

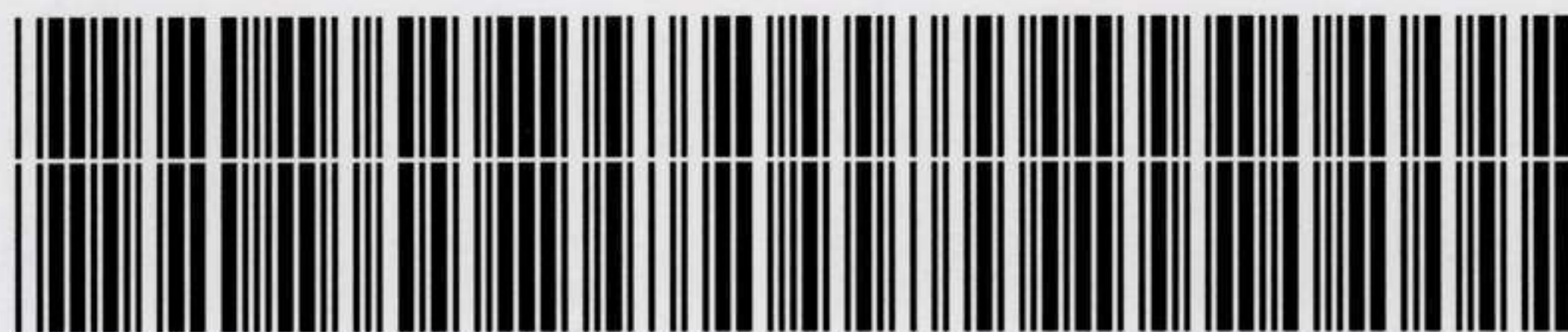
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A P P E N D I X IV.

To all recipients of  
2nd Division Order No. 192.

The attached copies of time tables (a) and (b) and map of the Field Artillery barrage are issued in sufficient numbers for distribution down to Company Commanders of attacking Battalions.

The following points are to be impressed on all ranks taking part in the attack.

- (a) Infantry must keep as close as possible to the barrage.
- (b) When the barrage lifts off a portion of enemy trench opposite them, attacking infantry must assault it with a rush.
- (c) After an objective has been reached the Field Artillery put down a protective barrage about 250 yards in front of it. Nine minutes before the hour fixed for the barrage to begin rolling forward again all Field Artillery fire ceases for 5 minutes to allow of observation. Four minutes before the hour fixed for the barrage to begin rolling forward again all Field Artillery guns open intense for 4 minutes. This is the signal for the infantry to get forward close under the barrage so as to be ready to move forward as soon as the Field Artillery barrage moves forward. Infantry must not get forward during the 5 minutes cessation of fire referred to above as there may be a danger of them being caught in the intense barrage when it re-opens. This prohibition does not refer to parties with Lewis guns pushed forward as soon as an objective has been reached: these parties will remain out the whole time.
- (4) The rate of advance is :-  
100 yards in 3 minutes up to the 1st objective,  
after that 100 yards in 4 minutes.
- (5) THE ADVANCE OF THE INFANTRY MUST CONFORM TO THE ARTILLERY BARRAGE.

(Sd) C. Deedes.

Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff, 2nd Division.

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TIME TABLE OF ARTILLERY FIRTS AND INFANTRY ADVANCES  
99th Infantry Brigade.

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ZERO ~~plus~~ = (a) Field Arty. begin to barrage 200 yards in front of our front line.  
(b) Infantry get forward close under barrage.

ZERO plus 4 mins =  
(a) Field Arty. begin to lift forward at rate of 100 yds. in 3 minutes.  
(b) Infantry advance to first objective behind barrage.

ZERO plus 18 mins = last infantry reach 1st objective.

ZERO plus 19 mins. = Arty. barrage becomes protective 250 yds. in front of 1st objective.

Halt for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour.

ZERO plus 47 mins. = All Field Arty. fire ceases for 5 mins.

ZERO plus 52 mins =  
(a) Field Arty. opens intense for 4 mins. on line of protective barrage.  
(b) Infantry get forward close under barrage.

ZERO plus 56 mins =  
(a) Field Arty. begins to lift forward at rate of 100 yds. in 4 mins.  
(b) Infantry advance to 2nd objective under barrage.

ZERO plus 1 hr. & 16 mins. = Last infantry reach 2nd objective.

ZERO plus 1 hr. & 24 mins. = Arty. barrage becomes protective 250 yards in front of 2nd objective.

Halt for about 1 hour.

ZERO plus 2 hrs. & 11 mins. = All Field Arty. ceases for 5 mins.

ZERO plus 2 hrs. & 16 mins =  
(a) Field Arty. opens intense for 4 mins. on line of protective barrage.  
(b) Infantry get forward under barrage.

ZERO plus 2 hrs. & 20 mins =  
(a) Field Arty. begin to lift forward again at rate of 100 yds. in 4 mins.  
(b) Infantry advance to final objective under barrage.

ZERO plus 2 hrs. & 24 mins = Last infantry reach final objective.

ZERO plus 2 hrs. & 32 mins = Arty. barrage becomes protective 250 yds. in front of final objective.

(b). See

TIME TABLE OF ARTILLERY LIFTS & INFANTRY ADVANCES.  
6th Infantry Brigade.

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ZERO = (a) Field Arty. begins to barrage objective.  
(b) Infantry get forward under barrage.

ZERO plus 10 mins =  
(a) Arty. lift off objective.  
(b) Infantry assault.

ZERO plus 16 mins =  
Artillery barrage becomes protective 250 yds. in  
front of objective.

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APPENDIX IV

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In all recipients of  
2nd Division Order No. 192.

The attached copies of time tables (a) and (b) and map of the field artillery barrage are issued in sufficient numbers for distribution down to Company Commanders of attacking Battalions. The following points are to be impressed on all ranks taking part in the attack.

- (a) Infantry must keep as close as possible to the barrage.
- (b) When the barrage lifts off a portion of enemy trench opposite them, attacking infantry must assault it with a rush.
- (c) After an objective has been reached the field artillery put down a protective barrage about 350 yards in front of it. Nine minutes before the hour fixed for the barrage to begin rolling forward again all field artillery fire ceases for 5 minutes to allow of observation. Four minutes before the hour fixed for the barrage to begin rolling forward again all field artillery guns open intense for 4 minutes. This is the signal for the infantry to get forward close under the barrage so as to be ready to move forward as soon as the field artillery barrage moves forward. Infantry must not get forward during the 5 minutes cessation of fire referred to above as there may be a danger of them being caught in the intense barrage when it re-opens. This prohibition does not refer to parties with Lewis guns pushed forward as soon as an objective has been reached: these parties will remain out the whole time.
- (4) The rate of advance is :-  
100 yards in 3 minutes up to the 1st objective,  
after that 100 yards in 4 minutes.
- (5) THE ADVANCE OF THE INFANTRY MUST CONFORM TO THE ARTILLERY BARRAGE.

*C. D. E. D. S.*

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Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff, 2nd Division.

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(a)

TIME TABLE OF ARTILLERY LIFTS AND INFANTRY ADVANCES.  
99th Infantry Brigade.

- (1) ZERO = (a) Field Artillery begin to barrage 200 yards in front of our front line.  
(b) Infantry get forward close under barrage.
- (2) ZERO plus 4 mins. =  
(a) Field Artillery begin to lift forward at rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes.  
(b) Infantry advance to 1st objective behind barrage.
- (3) ZERO plus 16 mins = Last infantry reach 1st objective.
- (4) ZERO plus 19 mins = Artillery barrage becomes protective 250 yards in front of 1st objective.
- Halt for about 1/2 hour.
- (5) ZERO plus 47 mins. = All Field Artillery fire ceases for 5 minutes.
- (6) ZERO plus 52 mins. =  
(a) Field Artillery opens intense for 4 minutes on line of protective barrage.  
(b) Infantry get forward close under barrage.
- (7) ZERO plus 56 mins. =  
(a) Field Artillery begins to lift forward at rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes.  
(b) Infantry advance to 2nd objective under barrage.
- (8) ZERO plus 1 hr. & 15 mins. = Last infantry reach 2nd objective.
- (9) ZERO plus 1 hr. & 24 mins. = Artillery barrage becomes protective 250 yards in front of 2nd objective.
- Halt for about 1 hour.
- (10) ZERO plus 2 hrs. & 11 mins. = All Field Artillery ceases for 5 mins.
- (11) ZERO plus 2 hrs. & 16 mins. =  
(a) Field Artillery opens intense for 4 minutes on line of protective barrage.  
(b) Infantry get forward under barrage.
- (12) ZERO plus 2 hrs. & 20 mins. =  
(a) Field Artillery begin to lift forward again at rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes.  
(b) Infantry advance to final objective under barrage.
- (13) ZERO plus 2 hrs. & 24 mins. = Last infantry reach final objective.
- (14) ZERO plus 2 hrs. & 32 mins. = Artillery barrage becomes protective 250 yards in front of final objective.

