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SECRET.4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Amendments to Distribution List dated OCTOBER 16th.4th. Aus. Infantry Brigade.

13th. Battalion.	D.22.d.4.5.	MOULIN FARM
14th. Battalion.	J.1.c.7.1.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
15th. Battalion.	D.16.d.8.1.	
16th. Battalion.	C.30.d.9.6.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.

13th. Aus. Infantry Brigade.

49th. Battalion.	J.2.a.3.6.	
51st. Battalion.	H.23.b.8.8.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.

8 a.m. 17th. October, 1917.L. Loxary Capt
for.Major-General.
Commanding, 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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From 6.a.m. 16th October to 6.a.m. 17th October, 1917.NOT to be taken into the Front Line.OUR OPERATIONS.

Strong patrols were again sent out and in two cases reached points further East than those given yesterday. One patrol reached D.24.c.8.0. and located an enemy post at D.24.c.8.2. Another patrol passed through ZWERG COTTAGES and found enemy at E.13.c.5.0. Several patrols worked close out to ASSYRIA and report that the enemy still ^{hold} there.

ARTILLERY.

KEIBERG RIDGE was kept under bursts of fire throughout the period. The vicinity of ASSYRIA was registered by both 'heavies' and Divisional Artillery. An area shoot by 18-pounders and 4.5's was carried out on vicinity of E.19.a.95.60. It is reported that our heavies succeeded in silencing the batteries active on KIT and KAT.

Machine Guns. Between 4.a.m. and 5.30.a.m. indirect fire was carried out on enemy communications in rear of ASSYRIA.

Aircraft. The usual number of reconnaissance and artillery registration planes were up.

Patrols.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Route.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1 Off. & 6 O.R's. Supports 1 N.C.O. & 9 O.R's.	6.30.p.m. 11.25.p.m.	D.23.c.9.8. - D.24.c.2.7. (Supports halted) - N.E. corner of TABLE WOOD - through WOOD - D.23.c.9.8.	Flares from D.24.c.9.7. Apparently enemy posts on either side of Road there.
1 Off. & 5 O.R's. Support 1 N.C.O. & 13 O.R's.	5.45.p.m. 9.55.p.m.	D.23.c.9.1. - through CHINA WOOD - S.E. round ANVIL WOOD - D.30.a.7.8. - D.24.c.8.0.	Enemy movement at D.30.b.2.9. Enemy post at D.24.c.8.2.
1 Off. & 9 O.R's.	6.40.p.m. Midnight.	D.23.b.2.4. - D.23.b.6.4. - D.24.b.7.4. - ZWERG COTT'S. E.13.c.5.0.	Enemy entrenched at E.13.c.5.0. Very little wire Recently occu- pied trench at D.24.a.5.4. Dump of 77 shells E. edge BUSY WOOD.
1 N.C.O. & 8 O.R's.	5.30.p.m. 7.20.p.m.	D.17.d.6.3. - RHINE to West edge of D.18.d.	Ground exception- ally wet and marshy and difficult to cross.

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1 N.C.O. & 5.30.p.m. D.17.c.5.2. - DECOY WOOD - Ground very
 8 O.R's. 7.45.p.m. close to ASSYRIA returned marshy.
 along Railway.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Enemy artillery was again very active throughout the period. During the night and early this morning the ZONNEBEKE VALLEY and WESTHOEK RIDGE were both shelled with gas shells. During yesterday afternoon enemy shelling was abnormally active. WESTHOEK RIDGE, KIT and KAT, J.7.c. and d., J.8.c., and J.13., were shelled with 4.2's and 77's. J.2.c. and d. was shelled by 4.2's and 5.9's. Most of this shelling came from BECELAERE, OOSTHOEK and MORSLEDE. The front line and ground to the front was periodically shelled heavily shelled from 8.a.m. to Noon and from 3.p.m. to 5.p.m. ZONNEBEKE and RAILWAY were

ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

Enemy planes were again very active and bombs were again dropped on battery positions. From 6.15. to 6.40.a.m. 6 planes were over our lines. From 9.a.m. to 2.p.m. enemy planes were continually over our lines. As many as 20 being seen at one time. During the afternoon 4 enemy planes made a low reconnaissance of ZONNEBEKE. 3 Balloons were up opposite our sector during the day.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

The foremost posts of the enemy opposite our front appear to be located along the following line, - D.30.b.2.9. - D.24.c.8.2. - D.24.c.9.7. - E.13.c.5.0. - ASSYRIA.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

A small enemy party seen to the rear of ASSYRIA was dispersed by Lewis Guns. Movement was seen several times during the day round KEIBERG.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It is noticeable that the enemy is increasing the use of 77's along our front.

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

I N.C.O. &
 8 O.R's.

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REPORT ON

OPERATIONS

CARRIED OUT BY

4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

18th. OCTOBER 1917.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY 4TH AUS. DIVISION.12/10/17.A. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS.

1. Preliminary Instructions were received while at STEENVOORDE to the effect that the 4th Aus. Division would relieve the 2nd Aus. Division in the Left Sector of the Corps Front from D.29.b.15.60. to D.17.b.3.3. on 11th instant at 10.a.m., and that they would participate in the 5th phase of the attack ^{on} PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE on the 12th instant.
2. The task allotted to the 4th Aus. Division was to provide protection to the Right Flank of II ANZAC Corps by gaining ground in a N.E. direction South of the YPRES-ROULERS Railway, and securing a position astride the DROOGENBROODHOEK SPUR. The frontage was approximately 650 yards and it was decided to carry out the operation with the 12th Brigade. The area to be captured was divided into two stages, the first being the RED Line and the second the BLUE Line as per attached Map. On securing the first objective a series of closely connected posts were to be constructed from RHINE to ASSYRIA, and on securing the BLUE Line these posts were to be continued to RAILWAY at E.7.c.2.2.

The 47th and 48th Battalions were detailed to capture the RED and BLUE Lines respectively, and were in position on jumping off tapes laid during night 11/12th October before Zero time. To obviate confusion the colour of each man's objective was painted on the helmet.

B. NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS.

1. At Zero hour, 5.25.a.m. on 12th instant our Infantry were disposed as follows :-

Div. Headquarters.

4th Aus. Inf. Bde.
 13th Battalion.
 14th Battalion.
 15th Battalion.
 16th Battalion.
 4th A.L.T.M. Bty.

12th Aus. Inf. Bde.

45th Battalion.
 46th Battalion.
 47th Battalion.
 48th Battalion.
 12th A.L.T.M. Bty.

Ramparts, YPRES, I.14.b.1.8.

H.Q. Infantry Barracks, YPRES.
 Infantry Barracks, YPRES.
 Belgian Chateau.
 Esplanade Sap, YPRES.
 Canal Dugouts.
 Esplanade Sap.

H.Q. ROULERS RAILWAY,
 O.26.c.1.3.
 Holding front line from
 D.18.c.24.00. to Railway
 D.17.b.3.3.
 In Support.
 On forming up tape marked on
 attached Map.
 On forming up tape in rear of
 47th Battalion.
 One mortar allotted RED Line.
 One mortar allotted BLUE Line.
 Remainder in Reserve.

<u>13th. Aus. Inf. Bde.</u>	H.Q. ROULERS RAILWAY, D.28.c.1.3.
49th. Battalion.	Holding front line from
	D.29.b.15.00. to D.23.b.1.3.
50th. Battalion.	In Support, D.28.b.8.6.
51st. Battalion.	Holding front line from
	D.23.b.1.3. to D.18.c.24.00.
52nd. Battalion.	I.2.a.3.6.
13th. A.L.T.M.Sty.	D.29.a.1.8.

2. The barrage opened at 5.25 a.m. and remained stationary for 8 minutes, after which it advanced at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes.
- Our Infantry moved forward close under it, but the 9th. Aus. Infantry Brigade - who "jumped off" from a line considerably in rear of our left - were never up to the barrage, with the result that the Left Flank of 18th. Aus. Infantry Brigade was for a long time exposed to heavy rifle and M.G. fire from the North side of the Railway.
- Casualties were heavy during this advance, and the 48th. Battalion who were detailed for the BLUE Line were obliged to bring fire to bear on the left flank in order to enable the advance to proceed.
3. The RED Line was reached at the proper time, with exception of a portion near ASSYRIA and consolidation was commenced by the 47th. Battalion while the 48th. Battalion passed through and waited for the barrage to lift towards the second objective. Touch was gained with the troops of the 3rd. Aus. Division, at a point on the Railway about 150 yards in rear of the RED Line, who stated that owing to their diminished numbers it was impossible to continue the advance.
- Our efforts at digging in on the RED Line met with only slight success owing to the quantities of water and the churned up state of the ground, except on the ridge to the East, rendering consolidation almost out of the question.
4. During the wait on the RED Line our troops were subjected to heavy M.G. fire and fire from snipers in vicinity of VIENNA COTTAGE and the higher ground about 18.central.
- Considerable trouble was experienced from ASSYRIA HOUSE at about 18.central, but with the aid of two Stokes Mortars the enemy were overcome and the place captured.
5. At Zero plus 182 the barrage continued its advance towards the BLUE Line but owing to the decision of the troops on our left not to push on, the Officer Commanding the 48th. Battalion decided it would be inexpedient to continue to expose his left flank for a further 400 yards, and therefore remained stationary making strong endeavours to consolidate his position. During this period the enemy maintained an intense bombardment on the captured area and on our original front line, heavy casualties resulting.
6. A message from 47th. Battalion timed 4.6 p.m. reported the enemy to be advancing in mass formation on right of objective. Our Artillery appears to have dealt with the situation satisfactorily, as shortly after 5 p.m., 47th. Battalion advised having repulsed the remnants of the force which were estimated at about one Battalion. At the same time parties of the right Battalion, 3rd. Aus. Division were observed withdrawing along the Railway line while masses of the enemy were seen to be advancing across the country/

evacuated by these troops, thus threatening to cut off our forward Battalions. The news of the withdrawal of the Right Brigade on our left flank was confirmed by 3rd. Aus. Division, and instructions were issued to G.O.C., 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigade to take steps to protect his left flank with a view to either covering a retirement under cover of darkness or to retaining his position until the 3rd. Aus. Division advanced again.

