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<del>RIBEMONT</del> RIBEMONT	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1916		Moves to R area completed in accordance with Div Order 77. The early hours given for entrainment, the entraining stations selected and the late arrival of trains caused great inconvenience to troops especially as there was a hard frost each morning. The train arrangements were outside Divisional control.	<i>G.S. Memo 79</i> <i>APPX. I</i>
do	2 Dec		Orders were issued for the relief of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Aus Div in the line about GBEUDECOURT	Div Order No 78
do	3 Dec		W.O. BALFOUR Chief G clerk left Div to take up duty in England with AIF.HQ Lt Col BLAMEY from GSO, took command of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn. Lt Col. WILLIAMS assumed duties of GSO. 4 <sup>th</sup> Aus Div notified us that they could not vacate camps in the reserve area as they had promised, and we had consequently to amend our orders for the relief. Moves: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde DERNANCOURT to FRICOURT by road.	<i>APPX II</i>
do	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Moves: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde BUIRE to FRICOURT 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde FRICOURT to forward area Representatives of G & Q Staff visited Camps in forward area	<i>appx. III</i> <i>Appx III</i>
do	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec.		Moves: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde FRICOURT to forward area 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde forward area to line left sector under orders of 4 <sup>th</sup> Aus Div Weather - rain but milder than preceding days.	<i>R.H. Smyth</i> <i>1st Aus Div</i>



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RIBEMONT	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 1916.		<p>Moves :- 1<sup>st</sup> Bde RIBEMONT to MAMETZ 2<sup>nd</sup> " forward area to line right sector</p> <p>Representatives of G Staff went to POMMIER Redoubt in connection with taking over from 4<sup>th</sup> Aus Div</p> <p>Weather :- cold and dull.</p>	Appx III
POMMIER REDOUBT	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec		<p>Moves :- Div HQ moved from RIBEMONT to POMMIER REDOUBT and Genl WALKER took over Command of <sup>line</sup> forward area from Genl COX 4<sup>th</sup> Aus Div. at 11am -</p> <p>Casualty :- Lt Col HEANE temporarily commanding 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Inf Bde was wounded in the head by a rifle shot. He walked out from GREASE trench towards enemy line to reconnoitre in daylight - Lt Col WALSTAB Comd<sup>g</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Bn followed him - 4 enemy rifle men opened a brisk fire from STORMY trench &amp; Lt Col HEANE was hit. Their withdrawal was covered by MG fire from GREASE trench.</p> <p>Lt Col JESS assumed command of 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde</p> <p>Operations :- Enemy activity - Enemy artillery shelled GUEUDE COURT and FLERS throughout the day. The whole of our front line, also CHEESE road BULLS road + GIRD trench came in for considerable shelling.</p> <p>There was practically no rifle or MG fire.</p>	Appx III

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POMMIER Redoubt	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1916	Contd	<p><u>Our activity</u>. During the day we shelled and obtained direct hits on the enemy strong point in <del>the</del> the sunken road N196 - Counter battery work was also carried on with success. At night we shelled the enemy front line and used indirect MG fire against BARLEY trench. Our patrols got touch with the enemy in sunken road &amp; HILT trench both in N20d and also towards STORMY trench from which they were fired at.</p>	Map App <sup>x</sup> IV
d.	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec		<p>GSO<sub>2</sub> visited the front line of Right Bde from PRICE trench to the right of GREASE trench. The condition of the front line is much improved since the Div was last in line. When we left mud was knee deep throughout <sup>except</sup> in some places deeper. Now a great portion of this front is duckboarded but none of it revetted. There is a gap <del>between</del> of 300<sup>x</sup> between the right and left Bdes and one of 200<sup>x</sup> between Battalions of the right Bde. Both gaps are in wet gullies commanded from enemy trenches. A new trench FLINDERS Support has been dug about 75<sup>x</sup> to SE of &amp; parallel to PETROL Lane. PETROL Lane is unpassable but in process of being cleared out. There is no communication to the right Bn trenches (GREASE trench &amp; GOODWINS post) except across the open and there is no support trench from Bde HQ forward. There is no thro communication trench to the front line but FLARE alley &amp; CHALK Lane give cover part of the way. FLARE alley has been improved since the Div was last in the line &amp; is now duckboarded to within 300<sup>x</sup> of BULLS road &amp; revetted in places. Accommodation in trenches other than the front line is much as we left it.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT.	9th Decr. 16.		<p><u>OPERATIONS:- Our activity.-</u> Our artillery fired on enemy trenches, tracks and communications.</p> <p>Our M.Gs. used indirect fire on LUISENHOF FARM and BARLEY Trench.</p> <p>Two patrols operating from N.20.b.7.1. and d.9.9. respectively reconnoitred Sunken Road running N.E. from GOODWIN'S POST for a distance of 150 yards and report it unoccupied.</p> <p>A trench at N.20.b.8.2½. was found to be in good condition with a beaten track in its vicinity.</p> <p>Work on a new trench connecting N.19.b.9.1. and 6.5. was greatly hampered by rain.</p> <p>Our left Brigade established a post at N.20.c.5.8.</p> <p><u>ENEMY ACTIVITY:-</u> Enemy artillery fired on our support trenches and communications and S.6.d. He succeeded in destroying a small ammunition dump at S.17.b.2.3.</p> <p><u>WEATHER:-</u> Rain all day and night.</p>	
POMMIER REDOUBT.	10th Decr. 16.		<p><u>OPERATIONS:- Our activity.-</u> Our artillery activity was above normal during the day. We fired on enemy front line trenches and searched the ground in rear. Howitzers fired on main trench and road junctions.</p> <p>In anticipation of an enemy relief, we searched tracks in N.10.c. and N.15.b. between 5.30.p.m. and 6.p.m.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT	10th Dec. 16.		<p>Contd. For some little time past, we have adopted the principle of directing artillery fire on to the enemy's lines in short rapid bursts at irregular intervals throughout the day and night on carefully selected targets. This procedure was employed to-day.</p> <p>Much the same procedure is employed by our M.Gs. which keep up an intermittent fire from early evening until the morning and also during the day in foggy and misty weather.</p> <p><u>Patrols.</u> There are several gaps in our line; <sup>one</sup> between the right and left Bns. of the right Brigade; one between the right and left Coys. of the left Bn. right Brigade; one between the right and left Brigades; one between the right and left Coys. left Brigade, and a small gap on each flank of the divisional front. Touch is maintained across these gaps throughout the night by means of patrols.</p> <p><u>Special Patrols.</u> Patrol went out from N.20.p.7.1. at 12.45.a.m. to observe LARD Trench. Patrol remained in the vicinity of LARD Trench until 3 a.m., having seen no signs of the enemy. <sup>Movement</sup> Moonlight was difficult owing to moonlight. Patrol was driven in by shell fire.</p> <p><u>Snipers.</u> Throughout the day enemy movement was observed in BAYONET Trench and was freely sniped at by us.</p> <p><u>ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.</u> Enemy's artillery activity was above normal, the following targets being shelled:-</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT.	10th Dec. 16.		<p>Contd. GUEUDE COURT, battery positions T.7.a., M.30.c., POSSUM Reserve, (heavily shelled) N.25. and N.26., carrying parties in T.2.a., working party in S.6.c.</p> <p>Enemy snipers were active on the front of our left Brigade.</p> <p>An enemy aeroplane flew over our lines in the afternoon at 1000 feet.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u> - (i) Lieut. HARRISON, -attached G.S.O.III.- visited the line with the object of posting divisional observers.</p> <p>(ii) It <sup>was</sup> suggested to the divisional artillery that F.O.Os. should live in the front line; one at GOODWIN'S POST and one at the GUN PITS.</p> <p>(iii) The divisional artillery was asked to submit proposals for the use of light signals in connection with our artillery fire.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Rain in the early morning; clearing later. Good visibility, frost at night.</p>	
do.	11th Dec. 16.		<p><u>OPERATIONS:-</u> <u>Our activity.</u> - Enemy's front line and communications were fired on intermittently throughout the day.</p> <p>At 9.50 a.m. a report was received that large numbers of the enemy had been seen in the road in N.13.b.&amp;d. This area was searched by our artillery fire. Our howitzers fired on road and trench junctions behind the enemy's lines.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT.	11th Dec. 16		<p>Contd. <u>M.Gs.</u> Indirect fire was employed intermittently throughout the night.</p> <p>At 9.a.m. one of our M.Gs. fired 750 rounds at an enemy plane which turned and dived and was seen to descend in the enemy's lines.</p> <p><u>Patrols.</u>- The usual patrols established communication along our front.</p> <p><u>Special Patrol.</u>- A special patrol was sent to LARD Trench and found it to be unoccupied and in a very bad condition. Other special patrols found no signs of enemy movement.</p> <p><u>ENEMY ACTIVITY.</u>- His artillery fire was again above normal, the following targets being engaged.- GUEUDE COURT, POSSUM Reserve, Railway line in S.12.a., T.7.a., S.12.central, T.2.a., and Sunken Road in N.30.a., Dressing Station at T.2.a.8.4., LONGUEVAL and MONTAUBAN and our front line where some damage was caused to the trenches of our right Brigade.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT.</u>- Enemy aircraft was active. Two of them were forced to land in the neighborhood of THILLOY and one is thought to have caught fire. Several balloons were up, one of which was brought down in flames by one of our aeroplanes.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>- (i) G.S.O.1. visited the line.</p> <p>(ii) LtCol. TATE, Corps M.G. Officer, called with reference to the organisation of the intermediate line.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT.	11th Dec. 16		<p>(iii) Contd. Brigadier General LOTBINIERE, C.E. called and agreed to exchange one Field Coy., now working on Decauville Railway, for an Infantry Coy., so that Field Coy. could work on M.G. emplacements on the intermediate line.</p> <p>(iv) Corps Commander called.</p> <p>(v) A divisional G.S. Memo was issued dealing with construction of the reserve line of the front system.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Morning hard frost; afternoon rain.</p>	<p>G.S.M. 80</p> <p>* APPX. V</p>
do.	12th Dec. 16		<p><u>OPERATIONS:- Our activity.</u> - Our artillery carried out the normal practice, shelling the enemy's front line and searching the ground and communications in rear.</p> <p><u>M.G. Fire.</u> - Intermittent indirect fire was maintained by us throughout the night on a variety of targets.</p> <p><u>Special Operation.</u> - During the day an Officers patrol visited the Sunken Road in N. 21d and finding no signs of the enemy, organised a bombing attack on it from both flanks. Enemy position was found to have been vacated and we occupied it. This Sunken Road has hitherto formed a dangerous reentrant in our line and was the objective of an attack by 1st and 3rd Bns. during our last tour in the line. Further attacks on this position were planned by the 4th Aus. Division and by this Division; weather conditions prevented the attacks taking place.</p>	<p>Appra sketch VI</p> <p>R. H. M. 1st May 18 1st Aus Div</p>

