

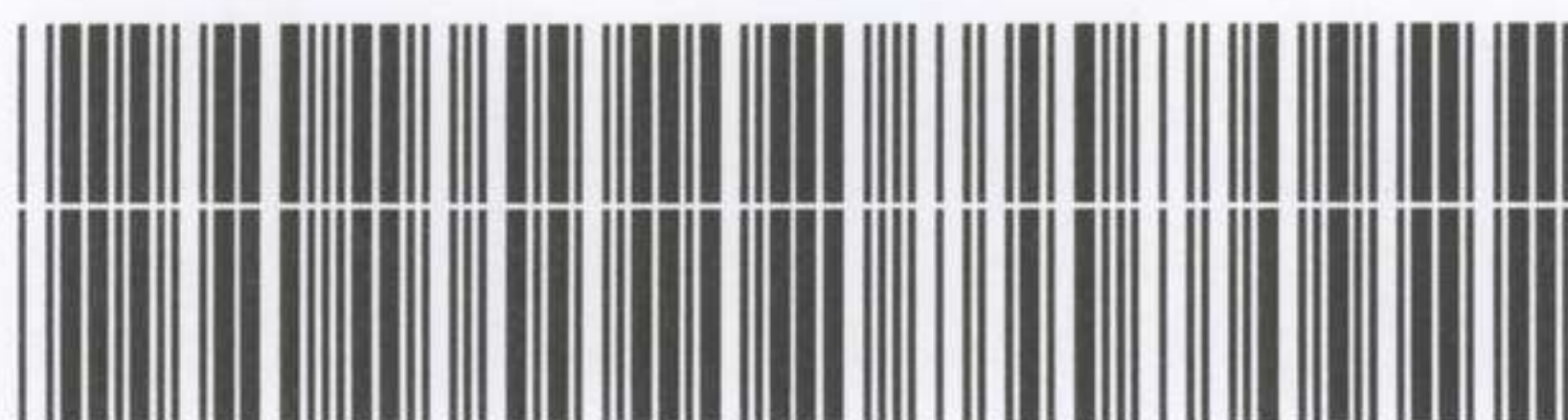
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ARQUES	1st		Staff Ride by Dir. Major's Russell & Sadler & Capt. Bolton-Wood attended	
	2nd		Meeting of C.O.s at Bde H.Q. re coming inspection by Army Commander & agenda brought up at Conference at Division. Looked over Training ground with C.O.s. 17th & 18th Bns	app 1



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Arques	15th Sept 3rd		<p>First fine day for some time. Brig + Bn went to Fort de Clairmarais - saw 15th + 18th Bns at work - Gas lecture by 2nd Army Defect at 2 PM - lecture on wood fighting by Col. Brookes to 18th 15th + 20th Bn officers &amp; NCOs at 8 PM.</p>	
	4th		<p>Another fine day - went Brigadier + Bn. went to Chateau de Batavia saw 18th Bn. Fort de Clairmarais - saw 17th + 20th - 15th Bn marched past in full marching order</p>	
	5th		<p>Fine day - Gen Plummer bde 2nd Army was expected to put in an appearance during the day for purpose of seeing the Brigade at work - He did not do so. G.O.C. + Bn visited all the Bns on training grounds</p>	O.O. 11.001. 2
	6th		<p>Dull day ending up with slight thunder storm. Div Tactics exercise in FORET DE CLAIRMARPAIS - Gen Plummer present passed off without incident. Gen Plummer spoke to unit Commanders re day's work. G.O.C. left early to catch car to visit front line in company with Lt Col Miles &amp; SO II</p>	
	7th		<p>G.O.C. returned from his visit from front line. Transport inspected by O.C. Div Train. Conference unit commanders held MacCallum reported as acting Brigadier Major.</p>	



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ARQUES	8 <sup>th</sup>		<p>True day.</p> <p>90 a Inter company competition won by 17<sup>th</sup> Pans coy.</p> <p>3 p JOC &amp; Bde Major visited BATAVIA Chateau training grounds</p> <p>4:30 a Conference at Bde Hqs of Pans Coy &amp; M.G. Coy and L.T.M. Bty. The JOC explained future movements. In future one column per day to be devoted to immediately rapid loading &amp; unloading. Pans Coy to make a standing order that at completion of every operation Scouts are always to be sent out &amp; ground made in reason.</p> <p>6 p Conference of Brigadier &amp; Bde at AN HQ RENESCOE notes on future action of Division. Notable boundaries Hqs etc given out. Policy to be adopted.</p>	
	9 <sup>th</sup>		<p>True day.</p> <p>6 p Conference of Pans Coy &amp; M.G. Coy &amp; L.T.M. Bty at Bde Hqs. Notes taken at divisional conference read out &amp; explained. Discussion as to formation and distances to be adopted for the attack. General discussion on sector opposite Bde post. General operation memo not issued dealing with ground prepared at CLAIRMARAIS Fort.</p>	App 2.



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ARQUES	10 <sup>th</sup>	830a	G.O.C. attended conference at D.H.Q. with Bayfer Coffin	
		1a	Col's Pm. to MG Coy + Bde I.O. left by bus to visit front line Bde I.O. to remain and study ground.	
		10a	Bde Major conducted officers over ground prepared at CLAIRMARAIS Forest & explained it to them.	
		230p	Pm. paraded out at CLAIRMARAIS Forest. Men were conducted over the ground by their company officers operation memo was for the attack as 11 <sup>th</sup> mt was issued all concerned;	App. 4
W. Phalanx Capt	11 <sup>th</sup>		Weather fine	
			Weather fine	
		5a	Practise attack carried out on ground NW corner of CLAIRMARAIS Forest M29 at 1120000. Div. Cdr. visited was present during the operation.	Bde Operatn memo no. 6.
		5p	Orders received from Division re move to STEENVOORDE area. 5 <sup>th</sup> A/Bde Orders issued to Bde Group.	App 5
		730p	Conference of all officers in the Bde taking part in the future operation. G.O.C. Bde addressed them and discussed points dealing with the operation, mopping up, carrying parties, patrol, advancing, consolidation	" 6 " 7



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STEENVOORDE	12 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Full day</p> <p>Bde moved by march route to STEENVOORDE west area leaving AIQUES area at 8am arriving at new destination order at 5.30 pm. Reinforcement details proceeded to Camp at CAESTRE</p> <p>GOC + Bde Major moved ahead from STAPLES with Dn Cndr to DHQ RENINGHELST. and afterwards to conference with Maj. Gen IRVING GOC 9<sup>th</sup> Div at POPERINGHE.</p>	no 109 Apr. 8 4 9
CANAL area Ch, BELGE	13 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Bde moved by march route from STEENVOORDE west area order to CANAL + PIONEER areas. leaving at 6.30 am and arriving at 5.30 pm.</p> <p>GOC + Bde Major moved ahead from ABEELE to RENINGHELST. after interviewing GOC it was arranged to proceed first to model trench at G 23 + 83 thence to meet Brig Gen MAXWELL at 9<sup>th</sup> Div Hqs. at 11.30 am to discuss boundaries etc.</p> <p>Bde Hqs opened at Chaban BELGE at 4 pm</p> <p>weather cloudy + light wind blowing.</p>	no.



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CHATEAU BELGE	14.		<p>Weather fine</p> <p>Bde Major visited front line area at 5 am. returning at 9 am. Staff for Adm Bde Hqs selected about 11</p> <p>1.30pm GOC + Bde Major visited model trenches at 6.22.64 and afterwards consulted 6<sup>th</sup> Bde Major as to 19<sup>th</sup> Bn + 1 sec 5<sup>th</sup> AMG Coy which were to be attached to 6<sup>th</sup> A Bde. It was arranged for them to move under order of 6<sup>th</sup> A Bde order for relief of 47<sup>th</sup> Bn by 2<sup>nd</sup> Ant Division received. This included order for attachment of 1 Pm 5<sup>th</sup> A Bde + 1 sec 5<sup>th</sup> AMG Coy to 6<sup>th</sup> A Bde. 19<sup>th</sup> Bn selected.</p> <p>Proposals for future operations submitted to Division</p>	
	15.	<p>10a</p> <p>2.30p</p> <p>8p</p>	<p>Showery in early morning fine later.</p> <p>Conference at D.H.Q. REXINGHELST GOC + Bde Major attended.</p> <p>Bde order re. Relief + 19<sup>th</sup> Bn + 5<sup>th</sup> MG Coy move issued.</p> <p>Conference at Bde Hqs of Bn Co. Discussion as to frontage, loads carrying parties, dress equipment, Copies of Proposals submitted to Division given to each CO.</p>	<p>App 10</p>



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CHATEAU BELGE	16.	11a	<p>Location Tm</p> <p>Lecture with aeroplane photographs slides given by RFC officer to Ben Co's Coy Cmdr. Tm Tm's Officer at Bde Hqs</p> <p>Draft order for the attack received from Division</p> <p>Order for relief of 6' A1 Bde by 5' A1 Bde in the left sector of the front received. Details arranged with 6' A1 Bde regarding lines guide relief of lower sum found by 19H Pm.</p>	Apr 11
		8a	<p>Bde major visited forward Sector to fix position for the Hqs on WESTHOEK Ridge, assembly position on west slope of BELLEWARDE Ridge and to reconnoitre roads towards</p> <p>930 a Conference of Bde Gaden at D.H.C.</p> <p>Told by Div to go ahead with order for the attack on line laid down by Div draft order + alterations notified at Conference</p> <p>Order for relief of 6' A1 Bde by 5' A1 Bde in left sector</p> <p>19H Pm to take over line</p> <p>Location Tm</p>	

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CHATEAU BELGE	18	11a	Weather Cloudy Slight drizzle Order no 112 for attack issued.	App. 12
		12m	GSO 2. visited Bde to arrange details about move forward of units on 19 <sup>th</sup> night. Arranged that 20 <sup>th</sup> A. dribble up small park by day. 18 <sup>th</sup> M move via YPRES MENIN Rd. to clear MENIN Gate by 830 pm + 17 <sup>th</sup> Pm move in rear of 7 <sup>th</sup> A/Bde along this track	
		2hr	Corps Cdrn visited Bde Hqs.	
		3hr	Conference + C.O's units. Bde order no 112 was gone through + alterations made. points of explanation cleared up.	
		630p	Bde Major visited division + received fresh information about jumping off time + moves of units. This information issued in operatn memo at 1130p 19 <sup>th</sup> Pm relieving 22 <sup>nd</sup> Pm in front line left sector 18/19 <sup>th</sup> night 20 <sup>th</sup> Pm moves to ESPLANADE Saps. YPRES.	



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Tid 65.10	19	6:30 a.m.	Weather fine Bde Hqrs moved to adod Bde Hqrs at Tid 65.10	
		6 a.m.	Relief of 6 <sup>th</sup> AIBd in left sector complete. Wined DHP that GTC 5 AIBd had assumed command of left sector	
		12:5 p.m.	Units notified to send officer to Bde Hqrs at 10 p.m. + 10 m. to synchronize watches	
		1 p.m.	Received notification from Division that Zero day is 20 <sup>th</sup>	
			Units informed 1:30 p.m.	
		4 p.m.	19 <sup>th</sup> Pns asked to patrol vigorously and report if any enemy posts exist west of Road T8a 99 - T2c 47.	
		4:30 p.m.	DHP notified Zero hour would be 5:40 a.m. Units informed by BRLS. Duplicate also sent to Major Fursell to give to units.	
		12/10 p.m.	From Division received information of Day light S.O.S. Trench under signal Red sunk.	
		5 p.m.	Situation normal, light enemy shelling. Practically no retaliation to our 3 p.m. Bombardment.	



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Jid65.10		7:30	Officer from division arrived to synchroize watch	
		9:30	Information received from 19 <sup>th</sup> of existence of enemy post at J2C65.30. 5 <sup>th</sup> ALTM Bty ordered to engage with 2 mortar, 1 minute rapid fire at zero.	
		10:00	Synchroneized watch with 17 18 19 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> Bty 20 <sup>th</sup> Bn report (verbal) from cadetant on WESTHOEK ridge west slopes. only one casualty on way up.	Apr. 14
		10:35p	Report from 19 <sup>th</sup> Bn patrols on right of Coy sector unable to go out as <sup>smoke</sup> smoke are in close proximity along line. Enemy sniping brisk there. Coy Cdr considers enemy on other side of road.	
		10:45p	Major Fussell reports 18 <sup>th</sup> Bn in position on west slopes BELLEWARDE Ridge	
		11:50p	20 <sup>th</sup> guides & marker left for jumping off line left patrols of 19 <sup>th</sup> Bn sent in air report	
20		12:52	Instructions sent to 20 <sup>th</sup> Bn to move forward to jumping off trench as soon as guide report back.	



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Tid 6520	20 <sup>th</sup>	3:30a	message from COT Martin 17 <sup>th</sup> that he had arrived message from Major Fussell that 17 <sup>th</sup> Bn had started to arrive on BELLEWAROE Ridge DAG informed.	
		4:50a	COT Page 19 <sup>th</sup> Bn reports right post of company missing believed to have been raided, notified Division. Post remained	
		4:40	20 <sup>th</sup> Bn reported all ready.	
		5am	19 <sup>th</sup> Bn reported missing post found all O.K. in another position. Div. notified	
		5:50a	18 <sup>th</sup> Bn reported in position. 17 <sup>th</sup> Bn reported in position.	
		5:35a	Enemy shellfire increased.	
		5:37a	Red flame going up from enemy	
		5:40a	Bombardment started almost immediate heavy enemy retaliation	
		6.5	Enemy barrage slackening	
		6:13	one red flame from vicinity of rd objective on our post Smoke very thick.	

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Jid 65.10	20 <sup>th</sup>	6.25	Officer of 56 <sup>th</sup> Regt. arrived at Bde Hqs.	
		6.40	G.O.C 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde bms could be seen advancing through GLENCORSE wood. Progress satisfactory on night	
		6.50	our barrage still over the HANDBERE	
		7.	mission of 56 <sup>th</sup> order of batt 56 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> 60 <sup>th</sup> (as we look) known very little. Men suffered heavy	
		7a	20 <sup>th</sup> M Capt Broadbent reports we have 1st objective	
		7.30	Some of 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde mixed up with our people	
			G.O.C spoke to Bde Sig Officer at post relay station.	
		7.5.	Message from 18 <sup>th</sup> repeating from Lt Browning 20 <sup>th</sup> M have gained 1st objective digging in & sending parties for supplies. Major Hocking reported killed	
			18 <sup>th</sup> M addition passed through 20 <sup>th</sup>	
		7.10	Capt Barlow 20 <sup>th</sup> M left Coy digging in	
		7.20	Cot Ralston spoke to G.O.C things going O.K. has sent forward officer to look out for Hqs	
		7.30	2353 Wt. W2544/1454 700000 5/15 D. M. & L. A.D.S.S. Forms/C. 2118. informed re 20 <sup>th</sup> repeded to Bde	



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		7:25	<p>Posn observer report seeing our troops moving up ridge</p> <p>Enemy Barrage HANENEKE fairly heavily with Shrapnel</p> <p>20" M open reports our artillery shooting short</p>	
		7:30	<p>18" M message 'can see our men moving forward in good line also division in left. Probably Brownie's message refers to enemy running into Barrage our men may be following. Troop on right seen advancing well.</p>	
		7:30	<p>Revised above message to D.I.C</p> <p>Extensive movement reported on Blue Line Crest order issued for move forward at 17:00</p>	
		7:35	<p>CO 20" reports can see his men digging in</p> <p>Posn appear to be in fair strength</p>	
		7:15	<p>FOO 7:15 Our artillery has set fire to dump</p> <p>Hostile artillery placing light barrage approx 780m</p> <p>T2 antia T1 6 88</p> <p>7:15 enemy shelling PTANEENE</p>	



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Tid 6510	20 <sup>th</sup>	7.40	Dn observer report confirming capture of 1 <sup>st</sup> objective & move forward to 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
		7.45	3 white flags reported from Anzac Pde observer 27 <sup>th</sup> Pde report capture of 1 <sup>st</sup> objective 2 <sup>nd</sup> objective appear to have been reached.	
		7.45	Counter attack division on move from MOORESLAND can be expected to reach N edge of POLYGON wood - 3 hours (Pde maps artillery).	
		7.50	Enemy increased barrage on HANERERE with heavy advance proceeding well. Partin seen apparently reorganising 17 <sup>th</sup> Bn advancing over Bellewade Ridge in arty formation	
		7.55	5 <sup>th</sup> Pde Success Signal reported from right of ANZAC.	
		8.00	" Success Signal again on left.	
		8.10	" Success Signal on right of section	
		8.60	own men seen in vicinity of TSC 40.35.	
		S	mess age sent to Infanterie officer ± 12035. to send word to 19 <sup>th</sup> Bn Platoon at CHINA wall for Div strong points to move forward from and near of 17 <sup>th</sup> Bn	



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Jic 6530	20	8.7	message received from D4P to move forward Infantry parties at I 12 C. to cut entrance in concrete dykes captured Capt Blue AE is dealing with this	
	8.20		Success signals reported on Right on Blue line	
	8.25		Success signals from Blue line	
	8.40		Dir observer report at 2 objectives taken and being consolidated.	
	8.45		17th M mostly have reached 2nd objective	
	8.50		Col informed G Staff by phone of this and that the 3rd 7th 5th 27th + S. African Bde with on Blue line together	
	8.53		verbal message from 20th Everything OK nothing to report.	
	9.00		message from 18th Lt Sheath reports his Coy right flank has reached objective. is at T3C 36. In touch with 7th Bde. Casualties very small. SAA + Stokes shells required. message from Capt Readford reports 10th M right flank in touch with 7th Bde T3C 45 Shells from 8 inch gun over valley short T3C 02 along line of old wood. Enemy shelling with 77mm + 10 on the evidently has observation.	



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Jid 65.10	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.5	<p>Murragi from Lt Moors A Coy 18<sup>th</sup> M. turned  P. 3.2 am. (left centre) began Coy has reached  line TQ A 35. - T2 6 95.000. Coy Wps  Auyac House. In touch with coys on right  and left. Lt Smith captured 12 prisoners  who have been sent back. Casualties slight.  Require SAA + water. Enemy deeper action.  Capt Appleby wounded early. Forming line of  of outposts 50<sup>+</sup> in advance of main position  repeated information to DHC  CO 20<sup>th</sup> report that now at Relay Post.  BFNA. Casualties 15%  Murragi from 17<sup>th</sup> M. Right Coy turned 9.5  am have reached given line and am  consolidating. AAA on barrage abt 11.00  but we are as close as possible AAA  in touch with tanks.</p>	
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Jid 6530	20 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>00</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> Mm report found 8.40 am enemy shelling HANEBEKE mixed stuff HANEBEKE easily parath near gun position were about 30 - 40 dead German were seen	
		10.3	Message found 9.5 am from 17 <sup>th</sup> Mm have reached green line + am consolidating	
		10.5	here. GOC spoke to CO 20 <sup>th</sup> Mm re digging of communication head. and special party of 100 men for carrying SAA etc forward. 200 men for C.T. remaining will remain on Red line until situation re green line is satisfactory.	
		10.15	Mm 154 issued instructions 20 <sup>th</sup> to permit above parties.	
		10.40	2 green planes fired on our right flank enemy shelling our front line.	