7. The enemy was held in check for half an hour when a further enveloping movement was noticed on left flank making it advisable to withdraw. The retirement was carried out with minimum of confusion. Two Vickers Guns remained in position till the last, and covered the operation successfully. Unfortunately one of these guns and a crew were sacrificed, while the other, after the ammunition was finished, was destroyed and abandoned, the crosshead joint pin having been badly bent thus preventing the tripod being removed from the gun.

This attack which comprised at least a Brigade, developed from the direction of PASSCHENDAELE, and struck the Railway line at about DECLINE COPSE.

At 6.35 p.m. the G.O.C., 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigade was instructed to take the strongest measures to ensure that our original line was held at all costs and that the Reserve Brigade would be brought forward if required. Arrangements were made for the Artillery and Machine Guns to bring their S.O.S. line back to its old position prior to the attack.

The enemy continued to shell BROODSEINDE RIDGE till 7 p.m., after then the fire slackened and by 9 p.m. the Situation was quiet.

C. GENERAL.

ARTILLERY.

The Artillery barrage was reported to be fairly solid, though thin as compared with previous ones. Machine Guns in D.18.c. and D.13.a. were active throughout, the barrage apparently not affecting them. Our Artillery inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy who massed against our right flank about 4 p.m. The front S.O.S. line was, however, wasted owing to the 3rd. Aus. Division stating wrongly that they were on the BLUE line, and our front line Battalion not reporting their exact position for several hours. We were thus unable to officially contradict the 3rd. Aus. Division and the S.O.S. barrage was kept out too far

MACHINE GUNS.

(a) The 12th. and 13th. Aus. M.G. Companies were employed throughout the operation and machine guns of the 5th. Aus. Division provided a barrage covering the right flank. The Creeping and S.O.S. barrage was composed of 20 guns, and 8 guns of the 12th. Aus. M.G. Company went forward with the attack.

Fire was directed as shown on attached tracing from Zero to Zero plus 300 and later responded to the S.O.S. Signal.

(b) Splendid work was carried out by the Mobile Machine Gun teams. Two Vickers guns remained in position until the last, and successfully covered the withdrawal. One of these guns and a crew was sacrificed, and the other - after being destroyed - was left, the lock being in our possession./

TRENCH MORTARS.

Two teams of trench mortars went forward with the attack and did very useful work in assisting to capture ASSYRIA and clearing the line of the Railway along our left flank.

SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.-

Although buried cable could not be much used - worked satisfactorily. Visual was largely used and with great success. A special report on intercommunication will be forwarded separately.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Worked satisfactorily but the personnel were greatly handicapped by the fact that large numbers of the 3rd. Aus. Division made use of our line of evacuation.

PRISONERS.

One Officer and 82 other ranks were officially accounted for. At least double this number were captured, but were passed through II ANZAC Corps Cage.

CASUALTIES.

The total casualties for the attacking Brigade were :-

40 Officers 968 Other ranks.

Quite a large number of these, however, occurred whilst holding the front before and after the attack.

D. Points of Importance and Lessons to be
learnt from recent Operations.

- (1) It is necessary to allow a very big margin of time for getting the attacking troops into position. Half a mile per hour is the utmost speed when the country is in its present state.
- (2) The value of dumps close up to the front line was amply proved. Two dumps were pushed forward immediately in rear of the attacking troops, and the remains of them were left in the enemy's hands when the troops were forced to withdraw.
- (3) Trench Mortars in close support of the Infantry again proved of great value.
- (4) The necessity for good and frequent reports from front line Battalions was accentuated. Owing to doubt regarding the position of our front and that of the Division on our left it was impossible to readjust the S.O.S. barrage. But for this the 3rd. Aus. Division would probably have been able to hold their ground.
- (5) Hostile Machine guns seemed to fire through our Artillery barrage. This suggests that a new plan of Machine Gun barrage may have been adopted by the enemy. To cope with this a deep searching barrage with 106 fuze will be necessary. This should be placed on all localities whence hostile M.G. fire may be expected and move from place to place unexpectedly. It will need still more careful reconnaissance than hitherto prior to the attack to try and locate hostile M.guns. It is /

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suggested this might be done by simulating an attack, and during this, having reconnaissance planes on the lookout.

- (6) It is reported that hostile field guns came into action at close range from Eastern Slopes of the PASSCHENDARLE Ridge. S. and S.E. of PASSCHENDARLE these were "silent" until they could fire over the sights at our Infantry.
- (7) It is essential on the wet churned up ground that Artillery and M.G. barrage should only jump 50 yards at a time to enable our Infantry to keep close to it; this can be done by leap-frogging half the guns, i.e. having half ranging to "fifties" and half ranging "even hundreds".

H. Sinclair MacLagan

17/10/1917.

Major-General.
Commanding, 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

D.11 to K.2

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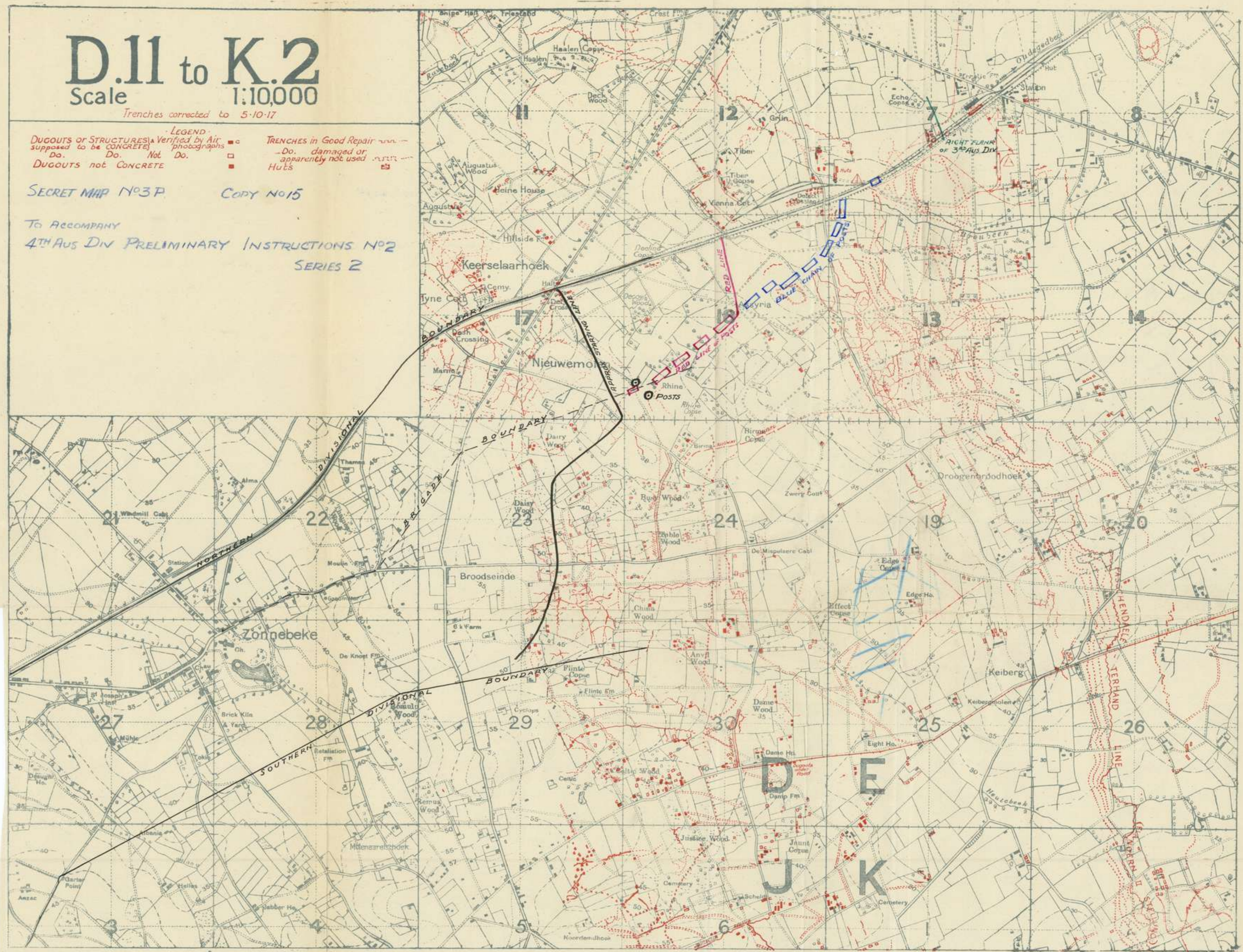
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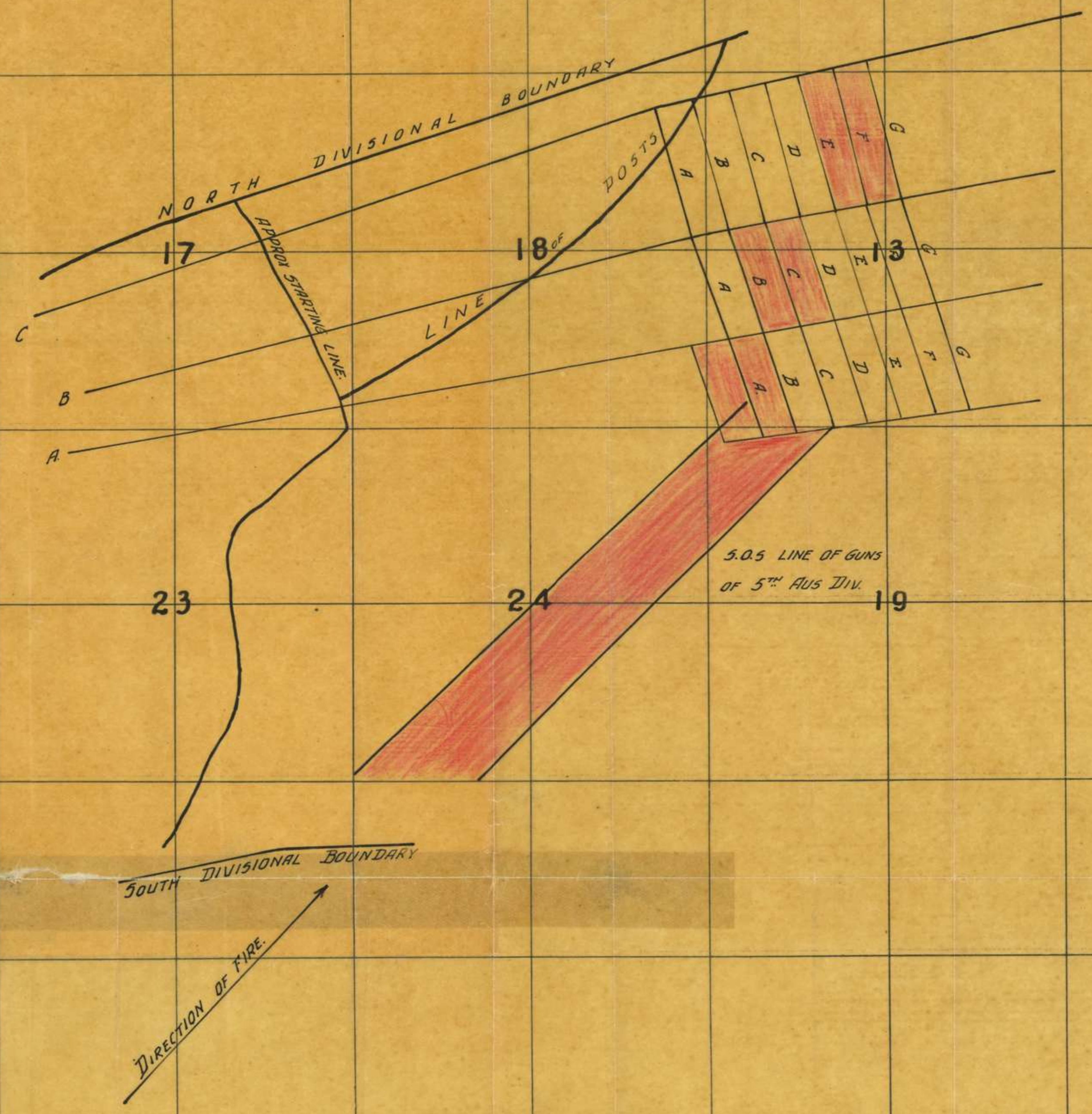
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MACHINE GUN BARRAGE MAP
10-1917.