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POMMIER REDOUBT	12th Dec. 16.	Contd.	<p>The new position is valuable to us and will form a strong point in our line</p> <p>It possesses eight dugouts which we are occupying and the Sunken Road itself is formidable obstacle to any enemy attack against it.</p> <p><u>Patrols:-</u> The usual patrols established communication between the disconnected parts of our line.</p> <p>A special patrol was sent to locate suspected dugouts in N.20.c. they were found unoccupied.</p> <p>Another patrol got to within 15 yds of BAYONET Trench and remained there for half an hour. They report the trench occupied by the enemy.</p> <p>Another patrol from GOODWIN'S POST reached N.21.c.9.7. and saw no signs of the enemy.</p> <p>Enemy's line in this vicinity is very broken.</p> <p><u>ENEMY ACTIVITY.-</u> Enemy's artillery was less active than usual, but the following targets were shelled.- FLERS, track in T.1.a.&amp;c., battery positions in T.7.a., the area T.2.a., S.12. central and M.30.b. A heavy barrage was placed on the front line of our left Brigade from 9.20. to 9.55.p.m. but no damage was done, and between 9.55 and 10.15.p.m. our new position in N.20.a. also WHALE TRENCH, GREASE TRENCH and GOODWIN'S POST were rather heavily shelled.</p> <p><u>WEATHER:-</u> Snow and rain most of the day.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT	13th Dec. 16.		<p><u>OPERATIONS:-</u> Our activity.- The usual programme was carried out. In addition, at 6.45.p.m. we retaliated for enemy's barrage on N.2 O. d.</p> <p><u>M.Gs.</u> Usual programme.</p> <p><u>Patrols.-</u> Usual connecting patrols.</p> <p><u>Posts.-</u> A bombing post was established at N.20.c.6.6. and was frequently visited by patrols during the night.</p> <p><u>Snipers.-</u> Movement in rear of enemy's line in the early morning was quickly checked by our snipers.</p> <p><u>ENEMY'S ACTIVITY:-</u> Enemy's artillery was active against our front line in the left Brigade sector throughout the day causing some casualties.</p> <p>GUEUDECOURT was continuously shelled and GREASE Trench lightly shelled at intervals during the day. Shelling of the areas in rear of our front line was slightly less than usual.</p> <p>FLERS - LONGUEVAL Road; CHEESE LANE, BULLS ROAD and the line of FLARE ALLEY all receiving some shelling. Battery positions in T.7.a., T.2.a. and M.2 O. c. were also shelled.</p> <p>Our new position in N.20.d. was shelled intermitently throughout the night.</p> <p><u>Snipers.-</u> GIRD communication trench and our front line in N.20.d. were sniped at throughout the day</p>	

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POMMIER RED OUBT	13th Dec. 16.	Contd.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT.</u> - Enemy planes were active over our lines during the afternoon.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u> - Lieut. GUTHBERT (attached G.S.) visited the new position in Sunken Road in N.20.d.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Milder in the morning.</p>	
do.	14th Dec. 16.		<p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> <u>Our activity.</u> - In addition to the usual artillery programme, an enemy working party was dispersed at N.20.a.8.8.</p> <p><u>M.Gs.</u> - 7000 rounds were expended in indirect fire.</p> <p><u>Patrols.</u> - The usual connecting patrols were sent out. BAYONET Trench was again examined by patrols and sounds of work were reported.</p> <p><u>ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.</u> - His artillery showed increased activity. Our M.G. positions at N.25.c.8.8 N.25.c.9½.2½., N.25.d.6.2. were shelled without being damaged. In addition, the following targets were engaged.- FLERS; GUEUDE COURT; battery positions in T.7.a., T.2.a., M.30.c., Sunken Roads in M.30.a., S.6.a., S.11.b., BULLS ROAD, the ridges and gullies south of FLERS, horses carrying ammunition east of DELVILLE WOOD, LONGUEVAL, mounted party in N.2.d., Sunken Road in N.32. Divisional Headquarters POMMIER RED OUBT -the latter by an H.V. gun from the direction of PERONNE- no damage was done at D.H.Q. During the night our front line and communications were intermittently shelled.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT.	14th Dec.	16.	Contd. <u>Snipers.</u> - Enemy snipers were again active on the front of our right Brigade.  <u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u> - G.S.O. II. with Brigadier left Brigade and Brigade Major right Brigade reconnoitred the reserve line of the front system.	
do.	15th Dec.	16.	<u>OPERATIONS:</u> <u>Our activity.</u> - The usual barrage work was carried out by our artillery on enemy's main trenches and communications, special attention being paid to STORMY-LUISEN Tr. and THILLOY. An active battery in N.3.d. was engaged by our howitzers and 18-prs.  <u>M.Gs.</u> - Indirect fire as usual.  <u>Patrols.</u> - Our connecting patrols observed enemy movement in several places.  <u>ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.</u> - Enemy's artillery was very active during the day on BULL Trench, GAP Trench, CHALK LANE and CHEESE Road.  FLERS was heavily shelled both morning and afternoon. GUEUDECOURT was also continuously shelled during the morning. Rate maintained was about 2 rounds per minute -mostly 5.9" but some much larger guns.  <u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u> - (i) G.S.O.I. visited the line in the vicinity of our new position in N.20.d.  (ii) C.R.E. Corps Defences, Lt-Col. ELLIOTT., Corps M.G. Officer, Lt-Col. TATE. and Divisional C.R.E. visited D.H.Q. and discussed the construction of the reserve and intermediate lines.	

