

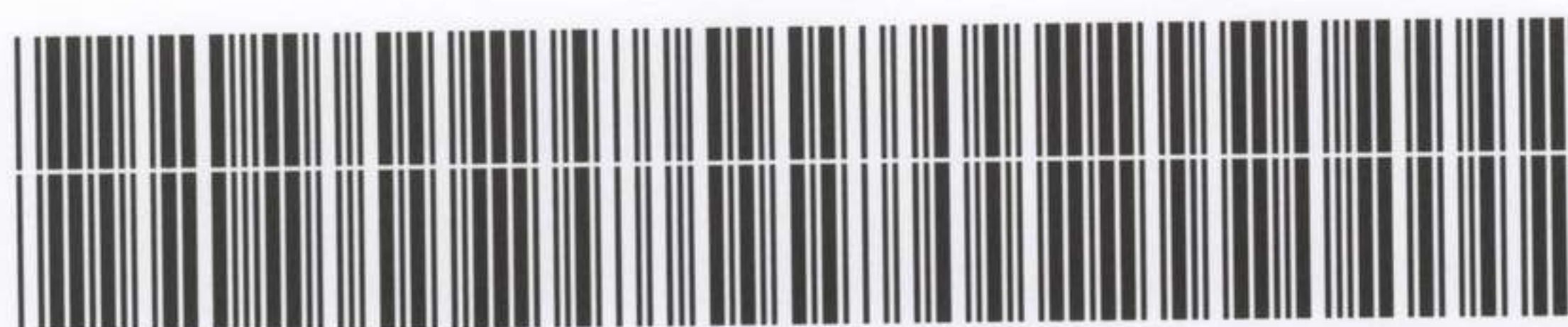
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			Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
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RENING- HELST.	1917. Oct. 1.	a.m.	G.O.C. went to the front, but owing to fog, was unable to see anything.	App. I
		5.30	Disposition report attached.	
		8.0	Army Commander called on G.O.C. re' forthcoming operations.	
		11.0	Issued Preliminary Instructions No. 3 re' forthcoming operations - Copy attached.	
		p.m.	18th Battalion moved to GORDON AREA for work under C.R.E. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade (less	
		12.30	17th, 18th and 20th Battalions) moved to OUDERDOM Area.	
			G.O.C. and G.S.O.1. to SMYTH Camp for conference with Corps Commander.	
		2.30	Issued Addenda to Preliminary Instructions Nos. 1 and 2 - Copy attached.	
		8.0		
			2.	
YPRES.			G.O.C. to line morning.	
		a.m.	G.O.C. took over command of the line at 10.0 a.m.	
		10.0	D.H.Q. moved from RENINGHELST and established Advanced Headquarters in YPRES ^{RAMPARTS} and rear Headquarters in SMYTH Camp.	
		5th Aust. Inf. Bde. (less 17th, 18th and 20th Battalions) moved to CANAL Area.		
		Issued Machine Gun instructions No. 1 - Series No. 2 - Copy attached.	App. IV	
		p.m. 2.0		

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 2.	p.m. 5.30.	<p>Evening report - Situation quiet on Divisional front - Both forward Brigades report hostile activity on forward areas below normal. Noticeable absence of shells smaller than 15 cm. Between 2.0 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. BELLEWAARDE Ridge and battery positions in valley to the West shelled with 15 cm.</p> <p>9.0 Issued Corrigenda to Preliminary Instructions No. 1 - Copy attached.</p> <p>10.5 Received First ANZAC Order No. 183 re the operations.</p> <p>Attached is a map showing enemy defences.</p> <p>3. a.m. 5.25 Morning Report. Quiet night. Light intermittent shelling of forward area during night. Left Brigade reports enemy's reply to our barrage consisted of 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. and fell in vicinity of St. JOSEPH'S INSTITUTE and between there and the HANEBEEK.</p> <p>During the night the 22nd Battalion relieved the 23rd Battalion in the line. The 25th Battalion moved from YPRES and relieved the 23th Battalion in the line, the latter moving back to BELLEWAARDE RIDGE.</p> <p>Some rain during the night.</p> <p>8.0 Disposition report attached.</p> <p>G.O.C. to line morning.</p> <p>11.0 Issued Order No. 143 for operations - Copy attached.</p> <p>Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p>p.m. 12.30 Received notification that Zero hour would be 6.0 a.m., 4th October. Notified all Units.</p>	<p>artillery A</p> <p>App. V</p> <p>App. VI</p> <p>App. VII</p> <p>App. VIII</p> <p>App. IX</p>

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 3.	p.m. 5.40.	Evening report. Situation quiet on Divisional front. During morning usual desultory shelling of forward area particularly in vicinity D.27.d.3.3. Enemy retaliation to our 1.30 p.m. barrage commenced 1.37 p.m. and fell on our front and support trenches and tracks in forward area. Shelling ceased at 2.15 p.m.; shells 10.5 cm. and 15 cm.	
		11.45.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported jumping-off line taped without mishap.	
	4.	a.m. 5.27.	All units were reported ready for the attack. ANZAC informed.	<i>ulu</i>
		5.35.	Morning report. Situation unchanged; quiet night.	
		6.0	Attached are diagram showing order of battle and map showing dispositions at Zero Hour.	App. X
			The enemy had intended to attack at 6.0 a.m. and put down a heavy barrage at 5.45 a.m. He had a great concentration of guns so his barrage was heavier and deeper than we had experienced before; it caught our troops on their forming up places and inflicted several casualties; in spite of this the troops remained perfectly steady, sitting down under this barrage for a quarter of an hour. At zero hour, 6.0 a.m., our barrage came down and the troops jumped off according to programme. The attack was a complete surprise and was carried through magnificently; the enemy was unable to develop his attack, as he was crushed from the outset and our troops went forward and carried their objectives according to programme in spite of fairly strong opposition at the beginning.	
		6.35.	7th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported attack appeared to have started well and there was not very heavy retaliation. Repeated to ANZAC.	
		6.55.	7th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported that 13 prisoners had come back; everything going well. Communications forward were cut, retaliation light so far. Repeated to ANZAC.	
		7.0	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported prisoners coming back and enemy's artillery light and scattered. Repeated to ANZAC.	<i>ulu</i>

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 4.	a.m. 7.5 7.10	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported 22nd Battalion had jumped off well and prisoners were coming back.	
			7th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported more prisoners and they belonged to the 212th R.I.R.	
			Reported to ANZAC.	
		7.14	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported 30 prisoners of 212th R.I.R. When our barrage came down the Germans ran towards our lines. Passing wounded reported that everything was going well. Reported to ANZAC.	
		7.25.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported a prisoner of the 5th Guard Regt., and one of the 29th Regt. Repeated to ANZAC.	
		7.26.	Lieut. FERGUSON, Divisional Observer, reported that his O.P. had been blown out just before zero and that he could not see anything, so was going forward.	
		7.26.	7th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported that 28th Battalion had gone forward. German prisoner stated that our attack was not expected and that their artillery was doing a lot of short shooting.	
		7.32.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported they had moved off according to time and that about 70 prisoners had been taken so far. Reported to ANZAC.	
		7.40.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. stated 23rd Battalion were on MUHLE Ridge. Ground observers reported our men well up ridge; wounded man reports we are on RED line.	
		7.41.	Received message from 1st Australian Division stating that the success signals for first objective had gone up on both Brigade fronts.	
		7.44.	7th Aust. Inf. Bde. stated that observers could see our men well up the ridge. A wounded man said he saw the 25th Battalion digging in.	
		7.46.	Reported to ANZAC that both Brigades had gained RED line. Enemy fire light and scattered. 120 prisoners captured so far.	

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 4.	8.m. 7.51	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported that the 22nd Battalion were consolidating on the RED line at 7.15 a.m.	
		7.55.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. stated 21st Battalion reported all going well. Casualties about 10% so far.	
		7.59.	7th A.I.Bde. stated all going well and ground observers reported our men well up ridge.	
		8.7.	3rd Australian Division reported that the 11th Brigade were on the RED line.	
		8.11.	5th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported 18th Battalion in position in RAILWAY WOOD.	
		8.15.	Informed all Brigades that the RED line had been taken by us and by the Brigade on either flank.	
		8.20.	5th Aust. Inf. Brigade ordered all further moves to stand fast.	
		8.21.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported that 22nd Battalion had captured 150 prisoners and 4 machine guns; estimated casualties 160. Repeated to ANZAC.	
		8.25.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported that the enemy were using smoke shell freely about ALBANIA.	
		8.40.	7th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported that the RED line had been captured without much opposition, and that they had three machine guns at Battalion Headquarters.	
		8.50.	5th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported that the 19th Battalion was in position and that all battalions were standing fast.	
		8.50.	C.R.A. stated that F.O.O. had reported that the enemy were falling back over the ridge and that our men were moving up. The enemy appeared to be surrendering freely.	
		8.55.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. stated that the Company of the 23rd Battalion at MUHLE Ridge had had heavy casualties, so they were told to move it forward.	
		9.0.	7th Bde. reported that the prisoners counted so far were 3 Officers and	

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 4.	a.m.	132 Other Ranks; others had gone to KIT and KAT. The hostile barrage was now on the RED line. This was reported to ANZAC.	
		9.10.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported that the enemy were sending up flares east of the ridge.	
		9.12.	G.O.C., 7th Aust. Inf. Bde., reported that the 27th Battalion were digging in on line D.22.c.80.05 to 15.35. Our men can be seen on crest north of BROODSEINDE. D.22.d.	
		9.15.	1st Australian Division report success signal for BLUE Line seen on 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. front.	
		9.28.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. report that stretcher bearers can be seen working at BROODSEINDE cross-roads. Enemy's artillery is on crest of ridge, practically none on ANZAC or TOKIO. Repeated to ANZAC.	
		9.38.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported that the strong point party left at 9 a.m. and the communication trench party at 9.30 a.m. Enemy putting down smoke shell on BROODSEINDE. 70 prisoners so far passed Brigade H.Q.	
		9.39.	7th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated no further reports.	
		9.59.	Divisional Intelligence Officer stated that an officer prisoner had told him a counter-attack would be made immediately from the direction of the ZONNEBEKE - MOORSLEDE Road. Reported to ANZAC.	
		10.12.	7th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported 202 prisoners counted so far - G.O.C., 7th Brigade, asked for 5 officers from the 25th Battalion; these were sent up.	
		10.12.	Message from 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. timed 10.5 a.m. stated 24th Battalion reported they were established on ridge and had captured one field gun and 4 machine guns. Reported to ANZAC.	
		10.17.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. report Stokes Mortars established at D.23.c.2.2. and D.28.b.5.9.	

