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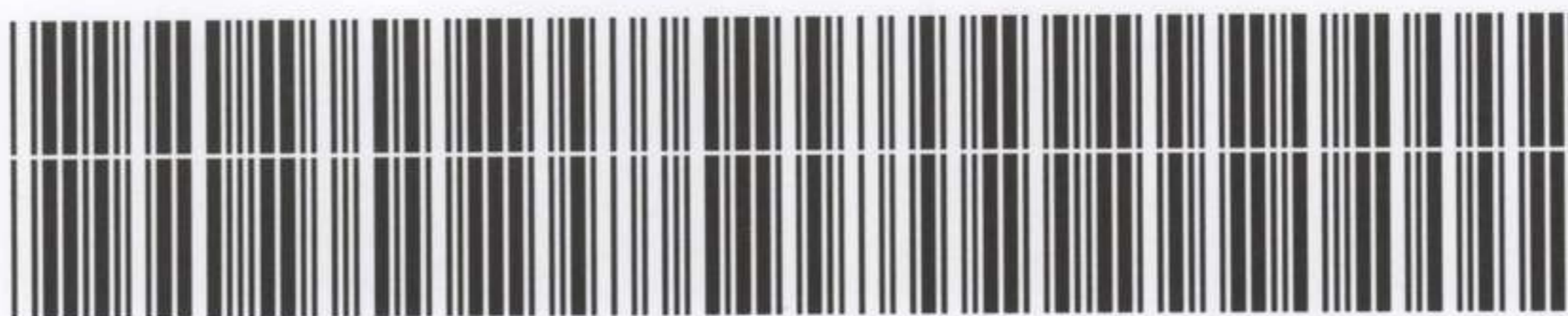
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Headquarters,

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. (26)

25th September, 1917.

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In accordance with your G. 164/61 of 22nd instant the following narrative is submitted :-

Order of Battle. 1. The attack will be launched by the 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade on Right and 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade on Left, on frontages as per attached map. 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade will form Div. Reserve with H.Q. at BIRR CROSS Roads.

4th Aus. Inf. Bde: 13th Battalion, C.O. Major D.G. MARKS, M.C.
Brigadier-General Brigade Reserve at ANZAC RIDGE.
C.H. BRAND,
C.M.G., D.S.O.

14th Battalion, C.O. Lt. Col. W. J. SMITH -
attacking BLUE Line (Left).

15th Battalion, C.O. Lt. Col. T. P.
McSHARRY, attacking BLUE Line (Right).

16th Battalion, C.O. Major R. HARWOOD -
attacking RED Line.

13th Aus. Inf. Bde: 49th Battalion, C.O. Lt. Col. J. S. DENTON,
D.S.O. - attacking BLUE Line (Right).

Brigadier-General
T. W. GLASGOW,
C.M.G., D.S.O. 50th Battalion, C.O. Major N. M. LOUITT,
D.S.O. - attacking RED Line

51st Battalion, C.O. Major ^{R. Christie} ~~A. H. ROWE~~ -
attacking BLUE Line (Left).

52nd Battalion, C.O. Lt. Col. J. L.
WHITHAM, C.M.G. - Brigade Reserve at
ANZAC RIDGE.

12th Aus. Inf. Bde: 45th Battalion, C.O. Major A. S. ALLEN -
Brigadier-General WESTHOEK RIDGE.

C. ROBERTSON,
C.M.G., D.S.O. 46th Battalion, C.O. Major H. C. FORD -
CHINA WALL.

47th Battalion, C.O. Lt. Col. A. P. IMLAY,
D.S.O., - YPRES.

48th Battalion, C.O. Lt. Col. R. L. LEANE,
D.S.O. - CANAL AREA.

2. Dispositions of Brigades, Artillery Groups and Brigades at Zero hour on Attack Day are shown on attached Map.

3. The attack will be carried out by the 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade and 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade simultaneously at Zero hour, each employing one Battalion to capture RED objective, and two Battalions for BLUE objective, with one Battalion in Reserve. They will co-operate with flank Divisions throughout the operations.

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The boundaries and objectives are marked on attached map. The 4th Aus. Inf. Brigade will be responsible for direction, and arrangements for guiding by compass have also been provided for in the event of foggy weather prevailing.

The attacking troops will be formed up in position ready to advance prior to Zero and will move forward close up under the barrage. Provision has been made for the mopping up of the area as the attack progresses.

When the final protective barrage closes at plus 327, patrols properly supported will be pushed forward along the Div. front, and tactical points within 200 to 250 yards found unoccupied will be held and consolidated.

The whole of the Vickers Machine Guns will be employed. The two attacking Brigades will each have 8 guns at their disposal which will be mobile and will act as close support to advancing Infantry and assist in repelling counter-attacks. The remainder will carry out barrage work assisted by 8 guns of 6th Aus. Machine Gun Company under the D.M.G.O. These are again divided, 32 being employed on S.O.S. lines and 24 carrying out a creeping barrage, later being available to put deep flanking zones of fire in front of neighbouring Divs.

