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COPY NO. 19THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,
1st. October, 1917.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO.56.Reference - Sheet 28 N.W.
1/20,000.

1. The Front of the 3rd. Australian Division will be readjusted on the night 1st./2nd. October.
2. The 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. will hand over to the 7th. Aust. Inf. Bde. the front SOUTH of YPRES-ROULERS railway.
3. On completion of the relief the RIGHT Divisional boundary will be from where front line crosses the YPRES - ROULERS railway - along YPRES - ROULERS railway (inclusive to the 3rd. Aust. Division) as far as the level crossing I.10.d.2.2 - thence along YPRES - MENIN Road (common to both Divisions) as far as I.8.b.4.5 - along road to MENIN GATE (MENIN GATE inclusive to 3rd. Aust. Division) - due SOUTH to I.8.d.3.7 thence through ST. JACQUES Church - Infantry barracks (inclusive to 3rd. Aust. Division - Laundry I.13.a.4.5 (inclusive to I ANZAC) - thence along old CORPS boundary. The Concrete Shelter at D.26.e.1.3 will be retained by the 3rd. Aust. Division.
4. The relief will be completed by 3 a.m. on 2nd. October.
5. Subject to the terms of this order, the relief will be carried out by mutual arrangement between G.O.C.'s 9th. and 7th. Brigades.
6. Command will pass at 6 a.m. on 2nd. October. Completion of relief will be reported to Divisional Headquarters.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Arthur J. ...
Major.
General Staff.

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4th October, 1917.

2nd ANZAC CORPS ORDER NO. 88.

Reference :

BELGIUM and part of FRANCE.
 Sheets 27 and 28.



1. 66th Division (less Artillery, Engineers, Pioneers and Medical units) will relieve 3rd Australian Division (less Artillery, Engineer, Pioneer and Medical Units,) and the 49th Division (less Artillery, Engineer, Pioneer and Medical units) will relieve New Zealand Division (less Artillery, Engineer, Pioneer and Medical Units) in line.
2. Relief will be complete by 10 a.m. 6th October at which hour command will pass.
3. Staging Areas available are shown in Appendix No.1. Divisions will be disposed at midnight 7th/8th October, as shown in Appendix No.1.
4. Details of relief will be arranged direct between Divisions concerned.
5. C.R.A.'s New Zealand Division and 3rd Australian Division will continue to Command the Field Artillery on the front of the incoming Division.
6. Pioneers and Engineers (including Divisional R.E. Headquarters) and medical units of 3rd Australian and New Zealand Divisions will not be relieved but will be placed under the orders of the incoming Divisions.
 Engineers and Pioneers of 49th and 66th Divisions will remain at the disposal of C.E., 2nd. ANZAC.
 Medical units of 49th and 66th Divisions will be at disposal of D.D.M.S., 2nd. ANZAC.
7. With reference to 2nd. ANZAC Instruction for the Offensive No.2, para. 7 (c).
 On completion of relief of New Zealand and 3rd. Australian Divisions, only those Machines Gun Companies of Brigades forward of POPERINGHE will be utilised as Corps pool. They will be billeted with their own Brigade Groups, but the C.M.G.O., 2nd. ANZAC is authorised to call on them through their respective Brigades for assistance with material and transport.
8. Incoming Divisions will be disposed in such a manner as will enable them to resume the offensive on 'W' day.
 New Zealand and 3rd Australian Divisions will be prepared to resume offensive operations on 'X' day and subsequently as required under circumstances that have been notified to Divisional Commanders concerned.
9. 3rd New Zealand (Rifle) Brigade will be relieved from all Corps employment by 10 a.m. 6th October.
 G.O.C., New Zealand Division, will nominate a Brigade of his Division to relieve 3rd New Zealand (Rifle) Brigade as Corps Working Brigade. This Brigade will be accommodated in BRANDHOEK NO.3 area.
10. Acknowledge by wire. Major.
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APPENDIX NO.1.

to Corps Order No. 88 of 4th October, 1917.

1. (a) The following Staging Areas are available for use during relief :-

New Zealand Division.)	YPRES NORTH -
)	
49th. Division.)	VLAMERTINGHE 1 and 2.
		BRANDHOEK 1.
3rd Aust. Division,)	YPRES SOUTH -
)	
66th Division.)	VLAMERTINGHE 3.
		BRANDHOEK. 2.

- (b) The following Headquarters are available for relieved Divisions :-

New Zealand Division.	WATOU
	Place Borthen, POFERINGHE.
3rd Aust. Division.	WINNEZEELE.

2. YPRES North and WATOU Areas are reserved from 6th October inclusive and will be cleared by that date, with the exception of Divisional Headquarters, WATOU.

3. Divisions will be disposed as under by midnight 7th/8th October :-

<u>49th Division.</u>	A. Bde. - Line.
	B. Bde. - Line.
	C. Bde. - Support.
<u>New Zealand Division.</u>	A. Bde. - WINNEZEELE.
	B. Bde. - WINNEZEELE.
	C. Bde. - BRANDHOEK No.1.
	Working Bde. - BRANDHOEK No.3.
<u>66th Division.</u>	A. Bde. - Line.
	B. Bde. - Line.
	C. Bde. - Support.
3rd Aust. Division.	A. Bde. - WINNEZEELE.
	B. Bde. - YPRES South
	VLAMERTINGHE No.3.
	C. Bde. - BRANDHOEK No.2.

