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W A R D I A R Y1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONGENERAL STAFF.S E P T E M B E R 1916.A P P E N D I X

15.

Complete file of Orders, messages , etc., reference raid
by 7th. & 8th. Aust. Battalions on enemy trenches
on night 30th. September.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SECRET

Divisional Headquarters.
11th. September. 1916.

2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
1st. Aust. Inf. Bde.) for information.
C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.) " "



It is probable that the Division may be called upon to carry out a series of minor operations at an early date.

In order to do this Brigade Commanders of brigades occupying the front line will select suitable objectives for raids and will detail teams to train for them.

In selecting teams the Divisional Commander considers that the men who have arrived at their units recently should be given an opportunity of taking part as far as commanders consider suitable.

Gb.

Lg.

RHS
RHS

Lieut Colonel, General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

PA

for operations

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1st Aust Divn.

S 992

With reference to 169/299.

Two raiding parties have been selected and put into training but the forward area available is not suitable it is therefore requested that a space of suitable ground and sufficient ~~ground~~ accomodation may be made available in the Training Area. The two parties total 160 and if the space is available we can move into it at once and would contrive to use it till the raid comes off say in 10 days.

No. 169/299
17.9.16

W. L. L. L. L. Major.

17/9/16.

for G.O.C. 2nd Aust Inf Bde.

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Secret

1st A. & N.Z. A.C.

18-9-16.

1st Aust. Div. ✓
 2nd Aust. Div.
 4th Aust. Div.

The Commander in Chief has expressed his gratification at the assistance afforded by the raids recently carried out by the Second Army.

In conveying this appreciation the Army Commander added that at the present time a ^{*Confirmation*} ~~combination~~ of such minor offensives is greatly to be desired.

I am therefore to ask that in each division preparations be made to carry out as many raids as possible. Will Divisional Commanders kindly submit a programme accordingly.

C.B.B. Muir

Brigadier-General.
 General Staff.
 1st A. & N.Z. A.C.

W.C. Put up PP please (letter to the)

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TO 1st Aust Div G

Sender's Number
Q 851

Day of Month
19/9

In reply to Number
AAA

Reference conversation re training
ground for BOMBERS at L29B8.9
and L23 D8.4 please say how
many men you propose camping
there and Repeat reply to
area commandant BOESCHEPE and
addressed 1st Australian
Div G. Repeated area commandant
BOESCHEPE

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1st Angai
11.25 am

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TO { 1 st ANZAC Area Commandt BoESCHEPE					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
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Propose	occupy	bars	huts	and	
late	at	L29 A 89	and	L23	
L23 D84	tomorrow	night	AAA	Strength	
of	part	160	all	ranks	
AAA	added	1 st ANZAC		repeated	
Area	Commandt		BoESCHEPE		
From 1 st Aus Div					
Place					
Time noon					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z) R. B. Smythe May 85	
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Headquarters.
19th. September 1916.

2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade

HEADQUARTERS, 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	169/299
Date.	19.9.16

With reference to your G.763 dated 17-9-1916.

1. PLACE. A suitable training ground with accommodation in barns and tents for men and a hut for officers, in close vicinity has been found at two farms L.29.B.8.9 and L.23.D.8.4
2. RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS. Accommodation has been reserved for the party on the train leaving YPRES ASYLUM at 8.30 ^{pm} 20th. The party will detrain at ^{POPERINGHE} ~~Hopouffe~~ and march to the camp.
3. ADVANCED PARTY. An advanced party should be sent to make necessary arrangements.
4. TRANSPORT. All transport required will be provided by the Brigade. It is suggested that a cooker and water cart accompany the party.
5. SUPPLIES. Brigade will make necessary arrangements.
6. Billetting arrangements will be made by the unit.
7. DIGGING. Two fields in which digging can be done were pointed out to Brigade representative Lieut. D'ALTERA, 7th. Battalion. If other fields are required application will be made to Divisional Headquarters.
8. TRAINING FACILITIES. There is a 25 yard range and a system of trenches suitable for training bombing parties adjoining the camp.

R B Smythe
for

Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.

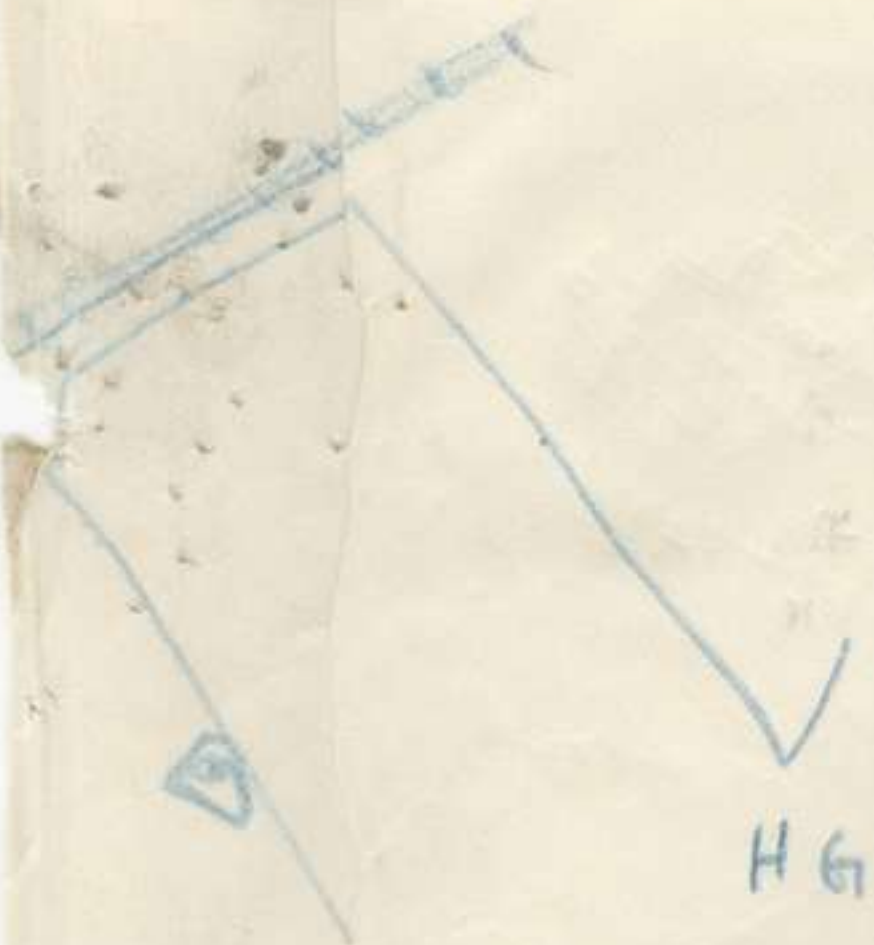
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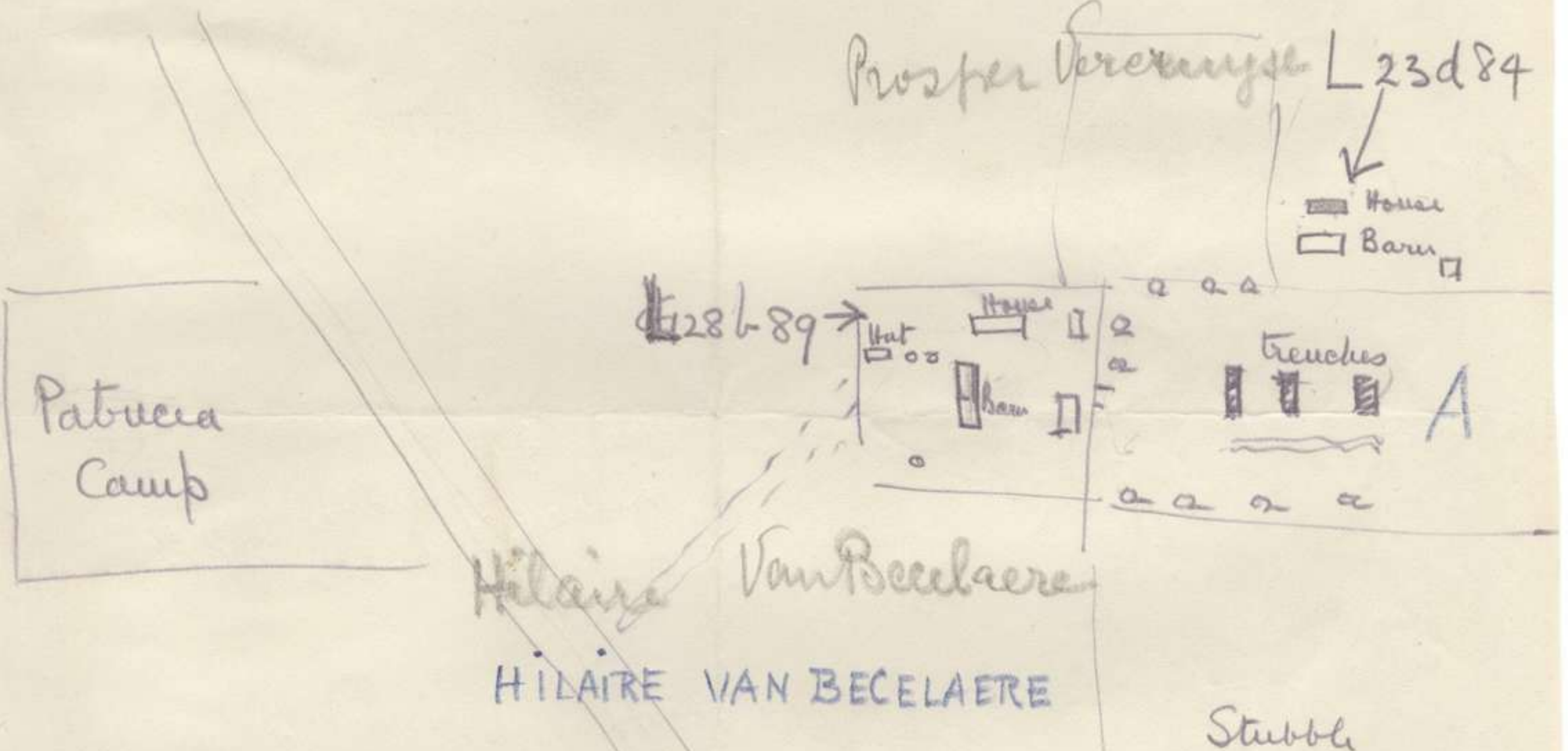
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by army and can be dug in
without further notice.

