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NAFAY	1.2.17	4.10pm	<p>Gen. Staff Officers 4th Aust. Div. called and it was decided that the portion of our line handed over to the 4th Aust. Div. Brigade by 15th Aust. Brigade was to be under the command of the G.O.C. 4th Aust. Brigade until further notice; Adjustments of boundaries would be made at a later date.</p> <p>7.15pm 4th Aust. Div. rang up and stated they had gained all their objectives.</p> <p>9.15pm G.O.C. rang up General Holmes commanding 4th Aust. Div. and congratulated him on success.</p> <p>9.45pm C.R.A. rang up and stated attackers had reached N.21.d.4.8 and were joining up with N.22.c.2.9.</p> <p>9.50pm Rang up Intelligence 1st Auzae and asked them to obtain for us all possible information with regard to FINCH, ORION and MOLTEM trenches.</p>	
	2.2.17.		<p>Divisional Order N° 110 issued as to a deliberate bombardment of enemy trenches on 3rd inst.</p>	Appendix "A"
	3.2.17		<p>Divisional Order N° 111 issued as to minor operation to be carried out on 4th inst.</p> <p>G.S.O.1 visited Corps H.Q.'s. with General Holmes, Commanding 4th Aust. Div. and saw the Corps Commander regarding repetition of the operation of the</p>	Appendix "A"

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NAFAY	3.2.17		<p>4th Aust. Div. General Holmes stated that he would do the operation again on the 4th inst. in conjunction with the operation being carried out by this Division.</p> <p>G. S. O. 1 pointed out that the latest information showed that FINCH trench and LANDWEHR trench were practically unoccupied and patrols were going out tonight to verify this. If these trenches were unoccupied the Corps Commander wishes them occupied by us at once and orders were telephoned from Corps H.Q. to the 5th Aust. Div. to that effect. In the event of the trenches being occupied by us the operation arranged for the 4th inst. will not be carried out in its original form but a demonstration would be made to help in the operation of the 4th Aust. Div.</p> <p>Gen. Staff Memorandum No. 84 issued as to raiding policy to be followed by Brigades in the line.</p>	
	4.2.17		<p>Still cold. Last night exceptionally cold.</p> <p>G.O.6. and G.S.O.3 returned from leave.</p>	Appendix "B"

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NAFAY	4.2.17		<p>A feint attack on SUN and HEAVEN trenches arranged in conjunction with 4th Aust. Div. on our left.</p> <p>10.24 pm Feint attack by artillery carried out.</p> <p>11.30 pm 4th Aust. Div. rang up and informed us that their operation had been successful - 18 prisoners captured.</p> <p>Divisional Order No. 112 cancelling operation ordered in Div. Order No. 111 owing to the enemy having vacated trenches to be attacked.</p> <p>5.2.17 3.50 pm Telephone message from 4th Aust. Div. that they expect they will be attacked tonight and hoped they could rely on our cooperation in repelling the attack. G. S. O. 1 informed them that we would cooperate.</p> <p>3.55 Issued instructions to C.R.A and 15th Brigade that they were to make the same arrangements for dealing with counter attack on 4th Aust. Div. as were so successful last night and to stand by for action which would be taken on receipt of S.O.S. signal or other orders. Informed 14th Brigade</p> <p>4.50. Wire from 1st Angac that a German wireless had been intercepted at GUEUJECOURT "point of breaking through is to be attacked under trench mortar</p>	<p>Appendix "A"</p>

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NAFAY	5.2.17		<p>fire, then flank connections to be made". Informed C.R.A. 8th, 14th & 15th Brigades.</p> <p>7.25 pm. C.R.A. telephoned that trench mortars were active on N.21.d.</p> <p>6.2.17 6.45 am. G.S.O.1 left to witness demonstration by French of a battalion in attack</p> <p>Descriptive pamphlet attached.</p> <p>11.30 am. G.O.B. left to meet Corps Commander at 4th Aust. Div. H.Q.s.</p> <p>8.30 pm. G.S.O.1 returned from BEAUCHAMP-LE-VIEUX</p> <p>7.2.17 10 am. G.O.B. and C.R.A. visited 15th Brigade H.Q.s.</p> <p>3 pm. Brig. Gen. Williams of G.O.B. 29th Division visited G.O.B.</p> <p>4 pm. A/G.O.B. 8th Brigade visited G.O.B.</p> <p>Weather cold: temperature at noon about 27° wind N.E. 25/35 m.p.h.</p> <p>Hostile artillery fire less than usual.</p> <p>Considerable hostile aeroplane activity.</p> <p>11.15 pm. Hostile artillery active S. of 29th Division: all quiet on our front.</p> <p>11.37 pm. C.R.A. reported that S.O.S. had been observed at N.21.d. on 4th Aust. Div. front: and that our left Group had opened up on S.O.S. lines.</p> <p>11.41 pm. Warned 15th Brigade to be on alert. Brigade Major reported that they were having</p>	<p>Appendix "C"</p>

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2NAFAY	7.2.17		a trench mortar sunk on left of their sector.	
	8.2.17	12.5 am	Hostile and our own artillery fairly quiet.	
		5.20 am	Situation normal.	
		3.50 pm	C.P.A. phoned that centre Div. of XIV Corps had made successful attack on 200 yards front at U.15. a. north of SAILLISEL. 50 prisoners & 1 machine gun captured. Gen. Staff Memorandum N° 88 issued re addresses and code calls.	Appendix "B"
	9.2.17	4.50 am	Very quiet during the night.	
			G.S.O.1 visited 17 th Div. and obtained information as to activity at SAILLISEL.	
		7.30 pm	HEAVEN trench - northern end N.29.a. was bombarded by 14 th H.A.G. between 2 & 3 pm. Several hits obtained. The C.O. 14 th H.A.G. reports trench filled with hums at the time	
		8.40	Informed 14 th Brigade that 14 th H.A.G. were firing on HEAVEN trench at 10 pm and suggested that machine guns should play on trench during shelling in order to catch any Germans leaving it.	
			Major Weick, Brigade Major 15 th Brigade called today and said G.O.B. 15 th Brigade could not arrange the attack and occupation of SUNRAY trench	

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NAFAY	9.2.17		<p>until end of month on account of time necessary to complete communication trench from N. 28. a. 9.9 to N. 22. c. 85.65 and to train two assaulting Battalions. He also stated that SUNRAY trench from N. 22. c. 15.7 to N. 21. d. 8.5 was not occupied by 4th Ansh. Div. of the enemy but that former patrolled it occasionally; that 4th Div. had not started to cut new trench from STORMY to SUNRAY. G.O.C. instructed Major Weick to inform G.O.C. 15th Brigade that he had decided to abandon operation on SUNRAY trench for the present but that a scheme should be prepared for raiding it from about N. 22. c. 65.65 to N. 22. c. 2.7 - object - to obtain information (as to dugouts especially) and capture and killing of Germans. Raid to be made about 14th or 15th inst. Silent raid suggested until new rush trench - then loose barrage and machine guns.</p>	
	10.2.17	10 am	<p>Capt. Wellington G.S.O. 3 took over duties temporarily of Brigade Major 7th Brigade G.O.C. and C.R. Co. visited MILLER'S SON, Intermediate Line and Machine Gun Nests in SWITCH Trench.</p>	

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RNAFAY	11.2.17	9 am.	G.S.O.1 visited front line on Right Brigade Sector.	
		11.30 am.	Enemy aeroplanes very active. Four bombs dropped near Divisional Headquarters at S.29.c.5.5 - no damage done.	
			8 th Brigade telephoned that three bombs were dropped in valley at S.23.c. 2 officers and 3 O.R. being wounded.	
		8.30 pm.	Telephoned 14 th Brigade to instruct 14 th M.G. Co. to cooperate with 59 th Inf. Bde. and to ensure that their flank guns cross fire and do not leave any areas unswept.	
	12.2.17	9.30 am.	Report received from 4 th Aust. Div: that 70 ^x trench captured. Right flank is now at N.22.c.0.5½. Phoned 15 th Brigade of new limit of left flank of 4 th Aust. Div.	
		7.50 pm.	Received "Gas Alarm" called up 4 th Aust. Div: who stated that 12 th Brigade had got the message from 15 th Bde: Latter Brigade disown all knowledge.	
		8 pm.	Message received from 4 th Aust. Div: Signal Co. that "Gas off": Rung up 4 th Aust. Div. Gen. Staff who state they know nothing of this message but are going to verify it. Later message received from 4 th Aust. Div: that	

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NAFAY	12.2.17		alarm was false.	
		10.30 pm.	Message from 1 st Avyae that 360 th Regt. are carrying out a relief in SUNRAY trench about 7 p.m. tomorrow. Phoned Brigades, C.R.A. and 14 th H.A.G. and arranged that a bombardment should be carried out.	
	13.2.17	11 am.	G.O.B. inspected 5 th Div. Train.	
		11 am.	A/G.S.O.2 visited front line.	
		2.30 pm.	G.O.B., G.S.O.1 and C.R.A. called at 15 th Brigade H.Q.s. and discussed raid.	
			Divisional Order No 113 issued with regard to raid to be carried out on SUNRAY trench on 14 th inst.	Appendix "A"
			Divisional Order No 114 issued as to relief of 15 th Brigade by the 8 th Brigade.	Appendix "A"
	14.2.17	10.45 am.	One of our planes brought down in N.27.d.3.3 as a result of a combat. Pilot and observer killed - plane smashed.	
		11 am.	G.S.O.1 left to inspect Left Brigade area - visited front line N.22.c. - saw Lt. Col. Jb. T/Commandg. 15 th Brigade re raid. Arranged that raiding party reach MILLER'S SON at 4 p.m.	
		1.30 pm.	General Birdwood called on G.O.B.	