3. Divisions will notify LI ANZAC 'Q' as early as possible of transport required by rail or bus.

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Appendix 3a

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. Copy No. 33

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Divisional Headquarters,
4th October, 1917.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 57.

Reference Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20,000.
POLYGON WOOD, Part of Sheet 28.

1. The 66th Division (less Artillery, Engineers, Pioneers and Medical Units) will relieve the 3rd Aust. Division (less Artillery, Engineers, Pioneers and Medical Units) by 10 a.m. on the 6th instant, when Command will pass to the G.O.C. 66th Division.
2. Reliefs will be carried out as shown on the attached Table.
3. The C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Division, will continue to Command the Field Artillery on the front of the incoming Division.
4. Pioneers and Engineers (including Divisional R.E. H.Q.) and Medical Units of 3rd Aust. Division will not be relieved, but will be placed under the orders of the incoming Division.
5. On completion of Relief, Machine Gun Companies of Brigades forward of POPERINCHE will be utilised as a Corps pool. This cancels all former orders with regard to the formation of the Corps pool.
They will be billeted with their own Brigade Groups, but the C.M.G.C., II ANZAC, will be authorised to call on them, through their respective Brigades, for assistance with material and transport.
6. All details with regard to positions of Battalions and other matters regarding the Reliefs will be arranged by Brigadiers concerned.
The positions selected for Battalions and Battalion H.Q. will be reported to Divisional H.Q., 3rd Aust. Division, as soon as selected.
7. The hour at which 3rd Aust. Divisional H.Q. will close at BRANDHOEK, and open at WINNEZELLE, will be notified later.
Advanced Div. H.Q. at the YPRES Ramparts will close at 10.0 a.m. on the 6th instant.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. H. Jackson
Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.

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| 5. C.R.E. | 20. Div. Bombing Off. | |
| 6. Div. Sig. Coy. | 21. D.A.G. | |
| 7. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. | 22. 2nd Anzac "G" (For Inf.) | |
| 8. 10th -do- | 23. New Zealand Div. | |
| 9. 11th -do- | 24. 3rd Aust. Div. | |
| 10. 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn. | 25. 66th Division. | |
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| 15. D.A.D.O.S. | 31-33 War Diary. | |

To accompany Third Australian Division Order No.57.

UNIT OR FORMATION.	FROM.	TO.	BY WHAT MEANS.	DATE.	REMARKS.
2 Bns. 199th Bde.	BRANDHOEK No.2.	YPRES SOUTH & VLAMERTIN- GHE No.3.	March route.	Evening of 4th inst.	
Above 2 Bns.	YPRES SOUTH & VLAMERTINGHE NO.3.	Forward Area.	March route.	Morning of 5th inst.	To take over from 10th & 11th Aust. Inf Bdes. night of 5th/6th instant.
199th Inf. Bde. less 2 Bns.	BRANDHOEK NO.2.	Forward Area.	By train or March route.	Morning of 5th inst.	To take over from 10th & 11th Aust. Inf. Bdes. night of 5th/6th inst. Command to pass to G.O.C. 199th Bde. at 9 a.m. on 6th inst.
9th A.I. Bde.	YPRES SOUTH & Forward Area.	WINNEZELLE Billeting Area.	By busses which bring up the 197th Bde. of 66th Div.	Afternoon of 5th inst.	Ready to embus from YPRES SOUTH Area at 2 p.m.
197th Bde. of 66th Div.	WINNEZELLE Area.	Forward Area.	By bus.	Morning of 5th inst.	To Support the 199th Bde. when they take over the line on night of 5th/6th. Bus- ses to be ready to take 9th Aust. Inf. Bde back starting at 2 p.m.
10th A.I. Bde.	Forward Area.	YPRES SOUTH & VLAMERTIN- GHE NO.3.	March Route.	Night of 5th/6th.	After being relieved by 199th Bde.

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MARCH TABLE (CONT.)

UNIT OR FORMATION.	FROM.	TO.	BY WHAT MEANS.	DATE.	REMARKS.
11th Aust. Inf. Bde.	Forward Area.	To BRANDHOEK No.2.	Bus from ASYLUM, or VLAMERTINGHE if former not allowed.	Night of 5th/6th & morning of 6th.	After being relieved by 199th Bde. Will use empty busses which will bring up the 198th Bde. of 6th Div. Time of embussing and place to be notified by "Q" Branch. Arrangements for a hot meal for the Brigade to be made in the vicinity of the ASYLUM on morning of the 6th inst.
3rd Aust. Div. H.Q.	YPRES Ramparts & BRANDHOEK No.2.	WINNEZEELE.	Bus.	Morning of 6th inst.	Arrangements to be made by Camp Commandant and "Q".

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Divisional Headquarters,
6th. October, 1917.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 58.