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POMMIER REDOUBT.	15th Decr. 16	Contd.	<p>(iii) A Divisional G.S. Memo was issued with reference to the reserve line.</p> <p><u>NOTE:</u> Nothing further can be done by the Division on the intermediate line until material is available.</p> <p>(iv) Brigadiers were consulted as to the desirability of building a duckwalk track from Brigade Headquarters to CHEESE Road; they were in favour of it and arrangements were made for the work to be put in hand forthwith.</p> <p>(v) G.S.O. III. and Bde. Major, Artillery 1st ANZAC. Corps called at D.H.Q.</p>	APPX VII G.S. No. 81
do.	16th Decr. 16.		<p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Our activity.- Our artillery carried out the usual programme.</p> <p><u>M.Gs.-</u> Usual programme. In addition M.Gs. mounted for aerial defence fired 1100 rounds at three enemy aeroplanes over our lines and forced them to ascend.</p> <p><u>Patrols.-</u> Connecting patrols saw no sign of the enemy. The patrol again examined BAYONET Trench where sounds of an engine pumping were heard.</p> <p><u>ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.-</u> Less artillery activity than usual. Front system was lightly shelled at intervals throughout the day and night. FLERS, BULLS Road, CHALK LANE, GAP Trench and the line of FLARE ALLEY were also shelled.</p> <p>There was no M.G. or rifle fire during the period, but rifle grenades were fired by the enemy on our extreme right. We retaliated <sup>also</sup> using rifle grenades</p>	R. Monypenny Major GS 1st Aus Div

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POMMIER REDOUBT.	16th Dec. 16.	Contd.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT.</u>- 6 enemy planes were over our lines at 8.45.a.m. but were driven off by A.A. guns. Other planes were over between 9.30.a.m. and 10 a.m. Three planes flew over our right Brigade sector and fired M.Gs. at our trenches; others were over our left Brigade sector. Another plane flew in the vicinity of D.H.Q. about 5 a.m. and dropped bombs.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>- (i) Lieut. HARRISON (attached G.S.) visited the front line of the left Bde. (ii) Divisional Commander visited the Headquarters of Brigades in line. (iii) News of a big French success between the MEUSE and the WOEVRE was received. War Diaries of all units of the Division for November were despatched to the Base. Duplicate War Diary of G.S., D.H.Q. for November was despatched to LONDON, A.I.F. Hqrs.</p>	
do.	17th Dec. 16.		<p><u>OPERATIONS: Our activity.</u>- Our artillery fired in bursts of rapid fire at intervals through- -out the day and night on enemy trenches and communications.</p> <p><u>M.Gs.</u>- Indirect M.G. fire as usual. In addition, barrages of M.G. fire were placed across certain of the enemy's communications. At 4.30 p.m. and 11.p.m. 7000 rounds were ex- -pende.</p> <p><u>Patrols.</u>- Usual connecting patrols. No enemy movement was seen.</p> <p><u>ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.</u>- His artillery was less active than usual, and with the exception of GUN PITS, Sunken Road in N.20.d. and GREASE Trench, there was practically no firing on our front line.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT.	17th Dec. 16.		<p>Contd. GUEUDECOURT was shelled as usual and greater activity was shown against our back areas</p> <p>Lachrymatory shells were used against battery positions in M.30.d., other battery positions were shelled during the night.</p> <p>One enemy sniper was busy on our extreme left.</p> <p>Some rifle grenades were fired from N.21.b.1.3. during the afternoon.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u> - An enemy mine was discovered in one of the dugouts recently occupied by us in N.20.d; it was dismantled without incident.</p>	
do.	18th Dec. 16.		<p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> <u>Our activity.</u> - Artillery, usual programme.</p> <p><u>M.Gs.</u> - Usual programme, 3000 rounds.</p> <p><u>Patrols.</u> - Usual programme. LAHD Trench was also patrolled and showed no signs of recent occupation.</p> <p><u>ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.</u> - Enemy's artillery engaged the following targets.- FLERS, CHEESE Road, GUN PITS, BULLS ROAD, N.19.d., N.25c. and GUEUDECOURT. 12 Lachrymatory shells were fired in the vicinity of N.25.c., but did no damage.</p> <p><u>M.Gs.</u> - Between 4.30. and 5.p.m. an enemy M.G. from the vicinity of N.10.b. fired on N.25.c. Indirect M.G. fire was also brought to bear on N.31.b; no casualties were reported.</p> <p><u>Rifle Grenades.</u> - The enemy used a large number of rifle grenades against GREASE Trench.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT	18th Dec.16.		<p>Contd. <u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>- (i) Our new position in N.21.d. has been named FRITZ'FOLLY.</p> <p>(ii) A large number of different varieties of enemy flares were discovered in a dugout in FRITZ' FOLLY.</p> <p>(iii) G.S.O.II. visited the reserve line, also visited railhead and dumps with the object of expediting the supply of mining and revetting material.</p> <p>(iv) In answer to a Corps letter, recommendations were submitted with reference to the re-organisations of battalions.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u>- Below zero all day.</p>	
do.	19th Dec.16.		<p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> <u>Our activity.</u>- Artillery, usual programme.</p> <p><u>M.Gs.</u>- Usual programme, 7500 rounds.</p> <p><u>Patrols.</u>- Usual connecting patrols, but no sign of the enemy.</p> <p><u>Special patrol.</u>- At 1 p.m. a patrol of one officer and one other rank left GREASE Trench and reconnoitred an enemy strong point at N.21.d.20.95, which is about 20 yds in front of enemy's trenches with apparently no communication connecting it. Our patrol was then fired on from the enemy's trench and both were wounded. Strongpoint is reported strongly wired.</p> <p>A trench believed not to be STORMY Trench, but running approximately from N.21.d.20.98</p>	

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POMMERS REDOUBT.	19th Dec. 16	(Contd)	<p>and N.21.a.3.3. was discovered and was reported to be in fair condition but not duck-boarded. It was held by about one man to every three yards and was heavily wired. Coils of wire were seen and it is presumed that it is the enemy's intention to increase the strength of the wire in front of this trench. Patrol reported that our own artillery fire was falling 80 yds over the trench and doing no damage. Much work was going on in the trench.</p> <p>At 4.p.m. patrol observed an enemy carrying party with hot food containers (similar to our own) carrying food to front line.</p> <p>Patrol being wounded, was compelled to lay in shell hole until dark, when both returned safely.</p> <p><u>ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.</u>- Enemy's artillery fire was less than usual; the following targets were engaged.- Front and support lines-lightly-, GUEUDEECOURT -normal activity FLERS -38 shells, Bde.Hqrs. in S.12. FRITZ' FOLLY was shelled during the early part of the night. A few H.V. shells fell in the back areas during the day.</p> <p><u>M.Gs.</u>- fired on the vicinity of Battn.Hqrs. in BULLS Road and into FLERS at 5 a.m.</p> <p><u>Snipers.</u>- Active on GROVE ALLEY and GUN PITS.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT.</u>- Nil.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>- (i) G.S.O.1. visited 5th Aus Div. on our rightflank.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT	19th Dec. 16.	(Contd)	(ii) Lieut HARRISON escorted Captain BAIN, War Correspondent and official photographer, to the front line, vicinity of FRITZ' FOLLY.  (iii) B.G.G.S. called.  (iv) 220 reinforcements were tested and fitted with box respirators today and 450 yesterday  (v) Action was taken by Division in connection with the installation of Strombos horns.  WEATHER:- Hard Frost; snow in afternoon.	
do.	20th Dec. 16.		<u>OPERATIONS:</u> <u>Our activity.</u> - The usual day and night barrage was maintained by our artillery using bursts of fire. In addition, a barrage was placed on roads and trenches in N.14.b.&d. between 6 a.m. and 1.15.p.m. Howitzers fired on trench junctions as usual.  <u>N:Gs:</u> We expended 6500 rounds in indirect fire at night and 5500 on aeroplanes during the day. One hostile plane is thought to have been brought down.  <u>patrols:</u> The usual connecting patrols had nothing to report.  Special patrol made a reconnaissance of the Sunken Road running N.E. from GREASE Trench at N.20.b.7.0. Two deep dugouts were discovered and 30 dead Germans were seen in the vicinity.  <u>ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.</u> - Enemy artillery showed increased activity. The following targets were engaged.- FRITZ' FOLLY and GUN PITS intermittently throughout the day and night,	