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NAFAY	14.2.17	8.30 _{pm}	Clear starlight night - slight frost - little wind.	
		8.55	Demonstration on left began sharp to time.	
		9.0	Salutes of Stokes guns heard on our front.	
		9.1½	Artillery on our front commenced. Wire received from 15 th Bde: "Safe in the position"	
		9.9	Wire from 15 th Bde: that party were in enemy trench at 9.5pm.	
		9.15	Wire from 15 th Bde: that prisoner of 362 nd Regt. identified.	
		9.28	C.R.A. reports that left Group report blue rockets ("Cease fire" signal) at 9.23; 9.24; 9.25 and 9.27 pm.	
		9.32	15 th Brigade report blue rockets & that Artillery has ceased fire.	
		9.42	C.R.A. reported artillery retaliation very weak and ineffective.	
		11.55	15 th Brigade by telephone reported that 108 of raiding party had returned without a scratch; others probably coming in: Prisoners on way to Brigade H.Q's.	
	15.2.17	1.20 _{am}	15 th Brigade report 7 prisoners on way to H.Q's. 28 prisoners taken altogether but some of them including an officer were killed in NO MAN'S LAND inadvertently. Our casualties 9 of whom 2 believed killed. Enemy	

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RNAFAY	15.2.17		<p>offered little resistance. Wire well cut - trenches deep.</p> <p>1.30 am wire from 15th Brigade that prisoners had reached Brigade H.Q.</p> <p>10 am Fifth Army assumed control of this Sector.</p> <p>10 am G.O.C. and A/G.S.O. 2 left for Divisional School.</p> <p>11 pm C.R.A. 4th Ansh. Div. visited Divisional Headquarters to discuss combined operations in M.21.d.</p> <p>1 pm General Birdwood visited Divisional Headquarters.</p> <p>5.40 pm G.S.O. 1 visited 4th Ansh. Div.</p>	
	16.2.17	9 am	<p>G.O.C. left to inspect raiding party of 57th Battalion.</p> <p>Gen. Staff Memorandum No. 86 issued as to "Gas"</p> <p>Divisional Order No. 115 issued as to attack on SUNRAY trench.</p>	Appendix "A"
	17.2.17	10 am	<p>G.O.C. left to visit 8th Brigade Headquarters.</p>	
		10.30 am	<p>G.S.O. 1 left to visit 8th Brigade Headquarters.</p>	
		1 pm	<p>G.S.O. 1 left to attend a Conference at Corps H.Q.</p>	
			<p>14th Brigade patrol captured a German Machine Gun from enemy post in M.29.a without opposition.</p>	

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NAFAY	18.2.17		<p>G.O.B. with A.D.M.S. visited Field Ambulances & Dressing Stations. C.R.A. 4th Aust. Div. called to discuss forthcoming operations with 4th Aust. Div. Lt. Col. Stewart T/Commanding 15th Brigade called to discuss the forthcoming operations with 4th Aust. Div. and the taking over of that front.</p>	
	19.2.17		<p>C.R.A. rang up and reported S.O.S. signal on 20th Div. front and that our Artillery had opened up on XIV Corps S.O.S. lines.</p>	
	20.2.17		<p>C.R.A. rang up and stated 20th Division had asked Artillery to cease fire. A.G. S.O. 2 visited Divisional School and reported that 5th Army had visited the School yesterday and had expressed himself as extremely pleased with the work done.</p>	
	21.2.17	9.45 am.	<p>8th Brigade rang up to say that there was a slight concentration of Germans opposite our left Brigade left flank: that Artillery had been informed and were standing to.</p>	
		9.55 am.	<p>G.S.O. 1 rang up 8th Brigade and asked if all necessary precautions had been taken in the event of a German attack.</p>	
			<p>Divisional Order No. 116 issued as to extension of Divisional front and move</p>	Appendix "A"

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NAFAY	21.2.17		of 15 th Brigade into line.	
	22.2.17		G.O.C. visited Brigade H.Q. during the afternoon.	
			Gen. Staff Memorandum No. 87 issued as to "gas" discipline.	Appendix "B"
	23.2.17	7 am.	4 th Aust. Div. reported that they had bombed a further 100 yards up STORMY trench and captured 32 prisoners.	
		11 am.	This morning French Minister of War visited this Divisional area. Divisional Order No. 117 issued as to Divisional boundaries.	Appendix "A"
	24.2.17		Corps confirmed rumour that our troops had entered MIRAUMONT.	
		5 pm.	B.G., G.S. Corps rang up G.O.C. who stated that he would issue instructions with a view to feeling enemy's front tonight.	
		5.30	G.O.C. rang up 8 & 14 th Brigades and instructed them accordingly. 14 th Brigade to patrol to CEMETERY circle and HEAVEN trench and send in reports as soon as possible. 8 th Brigade to push up to SUMRAY trench along C.T. and reconnoitre along it. If they found ^{occupied} it, then it was to be occupied lightly. If lightly held they were to bomb along it. Caution to be exercised.	

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NAFAY	24.2.17	7 pm	Corps advised us that II Corps had occupied PYS.	
		8.30 pm	Rang up 20 th Division and told them of our intention re patrols.	
		10.15 pm	Rang up 4 th Aust. Div and asked them if they proposed doing anything. They informed us that they had occupied 300 yards of PORK trench without opposition. Informed them of our intentions.	
		10.40 pm	Corps informed us that a German who had been left behind with trench feet had been found: He stated that Germans had evacuated trenches on night of 22 nd /23 rd and had left small groups of men to hold the trenches. He also stated that the Germans intend falling back to the Cambrai Line.	
		11.20 pm	8 th Brigade rang up and stated they had occupied SUNRAY trench without opposition.	
		11.25 pm	Informed Corps accordingly.	
		11.30 pm	'G' of Corps informed G. S. O. 1 the gist of their Order No. 101 - Strong patrols to be sent forward and ground vacated to be occupied. Objectives for 5 th Aust. Div. to be METEOR and ATOM trenches and LEBARQUESWITCH.	

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ZNAFAY	24.2.17	11.30 pm	Preparations to be made for advancing Artillery. G. S. O. 1 rang up 14 th Brigade and informed them of their objectives and instructed them to push out patrols.	
		11.40 pm	Rang up 8 th Brigade and told them their objectives & that patrols were to be sent forward.	
		11.45 pm	G. O. B. rang up C. R. A. and instructed him to get one battery of 11 th Brigade up tonight - others to be ready at day break.	
	25.2.17	12.15 am	G. S. O. 1 rang up 20 th Division.	
		7.20 am	Report by 14 th Bde: as to activity on front; snipers active from direction of LE TRANSLOY; Enemy indirect M. G. fire active in vicinity of advanced Bn. H. Q. and MILLER'S SON during afternoon.	
		8 am	8 th Brigade report sniping quiet - odd men seen behind SUNRAY trench. M. G. at N. 22. d. S. S. Shelling on Brigade Sector below normal throughout the day. At 2 pm. 2 salvos of drapnel on N. 28. d.	
		9 am	4 th Aust. Div. occupied MAZE and CHORTI line and now hold line M. 24. b. 4. 9 ¹ / ₂ M. 24. ^a 7. 9 ¹ / ₂ M. 24. a. 4. 9. Patrols pushing forward beyond this line.	

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NAFAY	23.2.17.	9.40 <i>am</i>	<p>1st Aust Div. Right Brigade reported enemy still in occupation of his original position. Strong patrols have been sent out and arrangements made to take advantage of any opportunity and to cooperate with Left Brigade</p>	
		10.30 <i>am</i>	<p>Received 1st Auzac Order 10101.</p>	
		10.40 <i>am</i>	<p>1st Auzac wired left boundaries of Divisions for advance would be 2nd Aust. Div. M.14. b. 6.0 G.35. central 1st Aust Div. M.17. central H.32 central 5th Aust. Div: N.19. G.5.9 H.34. central.</p>	
		10.50 <i>am</i>	<p>1st Auzac report BUTT trench M.17. a and b. believed unoccupied: enemy has shelled this trench and wire intermittently today: COULLEE trench westwards from M.7.c.5.9. unoccupied: patrols have reached M.1.c.22. line established on east MIRAUMONT road from R.S.d.8.0 to Railway R.S.central Bridge at R.5. central badly damaged. MIRAUMONT believed evacuated PEEL occupied L.22. central: also PENDIANT COPSE and report ground S. & W. of SERRE evacuated by enemy. Strong patrols to advance on whole Army front tonight to establish touch with enemy and gain ground towards WARLENCOURT, PYS, IRLS, MIRAUMONT and SERRE.</p>	
		11.45.	<p>Issued instructions to 8 & 11th Bdes. as to policy to be followed.</p>	

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NAFAY	25.2.17	12 pm.	<p>2nd Aust Bde: report patrols reached PORK trench: enemy reported to be in PORK trench at junction of trenches leading from PORK to LUISENHOF trench. Party from 7th Bn. occupying BAYONET trench from right of 3rd Bde. 3rd Bde. has pushed forward to occupy GIRI trench which has been examined and found vacant. Enemy is shelling eastern portion of the MAZE. Divisional Order No 118 issued cancelling para. 1 of Divisional Order No 117 and giving amended left Divisional boundary.</p>	Appendix "A"
	26.2.17	12.5 am.	<p>8th Brigade have started to dig BOMB SAP forward.</p>	
		1 am.	<p>8th Brigade report about 500 yards of SUNRAY trench occupied without opposition. 15 dug-outs reported to be in captured trench. A garrison of posts is being arranged in SUNRAY. Patrols pushing forward towards N. 22. b. O. 8. Exact limits of our flanks are being ascertained. G.O.C. rang up G.O.C. 8th Brigade re above and asked him if he was pushing out patrols to ATOM trench and he replied yes.</p>	
			<p>12th Brigade have occupied PORK trench to point N. 21. a. 3.6½ and are going forward to join of PORK and BACON trenches. They are also sending patrols from STORMY</p>	

