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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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CAMPAGNE LEZ BOULONNAIS	1st		Inoculation against typhoid was carried on throughout the Brigade.	
	1/4th		Training was carried on, but was somewhat interfered with by inoculation. Training comprised Company and Platoon training, classes for Officers and N.C.O's. in General Subjects, and special classes were held for specialists.	
	5th		Three Officers chargess were obtained for Brigade Headquarters to replace casualties suffered at YPRES.	
	6th		Instructions received that Brigade is to leave this area on the 9th instant, and move up to sector of line North of River LYS. 3rd Australian Division will become part of 1st ANZAC CORPS. Conference of Brigadiers and Brigade Majors - C.R.E. and Divisional Staff was held FAUQUEMBERGUES. Divisional Commander outlined the works policy to be adopted in the new Sector, i.e. - (1) Improvement of existing defences. (2) Only such new work was to be undertaken as was absolutely necessary for safe defence of the line. (3) Drainage of trenches, duckboarding and building of shelters was to be pushed on with. Everything was to be done to make the men as dry and comfortable during the winter as possible. Our defence policy in the line was to be generally 'Quiescent', but would include raiding.	
	7th		Training continued. Preliminary instructions re move to line North of ARMENTIERES were issued. vide APPENDIX 129.	
	8th	12noon	Brigade Headquarters and Battalion Headquarters Staffs proceeded to FAUQUEMBERGUES to say good-bye to Lieutenant-General Sir A.J. GODLEY, as the 3rd Division was now leaving his Corps. Staff Captain went to DOULIEU to arrange billeting for move to the BERQUIN area. Memo setting out 9th Infantry Brigade System of Work was issued. vide APPENDIX 130 Order No.4 for move to BERQUIN area was issued. vide APPENDIX 131	APPENDIX 129.
	9th		9th Australian Infantry Brigade moved to BERQUIN Area. vide APPENDIX 131	APPENDIX 130 131 131
	10th		1st Line Transport moved by road to WITTES. 1st Line Transport moved from WITTES and joined up with the Brigade in the BERQUIN Area. Brigadier and Brigade Major visited 8th (English) Divisional Headquarters and then Headquarters 23rd Infantry Brigade at BRUNE GAYE CAMP. (These Units are to be relieved by 3rd Australian Division and 9th Australian Infantry Brigade respectively). Then proceeded to Battalion Headquarters and Company Headquarters in the line. The Sector to be taken over by this Brigade extends from the River LYS on the South, Northwards for approximately 4,500 yards. This is held by 2 Battalions in the line, with 2 Battalions in reserve.	
BERQUIN AREA				

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BERQUIN AREA.	Nov. 11th		Brigadier and Brigade Major went round left Battalion Area and thoroughly reconnoitred front line, support line and Battalion and Company Headquarters. Line is very bad in places and a lot of work requires to be done, i.e. Trench digging, duckboarding, revetting, wiring and drainage. Orders for the relief of the 23rd Infantry Brigade by the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade were issued. vide APPENDIX 132	APPENDIX 132																					
	12th		Moves set down for to-day were carried out, vide APPENDIX 132																						
BRUNE GAYE	13th		Relief set down for to-day was completed, vide APPENDIX 132 Command of LE TOUQUET Sector passed to G.O.C. 9th Australian Infantry Brigade at 11.15 p.m. Enemy sent over a large number of gas shells during the night.	132																					
	14th		Very quiet day. Divisional Commander, Field Company Commander and Right Group Artillery Commander called at Brigade Headquarters.	132																					
	15th		Moves laid down for to-day were carried out. Relief by 9th Infantry Brigade now totally complete. Instructions went out re Brigade Schools - Musketry - Lewis Gun and P.T. & B.F. It is intended to use these to train instructors so that there will be sufficient instructors to commence vigorous training immediately the Brigade comes out of the line.																						
	16th		Very quiet day. Brigade Schools and rifle ranges being put in order.																						
	17th		Brigadier and Brigade Major made a thorough tour of right Battalion Sector. Much work is also necessary here. Reinforcements joined as under :-																						
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	18th		Brigadier and Brigade Major went round Brigade line. Decided to move Right Battalion Headquarters from LONG AVENUE to old AID POST near DESPIERRE FARM.																						

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BRUNE GAYE	19th		<p>Conference was held at Divisional Headquarters, STEENWERCK, re Works Policy and Policy of Defence. All Brigadiers, Brigade Majors, C.R.E., Field Coy. Commander and C.C. Pioneer Battalion were present.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Defence - Defence is to be "QUIESCENT" Work - Work is to be confined to -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Making good lateral communication along front line. (b) Upkeep of existing defensive lines and C.T's. (c) Front line wiring. (d) Drainage. (e) Shelters for men. <p>Men are to receive as much comfort as is possible. No new works are to be undertaken without approval of higher authority.</p>																													
	20th		<p>Orders issued for inter Battalion relief, vide APPENDIX 133 G.S.O's. 11 and 111 from 1st ANZAC, and Brigade Major went round right Battalion area. Advanced parties of relieving Battalions went into the line.</p>	APPENDIX 133.																												
	21st		<p>9th M.G. Company is to do sixteen days in the line and will then be brought out into rest billets. Inter Battalion relief took place, vide APPENDIX 133. Work being pushed on. Companies of Reserve Battalions doing work in forward area are billeted in subsidiary line, so as to be close to their work. Very good accommodation.</p>	133																												
			<p>Very quiet day. Enemy artillery active at night. Gas shell and H.E. were fired into LE BIZET, MOTOR CAR CORNER, GASOMETER CORNER and PLOEGSTEERT.</p>																													
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23rd			<p>Quiet day. Work continuing. Fifty men per day are also working on gun pits for the Artillery.</p>																													
24th			<p>Brigadier and Brigade Major went round left Battalion area. Decided to put in new peice of</p>																													

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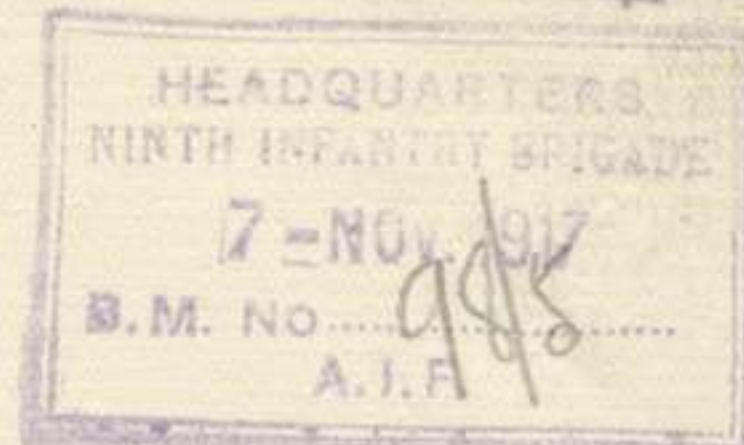
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BRUNE GAYE	24th		Support line from SUFFOLK AVENUE (U.28.c.25.35) to UMPIRE SUPPORT (U.28.a.70.05). Additional working parties were told off from the Reserve Battalions to do this work. Work is to commence from both ends, working towards the centre. Revetting, duckboarding and putting in of shelters is to be completed as trench progresses.	
(cont)	25th		Quiet day. Weather continues to be fine. Work progressing very well.	
	26th		Quiet day. Lieut. HALFORD (Bde. Intelligence Officer) reported from Fourth Australian Divisional Artillery.	
	27th		Quiet day. At about 7.30 p.m. 34th Battalion patrol saw party of enemy near our front line and wire and engaged them with rifle fire. One German was killed, the remainder escaped, but some are believed to have been wounded. 34th Battalion patrol lost one man killed and one wounded. A normal identification was obtained from the dead German.	
	28th		In morning Brigadier went round the Brigade Sector with Major General C.B.C. WHITE, B.G.G.S. 1st ANZAC. Brigade Major went round with G.S.O. 1 of 2nd Australian Division. It is expected that 2nd Australian Division will relieve 3rd Australian Division on 15th December.	
	29th		Inter Battalion relief was carried out. vide APPENDIX 134 11th M.G. Company relieved 9th M.G. Company vide APPENDIX 135.	APPENDIX 134 135
	30th		Heavy Artillery bombardment the LAUNDRY C.5.c.65.55 and obtained 25 direct hits.	136
	Nov.		Casualties suffered during the month of November given in APPENDIX 136	137
	1st to 30th		Officers (by name) who became casualties during the month are given in APPENDIX 137 Reinforcements received during November are shown in APPENDIX 138 Parade States showing strength of 9th Australian Infantry Brigade on Nov 3 rd , 14 th & 28 th from APPENDIX 139 Daily Intelligence Summaries for the month of November from APPENDIX 140	138 139 140.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.
7th November, 1917.

33rd Battalion
34th - do -
35th - do -
36th - do -
9th A. M. G. Coy.
9th A.L.T.M. Bty.
9th Field Ambulance.
869th Coy. A.S.H.
9th Bde. Signal Section
9th Field Coy. Engineers
Staff Captain.

(1). With reference to the move forward, the following information is now available:-

On 9th instant (a) The 9th Infantry Brigade Group (less first-line transport and 9th Field Company) will be moved by 'bus to the BERQUIN area.

(b) First-line transport of 9th Brigade Group (less transport of 9th Field Coy.) will march to AIRE area.

On 10th instant (a) First-line transport will march from AIRE area to join up with units in BERQUIN area.

(b) 9th Field Company will join remainder of Brigade Group in BERQUIN area.

(2). (a). Under the above arrangements units will not have their cookers available on night 9/10th. The Staff Captain will arrange for extra dixies to be available to units so that men may have a hot meal on night 9/10th.

(b). Absolutely no baggage of any kind (including officers' valises) is to be taken in the busses. Motor-lorries will be provided for the transport of authorised baggage.

Baggage wagons from the Train Company (horses vehicles) will move on 9th instant, but owing to heavy draughts moving slower than first-line transport animals, baggage wagons will move under orders of an Officer to be detailed by O.C. 869th Company A.S.C. and not with first-line transport.

(c). Owing to the fact that large numbers of troops will be moving during the next few days it is essential that the greatest accuracy and punctuality is observed in carrying out instructions.

(3)(a) The portion of line to be taken over by the Division extends from the River LYS to the DOUVE

(b) It will be held by
9th Brigade on right
10th Brigade on left
11th Brigade in reserve.

(2).

- (c) Total frontage is approximately 7,000 yards -
 9th Bde. frontage = 5,000 yds. approximately
 10th Bde. frontage = 2,000 yds. approximately.

(d) This Brigade on going into line will take over existing dispositions which are

- 1 Battalion in the line ("A" Battalion) on a four-company frontage.
- 1 Battalion in close support ("B" Battalion)
- 2 Battalions in reserve ("C" and "D" Bns.)

BRUNE GAYE.

(e) Brigade Headquarters when in the line will be at

Battalion Headquarters will be as follows:

- "A" Battalion THE CONVENT
- "B" Battalion PONT DE NIEPPE
- "C" Battalion BREWERY, PONT DE NIEPPE
- "D" Battalion LE ROSSIGNOL.

(f) On taking over line Battalions will be as follows:

- "A" Battalion 36th Battalion
- "B" Battalion 35th Battalion
- "C" Battalion 34th Battalion
- "D" Battalion 33rd Battalion.