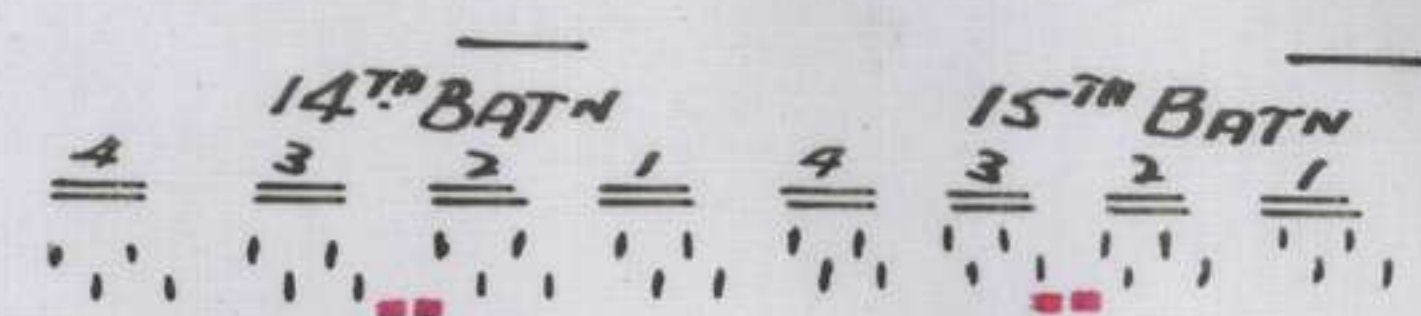
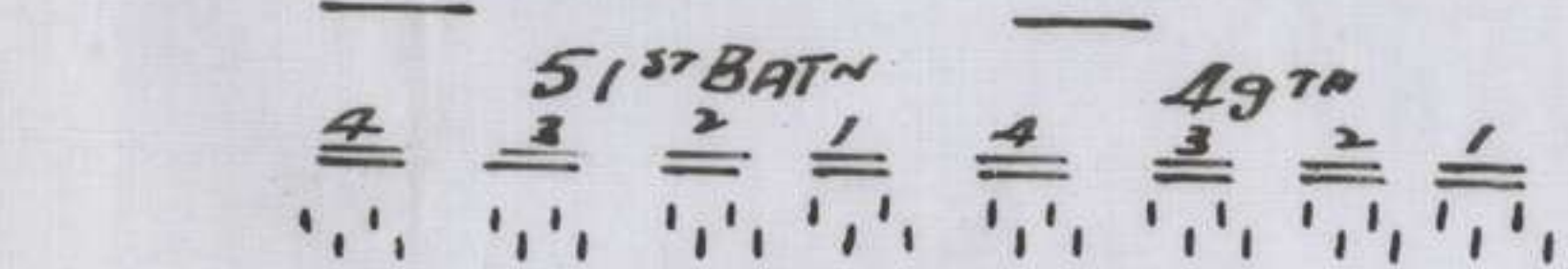
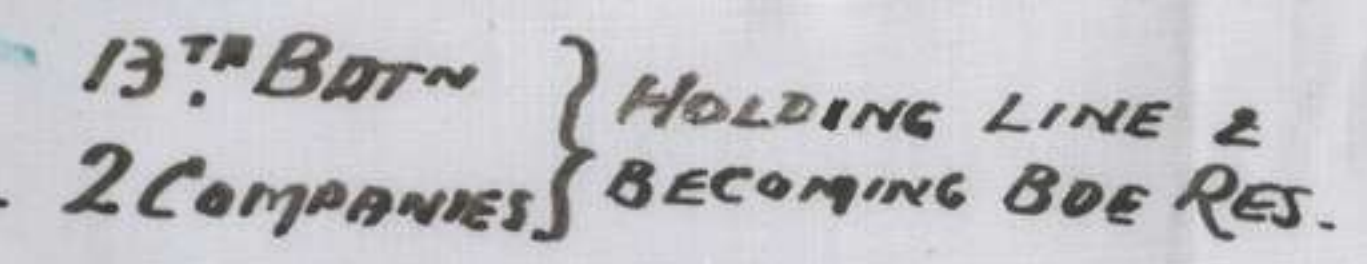
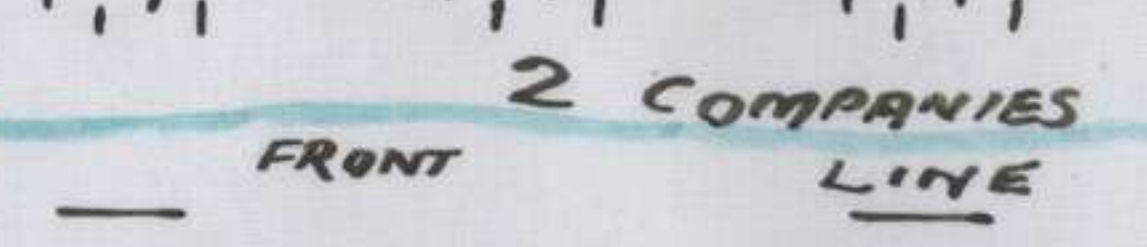
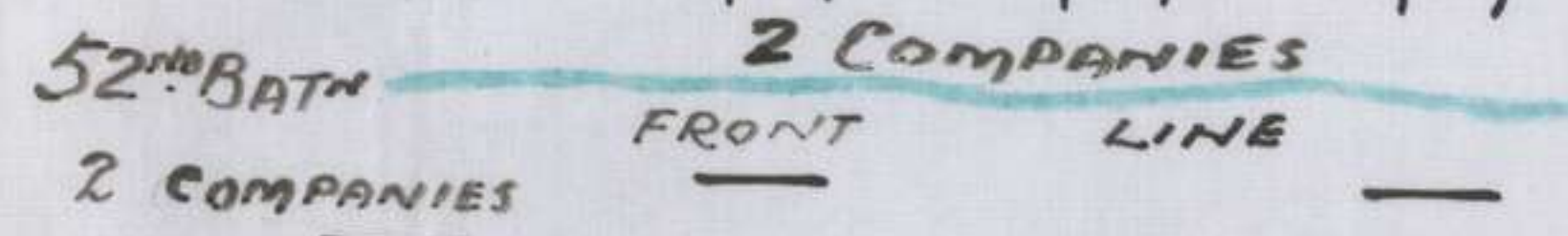
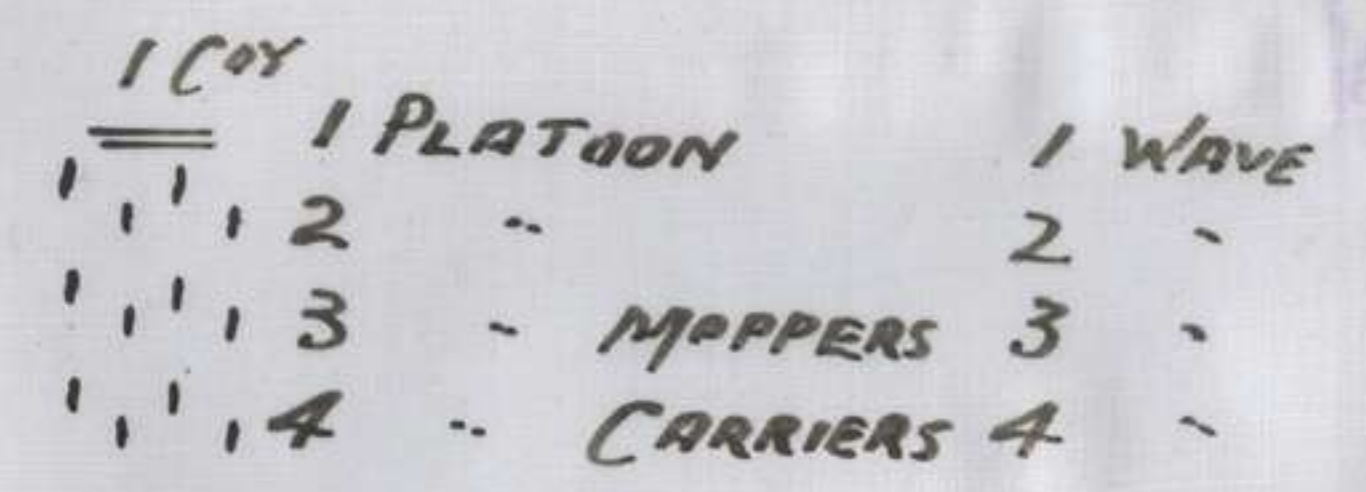
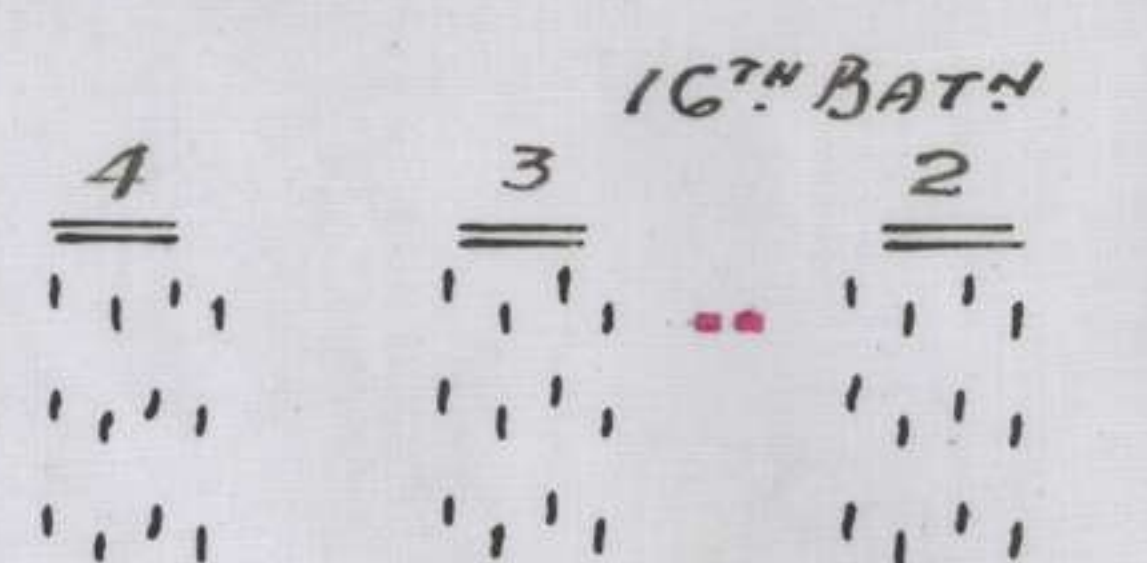
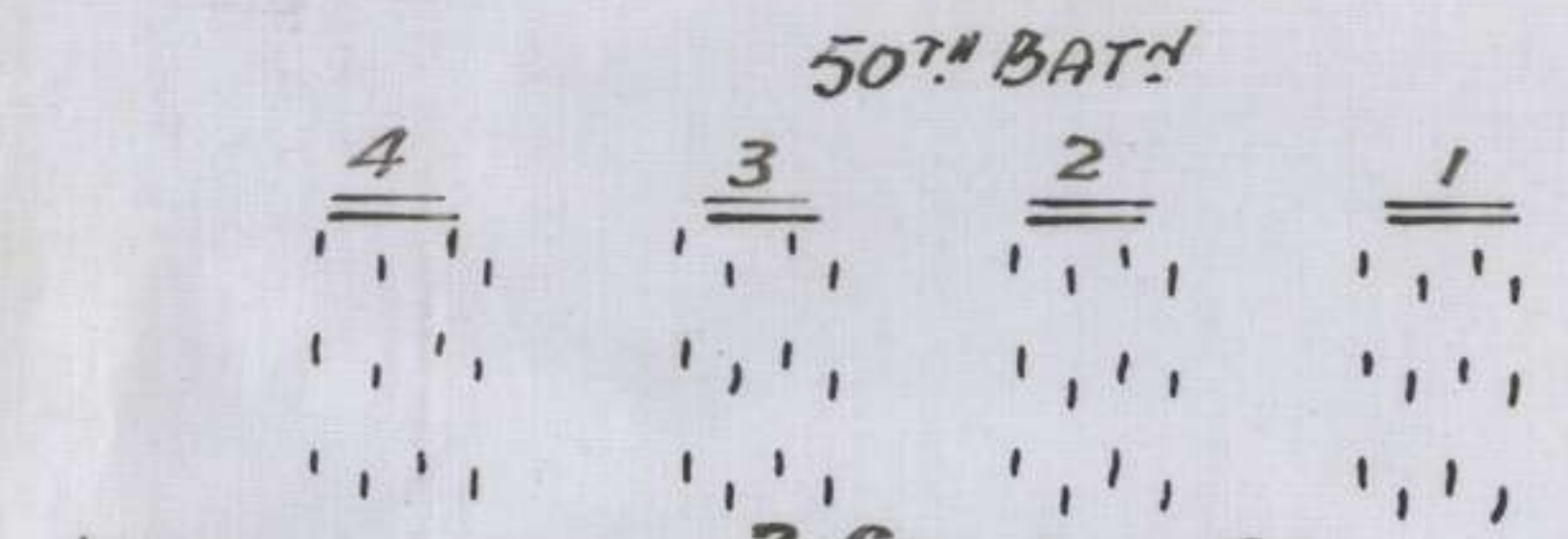
The closest liaison will be maintained with Units on the Right (14th Aus. Infantry Brigade) and Left (76th Brigade), arrangements also being made to send small parties forward with their flanks and for them to do likewise with our Brigades.

Maps have been issued to Officers showing the times of lifts of Artillery barrage during the advance.

The barrage will be placed 150 yards in advance of J.O. place at Zero, and will commence to move 3 minutes later at rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes for 200 yards, thereafter at 100 yards in 6 minutes, pausing on 7th lift for an extra 6 minutes. At plus 100 the barrage will move forward from RED Line at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes up to BLUE Line when a protective barrage will be formed 200 yards in front of it, and a special programme of searching barrages forward will be carried out.

(Sgd) E. M. Moran MacFarlane
Brigadier-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

BARRAGE LINES



70 yds
150 yds.
about 350 yds.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 80

Headquarters,

25th September 1917.

Reference Map 1/10,000
5.50 AM

1. (a) On "K" day at an hour to be notified later, the I ANZAC Corps in conjunction with the Corps on its right and left, will continue the operations against the PASHENDAELE Ridge.
(b) The objectives and boundaries of the Divisions of I ANZAC are as shown on Secret Map 3 D. issued with Preliminary Instructions No. 2 (also see Appendix 'A' attached).
(c) The 14th Aus. Infantry Brigade, 5th Aus. Division, is attacking on the right and the 76th Infantry Brigade, 3rd Division, on the left.
2. (a) The attack of the 4th Aus. Division will be carried out by the 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade on the right and the 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade on the left.
(b) The left of the 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade will direct, and G.O.C. 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade will arrange for an Officer to be specially told off to keep the direction. In addition to the above in the case of mist or fog one Officer and one O.R. in the centre of each Battalion will be prepared to lead by compass.
3. The closest liaison will be maintained with Units on the Right and Left, and Brigades will arrange to send a small party forward with the Brigades on their flanks and for flank Brigades to do the same with them.
4. (a) Artillery barrage Maps have been issued to all Officers.
(b) Infantry Brigade Commanders will see that the Jumping Off Line as shown on barrage map is adhered to, as the barrage will be placed 150 yards in advance of it.
(c) The barrage will advance at Zero plus 3 minutes at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes for 200 yards. Thereafter at 100 yards in 6 minutes, but on the 7th lift it will pause for 6 minutes extra.
(d) The protective barrage will move forward from in front of the RED Line at "plus 100 minutes". Thence to the BLUE Line the rate will be 100 yards in 8 minutes.
5. (a) On arrival at the BLUE Line a protective barrage will be put down 200 yards in advance of it and a special programme of searching barrages forward will be carried out.
(b) Certain Units of Heavy Artillery have been detailed as a back barrage to deal with enemy counter-attacks.
(c) Posts will be pushed out to a distance of about 100 yards in advance of the line that is being consolidated.
(d) When the final protective barrage ceases at 0 plus 327 minutes patrols properly supported will be pushed forward all along the Corps front. Tactical points within 200-250 yards found unoccupied will be occupied and consolidated. S.O.S. barrage lines will be adjusted accordingly by the Division.

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- 6. Definite parties to cover consolidation must be told off prior to the attack.
- 7. In the event of attack by hostile aircraft during the advance certain Lewis Guns must be ready to engage them.
- 8. The 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade will be Divisional Reserve and will be disposed as stated in Preliminary Instructions No. 2.
- 9. Machine Gun Instructions have been issued separately. The Machine Gun barrage will commence at Zero plus 7.
- 10. Special Instructions regarding employment of P.E. and Pioneers have been issued.
- 11. (a) All troops will be in position one hour before Zero.
 (b) A plan allotting tracks to the 4th and 13th Aus. Infantry Brigades as far as WESTHOEK Ridge, has been issued.
 (c) G.O.C. 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade will make special arrangements with G.O.C. 4th and 13th Aus. Infantry Brigades to ensure that no Unit of the 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade moves forward until the other Brigades are clear.
- 12. Officer Commanding the Troop 13th A.L.H. attached to Division will report at Divisional H.Q. at 6 P.M. "L" day. This Troop will be available for communication between Brigade Headquarters and the attacking troops.
- 13. (a) A contact patrol distinguished by a black streamer on near edge of left wing will fly over the front from Zero till the final objective is reached.
 (b) Red Flares will be lit by leading troops 20 minutes after reaching each objective, at which time a contact aeroplane will call for them by Klaxon Horn or firing a white Very Light.
 (c) In addition Infantry will light flares whenever an aeroplane calls for them.
- 14. As an alternative means of communication a Wireless Tank will be near J.S.d.9.C. at Zero plus 2½ hours.
- 15. Engineer, Medical, Signalling and Administrative Instructions have been issued separately.
- 16. An Officer from Divisional H.Q. will visit Brigade Headquarters to synchronize watches on the morning and evening of the day prior to the attack.
- 17. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E.K. Bernard.

