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TARA HILL	Sept 1st	5 AM	<p>Situation. 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade on our Right Flank, reported hostile fire very active during the night. All quiet at present. 12th Australian Infantry Brigade, on left Brigade reported 'normal, nothing to report'. Following message sent to 1st Can. Inf. Bde. "G.O.C. hopes you will put in as much work as possible on communication trenches in your Section. These have been considerably damaged by recent fire." 6 AM. The following is the distribution of the troops in our Front Area at Front line, from left to right: - 47th. 48th. 46th, 45th Australian + 12th + 2nd Canadian Balloons. Sunken Road. - - - - - 3rd + 4th -:- Wire Trench. - - - - - 15th -:- Sansage Valley. - - - - - -:- La Borselle - - - - - 52nd -:- Tara Valley. - - - - - 49th -:- Birchfields + Albert. 13th Australian (less 49th + 52nd Bns). With a view to future operations the following work on communication trenches and Assembly trenches opposite MOUQUET FARM was ordered. (vide G. S/P 5 of 30th Aug). Reports received this morning of the work done last night is far from satisfactory - it is not quite clear why - but whether it was the fault of the bad weather + sodden state of the ground + deep liquid mud in the trenches or the bad arrangements made by the officers in charge of parties or to the exhausted state of the troops, it shows a lack of determination on the part of certain officers to see the work through, accordingly certain officers were directed to appear at D.H.Q. + were exhorted to do better in future and the officers in charge of working parties for tonight were assembled at D.H.Q. at 2 PM when the C.R.E. explained the work required. These officers then went off to reconnoitre their tasks in daylight - to return later + lead their respect. No parties to be ground after dark.</p>	<p>Abb. I</p>

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TARA HILL	Sept. 15 th	AM 9.25	The following message was received from the 12 th Aus Inf. Brigade "48 th Bn. states their trenches suffered badly from one our heavies this afternoon. One man killed and six wounded between R 38 C 92 and R 28 C 31. This was also reported by pigeon at 4-40 PM but message not arrived here."	
		11-15	The following message was sent to the 12 th Aus Inf Bde "Following digging parties will be held ready this evening to dig in front line. 15 th Batt. 5 Officers and 200. 45 th Batt. 5 Officers and 200. Good officers to be selected, commander of each party at least a captain. 4 Officers from each Batt. including senior officers of each will report at D.H.Q. at 2 P.M."	
		11-25	Situation Report. "30 th Brigade reports situation very quiet at 10-30 AM. Left Brigade reported very heavy shelling up to 5 AM. about centre of left brigade large quantity of tear shells used considerable damage to trenches. Heavy shelling round quarry. Between 7 and 8 AM. enemy's red cross parties working near R 27 D 42"	
		P.M. 12.58	The following message was sent to the 12 th Aus Inf. Brigade "Trenches between 91 and 59 near Mouquet Farm also between 35 and Quarry and 200 yds. of Kays Trench N of R 33 d 85 to be empty between 5-30 and 7 P.M. tonight when heavies and heavy mortar will bombard just N of Mouquet Farm."	
		3.30	The following message was sent to the 12 th and 13 th Aus Infantry Brigades. "Large digging parties will be using Kays Trench between Kay Dump and Quarry from 7-20 to 9-30 P.M. tonight. Trench must be kept clear for them and all relief should be carried out immediately they have passed."	
		3.0	The following message was sent to the 12 th and 13 th Aus. Infantry Brigades. "A patrol of 12 th Brigade will tonight occupy point R 33 B 48 and hand it over on relief to 13 th Brigade."	
		5.30	The following message was sent to the 15 th Bn., 1 st A.N.Zab., 4 th and 12 th Aus. Infantry Brigades and Div. Train. "15 th Bn. will move to Warloy on 2 nd September by route south of Senlis. On 3 rd September to Rubempre via Vadencourt and Nervisart."	
		5.15	Situation Report. "Very quiet. little artillery fire. Last night patrol from 47 th Bn. threw P. bombs on roof of Farm R 33 B 39 place set on fire but put out by enemy's own shells. This occurred twice during night. Enemy seen digging on left of 59 stopped by our fire. Two men seen killed. Enemy's stretcher party seen to take 16 men carried and 40 wounded assisted to walk. 5-15 P.M. 47 th Bn. report taking one prisoner who came over from Mouquet Farm who states about 30 more desirous of coming over but prevented by their officers."	