(4) (a). It is expected that the Brigade will be in the line for approximately 32 days

(b). Inter-Battalion reliefs will, it is intended, take place every fourth day, so that each Battalion has two tours as "A", "B", "C" and "D" Battalions. This arrangement is subject to alteration.

(5). The outline of the relief is as follows:

On 12th instant Advanced parties of "A" Battalion go into the line and remain in.

Night 13/14th "A" Battalion (less advanced parties) and "B" Battalion relieve "A" and "B" Battalions of the 23rd Infantry Brigade B.E.F.

During daylight 15th inst. "C" and "D" Battalions relieve "C" and "D" Battalions of 23rd Infantry Brigade.

Details of M.G. Coy. and T.M. Bty. reliefs are not yet known, but these units must be prepared to go into the line on night 12/13th.

(6). Detailed instructions will be issued later.

G. J. Watter

MAJOR

Brigade Major

9th Australian Infantry Brigade AIF.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters

8th November, 1917.

WORKS POLICY.

The following instructions are issued to ensure a uniform system of work throughout the Brigade. They are based on the normal system of holding a defensive line. Any special method of holding a defensive which may become necessary will be met by a specially arranged works policy but

THE PRINCIPLES SET OUT BELOW WILL APPLY IN ALL CASES.

1. "A" and "B" Battalions will be responsible for all work in their Battalion areas, i.e. from and to and including both front and subsidiary lines between their respective right and left boundaries.
2. "C" and "D" Battalions will work in "A" and "B" Battalion areas as may be decided by Brigade Headquarters, but the responsibility for the amount and efficiency of the work done will be with O's C. "A" and "B" Battalions who will report direct to Brigade Headquarters re work done by "C" and "D" Battalions in their areas. This means that O's C. "A" and "B" Battalions will be absolutely responsible for their areas as regards work.
3. Technical assistance will be given by Sappers or Pioneers.
4. The immediate responsibility for all work lies with the Officer or N.C.O. in charge of a Company, Platoon or Section as the case may be, who definitely commands such Company Platoon or Section throughout its work. No responsibility lies with any Engineer or Pioneer personnel and they are never in charge of or to be considered as being in charge of any infantry working party. Engineers and Pioneers are allotted to infantry working parties purely to give technical advice.
5. All Officers and N.C.O's will reconnoitre work by daylight prior to taking their men on to the job. They must be able to guide their own parties at night and must have knowledge of the work to be done from their reconnaissance that should no Engineers or Pioneers be on the job, they can carry on with the work without delay.
6. During their reconnaissance (referred to in para. 5 above) Officers and N.C.O's will take notes both of the particular work laid down for them and other portions where work is required to be done, i.e. alternative positions for work (if

(if not previously allotted by higher authority) so that should it, for any reason, be impossible to work on the actual piece of work set down, the Officer or N.C.O. in charge can do the required number of hours work on some piece of trench etc where it is necessary; and not merely march his men home again.

To put the matter briefly the Officer or N.C.O. in charge of a working party is definitely responsible that his party work on the job allotted, or on some definite alternative job, for the number of hours specified. In the case of work on an alternative job the O.C. working party will on completion of work report in writing the place, number of hours worked and amount of work done, to the O.C. of "A" or "B" Battalion respectively.

7. Unless it has been impossible to reconnoitre the work by daylight, guides will not be furnished from outside sources but will be provided from the reconnoitring parties of the Platoon etc. concerned. This will be the normal way.

8. The position of R.E. and Brigade Dumps will be notified to units. After receipt of this notice all Officers and N.C.O.'s of Battalions will be held responsible for knowing the position on the ground of all R.E., Brigade and Battalion Dumps.

9. All Officers, N.C.O.'s and men must understand that all work in forward areas is a definite military operation and as such must be tackled and carried out in the same spirit and with the same pride as with any offensive operation.

In this respect also all Commanders of working parties must be prepared to suffer a certain number of casualties. This does not mean that normal precautions are not to be taken; but that all ranks must be prepared to suffer casualties in proportion to the urgency and importance of the work in hand.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION OF WORK.

1. "A" and "B" Battalions.

- (a) Platoons in front and support lines will be responsible for the upkeep and improvements of their own sector of trench.
- (b) Company in subsidiary line will be responsible for the upkeep and improvement of C.T.'s between front and support lines.
- (c) If all Companies are in the front line system C.T.'s between front and support line will be looked after by the Companies in whose areas they are.

2. "C" and "D" Battalions.

"C" and "D" Battalions will work on:

1. Front line wiring
2. Support line wiring
3. C.T.'s between support and subsidiary lines
4. All subsidiary line works including wiring.

In addition Platoons of "C" and "D" Battalions will assist the Platoons of "A" and "B" Battalions on work allotted them, when necessary.

The distribution of "C" and "D" Battalions on the above work will be decided by Brigade Headquarters

(3).

CARRYING.

- (a). Carrying to "A" and "B" Battalions forward dumps will be done by "C" and "D" Battalions.
- (b). Carrying forward from "A" and "B" Battalion forward dumps will be done by front-line Companies of "A" and "B" Battalions.
- (c). If there are no forward "A" and "B" Battalion dumps "C" and "D" Battalions will carry right up to front line troops.

Commanding Officers will be held responsible that this policy and instructions contained therein are known at all future times by all Officers and N.C.O's of their command.

G. J. Wootton

MAJOR
Brigade Major
9th Australian Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

Distribution:

Per Battalion	5 per Company		
	2 per Bn. HQ.	=	22
M.G. Coy.	1 per Section		
	1 per Coy. HQ	=	5
T.M. Bty.	1 per Section		
	1 per Bty. HQ	=	3

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 4
-----Brigade Headquarters,
8th November 1917Reference Map: HAZEBROUCK SA 1/100,000.
FRANCE Sheet 36A.

1. The 9th Australian Brigade Group (less 9th Field Company and 839th Company A.S.C.) will proceed to the BERQUIN area in accordance with the attached Move Table.
2. (a). Embussing will be carried out at two centres
I. DRIONVILLE
II. HAPPE.
Units to embuss at DRIONVILLE are
34th Battalion
35th Battalion
36th Battalion
Units to embuss at HAPPE are
Hdqs 9th Inf Bde
9th Bde Signalling Sect
33rd Battalion
9th A.V.G. Coy.
9th A.L.T. Battery
9th Field Ambulance
3. The 35th and 33rd Battalions will detail an Officer, not below rank of Captain, as embussing Officers at DRIONVILLE and HAPPE respectively. Names of Officers detailed are to be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters at once.
4. Group first-line transport will march under orders of Lieut. E. J. Harman, 33rd Battalion.
5. Administrative instructions will be issued by the Staff Captain
ACKNOWLEDGE.

*G. J. Wootton*MAJOR
Brigade Major 9th Aust Inf Bde A.I.F.Distribution:

Copy No 1 - 6	Bde Hdqrs.	Copy No. 14	9th A. V. G. Coy.
7	9th Bde Sig Sec	15	9th A.L.T. Battery
8 - 9	33rd Bn (1 copy for embussing Officer)	16	9th Field Ambulance
10	34th Battalion	17	Lieut. Harman, 33rd Bn
11-12	35th Bn (1 copy for embussing Officer)	18	3rd Aust. Division
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MOVE TABLE.

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Date.	Unit.	By	Time.	From.	To	Route.	Report for billeting in advance to
Nov 9th	34th Bn. 35th Bn. 36th Bn. (All less transport)	Bus.	12.0 noon.	DRIONVILLE (Head of column of busses at DRIONVILLE, facing West).	Debussing point Sheet 36A E.17.d.8.3.	DRIONVILLE HAPPE FAUCONBRIQUES TIZERNES ARQUES HAZEBROUCK STRAZEELE	(Billeting parties already moved).
	Bde Hdqrs. Bde Sig Sect 33rd Bn. 9th M.G. Coy 9th L.T.M. Bty 9th Field Amb (All less transport).	Bus.	12.0 noon	HAPPE (Head of column of busses at HAPPE, facing South).	As above.	HAPPE to STRAZEELE as above.	Ditto.
	First-line transport of 9th Bde Group (less 9th Field Company).	Road.	9.30 a.m. at starting point to be fixed by Lt Harman 33rd Bn.	Present positions.	WITTES.	Via OUVÉ WIRQUIN CLÉTY.	Sub-Area Commandant BOSSINGHEM.
Nov 10th	Ditto.	Road.	---	WITTES.	BERQUIN.	LA MOTTE.	Transport rejoins units.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 4.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

Brigade Headquarters,
8th November, 1917.

Reference Map- Sheet 36A N.E.
Sheet 36 N.

BILLETS:

1. With reference to 9th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 4. 9th Brigade Group will billet in BERQUIN Area as follows :-

- Brigade Headquarters DOULIEU - L.5.a.30.80.
- 33rd Battalion in Sqs. I, 4, 9, 10 and 11.
- 34th Battalion " " F.19, 20, 25 and 26.
- 35th Battalion " " L. 6 and 12
G.1, 2, 3, 7 and 8
(36 N.E.)
- 36th Battalion " " L.1, 2, 3, 7 and 8.
- 9th A.M.G. Coy. L.9.c.20.30
- 9th A.L.T. Batty. F.29.d.80.00.
- 869th Coy. A.A.S.C. L.5.b.70.90.
- 9th Field Ambulance L.5.a.20.20
L.5.a.65.00.

GUIDES: Guides will be at road junction immediately south of V in VIEUX BERQUIN (HAZEBROUCK 5A) to meet Units at 5 p.m. 9th instant.

SUPPLIES:

2. Supplies for 1st Line Transport will be dumped at Church Square VITTES at 9 a.m. 9th instant, and taken over by men preceding transport. Supplies for 10th instant will be delivered direct to Unit billets in new area. Guides have been detailed from billeting parties to meet supply waggons at Church Square VIEUX BERQUIN at 2 p.m. 9th instant.

MOTOR LORRIES:

3. Motor lorries are allotted to Units as follows. Guides will report to Brigade Headquarters at 7.30 a.m. 9th instant. These lorries are to proceed as convoy to BERQUIN area, and will rendezvous at DRIONVILLE at 11 a.m. under N.C.O. in charge.

Brigade Headquarters	-	1
33rd Battalion	-	1 1/2
35th Battalion	-	1 1/2
34th Battalion	--	2
36th Battalion	--	2
9th A.M.G. Coy.	-	1
9th A.L.T.M. BATTY.	-	1
9th Field Ambulance	-	1

The 33rd Battalion will load half second lorry and send immediately to 35th Battalion to complete the load.

COOKING UTENSILS:

4. As kitchens will not arrive in new billets until 10th instant, cooking utensils and dixies are to be loaded on motor lorries.

(2)

AREA STORES: 5. Duplicate copy of receipts for Area Stores will be sent to Area Commandant, **THIEBRONNE.**

Reference may be made to the above mentioned stores.

With reference to the Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 4, 2nd Brigade, which will be in effect in BRUNN Area as follows:

[Handwritten signature]
Captain.
Staff Captain.
5th Australian Inf. Bde.

3rd Battalion
4th Battalion
5th Battalion
6th Battalion
7th Battalion
8th Battalion
9th Battalion
10th Battalion
11th Battalion
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1	3rd Battalion
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1	18th Battalion
1	19th Battalion
1	20th Battalion

The 3rd Battalion will load half second party and send immediately to 3rd Battalion to complete the load.

The 4th Battalion will not arrive in area until 12th instant. Goods which are to be loaded on motor lorries and trucks are to be loaded on motor lorries.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
8th November, 1917.