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Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.



NOTE.—(1). These traces are intended to facilitate the communication of information as to the position of targets, which have been located on a squared map.
 (2). The squares on this trace are 500 yards in length on the 1/10,000 scale, 1,000 yards in length on the 1/20,000 scale, and 2,000 yards in length on the 1/40,000 scale.
 (3). The squares on the trace are fitted to the squares of the map showing the targets, which are then drawn on the trace. Sufficient letters and numbers must also be added to enable the recipient to place the trace in the correct position on his own map. A little detail may also be traced, but this is not essential. The name and scale of the map to which the trace refers must be always given. The trace can be used for the 1/10,000, 1/20,000, or 1/40,000 scale.

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4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 86.

Headquarters,

18th. OCTOBER, 1917.

Reference map 1/10,000.

1. 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigade will relieve 13th. Aus. Infantry Brigade in right Sector of Divisional Front on October 19th. and night October 19/20th. Reserve Battalion of 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigade will remain in Camp at I.S.d.
2. On relief 13th. Aus. Infantry Brigade will move to Infantry Barracks, Esplanade Dugouts, Canal Dugouts and BELGIAN CHATEAU Camp, accommodating one Battalion at each place.
3. Details of relief will be arranged mutually between brigadiers concerned. Command of the Sector will pass on completion, which will be reported to Divisional Headquarters.
4. Machine Gun 'S.O.S.' barrage lines will be maintained during relief.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. J. Lawless
 Lieut-Colonel.
 G.S. 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 11.30 am.

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| 27. | 5th. A.F.A. Brigade. |
| 28. | 57th. H.A.G. |

SECRET.4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Distribution of Units.

UNIT.				
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>		Adv. 28	I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
		Rear.	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTH CAMP.
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			D. 26. c. 1. 3.	ROULERS RAILWAY.)
13th Battalion.			D. 22. d. 4. 5.	MOULIN FARM.)
14th Battalion.			I. 11. b. 2. 5.	RAILWAY WOOD)
				DUGOUT.)
15th Battalion.			D. 16. d. 8. 1.	
16th Battalion.			C. 30. d. 3. 1.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.)
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.			D. 27. c. 3. 5.	
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.			D. 27. c. 3. 5.	
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			I. 17. d. 85. 20.	INFANTRY BARRACKS YPRES.)
45th Battalion.			I. 7. d. 2. 2.	ESPLANADE SAP.)
46th Battalion.			I. 8. d.	YPRES.)
47th Battalion.			I. 13. c. 4. 9.	CANAL DUGOUTS.)
48th Battalion.			I. 7. d. 85. 20.	INFANTRY BARRACKS)
				YPRES.)
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.			H. 23. b. cent.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.)
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.			I. 7. d.	ESPLANADE SAP.)
			65. 05.	
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			D. 26. c. 1. 3.	ROULERS RAILWAY.)
49th Battalion.			J. 2. a. 3. 6.	
50th Battalion.			D. 28. b. 65. 60.	
51st Battalion.			H. 23. b. 8. 8.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.)
52nd Battalion.			D. 28. b. 55. 95.	
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.			H. 23. b. 8. 8.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.)
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.			D. 29. a. 3. 9.	
				RIGHT BRIGADE)
				IN LINE.)
<u>4th Aus. Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>			I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
10th A.F.A. Bde.			I. 16. c. 3. 4.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.			J. 2. a. 35. 50.	
4th A.F.A. Bde.			J. 1. d. 35. 30.	
5th A.F.A. Bde.			G. 29. a. 5. 9.	
Div. T.M. Officer.			G. 28. b. 5. 5.	
4th Aus. Div. Ammunition Col.			H. 18. b. 3. 0.	
2nd Div. Ammunition Col.			G. 18. c. 6. 8.	
<u>4th Aus. Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>			I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Field Coy.			H. 14. a. 5. 1.	LILLE GATE, YPRES.
12th Aus. Field Coy.			I. 15. c. 5. 5.	ZILLEBEKE AREA.
13th Aus. Field Coy.			I. 14. b. 15. 50.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Div. Signal Coy.			I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
24th Aus. M.G. Company.			D. 27. d. 7. 7.	TOKIO.
4th Aus. Pioneer Battn.			I. 10. c. 2. 5.	WHITE CHATEAU.
<u>4th Aus. Div. Train.</u>			H. 15. c. 5. 8.	PIONEER AREA.
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.			H. 15. c. 5. 8.	" "
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.			H. 15. d. 3. 7.	" "
28th Coy. A.A.S.C.			H. 15. d. 9. 3.	" "
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.			H. 15. d. 3. 7.	" "
Supply Column.			G. 32. d. 5. 4.	HOOGRAAF.
Railhead.			DICKEBUSCH.	
S. S. O.			H. 15. c. 5. 8.	PIONEER AREA.
Pack Transport Troop.			H. 13. b. 5. 5.	YPRES.

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<u>A.D.M.S.</u>	28	I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Field Amb.		G. 21. c. 5. 8.	DIV. REST STATION.
12th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 9. c. 6. 6.	MENIN ROAD.
13th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 7. d. 6. 8.	YPRES.
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Section.		G. 24. c. 0. 5.	
4th Aus. Div. Salvage Coy.		I. 16. a. 1. 1.	PIONEER ARWA.
Reinforcement Camp.	27	CAESTRE.	

DIVISIONAL UNITS.

D.M.G.O.	28	I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS Y PRES.
A.P.M.		I. 13. c. 2. 8.	KRUISSTRAAT.
D.A.D.V.S.		G. 28. cent.	HORSESHOE CAMP.
Div. Paymaster.		G. 28. cent.	" "
D.A.D.O.S.		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTH CAMP.
Div. Claims Officer.		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	" "
Div. Gas Officer.		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	" "

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8. a. m., 18th October, 1917.

Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 185.

From 6 a.m. 17th October to 6 a.m. 18th October, 1917.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Strong patrols were again sent out. Enemy located at D.30.a.2.9. and at DE MISPELAERE CABT. Near the last place an enemy patrol of 10 was encountered and engaged, but the result is not known. An Officer's patrol reports that there is no enemy at ASSYRIA.

Artillery. Considerable attention was paid to the DROOGENBROODHOEK - MOORSLEDE Road. Harassing fire was kept up on roads and approaches. Good counter battery work was done by the 'heavies'.

Aircraft. Our planes were active throughout the day.

