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Australian Division

July 1918



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APPENDIX VIII 244

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31st DIVISION ORDER NO. 345.

Ref: 1/20,000. Sheet 36A. NE.

9 July, 1918

1. 300 Gas Bombs will be fired on the night of the 9th/10th July, or first subsequent night when favourable weather conditions admit, from projectors installed at E.28.d.8.9 to E.20.b.80.05.
2. Target : E.30.a.5.4. to K.30.a.9.5.
3. Wind limits are - N.N.W. to S.W. through W. (true bearings).
4. Units will be notified not later than 6.30 p.m. if conditions are favourable or not. G.C. 'L' Special Coy.R.E. will be at Right Inf.Bde.H.Q., from zero minus 2 hours until completion of operation. The Officer 'L' Special Coy.R.E. on the spot has the final decision in regard to making the projection, and will be allowed 30 minutes after the first discharge to fire off any batteries which fail to go off at zero.
5. All troops will be clear from the area shaded Blue on attached map * from zero minus 15 to zero plus 1 hour, and box respirators will be worn in the area shaded pink from zero minus 5 to zero plus 15. (* Map sent to 94th Bde. only).
6. During this operation, all Officers of 'L' Special Coy.R.E. will have the power to send Urgent priority messages over the Divisional communications.
7. This operation will be referred to as 'BRUCE'. Zero hour will be notified as follows :-

| <u>Time.</u> | <u>Code Telegram</u> |
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| 12.30 a.m. | "'BRUCE' is sending 12½ cases" |
| 11. 0 p.m. | "'BRUCE' is sending 11 cases" |

The following Code words will be used :-

BON = 'Conditions favourable for gas discharge.'
 NOBBY = 'Conditions unfavourable, operation postponed, 24 hours.'

8. 31 Divisional Artillery and 31 Bn.M.G.Corps will arrange for some bursts of fire after the gas discharge.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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*RC Freeman
Capt*

Issued at... 6.30 a.m.

Lieut-Colonel
General Staff
31st Division.

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| Copy No. 1. | 92 Inf. Bde. | 14. | File. |
| 2. | 94 Inf. Bde. | 15) | War Diary. |
| 3. | C. R. A. | 16) | |
| 4. | C. R. E. | 17. | G.O.C. |
| 5. | 12 K.O.Y. O.L.I. | | |
| 6. | 31 Bn. M.G. Corps. | | |
| 7. | 31 Div. Signals. | | |
| 8. | 'A' | | |
| 9. | A.D.M.S. | | |
| 10. | 'L' Special Coy.R.E. | | |
| 11. | 1st Australian Div. | | |
| 12. | 5th Division. | | |
| 13. | XV Corps. | | |

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| Service Instructions | | | By <i>ys</i> | To | |
| Handed in at <i>Yba</i> | | | Office <i>2-25</i> | Received <i>2-27</i> | m. |
| TO <i>1st Aus Div</i> | | | | | |
| *Sender's Number. | Day of month. | In reply to Number. | AAA | | |
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| <i>Yba 31st Div</i> <i>5-50 pm</i> | | | | | |
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Prefix 02 Code 10 Words 1 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

Charges to Collect From Bo At 12/11/18 m. Office Stamp.

Service Instructions. By Bo To 12/11/18 m.

Handed in at Yca Office 3 25p m. Received 3 57p m.

TO 1 anast Dwin

Sender's Number. 143 Day of Month. 12 In reply to Number. AAA

NOBBY

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FROM Yca 3/10- Dwin

TIME & PLACE 3.10 pm

Prefix 02 Code 11 Words 1 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

Charges to Collect From Bo At 12/11/18 m. Office Stamp.

Service Instructions. By Bo To 12/11/18 m.

Handed in at Yca Office 5 38p m. Received 6 24p m.

TO 1 anast Dwin

Sender's Number. 122 Day of Month. 11 In reply to Number. AAA

NOBBY

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FROM Yca 31 Dwin

TIME & PLACE 5.45 pm

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| Service Instructions. | | | By <i>11</i> | To <i>11</i> | |
| Handed in at <i>11</i> | | Office <i>11</i> | m. | Received <i>11</i> | m. |
| TO | <i>1st Aust Div</i> | | | | |
| *Sender's Number. | Day of Month. | In reply to Number. | AAA | | |
| <i>1183</i> | <i>14</i> | | | | |
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| FROM | <i>31 Row 65m</i> | | | | |
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| TO | <i>1st Aust Div</i> | | | | |
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| <i>Nobby</i> | | | | | |
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| FROM | <i>31st Row</i> | | | | |
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Prefix *MP* Code *10* Words *10* Received *hlp* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *AYA-13 VII 19*

From *hlp* At *m* By *hlp* To *hlp*

Charges to Collect _____ Service Instructions. *Priority*

Handed in at *Yba* Office *240* Received *6-6/4* m.

TO *1st ans Div*

*Sender's Number. *9253* Day of Month. *18* In reply to Number. *AAA*

NOBBY

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Sa a.m. 7.

16 *244*

Yba *5-35 pm*

FROM *Yba* TIME & PLACE *5-35 pm*

Prefix *MP* Code *10* Words *10* Received *hlp* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *AYA-13 VII 19*

From *hlp* At *m* By *hlp* To *hlp*

Charges to Collect _____ Service Instructions. *Priority*

Handed in at *Yba* Office *240* Received *6-5/4* m.

TO *1st ans Div*

*Sender's Number. *9238* Day of Month. *14* In reply to Number. *AAA*

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Ga a.m. 7.

16 *317*

Yba *6-35 p*

FROM *Yba* TIME & PLACE *6-35 p*

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"C" FORM. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2123. (In books of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix... Code Words..... Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

Charges to Collect From At.....m. By.....

Service Instructions To..... By.....

Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....

TO 1st Aus Avn

* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

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Ga a.m.
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21st Avn

FROM PLACE & TIME yba 4 pm

* This line should be erased if not required.

14199.) W528/M1970. 25,000 Pads. 10/4/17. A.H. & S. L.

