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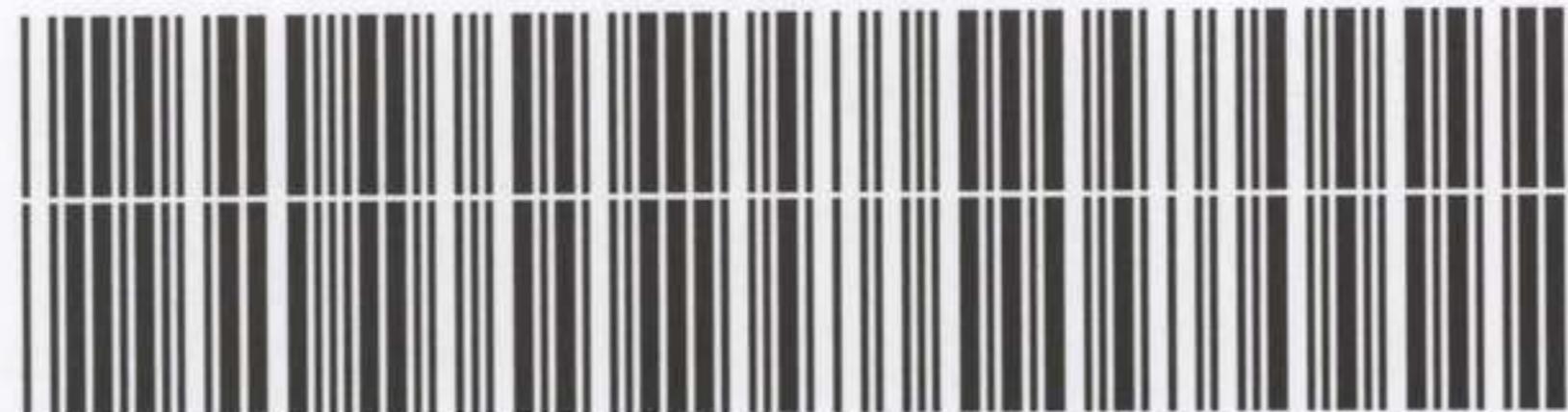
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POMMIER REDOUBT.	1st Jan. 17.		<p><u>OPERATIONS:- Our Activity.</u>- Our heavy artillery bombarded enemy's front system of trenches from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Enemy's reply was weak.</p> <p><u>Patrols.</u>- A number of patrols reconnoitred our front without encountering any of the enemy</p> <p><u>M.Gs.</u>- All known enemy tracks within range were fired on at intervals during the night.</p> <p><u>ENEMY ACTIVITY.</u>- Artillery activity was normal. A T.M. from N.21.b.3.O. fired on GREASE trench.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>- (i) Weather dull, mild, no rain, high wind.</p> <p>(ii) G.S.O.II. and Bde. Major 1st Bde. with Intelligence Officer 6th Bde. visited the new piece of line on the right divisional area, which the Division has been ordered to take over. An order was given for the 1st Bde. to take over the new line referred to above.</p> <p>(iii) Some of the old records of the village of FLERS were discovered in a cellar under the ruins of the Church. 31 sandbags or books, &c. were recovered and arrangements made for their return to the French authorities.</p> <p>(iv) Divisional Commander and A.A.&Q.M.G. in bed with colas.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT	2nd Jan. 17.		<p><u>OPERATIONS</u>. - <u>Frontage</u>. An additional 300 yds or frontage (N.21.a.1.8. - 7.3.) were taken over from the 2nd Aus.Div. at 6.45 p.m., relief of the Cos. concerned being completed at that time. D.O. 80 APPX. I</p> <p><u>Our Activity</u>. - Our artillery displayed normal activity, dispersing two enemy working parties and causing damage to enemy's wire in front of TILL Trench.</p> <p><u>Patrols</u>. - A patrol visited road junction at N.21.a.3.4. but found no signs of enemy occupation.</p> <p><u>M.G.</u> - Indirect fire as usual.</p> <p><u>ENEMY ACTIVITY</u>. - Front line left sector was heavily shelled with 10.cm. shells with slight damage to trench.</p> <p>From 2.10.p.m. to 9.p.m. battery positions and tramway in S.12. and DELVILLE WOOD duck-walk were shelled by 21.cm. guns from direction of BAPAUME; direct hits being obtained on the two latter.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>. - (i) Weather: dull, no rain. attached (ii) Lieut. CUTBERT (G.S.O.III.) visited the line. (iii) B.G.G.S. called. (iv) G.O.C. still in bed with cold. Two of the Divisional Staff, - G.S.O.II and D.A.A.&Q.M.G.</p>	D.O. 80 APPX. I

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POMMIER REDOUBT	2nd Jan. 17.	(Contd)	(Major R.B. SMYTHE and Major H.G. VINEY.) appeared in the New Year Honours list as DSO.	
do.	3rd	do.	<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> - <u>Our Activity.</u> - During the night a determined attempt was made by a large enemy party (about 200 strong) to dig a new trench in advance of STORMY Trench on a line approximately N.2 1. 0.½. 3½. - N.21.a.7.2. - N.21.a.2.4.</p> <p>At 9.15.p.m. our patrols discovered this activity, and our artillery, on being informed, barraged the above area, and it is believed, inflicted many casualties. Intermittent fire was maintained on this vicinity for the remainder of the night.</p> <p><u>ENEMY ACTIVITY.</u> - Except for above, considerably below normal.</p> <p>In retaliation to our artillery fire on his working parties in N.21.a., enemy barraged along a line N.21.a.5.1. - 1.5. in front of STORMY Trench.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u> - (i) G.S.O.III visited the line of the left Bde. also visited FLERS, and found under the ruins of the Church many village records; a registrar of births, deaths and marriages and a Bible dated 1686 in Latin.</p> <p>(ii) Divisional Commander assumed command of the Corps during the absence of Lieut-General BIRDWOOD on leave, but remained with Division.</p> <p>(iii) Divisional Commander still in bed with cold.</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT	3rd Jan. 17	(Contd)	<p>(iv) Two more of the Divisional Staff in the New Year's Honours List -- D.A.Q.M.G. Captain R.G. CASEY G.S.O.III. and Captain T.G. MILLNER both awarded the Military Cross.</p> <p>(v) Weather: Mild, dull, high wind, light rain.</p>	
do	4th	do.	<p><u>OPERATIONS.- Our Activity.</u> - Hostile working parties were again active during the night in N.2 I. a., but our artillery and M.G. fire prevented further work being accomplished.</p> <p>At 7.p.m. our artillery effectively dispersed a large enemy party (about 100 strong) working on PORK Trench.</p> <p><u>Patrols.</u> - At 9.30.p.m. one of our patrols from GOODWIN'S POST successfully engaged and drove off an enemy patrol with bombs and rifle fire.</p> <p><u>M.Gs.</u> - Indirect fire carried out on suspected working parties.</p> <p><u>ENEMY ACTIVITY.</u> - Artillery fire exceptionally quiet during morning. From midday onwards rear areas were somewhat heavily shelled, especially FLERS; duckwalks in T.I.C. and GRASS LANE.</p> <p><u>Patrols.</u> - Displayed more activity than usual. Large patrol of 15 men was observed at N.20.a.1.7.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u> - (i) Weather. - Wet morning, but clear afternoon.</p> <p><i>Gen. Staff Manual No 83 was issued "SOS Signal"</i></p>	<i>Reinforce tanks</i> <i>1st Aus Div</i> <i>Appendix II</i>

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POMMIER REDOUBT	4th Jan. 17.	(contd)	<p>(ii) G.S.O.II. visited Divisional School at TIRANCOURT.</p> <p>(iii) Callers: 4th Army Representative with reference to Intermediate Line. G.S.O.I. and II. of 50th Division with reference to junction of respective Reserve Lines. G.S.O.L. and A.A.&Q.M.G. 4th Aust.Division to make arrangements for relieving us in line.</p>	
do	5th Jany. 17		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> - <u>Prisoners.</u> - At 3.a.m. two prisoners belonging to 363rd I.R. were captured in N.20.d.</p> <p><u>Our Activity.</u> - Between 2.p.m. and 3.p.m. a concentrated bombardment by our heavy and field artillery was carried out on enemy trench system East of LIGNY-THILLOY Road in Sqrs. N.13.d. and N.14.c. Many direct hits were observed and damage to enemy works was considerable.</p> <p>Enemy retaliation slight. <u>Patrols.</u> - Our patrols located an enemy wiring party in front of BAYONET Trench.</p> <p><u>ENEMY ACTIVITY.</u> - 270 shells of varying calibres were fired into FLERS during the day.</p> <p>Front line (left sector) and vicinity was heavily shelled, but damage was slight.</p> <p><u>T.Ms.</u> - Between 7.p.m. and 8.p.m. enemy mortars were active against GREASE Trench and EVE ALLEY causing some damage.</p> <p><u>Rifle Grenades.</u> - 25 rifle grenades were fired into GREASE Trench at 6 p.m.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u> - Weather: Bright.</p>	<i>R. Bouyelle Mar 18 1st Aus Div</i>

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POMMIER REDOUBT	6th Jan 17.		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> - Our Activity. - Two Officers patrols from GREASE Trench failed to locate any new enemy work in N.21.a.</p> <p>Normal patrol communication maintained during the night.</p> <p><u>M.G.</u> - 6250 rounds expended in indirect fire.</p> <p><u>ENEMY ACTIVITY.</u> - FLERS and GUEUDECOURT received the usual attention. Also, GRASS LANE; CHEESE Road; FACTORY CORNER and front line left sector.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u> - (i) Weather: fine but dull, frost at night.</p> <p>(ii) Moves: 1st Bde. - 1 Bn. from BERNAFAY to BUIRE by train as far as MEAULTE. 1 " " Supports " BAZENTIN.</p> <p>2nd Bde. - Nil.</p> <p>3rd Bde. - 2 Bns. from BAZENTIN to DERNANCOURT by train as far as MEAULTE.</p> <p>These were the first moves on relief by 4th Australian Division.</p>	
do.	7th Jan. 17.		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> - Our Activity. - Our heavy artillery in cooperation with two 18-pr. batteries bombarded suspected suspected Headquarters at N.15.d.$\frac{1}{2}$.7$\frac{1}{2}$.</p> <p><u>Patrols</u>. - A patrol from N.9.b. reported enemy party working in front of SCABBARD Trench.</p> <p><u>ENEMY ACTIVITY.</u> - GUEUDECOURT, NEEDLE Trench and BULLS Road were shelled intermittently during the day.</p> <p>A5834 Wt. W4973 M687 750,000 8/16 D.D. & L. Ltd. Tomm C. 2118/3 FLERS, GROVE ALLEY, HAY RESERVE and front line (left sector) were rather heavily shelled.</p>	<p><i>R Bouyotu Mar 18 1st Aus Div</i></p>

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POMMIER REDOUBT	7th Jan. 17	(Contd)	<p><u>Patrols.</u> - An enemy patrol at N.20.b.4.4. was fired on by our Lewis guns and two of the party killed.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u> - (i) Weather: frost in the morning, some sunshine during the day; no rain.</p> <p>(ii) Moves: 1st Bde. - 1 Bn. from BAZENTIN to RIBEMONT by train as far as MEAULTE. 1 " " BUIRE " " 2 Bns. " Line " BAZENTIN. relieved by 12th Bde.</p> <p>2nd Bde. - 3 Bns. from MAMETZ to BUIRE by route march.</p> <p>3rd Bde. - Nil.</p> <p>(iii) Divisional Commander visited Corps Headquarters.</p> <p>(iv) Callers: Corps M.G. Officer with reference to Intermediate Line. Brig-General GLASGOW, 13th Bde. reference taking over from 3rd Bde.</p> <p>(v) The fortnightly report on Works was completed.</p>	
do	8th do.		<p><u>MOVES.</u> - 1st Bde. - 2 Bns. BAZENTIN to RIBEMONT.</p> <p>2nd Bde. - Nil.</p> <p>3rd Bde. - 1 Bn. from Line to BAZENTIN. $\frac{1}{2}$ " " BAZENTIN to DERNANCOURT.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Gale of wind with rain, very cold.</p>	<p><i>R. Smythe H.A. 16 P. Russe</i></p>