Patrols.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Route.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1 Off. 12 O.R.	3.30 p.m. 10.45 p.m.	D.23.d.1.6. East towards CHINA WOOD.	After proceeding 100 yards came under M.G. fire from D.30.a.2.9. Double green flares were sent up from M.G. position. These were foll- owed by Red flares from E.25.a.2.9. These brought heavy artillery fire on ANVIL WOOD and S. of CHINA WOOD.
1 Off. 6 O.R. & 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.R.	5.10 p.m.	- D.24.c.2.6. - along MISPELAERE Cabt. Road - to within 150 yards of Cross Roads.	Flares at D.24.d.1.9. -Enemy patrol of 10 encount- ered at D.24.c.7.9. and engaged - result unknown. No enemy West of D.24.d.2.
2 Off. 9 O.R.	5.45 p.m. 9 p.m.	D.17.b.4.2. ASSYRIA - RHINE - D.17.d.5.1.	Reports no enemy at ASSYRIA. Ground very marshy and very difficult to cross.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Hostile artillery was again active throughout the period. At 5.15 p.m. and at 4 a.m. our front line was heavily shelled by 4.2's and 77 m.m's. Considerable attention was also paid to Support Lines, Sunken Road in D.16.d., and ZONNEBEKE. Enemy again used a large quantity of mustard gas shells. From 9 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. D.27. and D.28. were shelled. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. 400 rounds of 5.9 were fired into J.2.a. and b. The Eastern edge of HANNEBEKE WOOD was intermittently shelled by 5.9's during the day.

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

Again very active. In the early morning low reconnaissance was done over our front line. During the day large formations patrolled over our lines and battery positions. At 11.45 a.m. 31 planes (including GOTHAS) were over support and reserve areas.

HOSTILE DEFENCES.

M.G.'s were reported active at D.30.a.2.9. and at VIENNA COTTAGES.

Movement was seen at D.18.b.central and near VIENNA COTTAGES.

Stanley Regus East

1st Lieut. Colonel,
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 186.From 6.a.m. 18th October to 6.a.m. 19th October, 1917.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

OUR OPERATIONS.

During the night the enemy posts in D.24.c. and d. located by our patrols, were shelled by the Field Guns. A patrol last night passed through ASSYRIA. Enemy were located in Western edge of Square E.13.a. and in DECLINE COPSE at D.18.a.3.6.

Artillery. Harassing fire was kept on roads and approaches. The trenches in E.13.a., RAILWAY CUTTING at E.7.c.9.7. and VIENNA COTTAGES were shelled during the day.

Aircraft. The usual scout and reconnaissance planes were active during the day.

Patrols.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Route.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1 N.O.O. 6 O.R.	7.0 p.m. to 10.p.m.	D.23.c.90.65. - D.24.c.20.72. - then patrolling on line D.24.a.20.05. to D.24.c.25.60.	Flares were fired to the front of 800 yards this patrol.
1 Off. 9 O.R.	9.p.m. 2.a.m.	D.17.b.4.0. - ASSYRIA - D.18.b.3.2. - returned through DECOY WOOD.	No enemy in ASSYRIA. Enemy in E.13.a. and in DECLINE COPSE at D.18.a.3.6.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Again very active through^{out} the period. Front and Support Lines, ZONNEBEKE and vicinity, junction of YPRES - ROULERS Railway and ZONNEBEKE Road were heavily shelled. D.26.c., J.1. and 2 were intermittently shelled throughout the day and night. At 10.15.p.m. our front area back as far as TOKIO was heavily shelled by 4.2 H.E. and Mustard Gas shells. This was repeated from 2.a.m. to 3.a.m. and again at 4.48.a.m.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

Again very active. Bombing planes were active both day and night. At 6.a.m. 3 E.A. flew over our lines at low altitude.. At 2.30.p.m. 17 planes flew over our lines at a high altitude. 13 GOTHAS were over our lines at 4.p.m. when bombs were dropped over battery positions. 11 Balloons were seen up opposite our lines at one time.

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HOSTILE MOVEMENT.

Enemy movement was seen at D.30.b.95.75.. Individual movement was seen during the day in D.18.d. 10 men seen near VIENNA COTTAGES were fired on by Lewis Guns. A light train was seen going Southwards through E.26.a. to E.25.b. Another trench train was seen in E.2.d. A Red Cross Flag was seen on a building in MOORSLEDE.

Stanley Rogus East
 Lt. Lieut-Colonel,
 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.REPORT ONCOMMUNICATIONS BEFORE AND DURING THE ATTACK ON THE
PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE, 11th to 13th October 1917.

Cable. On taking over from 2nd Australian Division at 10 a.m. 11th October, that Division's communications were relieved and taken over as a going concern.

In order to prepare for next day's attack, it was necessary to lay ground cable from Cable Head, (TOKIO D.27.d.7.7.), to Right and Left Brigade Forward Stations, a distance of 1,200 yards in the former instance, and 2,000 yards in the latter. From Left Brigade Forward Station, a further ground cable was laid forward to Battalion Headquarters at D.17.c.6.8., 800 yards. It will be seen from this that the distance between Cable Head and Battalion Headquarters, (Left Brigade), 2,800 yards, made the maintenance a big undertaking in an attack, but notwithstanding the heavy enemy shelling on this sector, communication was maintained with very little interruption, and considerably more traffic could have been transmitted than was offered. In the case of the Right Brigade, the shorter distance to maintain assisted largely in keeping in touch throughout, although the shelling was just as heavy as elsewhere.

At about 8.0 p.m., 11th instant, the buried Cable Route between Divisional Headquarters and Brigades on the one hand, and Brigades and Battalions on the other, was blown out by an 8" H.E. shell. Breakdown gangs were on the job immediately, but owing to the considerable number of shell-holes in the vicinity, the party was unable for some time to locate the shell-hole in which the break occurred. About half an hour before Zero, sufficient pairs were "through" to supply immediate requirements. During this time, Divisional traffic to Brigades, was transmitted through the Right Brigade, Left Division; forward of Brigades to and from their Battalions, the Earth Conduction Service and Visual Signalling were employed at high pressure with excellent results.

Earth Conduction Service. Some modification from 2nd Australian Division's system were necessary in siting of High Power Buzzers and Amplifiers to suit altered conditions. A complete series of circuits was arranged, working from SAN SOUCI forward to Battalions in the attack via ANZAC, TOKIO, MOULIN FARM, and DEKNOET FARM, thus securing communication independent of cable.

This service was invaluable during the night 11/12th October, when the cable routes were blown out. After Zero, owing to the cables holding well, Earth Conduction Circuits were seldom used.

Visual. The Divisional Signal Station was established at Brigade Headquarters, D.26.a.1.4., from where direct communication was maintained throughout from Right and Left Brigade Forward Stations, and Left Brigade Advanced Headquarters.

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The terrain proved excellent for visual, and consequently traffic was very heavy, and was well and expeditiously handled.

Pigeons. As usual, pigeons proved an excellent and certain means of communication from front line. In each case pigeon messages contained useful information. Sixteen birds per attacking Battalion were allotted. Pigeons were relayed from WHITE CHATEAU via BIRR CROSS Roads to distributing centre at Brigades, thence to Brigade Forward Stations and Battalions.

Runners. Did excellent work. Relay posts were established at convenient distances, consistent with suitable cover being obtained.

D.R's. Between Division and Brigades, Motor Cycles were impossible, Motor Cyclist D.R's and other available personnel such as grooms and batmen, were mounted on horses and the service maintained in that way. Latterly, on account of intermittent burst of shelling around Brigade Headquarters, it was found necessary to relay Brigade Sealed Packet traffic at D.25.d.l.9.

16th October, 1917.

(Sgd) J.E. FRASER,
Major,
O.C., Signals.
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.REPORT ON12TH AND 13TH AUS. INFANTRY BRIGADE COMMUNICATIONSPeriod 11th - 14th October, 1917.Reference attached Map.Line Communication of Right Brigade in Line.

On bury from Railway dug-out (L.R.), via S.S., J.T., A.Z., G.P. to T.K., (Cable Head), then, after taking advantage of short spur of incomplete buried route, by ground cable to Right Brigade Forward Station. From Forward Station to three Battalion Headquarters in line by ground cable. Test and Switching points at Cable Head and Forward Station.

The maintenance of ground lines was difficult owing to extra swampy nature of ground, in addition to the persistent shelling.

Line Communications of Left Brigade in Line to T.K. was as for Right Brigade. From Cable Head to Brigade Advanced Station, D.22.d.2.4., and then to Forward Station by ground cable.

To Battalions as shown by ground lines. Test and switching points Cable Head, Advanced Brigade Station, Brigade Forward Station, with Linemen's station about half way between Advanced and Forward Stations.

Lines during Attack. About 8 hours before Zero, buried route between S.S. and J.T. was blown out, cutting off all forward and rear telephone and telegraphic service, but sufficient lines were got through before Zero to re-establish communication to Cable Head and Division. At Zero all ground lines forward of Cable Head were cut, but communication was re-established to Forward Stations at about 15 to 30 minutes after Zero, and maintained except for short periods. Line Communications to Battalions from Brigade Stations fairly satisfactory. Telephone communication to Battalion Headquarters in 17.c. remained practically ^{un}interrupted throughout. The situation re lines became better as day advanced.

Left Brigade established visual on 11th, between Brigade Headquarters and their Advanced Station and Forward Station and satisfactory work carried out.

Right Brigade established visual about 10.0.a.m. on morning of 12th, near their Forward Station, and worked back to Divisional Visual Station at Brigade Headquarters, which took over station from Left Brigade on morning of 12th. Six visual men were ~~also~~ loaned to Brigades for Forward Visual Stations. Once established, Visual Stations were never out of touch, and worked well.

Amplifier and Power Buzzers were also established as shown on attached Map. All stations remained in touch throughout operations except for Power Buzzer at Left Brigade Forward

Station. This was rectified morning of 12th, and an amplifier was sent up completing chain of stations. A Charging Station was also established near SAN SOUCI. The small amount of traffic dealt with shows, that what there was, came by quicker methods.

Runners. Reliable; although working under adverse conditions. Left Brigade worked slightly shorter relays than Right Brigade, but comparison of results could not be made owing to different conditions. More notice and direction boards required, especially at flank Battalion Headquarters.