Prefix *215* Code *12* Words *14* Received. *100* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *SHARPS*
 From *100* To *1st Austn Divn* By *158*
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions *priority*
 Handed in at *100* Office *1st Austn Divn* m Received *158* m
 TO *1st Austn Divn*
 *Sender's Number. *9293* Day of Month. *26th* In reply to Number. *AAA*
cancel 9290 aaa
NOBBY
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Ga A.M.F.
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 FROM *31* *Divn 7. 45pm*

Charges to Collect *SHARPS* By *100*
 Service Instructions *priority* To *1st Austn Divn*
 Handed in at *100* Office *1st Austn Divn* m Received *158* m
 TO *1st Austn Divn*
 *Sender's Number. *9290* Day of Month. *20* In reply to Number. *AAA*
BONE AAA BRUCE 11
sending 1 1/2 cases
191
Ga A.M.F.
G
 FROM *31* *Divn 6 pm*
 PLACE & TIME

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"C" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Form C. 2123.
(In books of 100.)

No. of Message: 9705 16

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| *refix..... | Code..... | Words <u>16</u> | Received. | Sent, or sent out. | Office Stamp. |
| | | | From <u>Bos</u> | At <u>11-2</u> m. | |
| Charges to Co. t | | | By <u>Y. R. Wright</u> | To | |
| Service Instructions. | | | Handed in at <u>Y. R. Wright</u> Office <u>Shop</u> m. Received <u>6:30</u> m. | | |

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| *Sender's Number. <u>307</u> | Day of Month. <u>21st</u> | In reply to Number. | AAA |
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| <u>BON</u> | <u>BRUCE</u> | <u>is</u> |
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| FROM | <u>31 Det</u> |
| TIME & PLACE | <u>6.5 pm</u> |

*This line should be erased if not required.
 180 000.—John Risson, Ltd., 5/17, —St. Paul, London E.C. 4.

Ga A.M.F. 16

SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.COPY NO.....
6Headquarters.
30th. July. 1918.DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 113.

1. 1. The 1st.Aust.Division will be relieved by the 29th. Division between 1st and 3rd. August.
 - ii. Command will pass at 10.a.m. on 3rd. August.
 - iii. On relief, the 1st.Aust.Division will be concentrated in G.H.Q. Reserve in the XV Corps Area, ready for an early train movement. Orders for this will be issued later.
2. 1. Relief will be effected in accordance with attached Table.
 - ii. Subject to the terms of this order all details of relief will be arranged between G.Os.C. Brigades concerned.
3. The 121st.Brigade (40th.Division) will pass under the orders of the G.O.C. 29th.Division at 10.a.m. on August 3rd.
4. 1. Orders regarding Artillery reliefs have already been issued.
 - ii. Command of the Artillery covering the Divisional Sector will pass from C.R.A. 1st.Aust.Divisional Artillery to C.R.A. 29th.Divisional Artillery at 10.a.m. 3rd.August.
5. 1. 1 Coy of the 29th.Div.M.G.Battalion will relieve 1.Coy. 61st.Division.M.G.Bn in the line on the night 31stJuly/1st.Aug.
 - ii. 1.Coy.29th.Div.M.G.Battalion will relieve the M.G.Coy of the 1st.Aust.Division in the line on the night 1st/2nd Aug.
 - iii. Subject to the above Machine Gun reliefs will be arranged direct between Os.C. M.G. Battalions 1st.Aust.Division and 29th. Division.
6. 1. Arrangements for the relief of Engineers will be made by the C.R.E. direct with C.R.E. 29th.Division. On relief Engineer Field Coys of the 1st.Aust.Division will join their respective Brigade Groups.
 - ii. Arrangements for the relief of Field Ambulances will be made by A.D.M.S. direct with A.D.M.S. 29th.Division. Field Ambulances will join Brigade Groups on relief.
7. G.Os.C. Brigades effecting line relief will ensure that the relief is covered adequately by patrols.
8. Defence Schemes, Maps, Works Policies, programmes of work, photos and all details of Divisional duties will be handed over and receipts obtained.
9. Trench and Area Stores will be handed over and receipts obtained on pro-forma already issued. 1 Copy will be sent to A.A.&Q.M.G.
10. Details of embussing of 3rd.Aust.Inf.Brigade will be issued later.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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



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- 11 C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.
- 12 C.R.E. 1st. Aust. Div.
- 13 1st. Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- 14 1st. Aust. M.C. Battalion.
- 15 1st. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.
- 16 A.D.M.S.
- 17 1st. Aust. Div. Train.
- 18 S.S.O. 1st. Aust. Div.
- 19 D.A.D.V.S.
- 20 A.P.W. 1st. Aust. Div.
- 21 D.A.D.C.S.
- 22 Mob. Vet. Section.
- 23 1st. Div. Salv. Coy.
- 24 No. 2. San. Section.
- 25-26 XV Corps.
- 27 G.O.C. R.A. XV Corps.
- 28 XV Corps. H.A.
- 29 9th. Division.
- 30 31st. Division.
- 31 119th. Inf. Brigade.
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- 33 40th. Division.
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1st Australian Division
 General Staff
 Mess-Quarters

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MOVE TABLE ISSUED WITH 1ST. AUST. DIV. ORDER NO. 115.

COPY NO. 5

| Serial No. | Date. | Unit. | From. | To. | Relieving. | Remarks. |
|------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Aug. 1st. | 88th. Inf. Bde Group. | BAVINCHOVE- OXALLERE Area. | LA KREULE Area. | 3. Bns. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. | Not to arrive before 9.30 p.m. |
| 2. | " | 88th. Inf. Bde Group. | do do | do do. | 1. Bn. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. | Camps for 2 Bns will be pitched at V.15.D. & V.22.C. Not to arrive before 9.50 p.m. Bde. H.Q. PRADELLES. |
| 3. | " | Bde. H.Q., L.T.M. Bty. & 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. | LA KREULE Area. | HEURINGHEM. | | By Bus. Accommodation from Area Comdt. WARDRECQUES. |
| 4. | Aug. 2nd. | H.Q. & 3. Coys. Pioneer Bn. 29th. Division. | 29th. Div. Area. | LE PEUPLIER. | | |
| 5. | " " | H.Q. & 3. Coys. 1st. Aust. Pioneer Battalion. | LE PEUPLIER. | RACQUINGHEM. | | Any route. |
| 6. | Night 2nd/3rd. Aug. | 88th. Inf. Bde.) plus 1. Bn. 88th) Brigade) | LA KREULE Area. | Line. | 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. | |
| 7. | " " | 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. | Line. | LA KREULE Area. | | |
| 8. | Aug. 3rd. | 29th. D.H.Q. | BAVINCHOVE. | ST. SYLVESTRE-CAPPEL. | | |
| 9. | " " | 1st. Aust. D.H.Q. | ST. SYLVESTRE-CAPPEL. | WARDRECQUES. | | |
| 10. | " " | Bde. H.Q. L.T.M. Bty. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. | LA KREULE Area. | BLARINGHEM. | | Any route. Not to start before 9 p.m. Accommodation from Area Comdt. BLARINGHEM. |
| 11. | " " | 87th. Inf. Bde. Group. | 29th. Div. Area. | LA KREULE Area. | | Not to arrive before 9.30 p.m. |