1. The Division will resume the Offensive in the very near future.
2. In order that the 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade may be within reach of the entraining station at GODWALERSVILLE on 'X' Day, it will move by road on the 8th. instant from WINNIEBIE area to the north west corner of the BERTHEM area. It will be clear of STELVORDE before 12 Noon, as the 5th. Cavalry Division less one Brigade will be passing through STELVORDE at that hour.
3. The Brigade will go forward with its ordinary equipment plus stores required in order to go into action. Care will be taken that there may be no mistakes about machine guns and Stokes Mortars having to accompany the Brigade. Stokes ammunition may be drawn later, but the Brigade will arrange with 'Q' to obtain any Varley bombs required.
4. The necessary accommodation in the BERTHEM area will be placed at the disposal of the 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade by the 10th. Corps. 'Q' will arrange details and notify 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
5. 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will forthwith report starting point, hour of start and length of column in order that 10th. Corps may be informed.
6. Orders with regard to the moves of the other two Brigades will be issued later.
7. ACKNO LIDGE.

R. H. Jackson
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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S E C R E T.Divisional Headquarters,
8th October, 1917.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO.59.

Reference Map 1/40,000, Sheets 27 and 28.

**1. CANCELLATION
OF DIVISIONAL
ORDER NO.58.**

Corps Instructions for phase "A" (as explained to Infantry Brigade Commanders) have been cancelled, consequently Divisional Order No.58 relative to the move of the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. is also cancelled.

**2. RESUMPTION
OF OFFENSIVE.**

The Division will Attack on "A" day with the 9th and 10th Aust. Inf. Bdes., the 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. being in Reserve. Tasks have been allotted to Brigade Commanders.

The G.O.C. 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. will reconnoitre for and report on a suitable position for his Brigade acting as Reserve.

**3. NATURE OF
OPERATIONS.**

Operations will be in accordance with Phase 5, as explained to Brigade Commanders and others concerned.

**4. POSSIBLE
POSTPONEMENT.**

Should the weather conditions be unsuitable higher authority may decide to postpone the date.

**5. MACHINE GUN
COMPANIES.**

The 9th and 10th A.M.G. Companies, less 8 guns and teams, will be at disposal of their respective Brigadiers. The remainder will act under the orders of the D.M.G.O.

Machine Gun Companies will move with their respective Brigades.

The 23rd A.M.G. Coy. will move under orders to be issued by the D.M.G.O.

**6. FORWARD
MOVEMENT.**

To give effect to the intention contained in para. 2, moves will take place as shown on the attached March Table.

**7. ADMINIS-
TRATIVE
DETAILS.**

"Q" Branch of the Divisional Staff will arrange with "Q" of Corps, and will notify all concerned, with regard to the following:-

- (a). Busses, time and place of embussing and debussing.
- (b). Tents for the 11th Bde. to be available West of FRENZENBERG about Squares C.30.d. and 6.b. on the 9th instant. These tents must be on the ground and if not pitched must be ready to issue to the Brigade on arrival. "Q" will inform the Brigade when and where its advance party can take over the tents, and will arrange details with the 66th Division.
- (c). Tents for the 9th and 10th Aust. Inf. Bdes., and 23rd A.M.G. Coy. to be available as above on 10th instant.
- (d). Wagon Lines for Units while encamped or operating East of YPRES.

8. C. R. E.

The C.R.E. will get into touch with the Brigades as they move in, and give them full information with regard to -

- (a). Approach Routes.

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(b) Obstacles such as the ZONNEBEKE which will have to be crossed during the forward move.

- (c) Possible assembly positions.
- (d) Location of R.E. Dumps and what they contain.
- (e) Position and condition of the new Front Line captured by the 66th Division.
- (f) Position of affiliated R.E. Companies and how they and the Pioneers are employed.

C.R.E's Headquarters are with Headquarters of the 66th Division.

9.D.B.O. The Divisional Bombing Officer will get into touch with Brigades and inform them and Divisional Headquarters of the positions of all Dumps of ammunition, bombs, and explosives, together with the stock at each.

A car will be provided for him and the D.M.G.O. on application to G.S.O.1.

10.A.D.M.S. The A.D.M.S. will ascertain details concerning existing and intended Medical arrangements and will notify all concerned.

11. 66th Div. Where Units or formations of the 66th Division are mentioned it is only by way of information in order that Units of the 3rd Australian Division may know the system of relief ordered by Corps.

12. BRIGADE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MARCH. Brigades will report their starting points, hour of start, and routes selected for Units and Transport to Divisional Headquarters of 66th and 3rd Aust. Divisions. No roads have been allotted. Brigades will therefore be at liberty to select their own.

13. POSITIONS OF H.Q. Brigades will report the positions selected for Headquarters.

14. BDES. COMING UNDER ORDERS OF 66TH DIV. 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. will come under orders of the G.O.C. 66th Division on reaching the Area East of YPRES. It will take over the forward line on the night of the 10th/11th in relief of 66th Div. Troops. 9th and 10th Aust. Inf. Bdes. will similarly come under orders of the 66th Division on reaching the Area East of YPRES.

15. RELIEF BY FIGHTING BRIGADES. The 9th and 10th Aust. Inf. Bdes. will take over from the 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. on Z/A night (vide G.S. Secret Circular O.G.2 of the 29th September).