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POMMIER REDOUBT	20th Dec. 16	(Contd)	<p>GUEUDE COURT; CHEESE Road; BULLS Trench; FLERS; FLARE ALLEY; LONGUEVAL FLERS Road; Battery position in S.6.d. (heavily shelled with 15cm and 21cm shells) Bde.H.Q. (by 77mm. 15cm and 21cm shells (afternoon and evening) Tramway T.1.c.2.7. (during the night) BAZENTIN LONGUEVAL, QUARRY SIDING and MONTAUBAN by H.V. guns during the day.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT.</u> - Several enemy planes were over our lines during the day one of which flew at 300 ft. over GUEUDE COURT. There was little M.G. or rifle fire.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u> - (i) Divisional Commander visited Hqrs. of Bdes. in line.</p> <p>(ii) G.S.O.I. visited reserve line.</p> <p>(iii) General ROSENTHAL, C.R.A. 4th Aus.Div. commanding all the field artillery supporting this Division was wounded and evacuated. Lieut-Colonel BURGESS assumed command.</p> <p>(iv) Continuous bombardment was heard on our right flank from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is thought to be on the French front. No further information was obtainable.</p> <p>(v) The 1st A.I.Bde. moved into the forward area preparatory to relieving the 2nd <sup>Inf.</sup> Bde. vide Divisional Order No.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Ground frozen and snow nearly all day. Visibility was good.</p>	
do.	21st Dec. 16.		<p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Our activity. Our artillery carried out the usual programme.</p> <p><u>M.Gs.</u> - Usual programme, 2000 rounds.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT	22nd Dec. 16		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> <u>Our activity:</u> Artillery carried out the usual programme.</p> <p><u>M.Gs.-</u> Carried out the usual programme. <del>yt</del> 6500 rounds,</p> <p><u>Patrols.-</u> Our connecting patrols had nothing to report,</p> <p><u>Relief,-</u> The 1st Aus. Inf. Bde. relieved <del>the</del> 2nd Aus. Inf. Bde. in the right sector of the line, relief being completed by 9.25 p.m. 2nd Bn. on the right, 3rd Bn. on the left.</p> <p><u>ENEMY ACTIVITY.-</u> Artillery activity above normal. Front line of the left sector shelled with H.E. and shrapnel, causing a few casualties. FLERS was heavily shelled during the afternoon. A dump was set on fire in S.6.b.</p> <p>Enemy paid particular attention to the hollows in M.36.a.&amp;c., S.6.a.&amp;b. and to GUEUDE-COURT, POSSUM RESERVE and BULLS ROAD. The enemy used a shell which threw up a rocket on bursting and subsequently emitted a dense volume of white smoke; it is presumed this was used for ranging purposes.</p> <p><u>T.M. and Rifle Grenades.-</u> During the afternoon about 20 rifle grenades and several T.M. bombs were fired at GREASE Trench, but fell over.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.-</u> G.S.O.II. visited the line of the left Brigade.</p> <p><u>WEATHER:-</u> Heavy rain in the morning. Cold day.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT.	23rd Dec. 1918		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> <u>Our activity.</u>- Our artillery, M.Gs. and connecting patrols carried out their usual programme.</p> <p>A special patrol reconnoitred enemy strong point at N.21.D.5.7. and found it occupied and strongly <del>made</del> wired.</p> <p>Another patrol reconnoitred BAYONET Trench. Very little wire was seen, but coils were in position ready for erection. Work was heard in the enemy's trench and a covering party was seen. BAYONET Trench seemed to be in good repair.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>- (i) 2nd Aus.Div. relieved 5th Aus.Div. in the line on our right</p> <p>(ii) Divisional Commander visited Hqrs. of Bdes. in line.</p> <p>(iii) Lieut. HARRISON (attached G.S.) made a reconnaissance of various dugouts in our forward area.</p> <p>(iv) Camp Commandant inspected the excavation of the new Divisional Headquarters at BAZENTIN le GRAND.</p> <p>(v) Corps Commander called in the morning and General STRICKLAND 1st British Division in the afternoon.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u>- Early morning mild, later gale of wind. 3 p.m. turned cold.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT.	25th Dec.16		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> <u>Our activity.</u>- At 11.30 a.m. all batteries took part in a two minutes bombardment on enemy's support and reserve lines and on known and suspected Bn. and Bde. Hqrs. Observers report the fire to be well placed.</p> <p><u>M.Gs.</u>- 5250 rounds were expended in indirect fire on targets in rear of the enemy's lines.</p> <p>At 8 a.m. an enemy working party was seen and fired on by M.Gs. and four casualties were caused.</p> <p><u>Patrols.</u>- The usual connecting patrols had nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Artillery.</u>- The enemy's artillery was less active than usual. GUEUDEECOURT, FLERS, GREASE Trench and T.8. were shelled. 19 casualties were caused by artillery fire in GREASE Tr.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>- Captain CASEY (G.S.O.III.) returned from leave after six weeks at G.H.Q. Junior Staff School.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u>- Dull and cold; rain and wind at night.</p>	
do.	26th Dec.16		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> <u>Our activity.</u>- Artillery, usual programme.</p> <p><u>M.Gs.</u> Usual programme 5000 rounds.</p> <p><u>Patrols.</u>- Usual connecting patrols. In addition an officers' patrol reconnoitred enemy' strongpoint N,21.d.3.9. and report enemy quiet.</p> <p><u>ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.</u>- FLERS, BULLS Road, front and support lines in the left sector were rather heavily shelled.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT.	26th Dec.16		<p>(Contd) Other usual localities were shelled intermittently.</p> <p><u>T.Ms.-</u> The T.M. which fires on our right flank was located at N,21.b.2<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>.0.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT.-</u> There was much activity during the day. Two of our planes were brought down.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.-</u> (i) G.S.O.III. and Lieut. CUTHBERT visited the left of the line. They report having seen a Zeppelin over the enemy's lines.</p> <p>(ii) A paper from Corps dealing with the organisation of working parties was dealt with at once and the suggestion adopted throughout the division. For some time past parties have been detailed to work under engineer supervision. This has not proved satisfactory and in future each infantry party will consist of a definite formation under its own officers and will be assisted by engineers.</p> <p>(iii) B.G.G.S. called.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.-</u> Mild morning with sunshine. Rain in afternoon and evening.</p>	
do.	27th Dec.16		<p><u>OPERATIONS. Our activity.-</u> Our artillery activity was confined mostly to STORMY-LUISEN Tr. and tracks in N.8. and N.9. At 8.p.m. by pre-arranged plan, our artillery and M.Gs. opened on enemy working party observed in N.20.b.4.5., 9.6. and a.5.5. Result could not be observed but the operation was repeated half-hourly for the remainder of the night.</p> <p><u>M.Gs.-</u> 5500 rounds were expended in indirect fire.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT.	27th Dec.16	(Contd)	<p><u>Patrols.</u>- Connecting patrols had nothing to report.</p> <p>Special patrol reconnoitred BAYONET Trench and report the enemy busy repairing parapet which had been badly breached by our shell fire.</p> <p><u>ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.</u>- Slightly below normal in the right sector, but more active on the front system of left sector. Lachrymatory shells were fired at GUN PITS. Some damage was done to POSSUM RESERVE. GUEUDECOURT, FLERS, BULLS ROAD, GRASS LANE were heavily shelled. Tracks in T.1.b. and N.31.d. and the areas T.7.a., N.27. and N.33. were intermittently shelled throughout the day.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT.</u>- Enemy aircraft were particularly active and were engaged by our planes, A.A.Guns and M.Gs.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>- (i) Divisional Commander visited 2nd Bde. <sup>at MAMETZ</sup> and went from there to Divisional School, at TIRANCOURT.</p> <p>(ii) First course at Divisional School terminated today, 43 Officers and 91 N.C.Os. having passed through the course.</p> <p>(iii) G.S.O.III. visited GREASE Trench and found it in a very bad condition.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u>- Fine and mild.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT.	28th Dec. 16.		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> Our activity,- The day was foggy and our artillery actively searched behind crests and along known lines of enemy approach. Observation was difficult. M.Gs. co-operated.</p> <p><u>Patrols.-</u> In addition to the usual patrols a special patrol covered the ground between N.20.d.4.6. and N.20.central and GOODWIN'S POST without encountering any of the enemy or meeting any wire.</p> <p><u>ENEMY ACTIVITY.-</u> The front system was shelled intermittently during the day and night.</p> <p>FLERS was heavily shelled. T.Ms. on our right flank were again active.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT.-</u> Hostile aeroplanes were active through the day. Some of them flying low and using M.G.fire on our communications and front line trenches.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.-</u> (i) G.S.O.II. visited front line left Bn. right Bde, <sup>where</sup> garrison <sup>stood</sup> trench was duckboarded and duckboards were above water, elsewhere there is 2ft to 3ft of mud and water in the trenches.</p> <p>(ii) <u>Commands.-</u> General LEGG commanding 2nd Aus.Div. was evacuated sick and Brigadier-General SMYTHE from 1st Aus.Inf.Bde. took his place. Lt-Col. BLAMEY from 2nd Bn. took temporary command of 1st Aus.Inf.Bde.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.-</u> Hard frost- <math>\frac{1}{4}</math> inch of ice in the trenches. Ground thawed in places during the day.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT.	29th Dec. 16		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> Our activity.- Artillery and M.Gs. carried out the usual programme.</p> <p><u>ENEMY ACTIVITY.-</u> GIRD and GIRD Support trenches in N.19.b.&amp;d. were shelled during the day.</p> <p>Enemy is evidently under the impression that this is our front line. The valleys to the east of GUEUDECOURT in N.26.d. and 27.c. were searched continuously during the afternoon.</p> <p>GUN PITS and FROST Trench were shelled intermittently during the day. No damage was done.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.-</u> Mild dull day.</p>	
do	30th Dec 1916		<p><u>Operations :-</u></p> <p>Our activity - Artillery fire - indirect MG fire and connecting patrols as usual</p> <p>Enemy activity - Artillery fire was above normal owing to good visibility. The gun pits N120 D were heavily shelled and the deep dugout in which was a Coy HQ was destroyed, 1 officer + 1 OR being wounded</p> <p>Our front line in left sector and BULLS trench were heavily shelled as were also gun positions in S12a (5'9" + 8")</p> <p>General ① Corps Commander called, instructed the Div to take over 400 yards more of front on the right</p> <p>GSO<sub>2</sub> with Right B<sup>d</sup> Comd<sup>r</sup> visited HQ 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div and arranged details of connection with taking over the new piece of front.</p> <p>② Div Comd<sup>r</sup> inspected NCOs nominated to attend Divisional school as Cadets</p> <p>③ GSO<sub>1</sub> attended a demonstration with a new SOS signal at Corps School</p> <p>④ Lt Cuthbert and an officer from Special Works park visited front area + arranged areas to be camouflaged</p> <p>⑤ 1st Bn relieved 2nd Bn on the right of the line. The relief being completed by 7.55 pm without incident</p>	