In order to facilitate movement of transport and troops, approximate location of Unit Headquarters is given herewith on 5A HAZEBROUCK Map.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MAP LOCATION.</u>
Brigade Headquarters	DOULIEU
33rd Battalion	House on road immediately due west of C in COURANT de la NEUF BEROUIN.
34th Battalion	BLEU.
35th Battalion	House on 3rd class road $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S. of U in DOULIEU.
36th Battalion	To be selected by billeting Officer, but most likely Headquarters in house immediately north of U in RUE PRUVOST.
9th A.L.C. Coy.	In house immediately north of B in NEUF BEROUIN.
9th A.L.T. Batty.	DOULIEU.
889th Coy. A.A.S.C.	DOULIEU.
9th Field Ambulance	Farm 500 yds south of E in DOULIEU.



Captain.
Staff Captain.
Ninth Australian Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 5

Brigade Headquarters,
11th November, 1917.

Reference Map: HAZEBROUCK 5A - 1/100,000.

- 1. (a) The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 23rd Infantry Brigade in the LE TOUQUET Sector between the 12th and 15th November, 1917.
- (b) Moves and reliefs will take place in accordance with the attached Move and Relief Table.
- (c) Command of the Sector will pass to the G. O. C. Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade on completion of relief of the front line Battalions.
- 2. (a) The Sector will be held by two Battalions in the line (35th Battalion on the right and 33rd Battalion on the left), supported by the 9th Machine Gun Company and 9th Light Trench Mortar Battery, two Battalions (37th and 34th) being in reserve.
- (b) All Units will on relief, take over existing dispositions and defence schemes.
- (c) The Headquarters of Units on completion of relief will be situated as follows :-

Brigade Headquarters	BRUNE GATE B.10.a.6.7
"A" Bn. Right Bn. in the Line	LONG AVENUE C.15.b.13.55
"B" Bn. Left Bn. in the Line	THE COUVENT U.27.b.25.23
"C" Bn. Right Reserve Bn.	POUT de NIEPPE B.23.b.30.13
"D" Bn. Left Reserve Bn.	LE ROSSIGNOL B.10.d.8.9
9th M.G. Company	POUT de NIEPPE B.23.a.2.5
9th L.T. Battery	POUT de NIEPPE

- 3. (a) During the march to the forward area the following distances will be observed between Units -

Companies	100 yards
Battalions	500 yards
Unit and its transport	100 yards

- (b) East of the line NIEPPE-ROUEN Units will be moved as local precaution may demand.

- 4. Completion of all moves and reliefs will be reported to Brigade Headquarters BRUNE GATE.
- 5. All Units moving to the forward area will come under Command of the G. O. C. 23rd Infantry Brigade until command passes to G. O. C. 9th Australian Infantry Brigade during night 13th/14th instant.
- 6. Administrative Instructions will be issued by the Staff Captain.

[Signature]
Major,
Brigade Major,
Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.

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- 12 9th ... L.T. ... Batty.
- 13 9th Field Coy. Engrs.
- 14 9th Field Ambulance
- 15 89th Coy. ... S.C.
- 16 7th Aust. Field Arty. Bde.
- 17 10th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 18 25th Inf. Bde. B.E.F.
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MOVE AND RELIEF TABLE - Issued with 9th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 5.

Serial No.	Date 1917.	Unit	MOVES		Starting Point	Passes Starting Point at -	Route	Relieves	REMARKS.
			from	to					
1	Nov. 12th	Advanced parties of - 35th Bn. 36th Bn. 9th M.G. Coy. 9th T.M. Batty.	DOULIEU	Front Line	Bde. Hqs	9.50 a.m.	most direct (by Motor Lorry)		Parties of 35th and 36th Bns. will be met at G'SO... CORNER at 10.30 a.m. by guides from "A" & "B" Bns. 23rd Inf. Bde. O's.C. M.G. Coy. & T.M. Bty make own arrangements re their parties.
2.		35th Bn. 36th Bn. 9th M.G. Coy. 9th T.M. Batty.	BERQUIN Area	PONT de NIEPPE LA ROSSIGNOL PONT de NIEPPE PONT de NIEPPE	Road junction immediately south of last E in LE VERRIER.	1.0 p.m. 1.15 p.m. 1.30 p.m. 1.35 p.m.	STEEN ERCK 'C' Bn 23rd Bde STEEN ERCK 'D' Bn 23rd Bde STATION- NIEPPE- Billots.		A guide will meet each Unit as it enters STEEN ERCK.
3.	Nov. 13th	9th Bde. Sig. Section	DOULIEU	BRUNE GAYE	---	----	most direct	23rd Bde. Sig. sect.	Details to be arranged by Sig. Officers concerned.
4.	Night 13/14th Nov.	35th Bn. 36th Bn. 9th M.G. Coy. 9th T.M. Batty.	RESERVE BILLETS	FRONT LINE	---	----	---	"A" & "B" Bns of 23rd Inf. Bde 23rd M.G. Coy 23rd T.M. Bty	Details of relief to be arranged by O's.C. Units concerned.
		Bde. Hqs.	DOULIEU	BRUNE GAYE	---	----	most direct	Hqs. 23rd Inf. Bde.	Command passes on relief of "A" & "B" Bns.
5.	Nov. 15th	34th Bn.	BERQUIN Area	PONT de NIEPPE LA ROSSIGNOL	Road junction immediately south of last E on LE VERRIER	12.10 p.m. 12.25 p.m.	STEEN ERCK 'C' & 'D' Bns. 23rd Inf. Bde. STATION- NIEPPE- Billots.		Will arrange their own guides.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 5.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

Brigade Headquarters,
11th November, 1917.

Reference Map; Sheet 28 S.

BILLETTS: 1. Reference Brigade Order No. 5. Units will proceed to billets in accordance with Appendix 1.

SUPPLIES: 2. (a) Supply Railhead - STEWY ERCK STATION.
(b) Supply Re-Filling Point - Right Brigade Group - B.4.c.5.1.

Full particulars as to method of supply to Units in the line are contained in 9th Australian Divisional Administrative Memorandum No. 10 issued herewith.

WATER: 3. LEFT OF SECTOR:

PUMP: LANGASHIRE SUPPORT FARM - U.27.b.20.10
WATER CARTS: RENDEZVOUS DUMP - U.28.c.7.7
WELL: U.28.b.8.7

Pump to be repaired, water tested and found good.

RIGHT OF SECTOR:

PUMP: SURREY FARM C.9.d.22.34
TIDON'S HOUSE C.9.d.45.45
DESPIERRE FARM C.3.c.75.70
C.4.c.85.50
C.9.c.10.20

DUMPS: 4. BRIGADE DUMPS - S.A.A. AND GRENADES:

Brigade Left Dump at C.1.b.10.25
Brigade Centre Dump at C.2.d.25.18
Brigade Right Dump at C.9.c.10.17

R.E. DUMPS:

LEFT - RENDEZVOUS DUMP at U.27.c.7.7
ABERDEEN DUMP at U.28.a.1.8
RIGHT: - MOTOR CAR CORNER at C.14.a.92.88
SURREY FARM at C.9.d.22.34

SALVAGE DUMPS:

PLEGGSTEERT U.25.c.20.70
LA BIZET C.13.b.70.60

MEDICAL: 5. REGIMENTAL AID POSTS:

LEFT: - LA RENEE FARM U.28.a.1.5
RIGHT: - SURREY FARM C.9.d.22.34

ADVANCED DRESSING STATION:

MOTOR CAR CORNER C.14.a.92.88

(cont)

MEDICAL:
(cont)

5. MAIN DRESSING STATION C.I.d.4.5

Field Ambulance at PONT d' ACHILLES

CEMETERY C.C.C.10.10

GUN BOOTS:

6. Gun boots will be handed over, and number received to be wired to Brigade Headquarters immediately.

Gun boot driving etc. in Administrative Memorandum No. 19.

TRENCH STORES:

7. Trench Stores will be taken over in the line and copies of receipts to be sent to Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours.

Attention is directed to Circular issued on 18th August, 1917 dealing with the taking over of trench stores.

MOTOR LORRIES:

8. The following motor lorries are allotted for purpose of conveying blankets and stores to Unit billets. Units will send guides to Brigade Headquarters at 9.15 a.m. 19th instant to guide lorries to present billet area.

35th Battalion	1 lorry
36th Battalion	1 lorry
9th A.I.C. Coy	1 lorry
9th A.I.T. Batt	1 lorry

Lorries may be used for return journey, and lorry allotted to 9th A.I.T. Batt will return to 9th Field Ambulance to load.

SUPPLIES:

9. Supplies for consumption on 14th instant for 35th and 36th Battalions, 9th A.I.C. Coy. and 9th A.I.T. Batt will be delivered by supply wagons direct to C.I. Stores in new billets.

Each of the foregoing units will send guide from billeting parties to Church Square, PONT de NIEPPE at 5 p.m. 18th instant to guide wagons to Store.

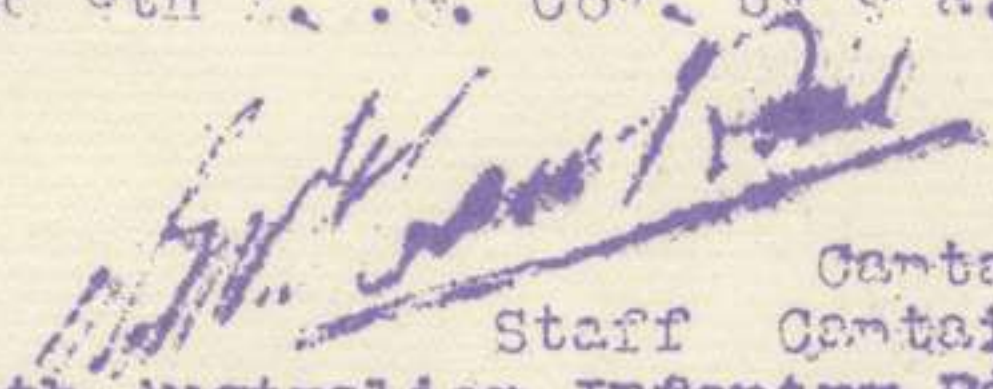
Supplies for 35th and 36th Battalions will be delivered direct to present C.I. Stores by motor lorry.

BILLETING:

10. One Officer and 4 other ranks per Battalion and One Officer and 2 other ranks per Machine Gun Coy. and Trench Mortar Battery will proceed to billets by motor busses which have been allotted for conveyance of advanced parties to forward areas leaving Brigade Headquarters at 9.30 a.m. 18th instant.

BAGGAGE WAGONS:

11. Baggage wagons will report to 35th and 36th Battalions and 9th A.I.C. Coy. by 9 a.m. 18th instant.


 Captain.
 Staff Captain.
 Fifth Australian Infantry Bde.

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	13	9th Field Ambulance
	14	869th Coy. A.A.S.C.
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APPENDIX I.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Reference Map: Sheet 36 W. 1/20,000.