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 4.	a.m. 10.25.	G.O.C., 7th Aust. Inf. Bde., stated that a wounded officer reported that our men were digging in on the BLUE LINE. They were in touch on the left but he was not sure about the right. G.O.C. was satisfied he was on the BLUE LINE. They were being troubled by machine gun fire from the Ridge D.13.c. - D.18.b. One E.A. had been brought down by Lewis Gun fire. They could see two and probably three guns camouflaged at D.23.b.0.5, and were watching them. The Liaison Officer with the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde., reported that the enemy were massing in D.24.c. Repeated to ANZAC.	
		10.35.	Informed 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade of the situation.	
		10.39.	G.O.C., 7th Aust. Inf. Bde., stated that reports from the front line showed that the 23th Battalion had been held up by machine gun fire from DAISY WOOD and opposite that place they were about 100 yards short of their objective. The 27th Battalion was sending reinforcements. Casualties of the 25th Battalion not yet known but probably heavy. The 28th Battalion was in readiness but was on-ly 170 strong owing to carrying parties. Suggested that 19th Battalion be ready to move up.	
		10.45.	Order sent to 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. to carry out the zero plus four moves.	
		11.5.	Orders sent out placing the 18th Battalion under the orders of the 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade, and the 19th under the orders of the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. ANZAC were informed.	
		11.21.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. states received message from 21st Battalion stating they were on the BLUE LINE but position of flanks obscure. Casualties light and enemy surrendering freely; Report timed 8.50 a.m.	
		11.27	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. states received message from 24th Battalion timed 9.50 a.m. stating they were consolidating on the BLUE LINE. Repeated both the above reports to ANZAC.	
		11.33.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. stated 23rd Battalion was at ANZAC. They would like barrage kept on for another half hour. C.R.A. told, and both Brigades informed that this would be done.	

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 4.	11.45	G.O.C., 7th Aust. Inf. Bde., stated that Lieut KERR had been round the front line and stated that the whole of the BLUE Line had been captured and was consolidated, and that the 26th Battalion had been reinforced by two companies of the 27th. Machine guns from front and flanks were giving a lot of trouble; their positions had been pointed out to an F.O.O. who was arranging to deal with them. The 25th Battalion was behind the crest and the G.O.C. was sending the 28th up to be near them; He would move the 19th closer up.	App. <u>XI</u>
		12 noon. p.m.	Intelligence report attached.	
		12.1	6th A.I.Bde. reported number of prisoners counted past Brigade H.Q. so far was 96.	
		12.5	6th A.I.Bde. reported 22nd Battalion had dug a practically continuous support trench line.	
		12.15.	B.G.G.S., 1st ANZAC, rang up to ask about our using the reserve brigade; the G.S.O.1. explained the situation to him.	
		12.55.	6th A.I.Bde. reported strong point completed at D.22.d.7.2. Work was going on on the communication trench. No further news from the front.	
			Repeated to ANZAC.	
		1.25.	G.O.C., 7th A.I.Bde., gave his situation as holding the BLUE Line. 25th Battalion consolidating in rear of ridge. Strong post at D.22.b.9.3 constructed. He had sent the 19th Battalion to the line B.27.a.1.2 - D.27.c.5.6. Casualties on forward slope heavy, due to machine gun and artillery fire. He proposes to hold the line in front of the ridge lightly and have supports close up behind ridge. Communication trench getting on well.	
		1.25.	6th A.I.Bde. reported that they had four Vickers Guns 50 yards east of the RED Line, eight in position east of the ridge and four in reserve.	
		1.30.	5th A.I.Bde. reported all moves complete.	
		1.30.	Report from 6th A.I.Bde. that at noon the 21st Battalion was consolidating on the BLUE line and were in touch on both flanks.	

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 4.	p.m. 1.30	<p>Corps Commander asked re. the situation. The G.O.C. told him that we had a practically continuous trench and were on the BLUE Line except opposite DAISY WOOD where the line was about 100 yards back.</p> <p>Corps Commander sent his congratulations. This was passed on to Brigades.</p>	
		1.42.	<p>6th A.I.Bde. reported that a message from the 24th Battalion timed 10.40 a.m. stated they were on the BLUE Line and were comfortable and happy.</p>	
		1.45.	<p>G.O.C., 7th A.I. Bde. stated they were in touch on both flanks.</p>	
		1.50.	<p>6th A.I.Bde. stated they were in touch with on both flanks.</p>	
		2.5	<p>Sent message to ANZAC giving situation.</p>	
		2.20.	<p>6th A.I.Bde. reported that an S.O.S. had gone up on the 3rd Australian Division front, fairly quiet on our front. Enemy shelling considerably slackened.</p>	
		2.25.	<p>7th A.I.Bde. said shelling had slightly slackened and was intermittent, mostly about ZONNEBEKE.</p>	
		2.30.	<p>Reported to ANZAC that the enemy shelling had slackened slightly.</p>	
		3.0	<p>6th A.I.Bde. reported that the communication trench was completed and that the enemy shelling had decreased.</p>	
		3-3.	<p>Lieut. FERGUSON reported that the enemy were massing in ANVIL WOOD. C.R.A. informed.</p>	
		3.10.	<p>6th A.I.Bde. reported that the evacuation of the wounded was proceeding satisfactorily. The 22nd Battalion had 200 rifles in the RED Line and the 23rd had a platoon in the strong point.</p> <p>Reported to ANZAC.</p>	
		3.20.	<p>6th A.I.Bde. reported that the S.O.S. had gone up on their front, also on the front of the 2nd Brigade.</p>	

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 4.	p.m. 3.36. 4.25. 4.45. 4.50. 5.10. 6.0. 7.0. 7.2. 7.3. 7.32. 7.35	<p>G.O.C., 7th A.I.Bde., reports satisfied with front line; 27th Battalion now digging communication trench.</p> <p>6th A.I.Bde. said no further report re. S.O.S. from the front. Apparently quiet. Not much shelling in back areas but a fair amount round DE KNOET FARM and our original front line.</p> <p>Commander-in-Chief sent a congratulatory message which was passed on to all units.</p> <p>Order sent to the 5th A.I.Bde. to move the 17th Battalion to WESTHOEK and the 20th to RAILWAY WOOD. ANZAC informed, also other brigades.</p> <p>Cable cut near BIRR CROSS ROADS so out of communication with Brigades.</p> <p>Disposition map attached.</p> <p>Communication re-established.</p> <p>Message from 6th A.I.Bde. timed 6.46 p.m. that S.O.S. had gone up on their front and both flanks.</p> <p>Message from 7th A.I.Bde. timed 6.50 p.m. that S.O.S. had gone up on the front of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Australian Divisions. Troops seen in road in D.12.a.</p> <p>C.R.A. informed. He had already received it and had taken action.</p> <p>ANZAC Informed.</p> <p>6th A.I.Bde. said there was no further news from the front and no S.O.S. since 6.46 p.m. The artillery could stop.</p> <p>7th A.I.Bde. reported situation apparently quiet.</p> <p>Reported to C.R.A. and ANZAC.</p>	<p>App. <u>XII</u></p>

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 4.	p.m.		
		7.45.	Report from 6th A.I.Bde. timed 6.36 p.m. that situation unchanged and satisfactory. Considered artillery had broken up possible counter-attacks since 3.30 p.m. Supplies going forward satisfactorily. Captures included 14 machine guns.	
		7.50.	Message from 7th A.I.Bde. saying still a little confusion in front which would be cleared up after dark.	
		8.10.	7th A.I.Bde. reported S.O.S. on 6th A.I.Bde. front.	
		8.36.	6th A.I.Bde. report timed 8 p.m. that situation quiet. Reported to ANZAC.	
		8.40.	6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. informed that the 17th Battalion was at WESTHOEK and the 20th Battalion at RAILWAY WOOD.	
		8.40.	Reported to ANZAC that as far as can be ascertained we have captured 9 Officers, 298 Other Ranks, 14 machine guns and 3 Field Guns.	
		9.20.	Reported dispositions as follows:- <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> RIGHT Brigade - 24th and 21st Battalions - BLUECLINE. 22nd Battalion - RED LINE with 23rd in close support. 18th Battalion - Reserve in D.27.c.- d. LEFT Brigade - 26th and 27th Battalions - BLUE LINE. 25th Battalion - RED LINE with 28th close support. 19th Battalion - Reserve in D.27.a.- c. RESERVE. - 17th Battalion - WESTHOEK Ridge. 20th Battalion - RAILWAY WOOD. </div>	
9.45.	6th A.I.Bde. report S.O.S. on extreme right. All quiet on their sector.			

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YPRES.	1917. OCT. 4.	p.m. 10.0.	Received First ANZAC Preliminary Instructions No. 1, Series No. 4.	
		10.1.	Message from 6th A.I.Bde. timed 9.55 p.m. stating S.O.S. on left and also on their sector.	
		10.10.	7th A.I.Bde. stated S.O.S. had started on right and passed right along the line. Did not think it was anything and artillery were stopping. Re. S.O.S. line - G.O.C. 7th A.I.Bde., said he had spoken to the Artillery Liaison Officer and did not like to bring the S.O.S. line in to cover DAISY WOOD, but had this covered by four machine guns.	
		10.20.	Reported to ANZAC that S.O.S. had gone up at 9.55 p.m. but situation now appeared quiet and the artillery was stopping.	
		10.39.	7th A.I.Bde. reported S.O.S. 10.5 p.m., situation normal 10.25 p.m. Enemy shelling negligible. Repeated to ANZAC.	
		11.0.	Report from 6th A.I.Bde. timed 10.53 p.m. that situation now normal and conditions apparently satisfactory.	
		5.		
		a.m. 12.10.	Received message from 7th A.I.Bde. timed 11.56 p.m. reporting situation O.K.	
		12.40.	57th H.A.G. and First ANZAC said S.O.S. seen in D.29. On inquiry 6th A.I.Bde. said they had seen an S.O.S. on both their flanks and on their sector, but thought it was quiet on their front.	
		1.15.	6th A.I.Bde. said they did not think there was an S.O.S. on their front at all but were trying to get a message through. Situation quiet.	
		2.35.	7th A.I.Bde. reported situation quiet.	
		4.5.	57th H.A.G. reported an S.O.S. on our front.	