Pigeons. Use of Pigeons still unsatisfactory. Normal supply as follows: delivered to pigeon dump, 6.0 a.m. to 9.0 a.m., taken forward by Runners to Brigade, thence to Battalions, being taken up to certain Companies, etc., after dark. They should, if not released the following day, be released by daylight the morning after. Should more pigeons be required they should be asked for ahead, and birds should not be retained for three or four days, especially as they seem to be seldom used. During operations, pigeons made fairly good flights; one bird which had been in for four days, dying at loft on arrival. Supplies ^{were} becoming short on 14th, owing to birds being retained in trenches too long, thus necessitating a longer rest before being trapped for further work.

General. Everything it was possible to allow for, worked well. Zero hour being so soon after taking over did not allow, under the conditions existing, of complete arrangements being made beforehand. The results were, under these conditions, satisfactory as far as Signal Service concerned.

Map attached.

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4th Aus. Div. Signal Company.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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15th Battalion.		I. 11. b. 2. 5.	MOULIN FARM.)
16th Battalion.		D. 22. d. 4. 5.	DRAUGHT HOUSE.)
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12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		D. 26. c. 1. 3.	ROULERS RAILWAY.)
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13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		I. 17. d. 85. 20.	INFANTRY BARRACKS YPRES.)
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4th Aus. Div. Engineers H.Q.		I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 14. a. 5. 1.	LILLE GATE, YPRES.
12th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 15. c. 5. 5.	ZILLESBEKE AREA.
13th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 14. b. 15. 50.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Div. Signal Coy.		I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
24th Aus. M.G. Company.		D. 27. d. 7. 7.	TOKIO.
4th Aus. Pioneer Battn.		I. 10. c. 2. 5.	WHITE CHATEAU.
4th Aus. Div. Train.		H. 15. c. 5. 8.	PIONEER AREA.
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27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. d. 3. 7.	" "
Supply Column.		G. 32. d. 5. 4.	HOOGRAAF.
Railhead		DICKEBUSCH.	
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YPRES.

4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Section.

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4th Aus. Div. Salvage Coy.

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L. Craig Capt.

for Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

8. a. m. 20th October, 1917.

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4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 87.Reference 1/10,000 sp.Headquarters,
19th. OCTOBER, 1917.

1. (a) The inter-divisional boundary between the 4th. and 5th. Australian Divisions will be re-adjusted on night 20/21st. October in accordance with tracing on map attached.

(b) The duck-walk track known as KIT KAT Track and the GARTER POINT - ZONNEBEKE Road as far as the Brick Kiln will be common to both Divisions.

2. (a) G.O.C., 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigade will hand over the Southern part of his front to G.O.C. 14th. Aus. Infantry Brigade and the Northern part to G.O.C. 4th. Aus. Infantry Brigade.

(b) All arrangements will be made direct between Brigadiers concerned and command of each Sector will pass on completion of relief which will be notified to Divisional Headquarters.

3. On relief 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigade will be withdrawn to Camps South of YPRES - location of Camps will be notified later.

4. 45th. and 24th. Aus. H.G. Companies will not be relieved.

5. Further instructions regarding Artillery will be issued.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

DK Bernard.

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

Issued at 5.30 a.m. on 20th.

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~~ALTERATION TO DISPOSITION REPORT ISSUED ON 20th October, 1917.~~

13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	D. 26. c. 1. 3.	ROULERS RAILWAY.
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15th Battalion.	I. 11. b. 5. 5.	
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12th A.L.T.A. Bty.	H. 18. c. 1. 6.	CANAL AREA.

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Major-General,

Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

S. a. m., 21st October, 1917.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 187.

From 6 a.m. 10th October to 6 a.m. 20th October, 1917.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Numerous patrols were again sent out. ASSYRIA was again patrolled, but no enemy was found. Another patrol reached D.18.d.5.4. and reports that enemy is holding the ridge in E.13.c. A patrol reports that enemy 77's shelled CHINA WOOD during the night.

Artillery. Our Artillery was quiet during the morning. At 4 p.m. 'heavies' carried out bombardments of MOORSLEDE and PASSCHENDAELE. Numerous small explosions were seen in enemy territory, as the result of our Counter Battery work.

Aircraft. Owing to the poor visibility our planes were very quiet.

Patrols.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Route.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1 Off. 4 O.R.	6.0 p.m. 10.0 p.m.	D.17.d.5.4. - D.18.d.5.4. - DAIRY WOOD - D.23.b.3.8.	Two partly demolished houses at D.18.d.5.4. with cellars full of water. Ground at D.18.d.5.4. is firm. Flares from ridge in E.13.c.
2 Off. 10 O.R.	3.45 p.m. 11 p.m.	D.17.b.4.2. - RHINE- ASSYRIA - D.18.c.30.95. D.17.b.4.2.	No sign of enemy except enemy H.G. firing from ridge in E.13.c.

Other patrols report BUSY, CHINA and TABLE WOODS clear of enemy. Several patrols moved along railway to D.17.d.9.5. and saw no sign of enemy.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Hostile Artillery was abnormally active, the whole of the Sector being shelled at intervals. The Front and Support Lines were shelled by 77's, 4.2's and 5.9's between 1.0 p.m. and 2.0 p.m. It is noticeable that the enemy is using more shrapnel than usual. The heaviest shelling fell on J.2.a. and b., D.25., D.26., D.27. The Duckboard track between DE KNOET FARM, TOKIO and KIT and KAT was heavily shelled by 5.9's and torn up in several places. The Field Guns appear to be firing from the direction of PASSCHENDAELE and from the East of ASSYRIA. Most of the heavy guns are firing from the direction of DADIZEELE. Flashes were observed from a 3 gun battery at E.25.b.7.9.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Enemy planes flew low over our lines late yesterday afternoon. Bombs were dropped in J.2.b. at 7 p.m. E.A. was active at night. Enemy planes were again active this morning and flew low over our lines back as far as ANZAC RIDGE.

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

APPENDIX TO 4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO187

FROM II ARMY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 823, 19/10/17.

ENEMY'S TACTICS. Attached is a translation of a Divisional Order of the 20th Infantry Division which, after the operations of the 26th Sept, held the PASSCHENDAELE Sector. It is particularly interesting even at this late date after the change of tactics effected near the end of September, as it shows :-

1. The enemy's appreciation of our policy of limited objectives and his difficulty in meeting it.
2. The effect of our success in discovering his assembly and employment positions by reconnaissance early in the day (based upon "Counter-Attack Maps" issued previously).
3. The extraordinary losses he suffered from our artillery in getting his counter-attack divisions forward to the attack from these positions.

Translation of
DIVISIONAL ORDER OF THE 20th INF. DIV. (PASSCHENDAELE Sector)
 Dated September 28th, 1917.
 (Before the order for change of tactics).
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During his last attacks the enemy has supplied a new method. He directs his artillery fire less on the front of infantry lines than our artillery and billeting area of the counter-attacking divisions in the rear. If he thereupon succeeds in penetrating some portion of our front line in his infantry attack, he contents himself for the time being with a small gain, about 1 kilometre in depth, and consolidates himself here very quickly and very thoroughly, more especially with machine-guns, before making another small advance with the next wave of attack and again consolidating his position in the same way. The counter-attack of the advanced elements of our counter-attacking divisions in the rear was frequently so delayed by the enemy's artillery fire, through which it had to pass, that, while it threw back the first waves of the enemy's attack, it was brought to a standstill on the position reached and consolidated by the enemy after the first attack.

I am convinced that the most efficacious means against these tactics is the well-tried fighting method of the 20th Division in defensive tactics (Abwehrschlacht), and that this method of fighting, especially in the circumstances described above, will result in the lightest casualties on our side.

In the event of the division being again put into the front line before long, I shall again shortly outline this method of fighting.

We must not rely on the support of the counter-attacking divisions, which may not always be able to come up at the right moment, but we must hold the positions entrusted to us with our own resources as we succeeded in doing so brilliantly a short time ago under the most difficult conditions on the AISNE at CERNY.

This position does not consist of several lines of trenches, but is a system of shell-holes, trenches, dugouts, machine guns, etc. within this system the defence must be mobile. The front line should not be too strongly garrisoned. Should the enemy penetrate the front line or push through beyond it, then we must immediately counter-attack, regardless of cost, with all local reserves, held as inconspicuously as possible in the rear, before

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the enemy has consolidated. In the course of this the front line must be retaken at all costs.

In this method of fighting we have to consider that portions of the front line may pass temporarily into the enemy's possession but this must always be permitted to last for only a short time. The enemy must never be allowed to remain in our position or even the smallest portion of it for any appreciable time. If we should succeed in pushing on to inflict as much punishment as possible on the enemy, all the better.

As soon as the objective of the counter-attack has been gained, then thin out the front line again as quickly as possible and withdraw all troops thus relieved.

The Division may feel convinced that the loss of every individual man causes me the greatest pain, and from our last fight, it must know that I am always studying to accomplish the tasks the Division has been set with the lightest possible casualties. On the other hand

I am proudly conscious that the division is ready to sacrifice itself regardlessly when the defence of our beloved, glorious, German Fatherland demands it. Animated by this spirit, the Division, will in the fighting that awaits it, once again wreck all the enemy's attacks as it has hitherto always succeeded in doing.

(Sgd). HELLMANN.

CAPTURED ORDER

dealing with

THE EMPLOYMENT OF A COUNTER-ATTACK DIVISION.

240th Division
Ia/5858.

7/10/17.