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POMMIER REDOUBT	8th Jan. 17 (Contd)		<p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u> - (i) G.S.O.II and G.S.O.III. 4th Aus.Div. called with reference to taking over.</p> <p>(ii) G.S.O.I and Camp Commandant went on leave.</p> <p>(iii) A.A.&Q.M.G. went on duty to ETAPLES.</p> <p>(iv) GS Memo No 1 was issued "Sopers with telescopic sighted rifles" ^{See appx III} "organisation and Training" ^{See appx IV} Divisional Commander handed over command of the area to General HOLMES 4th AusDivision. ^{appx V} and Divisional Headquarters moved to RIBEMONT.</p> <p>Divisional Commander went on to Corps and in the afternoon visited headquarters of Brigades and found that men were sleeping in wire-netting bunks in their billets and were very cold without straw. Arrangements were accordingly made to provide the straw at once.</p> <p><u>Weather:</u> Very cold and snow thawing. ^{threatening}</p>	
RIBEMONT	9th do.	10.30 a.m.		appx. III appx. IV appx. V
do.	10th Jan. 17.		<p>Divisional Commander visited Divisional School at TIRANCOURT and inspected the Cadets under training. Of the 35 Cadets under training, 20 will be given direct commissions, 12 will be sent to Cadet School in England, three will be cast as unsuitable.</p> <p>Orders were received from ANZAC. for the Division to move into III Corps Area on 13th and 14th Jany. These orders were amended later in the day. Divisional Orders were issued in the afternoon. ^{appx VI}</p>	appx. VI

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RHEMONT.	10th Jan. 17. (Contd)		Lt-Col. BLAMEY temporarily commanding 1st Bde. went on leave and Lt-Col. MACKAY took his place.	
do.	11th do.		The Divisional Commander inspected the 5th platoons in Bns. of the 2nd Bde. These platoons consisted of partially trained reinforcements, 150 of which per Bn., had been sent up to the Division in December under instructions to be kept apart and trained until fit for absorption. Most of the platoons were passed as fit for absorption. Lieut. DEANE, A.D.C. was evacuated sick and Lieut. BRUCE, 13th Light Horse, came to take his place.	
			Administrative instructions were issued by "Q". with reference to move of the Division into the III Corps area.	
			Colonel FOOTT. returned from ETAPLES.	
do.	12th do.		Divisional Commander inspected the 5th platoons of Bns. of first Bde. in the morning and inspected 2 Coys. of the Pioneer Bn. at FRANVILLERS in the afternoon. A fatal case of cerebro-spinal meningitis occurred at the Divisional School.	
			<u>Weather:</u> Heavy rain at intervals.	

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BAIZIEUX.	15th Jan. 17. (Contd)		<u>WEATHER.</u> - Hard frost; snow on the ground all day, 7° frost at night.	
do.	16th	do.	Divisional Commander visited Pioneer Bn. at FRANVILLERS in the morning and in the afternoon held a conference of Brigadiers, Bde. Majors, Commanding Officers and 2nd s in command on the subject of tactical training	G.S. Memo 3. APPENDIX VII
			G.S. Memo No. 3. dealing with the organisation of Company for attack was not issued on a scale to reach platoon Commanders.	
			<u>WEATHER:</u> 7° of frost and snow at night.	
do.	17th	do.	Divisional Commander visited ^{1st} F.A. Bde. at BUIRE. Training was carried out in all Bdes. on the lines laid down in G.S. Memo No. 3. Lt-Col. BESSEL-BROWN, acting C.R.A. left the Division to take up appointment of C.R.A. 2nd Aus. Division. D.A.A. & Q.M.G. visited the 50th Division, which this Division is to relieve in the line. Corps Commander called in the afternoon.	
			<u>WEATHER.</u> - Hard frost; snow lay on the ground all day.	R. Nouelle Mar 17 1st Aus Div 10

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RIBEMONT	13th Jan. 17.		<p><u>MOVES.</u> - The 1st Inf. Bde. marched to BAIZIEUX and CONTAY.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander inspected the 1st Bde. on the march during the morning and in the afternoon inspected 5th platoons of 3rd Bde.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Overcast and cold.</p>	
BAIZIEUX	14th	do.	<p><u>MOVES.</u> - Divisional Headquarters, RIBEMONT to BAIZIEUX; 2nd Bde. BUIRE to WARLOY; 3rd Bde. BERNANCOURT to BRESLE.</p> <p>Divisional Commander inspected troops on the march.</p> <p>Instructions were issued to Bdes. as to training areas.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Snow at intervals, frost at night.</p>	
do.	15th	do.	<p>Divisional Commander visited 3rd Squadron R.F.C. in the morning, where daily 30 Officers and 30 N.C.Os. of this Division are instructed in contact patrol work.</p> <p>In the afternoon he visited Divisional Artillery at NAOURS and found many of the horses in a bad condition.</p> <p><u>LECTURE.</u> - Lt-Col. PRITCHARD, Staff Officer to G.O.C. H.A. for counter battery work lectured to senior Bn. Officers</p> <p>Lieut. DEANE A.D.C. returned to duty.</p>	<p><i>R. Bowyer Mat 45 1/2 Dec 1918</i></p>

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BAIZIEUX	18th Jan. 17		<p>Divisional Commander visited the 1st Inf. Bde. at training.</p> <p>G.S.O.I. 1st British Division called to make arrangements for their relief in the ALBERT-BECOURT-FRICOURT Area, which this Division will occupy in staging into the line.</p> <p>An order was received from ANZAC. for the move of the Division to the ALBERT-BECOURT-FRICOURT in relief of the 1st British Division. Divl. Orders ^{* for the move} were issued after consultation with 1st British Colonel FOOTT lectured to senior Bn. Officers of the 3rd Bde. Subject.- Courts Martial.</p> <p><u>WEATHER</u>. - More snow, followed by a slight thaw. Frost at night. Snow lies about 4 inches deep.</p>	
do	19th	do.	<p>Divisional Commander watched the training of the 3rd Bde. in the morning and of 1st Bde. in the afternoon.</p> <p>Colonel FOOTT lectured to officers of 2nd Bde. on Courts Martial.</p> <p>Lieut. CUTHERBERT lectured to Bde. Intelligence Officers.</p> <p>Orders were received from ANZAC. with reference to reorganisation of the Divisional Artly.</p> <p><u>WEATHER</u>: - Hard frost all day.</p>	
do.	20th	do.	<p>G.S.O.II. visited 50th Division to arrange details of relief and prepare order for the move.</p> <p>Divisional Commander watched training of Bdes.</p>	R.B. Smith Nat's 1/1918

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BAIZIEUX	20th	Jan. 17.	(Contd) G.S.O.I. and Camp Commandant returned from leave. <u>WEATHER:-</u> Hard frost all day.	
do.	21st	do.	A Divisional Commander visited Div. School in the morning. Divisional Order for the relief of the 50th Division in the line was issued. Orders were sent to the Divnl. Artillery to carry on with the reorganisation to 6-gun batteries in accordance with A.I.F. Order ANZAC. G.S. Memo No. 44.	* Order No. 4 APPY TX
do.	22nd	do.	Divisional Commander watched the training of 9th Bn. Divisional Artillery issued orders for reorganisation and for moves in connection therewith. The Division came under the Orders of III Corps on this date. <u>WEATHER:-</u> Hard frost followed by thaw and a light fall of snow. 15° of frost at night.	
ALBERT	23rd	Jan. 17.	<u>MOVES:-</u> 1st Bde. from CONTAY and BAIZIEUX to BECOURT. 2nd " " WARLOY to ALBERT. Divisional Headquarters BAIZIEUX to ALBERT (Villa ROCHER, Rue de BRAY.) All moves in relief of corresponding formations of 1st British Division.	R. Smethurst M.A.C for P.M. 13

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ALBERT	23rd Jan. 17. (Contd)		<p>ANZAC. cancelled the move of 1 Bn. of the 3rd Bde. to MILLENCOURT and instructed the Division to find accommodation for them elsewhere.</p> <p>Owing to the many reliefs in progress all the forward area was very crowded and it was not until 11.30 p.m. that the III Corps had found the required accommodation.</p> <p>ANZAC. also ordered Pioneer Bn. to clear FRANVILLERS on 24th and allotted camps for them at FRICOURT and MAMETZ.</p>	<p>R. Monthly Rec'd per Aus Div</p> <p>1</p>

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ALBERT	24 th Jan 1917		<p>- <u>Weather</u> - hard frost</p> <p><u>Moves</u> . 3rd Bde BRESLE to FRICOURT less HQ, MG coy and LTM Batt to MILLEN COURT</p> <p>Pioneer Bn part to FRICOURT part to MAMETZ.</p> <p><u>Genl</u> - Dwo Comdr visited DAC at FRANVILLERS</p>	
do	25 th Jan		<p>- <u>Weather</u> - Snow on ground still + hard frost</p> <p><u>Moves</u> . 2nd Bde ALBERT to BAZENTIN camps</p> <p><u>Genl</u> . Dwo Comdr visited DAC and 2nd AFA Bde</p>	
do	26 th Jan		<p><u>Weather</u> - Hard frost - bright day - bitter wind</p> <p><u>Moves</u> . 1st Bde BECOURT to BAZENTIN camps</p> <p>2nd Bde BAZENTIN to line right sector in relief of</p> <p><u>Genl</u> . Dwo Comdr visited the Dwo School at TIRANCOURT to see the students before 2nd course dispersed.</p> <p>GSO 2 + attached GSO 3 (Cuthbert) to forward area. GSO 2 left Bde HQ, Cuthbert to line</p> <p>There seemed to be a truce in front line for Cuthbert walked along the ice in the</p> <p>trough waist high above ground and saw enemy in their posts about 100' away,</p> <p>who stood up and waved to him.</p> <p>May Genl Fowler Director of Army Signals called</p>	

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ALBERT	27 th Jan 1917		<p><u>Weather</u> - hard frost. bright day - bitter wind.</p> <p><u>Movis</u>. 1st Bde less 2 Bns BECOURT - BAZENTIN evening. 1st Bde less 1 Bn BAZENTIN - line left sector 1st Bn relieving 5th Yorks on right 12th Bn 5th DLI on left 2 Cos Pioneers from F2D to a tented camp BAZENTIN "C" - This was a move at short notice under Corps orders. The 2 cos being temporarily allotted for work under the OC Corps Light Railways - Straps and an extra blanket each was obtained for these men</p> <p><u>General</u>. The Div Comdr. visited ordnance stores in morning and the 3rd Bde HQ, MG Coy and LTM Batt? in MILLEN COURT in afternoon GSO, visited 10th Bn at drill 2nd Course at Div School terminated - 39 officers, 30 officer cadets and 96 NCOs were put thro the Infantry Course and 20 or thro the Signalling course During the last 10 days of the course attention was chiefly devoted to practicing attack formations ride GS circular No 3</p>	
FRICOURT FARM	28 th Jan 1917		<p><u>Weather</u> - Hard frost - bright day - wind.</p> <p><u>Taking over</u> - at 10 am Gove 1st Aus Div took over from Gove 50th Div the frontage and area shewn on map attached -</p>	appendix X

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FRICOURT	28 th Jan (cont'd)		<p><u>Operations</u> -</p> <p><u>Our activity</u> - At 5.30 pm the approaches to LIGNY THILLOY and LE BARQUE were searched by 18 p^rs + 4.5 Hours on receipt of information of much movement in that area.</p> <p>at 4.30 pm our Lewis Guns fired on an enemy party approaching a front line post. The party was dispersed and 15 casualties are claimed.</p> <p><u>an enemy plane</u> was brought down by one of our planes.</p> <p><u>Enemy activity</u> - The ridge between FACTORY corner and the front line was heavily shelled with 5.9". and enemy TMs were active against our front line in N 19 a</p> <p>Our support Companies in M 29 a were heavily shelled for two hours in the afternoon with 5.9" + 77 mm. There was other miscellaneous shelling.</p> <p><u>General</u> Brig Gen L ESSLIE arrived to take command of 1st Aus Div Bde</p> <p>Corps Commander called and it was arranged for Div Comdt to go on leave on 2nd Feb and for Gen Lesslie to command the Div in his absence.</p> <p><u>Moves</u>. DwtHQ ALBERT to FRICOURT Farm</p> <p>3rd Bde less 10th Bn FRICOURT to BAZENTIN.</p>	