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JID6530	20		Report from COT Martin have reached front line found 18" pretty well on it getting heavily shelled by enemy but consolidation going on Casualties moving up light but not getting heavy. want SAA swati ground pulverised Have some of 28' + 18' in Apr in shell hole T3 a 53	
		12 noon	Report from adwd Bde Report Centre enemy seen moving in Bunker man TABBER House? J4 a 42	
		12.20	Amac corp W.A. Officer reports about 60 gun w open order advancing from direction of PASCHENDALE	
		12.30	COT Murphy spoke to Bde Major things going on well especially on left. Right flank fairly OK. speaking from Bde Report Centre 4 MGs paid gun captured. min in good <del>case</del> filler	
		1/2	12 gun + 4 wht flares in front of Amac motion while flares followed by 2 more	



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Jid6510	20	130	The 2 Dn Strong points established ① T3a04 would 3 parts round ② T3c06 under construction	
		1.45	Instructions sent to 17 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> that the front line will be held in two sections, details to be mutually arranged between cos. Pns with front line own supports and be extended in depth. SAA etc will be divided. Readjustment to be made under cover of darkness. When the body approximately. T2d 55 65 — T3b 55 30 20 <sup>th</sup> Pns to hold Red line. 17 <sup>th</sup> Right 18 <sup>th</sup> Right DAG informed of above readjustment + strong points	
		1.55	20 <sup>th</sup> Pns advised	
		2	5 AMG Coy instructed to place Vickers MG on each strong pt.	
		2.25	observers report enemy counter attack develop own mound in POLYGON wood towards HELLES DAG 22 <sup>nd</sup> McCoy informed.	



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Jtd6510	20	2.40	Advanced Report Centre report enemy advancing from J36 20.85. J36 22.52 on artillery informed. barrage 2 rounds per gun per minute. 17th Bn asked for barrage to be lifted 100'	
		2.50	3. Parties of enemy collecting at J36 20.95- (20th Bn) odd parties of enemy moving about J36 3.9 where concentration may be taking place (R.A.) Report heard 2pm R.A. enemy shelling Anyac and Wood in vicinity J26 with 5.9 & HE Shrapnel. Not shelling here to any extent. Enemy aircraft active, occasionally firing at our post. One of our gun 60 firing short approx J3a 27 Report heard 1.15pm from 17th Bn shelling not quite so severe. M.G.s being put into position. Losses fairly heavy. men still mixed	



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Tid 65.10	20 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>pm</sup>	<p>message from 5<sup>th</sup> AMG Coy asking for more Stutcher beam to be sent forward to IRON CROSS Redoubt. Party detailed from 19<sup>th</sup> Bz</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> 25 OR.</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> AMG Coy advise following gun positions taken up. T3a 37, T3a 40.55, (2) T3a 55, T3a 04, T3c 54, T3c 36, (2) T3c 6590 T2d 94 T2d 8550 T3a 15</p> <p>4.5 SOS M.G. barrage advised to cease fire. message from 18<sup>th</sup> Bz Telephones set #2 M.G. taken in ANZAC</p> <p>4.20 CO 18<sup>th</sup> Bz reports that enemy are in shell holes 300<sup>+</sup> from left sector front. sniping brisk. Enemy collecting in valley between ALBANIA and HELLES. Artillery informed and shoot arranged on the locality.</p> <p>4.45 Situation report to Dttg repeating above information.</p>	



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J1d6570	20	5.45	<p>Posd 7th Officer returned with information regarding forward area. 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> ports mixed up. Some 20<sup>th</sup> Mm men up there too.</p> <p>GOC spoke to Co 20<sup>th</sup> Mm about reorganising them. 20<sup>th</sup> Mm to take up line along road running NW &amp; SE in J2 &amp; rd.</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> Mm asked for artillery fire on J3619. This was arranged.</p> <p>308 reported in front of 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> A1 Posd Picton.</p> <p>Div Shong point near ANZAC Blown out.</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> Mm report much traffic of vehicle on road GARTER POINT - ZONNEBERG Rd.</p> <p>Running counter attacking from Right of Posd Front.</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> AMG Coy &amp; artillery informed.</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> Posd report out of touch with front line.</p> <p>Co 20<sup>th</sup> Mm report heavy counter attack on Right. Ordered to be prepared to form flank to South.</p> <p>People falling back have formed defenses flank facing South.</p>	



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Tid 65.10	20	6.38	Spoke to CO 19. be prepared to move Observer report a few men falling back but more advancing	
		6.37	GOC to 20th Bn. to stand be prepared to move forward	
		6.42	Observer report no movement except on right where carrying parties were seen.	
		6.45	to 7th A/Bde asking for information, as far as they know nothing doing on front	
		6.50	Spoke to Lucas at Advd Report centre, where there was also gunner officer. They could see nothing	
		6.56	Artillery + M.G. instructed to ease down Enemy sending up orange cluster shells	
		7.25	S.O.S. again sent up this time along front	
		7.45	Artillery + M.G. instructed to ease down.	
		7.47	S.O.S. on right of sector. (7th Bde)	
		7.55	S.O.S. on camp.	
		7.57	2 S.O.S. on right of sector. Artillery, M.G. to ease.	
		8.15	Bombardment slackening	
		8.23	Shelling practically ceased	



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Jid 6510.	27 <sup>th</sup>		<p>night passed quietly</p> <p>7<sup>am</sup> Bde major visited front line sector. Everything OK. Everyone cheery. Well dug in. Evacuation of wounded proceeding steadily.</p> <p>9.15<sup>am</sup> relief order received. 6<sup>th</sup> A1 Bde relieving us.</p> <p>10<sup>am</sup> warning memo issued to unit.</p> <p>11<sup>am</sup> order no 113 issued.</p> <p>5<sup>pm</sup> Enemy shelling forward area heavily. C. Bty informed.</p> <p>6.30<sup>pm</sup> Enemy shelling Augae. C. Bty informed.</p> <p>6.45<sup>pm</sup> S.O.S. reported on our left front. 7<sup>th</sup> A1 Bde said all OK on their front. Run to our front down. but can hear M.G fire there. This before our barrage came down.</p> <p>6.50 1st Ralston rang up to say that he sang up Capt Barlow (in support) but that nothing has been seen by him to indicate counter attack.</p> <p>7.5<sup>pm</sup> S.O.S. on our front. right spreading to right &amp; a little to left.</p> <p>7.15 27<sup>th</sup> Bde received unconfirmed report that S.O.S. went up.</p> <p>7.20 7<sup>th</sup> Bde power barrage under S.O.S. at D 26 to 94.</p>	<p>App. 16</p>



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
J1d65-10	21 <sup>st</sup>	7.25 PM	20 <sup>th</sup> PM message received from scheme report front "relaxation urgent." SOS about on 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde front.	
		7.30	20 <sup>th</sup> PM report more shelling on our front.	
		7.40	20 <sup>th</sup> PM report no shelling here on our front.	
		7.45	20 <sup>th</sup> PM report Boche broken through on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde front	
		7.50	GOC 7 <sup>th</sup> A/Bde informed	
		7.55	20 <sup>th</sup> PM message by camp "Think 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde front line broken.	
		7.56	G.O.C 7 <sup>th</sup> A/Bde informed	
		7.56	19 <sup>th</sup> PM report message from Right of Right Bde	
		8.7	Broken Through "OK on our front" picked up by buzzer from 7 <sup>th</sup> A/Bde	
		8.17	Same to slack off	
		8.18	"Position OK right left and front" 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde power buzzer	
		8.30	22 <sup>nd</sup> M.G. Coy asked to slack off	
		11.	2 coys 21 <sup>st</sup> PM left with fuel	
			remainder of 21 <sup>st</sup> PM left Westlock Ridge	
			weather fine, warm & sunny.	



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Jid 65-10	22	am		
		1:33	19 <sup>th</sup> Pm reported relief complete with 20 <sup>th</sup> Pm who moved off.	
		1:37	18 <sup>th</sup> Pm reported relief complete <del>with</del> by 22 <sup>nd</sup> Pm	
			and moved off. relief complete by 22 <sup>nd</sup> Pm	
		2:35	17 <sup>th</sup> Pm reported and moved off.	
		2:45	G.O.C 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I.Bch assumed command of left	
			sectr. moved to MURIEL Dugout	
		2:50	5 <sup>th</sup> A.I.Bch Agos moved	
			at I 12.436	
I 12 C 35		4a	arrived at I 12 C 35 met last company of 17 <sup>th</sup>	
			Pm on road. men in great spirits	
		8a	order for relief of 5 A.I.Bch by 13 <sup>th</sup> A.I.Bch	
			received for move of 5 A.I.Bch to HALIFAX	
			area	
		3:15	order for relief (OO 114) issued	App 17
		9:15	Relief of 19 <sup>th</sup> Pm by 52 <sup>nd</sup> Pm reported complete.	



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WINNEPEG Camp. Hq.	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10a	weather fine. Bde Hqs moved from Muriel Dugout to WINNEPEG Camp. arrived there at 11.15 am. Bns had arrived and were in good shape 5 <sup>th</sup> M.G Coy and L.T. M Bty did not accompany Bde but remained under the orders of 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I Bde. They were relieved on the night 23/24 <sup>th</sup> and proceeded after relief to the Bde Transport line.	
		8pm	Order no 115 issued for move of Bde to WIPPENHOEK area.	App 18
CONNAUGHT CAMP.	24 <sup>th</sup>	8a	Bde left by march route for WIPPENHOEK area and arrived at 10.30 am. It was discovered that 8 <sup>th</sup> A.I Bde had not yet vacated the area but would do so at 5 pm.	" 19
	25 <sup>th</sup>	630h	weather warm & sunny Continued of Brigade at Div Hqs.	
		12 noon	weather fine M.G Coy & T.M Batty arrived Personnel from Reinforcement Camp rejoined	App 20
	26 <sup>th</sup>		weather cloudy. Nothing to record. Training of Machine Gs and communication continue	21



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CONNAUGHT Camp. L34654	27		<p>Weather Fine.</p> <p>Training of Specialists, and Reorganisation continued.</p> <p>Bde Major. + Staff Captain visited Division during the afternoon</p> <p>10. pm order received from Division to move the 5th AMG Coy to BELGIAN Chateau area tomorrow 28th inst.</p> <p>B.M. 223 issued to M.G. Coy instructing them to move.</p>	App 21
	28th		<p>Weather fine.</p> <p>2 pm verbal message from Div. to move 1 Bn at once to HALIFAX area for cable burying. Message sent to 20th Bn</p> <p>3 pm Verbal message from Div to move another Bn forward to Halifax area for engineering work. Message sent to 17th Bn</p> <p>3.15 pm Corps Commander presented military medals to men of Bde.</p> <p>8.30 pm Order no 142 from Div. received</p> <p>8.30 pm warning issued to 18th 19th Bns + 5th ALT Mds to be prepared to move on another day 29th inst.</p>	
	29th		<p>Weather fine</p> <p>Training continued</p> <p>17th + 20th Bns moved to GORDON AREA. Apr at I8d36</p> <p>and I 14 6-26 respectively.</p> <p>5 pm Conference of G.O.C. Bde + Bde Major at P.H.Q.</p> <p>operation. Preliminary instructions given out</p>	



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CONNAUGHT Camp	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1 <sup>pm</sup>	weather fine. Order no 116 issued for move of 5 <sup>th</sup> AI Bde less 17 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> Bn + 5 <sup>th</sup> AMG Coy.	app 22
		2:30 <sup>pm</sup>	G.O.C + Bde Major visited D.H.Q. + Bde transport unit	" 23
		7 <sup>pm</sup>	Fresh orders received regarding move of 18 <sup>th</sup> Bn on 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct + remainder of Bde on 2 <sup>nd</sup> + 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	
		9:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Amendment to order no 116 issued. Enemy aeroplane very active during evening over back areas.	" 24



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
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Brigade Headquarters,  
2nd September 1917.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 33

1. Training Memorandum No. 32 is cancelled, to permit of units carrying out attacks combining features brought up at the Conference at Brigade Headquarters on 2nd instant.

2. The following is the revised syllabus :-

- - Date	"A" Bn	"B" Bn	"C" Bn	"D" Bn
3rd Septr	20th Bn	17th Bn	18th Bn	19th Bn
4th Septr	18th Bn	19th Bn	20th Bn	17th Bn
5th Septr	18th Bn	19th Bn	20th Bn	17th Bn
6th Septr	17th Bn	20th Bn	19th Bn	18th Bn
7th Septr	17th Bn	20th Bn	19th Bn	18th Bn
8th Septr	19th Bn	18th Bn	17th Bn	20th Bn
109th Septr	19th Bn	18th Bn	17th Bn	20th Bn

3. "A" Battalion - Each battalion two days course at Chateau de BATAVIA.

Each Coy. to carry out company tactical scheme.  
Each Company to carry out course of organised bombing.  
Instruction in Rifle Grenade Firing.  
" in Rapid wiring  
" Bayonet Fighting and Physical Training.  
Rifle practice on miniature range.  
Test in rapid fire - fifteen rounds rapid.

"B" Battalion - Route march as per Training Memo. No. 26.  
Each unit may be inspected by the G.O.C. during the march - time and place to be notified later.

"C" and "D" Battalions - will practice battalion in attack in Foret de CLAIRMARAIS in area contained in following points - Sheet 27 SW - M.34.b.60.00 - M.35.b.10.10. - M.29.d.10.30. M.28.b.3.2.

In the morning "C" Battalion in defence, "D" Battalion attacking - position reversed in afternoon.

4. 5th A.M.G.Coy. will be training in area allotted to "C" and "D" Battalions. The O.C. Machine Gun Coy. will allot two guns to each battalion daily.

5. ~~XX~~ 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. training at Chateau de BATAVIA.

6. It is intended to hold an intercompany competition on Saturday 8th instant, for turnout, organisation, drill and marching.

One Company from each battalion to compete.

*[Signature]*  
Major,

Distribution - Actg/Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

17th Bn  
18th Bn  
19th Bn  
20th Bn  
5th A.M.G.Coy.  
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.

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Brigade Headquarters,  
5th September 1917. (2)

Reference - Sheet 27 SW - 1/20,000

1. The 2nd Pioneer Battalion will represent the enemy.  
In the forward shell hole area, i.e., in the wood, the position will be held by small groups of 4 to 6 men representing the garrisons of shell holes. These groups will remain in their positions to give practice to the moppers up in clearing up an extensive shell hole defended area and in thoroughly searching it.  
The open ground will be held by strong posts, switch lines, and short lengths of trench, the garrisons being actually represented, the trenches being imaginary.  
The fire of hostile M.Gs. will be represented by Lucas Signalling Lamps directed on to the target, on which they are firing.
2. (a) The 2nd Aust. Div. is attacking in a south easterly direction.  
(b) X Brigade is attacking on the right.  
Y Brigade is attacking on the left.
3. The Division is attacking on a one brigade frontage.
4. The objectives are as follows, as per attached sketch.  
5th A.I.Bde. objective - capture and consolidate T.2.b.5.0. - N.33.d.3.8. (BLUE line).  
6th A.I.Bde. 2nd objective - capture and consolidate - T.3.c.4.3. - N.33.d.95.15. (YELLOW line).  
7th A.I.Bde. final objective - capture and consolidate - T.9.a.65.65. - T.3.d.2.0. - T.3.d.1.5. - T.4.a.3.8 (RED line).  
The Divisional boundaries on each flank are shown in black.
5. (a) The Brigade will attack on a four battalion front, 2 companies of each battalion represented in front line.  
(b) Formation and distances will be normal - open fighting.  
(c) Frontages:  
20th Battalion - From right brigade boundary inclusive to point in road N.32.c.75.60.  
19th Battalion - From N.32.c.75.60. inclusive to Road junction N.32.d.15.80. inclusive.  
18th Battalion - Road junction N.32.d.15.80. exclusive to point of clearing N.32.b.55.30. inclusive.  
17th Battalion - From point of clearing N.32.b.55.30. exclusive to Bde. left boundary inclusive.  
(d) Battalions will be formed up at 2 p.m. on jumping off line (BLUE dotted line in sketch). *6th & 7th Bdes will be formed up in rear*
6. ZERO hour will be 2 p.m.
7. Artillery programme - see attached artillery order.
8. (a) The 4th wave in each battalion will be responsible for the mopping up of the areas within the battalion boundaries.  
(b) *Success Signal ??? (d)*
9. Consolidation: A Battalion establishment for tools will be distributed amongst the first 3 waves for consolidation purposes. Tools will be worn and not carried.  
(b) Working parties: Immediately after consolidation of positions, the senior officer on each battalion front will organise a working party of 100 strong (50 picks and 50 shovels) to be available under engineer arrangements for construction of C.T's. to strong points in 2nd objective.  
(c) Demolition: The 5th Field Coy. Engineers is providing Engineer parties to assist moppers up in destroying enemy concrete dugouts as follows :-

20th Bn.	2 parties
19th Bn	1 "
18th Bn	1 "
17th Bn	2 "



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10. Machine Guns: The 5th A.M.G. Coy. are working under Divisional arrangements for barrage fire.
11. 5th A.L.T.M. Bty. One subsection - pack saddle - will advance along road N.32.d. and T.2.b. to keep in line with 4th wave and be prepared to come into action on right flank under orders of right battalion commander.  
One subsection - pack saddle - will advance along road in N.32.d. and N.33.c. in line with 4th wave of left battalion and will be under the orders of the left battalion commander.  
The remainder of battery in limbers will be at Bde.H.Q.
12. Carrying parties: One officer and 25 o.r. from each battalion will report to Brigade Dumps Officer (2/Lieut LITTLE) at forward Brigade Dump at Cross roads in N.32.d.2.8. at 1 p.m.
13. Dress: Battle order - gas helmets at the alert.
14. Position of advanced dressing station will be communicated later.
15. Watches will be synchronised with Bde. H.Q. at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.
16. Liaison Officers: Lieut. X of 20th Bn will report to Brigade on right as Liaison Officer.  
Lieut Y of 17th Bn will report to Bde on left.  
Major SADLER, 18th Bn. will be Liaison Officer between 5th and 6th Brigades.
17. Communications - Reports by <sup>cyclists</sup>~~bicycles~~ and mounted orderlies to Bde. H.Q.
18. Brigade H.Q. will be at N.31.b.5.8.
19. A C K N O W L E D G E.

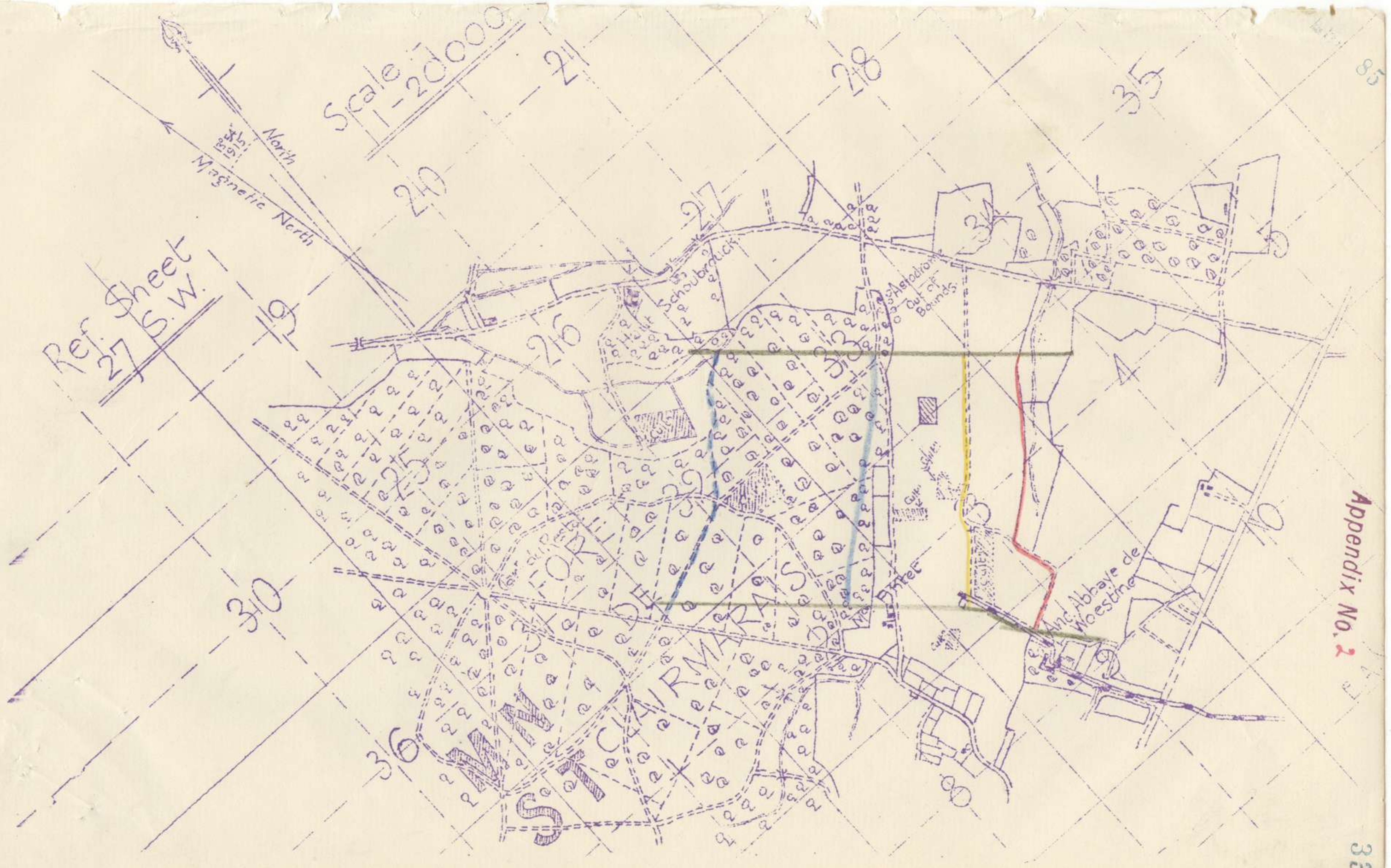
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7	18th Bn	16	Bde. Bomb Officer
8	19th Bn	17/18	X and Y Bdes.
9	20th Bn		
10	5th A.M.G. Coy.		
11	5th A.L.T.M. Bty.		





