

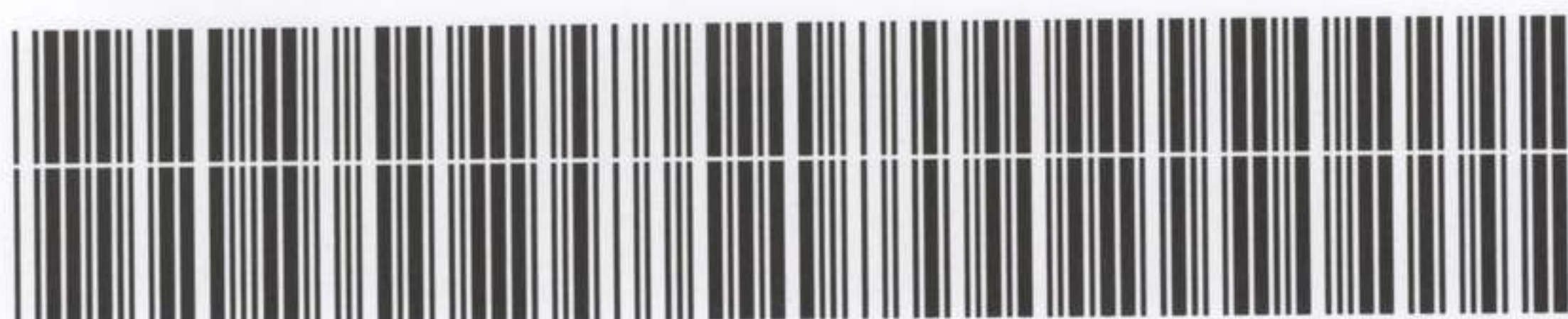
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WINNE- ZEELE	Oct. 1st		<p>The weather conditions were excellent.</p> <p>The 9th A.I.Bde handed over to the 7th A.I.Bde, the area described in 3rd Aust. Div. Order No. 56. The relief was completed without loss. (See Appendix 2).</p> <p>Enemy activity was limited to occasional bursts of Artillery fire.</p> <p>Y.B.G.S. Circulars Nos. 10, 11 and 12 were issued (See Appendix 1).</p> <p>Staff-Sergeant CHESSELL took over the duties of Senior Clerk in the "G" Office on the 26th. Sept., vice W.O. BELL, transferred to the Australian Flying Corps.</p>	<p>Appx.2</p> <p>Appx.1</p>
YPRES Ram- parts	2nd		<p>Weather conditions unchanged.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander, with "G" Branch of the D.H.Q. moved to the YPRES Ramparts, (150 yards South of MENIN GATE), and took over the H.Q. from the 3rd (British) Division. The Divisional Commander assumed command of the sector at 10.0 a.m.</p> <p>The area has no accommodation East of YPRES Ramparts other than captured German concrete agents shelters. The telephone system is in a poor condition and we have commenced cable burying.</p> <p>Hostile action was again limited to occasional bursts of artillery fire.</p> <p>Y.B.G.S. Circulars Nos. 13 to 21 issued - (See Appendix 1).</p>	<p>Appx.1</p>
do.	3rd		<p>Several light showers fell during the evening, but the "going" was not appreciably affected. Hostile artillery activity was below normal.</p> <p>The 10th and 11th Bdes commenced their approach march without incident - (See Y.B.G.S. Circular No. 7).</p> <p>Y.B.G.S. Circulars Nos. 22 to 25 and M.G. instructions were issued - (See Appendix 1).</p>	<p>Appx.1</p>
do.	4th		<p>The day was reasonably fine, although several showers had fallen during the night. Much used tracks are beginning to cut up and become boggy.</p> <p>At 5.30 a.m. a hostile barrage came down at the tail of our assembled troops, but by closing up on the leading lines, serious casualties were avoided.</p> <p>At 6.0 a.m. the attack commenced and was carried out successfully, exactly as laid down in orders. Our arrangements worked well; even the telephone system was patched up and stood a severe test.</p>	

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YPRES Ram- parts	4th		<p style="text-align: right;">action</p> <p>The full story of the battle (apart from Artillery) will be found in Appendix 1 (bb). All reports agree that the Artillery barrage was excellent.</p> <p>Although the weather was most dangerous for flying, one contact patrol of the 21st Squadron R.F.C. brought back valuable information regarding the position reached by our men. Unfortunately the Pilot (Lt. YOUNDALE) and Observer (Lt. MOTT) were injured. It transpired that this was the only patrol upon the Army Front.</p> <p>Liaison Officers were exchanged with the New Zealand (H.Q.) Division and the 2nd Aust. Division H.Q. At our own H.Q. we had an understudy for G.S.O.I and G.S.O.II and two Observing Officers.</p> <p>2nd. ANZAC CORPS Order No. 88 was received - (Appendix.3)</p> <p>3rd Aust. Div. Order No. 57 was issued - (Appendix.3a).</p> <p>During the afternoon, the enemy counter-attacked, without success. By evening the BLUE Line (as shown on Barrage Map) was consolidated - (See Aeroplane Photos. Set 1).</p> <p>The situation at ZERO is shown on Sketch "A". <i>(This sketch also shows the line consolidated)</i></p> <p>Copies of the Message Register are given in Appendix 1 (cc). The original messages, with record of telephone messages, are filed with the Aust. War Records Section.</p>	<p>Appx. 1 (bb)</p> <p>Appx. 3 Appx. 3a <i>Air Photos Set 1. Sketch A.</i></p>
do.	5th		<p>The weather has become showery and roads and tracks are rapidly becoming impassable. The enemy was unusually inactive.</p> <p>The 199th and 19th Bdes arrived in the area during the day. The 199th Bde took over the front line, and the 9th A.I. Bde moved to YPRES SOUTH. The 10th and 11th A.I. Bdes each left one Battalion in close support of the 199th Bde, and withdrew to YPRES on arrival of the 19th Bde. All these moves were carried out with difficulty, because the 66th Divn. troops were so inexperienced that they had to be man-handled into their places. There were practically no losses from hostile action.</p>	

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YPRES Ram- parts: WINNE- ZEELE.	6th		<p>Occasional showers, with cold winds. The moves indicated in Div. Order No. 57 were continued.</p> <p>At 10.0 a.m. the Divisional Commander handed over command to the G.O.C., 66th Divn. We left our G.S.O.III with the 66th Divn. to act as Liaison Officer and to keep us in touch with the area.</p> <p>The "B" teams of the 9th A.I.Bde arrived from MORBECQUE.</p> <p>3rd. Aust. Div. Order No. 58 was issued - (See Appendix 4).</p> <p>The Army Commander called and personally congratulated the Divisional Commander and Staff on the success of the operation.</p>	Appx.4 <i>[Signature]</i>
WINNE- ZEELE	7th		<p>Intermittent showers with cold winds.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander and G.S.O.I attended a Conference at CORPS H.Q. in connection with a further operation at an early date.</p> <p>Brigadiers attended a Conference at Div.H.Q., where the Divisional Commander explained two alternative plans for a further offensive. The points in relation of these were discussed and the Brigadiers were able to go away with something definite to work on. Ultimately the first alternative (action in case of enemy retirement) was abandoned.</p>	
do.	8th		<p>Dull and showery. 2nd ANZAC CORPS instructions received. - (See Appendix 5)</p> <p>3rd Aust. Div. Order No. 59 issued - (See Appendix 5a).</p> <p>During the day, A.Q. Staff Officers and G.S.O.III made a reconnaissance of the area close up to the present front line, with a view to making preliminary arrangements for our re-occupation.</p>	Appx.5 " 5a <i>[Signature]</i>
do.	9th		<p>The G.O.C. 9th & 10th Bdes, O.C., 3rd Div.Sig.Coy and D.M.G.O. attended a Conference at Div.H.Q. and attack arrangements were finally discussed. The Divisional Commander having outlined his policy, left the Assembly arrangements in the hands of the Brigadiers. The tracks in the forward area are practically non-existent, so the Bdes will use "B" teams, (9th Bde, 300 all ranks and 10th Bde 200 all ranks), with all available Engineers and Pioneers to improve them. The tracks in the 10th Bde area requires most attention.</p> <p>The 11th Bde moved forward to the POTIJZE Area. Y.B.G.S.Circular No.26 issued - (See Appendix.6)</p>	Appx.6 <i>[Signature]</i>