Date	Unit.	From.	To.	Unit billet Hdqrs.	Transport lines.	Remarks.
12th Nov	35th Bn.	BERQUIN Area.	Billets - BRETRY PONT DE NIEPPE.	PONT DE NIEPPE - BRETRY B.23.b.30.15.	B.23.a.30.30.	Q.M. Stores located as follows: 33rd Bn } 35th Bn } 9th MGC } PONT DE NIEPPE 9th T. Bty }
12th Nov	36th Bn.	Do.	Billets - LA ROSSINGNCL.	B.10.d.8.9.	B.10.b.5.2.	
Do.	9th A. H. G. Coy	Do.	Billets PONT DE NIEPPE.	B.23.a.2.5.	B.23.c.3.3.	
Do.	9th A.L. T.M. Bty	Do.	Billets PONT DE NIEPPE.	(a).		
14th Nov	Brigade Hdqs.	Do.	Billets BRUNE GAYE	B.10.a.6.7.	B.10.a.7.6.	34th Bn. } 36th Bn. } LA ROSS - INGNCL.
15th Nov	33rd Bn.	Do.	Billets PONT DE NIEPPE.	BRETRY - PONT DE NIEPPE. B.23.b.30.15	B.23.c.4.4.	Ede H.Q. } Dde Q.M. } BRUNE GAYE.
15th Nov	34th Bn.	Do.	Billets LA ROSS -INGNCL.	B.10.d.8.9.	B.10.c.2.8.	(a). Billets and Hdqrs. for T.M. Battery will be under arrangements of 23rd Brigade.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 6.

Brigade Headquarters,
19th November, 1917.

Reference Map: PLOEGSTEERT }
HOUPINES } 1/10,000.

1. (a) During night 21/22nd November 33rd Battalion will relieve 35th Battalion, and 34th Battalion will relieve 36th Battalion. 35th and 36th Battalions will, on relief, take over quarters vacated by 33rd and 34th Battalions respectively.
(b) Advanced parties of relieving Battalions will move into the line on evening of 20th instant.
2. (a) On relief, 33rd Battalion Headquarters will be situated in old R.A.P. at C.3.c.8.5. Quarters at present occupied by 35th Battalion Headquarters will cease to be used as a Battalion Headquarters on completion of relief.
(b) Brigade Signal Officer will arrange telephone communication from DESPIERRE FARM buried cable to new Battalion Headquarters at C.3.c.8.5, and will render any assistance to 33rd Battalion that may be required in establishment of Company lines.
3. All trench maps, trench stores, aeroplane photographs and log-books will be handed over on relief.
4. Details of relief will be arranged by C.O's. concerned.
5. Attention is directed to Divisional Trench Orders Paras. 4 to 14 inclusive.
6. Completion of all reliefs will be reported to Brigade Headquarters by wire in code.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
MAJOR
Brigade Major
9th Australian Infantry Bgdo.

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7	34th do		17)	3rd Aust. Division
8	35th do		18	C.R.A.
9	36th do		19	C.R.E.
10	9th M. Gun Coy.		20	869th Coy A.S.C.
11	9th A.L.T.M. Bty	21 - 23		War Diary.
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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE NO. 8

Brigade Headquarters,
28th November, 1917.

Reference Map: HOULINES }
 PLOEGSTEERT } 1/10,000.

1. (a) During night 29/30th November 35th Battalion will relieve the 33rd Battalion and 36th Battalion will relieve the 34th Battalion. 33rd and 34th Battalions on relief will move to billets in PONT de NIEPPE and LA ROSSIGNOL respectively.
(b) Advanced parties of relieving Battalions will move into the line during night 28th/29th.
2. All trench maps, trench stores, log books and aeroplane photographs will be handed over on relief.
3. Details of relief will be arranged by the C.O.'s concerned.
4. Completion of reliefs will be reported to Headquarters 9th Australian Infantry Brigade by wire in code.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. Wootton

Major.
Brigade Major.
Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.

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12	9th Field Coy. Engrs.
13	7th Field Arty. Bde.
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15	115th Inf. Bde.
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17)	3rd Aust. Division
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Op^r No. 23NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 7.Brigade Headquarters.
22nd November 1917.

- I. (a). The 9th Australian Machine Gun Company will be relieved on 29th instant by the 11th Australian Machine Gun Company.
- (b). Nos. 1 of relieving detachments of 9th Infantry Brigade are to report at gun positions 24 hours in advance.
- (c). Details of relief will be arranged between the Officers commanding the two Companies concerned.
- (d). 9th A. M. G. Company on relief will withdraw to billets in PONT DE NIEPPE.
2. For tactical purposes after relief the 9th A. M. G. Company will be available for employment under the orders of the G.O.C. 11th Australian Infantry Brigade.
3. Completions of reliefs and locations of Headquarters of both 9th and 11th A. M. G. Companies will be reported to Headquarters of both 9th and 11th Australian Infantry Brigades.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. J. Wootten
MAJOR
Brigade Major
9th Australian Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

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8	11th A.I. Bdo Hdqrs	18	D. M. G. O.
9	33rd Battalion	19	869th Coy. A.S.C.
10	34th Battalion	20	9th Field Coy Engrs.
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13	9th A.L.T.M. Bty		

CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1917.

HEADQUARTERS - NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

DATE	KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING	
	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.

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CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1917.

33rd BATTALION - A.I.F.

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CASUALTIES FOR MONTH NOVEMBER, 1917.

34th BATTALION - A.I.F.

DATE	KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING		
	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.	
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CASUALTIES FOR MONTH NOVEMBER, 1917

35th BATTALION - A.I.F.

DATE	KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING	
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CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1917

36th BATTALION - A.I.F.

DATE	KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING	
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CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1917.

9th AUST. MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

DATE	KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING	
	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.
Nov. 19		2		-		
Nov. 26		1		1		
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CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1917.
-----9th AUST. LIGHT T.M. BATTERY.

DATE	KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING	
	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.

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OFFICERS KILLED, WOUNDED, MISSING
OR SICK FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1917.

33rd BATTALION:

KILLED - nil WOUNDED - nil MISSING - nil.

SICK - 2nd Lieut. G.E. CLARKE - 9-11-17
 2nd Lieut. B.S. MORSE - 14-11-17.

34th BATTALION:

KILLED - nil WOUNDED - nil MISSING - nil

SICK - Captain H.H. PERCY M.C. - 13-11-17

35th BATTALION:

KILLED - nil WOUNDED - nil MISSING - nil

SICK - nil.

36th BATTALION:

KILLED - nil WOUNDED - Lt. F.C. GRIMSLAW - 26-11-17

MISSING - nil SICK - Lt. K.P. STUBJBURY - 13-11-17

DIED ON SERVICE - Lt. J.P.J. CLONAN.

9th A.M.G. COMPANY:

KILLED - nil WOUNDED - nil MISSING - nil

SICK - nil.

9th A.L.T.M. BATTERY:

KILLED - nil WOUNDED - nil MISSING - nil

SICK - nil.

9th INF. BDE. HEADQUARTERS:

KILLED - nil WOUNDED - nil MISSING - nil

SICK - nil

REINFORCEMENTS FOR MONTH OF
NOVEMBER, 1917.

33rd BATTALION:

		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks.</u>		
Nov.	17th	2	21		
	22nd	-	39		
	23rd	-	20		
	29th	-	7		
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34th BATTALION:

Nov.	17th	-	51		
	22nd	-	107		
	23rd	-	28		
	29th	1	18		
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35th BATTALION:

Nov.	17th	1	17		
	22nd	-	38		
	23rd	-	17		
	29th	-	9		
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		1	81	1	81

36th BATTALION:

Nov.	17th	-	57		
	22nd	-	41		
	23rd	-	26		
	29th	-	29		
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		-	153	-	153

9th A.M.G. COMPANY: N I L.

9th A.L.T.M. BATTERY:

Nov.	22nd	-	2		
	23rd	-	2		
	29th	-	2		
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9th INB, BDE, HQRS:

Nov.	17th	-	1		1
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

PARADE STATE AS AT NOON 3rd November, 1917.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

UNITS	Actually with Unit			With leave			Without leave			Sick			Detached from Units for all reasons.			Total Strength			Establishment.			Wanting to complete.			Attached.	
	Off.	NCO	O.R.	Off.	NCO	O.R.	Off.	NCO	O.R.	Off.	NCO	O.R.	Off.	NCO	O.R.	Off.	NCO	O.R.	Off.	NCO	O.R.	Off.	NCO	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
Bde. Hqs.	2	7	12	1	.	1									3	7	13	3	8	16		1	3		3	25
33rd Bn.	23	71	490		4	2		1	1	2	12	6	9	23	30	86	558	39	100	866	9	14	308	2	6	
34th Bn.	15	84	383	1	3	4		8				5	8	51	21	95	452	39	100	866	18	5	414	1	9	
35th Bn.	21	70	430		4	1		1		2	6	3	11	55	24	87	493	39	100	866	15	13	373	2	13	
36th Bn.	29	43	439		1	6		1				3	7	43	32	51	429	39	100	866	7	49	377	3	10	
9th M. Coy.	6	17	153	1	1						2		1		7	19	155	10	20	155	3	1			13	
9th T.F. Batty.	4	9	26	1	1					1	2			4	6	11	21	4	10	36			5			
	100	321	1933	4	14	14		11	1	5	21	18	26	212	173	354	2101	173	428	1471	52	83	450	11	86	

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Brigadier General

Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade

BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS:

Capt. Lister MC
 Capt. Dixon
 Lieut. Park
 Interpreters 2
 Clerks 4
 Books 3
 Batman 4
 Com. Squad 2
 Steward
 Pay Dept.
 Band. Holman
 Constructors P.T. + B.F. 2
 Groom

33rd BATTALION:

Chaplain + batman
 4 a/cmc
 Pay Sgt
 ymca

34th BATTALION:

Chaplain + batman
 Pay Sgt.
 6 a/cmc
 1 engineer

35th BATTALION:

Chaplain + batman
 5 a/cmc
 2 a/csl brass.
 3 Traffic Control
 2 Camp Wardens

36th BATTALION:

Chaplain + batman
 Major Mc Dowell + batman
 Major Powell + batman
 Capt. Callow + batman (nations)
 Pay Sgt.
 1 Clerk
 4 a/cmc
 1 engineer

9th A.M.G. COMPANY:

2 a/cmc
 11 bookmen

9th A.L.T.H. BATTERY:

nil

DETACHED.

	33rd Bn.		34th Bn.		35th Bn.		36th Bn.		NG Coy.	T., I., Bt.	
D.H.Q.		3		9		5					1
B.H.Q.	1	10		5		6	1	4			
Forest Control	1										
Infantry Submarine		2		2		4		3			
Div. Concert Troops						1					
Infantry. Morbecque								1			
Batman/wrk off at school								1			
	2	15		16		16	1	9			1
At Schools:-											
In Div Area	2	34	2	37	2	40		20			4
Out. Div. Area	2	13	3	17	1	10	2	11	1		
	4	47	5	49	3	50	2	41	1		4
	6	67	5	65	3	66	3	50	1		4

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

PARADE STATE AS AT NOON

14th November 1917.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

UNITS	Actually with Unit			With leave			Without leave			Sick			Detached from Units for all reasons.			Total Strength			Establishment.			Wanting to complete.			Attached	
	Off	NCO	C.R.	Off	NCO	C.R.	Off	NCO	C.R.	Off	NCO	CR	Off	NCO	CR	Off	NCO	CR	Off	NCO	CR	Off	NCO	C.R.	Off.	C.R.
Bde. Hqs.	3	9	13			1									3	9	14	3	8	16			2	1	26	
33rd Bn.	76	63	581	4	4	3		2			5	5	6	24	25	93	555	39	100	866	4	7	311	1	5	
34th Bn.	74	74	442	1	7	5		1	1			3	8	18	29	89	466	39	100	866	10	11	400	1	10	
35th Bn.	75	85	424		5	4		1			19	8	8	22	27	99	479	39	100	866	12	1	387	2	10	
36th Bn.	37	99	425		1	7		1			3	2	3	18	34	103	462	39	100	866	5		404	2	7	
9th M. Coy.	8	15	158		2	2						1	2	1	9	19	161	10	20	155	1	1			13	
9th T.M. Batty.	5	7	27		4							1	1	2	6	11	30	4	10	36			6			
	173	372	2028	5	23	21		1	4	1		28	14	27	85	143	423	1167	173	438	3671	22	20	1510	7	71

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Brigadier General
Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade

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ATTACHED.BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS:

Capt Dixon
 Interpreters ✓
 Clerk
 Saw Squad ✓
 Storeman
 Batman ✓
 Cooks ✓
 Instructors ✓
 Pay Sergt.
 Grooms 3
 Comb Storeman 5
 Observers 5

33rd BATTALION:

Chaplain
 4 a/cmc
 Pay Sergt.