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TARA HILL	Sept. 1st.	P.M. 5.55	<p>Ref. Map MOUQUET FARM 1/5000. + Map 1/40 000</p> <p>The following message was sent to 12th Brigade. "G.O.C. wishes you to congratulate 47th Batt. patrol on their good work and hopes that what they have done will be made known to all so that the spirit of offensive among patrols may be encouraged as far as possible."</p> <p>Situation Report. "Very quiet. Some 5.9 shelling about Pozieres and X 10 A. Lachrymatory shells again in evidence in supports area."</p> <p>The 7th Aus. Inftry Brigade moved to WARLOY today 1.20 out of our Area.</p> <p>Disposition Return of Units of the Div Sin at 6 pm today attached.</p> <p>Divisional Order No 23 issued for the 13th Aus. Inf. Brigade to attack the German trenches at the North West of MOUQUET FARM, on the line R. 28, C. 95. - 66 - 36 - 03., R 27 D 94 - 73 - 42 - 12, R. 33 B. 29 - 28 & those connecting with R. 33. A 77, on the morning of the 3rd Sept. On this day there is to be a big attack by the Allies between the ANCRE & SOMME - from the N, E. & S. of THIEPVAL, our attack on MOUQUET FARM, British attacks S of MUNSTER ALLEY & HIGH WOOD (feint), attacks on GUILLEMONT, GINCHY & the French Southwards including the attack to the SOMME & also to the South of that river.</p> <p>The Reserve Army settled 2nd Home for this attack at 5.10 AM - job done well. to cover an advance but yet not too dash to loose cohesion. The French however do not believe in night attacks & the to advance at 4 pm.</p> <p>Our attack is to be covered by the Lahore & 2nd Aus. Div Artillery & 2 Divs of 18th Div Sin at artillery, i.e. 162 field guns besides the ANZAC. Heavy artillery & certain other Heavy Guns. This Artillery will carry out a systematic bombardment of the enemy positions until the assault. vide ANZAC. R.A. Order No 11. copy attached.</p> <p>The necessity for consolidating a position once won - was not fully realized by certain parties during the last attack - which was responsible in some way for the failure of those parties to hold the ground won - the G.O.C. therefore considered it necessary to issue the attached Memo. No G. 5/90 to Officer's Comd all Units at the front.</p> <p>A copy of Summary of Operations for 28th/29th to 3rd Aug attached</p>	<p>app II app III</p> <p>app IV</p> <p>app V</p> <p>app VI</p>

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TARA HILL	1916 Sept 15 th	5 ^{PM}	<p>A Casualty Report is attached, showing the casualties since we've been in the trenches this second time up to 31st Aug, for the 12th Sept - & the total to date.</p> <p>The 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade arrived at the BRICKFIELDS and came under the orders of the G.O.C. The 3rd Can. Brigade is no longer in the area.</p> <p>The 1st Canadian Division is commanded by Col (temp Major General) A.W. Currie C.B.</p> <p>1st Canadian Infantry Brigade - Lt Col (temp Bdr. Gen) G.B. Hughes. DSO. Can. local Forces.</p> <p>2nd - Lt Col (temp Bdr. Gen) F.O.W. Looms. DSO -</p> <p>3rd - Lt Col (temp Bdr. Gen) G.S. Tuxford. C.M.G. 5th Can. Bn.</p> <p>The 4th Aus. Inf. Brigade (less 15th Bn. ^{+ 14th Bn. + 14th H. Coy} who follow tomorrow & next day) marched from WARLOY to RUBEMPRE.</p> <p>The Divisional Gas Officer has been ordered back to RUBEMPRE, where he will visit Brigades in turn to inspect their Gas helmets & give any necessary instruction before our march back to YPRES Salient, where we are due to go about the 20th inst to the II Army again. This is a place full of gas dangers & alarms.</p> <p>There were 13 Bosh Ballons up today - there is no doubt the enemy are in considerable doubt in every way now than they were when we were in the line last month.</p> <p>We are up against the Prussian Guard Reserve Division at MOUQUET FARM. The shelling is very heavy in the front line every day & night.</p> <p>The G.O.C. sent a telegram of congratulations to the 4th Aus. Bn. - through the 13th Brigade for the good work done by the patrol last night at MOUQUET FARM, which was timed 5.15^{PM} - W.D. page 2.</p> <p>A well on the west side of POZIERES village, recently opened up by the 4th Aus. Pioneer, was completely flooded by a large H.E. Shell, today; the shell made a direct hit & scattered the dug out near the well head, 30' below the surface. This is a great misfortune as water has to be carried from the way head by fatigue parties in petrol tins & it is a slow & laborious process.</p> <p>The 47th & 48th Bns. 12th Bde were relieved in the night by two Battalions 13th Aus. Inf. Bde.</p>	App. VII.