APPENDIX

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Divisional Headquarters
23rd. July. 1918.

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XV Corps.

MACHINE GUNS.
Tactical and Technical Lessons
learnt during the month.

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| HEADQUARTERS |
| 1st AUSTRALIAN |
| DIVISION. |
| No. 85/402 |
| Date..... |

TACTICAL.

1. That a motor bicycle and side car be issued as part of a Machine Gun Battalion Mobilization Equipment.
It has been found that to do his work thoroughly, in a big sector, entails on a Commanding Officer of a Machine Gun Battalion a great deal of riding and much time and horseflesh would be saved by the issue of a motor bicycle and side car.
2. Closer liaison between infantry and the Machine Guns is necessary - besides the Commanding Officer of Battalion and the Officers Commanding Companies keeping in close touch with Brigades and Battalions in the line, liaison should be maintained with Infantry Company Commanders and also Platoon Commanders.
3. Isolated gun positions in houses unless rendered strong enough to stop a 5 . 9 shell by concrete have been found valueless, as they get heavily shelled and in a close combat can be out-flanked.
As part of a defended locality however a gun position built in a house has proved of great benefit to the defence.
4. As reliefs are usually carried out by night it is advisable that the Section Officer goes up to the positions in the day time a couple of days before the relief is carried out.
Should it not be possible to carry out daylight reconnaissance the Officer relieving should spend a night with the Section Officer being relieved.
This to be in addition to the Officers Commanding reconnaissance.
5. The following system regarding indirect harassing fire has been adopted by the 1st. Aust. M.G. Battalion and has proved useful;-
 1. Officers Commanding Companies in the Forward Area prepare a list of Targets which are lettered A.B.C. &c.
 2. These targets are then allotted to guns, and if one target can be fired on by more than one gun, so much the better.
 3. Lists of Targets and the guns to be employed also calculations, are forwarded to Battalion Headquarters for checking and approval.
 4. New targets are added to the Lists at every available opportunity, suggestions being obtained from Brigade Headquarters and from Battalions in the Line and also from Divisional Intelligence Summaries, Maps, etc.
These new Targets and necessary calculations are also forwarded to Battalion Headquarters for checking and approval.
 5. When calculations have been checked and approved by Battalion Headquarters, Officers Commanding Companies allot targets to Sections, and forward particulars of same to Section Officers concerned, giving them the target letters.
 6. Target Lists are forwarded by Battalion Headquarters to Brigades and Battalions in the Line.
 7. From these target lists Officers Commanding Companies select daily harassing fire programmes and notify Section Officers concerned, also Battalion Headquarters and the Brigade in whose sector they are, of their proposed programme by 12 noon each day, thus - "Targets A.B. and C. will be engaged tonight."
 8. In this way it is hoped that closer liaison between the Machine Guns and the Infantry will be established and Brigades and Battalions will be in a position to select and

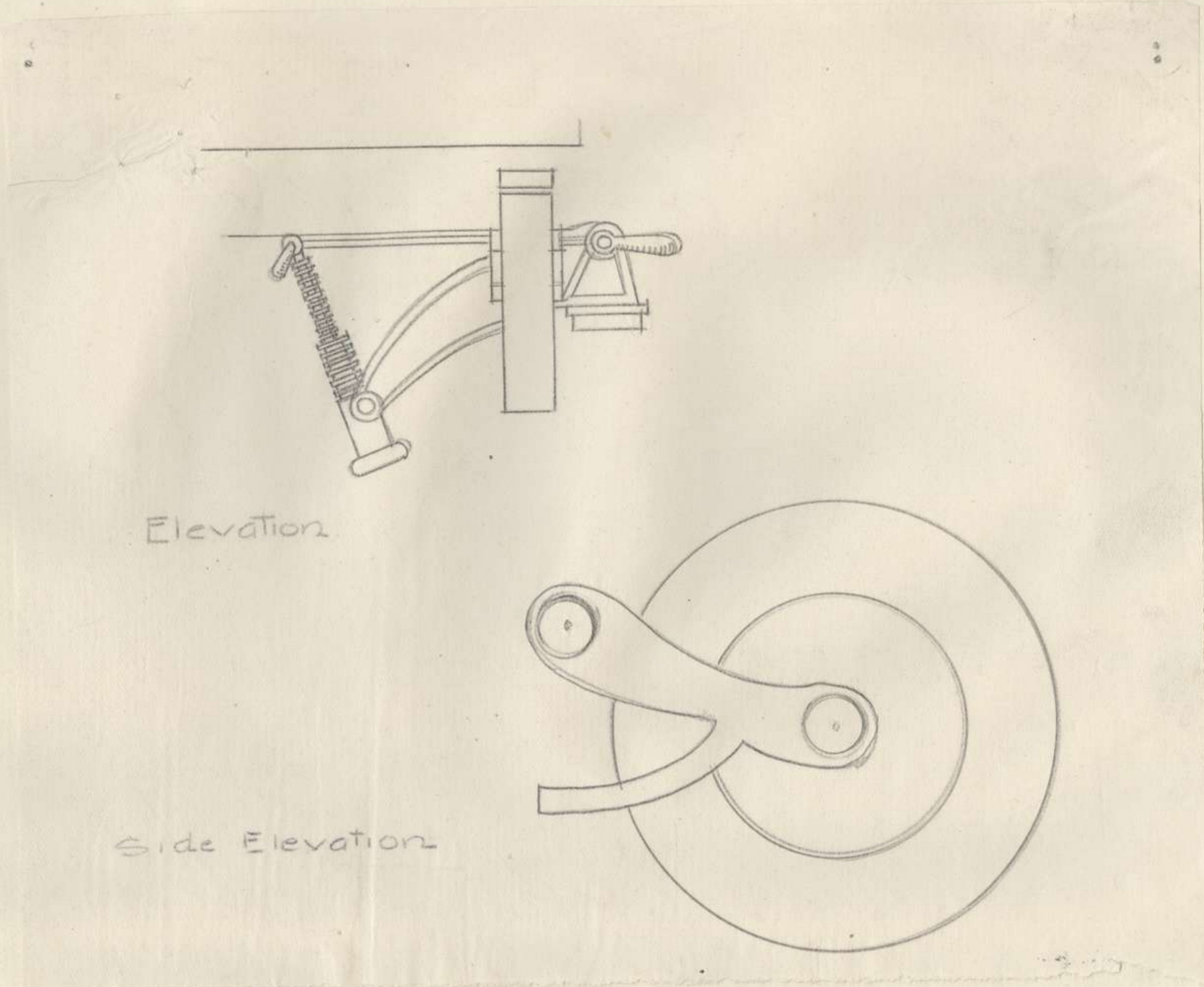
forward targets they wish engaged.