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ENAFAY	26.2.7	12.45	<p>up sunken road N. through point N. 21. 6. 6½. 0.</p> <p>8th Brigade report that bombardment of SUNRAY with Stokes caused flares to be sent up by Germans from ATOM trench and a short burst of M. G. fire from somewhere in rear followed.</p> <p>1.45 14th Brigade report everything extremely quiet to their immediate front. Not a shot of any kind fired during last 3 hours. Few flares seen to go up from vicinity of ATOM trench. No patrol reports received yet.</p> <p>1st Aust. Div. report 3rd Bde. has established post in BANK trench which was found unoccupied at M. 18. d. 7.5</p> <p>15th Brigade report they have occupied and hold trench from N. 21. a. 5.8 to N. 21. a. 3.6 Their patrols report PORK trench clear as far as BACON trench. Patrol now out towards LUCIFER trench with instructions to push up MILK WAY if possible.</p> <p>2 am G. S. O. 1 telephoned 8th Bde. and instructed them to go on to the right as long as they could to high ground on Spur into N. 22. d. and make a strong point; Think out their ideas re C. T. to CAMERON SAP. To do the same on</p>	

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NAFAY	26.2.17.	2 am.	the left i.e. get on high ground. and then consolidate as far as possible wired Corps as to progress.	
		2.15 am.	Corps instructed that in anticipation plans to be prepared for an advance within the limits prescribed by them. Information indicates that roads are being mined and composition of advanced guard should include technical personnel for detection of mine leads.	
		2.20 am.	1 st Army amend boundaries by deleting "5 th Aust Div. N. 19. 6. 5. 9 H. 34 central" and inserting "5 th Aust Div. N. 20. central H. 34. central"	
		2.30	15 th Brigade report they have established posts in PORK trench as far as N. 20. 6. 6. 5. 9. No enemy seen. Patrol sent forward to BARLEY trench.	
		2.40	4 th Aust Div. report they have instructed 12 th Bde. to hand over command of their Sector to 15 th Bde.	
		2.45	Reported progress to Corps.	
		3 am.	Rang up 15 th Bde. and informed them of ^{message} news from 4 th Aust Div. re handing over: also re 3 rd Bde. continuing to garrison portion of enemy trench occupied by them east of boundary and will push forward patrols	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ZNAFAY	26.2.17		to maintain contact until taken over by 5 th Aust. Div.	
		3.5 <i>am</i>	Wire to above effect received from 4 th Aust Div.	
		4.45 <i>am</i>	14 th Brigade - no reports yet to hand but coming through.	
		5.15 <i>am</i>	Reported to 1 st Anzac.	
		6.30 <i>am</i>	Reported to 1 st Anzac that patrol from 8 th Brigade had been fired on from ATOM on reaching about N. 22. a. S. 6; that an enemy wiring party had been seen in front of ATOM and that many flares were sent up from that trench.	
		7.30 <i>am</i>	14 th Brigade report patrols reconnoitred HEAVEN trench from CEMETERY CIRCLE to MOLTEM road trench.	
		9.40 <i>am</i>	8 th Brigade holding SUNRAY from N. 22. c. 1. 8. to N. 22. d. 15. 65.	
		8.30 <i>am</i>	14 th Brigade report CEMETERY CIRCLE and HEAVEN trench in vicinity to be strongly held.	
		8.40 <i>am</i>	Brigades, C. R. A. and C. R. E. notified of alteration of left boundary of Division for advance.	
		8.50 <i>am</i>	1 st Aust. Div. are accepting boundary N. 20. central.	

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RNAFAY	26.2.17	10.25 am	Instructions received from 1 st Army to push patrols forward to ascertain situation in LE BARQUE SWITCH.	
		12.35 pm	8 th Brigade report bombing party held up at junction of BEAM LANE and SUNRAY. Considerable opposition met with.	
		3.10 pm	Rang up 15 th Brigade who stated that patrols had established themselves at N. 21. G. 6.3 and had continued up the MILKY WAY but were stopped by a M.G. at N. 15. d. 8.0; & that they were taking up a T.M. to deal with it and push on. 1 st Aust. Div. advise that Left Brigade has reached objective in LE BARQUE SWITCH and they are pushing patrol forward to MALT trench.	
		10.30 pm	15 th Brigade report 3 patrols have been sent out with instructions to occupy BARLEY trench. 8 th Brigade report artillery are to shell ATOM trench from join of BEAM to join ETHER as well as suspected T.M. emplacements in rear of ATOM.	
		10.35 pm	Rang up 14 th Brigade and instructed them to patrol HEAVEN trench and report whether it is occupied.	
		11.55 pm	Gen. White 1 st Army rang up and explained to G.S.O. 1 results of Conference at Army H. Q's. Information from flanks of Army and indeed from right of Corps	

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NAFAY	26.2.17.	11.55 <i>pm.</i>	<p>rather meagre. Not quite possible to fathom what enemy were doing but in any case our present policy would be as follows:- establish ourselves on the line of SUNRAY, BARLEY, MALT, WARLENCOURT with posts out to THILLOY and LE BARQUE with the idea of developing an attack on the GREVILLERS Line. As regards this Division it is thought that LE TRANSLOY is probably the limit of movement of the enemy, and further that any movement against LETRANSLOY should be undertaken by the XIV Corps. The only offensive therefore required in the meantime for this Division was the occupation of BARLEY trench about N.15. central, though the situation in ATOM and HEAVEN trenches should be cleared up. Touch should be gained with the 1st Aust. Div. on our left.</p> <p>12 pm Rang up Brigades and gave instructions in accordance with foregoing.</p> <p>Gen: Staff Memorandum issued as to precautions against gas.</p>	
	27.2.17	3 am.	14 th Brigade report on HEAVEN trench received.	
		9.30 <i>am.</i>	G. S. O. 1 rang up General White. Gen: Staff of Corps as to any alteration in situation; informed our policy at present to make good portion of BARLEY trench in N.15.c. and link up with 1 st Aust. Div.; everything pointed to the fact that a strong rearguard was holding TILL	

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NAFAY	27.2.17	9.30 <i>am</i>	<p>trench - GREVILLERS line and that any attacks on that line would require to be made in due form.</p> <p>3.40 <i>pm</i> 15th Brigade reported they had withdrawn post from BARLEY trench.</p> <p>7.20 <i>pm</i> G.S.O. rang up 1st Aust. Div. and informed them that we had withdrawn post from BARLEY trench though we intend to try and take it tonight; and asking that their right battalion get into touch with our left and work down to the right.</p> <p>7.50 <i>pm</i> 1st Aust. Div. report they had bombed along BARLEY trench and established a block at N.15. c.25.98</p> <p>Rang up 15th Brigade who report they are in touch with battalion on left and are pushing along BARLEY trench tonight.</p> <p>10.50 <i>pm</i> General White rang up to say that BARLEY trench should be occupied: Reported that 15th Brigade were fighting for it.</p> <p>Divisional Operation Order No 119 issued as to policy to be followed by Brigades consequent on retreat of enemy.</p> <p>27.2.17 12.10 <i>pm</i> G.S.O. 1 rang up Col. J.B. Stewart / Commanding 15th Brigade. He reported that troops were</p>	<p>Appendix "A"</p>

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NAFAY	27.2.17		<p>not in BARLEY trench; that he had personally been to BREATH trench and had sent a party up that trench with instructions to work west as far as possible: his opinion was that the enemy strong point at N. 15. c. 60.98 was very strongly held and that it would be costly to rush it in daylight. G.S.O.1 instructed him to prepare a concerted attack at dusk. G.O.B. approved.</p> <p>12.35 G.S.O.1 instructed 8th Brigade to reconnoitre ATOM trench strongly tonight, cutting as much wire as possible.</p> <p>10.25 Gen. White rang up G.O.B. and asked if our left Brigade was in touch with 1st Aust. Div. & that we were to push on in SUNRAY and up BEAM Lane. G.O.B. informed him our left battalion was in touch and that we had ordered 8th Brigade to push on.</p> <p>10.30 G.O.B. 8th Brigade rang up G.O.B. and reported patrols were hung up in SUNRAY at a new trench before BEAM Lane. G.O.B. instructed that if this could not be dealt with party must enter MOONRAY trench and work towards BEAM Lane; that ATOM must be felt tonight and that 8th Brigade must get in touch with 14th and advise as to action being taken.</p>	

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NAFAY	26.2.17		<p>G.O.C. visited Corps and explained situation on Divisional front which was approved.</p> <p>Gen. Staff Memorandum No. 89 issued as to system of duty by Staff Officers.</p> <p>Divisional Order No. 121 issued as to position in front line and Sectors to be held by Brigades.</p> <p>Intelligence Summaries for month of February appended.</p>	<p>Appendix "B"</p> <p>Appendix "A"</p> <p>Appendix "D"</p>

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 110.

Headquarters,
2nd February 1917.

1. A deliberate bombardment of the enemy trenches N.21.d.25.95 to N.21.d.35.85 and N.21.d.8.5 to N.22.c.25.85 will take place on the 3rd instant from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
2. G.O.C. 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will reduce the garrison of the front line within 250 yards of the objective to a minimum before 6.30 a.m. on the 3rd instant and will entirely clear all trenches within 250 yards of the objective of troops before 1 p.m.
He will arrange to vacate the front covered, by machine guns in position on LARK HILL during the time the trenches are vacated.
3. The C.R.A. will arrange to place a shrapnel barrage on the trenches N.22.c.7.6 to N.22.a.1.1, and will be prepared to take advantage of any target that may present itself.
4. All troops within 800 yards of the objective will take cover during the bombardment.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Sestrum Capt
 on Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff,
 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 111.

Headquarters,
2nd February 1917.