16. MOVE OF D.H.Q. Divisional Headquarters will move to the Ramparts South of MENIN GATE on the 11th instant, Command passing from G.O.C. 66th Division to G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division at 10 a.m. on that date.

17. POSSIBLE POSITION OF ADV. D.H.Q.) Corps has agreed to arrange for the HUT on the Railway line (Square D.26.d.1.3) to be made available as Advanced Divisional Headquarters.

18. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. H. Cannon
Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.

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SECRET. 8th Oct. 1917

To accompany Third Australian Division Order No. 59.

Date	UNIT OR FORMATION	FROM	TO	BY WHAT MEANS	REMARKS
9-10-17	11th A. I. Bde	BRANDHOKK No.2	Tents W. of FRIEZENBERG RIDGE	March route	Advanced party to take over tents from representative of "Q" Branch. Tents to be struck by day at discretion of Bde Commander to avoid detection by hostile aircraft.
10-10-17	9th A. I. Bde	WINNEZIELE Area	Tents W. of FRIEZENBERG RIDGE	Bus	Advanced party to take over tents from representative of "Q" Branch. Tents to be struck by day at discretion of Bde Commander to avoid detection by hostile aircraft. Transport by road should start early in order to reach camping site before dark. "Q" to arrange busses.
10-10-17	10th A. I. Bde	YPRES SOUTH & VLAERTINGHE No. 3	Tents W. of FRIEZENBERG RIDGE	March route	Advanced party to take over tents from representative of "Q" Branch. Tents to be struck by day at discretion of Bde Commander to avoid detection by hostile aircraft. Tail to be clear of YPRES before head of 9th Bde enters. Mutual arrangements to be made by Bde Commanders concerned. D.M.Q.O. to be informed.

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MARCH TABLE - (Continued).

Date	UNIT OR FORMATION	FROM	TO	BY WHAT MEANS	REMARKS
10-10-17	23rd M. G. Coy.	BRANDHOLEK, H.7.c.5.5	Tents W.of FRENZENBERG RIDGE	March route	To move under orders of D.M.G.O. and to follow 10th Bde. Tail to be clear of YIRAS before head of 9th Bde enters. Coy. will conform with 10th Bde re striking of tents.

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APPENDIX

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- 6 - a. General Instructions.
- b. Tasks.
- c. Additional General Instructions.
- d. ZERO hour.
- e. Programme
- f. Messages
- g. Narrative.

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Divisional Headquarters,
9th October, 1917.

"Y.B.G.S.C." NO.26.

**1. RESUMPTION
OF OFFENSIVE.**

On a date to be known as Code Day "A" (vide this office letter O.G.2 of the 29th September), and at a time to be notified later, the Offensive (Phase 5) will be resumed by the Second and Fifth Armies.

**2. FLANK TROOPS
& POSITIONS OF
HEADQUARTERS.**

II ANZAC Corps will be operating with the I ANZAC Corps on its Right and the 18th Corps on its Left.

The Third Australian Division will have a Division of the I ANZAC Corps on its Right, and the 2nd Brigade of New Zealand Division on its Left.

Further details regarding Flank Troops and positions of Headquarters will be published later.

3. DISPOSITIONS.

The 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. will attack on the Right, and the 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the Left, with the 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. in Reserve.

Order of Battalions as usual - "A", "B", "C", "D".

"A" Bn. RED LINE.

"B" Bn. BLUE LINE.

"G" Bn. GREEN LINE.

"D" Bn. In Reserve.

Details are given in para. 19.

The New Zealand Division have agreed that their Brigade Reserve on the Right shall be close up in order to assist if required in the capture of PASSCHENDAELE VILLAGE.

They have also ordered their Right Brigade to be prepared to assist in the capture of GRAF WOOD (D.6.c.1.7).

Similarly the 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be prepared to help the New Zealanders on their flank if required.

In the event of the 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. being unable to advance through PASSCHENDAELE VILLAGE, the Reserve Battalion of the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. will take up the role of the "G" Battalion of 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. in order to fill the gap on the GREEN LINE and join hands with the New Zealanders.

In this event the New Zealanders have also agreed to extend their Right.

"B" Battalion of the 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be reinforced by one Company from "D" Battalion of that Brigade in order to assist in mopping up in the Village of PASSCHENDAELE.

Instructions have been issued by the 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. that "A" Battalion shall re-organise and go forward behind "B" to be employed if necessary. They will thus move in front of "C" Battalion who are not intended to become involved in fighting in PASSCHENDAELE VILLAGE.

The 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. Reserve Battalion will be in the vicinity of HEINE HOUSE (D.11.c).

The 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. Reserve, one Battalion less a Company, will be in the vicinity of AUGUSTUS WOOD.

Brigade Commanders will make their own arrangements with regard to Carrying Parties.

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Each Attacking Brigade will have 8 Machine Guns and 6 Stokes Mortars ready to go forward

4. OBJECTIVES.

Objectives as shown on the attached Plan. The attack will be divided into three Stages RED - BLUE - and GREEN Lines.

5. BARRAGE.

The Barrage will be of the same nature as in previous Operations, but the rate of fire may be reduced should it not be practicable to replenish Dumps in time to permit of a rate of fire previously laid down.