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WINNE- ZEELE	10th		<p>Still showery. The G.S.O.I spent the whole day reconnoitring in the forward area. Owing to the impossibility of obtaining any definite information regarding the position of the 66th Division's front line, we could not decide on the position of our tape line for Assembly, hence the necessity for the personal reconnaissance.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander attended a Conference at CORPS H.Q. at 6.30 p.m.</p> <p>The Army Commander visited Div. H.Q. at 2.0 p.m.</p> <p>The 9th A.I.Bde moved to the area EAST of YPRES. During the night the 11th A.I.Bde took over the front line from the 198th Bde. The front as taken over is shown in Sketch No.2 (attached). The relief was completed in good time and without much loss. Our previous acquaintance with the area greatly helped our troops.</p> <p>Y.B.G.S. Circulars Nos. 27 and 28 issued - (See Appendix 6).</p>	Appx.6
WINNE- ZEELE: YPRES Ram- parts	11th		<p>The Divisional Commander took over the command of the sector from the 66th Division at 10.0 a.m.</p> <p>Our difficulties - No definite line</p> <p>66th Division did not know where they were. We suffered many casualties trying to verify the line, but the conditions were so unsatisfactory that the tape line had to be laid down arbitrarily, and the advanced troops brought back behind it. The position of the tape line is shown on the amended Barrage Map attached to Y.B.G.S.C.No.26.</p> <p>The 10th Bde moved forward to the POTIJZE Area during the morning.</p> <p>The hostile Artillery was very active, but devoted most of its attention to battery areas. He also carried out gas bombardments of our lines of approach.</p> <p>Hostile sniping was very active and dangerous, but our men claimed over 80 hits by 3.0 p.m. and established definite superiority.</p> <p>ZERO was ordered by CORPS for 5.25 a.m. on 12th October - (See Appendix 6)</p> <p>Y.B.G.S. Circulars Nos. 29 and 30 issued - (See Appendix 6).</p>	Appx.6 " 6
YPRES Ram- parts	12th		<p>Slight showers; very cold; visibility good.</p> <p>The attack was launched as per timetable. A narrative of the operation and copies of Units' reports are given in Appendix 6 (g). The register of messages is given in Appendix 6 (f). The original messages have been sent to WAR RECORDS SECTION.</p>	

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YPRES Ram- parts	12th	(Continued)	<p>There is no doubt that our men fought magnificently, and it was only the failure of the flank divisions to get forward, thus enabling the enemy to bring enfilade (in some cases re-verse) fire to bear that prevented them from consolidating all the ground won. The situation at 10.0 p.m. is shown on Sketch "B". The support line was established in the trench dug by us on 4/10/1917, which had since then fallen in.</p> <p>A Divisional Staff Officer was sent to the forward area late in the evening to obtain for the Divisional Commander an impartial report on the situation.</p>	Sketch B. <i>Ady</i>																
do.	13th		<p>Showery and cold.</p> <p>The 11th Bde took over the Divisional front line during the night. The 9th Bde moved into a position of support 1500 yards behind the front line, and the 10th Bde was withdrawn to POTIJZE Area. The "going" was so heavy that the whole move was not completed until 7.0 a.m. on 14th. Shelters were obtained and sent up to the 9th Bde.</p> <p>The total fighting strength of the Brigades (this only includes strength for holding the line) is -</p> <table><tr><td>9th Bde</td><td>...</td><td>50 Officers</td><td>1063 O/R.</td></tr><tr><td>10th "</td><td>...</td><td>95 "</td><td>1542 "</td></tr><tr><td>11th "</td><td>...</td><td>83 "</td><td>1568 "</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">TOTAL.</td><td>228 "</td><td>4163 "</td></tr></table> <p>Operations were as per Intelligence Summary No. 1 (Appendix 7)</p> <p>3rd Aust. Div. Order No. 60 issued (See Appendix 8)</p>	9th Bde	...	50 Officers	1063 O/R.	10th "	...	95 "	1542 "	11th "	...	83 "	1568 "	TOTAL.		228 "	4163 "	Int. Sumy 1.Appx.7 Appx.8 <i>Ady</i>
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do.	14th		<p>Occasional showers; cold at night. Operations as per Intelligence Summary No.2 (See Appendix 7).</p> <p>Work proceeded vigorously on roads and tracks. A fairly good mule track is completed to DARING CROSSING and supplies are going to the forward troops reasonably well. Strong Infantry bearer parties cleared the last of our wounded from the forward areas during the day.</p>	Int. Sumy 2.Appx.7 <i>Ady</i>																

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YPRES Ramparts	15th		<p>Fine day, with some sunshine. CORPS Order No. 91 received - (Appendix 9) 3rd Aust. Div. Order No. 61 issued - (Appendix 9a). The 10th Bde left by bus for the BLEQUIN Area under "Q" arrangements, and the 148th Bde of the 49th Divn. came into the POTIJZE Area in its place. The 148th Bde will act as Divisional Reserve. The G.O.C., A.I.F., visited D.H.Q., at 1.0 p.m. Several representatives of the General Staff, 4th Canadian Division, were shown over the forward area. The G.S.O.II 4th Canadian Division, came to live with us, in order to obtain a good knowledge of the area. Operations as per Intelligence Summary No. 3 - (See Appendix 7). During the early evening we pushed out posts shown on Sketch "C". The 9th A.I.Bde relieved the 11th A.I.Bde in the line during the night 15th/16th. The troops were relieved by midnight, but command did not pass until 8.0 a.m. 16th. The 11th. Bde moved back into support positions.</p>	<p>Appx. 9 " 9a</p> <p>(Int. Sumy 3 (Appx. 7</p> <p><i>Ady</i></p>
do.	16th		<p>Generally fine, but cold. Operations as per Intelligence Summary No. 4 - (See Appendix 7) A Provisional Defence Scheme for the area was issued - (See Appendix 10) The Brigadiers and Brigade Major of the 4th Canadian Division visited the forward area under guidance of our G.S.O.III. Location of our Units are as shown given in Appendix 11.</p>	<p>(Int. Sum. 4 (Appx. 7 Appx. 10</p> <p>Appx. 11</p> <p><i>Ady</i></p>
do.	17th		<p>Fine, but cold. The 148th Bde supplied a carrying party of 200 men to carry duckboards from BAVARIA HOUSE for use on the forward tracks. Our line is now well consolidated, as shown in Aeroplane photos. - Set No. 2. Proper trench routine has been established and the captured ground is firmly in our possession. The Canadian Corps Commander visited our Div.H.Q. at 10.0 a.m. and discussed certain matters dealing with plans for the projected offensive.</p>	<p><i>Ady</i></p>

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YPRES Ramparts	17th.	(Continued).	<p>A Conference of G.S.Os.II of 3rd Australian, New Zealand, 3rd and 4th Canadian Divisions was held at CORPS H.Q. to arrange forthcoming reliefs.</p> <p>During the night we established two additional Posts in front of the line, and the S.O.S barrage was rearranged.</p> <p>Operations were as shown in Intelligence Summary No. 5 - (See Appendix 7).</p>	<p>(Int.Sum.5 Appx.7)</p> <p><i>Boj</i></p>
do.	18th		<p>Fine day.</p> <p>The 148th Bde supplied a further carrying party of 200 men. A hostile aeroplane bombing raid at 10.30 a.m. caused 50 casualties in the 148th Bde.</p> <p>Orders re our relief by the 4th Canadian Division were received from both II ANZAC and CANADIAN CORPS, and as a result, 3rd Aust. Div. Order No. 62 was issued - (See Appendix 12a)</p> <p>Operations were as shown in Intelligence Summary No. 6 - (See Appendix 7).</p> <p>During the night the 148th Bde took over the front line. The relief was completed by 7.0 p.m. The 9th A.I.Bde from the line moved back to VLAMERTINGHE No. 3 Area.</p> <p>General Staff Circular No. 61a issued - (See Appendix 13).</p> <p>Sketch "C" shows our line as at 8.0 p.m. 18/10/1917.</p> <p>Aeroplane Photos. - Set 2 - are attached.</p>	<p>Appx.12a (Int.Sum.6 Appx.7. Sketch "C" Appx.13</p> <p><i>Boj</i></p>
do.	19th		<p>Fine day.</p> <p>As will be seen by Intelligence Summary No. 7 - (See Appendix 7) - hostile artillery was very active.</p> <p>During the night three new Posts were established by the 148th Bde.</p> <p>Orders were received for the relief of the 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery. The Div. Artillery H.Q. are to be relieved by the H.Q., 4th Canadian Divn. Artillery on 20th instant, and on relief will move to HAZEBROUCK. The D.A.C and Bdes will be relieved on 22nd instant, and move to reserve positions in the VIIIth CORPS Area.</p> <p>Sketch "D" shows the roads and tracks constructed by us. All the tracks, except No. 5, are in our area.</p>	<p>(Int.Sum.7 Appx.7.</p> <p>Sketch "D"</p> <p><i>Boj</i></p>

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YPRES Ramparts	20th Oct		<p>Fine day, with frosty morning.</p> <p>The C.R.A. handed over command at 10.0 a.m. and the Artillery H.Q. moved into VIIIth CORPS Reserve.</p> <p>The surplus transport of the 9th Bde Group commenced the march to BLEQUIN Area.</p> <p>The C.R.E. handed over to the C.R.E. 4th Canadian Division at 3.0 p.m.</p> <p>Reliefs of our Engineers and Medical Units commenced - these reliefs are to be completed by midnight 21st. October.</p> <p>Intelligence Summary No. 8 - (See Appendix 7) - gives an account of the day's operations.</p>	(Int.Sum.8 (Appx.7 <i>AW</i>
do.	21st		<p>Fine day, with frosty morning.</p> <p>The 9th A.I.Bde Group and Pioneer Battn. moved by rail under orders issued by "Q", to the BLEQUIN Area. The 10th Canadian Bde reached POTIJZE Area by 2.0 p.m.</p> <p>The relief of the 11th Bde by the 50th Canadian Battn. and of the Barrage Machine Guns by the 10th Canadian M.G.Coy. was completed by 7.0 p.m.</p> <p>The 11th Bde moved back to VLAMERTINGHE No. 3.</p> <p>The Canadian Corps Commander visited Div.H.Q. during the morning. During the night the 148th Bde made good progress in the joining up of the newly established posts and also established one new intermediate post on the road. The great advantage of these new posts is that the Canadians in their offensive will be able to have their tape line on the HEINE HOUSE Ridge and, therefore, in advance of the area most heavily shelled by the enemy.</p> <p>During the night the enemy, probably expecting attack, put down several heavy barrages on our trenches. These barrages continued for half an hour at a time.</p>	<i>AW</i>
YPRES Ramparts-FAUQUEM-BERGUES.	22nd		<p>Slight drizzle set in early and continued during the day.</p> <p>The 11th Bde and remainder of our technical units moved to BLEQUIN Area under orders issued by "Q".</p> <p>Sketch "E" shows the situation in the front line system at 8.0 a.m. and as handed over by us to the 4th Canadian Division.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander handed over command of the sector to the G.O.C. 4th Canadian Division at 10.0 a.m.</p>	Sketch 'E' <i>AW</i>