Appendix No. 2



## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

OPERATION MEMO No. 6

Reference - Sheet 27 S.W. - 1/20,000

1. A facsimile of trenches and strong points opposite the sector which this Brigade will occupy, is being prepared by the Engineers at the N.W. corner of the CALIRMARAI Forest, M.29.a. and b.

2. All Officers in the Brigade with the exception of those forming the reconnoitring party to visit the front line, will meet the Brigade Major at 17th Battalion Headquarters, M.28.b.9.1. at 9.45 a.m. on 10th instant, when an Engineer Officer will shew them over the ground.

10 Signalling flags and 10 rough wooden notice boards with black paint or its equivalent for lettering the boards, will be brought by each battalion. Notice boards are to measure 1 foot by 6 inches, with a 2 foot stem.

*These notice boards will be brought at 9.45 a.m.*

3. All parades for the morning of the 10th instant are cancelled.

4. Battalions will hold themselves in readiness at the following positions at 2.30 p.m. on 10th instant -

17th Battalion along road running from M.28.b.8.9. -  
M.28.b.9.1.

18th Battalion on road running from M.28.a.2.3. -  
M.28.b.9.1.

19th Battalion on road running from ~~M.~~ M.29.a.1.0. -  
M.29.c.6.0.

20th Battalion on road running from M.28.b.9.1. -  
M.29.b.3.0.

5. Cookers will accompany units. Tea will be eaten on the ground.

6. Platoon commanders will be prepared to conduct their platoons over the ground and explain it to them.

*W. H. Cullen*

Captain,

Actg/Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Bde. H.Q.,  
9-9-17.

## Distribution -

17th Battalion  
18th Battalion  
19th Battalion  
20th Battalion  
5th A.M.G. Coy.  
5th A.L.T.M. Bty.  
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SECRET.FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Operation Memo No. 7.10:9:17.Reference Sheet 57c. 1/20,000.

1. The Brigade will attack the facsimile German trenches in M.29 a. and b. to-morrow 11th inst at zero hour.
2. Zero 5 a.m.
3. Battalions will be in position at 4.45 a.m.  
20th Battalion on present front line marked on the ground.  
18th Battalion on fringe of wood.  
19th Battalion (right) 17th Battalion (left), 50 yards in rear of 18th Battalion.
4. The two leading Battalions will move off at zero. 17th and 19th Bn-s. at zero plus 30.
5. The Formations to be adopted are those agreed on at the Battalion C.O's. Conference held on 9th inst.
6. Major L.G. Fussell M.C. will be O.C. Barrage.  
Battalion Signallers with flags will report to him at 17th Bn. Hdqrs. (M 28.b.9.1.) at 4.30 a.m. 11th inst for instructions.  
Barrage on red line of 3/4-hour will be represented by 5 minutes wait. Barrage on blue line of two hours will be represented by 15 minutes wait.
7. Special instructions will be given to mopping-up parties detailed to deal with blockhouses etc.
8. O.C. 5th M.G. Coy. will select positions for Barrage fire to cover the advance in co-operation with the artillery programme.  
Two guns will be allotted to each Battalion.
9. Battalion C.O's. and Coy. Commanders, O.C. M.G. Coy., O.C. 5th L.T.M. Bty. will remain behind after the attack for a conference.
10. Reports to Brigade Headquarters at the 17th Bn. Hdqrs. (M.28.b.9.1.)
11. Acknowledge.

*William Calhoun*  
Captain.  
Acting Brigade Major, 5th A.I. Bde.

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| 3. 19th Bn.     | 9. do. do.         |
| 4. 20th Bn.     | 10. Major Fussell. |
| 5. 5th M.G. Co. | 11. Spare          |
| 6. L.T.M. Bty.  | 12. spare.         |



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5th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 108.

Brigade Headquarters,  
 11th September, 1917.

Reference: Map Sheets, HAZEBROUCK 5A

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27 S.W. 1/20,000.

1. The 2nd Aust. Division (less Artillery and units already in 1st Anzac Corps Area) is moving by march route to-morrow 12th instant --

Div. H.Q.	to	RENINGHELST.
5th A.I.Bde.	to	STEENVOORDE West Area.
6th A.I.Bde.	to	do. East Area.
7th A.I.Bde.	to	do. Central Area.

2. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will move in accordance with attached March Table.

3. 1st Line Transport will accompany units, cooks will follow in rear of companies.

4. Following distances will be maintained :-

200 yards	between	battalions,
100 "	"	companies,
100 "	"	" and transport.

5. Dress - Marching order. Felt hats will be worn instead of steel helmets, which will be carried on the packs.

6. Details for Reinforcement Camp at CAESTRE will march with units to LE NIEPPE, where they will rendezvous and march in one body in rear of Brigade column under Captain PAINE, 18th Battalion, who will report to Reinforcement Camp on arrival at CAESTRE.

7. Administrative instructions are being issued separately.

8. Reports to head of Brigade column.

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

Issued at 5.30 p.m.

*W. P. MacCallum.*

Captain,  
 Actg. Brigade-Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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4	Bde. Bomb Offr.	14	6th A.I.Bde.
5	Bde. Tport Offr.	15	7th A.I.Bde.
6	17th Bn	16	2nd Aust. Div.
7	18th Bn.	17	Area Commdt. STEENVOORDE Area.
8	19th Bn.	18	2nd Aust. Div. Mob. Vet. Sec.
9	20th Bn.	19/21	War Diary.
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MARCH TABLE to accompany 5th A.I.Bde. Order No. 108

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Units in order of march	Starting Point.	Time of passing.	R O U T E	Remarks.
17th Battalion	Road Junction N.26.a.6.6.	8.30 a.m.	Le NIEPPE-Cross Roads T.11.d.7.6.- STAPLE-HONDEGHEM-St. SYLVESTRE CAPPEL.	
Bde. H.Q. & Sig.Section	Bridge over Canal de NEUF FOSSE, S.15.d.2.9.	8 a.m.	FORT ROUGE - Le NIEPPE - Cross Roads T.11.d.7.6.-STAPLE-HONDEGHEM- St. SYLVESTRE CAPPEL.	
5th Aust M.G.Company	do.	8.5 a.m.	do.	
18th Battalion	do.	8.20 a.m.	do.	
19th Battalion	Road Junction S.16.c.5.9.	8.42 a.m.	do.	
20th Battalion	do.	9.7 a.m.	do.	
5th A.L.T.M.Battery	do.	9.22 a.m.	do.	
5th Aust. Field Ambce.	do.	9.27 a.m.	do.	
2nd Aust.Div.Mob.Vet.Sec.	do.	9.32 a.m.	do.	
Details for Reinft. camp, CAESTRE.	Cross Roads, LE NIEPPE		STAPLE - HONDEGHEM - CAESTRE	To march in rear of Bde. Column as far as HONDEGHEM, thence direct to CAESTRE.

Units will halt for 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour,  
and halt for midday meal from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m.

Appendix No. 5



SECRET.

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
11th September 1917.

Administrative Memorandum No. 18

1. Supplies: Rations for 13th inst (except for men for reinforcement camp) will be carried by supply wagons which will report to units on arrival in STEENVOORDE area. Men proceeding to reinforcement camp will carry unexpended portion of day's rations and 24 hours rations.

2. Transport: Transport will move with units. Cookers will be in rear of companies.

Baggage wagons will report to units at 6 p.m. 11th inst.

1 Motor Lorry will report to Bde. H.Q. at 6.45 am 12th inst.

2 Motor lorries per battalion will report to Bn. H.Q. at 6.45 a.m. 12th inst.

These lorries will carry blankets and iron rations. Lorries for 20th Bn. will also take blankets and iron rations for 5th A.L.T.M. Battery; those for 19th Bn. blankets and iron rations of 5th Aust. Field Ambce; those for 18th Bn. blankets and iron rations for 5th Aust.M.G. Company.

O's. C. 5th A.L.T.M. Bty, 5th Aust. Field Ambce. and 5th Aust.M.G. Company will each detail a guide to report to these respective battalions at 7 a.m. to guide the lorries.

Lorries will proceed to STEENVOORDE via CAESTRE.

Blankets and iron rations of men proceeding to CAESTRE will be kept together on lorries and on reaching CAESTRE they will be unloaded and left with a guard. Blankets of men proceeding to forward area will be dumped in STEENVOORDE. Lorries will then take iron rations to Bde. H.Q. in forward area, at G.23.b.central. where they will be dumped under a guard. These guards will travel on the lorries.

3. Medical Arrangements:

O.C. 5th Aust. Field Ambce. will detail ambulance wagons to follow in rear of Brigade Group. No N.C.O. or man will be allowed to travel on transport or ambulance wagon unless in possession of an order signed by his M.O.

4. Billeting parties of 1 Officer and 4 other ranks per Bn, and 1 Officer and 1 other rank per other unit will report on bicycles to Assistant Staff Captain at Brigade H.Q. at 6 a.m. on 12th instant, except the party from the 17th Battalion which will report at RENESCURE CHURCH at 6.30 a.m.

5. Rear Parties:

Battalions will detail a rear party of 1 Officer and 25 other ranks, other units 1 Officer and 10 other ranks, to see that billets and tents are left clean and in good condition, obtaining certificates to that effect in duplicate from the Area Commandant or his representative. Copy will be sent to Bde. H.Q. by 6 p.m. on 12th instant.

6. Bands will form part of the personnel to proceed to Reinforcement Camp.

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

*Ch. C. C. C.*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distribution as for Order 108.



FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
-----S E C R E TBrigade Headquarters,  
11th September 1917.CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No. 5.Subject:- ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE

1. Bombing raids or other attacks by hostile aircraft will be reported to Brigade Headquarters by Battalions.

2. The reports should contain the following information :-

- (i) The time at which the attack took place.
- (ii) The locality.
- (iii) The approximate number of bombs
- (iv) The number of machines
- (v) The damage done.

3. The following notes regarding measures taken for A.A. defence are forwarded for information :-

- (i) The whole A.A. scheme in 2nd Army area is drawn up by 2nd Army G.S. with command delegated to O.C. A.A. Group, second army.
- (ii) (a) The army A.A. scheme provides . . . observers by day and by night on the entire army front, with communications extending to the rear, through which all A.A. guns and the R.F.C. are warned when E.A. cross the line.
- (b) By day, the reports of these observers include all E.A. machines seen working behind the German line.

- (iii) A.A. guns have a range of 6,000 yards at 10,000 feet, and will engage all E.A. above 2,000 feet, but will not engage machines flying under that height.

4. Vickers and Lewis Guns can engage E.A. up to a height of 3,000 feet, and it is the duty of all commanders to provide a scheme of A.A. defence by machine gun fire for their troops at all times wherever situated.

*W. P. Mac Callum*  
Captain,

Distribution :-

Actg/Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

17th Battalion  
18th Battalion  
19th Battalion  
20th Battalion  
5th A.M.G. Coy.  
5th A.L.T.M. Bty.  
War Diary (3)  
File.



5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 109

S E C R E T

Copy No. 19

Brigade Headquarters,  
12th September 1917.

Reference: Sheet HAZEBROUCK 5A - 1/100,000  
Sheet 27 - 1/40,000  
Sheet 28 - 1/40,000

1. The 2nd Aust. Division (less artillery and units already in 1st Anzac Corps area) is moving by march route tomorrow 13th inst.

5th Aust. Inf. Bde. to CANAL and PIONEER Area  
6th do DOMINION Area  
7th do HALIFAX Area

2. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will move in accordance with attached march table.

3. The following distances will be maintained :-

100 yards between battalions  
50 yards between Companies  
50 yards between Companies and Transport

4. Dress - Fighting Order. Steel helmets will be worn. Great-coats will be rolled in waterproof sheets and fastened on the belt above the entrenching tool.

5. Admin. Instructions are being issued separately.

6. Brigade Headquarters will close at STREUNVOORDE at 2.30 a.m. and reopen on arrival in new area.

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

*W. P. L. on C. C. L.*

Issued through SIGNALS  
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Actg/Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Captain,

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5.	Bde. Tport Off.	15	7th A.I.Bde.
6	17th Bn	16	2nd Aust. Div.
7	18th Bn	17	Area Comm. CANAL & PIONEER Area
8	19th Bn	18	2nd A. Mob. Vet. Sec.
9	20th Bn	19/21	War Diary
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# MARCH TABLE

To accompany 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 109

Units in order of March	Place Starting Point	Time	ROUTE
Ede. H.Q. & Sig. Section	Cross Roads Q.1.b.5.8.	6.30 a.m.	ABEELE - RENEGHELST - OUDERDOM - DICKEBUSH
20th Bn	Road Junction K.21.d.2.9.	6.25 a.m.	do
18th Bn	Road Junction J.36.c.7.4.	6.25 a.m.	do
19th Bn	do	6.35 a.m.	do
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	do	6.45 a.m.	do
5th A.M.G.Coy.	Cross Roads J.30.a.9.7.	6.40 a.m.	do
17th Bn	Road Junction J.29.a.3.6.	6.35 a.m.	do
5th Field Amb.	Road Junction K.31.c.6.2.	7.20 a.m.	do

Head of Brigade Column will be at Brigade Starting Point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of STEENVOORDE on main STEENVOORDE - ABEELE Road 7.30 a.m. 13th instant, when whole Brigade will halt for one hour for breakfast. Column will halt at 11.50 a.m. for midday meal and resume the march at 1.30 p.m. Halts calculated at 10 minutes to the hour.

Appendix No. 8



## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRETADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 19

(To accompany Brigade Order No. 109)

1. Supplies. - for consumption of 14th instant will be dumped Sheet 27 - J.36. central on 12th instant, and these will be loaded into train supply wagons and held in train company lines overnight. On 13th instant supply wagons will move full and report to units on arrival in forward area.
2. Transport - Transport will move with units.  
Cookers will be in rear of companies.  
On completion of ~~Baggage wagons~~ <sup>will move with units.</sup> they will report to 15th A.A.S.C.
3. Medical arrangements - O.C. 5th Field Ambulance will detail ambulance to follow in rear of Brigade Group. No N.C.O. or man will be allowed to travel in transport or ambulance unless in possession of an order signed by his M.O.
4. Billets - Billets will be left clean and in good condition. A certificate to this effect will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. by 6 p.m. on 13th instant.
5. Billeting Parties - Parties same as detailed in Admin. Memo. 18 will report to Staff Captain at Chateau Belge (Sheet 28A.23.b.2.6.) at 9 a.m. 13th instant.
6. Blankets and Spare Kit - Will be ~~dumped~~ <sup>stacked</sup> at Battalion and unit headquarters by 7 a.m. 13th instant.  
Lorries will call at Battalion and unit H.Q. for these blankets and kits and take them to store at No. 39 Rue de BERGUES.  
17th Battalion will detail one N.C.O. and 18th, 19th and 20th Bns and 5th A.M.G. Coy. 1 man each as a permanent guard over above store. This guard will have unexpended portion of days ration and 24 hours ration. From 15th instant it will be rationed by the Town Major.  
17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Battalions will each detail 5 men and 5th A.M.G. Coy, 5th Field Amb. and 5th A.M.T.M. Bty. will each detail one man who will remain behind to assist in loading and storing kits and blankets.  
These men will be sent back to their units later in the day by lorry.

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

Captain,

Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distribution -

as for Brigade Order No. 109.



SECRET.

Copy No. 19

## 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 110

Brigade Headquarters,  
15/9/17.Reference Sheets 28 NW & NE 1/20,000  
Sheet HOOGE 1/10,000

1. The 2nd Aust. Division (less Artillery) is relieving the 47th Division in the left sector of the line now held by that Division between 16th and 18th September. The 141st Inf. Bde. is now holding that sector.
2. From 8.0 a.m. on 16th Sept. the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be Reserve Brigade under the command of the G.O.C. 47th Division.
3. The boundaries of the sector to be taken over are as follows :-  
On the south (between 2nd and 1st Divisions)  
J.8.c.5.5. - J.7.d.9.2. - North of HOOGE crater to I.17.c.1.8. - north of HALFWAY HOUSE - I.16.d.30.25. - south side of WARRINGTON ROAD to I.20.b.0.9. to SHRAPNEL CORNER - along north side of road through I.19.d.3.3. to I.19.c.6.0. - I.19.c.0.0. - I.19.a.0.0. thence along co-ordinate lines to H.23.a.0.0. - H.23.c.0.0. - H.21.c.0.0. - H.21.a.0.0. - along north side of road to H.26.a.00.85.  
On the north (between 2nd Aust. Div. and 9th Division)  
J.3.a.20.75. - J.2.c.0.4. - Cross Roads J.1.d.65.15. along road to J.7.b.0.7. - I.12.a.0.0.
4. (a) The 19th Battalion is placed at the disposal of the G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. and will move under his instructions.  
(b) The 5th Aust. M.G. Company will detail one section to provide the mobile guns for the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. whilst the 6th Aust. M.G. Company is employed on Barrage and S.O.S. duty.  
(c) Instructions are being issued by the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. regarding its move and consequent on the relief, moves of the 19th Battalion will take place as in attached table.
5. The G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. is taking over command of all troops in the Divisional area in and forward of YPRES as soon as the relief of the front and support line troops on WESTHOEK RIDGE is completed.
6. During movement the following distances will be maintained -  
500 yards between Bns. and other units.  
200 yards between transport of units, horsed units and other troops.  
100 yards between Coys.
7. Administrative instructions will be issued separately.
8. The G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Division is taking over the command of the Divisional Area from G.O.C. 47th Division at 10 a.m. on 18th September.
9. A C K N O W L E D G E.  
Issued through Sigs. at 2.30 pm  
Distribution overleaf.

W. P. W. Allen.

Captain,

Actg. Bde-Major, 5th A.I. Bde.



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	7	Bde. Tport. Officer
	8	17th Bn
	9	18th Bn
	10	20th Bn
	11	5th A.L.T.M. Bty.
	12	5th Aust. Field Amb.
	13	15th A.A.S.C.
	14	6th A.I. Bde.
	15	7th A.I. Bde.
	16	2nd Aust. Div.
	17	Area. Comm'dt. CANAL & PIONEER Area.
	18/20	War Diary
	21	File
	22/23	Spare. (22 - 191st Inf Bde

Movement Table - to accompany 5th A.I. Bde.  
Order No. 110 of 15/2/17.