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TARA HILL.	Sept. 2 nd	AM. 5.	<p>Situation normal. Intermittent shelling over the whole area - a number of tear shells were observed. I fear our men will suffer heavily if they get a sudden gas attack. They have grown very casual of late owing to the danger of a gas attack on this front being so small, they have not looked after their helmets, especially the gas mask protection of the helmets are in indifferent order. The Australian Soldier has very little regard to the care of his arms & equipment. They suffered a good deal of annoyance from these tear shells but no harm - many men did not put on their goggles because they did not believe in them - those that did reported getting almost instant relief from the lacrymatory effects. One runner who was caught by a tear shell, having lost his goggles, put on his ^{gas} helmet & continued to run - & arrived in a state of collapse at his destination in consequence.</p> <p>The disposition of the front line at 10-a was as follows: -</p> <p>Front line. ————— 51st. 52nd + 49th Aus. Inf. 1st + 2nd Can. Inf. Bns.</p> <p>Sinker Road. ————— 3rd + 4th —————</p> <p>Wine Trench. ————— 50th Bn. —————</p> <p>La Borselle. ————— 13th Can. Inf. Bn.</p> <p>Tara Hill. ————— 16th —————</p> <p>Albert + Birchfields. 12th Aus. Inf. Brigade. 3rd Can. Inf. Bde (less 2 Bns.)</p> <p>The 13th Can. Bn. were ordered to send 2 Coy to Wine Trench.</p> <p>The 12th Aus. Inf. Brigade was relieved by the 13th Aus. Inf. Brigade at 5.20 a.m.</p> <p>& concentrated at the BRICKFIELDS.</p> <p>1st ANZAC. Artillery Orders for the attack tomorrow attached.</p> <p>Proposed Return for 2nd Sept attached.</p>

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TARA HILL.	Sept 2nd	AM 5	Situation normal AAA Intermittent shelling over whole area a number of tear shells being used AAA	
		11-15	Situation report AAA Right Brigade report quiet till 9am when enemy opened heavy fire on support and communication trench AAA Left Brigade report quiet nothing to report AAA 47 th Bn. captured 1 Warrant Officer and 4 private German Guards near R 33 A 77 early this morning.	
		11-36	Trench R 28 C 95 to 36 and trench south of it will be bombarded from 4pm to 5pm today AAA Infantry on this front must be slightly withdrawn during these hours AAA Bombardment of 57 to 95 and of new trenches N of objective will be kept under fire during the day.	
		P.M. 1-50	Continuing my 4376. Heavy Artillery will also bombard trench R 28 D 1/2 / 1 3/4 C 9/3 5/3 1/2 2 3/4 5 between 4 and 5pm today.	
		5-15	Situation unchanged along whole front AAA Support lines of right battalions right Brigade shelled intermittently AAA E of MOQUET FARM is a considerable quantity of wire AAA	
		6-50	13 th Aus Inf Bde will take over from 1 st Canadian Inf Bde tomorrow morning part of front taken over by Canadian Brigade this morning AAA All arrangements to be made by Brigadiers and completion of relief notified by wire.	
		7-15	Pigeon message timed 6.40. Position of observer not stated says 3 planes brought down in enemy's lines during last hour unknown of ours or enemy.	

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TARA HILL.	1516. Sept.	2nd	<p>It has been unofficially reported that about 19 of our Stretcher Bearers, working with a white flag near MOUQUET FARM had been captured by the Germans - it was thought that they had gone through a gap in the lines. There has been a sort of mutual understanding that Stretcher bearers could walk about under a white and red cross flag in NO man's hand - without molestation. ANZAC suggested that the Germans be notified about this and that they must cease - as their parties are continually out with red cross flags. Lt General Cox advised that no action be taken as this was the only way we had of getting in our wounded.</p> <p>5 pm About 5 pm the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade arrived at the BRICKFIELDS and came under orders of the G.O.C. of our Division in case of emergencies only. The 13th & 16th Battalions, 3rd Can. Inf. Bde, moved up to LA-BOISELLE and TARA HILL respectively as Divisional Reserve, during the evening & early in the night furnish detachments in closer support at WIRE TRENCH.</p> <p>8 pm The 13th Aus. Inf. Brigade took over the line from the 12th Brigade at 5 pm. Although the 13th Brigade only took over this evening, owing to the ^{expected} severity of the coming battle, orders were issued for its relief to take place by the 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade during the nights of the 3rd/4th and 5th/6th.</p> <p>11.10. <u>Situation</u>. 10th Can. Inf. Brigade reported situation unchanged, enemy shelling intermittently. 13th Aus. Inf. Bde reported. Left Battalion, 51st, report line 55 to 81 steadily shelled but the Saps stood pretty well. Enemy quiet and no sniping. On our left the Cheshire Regt. 25th Div. hold SKYLINE TRENCH, his right is, however, 400 yards distant from ours. The 52nd Bn, in the Centre, reported their trenches in fair condition. A considerable amount of barbed wire has been put out by the enemy in the front of the trenches opposite this Batt. and 49th Bn on the right. Snipers active along this front during the morning but our snipers got them down. The majority of the Communication trenches good but firing line trenches still bad. The weather is good the trenches have dried up. All promises well for a fine day tomorrow - dry weather is almost essential to success.</p>	