The "A" Barrage will open on its initial line at ZERO hour, and will lift thence at ZERO plus 8 minutes.

The Barrage will thereafter maintain the uniform rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes, moving by 100 yards lifts except when halted on the RED and BLUE Protective Barrage Lines.

The "C" Barrage (Machine Guns) will open at ZERO plus 6 minutes and will make its first lift at ZERO plus 8 minutes.

The initial Barrage line will be as straight and as nearly perpendicular to the line of Advance as possible. It will be put down so as to include all points held by the enemy.

Part of the Heavy Artillery of the advancing barrage covering the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. may be diverted to deal with PASSCHENDAELE VILLAGE.

6. TAPE LINES.

The Infantry Starting Line will be taped to conform to the initial barrage line at a distance of not less than 150 yards, and not more than will allow the Infantry to close up to the Barrage before it lifts.

7. HALTS IN BARRAGE.

The position and timings of Barrage Lines, short of the RED Protector, are liable to alteration. The RED Protector will lift about plus 2 hours 20 minutes.

The BLUE Protector about plus 5 hours 30 minutes.

8. CONSOLIDATION.

The Infantry will be responsible for establishing good continuous trenches along the GREEN and BLUE lines, commencing by system of Posts. Latitude with regard to the exact positions will be allowed them in order to secure the best field of fire.

The positions of the Protective Barrages must be carefully noted.

The Infantry will also be responsible for the construction of strong points echeloned in depth.

For the above purposes they will indent on the C.R.E. for the minimum R.E. personnel required to assist. This will leave R.E. and Pioneer personnel free to push forward tracks, roads, approaches, erection of notice boards, and generally facilitate movement in the captured Area.

9. MACHINE GUN BARRAGE.

Details of Machine Gun Barrage will be prepared by D.M.G.O. and issued later.

10. ANTI-AIRCRAFT.

Lewis Guns of the 3rd Aust. Pioneer Battalion will be allotted to the two Attacking Brigades to engage hostile Aircraft.

11. MAINTENANCE OF TOUCH.

Small parties will be detailed to move with adjoining formations and maintain touch. Special points of junction for the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. on its Right will be published later. The 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. will take special steps to establish touch with the New Zealand Division at the following points:-

- (a) On the RED LINE.
- (b) Cross Roads at D.6.a.82.35.
- (c) Junction of Roads at D.6.b.50.35.
- (d) On the GREEN LINE.

Touch must be maintained between various Units within the Division, and if gaps occur they must be filled by Troops moving up from behind.

Compass Bearings will be taken and Officers specially detailed with one or two men to keep direction.

The approximate Compass Bearing of the sun at sunrise should be noted on a day prior to ZERO and communicated to the Troops.

12. APPROACH MARCH.

Brigades will make their own arrangements for the Approach March, informing Divisional Headquarters with regard to starting points, routes, and hours of start. Tails of Brigades must be in position one hour before ZERO.

13. EMPLOYMENT OF TECHNICAL TROOPS.

Engineers and Pioneers, less those referred to in paragraph 8, will work under the direction of the C.R.E.

14. CONTACT 'PLANES.

Details with regard to Contact 'Planes will be issued later.

15. LIAISON.

The ordinary system of Liaison will be adopted except that Liaison Officers will not be sent to, or by, adjoining Divisions. Attention is directed to paragraph 27 of "Y.B.G.S.C." No. 14.

16. DUMPS.

Brigades will obtain positions of, and stock at, Dumps from C.R.E. and "Q" Branch.

17. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.

Watches will be synchronised daily by an Officer from Divisional Headquarters visiting the following:-

- 9th, 10th & 11th Aust. Inf. Bdes.
- 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.

The following will arrange to obtain official time daily at Divisional Headquarters:-

- C. R.A., C.R.E., 3rd Aust. Div. Sig. Co.,
- D.M.G.O., A.D.M.S.

18. SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Details with regard to Signal Communications will be prepared by O.C. 3rd Aust. Div. Signal Co., and issued to those concerned.

The point where the RED LINE cuts the road at D.12.a.90.75 is visible from ABRAHAM HEIGHTS, HAMBURG and FREZENBERG, but not from HILL 40.

Visual Stations in the vicinity of the above points may be useful.

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19. DESTINATION PATCHES. Destination Patches of Battalions will be as for the 4th instant -

- "A" Bn., 9th A.I. Bde., 34th Bn. No destination Patch.
- "A" Bn., 10th -do- 40th Bn. -do-
- "B" Bn., 9th -do- 35th Bn. White Patch.
- "B" Bn., 10th -do- 38th Bn. (Reinforced by 1 Coy. 39th Bn). White Patch.
- "C" Bn., 9th A.I. Bde., 36th Bn., Blue Patch.
- "C" Bn., 10th -do- 37th Bn., Blue Patch.
- "D" Bn., 9th -do- 33rd Bn. Red Patch.
- "D" Bn., 10th -do- 39th Bn. Red Patch.

20. POSITION OF DIV. HEADQUARTERS. Divisional Headquarters will be at the Ramparts immediately South of the MENIN GATE (I.S.d.1.6).