1. The division will be accommodated in the billeting area hitherto occupied by the 16th Division. Billeting plans and maps will be distributed at detraining stations.
2. The division is at the disposal of the DIXHUDE Group (Guard Res. Corps) as a counter-attack division (Eingreif-Division).
3. Depending on the situation, the division may be employed in the following ways :-
 - (a) As the emergency garrison of rearward positions.
 - (b) As a whole or in part to support a division in the line.
 - (c) Elements for small local counter-attacks, if the enemy's penetration is limited in depth and breadth.
 - (d) For counter-attack as in open warfare, if the enemy breaks through to a great depth.
4. The enemy will most probably attack through POELCAPPELLE and on both sides of the LANGELARCK - STADEN Railway. (See para. 8 for reconnaissance of this ground.)
5. The following three degrees of readiness are ordered in billeting areas. 1. Troops will be held in readiness in billets. Drill, etc., may take place only in the immediate neighbourhood of billets.

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Readiness 2. Troops will be assembled by battalions, equipped, and kept in close alarm billets. They must be ready to move off in about a quarter of an hour. Readiness 3. Battalions will move to the assembly places of the "counter-attack groups" (See para. 6).

The "counter-attack groups" will consist of :-

- 1 Infantry Regiment.
- 1 field gun battery.
- 1 platoon of pioneers.
- Despatch riders.
- Signal detachment.

460th I.R.-3rd bty. 271st F.A. Regt.-1 platoon 372 Pn. Co. - 15 D.Rs.
 470th I.R.-7th bty. 271st F.A. Regt.-1 platoon 371 Pn. Co. - 15 D.Rs.
 471st I.R.-9th Bty. 271st F.A. Regt.-1 platoon 372 Pn. Co. - 15 D.Rs.

Further orders will follow as to the allotment of signal detachments. In case of an impending hostile attack "Readiness 3" will be ordered (See para. 5), and these counter-attack groups will be moved forward to the following assembly areas.

- 460th Inf. Regt. - as emergency garrison of the Flandern I position between ONDANK and STADENDREEF.
- 470 Inf. Regt. - Between VUILPAU and MISPELAEREIK.
- 471st Inf. Regt. - round SLEMMAGE.

If other assembly places are to be used, special orders will be issued.

7. When "Readiness 3" is ordered, the headquarters of the 271st F.A. Regt. with the 1st and 2nd Batteries, will occupy positions north of VIJWEGEN such as will enable them to open fire immediately if the enemy breaks through on either side of POELCAPPELLE.

The light field howitzer "Abteilung" will be employed as artillery of the "second wave" (2. Welle) in the sector of the 18th Div. and will be under the orders of that division. The Abteilung Commander, assisted by the staff of a Foot Art. Bn. of the 18th Div. will assume command of the artillery of the second wave in the area of the 18 Div. If he is not able to combine his command post with those of the commanders of the infantry brigade and F.A. regt. of the 18th Div., he will keep in close touch with them.

The staff of the 3rd Abteilung and the 8th battery will, as Corps Reserve, be allotted to the 470 th Inf. Regt.

8. The following reconnaissances are to be carried out at once by all commanders concerned. :-

- (a) Assembly places of the counter-attack groups down to battalions and batteries. The division will call for reports in the next few days.
- (b) Area of operations.- The area of operations for all troops of the division will be the eastern portion of the HOUTHULST Forest, as far as the POELCAPPELLE - HOOGLUDE road, inclusive.

The reconnaissance will determine to what extent it is necessary to define and mark routes, build bridges, erect screens and construct dugouts for the assembly and advance of the counter-attack groups.

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During the reconnaissance, commanders of regiments, battalions or abteilung and their adjutants must not be absent from their units at the same time. Troops must be able to take up the various positions of readiness as quickly as possible.

9. The experiences of recent fighting on this front show that rapid intervention in the battle is the first essential; the blow must fall on the enemy before he can consolidate, in other words, as early as possible.

It will, therefore, usually be incorrect to take up a fresh position of readiness before the battle develops; as a rule, dispositions will have to be made to meet a situation which will be obscure, as in the case of open warfare.

HOUTHULST FOREST, which, as is well known, lies under heavy fire during hostile attacks and is gassed at the same time, presents a considerable obstacle to a counter-attack. During previous operations, counter-attacking troops were generally unable to pass through it quickly and in good order. It must, therefore, be avoided as far as the situation permits.

It will, nevertheless, be included in the reconnaissances.

10. Further orders will follow as to existing communications, and those which still have to be established.

11. Simultaneously with the arrival of the troops in their sector, battle practices and assembly practices for counter-attacking groups will be carried out.

Foggy days in particular are to be used for practices in forward areas. Losses are to be avoided. Intended practices are to be reported to the division two days in advance. These practices must aim at ensuring rapid preparedness and assembly. The infantry brigade commander and the commander of the divisional artillery will supervise these practices and will see that several counter-attack groups do not practise on the same day.

The 40th Reconnaissance Flight is at the disposal of the Division for practices behind the front and for use in the counter-attack.

(Sgd) GRAF DOHNA,
Captain and G.S.O. I.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 88.

Headquarters,
21st October, 1917.

Reference 1/40,000 Map.

1. 4th Aus. Division (less Artillery) will be relieved by 1st Aus. Division, (less Artillery,) and will move back as per table overleaf.
2. The relief of the Brigade in the Line will be arranged between Infantry Brigadiers concerned, and command will pass on completion of relief, which will be notified to Div. H.Q.
3. Further instructions regarding relief of Pioneer Battalion, and Engineer and Medical Units will be issued.
4. (a) 24th Aus. M.G. Company will move back with 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade and be billeted by them.
(b) Other M.G. Companies will move with their Brigades.
5. Usual intervals will be maintained on the march.
6. Personnel from the Reinforcement Camp will rejoin their Brigades on arrival at the WIPPENHOEK, REMINGHELST and HALIFAX AREAS. Separate instructions will be issued to them.
7. G.O.C., 4th Aus. Division will hand over command of the Left Sector of the Corps Front to G.O.C., 1st Aus. Division at 10 a.m., October 24th.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

D.K. Bernard.

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

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TABLE OF MOVES.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>FROM.</u>	<u>TO.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
Oct. 21st.	13th Aus. Inf. Bde.	CANAL Area and YPRES.	OUDERDOM Area.	Not to enter OUDERDOM Area before 12 noon.
Oct. 22nd.	12th Aus. Inf. Bde.	CANAL Area and YPRES.	HALIFAX Area.	Via BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER - DEF GROEMEN JAGER CABT. Move to be completed by 1.p.m.
Oct. 23/24.	4th Aus. Inf. Bde.	LINE.	YPRES Area (H.Q. INFANTRY) (BARRACKS.)	On relief by 2nd Aus. Inf. Bde.
	24th Aus. M.G. Coy.	LINE.	H. 23.b.	
Oct. 24th	4th Aus. Inf. Bde.	YPRES Area.	RENINGHELST Area.	By bus. Separate instructions will be issued.
	24th Aus. M.G. Coy.	H. 23.b.	RENINGHELST Area.	
	Div. H.Q.	YPRES SMITH CAMP	SCOTTISH LINES (G. 25. a. 9. 7.)	
Oct. 25th.	13th Aus. Inf. Bde.	OUDERDOM Area.	WIPPENHOEK Area.	Via RENINGHELST. No t to enter RENINGHELST before 1.p.m.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 188.

From 6 a.m. 20th October to 6 a.m. 21st October 1917.NOT to be taken into the Front Line.OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. The trenches in E.13.a. were shelled at intervals during day and night. Neutralizing fire was put on enemy batteries at E.20.b.10.23., E.21.a.65.15., E.21.c.5.6., E.21.a.9.7., E.26.b.7.9. Harassing fire was kept on enemy roads and approaches.

Aircraft. Active during the early morning and at intervals during the day. Several encounters with H.A. took place but apparently without result.

Patrols.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Route.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1 Off.	9 p.m.	D.17.b.1.2.	Working party of 80 seen
9 O.R.	12.30 a.m.	Railway Line - along N. bank of Railway to DECLINE COPSE at D.18.a.3.7.	strengthening position in DECLINE COPSE, and building a blockade across Railway Line. About 200 yards W. of DECLINE COPSE, about 30 coils of barbed wire in good condition were found.

Other patrols did not come in contact with the enemy. They report that enemy was shelling NO MAN'S LAND with H.E.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Enemy artillery was again extremely active. During the day J.1.b. and J.2., D.26. and D.27. were heavily shelled. At frequent intervals the front and support lines were shelled with 77's, 4.2's and 5.9's, both H.E. and Shrapnel being used. At 2.20 p.m. a shrapnel barrage was placed on Ridge at D.22.b. At 4 p.m. a barrage, which lasted for 30 minutes, was placed on D.11.c. and D.17.a. BIRR CROSS ROADS, RAILWAY WOOD and D.25. were shelled. During the night SAN SOUCI was shelled with Gas Shells.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

Enemy planes did considerable low reconnaissance over our Front and Support Lines. At 4 p.m., 3 planes flew low over our lines and dropped flares over our positions. One plane with a RED body and H.O.5. on under wing, flew low over ZONNEBEKE and fired on our troops. Bombs were dropped near BIRR CROSS ROADS and in the vicinity of some of our batteries.

HOSTILE MOVEMENT.

Considerable movement was seen in the vicinity of DECLINE COPSE. The enemy appears to have Posts at D.30.b.75.75. and at E.13.c.5.0. O.P's are suspected at E.13.c.7.3. and E.13.c.9.1.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 189.

From 6.a.m. 21st October to 6.a.m. 22nd October 1917.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line

OUR OPERATIONS. A post. has been established at D.17.b.75.40. Patrols again report that enemy is working in the vicinity of DECLINE COPSE where he seems to be digging trenches.

Artillery. Our Artillery was normally active during the day. Four hostile batteries were engaged during the morning by Divisional Artillery. During the night harassing fire was carried out. Between 7.p.m. and 9.p.m. Divisional Artillery opened neutralizing fire on 3 hostile batteries while other batteries were engaged by the C.B's. This effectively kept down enemy fire during an Infantry relief. At 5.35.a.m., our Artillery took part in a bombardment barrage.

Aircraft. Our planes were active on reconnaissance work during the day. At 6.p.m. several flights flew across our lines.