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up range

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Divisional Headquarters.
19th. September. 1916.

Headquarters.
1st. A.&.N.Z.A.C.
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With reference to your S/903 dated 18.9.1916

I propose to begin at once to train teams for raids.
For this training it is advisable to bring the teams away
from the front into the back area.

Suitable accommodation has been found just outside the
Divisional area in the Corps area at L.29.A.8.9. and L.23.D.8.4.
where trenches have been dug for training purposes.

Permission to use this accommodation is requested.

Acting on telephoned instructions from your 'Q'
staff today arrangements are being made to occupy it tomorrow
by 160 all ranks of 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.


(Sgd) A. B. Walker

Major General.
Commanding 1st. Australian Division.

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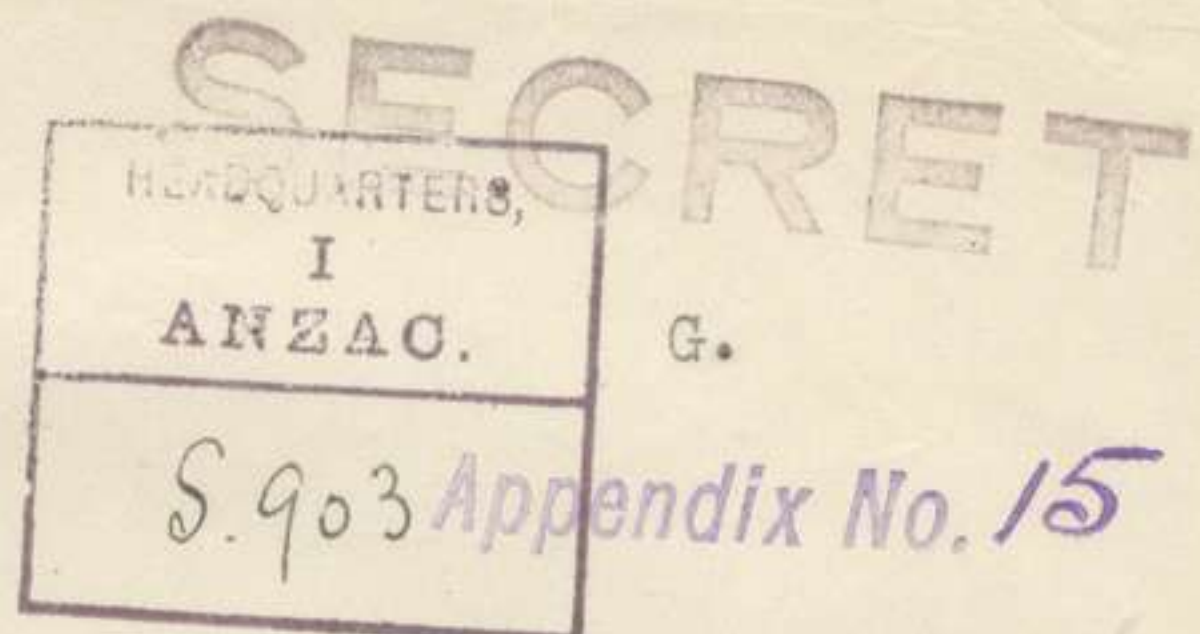
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Sender's Number <i>9911</i>	Day of Month <i>20th</i>	In reply to Number <i>1043</i>	AAA
<i>permission granted</i>			
<i>to be found on which to train raising teams</i>			
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FROM

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1st. A.&.N.Z.A.C.

19-9-16

1st Aust.Div. ✓
4th Aust.Div.

With reference to my memo. No.903 of 18th instant, the Army Commander has informed this Corps that identifications are needed of the enemy troops between RUINED FARM and the YPRES - COMINES Railway.

CB B M

Brigadier-General.
General Staff.

1st. A.&.N.Z.A.C.

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20-9-1916.

1st Aust. Div. ✓
2nd Aust. Div.
4th Aust. Div.

In continuation of my Nos. S.903 of 18th and 19th inst. on the subject of Raids, will you please submit an outline of proposals and approximate dates to this office by the last D.R. on 24th instant.

Army Headquarters require the information on 25th instant.

C. B. M. M. M.
Brigadier-General.
General Staff.
1st A. & N.Z.A.C.

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Headquarters.

20th. September 1916.

2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.



With reference to my S.992 dated 11-9-1916, the Corps Commander has informed the Divisional Commander that identification of the enemy troops between RUINED FARM and YPRES-COMINES Railway are needed.

2. I am to request that an outline of your proposals for minor enterprises and the approximate dates on which they may take place will be forwarded to reach Divisional Headquarters by the morning of 23rd. inst.

Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.

1st. Australian Division.

Gb. RML
18 MML

for intelligence

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Headquarters
2nd Inf. Bde.

Reference S1103 of 21/9/16 MINOR ENTERPRISES.

Teams from 7th and 8th Bns. are at present in training to carry out raids on enemy trench on the Right Brigade front.

For the present I propose to carry out two simultaneous Raids entering at I.34.D.30.72 and I.34.B.40.04 and working for 50 yards on each flank on these points.

The object will be to -

- a. Obtain identification of troops opposite,
- b. Capture prisoners,
- c. Kill Germans,
- d. Capture or destroy Machine Guns or Trench Mortars and destroy emplacements.

The strength of the parties will be from 40 to 50 each, both parties working under one officer.

Wire will be cut in 6 places on the Brigade front on the 2 days previous to the raid at points :-

- a. I.34.D.02
- b. I.34.D.3072
- c. I.34.B.4004 ✓
- d. I.34.B.52
- e. I.35.A.0035
- f. I.35.A.69.

I 34 d 2.6 1/4 ✓

Lewis guns will play on these points to prevent enemy repairing the wire on nights previous to the raid.

At Zero time the raiding parties will enter enemy trench, the right party with 3 squads and the left with 2 squads working on the trenches from point of entry as per sketch attached. On a given signal from O.C. Raid, the parties will withdraw at the points of entry and return to our trenches.

At Zero time also our Artillery and Medium and Light T.M. Batteries will open barrage fire on enemy front line (as close to that portion of the front to be raided as is safe) on the support line and C.T's in vicinity ~~on flanks~~ of the point to be raided.

Special attention will be given to Strong Point at I.34.D.24 and to enemy support line just opposite the point to be raided. T.Mortars will fire on M.G. positions in this vicinity (These have been pointed out to O.C. Right Group of Artillery).

Vickers Machine guns will sweep enemy parapet to the immediate flanks of the part to be raided. At the same time a ruse will be carried out opposite trench 35 with artillery support to make it appear that a raid will be made here.

On return of party to our lines, O.C. Raid will inform the artillery F.O.O. when artillery will cease fire gradually and Trench Mortars at once.

Artillery F.O.O., runners from Medium and Light Mortar Batteries and from No 2 M.G. Coy., will accompany C.O. Raid at forward Hqrs. in or near our front line.

Watches will be synchronized with 2nd Inf. Bde. Hqrs. at 1200, 1700 and 2000 on date of raid.

2nd Bde. Hqrs. will move forward to right Bn. Hqrs.

I have conferred with O.C. Right group of artillery who will endeavour to arrange for artillery assistance from the neighbouring artillery groups. He will also concentrate Medium T.Mortars for the raid.