Date	Unit	From	To	Route	Remarks
17th Sep	$\frac{1}{2}$ 19th Bn.	CANAL & PIONEER Area	YPRES ESPLANADE SAPS.	Shortest Route	Move under orders of G.O.C. 6th A.I. Bde. Not to arrive before 2 p.m.
17/18th Sep	$\frac{1}{2}$ 19th Bn.	CANAL & PIONEER Area.	BELLEWARDE RIDGE	March	Move under orders of G.O.C. 6th A.I. Bde. Relief to be completed by 6 a.m.

1 section of 5th Aust. M.G. Coy. to move according to orders of G.O.C. 6th A.I. Bde.



5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 111

S E C R E T

No. 11

Brigade Headquarters,  
17th September 1917.

Reference Sheets -

28 NW and NE, 1/20,000

1. The 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve the 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade in the left sector of the line during the night 18th/19th September.

2. The relief will be carried out in accordance with attached table and is to be completed by 6 a.m. on 19th Sept.

3. The right boundary of the sector to be taken over is J.8.b.0.8. - J.8.a.00.25. - I.12.c.3.5.

4. Subject to the terms of the order, the relief will be carried out under arrangements made direct by C.O's. concerned.

5. The G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will assume command of the left sector on completion of the relief.

6. During movement the following distances will be maintained -

- 500 yards between Battalions and other units
- 200 yards between transport of units, horsed units and other troops.
- 100 yards between Companies
- 100 yards between platoons. (east of YPRES)

7. The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. are arranging for guides to meet 19th Bn parties.

8. Duplicates of receipts given for defence schemes, aeroplane photographs, documents etc., and trench stores taken over will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. on the day following the relief.

9. The 6th A.I.Bde. is arranging to relieve by 12 noon on 18th instant, the following Lewis Guns and crews supplied by 19th Bn -

- 1 BIRR CROSS ROADS
- 1 HALF WAY HOUSE - I.17.c.
- 1 I.18.c.7.4. - Edge of ZOUAVE WOOD
- 1 IGNORANCE TRENCH - I.18.b.2.4.

10. Completion of relief will be reported to Bde. H.Q. by telegram in code.

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11. A Brigade Headquarters will be established at J.1.d.65.10. at 6.30 a.m. on 19th instant.

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

*William Allan*

Captain,

Actg/Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued through Signals  
at 8.30 p.m.

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# M A R C H                      T A B L E

Relief Table to accompany 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order 111

Date	Unit	From	To	Route	Remarks
18/19th Sept.	19th Bn (less 2 Coys)	BELLEWARDE Ridge - left Sector	LINE	Most direct	Relief to be complete by 6 a.m.
do	2 Coys 19th Bn	ESPLANADE SAP	BELLEWARDE RIDGE left sector	Most direct	do
do	20th Bn	KRUISSTRAAT CANAL & PIONEER Area	ESPLANADE SAP	Most direct	Not to arrive before 7 p.m.

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8	18th Bn	
9	19th Bn	
10	20th Bn	
11	5th A.M.G. Coy.	
12	5th A.L.T.M. Bty	
13	2nd Aust. Div.	
14	15th A.A.S.C.	
15	6th A.I. Bde.	
16	7th A.I. Bde.	
17	Commdt. Canal	Area
18	Bde. T'port Officer	
19	Bde. Bomb Officer	
20	5th Field Ambulance	
21/24	Spare.	
21	COMMND. PIONEER AREA	



## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ORDER No. 112

Brigade Headquarters,  
12th September, 1917.Reference - Sheet 23 NE & SE 1/20,000  
HOOGE & WESTHOEK, 1/10,000

1. In conjunction with the Divisions to the north and south the 2nd Australian Division is attacking the enemy on

*date to be notified later.*

The attack will be carried out by the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the right and the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the left.

The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be in Divisional Reserve.

The 27th Infantry Brigade (9th Division) is attacking on the left of the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

## 2. Objectives:

There will be 3 stages in the operation, each stage forming one objective. These stages are shown on the attached map :-

The first stage on objective in RED	
The second " " " BLUE	
The third " " " GREEN	

The objectives of flank brigades are also shown.

(a) The RED objective runs through point J.8.b.8.7. along the eastern edge of HANEKE Wood to point J.2.b.20.15.

(b) The BLUE objective includes the capture of IRON CROSS REDOUBT and runs on line eastwards of IRON CROSS REDOUBT to points J.3.c.5.5. and J.3.c.40.85. - East side of ANZAC - point J.3.a.10.75.

(c) The GREEN objective is on the line J.3.d.0.6. - J.3.a.75.20. - J.3.a.5.5. - J.3.a.2.8.

Troops will consolidate on the GREEN line under cover of the barrage. Subsequently the barrage will be moved forward, when outposts will be established.

## 3. Enemy's Defensive System:

The enemy's defences embraced in the above objectives consist chiefly of detached shell holes positions, concrete positions, old gun pit positions, and defended buildings.

The western edge of HANEKE WOOD and the old trenches at IRON CROSS REDOUBT, and the trenches about J.2.b.8.4. may be expected to be held. Counter attacks must be expected to come during the day from the east through the wood in J.3.d. and along the north edge of the POLYGOONVELD.

During the night or a fog, counter-attacks may be expected anywhere along the Brigade front.

## 4. Action:

(a) The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will attack on a 1-Battalion frontage, with 4 companies represented in the front line, extended in depth.

(b) The 1st objective will be attacked and captured by the 20th Battalion.

The 2nd objective will be attacked and captured by the 18th Battalion.

The 3rd objective will be attacked and captured by the 17th Battalion.



(b) continued.

The 19th Battalion will take over the front line on night of 18th/19th September (orders have been issued separately) and will hold the 2 companies in support on BELLEWARDE RIDGE formed up and in readiness to move forward in artillery formation (section column) to any part of the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. front at some minutes' notice.

The 2 Coys. 19th Battalion garrisoning WESTHOEK RIDGE will also be prepared to move at short notice.

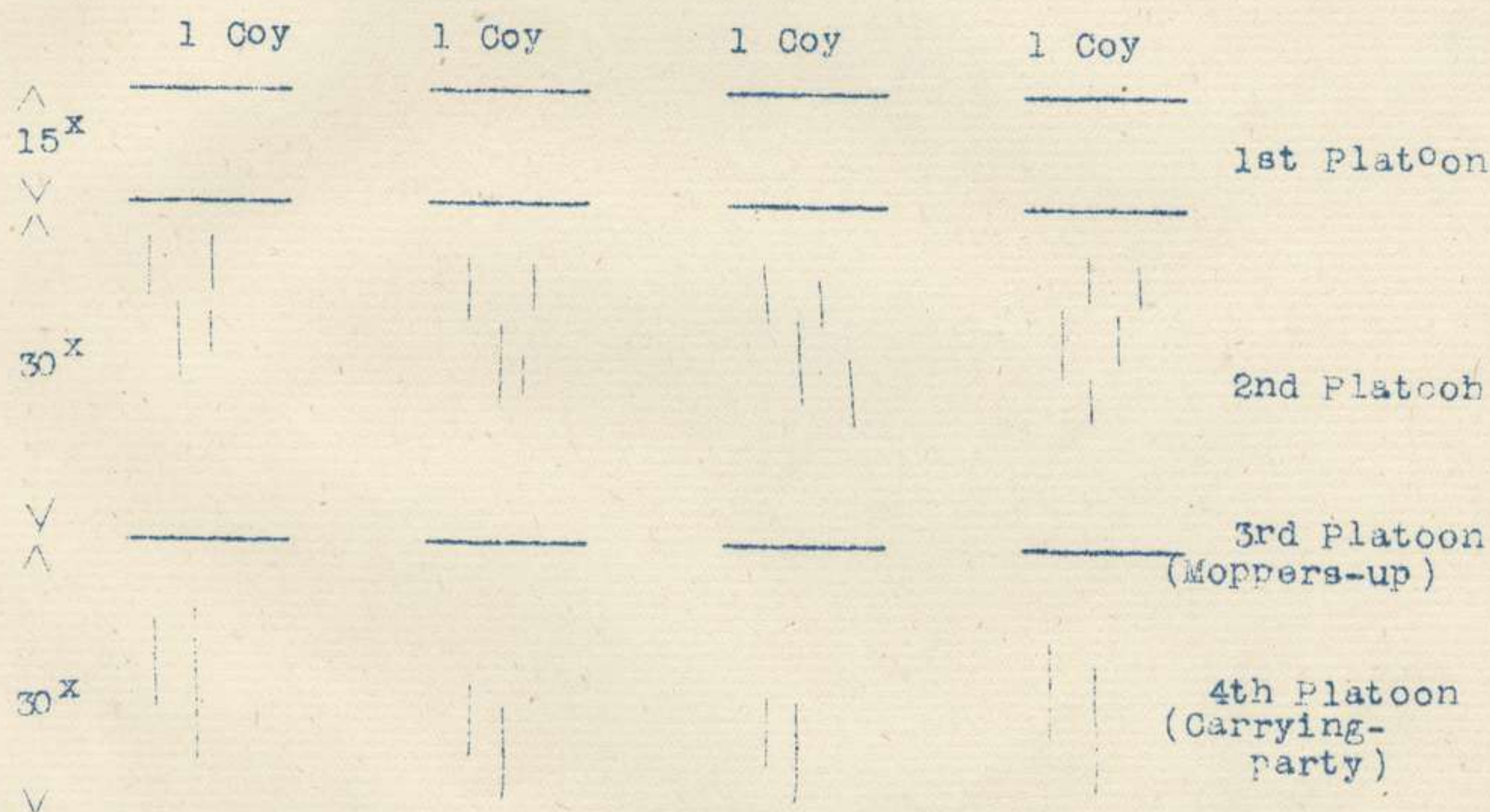
The attack by the 17th, 18th and 20th Battalions will be made in leap-frog fashion.

(c) Boundaries:

The boundaries are shown in attached Map (Appendix "A")

(d) System of Attack:

The 20th and 18th Battalions will be drawn up on forward slopes east of WESTHOEK RIDGE, the 17th Battalion west of BELLEWARDE RIDGE, in the following formation :-



Distances between waves will lengthen out to 70 yards as soon as barrage permits.

(e) Jumping-off Line:

The front jumping-off line of each of 20th and 18th Battalions will be taped out. In addition, to provide for direction forward, tapes will be laid dividing up the forming-up area into company sectors and will be produced for 50 yards ~~between~~ beyond the front jumping-off line.

The front jumping-off line will be on the line J.8.a.45.45. to J.2.c.00.35. (approx)

(f) Routes to places of Assembly:

Battalions will assemble by Companies on the west slope of BELLEWARDE RIDGE, moving in accordance with a March Table which will be supplied later.

In the case of the 20th and 18th Battalions, as each company assembles on BELLEWARDE RIDGE it will be sent forward to the jumping-off line by Major L.G.FUSSELL, MC, 17th Bn.

20th Battalion will dribble up small parties on the day before the attack, and assemble on BELLEWARDE RIDGE.

18th Battalion will move along MENIN ROAD to BIRR X ROADS, and thence to BELLEWARDE RIDGE.

17th Battalion will move in rear of 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. along 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. route to MENIN ROAD, thence to BELLEWARDE RIDGE. Times later.



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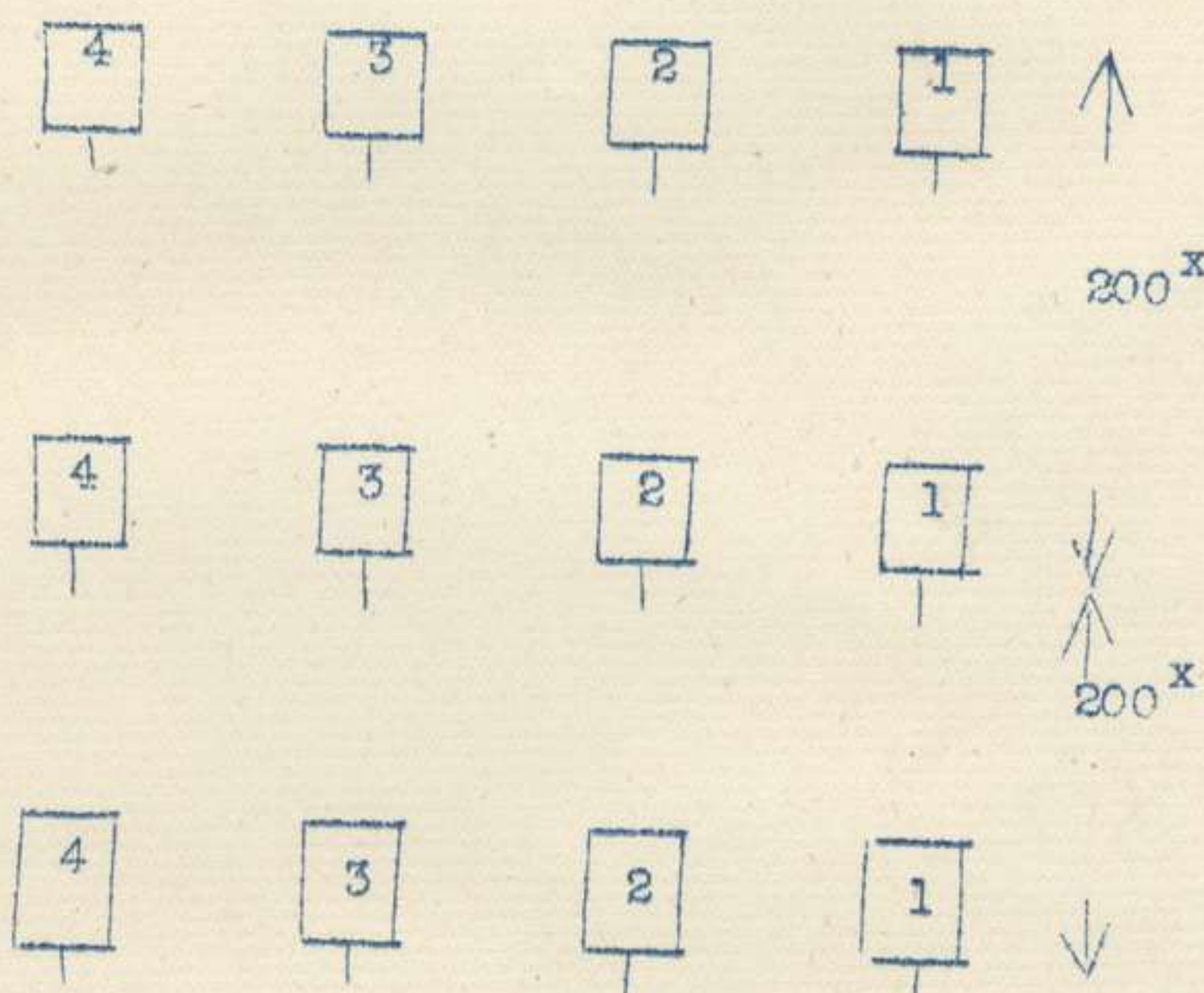
(g) Special Marks:

Troops allotted for the attack on the RED objective will wear a red diamond on the back of the steel helmet. Those for the BLUE objective a blue diamond, and those for the GREEN objective, a green diamond.

(h) Marking Routes and Places of Assembly:

These routes will be reconnoitred and marked by notice boards at every point where men might go wrong. At assembly places and jumping-off lines, notice boards will also be erected <sup>on the night</sup> previous to the attack, showing where the right of Companies will rest.

On the rear slope of WESTHOEK RIDGE, 3 lines of white boards marking the right of company boundaries will be put in on the day previous to the attack, at distances of 200 yards between lines, thus :-



In addition, at night the right set of posts will be marked by GREEN lamps, indicating the right boundary of the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

The left boundary of the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be marked by a RED Lamp, which will be observed as soon as BELLEWARDE RIDGE is passed, and which will be in position at Brigade Headquarters, J.I.d.65410.

17th, 18th and 20th Battalions will draw from Brigade H.Q. on afternoon of 18th instant 2 boards each, marked "TO BRIGADE H.Q.", "TO R.A.P.", "TO BDE. DUMP".

They will be responsible for placing them along the WESTHOEK - ZONNEBEKE Road in their sector.

(i) Time to be in position:

All assaulting troops are to be in position on their jumping-off line 1 hour before zero.

(j) Bayonets:

Bayonets will not be fixed until the barrage opens, to prevent them shining in the starlight, or the noise of fixing being heard.

To prevent mud clogging the handles, paper will be wrapped round them, and tied with string near the ring. No string is to be near the slot or spring.

(k) Direction:

Special arrangements will be made in each Company to ensure correct direction. The magnetic bearing will be taken for each company, and special officers will be detailed to check direction. The night previous to the attack, direction officers will visit WESTHOEK RIDGE for the purpose of picking up landmarks, stars, etc., which will assist in the advance.



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(1) Principles to bear in Mind:

The troops are to be reminded -

- (1) to keep as close as they can to the artillery barrage.
- (2) to rush each post occupied by the enemy, immediately it is discovered, and envelop it.
- (3) to keep their rifles clean, and fire on every favorable target.
- (4) always to be prepared for counter attacks.
- (5) enemy aeroplanes will probably endeavour to harass the front line, which they are consolidating.

The front line will continue to consolidate, and the hostile planes will be engaged by every possible rifle and Machine gun in the support line.

(m) Moppers-up:

Each battalion sector will be divided up into 4 company sectors. Company mopping-up parties will clear these areas thoroughly. Special parties will be told off to deal with known enemy positions.

After mopping up, the mopping up parties will become supports to their companies.

(n) Touch between Brigades:

Between the 7th and the 5th Aust. Inf. Bdes. special parties will be detailed on the RED line by 20th Battalion to establish connection at J.8.b.4.9. (bend in the road); on the BLUE line by the 18th Battalion, road east of IRON CROSS REDOUBT at point J.3.c.4.4.; on the GREEN line by 17th Battalion at point J.3.c.85.55. north end of JACOBUS TRENCH.

Between the 27th Inf. Bde. and 5th Aust. Inf. Bde - The 27th Inf. Bde. anticipate possible trouble in passing through HANEBEKE WOOD. They will probably use smoke. All ranks must understand that this is not to be mistaken for the smoke barrage put down by our artillery. (see para 6). The 20th Battalion must be prepared, if the 27th Inf. Bde. is held up, and they can cross through the wood or south east of it, to contain the wood and engage the enemy from the rear. The 27th Inf. Bde. may find it necessary to come into our area, to pass through the wood. Similarly some of the 20th Battalion may find it necessary to go into the area of the 27th Inf. Bde. to get through the wood.

Special instructions will be issued by the C.O. 20th Battalion to ensure that connection is made with the 27th Inf. Bde. on the RED line.

On the BLUE line, when ANZAC has been captured, the 18th Battalion must be prepared to assist in the capture of ZONNEBEKE REDOUBT, if such steps are necessary.

(o) Machine Guns:

The O.C. 5th Aust. M.G. Company will detail 1 Section to accompany each attacking Battalion. The remainder will be held in reserve on WESTHOEK RIDGE in the vicinity of Brigade H.Q. Their positions will be reported to Brigade H.Q. Special distribution is as follows :-

RED LINE

2 Guns in the vicinity of J.2.d.4.2. to cover the reentrant to the east in J.2.d., J.3.c. and 2 guns on the left flank to cover the approaches to ZONNEBEKE REDOUBT from the east and southeast.

BLUE LINE

2 Guns in the vicinity of house J.3.c.5.5., sweeping approaches from POLYGON WOOD and 2 guns in the vicinity of ANZAC sweeping the valley to the north in D.26.b., and D.27.c., and approaches from ZONNEBEKE.

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GREEN LINE

2 Guns in vicinity of J.3.a.75.15. sweeping east and south east along valley in J.3.b. and approaches from POLYGON WOOD, and 2 guns at J.3.a.5.5. covering valley from J.4.a. to D.26.central.

Carrying parties of 8 men to each 2 guns will be furnished by the battalions to which they are attached.