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Appendix No 6A

OBJECTIVE ON OPENING SUGGESTED

DIV BOUNDARY

PROTECTIVE

RED

PROTECTIVE

BLUE

PROTECTIVE

GREEN

BRIGADE BOUNDARY

LINE

BARRAGE

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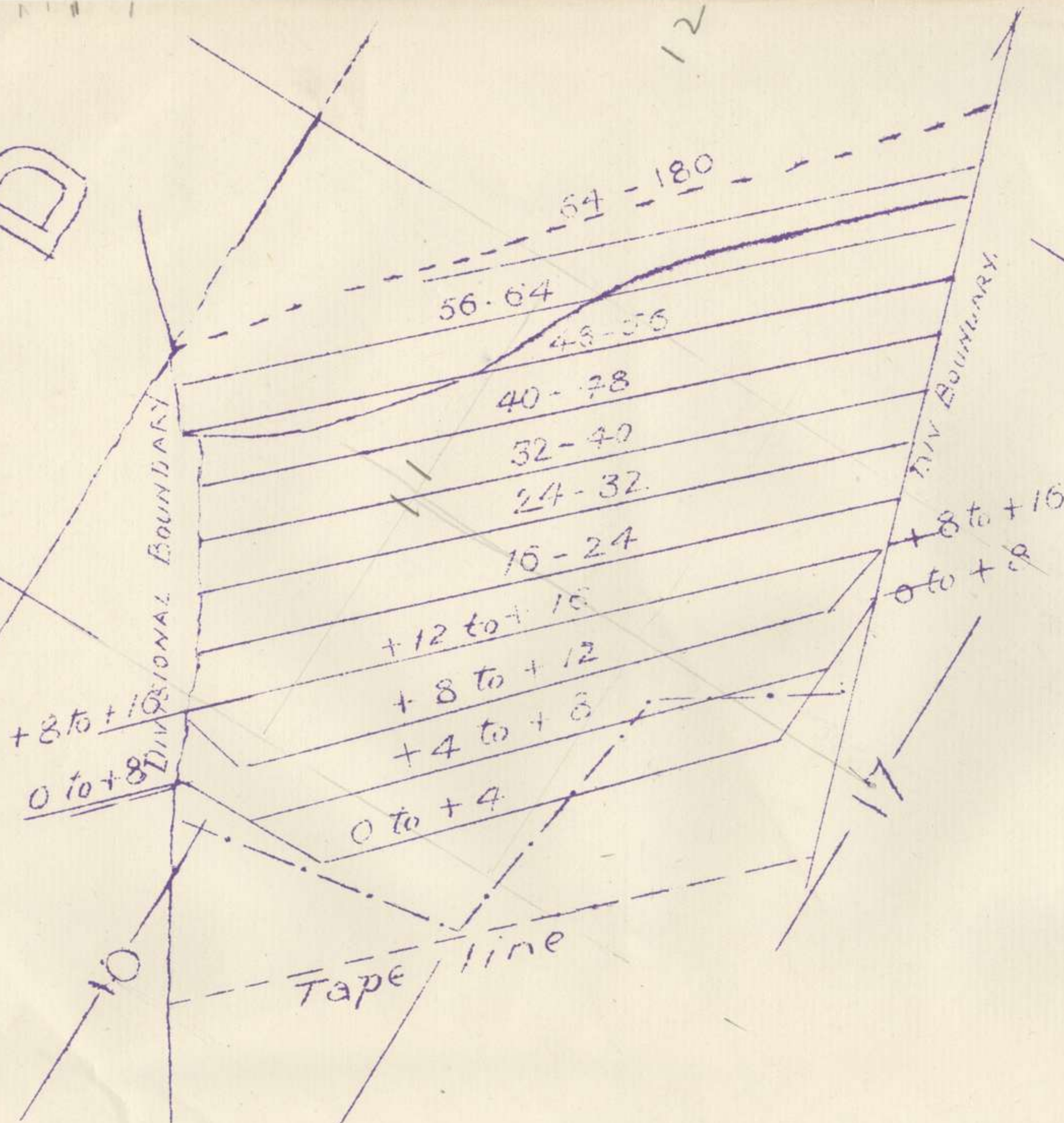
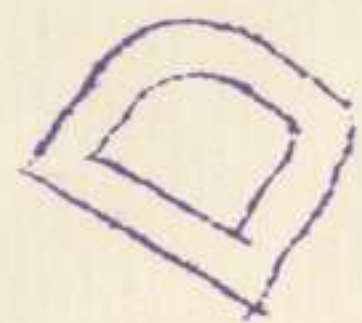
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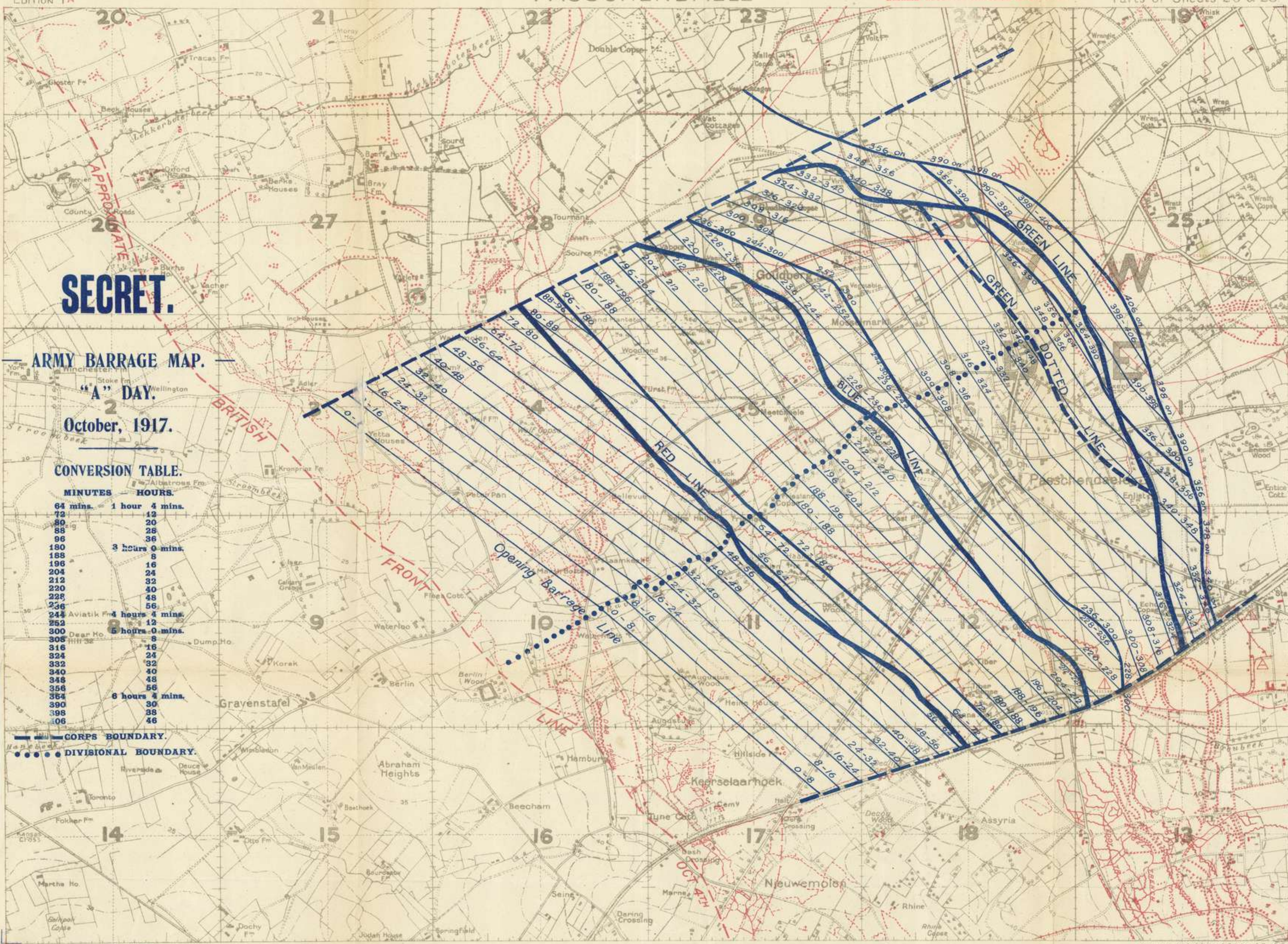
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ARMY BARRAGE MAP.
 "A" DAY.
 October, 1917.