1. The minor operation referred to in 5th Australian Division Order No. 109 will be carried out against enemy trenches N.29.c.2.2 to N.35.a.3.2 on the 4th February. During this operation, the 29th Division will make a bombing attack along LANDWEHR TRENCH.
2. The trenches are believed to be lightly held by the enemy. Strong points are suspected at N.35.a.2.3 and N.35.a.2.8, and machine guns in the vicinity.
3. Special instructions for artillery fire are being issued by the C.R.A., 5th Australian Division.
4. The following Machine Gun Companies will carry out a machine gun programme to be arranged by the G.O.C. 14th Infantry Brigade.
 - 5th)
 - 14th) of 5th Australian Division.
 - 15th)
 - 68th of 29th Division.
 Attention is drawn to the attached machine gun instructions.
5. There will be a preliminary bombardment by Trench Mortars for 3 minutes. The General Time Table will be:-
 - O minus 5' Dummy artillery demonstration by 4th Australian Division.
 - O Medium Trench Mortar and Light Trench Mortar Batteries open fire.
 - O plus 3' Light Trench Mortars cease fire. Medium Trench Mortars lift to second objectives. Machine Gun Companies open fire. Infantry enter German trenches.
 - O plus 13' Artillery rate of fire decreases.
 - O plus 18' Artillery rate of fire decreases further.
 - O plus 33' Cease fire.
6. Immediately the left objective is gained, it will be consolidated so as to give good observation to North and North East. A communication trench will be dug from SPRING TRENCH to FINCH TRENCH as soon as FINCH TRENCH is taken. Special arrangements are being made regarding the line to be held near the right of objective.
7. Artillery and machine guns will stand by for 36 hours after ZERO ready to open fire on their final barrage lines or objectives, on seeing an S.O.S. signal fired from the front of attack; or on receipt of an S.O.S. message.

The following signals have been arranged and will be fired from the front line, repeated at MILLERS SON, again at Right Battalion Headquarters, and at NEEDLE TRENCH:-

Green Very Light	Objectives gained.
Red asteroid rocket	Counter battery work required.
One red, one green)
asteroid rocket) Slacken Field Artillery barrage.
fired simultaneously)	

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- 9. G.O.C. 14th Infantry Brigade will make arrangements for buried cable routes to the front trenches.
- 10. An officer of the Divisional Staff will be at the Divisional O.P. at T.18.a.1.9. This is connected to 14th Infantry Brigade by telephone.
G.S.O. 2, 5th Australian Division will act as Liaison Officer with 14th Brigade Headquarters.
G.O.C. 15th Infantry Brigade will detail a liaison officer to 4th Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters.
The following Artillery Liaison Officers will be detailed:-
 - 1 officer 5th D.A. to Headquarters 56th Battalion
 - 1 officer 5th D.A. to Headquarters 14th Infantry Brigade.
 - 1 officer 14th H.A.G. to Headquarters 14th Infantry Brigade.
 These officers will be in position one hour before ZERO.
- 11. Watches will be synchronised under arrangements to be made by C.C. 5th Australian Divisional Signal Company at 12 noon and 6 p.m. on 4th February.
- 12. ZERO hour will be communicated by letter or B.A.B. Code.
- 13. Divisional Headquarters will remain at BERNARAY WOOD.

E.H. Reynolds.
 — Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff,
 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTIONS.

1. In continuation of 5th Australian Division Order No. 111, para. 4, Machine Gun Companies will arrange for machine guns to be distributed as follows:-

(a) 8th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

14 guns.

Zones of fire.

- 4 guns (1) That part of CEMETERY CIRCLE lying South of LE TRANSLOY - LES BOEUFs Road.
 2 guns (2) MOON TRENCH between points N.30.c.2.4 and N.36.a.7.8.
 2 guns (3) Road between points N.36.a.25.40 and N.30.c.9.1.
 2 guns (4) Road between points N.30.c.9.1 and O.25.c.5.4.
 4 guns (5) On valley N.E. of FALL TRENCH.

(b) 14th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

16 guns.

- 2 guns (1) BAR ALLEY
 2 guns (2) SUN TRENCH
 2 guns (3) New Trench from N.29.d.7.8 to N.29.a.7.7.
 2 guns (4) BRIMSTONE TRENCH.
 8 guns (5) To cover front of attack.

(c) 15th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

8 guns.

- 2 guns (1) METEOR TRENCH
 2 guns (2) BOLT ALLEY
 2 guns (3) BEAM LAKE
 2 guns (4) Road between points N.25.a.1.1 and N.25.c.0.8

(d) MACHINE GUN COMPANY, 88th BRIGADE.

6 guns.

- 2 guns (1) CEMETERY CIRCLE including road through centre.
 2 guns (2) MOON TRENCH, between points N.36.a.7.8 and N.36.b.5.2.
 2 guns (3) On new trench N.36.a.1.7 to N.36.a.4.3.
 2 guns (4) On valley N.E. of FALL TRENCH.

RATE OF FIRE.

- 0 plus 3 to 0.20 All guns open barrage fire on their targets and continue to 0.20.
 0. 20 to 0.45 All guns engage targets with bursts of fire at about 5 minutes interval.
 0. 45 Guns cease fire, but are held in readiness to open if favourable targets present themselves or in the event of a counter attack, with exception of guns covering SUN and MOON trenches and CEMETERY CIRCLE which will continue to fire short bursts until 2.00

REGISTRATION.

Registration will be carried out at intervals during the 3rd and 4th instant, care being taken to avoid arousing the suspicion of the enemy.

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4. The remaining guns of the 14th Australian Machine Gun Company not detailed in para. 1 will be employed for defence under instructions to be issued by the G.O.C. 14th Infantry Brigade.
5. NON-FREEZING MIXTURE
One-eighth of glycerine will be used in the barrel casing of all machine guns.
6. AMMUNITION
16 boxes of ammunition per gun will be placed with each gun, and reserve dumps established in forward area. All ranks must know the location of these dumps.
7. Previous to the operation, range cards will be made on the assumption that the position has been captured, the general direction of enemy counter offensive being assumed to be coming from the neighbourhood of CEMETERY CIRCLE.

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Copy No. 16.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 112.

Headquarters,
4th February 1917.

1. The objectives assigned for the minor operations ordered in 5th Australian Division Order No. 111 were found vacated by the enemy last night, and were occupied by us. Our line now runs from N.34.b.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.2 to N.35.a.0.8 to N.35.a.25.85 to N.29.c.20.35, the nearest enemy to this line being in HEAVEN TRENCH with some patrols thrown forward.
2. The minor operation ordered is accordingly cancelled.
3. To-night at a time which will be notified later, the 4th Australian Division on our left are again attacking the enemy salient in N.21.d.
4. 15th Brigade will co-operate with covering fire as arranged with 4th Australian Infantry Brigade. C.R.A. will place such batteries as are required at the disposal of the C.R.A. 4th Australian Division, with the remainder he will make a feint demonstration against HEAVEN TRENCH between the limits as follows:- N.29.b.15.37 and N.29.d.85.50. The demonstration will last 10 minutes and will commence at ZERO hour ordered for 4th Australian Division attack.
5. 14th Brigade will co-operate in the demonstration against HEAVEN TRENCH with machine gun fire under a programme by the G.O.C. 8th Machine Gun Company can be used for this demonstration as required.
6. 8th L.T.M. Battery will return to the 8th Brigade on 5th instant.
7. Watches will be synchronised under arrangements to be made by O.C. 5th Australian Divisional Signal Company at 6 p.m. on 4th February.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

E. H. Reynolds
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 113

Headquarters,
13th. February, 1917.

1. A raid will be made on SUNRAY TRENCH between the limits N.22.c.65.6 and N.22.c.15.80 on the 14th. inst. The G.O.C. 15th. Infantry Brigade will conduct the operation which will be carried out by a special party from the 57th. Battalion.
 2. The objects of the raid will be (a) to gain information regarding the enemy's line and (b) to inflict losses and capture prisoners.
 3. G.O.C. 15th. Infantry Brigade will arrange to have the wire cut before the operation. C. R. A. will place M.T.M's. at disposal of 15th. Infantry Brigade for use if required for this purpose.
 4. C. R. A. will arrange necessary field artillery barrages. Anzac Heavy Artillery are cooperating and are bombarding ATOM TRENCH; counter batteries are neutralizing hostile batteries known to fire on the Sector attacked. 20th. Division Artillery and 4th. Australian Division Artillery are assisting on the right and left respectively.
 5. 4th. Australian Division are making a diversion with Artillery and rifle grenades in N.20.e. This will commence at zero minus five minutes and continue till zero plus 5 minutes.
 6. The general time table of the raid will be:-

Zero	L.T.M's. bombard objective.
0 plus 1½ minutes	L.T.M's. switch to flanks. M.T.M's. open fire. Artillery barrage is put down. Infantry enter trench.
0 plus 6½ minutes	Artillery fire decreases
- Infantry will stay in the trench long enough to complete their work.
A BLUE SIGNAL ROCKET will be fired from our own front line trench when Artillery fire is no longer required.
7. Zero hour will be notified later by letter or B.A.B. code. It will be at an early hour in the night.
 8. Watches will be synchronized by O.C. Divisional Signal Co. at 12 noon and 5.0 p.m. on 14th. inst.
 9. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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Lieut. Colonel.
General Staff, 5th. Australian Division.

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Issued at 10.0 a.m. to :-

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- 15th. Infantry Brigade. 1.
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- Div. Signal Co. 4.
- C. R. E. 5.
- A. D. M. S. 6.

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- Anzac Heavy Artillery 8.
- 20th. Division. 9-10.
- 4th. Australian Division. 11-12.
- A. P. M. 13.
- A. D. C. to G.O.C. 14.
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- War Diary. 17.

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5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 114.

Headquarters,
13th. February, 1917.