Lieut-Colonel.
G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 6 A.M.

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| No. 21) | 1st ANZAC | No. 25 | Div. H.G.O. | (b) |
| 22) | Troop 13th A.L.H. | 26 | 4th Squadron, R.F.C. | |
| 23 | O.C. Left Double | 27 | 5th A's Div. | |
| 24 | Bombardment Group. | 28 | 3rd Cav. Co. | |
| | | 29 | 2nd A. Co. | |

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SECRET.APPENDIX TO DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 80.DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES.Southern Boundary

J.8.c.5.5. - J.8.d.2.8. - J.8.d.3.9. - J.9.a.55.30
 (inclusive) - J.9.b.27.53. - J.9.b.25.78. - J.4.c.45.23. -
 J.4.d.48.63.

Northern Boundary.

A line drawn from J.3.a.25.80. to D.28.a.6.4.

CORPS OBJECTIVES.RED LINE.

J.10.c.3.0. - J.10.c.55.43. - J.10.a.55.00. - J.10.a.78.43.
 - J.4.c.72.00. - J.4.c.78.70. - in front of JABBER HOUSE -
 D.28.c.00.00. - D.27.d.95.45. - D.27.d.75.83.

BLUE Line.

J.10.d.3.0. - J.10.d.07.45. - J.10.d.07.70. - J.10.b.30.15. -
 J.10.b.30.65. - J.4.d.4.0. - J.4.b.5.0. - D.28.d.00.00 -
 D.28.c.5.6. - D.28.a.20.15.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	Reference Map 1/40,000	Remarks.
<u>Divisional Headquarters.</u>	Adv. 38 H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
" "	Rear G. 28. a. 9. 1.	HORSE SHOE CAMP.
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	Adv. J. 7. d. 9. 8.	WESTHOEK.
" "	Rear I. 12. o. 2. 8.	BULLEWAARD.
13th Battalion.	J. 8. b. 95. 50.	HANE BEEK VALLEY.
14th Battalion.	I. 16. a.	CHINA WALL.
15th Battalion.	I. 8. d.	YPRES RAMPARTS.
16th Battalion.	J. 7. d. 9. 9.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.	J. 7. d. 9. 8.	" "
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.	J. 7. d. 9. 8.	" "
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	H. 23. b. 8. 6.	
45th Battalion.	H. 17. d. 7. 2.	
46th Battalion.	H. 24. a. 30. 95.	
47th Battalion.	H. 22. c. (cent)	
48th Battalion.	H. 23. b. 6. 9.	
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.	H. 23. b. 3. 5.	
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.	H. 23. b. Cent.	
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	J. 1. d. 75. 10.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
49th Battalion.	I. 13. a. 7. 3.	CANAL.
50th Battalion.	J. 7. b. 7. 9.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
51st Battalion.	ESPLANADE SAP. YPRES.	
52nd Battalion.	J. 3. a. 5. 5.	GARTER POINT.
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.	J. 8. a. 1. 8.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
13th Aus. A.L.T.M. Bty.	J. 8. a. 1. 8.	
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
10th A.F.A. Bde.	I. 14. b. 15. 50.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.	G. 24. b. 60. 70.	
Div. T.M. Officer.	G. 28. b.	SCOTTISH LINES.
Div. Ammunition Col.	G. 20. b. 10. 10.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
4th Aus. Field Coy.	J. 7. central.	
12th Aus. Field Coy.	H. 24. a. 1. 8.	
13th Aus. Field Coy.	H. 24. a. 1. 1.	
4th Aus. Div. Signal Coy.	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
24th Aus. M.G. Coy.	H. 23. b. 7. 6.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
4th Aus. Pioneer Battn.	H. 18. c. 0. 5.	
<u>Div. Train H.Q.</u>	G. 26. d. 0. 2.)	HOOGRAAF.
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.	G. 26. d.	
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.	G. 26. d.	
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.	G. 26. d.	
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.	G. 26. d.)	
Supply Column.	27 STEENVOORDE.	
Railhead.	28 DICKEBUSCH	
Pack Transport Troop.	H. 21. d. 4. 8.	

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A. D. M. S.	H. 27. c. 2. 9.	CORPS MAIN DRESSING Stn.
4th Aus. Field Amb.	H. 24. a. 5. 8.	
12th Aus. Field Amb.	G. 21. c. 5. 8.	
13th Aus. Field Amb.	H. 27. c. 2. 9.	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Section.	G. 28. d. 5. 1.	
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.	H. 13. d. 1. 1.	
Reinforcement Camp.	CAESTRE.	
A. P. M.	H. 18. d.	KRUISSTRAAT.

L. Longstaff

Brigadier-General,

Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

8. a. m., 25th Sept., 1917.

WESTERN RIDGE	1. 1. 1. 1.	1st Battalion
CANAL	1. 1. 1. 1.	2nd Battalion
WESTERN RIDGE	1. 1. 1. 1.	3rd Battalion
EMERSONS BAY	1. 1. 1. 1.	4th Battalion
GARTRE POINT	1. 1. 1. 1.	5th Battalion
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For Official Use Only4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 173From 6 A.M. 24th Sept. to 6 A.M. 25th Sept. 1917Not to be taken into the Front LineOPERATIONS

Artillery From 5.30 A.M. to 6.30 A.M. on 24th our artillery fired a practice barrage. The actual bursts could not be observed on account of the fog. Roads and approaches were fired on during the day. 120 rounds were expended on wire cutting on JUBILEE TRENCH.

Patrols A patrol states that flares were fired from "PILL BOX" at J.3.d.3.8. Three of the enemy were shot down in front of this PILL BOX. The shots brought much movement and the patrol had to retire. Another patrol was sniped at from vicinity of PILL BOX at J.3.a.9.9. A M.G. was active in brick ruin at J.3.a.9.9. A second M.G. was active to the rear of this block-house. A small party of the enemy was seen here.

IDENTIFICATIONS

At 2 A.M. 3 of the enemy were captured by one of our patrols at J.3.b.2.2. (approx) The prisoners who belonged to the 49th R.I.R. were apparently coming in to give themselves up.

ENEMY SHELLING

During the period there was very little shelling forward of ANZAC RIDGE. WESTHOEK and BELLEWARDE Ridges were heavily shelled with 5.9s and 4.2s. The valley in J.7.a. and b. was continuously shelled from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY

Hostile aeroplanes were very active during the period. At 11 A.M. 12 planes circled over J.H.7. for half an hour. At 1.30 P.M. a plane dropped 12 bombs in J.12.d. From 2.30 P.M. to 5.30 P.M. three enemy planes patrolled our front line trenches and WESTHOEK Ridge.

m MOVEMENT

At 1.20 P.M. an enemy dump was exploded near ROMULUS WOOD. At 11.30 A.M. 3 Germans left near of TOKIO FARM and worked down shell holes to D.27.a.8.5.

Stanley Rogers Capt
for Lieut-Colonel
G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

<u>Divisional Headquarters</u>	Adv.	28.	H. 21.d. 6.2.	SMYTH CAMP.
"	Rear	"	G. 28.a. 9.1.	HORSE SHOE CAMP.
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	Adv.	"	J. 8.a. 1.8.	ANZAC RIDGE.
"	Rear	"	I. 12.c. 2.8.	BULLEWAARD.
13th Battalion.	"	"	J. 8.b. 7.2.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
14th Battalion.	"	"	J. 3.b. 3.4.	ANZAC RIDGE.
15th Battalion.	"	"	J. 4.c. 2.3.	CEMETERY
16th Battalion.	"	"	J. 4.c. 2.3.	"
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.	"	"	"	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	"	J. 3.c. 15.50.	ANZAC RIDGE.
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	"	"	I. 17.b.	BIRR CROSS ROADS.
45th Battalion.	"	"	J. 7.b. 7.9.	HANE BEEK VALLEY.
46th Battalion.	"	"	I. 16.a. cent.	CHINA WALL.
47th Battalion.	"	"	I. 7.d. 5.1.	RAHPARTS YPRES.
48th Battalion.	"	"	H. 23.b. 6.9	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.	"	"	"	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	"	H. 23.b. cent.	Near BELGIAN CHATEAU.
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	Adv.	"	J. 1.d. 75.10.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
"	Rear.	"	I. 12.c. 2.8.	BULLEWAARD.
49th Battalion.	"	"	J. 3.b. 5.9.	ALBANIA.
50th Battalion.	"	"	J. 3.b. 2.2.	ANZAC RIDGE.
51st Battalion.	"	"	J. 7.b. 75.90.	HANE BEEK VALLEY.
52nd Battalion.	"	"	D. 27.d. 7.8.	TOKIO.
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.	"	"	J. 1.d. 75.10.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	"	J. 1.d. 75.10.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>	"	"	H. 21.d. 6.2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
10th A.F.A. Bde.	"	"	I. 14.b. 15.50.	"
11th A.F.A. Bde.	"	"	G. 24.b. 60.70.	"
Div. T.M. Officer.	"	"	G. 28.b.	SCOTTISH LINES.
Div. Ammunition Cpl.	"	"	H. 16.d. 9.3.	"
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>	"	"	H. 21.d. 6.2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
4th Aus. Field Coy.	"	"	J. 7.central.	"
12th Aus. Field Coy.	"	"	I. 14.d. central.	"
13th Aus. Field Coy.	"	"	I. 14.b. 15.50.	"
4th Aus. Div. Signal Coy.	"	"	H. 21.d. 6.2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
24th Aus. M.G. Coy.	"	"	J. 8.a. 2.8.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
4th Aus. Pioneer Battn.	"	"	I. 13.c. 6.9.	KRUISSTRAAT.
<u>Div. Train H.Q.</u>	"	"	G. 26.c. 0.2.	HOOGRAAF.
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"	G. 26.d.	
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"	G. 26.d.	
26th Coy. A.A.S.E.	"	"	G. 26.d.	
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"	G. 26.d.	
Supply Column.	"	"	"	"
Railhead.	27.	"	STEENVOORDE.	"
Pack Transport Troop.	28.	"	DICKERUSCH.	"
"	"	"	H. 21.d. 4.8.	"

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
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Division of Units

A.D.M.S.	28.	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTH CAMP.
4th Aus. Field Amb.		H. 24. a. 5. 8.	
12th Aus. Field Amb.		G. 21. c. 5. 8.	
13th Aus. Field Amb.		H. 27. c. 2. 9.	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Section.		G. 28. d. 5. 1.	
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.		H. 16. d. 1. 1.	
Reinforcement Camp.		CAESTRE.	
A.P.M.		H. 18. d.	KRUBSSTRAAT.