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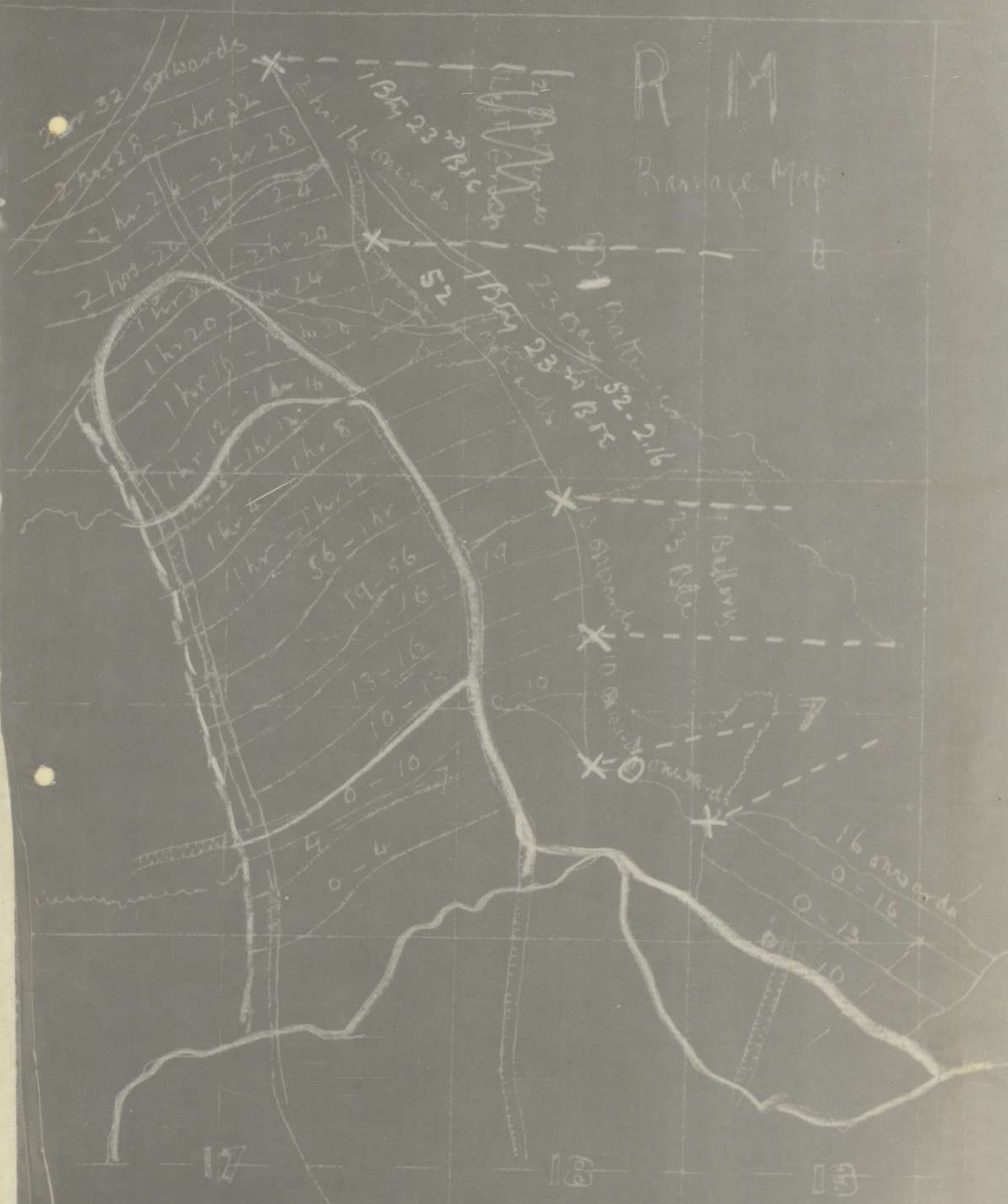
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(b)

TIME TABLE OF ARTILLERY FIRES & INFANTRY ADVANCES.  
8th Infantry Brigade.

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- (1) ZERO = (a) field Artillery begins to barrage objective.  
(b) Infantry get forward under barrage.
  
- (2) ZERO plus 10 mins. =  
(a) Artillery lift off objective.  
(b) Infantry assault.
  
- (3) ZERO plus 16 mins. =  
Artillery barrage becomes protective 250 yards in  
front of objective.

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2nd DIVISION ORDER No. 193

14th February, 1917

- (1) With reference to 2nd Division Order No. 193 para 7., moves to positions of assembly will take place on "Y" day in accordance with March Table attached.
- (2) 5th, 8th and 99th M.E. Coys. and T. & Satterthwaite will move under orders of Brigadiers concerned.
- (3) 2 Coys. of 17th Middlesex Regt. will come under the orders of O.C., 99th Infantry Brigade on arrival at their destination.
- (4) The 2 R.A. Coys with support mates and 2 Pioneer Coys detailed for consolidation will be assembled at "COND" HUTS by 2 p.m. on "Y" day and will come under orders of O.C., 99th Infantry Brigade on arrival.
- (5) The 5th M.E. Coy. will detail 2 guns to take over anti-aircraft duty with the searchlight from 5th Infantry Brigade from 5 p.m. 14th inst. An advance party will report by 12 noon to take over.
- (6) ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff, 2nd Division.

Issued at 13 minutes to :-

- Copy No. 1 to 5th Infantry Brigade.
- 2 5th Infantry Brigade.
- 3 99th Infantry Brigade.
- 4 C.R.A.
- 5 C.R.D.
- 6 " "
- 7 A.D.C.S.
- 8 2nd Signal Coy.
- 9 10th D.C.M.I.
- 10 17th Tunnelling Coy. P.E.
- 11 II Corps "A"
- 12 II Corps "C"
- 13 18th Division.
- 14 2nd Australian Division.
- 15 3rd Division.
- 16 1st Squadron, A.S.C.
- 17 21st A.S.C. Squadron.

MARCH TABLE ISSUED 11th DIVISION ORDER No. 194.

No.	Unit.	FROM	TO	Route	Remarks
1.	1 bn. 3th I.Sd. (17/1st Coy) (less 2 Coys)	BRUCE HUTS.	COLFE HUTS.		Act to pass OVILLERS HUTS before 10.45 p.m.
2.	1 bn. 3th I.Sd. (15/1st Coy)	OVILLERS HUTS.	COLFE HUTS.		To move at 10.30 p.m.
3.	1 bn. 3th I.Sd. (2/3. staffs)	BRUCE HUTS.	FRONT AREA	POZINER'S - LE SARRS road.	To be clear of OVILLERS HUTS by 10.30 p.m.
4.	2 Coys. 17/1st Sd.	BRUCE HUTS.	( 1 Coy. R. 20 central 1 Coy. )	ARTILLERY LAKE.	To move under orders of C.O.C. 8th Infantry Brigade.
5.	2 Bns. 99th I.Sd.	COLFE HUTS	- do -	} ARTILLERY LAKE	} To be clear of COLFE and OVILLERS huts by 10 p.m.
6.	1 bn. - do -	OVILLERS HUTS	- do -		
7.	2 Bns. 5th I.Sd.	BOUZINCOURT	OVILLERS HUTS		To reach destination at 11.15 p.m.
8.	1 bn. - do -	SAMMIS	BRUCE HUTS		- ditto -
9.	1 bn. - do - (York Dr.)	AVALEY.	BRUCE HUTS		To reach destination at 11 p.m.
10.	6. Anglian Bd. Coy. R.B.	SAMMIS	COLFE HUTS		} Move to be completed by 3 p.m. under orders of C.R.A.
11.	22d Bd Coy. R.B.	COLFE HUTS	SAMMIS.		

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2nd DIVISION ORDER NO. 193.

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12th February, 1917

Reference attached 2.3 - 2.22  
and 1/20.000.

1. The II Corps will at an early date capture with the 2nd and 18th Divisions the approximate line :- EAST IRAQIYAT Road from point R.12.c.30.25 - point R.5.a.18.0 thence along road running to point R.10.b.20.95 - point R.4.c.8.0 and thence along the railway line to point R.9.b.20.35.

At the same time the 2nd and 63rd Divisions will make subsidiary attacks and capture the enemy's trenches on the approximate lines :-

(a) 2nd Division = R.14.a.15.45 - R.12.c.90.15

(b) 63rd Division = SUMMAD ROAD from point R.3.w.35.70 to its junction with S. AN THAMON (R.3.a.1.0) and thence along S. AN THAMON to point R.2.b.05.85 (See attached map).

2. "Z" day and the hour of ZERO will be communicated later, but all arrangements for the attack must be completed by the evening of 15th February.

3. (a) The boundaries between Divisions will be :-

2nd Division ) = A line running 50 yards west of the East  
and ) IRAQIYAT Road (the road being inclusive to  
18th Division. ) 2nd Division)

18th Division ) = The River ANCRE.  
and )  
63rd Division. )

(b) Objectives will be :-

2nd Division supported  
by 2nd Div. Arty. with  
attached Army sds.  
23rd Army P.A. sds,  
10th and 14th P.A. sds  
from ANZAC Corps.

1st objective.

Approximate line EAST IRAQIYAT  
Road from point R.12.c.30.25 to  
point R.12.a.05.30 and thence along  
north side of BRADCOCKT BRANCH to  
point R.11.d.05.40.

and for subsidiary attack :-  
Approximate line R.14.a.15.45 to  
R.12.c.90.15.

2nd objective.

Approximate line EAST IRAQIYAT  
Road from point R.12.a.05.30 to  
point R.5.d.15.4 and thence along SOUTH  
IRAQIYAT ROAD to point R.11.a.15.75.

3rd objective.

Approximate line EAST IRAQIYAT  
Road from point R.5.d.15.4 to point  
R.5.a.15.7 and thence along road to  
point R.5.c.15.7.

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18th Division supported  
by 18th Division Arty.  
with attached Army Bde  
31st Division Arty.

1st objective.

Approximate line running from point  
R.11.d.05.40 along north side of BOO  
RAVINE to point R.10.b.20.15 - point  
R.10.b.1.3 and thence along T&A TRENCH  
to point R.9.d.5.5.

2nd objective.

Approximate line SOUTH IPAU OUF TRENCH  
from point R.11.a.35.75 to point R.10.b.6.0.  
- point R.4.c.8.0 and thence along railway  
to point R.9.b.20.35.

3rd objective.

Approximate line of road between point  
R.5.c.5.4 and R.10.b.20.95.

63rd Division supported  
by 63rd Div. Arty. with  
attached Army Brigade

1st objective.

Approximate line of SWA. ROAD between  
point R.3.c.35.70 and point R.3.a.1.8. and  
thence along SWA. TRENCH to point  
R.2.b.05.35

(See attached map.)

The rate of the advance and the duration for which the troops  
will halt after the capture of each objective will be notified later.

- 4. No troops will be attacking on the right of the 2nd Division.
- 5. The attack referred to in para. 1 (a) will be carried out by  
the 6th Inf. Bde.
- 6. The attack to be undertaken by the 2nd Division referred to in  
para 3 (b) will be carried out by the 99th Inf. Bde.
- 7. (a) Dividing line between 6th and 99th Inf. Bdes. in our own area  
will be :-  
No. 11 Post (inclusive to 6th Inf. Bde.).  
THE STREET (inclusive to 99th Inf. Bde. but to be used by  
6th Inf. Bde. as a forming up trench)  
DYAN Road (inclusive to 6th Inf. Bde.).  
WEST IPAU OUF dug-out - R.29.central - ARTILLERY BARR. (all  
inclusive to 99th Inf. Bde.).
- (b) Dividing line between brigades in the enemy's trenches will  
be :-  
THE STREET and thence along the E. side of EAST IPAU OUF ROAD  
(inclusive to 99th Inf. Bde.).
- 8. (a) The 6th Inf. Bde. will use not more than one battalion  
to carry out the attack mentioned in para. 1(a) - the remainder of the  
Divisional front will be held by a second battalion - the remainder  
of the 6th Inf. Bde. will be kept at CHAS HUTS and be available as  
required by the C.O.C. 6th Inf. Bde.
- (b) The whole of the 99th Inf. Bde. together with 1 Field Coy.,  
R.E. and 1 Pioneer Coy. for consolidation purposes will be under  
the orders of the C.O.C. 99th Inf. Bde.  
The consolidating parties will be kept at CHAS HUTS until  
required after dark.
- (c) The 6th Inf. Bde. will be in Divisional Reserve and will  
be disposed as follows:-  
2 Bns. (less working Coys.) RUCS BTR.  
2 Bns. (less working Coys.) DIVISIONAL BTR.  
2 Bns. (less working Coys.) DIVISIONAL BTR.