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 5.	a.m.	On enquiry both 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. said it was all quiet; 57th H.A.G. informed.	
		5.15	Morning report. Quiet night, situation unchanged. Reports of S.O.S. at 12.30 and 4 a.m. received through Heavy Artillery but in each case Brigades in front reported situation quiet. Ground in slippery condition.	
		8.0	Issued Order No. 144 re. reliefs to-night. Copy attached.	App. <u>XIII</u>
		8.37	Report from 7th A.I.Bde. that situation quiet. 2 E.A. over sector at 7.50 a.m.	
		9.10	Situation report from 6th A.I.Bde. Forward battalions both well dug in and report quiet night. Trench continuous along whole front. Reconnaissance shows left to overlap right of 7th Bde. and to be about 50 yards in front.	
		9.35	Situation report to ANZAC. Enemy registering on BLUE Line. Garrison of front trench thinned out and disposed in depth. Enemy about 150 yards in front. Sniping by enemy from DAISY WOOD.	
		11.0	G.S.O.1. 1st Aus.Div., suggested that a small advance be made at the junction of the 6th and 2nd Bdes. 6th A.I.Bde. proposed to advance to D.29.b.2.9; the 24th Battalion would arrange direct with the 7th Battalion. 1st Australian Division informed.	
		11.55	6th A.I.Bde. reported that considerable enemy movement had been observed at D.29.b.6.7. and cross roads D.24.d.3.7. ANZAC, 1st Australian Division and C.R.A. informed.	
		12 noon	Intelligence Summary.	App. <u>XIV</u>
		p.m.		
		1.20	Message from 1st Australian Division re. small operation to-night against FLINT COPSE.	
		2.0	Sent order to 6th A.I.Bde. to seize to-night Pill-box at D.29.b.2.9 in co-operation with the 7th Battalion's enterprise on FLINT COPSE.	
		2.20	Received 1st ANZAC Order No.185 re extension of the boundary northwards to the railway.	

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 5.	p.m. 2.45. 3.45. 5.0 5.15 5.20 5.30 5.45. 6.0. 6.0.	<p>Received message from ANZAC to the effect that captured documents state that from 3 p.m. Oct. 5th in German 4th Army the following light signals will be observed. - GREEN, barrage. RED, annihilating fire; YELLOW, lengthen range. Repeated to all units.</p> <p>G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde., reported enemy post at D.29.b.2.9. occupied by him - 21st Battalion has posts in front of their line. 2nd A.I.Bde. has secured Western edge of FLINT COPSE. Very little shelling on front line system. Repeated to ANZAC.</p> <p>7th A.I.Bde. evening report. Quiet day on Brigade front. 6 more prisoners sent to Corps Cage to-day.</p> <p>7th A.I.Bde. report 20 more prisoners dug up from a pill-box near ZONNEBEKE church this morning.</p> <p>A.P.M. reported total prisoners for 48 hours ending 5 p.m. to-day - 14 Officers, 314 Other Ranks.</p> <p>G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde., reported by telephone as follows:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Our men have been moving about over open all afternoon without being fired on except by a few long range shots from the DROOGENBROOKHOEK RIDGE or from beyond it. Only enemy seen during the afternoon were two parties of stretcher bearers carrying red flags. 24th Batt'n. have established a post at D.29.b.15.95 and 21st a post at D.23.d.4.3. - 24th Battalion found a wounded N.C.O. who told them that his people had gone back. 6th A.I.Bde. thought the enemy had gone back to the next ridge or even behind it. Ground is quite passable for horses in all directions. No wire visible.</p> <p>Reported above to ANZAC, C.R.A., and flank Divisions.</p> <p>G.O.C. spoke to G.O.C. 7th A.I.Bde. re. above; latter said it was too late to send out patrols and the country N.E. is not open. He is sending out patrols along the front.</p> <p>Issued Order No. 145 re. extension of front. Copy attached.</p> <p>Issued Preliminary Instructions No. 1 re. forthcoming operations. Copy attached.</p>	<p>App. <u>XV</u></p> <p>App. <u>XVI</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">11 14</p>

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 5.	p.m. 6.53.	6th A.I.Bde., reported enemy put his normal barrage on their front.		
		7.0.	6th A.I.Bde. reported S.O.S. on our front. Our machine gun fire heavy on the right of our sector.		
		7.27.	6th A.I.Bde. reported S.O.S. again at 7.18 and 7.22 p.m. Lines cut forward.		
		7.35.	7th A.I.Bde. reported S.O.S. on front of 1st and 2nd ANZAC Corps. Reported to ANZAC.		
		8.0.	6th A.I.Bde. stated situation quiet and fire no longer required. Reported to ANZAC.		
		8.50.	6th A.I.Bde. reported situation quiet on their front.		
		10.2.	6th A.I.Bde. reported situation quiet on their front.		
		10.20.	57th H.A.G. said S.O.S. had been reported by 2nd Australian D. A.		
		10.22.	On being asked 6th A.I.Bde. said S.O.S. had gone up, but the situation appears quiet and the enemy are sending up a lot of flares so the artillery are stopping.		
		10.25.	7th A.I.Bde. said no S.O.S. was sent up on their sector and everything appears quiet. Reported to ANZAC.		
		6.	a.m. 12.15.	Message from 6th A.I.Bde. stated that a strong point at D.23.d,4.3. was strongly held.	
			12.45.	5th A.I.Bde. relieved 6th and 7th Bdes. in the front during the night, the relief being complete by 12.45 a.m. On being relieved the 6th and 7th Bdes. were disposed in depth from the old jumping off line to YPRES on the right and left respectively.	

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YPRES.	1917. OCT. 6.	a.m.		
		1.0.	Report from 7th A.I.Bde. that a patrol had found DAISY WOOD strongly held.	
		5.30.	Morning report. Situation quiet. Light enemy shelling. At 6.50 p.m. enemy shelled our front line area, shelling grew intense until about 7.30 p.m., when it slackened and ceased at 8.10 p.m.; all natures of calibres used; enemy appeared to be enfilading from both flanks; no infantry action followed. Patrols report enemy still occupy pill-box in vicinity of DAISY WOOD.	
		6.0.	Attached is map showing dispositions in front line at this hour.	App. <u>XVII</u>
		8.0.	Location report attached.	App. <u>XVIII</u>
		10.0.	66th Division relieved 3rd Australian Division on our left.	
		12 noon.	Intelligence summary attached.	App. <u>XIX</u>
		p.m.		
		5.25.	Evening report. During afternoon area between support line and ZONNEBEKE heavily shelled with 10.5 cm. Situation otherwise unchanged on Divisional front.	
		10.20.	Received First ANZAC Preliminary Instructions No. 3 re. the action consequent on the next stage of the operations.	
		11.45.	Received First ANZAC Preliminary Instructions No. 2 re. the next stage of the operations.	
		a.m.		
		7. 3.25	During the night the front of the Division was extended to the left up to and including the YPRES - ROULERS Railway. The 7th A.I.Bde. took over this extra portion of the front from the 199th Brigade, 66th Division, and relief was reported complete at 3.25 a.m.	
		5.20.	Morning report. Fairly heavy shelling on front line between 10.45 and 11.45 p.m.; now quiet. At 3.30 a.m. enemy aeroplane flying low dropped bombs near support line.	
6.15.	Under cover of our practice barrage the 18th Battalion raided an enemy strong post and captured one N.C.O. and 12 men of the 450th B.I.R.			

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 7.	a.m.	<p>G.O.C. to line morning.</p> <p>During the morning the Divisional and Brigade Commanders of the 5th Australian Division called to get information re. our front.</p> <p>Corps Commander called during the morning.</p>	
		10.0.	Issued Order No. 146 re. Reliefs - Copy attached.	App. <u>XX</u>
		12 noon.	Intelligence Summary attached.	App. <u>XXI</u>
		p.m.		
		1.0.	Issued Preliminary Instructions No. 2 - Series No. 3, and Machine Gun Instructions No. 1, Series No. 3. - Copy attached.	App. <u>XXII</u>
		5.30.	Evening report. Situation quiet. Very light retaliation to our practice barrages at 6.15am. and 11.30 a.m. practically all shells falling on western slopes of BROODSEINDE RIDGE south of ZONNEBEKE. At 10.0 a.m. and at 4.0 p.m. areas D.22.d. and D.28.b. were fairly heavily shelled for about 15 minutes.	
		5.30.	S.O.S. was sent up opposite 18th Battalion who were being attacked. Artillery opened immediately and dispersed the enemy. Situation quiet at 6.0 p.m.	
		6.0.	Issued Preliminary Instructions No. 3, Series No. 3. - Copy attached.	App. <u>XXIII</u>
		9.0	Forwarded report on operations, consisting mainly of disposition map. Copy attached.	App. <u>XXIV</u>
		10.0.	Received First ANZAC Corps Order No. 187 re. the next operation.	
		a.m.		
	8.	1.10.	Received First ANZAC Corps Order No. 189 re. our relief by the 4th Australian Division.	
			<p>During the night the 6th A.I.Bde. relieved the 5th A.I.Bde. in the right sector, and the 5th A.I.Bde. relieved the 7th A.I.Bde. in the left sector. Reliefs were completed by 6.50 a.m.</p>	

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 8.	a.m. 6.0.	Morning report. Quiet night. Enemy now shelling BROODSEINDE Ridge.	
		8.0.	Disposition report attached.	App. <u>XXV</u>
		8.0. 12	Issued Order No. 147 re. the operation and M.G. Instructions No. 2, Series 3. Copy attached.	App. <u>XXVI</u>
		noon. 12	Issued Order No. 148 re. our relief by the 4th Australian Division. Copy attached.	App. <u>XXVII</u>
		noon.	Intelligence Summary attached.	App. <u>XXVIII</u>
		p.m. 12.30.	Issued Addenda to Preliminary Instructions No. 3, Series No. 3. - Copy attached.	App. <u>XXIX</u>
		5.40.	Evening report. Situation normal. Enemy reply to our practice barrages light. Forward area shelled steadily all day with 15 Cm. 10.5 cm. and 7.7 cm. increasing in volume at periods in ZONNEBEKE area. Visibility bad with heavy rain.	
			G.O.C. to Brigades afternoon.	
		a.m. 9. 5.20.	Attached is Order of Battle and Map showing positions of units at Zero. All units were in position according to orders and attack started on time.	App. <u>XXX</u>
		5.30.	Morning report. Quiet night. A little shelling of forward area commenced at 3 a.m. Information was received that only two battalions of the 197th Inf. Bde. (on our left) were ready to move forward. ANZAC and 5th A. I. Bde. informed.	
		6.0.	Intelligence Summary 6 a.m., 8:10:17 to 6 a.m., 9:10:17, issued. Attached is map showing Signal Communications.	App. <u>XXXI</u>
		6.5.	Message from 6th A.I.Bde. that all battalions were on jumping off tapes to time, only a few casualties from shell fire between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. ANZAC informed.	App. <u>XXXII</u>
		6.12.	Message from 6th A.I.Bde. that enemy reply to our barrage was moderate.	