(p) Stokes Mortars:

2 Mortars will be attached to each battalion. They will move in rear of the outer company ready to come into action. The remaining mortars will remain in reserve. When the final objective is reached STOKES mortars will be emplaced to command the enemy position in the vicinity of J.3.d.3.8.

Carrying parties of 8 men to each mortar will be furnished by the battalions to which they are attached.

(q) Strong Points:

In addition to the general consolidation of their respective lines, battalions will detail garrisons for, and establish strong points at approximately the following positions :-

20th Bn. at the buildings in the vicinity of J.2.d.4.2.

18th Bn. - houses at J.3.c.5.5., J.3.c.45.85. and ANZAC.

17th Bn. - in the vicinity of J.3.a.75.15. and J.3.a.5.5.

Vickers Machine guns have been allotted to all these positions, except J.3.c.45.85.

(r) Divisional Strong Points:

The C.R.E. is preparing plans and detailing engineering parties as under for the following strong points, which are in addition to any others mentioned in sub-para (q).

The positions given are approximate and the work must be sited to use the ground to the best advantage.

The works must be mutually supporting and also be capable of defence from attack on their front.

A short field of fire to the front will suffice, provided the facilities for flanking fire are good.

Position	Garrison	To be furnished by	Engineering Party
J.3.c.20.55.	1 Platoon	19th Bn. from one of the 2 Coys. to be held in readiness.	6 o.r.
J.2.b.95.35.	1 Platoon	-do-	6 o.r.

(s) Engineering:

The C.R.E. is reconnoitring and preparing plans for the construction of a communication trench forward from WESTHOEK RIDGE in the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. area, along line of WESTHOEK - ZONNEBEKE road.

Twenty light portable bridges (5 for each Coy. front) suitable for throwing across the HANNEBEKE stream, are being prepared. These will be in position on jumping-off line for the 20th Battalion to pick up as they go forward.

(t) Thinning Out:

After consolidation of the GREEN line by 17th Bn., the 20th Battalion will be prepared to be withdrawn, their place being taken by part of the 18th Battalion, which will then garrison the RED and BLUE lines.



(u) Move of Bn. Hdqrs:  
Battalion H.Q. at the commencement of the operation will be on WESTHOEK RIDGE.

20th } Bns. Hdqrs. J.7.b.8.8. (approximately).  
19th }

18th } Bns. Hdqrs. J.7.b.7.9. (approximately).  
17th }

As each objective is gained, Battalion C.O's will be prepared to have another H.Q. selected for them, to which they will move forward as soon as possible after the capture of their objectives, notifying Brigade H.Q. of their movement and location of new H.Q.

(v) Carrying Parties:  
Carrying parties will dump their loads in positions indicated to them on their objective and form battalion dumps. They may either be used as supports to their battalion or sent back for further supplies if required.

For loads, see administrative memo.  
Appendix No. 3.

5. Dress:

Battle Order. Waterproof sheets will be carried rolled up on the back. Each man will carry 220 rounds of S.A.A., 3 Rifle Grenades and 4 sandbags. Each mopper-up will carry a tool in addition in the proportion of 3 shovels to one pick.

6. Artillery Barrage:

The artillery co-operation will include a number of separate artillery barrages by field and heavy artillery. They will be arranged to include -

- (a) A creeping barrage by field artillery, which the infantry will follow closely. Artillery Barrage Map is attached.
- (b) A creeping barrage, beyond the field artillery barrage, by heavy artillery which will not only creep forward but, during the pauses at each objective will jump back and creep forward a second time.
- (c) Certain standing barrages on known hostile concentration points and lines of approach.
- (d) In addition, counter-battery work will be carried out vigorously as long as the enemy's artillery is firing on our infantry.

Regarding (a) -

- (i) The field artillery barrage will be put down 150 yards in front of the infantry jumping-off line at zero. The assaulting battalions for the Red objectives will at once move up close under it.
- (ii) At Zero plus 3 minutes the barrage will commence to creep - the first 200 yards at a rate of 100 yards in four minutes, then at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes up to the protective barrage line 200 yards in front of the Red objective; here it will halt for 45 minutes.

(iii) It will then advance to the protective barrage line in front of the Blue objective at a rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes and will halt on this line for 2 hours.

(iv) Finally it will advance to the protective barrage line 200 yards beyond the Green objective at a rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes.

(v) The protective barrages on the Red, Blue and Green objectives will contain for the first minutes a proportion of smoke to indicate to the troops that the several objectives have been reached.



7. Patrolling:

It is essential that active patrolling be carried out each night before the attack day, to debar the enemy from moving near our advanced posts and to cover reconnaissances of that area in connection with the selection of the best jumping-off lines.

The garrison of advanced posts within 100 yards of the line on which our Artillery barrage will fall, are to be drawn back half an hour before zero to the rear of the formed up troops.

8. Headquarters:

The Advanced Headquarters of Division and Brigades are as follows :-

Advanced H.Q.	2nd.Aust.Div.	-	H.21.d.6.3.
"	"	-	5th.A.I.Bde.
"	"	-	J.1.d.65.10.
"	"	-	7th.A.I.Bde.
"	"	-	J.7.d.9.9.
"	"	-	27th.Bde.
"	"	-	J.1.d.3.6.

9. (a) Communication Signals:

The signalling arrangements are given in appendix I - "Signal Instructions" - attached.

(b) Success Signals:

The following Success Signals will be used on capture of Red objective -

3 Red Flares fired in quick succession.

Blue Objective - 3 White Flares fired in quick succession.

Green " - 3 Green " " " " "

Every second man in the two leading platoons of each battalion will carry one Very Light, colour according to objective.

(c) Contact Patrols:

Contact Patrol Work will be carried out by No.4.Squadron R.F.C. The front line of infantry will mark their position to contact patrols by lighting red ground flares when our patrols fly over them sounding a Klaxon Horn or firing a Very Light. Battalion and Company Commanders should arrange that as far as possible few flares are lit at intervals of about 100 yards along the line of our most advanced troops.

Flares must be collected from casualties, and must be kept as dry as possible. Every second man in the two leading platoons of each company will carry a ground flare.

(d) S.O.S.

The S.O.S. signal to indicate an hostile infantry attack will be sent by telephone if the lines are holding and by rifle grenades, ~~rockets~~ and *pigeons* When our aeroplanes are over it should be sent by signal panel. All Officers and sergeants to be provided with an S.O.S. Signal which will be collected by the Senior Commander on the spot on each company front, ready for use.

10. Medical:

Arrangements for dealing with wounded are issued as Appendix 2, with this Order.

11. Administration:

Administrative arrangements are issued as Appendix 3 with this Order.

12. Prisoner of War and Straggler Posts:

The arrangements for the disposal of prisoners of war and for the establishment of Straggler Posts are given in Appendix 4, (to be issued later). The Div.Intelligence Officer 4th.Aust.Division will be attached to the 5th.A.I.Bde. during the operations. All prisoners of war will first be taken to Advanced Brigade H.Q., where the Intelligence Officer will select those whom he wishes to examine. From Advanced Bde.H.Q. they will be escorted under Battalion arrangements to the Cage at SHRAPNEL CORNER.

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13. Liaison:

Lieut. S.C. CALDERWOOD, M.C., 20th.Bn., is detailed as Liaison Officer to the 7th.A.I.Bde. Capt. M.K. READFORD, 18th.Bn., to 27th.Inf.Bde. Major W.J.R. SCOTT, D.S.O., 20th.Bn. is detailed as Liaison Officer from 2nd.Aust.Division to the 9th.Division. Adjoining Battalions in the attack will send a Liaison Officer to each other when their Headquarters are not together. These Officers will make themselves fully acquainted with all details of the attack, especially of the unit which they represent.

14. ZERO Hour:

The day of the attack and Zero hour will be notified later. Watches will be synchronized with 5th.A.I.Bde. Signal Section at times to be notified later on the day and night previous to the attack.

15. Report Centre:

Reports to Advanced Brigade H.Q. at J.1.d.85.10. On the capture of the Green Line an advanced Bde. Report Centre will be established in the vicinity of J.2.b.95.35.

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

*C. P. MacCallum.*

Captain,  
Actg./Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 10.a.m. on 18/9/17 through Signals.

Distribution:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. G.O.C.                | 18. 6th.A.I.Bde.                     |
| 2. Brigade Major.        | 19. 7th.A.I.Bde.                     |
| 3. Staff Captain         | 20. 27th.Inf. Bde.                   |
| 4. Brigade Sig.Officer.  | 21. Major SCOTT, D.S.O. 20th.Bn.     |
| 5. Brigade I.O.          | 22. Capt.M.K.READFORD, 20th.Bn.      |
| 6. Bde. Bomb Officer     | 23. Lieut.S.C.CALDERWOOD,M.C.,       |
| 7. Bde.Transport Officer | 20th.Bn.                             |
| 8. 17th.Battalion        | 24. Capt.ROYDHOUSE,M.C., 20th.Bn.    |
| 9. 18th.Battalion        | 25. Major A.R. INNES-BROWN 6th.KOSB. |
| 10. 19th.Battalion       | 26. C. R. E.                         |
| 11. 20th.Battalion       | 27. A. D. M. S.                      |
| 12. 5th. A.M.G. Coy.     | 28. File                             |
| 13. 5th. A.L.T.M.Bty.    | 29/31 War Diary.                     |
| 14. 5th. Fld.Coy.A.E.    | 32/36 spare                          |
| 15. 5th. Aust.Fld.Amb.   |                                      |
| 16/17 2nd.Aust. Divh.    |                                      |



SECRET.APPENDIX No. 1 - 5th A.I.Bde. Order No. 112  
-----SIGNAL INSTRUCTIONSZERO DAY.1. Means of Communication:

- (a) Cable.
- (b) Despatch runner.
- (c) Visual.
- (d) Power Buzzer and Amplifier.
- (e) Pigeons.
- (f) Aeroplane Signals.

2. Scheme of Communication:

(a) Battalion Commanders in rear Battalion H.Q. will be in touch with Bde. H.Q. by ground cable, visual and runners.

(b) Following the attack, and moving with it, the Brigade Signal Section will establish a forward Brigade Station in a central position and as close as possible behind the newly captured position.

(c) After the capture of the 1st objective this Bde. Forward Station will be established in dugouts or shelters at about J.2.d.2.2. and will be fixed here until ZERO plus 3½ hours, when it will move to J.2.b.95.35.

(d) The Bde. Forward Station will be in touch with Brigade Advanced Headquarters at J.7.b.65.95. by Power Buzzer, Cable, Visual and Runners. *J.1.d.65.10.*

(e) The function of a Bde. Forward Station is to collect and distribute information and messages from front and rear, and uses one central route for passing this traffic backwards and forwards. The route to be followed will be through relay posts at J.8.a.25.90. - J.2.d.2.2. and J.2.d.65.70. Messages will be accepted at any of these relay posts and passed back by runners.

## 3. Battalions Forward Command Posts will be established on similar lines to Bde. Forward Station, at points chosen by Bn. Commanders.

Bn. Forward Command Posts are collecting points for information from Companies and front line units. Their position will be made known to all Company and Platoon Commanders, Runners and Signallers.

## 4. Officer in charge of Bn. Forward Command Post is responsible for the laying and maintenance of a line to Bde. Forward Station. He will also have a power buzzer which will work normally to Bde. Forward Station, but under extreme circumstances, to Advanced Bde. H.Q.

## 5. A central Bde. Visual Station at J.7.b.7.9. will accept messages from any point in the Bde. Forward Area. All messages from forward will be DD DD.

6. Pigeons will be supplied to 2nd and 3rd attacking battalions - 8 to each.  
Birds will not be used except in cases of extreme necessity.

## 7. Power Buzzers, if available, will be issued to each attacking battalion. Messages sent by Power Buzzer can be picked up by the enemy, and therefore up to zero, must be sent in code or cypher. After Zero hour, it is desirable that all messages shall be sent in code, but the tactical situation or urgency of the message will decide whether cypher, code, or clear, is to be used.



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Power Buzzers with Battalions should send only when the station is out of touch by all other means, and then for short and very important messages only.

8. For a considerable time after the attack, it will not be possible to maintain more than 2 lines across NO MAN'S LAND - 1 for artillery and 1 for infantry.

In consequence -

- (a) all messages must be curtailed.
- (b) telephone conversation except in cases of extreme urgency or importance, is forbidden.

Attention is drawn to the fact that telephone calls take time to get through and always tend to become protracted. The line therefore, is blocked, and precludes perhaps the sending of 3 or more important messages.

Information from captured documents shows that conversation on the telephone in connection with fatigue parties, stores, etc, has given the enemy reliable information of our intended movements. All such messages should be sent by telegraph and fullerphone, or by runner.

Unless an acknowledgment can be obtained, all messages should be sent by alternative means.

9. Fullerphones will be used on all lines with D III superimposed

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APPENDIX NO. 2. to O.O. 112.

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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The forward area will be cleared by the 5th. Aust. Field Ambulance together with Bearer Divisions of 6th. and 7th Field Ambulances.

The Medical disposition will be as follows :-

R.A.P. Left Battalion	-	J.7.b.6.9.
R.A.P. Right	"	J.7.d.9.9.
Advanced Collecting Station	-	J.7.a.4.3.
Simons Relay Post	-	I.12.c.6.7.
Chateau Wood Relay Post	-	I.18.b.5.8.
Culvert	Ambulance Loading Post	- I.18.a.2.8.
Birr Cross Roads	Loading Post	- I.17.b.2.8.
Corps Advanced Dressing Station, Menin Road	-	I.9.c.8.6.
H.Q. 5th. Aust. Fld. Amb., Belgian Battery Corner	-	H.24.a.5.9.
Corps Main Dressing Station	-	H.27.c.2.9.
Div. Rest Station	-	G.15.c.2.9.

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R.M.O's will arrange to establish R.A.P's in vicinity of Bn. Hdqrs. as the advance progresses, notifying Bde. H.Q. and the Field Ambulance of the location.



APPENDIX No. 3 - to accompany 5th A.I.Bde.  
Order No. 112.

Administrative Arrangements:

BDE. BATTLE DUMP is situated at Sheet 27 NE, J.7.b.65.50. and will be under the charge of Lieut R.P.LITTLE, 17th Battalion, who will have attached to him 1 N.C.O. and 8 men to assist on the dump. The amount of ammunition etc on the dump is as follows :-

S.A.A.	480,000	GROUND FLARES, RED	200
23 MILLS	4,000	VERY FLARES, 1" RED	200
5 MILLS	4,000	" WHITE	1000
REVOLVER AMM.	5,000	STOKES SHELLS	1200
VERY FLARES 1" GREEN	200	" CARTRIDGES	1200
SANDBAGS	10,000	" RING CHARGES	2600
IRON RATIONS	500	WATER IN PETROL TINS	500
100-gall. TANKS	5		

SYSTEM OF SUPPLY:

Four platoons from each of 17th, 18th and 20th Battalions will act as carrying party, and will carry forward the following loads when their battalions move forward :- The material carried forward by these platoons will be dumped in specially selected spots and will form a Battalion battle dump in the vicinity of each Bn. objective; notification to be notified to Bde. H.Q. immediately on formation of dump. In the event of more material being required, party from these platoons will be sent back to Brigade Battle Dump to collect.

1 Platoon per Coy. will carry forward the following stores, etc. which will be collected at Bde. H.Q.s. at a time to be notified later, with the exception of S.A.A. and water. S.A.A. will be picked up by units at BELLEWADE RIDGE, I.12.d.50.95. when moving up. Units will supply their own petrol tins for water.

No. 23 MILLS	10 boxes
S.A.A.	8000 rounds
WATER	20 tins
PICKS	24
SHOVELS	12

Units to which M.G.'s are attached will detail 8 men per gun to act as carriers.

These men are to carry 4000 rounds of S.A.A. which will be collected at I.12.d.50.95.

Units to which Stokes Mortars are attached will detail 8 men per gun to act as carriers. These men will each carry 4 Stokes Shells which will be drawn from Bde. Dump, J.7.b.65.50.

(b) Each battalion will have as a reserve, mobile echelon of S.A.A. and grenades at their transport lines. It is not necessary for limbers to be loaded until orders are received from Bde. H.Q. The whole of the mobile echelon will be under the orders of Captain McNABE, Bde. Transport Officer.

Transport Officers are to reconnoitre alternative routes forward of transport lines.

Units will apply to Bde. Battle Dump for any stores or ammunition they require. The Officer i/c Dump will notify Bde. H.Q. immediately S.A.A. etc that is sent forward.

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SUPPLIES: supplies for the troops forward will be drawn from the Railhead to Refilling Point by Divisional Train. Refilling Point is at 1st Line Transport Lines, H.22.b.

Thence by 1st Line Transport via WARRINGTON ROAD to GORDON HOUSE, to MENIN ROAD at I.10.d.9.1. - BIRR X ROADS, I.12.d.50.95. - thence by carrying party under arrangements made by Bde. H.Q.



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EMERGENCY RATIONS:

On the man - 1 iron ration.  
1 emergency ration.  
Unexpended portion of current day's ration.

500 emergency rations for the Brigade are held at Bde. Battle Dump.

WATER:

500 water bottles per attacking battalion will be available at Brigade H.Q. on 17th instant. These are to be issued to the men so that they will move forward with 2 full water-bottles.

Water for troops will be drawn from water points at I.11.d.5.4. and I.18.b.1.7.

At I.11.d.5.4. 10 100-gallon tanks and 500 water tins (filled) will be stored,

At Bde. Battle dump 5 1-100 gallon tanks and 500 water tins (filled) will be stored.

R E. MATERIAL

Will be supplied from Bde. Dump on application to Brigade H.Q. 19th Battalion will place at the disposal of 5th Field Coy. A.E. 2 N.C.C's and 12 men to report at Bde. Dump to Engineer Officer at 8.30 p.m. on "Y" night, for placing infantry bridges, etc, on jumping-off line of 20th Battalion. The attention of all concerned is drawn to the following paras. in 2nd Aust. Div. Memo. No. 174 of the 15th September, issued to all units :-

- (i) Communications and tracks available for the Division in the forward area.
- (ii) Prisoners of War.
- (iii) Salvage.

With regard to salvage, the Main Bde. Salvage Dump will be situated at I.12.d.50.95.

OVERCOATS:

Units will arrange to dump in their transport lines, all overcoats before moving into forward area. Overcoats are to be done up in section bundles, and marked with man's name and section.

RETURNS, ETC

Units will arrange for their orderly rooms to remain in transport lines.

Rear Bde. H.Q. will be in Brigade Transport Lines and all ordinary routine matters will be dealt with there by Captain C.H. KAEPPLE, MC. 18th Battalion (attached 5th A.I. Bde. H.Q.) The following returns are required at Advanced Bde. H.Q. -

Estimated Casualties	5 a.m.	For 12 hours
	5 p.m.	For 12 hours

Accurate Casualties	11 a.m.	For 24 hours
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(These are CASUALTY RETURNS asked for in this office list 49/75 of 11/9/17).