34th BATTALION:

Chaplain & batman
 Pay Sergt.
 6 a/cmc
 Interpreters
 1 Engineer

35th BATTALION:

Rms
 Chaplain & batman
 5 a/cmc
 2 a/csc Durs
 Pay Sergt.
 1 Engineer

36th BATTALION:

Chaplain & batman
 5 a/cmc
 Capt. Callon & batman

9th A.M.G. COMPANY:

2 a/cmc
 11 tradesmen

9th A.L.T.M. BATTERY:

nil

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

PARADE STATE AS AT NOON *28th November.* 1917.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

UNITS	Actually with Unit			With Leave			Without Leave			Sick			Detached from Units for all reasons.			Total Strength			Establishment.			Wanting to complete.			Attached.	
	Off.	NCO	O.R.	Off.	NCO	O.R.	Off.	NCO	O.R.	Off.	NCO	O.R.	Off.	NCO	O.R.	Off.	NCO	O.R.	Off.	NCO	O.R.	Off.	NCO	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
Bde. Hqs.	7	8	17			1									7	8	18	7	8	20				5	33	
33rd Bn.	37	81	557		7	8		1		6	5		2	4	20	39	98	591	39	100	866		2	275	1	18
34th Bn.	31	90	570	1	10	6		1					2	2	14	34	102	591	39	100	866	5		275	1	13
35th Bn.	31	91	454	1	4	13					7		3	4	23	35	99	497	39	100	866	4	1	369	2	16
36th Bn.	32	92	486	1	4	15		2		2	10		2	2	15	35	100	528	39	100	866	4		338	2	9
9th M.G. Coy.	9	16	156		1	2					2		1	1	1	10	18	161	10	20	155		2			2
9th T.M. Batty.	5	7	30		3	1				4			1		6	10	25	4	10	36						
	152	385	2270	3	29	46		4		8	28		11	13	73	166	445	2471	177	438	3675	13	5	1760	11	101

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Brigadier General
Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ATTACHED.BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS:

Capt. Dyer mc.	Drivers 1
" " Discom	Messengers 3
Lieut East	Gun Boat Line 5
Plt Gifford	Bombers 4
Kl Halford	
Interpreters 2	
Pay Sgt	
Stairliftman	
clep 2	
Water main 2	
Gas m/c	
Storeman 1	
Batman 4	
grooms 2	
Cooks 2	

33rd BATTALION:

Chaplain
 Amc 3
 Salvage Party 4
 Yrca
 Gun boat store 6
 Baths 2

34th BATTALION:

Chaplain
 Amc 4
 Interpreter
 Field Supt
 Salvage Coy 5

35th BATTALION:

Interpreter
 Sal. Coy 2
 Rmo
 Chaplain
 Amc 5
 ase 2
 Pay Sgt
 34th Bn 1
 36th Bn 1

36th BATTALION:

Chaplain
 Capt Callow
 Amc 5
 Pay Sgt
 Interpreter

9th A.M.G. COMPANY:

Boresmen 10
 Amc 2

9th A.L.T.M. BATTERY:

DETACHED.

	33rd Bn.		34th Bn.		35th Bn.		36th Bn.		MG Coy.		T.T. Bty.	
Group		4	2	7		5						1
Bkaf.	1	13		5		10	1	8				
Military mess		2		1		4		3				
Amusement groups						1						
Forest Control	1											
Orderly 'M' Beque								1				
	2	19	2	13		20	1	12			1	-
Schools:-												
out. Div. area		5	2	1	3	7	1	5	1	2		
		5	2	1	3	7	1	5	1	2		
	2	24	4	14	3	27	2	17	1	2	1	-

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SUMMARY
OF INTELLIGENCE No. 101
From 6 a.m. 15.11.1917 to 6 a.m. 16.11.17

I. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. More active generally - largely on back areas - but front line and communication trenches also subjected to fire. During the morning LONG AVENUE and DESPIERRE WEE, BUTCHERS SHOP in C.10.b. and UNA TRENCH - U.28.c. - received a considerable number of 4.2 and 77cm. while on the left our front lines near SUGAR REFINERY - U.17.d. - received a like treatment. Any damage caused was slight and has been practically made good.

In the afternoon and night large numbers of H.E. mixed gas shells fell

- 8-8.45 p.m. Close to MOTOR CAR CORNER, SURREY FARM and in C.8.d.
- 9.15 p.m. - 10 p.m. The same area and LE BIZET.

Trench Mortars. On the left from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. active shelling with Pineapples and L.T.M's, and in afternoon from 12.30 p.m. to 1 p.m. on AMEN CORNER in C.4.c.9.5. Very little damage was done and fire seemed rather erratic.

Twenty rounds also were fired on each of our Stokes positions in C, 28.d. and U.4.d.

Machine Gun. Fairly active during night with low sweeping fire on our front line.

Rifle fire. Nil on the left, but in early morning sniping again from FREILINGHEN - position not yet accurately located.

Patrols. None encountered by our men.

Aircraft. Two captive balloons up all day S. of DEULMONT and E.A. high on our lines, but quickly retired on appearance of our aeroplanes.

Movement. Working parties heard in trees in C.11.b. about 6 a.m. but generally speaking little activity noticed.

II. OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Not very active. From 4.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. we shelled wood behind THE LAUFDREY.

Trench Mortars. During early part of night ten rounds were fired on BRIDGE - U.20.d.5.3. - at 8 p.m., ten at 12 midnight, ten at 4 a.m. Results not very clearly observed.

Machine Guns. Firing on cross-roads in C.11.b.37.80, U.30.b.37.65 U.24.d.33.32; and on aircraft with 80 rounds, driving the aeroplane back to enemy lines.

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Sniping. No targets offered.

Patrols. Fighting patrol of 2 Officers and 14 o/ranks patrolled Company sector on left but encountered no enemy patrols. On the right early patrol reported all quiet, but later one reported sounds of work in LAUEDRY.

Miscellaneous. Clear day, with wind N.E., 5 miles per hour.

H. H. D. [Signature] CAPTAIN

For Brig-Gen. G.O.C. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE No. 102
From 6 a.m. 16th Novr to 6 a.m. 17th Novr 1917.

I. ENEMY'S OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Quieter than usual but more or less active during morning, the following being the chief features

- 6.30 a.m. 100 rds. of gas shell in C.15.a.
6 a.m. to 7 a.m. 50 rds. H.E. on UMA TRENCH and South of it in C.4.a. Some damage was done but has been repaired.
8.15 pm. to 8.45 pm. 45 rds of H.E. in rear of WHITE FARM and close to L.T.M. position in U.28.c.
10.30 pm. to 10.45 pm. Same area again shelled with H.E. and gas.
8 am - 1 pm. Intermittent shelling of dug-out in rear of SUGAR REFINERY, U.17.d. No material damage resulted.

Trench Mortars. From 8 p.m. till 1 a.m. about 20 Heavy Minors and 15 Light Minors shells in rear of GOAT FARM in U.23.d., and 15 Light Minors shells in rear of BRICKFIELD, C.4.b., coming from direction of FREILINGHIEU.

Machine Guns. Quiet during day, but fairly active during night.

Snipers. Nil.

Patrols. None seen.

Miscellaneous. Enemy uncertain of our posts but apparently suspects one in rear of WHITE FARM. Work noticed going on near LAUNDRY in C.5.c. Road traffic was heard on the road to PONT ROUGE and appeared to stop at junction of road and railway at U.30.c. 2.7.

II. OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Occasional shelling of back areas during morning, about 12 8" shells fell in FREILINGHIEU at 6.30 a.m. but generally inactive.

Trench Mortars. At 8 p.m. we engaged a target at C.5.c.70.72 with 30 rounds but the effect was not observed.

Machine Guns. From C.9.b.82.03 we fired 1,000 rds on U.30.c.20.72. From C.15.b.10.05 9,000 rds on C.11.c.8.8.

Snipers. No targets.

Aireraff. Nothing special to report.

Patrols. On the left, area in U.23.d. and U.29.b. and the River was patrolled but signs of the enemy appeared. A special patrol further examined the bridge at C.5.a. 28.40. Water was lower and there was found a double tram-line instead of a single one as reported yesterday. Bad state of repair. Some piles 5 ft out of the water, and battens connect same with tram-rails resting on battens. Traffic width about 6 ft. Plenty of floating timber on S. side.

Miscellaneous. Visibility poor through fog and mist; wind West to N. 3 m.p.h.

H.H. Lyson. CAPTAIN
for G.O.C. 9th Aust Inf Bde A.I.F.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SUMMARY OF
 INTELLIGENCE - No. 103
 from 3 a.m. 17.11.17 to 3 a.m. 18.11.17.

I. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. On the right up to 3 a.m. a few H.E. fell in the vicinity of G.K.central, but during the day practically no shelling took place. On the left during the morning 20 or 30 4.2 shells were fired on our front line in U.23.c. doing slight damage which was soon repaired.

Trench mortars. A gun, apparently in the rear of WHITE BARN ~~2E~~ ~~22222222~~ and another from about X.11.c.80.30, fired bursts over our Right Company Headquarters on the Right Battalion front.

Snipers. Nil.

Patrols. None seen on the right. On the left at 1 p.m. during rather misty weather movement was noticed in old trench in U.29.a.9.5 and a party of 12 enemy was seen. On fire being opened on them they made off to hedges in U.23.d. and were last seen and fired on on the other side of the River in U.24.c. A party immediately searched the ground but no trace of dead or wounded could be found. Further search was made during the night but no traces of enemy later movements were found.

II. OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. About 4 p.m. Howitzers and 18-pdrs. fired a number of rounds well to the South of PHILLINGHEN, and at 9.40 p.m. in response to our call 18-pdrs. fired 12 rounds on Call.b.central.

Machine Guns. One gun fired 1,000 rounds on road junction in U.24.d.3.3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. One hundred rounds were fired on E.A. at 2.16 p.m. with satisfactory results. Targets were also engaged at G.6.a.05.50 and G.11.b.70.90.

Snipers. Nil.

Patrols. Patrols worked along the front and found no signs of the enemy, but one patrol on the right reported sounds of working and hammering of wood and iron in G.11.c.

Miscellaneous. Mist and fog prevented observation to any extent.
 Wind; W.S.W., 3-5 m.p.h.