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TARA HILL	Sept 3 rd	5.10 A.M.	<p>Zero hour was fixed by Reserve Army at 5.10 am for our attack, & for the attacks by the III, & IV Armies. It was still dark, but getting light with a orange glow in the east - a few clouds - very heavy dew on the grass. To spectators on TARA HILL it was a wonderful sight - a thunder of hundreds of guns from all directions burst out simultaneously in all areas - the flashes of the discharges & the bursts of the shell explosions, & the continuous circle of rockets and flames of all kinds & columns sent up - was a wonderful sight which lasted for over an hour.</p> <p>Our line was held as follows from left to right :-</p> <p>Front line: 51st batt. 50th, 52nd, 49th, 2nd 50th Aus. Inf. Bns. 1 Coy 3rd, 1st Bn. + 2nd Can. Inf. Bns.</p> <p>Tom's Cut: (X) ^{(X) pushed in} _{(X) dug in front} ----- 2 Cops. 13th Can. 2 ----- 3rd ----- ↑ 4th Bn. Can.</p> <p>Sunken Road: ----- 2 -----</p> <p>Wine Trench: ----- 2 Cops. 13th Can. ----- } 3rd Can. Chalk Pit: ----- } La Boselle: ----- } Mt. Bde.</p> <p>Tara Hill: ----- 16th Bn. Can. ----- } Birchfields: ----- 14th + 15th Bns. ----- } 2nd Can. Mt. Brigade</p> <p>All our objectives were carried at the first rush - the men were splendid & our losses - the actual attack very small - all the defenders AMOUQUET FARM were believed to be killed or captured. Map of Mouquet Farm. attached and - app. X.</p> <p>The 49th Bn. took the high ground on the right, then objective, which commands a great deal of the THIEPVAL position. The Bush counter attacked about 11 AM & came down from the N.W. round the FARM & broke in the left of the 52nd, who had to swing back. 2 Cops of the 50th who had been put in between the 51st & 52nd. 4th the night apparently had advanced beyond to the north. These cut off, killed & captured. The Bush retook the farm about noon probably using the underground approaches. One Coy 13th Bn. Can. was put in to take & retake the Farm, but failed. The Telegrams for the day are as follows: -</p>	

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TARA HILL	Sept. 3 rd	4.5-2 a.m.	<p><u>Situation</u>: Left Bde report all Bns. in position until 3 a.m. Troop shelling light and distributed Lachrymatory shells in evidence. Park Lane + Bde trenches being dug. Parallel 77 to 55 completed. Left Bde. reported 11 pm last night afternoon bombardment by our artillery on right Bn. front successful enemy wire almost entirely destroyed. From 7.15 pm. our heavies falling short + knocking our trenches about. Right Bde. report situation normal wind South, South East.</p>	
		8.35 a.m.	<p><u>Message from 13th Bde</u> 7.45 a.m. begins. Green flares burnt at R. 28.C. 0/2 1/2. 1 1/2 / 3. 7 1/2 / 6 Red + green Very's lights fired along trench marked in R. 27. D. 65. Men very thick in trench at R. 27. D. 84. R. 28. C. 24. R. 28. C. 85 also in Quarry R. 33. B. where they are being shelled and in trench + shell craters R. 27. D. 52. Ends. thin trenches at once please.</p>	
		9.15 a.m.	<p><u>Message from 13th Bde</u> begins. 19th Battalion reports at 6.25 a.m. have taken path objectives meeting much bombing opposition from both flanks. Front not in touch with 52nd Bn. are consolidating front line. Reports times 7 a.m. joined up with 52nd Bn. are holding front line. Captured about 50 prisoners in conjunction with 52nd Bn. Bleed heavy casualties Officers report just in says all home + dug + two Machine Guns captured. 51st Bn. reports at 7.30 a.m. FARM taken + at present held. 12 prisoners taken other still in dug outs which are being blown up. Report quarry killed in farms houses beyond this</p>	

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TARA HILL	3/7/16	9:35 am noon	<p>absent + no news 52nd Bn. yet. Please request counter battery work. ends. latter has been done.</p> <p>13th Can. Bde. will proceed at once to POZIERES where two Coy. of 13th Can. Batta. will proceed at once to POZIERES where they will come under orders of G. O. C. 13th Aus. Inf. Bde. Two other Coy. will proceed to their trench. Guides will be furnished by 13th Aus. Inf. Bde. Companies in their trench will be ready to move forward at short notice.</p> <p>Situation of our line about noon, from left to right:</p> <p>Front line. 51st. 1 Coy 50th (position obscure). 52nd, 49th 1 Coy 50th trench 1 Coy 3rd, 1st & 2nd Can Bns.</p> <p>Tomb Cut. 1 Coy 13th Can. Inf. later relieved 51st Bn in line</p> <p>Sunken Road. 3 Coy 13th Can. Inf.</p> <p>Wire Trench. 3 Coy 13th</p> <p>La Borselle 16th + 15th Can. Inf. Bns.</p> <p>Tara Hill. 14th</p> <p>Buckfields. 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade.</p> <p>The German artillery retaliation is very heavy + our front line + supports are suffering heavily. The Bns are put a few shells in all the back localities - the TARA Hill came in for its share but luckily there were no casualties.</p> <p>100 men of 4th Aus Pioneer ordered up to Kay Dump to assist the 13th Brigade in calling up ammunition, water + supplies.</p>	