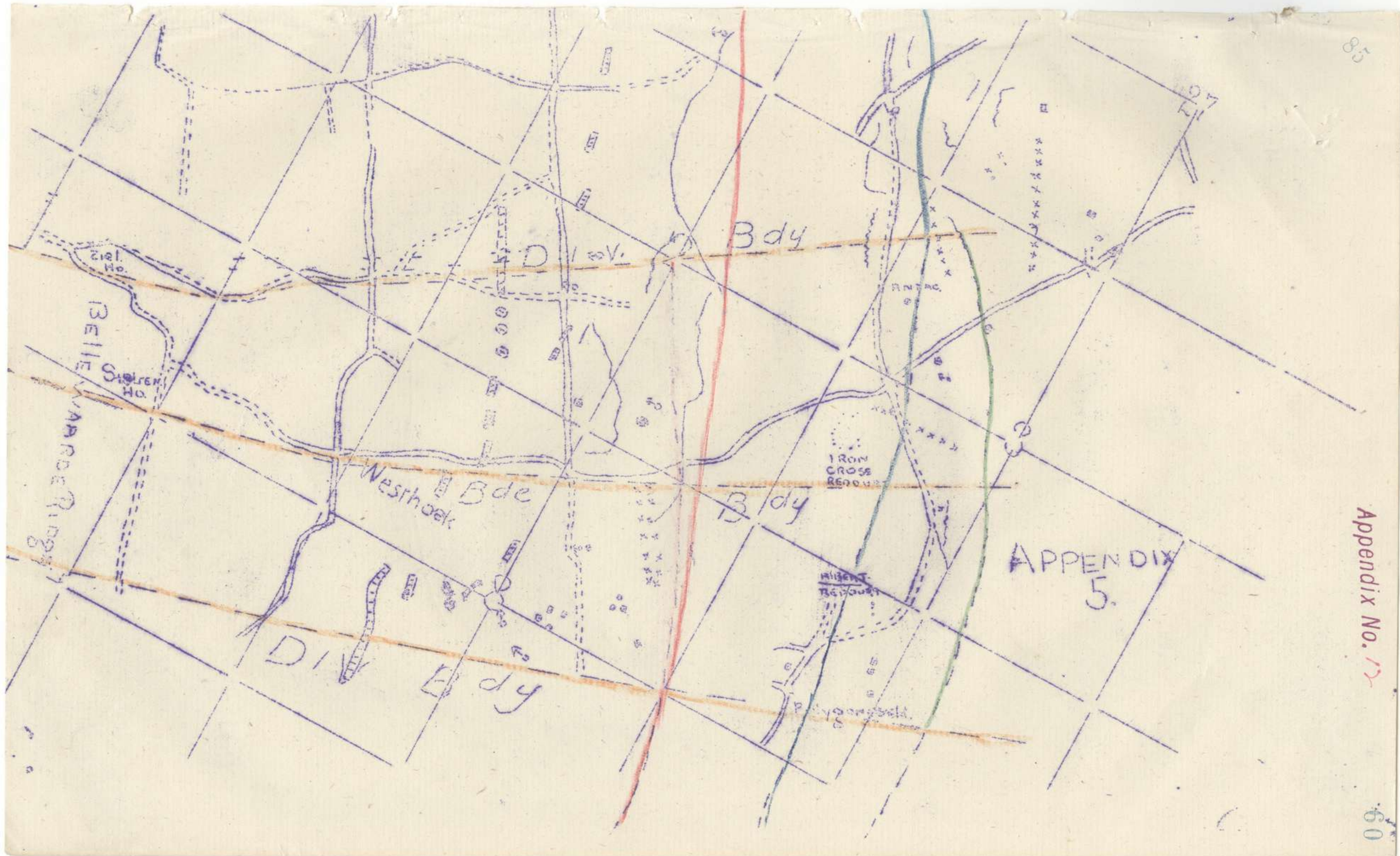
S.A.A. Return, showing amount received, expended and on hand.

9 a.m.

In the event of any M.G's and Stokes Mortars being destroyed application will be made to Bde. H.Q. immediately and indents submitted later in the usual manner.

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## AMENDMENTS for

Fifth Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 113

Headquarters,  
19th September, 1917.

4. (a) Separate instructions have been issued by D.H.Q. to the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. regarding their functions as Div. Reserve.

(e) Routes to places of assembly issued in appendix No. 6 attached. 20th Battalion will move forward in sections at 5 minutes interval. 17th and 18th Battalions will move forward by platoons at 100 yards distance.

(g)

Addenda -

Special garrison will rendezvous at CHINA WALL at ZERO.

The C.H.Q. is detaching an Engineer officer and runners to remain at Rear Hdqrs. I.12.c.3.5. to convey instructions to these parties from C.H.Q. 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. as to when they shall move forward.

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Amend to read:-

After consolidation of the GREEN line by 17th Bn., the 20th Bn. will be prepared to be withdrawn, their place being taken by the 18th Bn., which will then garrison the RED line and area u but exclusive of the BLUE line. C.H.Q. 17th Battalion will then be responsible for the GREEN line and line which will form new first line system. Before withdrawing the 20th Battalion will be prepared to dig a communication trench where necessary and lay duckboards on the line. Instructions will be issued later regarding this.

6.

Artillery Barrage: - Corrigenda:

(a)

Barrage map is not attached.

(d) (v)

When each gun reaches the protective barrage on the RED, BLUE and GREEN objectives, it will fire one round of smoke to indicate to the troops that the several objectives have been reached.

Addendum:

(vi) During the first 4 minutes (i.e. Zero to Zero plus 4) also for 3 minutes before advancing after each pause, the rate of fire of 18-pdr Guns will be 4 rounds per gun per minute. At other times the rate will be 2 rounds per gun per minute.

Appendix B: - Addendum

The evacuation of stretcher cases will be by hand carriage from R.A.P.'s to ambulance loading post at Blind A Roads or the CULVERT.

Main route for walking wounded will be as follows :-  
From BIRR X roads and the CULVERT via track to GORDON junction and on to meet C. track about I.15.b.1.7. thence by C. track to A.D.S. MENIN ROAD I.9.c.8.5.

Alternative Routes will be as follows:-

(a) From BIRR X Roads via I.16.b.1.4 by WARRINGTON Road or via ZIMMERMAN Road to the BUND I.21.b.2.5.

(b) From I.15.b.1.7. overland to the BUND. From the BUND cases will be cleared by train at I.21.b.2.5. or by bus from road angle at I.21.a.5.5.



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(8) From 1.15.b.1.7: via 'U' track and ~~main~~ Gate or vi.  
ambulance post at 1.20.a.6.7:

Appendix 3 - Addendum

Position of Brigade Battle Dump is J.7.b.65.50; Sheet 28 N.E.

Appendix 4 - Addenda:

(12) Prisoners of War

(a) Cages:	Divisional Cage	SHRAMEL CORNER
	Advd. Corps Cage	BICARDUSON.
	Corps Main Cage	BERINGHELEST.

(b) Prisoners will be sent back under 'D' escort to the Div. Cage where they will be delivered and receipts obtained.

(c) Officers and N.C.O.s will be searched as soon as possible and papers sent with escort. Other ranks will be searched in the first place for concealed arms only, unless seen to be destroying documents.

(d) Escorts will be instructed to allow no communication between troops and prisoners, and to prevent any destruction of documents en route.

Straggler Posts are being arranged by A.D.M. Corrigenda to Appendix 4 will not be issued.

4. (w) 2 Guides per Company 18th and 20th Battalions will report to Brigade H.Q. at 11.30 p.m. 19th instant when mappers will take them forward to jumping off line. One man will remain to act as right marker, the other will return to his company to guide them forward. Companies will form up in succession from the right, and move forward in that order.



## Appendix 6 - Order No. 112.

Date	Unit	From	To	Route	Remarks
19th Sept.	20th Bn.	ED. LAMADE DARS.	West Slope BELLEWARDE RIDGE	West direct.	To start from present position at 4 p.m.
19th/ 20th Sept.	20th Bn.	West Slopes BELLEWARDE RIDGE	West Slope WESTERCK RIDGE	do.	To start from BELLEWARDE RIDGE at 8 pm 19/20th inst, move forward to jumping off line at 2 a.m. 20th in from west slope of WESTERCK RIDGE.
do	18th Bn.	H. 17.4.8.8.	West slopes of BELLEWARDE RIDGE.	MEMIN GATES YERAS - MENIN RD. to I.9.c.9.6.	Rear of column to pass MENIN GATE by 8.30 p.m. To move forward to thence by overjumping-off line land route at 2.30 a.m. 20th running through inst: I.9.d. I.10.c & d., I.11.c & d.
do	17th Bn.	H. 24.8.2.9.	West slopes of BELLEWARDE RIDGE	KROISTRAAT & X Rds I.13.c.0.6. GORDON HOUSE OUTPOST FARM thence by overland route N. of BELLE- WARDE LAKE.	To follow in rear of 7th A.I. Bde. troops. Head of column not to pass KROISTRAAT A. Rds. Before 12.45 am. 20th in To be in position on BELLEWARDE RIDGE at 3.30 am 20th To move forward ZERO plus 2½ hou

NOTE: The times for 18th and 20th Battalions to move forward to jumping off line have been made 30 minutes earlier than stated in Memo. No. 8 issued to units.

ACKNOWLEDGE-----

Issued at 11.45 Am.

Distribution as per  
Order 112.

W. P. Lee as Captain  
Capt  
Actg Bde - Major  
S. P. Rios Inf. Bde



War Diary

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Notes: The first low tide was at 08:00 and the second at 10:00. The water level was about 1 meter above the lowest point of the beach. The wind was light and variable.

ACKNOWLEDGE

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S E C R E TFIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
-----OPERATION MEMO No. 8Issued in Connection with 5th A.I. Bde. Order No. 112.Reference - Sheet 28 NW, 1/20,000  
HOOGE - 1/10,000

1. Reference para 4 (b). The attached table provides for moves and times mentioned therein.

2. The 20th Battalion will move forward in sections at five minutes intervals. The 17th and 18th Battalions will move forward by platoons at 100 yards distance between platoons.

3. 20th Battalion will start moving forward from <sup>near of</sup> WESTHOEK RIDGE to jumping off line at 2.30 a.m. 19th/20th instant.  
18th Battalion will start moving forward to jumping off line from rear of BELLEWARDE RIDGE at 3. a.m. 19th/20th instant.  
17th Battalion will move forward from BELLEWARDE RIDGE at ZERO plus 2 1/2 hours.

4. The above information and attached table will be issued in amendment to Order No. 112 when Divisional Order is received.

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

*W. F. MacCallum*  
Captain,

Issued at 11.30 p.m.  
through Signals.

Actg/Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

20/9/17  
Distribution -

17th Battalion  
18th Battalion  
19th Battalion  
20th Battalion  
5th A.M.G. Coy.  
5th A.L.T.M. Bty.  
G.O.C.  
Staff Captain  
Brigade Major  
War Diary (3)  
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# MARCH TABLE

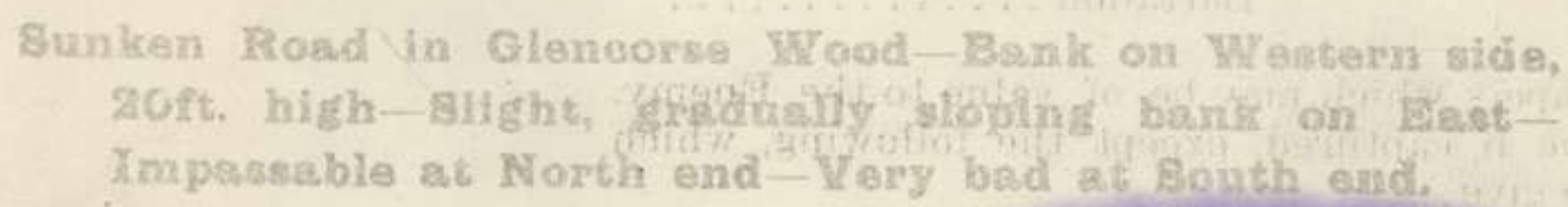
Date	Unit	From	To	Route	Remarks
19th	20th Bn	ESPLANADE SAP	West Slope BELLEWARDE Ridge	Most direct	To leave present position at 4 p.m.
19/20th	20th Bn	West slope BELLEWARDE Ridge	West slope WESTHOEK Ridge	Most direct	To move forward from BELLEWARDE RIDGE at 8 p.m. Move forward to jumping off trench at 2.30 am. on 19/20th. from WEST slope WESTHOEK RIDGE
19/20th	18th Bn	H.17.d.8.2.	West slope BELLEWARDE Ridge.	MENIN GATE along YPRIS - MENIN Rd. to I.9.c.9.8., thence by over- land track run- ning through I.9.d., I.10.c. and d., I.11.c. and d.	Rear of column to pass MENIN GATE by 8.30 pm., move forward from BELLEWARDE RIDGE to jumping off line at 3 a.m.
19/20th	17th Bn	H.24.a.2.9.	West slope BELLEWARDE Ridge	KRUISSTRAAT - I.13.c.0.8. - GORDON HOUSE - OUTPOST FARM - MENIN Rd., thence by over- land track north of BELLEWARDE LAKE to BELLEWARDE RIDGE.	Will move in rear of 7th A.I.Bde.: not to pass KRUISSTRAAT Cross Roads, I.13.c.0.6. before 12.45 a.m. on 19/20th. To be in position on BELLEWARDE RIDGE by 3.30 a.m.



MESSAGE MAP. <sup>Apr</sup>

Appendix No. 15.

Sept: 1917.



Strong Points { Probably unoccupied. X  
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Dug-outs believed to be concrete ... ■

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Company
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Company
  - 5. Am held up by (a) M.G. at ... (Place where you are).  
(b) Wire
  - 6. Enemy holding strong point.....
  - 7. I am in touch with ..... on Right at .....  
Left.
  - 8. I am not in touch with.....on Right.  
Left.
  - 9. Am shelled from.....
  - 10. Am in need of:—
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  - 15. Add any other useful information here:—

Time ..... m.  
Date ..... 1917.

Name.....  
Platoon.....  
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Battalion .....

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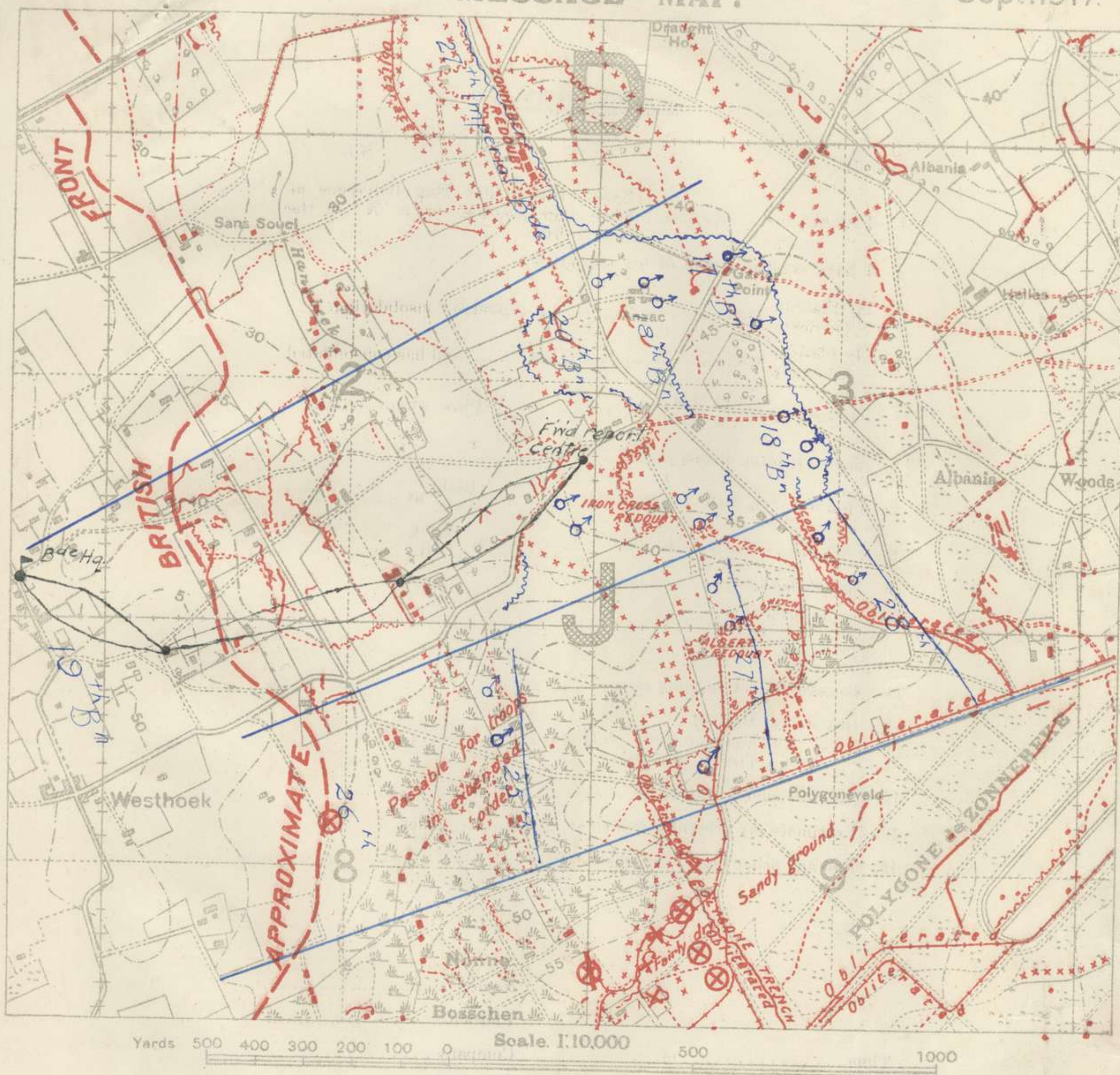


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## MESSAGE MAP.

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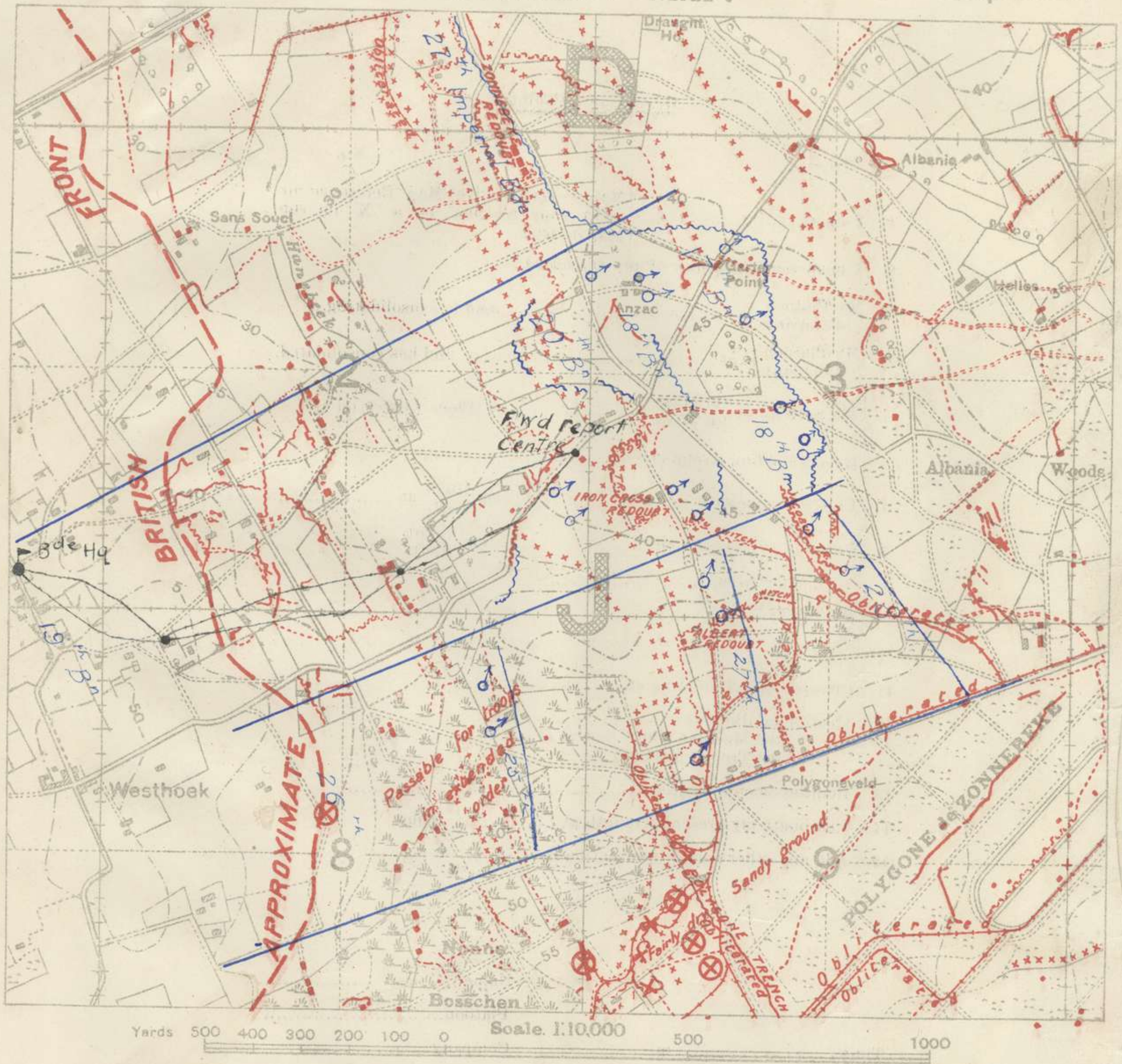