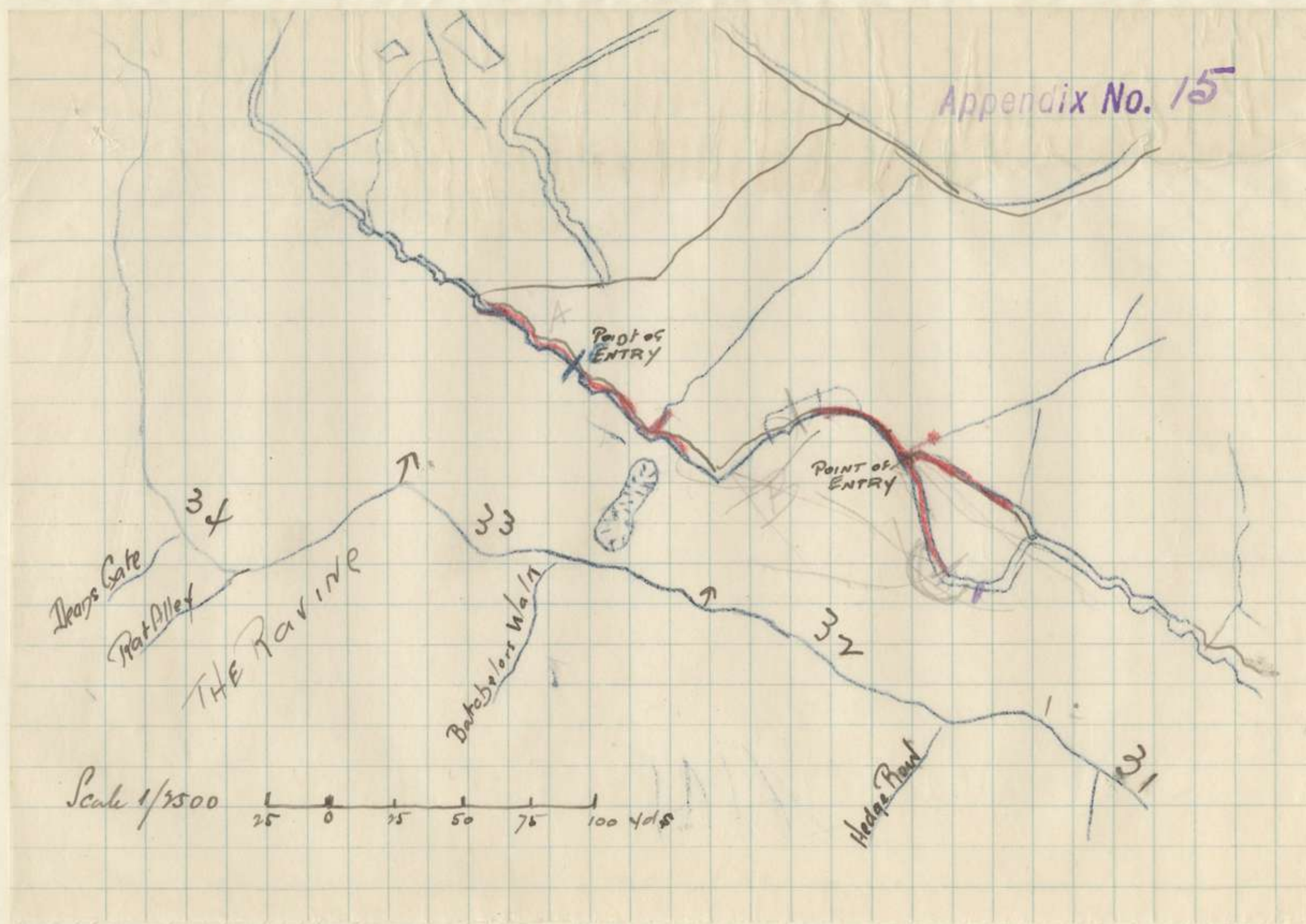
Regarding the date, I would suggest the night of 30th September at 2130 if O.C. Right sector is agreeable. The 1st Bde. Will then be in this sector.

The raiding party is at present training and facsimile trenches are being dug. Officers of the party will patrol the vicinity of the front to be raided.

I have aeroplane photos of the section but would like an enlarged copy.

H. G. Bennett

Lt-Colonel.



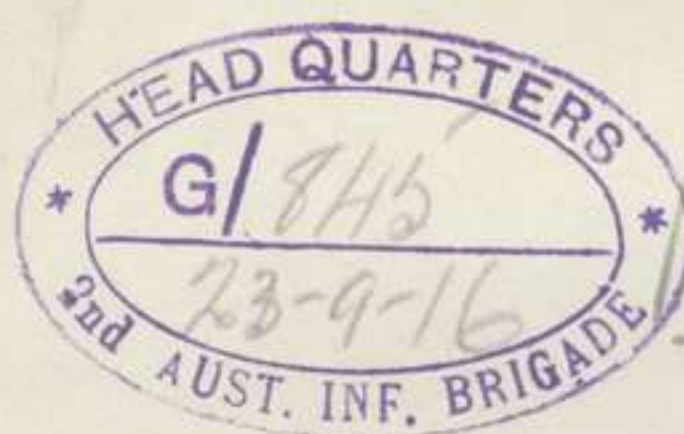
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7th Bn. 100 under
Capt Harris

8th Bn. 60 under
Capt Murray

Capt Murray OC camp

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Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
23rd Sept. 1916.

To : 1st Australian Division :

I concur in the arrangements
for the enterprise which will be supervised personally
by Lieut-Colonel Bennett.

Brigadier-General,
G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

I concur - except that 1st Aust. Bde. is too small
a proportion - I presume officers cannot be spared.

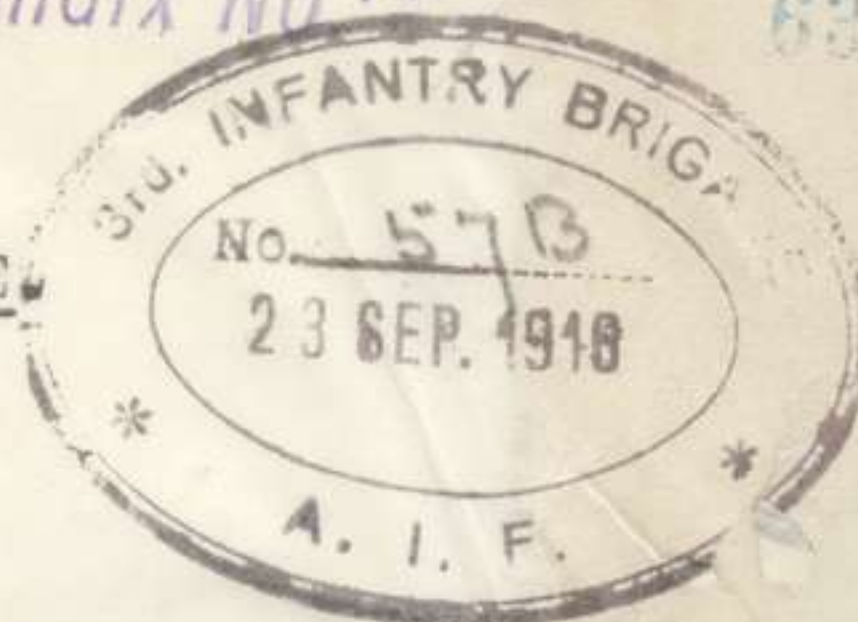
2 - orders for each party will require scrutiny

3 - I don't like word B - speak to me about this

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1st Aus Div
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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.



1st. Australian Division.

MINOR ENTERPRISES.

With reference to 1st. Aust. Div. No.S.1103, dated 21/9/16.

I do not consider it advisable to, and strongly deprecate, the undertaking of any enterprise against hostile trenches opposite the Sector HILL 60, for the following reasons:-

- (A) Our own defences are not at present, nor will be for a considerable period, (a month at least,) in a fit state to withstand any retaliation. Not only were they in a very bad condition when taken over, by 1st. Aust. Divn., but the recent wet weather has undone most of the work done by the Brigade we relieved, and the whole defences have virtually ~~had~~ to be reconstructed.
- (B) Our entanglements were virtually nil prior to our occupation of the position, and owing to the close proximity of hostile trenches and bad weather, the work of placing new entanglements has only been able to proceed very slowly.
- (C) Hostile entanglements are reported as being very good and strong, and it is dangerous to operate against them with artillery and Trench Mortars, without clearing our own trenches, owing to their close proximity.
- (D) The broken nature of the ground by craters, broken wire etc. make a large portion of the front impossible to move over at night, and in wet weather, there being no foothold.
- (E) Opposite us the enemy has the command, and has 2 and 3 tiers of fire, and our bombers would be very greatly handicapped.