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TARA HILL	3/9/16	11 am	Orders to 16th Can Bn. 3rd Can. Bde + 13th Aus. Inf Bde move forward to LA BOISELLE and occupy ground vacated by 13th Can. Bn. add. 16th Can. Inf. reported 3rd Can. Bde + 13th Aus. Inf Bde.	
		11.20 am	<p><u>Situation</u> It is believed that the entire garrison of Mouquet Farm 1st Guard Res. Regt. 9th Coy. were killed or captured. Left Bde. at 10.30. Enemy starting to counter-attack from around left of Mouquet Farm heavy shelling front, support, and communication trenches + garrison. Right Bn. consolidating and in touch with left centre Bn. remainder of centre Bn. position good, except that a small party on the left near our left Bn. is being driven back and is exposing right flank of left Bn. the company reserve Bn. is moving up to hold line 89 to 91. Right Bde right Bn. reports heavy shelling at Lisseton Avenue, Sunken Road, Peg trench, Walker Ave. Left Bn. reports front fairly quiet.</p>	
		11.50 am	Orders to 13th Bde. one additional Coy. 3rd Can. Bn. has been ordered up to prolong left of 1st Canadian Bde.	
		12.50 p.m.	Report received from 13th Bde that we have lost the farm itself & that we are back on the original line. No news of right or left. Germans seen in farms. Barrage ordered at 50 yds. the W. of point 12 road towards 77 to prevent reinforcement reaching the Germans in the farm.	
		2.35 pm	13th Can. Bn. + 13th Aus. Inf Bde re move of one Coy. 13th Can. Bn. who will move up front line trench to TOMS cut where they will be under order of 13th Aus. Inf. Bde. 13th Bde. to furnish a guide.	

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TARA HILL	3/9/16	2.50pm	<p>To 1st Aus. Pioneer Bn repeated 13th Bde. - 100 men of Pioneer Bn will move up to Kays Camp this afternoon. They will be available for carrying up rations etc. These men will probably have to be relieved tomorrow morning. 13th Bde will give them all necessary instructions.</p> <p>4.10pm To 13th Bde + 2nd Can. Bde. - R.F.C. report line strongly held from R. 27 D. 31 to R. 28 c. 95 also between 95 + 66 but trench empty between 66 + 36. Based on this information Lt Col wishes following dispositions to be made. 16th Can. Bde flank from 49 to 59 possibly through 31. Dig in on 77 to 55. This to be done by 13th Can. Bn. who will take over from 51st Bn. + hold from 77 on left to about 73 on right. 52nd Bn to hold between 49 & 17th 49th Bn. must straighten out line from 66 to 36. Right of 49th Bn. and left of 1st Canadian Bde. to be joined up by 16th Can. Bn. The remainder of this Bn. being held in reserve. 50th Bn if not required can also be relieved.</p> <p>5.35 p.m. <u>Situation</u> - Left Bde line believed to be as follows R 28 c. 95. 66. 36. 03. 73. 42. 59. These original line. Enemy believed to be in our line about 73. Two Coy. are occupying position N.W. of farm but are at present out of touch. Right Bde. nothing to report.</p> <p>5.50 p.m. <u>Orders to 13th A.I. Bde.</u> - Patriots should endeavour to get in touch with 400 Coy. 51st Bn. N.W. of Mousquet Farm. Position they occupy should be held on as long as possible.</p> <p>6.5pm To 13th A.I. Bde + 2nd Can. Bde. - 16th Can. Bn. is placed under orders of G.O.C. 13th Aus. Inf. Bde.</p>

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TARA HILL	Sept. 3 rd	2 pm	The 2 nd Aus. Div. Artillery (Bde Qd. JOHNSTON) was relieved by the 18 th Div and Artillery in the line, but before going they had a great opportunity of looting of any surplus ammunition for at noon the 13 th Brigade reported they collected in large numbers on the FESTE ZOLLERN (R. 27. D.) defences and to the east of our line. & the artillery opened a heavy bombardment on these places. The ANZAC H. A. took the north of the Feste Zollern & the Field Artillery the other places.	
		3 pm	Headquarters 3 rd Canadian Infantry Brigade opened at Sausage Valley. X 15 Central. The Canadian Corps took over from the 1 st A.N.Z.A.C. today, the latter moving up to the YPRES Salient.	
			Attached is a table showing the programme for concentrating our Div in westwards on relief ready for entrainment north to the YPRES Salient.	app XI.
			The following moves took place today. 12 th Aus. Inf. Brigade from BRICK FIELDS to WARLOY. 2 nd Aus. Div Artillery from the line to BRICK FIELDS and VADENCOURT.	
		6.35	The situation is still obscure towards MOUQUET FARM, reports have been received from Artillery F.O.O.s who state they think our men are still in the farm. The 13 th Brigade was ordered to use every effort to clear up the situation in the Farm by patrolling from 59 to 77 and 42.	
		6.45	<u>Situation.</u> We hold captured line from 95 to 42, latest reports seem to show we may still be in Farm itself but this is not clear. Two Coy 51 st still out, west of the Farm. We are trying to link up with them. The 1 st Canadian Infantry Brigade reported that their left Coy was unable to reach the north of our left brigade by day light owing to enemy machine gun fire, but will endeavor to do so at night.	