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POMMIER REDoubt	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1916		<p><u>Operations</u> :-</p> <p><u>Our activity</u> - At 11.1 pm a two minutes intense bombardment was directed on STORMY, STORMY-LUISEN and BARLEY trenches and also on suspected HQ and dugouts. The enemy reply was feeble.</p> <p>During the day normal artillery activity - We dispersed enemy working parties at N15a 5.9 1/2 and near TILL trench in Nqd.</p> <p>Our machineguns were active with indirect fire on known enemy tracks, during the night.</p> <p>One of our patrols discovered an enemy outpost in the valley at N19b98.</p> <p>Another patrol observed the enemy digging a new trench in N21a 2.5 1/2 in front of STORMY-LUISEN trench.</p> <p>An officers patrol found the road junction at N21a 3.4 1/2 unoccupied.</p> <p><u>Enemy activity</u>. Artillery less active than usual - FROST trench, CHEESE road, GRASS lane + BULLS road were lightly shelled during the day. Tracks in N32c, T2 + T7 were searched at intervals.</p> <p>370 shells were fired into FLERS during the 24 hours.</p> <p><u>General</u> ① GSO3 visited line in vicinity of Gun pits</p> <p>② Div Comdr was indisposed in morning</p> <p>③ 3 Munition workers arrived + were shown round.</p> <p>④ <u>Weather</u>. Fine - dull - good visibility</p>	

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SYSTEM of RELIEF.

1. Reference this office S/1743 and replies thereto.

It appears that the consensus of opinion of Brigadiers is that 24 hour reliefs are too frequent and that 48 hour reliefs are preferable.

2. The Divisional Commander therefore leaves it to Brigadiers to carry out reliefs within their Bdes. as they find most suitable, but with 48 hours as the maximum period in front trenches and with the following provisos. -

- (a) That in bad weather reliefs are carried out to suit the condition of the men.
- (b) That the precautions against trench feet are strictly adhered to and that men showing signs of trench feet are relieved in the front line for a course of treatment at a R.A.P. or at DELVILLE VALLEY collecting station, irrespective of the length of time the man has been in the front trenches.



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General Staff.  
1st Australian Division.



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 78.Divisional Headquarters,  
December 2nd 1916.

1. (a) The Division will relieve the 4th Aus Div. in the line in accordance with the attached table

(b) G.O.C 1st Aus. Div will take over command of the Div. front at 11 a.m. 7th Decr.

2. Relief of brigades in the line will be carried out under arrangements of Brigadiers concerned.

3. Further instructions as to disposition of transport will be issued by 'Q' of the Div.

4. 2nd and 3rd Bdes. will arrange to take over L.T.Ms. in position and will leave an equal number under guard in BUIRE and DERNANCOURT respectively, where they will be taken over by Bdes. of 4th Div.

5. All troops marching on roads east of MEAULTE will march in file with at least 200 yds between companies and 500 yds between battalions.

6. Routes and times of marches are left to brigade commanders, subject to the provisions of the attached table.

7. The M.G. Coy. of 1st Inf. Bde. will remain at RIBEMONT until relieved and will then rejoin its Bde. under arrangements to be made by 1st Bde.

8. Bdes. will wire daily to Div. Hqrs. hours of start and starting point.

9. Acknowledge.

*R. H. Smythe May 95*  
Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff.  
1st Australian Division.

Copy No.	To whom	Time	Method.
1 - 5	D.H.Q.	9.30 p.m.	Orderly.
6	Div. Arty.	"	D.R.
7	" Engrs.	"	"
8	" Sig. Coy.	"	"
9	" Train.	"	"
10	1st Aus. Inf. Bde.	"	"
11	2nd do.	"	"
12	3rd do.	"	"
13	A.D.M.S.	"	"
14	A.D.V.S.	"	"
15	A.P.M.	"	"
16	Mob. Vet. Sec.	"	"
17	1st Pioneer Bn.	"	"
18-19	1st ANZAC. A. & Q.	"	"
20	Salvage Coy.	"	"
21	Camp Commandant, 1st Aus. Div.	"	"
22	4th Aus. Div.	"	"
23	2nd do.	"	"
24	5th do.	"	"
25	1st Imperial Div.	"	"
26	Camp Commandant FRICOURT	"	"
27	Div. School	"	"
28	1st ANZAC. Heavy Arty.	"	"
29	G.O.C R.A. 1st ANZAC.	"	"
30	1st Aus. Div. Interpreter.	"	"



RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 78.