1. The 6th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade in the Left Brigade Sector on the 15th. and 16th. February, 1917.
Relief of front line battalion will be carried out on night 15/16th. February. G.O.C. 8th. Brigade will assume command of the Sector at 10.0 a.m. on 16th. February.
2. The relief will be carried out under the orders of the G.O.C. 15th. Brigade. Troops of 8th. Brigade will come under orders of 15th. Brigade on entering TRONES WOOD "B" Camp.
3. Details of the relief will be arranged between Brigadiers concerned.
4. All trench stores, maps, plans, air photographs, schemes of work and operations, log books and other records pertaining to the Sector will be handed over on relief.
5. The 15th. Brigade, on relief, will be disposed as follows:-

Headquarters	FRICOURT.
$\frac{1}{2}$ Battalion.	"D" Camp.
$1\frac{1}{2}$ Battalions.	MONTAUBAN.
I Battalion.	FRICOURT.
I Battalion.	RIBEMONT.
M.G.Co. and L.T.M.Batt.	FRICOURT.

W. J. Taylor Capt
for. Lieut. Colonel.
Gen: Staff, 5th. Australian Division.

Issued at 2:0 p.m. to:-

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14th. Infantry Brigade.	2.
15th. Infantry Brigade.	3.
C. R. A.	4.
C. R. E.	5.
5th. Pioneer Battalion.	6.
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5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 115

Headquarters,
16th. February, 1917.

1. On a date and at an hour to be notified later the enemy's trench (SUNRAY TRENCH) from N.22.c.8.6 to N.22.c.2.9 will be attacked and occupied in conjunction with an operation by the 4th. Australian Division, who will attack and occupy a line from N.22.c.2.9 through N.21.b.5.3 to N.21.a.7.8.
2. The G.O.C. 8th. Infantry Brigade will be in charge of the operations of the 5th. Australian Division. In addition to the troops of the 8th. Brigade the following will be placed at the disposal of the 8th. Infantry Brigade:-

4 Stokes Guns	14th. L.T.M. Batt.
4 Stokes Guns	15th. L.T.M. Batt.
8 Vickers Guns	15th. M.G. Co.
4 Vickers Guns	14th. M.G. Co.
3. C. R. A. will prepare the scheme for Field Artillery and Medium Trench Mortar fire in consultation with G.O.C. 8th. Brigade. All registrations should be completed by 4.0 p.m. on 20th. February. C.R.A. will also arrange co-operation of Heavy Artillery and counter batteries with G.O.C., R.A. 1st. Anzac.
4. Major Marsden, 8th. M.G. Co. will prepare a complete M.G. fire programme, under the direction of Divisional Headquarters. All emplacements will be ready, ammunition stored, and registrations effected by 4.0 p.m. on 20th. February.
5. G.O.C. 14th. Infantry Brigade will arrange a covering demonstration with machine guns in the Sector S.E. of a line through FINCH TRENCH and the SUGAR FACTORY.
6. G.O.C. 8th. Brigade will make all preparations necessary for the operation. Dumps will be filled and the forward saps pushed out as far as can be done. Preparations under this head to be completed by noon on 21st. February.
7. G.O.C. 8th. Brigade will also arrange to prevent the enemy repairing the wire already cut, and will complete the destruction where necessary.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Crew as stated*Lieut. Colonel.
General Staff, 5th. Australian Division.

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APPENDIX A

THE AUSTRALIAN DIVISION CHECK ROLL

Issued at 8.0 a.m. to:-

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- 14th. Infantry Brigade. 2.
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- "G" File. 13.
- "C" File. 14.
- War Diary. 15.

1. The G.O.C. 4th. Australian Division will be in charge of the operation and will issue orders to the various units. The G.O.C. 4th. Australian Division will also be responsible for the disposal of the troops of the various units. The G.O.C. 4th. Australian Division will also be responsible for the disposal of the troops of the various units.

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Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff, 4th. Australian Division.

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5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 116.

Headquarters,
21st. February, 1917.

1. The front held by the 5th. Australian Division will be extended to the left as far as N.20.c.90.65. The new front from the Divisional Boundary at N.22.c.05.65 to N.20.c.90.65 will be taken over by the 15th. Aust. Infantry Brigade from the 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade of the 4th. Australian Division.
2. Units of the 15th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will be put into the line under the orders of the C.O.C. 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade. The front line battalion will take over on the night of 24/25th. February. Command of the Brigade Sector will be assumed by the C.O.C. 15th. Aust. Infantry Brigade at 10.0 a.m. on 25th. February at which hour C.O.C. 5th. Australian Division will also assume command from the C.O.C. 4th. Australian Division.
3. Details of the relief of the Brigades will be arranged between the Brigadiers concerned.
The 15th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will occupy the front line system with one battalion. One battalion will be in the Intermediate Line; one battalion and details will be in PERTH and TOANSVILLE Camps; and one battalion in FRICOURT Camp.
4. Separate instructions will be issued later regarding Artillery dispositions.
5. C. R. E. will arrange for the work in the new Sector to be taken over. The 14th. Field Co. will be allotted to the Sector.
6. A. D. M. S. will arrange the relief of medical personnel under instructions from D.D.M. 1st. Anzac Corps.
7. The 2 companies 5th. Pioneers now working under the orders of the 4th. Australian Division will continue their work under the orders of the C. R. E. 5th. Australian Division.
8. Separate instructions will be issued regarding relief of working parties, supplies and locations of Echelons by "C" of the Division.
9. **ACKNOWLEDGE.**

Creech Staff

Lieut. Colonel.

Gen:Staff, 5th. Australian Division.

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Div. Signal Co.	8.
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5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO.117.

Headquarters,
23rd. February, 1917.

1. After the re-arrangement ordered in 5th. Australian Division Order No. 116 has been carried out, the left boundary of the Division will run as follows:- From the front line at N.20.c.90.65 to SEVEN DIALS; N.20.c.1.0 through points N.25.d.0.0; S.6.central; S.11.d.25.85; S.15.d.6.0; to S.19.d.95.85; thence along the line of CLIFFS to X.29.b.4.1; through X.28.c.9.1; following northern edge of FRICOURT WOOD to X.27.d.6.0 thence to present boundary at X.26.d.6.0.
2. The 15th. Aust. Infantry Brigade Headquarters will occupy the dug-out lately occupied by the 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade. The dug-out occupied by the Headquarters, 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will be at the disposal of Headquarters, 8th. Aust. Infantry Brigade
3. During the relief of the front line on the night of 24/25th. February, the O.C. 15th. Infantry Brigade will be present alongside the G.O.C. 12th. Infantry Brigade. O.C. 15th. Brigade will take over the command of the Brigade Sector from G.O.C. 12th. Brigade at an hour to be mutually agreed upon after morning 'Stand to' on the 25th. inst. Time of taking over will be reported to Divisional Headquarters.
4. The Right Group 4th. Australian Division (11th. Brigade A.F.A.) will be transferred from the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery to the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery at 12.30 p.m. on 24th. February.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut. Colonel.
Gen:Staff, 5th. Australian Division.

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| 5th. Pioneer Battalion. | 4. |
| C. R. A. | 5. |
| C. R. E. | 6. |
| Div. Signal Co. | 7. |
| A. D. M. S. | 8. |
| A. D. V. S. | 9. |
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5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 118.

Headquarters,
24th. February, 1917.

1. Para. 1 of 5th. Australian Division Order No. 117 is hereby cancelled.

2. The left boundary of the Division will run as follows:-

From the front line at N.20.c.90.65 to SEVEN DIALS;
 N.20.c.1.0 to N.25.d.25.40 thence along road through
 points N.31.b.25.90; N.31.a.8.1; T.1.a.4.8; T.1.a.25.55;
 S.6.b.85.80 to S.6.d.0.5; S.11.d.20.85; S.15.d.6.0;
 S.19.d.95.85; thence along the line of cliffs to
 X.29.b.4.0; X.28.d.6.4; then following northern edge of
 FRICOURT WOOD to X.27.d.6.0; thence to present boundary
 at X.26.d.6.0

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. W. G. Stur

Lieut. Colonel.

Gen: Staff, 5th. Australian Division.

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Div. Signal Co.	7.
A. D. M. S.	8.
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24th February, 1917.

FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER NO. 101.

1. Information from the corps on our north and reports of our own patrols indicate that a certain withdrawal of the enemy's forces has or is about to take place.

2. (i) Each division will at once, by means of strong patrols, get touch with the enemy. Arrangements will be made for prompt and frequent communication of information obtained.

(ii) Ground found unoccupied by the enemy will without hesitation be occupied as far forward as follows -

- 5th Australian Division - METEOR and ATOM Trenches, Le BARQUE Switch;
- 1st Australian Division - BAYONET Trench and GIRD Trench with posts in the trench in M.18.b:
- 2nd Australian Division - GIRD Trench, The BUTTE, and GALLWITZ Trench.

(iii) Further advances will be dependent upon information gained from patrols, but no opportunity will be lost of moving forward to positions which it will be to our advantage to hold.

(iv) Preliminary steps for advancing artillery will be taken at once.

3. Preliminary preparations will be put in hand at once to facilitate a forward movement.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

H. J. M. Ball
 Brigadier-General,
 General Staff,
 First ANZAC Corps.

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11	No. 13 Balloon Coy.
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25/2/17.

FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER NO. 102.

1. The present position of this Corps is unchanged on the extreme right, but on our Northern front we have advanced from STORMY Trench roughly to the line-

PORK Trench - LIME Trench - OAT Lane + WHEAT Trench -
thence north of WARLENCOURT, through GALLWITZ Trench,
to M.9. central.

The latest information available - which has been confirmed by aeroplane reconnaissance - indicates that the enemy are holding posts in ATOM and HEAVEN Trench, that LE BARQUE Switch (BARLEY Trench) is held only at its junction with ATOM Trench, and that a body of the enemy hold MALT Trench between LE BARQUE and the BAPAUME Road. Aeroplane reconnaissance indicated that TILL Trench was thickly held.