Patrols.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Route.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1 Off. 4 O.R.	12.15.a.m. 2.45.a.m.	D.17.d.55.75. - DECOY WOOD - ASSYRIA - D.17.d.55.75.	No enemy in vicinity of ASSYRIA - Sounds of work heard at approx. D.18.a.3.7.
1 Off. 12 O.R.	9.15.p.m. 12.10.a.m.	D.17.b.2.1. - along S. of Railway to vicinity of DECLINE COPSE.	50 men, apparently digging trenches seen at DECLINE COPSE.

Other patrols out did not come in contact with enemy. They report that the ground is still very wet and marshy.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Hostile Artillery was less active than on previous day. Particular attention was paid to our Support Lines on which enemy used a large amount of shrapnel. At 4.30.p.m. a barrage lasting for an hour was placed on D.23.b. and d. Between 6.a.m. and 3.15.p.m. 500 rounds of 5.9's and 8" were fired on J.2., D.26.c., D.21., D.27., D.28., and I.16. were also shelled.

When our barrage was placed over enemy lines at 5.35.a.m. this morning, double red rockets (apparently his S. O. S.) were sent up along his line. Enemy normal artillery activity did not increase until 5.45.a.m. when a barrage of 5.9's, 4.2's and 77's (H.E. and shrapnel) was placed on area between line D.23.d.(cent) - D.23.b.(cent), D.17.d.9.2. - D.17.b.9.5. and grid line between D.22. and D.23. At the same time enemy shelled WESTHORK RIDGE from J.7.b. to J.1.d. Enemy fire eased off at 6.30.a.m. At the same time as the artillery barrage opened, numerous machine guns, apparently situated on Western slopes of KEIBERG SPUR, opened up, the bullets going well over the heads of front line troops.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Normally active. At intervals low flying planes crossed our lines. At 10.a.m. 8 balloons were up opposite our lines.

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

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ALTERATION TO DISPOSITION REPORT ISSUED ON 20th October 1917.

4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q. 28 D.26.e.1.3.
 13th Battalion. I.11.b.5.5.
 14th Battalion. D.16.d.8.1.
 15th Battalion. J.1.b.4.4.
 16th Battalion. D.22.d.4.5.
 4th Aus. M.G. Coy. D.27.a.2.7.
 4th A.L.T.M. Bty. D.27.c.3.5. DRAUGHT HOUSE.

12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.M
 45th Battalion. H.23.b.5.6. BELGIAN CHATEAU.)
 46th Battalion. H.17.d.8.3. CANAL AREA.)
 47th Battalion. H.17.d.9.6. " ") MOVING TO
 48th Battalion. I.8.d.6.8. YPRES.)
 12th Aus. M.G. Coy. H.17.d.6.3. CANAL AREA.) HALIFAX
 12th A.L.T.M. Bty. H.23.b.7.3. BELGIAN CHATEAU.)
 H.18.c.1.6. CANAL AREA.) AREA
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13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.
 49th Battalion. G.30.a.9.8. CORNWALL CAMP.
 50th Battalion. H.25.c.4.0. PALACE CAMP.
 51st Battalion. G.30.a.9.8. CORNWALL CAMP.
 52nd Battalion. H.31.b.3.5. MICMAC CAMP.
 13th Aus. M.G. Coy. G.24.c.9.3. OTTAWA CAMP.
 13th A.L.T.M. Bty. G.24.d.1.7.
 G.24.c.9.3. OTTAWA CAMP.

Stanley Rogers

Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

S. a. m., 22nd Oct., 1917.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 190.

From 6. a.m. 22nd October to 6. a.m. 23rd October, 1917.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Practice barrages were put down at 5.35. a.m. and 5.45. p.m. Harassing and isolated fire was kept on roads and approaches. During the night constant fire was kept on the DROGGENBROODHOEK - MOORSLEDE Road. Hostile Batteries at E. 21. b. 6. 2., E. 21. a. 9. 5. and E. 26. b. 75. 90. were engaged by the Divisional Artillery with good neutralizing effect.

Aircraft. Our planes were normally active. At 3.30. p.m. a number of our planes over enemy lines were actively engaged by hostile anti-aircraft guns, and one was brought down and fell partially under control near KEIBERG.

Patrols.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Route.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1 Off.	9. p.m.	D. 23. b. 0. 0. -	Reports no enemy in BUSY WOOD - Ground there very wet and marshy.
4 O.R.	11.30. p.m.	D. 24. a. 10. 05.	

Other patrols were sent out. No contact with enemy was obtained.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Hostile artillery was again active throughout the period. Most of the shelling comes from the WATERDAMHOEK - MOORSLEDE Groups. The reply to the practice barrage at 5.45. p.m. was not as heavy as the reply to the barrage at 5.35. a.m.

In reply to our practice barrage at 6.0A. M, this morning the enemy used more 'heavies' than in his replies to previous barrages. Enemy was active throughout the period on Front, and Support lines D. 26. c., J. 2. a., were intermittently shelled with 5.9's, 8" Howitzers (H.E. and Gas being used).

The Railway line through D. 21. d., D. 27. a., D. 26. was shelled by 5.9's from the direction of KEIBERG.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

Activity below normal. Between 3.10. p.m. and 4.10. p.m., 9 Red-bodied planes flew at a low altitude along our lines. These were fired on by Lewis Guns, apparently without result.

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

During our barrage at 5.45. p.m. enemy appeared to be very 'jumpy', from the number of flares he sent up. His S. O. S. signal is apparently a double red flare. Double green flares were frequently used during the night, and also large numbers of white flares.

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

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4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 89.

Headquarters,
23rd October, 1917.

Reference Maps 1/40,000

1. (a) 4th Aus. Division will move to BOMY Area as per table overleaf.
- (b) Move of 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade from OUDERDOM Area to WIPPENHOEK Area on 25th and 24th Aus. M.G. Company from H. 23. b. to RENINGHELST on 24th (vide Div. Order No. 88) are cancelled.
- (c) 12th Aus. Field Company will move to RENINGHELST Area on 24th.
2. Detailed instructions regarding entrainment and allotment of billets in new Area will be issued. Transport will entrain at HOPOUTRE and remainder of Units at BRANDHOEK
3. The C.R.E. will arrange direct with the C.E. regarding relief of 12th Aus. Field Company and 4th Aus. Pioneer Battalion (less 2 Companies).
4. Div. H.Q. will close at SCOTTISH LINES and open at BOMY at 12 Noon, October 26th.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

D. K. Bernard.

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

Issued at 1. p.m.

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TABLE OF MOVES.

DATE.	UNIT.	FROM	TO	REMARKS.
Oct. 25th	'C' Inf. Bde. Group. (13th Aus. Inf. Bde. 13th Aus. Field Ambulance. 27th Coy. A.A.S.C. 24th Aus. M.G. Company.	OUDERDOM AREA and H. 23.b.	BOMY AREA	By train from BRANDHOEK and HOPOUTRE to WIZERNES - thence by bus.
Oct. 26th.	'B' Inf. Bde. Group. (12th Aus. Inf. Bde. 4th Aus. Pioneer Battn. (less 2 Companies) 12th Aus. Field Ambulance. 14th & 26th Companies A.A.S.C.	HALIFAX and CANAL AREAS.	BOMY AREA.	ditto.
	Div. H.Q.	SCOTTISH LINES.	BOMY AREA.	ditto.
Oct. 27th.	'A' Inf. Bde. Group. (4th Aus. Inf. Bde. 12th Aus. Field Company. 4th Aus. Field Ambulance 7th Coy. A.A.S.C.	RENINGHELST AREA.	BOMY AREA.	ditto.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	Sheet.	Map Square.	Remarks.
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<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>	Adv. 28.	I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
	Rear.	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTH CAMP.
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		D. 26. c. 1. 3.	
13th Battalion.		I. 11. b. 5. 5.	
14th Battalion.		D. 16. d. 8. 1.	
15th Battalion.		J. 1. b. 4. 4.	
16th Battalion.		D. 22. d. 4. 5.	
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.		D. 27. a. 2. 7.	
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.		D. 27. c. 3. 5.	DRAUGHT HOUSE.
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		H. 19. b. 1. 1.	
45th Battalion.		H. 14. c. 4. 4.	
46th Battalion.		H. 14. a. 8. 2.	
47th Battalion.		H. 19. b. 5. 6.	
48th Battalion.		E. 19. b. 2. 1.	
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.		H. 14. c. 5. 6.	
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.		H. 14. a. 8. 2.	
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		G. 30. a. 9. 8.	CORNWALL CAMP.
49th Battalion.		H. 25. c. 4. 0.	PALACE CAMP.
50th Battalion.		G. 30. a. 9. 8.	CORNWALL CAMP.
51st Battalion.		H. 31. b. 3. 5.	MICHAC CAMP.
52nd Battalion.		G. 24. c. 9. 3.	OTTAWA CAMP.
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		G. 24. d. 1. 7.	
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.		G. 24. c. 9. 3.	OTTAWA CAMP.
<u>4th Aus. Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>		I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
10th A.F.A. Bde.		I. 16. c. 3. 4.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.		J. 2. a. 35. 50.	
4th A.F.A. Bde.		J. 1. d. 35. 30.	
5th A.F.A. Bde.		E. 29. a. 5. 9.	
Div. T.M. Officer.		G. 20. b. 5. 5.	
4th Aus. Div. Ammunition Col.		H. 18. b. 3. 0.	
2nd " " "		G. 18. c. 6. 8.	
<u>4th Aus. Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>		I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 14. a. 5. 1.	LILLE GATE YPRES.
12th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 15. c. 5. 5.	ZILLEBEKE AREA.
13th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 14. b. 15. 50.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Div. Signal Coy.		I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
24th Aus. M.G. Company.		D. 27. d. 7. 7.	TOKIO.
4th Aus. Pioneer Battn.		I. 14. a. cent.	
<u>4th Aus. Div. Train. H.Q.</u>		H. 15. c. 5. 8.	PIONEER AREA.
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. c. 5. 8.	" "
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. d. 3. 7.	" "
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. d. 9. 3.	" "
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. d. 3. 7.	
Supply Column.		G. 32. d. 5. 4.	HOOGRAAF.
Railhead.		DICKEBUSCH.	
S. S. O.		H. 15. c. 5. 8.	Pioneer Area.
Pack Transport Troop.		I. 13. b. 5. 5.	YPRES.