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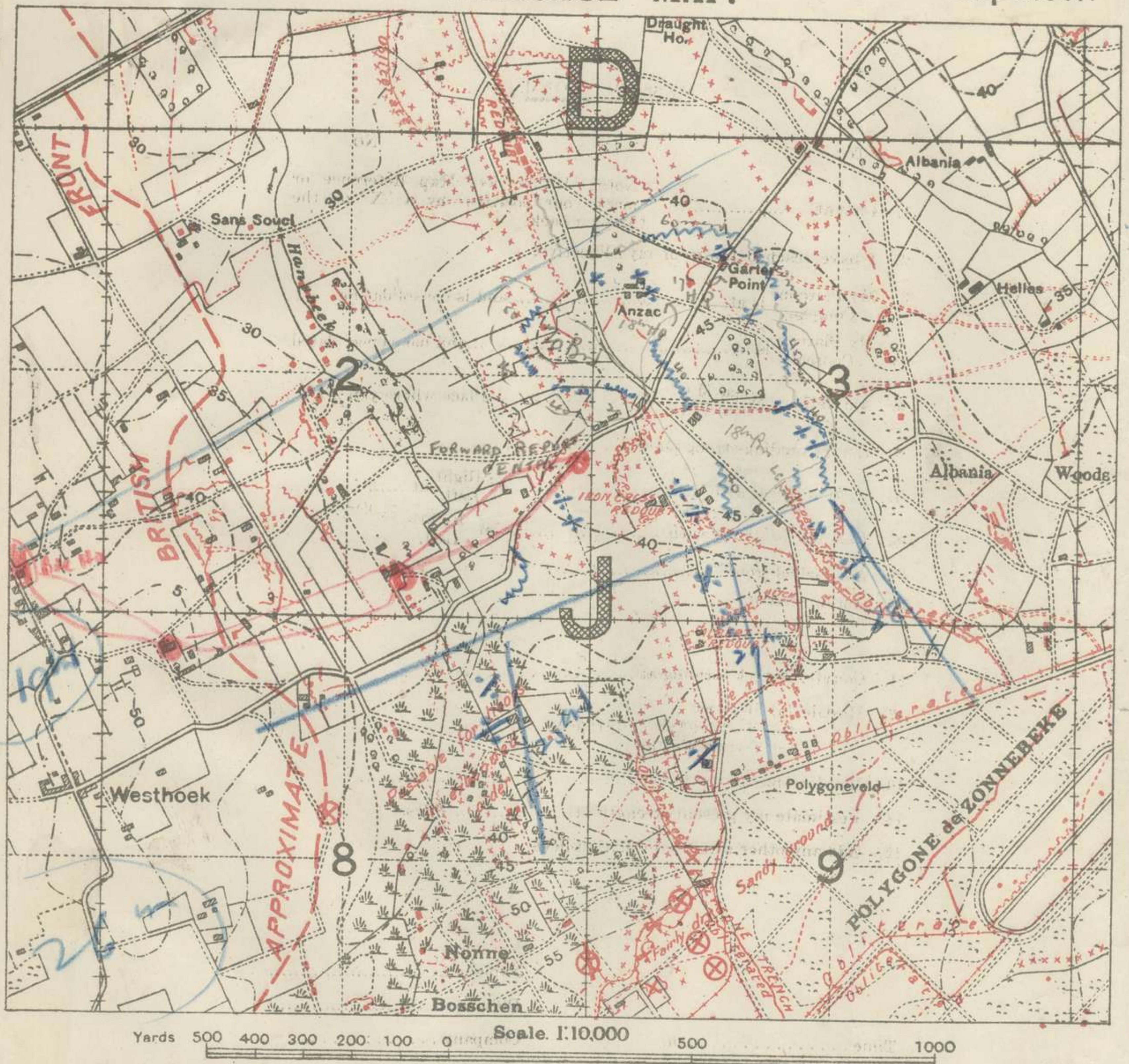


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*War Diary*

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Copy No. ....

5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 113

Headquarters,  
21st September 1917.

Reference Maps WESTHOEK 1/10,000  
Sheet 38 NW 1/20,000

1. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde (less 19th Bn, 5th A.M.G. Coy and 5th A.L.T.M. Bty) will be relieved in the left sector of the For Area by the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the night 21st/22nd September.
2. The 19th Bn, 5th A.M.G. Coy. 5th A.L.T.M. Battery will come under the command of the G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. when he takes over command.
3. 17th and 18th Battalions will send 2 guides per Bn. for advance parties 21st Bn to report at 5th Aust. Inf. Bde Hdqrs 4 pm to day 21st inst.  
4 guides (1 per Company) from 17th and 18th Battalion will report at 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Hdqrs. at 7.30 pm to guide incoming troops.
4. Advance parties from 17th, 18th and 20th Bns will report to Captain KAEPPEL, MC (18th Bn) at MENIN GATE at 4 pm 21st instant. Battalions will make their own arrangements for meeting guides in rear area.
5. G.O.C's 19th and 20th Battalions will arrange mutually about relief.
6. Receipts in duplicate will be obtained for all S.A.A., stores etc handed over and copies sent to Bde. H.Q. by 12 noon 23rd inst.
7. Relief will be completed by 5 am on 22nd instant and will be carried out as per attached table.
8. Completion of relief will be reported by wire in CODE to 5th A.I. Bde. at Advanced Headquarters.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. P. H. ...*

Issued at noon

Captain,  
Actg. Bde-Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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9	17th Bn	19 5th Field Ambca.
10	18th Bn	20 Area Comdnt. CANAL Area
11	19th Bn	21 do TFRS Area.
12	20th Bn	22/26 Spare



## Relief Table to accompany Bde, Order 113

Unit	From	To	Relvg. Unit	Route	Remarks
17th Bn	Line Right Sector	Ramparts, YPRES	21st Bn	Overland track to point I.9.c. 0.6. thence YPRES-MENIN Road.	Usual intervals between platoons to be maintained
18th Bn	Line Left Sector	ESPLANADE SAP	21st Bn.	do	do.
2 Coys 19th Bn	BELLE WARDE RIDGE	Support RED line at present held by 20th Bn.	-	Most direct.	Details to be arranged direct between 19th & 20th Bn. 2 Coys. on WESTHOEK Ridge will remain there.
20th Bn.	Support	CANAL AREA	2 Coys. 19th Bn.	Overland track to point I.9.c. 0.6. thence YPRES-MENIN Rd.	Usual intervals between platoons to be maintained.
5th A.I. Bde HQ	J.1.d. 65.10.	I.12.c. 3.5.	6th A.I. Bde. H.Q.	Most direct.	Move when relief is complete.

Date of all moves above - 21st/22nd September 1917.



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5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 114

Brigade Headquarters,  
22nd September 1917.

Reference Maps.

Sheet 28 N.W. 1/50,000.

1. The 2nd Aust. Division is being relieved in the forward area and in the line by the 4th Aust. Division on the night of 22nd/23rd and 23rd/24th September.

2. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved by the 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade in accordance with attached table.

The 19th Bn., 5th A.M.G. Coy., 5th A.L.T.M. Bty., will move under instructions from 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

3. On relief the Division is concentrating in the WIPPENHOEK - RENINGHELST and DOMINION Areas.

4. Troops on the march will maintain the following distances West of the YPRES COMINES Canal. -

800 yards between Battalions and other Units.

400 yards between transport of units, horsed units, and other troops.

200 yards between companies.

5. Reinforcements and surplus personnel of the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will rejoin their units in the RENINGHELST Area under instructions which will be issued later.

6. Separate Administrative instructions will be issued later.

7. Advance Parties will meet the Staff Captain at 5 a.m. on 23rd instant at the BELGIAN CHATEAU at H. 13. 0. 45. 70

8. 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Headquarters will close at 1.12.3.5. at 10 a.m. on 23rd instant and open in HALIFAX Area at same hour.

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

W. T. MacCallum.

Captain,

Issued at 3 pm  
through Signals.

Actg. Bde-Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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10	19th Bn	11	20th Bn
11	20th Bn	12	5th A.M.G. Coy.
12	5th A.L.T.M. Bty.	17	Town Master Vert.



March Table to accompany 5th A.I. Bde.  
Order No. 114.

Date	Unit	From	To	Rel'vd by	Remarks
22nd/23rd Sept.	19th Bn	WESTHOEK & RED Line in Left Sector.	HALIFAX AREA H. 14. c.	1st Bn 13th A.I. Bde.	Move under order from GOC 6th A.I.
do.	5th AMG Coy.	Line left Sector	do.	13th AMG Coy.	do.
do.	5th ALT M. Bty.	do.	do.	13th ALT M. Bty.	do.
23rd Sept.	18th Bn	ESPLANADE SAPS	do	51st Bn.	To be clear of present billets by 5 am 23rd instant
do	17th Bn	YPRES MICHAEL Tunnel & Barracks.	do	49th Bn	do do
do	Bde HQ and Sig. Section	H. 12. c. 3.5.	do	13th AI Bde H.Q.	To be clear by 10 am 23rd instant

20th Battalion will remain in HALIFAX AREA.  
Cookers will accompany Units.

No unit is to arrive in HALIFAX AREA before  
7.30 am 23rd instant.

ROUTE - YPRES - VLAMERTINGHE & OUDERDOM Road.



S E C R E T.

Copy No. 21

## 5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 115

Headquarters,  
25th September, 1917.

Reference Sheets 27, 28, 1/40,000

1. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will move by march route tomorrow 24th instant to WIPPENHOEK area in accordance with attached march table.

2. Arrangements are being made for the 5th Aust. M.G. Coy. and 5th Aust. L.T.M. Battery to remain in BELGIAN CHATEAU Area during 24th instant and move independently to WIPPENHOEK Area on 25th instant.

3. 1st Line Transport will accompany Units.  
*Cookers will move in rear of their companies.*

4. The following distances will be maintained during the March -

800 yards	between	battalions
200 "	"	companies
400 "	"	transport of units, horsed unit and other troops.

5. Separate administrative instructions are issued herewith.

6. Brigade Headquarters will close at WINNIPEG CAMP at 9 am 24th instant and open at L.34.b.5.4. on completion of the march. During the march reports to head of the column.

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

*G. P. MacCallum*

Captain,

Actg. Bde-Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 8 pm  
through Signals.

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9	18th Bn	24/26 Spares
10	19th Bn	
11	20th Bn	
12	5th A.M.G. Coy.	
13	5th A.L.T.M. Bty.	



March Table to accompany Bde. Order No. 115  
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DATE	UNITS IN ORDER OF MARCH	STARTING PLACE	POINT Time of Passing	ROUTE	DESTINATION	REMARKS
24th SEPTR.	17th Bn.	Road Junction G.30.b.20.95.	8 a.m.	OUDEBOM - RENINGHELST - CROSS roads G.32.d.8.3. - L.35.d.2.3.	DALLINGTON CAMP L.29.c.8.2.	
do	18th Bn.	do.	8.20 a.m.	do	CONNAUGHT CAMP L.34.b.5.4.	
do	19th Bn.	Road Junction H.19.b.4.6.	8.25 a.m.	do.	PATRICIA CAMP L.29.b.1.8.	
do	20th Bn.	do.	8.45 a.m.	do.	DALLINGTON CAMP "W" L.29.c.8.2.	
do	Bde HQ & Sig. Section	Road Junction G.30.b.20.95.	9.10 a.m.	do.	CONNAUGHT CAMP L.34.b.5.4.	
Sept. 25th	5th A.M.G. Coy. } 5th A.L.T.M. Bty. }	--	8 a.m.	do.	CONNAUGHT CAMP L.34.b.5.4.	Move independently of Brigade.

Halts - 10 minutes to each clock hour.  
1½ hours for midday meal - 12 noon to 1.30 p.m.

Appendix No. 18

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War Diary

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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19

Headquarters,  
23rd September, 1917.

Administrative Memorandum

In conjunction with Bde. Order No. 115

1. SUPPLIES:

Rations for consumption on 25th inst. will be issued to 1st Line Transport on 24th instant at L.34.c.8.3. (Sheet 27) at 3 p.m. On and after 25th inst. supplies will be issued in same place at 11 a.m. daily.

2. BILLETING PARTIES:

Will report to Staff Captain at L.35.d.1.3. (Sheet 27) at 10 a.m. 24th instant. Units will meet their guides at this point.

3. REINFORCEMENT CAMP:

Personnel at present at CAESTRE will rejoin their units on 25th instant.

4. PACKS & BLANKETS:

Will be at Brigade H.Q. WIPPENHOEK, L.34.b.54 on afternoon of 24th instant. Units will arrange to collect same.

5. BATHS:

Allotment of Baths will be notified later.

*H. John*

Captain,  
Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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19th Bn  
20th Bn  
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5th A.L.T.M. Bty.  
Bde. Tport. Officer.  
Bde. Quartermaster.



SECRET.FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
-----Headquarters,  
25th September, 1917.Headquarters,  
2nd Australian Division.  
-----REPORT ON OPERATIONS FROM 19th/20th Sept -  
21st/22nd Sept.  
-----GENERAL:

1. The objectives for the attack were the HANEBEKE VALLEY and the POLYGON WOOD - ANZAC HOUSE ridge. There were three objectives. One Bn. was allotted to each objective, with the remaining battalion held in reserve. Each objective was attacked on a four-company front, extended in depth.

In the formation adopted provision was made for support, moppers-up and carrying parties which formed an integral part of each company.

PRELIMINARY  
PREPARATIONS

2. In addition to the various memoranda, maps and aeroplane photographs issued, a practice attack was made over ground in the vicinity of CLAIRMARRES FORET previously prepared with representations of ~~significant~~ *artificial* features with which the attackers were likely to come in contact.

When the Brigade moved into the forward area facilities ~~xxx~~ were available for parties to visit the front line and see the ground over which they were to attack.

The Model Trenches at BUSSEBOOM, which each battalions' Officers and N.C.O's. were able to visit, proved of incalculable value in producing confidence and as accurate a knowledge of conditions and natural features as could be produced.

MACHINE  
GUNS.

3. All the guns of the 5th.A.M.G.Coy., were mobile. One Section was allotted to each attacking Battalion. Positions were previously selected for them and definite work allotted.

5 guns in all were put out of action during the operations, 2 whilst moving forward, and 2 in the Div. Strong Points. These were, however, soon replaced. After the Green Line had been captured and consolidated, the machine guns moved forward and at one time there were 12 in the area between the Green and Blue lines. 4 were, however, withdrawn and held in reserve.

There were few opportunities of engaging enemy targets. The barrage supplied by the groups and batteries was excellent and of considerable utility in preventing the development of enemy counter-attacks.

STOKES  
MORTARS.

4. Patrols were sent out on night of 19th/20th inst. and reported that the area in front of the jumping-off line up to the road running S.E. and N.W. through J.8.a. and J.2.c. was clear, but that the enemy still occupied a post at approximately J.2.c.65.30.

Two mortars were ordered to engage this position with rapid fire at Zero, for one minute. Afterwards, on inspection, this position was found to be full of dead Boches.



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## 4. (continued)

Stokes Mortars were not used during the operation, although to provide against any contingency, 2 mortars were allotted to each attacking battalion.

On reaching the final objective, the O.C. 5th A.L.T.M. Battery was instructed to take up a position in the vicinity of IRON CROSS REDOUBT.

ARTILLERY.

5. The barrage afforded by the artillery was excellent, and the testimony of prisoners bears evidence of its disastrous and annihilating effects. The calls for counter-battery and barrage fire were immediately answered.

The attacking troops are loud in their praises of the work done by the gunners.

RABBIT  
SHOOTING &  
HIP FIRING.

6. The practice in snapshooting proved most valuable in enabling men to take advantage of fleeting enemy targets, that otherwise might have gone free.

Hip firing was used by the 18th Battalion during its advance to the BLUE line with great effect. On the move the "two men" method was adopted (one directing the gun, the second pressing the trigger). The results were good. Enemy party of 8 was killed with one burst at about 250 yards.

SIGNAL  
COMMUNICATIONS.

7. Communications were based on the principles laid down in S.S. 148. The Bde. Forward Party assembled with 20th Battalion on the jumping-off line and laid the first section of cable to Relay Post No. 1 at J.8.a.35.85.. Moving in 4 sections, the Bde. Forward Party advanced with the moppers-up, making direct for No. 2 relay post at J.2.d.2.2. At 6.55 a.m. a line was through to Advanced Bde. H.Q. and at 7 a.m. the first message reporting the capture and consolidation of the 1st objective, went through. About 8.30 a.m. a detachment moved to No. 3 Relay Post at J.2.d.9.7. and immediately established visual communication with Advanced Bde. H.Q. By 9 a.m. one pair of cable was through to Bde. Forward Station.

From 10.15 a.m. until relief by the 6th A.I. Bde. telephone communication along this route was good.

At 8.45 a.m. signallers from 20th Battalion established a station with the Brigade Forward Station, in direct communication with the C.O. 20th Battalion, on WESTHOEK RIDGE.

At about 9.30 a.m. 18th Bn signallers arrived at Bde. Forward Station and established a station in the vicinity.

Afterwards when the 18th Bn moved to ANZAC a line was laid to them there, and communication established with the 17th Battalion through the 18th Battalion.

The Power Buzzer was damaged in the initial stages of the attack. It was replaced in the afternoon but the fact that the earth leads were too short, and the condition of the accumulators rendered it unserviceable.

Visual was fairly good throughout.

Runner relays were found to be most useful.

The relay system also proved of value in the maintenance of telephone lines.

DISPOSITIONS  
PREVIOUS TO  
THE ATTACK.

8. On the night 18th/19th inst. the 19th Bn relieved the 22nd Bn in the front line, left sector. At 6.30 a.m. 19th inst. Advanced Bde. H.Q. opened at J.1.d.65.10.

During the afternoon of 19th inst. small parties of 20th Bn were dribbled up to the assembly position on BELLEWARDE RIDGE from which they moved to the west slope of WESTHOEK RIDGE under cover of darkness at 10 pm.



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## 8. (continued)

The 18th Bn moved by overland track N. of YPRES - MENIN Road to BELLEWARDE RIDGE, being in position there by 10.45 p.m. As soon as the 20th Bn moved forward on to the tape, the 18th Bn advanced to the position on the west slope of WESTHOEK RIDGE, until the guides reported to lead it into position on the tape.

The 17th Bn reported in position on BELLEWARDE RIDGE at 3.25 a.m. on 20th inst. and moved later to the attack in accordance with order.

The 19th Bn remained as garrison of the old front line.

All battalion Headquarters were established on WESTHOEK RIDGE.

NARRATIVE 9.  
OF OPERATIONS.

At 11 p.m. Captain STEELE, 5th Field Coy. A.E. reported that the tapes were satisfactorily laid. At 11.50 p.m. on 19th inst. the 20th Bn guides and markers left for jumping-off line. At 12.5 a.m. on 20th instant instructions were sent to 20th Bn to move forward to tapes as soon as the guides reported back.

At 3.30 a.m. report received that the 17th Bn had arrived at BELLEWARDE RIDGE. At 4.40 a.m. 20th Bn reported in position.

At 5.5 a.m. 18th Bn reported in position.

At 5.35 a.m. just before the barrage opened, the enemy was observed to open fire on 7th Bde sector, and at 5.37 a.m. he commenced shelling our front line.