CONVERSION TABLE.

MINUTES	HOURS.
64 mins.	1 hour 4 mins.
72	12
80	20
88	28
96	36
180	3 hours 0 mins.
188	8
196	16
204	24
212	32
220	40
228	48
236	56
244	4 hours 4 mins.
252	12
300	5 hours 0 mins.
308	8
316	16
324	24
332	32
340	40
348	48
356	56
364	6 hours 4 mins.
390	30
398	38
406	46

— CORPS BOUNDARY.
 ●●●● DIVISIONAL BOUNDARY.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

S.O. 400/10

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Divisional Headquarters,
11th October, 1917.

ACTION OF MACHINE GUNS ON "A" DAY.

1. DISTRIBUTION.

The Machine Guns of the Division will form two barrages each of 32 guns; and eight guns will be allotted to each of the 9th and 10th Aust. Inf. Bdes. for the purposes of consolidation.

No.1 Barrage will be composed as under:-

23rd A.M.G.Coy.	16 guns.
9th -do-	8 "
10th -do-	8 "

No.2 Barrage will be composed as under:-

11th A.M.G.Coy.	16 guns.
23rd -do-	16 guns.

The disposition of the guns for each barrage is shown on sketch plan attached.

O.C. 11th A.M.G. Coy will arrange to move his guns forward into position as close behind our Infantry as possible.

O.C. 23rd A.M.G. Coy will cease fire at ZERO plus 3 hours and move forward to new positions.

Guns in each barrage will be grouped into 8-gun Batteries and each two Batteries will be commanded by the Senior Officer present.

On completion of the first barrage "C" and "D" Batteries of the first Barrage will become Divisional Reserve.

2. ACTION.

Rapid fire will be opened for first barrage at ZERO plus 6 minutes and will continue until ZERO plus 8 minutes when all guns will lift 100 yards and fire will be reduced to 75 rounds per minute.