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FAUQUEM-BERGUES.	23rd		Only slight showers fell, but the weather is very cold. The Division, less Artillery, is now in the BLEQUIN Area. Location of Units is given in Appendix 14.	Appx. 14
do.	24th		After a fine morning, the weather changed to strong squalls. The Divisional Commander decided that the men should have a good rest before commencing training, therefore no training will commence until Monday, 29th instant. The G.S.O.I and the Div. Intelligence Officer left on 10 days leave - their work will be done by G.S.O.II and G.S.O.III respectively. Training Syllabus for week ending 3/11/17 is attached - (See Appendix 15). The Divisional Gas Officer went to II ANZAC CORPS H.Q. to carry out, temporarily, the duties of Chemical Adviser. The Divisional Gas and Bombing Schools will not re-open for a few weeks, as the newly promoted N.C.Os will require to attend an Infantry Course first.	Appx. 15
do.	25th		Day generally fine, but cold. Brigade N.C.Os. Schools of Instruction are being established. There are many vacancies owing to casualties among N.C.Os. and it is imperative that these be filled early.	
do.	26th		Showery. Infantry Brigadiers and C.R.A. attended a Conference at Div.H.Q. The Divisional Commander dealt with the various points of interest in connection with our attack on the 12th October. Brigadiers gave their experiences at length. A number of conclusions arrived at are detailed in Appendix 16.	Appx. 16

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FAUQUEM-BERGUES	27th		<p>Generally fine.</p> <p>Orders were received to send two Companies of Engineers by bus to CLAIRMARAIS on 29th. October, for the purpose of constructing a Rest Camp for Heavy Artillery of 2nd. Army. The personnel will move by bus and the transport by road. The selection of Companies will be left to the C.R.E.</p>	<p>Copy</p>
do.	28th		<p>(The weather during this period was generally fine, and training was not interfered with to any marked extent.</p>	
do.	29th		<p>(On 30th instant, representatives of G.H.Q., 2nd Army and II ANZAC CORPS, attended a demonstration of the methods of manufacture of the VARLEY bomb; they also saw a practical demonstration of its use.</p>	
do.	30th		<p>(Later in the day, several representatives of the 29th Division inspected our methods of carrying and firing the STOKES Mortar with the sling. The 9th.A.L.T.M. Battery carried out these demonstrations under Lieut. VARLEY'S supervision.</p>	<p>Copy</p>
do.	31st			

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,
27th. September, 1917.

9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
10th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.

YPRES BATTLE "G" G.S.CIRCULAR NO.1.

During the forthcoming Offensive, the 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn., will allot half it's Lewis Guns to the 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde., and half to the 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde., for Anti-Aircraft work. This does not mean that the Brigades will necessarily take the whole of the Pioneer guns forward in the advance, but hostile 'planes have recently been flying very low, and several have been shot down by Lewis Guns from the ground.

As the Pioneers have made a special study of this work, their guns are the best for it; also by detailing the Pioneer guns the Platoon organisation of the Infantry will not be interfered with.

Arrangements for taking over the guns and teams will be made between the O.C. 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn., and the respective Brigade Commanders. The former will notify Divisional Headquarters when the transaction has been completed. Additional Infantry Guns can be detailed by Brigades for the work if found advisable to do so.

(Sgd). G. H. JACKSON.

Lieut.-Colonel.
General Staff.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONSECRET

Divisional Headquarters

27th September 1917.

9th Aust. Inf. Bde.
10th do.
11th do.

II ANZAC "G" (for information).

YPRES BATTLE GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No.2

General Staff, II ANZAC, have undertaken to detail one lorry to each of the 9th, 10th and 11th Aust. Inf. Brigades, which will report for duty on the evening of the 28th instant. This lorry will be permanently attached to the Brigades until after ZERO day.

The reason for it's attachment is in order to take Officers, Guides, etc., to look at the routes, positions of assembly, and ground over which they will attack; also to locate positions of dumps, Headquarters, etc., in fact to carry out thorough reconnaissances which would other wise be impossible.

It is unlikely that many of the N.C.Os. will be able to see the ground before the day of attack, and probably none of the men will be able to see it.

It will therefore be doubly important for the Officers and others sent forward to obtain a thorough knowledge of all details.

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Lieut.-Colonel
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SECRET.Divisional Headquarters,
27th September, 1917.

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10th -do-
11th -do-
3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
D. M. G. O.
Div. Signal Coy
D. B. O.

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YPRES BATTLE. GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No.3.

The attached suggested statement of Ammunition required for the Units of a Brigade has been worked out after consideration of S.S.135, the MESSINES Operations, and information collected concerning recent fighting.

I. It is anticipated that our allowance of ammunition will approximate to the amount required to equip troops as laid down, and also allow for normal proportion for dumping.

This statement is compiled on the following assumptions, but it must not be held to mean that Brigades &c are bound by these in working out their plans:-

(i). There will be 3 Objectives to take.

(ii). The normal distribution of the Division will be as follows:-

2 Brigades in line and 1 in Reserve.

Each Brigade will have 1 Battalion for each Objective, and one in Reserve.

Each Battalion may be organised into a 4-Company Frontage, each Company having 1 Platoon as assaulting troops, 2 Platoons moppers-up, and 1 Platoon in Reserve. (General Staff Circular 59A of 23-9-17. Diagram A).

II. The following are considered to be governing factors:-

(i). The normal equipment of a Battalion as laid down in S.S.135.

(ii). The troops for the first objective should be more lightly equipped than others ("Notes on Training & Preparation for Offensive Action").

(iii) The first assaulting line of skirmishers for both second and third objectives should be lightly equipped on the ground that -

(a) They must at all costs keep up with the barrage.

(b) The bulk of the killing is done by the moppers-up.

(iv). The Reserve Brigade if required to act will be supplied with the normal amount of ammunition (S.S.135).

III. Recent fighting has shewn that very few bombs are used, and "Notes on Training and Preparation for Offensive Action" states that we should rely mainly on rifle grenades for clearing out shell holes, but at the same time we have gathered from Intelligence Summaries that the enemy has been covering shell holes either with iron or "Baby Elephant" shelters. Rifle grenades would be of little use against any of these, or against "Pill-boxes".

In recent fighting also, Machine Gun, Lewis Gun, and Rifle fire has played a most important part. S.A.A. therefore requires special attention.

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Captain.
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NORMAL AMMUNITION ESTIMATES (S.S.135).

(1). The estimates for the Ammunition required to equip (1) a Battalion, (2) a Trench Mortar Battery, and (3) a Machine Gun Coy., for the assault, as set out below, are based on the following assumptions:-

(i). That the average strength of a Platoon is 30 O.R.

(ii). That men are equipped according to S.S.135.

The composition of a Platoon will probably be as follows:-

Riflemen	7.
Lewis Gunners.	7.
Bombers.	6.
Rifle Grenadiers.	6.
H.Q.	4.
Platoon	<u>30 Other Ranks.</u>

The Battalion fighting strength will then be:-

In 16 Platoons (less Headquarters)

Riflemen	112.	
Lewis Gunners.	112.	
Bombers.	96.	
Rifle Grenadiers.	96.	416.

In Headquarters of 16 Platoons
2 lightly equipped (Runners). 32.

In Headquarters 4 Companies
9 lightly equipped (Runners, Sigs, etc.). 36.

In Battalion Headquarters
53 lightly equipped (Runners, Sigs.,
Stretcher Bearers). 53.

In 16 Platoon Headquarters
2 heavily equipped (Batman & Platoon Sgt). 32.

In 4 Company Headquarters
5 heavily equipped (Batmen, C.S.M., etc.). 20.

In 1 Battalion Headquarters
26 heavily equipped. 26.
Total Other Ranks. 615.

The normal equipment of the personnel is tabulated as follows:

BATTALION.

PERSONNEL of
a Battalion.

