

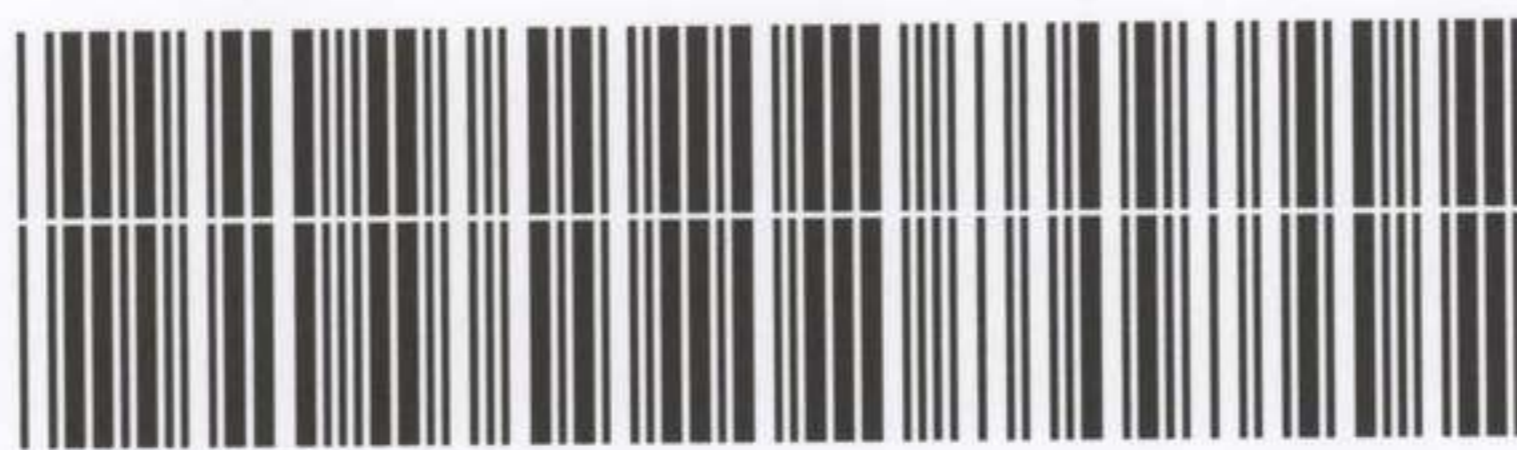
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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FARMENTIÈRES	1 st	3.55 pm	Reciprocal artillery activity by both sides throughout day. Our artillery dispersed several enemy W.P. during morning. Our artillery fired 50 rds in salvoes at C. 23 d. 81. During night usual patrolling carried out. Patrol opp. R. Pm. found hole in front. Loc. 8. M.C. Car carried out normal programme indirect fire throughout night. Both aircraft active.	HOURLINES Trench MAP 110,000.
"	2 nd	4.10 ..	Dulet morning. Our own & enemy artillery active during afternoon. The latter apparently registering 30 H.E. fell up DURHAM AVENUE. Bright moonlight hindered patrolling. one officers patrol remained out for 2 hours. Usual M.C. programme of indirect fire.	
"	3 rd	1.15 ..	During day enemy shelled support & subsidiary line opposite left Pm. Munitions for fire opened on HOBBS & EDMONDSON - cleared at 3 pm. Quiet night - our patrols heard much work in enemy front line - a fighting patrol remained out for 3 hours. Our M.C.'s carried out normal indirect fire programme.	
"	4 th	6.0 am	33 rd & 34 th Pms relieved 35 th & 36 th Pms in A & B Pm fronts as per Pde order N° 40 Enemy artillery quiet except in retaliation to our heavies which bombarded enemy area from 3 pm onwards. During afternoon munitions destroyed & gun buried crew in B Pm sector. During night our patrols found movement in N.M. LAND, which was in good state, difficult owing to moonlight.	Appendix XXVI
"	5 th		Both artilleries very quiet throughout day. Enemy working very hard on his line. Normal M.C. fire carried out by us during night. Patrols active, despite snow in N.M. land which again very wet.	
"	6 th	9.45 pm	Artillery shelling of R. Pm throughout day. - trench mortars also showed greater activity. 20 4.25 & 20 77's on night of loc. 8. Our patrols active but progress difficult on account of mud. Enemy still working on his line. Our M.C.'s active during night.	
"	7 th	2 pm	Our H.T.M. covered by artillery bombarded enemy works. Enemy artillery quiet. During night 12 patrols out on Pde front. N.M. land quiet & conditions improving. Our M.C.'s carried out programme indirect fire as usual, & dispersed several W.P. during day.	
"	8 th		Casualties from noon on 1 st to noon on 7 th - Killed 8 O.R., Wounded 15 O.R. Artillery quiet during morning. 20 4.24 77's H.E. in loc 147 S.S. line. 20 shells in HOURLINES & on TISSAGE DUMP near "A" Pm. Hdqts.	
"		2 pm	8 moonlight hindered patrolling. 8 patrols out from right Pm - N.M. land in good condition but frozen. Indirect M.C. fire carried out during night.	

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ARMENTIÈRES	9 th	6 am	9 th Bde commenced to take over L'ÉPINETTE SECTOR as per Bde Order No. 41 attached 50% of 35 th Pm moving into L'ÉPINETTE sector.	HOUPLINES Trench Map 1/10,000. 36 N.W. France 1/20,000.
		11 am	During day both artilleries very active. M.T.M's cut wire covered by artillery group - result good & no immediate retaliation	
		10.25 pm	About a dozen heavy shells fired into HOUPLINES.	
			Munitions very active during day. M.C. Coy dispersed several W.P.s during day & also carried out indirect fire programme during night. Twelve patrols out on Bde front - no enemy encountered - moon very bright.	
	10 th	6 am	Remaining 50% of 35 th & 34 th Pms took over L'ÉPINETTE & HOUPLINES sectors - G.O.C. Bde assumed command both sectors on completion relief.	
		8.0 pm	Enemy artillery fired intermittently on HOUPLINES sector during morning	
		6.15	Our heavy artillery commenced bombardment of CHICKEN RUTH - 140 rds fired - very effective Both sectors heavily shelled with all calibres & munitions - parapet of Loc. 7 damaged & parapet in other places also - JAPAN IN. blocked - our artillery retaliated. Offensive gas order - Bde order No. 42 attached	Appendix XXVIII
			Patrols had nothing to report during night. Usual programme of night firing by machine guns carried out.	
	11 th	8.50 am	Both our own and enemy artillery very active during day. 12 rds S.G.H.E put into eastern portion ARMENTIÈRES.	
			During afternoon 140 rds S.G.H.E fell in rear of Pt Centre Coy support of L'ÉPINETTE sector. Little damage resulted from hostile bombardment.	
			Aircraft very active during day - one of our planes & also O. Balloon brought down mine patrols out on Bde front reported enemy working on his line. Vickers	
			Guns dispersed a working party during morning and also fired indirect fire programme during night.	
	12 th	5.30 am	36 th Pm. relieved 34 th Pm. in HOUPLINES subsector as per Bde Order No. 43 attached	Appendix XXIX
			Very great artillery activity on both sides throughout day.	
		11.30	M.T.M's fired 80 rds on enemy F.L.S.L. - good results - enemy retaliated with 300	
			rds in PTÉGAL FM & CENTRAL AV.	
		15	76 rds. in S.L. of LOC. 5.	
		4.10	95 rds S.G.H.E. in LOC. 6	
		4.50	62 " " " " - one Stokes mortar put out of action.	
			Patrols out only on HOUPLINES SECTOR. Conditions unfavorable during night for discharge of gas. Usual programme carried out.	Page 22