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9. The artillery barrages and time table will be issued later as an Appendix.

For the purpose of co-ordination all Divisional Artilleries are placed under the orders of the J.O.C., R.A. II Corps.

With each Inf. Brigadier attacking there will be a Battery Commander (to be detailed by C.R.A.) whose battery will, when required, be at the direct disposal of the former.

One 6" How. battery will be at the direct call of the 2nd Divisional Commander.

10. J.O.C. 8th Inf. Bde. will arrange for a machine gun barrage to be placed along B.LOW TRAUONT and the ground S.W. of it but fire will not be directed on to an area W of a line drawn 300 yards east of EAST TRAUONT Road.

One section 8th Bde. M.G. Coy. will search the Ravines in R.S.b. and SANDEL Road.

O.C. 99th Inf. Bde. will arrange for a barrage to be placed in front of the assaulting troops so as to sweep E. and W. TRAUONT Roads.

11. The O.C. No. 4 Squadron will provide contact patrols and apart from other arrangements for marking the positions reached in the attack the Infantry will show flares at certain fixed times, as also at any other time on demand being made by the contact aeroplanes by the sounding of Klaxon horns or the dropping of white lights.

Detailed instructions regarding contact patrols and the times at which the flares will be burnt, will be issued later.

12. Liaison officers from Div. H.Q., 99th Bde. H.Q. and left attacking Battalion 99th Inf. Bde. will be sent to the corresponding formations of the 18th Division.

99th Inf. Bde. and the left attacking battalions will make themselves thoroughly conversant with the plans and objectives of the corresponding formation of the 18th Division.

13. In order to keep the attacking troops clear of hostile Artillery fire directed from the map, consolidation will, as far as possible, be carried out clear of existing German trenches.

14. All troops are to be in position one hour before ZERO and a "priority" telegram, coded BACON is to be sent to Div. H.Q. to signify that all is ready.

15. H.Q. for the operation will be as follows:-

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| DIV. H.Q.                                  | USMA HILL.  |
| Div. Adv. Report Centre                    | E. TRAUONT Road.  |
| 8th Inf. Bde. H.Q.                         | No. 5 dug-out YELLOW LINE                                   |
|  | about .19.b.8.2.  |
| 99th Inf. Bde. H.Q.                        | W. TRAUONT dug-out R.24.d.8.3.                              |
| Battalion H.Q.                             |   |
| Attacking Bn. 8th Inf. Bde.                | about .15.b.5.1.  |
| Bn. of 8th Inf. Bde. }<br>holding the line | old Right Bn. H.Q. .19.d.7.7                                |
| Attacking Bn. 99th Inf. Bde.               | Dug-outs in trench just S. of                               |
| Support & Reserve Bn. }<br>99th Inf. Bde.  | LEO SIDE LANE about R.19.d.7.7.<br>with 99th Inf. Bde. H.Q. |

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15. Arrangements for the synchronisation of watches will be communicated later.

17. These orders are to be read in conjunction with the "Instructions for Offensive Operations" already issued. In case of any discrepancy these orders are the final authority.

*David MacLeod*  
for  
Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff, 2nd Division.

Issued at 7 am to:-

- Copy no. 1 to 5th Inf. Bde.
- 2 6th Inf. Bde.
- 3 99th Inf. Bde.
- 4 C.R.A.
- 5 C.R.B.
- 6 "Q"
- 7 A.D.C.S.
- 8 S/Signal Coy.
- 9 10/D.C.L.I.
- 10 174 Tunnelling Coy. R.E.
- 11 88 Corps "A"
- 12 II Corps "D"
- 13 18th Division.
- 14 3/Australian Division.
- 15 33rd Division.
- 16 No 4 Squadron. R.F.C.
- 17 - 21. G.S. Records.

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11 Corps H.Q.

11 Corps Operation Order No. 66.

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Reference para 1 (b) and 3 (b) of 11 Corps Operation Order No. 65 of 9th February, the 63rd Division will capture the approximate line of SUNKEN ROAD between point R.3.c.35.70 and point R.3.a.1.8, and thence along SWAN TRENCH to point R.2.b.05.65. NOT as part of the main operation but as early as practicable after 12.0 noon on the 12th February.

2. The time of the attack will be decided by the G.O.C. 63rd Division and communicated as early as possible to 11 Corps.
3. 63rd Division will also submit as early as practicable to 11 Corps the detailed plan for the carrying out of the operation.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) S. H. Wilson,

B.G.G.S.

Issued at 10-0 p.m.

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2nd. DIVISION ORDER No. 193

February 11.17.

In the event of active operations being ordered to take place shortly, it may be necessary to move battalions of the 8th and 99th Inf Bdes into their positions of assembly instead of carrying out the relief of the brigade in the line in the ordinary way.

In this case the following arrangements will be made:-

2. 1 Battalion 8th Inf Bde and 1 Battalion 99th Inf Bde will relieve the 2 battalions of the 5th Inf Bde now in front line under arrangements to be made between Brigadiers concerned. The Battalion of the 8th Inf Bde will take over from the right of the Divisional sector as far as No. 11 post (inclusive)
3. The dividing line between the 8th and 99th Inf Bdes will be No. 11 Post (inclusive to 8th Inf Bde) - WEST STRAIT - No. 7 Post YELLOW LINE - WEST HRAUCOIT Dug-out - K.89. Central - CHRISTON'S POST - FRANK'S POST - WIND HILL POST - (all inclusive to 99th Inf Bde).
4. (a) The remainder of the 99th Inf Bde will be accommodated in:-  
CLAS HUTS 2 battalions;  
OVILLERS HUTS 1 Battalion and T. Battery.
- (b) The remainder of the 8th Inf Bde will be accommodated in:-  
OVILLERS HUTS 1 Battalion.  
BRUCE HUTS 2 battalions.  
AVELUX T. Battery.  
USRA HILL Coy.
- (c) 8th Inf Bde will move on relief to SEMDIS and SOUZI COURT.
- (d) On completion of relief Brigade Hd. Qrs. will be:-  
99th Infantry Brigade. - WEST HRAUCOIT Dug-out.  
8th Infantry Brigade. - OVILLERS HUTS.  
5th Infantry Brigade. - SOUZI COURT.
5. On completion of relief which will be reported to Div. H.Q. in the usual manner, the command of the line (including the Battalion of the 8th Inf Bde) will be taken over by the S.O.C. 99th Inf Bde until 4 p.m. on 'Y' day when he will hand over the right sub-sector to S.O.C. 8th Inf Bde.
6. To carry out the above, moves will take place in accordance with the attached march table. The order will be wired from Div. H.Q. "Carry out order No. 193"
7. Order for the movement of troops into position of assembly will be issued separately.

Acknowledge.

Issued at 7.30 p.m. 11.2.17. 101-

11.2.17.

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff, 2nd. Division.

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| 1. 5th Inf Bde.      | 9. A.D. S.           |
| 2. 8th Inf Bde.      | 10. Div. Int. Staff. |
| 3. 99th Inf Bde.     | 11. 2nd. Corps. " "  |
| 4. C.R.A.            | 12. 2nd. Adv. Div.   |
| 5. C.R.              | 13. 1st. Div.        |
| 6. 10th. D.O. Staff. | 14/15. 2nd. Div.     |
| 7. "q" 2nd. Div.     |                      |
| 8. O.C. Signals.     |                      |



MARCH TABLE 'X' DAY.

Table 'B'

No.	Unit.	From.	To.	Hour to move off or to arrive.	Remarks.	
1.	1 Batta. 99th Inf Bde. (23rd L. Fusiliers)	SENLIS.	WOLFE HUTS.	Leading Coy to arrive at destination at 12.15 p.m.	300 yards interval between companies.	
2.	1 Batta. 99th Inf Bde.	BOUZINCOURT.	WOLFE HUTS.	Leading Coy to arrive at 11.30 a.m.	- do -	
3.	1 " 99th " "	BOUZINCOURT.	CVILLERS HUTS.	Last Coy to be clear of BRUCE HUTS by 7.15 p.m.	- do -	
4.	1 " 99th " " (1st L.orks.)	CVILLERS HUTS.	FRONT LINE.	Leading platoon to pass Red 'X' Flag POZIERES at 5.30 p.m.	To march as arranged by Brigadier.	
5.	1 " 4th Inf Bde. (13th Essex)	BRUCE HUTS.	FRONT LINE.	Leading platoon to pass Red 'X' Flag POZIERES at 7 p.m.	Last platoon to be clear of CVILLERS HUTS by 7 p.m.	
6.	1 Batta. 8th Inf Bde. (17th Middlesex)	BOUZINCOURT.	BRUCE HUTS.	Leading Coy to arrive at 7 p.m.	To march 300 yards between Companies.	
7.	2 Batts 8th Inf Bde- (13th Essex)	Will remain as at present. i.e. 1 Batta BRUCE HUTS. 1 Batta CVILLERS & WOLSELEY HUTS.				
8.	1 Batta 5th Inf Bde.	WOLFE HUTS.	SENLIS.	1st Coy to march as soon as the whole of leading Coy of No.2 has arrived. On relief.	To march 300 yards between Companies.	
10.	2 Batts 5th Inf Bde.	FRONT LINE.	BOUZINCOURT.		To march as arranged by Brigadier.	
11.	5th T. Battery.	Remain at AVELUY.				
12.	99th T. Battery.	" " " "				
13.	5th A.G. Coy. (Loss 1 Sec.)	LINE.	BOUZINCOURT.		To move later as required by Brigadiers.	
14.	99th A.G. Coy.	BOUZINCOURT.	LINE.		Under order of Brigadiers concerned.	