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 9.	a.m. 6.19.	6th A.I.Bde. reported got away well with few casualties.	
		7.2.	Intercepted message from 20th Battalion that a prisoner of the 233rd Division had stated that 7 Divisions had come up from St.QUENTIN to make an attack on a two mile front this morning; prisoners coming in freely.	
		7.14.	6th A.I.Bde. reported that a wounded man stated the 20th Battalion were on their objective. No news from their front so far.	
		7.28.	Intercepted message from 20th Battalion that they had taken the first objective; casualties were slight, prisoners were surrendering freely.	
		7.40.	5th A.I.Bde. Rear Headquarters reported that a message from the 20th Battalion stated they had reached the first objective and were in touch on their right but not on their left, and they had no word from their left Company. Casualties believed to be slight.	
			Message from 17th Battalion that their right was in touch with the 23rd Battalion, and DAISY WOOD was O.K., their left was getting well forward. About 70 prisoners had been taken.	
			Liaison Officer, 197th Brigade, stated the centre of the Brigade failed to get to the jumping off line to time, but the Brigadier was sending out fighting patrols. Observers had seen troops well forward from the railway to 300 yards north.	
		7.44.	6th A.I.Bde. reported information received that 23rd Battalion were near their objective, but were cut up by machine gun fire from BUSY WOOD.	
		8.0.	Issued Order No. 149 re. relief. Copy attached.	App. <u>XXXII</u>
		8.0.	Message from 5th A.I.Bde. that a large number of prisoners were coming in astride the railway; apparently only a few casualties; enemy's artillery and machine gun fire was not very heavy.	
		8.10.	Message from 6th A.I.Bde. that a report from the 24th Battalion timed 7.15 a.m. stated that the attack was held up at DAISY WOOD and in front of BUSY WOOD; one company 28th reinforcing.	
			23rd. Battalion report timed 7.6 a.m. that they are on the RED line and consolidating.	

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YPRES. x	1917. Oct. 9.	a.m.		
		8.33.	Message received that 197th Brigade had reached their first objective and were in touch with us.	
		9.20.	Received message from 66th Division that their right Brigade was on the BLUE LINE.	
		9.30.	6th A.I.Bde. reported that the 21st Battalion was digging in from the north corner of DAISY Wood to the South-east corner of DAIRY WOOD, the whole of the 28th Battalion have gone round the north of DAISY WOOD and are attacking it from the North-east.	
		9.32.	Aeroplane message dropped at 9.20 a.m. showed flares lit at D.23.d.0.7, D.23.d.1.9, D.23.b.0.2, D.23.a.7.2, D-23.a,8.6, D.23.b.0.9, D.17.d,4.4, D.18.a.1.5.	
		9.45.	Message from 5th A.I.Bde. stating that as far as is known the Brigade is on the BLUE LINE, with some men in the Copse D.18.a.5.5; they were consolidating on the left flank.	
		9.45.	6th A.I.Bde. reported that the 5th A.I.Bde. have a defensive flank from RHINE to D.23.b.5.9. 6th A.I.Bde. hold a line from there to D.23.a.9.2.	
		9.45.	Intercepted message from 28th Battalion timed 8.40 a.m. stated 23rd Battalion had reached RHINE and established a series of out posts. DAIRY WOOD still held by the enemy; estimated casualties heavy. 2 Officers and 20 Other Ranks gone forward to establish a strong post at D.23.b.1.5. and another party to link up from there to D.23.b.1.8. on the 5th A.I.Bde. boundary.	
		10.10.	66th Division reported they were consolidating on the BLUE LINE. 5th and 6th A.I.Bdes. were informed informed and told to establish Vickers and Lewis guns to protect their right flank.	
		10.20.	6th A.I.Bde. asked for a battalion to occupy old front line north of BROODSEINDE - MOORSLEDE road. 27th Battalion was placed under the orders of the 6th A.I.Bde. for this purpose.	
10.30.	6th A.I.Bde. reported 24th Battalion had post in DAISY WOOD; 28th Battalion has gone at DAISY WOOD, but situation very obscure; hope to clear it up early by patrols.			
10.50.	Message from 5th A.I.Bde. 18th and 19th Battalions have reinforced; 25th and 26th Battalions			

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 9.	a.m.	<p>have moved to old front and support lines; left flank guarded; large number of prisoners captured. Right flank rounded off north of DAIRY WOOD. Am trying to clear it up. 17th Battalion pushed back in rear of DECOY WOOD, flank Company at D.17.b.9.5. Casualties heavy.</p> <p>11.0. 6th A.I.Bde. report S.O.S. from 22nd Battalion.</p> <p>11.23. 5th A.I.Bde. report in touch with Lancashire Fusiliers at D.17.b.9.5. 20th Battalion reports enemy massing in DECLINE Copse and along road in D.18.a. and b.</p> <p>Reported to C.R.A. and Heavy Artillery.</p> <p>11.40. 6th A.I.Bde. report 23rd Battalion hold line from RHINE to D.18.c.0.0. 21st Battalion have men in the middle of DAIRY WOOD. A gap exists between D.18.c.0.0. and DAIRY WOOD.</p> <p>11.40. Message from 6th A.I.Bde. stating that apparently the situation at 9 a.m. was - 22nd Batt'n. in old front line on right with post at D.23.d.35.30. 24th Bn. has post at D.23.d.2.7. and small isolated post at about D.23.d.7.9. with probably some men in DAISYWOOD and on western edge. Some men of 21st and 24th Bns. digging in well forward between DAISY WOOD and DAIRY WOOD. Some men of 21st Battalion digging in on South-east of DAIRY WOOD in which there are probably still some enemy. 23rd. Bn. at D.24.a.3.9. in touch with 5th A.I.Bde. at RHINE, distributed back to north edge of DAIRY WOOD. 28th Bn. report having a post at D.23.d.4.6. in touch with 24th Battalion. Remainder of 28th Bn. between DAISY and DAIRY Woods. Casualties heavy.</p> <p>p.m.</p> <p>12.15. 5th A.I.Bde. report fairly well dug in on RED LINE; position in front hazy, changing from time to time.</p> <p>12.35. 5th A.I.Bde. report timed 11.55 a.m. that enemy troops were observed coming over hill and moving towards DECLINE Copse in ones and twos every minute; evidently massing.</p> <p>1.35. 6th A.I.Bde. report that a local counter-attack on the 22nd Battalion was repulsed at 11 a.m. with about 30 casualties to the enemy. 24th Battalion report they occupy two improved shell holes at D.23.b.2.0.</p>	

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 9.	P.m.		
		3.49.	5th A.I.Bde. stated enemy reported massing in 12.a. and c.	
		3.55.	Orders to 5th and 6th A.I.Bde. that 45th and 49th Battalions were to be put into the line immediately they arrived. The battalions of the 7th A.I.Bde. not to be withdrawn unless clearly not required.	
			The 45th and 49th Battalions arrived at YPRES about 1 p.m. and were sent forward to the 5th and 6th A.I.Bdes. about 4 p.m.	
		5.0	Issued amendment to Order No. 149 - Copy attached.	App. <u>XXXIII</u>
		5.25	5th A.I.Bde. reported S.O.S. had been sent up on their front. They stated that the 66th Division had fallen back from the BLUE line, and were falling back still further.	
		5.45.	6th A.I.Bde. reported S.O.S. had been sent up on their front, and that the artillery had opened.	
		5.55.	5th A.I.Bde. reported that they were holding a line D.23.b.2.0. round DAISY WOOD thence through DAIRY WOOD to D.17.d.5.2 to D.17.d.4.3, thence to railway crossing D.17.b.3.3. Possibly some elements in front but none east of RED line. Require RED protective barrage as S.O.S. line. Very few of the brigade left.	
		6.0.	Situation map attached.	App. <u>XXXIV</u>
		6.15.	6th A.I.Bde. stated that report from forward area that no infantry action was going on and everything was apparently O.K.	
6.45.	Evening report. Right Brigade line is as follows:- Strong posts at D.23.d.3.2, D.23.d.20.35 then connected shell holes D.23.d.2.7 to D.23.d.2.9. Four posts in north-east of DAISY WOOD, another at D.23.b.05.30, then trench from D.23.b.1.4 to D.23.b.3.6. Post at D.23.b.1.8. then gap to about D.17.d.9.1, then line of posts to just north-west of RHINE. Left Brigade as follows:- Overlaps Right Brigade in western edge of DAIRY WOOD, thence north to D.17.d.2.0. - D.17.d.5.1. - D.17.d.4.3 to railway at D.17.b.30.25. where there is a post of the Division on our left. Isolated M.G. post believed to be still at D.17.d.95.80.			

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 9.	p.m.	Enemy believed to be still in Eastern portion of DAIRY WOOD. Several enemy machine guns seen firing from copse north of railway at D.18-a.3.6. At 5.25 p.m. S.O.S. on whole Division front. At 6.30 p.m. Right Brigade reported all quiet on their front and were asking artillery to stop.	
		7.20.	5th A.I.Bde. reported all O.K.	
		9.5.	5th A.I.Bde. reported his front line as follows:- Posts at D.17.d.85.20, D.17.d.9.4. D.17.b.4.0, D.17.b.45.15, D.17.b.35.40. - garrisons about 50 in each group and 50 in left group - more troops are in short trenches at D.17.d.75.10 and D.17.d.50.85, strength unknown, impossible to reach in daylight.	
		11.17.	6th A.I.Bde. reported situation quiet. Relief in progress.	
	10.	a.m.		
		2.30.	6th A.I.Bde. reported relief progressing satisfactorily. - 22nd battalion in original front line -	
		2.30.	5th A.I.Bde. reported 26th and 25th Battalions in original front line and support line and would be kept until an estimate could be formed of the strength of the 5th A.I.Bde.	
		4.0.	5th Brigade reported relief by the 45th Battalion completed.	
		4.30.	6th A.I.Bde. reported relief by the 49th Battalion completed.	
		5.42.	Morning report. Reliefs in accordance with 2nd Australian Division Order No. 149 completed by Right Brigade at 4.15 a.m. and by Left Brigade at 3.10 a.m. Two advanced posts about D.23.d.4.2 had to be abandoned early in night most of the garrisons having become casualties. Otherwise particularly quiet night, and after midnight fewer flares than usual.	
		6.0	Attached is map showing dispositions.	
		7.0.	Issued M. G. Instructions NO. 3, series No. 3. Copy attached.	App. <u>XXXV</u> App. <u>XXXVI</u>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES.	1917. Oct. 10.	a.m.		
		8.0.	Disposition report attached.	App. <u>XXXVII</u>
			7th Aust. Inf. Brigade moved during morning back to YPRES.	
		12 noon.	Intelligence Summary attached.	App. <u>XXXVIII</u>
			During the afternoon the 12th and 13th Aust. Inf. Brigades arrived by train, detraining at YPRES, and moved forward to take over from the 5th and 6th Aust. Inf. Brigades.	
		P.m.		
		5.45.	Evening report. Heavy shelling with all calibres of ZONNEBEKE and BROODSEINDE ridge all afternoon. Aerial activity great; otherwise quiet day.	
		6.0.	6th A.I.Bde. reported shelling had eased off on their front.	
		7.0.	7th A.I.Bde. moved by bus to the STEENVOORDE area.	
		7.15.	5th A.I.Bde. reported shelling had eased off on their front.	
	9.20.	6th A.I.Bde. reported relief completed.		
	11.10.	5th A.I.Bde. reported relief completed.		
		On being relieved the 5th and 6th A.I.Bdes. moved to the CANAL - GORDON area.		
	11.		Morning report. Front line quiet. Constant shelling of BROODSEINDE ridge and ZONNEBEKE throughout the night. Very little retaliation for our practice barrage this morning.	
		a.m.		
		8.0	Disposition report attached.	App. <u>XXXIX</u>
		10.0.	Command of the front was handed over to the G.O.C., 4th Australian Division, and D.H.Q. moved to STEENVOORDE.	