2. I would most strongly urge that enterprises in this sector be confined to patrolling and ambushes against hostile patrols.

I am of opinion that with patience and good arrangements, identifications may be obtained by this means.

3. Should we have to undertake a raid on the hostile trenches, I consider that ^{on} giving best chance of success would be against

over.

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against THE SNOUT at about I.29.D.3.7., and would fix the date
between 4th. and 6th. October , but I do not recommend it.

22/9/16.

Ed. Smidair MacLagan

.....Brig-General.
Commanding 3rd. Australian Infantry Bde.

First Australian Division.

Divisional Headquarters,
23rd September, 1916.

To - Headquarters,
1st A.&N.Z. Army Corps.



1. In reply to your S.903 of 20th instant, it is proposed to carry out two simultaneous raids by parties from 7th and 8th Battalions about 30th September. The points at which the enemy's trenches will be raided are I.34.D.30.72 and I.34.B.40.04.

2. I do not propose to carry out any minor operations of this nature in the HILL 60 Sector at present.

In this sector -

- (a) Our own works are in an unstable condition and it will be some time before they are in order.
- (b) The enemy has two distinct tiers of fire.
- (c) The ground between is very broken by craters.
- (d) Our ~~own~~ artillery and trench mortars can only operate against the enemy's front line positions if we clear our own trenches.

3. The brigade ~~in relief~~ in the right sector will be relieved ^{this week by} ~~this week by~~ 1st Brigade. I have directed G.O.C 1st Brigade to submit proposals early, and this will be done as soon as he becomes familiar with the line.

(S) L B Walker

Major-General,

First Australian Division.

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HEADQUARTERS,
I
ANZAC.

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G.S. 903

1st. ANZAC Corps,
25-9-1916.

1st. Aust. Div.

I am to acknowledge receipt of ^{the} ~~your~~ outlined ^{of} proposals for minor offensives contained in your Secret S/1043 dated 23rd. September, and to say that the Corps Commander concurs therein, and in your opinion that any action from the HILL 60 Sector is inadvisable.

2. Preparations should be made please to effect your proposals on the date named, and I am to ask for copies of detailed instructions as well as an estimate of expenditure of artillery ammunition.

C.B. M. M. M.

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,

1st. ANZAC Corps.

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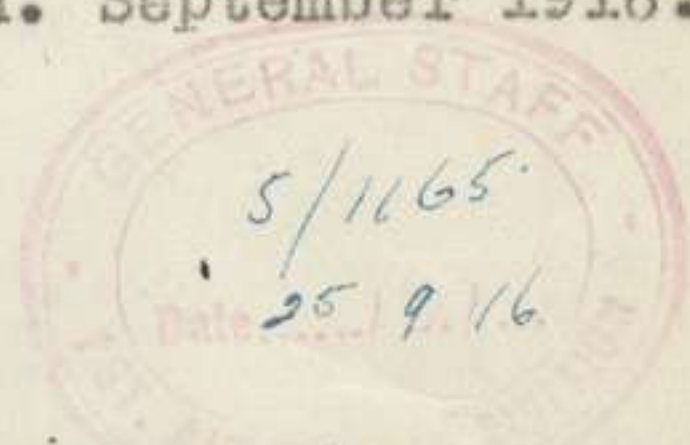
FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. S E C R E T

Headquarters.

25th. September 1916.

2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Kindly forward a draft of the orders for your proposed minor operation at least four days before the day selected for carrying it out.



Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.

1st. Australian Division.

Cib RMA
18 RMA




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HQ 1st Aust Div

S/1142 25/9/16

Date 25/9/16

O.C. Raiding Parties

1. Arrange direct with O.C. Bats for every afternoon
2. Dab has been ordered to issue 300 rds revolvers ammo to 2nd Bde for special parties (raidors)
3. Forches DADOS directed to inquire

4. I have informed CRE that you will visit RE yard RENVING-HELST - POPERINGHE Road personally tomorrow morning (26th). You will place indents on the spot for the requirements of both parties in duckwalks, slatted hessian and other engineer material. Kindly call accordingly.

T. Blamey Lt Col
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25/11/16

Headquarters.
25th. September 1916.



2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
O.C., 7th. Bn. Raiding Party.
O.C., 8th. Bn. Raiding Party.
C.R.A., 1st. Aust. Divn.

Herewith copy of enlargement from air photograph
of 19th. inst to scale of 1 : 1000 of our own and the enemy lines
opposite trench 32.

The photograph has been interpreted as far as
possible.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and say if further
copies are required.

T. A. Blaney

Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.

1st. Australian Division.

T. A. Blaney

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1st AUST. DIVN.

SECTOR No 32 AND PART SECTORS 31 AND 33
AND GERMAN LINE OPPOSITE

(Enlarged from Aerial Photo' No G.B.760.19.9.16)

Suspected dugouts shown 'D'

Broken ground shown

Shell holes "

Suspected overhead cover shown

Old or disused trenches "



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Headquarters.
25th. September 1916.

2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
O.C., 7th. Bn. Raiding Party.
O.C., 8th. Bn. Raiding Party.
C.R.A., 1st. Aust. Divn.



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W. Blamey

Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.

1st. Australian Division.

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1st Aust Div

Received -

*Could 4 more copies
be supplied please.*

W. Blamey MAJOR
LIEUT. COL. 1ST. AUST. DIV. ADJ.

26-9-16.

*Attach
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*Sent 3 copies
28/9/16
also 2 copies to 1st Aust Div.*

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OC. Raiding Parties Unit

.....Date



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..... James Bawley-Hall Signature
..... Capt Rank
..... 1st Bn. Raiding Party Unit
..... Date



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..... J. H. Hurrey Signature

..... Capt Rank

8th Bn. Landing Party Unit

..... 26.9.16 Date



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Headquarters.
26th. September 1916.



2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

In reply to your G.845 I am to say that the Divisional Commander approves of the proposal for the enterprise of the 8th. Battalion but considers that in view of the limited object it is ^{is} advisable to attempt the raid of 7th. Battalion at a so marked a re-entrant in the enemy's lines. Kindly examine the hostile position with a view to selecting a more favourable point.

The Divisional Commander concurs that the arrangements for the two enterprises should be personally supervised by Lieut-Colonel BENNETT.

If a suitable point for the enterprise of 7th. Battalion cannot be found near that chosen by 8th. Battalion it is not essential that both raids should be simultaneous.

R M Smythe Mates

for Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.

1st. Australian Division.

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Ga RM
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HEADQUARTERS,
I
ANZAC.

G. 5. 903



1st. ANZAC Corps,
27-9-1916.

In continuation of my S.903 of 20/7/1916, and subsequent correspondence, I am to say that the Army Commander has approved the outlined proposals, and an allotment of artillery ammunition is being made accordingly.

2. It is particularly desired that as many raids as possible shall be effected on the nights 28th/29th and 29th/30th. Adjoining divisions will be informed beforehand of any action contemplated.

CBZ Multi-

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,

1st. ANZAC Corps.

Ca. 24/9.

27/9/1916.

INTENTION.

Each party will clear trench for 50 yards on each side of point of entry.

OBJECT.

2. (a) To take prisoners.
(b) To kill Germans.
(c) To collect identification marks.
(d) To capture or destroy M.G.'s, T.M.'s and destroy emplacements

STRENGTH.

3. Each raiding party will be organised as follows:-

The O.C. each party will be with supporting squad.

No identity discs, pay books, or other means of identification will be taken or worn,. No papers of any description will be taken.

5. PROGRAMME.

(b) The wire or mat squad will lead the party and will be in line. Trench squads will follow close on this party in file. Supporting squad will follow in line. O.C. Party will be in centre of Supporting squad. Reserves will remain in our fire trench.

(d) At zero, M and L.T. Mortars will fire on enemy M.G. emplacement at I.34.D.3.9 and L.T. Mortars on trench from I.34.D.3.7 to I.34.D.25.60 and M. & L.T. Mortars on strong point at I.34.D.2.4. and on trench at I.34.B.5.0.

At the same time artillery and MT.M. Battery will open barrage fire on enemy frontline to the flanks of the portion to be raided - on enemy support line from I.34.D.7.9. to I.34.D.6.3 and on all communication trenches leading towards portion of trench to be raided.

(e) After entering trench the scouts attached to each party will search the trench for telephone wires (which must be cut) identification marks, M.G.'s, T.Mortars and prisoners.

The supporting squad will line the parapet on both flanks of the point of entry. The O.C. Party will be at the point of entry with telephone communication with C.O. Raid.

The wire or mat squad will improve the track across NO MAN'S LAND and will lay white tape to mark the way to our trenches.

The reserve squad will receive prisoners and trophies and hand them to the trench garrison for safe custody.

(f) The squads will remain in the enemy trench until recalled by O.C. Party. The Signal for recall will be a siren whistle. Squads will not remain in trench for more than 8 minutes. They will return via point of entry where they will report to O.C. Party - to our trench.