Summarised, the information available indicates that the enemy has elements between us and the TILL Trench - GREVILLERS line, this latter line is held, but it is uncertain in what strength.

2. The Corps will advance to the line -

LE BARQUE Switch (about N.15.central) - THILLOY-Le BARQUE -
MALT Trench and CAMP Trench

with the object of getting into suitable position to attack the GREVILLERS line in conjunction with an operation by the II Corps on our left.

3. Within the limits of frontage laid down in First ANZAC Corps order No. 101, dated 24th February, 1917, objectives are allotted to Divisions as follows :--

- (i) 5th . Australian Division. -
will maintain its present front towards the east (but keeping touch with the enemy) and move forward on its north front to LE BARQUE Switch (BARLEY Trench) from approximately N.15.central. *Westwards to 5th Aust Division left boundary*
- (ii) 1st. Australian Division -
LE BARQUE, LIGNY-THILLOY and THILLOY
- (iii) 2nd. Australian Division -
From BATTERY Copse in M.12.a., along Malt Trench and CAMP Trench to our left boundary (approximately M.4.o.3.1)

4. as soon as the line named has been taken up -

- (i) Patrols will be pushed out towards the GREVILLERS line and TILL Trench.

(ii).....

Troops will be systematically distributed in depth, and all preparations will be made by the 1st. and 2nd. Australian Divisions for an attack on the GREVILLERS line.

-) The G.O.C. R.A will at once draw up a bombardment programme for the Heavy Artillery.
-) Divisional Artilleries will be moved forward to cut wire and support the advance.
-) The necessary administrative arrangements will be made for the supply and quartering of troops and for the assembly of such stocks of ammunition and other dumps as are required.

(a) Forward positions will be selected for Brigade Headquarters, and Divisional Commanders will make plans for moving Divisional Headquarters forward.

(b) The Chief Engineer will get the main BAPAUME Road into order as far forward as possible - it must necessarily for some time be our main Roadway.

(c) The O.C., Corps light Railways will arrange as rapidly as possible to advance one Decauville line into each 1st. and 2nd. Australian Divisional Fronts.

(5) ACKNOWLEDGE.

(SIGNED) R.H. Osborne, Capt.
for Brigadier-General
General Staff
1st Anzac Corps.

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ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS No. 86

by
G.O.C.R.A. 1st ANZAC.

26th February 1917.

Reference 1/10,000 LE SARS to LOUPART WOOD, etc. 4th Edition.

1. From 25th February onwards the 1st ANZAC Heavy Artillery will carry out a destructive bombardment of the enemy trench system from H.32.d.35.00 to G.36.d.8.2 with all available Howitzer batteries. This bombardment will include the GREVILLERS LINE within the limits mentioned, and the TILL SUPPORT extension in rear of it from H.32.d.55.30 to H.31.c.65.80 and all communication trenches and strong points in the above system.
2. The 11 Corps Heavy Artillery are carrying out a similar destructive bombardment on the GREVILLERS line from G.36.d.8.2 westwards as far as M.4.b.1.5, and thence N.W. along LOUPART TRENCH.
The 1st ANZAC Heavy Artillery will co-operate by enfilading the communication trenches joining the first and second line trenches from G.36.d.8.2 to M.4.b.1.5.
3. The B.G.H.A., 1st ANZAC will keep in communication with B.G.H.A. 11 Corps to prevent any clashing of tasks in carrying out the bombardment mentioned in para 2.
4. The co-operation of the R.F.C. will be fully utilized, and every effort will be made to obtain visual observation whenever possible.
5. Rates of fire in rounds per battery per hour:-

	<u>By day.</u>	<u>By night.</u>
9.2" How.	30	10
8" and 6" How.	40	10

 Daylight hours will be from 7.0 a.m. to 5.0 p.m.
6. A detailed statement shewing the distribution of the batteries and the amount of ammunition expended on each portion of the trench system attacked will be forwarded daily to this office.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE ON FORM ATTACHED.



Captain R.A.

Staff Officer R.A. 1st Anzac.

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5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO.

119

Headquarters,
26th February 1917.

1. The Enemy has retired on our left and front to the line of ATOM - TILL - and GREVILLERS Trenches, with elements in advance of that line. The pivot of his withdrawal on the East appears to be LE TRANSLOY. On the West COMMECOURT IS STRONGLY HELD.
2. (a). Our Troops have advanced to the line PORK Trench - LIME Trench, OAT Lane - WHEAT Trench, thence north of WARLENCOURT, through GALLWITZ Trench to M.9. Central.
(b). The Corps is to advance to the line - N.15. Central - THILLOY - LE BARQUE - MALT TRENCH and CAMP TRENCH.
3. The 14th. Brigade, keeping well in touch with B.G.C. LESBOEUF'S Sector of Division on our right, will maintain our present front line, and will push out contact patrols to watch for signs of withdrawal of enemy from HEAVEN Trench and CEMETERY CIRCLE.
Right Group Artillery will be used to harass enemy posts located by the Patrols or observers.
4. The 8th. Brigade will similarly observe ATOM Trench and harass the enemy posts therein. Centre group Artillery will co-operate.
5. The 15th. Brigade will occupy BARLEY Trench from the post already established at N.14.b.6.2. to N.15.d.5.8, continuing the line along the old BREAD Trench and Sunken Road at N.15.d.7.0. to STORMY Trench. Close touch will be maintained with 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigade of 1st. Australian Division on our left.
Left Group Artillery (11th. A.F.A. Bde.), which has moved forward will support any operations undertaken by the 15th. Brigade to seize BARLEY Trench.
6. It is anticipated that the enemy will retire to the VILLERS AU FLOS line. C.R.A. will make the necessary reconnaissances and plans for advancing the Divisional Artillery, when the LE TRANSLOY - TILL Trench line is evacuated.
7. All three Infantry Brigades will remain in line for the present and will continue their distribution in depth. Work in progress on the reserve, intermediate and second lines will be finished off as soon as possible, and no new work on these lines will be commenced.
Machine Gun nests now ready will be occupied forthwith under Brigade arrangements.
8. C.R.E. will arrange to push forward the decauville now at Needle Trench to T.33.b.9.9. He will also arrange to develop the Road from Ginchy to N.31.b.4.0. - thence by N.32.c.4.5 - N.26.d.5.4. and N.27.c.5.9 to T.33.b.9.9.
9. Situation reports will be wired by Infantry Brigades every even clock hour to Divisional Headquarters, which remain at Bernafay wood.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Crewsop*Lieut.-Colonel.
General Staff.
5th. Australian Division.

APPENDIX A

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 120.

Headquarters,
27th February 1917.

1. On the 28th February at zero hour in the early morning which will be notified later, the 20th Division on our right will carry out a minor operation in N.36.c. The objective will be a line from N.36.d.1.1 through N.36.c.6.3 to N.36.c.3.2 which line is to be consolidated. The left limit of artillery fire zone is a north and south (true) line through N.36.c.3.8. Fire will continue normally for one hour from zero. Smoke is being used on the East of the attack.
2. The right group 5th D.A. has been placed at the disposal of the 20th D.A. and will operate under the orders of the C.R.A. 20th Division. Detailed instructions have already been issued to the Right Group Commander.
3. G.O.C. 14th Infantry Brigade will keep in touch with G.O.C. LES BOEUFs Sector, who is in command of the operation. Patrols of the 14th Infantry Brigade will keep clear of the fire area.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Curwys
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 121.

Headquarters,
28th February 1917.

1. (a) On our right the enemy's positions in N.36 are strongly held. On our front the enemy holds HEAVEN Trench, MOONRAY Trench, new trench in N.22.b and d (Air photo 3 AE.31 of 25.2.17), ATOM Trench, TILL Trench. It is probable the enemy will hold this line for some time.
 - (b) 15th Infantry Brigade have occupied BARLEY Trench as far east as N.15.d.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.8, and has a post at N.15.a.6.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. The 1st Australian Division has occupied THILLOY and connects with our left by a chain of posts in N.8 d and N.14.b.
 - (c) Preparations are being made for an attack on the LOUPART WOOD position by the 2nd Australian Division and the II Corps.
2. The 5th Australian Division will hold its present line, keeping touch with the enemy with patrols where direct contact or observation cannot be obtained.
The line to be held will be as follows:-
Our present right in N.35.c - FINCH Trench - MOLTEN Trench to post at N.29.a.1.0 - thence by chain of posts N.28.b.4.3 - CAMERON Sap - SUNRAY Trench (retaining the block at N.22.d.2.5) - the Sunken Road running north to BARLEY Trench - BARLEY Trench to N.15.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 - thence to junction with 1st Australian Division.
3. (a) A proposed Right Divisional Boundary is a line from FINCH Trench at N.35.a.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 through N.29.central to N.18.d.3.0. The front south of this line will, however, be held by the 14th Brigade till definite orders are issued.
 - (b) The left boundary of the division will be a line from N.14.b.4.8 through N.3.c.0.0 to H.33.c.5.0. The 15th Brigade will take ground to the left up to this boundary on the night of 28th Feb/1st March by arrangement with 2nd Brigade.
 - (c) The left boundary points of other Brigades will be:-
14th Brigade N.29.a.1.0
8th Brigade N.22.d.6.7
Adjustments to meet this between brigades will be made on the night 28th Feb/1st March.
4. C.R.A. will adjust S.O.S. lines to cover the front as now defined. Right and centre groups will remain in their rear positions and left group in its forward position for the present. Shoots on the enemy defences and garrisons will be arranged with Infantry Brigadiers.
5. Infantry Brigades will carry on ordinary battalion reliefs. 8th Brigade will place one battalion at disposal of the C.R.E. daily for work on the LONGUEVAL - FLERS road, instead of having one battalion in training.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*C. W. Staps*Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

APPENDIX A

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Major-General
General Staff
1st Australian Division

SECRET.