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Place	Date 1916	Hour P.M.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TARA HILL	Sept 3 rd	6.45	Instructions issued to 13 th Aus. Inf. Bde, about when 16 th Can. Bn goes into the line on the right of the 49 th Bn, the extra Coy sent by the 1 st Canadian Brigade returns to its Brigade.	
		9.30	In accordance with instructions received from Canadian Corps, the 13 th Can. Bde. was ordered to establish a line 73 - 42 - 12 - 77 tonight and to connect point R. 27. D. 42 through 31 to R 35 B 59. Patrols to be pushed out towards R. 27 D. 59 and 27. C. 54. with a view to locating enemy present line and to cover work of consolidation.	
		11.20	Situation. 13 th Aus. Inf. Bde report the situation unchanged. The Canadians have bombed along and reached 73. Between 8 + 9 pm enemy shelled the communication trenches near POZIERES very heavily. Otherwise consolidation continues + situation normal. 1 st Canadian Brigade report - left of right Battalion, 2 nd Canadian Inf, heavily shelled from 7.15 to 7.45 pm. Left Bde., 1 st Can. Inf, heavily shelled early part of evening but quiet along the whole front now.	
		A.M. 4 ¹⁵ 5.10	Situation. 1 st Can. Inf. Bde. reported "all quiet". 13 th Aus. Inf Bde reported 'Canadians do not hold 73, but within a few yards of it, otherwise no change in position. Canadian left in touch with Australian's right Bn. for R. 33 B. 59 towards 55. Enemy heavily shelled support lines during last few hours. A more or less wet day - muddy + slippery in the trenches.	
		7.45	The situation is still very obscure - no reports are to hand, it was found necessary to ask the 13 th Brigade the following questions. What did patrols do last night? What news have you of two Companies 57 th Bn.? Has relief of 57 th Bn been carried out? Has 16 th Bn relieved part of 1 st Canadian's Brigade? What do you make your line to be and how held?	
		9.20	It subsequently appeared that the patrols had failed to find out anything during the night + that there was no news of the 57 th Coy who were evidently been killed or captured. (Confirmed later by German prisoners.)	

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TARA HILL	Sept 1916 4 th	9.20 AM 10.0 11.0	<p>Orders issued to G. O. C. 13th Aus Lt. Bde to remain in command of the left sector of the line until the relief of the 13th Brigade by the 3rd Canadian Brigade is completed.</p> <p>18th Divisional Artillery relieved the 2nd Aus. Div. Artillery in the line.</p> <p>The line now held by us is as follows from right to left: - R. 2nd D. C. 95$\frac{1}{2}$. original line is occupied by 2 Bns. 1st Can. Lt. Bde plus 1 Coy 16th Bn. Can. Lt. 49th + 52nd Australian Bns reinforced by 50th Aus. Bn, hold from R. 2nd D. C. 95$\frac{1}{2}$ to 95 to 36 to 03. Canadians hold from 03 to 94 and from 01 to 59. 59 to 55 is held by a line of posts, continuous from 55 to 81 with advanced post at 77. There is a doubt whether the line 73 to 42 is held by us, possibly not. (Later confirmed not held.)</p> <p><u>Situation.</u> 1st Can. Lt. Bde report situation normal. 13th Aus Lt. Brigade report that 49th Aus Lt reported enemy counter attack this morning along 36. 66. 95. easily repulsed. (There were two other attacks against this position during the day but easily repulsed by the 49th Bn.)</p> <p>13th Can. Lt. patrols from R. 27. D. 73. entered enemy trench and blocked same also blocked communication trench running back to enemy line. Enemy shelling during morning intermittent and heavy. The enemy put a few shells over TARA HILL during the morning, but no damage appears to have been done.</p> <p>General Cox handed over the command of the Divisional Front and area to Major Gen. Currie. Comd^g 1st Canadian Division.</p> <p>Divisional Headquarters closed at TARA Hill and opened at same hour at RUBEMPRE. The Labor Artillery with attached Australian Medium & Heavy French Motor Batteries remain on in the</p>	
RUBEMPRE.			<p>line.</p>	

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RUBEMPRE	Sept 4 th		A Summary on the recent operations of the Division is attached.	app XII																								
			A Situation Map of today's date is attached, also a map showing the successive positions taken by the Division on this front.	— XIII																								
		6 pm	Disposition Statement of Units of the Division attached.	— XIV																								
			attached is a list of units of personnel taken by the Division during the recent operations.	— XV																								
			The 12 th Brigade moved from WARLOY today to RUBEMPRE and HERISSART.	— XVI																								
		The 4 th —:—:— RUBEMPRE —:— BONNEVILLE, FIEFFES + MONTRELET																										
	5 th	8 AM	The 13 th Ans. Bde handed over to the 3 rd Canadian Infantry Brigade at 8 AM and concentrated at the BRICKFIELDS.																									
			The Casualties for the recent operations are as follows:—																									
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DOULLENS	6 th	noon	The whole Division is now on the move towards the Givrain west. Stations. under	app XI																								
			Headquarters moved from RUBEMPRE to DOULLENS today.																									
		6 pm	Return showing disposition of units attached.	app XVII																								
		7 th	AM	The G.O.C. visited 12 th Ans Bde in the morning & in the afternoon went to Advanced G.H.Q. to pay a farewell visit to the C-in-C. before leaving the Reserve Army Area for the north.																								
		PM	The Division entrained at DOULLENS, North & South, and AUTHIEULE during the day & proceeded to detrain at GODEWEARSVELDE, PROVERN and HOYPOUTRE where we came under the II Army.																									