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FRICOURT	29 th Jan		<p><u>Weather</u>. 22 degrees of frost - bright day - hard frost at night.</p> <p><u>Operations</u></p> <p><u>Our activity</u>. Normal artillery activity throughout the day - At night our arty barraged BUTTE trench N11d and N17c and carried out a diversion in N13c in cooperation with a raid by 15th Div on the BUTTE de WARLENCOURT. The enemy did not retaliate on our front - We dispersed several working parties during the night by artillery MG fire -</p> <p>Our MG expended 9000 rounds in indirect fire on enemy communications</p> <p>Our LTNs registered on BAYONET trench - Several casualties were caused by our snipers</p> <p><u>Enemy activity</u>. Shelling less than usual - MGs fired at M29 a 90 in the evening.</p> <p><u>General</u>. GSO, routed line</p> <p>The raid of 15th Div referred to above was successful. 1 officer + 16 OR prisoners were secured and many dugouts were bombed. For our own bombardment with heaves we had to vacate part of our front line. This has to be done before daylight and the line cannot be reoccupied till dark.</p>	

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FRICOURT	50 th Jan 1917		<p><u>Weather</u>. Hard frost followed by snow -</p> <p><u>Operations</u> -</p> <p>Our activity : Normal</p> <p>Enemy activity - The following places were shelled. HEXAM road. TURK lane - EAUCOURT L'ABBE PIONEER avenue - CHEESE trench - HIGA - YARRA reserve + FACTORY avenue.</p> <p><u>General</u>. Divisional Commander Genl Lesslie visited 1st Bde in line</p> <p>Our own Divisional Artillery took over from 50th Div arty.</p> <p>Orders for an operation against the MAZE were received from ANZAC.</p>	
Ch.	31 st		<p><u>Weather</u>. Frost. bright day</p> <p><u>Operations</u></p> <p>Our activity - Normal artillery activity - 2 coys of the enemy in M12 central were dispersed by our arty. and some casualties were caused. Our LTMs fired at BAYONET trench.</p> <p>Enemy activity - DURHAM dumps and HIGH WOOD West Camp were shelled. Otherwise enemy shelling was normal</p> <p>200 Pineapple bombs were thrown into our lines</p> <p><u>General</u> - Div Comdr + Genl Lesslie visited 3rd Bde - Genl White called</p> <p>The question of the construction of the "Intermediate" + "Second" lines was discussed and the procedure settled</p>	61

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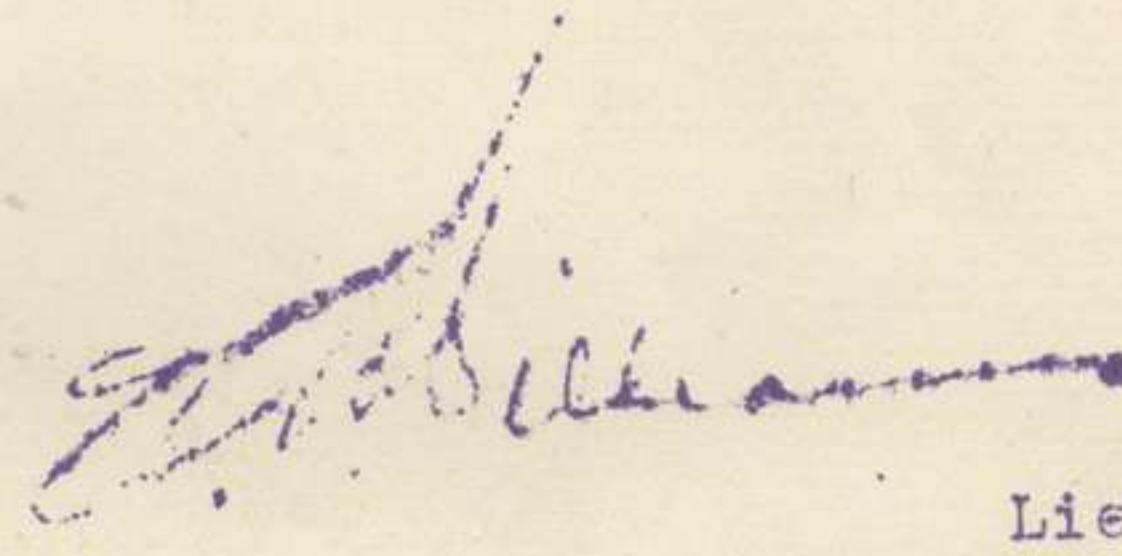
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 80.Divisional Headquarters,
January 1st, 1917.Reference 1/20,000 Sheet 57.c.S.W.

1. On 3rd January 1917 the Right Boundary of this Divisional Area will run from N.21.d.7.3. to N.27.a.6.2. and thence as at present. The Left Divisional Boundary and the inter-Brigade Boundary will remain unchanged.
2. The Right Brigade will complete the taking up of the new Front (from N.20.b.5.5. to N.21.d.7.3.) by 8 a.m. on 3rd January 1917. EVE ALLEY will be available for use of Right Brigade.
3. C.R.A. will make the necessary adjustment of Artillery to cover the new front and will be prepared to assume responsibility for its protection by 8 a.m. on 4th January 1917.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.



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

Distributed to :-

		6-30p.m.	Orderly
		"	D.R.
1 - 5	D.H.Q.	"	"
6 - 10	Div. Arty.	"	"
11	Div. Eng.	"	"
12	Div. Sig. Coy.	"	"
13	Div. TRAIN	"	"
14	S. & Q. 1st Aust. Div.	"	"
15	O.C. Pack Transport	"	"
16	1st Aus. Inf. Bde.	"	"
17	2nd " " "	"	"
18	3rd " " "	"	"
19	A.D.M.S.	"	"
20	A.D.V.S.	"	"
21	A.P.M.	"	"
22	Mob. Vet. Sect.	"	"
23	1st Aus. Pioneer Br.	"	"
24 - 25	1st ANZAC "A" & "Q"	"	"
26	Salvage Coy.	"	"
27	D.A.D.O.S.	"	"
28	Camp. Comd. 1st Aus. Div.	"	"
29	2nd Aust. Division	"	"
30	50th Imperial Div.	"	"
31	Camp Comdt. FRICOURT	"	"
32	1st Anzac Heavy Art.	"	"
33	G.O.C., R.A. 1st Anzac.	"	"
34	4th Aust. Division	"	"



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONGeneral Staff Memorandum. No. 83.

Divisional Headquarters,
January 4th 1917.

1. (a) A supply of a new form of "S.O.S." Signal has been received; this signal has been tested and it has been decided to adopt it throughout the Corps, immediately preliminary arrangements are completed by divisions in front line.

The available supply will be drawn immediately by Division and distributed as under:-

Right Brigade	94
Left "	47
Div. Reserve	99

(b) Immediately Brigades have received their proportion and have completed all arrangements to admit of the signal being used throughout the Brigade, they will advise this office by telegram.

2. (a) The signal is a rifle grenade which bursts into a combination of four coloured lights at the top of its flight. (present issue shows 2 red and 2 green)

The signals are issued in water-tight tins, each of which contains 3 grenades, rod strikers and blank cartridges.

(b) The grenade is fired from an ordinary service rifle:- Insert blank cartridge into breech and rod striker into barrel. Place the socket of grenade over striker plug and the signal is ready for firing.

The impact of explosion fires the cap in the base of the grenade, which lights the time fuse - this in turn lights the coloured flares.

(c) The rifle must be placed absolutely perpendicular to the ground, and the grenades fired perpendicularly so as to attain their maximum height and effect.

3. (a) Definite "S.O.S." Stations^(officers) are to be allotted for each body of troops in forward areas, who may require to use the signal, and information as to their location will be carefully communicated to this office and artillery liaison. This will enable all concerned in rear of the front line system to know exactly where to look for the signal on the front allotted to them for observation.

These "S.O.S." Stations should be allotted and locations sent to this office at once in order that the telegram referred to in para. 1 (b) may be sent off immediately the flares have been received and distributed.

(b) In case of necessity the signal will be fired as a supplementary signal deliberately, but without ceasing, until the artillery answer by opening fire.

4. (a) It has been found in practice that the bulk of the expenditure of "S.O.S." Signals has not been due to firing, but to deterioration resulting from damp, etc.

(b) The "S.O.S." rifle grenades about to be issued have therefore been packed in small tins containing 3 per tin and sealed up with gummed tape in such a manner as to admit of one grenade being extracted and the tin again sealed up, so that the remainder may be kept dry until required.

(c) This being the case, in future the expenditure of "S.O.S." grenades should be strictly limited to those actually fired or lost.

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2. 生物多样性与生态系统的稳定性

(a) Bdes. will take steps to draw the attention of all concerned to these facts and will do their utmost to prevent wastage of these grenades which are expensive and difficult to make.

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Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
Australasian Division.

1st Australian Division.

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3rd H.A. Group.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONGeneral Staff Memorandum. No.1.Divisional Headquarters.
Jany. 8th 1917.SNIPERS with TELESCOPIC SIGHTED RIFLES

1. The establishment allows for four telescopic sighted rifles per Battalion and specially selected men are being trained at Army Schools to use them, but the Div. Commander is not satisfied that full use is being made of these specially trained and armed men.
2. The following procedure will therefore be adopted:-
 - (i) A telescopic rifle will be made a personal issue to a trained sniper - whose ordinary rifle will then be withdrawn and returned to Ordnance.
 - (ii) A record of the names of men to whom telescopic sighted rifles are issued, will be kept in Bns. and Bdes. and a return will be furnished by Inf. Bdes. to Div. Hqrs. on the first of each month giving the names of the holders of the rifles.
 - (iii) When a battalion is in the line, the four specially trained and armed snipers will be employed solely as snipers. They will not be used for guards, sentries, observation posts working parties or fatigues of any kind.
 - (iv) They will not participate in the general attack, but will move forward into the new position when it is consolidated and resume their normal role as snipers.
They are specialists and will be treated as such.
3. Para. 2. above will be added to all copies of trench standing orders. A slip is issued herewith for the purpose of pasting into the book at the end.

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General Staff.
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONGeneral Staff Memorandum. No. 2.Divisional Headquarters.
Jany. 8th 1917.ORGANISATION and TRAINING.

1. With reference to ANZAC Circular No. 33 dated 16th Decr. regarding standardisation of battalions and this Divisional Memorandum No. S/1065 dated 23-12-16 directing the suspension of any reorganisation pending further definite instructions, the following will be the provisional organisation for purposes of training.

(i) Lewis Gunners. - The Lewis Gun officer will be on battalion staff and will be responsible for supervision. The guns and gunners will be distributed throughout companies and will be a company organisation, but one gun will be allotted to each platoon during platoon training. When platoons are brought together for company training, the guns will be allotted by the C.C. Company to suit the tactical exercise.

(ii) Bombers. - 1 platoon of 1 officer and 40 other ranks will remain as heretofore attached to Battn. Hqrs. 8 other ranks will be with each platoon as heretofore.

(iii) Snipers and Scouts. - One officer (Battn. Intelligence Officer) and 30 other ranks will remain with the battalion as heretofore.

(iv) Runners. - 4 with Battn. Hqrs.
4 ' each Coy. Hqrs

2. As pointed out in ANZAC Circular No. 38, the platoon is the fighting unit.

Its authorised strength is 1 officer, 2 Sgts, 3 Cpl's, 3 L/Cpl's 45 Privates. Its normal war strength may be put at 1 Officer, 5 N.C.O.s. 50 other ranks.