J. H. Dixon CAPTAIN
 for G.O.C. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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9TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SUMMARY
OF INTELLIGENCE No. 104
from 6 a.m. 18.11.17 to 6 a.m. 29.11.17

I. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. More active than usual. On the right at 8.40 a.m. 30 rounds 4.2 gas shells fell near MOTOR CAR CORNER immediately after hostile plane had been over. From 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. intermittent shelling with 77, H.E. and tear, coming from the direction of FREILINGHLEN. From 9.45 p.m. to 10 p.m. 90 to 100 gas shells fell close to MOTOR CAR CORNER.

On the left during the morning 400 to 500 shells - including 77, 4.2, 5.9 and gas shells - fell in the area U.29.a and U.29.c. from the direction of DEUJEMONT. Very little damage was done to the trenches. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. 120 4.2 and 5.9 shells from the same direction fell close to the SUGAR REFINERY. Between 10.45 p.m. and 11.5 p.m. our front line area in U.29.a. and c. was subjected to 200 to 250 77 and 4.2 mixed with gas shells.

Trench Mortars. From 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. 50 T.M. shells fell in the vicinity of IDA POST in U.29.c. and in U.29.a. but no material damage was done. Area round NAPOO AVENUE in C.10.b. was subjected to T.M. fire several times during the day, and 20 Heavy H.V. shells fell there between 7.30 p.m. and 8.45 p.m. but retaliation stopped further activity.

Machine Guns. On the right active for one hour about dusk but quiet afterwards.

Snipers. Nil.

Patrols. None seen.

Aircraft. Several E.A. flew over our lines during the morning, and two observation balloons were up.

Communications. At 5.30 p.m. ten red rockets were fired opposite HOUPLINES Sector but no apparent action resulted.

II. OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. At 8.30 p.m. our 18-pdrs. fired 50 rounds on C.11.c. central in retaliation for H.V. fire mentioned above.

Trench Mortars. Inactive.

Machine Guns. At intervals during during the earlier part of the night 1,000 - 1,500 rounds were fired by guns at C.15.b.10.05 and C.4.a.10.15 on cross-roads at C.11.c.80.80. Other targets engaged were railway and road junction in U.30.c. and LAUNDRY in U.5.c.

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Snipers. Nil.

Aircraft. One, patrolling over the enemy's lines at 5 p.m., was fired on by machine guns but returned safely.

Patrols. Four patrols went out on the Right Battalion front and reported no signs of the enemy patrols at all. One of these made a special examination of the road from ESTAMINET HOUSE to FRELINGHIEN and found a number of dug-outs more or less dilapidated, ground fairly dry, and the road covered with rubbish.

On the left patrols worked between front line and the river. A thorough reconnaissance was made as far as PAPER HOUSE in U.29.c. and PLANTATION FARM. Sounds were heard as though of movement among the rushes on the other side of the river but nothing was seen of the enemy. Another patrol found the remains of a pontoon N.E. of PAPER HOUSE and one East of PLANTATION FARM, but both in dilapidated state.

Miscellaneous. Still misty and foggy; bad obscuration; wind W. to W.S.W., 3 m.p.h.

H.H.D. Nixon CAPTAIN

for G.O.C. 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SUMMARY
OF INTELLIGENCE No. 105
from 6 a.m. 19.11.1917 to 6 a.m. 20.11.1917.

I. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. 6.15 a.m. to 6.30 a.m. - LE BIZET and MOTOR CAR CORNER again shelled with 150 rounds of gas shell. Later on STATION REDOUBT, LONG AV. and NAPOO AV. were shelled with 25 rounds of 4.2, H.E. and gas shells. SUGAR REFINERY in U.17.d. again shelled with 4.2 and 77's. From 6 a.m. onwards 4.2 and 5.9 shells, accompanied by large numbers of gas shells, fell in U.22.b. and d. and U.23.a. and c. from the direction of DEULEMONT.

Trench Mortars. Eight rounds were fired from a position near the BREWERY in C.17.a.20.75.

Machine Guns. Two guns firing over the right front from FRELINGHIEN and one gun about 500 yards South of BREWERY. On the left normal during the night. Position of one estimated by patrol at U.24.c.75.80.

Snipers. One fired from post apparently at C.16.b.90.60. Man noticed moving away from this spot by our patrol.

Aircraft. Two hovered round SUGAR REFINERY for at least half an hour.

Signals. Flash-lights were observed from direction N. of DEULEMONT and appeared to be answered from somewhere near FLOEGSTEERT WOOD.

Patrols. Only one heard (See patrol report under "Our Operations").

Miscellaneous. Fire observed in a large building at U.21.c.85.80.

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II. OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. About twelve 5.9 shells fired to the rear of DEULIE-MONT, and other active shelling on the left, but observation difficult. Intermittent shelling during the morning on the right, and from 11.40 a.m. to 11.50 a.m. 4.5 Hows. engaged various targets opposite Loff Company front and dropped shells into FRELINGHIEN.

Trench Mortars. Nil.

Machine Guns. The following targets were engaged for a couple of hours after dusk:
Track from C.5.d.75.32 to C.6.e.35.50.
CEMETERY CRESCENT in C.11.b. and d.
LAUNDRY in C.5.c.
Junction of tramway and road at U.30.b.37.65.

Snipers. Nil.

Aircraft. Active over enemy's lines and frequently fired on by machine guns.

Patrols. Both right and left fronts were thoroughly patrolled during the night but with one exception no patrol noticed signs of the presence of the enemy, - South of CUSTOM HOUSE close to the river at U.29.b.32.30. Movements were heard as of a party of about ten men but nothing was seen. One patrol on the right reports enemy hard at work in rear of WHITE FARM - most probably CERTAIN TRENCH - in C.5.central and U.29.d. Another patrol on the left reports sounds of voices, traffic and motor horns, apparently on road in U.30.c. A tramline in fairly good repair was found leading apparently to PLANTATION FARM in U.29.c.50.80.

Observation. 10.30 a.m. - Men without equipment disappeared into trench at C.11.c.80.95.
2.50 p.m. - Four flashes observed in rear of FRELINGHIEN at approximately C.11.b.50.80.
3.30 p.m. - Two gun flashes seen at C.12.a.10.50.
3.20 p.m. - Dense clouds of white smoke issuing from DURIEZ FARM at C.5.d.30.95.

Miscellaneous. Dull and cloudy, visibility poor; wind S.W. variable, 3 to 6 m.p.h.

H. H. Dixon

CAPTAIN
for G. O. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

NO. 106

From 6 a.m. 20.11.17 to 6 a.m. 21.11.1917.

I. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Special attention was paid by guns, firing from the direction of DEULEMONT, on the SUGAR REFINERY and our front line in U.29.c. and a. From 9.55 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. this sector was shelled with 77's but on retaliation being given matters became very quiet. WHITE FARM was intermittently shelled with 4.2 and H.E., and BARKENHAM AVENUE, STATION REDOUBT and HOREKAU AVENUE and posts in C.10.central were shelled from the direction of PRELINGHIEN during the day; the trenches were slight knocked in but the damage has been repaired.

Trench Mortars. Ten H.T.M. shells fell about C.10.central and one more was located at C.11.c.55.55. From 9 a.m. to 9.39 p.m. 12 shells fell on our L.T.M. emplacement at U.28.b.9.7. No damage was caused.

Machine Guns. Active against our aircraft - one in particular at C.5.b.20.00 (DURIEZ FME) was also used during the night on our trenches.

Snipers. Nil.

Aircraft. Several aeroplanes were flying over their own lines and one higher up over our lines was fired on by our machine guns. Two observation balloons were noticed - one in rear of DEULEMONT and one in rear of WARNEPON.

Patrols. No sign of enemy patrols.

Communications. At 5 p.m. red rockets were noticed as before opposite HOULINES but no definite resulting action was observed.

Works. Bailing of water from trench near DURIEZ FME at C.5.d.5.9.

Signalling. Flashes were seen on a bearing of 60° from our post at C.23.c.75.22. but no answering could be observed.

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II. OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our How. and 18-pdr. Batteries retaliated upon Batteries near DEULEMONT and checked heavy shelling on our front in U.29.a. and also on the trench system in C.5.c.

Trench Mortars. Nil.

Machine Guns. Night firing carried out on the same targets as previously notified.

Snipers. Nil.

Patrols. Five patrols were sent out on the Right Battalion front. One examined disused trench running S.E. along hedge from C.4.d.90.85 to C.5.c.15.80 to C.5.c.30.55 and found it impassable. Ground in C.5.central and to East for 200 yards in good order and duck-boarded with British duckboards. Working parties were heard in trenches opposite WHITE FARM. Patrol which left our post in U.23.c.75.40 and worked towards MOAT FARM was subjected to systematic fire by machine guns from direction of PONT ROUGE but could see no enemy patrol. Machine gun fire played consistently in NO MAN'S LAND and harassed our patrol parties.

Aircraft. Three or four of our aircraft flew over enemy's lines using their magazines on the trenches.

Observation. A hundred yards of screen along the road at U.30.b.30.75.

Miscellaneous. Visibility fair but became bad. Wind W. to S.W., 16 m.p.h.

H. H. Dixon CAPTAIN

For G.O.C. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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2. OUR OPERATIONS (Contd).

Patrols.

One scouting party on the left, making a reconnaissance in U.29.a., saw 2 enemy get out of old C.T. and on trying to intercept them, saw another party about 20 strong making for the river. Patrol on the right reports no traces of enemy in No Man's Land. Posts seem to be established at C.11.a.88. and C.11.a.90.15. No Man's Land in good condition in vicinity of WHITE FIVE, but becomes marshy and difficult nearer the river.

Miscellaneous.

The 35th and 39th Battalions were relieved by 33rd and 34th Battalions respectively, the former moving back to billets.

The relief passed off without any special incident.

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G.O.C. 9th Australian Inf. Bgde.

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II. OUR OPERATIONS.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE No 108

From 6 a.m. 22.11.17 to 6 a.m. 23.11.17.

I. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. During the morning light shelling of trenches in the vicinity of LE BIZET STATION and again during the afternoon. Some 5-9 shells fell near LE BIZET all coming from the rear of FRELINGHIEN in C.11.b. and d.

On the left there was considerable activity from 77's and 10.5 c.m.'s, shells falling in U.29.a. and U.23.c. and d. From 8.5 p.m. to 8.20 p.m. 77 mm. shells also fell in U.23.a. from four guns firing quickly (about 10 rds. per minute) from the direction of DEULEMONT. During the afternoon and night also 77's and 4.2's shelled fairly consistently near MOUTH and LONG AVENUES. Not very much damage resulted from any of the shelling but one post at U.23.c.75.30 was considerably knocked about.

Trench Mortars. About 8 a.m. Trench Mortars fired on our front line from direction of LAUNDRY (probably No. 11 at C.5.d.C.6); and round BUTCHERS SHOP and HOREKAU AV. in C.10.c. and a. the trench were slightly damaged by T.M. fire from FRELINGHIEN. The latter was quickly silenced by our retaliatory fire. During the morning ten shells fell near U.23.c.7.1 but no damage was done.

Machine Guns. Bursts of fire at frequent intervals from guns at U.30.a.85.80 and C.5.b.10.10. Considerable activity against our planes from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. from LAUNDRY WOOD and FRELINGHIEN. A gun in the latter place also onfiladed CEDILLA TRENCH in C.10.b. and C.4.d.

Snipers. Nil.

Aircraft. Only one machine was noticed over our lines and was chased back by a Nieuport.