The supporting squad will cover the return.

On the word "BUNK" the supporting squad will return to our trench.

O.C. Party^{ies} will immediately report to C.O. Raid who will inform Artillery F.O.O. Artillery and T.Mortars will gradually cease fire.

6. All raiding parties and prisoners and trophies will move to Right Bn. Hd. Qrs at the BLUFF Dug-outs on order from C.O. Raid.

7. Two Vickers Guns of No. 1 M.G. Coy will sweep enemy parapet to flanks of portions of trench to be raided from zero time until ordered to cease fire by C.O. Raid.

8. Signallers will take out a portable 'phone with each party to connect O.C. Party on enemy parapet with C.O. Raid.

9. AMMUNITION & BOMBS.

All bombers will carry 10 bombs, carriers 12, bayonet men 3 each, remainder of party - all ranks - 6 each.

Officers will carry revolvers, bayonet men will carry rifles loaded with magazines charged and 20 spare rounds. Electric torches will be attached to their rifles.

Officers, M.C.O.'s and scouts will carry electric torches.

All except bayonet men will carry knobkerries.

10. Artillery F.O.O., runners from M and L.T. Mortar Batteries and Vickers M.Guns will accompany C.O. Raid.

11. Watches of all concerned will be synchronised with 1st. Inf. Bde. Hd. Qrs at 1500, 1800 and 2000.

12. C.O. Raid will be at position to be notified.

(Sgd) H. G. BENNETT. Lieut-Colonel.

O. C. Raid.

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list of material for use of
7th & 8th Bn Raiders

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Knob Knives	100	✓
Matts for Sealing	12	✓
Barbed wire		✓
Light Ladders	6	✓
Live Snecides	300	✓
White Tape	400 yds	✓
Bomb buckets	30	✓
Revolver amm.		✓
Waistcoats Grenade	30	✓

Q Do you know anything of
this R.M. 21.9

Ga Q does not know.

Indents not thro' G - probably
direct to C.R.S. & D.A.D.S.
M.H.

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Raid by 7th & 8th Bns on 30th Sept 1916

Notes re Stores

1. { Electric Torches were bought by DADOS and supplied for fixing to end of rifle
 { — To be recovered and held by DADOS.

- Tape 1" white 200' bought by DADOS proved satisfactory
 20 { Wirecutters Large ^{14"} not obtainable thro ordnance
 { but secured from NO 3 RE Park Abbeville thro GS Corps
 { To be recovered by DADOS and held

- 8 { Bomb buckets supplied by DADOS
 { To be recovered and held by DADOS

4. Genuaite waitcoats obtained in 2nd Bde
 50 per Bn is the issue

6. Mats for crossing wire entanglement - Hessian 6" wide with wood battens 6" to 9" interval were ~~used~~ supplied by CAE and proved very useful - left party crossed by mat. Not recovered.

RMSmyth May 88
 1st Aus Div

S E C R E T

Copy No.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 60.Headquarters.
20th. September 1916.

1. A raid will be carried out by parties from 7th. and 8th. Battalions on night 30th. Sept/1st. Oct. under the orders of Lieut-Colonel H.G. BENNETT C.M.G., Commanding 6th. Battalion.

2. (i) A copy of the orders for the raids has been forwarded direct by O.C. Raid to:-

1st. A.N.Z.A.C.
1st. & 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bdes.
O.C., Right Arty. Group.
O.C., Right Raiding Party.
O.C., Left Raiding Party.

(ii) Copies are forwarded herewith to 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde., C.R.A., C.R.E., O.C. Pioneer Bn.,

3. (i) The Divn. Artillery will arrange for the wire to be cut prior to the night of the raid at the points of entry and at other points as arranged between O.C. Raid with O.C., Right Group Artillery.

(ii) The detailed programme of the artillery support will be arranged direct between O.C. Raid and Divn. Artillery and a copy will be furnished to this office, to O.C., 1st. and 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bdes., and O.C., Raid on 29th. inst.

(iii) The artillery programme will include a shelling of HILL 60 and the CATERPILLAR and action by the Artillery of 4th. Aust. Division immediately south of the YPRES-COMINES Canal.

4. (i) The 1st. Inf. Brigade will support the raid by the action of its Stokes Mortars, details being arranged direct with O.C. Raid.

(ii) 300 rounds of Stokes Ammunition ^{per gun} will be dumped at the gun.

5. Zero hour will be notified from this office to all recipients of this order.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. B. Smythe

Major. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

Copy No. 1 to G.O.C.

2 "G"
3 "A.Q"
4 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde.
5 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
6 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
7 C.R.A.
8 C.R.E.
9 O.C., Pioneer Bn.
10 1st. Can. Tunnelling Coy.
11 3rd. Can. Tunnelling Coy.
12 1st. A.N.Z.A.C.
13 2nd. Aust. Divn.
14 4th. Aust. Divn.
War Diary.

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Copy No 1

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 59

September 29th 1916.

Reference Map ZILLEBEKE 1-10,000

1. A raid will be carried out by parties from 7th and 8th Battalions on the night 30th Sept/1st October at zero hour.
 Party from 8th Battalion will enter enemy trench at I 34 B 40.04.
 Party from 7th Battalion will enter enemy trench at I 34 D 2.64.
 Each party will clear trench for 50 yards on each side of point of entry.
2. Zero hour will be notified to all concerned.
3. The action of the Artillery will be in accordance with table of Artillery Tasks attached and will be under the control of the Right Artillery Group Commander.
4. The Left Group Artillery will carry out a diversion in accordance with Table of Artillery Tasks attached.
 4th Aust. Div. Art. will carry out a diversion on their own front.
5. A liaison officer from Right Group Artillery and the D.T.M.O. will be with the O.C. Raid.
6. Watches will be synchronised from Right Artillery Group Headquarters.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE

Chubb Major.
 Brigade Major 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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	2.	R.A., 1st ANZAC
	3.	1st Aust. Div. Art.
	4.	2nd Aust. Div. Art.
	5.	4th Aust. Div. Art.
	6-11	Right Group
	12-15	Left Group
	16	D.T.M.O.
	18	Div. Amm. Coln.
	18	1st Aust. Inf. Bde
	19	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde
	20	O.C., Raid.
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TABLE OF ARTILLERY TASKS

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Battery	Time	Target	Estimated Ammunition		Remarks.
			H.E.	shrapnel	
5th Battery	0.0 to CEASE FIRING "	I 34 D 05.35 to I 34 D 40.50 ✓		120	BYF 5" } should not longer be used after the first minute of use as it will be reduced to one minute of use thereafter. It should be used for the first minute of use.
22nd Battery		I 34 D 40.50 to I 34 D 55.73 ✓		120	
24th Battery		I 34 D 55.70 to I 34 D 70.90 ✓		120	
6th Battery		I 34 B 50.15 to I 34 D 70.90 ✓		120	
102nd Battery-					
1 How.		I 34 D 35.45	120		}
1 How.		I 34 D 23.38			
1 How.		I 34 D 68.40			
1 How.		I 35 C 10.93			
4th Belg.Bty		I 34 D 80.95 to I 35 C 20.85 ✓	60	60	}
5th Belg.Bty		I 34 B 90.05 to I 35 C 10.95 to I 35 A 40.15 ✓	60	60	
Medium Trench Mortars.					
1 mortar		I 34 D 03.27 ✓	10		1 rd per gun per min. } } } } }
1 mortar		I 34 B 57.28 ✓	10		
1 mortar		I 34 B 70.08 ✓	10		
1 mortar		I 34 D 70.90 ✓	10		
1 mortar		I 34 B 80.20 ✓	10		

? Safe but what target

TABLE OF ARTILLERY TASKS

Left Division.

Battery	Time	Target	Estimated Ammn.		Remarks
			H.E.	Shrapnel.	
3rd Battery	0.0 to 0.10	I 35 A 45.63 to I 29 C 72.00	45	45	BYF 5" for 5 minutes then BYF 10". Half shr-pnel, half H.E.
1st Battery	"	I 29 C 72.00 to I 29 D 00.40	45	45	
101st Battery	"	The CATERPILLAR (searching and sweeping)	90		BYF 5" for 5 min, then BYF 10"

Total estimated expenditure of ammunition--

18 pr	660
4.5" How.	210
Belgian	240
	<hr/>
Total	1110
	<hr/>
Medium Trench Mortars	50.

asked CRA to arrange
a distinct lift from
front trenches to support
in this vicinity, which
he will do.

R.H.S. 30.9.16

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Appendix No 15

Headquarters.
30th. September 1916.

S 1225

Headquarters,

1st. A. & N. Z. Army Corps.

Herewith Order No. 37 of 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade,
dealing with the raid tonight.

Please acknowledge.

R. M. Smythe M. A. G. S.

for Major-General.

Commanding 1st. Australian Division.