		S.A.A.	K. & K.N. S.A.A.	Grenades No.5.	Grenades No.23 Mk.II.	Aeroplane Flares.	S.O.S.	"D" Gre- nades.	M.S.K
RIFLEMEN.	112.	(170). 19,040.		(2) (e). 224.		(2). 224.			
L.GUNNERS.	112.	(50). 5,600.	(a) 22,560.	(2) 224.		(2). 224.			
BOMBERS.	96.	(50). (a) 4,800.		(10). (a) 960.		(2). 192.			
R.BOMBERS.	96.	(50). (e). 4,800.		(2). (e). 192.	(8). 768.	(2). 192.			
Lightly Equip- ped Ptn., Coy., & Bn H.Q. personnel. (Sigs. Runners, S. Bearers).	121.	(50). 6,500.		(2). 242.					
Heavily Equip- ped Ptn., Coy., & Bn.H.Q. personnel (Fighting N.C.Os., Batmen etc.).	78.	(170). 13,260.		(2). 156.					
TOTAL.	515.	54,000.	22,560.	1,998.	768.	832.	(b)96.	40.	48.

(a) Allowing each Section 30 magazines.

(b) Allowing for relay posts.

(c) These might possibly be dispensed with and an additional 50 rds. S.A.A. substituted.

(d) An alternative suggestion for equipment of Bombers is S.A.A. 100 rds. Hand Grenades 8.

(e) 2 Grenades may be dispensed with in the case of Riflemen.

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TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY.

PERSONNEL & GUNS.	S.A.A.	S.A.A. (K).	No.5 Grenade.	3" Shells.	Cart.G.	Cart. Y.	Aug. Charges.
50 Men.	(50). 2,500.		(2). 100.				
8 Mortars.				(40) 320.	(150). (f)1,200.	(25). (f) 200.	(300). (f)2,400.

(f) These estimates are intended to cover a day's expenditure, but all shells will probably go forward with a green cartridge inserted in the container. This will necessitate only the Yellow cartridges and the augmenting charges being carried by the gun-teams.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

170 men.	(50). 8,500.		(2). 340.				
16 Guns.		(5,000). 80,000.					

N.B.- The above is regarded simply as a basis of calculation, and it is not intended to suggest that the whole of the 8 Mortars or the 16 Machine Guns will go forward in the assault.

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(2). The Troops destined for the nearest Objective could probably discard -

One Hand Grenade all round.
One Aeroplane Flare all round.
Each Bomber 4 Grenades.
Each Rifle Bomber 2 Rifle Grenades.
Half their normal allotment of S.O.S. Signals - 48.

(30). The first assaulting line of Skirmishers could possibly discard -

All Bombs except those carried by Bombing Sections.

Considering this in the case of a Brigade with 3 Objectives attacking on a one Battalion Frontage, the Reserve Battalion which must be prepared for any contingency, would retain its normal equipment as tabulated above. The remaining Battalions would be affected as shown in paras (2) and (3) above.

According to Section (2) the Battalion for the first objective could discard:-

615 Hand Grenades (one from each man))
318 Hand Grenades (4 from each Bomber)) 933.
192 Rifle Grenades (2 from each R. Bomber).
416 Aeroplane Flares (2 from each man carrying Flares).
48 S.O.S. Signals.

and according to Section (3) each of the 2 Battalions due for second and third objectives could discard:-

Hand Grenades (56 men at 2) = 112 112.

The quantities required for the equipment of an assaulting Brigade could thus be lessened by -

Hand Grenades 112 plus 112 plus 933	=	1,157.
Rifle Grenades 192.		192.
Aeroplane Flares 416.		416.
S.O.S. Signals.		48.

4. The Reserve Brigade would be equipped as laid down in para (1).

5. If the suggestions contained in notes (c) (d) and (e) were followed the weight carried by each man would be practically the same, and an additional 28,800 rounds of S.A.A. per Brigade would be made available at the expense of 2,124 hand grenades.

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28th September, 1917.

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Cases have recently come to notice of messages having gone astray through being incorrectly addressed in that they were not definitely marked "Australian" or "Aust."

As the Division will in the near future be closely associated with the 3rd British Division for a short period, special attention should be paid to this matter.

The following are recognised abbreviations:-

UNIT	ABBREVIATED TITLE.
3rd Australian Division.	3rd Aust. Div.
3rd Australian Divisional Artillery.	3rd Aust. D.A.
" " " Signal Company.	3rd Aust. Div. Sig. Co.
9th Aust. Field Company Engineers.	9th Aust. Flld. Co. Engrs.
10th " " " "	10th " " " "
11th " " " "	11th " " " "
3rd Austln. Divisional Train.	3rd Aust. Div. Tn.
3rd Austln. Pioneer Battalion.	3rd Aust. Pion. Bn.
23rd M.G. Coy. (Austln.)	23rd Aust. M.G. Co.
7th Bde. Australian Field Artillery.	7th Bde. A.F.A.
25th Battery do do	25th Bty. A.F.A.
3rd Aust. Divisional Ammunition Column.	3rd Aust. D.A.C.
9th Aust. Field Ambulance.	9th Aust. Flld. Amb.
9th Aust. Infantry Bde.	9th Aust. Inf. Bde.
Aust. Heavy Trench Mortar Battery.	Aust. Heavy T.M. Bty.
33rd Aust. Infantry Battalion.	33rd Aust. Inf. Bn.
No. 3 Aust. Sanitary Section.	No. 3 Aust. San. Sect.
3rd Aust. Mobile Veterinary Section.	3rd Aust. Mob. Vet. Sect.
3rd Aust. Divisional Supply Column.	3rd Aust. Div. Supply Col.
3rd Aust. Divisional Salvage Company.	3rd Aust. Div. Salvage Co.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. H. Jackson

Captain.
General Staff.

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G.S.O. 1	1.	3rd Aust. Div. Train.	1.
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A.Q. Staff.	1.	3rd Aust. Div. Supply Col.	1.
C.R.A.	13.	3rd Aust. Div. Salvage Co.	1.
C.R.E.	4.	A.P.M.	1.
Div. Sig. Co.	1.	No. 3 Aust. San. Sect.	1.
9th Aust. Inf. Bde.	7.	D.A.D.O.S.	1.
10th -do-	7.	War Diary.	3.
11th -do-	7.	File.	1.
3rd Aust. Pion. Bn.	1.	Spare.	2.
D.M.G.O.	1.		
23rd Aust. M.G. Co.	1.		

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"YPRES BATTLE" GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 5.

Objectives as fixed, up to 11 p.m. on 28-9-17.

See map GRAVENSTAFEL 1:10,000 attached. -

- A H N is our approximate front line, on 28-9-17. - This is to be verified or amended by G.O.C., 9th. Brigade. - The point of junction N, with 2nd. Australian Division is to be taken as D.21.d.2.1. -
- A B C D E F = Boundary between 10th. Brigade and New Zealand Division. -
- H J S L M = Boundary between 10th. Brigade and 11th. Brigade. -
- N O P K Q R = Boundary between 11th. Brigade and 2nd. Australian Division. - The latter will make itself responsible for whole of THAMES WOOD. -
The railway is inclusive to 11th. Brigade. -
- B J O is approximate position of a 12 minute halt of the barrage. -
- C S P is line which infantry reach and halt at, during a one hour halt of the barrage. -
- D L Q is approximate position of the support line to be strongly consolidated by us. - The barrage will halt for 12 minutes to cover this line, to enable last Battalions to leap-frog, and third Battalions to start digging. -
(This line may possibly be brought a little to the South-West). -
- F M R is our "final objective". - This is to be captured and a line consolidated there, with covering troops pushed a little further East. -
- G E shows how our left is to be refused, in case New Zealand Division does not go as far forward as the line F M R (produced North as shown). -

Barrage is to begin 150 yards East of our jump off and stop there for 3 minutes. - It will then jump 100 yards in 4 minutes, or 50 yards every 2 minutes for 200 yards. - It will then jump 100 yards every 6 minutes, or 50 yards every 3 minutes for remainder of its advance, except for the three longer halts named above. -