It will also allow greater elasticity to Officers Commanding Companies.

TECHNICAL.

1. The attached sketch shows a useful adaptation, of a German Circular Belt Carrier, for Anti-Aircraft work, which has been used by 1st Aust. M.G. Battalion and found to work very satisfactorily.
To enable this Belt Carrier to be used in this way, a rod is necessary, to act as a support. This rod is kept in place by the Elevating and Crosshead Joint pins. The Crosshead joint pin being put in from right to left instead of from left to right.
In order to have the top of the belt carrier on a level with the mouth of the feed-block, the axis of the Carrier has to be below the level of the rod. The axis of the belt carrier is connected to the rod by means of a bracket, which also carries a stay to prevent the belt carrier from touching the crosshead arm and so retarding its rotation.
2. The present issue of Asbestos packing is very coarse and is not water-tight. Leakages result.
3. An abnormal number of breakages have lately been observed in Lock Springs and Fuze Springs.
4. K.16. S.A.A. has given trouble mainly No.2 Stoppages (separated cases near the base of the cartridge)
As connecting rod washers did not rectify this it is assumed above ammunition is faulty.
5. The Anti Crop mount as forwarded for information earlier in the month has proved efficacious.

Major-General.
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

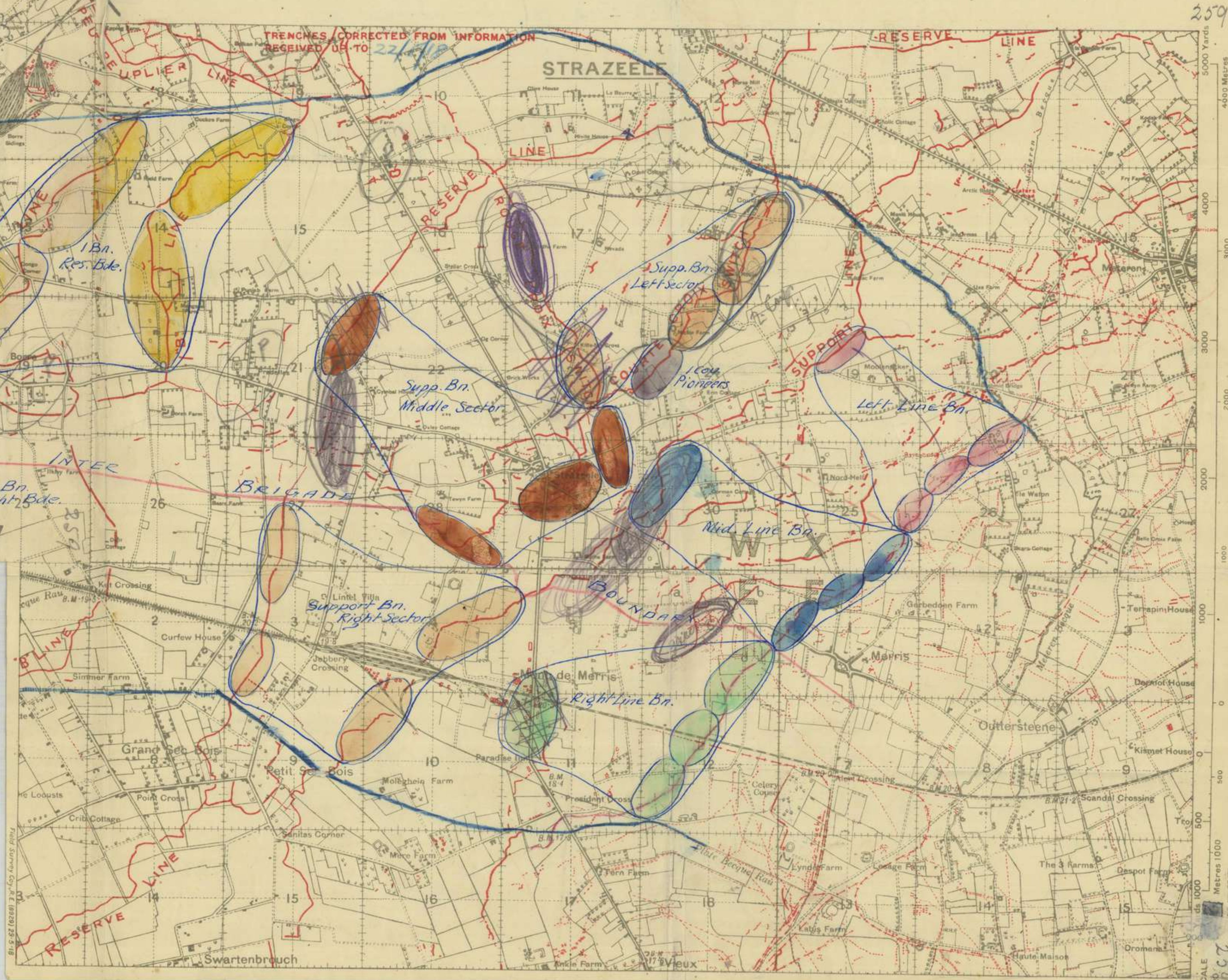
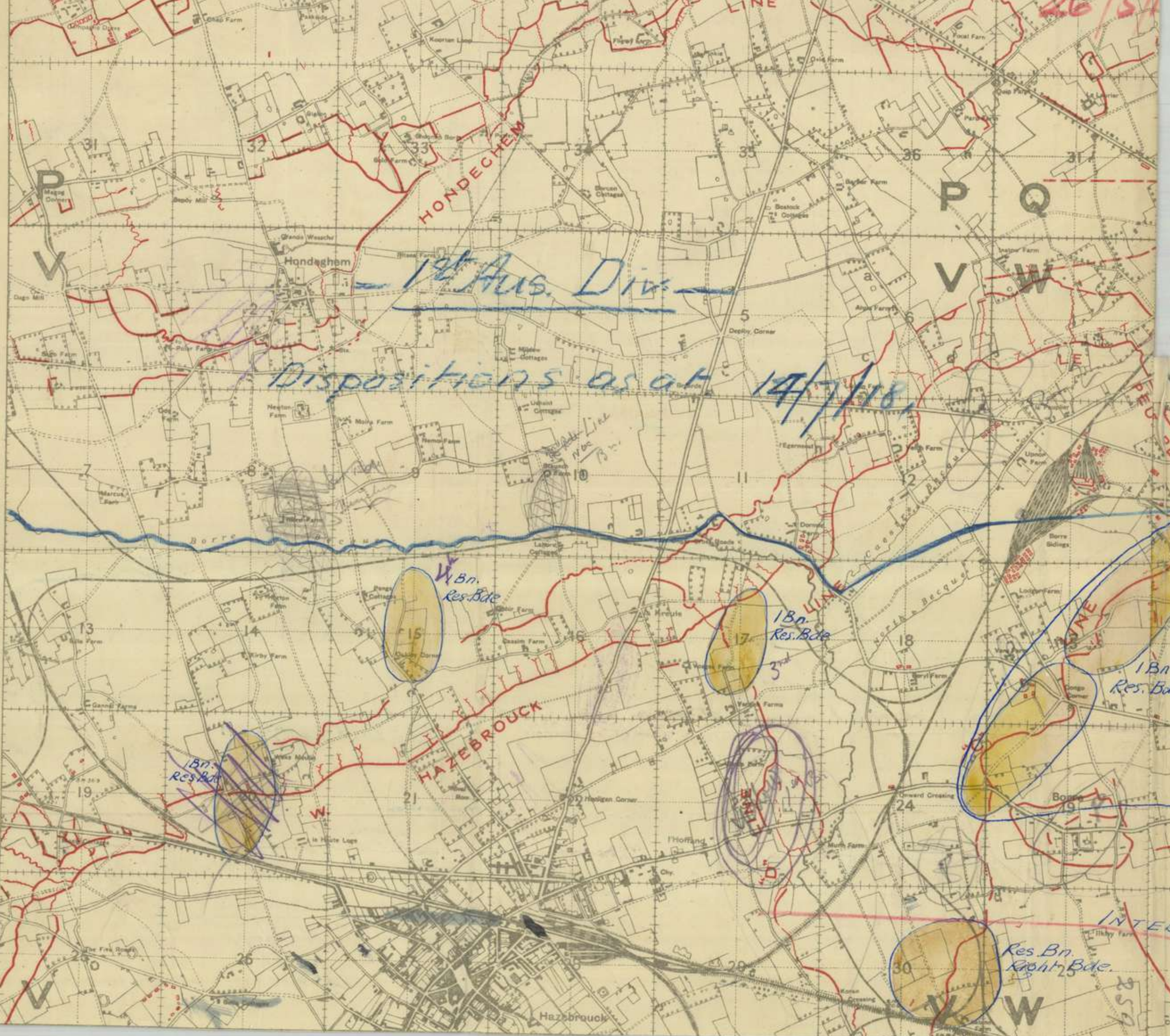


Elevation

Side Elevation

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 102.

Brigade Headquarters,
7th. July, 1918.

REFERENCE MAP SHEET 27, S.E. 1/20,000.

1. The 4th. Aust. Battalion, in conjunction with the 6th. Aust. Battalion on the left, will advance the front line to the line E.6.D.7.5.-F.1.C.1.9.-F.1.A.2.2., and there consolidate.
2. Zero night and hour will be notified separately.