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ARMENTIERES	16 th	8.15 am	20 H.F. in loc 13 & EDWARDS AV. During day consistent enemy shelling of HOUPINES SECTOR including S.S & subsidiary line. Lighter shelling on right sector. Our art. retaliated during morning our V.Cs dispersed two enemy parties with indirect fire. During day enemy aircraft active. Our V.Cs carried out normal programme indirect fire during night. Our patrols found on his hand very quiet and very little active in enemy F.L.	Ref 11/10 ps HOUPINES Trench Map 1/10,000 France NW.36 1/20,000.
"	17 th	5.30..	33 rd & 34 th Pns. relieved 35 th & 36 th Pns. in right & left Pn. sectors as per P.O. order No. 46. Enemy artillery fairly active during day, about 300 shells put in locs. 5 & 6 during day breaching parapet; 100 shells were fired at the DISTILLERY & 100 bet. S.S & subsidiary line in L'EPITINETTE SECTOR. The HOUPINES SECTOR was also treated to a thorough shelling on F.L., S.L., & C.T.s. Our aircraft was very active. Our patrols heard no enemy in R.M. LATID & very little noise in his F.L. Our V.Cs carried out indirect fire programme.	Appendix XXXII
"	18 th	2 pm 3.30.. 8.15..	Enemy artillery very quiet opposite L'EPITINETTE Sector but an intermittent shelling of HOUPINES SECTOR all day. Our heavy artillery commenced bombardment of enemy rear area. Large explosion & volumes smoke in enemy area where our guns were shelling. Art Group responded to S.O.S. signal opposite loc 16 - signal not confirmed so art. ceased firing.	
"	19 th	1 pm 7.30.. 8.30..	During night 12 patrols out on Rde front including two fighting patrols. on his hand in bad condition. One large enemy patrol seen but did not come into contact with our patrol. Usual indirect night firing carried out. Enemy artillery very active against HOUPINES Sector during day. Heavy bombardment opened on F. & S. lines of locs 8, 9 & 10. - minor damage to C.T.s but F.L. not badly knocked about. Our artillery retaliated on C.23.d. and heavy joined in bombardment on rear areas. V.Cs dispersed several working parties during morning & at night carried out normal indirect fire. Gas was released from locs. 8 & 13 & more from loc. 11 as per P.O. order No. 47. Gas was as favorable & attack should have proved successful. Enemy fired green rockets and very light. Search lights brought on to clouds & also considerable rifle fire.	Appendix XXXIII

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ARMENTIÈRES	20 th	6.15 am	Enemy artillery active on both Bn. sectors, commencing on PEAR TREE FARM & continuing thro' out day.	Ref Map HOURLINES Trench MBP 110,000 France N.W. 36 1/20,000.
		2.30 pm	Heavy, medium & light T.Ms. carried out successful shoot.	
		9.23.	One battery opened S.O.S. fire in response to 2 red lights - ceased when signal was not confirmed.	
	21 st		During night V.Cms carried out indirect fire programme. Twelve patrols were out on Bde front during night - an enemy patrol was sent returning to his trench. Artillery active intermittently during day, on whole sector, a few shells being sent	
		10.00 am	20 4 2 H.E. into JAPAN ROAD with ARMENTIÈRES.	
		1.30 pm	15 " " PLANK AV. V.Cms dispersed 2 enemy W.P.s during morning. Twelve patrols out during night. N.M.s LAND is improving. One patrol reached trench 15 yds of enemy parapet, no wire being very poor here.	
"	22 nd		Both artillery active during day, 50 H.E. fired into locs 5, 6 & 7 during morning. During night normal indirect M.Cm fire carried out. Five patrols out on Bde front. Snor made movement difficult and no enemy seen in N.M.s LAND although heard working in his front-line.	
"	23 rd		Enemy artillery very quiet during day - a few shells were fired into HOURLINES in early morning. During morning V.Cs dispersed two enemy working parties & carried out indirect fire programme during night. Twelve patrols out during night and enemy found working on his line. A great deal of noise heard in enemy F. Lt at 8.30 pm & much shouting.	
"	24 th		Casualties to noon on 23 rd for previous week: - Killed 15 OR, Wounded 10 AF, 39 ORs. Artillery inactive during day. V.Cs carried out indirect fire programme during morning and again at night. During night patrolling carried on actively on Bde front & enemy rifle fire more active than usual.	
"	25 th		35 th & 36 th Pns. relieved 33 rd & 34 th Pns. as per Bde Order N° 48 attached. During morning a number of shells fell in locs 3, 4 & 5.	Appendix XXXIV
		4.30 pm	20 rds H.E. in Loc 13.	
		5.20	Our heavies bombarded enemy rear areas. L.T.Ms dispersed enemy working party.	
			hve patrols out on Bde front during night - N.M.s Land quiet - one enemy party seen opposite locality 7. V.Cs carried out indirect fire. Enemy art active	Page 25

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ARMIENTIERES	26 th	2.15 pm	21 rds 4.2 H.F. in rear Cap E. Artillery otherwise inactive. Eve enemy W.P. dispersed by our V.C.'s during day - normal mortar fire programme at night. Patrols report no signs of enemy during night in R. N.S. LAND.	Ref Map HOUPAINES
"	27 th	2 pm	Heavy, medium & light T.M.'s carried out successful shoot - retaliation fairly heavy but no serious damage. Otherwise art. activity small. Shorten patrols out on Rde front during night. An officers fighting patrol bombed a hostile patrol at close range - result unknown. Usual mortar & C.M. programme.	Trench Map 1/10,000 France 36 NW 1/20,000

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
ORDER NO. 40.

Reference Map:

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Headquarters
9th Australian Inf. Brigade
2nd March, 1917.