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DATE	1st Aust. Div. Unit.	4th Aust. Div. Unit	5th Aust. Div. Unit.	From	To	Unit relieved	Remarks
3rd Dec.	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.			DE NANCOURT	FRICOURT		
4th Dec.	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.			FRICOURT	(H.Q.-BAZENTIN House (.G. & G.T. . 1 Bn.-MAMETZ (F.5.c.2.3.) 1 Bn.-BERNAFAY "A" (G.23.d.11.) 1 Bn.BAZENTIN "C" Camp (S.15.d.2.8) 1 Bn.NE! CARLTON Camp (S.15.b.5.0)	H.Q. 12th Bde. 48th Battn. vacant 46th Bn.	Available 8 a.m. do. do. Available 8 a.m. do.
		12th Aust. Inf. Bde.		H.Q.-BAZENTIN House 1 Bn.-MAMETZ 1 Bn.-BERNAFAY "A" Camp. 1 1/2 Bns. NEW CARLTON Camp 1/4 Bn. remains at NEW CARLTON Camp	DERNANCOURT		By train from QUARRY.
	2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.			BUIRE	FRICOURT	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	To be available by noon
	Bearer division of 1st Fld. Am.			RECORDEL	Advance dressing Station-BERNAFAY		

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DATE	1st Aust. Div. Unit.	4th Aust. Div. Unit.	5th Aust. Div. Unit.	From	To	Unit relieved	Remarks.
5th/6th Dec.				(H.Q.) (M.G.Coy.) BAZENTIN (L.T.) House (1 Bn. NEW CARLTON Camp. 1/2 Bn. BERNAFAY "A" 1/2 Bn. do. 1 Bn. remains at BAZENTIN "C" Camp. 1 Bn. MAMETZ	DELVILLE VALLEY (left H.Q.) Line left sector Support (Switch trench) NEW CARLTON Camp NEW CARLTON Camp	13th Bde.	
5th Dec	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.						MAMETZ to be clear by noon
5/6th Dec		13th Aust. Inf. Bde.		(H.Q.-DELVILLE Valley (1 Bn. Line left sector. 1/2 Bn. Support (Switch trench) 1 1/2 Bns. Support DELVILLE Wood 1 Bn. BERNAFAY "D"	BUIRE		
5th Dec							
	2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.			FRICOURT	(H.Q.) (M.G.Coy.) BAZENTIN (L.T.) House. (1 Bn. remains FRI- -COURT. (1 Bn. MAMETZ (1 Bn. BERNAFAY "A" (1 Bn. BERNAFAY "B" (S. 22.b.10.)	3rd Bde.  3rd Bde. do. ?	available noon  available 3p.m.
	Bearer division of 2nd Flc. Amf.			BUIRE	Advance dressing Station BERNAFAY.		



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DATE.	1st Aust. Div. Unit.	5th Aust. Div. Unit.	From	To	Unit relieved	Remarks.
Dec. 6/7th	2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.		(H.Q. ) (H. Coy.) BAZENTIN House (L.T. ) 1 Bn. BERNAFAY "A" 1 Bn. BERNAFAY "B" 1 Bn. MAMETZ 1 Bn. FRICOURT	DELVILLE Valley } Right H.Q. } Line Right Sector } Line do. } Support (Switch and } gap trenches) } BERNAFAY "B" (S. 23. 10.) RIBEMONT MAMETZ	4th Aust Inf. Bde.	
6/7th 6th	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.  3rd Field Ambulance	4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	Line right sector RIBEMONT  BUIRE  MAMETZ	Advance dressing Station BERNAFAY  ?		By train from QUARRY H.Q. and 2 1/2 Bns. only.
7th Dec.	1st Aust. Div. H.Q.  4th Aust. Div. H.Q.	1 Bn.	RIBEMONT  POMMIER Redoubt	POMMIER Redoubt  RIBEMONT		opens 11a.m.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAMENDMENT to ORDER No. 78.

1. The tables of reliefs issued with 1st Aus. Div Order No. 78 are cancelled and the attached substituted.

2. The completion of each move will be reported without delay to 4th and 1st Aus. Divs., giving hour of completion, name of camp or trench and map location.

3. Acknowledge.

*R. B. Smythe May 28*  
 Lieut-Colonel.  
 General Staff.  
 1st Australian Division.

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1 - 5	D.H.Q.	p.m.	Orderly
6	Div. Arty.	"	D.R.
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11	2nd do.	"	"
12	3rd do.	"	"
13	A.D.M.S.	"	"
14	A.D.V.S.	"	"
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16	Mob. Vet. Sec.	"	"
17	1st Pioneer Bn.	"	"
18-19	1st ANZAC. A.&Q.	"	"
20	Salvage Coy.	"	"
21	Camp Comdnt. 1st Aus. Div	"	"
22	4th Aus. Div.	"	"
23	2nd do.	"	"
24	5th do.	"	"
25	1st Imperial Div	"	"
26	Camp Comdnt. FRIGOURT	"	"
27	Div. School	"	"
28	1st ANZAC. Heavy Arty.	"	"
29	G.O.C., R.A. 1st ANZAC.	"	"
30	1st Aus. Div. Interpreter	"	"
31	S.S.C. 1st Aus. Div.	"	"







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DATE	1st Aust. Div. Unit.	4th Aust. Div. Unit.	From	To	Unit relieved	Remarks.
5th/6th Dec.	3rd Aust. Inf.Bde.		(H.Q. ) (M.G.Coy.) BAZENTIN (L.T.M. ) House 1 Bn. NEW CARLTON Camp. $\frac{1}{2}$ Bn. BERNAFAY "A"	DELVILLE VALLEY (left H.Q.) Line left sector. Support (Switch trench) NEW CARLTON Camp	13th Bde.	
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec.			$\frac{1}{2}$ Bn. do. 1 Bn. remains at BAZENTIN "C" Camp. 1 Bn. MAMETZ			
5th Dec.						MAMETZ to be clear by noon.
5th/6th Dec.		18th Aust Inf.Bde.	(H.Q.-DELVILLE Valley 1 Bn. Line left Sector $\frac{1}{2}$ Bn. Support (Switch trench) $1\frac{1}{2}$ Bns. Support DELVILLE Wood 1 Bn. BERNAFAY "B"	BUIRE		
	2nd Aust Inf.Bde.		FRICOURT	(H.Q. ) (M.G.Coy ) BAZENTIN (L.T.M. ) House. $1\frac{1}{2}$ Bns. remains FRI- -COURT 1 Bn. NEW CARLTON Camp 1 Bn. BERNAFAY "A" $\frac{1}{2}$ Bn. BERNAFAY "B" (S.22.b.10.)	3rd Bde. 3rd Bde. do.	available
	Bearer division of 2nd Fld.Aml.		BUIRE	Advance dressing Station BERNAFAY		vacant

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DATE	1st Aust. Div. Unit.	4th Aust. Div. Unit.	From	To	Unit relieved	Remarks
6th/7th Decr, 6th	2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.		(H.Q. ) (M.G. Coy. ) BAZENTIN (L.T.L. ) House 1 Bn. BERNAFAY "A" 1 Bn. CARLTON $\frac{1}{2}$ Bn. BERNAFAY "B" ----- $1\frac{1}{2}$ Bns. FRICOURT	DELVILLE Valley Right H.Q. Line Right Sector Line do. Support (Switch & gap trenches) BERNAFAY "B" (S. 22.b.10.)	4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	
6th/7th		4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	Line Right Sector	RIBEMONT		By train from QUARRY.
6th	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.		RIBEMONT	MAMETZ		H.Q. and $2\frac{1}{2}$ Bns. only. Available noon
"	3rd Bde.		1 Bn. MAMETZ	NEW CARLTON CAMP		{ Available 4 p.m. MAMETZ to be clear by noon.
"	3rd Fld. Ambulance		BUIRE	Advance dressing Station BERNAFAY		
"		1 Battln. (5th Aust. Div.)	MAMETZ	?		To be clear by noon.
7th/8th Dec.	2nd Bde.		$\frac{1}{2}$ Bn. BERNAFAY "B"	Support (Switch & gap)		
7th	1st Aust. Div. H.Q.		RIBEMONT	PREMIER Redoubt		opens 11 a.m.
		4th Aust. Div. H.Q.	PREMIER Redoubt	RIBEMONT		