3. The 1st. L.T.M. Battery is placed at the disposal of the Battalion for the operation. Such Artillery support as is required will be arranged for direct through the F.A. liaison at Battalion Headquarters.
4. Commanding Officer, 4th. Aust. Battalion, will submit a copy of his orders as soon as possible.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Andersson
Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at *7pm*

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| | 2-4. | War Diary. |
| | 5. | G.O.C. |
| | 6. | Brigade Major. |
| | 7. | Staff Captain. |
| | 8. | Signal Officer. |
| | 9. | 1st. Aust. Division, "G". |
| | 10. | 1st. Aust. Division, "Q". |
| | 11. | 1st. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 12. | 2nd. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 13. | 3rd. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 14. | 4th. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 15. | 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty. |
| | 16. | Nucleus Battalion. |
| | 17. | 1st. Aust. M.G. Battalion. |
| | 18. | 3rd. Aust. M.G. Company. |
| | 19. | 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| | 20. | 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| | 21. | 92nd. Infantry Brigade. |
| | 22. | 1st. Field Coy., A.E. |



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HEAD QUARTERS
Q/4899
8 JUL 1918
AUST. INF. BRIGADE

HEAD QUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,
8th JULY, 1918.

1st Australian Division.

GENERAL STAFF
Date 8.7.18
1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Permission is asked to carry out operation on
night of 9th/10th instant in conjunction with 1st Aust. Infantry
Brigade with the object of seizing the enemy positions and thus
denying him the high ground in F.L.A.

Plan of proposed operation forwarded herewith.

Map a reply be given as early as possible please?