The 8th A.G. Coy. will remain at ESNA HILL till 'Y' day when it will move under orders of G.O.C. 8th Inf Bde.  
 1 section 5th A.G. Coy. will remain in the right sub-sector under orders of G.O.C. 99th Inf Bde. and will  
 5th T. Battery will remain at AVELUY. Come under orders of G.O.C. 8th Inf Bde. on 'Y' day at 4 p.m.

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ARCH TABLE . "W" DAY.

Table 'A'

No.	Unit.	From.	To.	Hour of move off or to arrive.	Remarks.
1.	1 Batta. 99th Inf Bde. 1st R. Berke's Regt (Work Batta)	AVELUY.	CVILLERS HUTS.	move to be completed by 5 p.m.	On arrival to come under orders of G.O.C. 5th Inf Bde. until brigade relief is completed.
2.	1 Batta. 5th Inf Bde. (24th R. Fusiliers.)	CVILLERS HUTS.	AVELUY.	- do -	To take over duties of Work Batta from 1st R. Berke's Regt.

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Report on Raid on enemy trench at R.12.c.95.15 and Sap,  
by 17th Batta. Royal Fusiliers at 8.5 p.m. on 10th Feb. 1917.

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1. The Raiding Party consisted of 2 officers, 2nd Lieut. JOELSON and 2nd Lieut. ANTILL and 34 other ranks exclusive of covering party and stretcher bearers.
2. The objective embraced the Portion of DESIRE SUPPORT TRENCH for a distance of 200 yards South of the Sap at R.12.c.95.15 and the Sap itself.
3. Previous to the 5th inst. plans had been got out for a raid against the enemy's saphead alone without any artillery co-operation, but on taking over the line on the 5th inst. reconnaissance showed that the enemy's wire had been greatly strengthened at this point and that this plan was no longer feasible.  
On 8th inst. the final plan was formulated and reconnaissances were carried out on the nights of 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th insts. On the 9th 2 tapes, one running at right angles to the line of advance and one parallel to the objective to mark the forming up position behind the barrage, were laid out.
4. The following is a description of the Raid:-
  - (a) On the night of 9th inst. the 17th R. Fusiliers who had been holding the line were relieved by the 2/M.L.I. and came back to WOLFE HOTS.
  - (b) On the morning of 10th inst. a practice over taped lines was held for the Raiding Party.
  - (c) At 3 p.m. the whole party paraded and marched to FRASER'S POST where tea was ready for them. Near Battalion Hd. Qrs. rum was issued white smocks etc. put on and from there the party marched by small groups to the position of assembly between posts 9 & 10.  
By 7.15 p.m. all were in position.
  - (d) At 7.55 p.m. the Raiding Party crawled out and got into their position in front of our wire (method of advance attached).
  - (e) At ZERO.  
Artillery opened intense fire for 3 minutes on objectives and the two parties of Rifle Grenadiers fired into the German Sap.  
During this time the Raiders continued to creep forward.
  - (f) At ZERO plus 3 minutes the barrage lifted and rifle grenadiers ceased firing. All rushed forward and entered the enemy trench as practised.  
The two blocking parties turned right and left and apparently got into their right positions at approximately points-A & B on the map.  
On entering the trench Germans were seen running away in the rear over the parapets. Two were shot doing this.  
The left blocking party say, while on the way to their position they killed 6 Germans in a shelter who wouldn't come out.  
Both officers shot two Germans with their revolvers.  
As far as can be gathered 4 dug-outs or shaft heads with a fair number of steps, were found and bombed as the occupants could not be induced to come out.  
Seven prisoners (90th Mecklenburghers) were taken. No machine guns were seen.  
No. 2 party under Sgt. Harrington were unable to work their way down the enemy's saphead as our shells were falling in the sap the whole time. They went as far as they could and threw bombs into the saphead. They think that whatever people were there must have been killed.  
Lieut. JOELSON stood on the top of the ground at the junction of the Sap with the main trench and directed the affairs. He gave the order to withdraw and stayed himself until the two blocking parties were clear. He was wounded just before the withdrawal.

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(g) No German counter-attack was attempted. A certain amount of sniping from the rear of the trench took place. Some bombs were slung from North of the Sap and just as the party was withdrawing a machine gun from somewhere North of the Sap opened.

(h) The enemy put down no barrage. Our intense 3 minutes fire was very effective.

4. Our casualties were 1 officer and 12 O.Rs.

5. The following information was obtained regarding the enemy's defences at this point.

(a) WIRE. One row of concertina barbed wire about 3' high. A certain amount of low barbed wire. The men trod it down and had no difficulty in entering the trench.

(b) TRENCHES. About 6' to 7' deep, 3' wide at the bottom, steep sides not revetted. Reported in good order. Not traversed. No continuous fire step. A short fire step near each dug-out entrance. From the trench at intervals, cuttings through the parapet with revetted steps leading towards their wire.

(c) GAS IMPLACEMENTS. No sign of any.

(d) DUG-OUTS. At least 4 entrances were seen and bombed between Sap and our Southern block. It cannot be said if they were completed dug-outs but it is probable that they were shafts with a certain number of steps. Blankets were over the entrance door.

--- GENERAL ---

(a) Having tried two methods of artillery co-operation in conjunction with a raid, the method of starting with an intense fire on the actual objectives to be assaulted by the infantry is preferred to the plan of isolating the objective by a box barrage, leaving the objective itself untouched.

(b) The simple Battalion Code made for the purpose greatly facilitated the transmission and speed of messages.

APPENDIX.

SECRET

Copy No. 2.

II Corps H.Q.

II Corps Operation Order No. 85.

9/2/17.

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(1) The II Corps will at an early date capture with the 2nd and 18th Divisions the approximate line :- EAST MIRAUMONT Road from point R.12.c.30.25 - point R.5.a.8.0 thence along road running to point R.10.b.20.25. point R.4.c.8.0. and thence along the railway line to point R.9.b.20.25.

At the same time the 2nd and 63rd Divisions will make subsidiary attacks and capture the enemy's trench on the approximate lines :-

(a) 2nd Division = M.14.a.15.45. - R.12.c.20.15.

(b) 63rd Division = SUMNER ROAD from point R.3.e.35.70. to the junction with SWAN TRENCH (R.3.a.1.3) and thence along SWAN TRENCH to point R.2.b.20.65

(2) "Z" day and the hour of Zero will be communicated later; but all arrangements for the attack must be complete by the evening of the 15th February.

(3) (a) The boundaries between Divisions will be :-  
2nd Division ) A line running 50 yards West of the West  
and ) MIRAUMONT Road ( the road being inclusive to  
18th Division) 2nd Division.

18th Division )  
and ) The River ANCRE  
63rd Division)

(b) Objectives will be :-

2nd Divn supported )  
by 2nd Div Arty with ) 1st Objective  
attached Army Bde ) Approximate line EAST MIRAUMONT Rd  
23rd Army F.A. Bde ) from point R.12.c.30.25 to point  
10th and 14th F.A. ) R.12.a.05.30 and thence along North  
Bdes from Anzac Corps) side of BRADDOCK TRENCH to point  
R.11.d.05.40 and for subsidiary  
attack:-  
Approximate line M.14.a.15.45  
to R.12.c.20.15.

2nd objective.

Approximate line EAST MIRAUMONT Road from point R.12.a.05.30 to point R.5.d.5.4 and thence along SOUTH MIRAUMONT TRENCH to point R.11.a.65.75.

3rd Objective.

Approximate line EAST MIRAUMONT ROAD from point R.5.d.5.4 to point R.5.a.8.0 and thence along road to point R.5.c.4.5

18th Divn. supported )  
by 18th Div. Arty. )  
with attached Army )  
Brigade 51st Div. )  
Arty. )

1st objective.  
Approximate line running from point R.11.b.05.40 along North side of BOOM RAVINE to point R.10.b.20.15 - point R.10.b.1.3 and thence along TEA TRENCH to point R.9.d.8.5.

2nd objective.

Approximate line SOUTH MIRAUMONT TRENCH from point R.11.a.65.75 to point R.10.b.5.9 - point R.4.c.8.0 and thence along rly. to point R.2.b.20.25.

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3rd objective.

Approximate line of road between point R.5.c.5.4 and R.10.b.20.95.

63rd Divn. supported by 63rd Divn. Arty. with attached Army Brigade.

1st objective.

Approximate line of SUNKEN Road between point R.3.c.35.70 and point R.3.a.1.3 and thence along SWAN TRENCH to point R.3.b.05.65.

(See attached map)

The rate of the advance and the duration for which the troops will halt after the capture of each objective will be notified later.

- 4. For the purpose of co-ordination all Divisional Artilleries are placed under the orders of the G.O.C.R.A. II Corps, who will prepare and issue the artillery plans and orders. With each Infantry Brigadier attacking there will be a Battery commander whose Battery will, when required, be at the direct disposal of the former. Similarly each Divisional Commander will have a direct call upon one 6" Howitzer Battery.

- 5. The G.O.C., R.A. II Corps will arrange direct with the O.C. No. 4 Squadron R.F.C. for the detailing of the necessary aeroplanes for counter battery work, and special attention will be paid to this work.

- 6. The O.C. No. 4 Squadron will provide contact patrols: and apart from other arrangements for making the positions reached in the attack Infantry will show red flares at certain fixed times, as also at any other time on demand being made from the contact aeroplanes by the sounding of Klaxon Horns or the dropping of white lights. Detailed instructions regarding contact patrols and the times at which the flares will be burnt, will be issued later.

- 7. The usual cross attachment will be made for liaison and steps will be taken to see that each formation is thoroughly conversant with the plans and objectives of the formations on its flanks.

- 8. In order to keep the attacking troops clear of hostile artillery fire directed from the map, and at the same time to adapt new defences to the lie of the ground, care will be taken in selecting positions for consolidation to avoid as far as possible old trenches.

Instructions will be issued separately regarding:-

- (a) Synchronization of watches.
- (b) Headquarters and locations of units at "Zero" hour.

- 10. Acknowledge.

(Sd) G.H. Wilson.  
B. G. G. S.

99th Inf. Bde.

In accordance with verbal instructions of the Divisional Comdr. I beg to forward the following information. This information was obtained by personally examining each N.C.O. and man who took part in the recent raid and is well corroborated.

RIGHT.

1. There are two shafts in East Arm of salient under construction.

viz:-

(a) One near M.G. emplacement 15 - 20 yards N.E. of point of salient (7 steps completed).