- RELIEF. 1. The 33rd and 34th Battalions will relieve the 35th and 36th Battalions (the latter becoming "D" and "C" Battalions) in "A" and "B" Battalions sub-sections respectively, commencing on the 4th instant at 6.0 a.m.
- TRENCH STORES 2. All trench stores, defence schemes, log-books, aeroplane photographs, maps, plans and other useful information will be handed over by outgoing units and receipts obtained therefor.
- BILLETING PARTIES 3. Billeting parties of one Officer per Battalion and one N.C.O. per Platoon from 35th and 36th Battalions will proceed to "D" and "C" Battalion billets on 3rd instant to billet their units.
- DETAILS. 4. All other details of reliefs, such as number of guides, &c., will be mutually arranged by C.Os. concerned.
- WORKING PARTIES 5. No working parties will be supplied for night shift on 3rd ~~and~~ 4th instant or the day shift on 4th instant. 35th and 36th Battalions will provide parties for and after 9.0 p.m. on the 4th instant.
- MOVEMENT 6. Every precaution must be taken against hostile observation both aerial and from ground level. During the hours of daylight units when EAST of ARMENTIERES-NOUVEL HOUPLINES railway line will move in parties not larger than sections at two-minute intervals.
- REPORTS 7. Units will report in code by wire to Brigade Headquarters when relief is completed.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. R. ... Major,
Brigade Major 9th Australian
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6	Bde. Signal Officer	"
7	33rd Battalion	"
8	34th Battalion	"
9	35th Battalion	"
10	36th Battalion	"
11	9th Aust Machine Gun Coy.	"
12	9th Aust L.T.M. Battery	"
13	11th Aust. Inf. Brigade	"
14	1st N. Z. Inf. Brigade	"
15	10th Aust. Field Ambulance	"
16	9th Field Company	"
17	Left Artillery Group	"
18	"L" Coy. 3rd Bn. Special Brigade, R.E.	D.R.
19	2nd Aust. Tunnelling Coy.	"
20	3rd Aust Pioneer Battalion	"
21	Spare.	

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 41.

References Map:

1/20,000 France Sheet 56
N.W. (corrected to G.S. 16).

Headquarters

9th Australian Inf. Brigade
8th March, 1917.

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- RELIEF. 1. The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will take over L'EPINETTE Sector from 11th Australian Infantry Brigade, relief to be completed by evening of 10th instant. The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will then hold the line from PEAR TRIN PARI on the South to the River LYS on the North.
- MOVE. 2. At the same time there will be a readjustment of garrison in the HOUPLINES and L'EPINETTE Sections, the 34th Battalion taking over the former and the 35th Battalion the latter. Fifty per-cent. of each unit will move into the new areas on 9th instant and remaining 50% on 10th instant, moves to commence at 6.0 a.m. each day. On relief 36th Battalion will become "C" Battalion and 33rd Battalion will be "D" Battalion. The 9th Australian Machine Gun Company and 9th Australian Trench Mortar Battery will cover the above Brigade front, relieving the corresponding unit of 11th Australian Infantry Brigade on 9th instant. Incoming units will pass under command of O.C. Sub-sections concerned until relief of sub-section is entirely completed. All details of relief will be made mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
- DISTRI- 3. New dispositions will be communicated to all con-
BUTION. cerned separately.
- PRECAUTIONS 4. Every precaution must be taken against hostile observation both aerial and from ground line. Units when East or South of ARLENTIERES-NOUVEL-HOUPLINES Railway line will move in parties not larger than sections at two-minute intervals.
- TRENCH 5. All trench stores, defence schemes, log-books, aero-
STORES. plane photos., maps, plans, and other useful information will be handed over to incoming units and duplicate receipts obtained therefor - one copy of which is to be forwarded to Brigade headquarters by noon on 11th instant.
- BILLETS. 6. The 33rd Battalion will take over billets at present occupied by 35th Battalion. Billeting party of one Officer per Battalion and one N.C.O. per Platoon will proceed to these billets on 8th instant.
- TRANSPORT 7. All units will retain their present transport stand-
LINES AND STAGES. ings and Quartermasters stores.

P.T.C.

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- COMMANDERS. 8. All commanders of and above the appointment of Company Commander will remain with the opposite number of incoming unit for twenty-four hours after completion of relief.
- REPORTS. 9. Units will report to Brigade Headquarters daily on relief for day being completed.
- COMMAND. 10. G.O.C. 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will take over command of L'EPINETTE Section on completion of relief on 10th instant.
- BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS 11. Brigade headquarters will remain in its present location.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

T.F. BORTICE, Major,
Brigade Major 9th Australian Infantry
Brigade, A.I.F.

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9	35th Battalion	"
10	36th Battalion	"
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18	Centre Artillery Group	"
19	"I" Coy. 3rd Bn. Special Brigade, R.M.	D.R.
20	2nd Aust. Tunnelling Coy.	"
21	3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	"
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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 42.

Reference: 1/10,000 Map
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INTENTION. 1. On the first suitable date after March 8th and prior to March 15th, gas at present installed on the Divisional front will be released, supported at the same time by the discharge of smoke from the following sectors:

I 16 c to L 16 c and I 11 c to I 10 b.
30 65 60 75 05 42 95 05

OBJECT 2. The object of the release of gas and smoke is to destroy as many as possible of enemy personnel and make the remainder put on their gas masks on the slightest suspicion of gas or smoke during future operations.

TIME AND DATE. 3. The release of gas and smoke will take place during the hours of darkness, the date and the Zero hour being notified later to all concerned.

GAS LOCALITIES. 4. The gas will be discharged from all of the following localities or from as many such localities as the wind will allow:-

Locality 4	-	I 10 b	to	L 11 a.
		98 42		00 70
" 8	-	C 29 c	to	C 29 c.
		30 28		20 62
" 11	-	C 29 a	to	C 25 c.
		25 80		20 20
" 13	-	C 25 a	to	C 25 a.
		20 00		20 40

PERIOD OF DISCHARGE. 5. The gas and smoke will be liberated silently in one wave, gas commencing at Zero and terminating at plus 20 minutes, smoke starting at plus 5 minutes and ending at plus 20 minutes. In connection with the operation there will be no bombardment during or after the discharge. The Artillery will be warned and will be ready for retaliation if called upon.

NOTIFICATION OF DISCHARGE. 6. If it is decided that the operation shall be carried out the word "YORKSHIRE" will be wired to all concerned. This will mean that gas and smoke will if possible be released and all preparations will be put in progress. Should weather conditions later appear unsuitable the word "NOTTINGHAM" will be wired to all concerned and preparations will cease.

DECISION AS TO LIBERATION OF GAS. 7. The decision as to whether or not the conditions are suitable for gas discharge will be left entirely with O.C. "L" Company R.E. who will be able to give provisional information at one hour before Zero. The final decision at Zero as to suitability of weather is left entirely to the discretion of those Officers of "L" Coy. R.E. actually operating the gas sectors in the front line. Although the wind limits for smoke discharge are considerably wider than those of gas, smoke will not be liberated unless gas is

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also liberated and the Officers or M.C.Os. in charge of the smoke sectors will therefore keep in touch with the nearest gas sector on their left or right.