5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM NO. 34

Under instructions from Army Corps Headquarters every unit going into the line will be prepared to carry out a raid on some point of the enemy's trenches at any favourable opportunity. The carrying out of these raids will begin as soon as the state of our trenches permits such action. Requirements of the raids should be studied and all tasks practised beforehand. Every endeavour will be made to vary the nature of these raids which, in some places owing to the distance between the lines, may possibly be only the "mopping up" of enemy patrols, but attacks on portions of the enemy's main line will be possible on parts of the front.

The Corps Commander suggests it may be possible to emulate the scheme carried out by a Division further north where an aeroplane was used to attract the attention of the men in the enemy trench while our raiders approached. Fogs and other winter conditions may also give the necessary opportunity.

Brigades will submit the raid schemes of their Battalions on the day each Battalion goes into the line.

Brigades will report when the state of the trenches is sufficient to allow these raids to commence regularly.

C. W. J. Stah

Lieut. Colonel.

Gen: Staff, 5th. Australian Division.

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APPENDIX *B*SECRET.

5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM NO. 85
"ADDRESSES AND CODE CALLS"

1. In continuation of previous General Staff Memorandum Appendix "P" - Addresses and Code Calls of the XIV Corps Heavy Artillery is cancelled and all copies should be destroyed. The attached list will be taken into use in its place.

B. H. Reynolds.

Lieut. Colonel.

8/2/17.

Gen: Staff, 5th. Australian Division

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SECRETAPPENDIX "F"XIV CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY.

<u>Registered Address.</u>	<u>Code Call.</u>	<u>UNIT.</u>
FLASH	F.w.	<u>H.Q.XIV CORPS H.A.</u>
COUNTER FLASH	FwC	H.Q.XIV Corps Counter-Batteries.
<u>RIGHT DIVISIONAL GROUP.</u>		
CALCIUM	KL	105th. Siege Battery.
BRONZE	BZ	208th. Siege Battery.
<u>CENTRE DIVISIONAL GROUP.</u>		
COPPER	CR	<u>29th. Heavy Artillery Group.</u>
FIZZ	FIZ	148th. Siege Battery.
WHISK	WS	4th. Siege Battery.
PORT	PRT	147th. Siege Battery.
<u>LEFT DIVISIONAL GROUP.</u>		
CROWN	CRO	<u>28th. Heavy Artillery Group.</u>
BUBBLE	BL	114th. Siege Battery.
COBALT	OT	216th. Siege Battery.
<u>COUNTER-BATTERY HOWITZER GROUP.</u>		
SILVER	SR	<u>49th. Heavy Artillery Group.</u>
IRON	RWI	83rd. Siege Battery.
SLAVE	SV	12th. Siege Battery.
BITTERS	BTS	145th. Siege Battery.
NOBLE	LE	9th. Siege Battery.
BRASS	RS	25th. Siege Battery.
STEEL	SL	198th. Siege Battery.
<u>COUNTER-BATTERY GUN GROUP.</u>		
FLORIN	FRN	<u>57th. Heavy Artillery Group.</u>
SALT	SLT	159th. Heavy Battery.
ALUM	AL	115th. Heavy Battery.
PEPPER	PER	155th. Heavy Battery.
ZINC	OI	12th. Heavy Battery.
LEAD	LD	1/1st. Lancs. Heavy Battery.

APPENDIX *B*

5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM NO. 86.

The following instructions are issued in amplification of General Staff Memorandum No. 83.

The word "gas" must not be used on ordering a "Gas alert" by telegraph or telephone. Vide. para. 2 of Standing orders.

On an actual gas cloud attack, the message "Gas, Trench....." (giving the location of trench) is to be sent. Strombos Horns will not be sounded except on an actual gas cloud attack.

On a hostile bombardment with gas shell the local alarm (usually a gong) in the vicinity will be sounded; and a message sent to Divisional Headquarters "Enemy firing gas shells at" (giving the location).

East of the line ALBERT-BRAY either the box respirator or P.H. helmet will be carried by all ranks.

East of the line LONGUEVAL-GUILLEMONT all ranks will wear both box respirator and P.H. helmet.

The box respirator must always be worn in the "Alert" position.

During "Gas alert" the flap of the box respirator will be closed but unfastened.

All ranks, within a mile of the front line, who have no box respirator will carry their helmets at the "alert" position.

E. H. Reynolds.
Lieut. Colonel.

16th. February, 1917.

Gen:Staff, 5th. Australian Division.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

REPORT NO. 8

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~~5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.~~

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM NO. 38.

1. During a gas shell bombardment on a certain Divisional front recently, a few shells fell among a party of men returning from the front line; of these, 3 have since died, and 41, including one officer, have been evacuated.

2. Owing to lack of first hand information it is not possible to determine whether these men were carrying their respirators properly, but the Gas Officer of the Division saw, when investigating the circumstances of the bombardment, several men of the unit concerned and of other units in the vicinity, who, although in the trench system, were not carrying their respirators in the "ALERT" position.

It is clearly laid down in Fifth Army Orders for "GAS ALERT" etc. that this shall be done (Sec. 5 para. (ii)).

3. Owing to the frequency with which the enemy send over small numbers of gas shells, attention will be called to the need for the strictest gas discipline on the part of all ranks with a view to reducing casualties to the unavoidable minimum; and also to the fact that the respirators, if not carried in the "ALERT" position, become very much more liable to damage from mud and water.

S. H. Carr
for Lieut. Colonel.

22.2.17

Gen: Staff, 5th. Australian Division.

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All units.

APPENDIX *B*5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 88

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST GAS.

Attention is directed to General Staff Memorandum No. 87, dated 22nd. instant, on the above subject.

The use of gas shells by the enemy is apparently increasing. In a recent slight bombardment the proportion of gas shells was about one to seven. This form of the use of gas, although local in effect, is still a serious danger, and the Divisional Commander wishes men to be warned of it, and the necessary precautions taken. Immunity from regular gas attack is apt to cause a relaxation of anti-gas measures and continual enquiry into, and practice of, gas precautionary measures should be made.

S. J. ... Capt
for Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff,
5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

25th February 1917.

Distribution:

All Units.

APPENDIX *B*

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 89.

During the present phase of operations, which are assuming an active character, Staffs of formations and units in Front line must arrange to have a far better continuous system of duty throughout the 24 hours than is being carried out at present. It is of the greatest importance to the operations of other formations than ourselves and our own higher command to have every scrap of available information as soon as it can possibly be obtained.

During the last 24 hours, frequent reports that situation is normal have been received at Divisional Headquarters. These reports were obviously incorrect as the situation is most abnormal, and far better reports must be sent than these to enable the changes in the situation to be kept pace with. It is during the night that special arrangements must be made to keep up continuity. All report centres of Brigades and Battalions must have at least three officers fit to take their turn of night duty and run report centres while other officers are gaining some rest.

These instructions will be acted on forthwith.

C. W. G. Stale

Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

28th February 1917.

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Exercice - Manoeuvre

du 5 février 1917.

1^{ère} Partie

Le 9^e Bat^{on} du 129^e R.I., encadré dans la Division, cantonne à Neuville-Coppequente et occupe, avec une ligne d'avant-postes, le secteur compris entre la route de Neuville-Coppequente à S^t Aubin-Rivière et le ravin A, à 350 m. à l'Est.

L'ennemi a ses avant-lignes sur le plateau au sud-ouest du ruisseau "le Eiger".

L'artillerie ennemie est signalée sur les hauteurs Nord-Est du "Eiger".

Le 5 février: ordre général d'attaque pour toute la division.

Objectif pour le 9^e Bat^{on} du 129^e R.I.: les positions ennemies comprises entre la corne Nord-Est du bois du "Mazis" et le ravin A, à 350 m. à l'est de ce bois.

Manoeuvre:

Marche sous le feu de l'artillerie.

Progression sous le feu de l'infanterie.

Arrivées à 400 m. de la position ennemie les Compagnies ne peuvent plus avancer: elles s'accrochent au terrain et creusent des tranchées.

(S. 7. 2.)

Evolution of the

5th February 1917.

1st Part

The 9th Battalion of the 129th Infantry Regiment, inserted in the division, cantons in the village of Neuville-Coppequente and holds with a line of out-posts, the front held between the road going from Neuville-Coppequente to S^t Aubin Riviere and the eastern ravine A. (at 350 m. at the East)

Enemy's trenches are dugged on the upland at the South-West of the "Eiger" brook.

Enemy's artillery is signalized on the surroundings of the "Eiger" at the North-East.

The 5th of february, the division received a general order to attack.

The 9th Battalion of the 129th Infantry Regiment has for objective the enemy's trenches held between the North-East corner of "Mazis" wood and the eastern ravine A. (at 350 m. at the East of this wood)

Evolution:

Walking under artillery fire

Progression under Infantry fire

They arrived at 400 metres from enemy's trenches, companies are obliged to stop: they cling to ground and dug trenches

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Attaque des tranchées ennemies:

Exécution de l'attaque par
le 9^e B^{tn} du 108^e R.I.

L'attaque générale des lignes ennemies
est fixée au 2 février, à 8^h heure L.

Le 9^e B^{tn} du 108^e R.I. qui tient les tranchées
creusées sur le terrain dit "Les Communes", à
l'est du bois du Mazis, reçoit l'ordre d'attaquer
sur le front compris entre la route de Neuville
à St Aubin et le ravin Est (350m.) et de s'em-
parer des 3 lignes successives de tranchées
ennemies entre la route de St Aubin et le
point A. - Il dispose de ses 3 Compagnies:
les 1^{re} et 2^e C^{ies} sont accolées et occupent nor-
malement la 1^{re} ligne, avec une section
chaque.