As Kraus Brig-General,
Commanding 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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HEADQUARTERS
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade
8th July 1918

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1. On the night 9th/10th July, the 6th Battalion will attack and capture the enemy's positions on the line approximately F.1.A.50.40. - F.1.A.83.45. - F.1.A.99.58. - X.25.D.20.00.
The 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade will co-operate on the Right, the inter-Brigade boundary for the operation being the road (inclusive to the 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde) running from E.6.B.8.6. to F.1.B.6.1.
2. Weather conditions being favourable, the operation detailed in Brigade Order No 111 will take place on the same date and at the same hour.
3. Prior to ZERO hour, the troops detailed to carry out the Operation (one Company) will be formed up on the line of our present front line posts. At ZERO hour they will move out as close under the barrage as possible. At ZERO plus 2 minutes on the barrage lifting will move forward under it. On it again lifting at ZERO plus 4 minutes, the objectives will be rushed and captured.
4. On the capture of the Objectives, posts will be established on the General line laid down in para 1 above, special attention being paid to the siting of same in order to deny the enemy the high ground. A joint post with the 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade will be established at approximately F.1.A.5.4.
Wiring will be commenced immediately, patrols with Lewis guns being pushed out to cover this work and to investigate the Cross roads at F.1.A.8.3.
5. The 12th Army Brigade A.F.A. will assist in the Operation as under:-
 - (a) From ZERO to ZERO plus 2 minutes, -18 pncrs. will barrage the line F.1.A.35.45 - F.1.A.65.58 - F.1.A.85.60. - X.25.D.0.0.
From ZERO plus 2 minutes to ZERO plus 4 minutes, the line F.1.A.50.37. - F.1.A.83.45 - F.1.A.99.58. - X.25.D.21.
From ZERO plus 4 minutes to ZERO plus 30 minutes the line F.1.C.60.95. - F.1.C.82.90. - F.1.B.45.05. - F.1.B.95.50.
 - (b) 4.5" Hows. will fire as under :-
1 How. on F.1.A.5.4. from ZERO to ZERO plus 2 minutes and from ZERO plus 2 minutes to ZERO plus 30 minutes on F.1.C.37.90.
1 How. on F.1.A.8.3. from ZERO to ZERO plus 2 minutes and from ZERO plus 2 minutes to ZERO plus 30 minutes on F.1.D.45.90.
1 How. on F.1.B.23.72. from ZERO to ZERO plus 2 minutes and from ZERO plus 2 minutes to ZERO plus 30 minutes on line F.1.D.45.90. - F.1.B.8.3.
1 How. on X.25.D.45.25. from ZERO to ZERO plus 2 minutes and from ZERO plus 2 minutes to ZERO plus 30 minutes on line F.1.D.45.90. - F.1.B.8.3.
2 Hows. from ZERO to ZERO plus 30 minutes on line F.1.D.45.90. - F.1.B.8.3.
6. The 6" Mortars will fire throughout the Operation on the buildings in the vicinity of GERBEDOWN FARM.

7. The 2nd A L.T.M.Bty. will assist in the Operation as under :-

From ZERO to ZERO plus 2 minutes one gun on F.l.A.6.6. -
 " " " F.l.A.9.5.
 " " " F.l.A.7.5.
 " " " F.l.A.95.82.
 " " " F.l.A.52.40.
 " " " F.l.B.23.70.

From ZERO plus 2 to ZERO plus 7 one gun on F.l. Central
 " " " F.l.A.7.1.
 " " " F.l.B.2.3.
 " " " F.l.A.8.0.
 " " " X.25.D.50.12. -
 " " " Y.25.D.5.3.

Rapid fire will be maintained throughout.

- 8. Prisoners will be sent direct to Brigade Headquarters for Interrogation.
- 9. Watches will be synchronised from Brigade Headquarters at 4 pm., and 8 pm. on the 9th instant.
- 10. ZERO hour will be 11.30 pm.
- 11. A c k n o w l e d g e.

M. F. Carter
 Captain
 Brigade Major
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

| Copy No | To whom | Time | Method |
|---------|------------------------|-------|--------|
| 1 | Filo | 8 pm. | |
| 2/4 | War Diary | " | |
| 5 | 5th Battalion | " | D.R. |
| 6 | 6th do | " | " |
| 7 | 7th do | " | " |
| 8 | 8th do | " | " |
| 9 | 2nd A L.T.M.Bty. | " | " |
| 10 | 1st Aust. Division | " | " |
| 11 | 1st Aust. Div. Arty. | " | " |
| 12 | 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. | " | " |
| 13 | 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. | " | " |
| 14 | 5th. African Brigade | " | " |
| 15 | 1st Aust. M.G. Bn. | " | " |
| 16 | 2nd Aust M.G. Coy. | " | " |
| 17 | 2nd Field Coy. A.E. | " | " |
| 18 | 1st Aust. Pioneer Bn. | " | " |
| 19 | No 2 Coy. Special R.E. | " | " |
| 20 | 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade | " | " |
| 21 | 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. | " | " |
| 22 | Brigade Major | " | " |
| 23 | Staff Captain | " | " |
| 24 | Bde. Int. Officer | " | " |
| 25-30 | Spares | " | " |



ADDENDA TO

1ST AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 102.

Brigade Headquarters,
8th. July, 1918.