Every man in a platoon must know how to throw a bomb or fire a rifle grenade, but since in the attack a man can only use one weapon at a time, in every tactical exercise, the platoon will be organised into distinct parties of (i) bombers (ii) rifle grenade men and (iii) rifle or bayonet men. The following proportions are given as a guide.-

Bombers	8
Carriers	8
Rifle grenade men	8

the remainder are rifle and bayonet men. See diagram attached.

3. A more or less stereotyped form of distribution will be adopted. A platoon will be formed into two waves: first wave, riflemen or bayonetmen; second wave, bombers, etc.

The rifle or bayonetmen rush the objective and throw out posts to front and flanks. The bombers support the attack (if held up) and follow riflemen into the trench, bomb right and left (if necessary) and "mop up". They may also be made available for assisting to man posts thrown out.

The rifle grenade men act similarly to the bombers.

Lewis Guns move with the second wave and after capture of the trench will be pushed forward into advanced posts, such as shell holes, etc.

Where a second objective has to be assaulted, the platoon will be first reorganised in the first objective for the further advance.

Frontage, Intervals and Distances.-

Frontage: For purposes of tactical training, the frontage in yards allotted to each platoon should equal the number of other ranks in the platoon, i.e. a platoon 50 strong inclusive should have a 50 yds of front allotted to it. This will give about an interval of one to two yards between men in the first wave. There should be a distance of from 15 to 20 yds. between waves.

4. The foregoing indicates a stereotyped formation for the platoon in attack and will be practised during training. It is not, however intended to cramp the initiative of the platoon commander and the formation may be varied as the circumstances demand.

The advantage of a stereotyped formation in tactical exercises will soon be felt. Problems of attack will lose many of their difficulties. Even when orders are got out at short notice all ranks will have an idea of what is expected of them, and prompter action may be expected than is now the case.

Platoons will also be exercised as a platoon in a reinforcing wave commencing in some small column formation prior to the act of reinforcement and the adoption of the extended formation.

Cos. will be exercised on the same principle.

Schemes for tactical exercises of a platoon will be drawn up by the Coy. Commander - for a Coy. by the Bn. Commander and for the Bn. by the Bde. Commander.

Each scheme will aim at teaching definitely one or two tactical lessons and will be carefully planned and the ground thoroughly reconnoitred before it is attempted. The four platoons of a Company can with advantage be put through the same exercise.

The Div. Commander lays great stress on the preparation of schemes.

Front waves usually start from trenches and trenches will therefore be selected where possible for the starting point of exercises for front waves.

Under conditions of active service it is not always possible for a company commander to assemble his platoon commanders and explain to them what is required. Action is often required of the platoon commander on receipt of an order or a message.

Again, it is seldom the case that a company commander can personally supervise the assembly of his Cos. for attack. He must rely on his subordinates doing the right thing on written or verbal messages. Tactical exercises will therefore be planned and carried out as nearly as possible under war conditions and will aim at teaching the company commander to write clear instructions and the platoon commander to act on them.

Supporting platoons may have to worm their way along trenches, may have to extend over the open, will certainly have to dodge barrages and move over broken ground. All these phases will be practised. By the exercise of ingenuity, barrages and broken ground can be simulated and this will be done in all companies. Where artillery officers are available, their advice and assistance will be sought in this connection.

Umpires: In drawing up schemes the question of umpires should be considered and steps will be taken to provide umpires when the instruction will be improved thereby.

General: Hours of training must not be too long or begin too early. If exercises are likely to extend over the meal hour, haversack should be carried and whenever possible it should be arranged for the exercise to terminate within reasonable distance of a coffee stall.

The 4th Army tactical notes dated May 1916 will be carefully studied by all officers and read, and explained to N.C.O.s. and men as lectures.

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Major, General Staff
1st Australian Division.

APPENDIX to FIRST ANZAC. GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 38 and DIVISIONAL
HEADQUARTERS G. S. MEMO. No. 2.

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ASSAULTING PLATOON

50 yards to 100 yards.

1st Wave.	Riflemen.								Riflemen.							
	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
2nd Wave.	X	Bombers	○	Rifle Bombers	Lewis Gunners	#	Rifle Bombers	∅	Bombers	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

(1) The number of bombers and rifle bombers in the 2nd wave can be reduced and their places taken by riflemen, as required.

(2) Reinforcing platoons should use the same formation if moving in extended order.

X 2 Throwers, 2 Carriers, 2 Bayonet men, 1 N.C.O.

○ 2 Rifle Bombers, 1 Carrier, 1 N.C.O. : or 2 Rifle Bombers and 2 Carriers.

1 Rifle Bomber, 1 Carrier, 1 N.C.O.

∅ 2 Throwers, 1 Carrier and 1 N.C.O. or 2 Throwers and 2 Carriers.

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SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No.1.Divisional Headquarters
4th January 1917.1. GENERAL.

The 1st Australian Division (less artillery and units detached to Corps) will be relieved by the 4th Aus. Div. (less artillery and units detached to Corps) in the left Sector of the Corps front between 6th and 9th instant.

2. MOVES.-

Moves will be in accordance with the attached tables "A" and "B".

3. CONCENTRATION.-

Brigades will on relief concentrate in areas as under:-

1st Brigade	-	X Area.
2nd "	-	Y "
3rd "	-	Z "

It is desirable that if possible battalions be sent to the billets occupied by them when last in those areas.

4. MOVEMENT on ROADS.-

(a) All troops moving on roads east of ERICOURT will march in file.

(b) The following intervals will be maintained:-

200 yds between battalions.

200 " " transport of each unit.

100 " " companies.

(c) Troops moving forward from "R" area will march via MEAULTE - F.7.c.8.3. - cross roads at F.1.d.0.9. and will be clear of point F.7.c.8.3. by 11.30 a.m.

5. TRENCH MORTAR BATTALIONS.-

1st and 3rd Bds. L.T.M. Btys. will be relieved on evening of 7th and 8th instant respectively.

L.T.Ms. will be handed over to relieving units and receipts taken.

L.T.Ms. of Bds. of 4th Aus. Div. will be left in charge of guards at X. Y. Z. areas until taken over by Bds. of 1st Aus. Div.

It will be necessary for 2nd Bde. to leave their mortars under guard until taken over by 4th Aus. Bde.

6. M.G. COYS.-

1st and 3rd M.G. Coys. will be relieved on evening of 7th and 8th instant respectively.

They will on relief move to ADELAIDE CAMP for the night and entrain next day at WILLOW SIDING.

7. ARTILLERY.-

C.R.A. 4th Aus. Div. will take over from C.R.A. 1st Aus. Div. at 11.a.m. on 10th instant.

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8. ENGINEERS. -

Special instructions are being issued by C.E. 1st ANZAC. reference relief of field companies.

9. MEDICAL UNITS. -

Relief of medical units will be arranged direct between A.D.M.S' concerned.

10. FURTHER ADMINISTRATIVE. - Special instructions regarding Train movements, supplies, relief of working parties and any other necessary administrative matters are being issued by "Q" of the Division.

11. Subject to the terms of this order any further details of relief will be arranged between brigades concerned.

12. Completion of Brigade reliefs will be reported by telegram to this office.

13. Div. Headquarters will close at POMMIER REDOUBT at 11.a.m. on 9th instant and open at same time and date at RIBEMONT.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. Williams

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

Distributed to :-

1 to 5	D.H.Q.	9.30.p.m	Orderly	11.00 a.m. (d)
6 " 12	C.R.A. 1st Aus.Div.	"	D.R.	11.00 a.m. (d)
13	C.R.E. do.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
14	Div.Sig.Coy.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
15	Div.Train.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
16	S.S.O. 1st Aus.Div.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
17	O.C. Pack Transport	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
18	1st Aus.Inf.Bde.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
19	2nd do.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
20	3rd do	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
21	A.D.M.S.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
22	A.D.V.S.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
23	A.P.M.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
24	Mob.Vet.Seo.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
25	1st Aus.Pioneer Bn.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
26-27	1st ANZAC."A" & "Q"	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
28	Salvage Coy.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
29	D.A.D.O.S.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
30	Camp Off.1st Aus.Div.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
31	" " FROI COURT	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
32	2nd Aus.Div.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
33	4th do.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
34	50th Imperial Div.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
35	1st ANZAC.Heavy Arty.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)
36	G.O.C.,R.A.1st ANZAC.	"	"	11.00 a.m. (d)

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TABLE "B".

(To accompany Div. Order, No. 1.)

HEADQUARTERS OF BRIGADES.

Night 6/7th. 12th Bde. Hqrs. at BRISBANE.

Night 7/8th 12th Bde. take over from 1st Bde. - latter moves to
BRISBANE.

13th Bde. will also be at BRISBANE.

Morning 8th. 1st Bde. moves by train to MCAULIFFE, thence to RIBEMONT.

Night 8/9th 13th Bde takes over from 3rd Bde. - latter moves to
BRISBANE.

Morning 9th. 3rd Bde. moves to MEAULTE, thence to DERNANCOURT.

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TABLE "A" TO ACCOMPANY FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 1.

- BATTALIONS. -

DATE		RIBEMONT "X"	BULLE "Y"	DERNANCOURT "Z"	PRICOURT S. I.	MAMETZ S. R.	BRISBANE S. 22. d. 1. 1. (BERNAFAY "A") TOULSVILLE S. 22. d. 1. 8. (BERNAFAY "B")	HOBART S. 15. B. 2. 3. (Né "Q" à fitton)	LAUCESTON S. 15. B. 4. New Carlton	BENDIGO S. 12. L. 5. 2. 1. 0. (Tentes)	GAP F.G. S. 12. M. 1. 4. (Lept)	SWITCH TR. S. 12. M. 1. 4.	LIT. LINE
4th		A B C D A	A B C D 1 2	A B C D 1 2	A B C 2	A I	A 3	A 3	1/2 B 3	1/2 C 3	1/2 B 3	1/2 B 3	D 1 C 1 D 1 C
5th		A B C 4	A B C D 1 3		A B C 2	A I	A 3	A 3	1/2 B 3	1/2 C 3	1/2 B 3	1/2 B 3	D 1 C 1 D 1 C
6th		A B C 4	A I	A C 3 3	A B C D 1 3	A 12	B 12	B 12	1/2 B 3	D 1 C	1/2 B 3	1/2 B 3	D 1 C 1 D 1 C
7th Day	Night	A B I I	A B C 2	A C 3 3	B C D 1 3	A 4	A 12	A 12	1/2 B 3	D 1 C	1/2 B 3	1/2 B 3	A C 1 3
7/8th	Day Night	A B I I	A B C 2	A C 3 3	B C D 1 3	A B C 4	A 12	A 12	1/2 B 3	D 1 C	1/2 B 3	1/2 B 3	B 1
8th	Day	A B C D I I I I	A B C 2	A C 3 3	B C D 1 3	A B C 4	A 12	A 12	1/2 B 3	1/2 C 3	1/2 B 3	1/2 B 3	D 1 C 1 D 1 C
8/9th	Night	A B C D I	A B C 2	A $\frac{1}{2}$ B 3 3		A B C 4	A 12	C 13	1/2 B 3	D 1 C	1/2 B 3	1/2 B 3	D 1 C 1 D 1 C
9th		A B C D 1	A B C 2	A $\frac{1}{2}$ B C D 3		A B C 4	A 12	C 13	1/2 B 3	D 1 C	1/2 B 3	1/2 B 3	A 1 3

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SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 2.Divisional Headquarters,
Jany. 10th 1917.