- HOURLY POSTPONEMENTS.** 8. If the wind is unsuitable at Zero hour, either as regards direction or owing to the velocity being less than four miles per hour, no further attempt will be made to release gas that night by hourly postponements.
- PRECAUTIONS** 9. Trenches from which gas is actually discharged and also 250 yards on both flanks of same will be cleared at Zero less 15 minutes of all men excepting sentries, Machine gunners and Lewis Gunners and the personnel of "L" Coy. R.W. and one infantry Officer per gas sector. With the exception of the personnel of "L" Coy. R.E., who will be guided by the requirements of operations, all ranks in gas sectors will wear the respirator fully adjusted from Zero less 5 minutes to Zero plus 30 minutes unless cancellation of operations has been previously received.
- GAS FROM ANY OR ALL SECTORS.** 10. Non-release of gas in any particular sector or bay must not be taken to mean that gas will not be discharged elsewhere.
- LIAISON.** 11. The infantry Officer remaining in the front line will keep in touch with the Officer of "L" Coy. R.E. in charge of the gas sector in each case.
- GAS ALERT.** 12. Gas alert is ordered for all troops from front line to subsidiary line (inclusive) from Zero to Zero plus 30 minutes. Front-line Battalion Commanders are responsible that all troops in their areas are advised of Zero hour.
- WORKING PARTIES.** 13. As discharge of gas and smoke will produce hostile fire, all working parties must be withdrawn on receipt of wire giving Zero hour. O.S. Co. front-line Battalions will be responsible for passing this information to all working parties of "O" and "D" Battalions in their areas, and Officers in charge of these working parties must be fully instructed that on receipt of message giving such Zero hour from these Battalion Commanders they at once collect their parties and withdraw them from front areas.
- PATROLS** 14. Front-line Battalions will arrange that no patrols are out from Zero less 30 minutes to Zero plus two hours.
15. **ACKNOWLEDGE.**

J.P. Brunck Major,
Brigade Major 9th Aust. Inf.
Brigade, A.I.F.

Issued at 3.0 p.m.:-

Copy No.	To whom.	Method.
1	War Diary	-
2	File	-
3	3rd Australian Division	D.R.
4	33rd Battalion	Orderly
5	34th Battalion	"
6	35th Battalion	"
7	36th Battalion	"
8	9th Aust. M.C. Company	"
9	9th Aust. A.L.T.M. Battery	"
10	9th Field Company	"
11	3rd Pioneer Battalion	D.R.
12	"L" Coy Special Ed. R.E.	"
13	Spare.	-

Appendix XXIX

SECRET.

Copy No. 2.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
ORDER NO. 23.

Reference Map:

1/20,000 France Sheet 36
H.W. (corrected to 6.8.16).

Headquarters

9th Australian Infantry Brigade
11th March, 1917.

- RELIEF. 1. The 36th Battalion will relieve the 34th Battalion (the latter becoming "C" Battalion) in HOUPLINES Section, commencing on the 12th instant at 5.30 a.m.
- TRENCH STORES. 2. All trench stores, defence schemes, log-books, aeroplane photos., maps, plans, and other useful information will be handed over by outgoing Battalion and receipts obtained therefor.
- BILLETING PARTIES. 3. ^{per Battalion} Billeting party of one Officer and one N.C.O. per Platoon from 34th Battalion will proceed to "C" Battalion billets on 11th instant to billet the Battalion.
- DETAILS. 4. All other details of reliefs, such as number of guides, &c., will be mutually arranged for C.Os. concerned.
- WORKING PARTIES. 5. No working parties will be supplied for night shift on 11-12th instant or the day shift on 12th instant. The 34th Battalion will provide parties for and after 9.0 p.m. on the 12th instant.
- MOVEMENT. 6. Every precaution must be taken against hostile observation both aerial and from ground level. During the hours of daylight troops when EAST of ARMENTIERES-NOUVEL-HOUPLINES Railway line will move in parties not larger than sections at two-minute intervals.
- REPORTS. 7. Battalions will report in code by wire to Brigade Headquarters when relief is complete.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.


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

Brigade Order No. 43.

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ISSUED at 12.0 noon:-

<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>To whom.</u>	<u>Method.</u>
1	File	
2	War Diary	
3	Third Australian Division	D.R.
4	G.O?C. Brigade	Orderly
5	Bde. Transport Officer	"
6	Bde. Signal Officer	"
7	33rd Battalion	"
8	34th Battalion	"
9	35th Battalion	"
10	36th Battalion	"
11	9th Aust. H.G. Company	"
12	9th Aust. L.T.M. Battery	"
13	11th Aust. Inf. Brigade	"
14	172nd Infantry Brigade	D.R.
15	1st N. Z. Infantry Bde.	Orderly
16	11th Aust. Field Ambulance	"
17	9th Aust. Field Company	"
18	Left Artillery Group	"
19	Centre Artillery Group	"
20	"L" Special Coy., R.E.	D.R.
21	2nd Aust. Tunnelling Coy.	"
22	3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	Orderly
23	869th Company A.S.C.	"
24	Spare.	"

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 44.

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Reference Maps:

HOURLINES 1/10,000 36 N.W. 2) Edition 7A

Headquarters

36 N.W. 1) Parts of.

9th Australian Infantry Bde.

BOIS GRENIER 1/10,000 36 N.W. Ed. 6D.

12th March, 1917.

ATTENTION 1.

It is intended to carry out a raid on enemy's first and second lines between the Railway in I 11 a and road running S.E. and N.W. in I 5 d on "Z" day and Zero hour - both to be notified later. Raid will be executed by a party from 11th Australian Infantry Brigade supported by Corps Heavy Artillery and 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery.

ARTILLERY ACTION 2.

Artillery will bombard enemy lines in squares C.5. and C.11. from Zero to Zero plus eighty five (85). Heavy Artillery will fire 60-pdr. shrapnel over C.29. central and engage enemy front-line trench from salient in C.29. to the re-entrant at C 29 d from Zero to Zero plus eighty five (85). In addition they will engage targets in squares I 17. b, I 6 a & d, and I 5 b. from Zero to Zero plus seventy five (75).

CONTRIBUTORY ACTION 3.

Lewis Guns.

O.C. 35th Battalion will arrange for Lewis Guns to fire on NO MAN'S LAND as follows:

(a). Two Lewis Guns to fire parallel to and 50 yards South of LILIE R. ilway.

(b). Two Lewis Guns to fire parallel to and 50 yards North of the road running South-East from the North-East corner of I 5 c. These guns are intended to cover the flanks of the raiding party. They will be provided with safety stops to prevent firing

- (a) further North
- (b) further South

respectively than the lines laid down for them above.

Vickers Guns.

O.C. 9th Australian Machine Gun Company will arrange direct with O.C. 11th Australian Machine Gun Company as to Machine Gun action on "Z" night.

CLEARANCE of TRENCHES 4.

O.C. 35th Battalion will arrange for following communication trenches to be cleared of all traffic from Zero minus four (4) hours to Zero plus five (5) hours:

- LUNATIC LANE
- QUALITY STREET
- PLANK AVENUE
- BRICKSTACK WALK
- PORT EGAL AVENUE

and portion of Subsidiary line as arranged between O.C. 35th Battalion and O.C. Raid.