1. A map issued herewith sets out :-
 - (a) The Jumping-off line,
 - (b) The initial barrage which will dwell for two minutes.
 - (c) The first lift which is on to the objective line.
 - (d) The objective line and the approximate position of the posts which will be established.
 - (e) The second lift of the barrage to where it dwells until Zero plus 30 for protective purposes.
 - (f) Trench Mortar targets from Zero to Zero plus 4 and subsequent to Zero plus 4.
 - (g) Targets for 4.5 Hows. from Zero to Zero plus 4 and subsequently.
2. Assaulting troops will form up in shell holes on and behind the jumping-off line and at Zero will close on the barrage. Troops destined to garrison the present front line posts will be sheltered behind the assaulting troops and moved into these posts after Zero at the discretion of the Company Commander.
3. A slight alteration in the Northern boundary will take place - the East and West road in F.l.A., (inclusive to the 2nd. Brigade) will form the new boundary. The 8th. Battalion will advance and establish their right post in the Farm F.l.A. 55.40. Definite contact with this post will be established by the 4th. Battalion.
5. Progress reports as to the preparations for the attack will be submitted by the C.O., 4th. Aust. Battalion, and O.C., 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Battery by special runner at 8 p.m. on the night 9th/10th. instant.
6. The operation will take place on the night 9th/10th. instant - Zero hour will be 11.30 p.m.
7. Watches will be synchronised with Brigade Signals at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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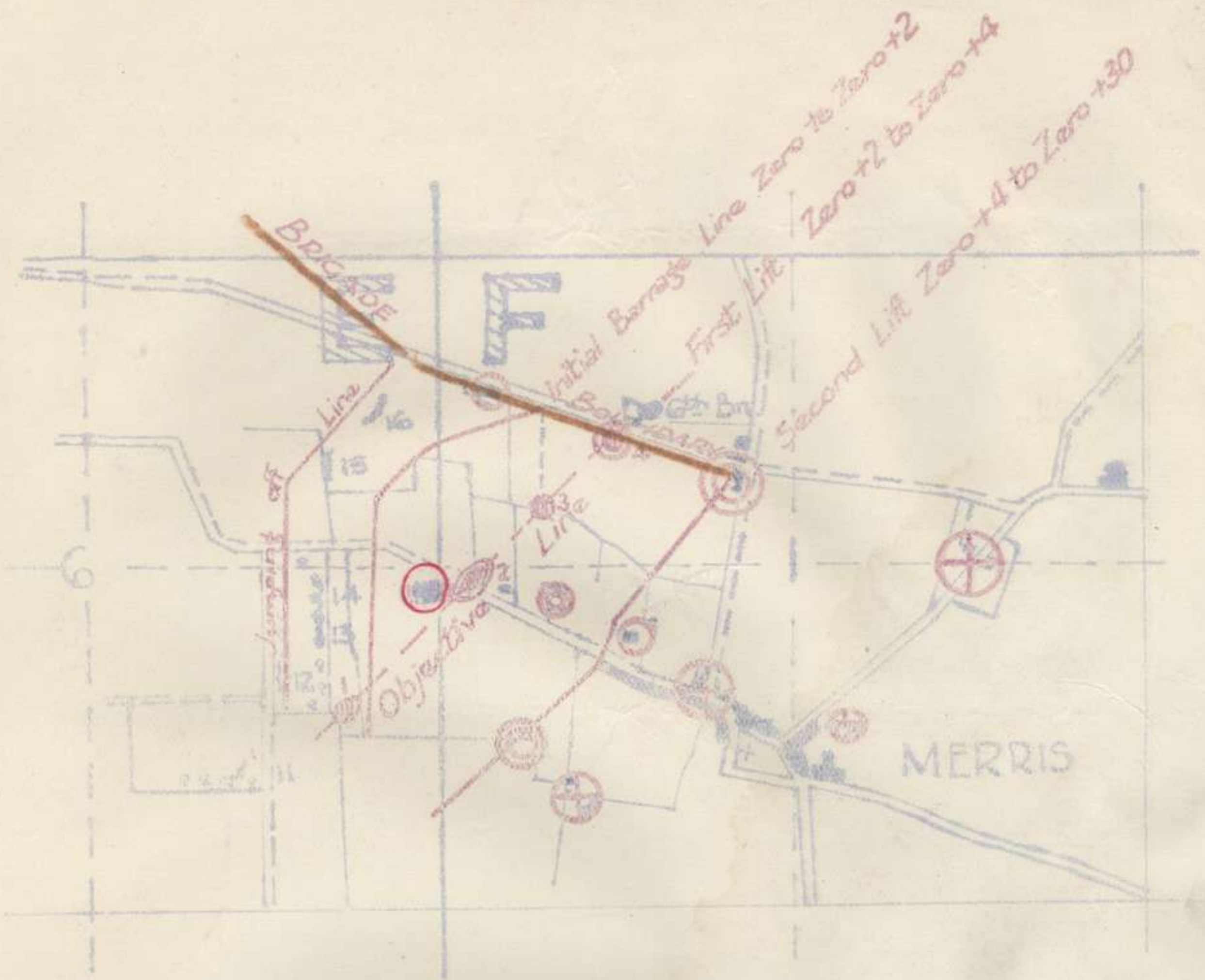
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| Trench Mortar Targets | Zero to Zero + 2 | ○ |
| do | do + 4 | ⊕ |
| do | Zero + 2 to Zero + 4 | ⊗ |
| How. Targets | Zero to Zero + 4 | ⊙ |
| T.M. Targets | Zero + 4 to Zero + 15 | ⊕ |
| How. Targets | Zero + 4 to Zero + 30 | ⊗ |
| New posts to be in | | ⊕ |

Rates of fire

Zero to Zero + 4 18 pdrs. Hows. 4 rds per gun. per min
 LT.Ms. best rate.
 Zero + 4 to Zero + 30 Guns & T.Ms. - a gradually
 decreasing rate.

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1st. Aust. Div Arty. Operation Order No 54
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- (a) On the night 9th/10th. July the 4th. and 6th. Battalions are attacking and capturing the enemy's positions on the approximate line shown in Red on the attached diagram.
Battalions
- (b) The boundary between the Battalions will be the road running from E.B.B.8.6 to F.L.B.6.1.

2. The 1st. Aust F.A. Brigade and the 12th. Aust Army F.A. Brigade will assist as shown on the attached diagram.

3. Lanes are allotted as follows:-

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| Lane. A. | 3-18pdr. Batteries | 1st. Aust F.A. Brigade. |
| Lane. B. | 3-18pdr. Batteries | 12th. Aust Army F.A. Bde. |

4. Tasks for 4.5" Hows will be as follows:-

101st. Battery.

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| <u>Zero to Zero plus 4</u> | <u>Zero plus 4 to plus 30.</u> |
| 1 How. F.L.C.00.47 | 1 How. F.L.C.40.35 |
| 1 How. F.L.C.32.87 | 2 Hows F.L.C.80.82 to |
| 1 How. F.L.C.25.50 | F.L.C.78.75 |
| 1 How. F.L.C.55.80 | 1 How. F.L.D.25.52 |
| 1 How. F.L.A.85.28 (Not to use 106 Fuze) | 1 How. F.L.B.55.00 |

112th. Battery.