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date 1916	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
STEENVOORDE NORMANDY FRANCE	Sept 9 th	6 am	<p>Div's Hdqrs closed at DOULLENS and opened at the same hour at STEENVOORDE. The Division Offices were located in a Convent School room. List showing the location of units attached. The YPRES Salient being a most dangerous locality for Gas attacks by the enemy, as wind East of the North & South line, being favourable, the Divisional Gas Officer has been instructed to make every endeavour to see that all ranks are fully prepared to meet this danger. An Officer of Div's Hdqrs Staff, the Div. Officer, the D.A.D.H.S., and Brigade Bomb Officers, attended a demonstration at II Army Gas School at OXELEARE today, where preventative measures were discussed & demonstrated. The new box respirator is to be issued to all ranks at once. 100 ANZAC Order No 45 received, orders for our Division to take over the line now held by the 4th Canadian Division, from DIEPENDAAL BEEK to the YPRES COMINES Canal by the night of the 16th/17th Sept. The Command of the front line & Southern Divisional Area of the Corps to pass to General COX at 9 am on the 17th at which hour also the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery, now - the line, will come under our G.O.C. One Brigade at STEENVOORDE will be Corps Reserve. Supply Railhead opened at WIPPENHOEK. The following is an extract from a letter from General GOUGH, Commander of the Reserve Army to General Cox, with reference to the recent operations: - "The fighting was hard, and the strain on you and the Staffs and Battalions was continuous and severe - you all did splendidly. The men showed the real quality of soldiers, for they were not only full of go in the assault but "stuck it" with fatigue and endurance when it was a question of holding on under heavy shelling. I shall always be pleased to find your Division near me in a fight". C. S. M. Parsons, Gymnastic Instructor, attached to the Division to instruct in Bayonet fighting - attached to the 12th Aus Inf Brigade. General Staff Circular No 44. Issued (copy attached) on Training facilities in this Area.</p>
		10 am	
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RENINGHELST BELGIUM	Sept. 12	noon	<p>Divisional Headquarters closed at STEEN WOODDE at noon today + opened at the same hour at RENINGHELST, Belgium. The Divisional Headquarters are located partly in a house in the village + partly in very good huts built by the Canadian Division. We have not yet taken over the line, but these Headquarters are now in position to take it over automatically in due course. We expect to make our winter quarters here or at least stay in this position for some 2 or 3 months.</p> <p>Statement showing the distribution of units attached.</p> <p>1st Aus. Div at HOOGRAAF and the 2nd Aus. Div. also in RENINGHELST.</p> <p>The 4th Canadian Division who at present hold the line, that we are to take eventually to take over, have their HQ. at WESTOUTRE, they will on relief take over the line on one night and belong to the 9th Corps. This line at present being part of a force known as Frank's Force. The left of the Corps line is held by the 8th Corps.</p>	<p>App. XY</p>
	13 th	10a.	<p>The G.O.C. inspected the 4th Aus. Inf. Brigade and presented Corporal dating Cards.</p>	
		PM	<p>The G.O.C. visited H. General WATSON, Comd 4th Can. Div.</p>	
	14 th	3p	<p>Divisional Order No. 25 issued (copy attached) for the relief of the 11th Canadian Infantry Brigade now in the line from DIEPENDAAL BEEK to YPRES COMINES CANAL. by the 4th Aus. Inf. Bde on the nights of the 15th/16th and 17th/18th Sept.</p>	App. XXI
	15 th	AM	<p>The G.O.C. visited the left Sector of the line which we are to take over.</p>	
		3:30p	<p>A Russian General DESSINO, lately in command of a Division, on a tour of inspection of the British theatre of operations, with Major General Harbain Wilcocks, 2nd Army, arrived at 3:30 p.m. + stopped at the Windmill just outside the S. of the village where he was met by the Corps + Div 2nd + 4th Aus. Div Commanders. He inspected the 14th Aus. Inf. Bde who happened to be on parade just near, and passed on to visit YPRES.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RENINGHELST.	Sept. 15/16 ^o 16 ^o		The 14 ^o Bn. (4 ^o Aus Inf Bde) moved up to DICKEBUSCH and VORMEZEELE in relief of the Reserve Battalion of 11 ^o Can. Inf Bde, whom the 4 ^o Aus. Inf. Bde are relieving. Intelligence Circular. No G. 16/400 issued today - re observation of the enemy, copy attached.	
		11 AM	Statement showing disposition of units today attached. Captain Belts, 2 nd Army gymnastic Staff, champion man at Amos of the British Army for several years, lectured to officers & N.C.O.s. 13 th Aus Inf. Brigade, in the Cinema Hall at STEENWOORDE, on Bayonet fighting.	App XXII app XXIII
		17 ^o AM	Weekly classes for Grenade, Stokes Mortars and Sniping are being held at the 2 nd Army Schools at TERDEGHEM and MONT DE CATS., also Lewis Gun Class at the Army School at LE TOUQUET. Classes are also being held for training in Gas, Pigeon Service, and training of Officers & N.C.O.s, & Musketry.	
		17 ^o AM	50 ^o Bn. 13 th Aus. Inf. Bde, proceeded to the 2 nd Army School at WISQUES, 3 miles S.W. of ST. OMER, today for duty at the School of instruction for one month.	
		1:20	False Gas Alarm report received at JHQ. Think our Artillery from 12 th Aus. Div - 10 ^o Battalion - It was countermanded before many people had been roused.	
			New Gas Standing Orders are being brought out. (copy attached). The 4 ^o Aus. Inf. Brigade relieved the 11 ^o Can. Inf. Bde. in the front line today. Bde HQ being established at the BURDOMASTER'S FARM, DICKEBUSCH.	app XXIV
		18 ^o AM	The G.O.C. visited the front line, the MARCHING + GSO.3. also visited the line.	
		9 AM	The G.O.C. took over command of the front line and Area from 4 th Canadian Division. Statement attached. See Map VOORMEZEELE (Sheet 28) Scale 1/10000 The 4 th Aus. Div. Artillery again came back to the Division - also the 7 th Belgian Artillery Brigade.	app XXIV
		11 AM	Situation Normal - Raining - Wind S.W.	
			Officers of the General Staff have visited the front line daily since our arrival at RENDINGHELST.	