(b) Other about 50 - 60 yards N.E. of above (9 steps completed).

There are 4 shafts in West Arm of salient but am unable to obtain reliable information as to their position. They appear to be about 30 yards apart and 20 steps or so deep. The chambers had not been commenced.

2. ARTILLERY BARRAGE.

(a) Our artillery barrage was excellent.

(b) The fire of the Stokes was extremely well directed. All ranks are emphatic in their praise of these Mortars.

(c) Knobkerries.

All ranks agree that these are very suitable for bombers.

3. ENEMY CASUALTIES.

4 to 5 corpses were lying behind remains of M.G. emplacement, 15 - 20 yards N.E. of tip of salient (these were killed by Stokes).

One was shot running in an N.E. direction from West Arm of salient (another German with him escaped).

One was killed by knobkerrie.

5 corpses (killed by Stokes) in West Arm of salient.

One wounded (shot) through thigh left in West Arm of salient.

One with smashed ankle left in East Arm of salient.

Two Germans standing on parapet were seen blown to bits by one of the first Stokes shells.

Two were shot running away 20 yards West of salient (4 others with them escaped).

One (probably an officer or under-officer as he had a revolver) was shot running away from N. end of West Arm. (2 others with him escaped).

A total of 18 - 19 were undoubtedly killed or badly wounded but unfortunately 7 were seen to escape and it is possible that more may have done so.

4. MACHINE GUNS.

(a) One machine gun was blown out of its emplacement 20 yds. N.E. of point of salient, part of this gun was lying in trench and part on parapet.

(b) There was also a Machine gun emplacement in West Arm about 30 yds. N. of point. A short way from this the barrel and casing of a M.G. were found in the trench, so it appears probable that there was also a machine gun there.

5. TRENCH MORTARS.

No trench mortars were seen.

6. WOUNDS.

10 men were wounded by splinters from bombs (2 or 3 caused by Stokes). 2 men were hit by rifle bullets.

6/2/17.

(Sd) A.C. Harris.  
Lieut. Col. Comdg. 1/R. Berks.

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REPORT ON RAID ON ENEMY SALIENT IN A.13.b by 1/R.BERKS REGT.  
99th INFANTRY BRIGADE at 3 a.m. on 5th FEBRUARY 1917

1. The Raiding Party consisted of 2 officers, (2/Lieuts. BURGESS and AVELINE) and 60 O.Rs. exclusive of stretcher bearers.
2. The objective embraced the E. and W. arms of salient in A.13.b. for about 150% along each Arm.
3. The following is a brief description of the raid:-
  - (a) The objective was decided on after careful reconnaissance, study of Air Maps and Intelligence summaries.  
A copy of the Battalion orders is attached (App. I).
  - (b) The 1/R.Berks held the right sub-section, which takes in A.13.b., from night 28th/29th Jan. to night 1st/2nd Feb.
  - (c) On coming into support at WOLFE huts, existing trenches almost identical with the objective were found and improved, and 5 practices were carried out by the Raiding Party, by day and night.
  - (d) At 6 p.m. 4/2/17 the Party moved to W. BILBAU DUG-OUTS where a meal and accommodation was provided for them.
  - (e) During the afternoon of 4th Feb. unsatisfactory reports as to the state of the wire along the Point and southern portion of the Eastern face were received: this contingency had been foreseen and the Raiding Party started from a point 100% to 150% W. of where they had originally intended and where the wire was known to be insignificant.  
Lt. Col. HARRIS, D.S.O., Comdng. 1/R.Berks, went up in advance of the Raiding Party, made a personal reconnaissance of the enemy wire and placed the Raiding Party in position.
  - (f) 3 small wooden tripods covered with canvas (black on our side white on enemy's side) marking the flanks and centre of the party, had been placed beforehand in No. 10's Land about 30 yards outside our wire and parallel to the enemy trench.  
The men, dressed in white smocks with white helmet covers, crawled out in pairs, and were on the alignment (in two waves of about 30 men each, about 15 yards apart) 15 minutes before Zero.
  - (g) 3 similar tripods had also been placed parallel to the 3 already mentioned and 30% to 40% nearer the enemy line. These gave the direction of the advance and proved effective.
  - (h) At Zero -
    - (i) 4 Stokes guns 99th T.A.B. opened rapid fire on the objective for one minute.
    - (ii) 1 Stokes gun fired rapid on enemy Post at A.13.b.4.9 for one minute.
 These guns were brought up near the front line for the occasion and were commanded by Capt. STAD and Lieut. HARRIS, 99th T.A.B.
    - (iii) 2nd Div. Artillery (18 pdrs. and hows.) formed a barrage (vide map attached).
    - (iv) The Raiding Party moved forward to within about 50 yards of the objective (E. Arm) and lay down.
 The shooting of the Stokes guns was very accurate and no casualties from splinters were incurred.

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(k) At 9.1 - both waves rushed forward; the leading wave (2/Lt. AVELLIN in centre, section Commanders on flanks) jumped the W. Arm of the salient on a front of about 40 yards with its left about 4.13.95.55 formed to the left, and went for the W. Arm of salient, which was its objective.

The rear wave (2/Lt. BURGES on the left flank) crossed the enemy wire, jumped the trench, turned to the left and ran down outside the parapet until they met the enemy, most of whom (including the 2 German officers) they found near the point of the salient.

Any German offering resistance was at once shot, the men then jumped into the trench and in a few minutes all resistance came to an end.

2/Lt. BURGES, commanding the party, was unfortunately severely wounded and the command devolved on 2/Lt. AVELLIN. Prisoners were sent back to our own line under escort, our wounded evacuated, and the party, after remaining 15 - 20 mins. in the objective and after having searched all dug-outs and shelters returned to their own line.

A German machine gun completely smashed our position at the southern point of the salient.

(l) No German counter-attack was attempted and the blocking parties at W. end of each arm of the salient had consequently nothing to do.

(m) Our artillery barrage was most effective, and the enemy appeared to be quite in the dark as to where the raiding party was.

(n) An enemy barrage started at 2.30 a.m. on a line about 200 - 300 yards in rear of our front line in 4.13 and 4.14 a. evidently in connection with the raid of the 18th Division on our left.

This barrage slacked off at about 2.50 a.m. and did not re-commence till 3.20 a.m. when it was put down on the same place; it lasted about 20 minutes during which time it was very heavy.

(o) The raid was assisted by 7 machine guns of 99th Div. Coy. Also 6 Lewis guns, 3 on either flank of the raiding party. These guns were allotted targets and areas with a view to dealing with a counter attack and to search probable enemy S.O. or T.O. positions and communication trenches.

4. The raid was successful, the enemy garrison amounting to about 85 all ranks being killed or captured except for 1 man who ran away and fell on being fired at.

2 German officers and 49 O.Rs. were brought back to our lines.

5. Our casualties were 2/Lt. BURGES, Commr. the party seriously wounded; O.Rs. 1 killed, 11 slightly wounded.

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6. The following information was obtained regarding the enemy's defences:-

- (a) WIRE- Three rows of concertina barbed wire 8 1/2 feet high. This proved no obstacle in the moonlight and the men trod it down as they went forward.
- (b) TRENCHES - About 8 feet deep, 3 feet wide at bottom, sides not revetted. Reported in good order. No continuous firing stop. Winding but not traversed.
- (c) BUG OUTS- Full particulars have not yet been obtained. It was not found necessary to destroy them as the enemy came out and surrendered.

(7) The following points were brought out by the raid:-

- (a) The white smocks proved valuable in the snow. Those used had no sleeves. Sleeves 3/4 length of arm would have been better. White rifle covers, but not covering the belts would have been useful. Faces should be chalked. Officers wore brown covers to helmets to distinguish them - the men had white covers.
- (b) Value of short Stokes barrage - steady platform and previous registration of each gun necessary.
- (c) Position of 2nd in command as well as O.C. the party, should be stated in orders and known to all.
- (d) Each Officer's orderly should carry a Klaxon Horn or other instrument used to attract attention.
- (e) It was not anticipated that so many prisoners would be taken. A N.C.O. and party for escort should remain in No Man's Land otherwise raiding party may be unduly weakened by having to find escorts. Two other ranks to 10 prisoners is sufficient.
- (f) All posts in front line to check number of prisoners passing them on their way back and to take names of raiding party - latter to be at once reported to O.C. party.
- (g) Each man carried two bombs but were told to use their rifles. This gives more dash to the attack and prevents hesitation. No bombs were thrown.

8. The arrangements regarding removal of wounded proved satisfactory and are given in Appendix II.

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2nd. Division.  
GENERAL STAFF.  
No. 1.S. 1038/Op/B/A.

1st. ROYAL BERRS. Order No. 52.

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Reference attached map  
and LE SABS 1/10,000.

1. A raid will be carried out by No. 13 platoon under 2nd Lt. BURESS on night 4/5th Feb. 17.
2. Object of raid.
  - (a) Kill or capture all enemy not with.
  - (b) Secure identifications and documents.
  - (c) Bring back or destroy enemy M.G. and Trench Mortars.
  - (d) Obtain information about the state of the German trenches.
3. Objective.- Salient in enemy line (A 13, B 7-4.) opposite our posts Nos 5 and 6 and is marked B.C.D. in attached plan.
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  - (a) 50% of the leading wave will carry wire cutters and wear hedging gloves.
  - (b) All identifications will be removed from those taking part in the raid before they go up into the line.
  - (c) All members of the raiding party will be warned that if taken prisoner they are only bound to disclose their regimental numbers and names. No other information will be given.
5. Method of carrying out.
  - (a) Previous to Zero the platoon will be formed up in REGINA Trench between numbers 5 and 6 posts (left restia on No. 6 post) ready to advance in two waves-
  - (b) 1. Leading wave will consist of 2 sections bayonet men (20 O.R.) with bombing party in centre (total 25 other ranks)  
2. Second wave will consist of one section bayonet men and one bombing section (less those detailed with the leading wave)
  - (c) At Zero 4 Stokes Mortars will open rapid fire on B.C.D. for one minute. Directly these Stokes Mortars commence the leading wave will crawl forward on a front of 75 yards towards the enemy's trench B.C. to a line not less than 75 yards from it which will be marked by objects put out previously by patrols. The first wave will be followed by second wave at 30 yards distance. The left will direct and move on point C on a true bearing 332°.
  - (d) Immediately Stokes Mortars fire ceases both waves will move forward as rapidly as possible and rush trench B.C. with the bayonet. (No bombs are to be thrown during the advance.)
  - (e) The leading wave will pass over B.C. without any pause and rush D.C. The 2nd wave will remain in B.C. and deal with the enemy there.
6. On leading wave entering B.C. they will act as follows :-
  - (a) Section (10 O.R.) on right will form a picquet at D edge to bring fire to bear from East to W. West.
  - (b) Bombing party will deal with dug-outs.
  - (c) Section (10 O.R.) on left will collect prisoners, search dead enemy for documents and search dug-outs in combination with bombing party and will carry back any M.G. or small T.P.s. in B.C.D.
7. On 2nd wave entering B.C. they will act as follows:-
  - (a) Right bombing party will block at B.
  - (b) Centre bombing party will deal with dug-outs.
  - (c) Searchers will search all dead enemy in B.C. for documents.
  - (d) Bayonet men will collect prisoners and bring them to point C.