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|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>Zero to Zero plus 2.</u> | <u>Zero plus 2 to plus 30</u> |
| 1 How. F.L.A.5.4 (Not to use 106 Fuze) | 1 How. F.L.C.87.90 |
| 1 How. F.L.A.8.3 (Not to use 106 Fuze) | 1 How. F.L.D.45.90 |
| 1 How. F.L.B.23.72 | 4 Hows. F.L.D.45.90 - |
| 1 How. X.25.D.45.25 | -F.L.B.8.3 |
| 2 Hows. F.L.D.45.90 - | |
| -F.L.B.8.3 | |

5. RATES OF FIRE.

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|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Zero to plus 4. | 4 rds. p.g.p.m. | 4.5" Hows. |
| plus 4 to plus 20 | 3 rds. p.g.p.m. | 3 rds.p.g.p.m. |
| plus 20 to plus 30 | 2 rds.p.g.p.m. | 2 rds.p.g.p.m. |
| plus 30 | STOP | 1 rd. p.g.p.m. |
| | | FIRING. |

6. AMMUNITION.

50% Shrapnel. 50% H.E. 106 Fuze.
To be fired by alternate guns.

7. Throughout the operation M.T.M's will fire on buildings in the vicinity of FME GERBEDOEN.

8. Watches will be synchronized at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.
1st. Aust F.A. Brigade will synchronize with H.Q. 1st. Aust Inf Bde
12th. Aust Army F.A. Bde will synchronize with H.Q. 2nd. Aust Inf Bde

9. ZERO Hour will be 11-30 p.m. 9th. July.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major.
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| 51st. Divnl. Artillery. | " " 14. |
| C. R. A. | " " 15. |
| Staff Captain. | " " 16. |
| Signal Officer. | " " 17. |
| Reconnaissance Officer | " " 18. |
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4.5" Hows.
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1. Reference barrage lines on attached diagram.
Guns firing H.E. will fire on these lines.
Guns firing Shrapnel will add, :-
Where range is below 4000 yards. 75 yards.
Where range is above 4000 yards. 50 yards.

This will bring the Mean Point of Burst above the M.P.I. of the H.E.barrage.

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

M. Strong ^{Lieut} Major.
Brigade-Major. 1st. Aust Div Arty.

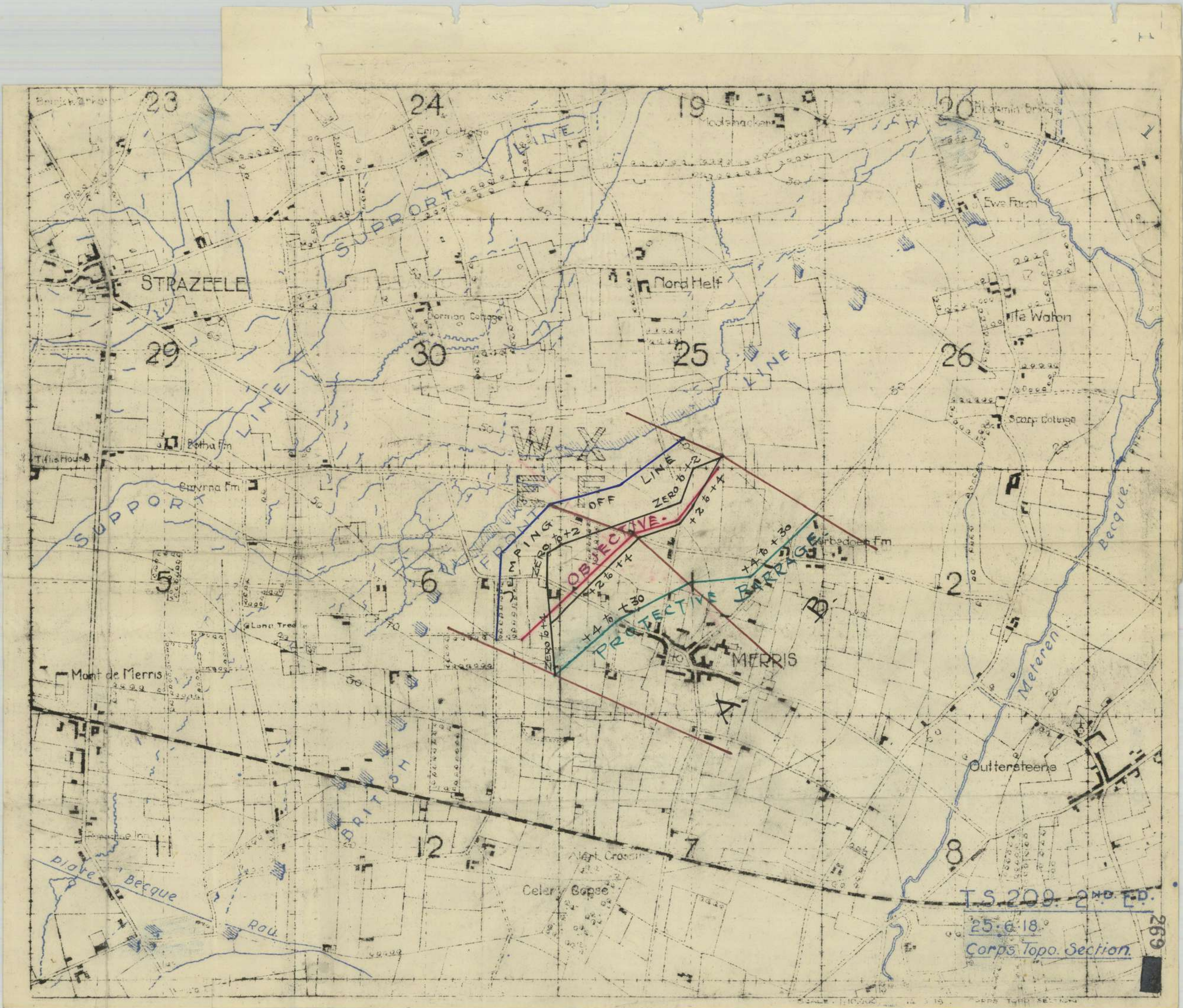
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