Works and Movement. A party of about 13 enemy was seen working at a trench from U.29.d.6.C. to U.29.d.8.8. and was dispersed by Lewis Gun fire. Hammering of iron was heard from the direction of DYE WORKS in C.11.c.5.7. - ceased immediately on 18-pdrs. being turned on. A party of three men seen to come out of SOAP HOUSE ruins at C.5.c.7.1. carrying something tied to a pole and disappeared into a small wood at C.5.d.8.C.

Patrols. None seen.

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II. OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Fairly active during the day, most of the shooting being to rear of enemy's line, but between 2 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. we effectively shelled a building - probably a Headquarters. Enemy lines were shelled by about 8 H.E. in U.29.d. at 2.30 pm and 40 rounds in U.30 .a. at 4 p.m. Retaliation on the Trench Mortar in FRELINGHIEN was very satisfactory.

Trench Mortars. Nil.

Machine Guns. Normal firing on cross-roads and tramtracks during the early part of the evening.

Snipers. Nil.

Aircraft. Six Niouport machines flew over our lines on the right and over FRELINGHIEN about 9.30 a.m. and were heavily engaged by enemy machine guns but all returned safely.

Patrols. Report CROWN PRINCE FARM much knocked about. Enemy could be heard knocking in steel pickets at C.11.a.55.15. Sounds of trucks were distinctly heard on the tramway in the rear of LAUNDRY in C.5.d. and C.6.c. Reports about WHITE FARM bear out previous investigation. East of TWIN COTS in C.5.c. the ground is impassable with a large reedy swamp. A patrol also reports considerable transport heard on the FRELINGHIEN - LA HOULETTE Road. A foot track was found running from the river bank at C.11.c.30.15 along the edge of the water towards C.10.d.75.45. No further movement was noticed in PONT ROUGE. No attempt has been made to rebuild the pontoon bridges near PAPER HOUSE in U.29.c.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE No 109
from 6 a.m. 23.11.17 to 6 a.m. 24.11.17.

I. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our front line was shelled consistently during the day with shells of various calibres; not very much gas shell, the latter being used in considerable numbers in O.7.b. and d. and C.14.a. and b. From 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. 90 77 mm. shells fell in front line and vicinity and area from CARTER'S FARM to NAPOO AVENUE where the trenches were blown in slightly and will need repair. The same spot was again shelled with 50 - 60 4.2's and 77's from 2.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. The area East of MOTOR CAR CORNER was also shelled with 4.2's from about 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. All this fire was from direction of FRELINGHIEN. Guns from the direction of DEULEMONT put 110 rounds of the same calibre, H.E. and shrapnel on UNA SUPPORT and LONG AVENUE during the morning and early afternoon, but very little damage resulted. On the left during the morning H.E. and shrapnel fell in considerable numbers in U.29.a., and 30 rounds of 4.2's in salvos of three fell in U.23.c., and also gas shells - about 50 rounds.

Trench Mortars. Not nearly so active as earlier in the week.

Machine Guns. Guns from LAUNDRY and wood near it very active during the morning against our aircraft. In the afternoon quiet but at dusk livened up considerably especially along KIWI AV. in C.4.d. Patrols reported guns at BREWER (C.17.a.15.75) and BRIDGE HOUSE (C.11.c.5.7) as fairly active during the night.

Snipers. Nil.

Patrols. No sign of any enemy in NO MAN'S LAND seen during this period.

Aircraft. Four E.A. patrolled in front of our lines for about an hour and a half in the morning and again in the afternoon. They were fired on by our machine guns and were driven back.

Work and Movements. Sounds of working, with galvanised iron being moved, in vicinity of DYE WORKS and BRIDGE HOUSE in C.11.c.

Working parties also heard close to LAUNDRY and SCREENED FARM.

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II. OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Much more active than on previous day. Area round DEULEMONT and FRELINCHEN was subjected to fairly heavy shelling. From 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. LAUNDRY received 26 rounds of 4.5 H.E. From 12 noon to 12.45 p.m. 50 rounds were fired on the DYE WORKS. Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. 4.5 Howitzers fired on trenches in rear of the BREWERY and were apparently successful for enemy retaliated on STATION REDOUBT and MOTOR CAR CORNER. Attention given to T.M.'s was evidently very effective as they were quiet all day.

Machine Guns. Engaged enemy aircraft on several occasions and also fired 1,000 rounds on DURIEZ FME. in C.5.b. at dusk and on tramtrack and road at C.11.d.50.60 in addition to targets previously indicated.

Snipers. No targets offered themselves.

Patrols. NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled very thoroughly along the whole front. Ground in C.10.d. found very wet and swampy. BRICKFIELD in C.4.b. drier, but machine gun fire fairly heavy.

Area East of GROVE PRINCE FARM a stretch of water about six inches deep preventing good patrol work near River German digout at C.4.b. 8.6. was examined but nothing of interest found.

No system of trenches exists in the vicinity of PONT ROUGE on the North; the ground is open and not very much affected by shells.

Staging found at MOAT FARM showed no signs of recent use.

Miscellaneous. Visibility very fair during the day. At night the wind freshened and rose to 20 m. p. h.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE No. 110
From 6 a.m. 24.11.17 to 6 a.m. 25.11.17.

I. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. During the morning on the left 80 - 100 rounds 4.2, shrapnel and gas shells fell in the trenches in U.22.d. and U.28.b. but no damage resulted; and again from 9 p.m. to midnight about 100 rounds of similar shelling in the same area; otherwise not very active. Light shelling on the right in the vicinity of LE BIZET - PLOEGSTEERT ROAD. At night 100 rounds of 4.2 and 5.9 mixed with gas shells in the same area.

Trench Mortars. From 10 p.m. to 12 midnight 20 U.T.M. shells fell on the front line in U.20.a. and c. and U.20.d., coming from about U.29.b.70.05. From 4 p.m. to 4.30 pm. 12 U.T.M. shells fell on the trenches in G.4.d.80.40 coming from G.11.g.80.60.

Machine Guns. Active from direction of DOLLS HOUSE in U.24.c.70.20. One gun from U.20.d.80.30 swept our front line in U.20.a. for a couple of hours about dusk. Guns in DURIEZ BEE. and LAUNDRY were active against our patrols.

Snipers. Four shots fired from a Post in FRELINGHIEN, but location not definitely fixed.

Aircraft. Six E.A., flying over our sector about 8 a.m., were driven off by our A.A. guns.

Communications. More Veroy lights were used than has been the case up to the present. During bombardment of sector on our right double red Veroy lights, followed by other red and green mingled, brought a vigorous reply to our shelling.

Patrols. No enemy patrols were seen. Round PONT ROUGE, where enemy were reported previously, no trace whatever of enemy was found.

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II. OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. From 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. our Howitzers fired 20 rounds on enemy battery near DEULMONT, and from 4.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. about 20 rounds on position in rear of C.5.b; also the rear lines of the enemy were shelled fairly consistently.

Machine Guns. The following targets were fired on from dusk for two or three hours:

Tramway from DURIEZ FME to C.5.d.90.38.
Road from C.11.b.32.93 to C.12.a.16.60
Road from U.24.c.80.55 to U.24.d.10.00

Snipers. Nil.

Aircraft. Ten Nieuports patrolled the enemy's lines flying high and were continuously fired on by A.A. guns in LAUNDRY WOOD and others in FRELINGHIEH.

Patrols. Ground in the vicinity of WHITE FARM appears to be drying up a little; the FARM itself is a mass of bricks and shell-holes which is also the case with POND HOUSE in C.10.d.95.95. The road running North East from C.4.d.40.15 is very badly knocked about.

The bridge at C.5.a.38.52 was again examined but no signs of recent work or movement noticed there.

A special patrol of 1 Officer and 30 other ranks with Scout Officer and four Scouts left No. 3 Post in C.10.d. with the object of attacking and capturing any enemy patrols seen and inflict casualties. No enemy were seen and the ground is reported as being very difficult indeed for troops to negotiate especially near the River, with the exception of about 150 yards ^{lying} South West of DYE WORKS which is a little dryer.

Miscellaneous. Visibility fair; wind West only varying from 20 - 30 m. p. h.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE No. 111

From 6 a.m. 25.11.1917 to 6 a.m. 26.11.1917.

I. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Very moderate shelling during this period. - A little more active on the left than on the right. The area around MOTOR CAR CORNER was subjected to a few rounds during the day, but no damage was done. From FRELINGHIEN 4.2, shrapnel and H.E. fell along the road MOTOR CAR CORNER - PLOEGSTEERT evidently searching for Batteries. On the left guns from DEULEMONT fired 20 - 30 rds of gas shells in quick succession in the early part of the evening in U.29.a. and later on the same area was shelled with H.E. and shrapnel.

Trench Mortars. Restricted to a few Pineapples on the front line in the vicinity of Post 9 in O.4.d.9.9 from THE LAUNDRY, and between Post 3 and Post 5 in O.10.b.

Machine Guns. The usual amount of traversing fire from the so from positions reported before. Apparently two guns - one at C.5.b.00.10 and the other at the North end of THE LAUNDRY - cover the old bridge positions close to WHITE FARM.

Snipers. One active between 4.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. from FRELINGHIEN on our No. 2 Post at CARTERS FARM.

Patrols. Nothing seen of any during this period.

Works and Movement. Patrols report signs of work as usual in the rear of DYE WORKS and traffic on the tram-way route in the rear of that place. Also transport could be plainly heard on the FRELINGHIEN Road at 10.0 p.m. In the direction of DURIEZ FME what sounded like wiring parties at work was also heard.

II. OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Quiet during the day on the enemy front lines with occasional shelling of the back area. At 10.0 a.m. 18-pdrs. fired on the wood North of THE LAUNDRY and Howitzers shelled FRELINGHIEN Church with 50 rounds, and about 100 rounds on Battery positions South-East of it

Machine Guns. The usual targets were swept with fire during the night and also a trench running from DURIEZ FME to C.11.b.35.90 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The roads in FRELINGHIEN were also traversed thoroughly.

Snipers. Inactive.

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Aircrafts One of our aeroplanes was engaged in observation work from 3.15 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. but did not go over the lines.

Patrols. The whole front was patrolled regularly during the night and in addition special fighting patrols were sent out, in the vicinity of PONT ROUGE and on the right front covered by protecting parties, but were not called upon to engage any of the enemy. Investigation showed that at present on the right the only means of crossing other than pontoon which could be made possible is the bridge near WHITE FARM, and that would be difficult. In the vicinity of PONT ROUGE no evidence of recent presence of the enemy could be found.

Miscellaneous. Visibility fair during the day, but poor later on. Wind: West, to W.S.W. - 20 m.p.h.

H.H.D. Nixon CAPTAIN

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SUMMARY of INTELLIGENCE No. 112

From 6 a.m. 26.11.1917 to 6 a.m. 27.11.17.

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I. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. During the day the trenches - front line and support - in C.4.b. and U.28.d. received considerable attention from 4.2 and 75 mm., and also our front line close to the BRICKFIELD. As usual, numbers of shrapnel and gas shells were fired in C.2.d., C.2.b. and in the vicinity of MOTOR GAR CORNER. LONG AVENUE and MONMOUTH AVENUE in C.4.c. were subjected to shrapnel and H.E. fire about 12.30 p.m., but no damage was sustained.