Reference Map: 1/40,000 Sheets A18417 Combined,
57°SS., 62°NE

1. The Infantry Brigades of the Division (less units and parties detached to 1st ANZAC.) will move by march route on 13th and 14th Jany. to III Corps Area in accordance with the attached table of moves.
2. The M.G. sections of 2nd Aus. Inf. Bde. on anti-aircraft duty in area will remain pending further orders.
3. The following distances will be maintained on the roads.-

200 yds.	between Battalions
200 "	Transport and marching troops.
100 "	Companies
4. Brigades will notify Div. Hqrs. by wire. of starting points and times.
5. Separate orders will be issued regarding moves of formations and units other than infantry brigades.
6. Div. Hqrs. will move to BAIZI UK Chateau on the 14th and will open at noon.
7. Separate instructions as to supplies and administrative arrangements will be issued by "Q" of Division.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R.W. Murphy Major, General Staff
1st Australian Division

Distributed to:-

		930 p.m. Orderly
1 to 5	D.H.Q.	
6	C.R.E. 1st Aus Div.	" D.R.
7	C.R.E. do.	" "
8	Div. Sig. Coy.	" "
9	Div. Train.	" "
10	S.S.C. 1st Aus Div	" "
11	1st Aus. Inf. Bde.	" "
12	2nd do.	" "
13	3rd do.	" "
14	A.D.M.S	" "
15	A.D.V.S	" "
16	A.P.M.	" "
17	Mob. Vet. Sec	" "
18	1st Aus. Pioneer Bn.	" "
19-20	1st ANZAC. "A" & "B"	" "
21	Salvage Coy.	" "
22	D.A.D.O.S.	" "
23	Camp Commdt	" "
24	2nd Aus. Div	" "
25	4th do.	" "
26	5th do.	" "
27	1st ANZAC. Heavy arty.	" "
28	G.O.C., R.M. 1st ANZAC.	" "
29-30	III Corps	" "
31	O.C. Reinforcement Camp	" "
32	Div. School	" "
33	Div. Interpreter.	" "

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TABLE OF MOVES TO ACCOMPANY 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 2.

Date	Unit of 1st Aust.Div.	Unit of 5th Aust.Div.	From	To	Remarks.
13th	15th A.I.Bde.	VIGNACOURT	RIBEMONT	By train.	
		FRANVILLERS	RIBEMONT		(1) Via HEILLY (11) Not to enter RIBEMONT until 1st A.I.Bde. has moved out.
1st A.I.Bde.		RIBEMONT	CONTAY and BAZIEUX		(1) Via Pt.D.20.b.7.3. (Bns for CONTAY continuing via FRANVILLERS). (11) Head to pass Pt. D.17.a.2. at . 11.30 AM.
		FLIGSELLS	EUIRE	By train	
14th	14th A.I.Bde.	RAINVILLE	BUIRE		(1) Via QUERVIEU - HEILLY (11) Not to reach RIBEMONT till 1 P.M.
		BONNAI LA HUSSOIE LA NEUVILLE	DEFAINCOURT		(1) All via BONNAI - HEILLY (11) To reach BULAS by 12 noon.
2nd A.I.Bde.		BULAS	MARLOY		(1) Via LA VIEVILLE - HENENCOURT (11) Head to pass Pt.D.17.a.2.2. at 10-45 a.m.
		DERIACOURT	BRESLE		(1) Via Pt. D.17.a.2.2. - Pt. D.20.b.7.3. (11) Not to leave DERIACOURT till 12 noon.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONGeneral Staff Memorandum. No. 3.Divisional Headquarters,
Jan'y. 16th 1917.

The attached diagrams and notes illustrate the system of tactical training which will be practised throughout the division during its period out of the line.

A distribution will be made down to Platoon Commanders, but care will be taken that no part of this memorandum is carried into the front line.



R. H. Smythe
Major.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

NOTES.

1. FRONTAGE. - The frontage of a section (12 yds) of a platoon (68 to 70 yds) and a company (140 to 150 yds) will remain constant as far as possible. Also it will be normal for a company to attack two platoons deep as in diagram 1.

Therefore, it is merely a matter of arithmetic as to how many companies are put in front line on a Bn. front. All four companies of a Bn. should not be put into front line without consulting the Brigadier. A Bn. will normally be allotted a 300 yd. front seldom more than 450 yds.

Similarly a Bde. will normally attack on a two Bn. frontage (600 to 900 yds.)

The limit of frontage contemplated for a Bde. with 3 Battalions in line each with 6 Cos. up is 1350 yds.

INTERVALS. - It is advisable to start the assault with intervals between sections (5 yds) and platoons (10 yds). This assists section and platoon commanders to control their men.

The intervals between Companies and Bns. must be decided on the ground.

DISTANCES. - The distances given in diagram 1. 20 yds between the two waves of a platoon and 20 yds between platoons is largely decided by the proved fact that the enemy's barrage may be expected on and behind our jumping off trench from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 minutes after the attack is launched. Therefore, there must be, pushed out in front of our jumping off trench before the barrage comes, sufficient weight to carry the first objective. A company 60 yds deep as shown in the diagram should be able to get out of the jumping off trench in one minute.

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OBJECTIVE. - A "near" objective may be considered as one within 300 yards - a "distant" objective as one beyond 300 yds - Other things being equal, the mode of attack would be the same in each case.

A "single" objective may be one or more trenches close together (seldom more than two) - close together = 100 yards - The method of attack suggested when there are two trenches is as follows. - The whole company (4 waves) goes over the first trench without stopping and into the second, where it makes good, mops up, consolidates, and if required reforms for further advance.

The moppers up for the first trench will in this case be found from another company and will consist of one or more platoons as considered necessary, moving in the same formation as the leading company. They should be formed up prior to the assault in the same trench or trenches as the leading company or otherwise close behind in the open so as to get away in front of the enemy barrage.

When the single objective consists of a single trench, one company depth as in diagram I. should be sufficient without other "moppers up". It may happen in fact that a whole company is unnecessarily strong for the job and if this is the case, the 3rd and 4th platoons should pass over the trench and take up a position in the open in front.

A double objective is one necessitating two distinct operations - In such a case, the Bn. would be formed on a two company front. The leading two companies would deal with the first objective and the two rear companies with the second objective. Or the first objective may require moppers up in which case, there is not much left of the Bn. for the second objective, but there is another Bn. in support which would normally be used.

CARRIERS. - In the case mentioned just above, 2 companies were used for first objectives, one company for moppers up, see diagram III. The fourth company was in hand for eventualities and this would

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seen the company to be used for carrying. Similarly with the fourth company of the supporting Bn. if necessary.

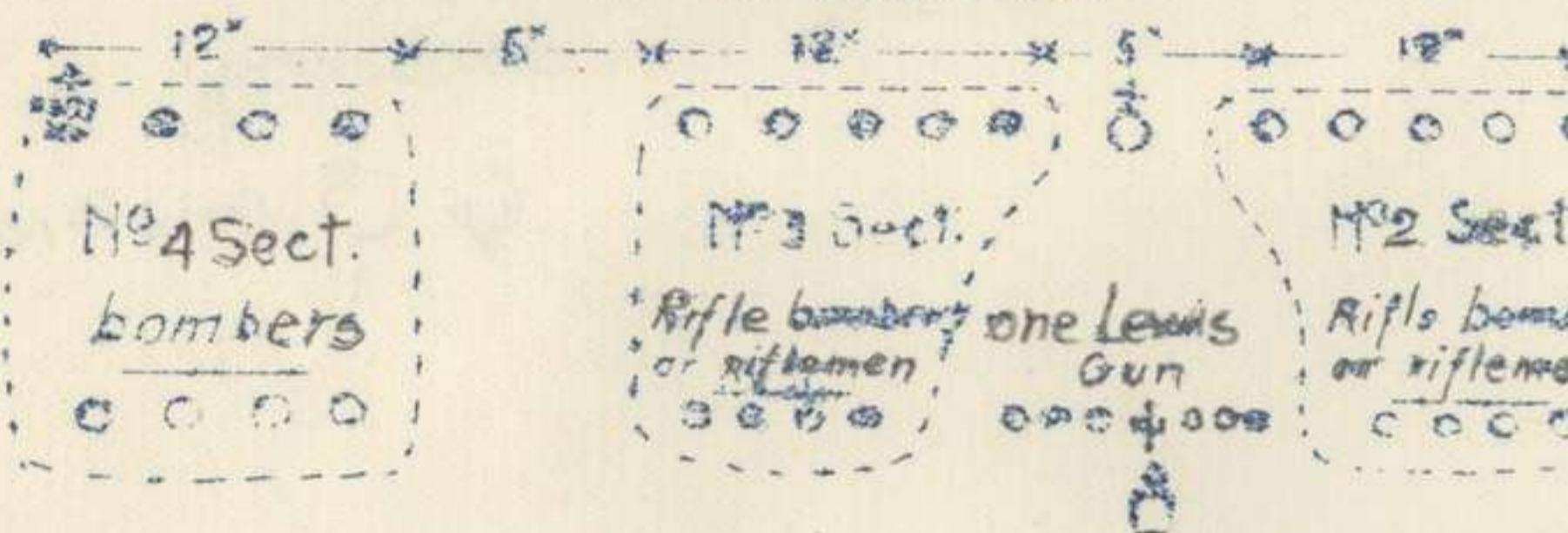
Carriers should be definite organisations with their own officers. i.e. platoon or company.

— Diagram I —

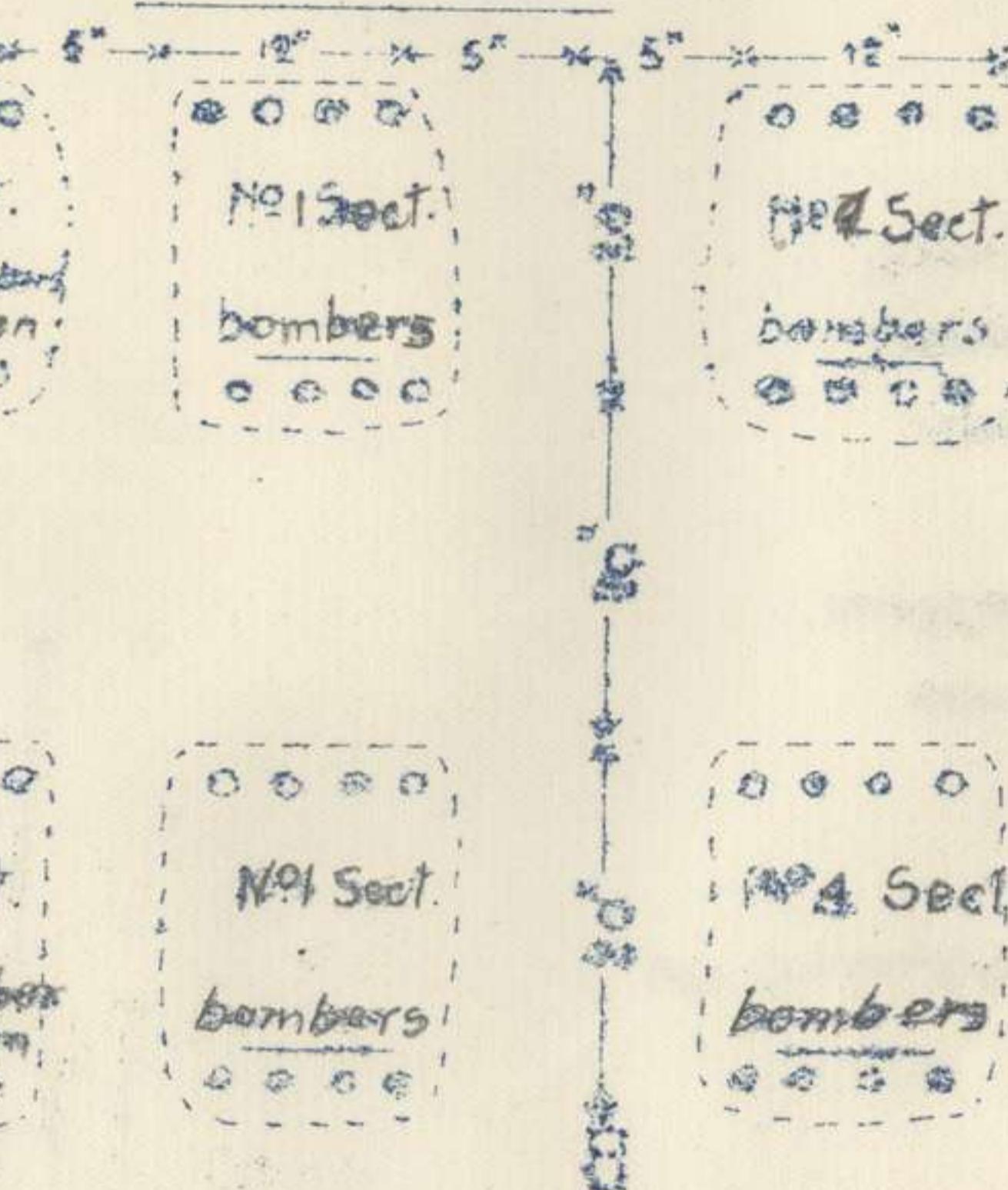
Normal Attack formation for a Company.