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A. D. H. S.	28.	I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Field Amb.		G. 21. c. 5. 8.	DIV. REST STATION.
18th Aus. Field Amb.		I. 9. c. 8. 6.	MENIN ROAD.
13th Aus. Field Amb.		I. 7. d. 6. 8.	YPRES.

4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec. G. 24. e. 0. 5.

4th Aus. Div. Salvage Co. H. 16. a. 1. 1.

Reinforcement Camp. 27 CAESTRE.

PIONEER AREA.

Divisional Units.

D. M. G. Co.	28	I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
A. P. M.		I. 13. o. 2. 8.	KRUISSTRAAT.
D. A. D. V. S.		G. 28. cent.	HORSESHOE CAMP.
Div. Paymaster.		G. 28. cent.	" "
D. A. D. O. S.		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTH CAMP.
Div. Claims Officer		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	" "
Div. Gas Officer.		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	" "

Stanley Rogers Capt

Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

8. a. m. 23rd October, 1917.

4th Aus. Div. Transport Coy.
4th Coy. A.A.S.C.
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.
88th Coy. A.A.S.C.
87th Coy. A.A.S.C.
Supply Column.
Railhead.
S. S. O.
Pack Transport Troop.

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I ANZAC CORPS - LEFT DIVISION.

DEFENCE SCHEME.

Reference Map D.11. to K.8. 1/10,000

1. Frontage held by Left Division extends from D.23.d.10.65. to RAILWAY inclusive at D.17.b.35.25.

Northern and Southern boundaries are as shown on attached Map 'A'.

2. The Sector is held by one Brigade, Dispositions of which are marked on Map 'A'.

3. The principles of defence will be an organisation in depth from which prompt counter-attack will be possible, should the front be penetrated. Each body of troops quartered in rear of any posts or line will provide the nucleus garrison thereof.

The role of these garrisons will ^{be to} form a bulwark to stem the attack and give time for the remainder of the troops to form up for counter-attack.

4. Existing posts will be maintained and improved and additional posts constructed about 300 to 400 yards in rear of front line for the accommodation of troops.

The front line which is now partially wired will be protected by a suitable wire entanglement throughout the front, which should consist of belts of tactical wire which can be flanked by fire. Openings will be left, covered by Lewis Guns to enable easy egress when required.

5. A copy of Instructions issued regarding the Defence of the Divisional Sector is being handed over separately.

6. The Divisional Front will be covered by two Groups of Artillery -

'C' Group - 10th and 11th A.F.A. Brigades with H.Q. J.7.a.7.7.

* 'D' Group - 4th and 5th A.F.A. Brigades with H.Q. at D.26.c.1.3.

'D' Group only will fire on S. O. S. Lines, which is shown on Map 'A'.

Artillery Liaison Officers will be established at Brigade and Front Line Battalion H.Q.

7. Dispositions and S. O. S. Lines for Vickers Machine Guns are indicated on Map 'B'.

8. Two duckboard tracks are available leading to the front line and are marked on Map 'A'. The Southern track, though partly out of this Divisional Area, is common to both. Constant improvements and maintenance of these tracks are necessary.

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9. Medical arrangements indicated in Appendix 'D'.

10. Attached Map 'C' shows :-

Buried Cable.

Ground Lines.

Visual Stations.

Earth Conduction Stations.

Wireless Stations.

Present D.R. Service attached.

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

Copy to -

1st Aus. Division.
I ANZAC.

** Maps referred to handed to 1st Aus. Div.*

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

DESPATCH RIDER LETTER SERVICE.

1st ANZAC. (Motor Cyclist D.R.).

Leaves 1st Anzac.	7-0 a.m.	noon	4-15 p.m.	8-0 p.m.
Arrives 4th Aust. Div.	3-0 a.m.	1-0 p.m.	5-15 p.m.	9-0 p.m.
Leaves 4th Aust. Div.	8-15 a.m.	1-15 p.m.	5-30 p.m.	9-15 p.m.
Arrives 1st Anzac.	9-15 a.m.	2-15 p.m.	6-30 p.m.	10-15 p.m.

Brigades at Railway Dug-out, (Mounted D.R.).

Leaves 4th Aust. Div.	6-30 a.m.	10-0 a.m.	2-0 p.m.	5-30 p.m.
Arrives Brigade (approx).	7-30 a.m.	11-0 a.m.	3-0 p.m.	6-30 p.m.
Leaves " " "	7-30 a.m.	11-0 a.m.	3-0 p.m.	6-30 p.m.
Arrives 4th Aust. Div.	8-30 a.m.	12 Noon.	4-0 p.m.	7-30 p.m.

Mounted D.R. is met by Runner, stationed at Brigade H.Q., at end of duck-board track at D.25.d.1.9.

Brigade in YPRES.

Local delivery as required.

"B" Echelon, (Motor Cyclist D.R.).

Leaves "B" Echelon.	10-0 a.m.	6-0 p.m.
Arrives 4th Aust. Div.	10-45 a.m.	6-45 p.m.
Leaves " " "	11-0 a.m.	7-0 p.m.
Arrives "B" Echelon.	11-45 a.m.	7-45 p.m.

Horseshoe Camp, (Motor Cyclist D.R.).

Leaves "B" Echelon.	8-0 a.m.	4-0 p.m.
Arrives Horseshoe Camp.	8-45 a.m.	4-45 p.m.
Leaves. " "	9-0 a.m.	5-0 p.m.
Arrives "B" Echelon.	9-45 a.m.	5-45 p.m.

Post closes 15 minutes before time of departure.

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SECRET.DISPOSITION REPORT.

The following changes to list of 23rd October, 1917.

DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.
 13th Battalion.
 14th Battalion.
 15th Battalion.
 16th Battalion.
 4th Aus. M.G. Coy.
 4th A.L.T.M. Bty.

G. 23. a. 9. 7.

I. 17. d. 85. 20.
 I. 17. d. 85. 20.
 I. 8. d.
 I. 7. d. 2. 2.
 I. 15. d. 4. 9.
 H. 23. b. 5. 3.
 ESPLANADE SAP.

SCOTTISH LINES.

INFANTRY BARRACKS YPRES.
 INFANTRY BARRACKS YPRES.
 ESPLANADE SAP.
 CANAL DUGOUTS.

24th Aus. M.G. Coy.

H. 23. b. 5. 5.

Stanley Rogers East
 1917.

Major-General,
 Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	Sheet.	Map Square		Remarks.
		1/40,000	1/100,000	
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS. HAZBECK. 5.A.</u>				BOMY.
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>				LISBOURG.
13th Battalion.				FONTAIN-LEZ-BOULANS.
14th Battalion.				PREDEFIN.
15th Battalion.				CREPY.
16th Battalion.				LISBOURG.
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.				LISBOURG.
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.				le CROSEILLIER.
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>				DELETTE.
45th Battalion.				ERNY-ST. JULIEN.
46th Battalion.				COYECQUE.
47th Battalion.				DELETTE.
48th Battalion.				CULIEN.
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.				DELETTE.
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.				PONCHE.
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>				WANDONNE CHATEAU.
49th Battalion.				RECLINGHEM.
50th Battalion.				LUGY.
51st Battalion.				HEZECQUES.
52nd Battalion.				DONNEBRBROEUQ.
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.				MENCAS.
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.				SENLIS.
<u>4th Aus. Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>	28			REHINGHELST.
10th A.F.A. Bde.				G. 29. a.
11th A.F.A. Bde.				G. 24. c.
Div. T.M. Officer.				G. 27. b.
Div. Ammunition Column.				H. 18. b. 3. 0.
<u>4th Aus. Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>	5.A.			BOMY.
4th Aus. Field Coy.	28			I. 14. a. 5. 1.
12th Aus. Field Coy.	5.A.			RUPIGNY.
13th Aus. Field Coy.	28			I. 14. b. 15. 50.
4th Aus. Div. Signal Coy.	5.A.			GREUPPE.
4th " " " Office.				BOMY.
24th Aus. M.G. Coy.				PETIGNY.
4th Aus. Pioneer Battalion.				VERCHIN (Less 2 Companies)
<u>4th Aus. Div. Train H.Q.</u>				ERNY-ST. JULIEN.
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.				ERNY-ST. JULIEN.
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.				EQUIRRE.
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.				COYECQUE.
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.				VINCLY.
Supply Column.				BOURECQ.
Railhead.				LILLERS.
S. S. O.				ERNY-ST. JULIEN.

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A. D. N. S.			
4th Aus. Field Amb.		BONY.	
12th Aus. Field Amb.		EQUIRRE.	
13th Aus. Field Amb.		ERNY-ST. JULIEN.	
		VINCLY.	
4th Aus. Mobile Vet. Sec.		DELETTE.	
4th Aus. Div. Salvage Coy.	28	H. 16. a. 1. 1.	PIONEER AREA.
Reinforcement Camp.	27	CAESTRE.	

DIVISIONAL UNITS.

D. M. G. O.	5. A.	BONY.
A. P. M.		BONY.
D. A. D. V. S.		BONY.
Div. Paymaster.		BONY.
D. A. D. O. S.		BONY.
Div. Claims Officer.		BONY.
Div. Gas Officer.		BONY.

R. H. Stewart 20 Lt
for

Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

8 a.m., 28th October, 1917.