Front-line trench between PORT EGAL AVENUE and PLANK AVENUE will be cleared of all troops from Zero minus one and a half (1½) hours until re-garrisoned at the discretion of O.C. 35th Battalion.

THINNING of LINE 5.

O.Cs. 35th and 36th Battalions will reduce the garrisons of their front lines to a minimum from Zero minus ten (10) minutes (except as set out in para. 4) until they

consider situation permits normal garrisons to be resumed. If reduced garrisons, consisting of Lewis Gunners, bombing posts and a proportion of bayonet men as escorts to the guns should be sufficient for front-line garrison during the operation.

- S.O.S. 6. The S.O.S. signal will be suspended on l'EPINETTE Sect. from Zero minus one and a quarter ($1\frac{1}{4}$) hours until brought in operation again by order of G.O.C. 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.
- PATROLS. 7. No patrols will be out on HOUPLINES or l'EPINETTE Section fronts from Zero minus fifteen (15) minutes until O.C. front-line Battalions consider the situation permits of a renewal of patrolling.
- GAS and SMOKE. 8. Diversions with Gas and Smoke will be the subject of a special order.
- AIRCRAFT. 9. The 42nd Squadron R.F.C. will supply a plane to fly during the operation, should weather conditions permit.
- DETAILS. 10. O.C. 35th Battalion will arrange mutually with the persons concerned all other details for assisting 11th Australian Infantry Brigade.
- TRANSPORT. 11. All other transport must be clear of ARMENTIERES on "Z" night as soon after dusk as circumstances permit.
- WORKING PARTIES. 12. No working parties will be employed on Brigade front on "Z" night.
13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. H. Bonwick Major
 Brigade Major 9th Australian
 Infantry Brigade, A.I.F.

Issued at 9.0 p.m.:-

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1	File	-
2	War Diary	-
3	3rd Australian Division	D.R.
4	Brigade Transport Officer	Orderly
5	35th Battalion	"
6	35th Battalion	"
7	9th Aust. Machine Gun Company	"
8	9th Aust. Light T.M. Battery	"
9	11th Australian Infantry Bde.	D.R.
10	Left Artillery Group	Orderly
11	Centre Artillery Group	"
12	9th Aust. Field Company	"
13	3rd Pioneer Battalion	"
13	Spare	-

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Copy No. 2.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 45.

Reace Maps:

DOUPLINES 1/10,000 36 N.W. 2) Edition 7A
36 N.W. 1) Parts of.
MOIS GRENIER 1/10,000 36 N.W. Ed. 6D.

Headquarters
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.
13th March, 1917.

INION. 1. If weather conditions are favourable it is intended to use cloud Smoke and Gas on the Brigade front in connection with proposed operations on "Z" night. The discharge of cloud Gas and cloud Smoke will both be carried out by the personnel of "L" Special Coy R.F. assisted by details from the 3rd Australian Pioneer Battalion.

GAS SPS. 2. The sectors on which gas may be released if still in the line are as follows:

- Locality 8: $\frac{C\ 29\ c}{30\ 28}$ to $\frac{C\ 29\ c}{20\ 62}$
- Locality 11: $\frac{C\ 29\ a}{23\ 80}$ to $\frac{C\ 23\ c}{20\ 20}$
- Locality 13: $\frac{C\ 23\ a}{20\ 00}$ to $\frac{C\ 23\ a}{20\ 40}$

SMOK SECT. 3. The Sectors on which smoke will be released if weather conditions are suitable are as follows:

- 1. $\frac{I\ 11\ c}{05\ 42}$ to $\frac{I\ 10\ b}{95\ 05}$
- 2. $\frac{I\ 5\ c}{45\ 35}$ to $\frac{I\ 5\ c}{57\ 67}$
- 3. $\frac{I\ 5\ a}{60\ 40}$ to $\frac{I\ 5\ a}{48\ 73}$
- 4. $\frac{C\ 23\ a}{18\ 00}$ to $\frac{C\ 23\ a}{33\ 50}$

WIND. 4. However favorable the direction of the wind, gas will in no case be released if the wind velocity is less than four (4) miles per hour Smoke will be discharged irrespective of the velocity of the wind provided the direction is suitable.

PRECAUTIONS 5. The front line from which gas is to be discharged will be cleared to a distance of 250 yards on either flank of the gas - sentries, Machine Gunners and infantry Officers alone remaining. These will wear their gas masks fully adjusted from Zero minus five (5) minutes to Zero plus thirty (30) minutes. The infantry Officer remaining in a gas sector will keep in touch throughout the whole operation with the Officer of "L" Special Coy. R.F. in that sector. It is possible that the enemy may attempt to counter-attack through the smoke, in which case the infantry garrison of the section of the trench from which smoke is being released will know how to deal with them. The enemy will have to advance through the smoke, whereas the garrison of the trench will be behind it and should, therefore, obtain a favourable opportunity for coming to grips with the enemy.

CLOUD GAS and SMOKE PROGRAMMES 6. Smoke and gas if weather conditions are suitable will be released at intervals from Zero to Zero plus seventy-five (75).

PATROLS. 7. Patrols must not be allowed to enter NO MAN'S LAND opposite gas sectors until at least one and a half hours (1½) hours after Zero.

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VARLEY BOMBS. 8. In addition to the foregoing arrangements plans will be made by the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade to project smoke by means of Varley Bombs, in case the weather conditions are suitable for cloud smoke.

WEATHER CONDITIONS 9. If it is ascertained with certainty on "Z" night that there is no possibility of cloud smoke or gas being released, the necessary personnel for this work will not be sent up into the line.

CODE WORDS. 10. The following code in regard to the release of gas and smoke will be used:

BEEF will represent GAS
BISCUITS will represent SMOKE

Thus a message saying "BEEF will not be issued tonight but BISCUITS are available" will mean that the conditions are unsuitable for gas but cloud smoke may be employed. Messages of the above nature will not affect the action to be taken with the Varley Bombs.

COMMUNICATION TRENCHES. 11. The following trenches will be kept clear of traffic for the use of "L" Special Coy. R.E. between 8.0 p.m. and 10.0 p.m. on "Z" night:

DURHAM AVENUE
EDMEADS AVENUE
WESSEX AVENUE
Support line behind Gap L
SPAIN AVENUE
LONDON ROAD
BUTERNE AVENUE
WILLOW WALK
JAPAN ROAD.

All sentries must be warned to give free passage on "Z" day to any personnel of "L" Special Coy R.E. wearing red, white and green brassards.

DECISION 12. The decision as to whether gas and smoke clouds will be discharged as to LIBERATION of GAS and SMOKE. The decision as to whether gas and smoke clouds will be discharged or not will rest entirely with the Officers of "L" Special Coy R.E. actually in charge of the operations in the various gas and smoke sectors. The decision with regard to Varley Smoke Bombs will rest with the G.O.C. 11th Australian Infantry Brigade or his representative. The non-release of the smoke cloud will not be taken to mean that smoke bombs cannot be used. Similarly, it must not be inferred from the non-release of gas or smoke in one sector that it will not be discharged from the others.