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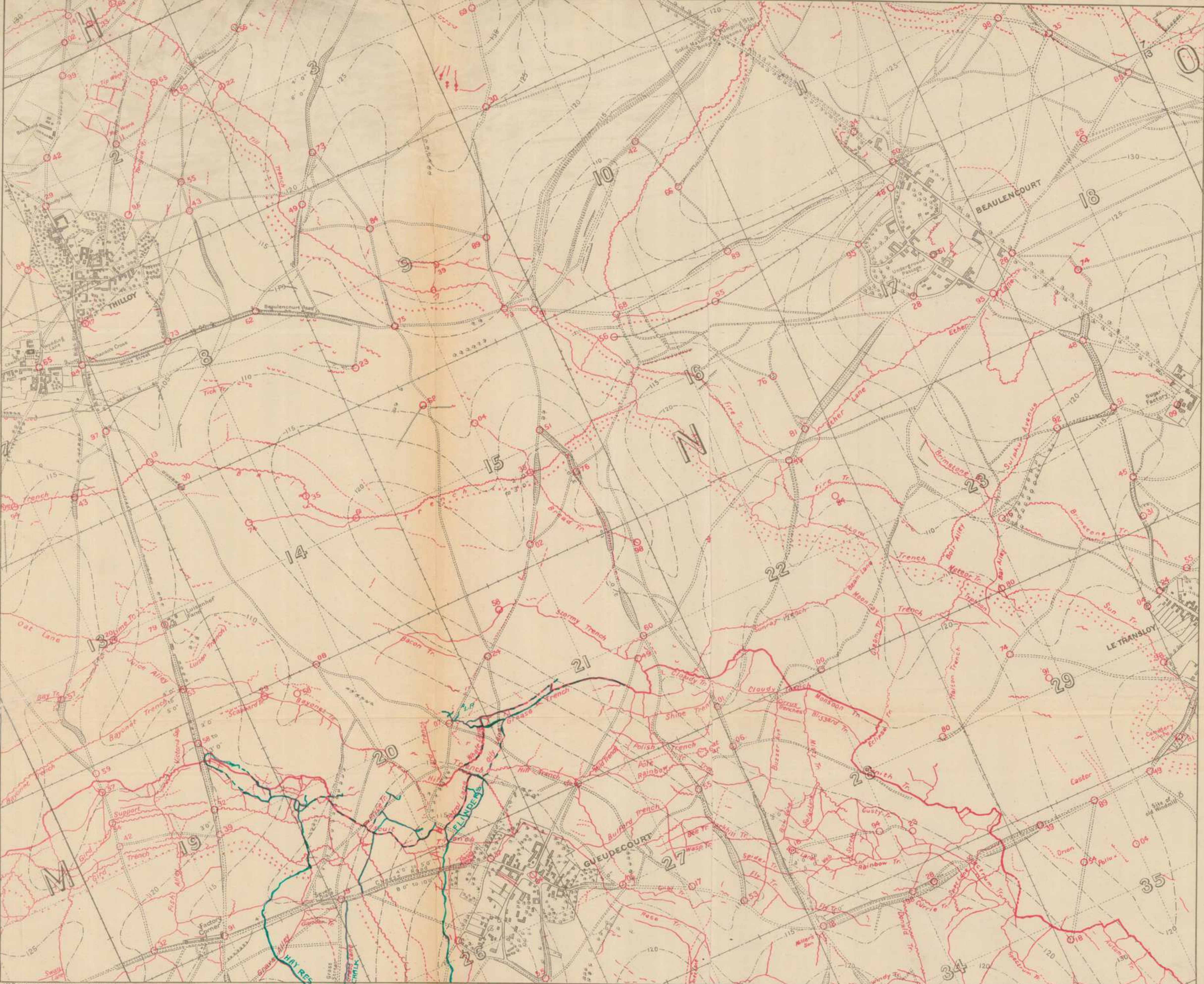
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APPENDIX IV

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GUEDECOURT TO THILLOY AND BEAULENCOURT

TRENCHES CORRECTED TO 21.11.16. 1ST EDITION



1:100,000 Printing Coy R.E. IV Army Sec. 1916

British front line on 22.11.16 thus: —

O.P. Shown thus: —

TO FLARE ALLEY

TRENCHES IN USE  
IN BAD CONDITION  
CORRECT 12.12.16.

Scale 1:100,000  
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONGeneral Staff Memorandum, No. 80.Divisional Headquarters,  
December 11th. 1916.CONSTRUCTION OF DIVISIONAL RESERVE LINE.Reference:- Attached Map.

1. The Divisional Reserve line on the line as per attached map will be undertaken forthwith under the direction of the C.R.E. as follows.-

(i) The line marked is approximate only. The most advantageous positions along it will be selected.

(ii) The work will be commenced by the construction of strong points, each capable of accommodating a platoon. At a rough estimate, three strong points in the right sector and two in the left sector should be taken in hand at first.

(iii) The strong points will take the form of deep dugouts protected by a trench, which latter will eventually be joined up throughout as revetting material allows and the whole line will be wired in front.

(iv) The greatest care will be taken to conceal the work from the enemy and the sinking of the preliminary shafts will be carried out at night time or under cover of camouflage, fog, mist, etc.

Spoil must be deposited in shell holes or made use of in sandbags for revetting, etc. etc.

2. Labour will be provided by Brigades in the line and the field companies attached to them, each Bde. working in its own sector.

R. B. Smythe Maj GS  
for  
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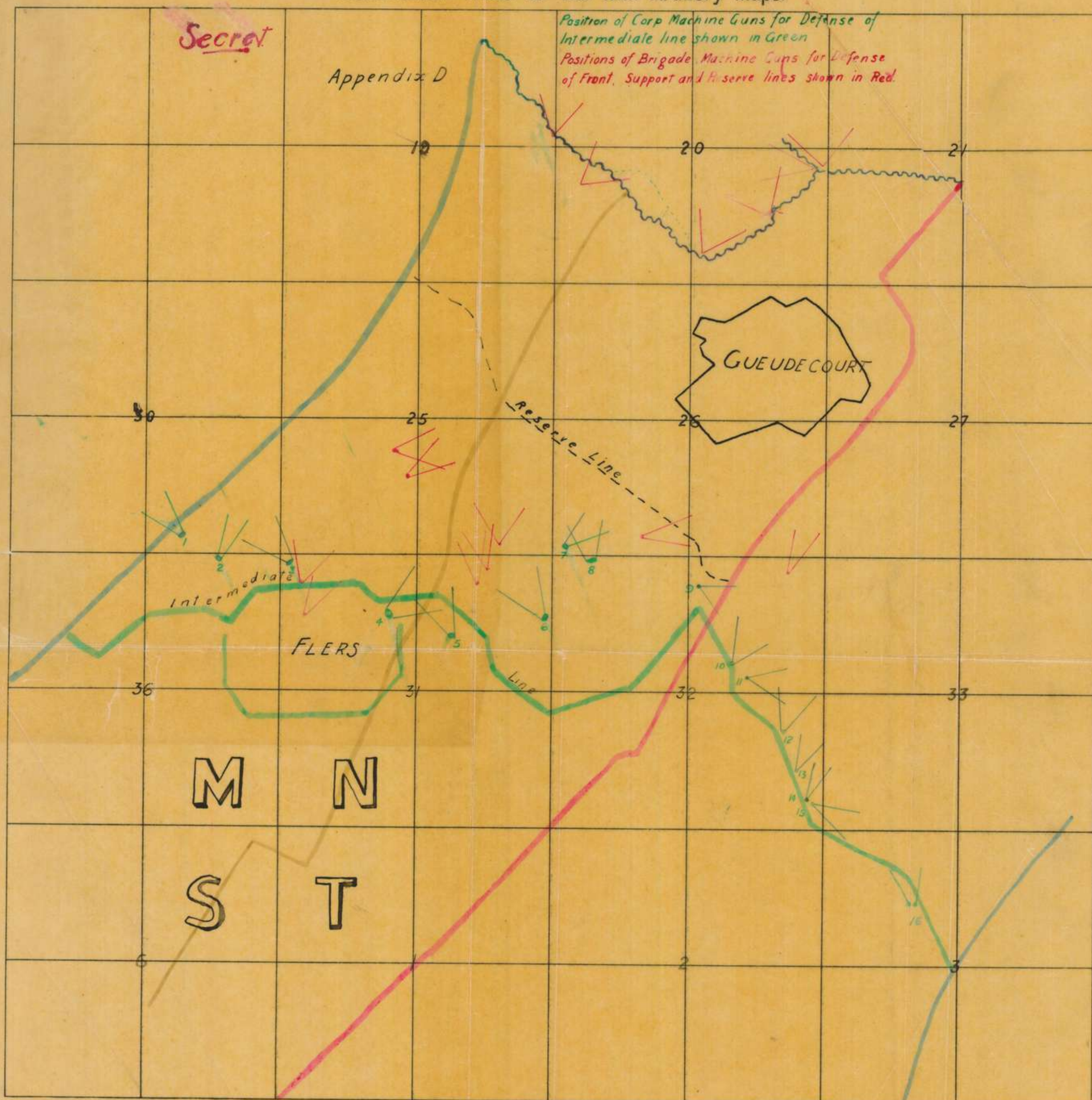


Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.