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(e) Left bombing party will move to point C ready to be leading wave if required. If not required for that purpose they will remain at point C as a reserve.

8. Retirement will be carried out as follows:-

(a) The C.O. platoon will place himself at or near point C and will sound a Klaxon horn to attract attention. It will be very carefully explained to all ranks that the horn is NOT the signal for retirement but merely denotes that orders are being issued near point C.

(b) He will then direct the evacuation of all prisoners captured M.Gs, wounded etc. Retirement will be made at right angles to B.C. as far as to enter our lines between Nos 5 and 6 posts unless for some reason C.O. platoon on the spot prefers to return along line of old trench running from C to our No 7a post.

(c) Bombing post at A and section at D will remain in position until all others (including wounded and M.Gs) are back in our lines and in order that they receive for retirement will on Klaxon horn sounding send a man to point C to report to C.O. there. These men return to their respective parties accompanied by orderlies with C.O. platoon's order.

9. On reaching our lines the C.O. platoon will check the number present and inform stretcher bearers of any missing. He will decide, judging from enemy's barrage whether to immediately move to Advanced Bttn H.Q. (W. MIRAUBERT road) or to remain in REGINA Trench until matters have quietened down. Move to Adv Bttn H.Q. will in any case be immediately made by FULLERPELLE at No. 8 post.

10. Prisoners and captured documents etc will be sent direct to Adv Bttn H.Q. under reliable custody, care will be taken that an officer or senior S.C.O. take charge of documents as they are collected.

11. Artillery programme attached.

12. (a) 4 stretcher bearers with 2 stretchers will follow 5 yards in rear of 2nd wave. They will halt on reaching enemy wire and get into communication with platoon in enemy's trench.

(b) 8 stretcher bearers with 4 stretchers will remain in REGINA Trench between Nos 5 and 6 post ready to assist in bringing in wounded from enemy's trenches.

(c) All wounded will be carried to No 8 post from whence the M.O. will arrange for their evacuation.

13. Gaps in our wire will be cut between Nos 5 and 6 posts at No 7a post on evening 4/5th Feb accordance with official instructions to Lieut PCCOCK.

14. Advanced Bttn H.Q. at W. MIRAUBERT Road.

15. Watches will be synchronized from 99th Inf Bn H.Q. in the afternoon of the 4th February.

16. Zero hour will be communicated later.

(Sd) R. H. Thvon, Capt.  
C/Adj't Lt Royal Parks.

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Artillery Programme for Raid. on 4th/5th February.

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Ref. Trench Map 1/5,000

1. On the 3rd and 4th February the H.A. to bombard the following localities:-

- (E) Posts and trenches from R.12.c.1.9. to R.11.d.7.4.
- (F) " " " " M.13.b.4.9. to M.7.d.0.3.
- (G) " " " " A.8.c.8.5. to H.8.c.4.0.

NOTE. The enemy to be led to believe that our demonstration at (E) is the most serious.

2. Wire Cutting.

Wire will be cut by Divisional Artillery as under:-

- (i) Along line B C on 2nd Feb.
- (ii) Along line B C and at point E on 3rd and 4th Feb.

3. At Zero.

Right Group + 17th Battery.

- 1. 18 pdr. barrage from A.8.c.7.2. to M.8.c.3.0.
- 2. 18 pdr. barrage from A.3.c.3.0. to M.13.b.8.8. and to include the group of fortified shell holes at A.8.c.0.0.

1 - 18 pdr }  
and } barrage from M.13.b.8.8. to M.7.d.0.3.  
17th Battery)

- 1 - 4.5" How bombs at groups of posts etc. at (G) and M.1.d.0.0.
- 1 - 4.5" How bombs posts etc. along trench at (F)

Left Group (less 17th. Bty) - Box Barrage on (E)

4. Rates of Fire.

- 0 - 0.20..... 4 rounds per gun & how per min.
- 0.20 - 0.30..... 3 " " " " " " " "
- Left Group 2 rounds.
- 0.30 - 0.60..... 1 round per gun & how.
- (Left Group ceases firing).

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Appendix 11.

STRETCHER BEARERS.  
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1. 2 stretchers and 4 bearers accompanied the party and remained in "Jo man's land" close to the enemy wire- 1 bearer went forward from each party to look for wounded men.
2. 4 stretchers and 8 bearers in our front line: 100 yards behind (1)
3. 4 stretchers and 16 bearers at No. 19 post about 1,000 yards SW of (2).
4. Stretcher party in (1) carried direct to (3), being replaced at once by a party from (2) at (3) party from (1) was relieved and the stretcher was carried by a party from (3) back to Batta K.O., where there was a further reserve of 4 stretchers and 16 bearers.
5. As soon as a stretcher party reached a post in rear a similar party was sent up to replace it.

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2nd. DIVISION ORDER. No. 191.

Reference: Sup. 1/20.000

- 1. A raid will be carried out by the 17th Royal Fusiliers, 5th Inf. Bde. on the night 8/9th February.

Objective.

The enemy post in DESIRE SUPPORT Trench about R.18.0.9.0.

- 2. The object of the raid is to inflict damage on the enemy, secure identifications and prisoners, blow dug-outs and capture machine guns.
- 3. No Artillery fire will take place unless called for by a pre-arranged signal.
- 4. Details will be worked out by the G.O.C. 5th Inf. Bde. and submitted to the Divisional Commander.
- 5. The following points will be taken into consideration in working out the details of the scheme.
  - (a) In the event of snow still lying, white suits will be worn by the raiding party.
  - (b) The state of the enemy's wire is to be ascertained immediately prior to the raid.
  - (c) All identifications are to be removed from the party before they go up into the line.
  - (d) All members of the party are to be warned that, in the event of being taken prisoner, they are only bound to give their rank and name. No other information is to be given.
  - (e) An understudy to the officer commanding the party is to be selected. He will take over command immediately in the event of the latter becoming a casualty.

- 6. Watches will be synchronised from 5th Inf Bde H.Q. on the 8th Inst.
- 7. ZERO hour will be communicated later to those concerned.

8. Acknowledge.

Issued at 7.30 p.m. 4. 2.17. to:-

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| Copy no. | 1. 5th Inf Bde.     | 11. 2nd. Corps "C"  |
|          | 2. 6th Inf Bde.     |                     |
|          | 3. 99th Inf Bde.    | 72 2nd. Aust. Div.  |
|          | 4. C.R.A.           | 13 18th. Division.  |
|          | 5. C.I.B.           | 14-18 G.S. Records. |
|          | 6. 10th. D.C.L.I.   |                     |
|          | 7. "G" 2nd. Div.    |                     |
|          | 8. C.O. Signale.    |                     |
|          | 9. A.D.C.S.         |                     |
|          | 10. Div. Int. Ofcr. |                     |

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Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff 2nd. Division.

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2nd. DIVISION ORDER. No. 190.

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1. The 23rd Division will on the night of "Z" day capture PUISHUK and RIVER Trenches.
2. The artillery of the 2nd. Division will co-operate by establishing a joint barrage on DESIRE SUPPORT and GUARD Trenches (A.13.B. and A.14.A.).
3. "Z" day and the hour of Zero will be communicated later to those concerned.
4. Watches will be synchronized by telephone with C.R.A. and 99th Infantry brigade at 12.15 p.m. and 4.15 p.m. on "Z" day.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Issued at 7.30am 3.2.17.

Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff, 2nd. Division.

- Copy no. 8 5th Inf Bde.
- 2 6th Inf Bde.
- 3 99th Inf Bde.
- 4 C.R.A.
- 5 C.R.S.
- 3 "Q" 2nd. DIV.
- 7 2nd Aust' Div.
- 8 2nd Corps "G"

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SECOND DIVISION.

STRENGTH RETURN MADE UP TO 12 NOON SATURDAY, 3rd February, 1917.

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UNIT.	(i.) Fighting strength for previous week, compiled in accordance with A.G.'s instructions.		(ii.) Increase during week, due to drafts, etc., taken on strength of unit.		(iii.) Totals from (i.) and (ii.)		(iv.) Decrease during week—Casualties, etc., deducted from strength of unit.		"A." Fighting strength compiled in accordance with A.G.'s instructions.		"B." Details. (Included in "A.")		Not fully trained included in Column "A" Off. O.R.	REMARKS. (Notes regarding (ii.), (iv.), "B," etc.)
	Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.		
<b>5th Infantry Brigade:</b>														
270x & Bucks L.I.	32	995	-	9	32	1004	-	14	32	990	1	57	-	200 Off. 1d. O.R. 32a. 15c.
2nd H.L.I.	43	938	-	2	43	940	1	18	42	922	6	60	-	" 5c. 3d. " 29a. 31c.
17th Royal Fusiliers	32	958	-	7	32	945	2	31	30	914	3	54	-	" 3d. " 45a. 9c.
24th Royal Fusiliers	55	984	-	14	55	998	-	16	35	982	4	40	-	97 " 4d. " 40a.
5th M.G. Coy.	10	169	-	-	10	169	1	8	9	161	-	6	-	" 6c.
<b>BRIGADE TOTAL</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>4024</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>4056</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>3969</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>297</b>
<b>6th Infantry Brigade:</b>														
1st King's Regt.	38	893	-	16	38	909	-	55	38	854	5	16	-	All 1/Sick in Hospital.
2nd S. Staffs Regt.	29	1049	-	13	29	1062	-	31	29	1011	1	11	-	109 " " "
13th Essex Regt.	31	1099	-	8	31	1107	-	20	31	1087	2	9	-	" " "
17th Middlesex Regt.	37	979	-	9	37	988	-	12	37	976	2	14	-	" " "
6th M.G. Coy.	10	169	-	-	10	169	-	1	10	168	2	3	-	" " "
<b>BRIGADE TOTAL</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>4189</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>4235</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>4096</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>22nd Infantry Brigade:</b>														
22nd Royal Fusiliers	32	1007	-	2	32	1009	1	19	31	990	2	59	-	Off. 2a. O.R. 38a.
23rd Royal Fusiliers	35	1013	-	3	35	1016	1	37	34	979	4	38	-	72 " 2a. 2d. O.R. 36a.
1st Royal Berks	31	953	-	8	31	961	-	12	31	949	4	25	-	" 3a. 1d. " 25a.
1st K.R.R.C.	31	995	1	11	32	1004	-	34	32	982	7	46	-	" 4a. 3d. " 46a.
22nd M.G. Coy.	10	155	-	3	10	156	-	9	10	147	-	1	-	" 1a.
<b>BRIGADE TOTAL</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>4121</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>4146</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>4047</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>10th D.C.L.I.</b>														
10th D.C.L.I.	35	947	-	7	35	954	1	11	34	943	3	8	-	Off. 3d. O.R. 8c.
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>13281</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>13393</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>13055</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>478</b>

(ca) J.P. Vickers Street Lt Col  
for as per mb  
Brigadier General,  
Commanding 2nd Division.