On the left as usual the front line in U.29.a. and c. and U.23.b. was subjected to considerable shelling during the greater part of the night. VANCOUVER AVENUE and the trenches South of it in U.22.b. were also shelled fairly heavily from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Trench Mortars. Shells from Trench Mortars in the region of WIGART FME in U.24.a. and U.30.b.c.9. fell round MCAT FARM in U.23.d., and GRANDE HAIE FME, about a dozen in each place.

Machine Guns. Normal fire during the night from guns at C.11.c.55.78 and C.17.a.20.75. LYS FARM was subjected to bursts of fire from one South of THE BREWERY; while at 11 a.m. one from the vicinity of THE LAUNDRY fired over our line at C.4.d.29.65 close to No. 8 Post.

Snipers. A few shots from the direction of FRELINGHIEN.

Aircraft. Four or five E.A. were over our lines during the morning but nothing of special note occurred in connection with them.

Communications. While one of our planes was over HOUPLINES at 4.15 p.m. the enemy fired two strings of yellow lights from FRELINGHIEN and A.A. guns immediately opened fire. At 4.30 p.m. opposite the Left Battalion front strings of blue and gold lights, varying in length and number, were sent up, but no definite action could be noticed.

Movement. At 3.30 p.m. a party of 12 enemy was seen moving in single file South of THE LAUNDRY. The party disappeared among the reeds on the river bank; it seems that a baton track has been worn at this spot between the trenches on the River bank. The usual sounds of working could be heard in THE LAUNDRY.

Patrols. No signs of enemy patrols were observed.

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II. JUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. LAUNDRY WOOD and DURIEZ FME were shelled with good effect by 18-pdrs. about 9 a.m. A large building on the Northern edge of FRELINGHIEN (C.11.b.20.40) was bombarded at 10 a.m. and 5 direct hits were obtained.

Machine Guns. CEMETERY CRESCENT and the vicinity in C.11.d were traversed with fire from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. One thousand rounds each were fired on THE LAUNDRY, DURIEZ FME and roads in U.24.d. and U.30.b.

Patrols. The whole front was patrolled systematically during the night, special attention being paid to the vicinity of WHITE FARM, PONT ROUGE and the road from LE TOUQUET to FRELINGHIEN. No enemy were seen and no important changes to note, except that the ground North of the BRICKFIELD up to within 100 yards of the River can be patrolled freely and has dried up considerably.

H. H. D. ...
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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
 SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE No. 113
 From 6 a.m. 27.11.17 to 6 a.m. 28.11.1917.

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I. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Between 3 a.m. and 9 a.m. the enemy shelled GANGERS COTTAGE and F.L. in U.23 with 77's and 4.2's. He obtained two direct hits on F.L.

Forty rounds of 4.2 fell in front of EMPIRE AVENUE in U.28.a.

At 1 p.m. salvos of gas shells fell in U.27.a. From 8.30 p.m. to midnight U.26.a. was shelled with gas shells.

THE CONVENT and the vicinity were shelled very heavily with 4.2, H.E. and gas for ten minutes during the morning. Similar attention was paid to PLOTSTREET Road near GASMETER CORNER.

Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. enemy put 4.2 H.E. and shrapnel along the road past GUNNERS FARM and on SEVEN TREES AVENUE.

MOTOR CAR CORNER was shelled with about 100 rounds of 4.2.

Trench Mortars. L.T.M's fired on U.29.a.48.30 and U.29.a.24.30 between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Six Pineapples were fired at C.10.b.30.22 at 11.15 am. from the direction of FRELINGHIEN.

Machine Guns. Very active between 4.30 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. firing long bursts over our parapet.

At periods between 12 noon and 3.45 p.m. the A.A.M.Gs were very active from FRELINGHIEN and THE LAUNDRY.

Snipers. There is a sniper in FRELINGHIEN who is not definitely located but who fires on the F.L. between Posts 2 and 3 in C.10.d.

Communications. At 10.15 p.m. pale green lights in strings of 2, 4, and 10 went up from DURIEZ FME. Immediately after an enemy plane dropped two white lights.

Movement. Smoke was seen rising from C.17.a.34.60 at 9 a.m. One man was seen entering DURIEZ FME and another entering a battered building at C.11.b.20.40.

Patrols. (See report of our own patrols).

II. OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Between 2.45 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. our Heavies engaged target in FRELINGHIEN. Our 18-pdrs. fired 14 rounds on targets in rear of DEULMONT. There was frequent firing during the day.

Machine Guns. A thousand rounds were expended on the tramway from C.5.d.30.90 to C.5.d.90.30 and a similar amount on road from C.11.b.35.92 to C.12.a.60.45.

LAUNDRY (C.5.c.67.50), Road junction (U.24.d.32.31)

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and Road in U.30.b. were also fired on.

Snipers. Targets presented were at too long a range.

Communications. A trial S. S. was sent up at 12.45 p.m. but received no response. The visibility was poor and the signal was indistinct at 1,000 yards.

Patrols. We patrolled ground along the River from LAUNDRY to WHITE FARM between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Did not see any enemy patrols.

The patrol which went forward to C.11.c.35.91 heard work and conversation going on in FRETINGHIAN.

The patrol working between DYE WORKS and SOAP HOUSE reports three Machine Guns firing from C.11.c.47.05 and rifle shots from THE BREWERY.

Scouting parties working with our fighting patrols on Left Battalion front came into contact with party of enemy, about 12 in number, near PONT ROUGE. The enemy party had also been seen from Post close to River at about 7 p.m. On endeavouring to intercept the enemy, who replied to our L.G. and rifle fire with hand grenades, the party of our Scouts came under fire from our own lines. The enemy were seen going back to their own lines and were fired on by our left patrol, but succeeded in retreating. Our Scouts searched PONT ROUGE but found no trace of wounded enemy. Our casualties were 1 O/R wounded.

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 NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
 SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE No. 114.
 from 6 a.m. 28-11-17 to 6 a.m. 29-11-17.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS:

Artillery: Between 1.45 p.m. and 3.12 p.m. enemy put 144 rounds H.E. and Gas on the road running along the South side of FLOEGSTEERT WOOD. This same road was again shelled between 4.30 a.m. and 5 a.m. 300 rounds of 4.2 were fired on F.L. from U.29.a.53.80 to U.23.d.20.85. Post No. 23 at U.23.d.20.85 was destroyed. GUNNERS FARM was shelled with 70 rounds 4.2s between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

MOTOR CAR CORNER and vicinity again received enemy fire, LE BIZET receiving over 200 rounds 4.2s between 4.15 and 5.30 p.m.

Trench Mortars: Enemy M.T.M. at U.29.d.53.14 shelled U.28.a.88.55 between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., and U.29.c.30.90 between 2 p.m. and 3.30 p.m., but no damage was done. A heavy T.M. fired 10 rounds from a N.E. direction. Target about G.4.b.70.50. At 2.35 p.m. a L.T.M. fired into HOUPLINES from the direction of FRELINGHIEN. At 4.30 p.m. a L.T.M. fired 6 rounds in vicinity of G.10.b.82.22.

Machine Guns: Little activity reported. Two guns firing from the direction of the LAUNDRY towards F.L. in C.4.d.

Snipers: NIL.

Aircraft: A few enemy planes came over during the day apparently for observation or for artillery shoots.

Communication: Four pigeons flew from the direction of FRELINGHIEN towards ARMENTIERES at 11.34 a.m.

At 6 a.m. enemy fired from the direction of FRELINGHIEN a rocket breaking into a lot of silver lights. No result observed.

At 1 a.m. enemy fired from the River a green light, very low, past the tool house. No action followed.

The following message was read at 9.30 a.m.

64° T.B. from U.27.b.80.30 :-

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 (see also "OUR PATROLS")

Patrols: None detected.

11. OUR OPERATIONS:

Artillery: Between 1.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. our 18 pounders fired 40 rounds into FRELINGHIEN. The also fired onto the LAUNDRY.

Machine Guns: Cross roads G.11.b.35.90, Tramway Junction G.11.d.85.45, Road Junction G.11.c.80.80 and Road U.30.b.30.75 - each received 1000 rounds.

1500 rounds were fired into LAUNDRY.

2000 rounds were expended on hostile planes.

Aircraft: One of our observation balloons broke loose and drifted away. Our A.A. Guns fired on it but did not hit it.

Patrols: A battle patrol went out along the N.E. side of road running through PONT ROUGE: in order to cut off any enemy patrols that might be encountered. However no enemy were seen.

The River was also patrolled between PAPER HOUSE and PONT ROUGE, but no enemy were encountered.

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The patrol working in the vicinity of WHITE FARM reports M.G. active in the LAUNDRY. This patrol reports two white lights bursting into two green sent up about 200 yards apart.

Another patrol reports six white and four green lights at 1.15 a. No resultant action observed in either case.

Men were again heard working in the LAUNDRY.

The brilliant moonlight made movements difficult.

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Brig. General.
Commanding 9th Aust. Infantry Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE No 115
From 6 a.m. 29.11.17 to 6 a.m. 30.11.17.

I. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Between 6 a.m. and 3 p.m. U.23. received 130 rounds 4.2 and 100 rounds 5.9. The enemy expended 52 rounds 4.2 H.E. in searching near LANCASHIRE COTTAGE between 6.30 a.m. and 8 a.m.

Our F.L. about U.29. received from the direction of FRELINGHIEN 130 rounds of 77, 4.2 and 5.9 but no damage is reported. Similar attention was paid to our F.L. in U.23. from the direction of WARWETON.

Gun or Howitzer flash seen at C.5.c.20.10.

Trench Mortars. Posts No. 11-12 were shelled by Light Minenwerfer in the LAUNDRY. About 30 rounds were expended. A large Minenwerfer (C.11.c.60.50) shelled the rear of Post No. 3 and also CEDILLA TRENCH, the latter at 1.30 p.m. and 4 p.m. L.T.H. (not located) fired S. of No. 5 Post at intervals during the day.

Machine Guns. Active from the direction of FRELINGHIEN during the early part of the night.

Snipers. Nil.

Aircraft. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. two planes were over our Left Battalion area; they were driven off by A.A. fire. Single planes reported passing over at intervals during the day.

Three enemy balloons were seen in the afternoon.

Communications. Red, white and green lights were fired at intervals during the night from behind PONT ROUGE and slightly South of there. Green lights predominated. No resultant action observed. A searchlight is reported about C.3. central.

Movement. At 7.30 a.m. and 7.50 a.m. a man was observed at C.5.d.33.82 walking up and down as if on sentry duty.

At 8.35 a.m. two men were seen passing the same place one carrying a bundle.

Party of about 16 seen between 8 a.m. and 8.30 a.m. seen on road at C.12.b.25.27 wearing steel helmets, equipment and rifles. This road is in frequent use. Working party (17 men) at C.5.d.35.35 with steel helmets, no equipment this was 9.30 a.m. At 10 a.m. a party of 20 was seen and dispersed by our Artillery.

II. OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our Heavies carried out a Counter-Battery Shoot and 18-pdr's engaged targets in FRELINGHIEN and behind DEUVE-MONT. The 4.5's fired on T.M. at C.11.c.30.50 in response to our call. T.M. ceased fire.

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Machine Guns. Engaged enemy planes during the day.

Aircraft. Very active during the afternoon.

Patrols. From PONT ROUGE to our left boundary a battle patrol reconnoitred but did not encounter the enemy. Patrols working N. of PAPER HOUSE report sounds of work about 11 p.m. immediately S. of DEULMONT.

Generally quiet.

Enemy occasionally bombed his own wire in the Southern part of the line. Enemy Machine Guns fired from LAUNDRY and BREWERY.

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