The first barrage will cease at ZERO plus 3 hours.

The second barrage will put down a Protective Barrage at ZERO plus 6 hours 46 minutes on a line 400 yards in advance of the final objective and will remain on this line for 30 minutes (rate of fire 75 rounds per minute). It will then lift and search to extreme range for 2 hours with 50% of guns. All guns will then be laid on S.O.S. line. During the period that searching fire is being employed all guns must be ready to jump back to the S.O.S. line if the S.O.S. should be called for.

3. S.O.S.

S.O.S. action will be the same as for Operations on the 4th instant.

4. POSITION OF
2ND BARRAGE.

The approximate positions for guns of the second barrage are as follows:-

11th M.G.Coy.	
1 Battery	8 guns at about D.5.d.9.2.
1 " "	8 " " " " D.12.a.10.05.

P.T.O.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

S E C R E T.

Divisional Headquarters,
10th October, 1917.

S.G.400/13.

"Y.B.G.S.C." NO. 27.

1. Owing to slight modification of Plan "Y.B.G.S.C." No.26 of the 9th October is altered as follows:-

2. PARA.3. Brigade Commanders will arrange their own allotment of tasks, amending those already notified to Divisional Headquarters where they consider necessary.

The new dispositions will be reported to Divisional Headquarters as early as possible.

3. PARA.4. Is CANCELLED and a fresh plan is forwarded herewith.

It will be noticed that the Northern Boundary of the Division has been slightly altered, as also the positions of the various lines - RED, BLUE, GREEN DOTTED, GREEN and the Opening Barrage Line. This last is still liable to alteration.

4. PARA.7. Is CANCELLED. As far as is known at present the Lift from the RED Protector will be at plus 2 hours 30 minutes, and from the BLUE Protector at plus 4 hours 30 minutes; and from the GREEN DOTTED Protector to GREEN Protector at plus 6 hours.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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G. H. Jackson

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General Staff.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Divisional Headquarters,
10th October, 1917.



"Y.B.G.S.C." NO.28.

The following instructions are issued in amplification of and additional to "Y.B.G.S.C." NO.26.

1. CONTACT AEROPLANES.

(a) Arrangements for Contact Aeroplanes will be as laid down for Phase 3.

- Aeroplanes will call for Flares at -
- ZERO plus 2 hours 30 minutes.
- ZERO plus 4 " 30 "
- ZERO plus 7 hours.

(b) Contact aeroplane will fly over front line and will call for flares on morning of "B" Day, as early as weather conditions permit.

The most advanced troops will use RED and WHITE flares combined, lighting one of each at the same time, when Contact Aeroplane calls for flares.

2. S.O.S.

ACTION PRIOR TO ZERO.

The S.O.S. Signal will be inoperative between ZERO hour and ZERO minus 10 minutes.

Counter-Batteries will, however, be available right up to and after ZERO.

3. POSITIONS OF H.Q.

(a). The positions chosen for Brigade H.Q. are as follows:-

- 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. D.26.a.7.5.
- 10th -do- D.21.a.65.35.
- 11th -do- D.26.a.7.5.

(b). The Headquarters of the 4th Aust. Division (operating on the Right of the 3rd Aust. Division) is located at I.8.d.00.10.

The Brigade operating on the Right of the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. is the 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. with Headquarters at D.26.c.1.3.

The locations of Headquarters of the N.Z. Division and the 2nd N.Z. Infantry Brigade are I.1.b.6.8 and OTTO FARM respectively.

4. MAINTENANCE OF TOUCH.

The 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. will take special steps to establish touch with the 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. at the following points:-

- (a). On the RED LINE.
- (b). DETECT CROSSING.

5.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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 A.D.M.S.
 3rd Aust. Div. Train.
 D.B.O.
 A.P.M.

"Y.B.G.S.C." No.29.
-----ZERO DAY will be the [#]12th October, 1917.

ZERO HOUR will be at 5.25 am.

Receipt of this communication will be acknowledged by wire, no mention being made to context, but simply quoting reference number.

A certificate will be rendered later on by C.R.A. and Infantry Brigadiers that this information has been communicated to all under their command who are concerned.

Geo Herbert Dwyer
 Jrs
 Lieut-Colonel.
 General Staff.

T.C.

SECRET.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,
11th. October, 1917.YPRES BATTLE GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 30.

The following is TIME TABLE of Operations for

12th. October, 1917. -

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Operation.</u>
<u>a.m.</u>	
5.25	Artillery Barrage opens.
5.31	Machine Gun Barrage opens.
5.41	HEINE HOUSE and HILLSIDE FARM captured.
6.37	RED LINE (First Objective) captured.
7.55	Contact Plane calls for flares.
8.25	Barrage advance resumes.
9.21	BLUE LINE (Second Objective) captured.
9.55	Contact Plane calls for flares.
10.25	Barrage advance resumes.
10.41	PASSLE Church reached.
11.05	Dugouts on Railway captured.
11.29	GREEN Dotted Line (Third Objective) captured.
11.55	Barrage advance resumes.
<u>p.m.</u>	
12.11	Final Objective (GREEN LINE) reached.
12.25	Contact Plane calls for flares.

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G. H. Johnson
Lieut-Colonel. -
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