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To All Recipients of 2nd Division Order No 192

Herewith Appendices 1, 2, and 3 of 2nd Division Order No 192 issued on 12th inst.

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*Claude M. ...*

*for* Lieut Colonel,  
General Staff 2nd Division.

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2nd DIVISION ORDER No. 192

2nd DIVISION MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS  
(Reference Map - Sheet 57 D.)

REGIMENTAL AID POSTS.

- (I) For 99th Infantry Brigade. R.17.b.8.6. (Post No. 15 front line)  
Position of forward Aid Post
- (II) For 3rd Inf. Bde.  
At Battalion Headquarters. R.19.b.8.3.
- (III) Two at R.24.c.7.5 for the Support Battalions and Left Brigade.

ADVANCED DRESSING STATIONS.

- (1) At Sunken Road. R.26.d.7.9.
- (2) Creighton's Post. R.29.d.7.3.
- (3) Red Chateau - Courcellette. R.25.b.0.9.  
To be used as a Bearer Post.

TRANSFER POST. Pozieres Post. X.4.b.9.2 where cars will be kept and reserve R.A.A.C. personnel.

MAIN DRESSING STATION (CORPS) at AVLLUY POST R.11.b.1.8.

WALKING WOUNDED COLLECTING POSTS.

- (a) Divisional. At Tramway Crossing. X.9.b.9.8.
- (b) Corps. Cabstand, AVLLUY, R.10.c.7.5.

EVACUATION.

Cases from the Left Brigade will be collected from Regimental Aid Posts and taken to the Advanced Dressing Station at Creighton's Post. Evacuation from this point to the main Dressing Station will be by car.

Cases from the Right Brigade will be evacuated by the overland track to the Advanced Dressing Station at Sunken Road. They will be carried by hand or wheeled stretcher to the ALBERT - CAPAUME road and thence by car to the main Dressing Station.

Should it only be possible to use Ford cars up to the Advanced Dressing Station, cases will be changed on to Daimler Cars at Pozieres Post.

WALKING WOUNDED will proceed via Artillery Lane, or railway track to the ALBERT - CAPAUME Road down to the Divisional Collecting Stn. at X.9.b.9.8 beside the soup kitchen, where transport will be arranged to convey them to the Corps Collecting Station at Cabstand R.10.c.7.5.

R.A.A.C. bearers will be at :- Red Chateau, Sunken Road, Creighton's Post, Pozieres Post, and R.29.central.

NOTE. The position of Regimental Aid Posts will be marked at night by a bull's-eye lamp facing the rear placed so as not to be visible to the enemy.

## SIGNALLING FOR OPERATION ORDERS

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## CABLE COMMUNICATION.

All cables in advance of R.29. control are overlaid. Direct flank communication and artillery communication is arranged from Advanced Brigade Headquarters. Likewise direct flank communication between attacking battalions and Right Battalion of Division on Left is arranged.

A separate direct line to Divl. H.Q. is arranged for a representative of the Division-Staff who will be at West MIRAMONT Road Hqrs.

Fullerphones will be worked from Div. Hqrs. to Adv. Hqrs. and from Adv. Hqrs. to Battalions. From battalions forward to front line and Report Centres when established in captured territory D3 phones will be used.

Prior to Zero there will be no talking or buzzing on any lines in advance of Brigade Hqrs. Fullerphones may be used. The greatest care must be observed in all conversations between Division and Adv. Brigades as such conversations will be overheard.

When troops advance the system of running out cables is to be as follows. The area between the East and West MIRAMONT Roads is to be considered as roughly divided into two by a line through R.11.d.9.0. / R.11.b.2.10. In each of these areas only one cable route will be established and maintained. These routes must run roughly 200 yards apart i.e. about 100 yards on either side of the dividing line mentioned above. In the first place each route will be commenced by laying two lines about 50 yards apart both commencing from one point in our present front line. These two lines will be brought together at some selected point where cover can be obtained for establishing a telephone post. Thus in the 1st phase of the operations there will only be two telephone posts established forward and these will act as Report Centres for all companies. Some orderlies from Company Commanders should be left in these posts. When the time comes for extending the cables, the original posts must be left with runners as a Relay Post and also a telephone and signallers must be left there so that the post may act as an intermediate telephone station. Again when cables are further extended the same procedure of leaving runners and an intermediate telephone post must be followed. The distance between each "telephone and Relay Post" should be about 500 yards and not more. Thus when the final objective is reached there should be 3 telephone and Relay posts between our original front line and our advanced troops, the centre of the 3 posts being probably Advanced Battalion Report Centres.

This system must be carefully organised by brigade signal Officers.

It will be necessary probably for fresh cables to be run out from our original front line or even from original Advanced Battn. Hqrs. Such lines must all be laid with a view to linking up the "telephone and Relay Posts" mentioned above and must not be run out with a view to opening up fresh telephone stations.

When battalion Hqrs move forward further cables will be laid to supplement the cables laid out during the 1st phase of the operations.

Before Battalion Hqrs decide to move to a suitable position must be reconnoitred and signallers must go forward during this reconnaissance so as to link the point selected to the original Battalion Hqrs. The position chosen must if possible be one of the telephone posts mentioned above. When battalions move forward Fullerphones will be left working back to Brigade Hqrs from their original Hqrs and this station will act as an intermediate station. In the same way telephone posts at the original Company Hqrs in the front line will be maintained as rest points after companies have moved forward.

Cable lines etc.

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(1) Cable lines laid during the advance must necessarily be earth circuits but when time and the situation permits all lines must be made metallic.

Battalions will be provided with cable from Brigade Signale before going into the line. In addition, a supply of cable is being established at Adv. Brigade and Battalion H.Q. During operations, all buzzing on lines is to be reduced to a minimum. Speech must be used whenever possible as buzzing will interfere with the working of the Power Buzzers.

(2) RUNNERS AND RELAY POSTS.

(a) Divisional Relay Posts are established as follows:-

- (i) Sumbest store.
- (ii) Windmill Post.
- (iii) Creightons Post.

Of these the first two will only be made use of in the event of motor cyclists being unable to proceed for any reason direct to Creighton's Post.

The normal procedure will be for motor cyclists to proceed direct to Creighton's Post, and for Runners at Creighton's Post to carry on despatches direct to W. STRAUONT Road H.Q.

At the W. STRAUONT Road H.Q. four runners are to be kept by the 8th Inf. Bde. to carry on their despatches to the DYK VALLEY H.Q.

In addition, there will be 6 runners kept at R.29. central - the end of the buried cable system - in the event of forward communication from there breaking down, these runners will carry on messages to Adv. Bde. H.Q.

(b) Forward of Adv. Bde. H.Q. a relay post is being established in each brigade area between Adv. Bde. H.Q. and Adv. Bn. H.Q.

- (i) In 99th Bde. area in old dug-out shaft about R.24.a.3.5.
- (ii) In 6th Bde. area in dug-out R.13.d.a.0.

(c) Forward of Adv. Bn. H.Q. the original Coy. H.Q. in our front line are to be manned as relay posts between Bn. H.Q. and the attacking Coy.

In the event of Bn. H.Q. moving forward the original Adv. Bn. H.Q. is to be left as a relay post with runners and the relay post in our present front line is to be maintained.

In this case there will be three relay posts between Adv. Bn. Report Centres in the captured territory and the Adv. Bde. H.Q.

- (i) Post in our original front line.
- (ii) Original Adv. Bn. H.Q.
- (iii) Relay post mentioned in (b)

Headquarters when moving forward must fully understand that they are responsible for keeping in touch with their original H.Q. and for sending back runners as guides between their old H.Q. and their freshly established H.Q.

(3) VISUAL.

1 visual reading station will be established by the 99th Bde. about R.28.a.4.9. This station can get a good view of all ground about R.11. From the contour of the ground it should be possible to fix a sending station about R.11.d.3.4 under cover from view of the enemy. Efforts will be made to mark the reading station at R.28.a.4.9 by some means so that the sending station may be able to pick it up easily, but this may not be possible and in this case a compass bearing must be taken by the sending station. The usual procedure of sending messages DD DD 3 times must be adopted.

If possible, signallers should be placed near Adv. Bn. H.Q. off IRONSIDE LANE to watch for any signals from the front.

In the 6th Bde. area there will be no visual attempted unless communication between Adv. Bde. and Adv. Bn. is badly broken in which case an attempt will be made to form a transmitting station about R.13.d.2.4.

Battalions must carry daylight signalling lamps and rifle flapper. The code as laid down for inter-communication to aeroplanes may be used for visual.

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(4) AEROPLANES.

Battalion Hqrs must be provided with the aeroplane signalling flapper and ground sheets. Procedure for aeroplane signalling will be in accordance with 'Training of Divisions for Offensive Action' appendix 'B'

Flares will be lighted by the leading troops.

- (a) 15 minutes after the hour <sup>named</sup> for reaching the first objective <sup>Zero + 3/</sup>
- (b) 15 minutes after the hour <sup>named</sup> for reaching the second objective <sup>via Zero + 1 hour and 3/</sup>
- (c) When called for by the aeroplane.

Contact aeroplanes are marked by square black flags on <sup>the</sup> lowerplane.