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Appendix D

Position of Corp Machine Guns for Defense of Intermediate line shown in Green  
Positions of Brigade Machine Guns for Defense of Front, Support and Reserve lines shown in Red.



NOTE.—(1). These traces are intended to facilitate the communication of information as to the position of targets, which have been located on a squared map.  
(2). The squares on this trace are 1,000 yards in length on the 1/20,000 scale, and 2,000 yards in length on the 1/40,000 scale.  
(3). The squares on the trace are fitted to the squares of the map showing the targets, which are then drawn on the trace. Sufficient letters and numbers must also be added to enable the recipient to place the trace in the correct position on his own map. A little detail may also be traced, but this is not essential. The name and scale of the map to which the trace refers must be always given. The trace can be used for either the 1/20,000 or 1/40,000 scale.

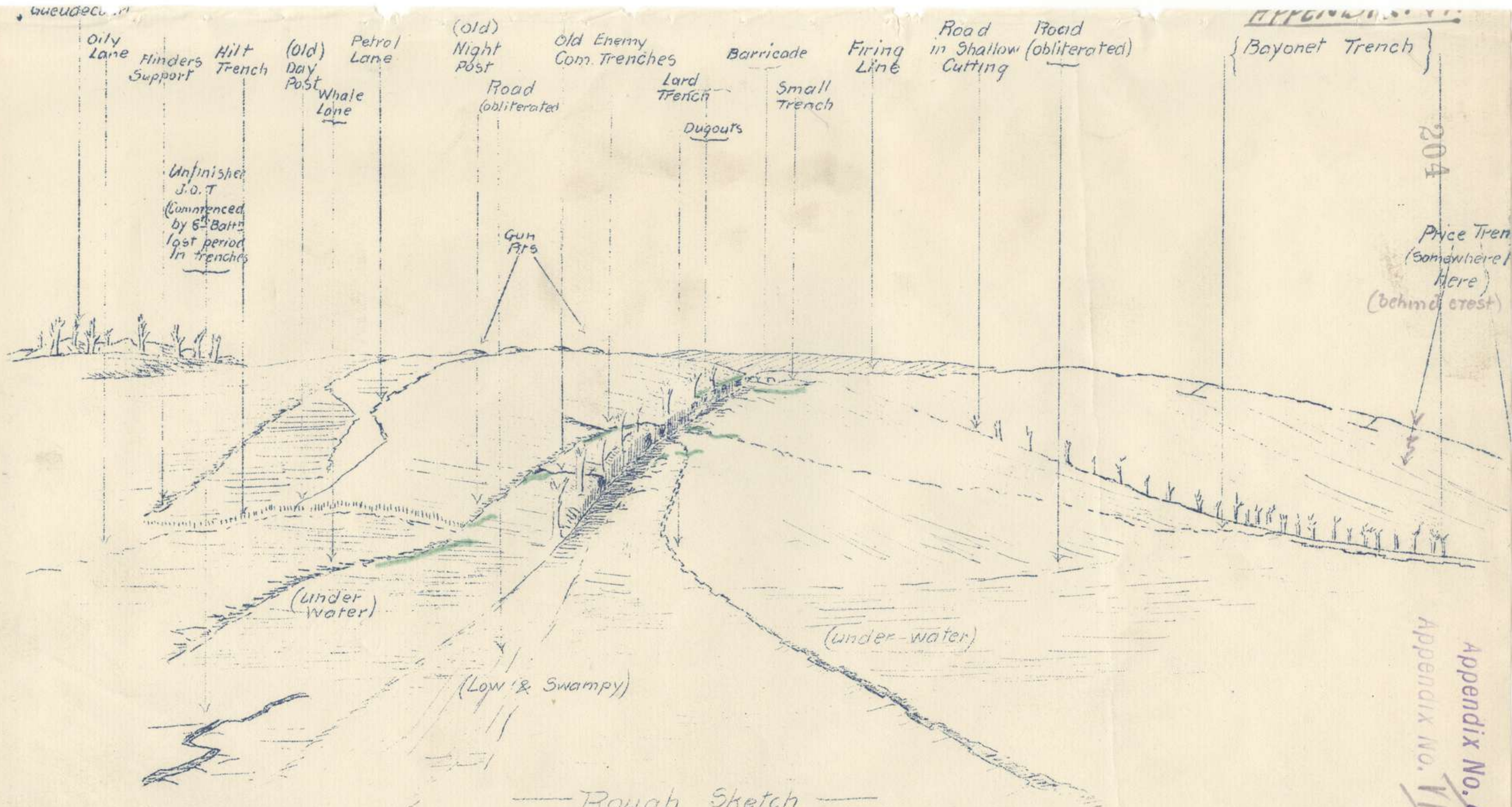
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Red - References in Reconnaissance Report.

Green - Posts held. Remainder of Garrison in dugouts.

— Rough Sketch —  
Looking S. from Grease Tr. near Goodwin's Post

12-12-16.

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Appendix No. 7

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONSECRETGeneral Staff Memorandum, No. 81.Divisional Headquarters,  
12th December 1916.CONSTRUCTION of the "INTERMEDIATE" LINE.

1. Work on the "Intermediate" line will be put in hand forthwith under the direction of the C.R.E. Corps Defences. (Lieut-Colonel ELLIOTT.)
2. The construction of the line will begin with the preparation of sunken M.G. positions and dugouts for their crews.
3. The selection of the sites for M.G. positions has been made by the Corps M.G. Officer. (Lieut-Colonel TAIT.)
4. Labour will be supplied by the Division as follows.-
  - (i) 3rd Field Coy. hitherto working on decauville under Corps orders, will be replaced by a company of infantry from the Division and the Field Coy. will work on the intermediate line; separate orders will be given for this relief.
  - (ii) Each Inf. Bde. in line will supply up to 50 men daily. As far as possible, these parties will be taken from the Bde. M.G. Coys, men already living near the intermediate line.
  - (iii) C.R.E. Defences will arrange direct with Inf. Bdes. and with 3rd Field Coy. all details in connection with the working parties mentioned above.
5. Acknowledge.

R. Smythe Maj GS  
 for Lieut-Colonel.  
 General Staff.  
 1st Australian Division.

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 C.R.E. Defences.



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Appendix No. 8

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONGeneral Staff Memorandum, No. 82.Divisional Headquarters,  
December 21st 1916.REPORTING on HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

1. In order to cope more effectively with hostile aircraft flying over our lines, a flight of a fighting squadron has been attached to No. 52 Squadron, and special arrangements have been made to enable information regarding the presence of hostile aircraft to be transmitted from No. 3 Squadron without delay.

2. In order that information may be passed in the quickest manner to No. 3 Squadron R.F.C. the following method will be followed

(a) All cases of enemy aircraft flying near or over our lines will be reported by quickest means by all companies in front and support lines to Bn. Hqrs.

To avoid undue duplication and unnecessary work on signal lines only battalions in line will originate such messages.

(b) The messages will be framed in the following style.-

"Five hostile aeroplanes N. 21. d. at 8 a.m.

"B" Coy. 6th Bn. "

(c) The Bttn. will send on the first message received, by "priority" telephone call to Bde. Hqrs. and will use its discretion as to repeating subsequent messages.

(d) The Bde. will transmit the first of such messages by "priority wire" to 3rd Squadron R.F.C. and will use its discretion as to repeating subsequent messages

3. Sufficient copies are forwarded for distribution down to batteries of artillery and companies of infantry.

*R. B. Smythe M. A. 88*

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