MISCELLANEOUS. 13. The smoke to be used will be entirely harmless and can be breathed with perfect safety in large quantities. The gas on the other hand is very poisonous, and it is very important that any men who may by some mischance become casualties through gas poisoning shall be kept entirely still.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

T. F. BORWICK Major
Bde Major 9th Australian Inf Bde A.I.F.

ISSUED AT 4.0 p.m:

Copy No.	1	File	
	2	War Diary	
	3	3rd Australian Division	D.R.
	4	35th Battalion	Orderly
	5	35th Battalion	"
	6b	9th Aust Machine Gun Coy.	"
	7	9th Aust Light T.M. Battery	"
	8	9th Aust Field Company	"
	9	3rd Aust Pioneer Bn	"
	10	"L" Special Coy RE	DR
	"	Spare	

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
ORDER No. 46.

Reference map:

1/20,000 France Sheet 36
N.W. (corrected to 6.8.16).Headquarters
9th Australian Infantry Brigade
15th March, 1917.

- RELIEF. 1. The 33rd and 34th Battalions will relieve the 35th and 36th Battalions (the latter becoming "D" and "C" Battalions respectively) in L'EPINETTE and HOUPLIN'S Sections, commencing on the 17th instant at 5.30 a.m.
- TRENCH STORES. 2. All trench stores, Defence Schemes, log-books, aeroplane photos., maps, plans, and other useful information will be handed over by outgoing Battalions and receipts obtained therefor.
- BILLETING PARTIES. 3. Billeting parties of one Officer per Battalion and one N. C. O. per Platoon from 35th and 36th Battalions will proceed to "D" and "C" Battalions billets on 16th instant to billet their Battalions.
- DETAILS. 4. All other details of relief, such as number of guides, &c., will be mutually arranged by C.Os. concerned.
- WORKING PARTIES. 5. No working parties will be supplied for night shift on 16-17th instant or the day shift on 17th instant. The 35th and 36th Battalions will provide parties for and after 9.0 p.m. on the 17th instant.
- MOVEMENT. 6. Every precaution must be taken against hostile observation both aerial and from ground level. During the hours of daylight troops when WEST of ORIENTIERS-NOUVEL HOUPLINES Railway line will move in parties not larger than sections at two-minute intervals.
- REPORTS. 7. Battalions will report in code by wire to Brigade Headquarters when relief is complete.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. J. Dowrick Major,
Brigade Major 9th Australian
Infantry Brigade, A.I.F.

ISSUED AT 7.30 p.m.:-

Copy No.	To whom.	Method.
1	File	
2	War Diary	
3	Third Australian Division . . .	D.R.
4	C.O.C. Brigade . . .	Orderly
5	Brigade Transport Officer . . .	"
6	Brigade Signal Officer . . .	"
7	33rd Battalion . . .	"
8	34th Battalion . . .	"
9	35th Battalion . . .	"
10	36th Battalion . . .	"
11	9th A.M.G. Company . . .	"
12	9th A.L.T.M. Battery . . .	"
13	172nd Infantry Brigade . . .	D.R.
14	11th Aust. Infantry Brigade	Orderly
15	11th Aust. Field Ambulance	"
16	9th Aust. Field Company . . .	"
17	Left Artillery Group . . .	"
18	"L" Special Coy. R.I. . . .	D.R.
19	2nd Aust. Tunnelling Coy. . . .	"
20	3rd Aust. Pioneer Battalion	Orderly
21	869th Coy. A.S.C. . . .	"
22	Spares . . .	-

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 47

Reference Maps:

HOUPLINES 1/10,000 36 N.W. 2) Edition ZA
36 N.W. 1) Parts of.
BOIS GRENIER 1/10,000 36 N.W. Ed. 6D.

Headquarters
9th Australian Inf. Bde.
19th March, 1917.

INTENTION.

1. If weather conditions are favourable it is intended to use cloud smoke and gas on the Brigade front on the night of 19th-20th instant. The discharge of the cloud gas and cloud smoke will both be carried out by the personnel of "L" Special Coy., R.E.

GAS and SMOKE SECTORS.

2. Gas and smoke will be discharged from the following sectors:

- Locality 4 - Gas
- Locality 8 - Gas
- Locality 11 - Smoke
- Locality 13 - Gas.

Zero hour will be 7.30 p.m.

DECISION AS TO LIBERATION OF GAS and SMOKE..

3. If at 6.30 p.m. OC. "L" Special Coy., R.E. decides that conditions are favorable this decision will be wired to front-line Battalions by following pre-arranged code: Each unit will have its own code-word as follows:

	"A" Battalion:	Code word for Gas	TUNICS	& for Smoke	CAPS
"B"	"	"	TOBACCO	"	MATCHES
"C"	"	"	CANDLES	"	OIL
"D"	"	"	COCOA	"	TEA
M.G. Company	"	"	FATIGUE	"	PARTY
T.M. Battery	"	"	JAMES	"	CARTER

Therefore to signify that gas and smoke will be discharged at 7.30 p.m. the following messages will be sent:

- To:
- "A" Bn: Both TUNICS and CAPS will be issued as arranged
 - "B" Bn: TOBACCO and MATCHES will be forwarded as arranged
 - "C" Bn: SUPPLIES CANDLE and OIL arrive as arranged
 - "D" Bn: COCOA and TEA being issued as arranged
 - M.G. Coy: FATIGUE PARTY will parade as arranged
 - T.M. Bty: JAMES and CARTER will report as arranged.

If at 6.30 p.m. conditions are unfavourable a postponement of Zero hour to 8.30 p.m. will take place. This postponement will be notified to units by the following messages:

- To:
- "A" Bn: Both TUNICS and CAPS will be issued one hour later
 - "B" Bn: TOBACCO and MATCHES being forwarded one hour later
 - "C" Bn: CANDLES and OIL arrive one hour later
 - "D" Bn: COCOA and TEA being issued one hour later.

If at 8.30 p.m, weather conditions are unfavourable for the discharge of gas and smoke no further postponement of Zero hour will take place and postponement of operation to a future night will automatically happen.

*M.G. Coy. FATIGUE PARTY will parade 1 hour later
T.M. Battery JAMES AND CARTER will report 1 hour later*

DECISION as
to LIBERATION
of GAS
and SMOKE.
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Decision as to whether gas and smoke clouds will be discharged or not at Zero or at the amended Zero hour will rest entirely with the Officers of "D" Special Coy., R.E. actually in charge of the operations in the various gas and smoke sectors. The non-release of gas or smoke in one sector will not be taken to mean that it will not be discharged from the others.

PRECAUTIONARY
MEASURES.

4. All precautionary measures laid down in Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 45 will hold good for this operation. The necessary clearance of front-line will take place at Zero minus five (5) minutes and normal dispositions will not be resumed until Zero plus thirty (30) minutes.