Messages for Div H.Q. will be dropped by the aeroplane at X.19.a.O.8. which place will be marked by a 'K' in white cloth. The letter will be changed to 'F' when the message is seen to drop and picked up.

(5) STATION CALLS.

Up to Zero the ordinary position calls will be used. After Zero and KN Advance of Adv Battn Hqrs existing code calls will be used.

(6) WIRELESS.

One wireless set will be established at West Mirraumont dug-out. It is not possible to provide another set for the Dyke Valley Hqrs.

(7) PIGEONS.

As many pigeons as possible will be provided. They will be sent up on afternoon of 'Y' day.

All officers must realize that a pigeon message can be long and a great deal of information can be got into the pigeon message sheets.

(8) POWER BUZZERS.

Power Buzzers and receiving Sets are established as follows:-

- Right Sector { Brigade Hqrs. Nil.
- { Battn Hqrs of Battn in Line. Nil.
- { Attacking Battalion Hqrs. 1 Power Buzzer.
- { Right Company Hqrs of Battn in Line. 1 Power Buzzer.
- Left Sector. { Brigade Hqrs. Receiving Set and Power Buzzer.
- { Advanced Battn Hqrs. Receiving Set & Power Buzzer.
- { Front Company Hqrs on Right. Power Buzzer.
- { Front Company Hqrs on Left. Power Buzzer.

The remaining power buzzers are to be manned by Battalion signallers. In each case a N.C.O. and 2 signallers are to be in charge of a power buzzer and they are to have no other duties.

Owing to the fact that there are 4 power buzzers without receiving sets it is necessary to arrange a time table for sending so that not more than one station sends at a time.

Time table is attached.

The only stations that will <sup>be</sup> move forward are the two front power buzzers of the 99th Bde. These will only be moved forward with Battn Hqrs when they move forward.

In order that these two stations may, when they are established in the captured territory, know whether their signals are being received by the Receiving Sets, a White Very Light signal will be used. This will be sent up either at the Adv Battn Hqrs off Ironside Lane or at West Mirraumont Road Hqrs.

Power Buzzers etc....

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(8) Power Buzzer messages must be as short as possible and during operations may be sent in clear. Company Commanders and Adjutants must all possess the B.A.B. Code in case it may be advisable to use this code for any particular message. Officers in places where power buzzers are installed must acquaint themselves as to the exact time at which messages may be sent - reference Power Buzzer Time Table - so that they may hand in messages at the right time the only exception to the time sending for Power Buzzers are the special signals in next para.

Special instructions for Power Buzzer Stations are being issued by O.C. 2/Signal Coy. to each Power Buzzer Station.

SPECIAL SIGNALS.

S.O.S.

M.A.S.S. followed by map square to denote enemy massing

A.R.T. followed by map square to denote our own shells falling short.

These signals may be used either over the telephone lines - with visual or on power buzzer.

On the power buzzer they may be sent at any time irrespective of Time Table.

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TIME TABLE FOR POWER BUZZERS.

Station calls will be as follows:-

Right Company Hqrs of Battn in line of 6th Brigade.	XA
Attacking Battn Hqrs of 6th Brigade.	XB
Adv Coys Right Battn 99th Infantry Brigade.	XC
Adv Coys Left Battn 99th Brigade.	XD
Adv Hqrs attacking Battalions 99th Brigade.	XE
Adv Hqrs. 99th Brigade.	XF

During every hour stations may send only in the period as allotted below, with the three exceptions mentioned below.

TIME TABLE FOR SENDING. ( X equals any hour)

X. to X.10 .....	XD
X.10 to X.15.....	XA
X.15 to X.25.....	XC
X.25 to X.35.....	XB
X.35 to X.40.....	XD
X.40 to X.45.....	XE and XF
X.45 to X.50.....	XC
X.50 to X.60.....	XE and XF

Exceptions to above are as follows:-

- (1) For 'S.O.S.' in which case the station call will be sent three times in accordance with the usual procedure followed by 'S.O.S.' until Art support is obtained. The station call should be repeated at intervals in between the 'S.O.S.' signals.
- (2) Enemy massing. 'H.A.S.S.' followed by map reference and preceded by station call.
- (3) 'Our own artillery falling short amongst our Infantry' 'A.R.T.' followed by map square and preceded by station call.

The above three signals may be sent on power buzzers at any time irrespective of time allotments.

In the event of stations having no messages to send during their allotted sending periods they must send their call followed by 'C.K.' and the time.



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APPENDIX III.

2nd DIVISION ORDER No. 192.

Instructions for employment of R.E. & Pioneers 14/2/17.

1. All previous instructions regarding the employment of R.E. & Pioneers are cancelled and the following substituted :-

2. (a) 5th Field Coy. R.E., 2 Sections E.A. Fd. Coy. R.E., and 13 Coys. 10/D.C.L.I. (Pioneers) all under O.C. 5th Fd. Coy. R.E. are placed at the disposal of the O.C. 99th Infantry Brigade for the purpose of consolidation

(b) E.A. Fd. Coy. (less 2 sections) and 7 Coy. 10/D.C.L.I. (Pioneers) all under the O.C. E.A. Fd. Coy. R.E. are placed at the disposal of the G.O.C., 6th Infantry Brigade for a similar purpose.

3. Consolidation will take the form of the construction of posts and strong points and wiring the same.

4. As regards para 2(a): strong points will be made about R.11.d. 2.4½ near junction of BOOM RAVINE with WEST KIRALMONT road to fire W. across the front of the Division on our left and also at :-

R.11.a.9.6.

R.11.b.4.9. and R.11.d.9.6.3

Each strong point will have at least 1 machine gun.

Posts will be made at :-

R.12.c.3.5 - R.12.c.2.9.

R.12.3.1.3.

R.11.b.9.9.

R.5.d.6.4.

5. As regards para 2 (b), posts will be made near trench junctions in order to deal with any hostile counter attack delivered from BELOW TRENCH.

6. In all cases Brigadiers will detail beforehand the garrisons of these posts and strong points: the garrisons will commence their construction as soon as they reach the objective, and will assist the R.E. and Pioneers as soon as the latter arrive. In all cases the garrison is responsible that covering parties are in position while the work of consolidation is in progress. Reconnoitring parties must be sent on ahead during daylight in order to become acquainted with the work in progress and in order to allot tasks so that there may be no delay when the main parties arrive.

7. Until required, Field Coys. R.E. and Pioneers will remain at WOLFE HUTS and will be moved up by Brigadiers as soon as the situation allows of consolidation being carried out in a methodical manner. O.C. Fd. Coys. will be at H.Q. of attacking Infantry Bde. until their commands are required to move up, in order to keep touch with the situation.

8. Sappers mates will accompany their respective Field Coys. The construction of the posts will be the task of the R.E. and the garrison; wiring will be carried out by the Pioneers. Additional carrying parties for the same.

9. Pioneers if required will be provided by Infantry Brigades, who will notify the Division if additional troops are required.

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11 Corps H.Q.

11 Corps Operation Order No. 67. 13-2-17.

1. 11 Corps Operation Order No. 66 of 10/2/17 is cancelled.
2. The subsidiary attack to be carried out by the 63rd Division will be made as laid down in 11 Corps Operation Order No. 65 of 9/2/17.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) S. H. WILSON

B.G.G.S.

Issued at 11-0 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION.

STRENGTH RETURN MADE UP TO 12 NOON SATURDAY, 10th February, 1917

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UNIT.	(i.) Fighting strength for previous week, compiled in accordance with A.G.'s instructions.		(ii.) Increase during week, due to drafts, etc., taken on strength of unit.		(iii.) Totals from (i.) and (ii.)		(iv.) Decrease during week—Casualties, etc., deducted from strength of unit.		"A." Fighting strength compiled in accordance with A.G.'s instructions.		"B." Details. (Included in "A.")		REMARKS. <small>(Brief notes regarding (ii.), (iv.), "B," etc.)</small>	
	Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.		
<b>5th Infantry Brigade.</b>														
2nd Ox. & Bucks L.I.	38	990	4	17	36	1007	-	18	36	989	4	37	Nos. not fully trained included in Column "A" Off. O.R.	Off. 4d. O.R. 31a. 6c.
2nd Highland L.I.	42	922	1	16	43	938	-	14	43	924	6	61		" 6d. " 30a. 31c.
17th Royal Fusiliers	30	914	-	3	30	917	-	32	30	885	3	58		" 3d. " 45a. 13c.
24th Royal Fusiliers	35	962	-	3	35	965	-	12	35	973	3	42		" 3d. " 42a.
5th Machine Gun Coy.	9	161	-	3	9	164	-	1	9	163	-	5		" 5c.
BRIGADE TOTAL	148	3969	5	42	153	4011	-	77	153	3934	16	203	-	292
<b>6th Infantry Brigade.</b>														
1st King's Regt.	38	854	1	48	39	902	-	34	39	868	4	6	-	All T/Sick in hospital.
2nd S. Staffs Regt.	29	1011	-	13	29	1024	-	23	29	1001	1	10	-	104
13th Essex Regt.	31	1087	-	2	31	1089	1	22	30	1087	2	9	-	" " " "
17th Middlesex Regt.	37	976	-	13	37	989	-	25	37	964	4	14	-	" " " "
6th Machine Gun Coy.	10	168	-	-	10	168	1	1	9	167	2	4	-	" " " "
BRIGADE TOTAL	145	4096	1	76	146	4172	2	105	144	4067	13	43	-	104
<b>99th Infantry Brigade.</b>														
22nd Royal Fusiliers	31	990	1	58	32	1048	1	31	31	1017	2	38	-	Off. 2a. O.R. 38a.
23rd Royal Fusiliers	34	979	-	12	34	991	-	17	34	974	4	36	-	64 " 2a. 2d. O.R. 36a.
1st Royal Berks Regt.	31	949	-	41	31	990	-	29	31	961	3	23	-	" 3a. " 23a.
1st R.R.R. Corps	32	982	5	-	37	982	1	34	36	948	8	51	-	" 3a. 5d. " 51a.
99th Machine Gun Coy.	10	147	-	4	10	151	-	4	10	147	-	-	-	-
BRIGADE TOTAL	138	4047	6	115	144	4162	2	115	142	4047	17	148	-	64
<b>10th D.C.L.I.</b>														
	34	943	6	16	40	959	-	22	40	937	8	8	-	Off. 2d. O.R. 28a.
TOTALS	465	13055	18	249	483	13304	4	319	479	12985	48	402	-	460

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