11 p.m.,
26th. September 1917.

for L. Loring. Capt

Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

1st Bn. 1st Div.	1.1.1.1.	1st Bn. 1st Div.	1.1.1.1.
2nd Bn. 1st Div.	2.2.2.2.	2nd Bn. 1st Div.	2.2.2.2.
3rd Bn. 1st Div.	3.3.3.3.	3rd Bn. 1st Div.	3.3.3.3.
4th Bn. 1st Div.	4.4.4.4.	4th Bn. 1st Div.	4.4.4.4.
5th Bn. 1st Div.	5.5.5.5.	5th Bn. 1st Div.	5.5.5.5.
6th Bn. 1st Div.	6.6.6.6.	6th Bn. 1st Div.	6.6.6.6.
7th Bn. 1st Div.	7.7.7.7.	7th Bn. 1st Div.	7.7.7.7.
8th Bn. 1st Div.	8.8.8.8.	8th Bn. 1st Div.	8.8.8.8.
9th Bn. 1st Div.	9.9.9.9.	9th Bn. 1st Div.	9.9.9.9.
10th Bn. 1st Div.	10.10.10.10.	10th Bn. 1st Div.	10.10.10.10.
11th Bn. 1st Div.	11.11.11.11.	11th Bn. 1st Div.	11.11.11.11.
12th Bn. 1st Div.	12.12.12.12.	12th Bn. 1st Div.	12.12.12.12.
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15th Bn. 1st Div.	15.15.15.15.	15th Bn. 1st Div.	15.15.15.15.
16th Bn. 1st Div.	16.16.16.16.	16th Bn. 1st Div.	16.16.16.16.
17th Bn. 1st Div.	17.17.17.17.	17th Bn. 1st Div.	17.17.17.17.
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22nd Bn. 1st Div.	22.22.22.22.	22nd Bn. 1st Div.	22.22.22.22.
23rd Bn. 1st Div.	23.23.23.23.	23rd Bn. 1st Div.	23.23.23.23.
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25th Bn. 1st Div.	25.25.25.25.	25th Bn. 1st Div.	25.25.25.25.
26th Bn. 1st Div.	26.26.26.26.	26th Bn. 1st Div.	26.26.26.26.
27th Bn. 1st Div.	27.27.27.27.	27th Bn. 1st Div.	27.27.27.27.
28th Bn. 1st Div.	28.28.28.28.	28th Bn. 1st Div.	28.28.28.28.
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30th Bn. 1st Div.	30.30.30.30.	30th Bn. 1st Div.	30.30.30.30.
31st Bn. 1st Div.	31.31.31.31.	31st Bn. 1st Div.	31.31.31.31.
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92nd Bn. 1st Div.	92.92.92.92.	92nd Bn. 1st Div.	92.92.92.92.
93rd Bn. 1st Div.	93.93.93.93.	93rd Bn. 1st Div.	93.93.93.93.
94th Bn. 1st Div.	94.94.94.94.	94th Bn. 1st Div.	94.94.94.94.
95th Bn. 1st Div.	95.95.95.95.	95th Bn. 1st Div.	95.95.95.95.
96th Bn. 1st Div.	96.96.96.96.	96th Bn. 1st Div.	96.96.96.96.
97th Bn. 1st Div.	97.97.97.97.	97th Bn. 1st Div.	97.97.97.97.
98th Bn. 1st Div.	98.98.98.98.	98th Bn. 1st Div.	98.98.98.98.
99th Bn. 1st Div.	99.99.99.99.	99th Bn. 1st Div.	99.99.99.99.
100th Bn. 1st Div.	100.100.100.100.	100th Bn. 1st Div.	100.100.100.100.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 174.

From 6. a. m. 26th September to 6. a. m. 27th September, 1917.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

Our Operations.

Artillery. At 3.25. p.m. and 6. p.m. the S.O.S. was sent up and the artillery response was quick and effective as no enemy troops reached our lines. They appeared to suffer very heavy casualties. Throughout the day our artillery was active on live targets with good results.

Patrols. Strong patrols worked well out in front of the BLUE LINE. One prisoner was captured by a patrol of the Right Brigade.

Aircraft. Our planes were very active during the day.

Identifications.

1 prisoner of 4th Company 456 I.R. was captured on Right Brigade Front.

Enemy shelling.

Hostile shelling was active throughout the whole day but was scattered over the whole of the Sector. From 6.38. p.m. to 7. p.m. a heavy barrage was placed on the front system. 4 H.V. guns were active on the back areas during the day. CHATEAU WOOD was consistently shelled throughout the period by an 8" howitzer. I.12. b. and d. was shelled by a 5.9 battery at frequent intervals. J.1. and J.7. and WESTHOEK RIDGE were shelled by a 4.2" battery from 7.10. p.m.. The majority of the enemy guns appeared to be firing at long ranges.

Enemy Defences.

Snipers. Enemy snipers were very active and caused a few casualties to our consolidating parties.

Trench mortars. Two heavy Minnenwerfers were active at U.4. b. 9.7.. 77's. Two 77's have been located at D.28. b. 9.9.

Hostile Aircraft. Enemy planes were out as soon as our attack commenced and were active throughout the day. At 11.30. a.m. a hostile plane was shot down by Lewis Guns. At 4.40. p.m. one of our planes shot down a German plane, which fell in our lines. At 7.20. p.m. 3 hostile planes fired on troops and Battery positions in J.7. a. At 3.10. p.m. 4 enemy planes made a low reconnaissance in I.12. 4 Enemy balloons were up during the day on T.B.'s of 750, 800, 820, 1200 from J.7. b. 75.90. At 12.30. a.m. a hostile plane shot down one of ours.

Movement. At 2.35. p.m. a very large party of the enemy came into view at D.29. a. 3.9. and made their way in single file to D.28. b. 9.4. This party was engaged by the Artillery. Movement was also noted at D.29. a. 5.1., REMUS WOOD, J.5. c. 1.7., D.29. c. 9.2., D.12. a. 8.2.

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Miscellaneous.

It is estimated that the number of prisoners captured by this Division in the recent operations is 350 including 7 officers.

Stanley Rogers
Lieut-Colonel,
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

At 12.30 a.m. a hostile plane was seen over the front line. It was shot down by Lewis guns. At 1.30 p.m. a hostile plane was seen over the front line. It was shot down by Lewis guns. At 2.30 p.m. a hostile plane was seen over the front line. It was shot down by Lewis guns. At 3.30 p.m. a hostile plane was seen over the front line. It was shot down by Lewis guns. At 4.30 p.m. a hostile plane was seen over the front line. It was shot down by Lewis guns. At 5.30 p.m. a hostile plane was seen over the front line. It was shot down by Lewis guns. At 6.30 p.m. a hostile plane was seen over the front line. It was shot down by Lewis guns. At 7.30 p.m. a hostile plane was seen over the front line. It was shot down by Lewis guns. At 8.30 p.m. a hostile plane was seen over the front line. It was shot down by Lewis guns. At 9.30 p.m. a hostile plane was seen over the front line. It was shot down by Lewis guns. At 10.30 p.m. a hostile plane was seen over the front line. It was shot down by Lewis guns. At 11.30 p.m. a hostile plane was seen over the front line. It was shot down by Lewis guns. At 12.30 a.m. a hostile plane was seen over the front line. It was shot down by Lewis guns.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	Map Reference 1/40,000	REMARKS.
<u>Divisional Headquarters.</u> Adv. 2 nd	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTH CAMP.
Rear.	G. 2 nd . a. 9. 1.	HORSE SHOE CAMP.
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u> Adv.	J. 8. a. 1. 8.	ANZAC RIDGE.
Rear.	I. 12. c. 2. 8.	BULLEWAARD.
13th Battalion.	J. 3. b. 8. 3.	CANAL AREA.
14th Battalion.	J. 4. c. 2. 3.	ANZAC RIDGE.
15th Battalion.	J. 8. b. 7. 2.	CEMETERY.
16th Battalion.	J. 7. d. 9. 9.	ANZAC RIDGE.
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.	J. 3. c. 15. 50.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.		ANZAC RIDGE.
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u> Adv.	J. 1. d. 75. 10.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
Rear.	I. 12. c. 2. 8.	BULLEWAARD.
45th Battalion.	J. 3. a. 5. 5.	GARTER POINT.
46th Battalion.	J. 3. a. 90. 95.	ANZAC RIDGE.
47th Battalion.	I. 7. d. 5. 1.	RAMPART YPRES.
48th Battalion.	H. 23. b. 8. 9.	CANAL AREA.
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.	H. 23. b. 3. 3.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.	J. 3. a. 5. 5.	GARTER POINT.
13th Aus. Inf. Bde.	I. 17. b. 2. 8.	BIRR CROSS ROADS.
49th Battalion.		WESTHOEK RIDGE.
50th Battalion.	I. 16. a. cent.	CHINA WALL.
51st Battalion.		WESTHOEK RIDGE.
52nd Battalion.	H. 23. b. 9. 9.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.	H. 23. b. cent.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.	H. 23. b. cent.	"
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
10th A.F.A. Bde.	I. 14. b. 15. 50.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.	G. 24. b. 60. 70.	
Div. T.M. Officer.	G. 28. b.	SCOTTISH LINES.
Div. Ammunition Col.	H. 16. d. 9. 3.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
4th Aus. Field Coy.	J. 7. central.	
12th Aus. Field Coy.	I. 14. d. central.	
13th Aus. Field Coy.	I. 14. b. 15. 50.	
4th Aus. Div. Signal Coy.	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
24th Aus. M.G. Coy.	J. 8. a. cent.	GARTER POINT.
4th Aus. Pioneer Battn.	I. 13. c. 6. 9.	KRUISSTRAAT.
<u>Div. Train H.Q.</u>	G. 26. c. 0. 2.	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.	G. 26. d.	
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.	G. 26. d.	
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.	G. 26. d.	
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.	G. 26. d.	
Supply Col.	G. 26. d.	
Railhead.	27 STEENVOORDE.	
Pack Transport Troop.	28 DICKEBUSCH.	
	H. 21. d. 4. 8.	

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Distribution of Units

A. D. M. S.	28	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTHE CAMP. TIWU
4th Aus. Field Coy.		H. 24. a. 5. 8.	
12th Aus. Field Coy.		G. 21. c. 5. 8.	
13th Aus. Field Coy.		H. 27. c. 2. 9.	

4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Section.	G. 28. d. 5. 1.	
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4th Aus. Salvage Coy.	H. 16. d. 1. 1.	
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Reinforcement Camp.	CAESTRE.	
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A. P. M.	H. 18. d.	KRUISSTRAAT.
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8. a. m.
28th Sept., 1917.

Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WESTERN RIDGE	H. 1. d. 7. 10.	13th Battalion
BULLWARD	H. 1. d. 7. 10.	14th Battalion
GARTER POINT	H. 1. d. 7. 10.	15th Battalion
AREAG RIDGE	H. 1. d. 7. 10.	16th Battalion
RAMPART TERRACE	H. 1. d. 7. 10.	17th Battalion
DANAL RIDGE	H. 1. d. 7. 10.	18th Battalion
WESTERN RIDGE	H. 1. d. 7. 10.	19th Battalion
SHINGAN CHATRAU	H. 1. d. 7. 10.	20th Battalion
BELGIAN CHATEAU	H. 1. d. 7. 10.	21st Battalion
SMYTHE CAMP	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	22nd Battalion
SCOTTISH TOWNS	H. 1. d. 7. 10.	23rd Battalion
SMYTHE CAMP	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	24th Battalion
SMYTHE CAMP	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	25th Battalion
GARTER POINT	H. 1. d. 7. 10.	26th Battalion
KRUISSTRAAT	H. 1. d. 7. 10.	27th Battalion
HOOGRAAF	H. 1. d. 7. 10.	28th Battalion
STERNVOORDE	H. 1. d. 7. 10.	29th Battalion
DIERENBOSCH	H. 1. d. 7. 10.	30th Battalion
H. 21. d. 6. 2.		31st Battalion

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 81.

Headquarters,

27th September, 1917.

Reference Map 1/10,000.

1. 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade will relieve 4th and 13th Aus. Infantry Brigades on the Divisional Front during nights 27/28 and 28/29, as per table of reliefs overleaf.
2. On withdrawing from the Left Sector the 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade will be in Support with Brigade H.Q. at BIRR CROSS Roads.
3. All arrangements for relief of Infantry Brigades will be made by the Brigadiers concerned and G.O.C. 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade will assume command of each Sector of the Divisional Front when the relief of that Sector is complete.
4. The Divisional M.G. Officer will arrange for relief of Machine Guns.
The following will be the allotment of Guns -
24 on S.O.S. Barrage lines.
8 guns to bring fire to bear on J.5 and 11.
16 mobile guns at disposal of the Brigade or Brigades in the Front Line.
5. Field Companies will not be relieved with the Infantry Brigades.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

D.K. Bernard:

Lieut-Colonel,
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 11.30 am

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- 24 5th Aus. Division.
- 25 3rd Division.
- 26 ANZAC H.A.
- 27 4th Squadron R.F.C.

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TABLE OF RELIEFS.

DATE	UNIT.	FROM:	TO.
Sept. 27/28	2 Battalions 12th Aus. Inf. Bde.	Support.	RED and BLUE Lines and ANZAC Ridge Left Sector.
	3 Battalions 13th Aus. Inf. Bde.	Left Sector.	WESTHOEK Ridge (2 Batts) CHINA WALL I.16.a. (1 Batt)
	12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	BIRR CROSS Roads.	J.1.d.75.10.
	1 Battalion 4th Aus. Inf. Bde.	WESTHOEK Ridge.	CANAL Area.
Sept. 28/29.	4th Aus. Inf. Bde.	Right Sector.	CANAL Area 2 Batts. YPRES 1 Batt. Bde. H.Q. BELGIAN CHATEAU
	2 Battalions. 12th Aus. Inf. Bde.	Support.	RED and BLUE Lines and ANZAC Ridge Right Sector.
			Relieve 3 Battalions 13th Aus. Inf. Brigade,
			Exchanges with 13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.
			On relief by 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade.
			Relieve 3 Battalions 4th Aus. Inf. Bde.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 175.

From 6.a.m. 27th September to 6.a.m. 28th September, 1917.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our Artillery was very active throughout the period and kept enemy's roads and approaches under heavy bursts of fire. In response to S.O.S. Signals from the Front Line, Divisional Artillery put down barrages in front of the BLUE LINE at 6.53.p.m. and 9.50.p.m. Infantry observers report good shooting by the Heavies in J.4.b. and d.

Machine Guns. Vickers guns carried out indirect fire on enemy's communications and assisted in the artillery barrages in response to the S.O.S. signals.

Trench Mortars. Stokes Mortars on the Right Brigade Front fired on the following targets :- J.4.b.5.6., J.4.b.9.2. and working party at J.4.b.7.2.

Patrols. The Divisional Front was actively patrolled throughout the night. No enemy patrols encountered but movement observed in vicinity of J.4.b.7.2. Flares were sent up about 250 yards in advance of the Front Line on Left Brigade Sector.

Aircraft. Our planes continually patrolled the enemy's lines and were subjected to fairly heavy machine gun fire.

ENEMY SHELLING.

Hostile artillery fire was fairly heavy over the whole sector throughout the period.

The following points were subjected to heavy shelling at frequent intervals:- BLUE and RED LINES, TOKIO, ANZAC FARM, WESTHOEK, J.7.d. and b., BELLEWAARDE RIDGE and MENIN Road. At 6.30.p.m. a heavy barrage was placed along the RED and BLUE LINES and eased off at 7.30.p.m.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Snipers. Were active, operating from shell holes in U.4.b. and d.

Machine Guns. Hostile machine gun fire was fairly heavy. A Machine Gun was located at J.4.b.8.4.

Trench Mortars. Light Minnenwerfers were firing on the Right Brigade Front from the direction of JUBILEE TRENCH.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy planes were active about 6.45.a.m. and again in the evening flying low over our front line system. Several formations were flying high in rear of the enemy's lines. large

MOVEMENT. Much enemy movement was observed along Ridge in D.29.a. and c. Small parties of two and three men were seen approaching the line

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approaching the line from D.29.a.3.8. to D.29.c.5.6.

Miscellaneous. Golden rain rockets appear to be the signal for Artillery to lengthen range.

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Lieut-Colonel,
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 82.

Headquarters,

29th September, 1917.

Reference Map 1/40,000

1. (a) The 4th Aus. Division (less Artillery) will be relieved by the 1st Aus. Division (less Artillery) in the Left Divisional Sector as far North as a line drawn from GARTER POINT (exclusive) to N. edge of ROMULUS WOOD on night September 30/October 1st.
- (b) The remainder of the Divisional Front will be relieved by the 2nd Aus. Division on 1st/2nd October.
- (c) Moves will take place as per table over leaf.
2. One Battalion 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade will hold the part of the front N. of the line GARTER POINT - ROMULUS WOOD from 30th/1st to 1/2nd, and will during that period be under the tactical command of G.O.C., 3rd Aus. Infantry Brigade.
3. All arrangements for relief of Brigades in the line will be made by the Brigadiers concerned, and command will pass on completion of relief.
4. Machine Gun Companies will rejoin their Brigades on arrival in the HALIFAX Area under arrangements to be made by the Divisional H.G. O.
5. Instructions regarding the relief of the Pioneer Battalion, Engineer and Medical Units will be issued later.
6. During relief, all troops of relieving Divisions E. of YPRES - COMINES Canal will be available to meet the tactical requirements of the G.O.C. Division in the line.
7. The detachment of 13th Aus. L.H. Regiment attached to the Division will be transferred to the 2nd Aus. Division.
8. G.O.C., 1st Aus. Division will assume Command of the Divisional Front at 10.a.m. October 1st, with Divisional H.Q. at WALKER Camp.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

D.K. Bernard.

Lieut-Colonel,
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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| 23 | | 28 B. Squadron 13th A.L.H. |
| 24 | I ANZAC H.A. | 29 4th " R.F.C. |
| 25 | 1st Aus. Division. | |
| 26 | 2nd " " | |

TABLE OF MOVES.

Date.	UNIT.	FROM	TO	REMARKS.
Sep. 29	4th Aus. Inf. Bde.	CANAL Area. and YPREB.	HALIFAX Area.	Move in afternoon.
Sep. 30	4th Aus. Inf. Bde.	HALIFAX Area.	STEENVOORDE Area.	Further orders regarding this move will be issued.
"	1 Battn. 13th Aus. Inf. Bde.	CANAL Area.	HALIFAX Area.	Move in the morning.
Sep. 30/Oct. 1st.	12th Aus. Inf. Bde. (less 1 Battn. and H.G. Coy.) 24th Aus. M.G. Coy.	LINE.	Position in Support. 2 Battns. WESTHOEK RIDGE 1 " CHINA WALL. Bde. H.Q. BIRR CROSS Roads.	Relieved by 3rd Aus. Infantry Brigade.
"	13th Aus. Inf. Bde. (less 1 Battn.)	Position in Support.	HALIFAX Area.	
Oct. 1st.	13th Aus. Inf. Bde.	HALIFAX Area.	STEENVOORDE Area.	Further orders regard- ing this move will be issued.
Oct. 1st/2nd.	12th Aus. Inf. Bde. (less 1 Battn. and M.G. Coy.) 24th Aus. M.G. Coy.	Position in Support.	HALIFAX Area.	Relieved by 2 Battns. 1st Aus. Division.
	1 Battn. 12th Aus. Inf. Bde.	LINE.	HALIFAX Area.	Relieved by 2nd Aus. Division.
Oct. 2nd.	Divisional H.Q.	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	STEENVOORDE.	Opens at 10. a. m.

Further orders regarding move of 12th Aus. Inf. Brigade from HALIFAX Area to STEENVOORDE Area will be issued.

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Distribution of Units.

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UNIT.

<u>Divisional Headquarters.</u>	Adv. 28.	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
"	Rear	G. 28. a. 9. 1.	HORSE SHOE CAMP.
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		H. 23. b. 6. 7.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
13th Battalion.			CANAL AREA.
14th Battalion.			CANAL AREA.
15th Battalion.		I. 7. d. 5. 1.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
16th Battalion.			CANAL AREA.
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.		J. 7. d. 9. 9.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
4th A.L.T. Bty.		J. 1. d. 7. 5. 10.	CANAL AREA.
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	Adv.		WESTHOEK RIDGE.
"	Rear	I. 12. c. 2. 8.	BULLEWAARD.
45th Battalion.		J. 4. c. 2. 3.	CEMETERY.
46th Battalion.		J. 3. a. 90. 95.	ANZAC RIDGE.
47th Battalion.		J. 3. a. 5. 5.	GARTER POINT.
48th Battalion.		J. 8. a. 1. 8.	ANZAC RIDGE.
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.		H. 23. b. 3. 3.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
12th A.L.T. Bty.		J. 3. a. 5. 5.	GARTER POINT.
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		I. 11. b. 2. 8.	BIRR CROSS ROADS.
49th Battalion.		J. 8. b. 3. 1.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
50th Battalion.		I. 16. d. 8. 8.	CHINA WALL.
51st Battalion.		J. 7. b. 7. 9.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
52nd Battalion.		H. 23. b. 9. 9.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		H. 23. b. cent.	" "
13th A.L.T. Bty.		H. 23. b. cent.	" "
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
10th A.F.A. Bde.		I. 14. b. 15. 50.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.		G. 24. b. 60. 70.	
Div. T. Officer.		G. 28. b.	SCOTTISH LINES.
Div. Ammunition Col.		H. 16. d. 9. 3.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
4th Aus. Field Coy.		J. 7. central.	
12th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 15. c. cent.	
13th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 24. b. 15. 50.	
4th Aus. Div. Sig. COY.		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
24th Aus. M.G. Coy.		J. 8. a. central.	GARTER POINT.
4th Aus. Pioneer Battn.		I. 13. c. 6. 9.	KRUISSTRAAT.
<u>Div. Train H.Q.</u>		G. 26. c. 0. 2.	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		G. 26. d.	
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.		G. 26. d.	HOOGRAAF.
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		G. 26. d.	
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		G. 26. d.	
Supply Column.	27	STEENVOORDE.	
Railroad.	28.	DICKEBUSCH.	
Pack Transport Troop.		H. 21. d. 4. 8.	