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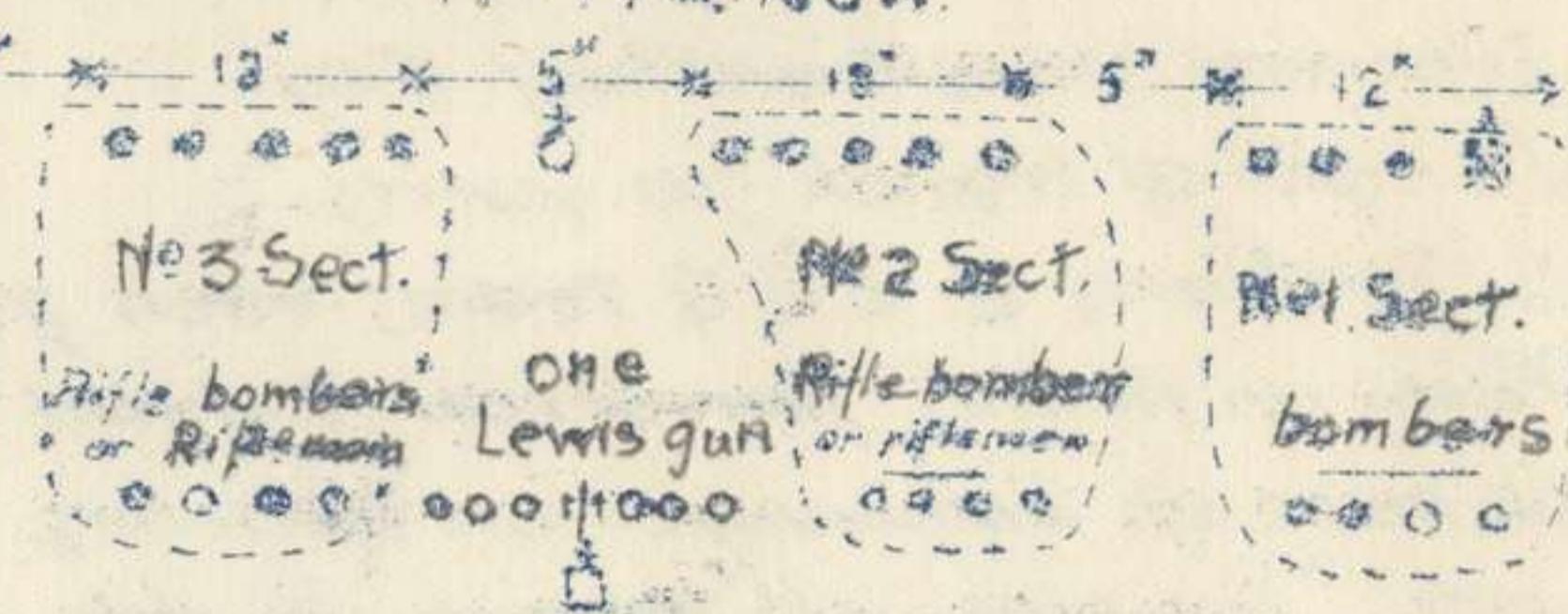
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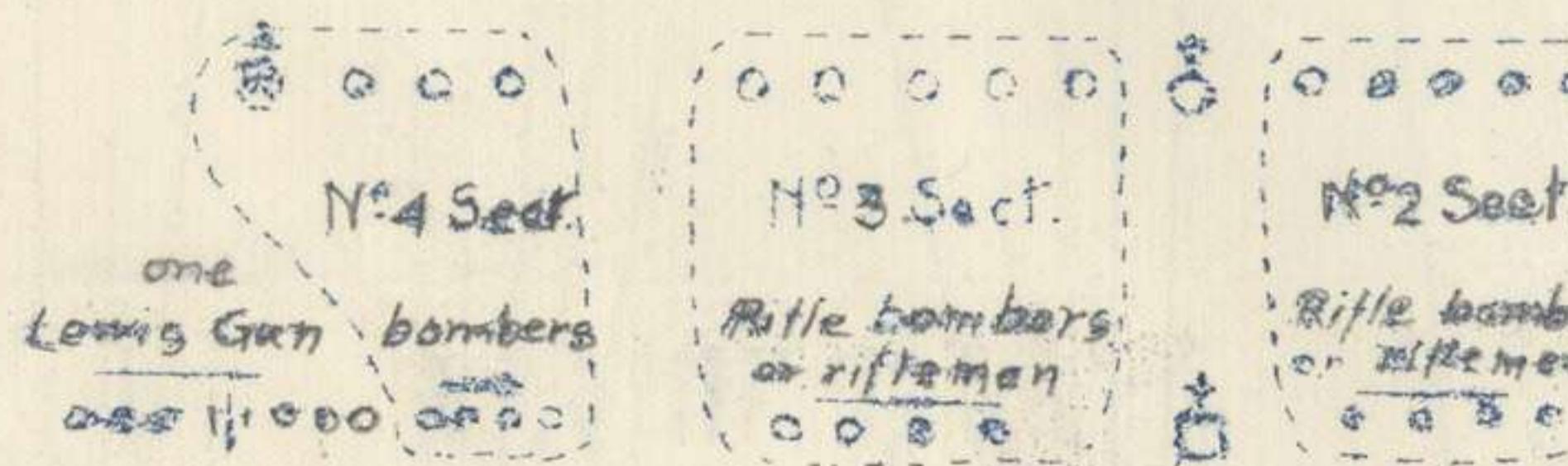
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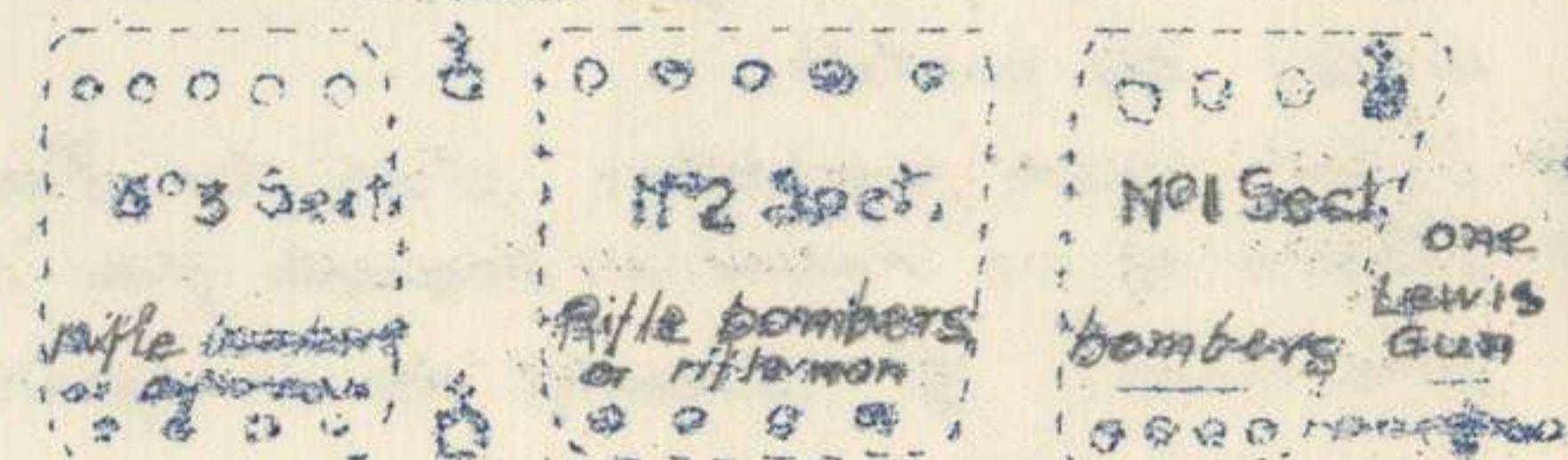
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Nº 4 Platoon.



Nº 3 Platoon.



— Note See notes attached.