PATROLS.

5. No patrols will be sent out on the Brigade front before two (2) hours after Zero on the night of the 19th-20th instant.

OBSERVATION

6. The Infantry Officer remaining in a gas or smoke sector will take careful observation of enemy action on the discharge of gas or smoke and Battalions will furnish a full report of these observations to Brigade Headquarters as soon after completion of operation as possible.

WORKING
PARTIES.

7. No working parties will enter Brigade area before 10.0 p.m. on the night of the 19th-20th instant. All working party tables &c. will be amended accordingly - times of reporting at rendezvous being 10.0 p.m. and not as stated in these tables &c.

MISCELLANEOUS

8. The smoke to be used will be entirely harmless and can be breathed with perfect safety in large quantities. The gas on the other hand is very poisonous and it is very important that any men who may by some mischance become casualties through gas poisoning shall be kept entirely still.

WARNING.

9. O.Cs. Battalions will be responsible that all personnel within their areas are fully warned of the above operation and of hour at which gas and smoke are discharged.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. J. Brown

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

9th Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 47 Page 3.

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<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>To whom.</u>	<u>Method.</u>
1	File	
2	War Diary	
3	Third Australian Division	D.R.
4	33rd Battalion ...	Orderly
5	34th Battalion ...	"
6	35th Battalion ...	"
7	36th Battalion ...	"
8	9th Aust Machine Gun Company	"
9	9th Aust. Light T.M. Battery	"
10	9th Aust. Field Company	"
11	3rd Aust. Pioneer Battalion	"
12	11th Aust. Field Ambulance	"
13	"L" Special Company, R.F.	D.R.
14	Right Artillery Group	Orderly
15	D. T. M. O. ...	"
16	172nd Infantry Brigade	D.R.
17	11th Australian Inf. Brigade	D.R.
18	Spare	-

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Copy No. 2

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
ORDER No. 48.

Reference map:
1/20,000 France Sheet 36
N.W. (corrected to 6.8.16).

Headquarters
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.
23rd March, 1917.

- RELIEF. 1. The 35th and 36th Battalions will relieve the 33rd and 34th Battalions (the latter becoming "C" and "D" Battalions) in L'EPINETTE and HOUPLINES Sections, commencing on the 25th instant at 4.0 a.m.
- TRENCH STORES. 2. All trench stores, defence schemes, log-books, aeroplane photos., maps, plans, and all other useful information will be handed over by outgoing Battalions and receipts obtained therefor.
- BILLETING PARTIES. 3. Billeting parties of one Officer per Battalion and one N. C. O. per Platoon from 33rd and 34th Battalions will proceed to "C" and "D" Battalions billets on 24th instant to billet their Battalion.
- DETAILS. 4. All other details of relief, such as guides, &c., will be mutually arranged by C. Os. concerned.
- WORKING PARTIES. 5. No working parties will be supplied for night shift of 24-25th instant or the day shift on 25th instant. The 33rd and 34th Battalions will be prepared to provide parties for and after 9.0 p.m. on the 25th instant.
- MOVEMENT 6. Every precaution must be taken against hostile observation both aerial and from ground level. During the hours of daylight troops when EAST of ARIENTIERES-NOUVEL HOUPLINES Railway line will move in parties not larger than sections at two-minute intervals.
- REPORTS. 7. Battalions will report in code by wire to Brigade Headquarters when relief is complete.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. P. Bennett

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

ISSUED at 6.0 a.m.:-

Copy No.	To whom.	Method.
1	File	
2	War Diary	
3	Third Australian Division ..	D.R.
4	G.O.C. Brigade ...	Orderly
5	Brigade Transport Officer ..	"
6	Brigade Signal Officer ...	"
7	33rd Battalion ...	"
8	34th Battalion ...	"
9	35th Battalion ...	"
10	36th Battalion ...	"
11	9th A. L. T. M. Battery ...	"
12	9th Aust. Machine Gun Company	"
13	172nd Infantry Brigade ..	D.R.
14	11th Aust. Infantry Brigade	"
15	11th Aust. Field Ambulance	Orderly
16	9th Aust. Field Company	"
17	Right Artillery Group ..	"
18	"L" Special Company, R. E.	D.R.
19	2nd Aust. Tunnelling Company	"
20	3rd Aust. Pioneer Battalion	Orderly
21	869th Company, A. S. C.	D.R.
22	A. P. M., 3rd Australian Division	"
23	Spare.	

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Appendix XXXV

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PARADE STATE AS AT NOON 14/3/17

1917.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

UNITS.	ACTUALLY WITH UNIT			WITH LEAVE		WITHOUT LEAVE		SICK			DETACHED FROM UNIT FOR ALL REASONS (Detailed on back)			Total strength			ESTABLISHMENT			WANTING TO COMPLETE			ATTACHED	
	Of	N.C.Os	Men	Of	OR	Of	OR	Of	NCO	Men	Of	NCO	Men	Of	NCO	Men	Of	NCO	Men	Of	NCO	Men	Of	OR
BRIGADE HQRS	3	5	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	5	7	6	24	7	6	21	-	-	-	6	27
33rd Bn	28	79	761	-	-	-	-	2	3	20	7	20	112	37	102	293	38	101	267	1	-	-	1	6
34th Bn	31	75	714	-	-	-	-	2	6	33	6	18	134	39	99	281	38	101	267	-	2	-	1	6
35th Bn	28	83	782	-	-	-	-	4	2	61	3	17	80	35	102	223	38	101	267	3	-	-	3	12
36th Bn	26	69	726	-	-	-	-	2	9	25	10	23	97	38	101	248	38	101	267	-	-	19	1	7
9th M.G. Coy	7	28	153	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	2	4	10	30	159	10	20	155	-	-	-	-	16
9th A.L.T. M.Btry	4	10	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	4	10	35	4	10	36	-	-	1	1	12
Totals	127	349	3188	-	-	-	-	12	20	142	31	81	433	170	450	3763	173	440	3680	4	2	20	13	92

Included mounted

Richard Sudd
 Commanding Ninth Infantry Brigade.

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DETACHED FROM UNITS

16 Russians
4 Lorientais
20 Bolognes
40 Piedmont
9 Obocens
2 Club St. Louis
2 other clubs
2 other clubs

Brigade Headquarters 4 Padres and batmen detached. On Battalion strength for rations.
2 O.R. with A.O.C. Personnel.