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STEENVOORDE.	1917.		5th and 6th A.I.Bdes. moved to STEENVOORDE area by train.	
	Oct.		Engineers and Pioneers remained in the forward area for work under the C.E., First ANZAC.	
	12.			
	13.	a.m. 8.0.	Disposition report attached.	App. <u>XL</u>
			All Brigades resting and refitting and reorganising.	
	15.	a.m. 8.0	Disposition report attached.	App. <u>XL I</u>
			G.O.C. went on leave until the 26th instant. During his absence the command of the Division was exercised by Brigadier-General J. PATON, C.B., V.D.	
			Training commenced in the STEENVOORDE area. Refitting and re-equipping was continued.	
			Forwarded report on the action of the Vickers Machine Guns during the operations of the 4th and 9th October. Copy attached.	App. <u>XLII</u>
			Forwarded report on the operations of the 9th October. Copy attached.	App. <u>XLIII</u>
	16.		Forwarded Part V. (Lessons) of Report of the Operations of the 4th and 9th October. Copies attached.	App. <u>XLIV</u>
	19.	p.m. 2.0.	Issued Preliminary Instructions re. relief. - Copy attached.	App. <u>XLV</u>
	23.	p.m. 2.0	Issued Order No. 150 re. relief of 5th Australian Division. Copy attached.	App. <u>XLVI</u>
			Issued G. S. Circular No. 41 re. Anti-aircraft Protection - Copy attached.	App. <u>XLVII</u>
	24.		Issued Addendum to G. S. Circular No. 41. , - - Copy attached.	App. <u>XLVIII</u>

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STEENVOORDE.	1917.	a.m.	Issued Addendum to Order No. 150. - Copy attached.	App. <u>XLIX</u> .
	Oct.	11.		
	25.	p.m.	Issued Machine Gun Instructions re. the relief. - Copy attached.	App. <u>L</u> .
		8.0.		
			During the period 15th to 25th October, training was carried out. Owing to restrictions of training areas and to the fact that reinforcements were arriving, the training was of an elementary nature, mainly devoted to Platoon and Company work and the exercising of specialists.	
			The Divisional Wing of the Reinforcement Camp was established at CAESTRE under Lieut-Colonel J. SLANE with an Administrative and small Instructional Staff, and the nucleus of the 5th and 7th Aust. Inf. Brigades moved into it to-day.	
			The 7th Aust. M. G. Company moved forward to-day preparatory to going into the line to-morrow.	
		a.m.		
	26.	8.0.	7th Aust. Inf. Brigade and 22nd Aust. M. G. Coy. moved by bus to SWAN area.	
		p.m.		
		3.0.	5th Aust. Inf. Bde. moved by bus to DICKEBUSCH area.	
			Issued Circular re. Defensive Measures. - Copy attached.	App. <u>LI</u> .
			G.O.C. returned from leave and resumed command of the Division.	
	27.		6th Aust. Inf. Brigade moved by route march to OUDERDOM area.	
			Nucleus of 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. moved to Reinforcement Camp.	
	28.		During the night 27th/28th the 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade relieved the 15th A.I.Bde. in the line.	

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 28.	a.m.			
		10.0.	D.H.Q. moved to LILLE GATE, YPRES, and the G.O.C. took over command of the line from the G.O.C. 5th Australian Division.		
			The Division is now in the line in the right sector of the First ANZAC Corps front, front line extending from J.5.b.30.15. to D.23.d.1.7, sheet 28, with the 7th A.I.Bde. in the line, 5th A.I.Bde. in Support and 6th A.I.Bde. in Reserve. The Artillery covering the front consists of the 5th Australian Division Artillery under the command of the C.R.A., 5th Australian Div.		
			5th A.I.Bde. moved to Support area, with Headquarters at HALFWAY HOUSE.		
			6th A.I.Bde. moved to DICKEBUSCH area, with Headquarters at WALKER CAMP.		
		12 noon.	Daily Intelligence Report forwarded. Copy attached.	App. <u>LII</u>	
	29.	p.m.			
		5.10.	Evening report. Forward Brigade reports situation quiet on their front. WESTHOEK and ANZAC Ridges and valley between, shelled intermittently throughout day by 15 cm. and 10.5 cm. At intervals from 11.20 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. enemy heavily shelled area I.17. Shelling practically ceased 5 p.m.		
		8.0.	Disposition report attached.	App. <u>LIII</u>	
		a.m.			
		5.0.	Morning report. WESTHOEK ridge and neighbourhood shelled fairly heavily with gas shell, also some gas shell in J.4.b. - Otherwise quiet night.		
		8.0.	Disposition report attached.	App. <u>LIV</u>	
			G.O.C. went up to the Support (65th) and line (7th) Brigades during the morning.		
	12 noon.	Intelligence Summary forwarded. - Copy attached.	App. <u>LV</u>		
	p.m.				
	1.0.	Issued Machine Gun Instructions re. Reliefs. - Copy attached.	App. <u>LVI</u>		

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YPRES.	1917. Oct. 29.		Evening report. Situation quiet on Divisional front throughout the day. ANZAC Ridge, specially in J.3.a. has been fairly heavily shelled with 10.5 and 15 cm. H.E. since 3 p.m. YPRES was shelled with a H.V. gun between 11 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.	
		a.m. 30. 5.0.	Morning report. Situation quiet, light intermittent shelling with a quantity of gas shells of whole of forward area throughout the night.	
		12 noon.	Issued General Staff Circular No. 42 and Amendment to General Staff Circular No. 41 re. Anti-aircraft Defence. Copies attached.	App. <u>LVII</u>
		p.m. 5.45.	Forwarded Intelligence Summary. - - Copy attached.	App. <u>LVIII</u>
			Evening report. Situation quiet and unchanged on Divisional front at 5 p.m. Light desultory shelling throughout day of WESTHOEK Ridge and vicinity. Road in J.8.a. and b. heavily shelled during day from South-east direction. Medium hostile barrage put down at intervals during the day along ridge North of BROODSEINDE, otherwise shelling of front line system very light. At 11.26 a.m. 80 men observed working on ridge from E.20.c.00.54 to E.19.b.3.8, engaged and dispersed by our artillery at 11.38 a.m.	
		a.m. 31. 5.25.	Morning report. Situation quiet on our front. Enemy artillery activity below normal during night. Forward area shelled intermittently with gas shell.	
		12 noon.	G.O.C. visited the front during the morning.	
		p.m. 5.0.	Intelligence Summary forwarded. - - Copy attached.	App. <u>LIX</u>
			Evening report. Situation quiet and unchanged on Divisional front. WESTHOEK Ridge heavily shelled at intervals during day with 10.5 and 15 cm. H.E. Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. vicinity HALFWAY HOUSE, I.17.c. very heavily shelled with 21 cm. H.E. from S.S.E. direction. Counter Batteries informed and shelling ceased about 1 p.m.	
		9.0.	Issued Order No. 151 re. Inter-Brigade relief. - - Copy attached.	App. <u>LX</u>

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Location of Units at 8 a.m. 1st October 1917.

DIV. H.Q.	-	RENINGHELST.	G.34.b.3.0.		
<u>Div Artillery H.Q.</u>		RENINGHELST.			
4th A.F.A.Bde.	}	IN LINE.	Under 4th Aus.Div.		
5th -do-					
2nd A.D.A.C.					
<u>5th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.</u>		Moving to OUDERDOM AREA.			
17th Bn.	-	I.8.d.3.6.	Working under O.C.Sigs.		
18th Bn	-	}	}		
19th Bn.	-				
20th Bn.	-				
5th A.M.G.Coy.	-			BELGIAN CHATEAU.	H.23.b.3.8.
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-			Moving to OUDERDOM AREA.	
<u>6th Aust Inf Bde. H.Q.</u>		YPRES.	Infantry Bks. I.14.a.4.8.		
21st Bn.	-	do	do I.7.d.		
22nd Bn	-	do	Esplanade Saps.I.7.d., I.13.b.		
23rd Bn .	-	do	Canal Bank. I.13.a and c.		
24th Bn .	-	do	Cavalry Bar'ks.I.14.a.		
6th A.M.G.Coy.	-	H.23.b.3.8.			
6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	YPRES.	Esplanade Saps.		
<u>7th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.</u>		BELGIAN CHATEAU.	H.23.b.		
25th Bn.	-	CANAL AREA.			
26th Bn .	-	do			
27th Bn.	-	PIONEER AREA.			
28th Bn	-	CANAL AREA.			
7th A.M.G.Coy.	-	}	}		
7th A.L.T.M.Bty-	-				
2nd Aust Pioneer Bn	-	SWAN CHATEAU.	I.19.c.3.7. Under C. .E.		
22nd Aust M.G.Coy.	-	H.23.b.3.8.			
<u>A.D.M.S.</u>		RENINGHELST.			
5th A.Field Amb.	-	do			
6th -do-	-	RELY SIDING.	L.23.c.5.4. Sheet 27.		
7th -do-	-	WARATAH CAMP.	G.15.c.2.9. Div Rest Cp.		
<u>C.R.E.</u>		H.18.c.8.2.	Under C.E. 1st ANZAC.		
5th A.Field Coy.	-	H.21.b.2.2.	do		
6th -do-	-	H.18.c.4.3.	do		
7th -do-	-	I.14.a.4.3.	do		
<u>Div Train H.Q.</u>		G.19.b.7.7.			
15th A.A.S.C.	-	do			
16th do	-	G.26.a.1.9.			
17th do	-	G.19.b.7.7.			
20th do	-	G.26.a.1.9.			
2nd A.D.S.C.	-	L.33.c.2.5.	Sheet 27.		
D.M.G.O.	-	BELGIAN CHATEAU.	H.23.b.3.8.		
<u>Divisional Troops.</u>		H.22.a.5.9.			
Salvage Coy.	-	BUSSEBOOM.	G.16.c.5.0.		
D.A.D.O.S.	-	G.24.c.0.5.			
Mob Vet Sect.	-	RENINGHELST.	D.H.Q.		
Div Bomb Officer.	-	BUSSEBOOM.	G.22.a.1.5.		
Div Gas Officer.	-	}	}		
Div Paymaster.	-				
D.A.D.V.S.	-				
Div Reinf't Camp.	-	RENINGHELST.	D.H.Q.		
Div Musketry Off.	-	CAESTRE.			
		do	Div Reinf't Camp.		