Attached also is a sunprint shewing sections through point K. -

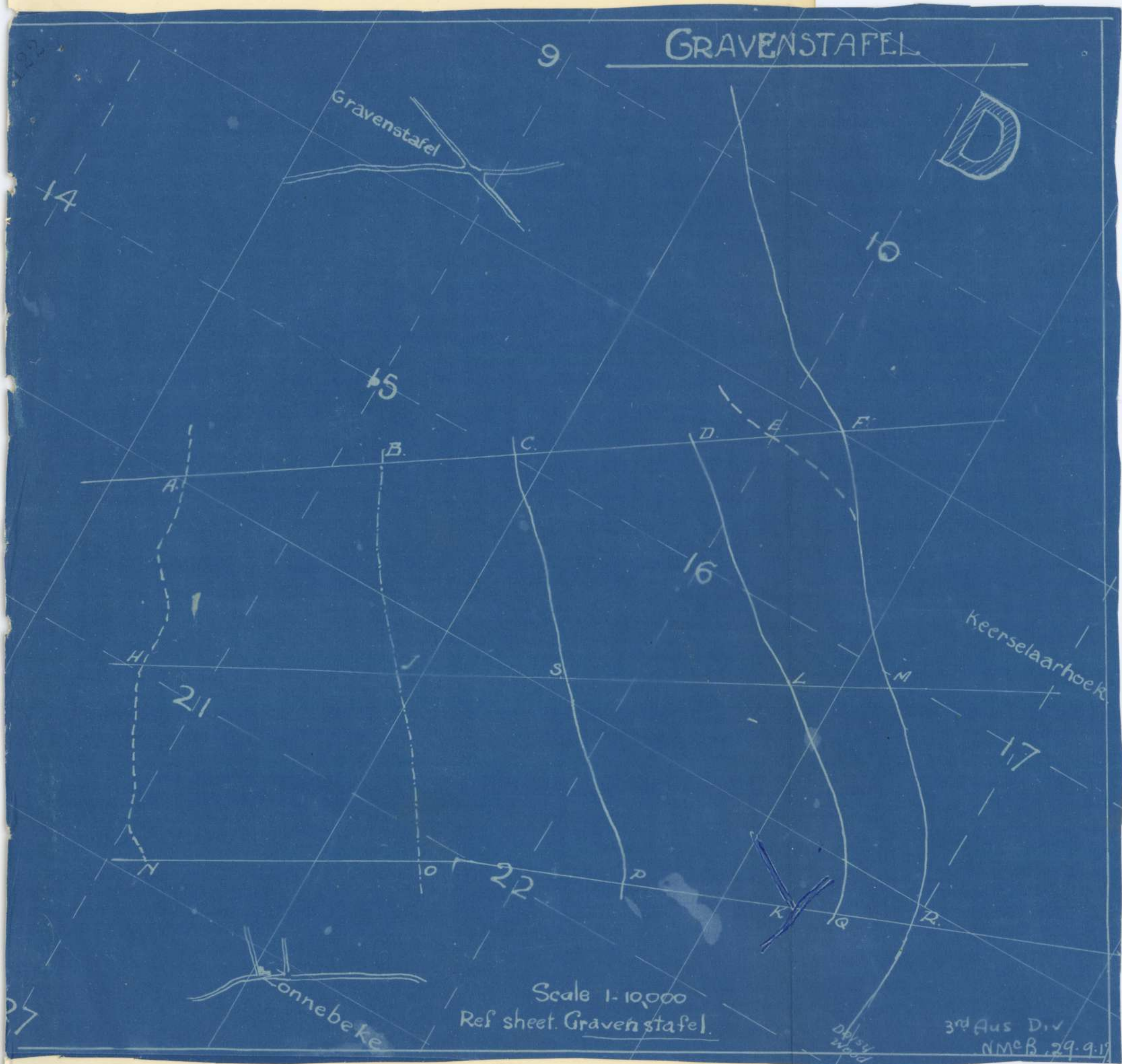
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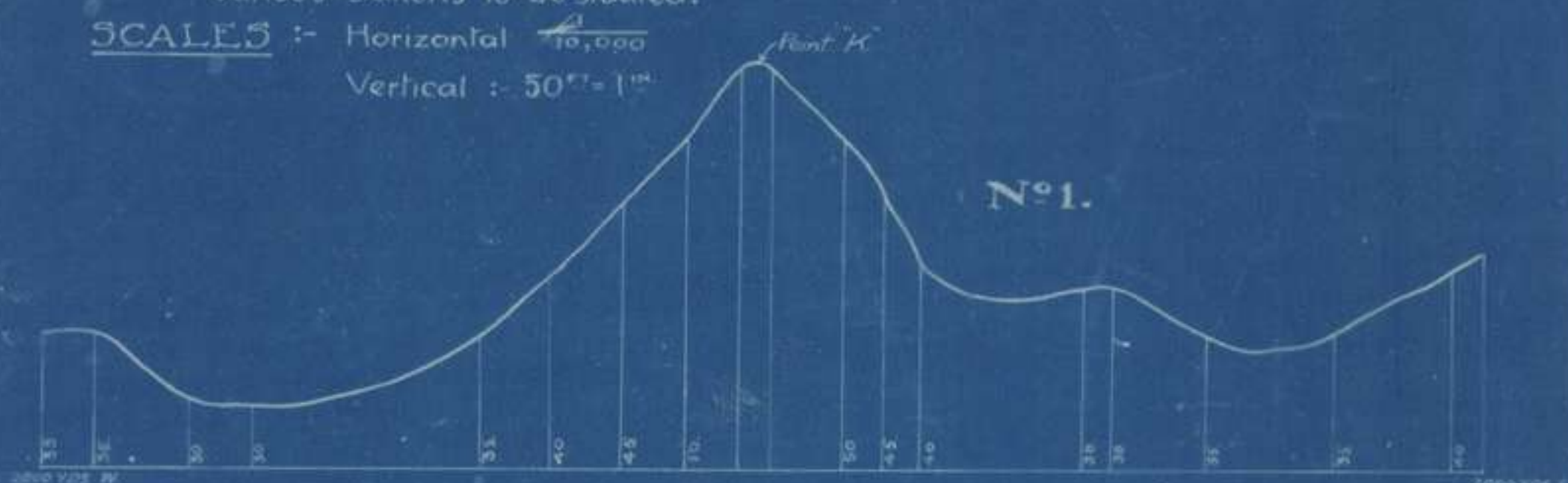
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SECTIONS OF PASSCHENDALE AND GRAVENSTAFEL RIDGES
TAKEN ON VARIOUS LINES AS INDICATED IN EACH CASE.

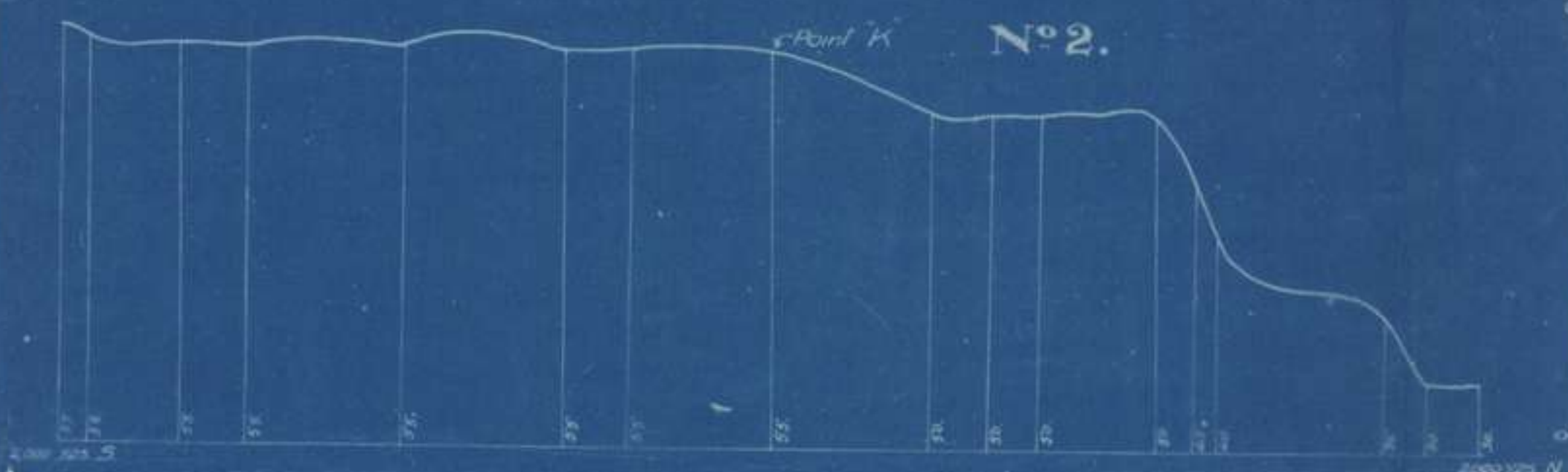
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These Sections are prepared in order to enable visibility and field of fire from
various stations to be studied.