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Diagram 11

Assembly of Coy in a Single Trench

Notes

1. Diagram shows British half coy.
- 2 Length of trench 70 yards.
- 3 8 Sections & 2 L.G teams each 7 yards.
- 4 Form up in this formation between bays
& make up communication trenches and
with "jumping-off" trench in file
- 5 Number One Pictures forward is passed
right & left from officer in middle who
works by watch.
- 6 Each man prepares step for foot.
- 7 There is no room in trench for "jumping off"
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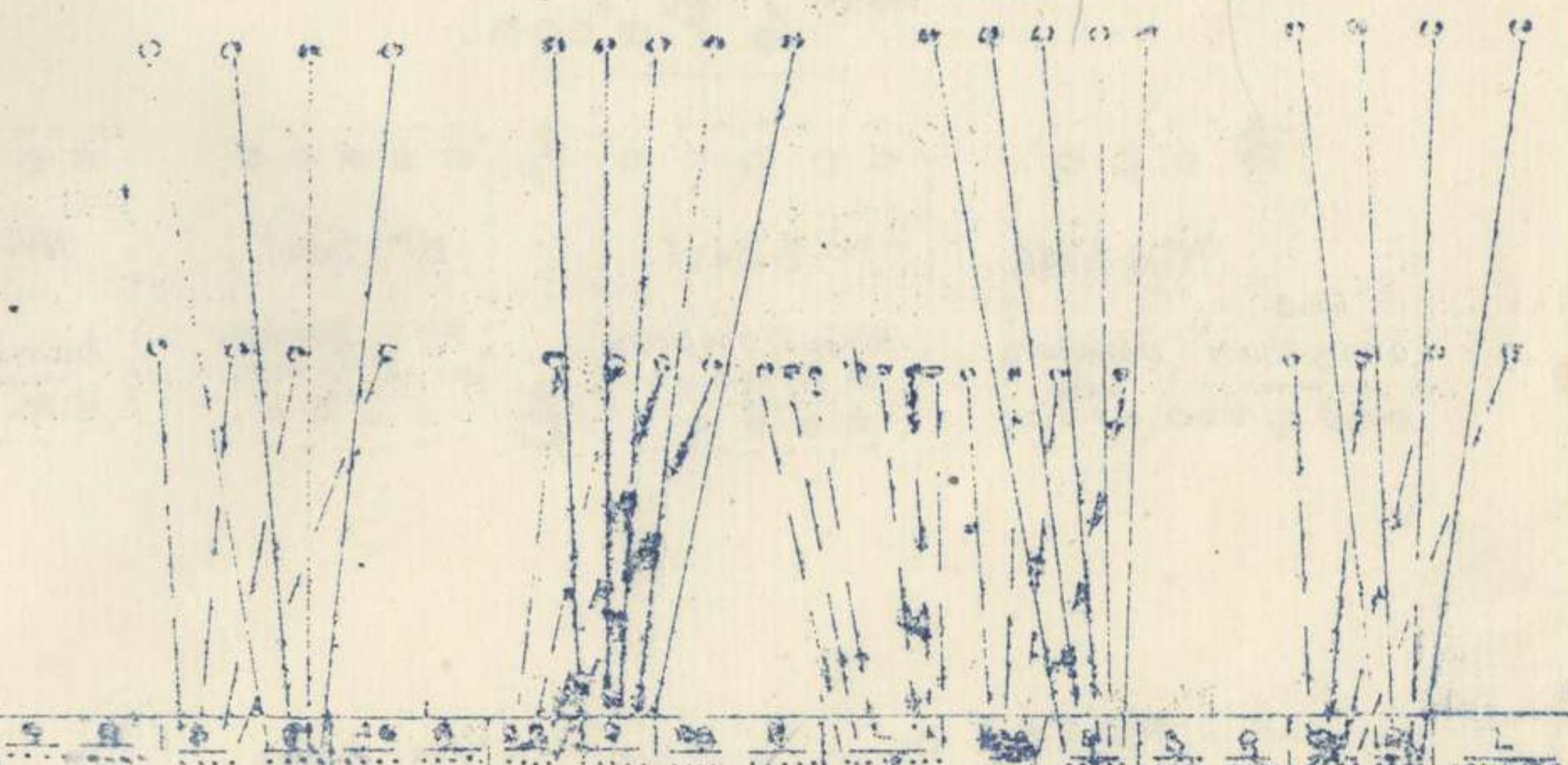
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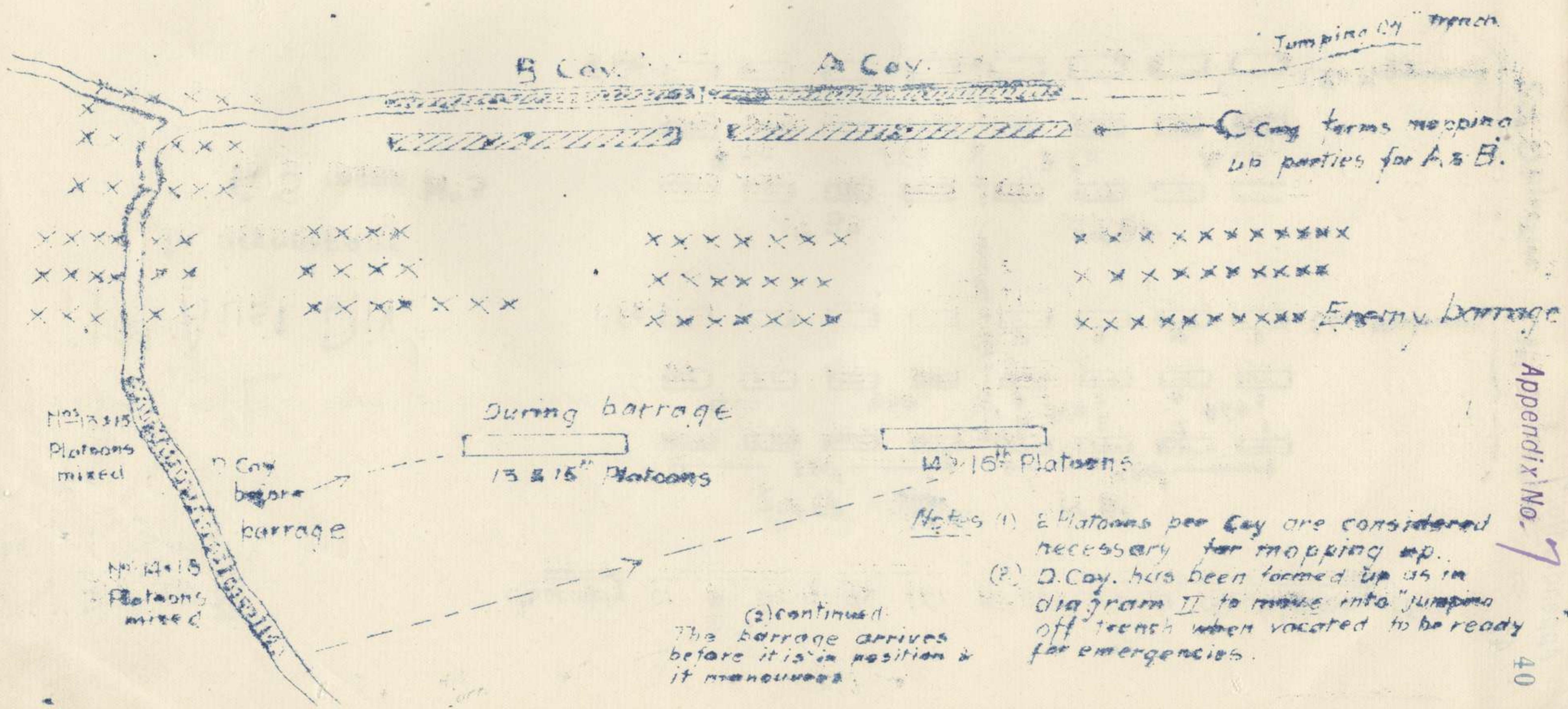
Diagram III

Assembly of a Battalion for attack on single objective of 2 trenches.

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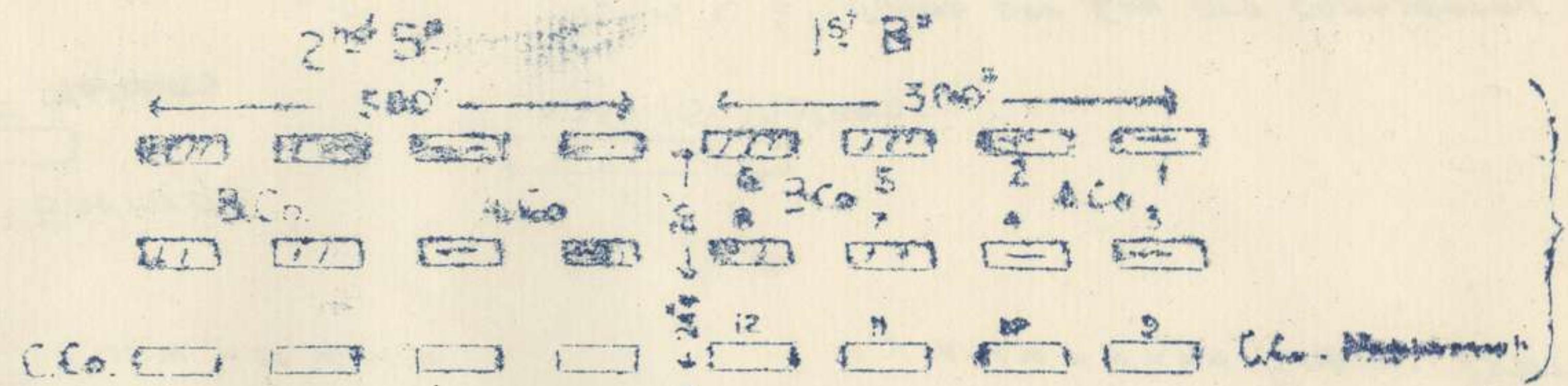
Assembly of 6 Brigades for attack on a double objective.

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S E C R E T.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER. No. 3.

1. The Division (less Artillery, Pioneers and detached units) will relieve the 1st. British Division in the ALBERT - BECOURT - FRICOURT area on the 23rd, and 24th. January in accordance with the attached march table.

2. The Division will march by the following route:- HENNENCOURT MILLENCOURT - ALBERT. leaving the ALBERT - LAVIENELLE - HENNENCOURT road for the 1st. British Division.

3. The following distances will be maintained on the roads:-

200 yds. between Bns.
200 " " Transport and marching troops.
100 " " Companies.

4. Separate orders will be issued in connection with the Pioneer Bn.

5. Administrative instructions will be issued separately.

6. Div.Hqrs. will close at BAIZIEUX Chateau and open at VILLA ROCHER. Rue de BRAY, ALBERT at 11 a.m. 23rd. Jany.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(signed) R.B.SMYTHE.
Major.
General Staff.
1st.Australian Division.

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March Table to accompany 1st. Aust. Div. Order No. 3.

Date	Unit	From	To	Unit relieved	Remarks
1917 23rd. Jan.	Div. H.Q.,	BAZIEUX	ALBERT	H.Q. 1st. British Div.	Closes at BAZIEUX & opens at ALBERT 11 a.m.
	2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde.	WARLOY	ALBERT	1st. Bde. less 1 Bn. 1 Bn, 2nd. Bde.	To be clear of WARLOY by 10.15 a.m.
	1st. Aus. Inf. Bde.	CONTAY & BAZIEUX	BECOURT	3rd Bde,	To reach WARLOY 10.30 a.m.
24th. Jan.	H.Q. & 1 Bn. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.	BRESLE	MILLENCOURT	H.Q. & 1 Bn. 2nd. Bde.	HENNENCOURT.
	Brigade less H.Q. & 1 Bn.	BRESLE	FRICOURT	2 Bns. of 2nd. Bde. 1 Bn. of 1st. Bde.	To be clear of BRESLE by 10.30 a.m.

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~~SECRET.~~FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 4.Divisional Headquarters,
Jan. 22nd. 1917.

1. The Division will come under the orders of III Corps from 22nd. Jan. and relieve the 50th. Division in the line between 25th. and 28th. Jan. in accordance with the attached table.
2. The G.O.C., 1st. Aust. Div. will take over command of the divisional front and area from G.O.C., 50th. Div., at 10 a.m. 28th. Jan. at which hour the 1st. Aus. Div. H.Q. will close at ALBERT and open at FRICOURT FARM.
3. The 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bds. will go into the right of the line on a 1 Dn. front and will provide periodic reliefs of its battalions in line.
The 1st. Aus. Inf. Bds. will go into the left of the line on a 2 Dn. front and will be relieved in due course by the 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bds.
Details of the reliefs of Inf. Bds. of the 50th. Div. will be arranged direct between Brigadiers concerned subject to the provisions of this order.
All maps, photographs, schemes and trench stores will be taken over and receipts will be given. Duplicates of receipts will be forwarded to Div. Hqrs.
4. The 1st. Aus. Div. Art. will relieve the Art. of 50th. Div. by 31st. Jan. under the orders G.O.C., R.A. 1st. ANZAC.
5. 1st. Aus. Div. Engrs. will relieve the Engrs. of the 50th. Div. as soon after the early morning of 26th. Jan as possible, under direct arrangements of the C.R.E's concerned.
6. The relief of Medical Units and Sanitary Sections will be arranged by A.D.M.S. of Divs.
7. Div. Train will concentrate in E.12. area on 23rd. taking over the lines at E.12.b. now occupied by H.Q.Coy., 1st. Div. Train in addition to those now occupied at E.12.d.
The Divnl. Train will come under the Divnl. Commander on 24th. inst.
8. Separate orders will be issued regarding the moves of the Div. Salvage Coy. and the Hob. Vet. Section.
9. Separate administrative instructions will be issued.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. W. M. 1/1 May 17

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

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Issued to</u>	<u>method</u>	<u>Time.</u>
1 to 5	D.H.Q.	Orderly	9.30 a.m.
6	C.R.M. 1st Aus.Div.	D.R.	"
7 to 8	C.R.L. do	"	"
9	Div.Sig Coy	"	"
10	Div.Train	"	"
11	S S.C. 1st Aus.Div.	"	"
12	1st Aus.Inf.Bde.	"	"
13	2nd Co.	"	"
14	3rd Co.	"	"
15	A.D M.S.	"	"
16	A.D V.S.	"	"
17	A.P.M.	"	"
18	Mob.Vet.Sec.	"	"
19	1st Pioneer Bn.	"	"
20-21	1st ANZAC	"	"
22	1st ANZAC Heavy Arty.	"	"
23	G.O.C., R.A. 1st ANZAC	"	"
24	Calvage Coy.	"	"
25	B.A.D.O.S.	"	"
26	Camp Commandant.	"	"
27	2nd Aus.Div.	"	"
28	4th do.	"	"
29	5th do	"	"
30	50th Division	"	"
31-32	III CORPS	"	"
33	O.O. Reinforcement Camp	"	"
34	Div School	"	"
35	Div.Interpreter	"	"
36-38	War Diary	"	"

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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 1st AUST. DIV. ORDER No. 4.