RESERVE COY.

SUPPORT COY.

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A. D. M. S.	2 nd .	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
4th Aus. Field AMB.		H. 24. a. 5. 8.	
12th Aus. Field Amb.		G. 21. 6. 5. 8.	
13th Aus. Field Amb.		H. 27. 0. 2. 9.	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Section.		G. 28. d. 5. 1.	
4th Aus. Div. Salvage Coy.		H. 16. d. 1. 1.	
Reinforcement Camp.		CAESTRE.	
A. P. M.		H. 18. d.	KRUISSTRAAT.

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Major-General,

Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.

From 6.a.m. 28th Sept. to 6.a.m. 29th Sept. 1917.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our Artillery kept roads and approaches under fire throughout the day, 2,300 rounds being expended.

Machine Guns. Vickers Guns carried out barrage work. No definite targets offered.

Trench Mortars. Are on the defensive. No targets offered.

IDENTIFICATION. One wounded prisoner of 49th R.I.R. was taken in J.4.b. and papers taken from dead show presence of 3rd Res. Division.

Patrols.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time of Departure.</u>	<u>Time of Return.</u>	<u>Route.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1 N.C.O. 5 men.	2.30.a.m.	3.30.a.m.	From J.4.b.2.7. and returned J.4.b.4.5.	Patrolled front, no enemy movement. wire discovered in shell holes in front.
1 Off. 7 O.R.	2.15.a.m.	3.50.a.m.	From J.4.b.4.4. and returned J.4.b.4.4.	Patrol was sent to examine pill box at approx. J.4.b.5.50. dugout contains enemy dead.
1 Off. 1 O.R.	9.50.p.m.	10.5.p.m.	From J.4.b.5.4. and returned J.4.b.4.4.	Small party enemy encountered and fired on at close range. Enemy retired.
1 N.C.O. 10 men.	2.a.m.	3.45.a.m.	From J.4.b.1.9. and returned D.28.c.8.7.	Patrolled front to distance of 250 yards. finding consolidated but unoccupied shell holes. Patrol fired on by H.G. from approx. D.28.d.5.7.
1 Off. 10 men	10.p.m.	midnight.	From D.28.a.5.3. and returned D.28.d.1.0.	Patrol fired on at 150 yds. from old pill box on S.E. corner of Lake. H.G. fire originated from approx. D.28.d.5.5. whi. appeared to be strongly held.
1 Off. 2 O.R.	10 ³⁰ .p.m.	11.30.p.m.	From D.28.c.5.5. and returned D.28.d.1.0.	Sounds of digging could be heard at approx. D.28.d.2.5.

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Aircraft. Our aeroplanes were active early this morning, flying low over the enemy's lines.

ENEMY' ACTIVITY.

Artillery. Hostile artillery shelled our front and support lines, and ANZAC Ridge. At about 7.p.m. a heavy barrage was put down on Divisional Sector, but damage was slight. Between 11.p.m. and 1.a.m., a heavy gas shell bombardment was directed on to I.12.d. and J.7.c. and CHATEAU WOOD. MENIN Road was shelled by an 8" howitzer and 5.9's from 12.45.p.m. to 4.p.m. BELLEVARDE and WESTHOEK Ridges were shelled late in the afternoon by 4.2's and 5.9's. BIRR CROSS Roads was shelled by 5.9's from 6.a.m. to 7.5.a.m.

Enemy Defences.

Snipers. Enemy snipers were much quieter than usual.

Machine Guns Were active throughout the night firing on front lines. The Road J.3.c.3.9. to GARTER POINTS was frequently swept with fire from direction of J.4.d. D.27.d.4.6. was subjected to bursts of indirect fire from direction of ROMULUS WOOD and MOLENAARELSTHOEK.

Trench Mortars. Were quiet.

Hostile Aerial Activity. Observation balloons were up from dawn on truebearings of 20°, 40° and 60° from GARTER POINT. A balloon was up on a T.B. of 82° from I.12.c.68.08.

Enemy planes were very active. Many bombing raids were carried out on back areas throughout the night. Considerable damage was caused to transport on MENIN Road. One of our planes came down in flames near BIRR CROSS ROADS.

B. H. Stewart 2 Lt

for Lieut-Colonel,
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

ANNEX TO 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 176

EXTRACTS FROM CAPTURED GERMAN LETTERS

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ST. SURGLET 1/9/17.

" ----- You know where LENS lies; things have been very wild there lately, and we have suffered very heavy casualties. Of the 3rd Battalion (856th I.R.) very few remain. The latest reinforcements consist of mere boys; when the battle began they threw away their rifles and equipment and deserted. The 10th and 22nd Regiments also had heavy losses ----"

BARTENSTEIN 18/9/17.

" ----- I have just been to the muster and have been accepted. The Lieut-Colonel asked me whether I would like to join the Flying Corps ---- Nearly everyone mustered was taken for the various arms; they take almost anything now ----"

In the Field 18/9/17.

" ----- I see by your letter that PAUL is a prisoner in the hands of the ENGLISH ---- I think he will have better treatment there than in his own company. There, at least, his life is assured and he will probably return in good health. ---- PAUL has written home, and mother thinks he is in a better position than you and I ----"

PARKOWO 18/9/17.

" ----- We managed to get a fair supply of coal ---- Now we have cards even for coal ---- "

BARTH 19/9/17.

" ----- You say you do not know whether to endure the pangs of hunger or desert; surely such a thing cannot be; rather you should eat well so that you can afterwards accomplish something ----"

BERLIN 19/9/17.

Here in BERLIN a frightful epidemic of Dysentery is raging, ---- Everyone in the business now receives bread cards, but it is neither here nor there as they are only good for 450 grammes (1 lb.) and that is only just sufficient for a breakfast ---- Surely the war will end soon; we all hope it will finish by Christmas or in February ----"

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STRALAU 20/9/17.

"-----Highest prices rule here for the weekly allowance of butter ----- I usually manage to get a little butter by subterfuge; the other day I got $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. that costs me 5 to 6 marks for the half pound.

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War Diary
Headquarters,

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

29th September, 1917.

I A.N.Z.A.C.

The following notes regarding tactics etc., are forwarded as a result of experiences during recent operations. Further details will be forwarded when submitting my report.

FORMATIONS.

1. A line of skirmishers close up to the barrage ready to shoot at any of the enemy who put their heads up after the barrage had passed proved very effective and disposed of any enemy resistance.
2. Small columns in single file proved a very handy formation, and enabled troops to move forward easily over the broken ground without getting out of control.
3. Small Platoon operations to reduce pill boxes which were holding out were most effective on at least two occasions.
4. Stokes Mortars very close up in rear of the leading waves were effective in subduing hostile machine gun fire when capturing the right of the BLUE Line.
5. It was found that when forming up, a gap, of at least 100 yards between the waves destined for the RED and BLUE Lines respectively, reduced confusion and did not prevent the rear troops getting clear of the enemy barrage, which was in this case very light.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Special Engineer parties moved in ^{the} rear of attacking troops and laid tapes (for Runners, etc.) to the various Headquarters. This proved very useful, but it is recommended that as soon as possible these tapes be replaced by a line of posts painted white at the top, as the tapes soon get obliterated.
2. Notice boards marked with the names of farms etc. were prepared beforehand and put into position at once. These proved very useful.
Candle lanterns with red glasses placed at intervals were useful guides to the front and rear at night.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

The Forward Parties as laid down in S.S. 148 carried out their work successfully.

Pigeons proved very useful and numerous pigeon messages were received. The first message to be received by this Division or by the Divisions on either Flank, notifying the capture of the BLUE Line, was a pigeon message from our Right centre Battalion.

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The above are sent on in advance as it is understood that the Army Commander is anxious that all these points should be brought forward as soon as possible, so as to be a guide for future operations.

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Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

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UNIT.	Adv.	Rear.	Reference Map	Reference Map
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>	Adv.	28	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SKYTHE CAMP.
"	Rear.		G. 28. a. 9. 1.	HORSE SHOT CAMP.
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			H. 19. c. 5. 2.	WINNEPEG CAMP.
15th Battalion.			H. 19. b. 6. 8.	MONTREAL CAMP.
14th Battalion.			H. 19. b. 6. 8.	WINNEPEG CAMP. } Moving
15th Battalion.			H. 14. c. 7. 8.	HALIFAX CAMP. } 30th
16th Battalion.			H. 14. a. 8. 0.	VANCOUVER CAMP. }
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.			H. 23. b. cent.	BELGIAN CENTRAL }
4th A.L.T. Bty.			H. 14. c. 7. 8.	HALIFAX CAMP. }
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	Adv.			WESTHOEK RIDGE. }
"	Rear.		I. 12. c. 2. 8.	BULLEWAARD. } SUPPORT
45th Battalion.			J. 4. c. 2. 5.	CENTREY }
46th Battalion.			J. 3. a. 90. 95.	ANZAC RIDGE. } LINE.
47th Battalion.			J. 3. a. 5. 5.	GARTER POINT. }
48th Battalion.			J. 8. a. 1. 8.	ANZAC RIDGE. }
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.			H. 23. b. 3. 3.	BELGIAN CHATEAU }
12th A.L.T. Bty.			J. 3. a. 5. 5.	GARTER POINT. }
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			I. 11. b. 2. 8.	BIRP CROSS ROADS) }
49th Battalion.			J. 8. b. 3. 1.	WESTHOEK RIDGE. } SUPPORT
50th Battalion.			I. 16. d. 8. 8.	CHINA WALL. }
51st Battalion.			J. 7. b. 7. 9.	WESTHOEK RIDGE. } BRIGADE.
52nd Battalion.			H. 23. b. 9. 9.	BELGIAN CHATEAU. }
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.			H. 23. b. cent.	" " }
13th A.L.T. Bty.			H. 23. b. cent.	" " }
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>			H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SKYTHE CAMP.
10th A.F.A. Bde.			I. 14. b. 15. 50.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.			G. 24. b. 60. 70.	
Div. T.M. Officer.			G. 28. b.	SCOTTISH LINES.
Div. Ammunition Col.			H. 16. d. 9. 3.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>			H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SKYTHE CAMP.
4th Aus. Field Coy.			J. 7. central.	
12th Aus. Field Coy.			I. 15. c. cent.	
13th Aus. Field Coy.			W. 14. b. 15. 50.	
4th Aus. Div. Signal Coy.			H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SKYTHE CAMP.
24th Aus. M.G. Coy.			J. 8. a. 05. 75.	
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.			I. 13. c. 6. 9.	KRUISSTRAAT.
<u>Div. Train H.Q.</u>			G. 26. c. 0. 2.	
15th Coy. A.A.S.C.			G. 26. d.	
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.			G. 26. d.	
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.			G. 26. d.	HOOGRAAF.
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.			G. 26. d.	
Supply Column.	27		STEENVOORDE.	
Railhead.	28		DICKERBUSCH.	
Pack Transport Troop.			H. 21. d. 4. 8.	