At 5.40 a.m. our barrage came down. The enemy barrage now closed down heavily on WESTHOEK RIDGE, but only lightly on the forward slopes. By 6.5 a.m. enemy barrage had died very noticeably and his light guns operated spasmodically.

At 6.11 a.m. a single set of RED flares was seen to go up, showing that the 1st objective had been reached, and 4 minutes later RED ground flares were seen beyond the line of the 1st objective. The Companies were now seen forward of the first objective rapidly digging in, while our barrage had halted on the crest of the ridge above.

At 6.19 a.m. the enemy barrage thickened and settled on the crest and forward slope of WESTHOEK RIDGE. The first batch of prisoners arrived at 6.23 a.m. The enemy now began to send up pairs of WHITE flares and at 6.44 a.m. sent up WHITE bouquets on our direct front and left flank. 3 minutes later his barrage on the WESTHOEK RIDGE ceased. At 6.54 a.m. more WHITE bouquets were sent up by the enemy, and 4 minutes later his barrage re-commenced lightly, lower down the forward slope of WESTHOEK RIDGE. News received now stated that the 20th Bn had had slight casualties and was digging in forward of their objective. The shelling of the forward slope and HANEBEKE WOOD increased. The enemy's barrage dropped to intermittent shelling at 7.5 a.m. and became erratic.

By 7.24 a.m. our barrage had moved over the ANZAC RIDGE and the 18th Bn were seen moving over the Ridge in good formation. A runner brought word that the 1st objective had been taken and that consolidation was in progress.

At 7.30 a.m. extensive movement was reported on the BLUE line crest. Orders were issued for the 17th Bn to move forward. At 7.41 a.m. 3 WHITE flares from ANZAC were reported. The 18th Bn encountered little opposition, except at J.2.b.8.2. in advancing to the BLUE line, the small groups here and there being mopped up before they could offer any resistance.

At J.2.b.8.2. thirty-six prisoners and 2 Machine guns were taken. At ANZAC a 15cm howitzer, 2 machine guns, and a Telefunken set were taken.

*also*



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(9) continued.

also a dog carrying a message:- "Retake shell hole line, artillery fire to be regulated by light signals".

As the barrage moved forward an R.A.P. pill-box in the vicinity of garter point was captured, and 15 more prisoners. During the advance a machine gun from DRAUGHT HOUSE (D.27.c.) caused casualties but was knocked out by our barrage.

IRON CROSS REDOUBT was taken with little opposition. The concrete pill-box was badly smashed, the trenches obliterated, and only a few traces of wire were found. ANZAC was found to contain two rooms and an observation tower on top. A small Australian flag was placed on ANZAC and remained there until destroyed by enemy shell fire on the 21st inst. No difficulty was experienced in keeping touch with the flanks.

At 7.50 a.m. hostile barrage on HANEBEKE VALLEY increased. 17th Bn were seen advancing over BELLEWARDE RIDGE in artillery formation. The advance of this battalion was one of the noteworthy features of the operation.

At 7.55 a.m. to 8.20 a.m. - success signals from the BLUE LINE were observed.

At 8 a.m. 19th Bn platoon at CHINA WALL, forming garrison of battalion strong point, instructed to move forward.

At 8.32 a.m. 18th Bn reported line J.3.a.3.5. - J.2.b.95.00. reached.

At 8.40 a.m. observers reported that consolidation was proceeding on the 1st and 2nd objectives and that 17th Bn were nearing BLUE line. The Battalion had crossed the WESTHOEK ridge at 8. a.m. in good order and moved steadily down and across the HANEBEKE CREEK where it met with a few casualties from enemy artillery; but the advance was not checked and soon the leading waves had passed the 20th Battalion, who were consolidating the 1st objective, and found the 18th Bn in advance of the BLUE line. As soon as the barrage permitted, the 17th Bn passed through the 18th Bn. and commenced consolidating the green line. No opposition was met with, the barrage having killed or driven back any of the enemy previously on that position. 17th Bn. Advanced H.Q. were established at J.3.c.75.95. approximately. About 9 a.m. the enemy shell fire had shortened range and was falling heavily on the consolidating line. His planes came over and fired on our troops, but only a few casualties resulted. The 18th Bn Lewis Guns in rear did good work and soon succeeded in driving them off.

At 9 a.m. it was reported that the 18th Bn was in touch with the 7th Bde at J.3.c.4.5.

At 9.5 a.m. 17th Bn right company reported that GREEN line had been reached, consolidation in progress, and in touch with flank companies.

At 9.10 a.m. 17th Bn right centre company reported - "Consolidating on line J.3.a.8.3. - J.3.a.7.5."

At 10.5 a.m. 17th Bn left company reported - "In touch with 6th K.O.S.B's and "C" Company (left <sup>centre</sup> sector company)".

By 12.30 p.m. the GREEN line was consolidated on the line J.3.c.8.6. - J.3.a.55.55. - J.3.a. ~~xxxx~~ 0.5.

It was found that the 18th Bn had at some points established themselves on the GREEN line. To prevent unnecessary congestion and to allow for reorganization instructions were sent to 17th and 18th Battalions at 1.45 p.m. that the front line was to be held in two sectors, 17th Bn Left, 18th Bn Right, and that the readjustment was to take place under cover of darkness.



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## 9. (continued)

The battalions were to be extended in depth on the GREEN and BLUE lines. By this time 18th Bn H.Q. were established at ANZAC and 17th Bn in pill-box at J.3.a.35.35.

At 1.30 p.m. information was received that the Divisional strong posts were being constructed at J.3.a.0.4. and J.3.c.3.6. Message was sent to 5th A.M.G. Coy. at 2 p.m. to place a Vickers M.G. in each strong post.

At 2.25 p.m. observers reported that enemy were collecting for a counter-attack in the vicinity of the BUTTE in POLYGO NEVELD. They were, however, dispersed by our artillery.

Much movement was observed during the afternoon about HELLES, I.13.b.

At 5.45 p.m. 20th Bn were instructed to take up a line along the road running N.W. and S.E. through in J.2.b. and d.

About 6 p.m. enemy infantry was seen moving in the vicinity of I.10.a.7.8. and 9 enemy planes came over our lines. S.O.S. signals were sent up on our right flank. The enemy were caught under our barrage and dispersed. The hostile barrage opened about 6 p.m., grew intense, and lasted till 6.30 p.m. About 6.45 p.m. it again became heavy and an unconfirmed report stated that enemy were heavily counter-attacking on right of 2nd Aust. Division. The 19th/Bns we-re ordered to hold themselves in readiness and 20th to form defensive flank.

At 7.25, 7.47 and 7.57 p.m. S.O.S. signals were seen on the right of our Bde. sector. The enemy shell fire slackened at 8.15 p.m. and by 8.23 p.m. had practically ceased. The Divisional strong points had been blown out by enemy barrage, but not many other casualties were suffered.

The night passed quietly. Our artillery opened heavy fire at 4.30 a.m. on 21st instant, but the enemy retaliation was feeble.

The enemy had large stretcher-bearing parties out on the afternoon of 20th and morning of 21st. His casualties were apparently serious. It is difficult to estimate the number of enemy dead in the Brigade sector, which must however, have amounted to nearly three hundred.

The division of the GREEN and BLUE lines arranged between the 17th and 18th Battalions was carried into effect, and the battalions gradually drawn to their own sector - 18th Bn on right of I.3.a.7.2. and 17th Bn on the left.

The front line was connected throughout and support line dug on the BLUE line.

On the afternoon of 21st about 6.30 p.m. the enemy opened a methodical bombardment of ANZAC, GARTER POINT, and the front line area.

S.O.S. signals were sent up on the right and left of the Brigade Sector. The shell fire slackened and had practically ceased by 8.7 p.m.

The 5th A.I.Bde. was relieved in the left sector by the 6th A.I.Bde. on the night 21st/22nd. Relief was completed by 2.15 a.m.

SUGGESTIONS  
FOR IMPROVE-  
MENTS.

10. The only alterations suggested are that -

(1) Instead of leaving a mopping-up platoon and a carrying platoon for each Company, there should be one Company detailed wholly for mopping-up and one for carrying. This gives more centralization of command and control.

(2) One screen of ground scouts with remainder of troops in section column.



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CAPTURES:

11. It is estimated that about 200 prisoners were captured. In addition 20th Bn captured :-

5 Light Machine Guns.  
 11 Maxim Guns  
 1 Trench Searchlight.  
 2 Granatenwerfers  
 2 Spring Rocket Guns  
 30 sets of armour (body shields)  
 250 rifles  
 1 10 cm Howitzer (found in a damaged condition  
 (in HANEBEKE WOOD)).

The 18th Battalion captured 2 Light Machine guns,  
 5 Maxim Guns  
 1 Telefunken Set.

CASUALTIES: 12.

Unit	Killed		D.O.W.		Wounded		Missing		Total	
	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
17th Bn	2	50	2	-	5	186	-	21	9	257
18th Bn	5	33	1	5	6	176	-	49 <del>12</del> 12	12	263
19th Bn	1	27	-	-	8	91	-	75	9	193
20th Bn	3	55	-	-	9	157	-	52	12	264
5th AMG Coy	-	3	-	-	-	23 x	-	-	-	26
5th ALTM										
Bty	-	-	-	-	1	9	-	6	1	15
TOTAL	11	168	3	5	29	642	-	203	43	1018

x 2 at duty.

Signed R Sumpf

Brigadier-General,  
 Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade.



## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

35/172

Brigade Headquarters,  
27th September 1917.

Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Division.

(21)

Reference your 26/778 dated 26th instant.

Following is a statement of casualties in the Brigade  
for the period 13th/24th September inclusive :-

Unit	K.I.A.		D.of Wds.		Wounded		Missing		Wounded & remaining at duty	
17th Bn	2	59	2	-	5	211	-	4	1	25
18th Bn	5	42	1	9	6	206	-	10	-	-
19th Bn	1	27	-	6	8	101	-	5	-	-
20th Bn	3	65	-	-	9	198	-	9	-	-
5th A.M.G. Coy	-	4	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	3
5th A.L.T.M.B	-	-	1	-	-	13	-	1	-	-
TOTALS	11	197	4	15	28	753	-	29	1	28

Brigadier-General,

Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.



SECRET

Copy No. 22.....

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 116

22  
Brigade Headquarters,  
30th September 1917.

Reference Sheets 27 and 28, 1/40,000

1. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. less 17th, 20th Bns and 5th A.M.G. Coy. will move by March Route to Forward area on 1st, 2nd and 3rd October, in accordance with attached March Table.
2. 1st Line Transport will accompany units and will be Brigaded in CANAL AREA on 3rd October at H.22.b.
3. Administrative Orders will be issued separately, dealing with supplies, Reinforcement Camp details and Surplus Kit.
4. The following distances will be maintained on the march -
  - 800 yards between battalions and other units
  - 400 yards between transport of units and horsed units, and other troops.
  - 200 yards between companies.
5. Completion of move will be reported to Brigade Headquarters on each day.
6. Brigade Headquarters will close at CONNAUGHT CAMP at a.m. on 1st instant and re-open at G.30.a.9.8.  
On 2nd instant Brigade Headquarters will close at G.30.a.9.8. at 9 a.m. and re-open at BELGIAN CHATEAU on completion of the move.
7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*P. MacCallum*

Captain,

Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 1 p.m.  
through Signals.

D i s t r i b u t i o n

Copy No. 1	G.O.C.	12	5th A.M.G. Coy.
2.	Bde. Major	13	5th A.L.T.M. Bty.
3.	Staff Captain	14	5th Field Coy. A.E.
4	Bde. Sig. Officer	15	5th Aust. Fld. Amb.
5	Bde. I.O.	16	2nd Aust. Div.
6.	Bde. Bomb. Officer	17	6th A.I. Bde.
7.	Bde. Transport Officer	18	7th A.I. Bde.
8.	17th Bn	19	File
9	18th Bn	20/22	War Diary
10	19th Bn	23	Area Comdt. CANAL AREA
11	20th Bn	24	do PIONEER AREA
		25	15th A.A.S.C.
	23/23	27	Area Comdt. OUDERDOM
	S P A R E 2.	26	do WIPPENHOEK



March Table to accompany 5th A.I.Bde. Order No. 116.

Date	Units in order of March	Place	STARTING POINT Time of Passing	From	To	Route	Remarks
1st Oct.	18th Bn.	Cross Roads H.35.d.2.3. (Sheet 27)	8.10 a.m.	CONNAUGHT CAMP	G.24.c.9.3. (Sheet 28)	RENINGHELST - ZEEVECOTEN.	Billeting Parties will report to Staff Capt. at Area Commandant, OUDERDOM, 10 a.m. on 1st instant.
do	19th Bn.	do.	9.40 a.m.	PATRICIA CAMP	G.30.a.9.8.	do.	
do.	5th A.L.T. M.Battery.	do.	8.55 a.m.	DALLINGTON CAMP.	G.24.c.9.3.	do.	do.
do.	Bde. H.Q. and Sig. Section	do.	9 a.m.	CONNAUGHT CAMP	G.30.a.9.8.	do.	
2nd Oct.	18th Bn	GOODMEET MILL H.30.b.9.4. (Sheet 28)	8.30 a.m.	H.24.c.9.3.	PIONEER AREA	Via Road Junc- tion H.26.a.5.9.	Billeting parties will meet Staff Captain at H.21.b.2.2. Area Commdt. PIONEER AREA at 9 a.m. 2nd inst.
do.	5th AL.T. W.Battery	do.	8.50 a.m.	do.	do.	do.	
do.	19th Bn.	do.	9.5 a.m.	G.30.a.9.8.	do.	do.	do.
do.	Bde HQ & Sig.Section	do.	9.15 a.m.	G.30.a.9.8.	BELGIAN CHATEAU	Most Direct.	do.
3rd Oct.	18th Bn.	Road Junction H.22.a.35.85.	8. a.m.	PIONEER AREA	CANAL AREA	Den Groenen Jager -	Billeting parties will meet Staff Capt. at
do.	5th ALTMpty	do.	8.20 a.m.	do.	do.	BELGIAN CHATEAU	BELGIAN CHATEAU 9 a.m.
do.	19th Bn.	do.	8.25 a.m.	do.	do.	do.	3rd instant.

HALTS only at 10 minutes to Clock Hour.

Appendix No. 22



## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRETADDENDUM to ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 20.SUPPLIES. Delete para "SUPPLIES" and read - *see below**W. J. Johnson*  
"Octr. 1st. 15th A.A.S.C. will deliver supplies for 17th, 18th and 19th Bns to Transport Lines at H.22.b."

Supplies for remainder of Brigade will be delivered to units lines.

*W. J. Johnson*  
October 2nd. Supplies for whole Brigade will be delivered to Brigade Transport Lines H.22.b."TRANSPORT - At end of 1st para for "completion of move on October 2nd." - read "completion of move on October 1st and 2nd."

Delete second para "TRANSPORT" and read -

"1st Line transport of 19th Bn and 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. and Brigade Headquarters will remain with units until 1 October 2nd when they will proceed to old lines at H.22.b. 18th Bn Cookers will proceed to GORDON AREA and Transport to H.22.b. independently."

SURPLUS KIT etc. In 7th line read "8" lorries instead of "4".  
Delete second last sentence, commencing "18th and 19th Bns etc" to "PIONEER AREA".*W. J. Johnson*

Captain,

Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

*Bde. H.Q.  
30/9/17*

Supplies for consumption on 2nd and 3rd October will be issued by S. O. 5th A.I.Bde. Group at 10.30 a.m. on 1st prox. Location of Refilling Point - Sheet 28, H.22.b.5.7.



SECRETFIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
-----Brigade Headquarters  
30th September 1917.ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 20

SUPPLIES. October 1st. 15th A.A.S.C. will deliver supplies for 17th, 20th Bns and 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. to Transport Lines at H.22.b. Supplies for remainder of Brigade will be delivered to Units Lines.

October 2nd. Same as for October 1st.

October 3rd. Supplies for whole Brigade will be delivered to Brigade Transport Lines H.22.b.

TRANSPORT. Baggage ; wagons will report to 18th, 19th Bns and Brigade Headquarters at 6 p.m. 30th instant, and remain with units until completion of move on October 2nd.

1st Line Transport of 18th and 19th Bns and 5th A.L.T.M.Bty and Brigade Headquarters will remain with units until 2nd October, when they will proceed to old lines at H.22.b.

SURPLUS KIT etc. Packs and blankets for 18th & 19th Bns and 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. will be carried on the man. All units of the Brigade will dump packs blankets and other surplus gear in transport lines by 7 a.m. October 3rd, whence they will be conveyed to Kit Store Steenvoerde by Motor Lorries. Brigade Q.M. will arrange for a guide to report at BALMY DUMP, H.22.b. 9.2. and 9 a.m. 3rd instant to guide 4 lorries to Brigade Transport Lines. 18th and 19th Bns will each detail a guide to pick up two motor lorries at BALMY DUMP and guide them to their camps in PIONEER AREA.

Overcoats will be retained by all ranks in the forward area.

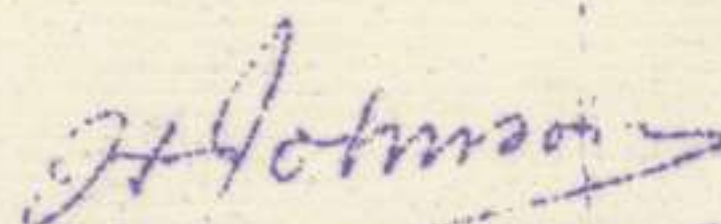
REINFORCEMENT CAMP. Personnel for reinforcement camp from 18th and 19th Battalion and 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. will move to Corps Reinforcement Camp on morning of 1st October. Packs and blankets will be carried on the man. Corps Reinf. Camp is situated about W.4. Sheet 27.

Personnel of the remainder of the Brigade will remain with their unit until further orders and will be employed on working parties when required.

Blankets, packs etc., of the latter will be moved by lorries when they proceed to reinforcement camp.

All personnel will be moved from Corps Reinf. Camp to CAESTRE under orders from 2nd Aust. Division.

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



Captain,

Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

(To accompany 5th A.I.Bde. Order No. 116)



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SECRETAmendments & Corrections to 5th A.I.Bde. Order No. 116

Para. 1. Add -

"18th Battalion will move by lorries at 1 p.m. to GORDON Area on 1st October. They will furnish a working party of 300 for the C.R.E. Advance Party will proceed by lorry at 8 a.m.

As soon as the location of 18th Battalion is fixed an officer will report to the C.R.E. at H.18.c.9.1. for instructions and to arrange guides.

March Table -

- (a) All moves for 18th Battalion are cancelled.
- (b) Cancel moves of Bde. Hdqrs., 19th Bn. and 5th Aust. L.T.M. Battery for 2nd and 3rd October and substitute the attached table.

Corrigenda:

Starting Point for 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. on 1st October, for H.35.d.2.3. read "L.35.d.2.3."

ACKNOWLEDGE

Bde. H.C.  
30/9/17.

J. P. W. MacLellan  
Captain,  
Brigade-Major, 5th A.I.Bde.

Issued at 9.30 pm  
through Signals.  
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Distribution as for O.O. 116



March Table referred to in Amendments to O.O. 116

Date	Unit	Place	STARTING POINT	From	To	Route	Remarks
			Time of Passing				
2nd Octr. 1917.	5th A.L. T.M.Bty.	GOONHEET MILL (G.30.b.9.4.)	8.30 a.m.	G.24.c.9.3.	CANAL Area	Via Road Junction H.26.a.5.9. - Den Groenen Jager- BELGIAN CHATEAU.	Billeting parties will meet Staff Capt at BELGIAN CHAT- EAU at 9.30 am 2nd Octr.
do.	19th Bn.	do.	8.35 a.m.	G.30.a.9.8.	do.	do.	
do.	Bde. HQ. & Signal Section.	do.	9.10 a.m.	do.	BELGIAN CHAT- EAU.		