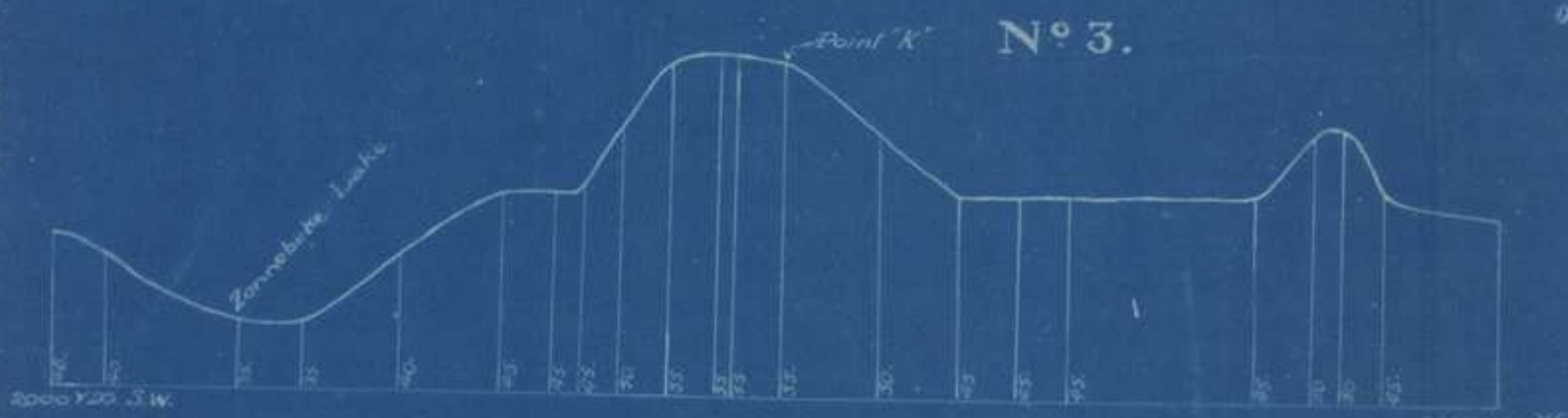
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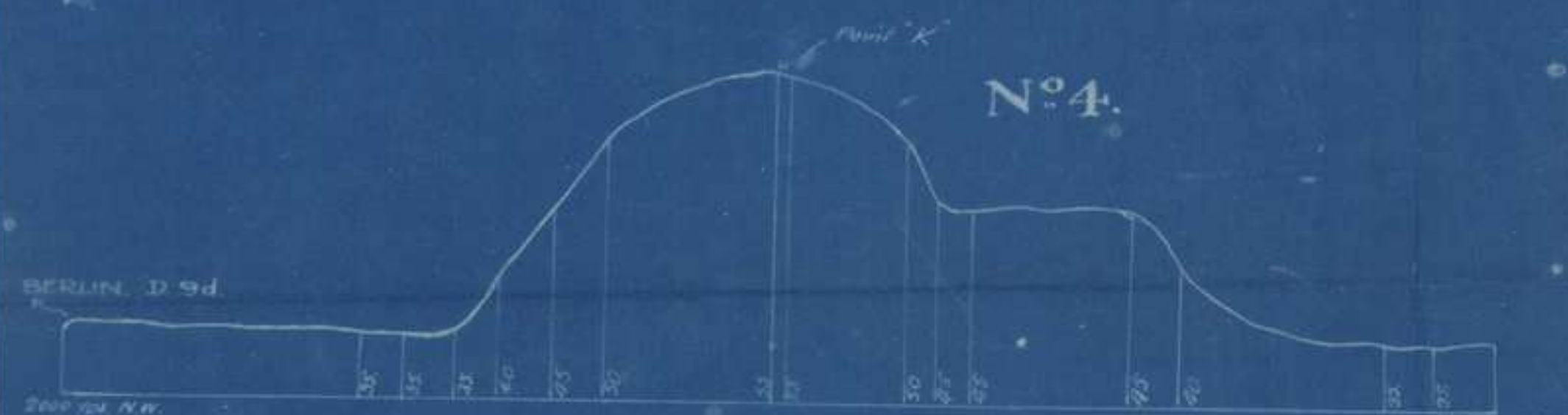
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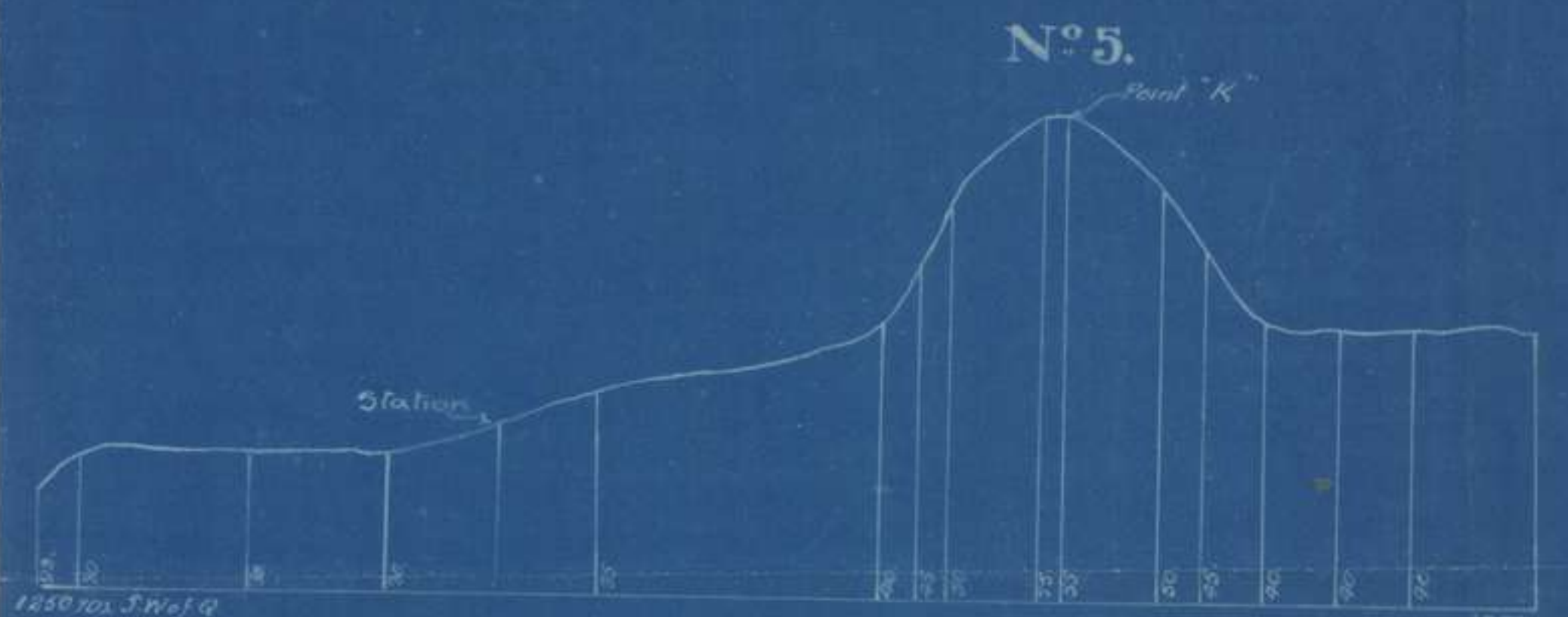
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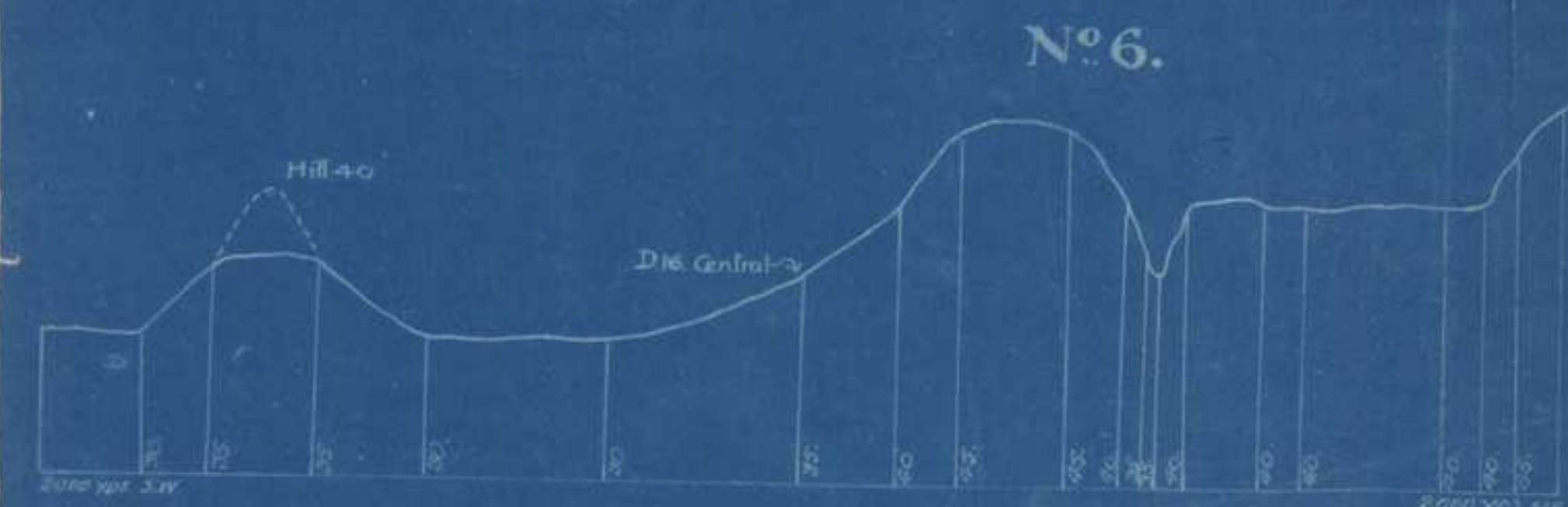
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LOOKING N.E. ON A LINE RUNNING N.W. & S.E. THROUGH POINT "K".



LOOKING N.W. ON A LINE FROM STATION IN D.21d. TO POINT "K".



LOOKING N.W. ON A LINE RUNNING N.E. & S.W. THROUGH D16 CENTRAL.

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 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.
 10th -do-
 11th -do-
 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.

"YPRES BATTLE" GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 6.

The attached Sunprint shows the Approach Routes used by the 3rd British Division. Beyond the FREZENBERG RIDGE are shown the further Routes in course of preparation, chain dotted.

The main avenues of approach to the various routes are marked in colours. Allotments to Brigades will probably be as follows:-

RED ROAD. Track "H" to Track "K" and mule track inclusive, to 10th Aust. Inf. Bde.

"F" Track, "J" Track, No. 2 Mule Track and running rights over BLUE Road and II Division Road, to 11th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Brigade Commanders must remember that Artillery ammunition and other traffic will probably congest the RED and BLUE Roads. To what extent is not at present known. Endeavours will be made by the Divisional Staff to reduce this congestion, and find out what traffic other than our own Infantry there will be on these roads. Nevertheless Brigade Commanders will try, as far as possible, to avoid routes where they may be blocked by other traffic.

The ZONNEBEKE CREEK is a favourite spot for enemy shelling. Ample crossings will therefore be provided by the C.R.E. in order to pass our men over this area quickly.