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Headquarters,
1st October, 1917.PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS - No. 3.Series No. 2.Add to Para. 7. MACHINE GUNS.

The 6 Hotchkiss guns will be disposed as follows:-

- 4 guns on the TOKIO - MUHLE Spur (D.27.a. and d).
- 2 guns on the ANZAC spur (J.2.b and D.26.d).
- To be in position on morning of 3rd October.

These guns will, as soon as the Blue line is captured, move forward and select new positions for 4 guns on the western slopes of BROODSEINDE ridge and 2 guns about TOKIO.

For use of Lewis Guns against enemy aeroplanes see para. 34, Reserve Brigade.

Add to Para 10. ENGINEERS.

The communication trenches through the BROODSEINDE Ridge will be marked out under the orders of the C.R.E.

The 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Brigades will find the men to dig them in their respective brigade sectors.

Strong points will be constructed as follows:-

RIGHT BRIGADE SECTOR.

	Locality.	Garrison.	Found by:	Engineer Party.	
				Sappers.	Inf.
1.	D.22.d.8.2.	1 Platoon.	6th A.I.Bde.	1 Off. 12 O.R.	25

LEFT BRIGADE SECTOR.

2.	D22.b.90.55.	1 Platoon.	7th A.I.Bde.	1 Off. 12 O.R.	25
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At zero hour the above garrisons and engineer parties will be assembled ready at BELLEWAARDE FARM.

An Engineer Officer will be in the dug-outs at I.12.c.3.5. in touch with both 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes. by telephone so that he can send forward the parties immediately the Brigade Commanders ask for them.

The Pioneer Battalion will be employed under the C.R.E. in opening up road and track communication to the captured positions.

At zero it will be assembled at RIFLE FARM (I.11.c.0.5).

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Add to Para. 14 - LIGHT HORSE.

Two Officer's patrols will be held ready to move at zero plus one hour.

One officer will report at advanced D. H. Q. at zero, the remainder of the patrols will be assembled near the LILLE GATE, - exact location to be selected by the senior patrol officer.

The remainder of the troop (excluding the 10 troopers to be used for communication purposes) will be available for escorting P. O. W. from KIT and KAT to the cage at SHRAPNEL CORNER. They will leave their horses under cover of WESTHOEK RIDGE and walk up to KIT and KAT.

Infantry escorts will therefore rejoin their units as soon as prisoners have been handed over to the Light Horse escort; but if the number of prisoners is large, it will rest with the D. I. O. at KIT and KAT to order the necessary escort from the infantry.

See also Para. 22.

Add to Para. 21.

6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Advanced H.Q. will be at SANS SOUCI (J.2.a.3.5).

Para. 23. Major W. R. J. SCOTT, D.S.O., 20th Battalion, is detailed as liaison officer to the 1st Australian Division, and Major B. HOLMES, 17th Battalion, is detailed to the 3rd Australian Division.

Para. 31. RESERVE BRIGADE.

On the day before attack day the 5th (Reserve) Brigade will be quartered in CANAL Area.

GORDON Area is allotted to the two rear battalions of the 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Brigades.

At zero hour the reserve brigade will be disposed as follows:-

"A" Battalion at RAILWAY WOOD.

"B" "C" and "D" battalions in GORDON Area.

At zero plus 2 hours:-

"A" Battalion on WESTHOEK RIDGE.

"B" Battalion at RAILWAY WOOD.

"C" and "D" battalions in GORDON Area.

At zero plus 4 hours:-

"A" Battalion on ANZAC spur.

"B" Battalion on WESTHOEK RIDGE.

"C" Battalion on RAILWAY WOOD.

"D" Battalion on GORDON Area.

The above localities will be reconnoitred before attack day by each battalion.

Each battalion H.Q. will arrange means of communication with their Brigade H.Q. at the dugouts in RAILWAY WOOD at each stage - either by direct visual or through the Signal Station nearest to them.

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ADDENDA TO PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS Nos. 1 and 2.

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Add to Para. 18 - Bayonets will not be fixed before Zero Hour.

Add to Para. 29: ROADS AND TRACKS.

Amend the sun-print showing tracks as follows:-

Both 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Brigades will use RIFLE FARM TRACK as far as I.11.0.8.6. From that point 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will move south-east to the Sleeper track and 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. north-east to the RAILWAY WOOD duckwalk.

This alteration is made to avoid passing any troops across the MENIN Road near BIRR CROSS ROADS.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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OPERATIONS.

Map Reference BECELAERE Sheet 1/10,000.
Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20,000.

Machin Gun Instructions No. 1 - Series No. 2.

(To be read in conjunction with Corps M. G. Instructions, Series No. 3, and Divisional Orders, Instructions, and Memoranda).

GUNS AVAILABLE.

1. The number of guns available on the Divisional front will be 70 made up as follows:-

Company.	5th.	6th.	7th.	22nd.	5th Aust.Div.	Total.
Guns.	16	16	16	16	6	70

A number of guns are also held in reserve by the Corps.

DISTRIBUTION OF GUNS.

2.	Group.	Battery.	Guns and Company.	Remarks.
	S.O.S.	I.	8/22nd Coy.	
		J.	8/22nd Coy.	
		K.	6/5th Aust.Div.	3 Guns from 8th and 3 from 25th Coys.
	CREEPING BARRAGE.	D.	8/5th Coy.	
		E.	8/5th Coy.	
	MOBILE GUNS.	--	16/6th Coy. 16/7th Coy.	4 Guns on each Brigade front are to be detailed for Anti-aircraft duty and a proportion of the remainder to be kept in reserve.

COMMANDERS OF GROUPS and BATTERIES.

3. Officers commanding 5th and 22nd Aust. M. G. Coys. will command the Creeping barrage and S.O.S. Groups respectively, and will detail Battery Commanders and other Officers as required.

MOBILE GUNS.

4. The Mobile Guns will be at the disposal of G.O.'s.C., 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Edcs., respectively, subject to special instructions as above regarding Anti-aircraft and Reserve Guns. Separate orders will be issued by respective Company Commanders in accordance with tasks allotted by Brigadiers.

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DETAILED
ACTION OF
S.O.S. and
CREEPING
BARRAGE
GUNS.

5. For outline action of Batteries see Barrage tracing attached. The gun positions shown are approximate only, and may be varied by Group Commanders subject to the duty laid down being fulfilled.

The Barrage lines marked "O" to "KK" and "O" to "LL" will be engaged by "D" and "E" batteries respectively, and those marked Sa, Sb, etc., will be engaged by "I", "J" and "K" batteries respectively as shown on tracing; the areas beaten by these batteries are joined on right and left by batteries of other Divisions.

Detailed tasks and time-tables will be issued later to Groups and batteries concerned on receipt of complete details from Corps.

FIRE FROM
S.O.S.
BARRAGE
GUNS.

- 5a. The Brigade Commanders, who are holding the final objective, will have the call on the S.O.S. barrage guns covering their sector for S.O.S. purposes.

Attention is called to General Staff Circular Memo No. 40 dated 30:9:17 regarding S.O.S. calls.

DUMPS.

6. Corps dump at H.23.d.5.5.
Divisional and Brigade dumps as per Divisional Orders.

DUTIES OF
GROUP AND
BATTERY
COMMANDERS.

7. Group and Battery Commanders will ensure that all preparations regarding Cover, Material, Rations, Water, Ammunition, etc., are complete, and that all guns and teams are in their allotted positions 4 hours before zero.

The usual safety precautions to be taken for the protection of our troops as per previous instructions; all calculations to be made and signed by an Officer, and checked and initialled by another officer to the satisfaction of the Group Commanders.

COMMUNI-
CATIONS.

8. See Second Australian Divisional Communication Orders. Group Commanders will ensure that the usual telephone connections are made from batteries to Group Headquarters. Usual system of runners to be maintained.

RUNNERS FOR
D.M.G.O.

9. Each Group Commander will detail one reliable runner to report to the D.M.G.O. by mid-day on the day previous to Zero.

S.O.S.
SIGNAL.

10. Rifle Grenade Signal. - Parachute with three coloured lights - RED over GREEN over YELLOW.

LIAISON
OFFICERS.

11. Each Group Commander will detail an Officer to be in close touch with the Advanced Brigade Headquarters to which he is connected.

REPLACEMENT
OF GUNS, &c.

12. Attention is called to Administration Memo No. 176, dated 30:9:17.

POSITION OF
GROUP
COMMANDERS.

13. Creeping Barrage Group - D.27.c.25.55.
S.O.S. Group - - - D.27.c.85.15.

SYNCHRONIS-
ATION OF
WATCHES.

14. Watches will be synchronised at nearest Brigade Headquarters at 12 hours and 2 hours respectively before Zero.

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DIARY OF
EVENTS.

15. Each Group Commander will arrange to keep a diary of events in the usual form.

REPORTS.

16. Reports to D.M.G.O. at Divisional Advanced Headquarters, and will be made at hourly intervals except when immediate report is considered necessary.

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In Para. 21 - "Headquarters" - opposite 11th Aust. Inf. Bde.,
for "D.26.c.1.3"
read "D.26.a.70.55."

Add -
"9th Aust. Inf. Bde. (Reserve Brigade, 3rd Australian
Division) - D.26.c.1.3."