1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 37.

Brigade Headquarters,
29th. September, 1916.REFERENCE MAP, ZILLEBEKE 1:10,000.

1. INTENTION. Two parties of the 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigade under the command of Lieut.-Colonel H. G. BENNETT J.M.G. are to raid enemy trenches on the night of 30th. Sept./1st. Octbr. at Zero time.

(a.) One party from 8th. Battalion is to enter enemy trench at I.34.B.40.04.

(b.) One party from 7th. Battalion is to enter enemy trench at I.34.D.2.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Each party is to clear the trench for 50 yards on each side of the point of entry

2. STRENGTH. Each raiding party will be organised as follows:-

Right Trench Squad. 1 Officer, 8 O.R. (bomb squad) and 3 salvage scouts.

Left Trench Squad. Ditto. Ditto. Ditto.

Supporting Squad. 2 Signallers

2 Scouts

2 Stretcher-bearers

8 O.R. (bomb squad)

1 Engineer Sapper, with explosives.

Wire and Mat Squad. 1 Officer and 6 O.R.

Reserves. 8 O.R. (bomb squad)

The O. C. each party will be with supporting squad.

Reserves will remain in our fire trench.

3. PROGRAMME. The O. C. raid has issued detailed orders to all concerned.

At Minus 15 Minutes. Both parties will leave our trenches, the 8th. Battalion party from Sally Port in Trench 33, and the 7th. Battalion from Sally Port in Trench 31.

At Zero Time. The enemy's trenches will be entered.

At 8 Minutes. Or earlier if ordered the raiding parties will leave the enemy trenches and will return.

4. SUPPORT. The 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade will co-operate in the operation by rendering all assistance possible to the raiding parties, and by M. G. and T. M. fire as ordered in paras. 5 and 6.

The artillery programme will be issued later to all concerned.

5. MACHINE GUNS. The O. C., 1st. Aust. M. G. Coy. will arrange to have three V. M. Guns to sweep the enemy parapet on each flank of and between the areas to be raided, commencing at Zero time and continuing until word to cease fire is received from C. O. raid.

6. STOKES MORTARS. The O. C., 1st. A. L. T. M. B., who will have three mortars from the 2nd. A.L.T.M.B. attached, will arrange to have at least 8 Stokes Mortars in action.

Prior to the night of the raid the wire will be cut at the points of entry by combined action of artillery, Medium and Light Trench Mortars.

At Zero Time the Stokes mortars will open a steady rate of fire on the following targets, and will continue until word to cease fire is received from C. O. Raid.

(a.) Trench junction at I.34.D.5.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ on SAXON WAY.

(b.) Front trench at I.34.D.3.C $\frac{1}{2}$.

(c.) Support trench in rear of the 2.6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Salient.

300 rounds per gun will be stored with each gun tonight 29th./30th. for use during the operation.

7. RUNNERS. Runners from 1st. A.M.G. Coy. and 1st. A.L.T.M.B. will accompany the C. O. Raid. The C. O., 1st. Battalion will also furnish runners if necessary.

*ackd
10pm 29/9/16
HOL*

(2.)

8. PRISONERS, TROPHIES. The trench garrison will be prepared to receive prisoners and trophies, and if necessary convey them to Right Battalion Headquarters at the BLUFF dugouts.

The raiders are to report at Right Battalion Headquarters on morning of the 30th. inst.. Their gear, mats, etc. will be dumped there tonight, 29th.

The position of C. O. Raid will be notified later.

9. TIME. Watches will be synchronised with this office time at 1500, 1800 and 2000 on the night of the raid.

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

J. H. Milligan

Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade./

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TO

Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

Your no 925/22 date 29th
aaa Please arrange zero hour
one half hour earlier than
proposed aaa this will fi
in with 9th Corps arrangements
aaa Added with Dis repl
by Dis (12/3)

FROM

PLACE & TIME

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TO	121st Div Dir
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Sender's Number Br 29	Day of Month 30	In reply to Number A A A
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Report on raid on Artillery
opened fire at 10pm in accordance
with programme a.s.o. left Brim
stopped at 10.20pm and at 10.30pm
left group reported all quiet on their
front a.s.o. Right group artillery
ceased firing at 10.31pm and
reported all quiet a.s.o. at 11pm
right group reported information received
that landing party had captured
2 prisoners and killed 2 Germans
and that they had 2 or 3 light
ammunition and being retaliation was
slight

FROM	121st Div Dir
PLACE & TIME	11.55p

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Charges to Pay £ s. d.		AYA 30.1X.16.- TELEGRAPHS	
Service Instructions.			
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TO 1 Ans Down Appendix No. 15			
Sender's Number 8K123	Day of Month 30	In reply to Number	AAA
<p>Both parties entered enemy trenches aaa left party captured 2 prisoners but had two men wounded aaa Right party captured one but had to fall back on way back aaa casualties so far one killed aaa All returned</p> <p style="text-align: center;">189</p>			
FROM	6th Bn 1055		
PLACE & TIME			

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Charges to Pay £ s. d.		Office Stamp 1916	
Service Instructions.			
Handed in at		Office m. Received m.	
TO 1 Ans Down			
Sender's Number 8K104	Day of Month 30	In reply to Number	AAA
<p>Instead of two prisoners captured by left party there is only one who is wounded aaa He has been evacuated</p>			
FROM	1st Bn		
PLACE & TIME	new		

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TO

Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

Yesterday afternoon our machine
guns under cover of artillery
fire successfully cut enemy wire
in front of enemy trenches
from I 34825 to I 35122.
Trenches were considerably damaged
and last night at 2200 two
parties from 6th Bn successfully
raided enemy trenches at I 34826
and 49 and trench entered at
49 was lightly held and one
of enemy was killed and
one (wounded) taken prisoner
and point of enemy trench at
26 was strongly held and here
9 of enemy were killed and our
casualties were 1 OR killed 1 off
and 1 OR slightly wounded.

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TO

Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

prisoner is MURTEMBERGER and
situation normal and wind
North West very light

FROM

PLACE & TIME

1st Aus Inf Bde
0450

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Charges to Pay *Office Stamp*



Service Instructions.

Handed in at Office m. Received *1200* m.

TO

1st Anti Div

Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

*Morning report aad nothing
 beyond report already forwarded
 on road*

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FROM

PLACE & TIME

1st Anti Div Art

1500

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	AYA-1.X.16.-	No. 15
Handed in at..... Office..... m.		

TO.....

Sender's Number B 64	Day of Month 1	In reply to Number	AAA
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Indirect fire was carried out during the night on the railway, including from I 35 B 54 to 35 B 52 the hamway from I 35 B 18 to I 36 a 16 north in a position of I 16 b and the KLEIN ZILGERSBERG ROAD between I 35 B 75.95 and I 36 a 48 and four guns were employed and 6000 rounds fired and situation normal and wind N about 3 mph

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FROM	3rd Inf Bde
PLACE & TIME	ASW

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At.....m.				From.....	
To.....				By.....	
By.....				(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

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TO { 19 ANZAC 2nd 4th Aust Divs
1st 2nd 4th 3rd Aust Divs
CRH 1st Aust Div

Sender's Number. * C 605	Day of Month. 1	In reply to Number.	AAA
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During Report our Artillery successfully cut several points including those which it was intended to raid and enemy retaliation was weak but ~~included~~ several bombs fired on trench 36 where one officer and one other rank were killed and five others wounded. At 10 pm enemy trenches were raided at two places by parties from 8th Div. Both parties succeeded in capturing enemy trenches but found them lightly held. AAA Left

From	Place	Time
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The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

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Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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By.....				(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

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TO { } *enemy trench our counter*

Sender's Number. *	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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arty killed one german brought one wounded back as prisoner. Right party killed eight germans and charge of explosive was successfully fired. One man killed one officer and two other ranks slightly wounded. Beyond the spot that prisoner was a WURTEMBERGER his identity has not yet been established as he was evacuated to a field ambulance at once. AAA and mark light dangerous AAA Addressed MANZAC repeated all concerned.

From	Place	Time
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Head quarters.

1st. October 1916.



Headquarters,

1st. A. & N. Z. Army Corps,

Herewith copy of report by Lieut-Colonel. H. G. BENNETT, C.M.G., who commanded the raiding parties of 7th. and 8th. Battalions last night.

Identifications will be communicated as soon as possible.

R B Smythe Maites

for Major-General.

Commanding 1st. Australian Division.

GOC. run

Ga 1

Gh. - *These copies are for War Diary. RBS*

D R B

CRA 1st Aus Div

1. Herewith copy of the report by Lt Col Bennett ^{and sketch} on the raids last night - please return
2. The Div Comdr directs me to draw your attention to the fact that one battery opened fire one minute too soon. For enterprises of this kind synchronization of watches cannot be too carefully ~~done~~ supervised for it is of the greatest importance -
3. A later & more detailed report than the attached states that 2 of our guns consistently dropped shells in no man's land as shown in red on sketch. and it is thought that from these guns one of the raiding party received the wound from which he died.