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Date	Unit 1st Aus.Div.	Unit 50th Div.	From	To	In relief of	Route	Hour of start.	Remarks
Jan.25	2nd Aus.Inf. Bde.		ALBERT	BAZENTIN Camps as under :- H.Q. site 6 (S.13.b.1.6) 1Bn HIGH WOOD W. (S.9.d.1.9.) 1Bn Site 2. (S.8.c.6.7.) 1Bn " 3. (S.8.c.6.9.) 1Bn " 4. (S.8.b.1.6.)	149th Bde.	LA BOISSELLE CONTALMAISON		Head not to reach CON- TALMAISON before 11 a.m.
		149th Bde.	BAZENTIN Camps e.g. MAMETZ Sites 2,3,4,6.	ALBERT	2nd Aus. Inf.Bde.	Via FRICOURT		To clear CON- -TALMAISON by 11 a.m.
25/26	2nd M.G.Coy 2nd L.T.M.Sty One mining platoon 2nd Bde.		BAZENTIN Camps do.	Line right sector M.35.a.6.5.	Similar parties 151st Bde. 100 miners 50th Div.			Number of guns as arranged by Brigadiers.
26	2 Bns 1st Aust Inf Bde		BECCOURT	BAZENTIN Camps as under 1 Bn Site 5 (S.13.b.2.4) 1 Bn Site 1 (S.8.d.1.5)	2 Bns 151st Bde	Inf. via LOSSENGE WD. (FRICOURT) Transport via FRICOURT Via FRICOURT	9 a.m.	
26/27	1st M.G.Coy 1st L.T.M.Sty	2 Bns 151st Bde.	BAZENTIN Camps Sites 1 & 3	BECCOURT	2 Bns 1st.Inf. Bde.	Via FRICOURT	9 a.m.	
			BAZENTIN Camps	Line left sector	Similar parties 150th.Bde			Numbers of Guns as ar- ranged by Brigadiers

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Date	Unit 1st Aus.Div. 50th Div.	Unit	From	To	In relief of	Route	Hour of Start	Remarks
26/27	2nd Aus.Inf. Bde less 2 Bns which re- main in camps HIGH WOOD W & site 2		BAZENTIN Camps	Line right sector Sites 3 & 4	151st Bde less 2 Bns			Forward HQ. (S.G.a.cent.) Back HQ. (Site 6.) 1 Bn front line & Sup- ports 1 Bn reserve. M.30.B. M.36.a. Overflow to HIGH WOOD E (S.9.b.8.2.)
	151st Bde less 2 Bns	Line right sector	BAZENTIN sites 3 & 4. HQ.site 5					
27	1st Aus.Inf. Bde less 2 Bns		BECCOURT	BAZENTIN Camps HQ site 5(S.13.b.3.2) 1 Bn " 3(S.8.c.8.4) 1 Bn " 4(S.8.b.1.6)	151st Bde less 2 Bns	Inf. via LOSSERGE WOOD Transport via FRICOURT	9 a.m.	
	151st Bde less 2 Bns	BAZENTIN Camps sites 3 & 4 HQ site 5	BECCOURT	1st Aus. Inf Lde less 2 Bns				
	1st Aus.Pion Bn	FRAVILLERS	MAETZ WOOD (S.18.d.7.2)	50th.Pion Bn.				
	50th.Fm. Pioneer Bn	MAETZ WOOD (S.18.d.7.2)	FRANVILLERS					
	1st F.Co less 2 sec	S.25.a.5.7.						
	2nd "	N.32.c.2.6.						
	3rd "	S.28.b.3.5.						
					F.Coys 50th Div	Subject to arrangement between C.R.E's		

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Date	Unit 1st Aus.Div	Unit 50th Div	From	To	In relief of	Route	Hour of start	Remarks
27/28	1st Aus Inf Bde less 1 Bn which remains in site 5	BAZENTIN Camps Sites 1,3 & 4	Line left sect- or	150th. Bde				Forward HQ M.35.a.6.5. Back HQ Site 5 2 Bns front & support 1 Bn.M.29.a. M.30.a. Overflow to HIGH WOOD E (S 9882)
	150th Bde	Line left sect- or	3 Bns sites 1, 3 & 5 1 Bn. MAMETZ Camp X.23.d.5.2. HQ FRICOURT Camp	1st. A.I. Bde				
28	HQ. 3rd. A.I.Bde 1 Bn.remans MILLENCOURT	MILLENCOURT		HQ. to SABOT COPSE (S.14.c.6.5)	150th. Bde			
	3 Bns 3rd Bde	FRICOURT		1 Ln.site 3 (S.8.c.8.9.) 1 En.site 4 (S.8.b.1.6.) 1 En.site 1 (S.8.d.1.5.)			10 a.m.	
	150th Bde	Sites 1,4,5 & MAMETZ	3	3 Bns to FRICOURT 1 Bn. to MAMETZ	3rd via A.I. CONTALMAISON Bde. & FRICOURT Camp		10 a.m.	

NOTE:- The following distances will be maintained on the roads.
 100 yards between platoons and between every six vehicles.
 200 yards between battalions.

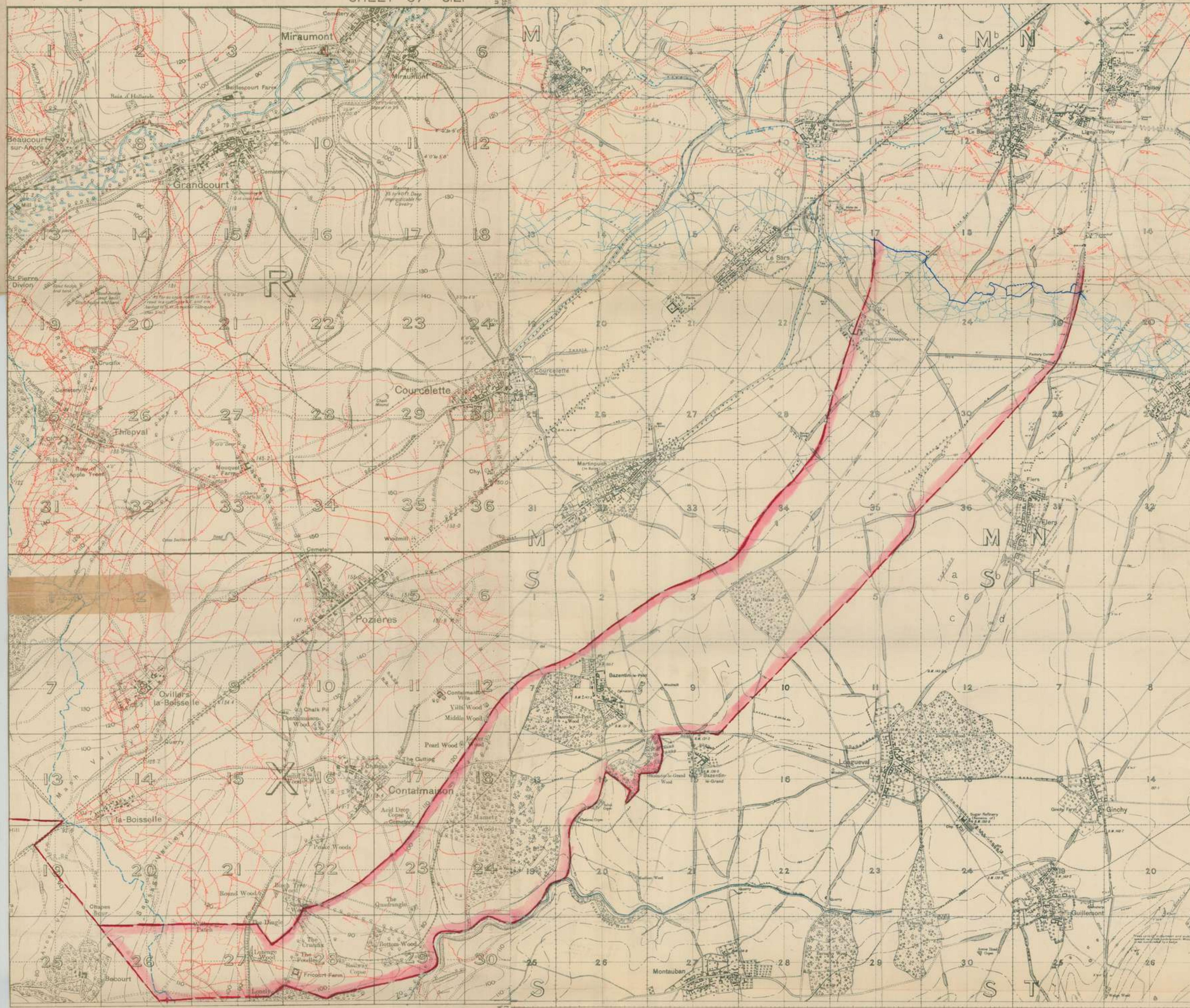
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APPENDIX X



Contour Interval 10 Metres

Minor corrections to detail 15.8.16.

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TABLE FOR CONVERTING METRES TO FEET.

Metres	0	2	4	6	8	10
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20	65.6	68.9	72.2	75.4	78.7	82.0
30	98.4	101.7	105.0	108.2	111.5	114.8
40	131.2	134.5	137.8	141.0	144.3	147.6
50	164.0	167.3	170.6	173.8	177.1	180.4
60	196.8	200.1	203.4	206.6	209.9	213.2
70	229.6	232.9	236.2	239.4	242.7	246.0
80	262.4	265.7	269.0	272.2	275.5	278.8
90	295.2	298.5	301.8	305.0	308.3	311.6
100	328.0	331.3	334.6	337.8	341.1	344.4

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INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE USE OF THE SQUARES.

1. The large rectangles on the map, lettered M.N.O, etc., are divided into squares of 1,000 yards side, which are numbered 1, 2, 3, etc. Each of these squares is subdivided into four minor squares of 500 yards side. These minor squares are considered as lettered a, b, c, d. (See Square No. 6 in each rectangle).

A point may thus be described as lying within Square B.6, M.5.b, etc.

2. To locate a point within a small square, consider the sides divided into tenths, and define the point by taking so many tenths from W. to E. along Southern side, and so many from S. to N. along Western side; the S.W. corner always being taken as origin, and the distances along the Southern and Western sides always given by the first figure. Thus the point Z would be 89 i.e. 6 divisions East and 8 divisions North from origin.

3. When more accurate definition is wanted (on the 1:20,000 or 10,000 scales) use exactly the same method, but divide sides into 100 parts and use four figures instead of two. Thus 0947 denotes 98 parts East and 47 parts North of origin (see point X). Point Y is 6503.

4. Use 0 but not 10; use either two or four figures; do not use fractions (8½, 4½, etc.)



10000 11000 12000 13000 14000 Yards
9000 10000 11000 12000 13000 Metres

Scale 1:20,000

Yards 1000 500 0 1000 2000 3000 4000
Metres 1000 500 0 1000 2000 3000 4000

Rémbrai	-	Embankment.
Remise des Machines aux	-	Engine-shed.
Réservoir, Réz'	-	Reservoir.
Route cavalière	-	Bridle road.
Rubanerie	-	Ribbon Factory.
Ruine		
Ruines		Ruin.
En ruine		
Ruiné - e		
 S. et S. île	-	Sand-pit.
Sablonnière, Sablon ^{re}	-	
Sapin	-	Fir tree.
Saule	-	Willow tree.
Saumerie	-	Salt-works.
Scierie, Scie	-	Saw-mill.
Sondage	-	Boring.
Source	-	Spring.
Sucrerie, Suc ^{re}	-	Sugar factory.
 Tannerie	-	Tannery.
Tir à la cible	-	Rifle range.
Tissage	-	Weaving mill.
Tôlerie	-	Rolling mill.
Tombau	-	Tomb.
Tour	-	Tower.
Tourbière	-	Peat-bog, Peat-bed.
Tourelle	-	Small tower.
Tuillerie	-	Tile works.
 Usine à gaz	-	Gas works.
" électrique		Electricity works.
" d'électricité		
" métallurgique		Metal works.
" à agglomérés	-	Briquette factory.
 Verrerie, Verr ^{re}	-	Glass works.
Viaduc	-	Viaduct.
Vivier	-	Fish Pond.
Vois de chargement	-	
" .. déchargement		
" .. d'évitement	-	Siding.
" .. formation		
" .. manœuvre		
 Zinguerie	-	Zinc works.

APPENDIX NO. 7 C