Le B^{tn} est encadré: à l'est par le 9^e
B^{tn} du 129^e R.I.; à l'ouest par le 9^e B^{tn} du
24^e R.I. - Il a à sa disposition:

2 sections { 1 section de 2 pièces St Etienne
de
Mitrailleuses { 1 section formée de { 1 Hotchkiss
1 Maxim allemande

1 Canon de 37 et son équipe

Tous les organes et les spécialités du
B^{tn} fonctionneront:

Grenadiers,

Fusiliers et pourvoyeurs,

Grenadiers V.D. et pourvoyeurs,

Mortigeurs,

Signaleurs, Téléphonistes, Ag^{ts} de liaison

Mitrailleurs

Canoniers de 37

Trancardiers

Attack of enemy's trenches:

Execution of the attack by
the 9th B^{tn} of the 108th I.R.

The attack on the enemy's trenches
is fixed for the 2nd february at 8 o'clock

The 9th Battalion of the 108th Inf. R^{gt}
who hold the trenches dugged on the
ground named "Les Communes" at the east of
the wood named Mazis gets the command to
attack the enemy's front held between
the road going from Neuville to St Aubin and the
eastern ravine (350m) and to occupy the 3 successive
lines of trenches dugged between the St Aubin
road and the point A. The Battalion is composed
with its 3 companies; the 1st and the 2nd C^{ies}
being joined together and occupying normally
the first line with 1 section of each company.

The Battalion is flanked, at the east by
the 9th Battalion of the 129th Inf. R^{gt} and at the
west by the 9th Battalion of the 24th Inf. R^{gt}

The Battalion disposes of:

2 Machine guns { 1 section composed with 2 St Etienne gun
sections { 1 d° d° d° { 1 Hotchkiss gun
1 Maxim gun (German)

& 37^{mm} gun and its servants.

All the agents and specialities of
the Battalion will operate:

Grenadiers

Fusiliers and their purveyors

V.D. Grenadiers and their
(grenade gun firing).

Soldiers

Signal and telephone men, correspon-
agents

summers

Red Cross attendants

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1^{re} Phase de l'attaque -

Préparation:

L'artillerie a fait sa préparation; de nombreuses brèches sont pratiquées dans les réseaux de fils de fer ennemis et ont été reconnues; des passages ont été préparés dans nos propres réseaux.

1^o) Achèvement de la préparation jusqu'à l'heure H. avec les obus V.B.

2^o) Destruction par le canon de 37 d'infanterie et de mitrailleuses qui se révèlent au moment de l'attaque.

2^e Phase - Assaut: (2 Cies)

1^{re} Vague: Grenadiers et F.M. (des 2^{es} premières sections)

2^e Vague: Grenadiers V.B. et Voltigeurs (2^o)
(à 15/20 pas de la 1^{re})

3^e Vague: Nettoyeurs de tranchées, Grenadiers
(à 30/40 pas de la 2^e vague)

4^e Vague: F.M. - Voltigeurs; - V.B. -
(à 60/80 pas de la 3^e vague)

Objectifs - 1^{re} et 2^e vagues:

Troisième tranchée ennemie;

Les grenadiers arrosent, avant d'y pénétrer, la tranchée ennemie avec des grenades O.P. chargées (5 grenades par grenadier)

3^e vague: (Nettoyeurs de tranchées)

Première et deuxième tranchées ennemies.

Nettoyage de ces tranchées et des boyaux.

4^e vague:

Occupation des 1^{re} et 2^{es} tranchées ennemies.

3^e Phase - Occupation de la Position conquise

Fusées. Signaux (allonger le tir de l'artillerie) - Fanions et feux de bengale indiquant que la position est conquise

(G.S.V.G.)

1st Phase of the attack

Preparation

The artillery fire has made many gaps in the enemy's wire entanglements and these have been noted. Several gaps have also been made in our own wire net.

1st) The work of the artillery is completed by the Vivy Desbrières Grenadiers up till H. o'clock.

2nd) An enemy's machine gun nest just found out before the attack is destroyed by the 37^{mm} Inf.

2nd Phase - Assault (2 Companies)

1st Wave: Grenadiers and Fusiliers Mitrailleurs
(belonging to the 2 first sections)

2nd Wave: Vivy Desbrières Grenadiers and Soldiers
(at 15/20 steps of the 1st)

3rd Wave: Trench clearing soldiers
(at 30/40 steps of the 2nd)

4th Wave: Grenadiers, Fusiliers Mitrailleurs
(at 60/80 steps of the 3rd) and Soldiers

Objectives - 1st and 2nd Waves:

Enemy's third trench.

The grenadiers sprinkle the enemy's position with offensive grenades (5 grenades for each soldier)

3rd Wave: (Trench clearing)

First and second enemy's trenches
Clearing of these trenches and dug out

4th Wave:

Holding of the 1st and 2nd enemy's trenches.

3rd Phase - Holding the acquired position

Rocket signals (orders for the artillery to lengthen its fire) - Flags and blue lights showing the place of the conquered position

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Tir de barrage avec leobus V.B.
Contre attaque (supposée) repoussée
au moyen de grenades O.T. chargées
et du tir des mitrailleuses

Destruction de mitrailleuses
ennemies par le canon de 37.

La C^o de réserve occupe la
parallèle de départ et envoie des
pionniers avec des outils du Parc
pour retourner les tranchées conquises

Firing of Tracy batteries shells to stop the
enemy's rushing-back.

Counter-attack (supposed) driven back by the
means of offensive grenades throwing and machine
gun firing.

Enemy's machine guns destroyed by the
37^{mm} gun.

The Company on reserve occupies the position left
by our troops and send pioneers with tools to
re-open the conquered trenches.

M. Lasaux

Chef de Bataillon Casaux
Commandant le 1^{er} Groupe des B.I.

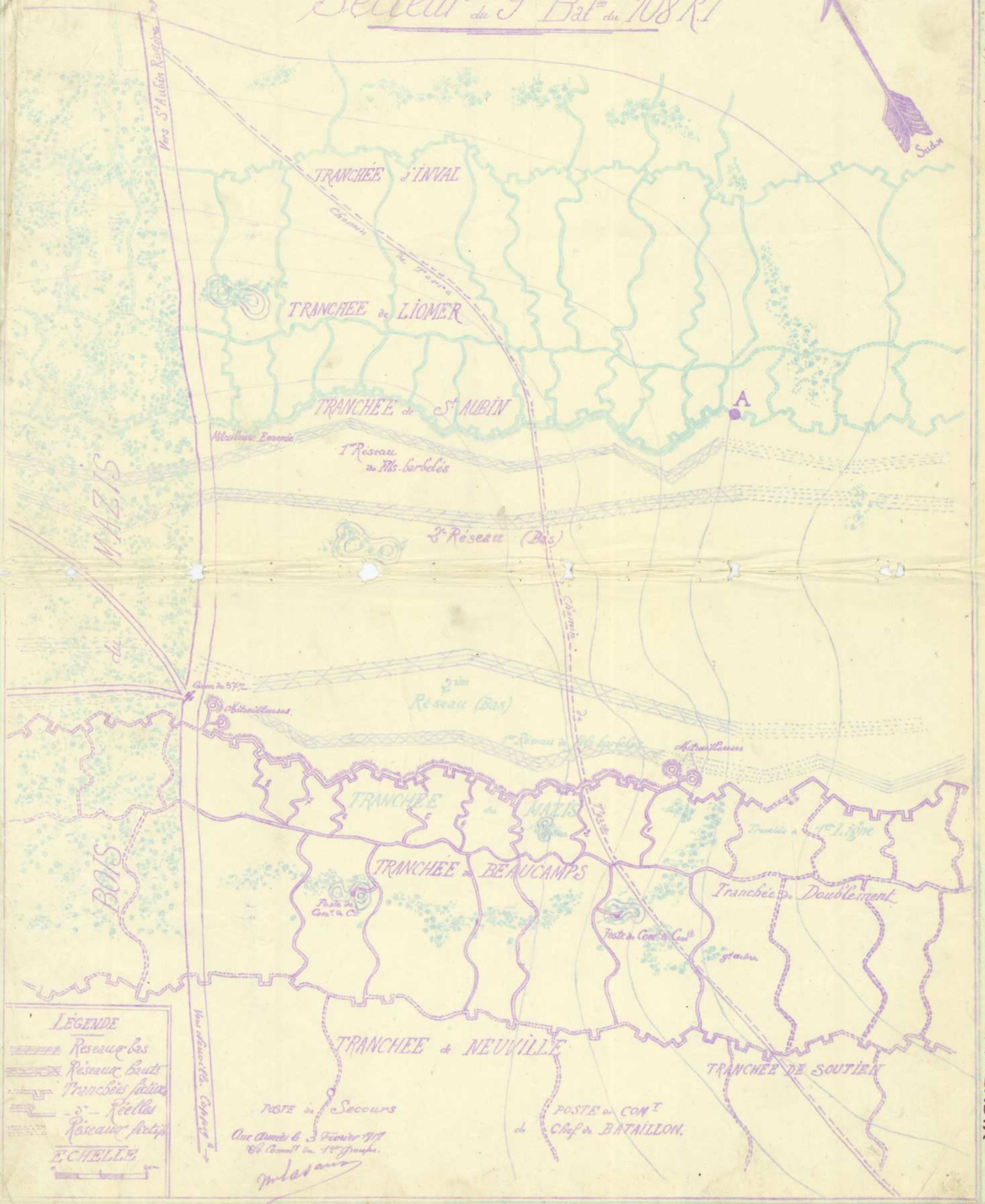
Chief of Battalion Casaux
Commandant in the first Group of B.I.



Bataillons d'Instruction
de la 10^e Armée
1^{er} Groupe.

MANOEUVRE du 5. FEVRIER.

Secteur du 9^{eme} Bat^{on} du 108^{RI}



LEGENDE

- Réseau bas
- Réseau haut
- Tranchées factives
- Réelles
- Réseau fictif

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POSTE de Secours
Aux Armes le 3 Février 1917
Et Commandé par le 1^{er} Groupe.
Miles aux

POSTE de COM^{te}
de Chef de BATAILLON.