R. Smythe Maj GS

1st Aus Div

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1st Aust Div

Report on Raid by parties of
of the 8th Bn, 2nd Aust Inf Bde on
night of 30th Sept.

Wire was cut as arranged by
Lt Col Battens.

At 2130 both parties left by
sally ports opposite the trench to
be raided and crept across
No Man's Land without interference
except from usual enemy flares.

Left Party 8th this party came
to enemy trench about 30 yards to the
left of the proposed point of entry and
crossed enemy wire by means of the
mats. The left party moved 25 or 30
yards to the left making only one
man who was captured & later wounded.
This party was stopped as it ran
into our own artillery barrage.

The right party went about 50 yards
to the right & killed one man.

Both parties bombed dugouts.

One of our officers Lt TOIT was
slightly wounded by our shrapnel.

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and one man² by bomb.

Enemy fired only one M. G. from the rear.

One battery of our artillery ~~fired~~ commenced firing one minute too early.

Enemy trench here was similar to our own with similar digouts.

It was very lightly held.

Right Party (7th Bn)

This party arrived at enemy trench uncollected & entered it.

~~The left squad~~

The wire was cleared about 10 or 15 yards to the right of where it was intended consequently the party entered at the right nose of this salient.

The left squad encountered 7 men whom they killed. They attempted to capture the first man but he fired on our leading bayonet man from the rear but missed him. &

The right squad moved down a communication trench without encountering any enemy - then returned & proceeded for 15 yards along fire trench in which one man slightly wounded

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This man was captured but had to be killed owing to difficulty in getting him to our trenches.

The party brought back 4 rifles 2 caps & 2 notice boards etc.

We had one man killed & one wounded. Several enemy dugouts were bombed.

The engineer sapper fired his charge in enemy trench with good effect.

Two of our guns, firing what was considered 18 pdr H.E., fired shot on to the MARS LAIR D.

There was no M G fire here.

Both parties cut all telephone wires in this trench on entering.

The body of our killed man was brought back to our trenches.

Telephones, mats, white tapes etc worked well.

These trenches on the right were similar.

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to our own but more delapidated.

The left party was back in our trench at 2207 & the right party at 2213.

Owing to our artillery telephone wires being cut there was delay in ordering them to cease fire.

H. G. Pennington
O.C. Raid.

1st October 1916.

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To. - C.O. Raid

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At 2130 ^{my} party left the Sally Port proceeding to enemy front line at a crawl; at 2159 our artillery opened fire on enemy's position and at 2200 my party which was then ten yards from enemy parapet, still undiscovered, rushed the trench headed by wiring party under Lieut COWAN. All this party displayed great gallantry in pushing down the enemy parapet to enable the Right and left trench party an easy entry. The Right party under 2/Lieut. ANDERSON ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and the left party under 2/Lieut. HOPKINS entered the trench at this point with splendid dash and without difficulty and the supporting party immediately lined the enemy parapet.

The Right party worked in splendid order down the enemy firing line about 20 yards when a C.T. was reached. This was worked for 15 to 20 yards when the party retraced steps and proceeded again along front line, Killing one German.

At the same time the Left party worked most systematically along front line for fully 80 yards, encountering and wounding one German at about 10 yards from place of entry. This man was handed over to supporting party but I was compelled to kill him owing to him refusing to move. The party proceeded down the trench and reached overhead cover; from this two Germans fired on first bayonet man who immediately rushed them shooting one and bayoneting the other. At this point the 1st Bayonet man was wounded slightly but painfully in the back compelling him to withdraw, the party continued; bombing one large deep German dug-out with four entrances. Again a German showed fight by throwing himself on 2nd Bayonet man while passing as a prisoner. 2/Lt. HOPKINS immediately shot him dead, including 3 others who were encountered immediately afterwards. The N.C.O. of this party seeing 4 Germans in a small dug-out attempted to capture them, one firing at him with a revolver. Sgt. BALL who was armed with a revolver shot the four dead. The second bayonet man bayoneted the remaining German when the signal to withdraw was given.

The withdrawel of both parties was carried out in a most regular way.

Pte CASEY the 1st Bayonet man of the Right party displayed conspicuous devotion to duty although wounded in both legs by our own shrapnel before entering trench. He carried on with his duties as bayonet man throughout the Raid. The same devotion was displayed by the 1st Bayonet man of the Left party. Pte. STIRING WHO Was wounded in the back by our own shrapnel on the way over. Unfortunately on the way back Pte. Magnall, Scout died of the wound he had received from our shrapnel before entering the trench and although wounded so severely he entered the enemy trench carried out his duties and succumbed on the return, an excellent example of devotion to duty.

All telephone wires were immediately cut on entering trench. The front line trench was in bad repair without duck-boards in the places. The sides were revetted half way with basket work and from half way to bays with sandbags. Average depth 9 feet - C.T. was in excellent repair. There were many small dug-outs similar to our own. Left party entered one M.G. emplacement not in use and in bad repair. Not one German had his bayonet fixed. All were wearing a kind of fighting order. 4 Rifles caps, German knobkerry, notice boards etc. were captured. Other things were thrown over but were ~~not~~ unable to be found. The Officers and men carried the raid in perfect organisation and during the crawl over ~~the~~ when our artillery shells were falling within 5 yards of the party not a man became disturbed but carried on with great coolness.

I have never seen any movement carried out in such a state of organization before. The party remained over 8 minutes in enemy trench.

Casualties - Died of Wounds 1
Wounded. $\frac{2}{3}$

Sgd. JAMES BOWTELL HARRIS Captain
O.C. 7th Bn. Raiding party.

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H. Bennett Lt. Col.
O.C. Raid.

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To Lieut-Colonel H.G.BENNETT.C.M.G.

C.O. Raid.

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I have to report I was in Command of Left Party drawn from 3th Battalion who raided enemy trench on night of 30th Sept/1st Oct. at 2200.

Party started through Sally port from our trench at 2125 and were in position outside our wire at 2145. Using an old trench and shell craters for cover.

At zero time the mat men threw their mats on wire ~~the~~ and trench parties entered enemy trench.

Right party penetrated enemy trench for distance of 50 yds. killing one German and bombing four dug-outs. Party was in trench for five minutes and was recalled by runner. This party was led by Lieut. MAGUIRE.

Left trench party under 2/Lieut. JOYNT after searching trench for about 20 yards was held up by our barrage. This party captured one prisoner (Succ. died from injury)

Everything worked smoothly. Officers who entered enemy trench, report it very lightly held about 8 feet deep, in very good condition, boarded in bottom and without fire step, overhead cover in several places very weak, little more than cover for sentry.

All telephone wires in trench were cut on entering by man detailed for purpose.

Found no trip wire in NO MAN'S LAND. All dug-outs under parapet, also noticed recesses cut in parapet for sentry.

All men of party did their work splendidly, showing great determination and courage.

Sgd. D.G.EVANS Lieut.
O.C. Left Party.

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Casualties. 1 Officer slightly wounded.
2 other ranks wounded.

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Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
1st October, 1916.

To : Headquarters,

1st Australian Division.



Herewith supplementary reports from Lieut-Colonel H.G. Bennett, C.M.G. who supervised the preparation and the carrying out of the raid on the enemy's trenches last night. I have very much pleasure in bringing to the notice of the G.O.C., Division, the highly satisfactory, efficient and complete manner in which this raid was organised and carried into effect. This in my judgement reflects the greatest credit on Lieut-Colonel Bennett, Captain Bowtell Harris, 7th Battalion and Lieut. D.G. Evans, 8th Battalion, and upon the whole personnel concerned.

Unfortunately, from what I have been able to glean from Lieut-Colonel Bennett and from the Officers and others, it would appear that the enemy has apparently anticipated a repetition of our recent successful Raids and has taken very complete precaution against the procuring of identification, as in every instance where it was possible to make a search, neither numerals, identification disks or papers were found in the Sector raided.

I am informed by those concerned that the enemy all fought well and doggedly, and live prisoners were therefore impossible to procure. Every German fought till he was killed with the exception of one wounded

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Ga R.H.

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man who died shortly after his arrival in our Field Dressing Station.

It would appear that our Artillery were premature in opening Covering Fire on the return of the Party, and I would ask that on future occasions every care should be taken, as the one mortality which occurred was, in the opinion of Colonel Bennett, the result of the above.

I can only add that one and all of the personnel concerned in this Raid have carried out this very dangerous mission with the highest credit to all concerned, and it is my intention, after further inquiry, to forward for your favourable consideration, the names of those who are deserving of special mention.

W. A. W.

Brigadier-General,
G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY



Report on Artillery Co-operation in Raid
by 7th and 8th Battalions on night of
30th September/1st October 1916.