10th and 11th Brigade personnel should forthwith reconnoitre these routes and arrive at a definite estimate of times required for Approach March from detraining point West of YPRES (Probably the ASYLUM in Sq. 12.d).

The character of the ground, possible hostile shelling, and the possibility of having to wear Gas Masks must be considered.

The tail of each of the attacking Brigades will require to be in position an hour before ZERO.

Routes selected and estimates of time will be submitted to Divisional Headquarters as early as possible.

The C.R.E. will take steps with regard to the marking of the various approaches, and will notify Divisional Headquarters and the three Brigades with regard to these markings.

Brigades will supply their own Officers to control traffic, and their own men to act as human finger posts from their own "B" Teams.

B.G., G.S. of Corps has been asked that in the event of hostile shelling during the Approach March vigorous counter-battery work on our part may be undertaken in order to reduce the enemy's Artillery action. He has been also asked to arrange for vigorous counter-

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battery work in the event of hostile shelling on previous night in order that our Artillery activity, if called for during the Approach March, may not seem, to the enemy, unusual.

At present there are five passages over the ZONNEBEKE, the stream which held up the 3rd British Division and caused them to lose their barrage.

The C.R.E. will obtain the accurate location of these crossings, and routes will be made to lead to them. He will also take up the question of additional crossings in the area.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Handwritten signature: J. H. Johnson

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.

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The main avenues of approach to the various routes are marked in columns. All routes to Brigades will probably be as follows:

RED ROAD. Track "H" to Track "Y" and main track give, to 10th Aust. Inf. Bde.

"Y" Track. "Y" Track. No. 2 Main Track and running right over BLUE ROAD and II Division Road, to 11th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Brigade Commanders must remember that Artillery ammunition and other traffic will probably congest the RED and BLUE Roads. To what extent is not at present known. Endeavours will be made by the Divisional Staff to reduce this congestion, and find out what traffic other than our own Infantry there will be on these roads. Nevertheless Brigade Commanders will try, as far as possible, to avoid routes where they may be blocked by other traffic.

The ZONNEBEKE BRIDGE is a favourite spot for enemy shelling. Ample crossings will therefore be provided by the C.R.E. in order to pass our men over this area quickly.

10th and 11th Brigades personnel should forthwith reassemble these routes and arrive at a definite estimate of time required for a given March from starting point West of YPRES (probably the ASYUM in 24.12.4).

The character of the ground, possible hostile shelling, and the possibility of having to wear Gas Masks must be considered.

The fall of each of the attacking Brigades will require to be in position an hour before ZERO.

Routes selected and estimates of time will be submitted to Divisional Headquarters as early as possible.

The C.R.E. will take steps with regard to the marking of the various approaches, and will notify Divisional Headquarters and the three Brigades with regard to these markings.

Brigades will supply their own Officers to control traffic, and their own men to act as human signposts from their own "B" Tanks.

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30th September, 1917.

C.R.A.

C. R. E.

9th Aust. Inf. Bde.

10th -do-

11th -do-

"YPRES BATTLE" GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO.7.

It is probable that half of the 10th and 11th Aust. Inf. Brigades will have to move up into the Area East of YPRES on Q/R night, the remainder moving up on R/S night. Brigade Commanders of 10th and 11th Aust. Inf. Bdes. in conjunction with G.O.C. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. will select positions for Battalions to move to on Q/R night.

The Battalions to move on that night will be the Battalions allotted for the first two objectives. These Battalions may suffer from lack of sleep, but it is better that the Battalions allotted for the first two objectives should thus suffer than the Battalions who have to go right through and hold the ultimate objective.

Owing to the congestion in YPRES, and the fact that roads through that town may be used on R/S night by two, and possibly three, Divisions, it is not safe to reckon on passing eight Battalions through on R/S night.

10th and 11th Aust. Inf. Bdes. will be responsible for taping their own positions of assembly on Q/R night, and routes. They will decide whether to run the tapes as continuous lines, or a series of short lengths, in order to bring the attacking troops more nearly perpendicular to their line of advance. Care will be taken that the tapes do not show up in such a way as to be discovered by the enemy. They should be obtained from C.R.E.

Where there is any possibility of their showing up, pegs should be put in and the tapes added on R/S night, but it is essential that tapes or pegs should be fixed in such time that they may be viewed during daylight and the accuracy of their position verified.

On R/S night Battalions of 10th and 11th Aust. Inf. Bdes. will go forward, and the front line Battalions of the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be withdrawn to YPRES South. The Reserve Battalions of the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. will remain in a Reserve position to be selected by the G.O.C. that Brigade.

The three Brigade Commanders and their Staffs will work in close conjunction with regard to the foregoing, and will report to Divisional Headquarters

(a) The Positions selected for forward Battalions of the 10th and 11th Brigades on Q/R night.

(b) Positions for Reserve Battalions of 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. on R/S night.

It is probable that the Divisional Commander will

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decide to get two Battalions per Brigade across NO MAN'S LAND before the enemy barrage comes down, the other two per Brigade going through the barrage subsequently, taking advantage of gaps and periods when it has thinned down, in order to move forward to their respective objectives.

Prior to this the two rear Battalions per Brigade must be in suitable positions ready to go forward. They cannot be left back with several miles of Approach March still to perform.

Brigade Commanders will therefore report the positions that these rear Battalions will occupy while waiting to go forward to the attack.

It may be assumed that the barrage will lift at plus 10 hours 2 minutes in order that the Infantry may advance from the line "C", "8", "P".

The points at which definite touch will be established by special parties told off to move with the flank Divisions, and the directing flank for the Division, will be notified later.

Brigades will ensure that touch is maintained between each other and with Flank Divisions throughout, but in addition certain definite points will be selected where touch will be gained and reported to higher authority.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. H. J. Laurin

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.

The three Brigades Commanders and their Staffs will work in close cooperation with regard to the foregoing, and will report to Divisional Headquarters (a) The positions selected for forward Battalions of the 10th and 11th Brigades on 24th night. (b) Positions for Reserve Battalions of 24th night. It is probable that the Divisional Commander will

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AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
Divisional Headquarters,
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C. R. A.
C. R. E.
9th Aust. Inf. Bde.
10th -do-
11th -do-

"YPRES BATTLE" GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 8.

Owing to the following reasons, viz:-

(a) in order to bring line of our opening barrage more nearly parallel to our successive subsequent halts, and so simplify the barrage.

(b) in view of the uncertainty as to our exact present forward positions.

(c) to secure proper co-ordination with both our Flank Divisions.

(d) to enable our taping to be done well out of contact with the enemy

it has now been decided that the front line of our assembly, i.e., the line to be taped will be the following line:-

From Point N (at D.21.d.2.1) see Blue print issued 29-9-17, to road intersection at D.20.b.80.95.
If any part of above line is found to be considerably forward of our leading troops, the taping of that part may be done on our side of but parallel to that line.

The 9th Brigade will be responsible for arranging that none of our troops are left out forward of this assembly line, after ZERO minus 30 minutes, - even if this involves temporarily relinquishing JACOB'S HOUSE, DOOHY dugouts or other forward points or trenches.

The barrage will open 150 yards in front of this assembly line, will stand in that position for 3 minutes, and then lift.

C.R.E. will provide technical assistance to enable position of assembly line to be accurately fixed on the ground.

C. R. A. will arrange that the line of the opening of the barrage is registered prior to the attack day on such portion of the ground in front of the assembly line as is definitely known to be clear of our troops. G.O.C. 9th Bde. will forthwith report positions of our most advanced troops.

Some doubt appears to exist as to whether we are in occupation of the short piece of enemy trench shown on the GRAVENSTAFEL Sheet at D.21.d.00.40. Just North of Point N. It is essential that

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we shall be in possession of this, and that there shall be a NO MAN'S LAND in front of it clear of the enemy prior to ZERO.

Our point of junction with the 7th Bde., 2nd Aust. Division on our Right will be at N, and if for any reason our barrage on this flank had to be altered it would create difficulties regarding this point of junction.

G.O.C. 9th Bde. will give this matter special attention, and will employ Stokes Mortars to add to the efficacy of the preliminary bombardment on this flank. Active patrolling by the 9th Brigade will also be necessary.

The buildings in the vicinity of the Station will not have been engaged with heavies and therefore the 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. should also have Stokes available when going forward on this flank.