	33rd Bn	34th Bn	35th Bn	36th Bn	M.G. Coy	A.L.T. Btry					
Divisional Hqrs	13	1	10	1	4	2					
Brigade "	2	12	7	9	1	11					
Divisional Canteen			3	2		1					
" Baths	2	2									
" Supply Col						2					
" Reinf Camp				1							
A.P.M.	10		10	11		8					
Adv. Div. Report Gen.						3					
9th M.G. Coy			4			7					
A.L.T.M. Btry	13		3			3					
2nd Army Purchase Bd	2		1	1		1					
Railway Con. Party	23	1	23	1	25	1					
Tree felling La Motte						9					
Tunnelling Coy	1		17			15					
G.O.s School England		1	1								
Schools	3	20	3	27	17	5					
Forest Control	1	10		8	9	1					
Working Party Terdeg.		10		9							
" " Steenwerck				20							
D.A.D.O.S.				3							
Div. Area Office				2							
M.T.M.B.				2							
Instruct. Staff A.D.B.D.				1	1						
" " Div Sch					2						
A.A.S.C. Guides					2						
Base, Rouen			X 1	1		1					
10th Bde Hqrs			1								
Div Signal Coy					2						
Working Pty. Mont de Cats					9						
Div Sch. Spl Duties					1	1					
A.A.S.C						2					
						1					
Totals	7	132	6	153	3	96	10	120	1	6	1

OFFICERS SICK

33rd Bn

Major White Wounded
Lieut Duesbury Sick

34th Bn

Lieut Bennett Pleurisy
Lieut Salvatori Sick

35th Bn

Lieut Pearse Sick
Lieut Grace "
Lieut Young "
Lieut Wiggington Sick

36th Bn

Lieut Dibbs Wounded Sec. No rec.
Lieut Prentice Sick

9th A.M.G. Coy

Capt Carey Sick
Lieut Huxtable Wounded.
Sec. Sgt Macnamara.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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PARADE STATE AS AT NOON 29th March 1917.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

UNITS	ACTUALLY WITH UNIT			WITH LEAVE			WITHOUT LEAVE			SICK			DETACHED FROM UNIT FOR ALL REASONS Detailed on back.			TOTAL STRENGTH		ESTABLISHMENT			WANTING TO COMPLETE			ATTACHED	
	Of.	NCOs	O.R.	Of	O.R.	Of	O.R.	Of	NCOs	O.R.	Of	NCOs	O.R.	Of	NCOs	O.R.	Of	NCOs	O.R.	Of	NCOs	O.R.	Of	O.R.	
Brigade Hqrs	3	5	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	5	7	6	24	7	6	21	-	-	-	6	28	
33rd Bn	26	81	794	-	-	-	-	4	7	28	7	13	120	37	101	842	38	101	867	1	-	-	1	17	
34th Bn	28	74	741	-	-	-	-	3	5	17	8	19	111	39	98	869	38	101	867	-	3	-	1	6	
35th Bn	29	79	728	-	-	-	-	4	5	58	6	17	114	39	101	900	38	101	867	-	-	-	1	6	
36th Bn	26	85	734	1	-	-	-	3	2	27	8	12	108	38	99	869	38	101	867	-	2	-	1	7	
9th A.M.G. Coy	7	17	165	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	1	1	3	10	18	172	10	20	155	-	-	-	-	26	
9th A.L.T. M.Btry	4	10	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	4	10	34	4	10	36	-	-	2	-	17	
TOTALS	123	351	3213	1	-	-	-	16	19	135	34	63	482	174	433	3810	173	440	3680	1	5	2	10	97	

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For G.O.C., 9th Infantry Brigade.

Officers Sick

33rd Bn

Major White

Wounded

Lt Duesbury Sick

Lt King " "

Lt McKenzie " "

34th Bn

Lt Bennett Sick

Lt Salvatori Sick

Lt McLeod Sick

35th Bn

Lt Pearse Sick

Lt Gracie " "

Lt Dunn " "

Lt Young " "

36th Bn

Lt Dibbs, Wounded

Sec. No rec.

Lt Boddy Sick

Capt Fitzhardinge Sick

M.G. Coy

Capt Carey Sick

Lt Brown Wounded

PARTICULARS OF "DETACHED"

D.H.Q.
 B.H.Q.
 A.P.M.
 Forest Control
 Tunnelling Coy
 Railway Construction
 Purchase Board
 Trench Mortars
 Machine Gun Coy
 Workg Pty, Terdeghem
 " " Mont de Cats
 Div Canteen
 Div Supply Column
 Div Area office
 Adv Div Report Centre
 Div Concert Troup
 " Chaff cutter
 " Signal Coy
 3rd A.D.B.D.
 A.A.S.C. guides
 A.A.S.C.
 10th Bde Hdqrs
 Salvage Coy
 Cadet School, England
 Div. Schools
 C.O.'s School, England
 Detention, Rouen
 Bde Gas School
 Various schools
 Div School, Instructing
 " " Spl duties
 " Reinforcement Camp
 Signalling, Morbecque
 Sniping, Mont de Cats
 2nd Army Central School
 Corps school, Morbecque
 Stokes, Terdeghem
 Anti-Gas, Oxelaire
 Gamiers, M.G.
 P.T. & B.F., Morbecque
 Lewis Gun, Le Toquet
 General School, Wisques
 Signalling, Zuytpeene
 Grenade, Terdeghem
 Corps Signalling School
 Musketry, Tilques
 Div Gas School

	33rd Bn	34th Bn	35th Bn	36th Bn	M.G.	L.T.
D.H.Q.	13	1	12	1	6	2
B.H.Q.	2	12	7	2	1	11
A.P.M.		10	10	11		7
Forest Control	1	10	9	9		9
Tunnelling Coy	1	17	14	16		15
Railway Construction		23	23	24	1	25
Purchase Board		2	1	1		1
Trench Mortars		13	5	9		3
Machine Gun Coy			4	5		7
Workg Pty, Terdeghem		10	9			
" " Mont de Cats				9		
Div Canteen			3	4		1
Div Supply Column						2
Div Area office			2			
Adv Div Report Centre						3
Div Concert Troup				1		
" Chaff cutter				1		
" Signal Coy				1		
3rd A.D.B.D.				1		
A.A.S.C. guides				2		
A.A.S.C.						1
10th Bde Hdqrs			1			
Salvage Coy			1			
Cadet School, England						2
Div. Schools	2	13	2	19	1	10
C.O.'s School, England			1	1		
Detention, Rouen		1				
Bde Gas School					3	
Various schools				3	2	
Div School, Instructing					2	
" " Spl duties						1
" Reinforcement Camp						1
Signalling, Morbecque						3
Sniping, Mont de Cats		1				11
2nd Army Central School					1	1
Corps school, Morbecque			1	1	1	
Stokes, Terdeghem		1				2
Anti-Gas, Oxelaire		1				
Gamiers, M.G.						1
P.T. & B.F., Morbecque		1		1		1
Lewis Gun, Le Toquet				1		
General School, Wisques	1	2		1		
Signalling, Zuytpeene		2	1	2		
Grenade, Terdeghem			1	2		
Corps Signalling School				2		
Musketry, Tilques		1				
Div Gas School						3
TOTALS.	7	133	8	130	6	131
					8	120
					1	4
						1

Brigade Hdqrs - 4 Padres & batmen on Battalion strength for rations.
 2 O.R. with A.O.C. Personnel.