In accordance with programme fire was opened at
10 pm on the targets ordered

The artillery of the Left Group carrying out the
Left Diversion ceased firing at 10 10pm and reported that all
was quiet in that sector.

The artillery covering the raid fired at the rate of
battery fire 5 seconds until 10 10pm, and the rate was then
reduced to battery fire 15 seconds. At 10 30 pm the liaison
officer sent through "Cease Firing" and at 10 31 pm batteries
stopped firing.

The enemy's retaliation was very weak, only a few
minenwerfers and 4.25 being fired into our sectors 32 and 33.

Ammunition expended

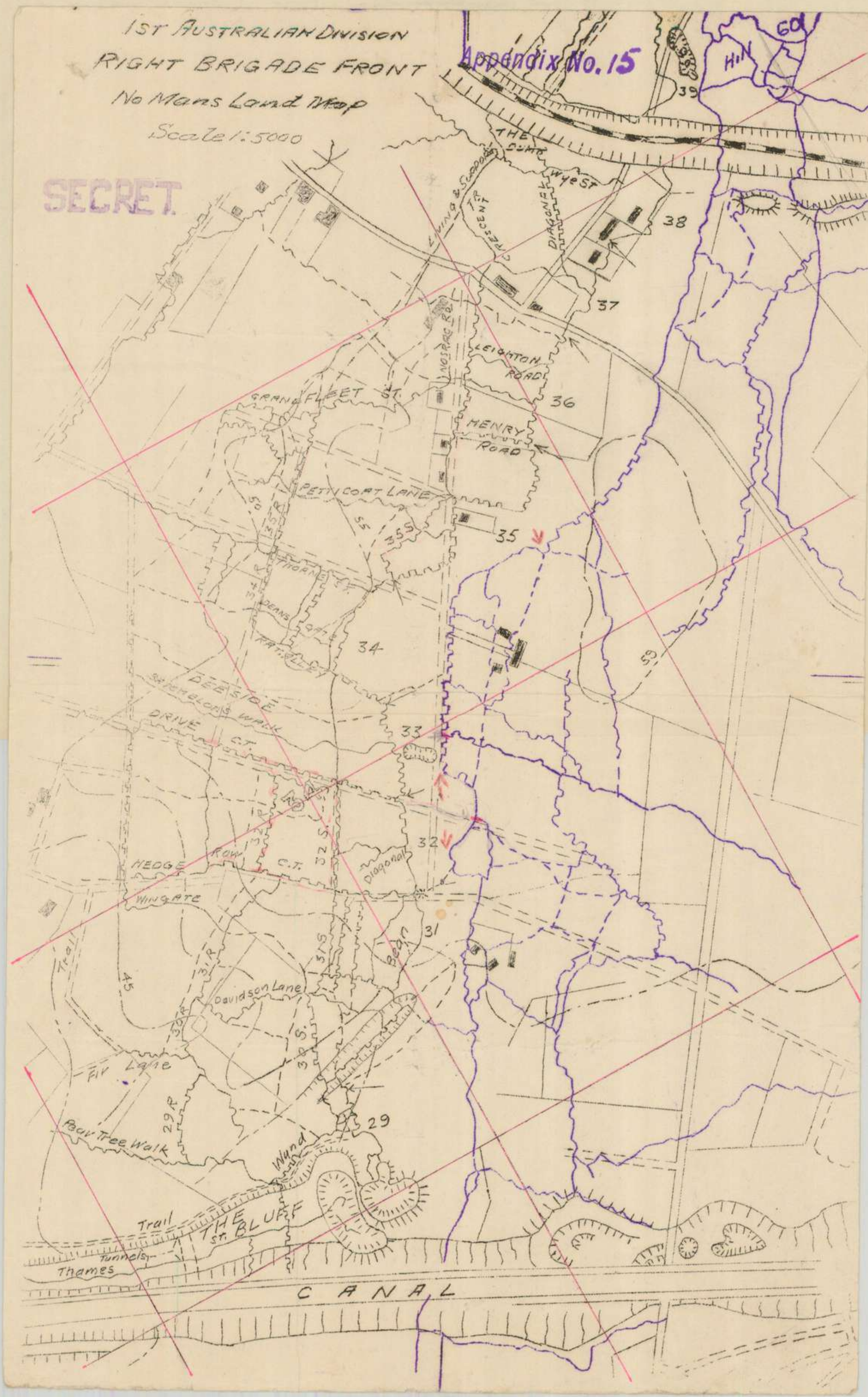
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4.5" Howitzer	289
M.T. Mortars	42
Belgian Bties	335.

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Bennet
Lieut. Colonel
a/C.R.A., 1st Australian Division.

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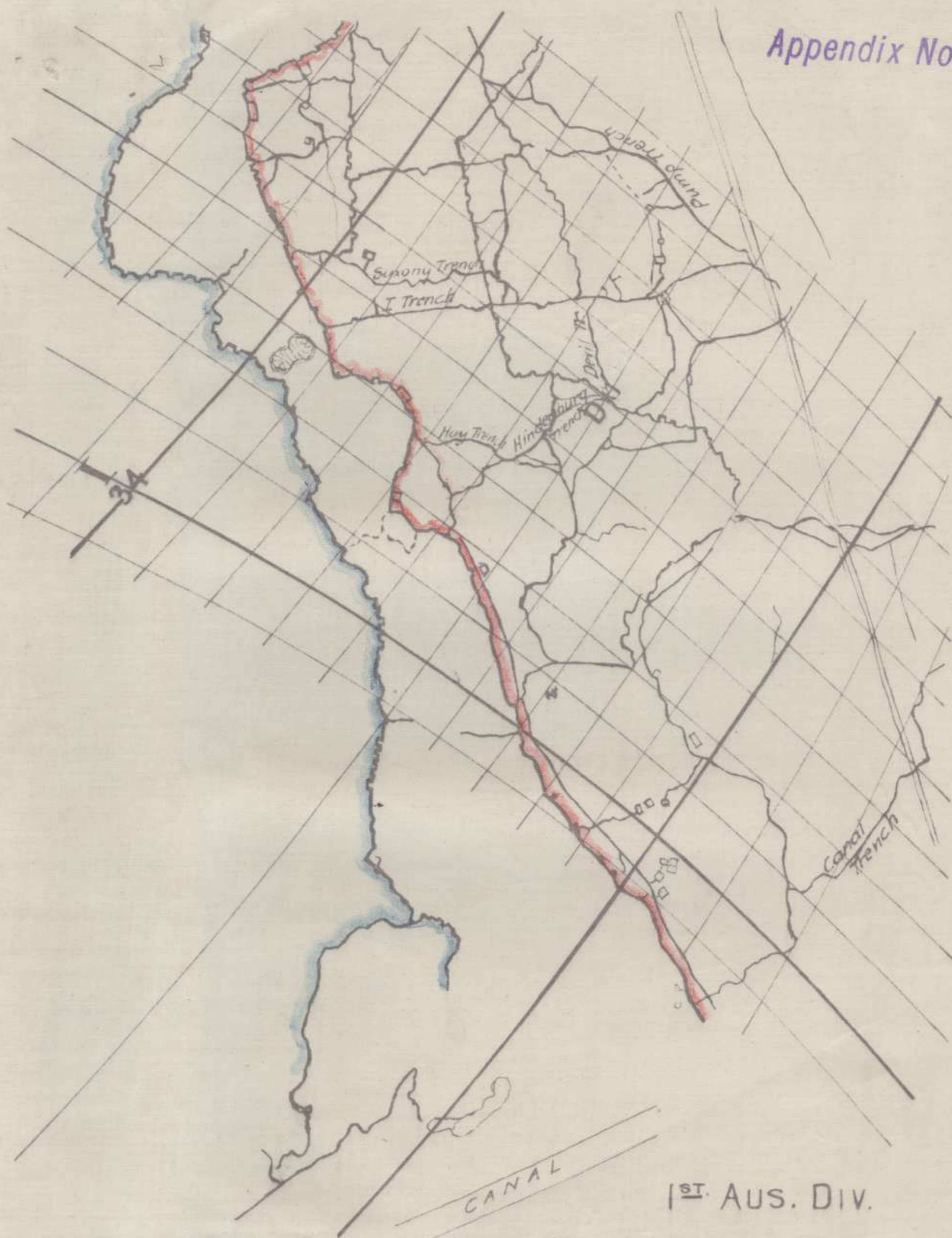
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Appendix No. 15
SECRET.Headquarters,
Octr. 8th 1916.

Lieut. W.A. TROTT. 2nd Bn.
O.C. raiding party - L.29a (opposite Patricia Camp)

Herewith for the information of yourself and other officers taking part in the raids on 12th/13th, is this office file dealing with the raids of 7th and 8th Bns. on 30th Septr.

Please acknowledge receipt and return file by 12th under secret cover.

Major.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.