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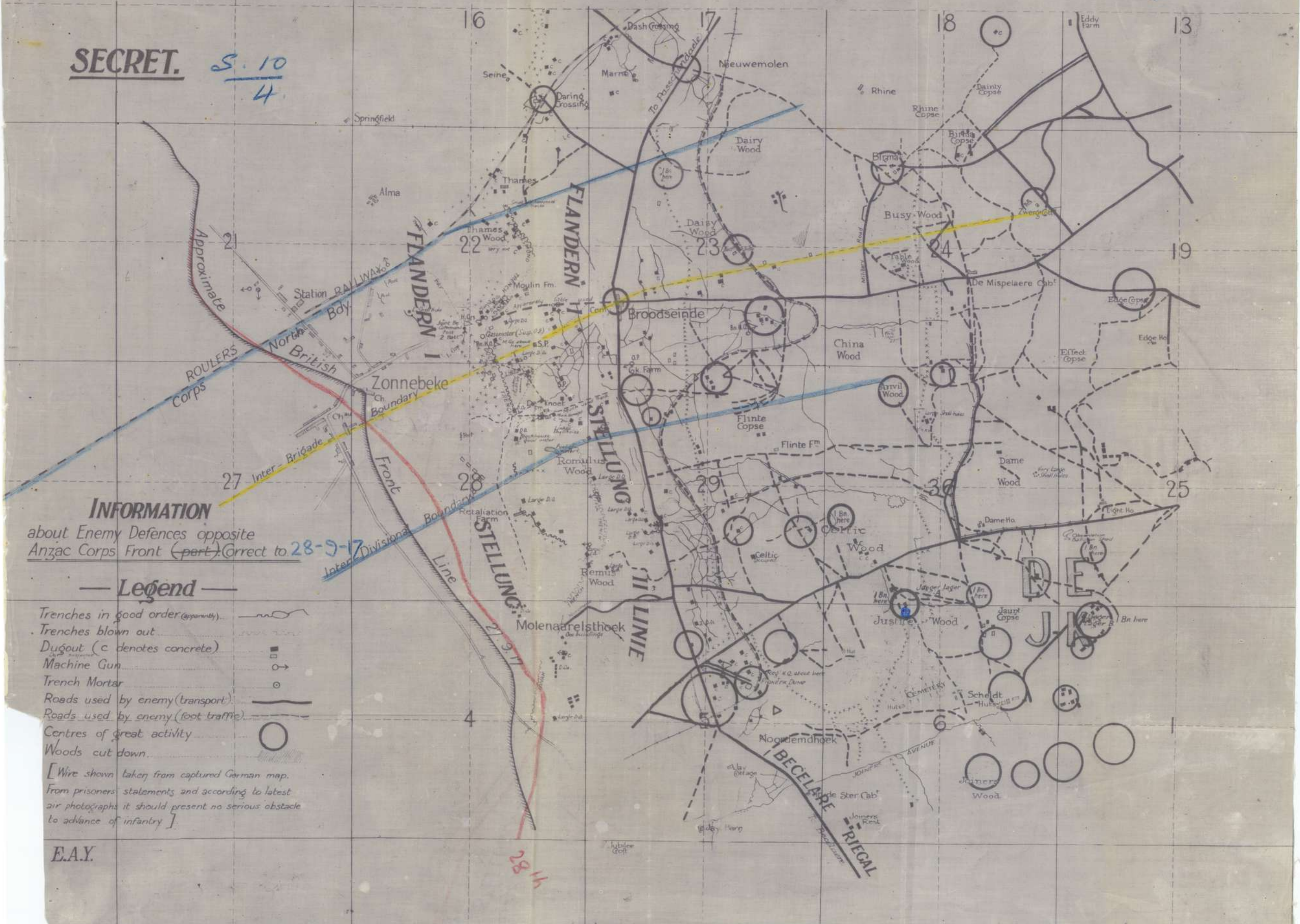
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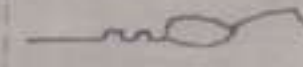
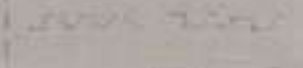
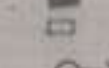
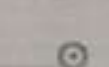
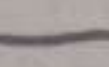
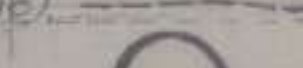

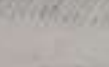
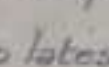
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INFORMATION

about Enemy Defences opposite Anzac Corps Front (part) Correct to 28-9-17

Legend

- Trenches in good order (apparently) 
 - Trenches blown out 
 - Dugout (c denotes concrete) 
 - Machine Gun 
 - Trench Mortar 
 - Roads used by enemy (transport) 
 - Roads used by enemy (foot traffic) 
 - Centres of great activity 
 - Woods cut down 
- [Wire shown taken from captured German map. From prisoners statements and according to latest air photographs it should present no serious obstacle to advance of infantry.]

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Location of Units at 8 a.m. 3rd October 1917.

<u>DIV H.Q.</u>	Advanced.	YPRES.	Ramparts.	I.14.B.1.6.
	Rear.	-	SMYTH CAMP.	H.21.d.6.2.
<u>Div Artillery H.Q.</u>	-	YPRES.	Ramparts.	I.14.b.1.8.
"C" Group.	10th AFABde.	I.11.b.5.2.		
"D" "	5th do	J.12.c.1.9.		
4th A.B.A.Bde.	Hq & WL.	H.19.a.7.4.		
11th	do do	G.24.b.6.7.		
2nd Aust D.A.C.	-	G.18.c.6.8.		
4th	do	H.16.d.9.3.		
2nd Aust D.T.A.O.	-	H.13.d.0.5.		
4th	do	-	SCOTTISH LINES.	G.23.a.8.1.
<u>5th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.</u>		BELGIAN CHATEAU.		H.23.b.6.7.
17th Bn.	-	YPRES.	Infantry Barracks.	
18th Bn.	-	GORDON AREA.		I.8.d.8.1.
19th Bn.	-	CAVAL AREA.		H.23.b.7.9.
20th Bn.	-	YPRES.	Esplanade Saps.	
5th A.M.G.Coy.	-	BELGIAN CHATEAU.		H.23.b.3.8.
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	do		H.23.b.6.7.
<u>6th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.</u>	("Y" WOOD DUGOUTS.		I.12.c.3.5. Rear.
	(SANS SOUCI		J.2.a.3.6. "Advanced"
21st Bn.	-	GORDON AREA.		I.8.d.3.6.
22nd Bn.	-	ANZAC.	J.3.a.2.4.	LINE. Right.
23rd Bn.	-	J.7.a.7.4.	-	Support. Right.
24th Bn.	-	GORDON AREA.	-	I.14.b.2.6.
6th A.M.G.Coy.	-	THE RECTORY.	-	J.7.d.35.95.
6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	DRAUGHT HOUSE.	-	D.27.c.25.55.
<u>7th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.</u>		D.26.c.1.3.		
25th Bn.	-	LINE.	Left.	D.26.d.5.5.
26th Bn.	-	GORDON CAMP.		
27th Bn.	-	KAT and KAT.	J.1.d.3.7.	Support. Left.
28th Bn.	-	BELLEWAAPDE RIDGE.		
7th A.M.G.Coy.	-	RAILWAY WOOD.		
7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	LINE.	I.8.c.30.25.	
<u>C.R.E.</u>	-	YPRES.	Ramparts.	L.14.b.1.8.
5th A. Field Coy.	-	H.21.b.2.2.		
6th do	-	J.14.b.3.8.		
7th do	-	I.14.a.4.3.		
<u>A.D.M.S.</u>	-	SMYTH CAMP.	-	H.21.d.6.2.
5th A. Field Amblo.	-	RENINGHELST.	-	
6th do	-	I.9.c.9.6.		
7th do	-	WARATAH CAMP.	G.15.c.2.9.	Div Rest Camp.
<u>Div Train.H.Q.</u>	-	G.19.b.7.7.		
15th A.A.S.C.	-	do		
16th do	-	G.26.a.1.9.		
17th do	-	G.19.b.7.7.		
20th do	-	G.26.a.1.9.		
2nd Aust D.S.C.	-	L.33.c.2.5.	Sheet 27.	
2nd Aust Pioneer Bn.		SWAN CHATEAU.		I.19.c.3.7.
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Divisional Troops.

Salvage Coy.	-	H.22.a.5.9.	
D.A.D.O.S.	-	BUSSEBOOM.	G.16.c.5.0.
Mob Vet Sect.	-	G.24.c.0.5.	
Div Bomb Officer.	-	"K" Durp.	H.23.a.2.3.
Div Gas Officer.	-	BUSSEBOOM.	G.22.a.1.5.
Div M.G. Officer.	-	YPRES.	Ramparts. D.H.Q.
22nd Aust M.G. Coy.		BELGIAN CHATEAU.	H.23.b.3.8.
Div Paymaster.)	-	RED HORSE SHOE CAMP.	G.28.a.9.1.
D.A.D.V.S.)	do	do
Div Reanft Camp.	-	CAESTRE.	
Div Musketry Officer.		do	at D.R.C.

Attached.

"C" Sqr 13th A.L.H. PALACE CAMP. G.30.a.5.9.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No 143.

3rd October 1917.

Reference Maps : BECELAKES 1/10,000.
Sheet 28.N.W. 1/20,000.

- INTENTION.** 1. The Second Army is to attack on "S" day. ZERO hour will be communicated separately.
The objectives of 1st ANZAC Corps and of the right division of II ANZAC Corps are shown in the attached map.
map "A"
- FLANKING & RESERVE UNITS.** 2. The 1st Aust.Div. will attack on the right and the 3rd Aust.Div. on the left of the 2nd Aust.Div.
The 2nd A.I.Bde will be on the left of the 1st Aust. Div., and the 11th A.I.Bde on the right of the 3rd Aust. Div.
The 4th and 5th Aust.Divs are in Corps Reserve.
- BOUNDARIES.** 3. The forward boundary between the 1st and 2nd Aust. Divs. is :-
D.28.o.6.6. - D.29.a.0.4. - D.29.b.1.6. -
D.30.a.6.9. -
and between the 2nd and 3rd Aust. Divs. it is :-
D.21.d.2.1. - through D.22.a.8.1. - D.23.a.8.8.-
D.18.o.central.
- OBJECTIVES.** 4. The final objective of the 2nd Aust. Div. is the line D.29.b.1.6. - D.23.d.0.0. - D.23.d.0.6. - D.23.a.8.0. - D.23.a.8.8.
The attack will be carried out in two stages :-
(a) Advance on to the RED Line
D,29.a.0.4. - D.22.d.8.0. -
D.22.d.7.5. - D,22.b.5.4.
(b) Establishment on the BLUE Line -
D.29.b.1.6. - D.23.d.0.6. -
.D.23.a.8.0. - D.23.a.8.8.
- PLAN.** 5 (i) The operation will be carried out as follows:-
The 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes. will attack - the 6th on the right and the 7th on the left; two battalions of each Brigade will be detailed to the final objective.
Assaulting troops are to be in position one hour before zero.
The 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade will be in Divisional Reserve.