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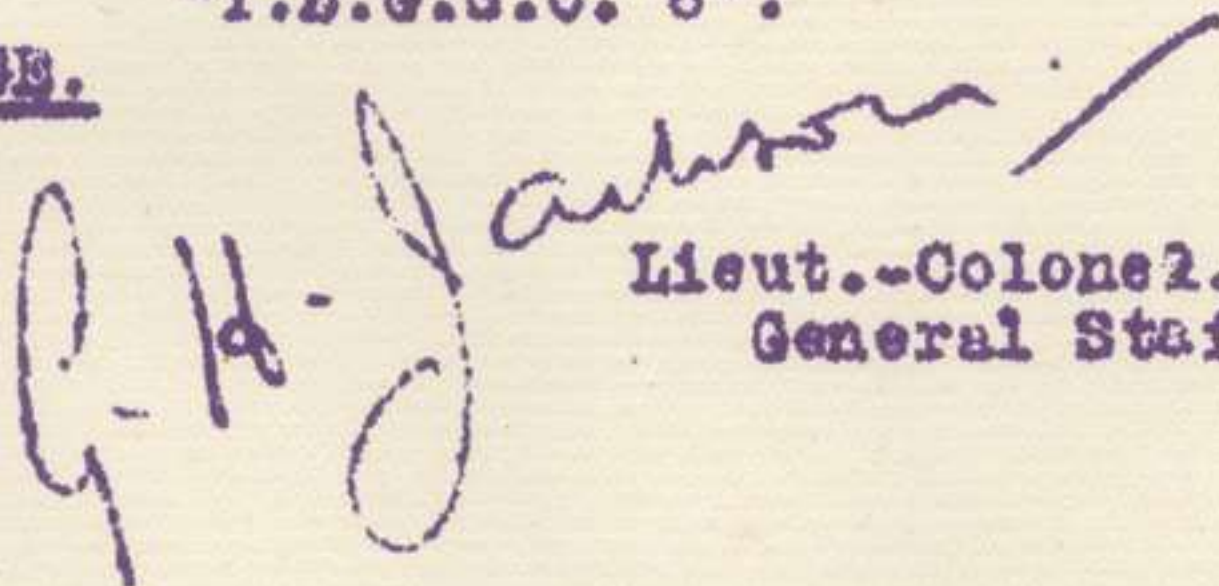
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"YPRES BATTLE" GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO.9.

All Circulars issued from this office having reference to pending operations will be known as "YPRES BATTLE" GENERAL STAFF CIRCULARS.

Where occasion arises to refer to any of these Circulars, this may be done in an abbreviated form, e.g. :-

"Y.B.G.S.C. 8".

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,
1st. October, 1917."YPRES BATTLE" GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 10.

Reference "Ypres Battle" General Staff Circular No. 5 and blue print attached to same showing provisional boundaries for this Division attack, and the several battalion objectives, - as the Corps Barrage plan has now been approved there will be certain alterations in some of the objectives, as shown on print now attached. -

These alterations comprise the following :-

- (a) The line F M R now lies to the west of this original line along the 11th. Brigade front. - This line is the "final objective" and will be known as the "BLUE LINE".
- (b) The line U V W, (which is a new line on the print) shows where the infantry will have reached, when the leapfrogging of the C Battalions by the D Battalions takes place. - This line U V W lies approximately 150 yards West of the halt of the barrage from \dagger 154 to \dagger 166.
- (c) The former line D L Q. is still considered to be a suitable position upon which to dig the "support" line to the blue line. The actual choice of the final position of this support line on the ground, must be left to the decision of the Commanders on the spot, with due regard to visibility, command, and field of fire.
- (d). The line N T is the jumping off line which is to be taped.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
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A.D.M.S.
A.P.M.

"YPRES BATTLE" GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR 11.

The following will be the arrangements with reference to Moves up to the Area East of YPRES.

1. Cable Burying Party from 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. to rendezvous for Task 2, vide S.G.386/74 of 30th September.
They will move by bus, to be picked up at a time and place notified.
2. This party on completion of night's work will return to the 10th Brigade Area, YPRES SOUTH-VLAMERTINGHE No.3. Brigade will arrange for breakfast for them.
3. On the 2nd instant the remainder of the 10th Aust. Inf. Brigade will move up by bus to the Area YPRES SOUTH and VLAMERTINGHE No.3, to embus at WINNEZELLE embussing station.
They will move in two trips, first contingent leaving at 9.30 a.m. Details with regard to numbers of busses to be provided, time of second trip, etc., will be notified later. Brigade representative will be detailed to superintend embussing.
4. The personnel detailed for No.2 Task of Cable Burying to-night must not be taken from the "A" or "B" Battalions, who will be moving in to the Area East of YPRES on the night of 2nd/3rd, otherwise they will get no rest for two nights.
5. "A" and "B" Battalions of the 10th Aust. Inf. Bde., i.e., those for the first and second objectives, will move by march route from the Area YPRES SOUTH-VLAMERTINGHE No.3 to a position East of YPRES to be selected by the Brigade in accordance with instructions issued at yesterday's Conference of Brigadiers.
The Brigade Commander will arrange with the 11th Brigade Commander in order that the march of the two Battalions of the 10th Brigade from YPRES SOUTH may not clash with the march of the "A" and "B" Battalions of the 11th Brigade from BRANDHOEK No.3.
6. On the 2nd instant the "A" and "B" Battalions of the 11th Brigade will move from BRANDHOEK Area No.3 to a position East of YPRES, selected by the Brigade Commander.
This move will be by bus, or rail if possible. If not, by march. Endeavours are being made to arrange busses or trains.

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Brigade Commander of the 11th Brigade will arrange with 10th Brigade that his Battalions do not clash with the "A" and "B" Battalions of the 10th Brigade.

7. Both Brigade Commanders will take necessary steps to avoid casualties during march forward, by marching at adequate intervals. They will also take precautions with regard to avoiding enemy observation.

8. Special arrangements will be made by Brigades for rations and water for the "A" and "B" Battalions moving forward.

Water bottles must be full at ZERO hour.

9. On the afternoon of the 2nd instant busses will be made available to take up the Working Party for Task No. 2, Cable Burying, furnished by the "B" Teams of the 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. These, on completion of their work will be sent back, busses being provided vide this office No. S.G.36/100 of 30-9-17.

10. Between 10.0 a.m. and 12 noon on the 3rd inst., two trains, or failing that busses, will be made available to bring forward the balance of the 11th Brigade. They will detrain at the ASYLUM and proceed to an Area to be selected by the Brigade, either in YPRES SOUTH or East of YPRES, from which they will be ready to commence the Approach March.

Special arrangements will be necessary with regard to water.

The men will be given all the rest possible on completion of the train journey, and prior to the commencement of the Approach March.

11. During the day or evening of the 3rd instant the balance of the 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. will move from YPRES South to a position East of YPRES, from which they will commence their Approach March.

12. Early on the night of the 3rd/4th inst., the "A" and "B" Battalions of the 10th and 11th Brigades will move forward and take over from the front line Battalions of the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.

These front line Battalions of the 9th Brigade will move back to positions to be selected by Brigade Commander of that Brigade.

If, by then, they have suffered heavily from enemy fire, or if suitable positions cannot be found for them, they may be moved to YPRES SOUTH, provided that the Divisional Commander's sanction is obtained.

Routes for their withdrawal will be reconnoitred, and in the event of clashing they will always give way to Units of the 10th and 11th Aust. Inf. Brigades going forward.

13. With reference to "Y.B." G.S.C. No. 6 of 30th September, it has been ascertained from Corps that no ammunition will be going up on the night of the 3rd/4th by the BLUE ROAD, but that empty lorries will be returning via OXFORD Road, MILL COTT. and the RED Road, moving back into YPRES. The 10th Bde. will therefore have to arrange to get by those lorries.

It is to be noted that while on the one hand we only have one entry into YPRES immediately East of the

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ASYLUM, there are two exits, viz., the MENIN GATE and the RED ROAD.

As far as possible 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. will use the RED Road, and the 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. MENIN GATE.

14.

The C.R.E. will write the necessary Approach March Orders for the Pioneers and Engineer personnel. He will ascertain from Brigades when their tails will be clear in order that there may be no clashing.

15.

The B.M.G.O. will arrange for the forward move of the Machine Guns forming the barrage. They will be in position at latest by daylight on the morning of the 3rd instant.

16.

Copies of all March Orders will be submitted to Divisional Headquarters as early as possible.

17.

The A.D.M.S. will arrange for the necessary forward movements of Field Ambulances, working in conjunction with "Q" Staff.

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ACKNOWLEDGE.

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E. H. J. [Signature]
Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
1st. October, 1917.

"YPRES BATTLE" GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 12.

Telegrams intended for Units stationed EAST of YPRES
must not be addressed in clear.

The Station Code Calls issued ~~confidentially to Divisional~~
Units on 15/9/'17 will be used as telegraphic addresses.

Geo. W. T. W.

Major.-
General Staff.

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2nd. October, 1917.

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10th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.
2nd. Australian Division (for information).

"YPRES BATTLE" GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO.13.

Four Battalions of the Second Australian Division moved up on 'P.Q.' night; two more will move up on 'Q.R.' night and two of the original four will come back on 'Q.R.' night. Four more Battalions of the Second Australian Division will move up on 'R.S.' night. None of the foregoing will use the MENIN GATE, but the whole will use the Second Australian Divisional Road shown on sunprint issued with Y.B.G.S.C.No.7 of 30/9/'17. Hence this road will be wholly unavailable for the 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

The Second Australian Division have agreed to allow the 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde to use the track south of the railway, which produces 'P' track forward if required, provided that we do not use it later than 45 minutes prior to ZERO. The Second Australian Division are not using this as a forward track, but there will be odd personnel coming back along it about ZERO hour.

The Second Australian Division will require to move one Battalion of their Reserve Brigade through the MENIN GATE one to two hours prior to ZERO. It has been agreed with them that our troops going forward shall take precedence of this Battalion, and that our troops, if any, coming back shall give way to it. It is unlikely that this Battalion will even reach the tail of the Engineer and Pioneer personnel going forward. The Battalion would require about half an hour to pass through.

Lieut.-Colonel.
General Staff.