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A.D.N.S.	2 nd	H. 21nd. 6. 2.	SHYTHE CAMP.
4th Aus. Field Amb.		H. 24. a. 5. 8.	
12th Aus. Field Amb.		G. 21. c. 5. 8.	
13th Aus. Field Amb.		H. 27. c. 2. 9.	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.		G. 28. d. 5. 1.	
4th Aus. Div. Salvage Co.		H. 16. d. 1. 1.	
Reinforcement Camp.		CAESTRE.	
A.P...		H. 16. d.	KRUISSTRAAT.
D.M.G.O.		J. 8. a. 05. 75.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.

Major-General

Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

P.M.
30th Sept., 1917.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY 4TH AUS. DIVISION

ON 26/9/1917 AND SUBSEQUENT DAYS.

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A. PREPARATIONS AND DISPOSITIONS PRIOR TO ZERO.

1. Early intimation was received from 1 ANZAC in the form of Preliminary Instructions to the effect that the 4th Aus. Division would participate in the second phase of the operations against PASCHENDALE RIDGE. Final orders for the attack were received on September 24th. The frontages and objectives allotted to the Division were shown on attached Map.

2. It was decided to attack with two Brigades (4th and 13th) with one Brigade (12th) in Divisional Reserve. The frontage of each Brigade was approximately 700 yards. The area to be captured was divided into two phases, the first being the RED Line, and second the BLUE Line, as per map herewith. Each Brigade was ordered to employ one Battalion against First Area, and two Battalions against the second; one Battalion remaining in old front line to form Brigade Reserve.

A careful record was kept of the enemy barrage lines prior to Zero Day, and the most suitable plan for forming up was adopted. The Red Line Battalions formed up in advance of the front line while the BLUE Line Battalions were immediately in rear, extending for about 350 yards in depth. These positions were marked out with tape beforehand.

The troops carrying out the attack had the colour of the objective they were detailed for, painted on the back of their helmets, in order to lessen the chances of confusion.

3. Our troops were disposed as follows at Zero hour, 5-50 a.m., 26th September:-

<u>Div. Headquarters</u>	-	H.21.d.6.2. SMYTHE CAMP.
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde.</u>	-	H.Q. at WESTHOEK J.7.d.9.8.
<u>13th Battalion</u>	-	Holding line from J.9.b.6.9. to J.3.d.0.75.
14th Battalion	-	On forming up tape with rear about 350 yards in rear of left half 13th Battalion front.
15th Battalion	-	On forming up tape with rear about 350 yards in rear of right half 13th Battalion front.
16th Battalion	-	On forming up tape about 70 yards in advance of 13th Battalion.
4th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	2 Mortars allotted RED Line 4 Mortars allotted BLUE " & 2 in reserve.
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde.</u>	-	H.Q. at BIRR CROSS Roads I.17.b.2.8.
45th Battalion	-	WESTHOEK Ridge.
46th Battalion	-	CHINA WALL I.16.a. central.
47th Battalion	-	YPRES I.7.d.5.1.
48th Battalion	-	CANAL Area H.23.b.
12th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	4 Mortars allotted RED Line 4 Mortars allotted BLUE "

<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde.</u>	-	H.Q. at WESTHOEK, J.l.d.75.10.
49th Battalion	-	On forming up tape with rear about 300 yards in rear of right half of 52nd Battalion.
50th Battalion	-	On forming up tape with about 70 yards in advance of 52nd Battalion.
51st Battalion	-	On forming up tape with rear about 350 yards in rear of left half of 52nd Battalion.
52nd Battalion	-	Holding line from J.3.d.0.75. to J.3.a.1.7.
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.	-	4 Mortars allotted RED Line 4 Mortars allotted BLUE "
<u>24th Aus. M.G. Company</u>	-	H.Q. at J.l.d.6.1.
4th Field Coy. Engineers	-	With 4th Brigade.
12th Field Coy. Engineers	-	H.24.a.central. (Reserve)
13th Field Coy. Engineers	-	With 13th Brigade.
<u>4th Aus. Div. Artillery</u>	-	Vicinity of BELWAARDE Ridge.
<u>4th Aus. Pioneer Battn.</u>	-	H.18.c.central.

B. DIARY OF EVENTS.

The attacking troops, 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade on Right, and 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade on Left were in position before Zero, and advised everything ready for the assault at 5.35.a.m. and 5.5.a.m. respectively, which was reported to I ANZAC.

The barrage fell at the appointed time, 5.50.a.m., and lifting three minutes later our troops commenced to advance moving close under it. Distances were adjusted between waves after all troops were in advance of our front line. The morning mist rendered visibility difficult, but this cleared later, the day being calm and fine.

The hostile retaliation to our opening fire was weak, probably due to our counter battery work harassing their Artillery.

The attack started well in proper formation and made good progress. At 6.45.a.m. advice was received that the first batch of prisoners was coming in. These men afterwards proved to be part of the 49th R.I.R., the identification being normal.

7.0.a.m. 50th Battalion had mopped up concrete dugouts in J.3.b., and had captured 2 Machine Guns and 19 prisoners in them. Everything progressing satisfactorily, and the 13th Brigade commenced work on C.T. leading towards RED Line which was thought to be captured. This was afterwards confirmed.

- 7.15.a.m. The 16th Battalion reported having taken the RED Line and that they were in touch with the Brigade on their Right, which had met with equal success. Touch was kept with the progress of flanking Units throughout the advance, all Units having previously arranged for the closest liaison. The 5th Aus. Division on our Right were progressing well, and had captured 100 prisoners.
- 7.20.a.m. Further prisoners were identified from 2nd R.I.R. These also were POLES.
- 7.25.a.m. RED Line gained throughout the Sector with comparatively few casualties, and was being consolidated. Touch was maintained with both flanks. The first news received of the capture of the RED Line was timed 6.55.a.m.
- 8.4.a.m. Information received from Division on our Right that they had secured their RED Line and were consolidating. Our Brigades progressing satisfactorily. Left Brigade established Forward Station at TOKIO.
- 8.10.a.m. 13th Brigade had taken BLUE Line. Germans were then surrendering freely. Touch was kept with 76th Brigade on our Left.
- 8.46.a.m. 14th Battalion reported having reached BLUE Line and were then in touch with 15th Battalion on Right, and 49th on Left. This position was then being consolidated, but few prisoners were taken at this objective. This news was received by Pigeon service.
- 9.15.a.m. Contact aeroplane returned from the front and dropped map at D.H.Q. with position of our troops as shown by ground flares marked thereon.
- 10.4.a.m. The 14th Battalion reported by Pigeon that they were still consolidating, though troubled with heavy M.G. fire.
- 10.45.a.m. Our forward Amplifier picked up a message to the effect that the enemy was massing for counter attack along the Ridge, but the instrument jammed before anything very definite could be ascertained.
- 11.10.a.m. Encouraging reports were received from C.O's in the front line. A few hostile M.G's ^{which} were located within range of Stokes Mortars were dealt with. Brigade Dump was shifted forward to RED Line. Three M.G's were reported captured by 4th Brigade.
- 11.57.a.m. An S.O.S. was reported by 'phone on the Div. front on our Right to which our Artillery replied.
- 12.15.p.m. Units were warned that our Artillery would test their new S.O.S. line on our front and asked for arrangements to be made so that a report as to its suitability might be rendered.
- 12.23.p.m. The Wireless Tank which had been ordered up to assist in maintaining communication was reported in position. This Tank was subsequently disabled, and proved of little value so far as this Division was concerned.
- 12.35.p.m. A written report with map attached was received from 51st Battalion showing dispositions, strong points constructed in advance of the BLUE Line, position of Vickers Guns (Mobile), and Stokes Mortars. Numerous enemy dead were lying about. 50 prisoners including 2 Officers were sent back.

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 12.55. P.M. 4th Brigade had placed 6 Vickers in position near BLUE Line. These combined with the aid of the Lewis guns and Rifles, the Brigadier considered would stop any counter-attack that might develop against his front.

1.30. P.M. Aerial observation reported that about 1,000 hostile troops were seen on WATERDAMHOEK - FOLYSON Road at 12.30. P.M. These troops disappeared in D.30., where Artillery fire was brought to bear.

3.0. P.M. 4th Brigade reported enemy to be massing in large numbers opposite their front, and asked Artillery to be ready to fire on their S.O.S. lines. Our guns apparently dispersed this force, as this counter-attack failed to develop.

Enemy aeroplanes were flying low over our RED and BLUE Lines, and were engaged throughout the day with M.G. and rifle fire. One E.A. was shot down by our fire at 11.30. a.m.

3.30. P.M. S.O.S. was sent up on our Right Brigade front at 3.25. p.m. to which our Artillery successfully responded. The enemy failed to reach our lines.

4.5. P.M. Report received from 13th Brigade that enemy were massing opposite their front for a counter-attack. Our Artillery and M.G.'s took action, and the advance of the enemy failed to eventuate. The 13th Brigade reported later that this force was dispersed in disorder by our protective Artillery barrage.

6.0. P.M. The BLUE Line was consolidated, and posts established in advance. Hostile artillery was active along the whole front, and shelled the ridges in rear intermittently. An S.O.S. Signal was fired on 4th Brigade front and afterwards a report was received saying a counter-attack was in progress at that hour. This was easily beaten off with artillery, M.G. and Rifle fire.

7.14. P.M. Reports from our front showed all to be quiet on our Sector. The consolidation of the position and the forwarding of supplies and material was progressing.

10.30. P.M. Both 4th and 13th Brigades advised that all was well and that there was very little enemy shelling on the front.

No serious counter-attacks were attempted after this and the 18th Aus. Infantry Brigade relieved the 13th and 4th Aus. Infantry Brigades on the nights 27/28 and 28/29 respectively.

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GENERAL.

Artillery.

Our Artillery Barrage was clear cut, and inspired confidence throughout the operation. The support generally given was most satisfactory. P.O.'s went forward with H.Q. of the BLUE Line Battalions, and were of considerable assistance in controlling and directing fire.

Engineers.

The 4th and 13th Field Companies Engineers worked in close touch with their Brigades and were employed chiefly in laying out and marking tracks forward of Brigade H.Q., bridging

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swampy ground in the HANE BEEK Valley, assisting with the consolidation and with bringing forward R.E. material. Having the J.C. Field Company at Brigade H.Q. proved a suitable arrangement, and assisted in having work done expeditiously.

An Officer and Party of Sappers who accompanied the Infantry in the attack gave valuable technical assistance.

Machine Guns.

The whole of the Vickers Machine Guns were in action. The 4th and 13th Brigades each employed 8 Mobile Guns which advanced with the last attacking wave and occupied pre-arranged positions, which enabled them to render valuable assistance with covering fire. The remainder, together with the guns of the 12th, 24th Aus. M.G. Company and 8 ~~Mobile~~ Guns from 6th Aus. M.G. Company, were employed on barrage work, 24th carrying out the creeping barrage programme, while the other 32 guns were used on S.O.S. lines. (Special M.G. Report attached).