(ii) Artillery Barrages. (a). The barrage will be put down at zero hour on the line indicated in the barrage map issued with this order.
Commanders of troops will see that advanced posts now on this line are withdrawn before zero.

(b) The barrage will advance at zero plus 3 minutes for 200 yards at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes. It will thereafter advance to the Red Protective barrage line at the rate of 100 yards in 6 minutes.

Map "Y".

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(c) The barrage will move from this protective position at zero plus 130 minutes.

Four minutes prior to zero plus 130 minutes the Red protective barrage will be intensified. This will be the signal for the troops destined for the Blue objective to move close up under the barrage.

(d) On arrival at the Blue line, the protective barrage will be put down 200 yards in advance of the line gained and a special searching programme will be carried out by the Artillery.

Posts will be pushed out about 100 y rds ahead of the line which is being consolidated.

(e) On arrival on each protective barrage line smoke shell will be used to indicate to the Infantry that they have reached their objective.

(iii) When the final protective barrage dies down at zero plus 360 minutes, patrols, properly supported, will be pushed out along the Divisional front and tactical points within 200 - 250 yards found to be unoccupied by the enemy will be occupied and consolidated.

The positions gained must be reported at the earliest possible moment to D. H. Q. in order that the necessary adjustment and test of S.O.S. lines may be made.

(iv) The tactical points gained will be consolidated and wired, and reports sent back as to the position of each.

(v) A "back" barrage has been arranged to deal with likely points of assembly, lines of approach of enemy counter attacking troops, strong points, and machine gun positions, beyond the reach of the Creeping barrage.

(vi) Orders and map for the machine gun creeping and S.O.S. barrages, also instructions for anti-aircraft machine guns, have been issued to all concerned. Brigade Commanders will see that the machine gun groups are promptly warned when a S.O.S. barrage is called for and when it is no longer required.

(vii) Orders regarding jumping off line, routes to places of assembly, and marking them, meeting places for adjoining brigades, patrolling, wire-cutters and marking steel helmets, have been issued to all concerned in "Preliminary Instructions."

(i) No. 4 Squadron, R.F.C., will provide one contact aeroplane to work on the Corps front at one time. It will be distinguished by a black streamer on the rear edge of the left wing. I

(ii) It will be in the air approximately at the following hours:-

On the Red line at zero plus 90 minutes.

On the Blue line at zero plus 180 minutes, at which time flares will be called for by sounding a succession of "A's." on the Klaxon horn, or by dropping a white Very light.

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(iii) As it cannot be assured that an aeroplane will be in the air exactly at any pre-arranged time, leading infantry or isolated bodies will light red flares when called upon as above, and will supplement such signals by waving any piece of white paper or cloth they may happen to have.

(iv) In addition to the contact aeroplane working directly with the infantry, one counter attack aeroplane will patrol from Zero onwards to watch for any signs of the enemy massing for counter-attack. This aeroplane will be fitted with wireless.

There will be a receiving wireless set at 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. Rear H. Q. (I.12.c.3.5) with an officer to be specially detailed by the 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade to pass on immediately any messages to both 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes. and to D.H.Q.

The code for reporting enemy movements has been issued to each Brigade.

(v) A "Dropping Station" for contact aeroplane messages has been fixed for 1st and 2nd Australian Divisional Advanced H.Q.

The Camp Commandant will detail two orderlies to receive messages there for the 2nd Australian Division.

LIGHT HORSE. 7.

One troop 13th Aust. L. H. Regt. and 6 Hotchkiss guns have been attached to the Division, and orders for their employment have been issued in "Preliminary Instructions."

ARTILLERY. 8.

(i) One Field Artillery Brigade and two 6 inch Howitzer batteries have been placed at the disposal of the 2nd Australian Division for the day of attack.

Demands for special artillery assistance will be made by Brigade Commanders direct through their artillery liaison officers, reports being sent at the same time to D.H.Q.

(ii) Reconnaissance is being made with a view to moving certain guns forward immediately after consolidation.

(iii) On the evening of "S" day at 10 p.m. and on "T" day at 5.15 a.m. barrages in depth will be placed beyond the new front and over areas of probable counter-attack.

ENGINEERS. 9.

Orders for Engineers and Pioneers are contained in "Preliminary Instructions."

COMMUNICATIONS. 10.

Signal instructions have been issued separately to all concerned.

P. T. O.

- ADMINISTRATIVE. 11. Administrative and Medical Instructions have been issued separately.
- and MEDICAL.
- INSTRUCTIONS
- RESERVE BRIGADES. 12. The location of the Reserve Brigade and subsequent movements are given in Para. 24 "Preliminary Instructions."
- HEADQUARTERS. 13. The Headquarters of formations at Zero hour are as follows:-
 - Advanced D.H.Q. 2nd Aust. Div. - YPRES RAMPARTS. I.14.b.1.8.
 - do. 1st do. - YPRES LILLE GATE.
 - do. 3rd do. - YPRES MENIN GATE.
 - Advanced H.Q. 5th A.I.Bde. - (Reserve Brigade) RAILWAY WOOD - I.11.b.5.2.
 - do. 6th A.I.Bde. - SANS SOUCI J.2.a.4.6.
 - do. 7th A.I.Bde. - D.26.c.1.3.
 - do. 2nd. A.I.Bde. - J.1.d.75.10.
 - do. 11th A.I.Bde. - D.26.a.70.55.
- LIAISON. 14. Liaison arrangements have been detailed in Preliminary Instructions.
- SYNCHRONIZ- 15. Synchronization of watches will be ATION OF carried out as laid down in G.1/872, WATCHES. dated 18th September.
- REPORTS. 16. Reports to Advanced D.H.Q. at YPRES RAMPARTS.
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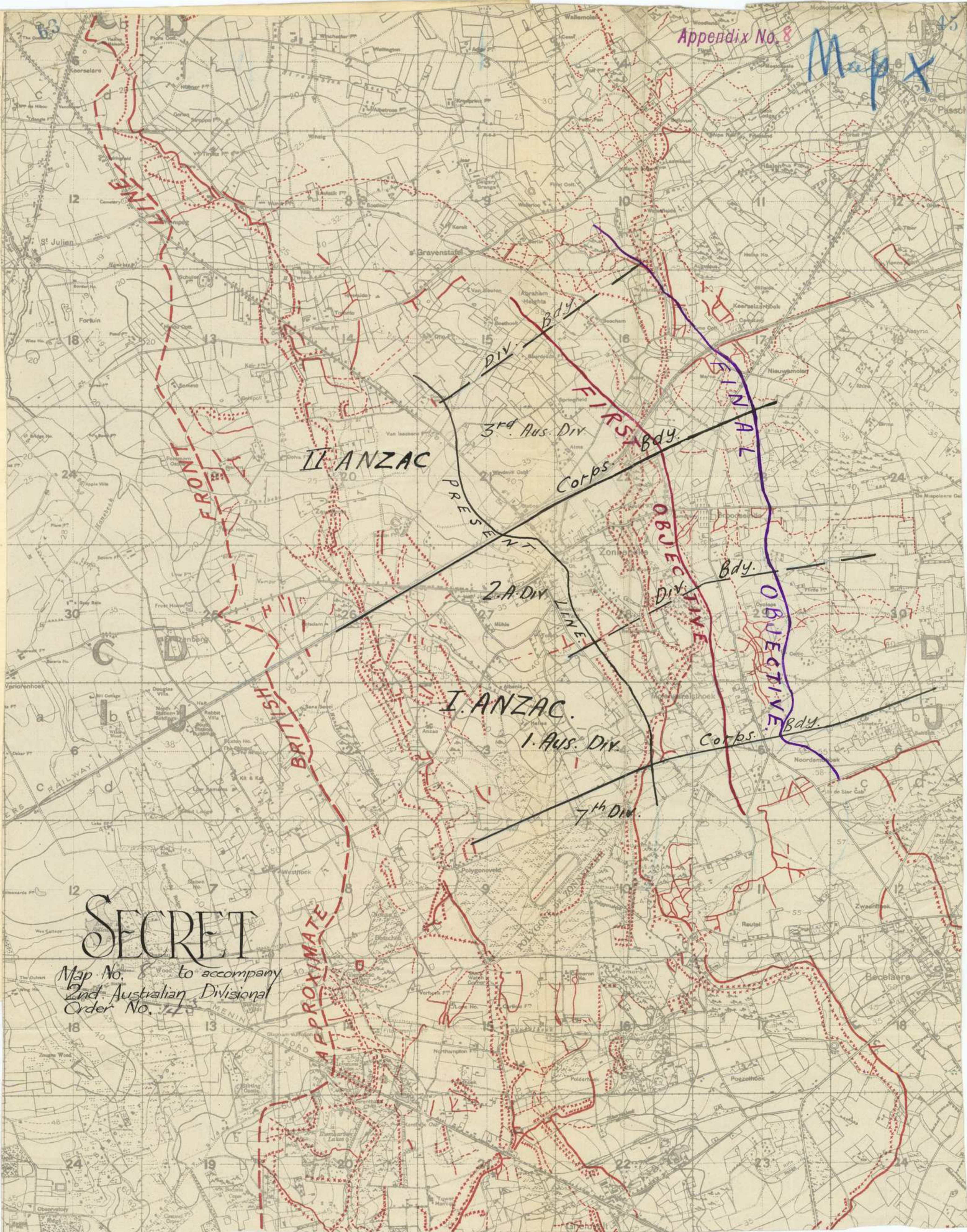
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11.	D.M.G.O.
12.	A.P.M.
13.	D.B.O.
14.	D.G.O.
15.	Camp Commandant.

- 16. First ANZAC. "G".
- 17. do. "Q".
- 18. 1st Australian Division.
- 19. 2nd do.
- 20. 4th do.
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- 29. D.A.D.O.S.
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- 32. Mjr. HOLMES, 17th Bn.
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Map X



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German Trenches corrected to 21-9-17.

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3rd AUS. DIV.

ARMY BARRAGE MAP

October, 1917.

CONVERSION TABLE.

MINUTES	HOURS
65 mins.	1 hour 5 mins.
71	11
83	23
100	2 hours 10 mins.
138	18
146	26
154	34
162	42
166	46
174	50
182	54
186	6
190	10
198	18
198	18
206	26

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CORPS BOUNDARY

DIVISIONAL BOUNDARY

1st A.

1st AUS. DIV.

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7th DIV.

21st DIV.

5th DIV.

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Battery Positions (possible strong points) Organized Shell Holes

Probably Timber or Camouflage Probably Concrete

Scale 1:10000

Yards 500 400 300 200 100 0 500 1000 1500 2000

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