The M.G. barrage was successfully carried out and gave confidence to our troops. Prisoners captured state enemy were very reluctant to advance through it when ordered to counter-attack.

Stokes Mortars.

Six Stokes Mortars were allotted to the RED Line troops, and to the BLUE Line troops. These Mortars were not employed during the attack, but were subsequently brought into action from the rear of the BLUE Line against "pill boxes" containing M.G's which were within range of them.

Intercommunication.

(a) Communications generally were well maintained, though at times considerable difficulty was experienced by Divisional H.Q. in calling up Brigade H.Q's on the telephone. The 4th and 13th Brigades each had a Brigade Forward Party which advanced in rear of the attacking troops and established themselves at near J.4.c.4.4. TOKIO respectively. Owing to lack of accommodation and heavy shell fire, the 13th Brigade Party withdrew to J.3.a.9.9., whence communication to Brigade H.Q. was kept continuously.

The Amplifiers again proved of great value.

The Pigeon service was most satisfactory, messages being delivered promptly by this means.

(b) During and after operations 2,350 yards of cable were buried 6 feet deep. (20 pairs from J.9.a.3.4. to J.2.d.9.8. and 42 pairs from J.2.d.9.8. to D.27.a.6.5.).

Medical.

Medical arrangements worked satisfactorily.

Prisoners.

The number of prisoners captured is estimated at 7 Officers, and about 340 other ranks. Trophies taken include 12 M.G's and 6 T.M's.

Casualties.

Casualties up to September 30th were -

Killed	18	Officers	507	Other Ranks.
Wounded.	59	"	1294	" "
Missing	1	"	55	" "

D. The following points may be of interest. -

- (a) Day and night reconnaissance of routes to forming up line and marking of routes by at least 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O. per Platoon, is essential if the ground is in any way difficult.
- (b) Ground in front of jumping off line should be patrolled on at least one night prior to Zero night by patrols of strength similar to those to be used on Zero night, this to prevent raising suspicion.
- (c) No definite line for "forming up" can be safely allotted the troops for the 2nd objective until it has been ascertained where the hostile barrage is likely to fall. If possible, there should be at least 100 yards distance between the troops for the 1st and those for the 2nd objective to avoid a mixture of units.

At the same time it is preferable, if it can be done, to form up all troops in front of the hostile barrage line, and for this reason, especially, Divisions if consulted could materially assist in fixing the best position for the "jumping off" line.

- (d) It was found useful to mark the jumping off line on the night prior to Zero, have careful sketches of forming up ground made showing exact position of units.

As early as possible on Zero night, lay the tapes along the whole front and mark flanks with notice boards, showing units and shaded lights - in addition tapes to be laid at right angles to jumping off tapes for about 50 yards, both to front and rear -

- (e) Better Training of Officers in guiding by compass was emphasised.
- (f) When the barrage halts in front of the objective, the inner edge requires clearer definition to prevent parties going too far forward.
- (g) The best use possible must be made of the time the barrage is covering the objective
- (i) To put out wire in front of the contemplated line of defence, it should be well in front (i.e. about 100 yards) to give defenders room to move forward out of their trench, should they be heavily shelled later -
 - (ii) To dig.-
 - (iii) To form advanced dumps of ammunition and R.E. Stores, Water, etc. -

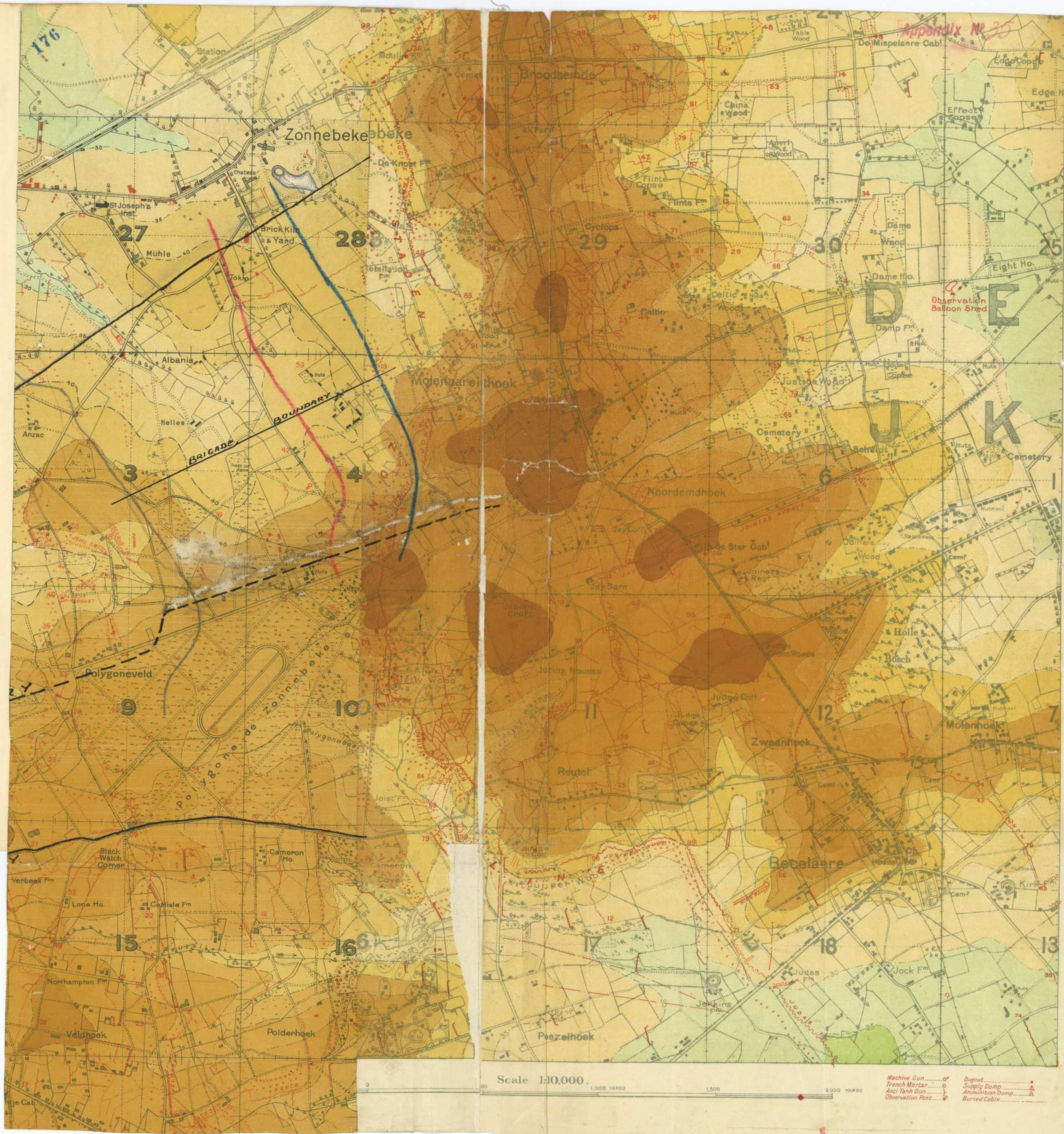
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- (h) Importance of properly organized Runners was again emphasised - Battalion H.Q. should move well forward and establish early communication with the Brigade Forward Party.
- (i) Engineers were made full use of with signal success, especially marking routes back with tapes and posts. Field Company Commanders were with advanced Brigade Headquarters and this arrangement proved very successful. Tapes should be laid out as soon as possible right up to the front, and these should be replaced by posts with the tops painted white at the first opportunity, as the tapes soon get obliterated, especially in muddy weather.
- (j) Stokes Mortars moving well up in rear of the leading waves were found very useful in overcoming machine guns which continued to fire from pill boxes and shell holes, after the last objective had been captured.

B.

I am forwarding under separate cover a list of Officers and others whom I wish to bring especially to notice as worthy of Immediate Reward for gallantry and devotion to duty.

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Appendix No 25



For Official Use Only.4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 177.(From 6.a.m. 29th September to 6.a.m. 30th Sept., 1917.NOT to be taken into the Front Line.OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Registration from our new battery positions was carried out. At 6.50.p.m. our Right Group responded to a call for assistance from the Division on our Right. Some 2,000 rounds were fired. During the day a large Dump was exploded in ROMULUS WOOD and a fire burned in the vicinity for several hours.

Stokes Mortars. A working party was fired on by Stokes Mortars. Casualties were inflicted and the party dispersed.

Bombing. Several enemy working parties were dispersed and casualties inflicted by rifle grenadiers crawling forward and firing from shell-holes. A M.G. at J.4.b.6.6. was silenced by Rifle Grenades.

Patrols.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time of Departure.</u>	<u>Time of Return.</u>	<u>Route.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1 N.C.O. 5 O.R.	2.a.m.	3.10.a.m.	D.28.c.2.0, E. for 250 yds. then N. returning to D.28.c.7.9.	Wire in badly damaged condition was encountered. Sniper was located at D.28.d.5.6. (approx.).
1 N.C.O. 5 O.R.	1.a.m.	2.30.a.m.	D.28.a.2.2. along hedge towards Lakes returning to D.28.a.2.2.	Report that ground is marshy, but not impassable. Patrol was fired on by rifle and M.G. fire from D.28.b.1.1.
1 N.C.O. 6 O.R.	1.a.m.	4.5.a.m.	J.4.b.3.4. towards S.P. reported at J.4.b.7.5.	When within about 40 yds. of post, patrol met with heavy M.G. fire and bombs were thrown. The patrol threw bombs but could not see result. Patrol was unable to move for some time owing to hostile M.G. fire.
1 N.C.O. 5 O.R.	11.p.m.	12.30. a.m.	J.4.b.1.8. then E. returning to J.4.b.30.45.	M.G.'s active at J.4.b.5.9 and J.4.b.7.6.

ENEMY SHELLING.

Enemy's artillery was normally active on Battery Areas. From 7.15.a.m. to 4.p.m. the area between WESTHOEK and BELLEVAARDE RIDGES was heavily shelled by 10.5.cm., 15.cm., and 21.cm. howitzers. It is estimated that 4,000 rounds were fired. Most of the fire came from the BECELAERE and BROODSEINDE Groups. J.7.a. and b. was shelled throughout the night with gas shell and H.E. At 12. noon a heavy barrage of all calibres was put down on CHATEAU WOOD for 15 minutes. Hostile guns were also active on the RED LINE and on the Right portion of the BLUE LINE.

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ENEMY DEFENCES.

Work. Enemy parties were at work on broken road at J.5.a.2.3.. These parties were fired on by our snipers who caused many casualties.

Machine Guns. Active during night on NO MAN'S LAND and on roads in vicinity of GARTER POINT.

Trench Mortars. A enemy light T.M. was active at D.28.central. (approximately).

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy aeroplanes were very active throughout the period, flying low over our lines in large numbers. They directed Artillery fire, and fired M.G.'s on the garrison. At 6.a.m. 6 planes flew low over our battery positions. At 12.40.p.m. 12 hostile planes flew over to YPRES and returned after 15 minutes. This was possibly a photographic flight. Three enemy balloons were up early in the morning and remained up till 11.a.m. Three balloons were up from 2.30.p.m. to dusk.

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