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RENINGHELST	Sept. 18 th 1916	4.30 PM	Normal Situation. Wind N.W. Daily Intelligence Report No. 8 attached. Disposition Orders to date attached; Situation Report. Normal - i.e. nothing doing. Wind safe. (vide Daily Intelligence Reports)	App XXVI App XXVII
	Sept. 19 th	5.25 AM	Situation Report. Normal. Wind safe. N.W. Situation Report. Normal. Wind safe. N.W. Intelligence Summary No. 9 - issued 5 copy attached. P.M. ANZAC Order No 47 received. The Division is to take over from the 4 th Canadian Div. on the night of the 20 th /21 st . The position of the front line, from the right of our present line to and including the VIERSTRAAT ROAD, to be south. The whole front now to be held by the Division will be about 2 2 3/4 miles. The transfer to take place by 9 a.m. on the 21 st inst. No orders for any change of the artillery at present.	App XXVII
		4.30 PM	Div Signal Order No 26 issued for the 12 th Am. Inf. Bde to take over the above front now held by the 10 th Canadian Infantry Brigade, on the night of the 20 th /21 st inst. The 13 th Am. Inf. Bde (less the 50 th Pn at the Army School at WYSQUES) ordered to take over the Camps as vacated by the 12 th Am. Inf. Bde. This Brigade still remains as Camp Reserve. On completion of the above reliefs the Southern Boundary of the Division will be VIERSTRAAT - WYTSCHAETE Road inclusive as far as N 3 D 58. - N. 2 B 70 - Fork Roads N 7 D 25 - Cross Roads N 7 C 36 - thence along LA CLYTTE - ZEVE-COTEN Road to where it joins present boundary. The G.S.O. 1 + 2. visited the front trenches this morning. The artillery of the 3 rd Canadian Division are to remain in action on the new Sector south of our line on C.O.C. when the line is taken over.	App XXVIII
		3.10	The wind having changed to S.S.E. - the "Wind Dangerous" Signal was sent out to all concerned. i.e. Bde in front line. & Bde at RENINGHELST, C.R.A, C.R.E, ARMS. Camp Commandant + A.P.M.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RENNINGHELST.	1916 Sept.	19	4.40 Situation Report Normal. Wind vary S.S.E. to S.W. i.e. Dangerous. 5.40 Conference held at G.H.Q. to discuss the general policy of the new defences - copy of notes attached.	App XXIX
		20	5.40 Situation Report Normal. Wind safe NW. The G.O.C. visited the new front line.	
			11.45 Situation Report Normal. Two prisoners, one an Officer 123rd Grenadier Regt - 7th Div XIII Corps, with his batman - were captured. (full particulars in Intelligence Report No. 10. copy attached.) at 5.30 - opposite trench No 19. Wind safe NW.	App XXX
			Net day - frequent heavy showers & drizzle. Dispositions Report to date attached.	App XXXI
			P.M. 4.45 Situation Report. Enemy put a few shells into Strong Post No 1. one casualty, others were little damage. otherwise normal. Wind safe, varying between NW and S.	119 McRae 20/9/16
	21 st		4 AM 5.30 Situation report: normal. Wind safe N. 9.0 12th Aust Div took over line, 04 to VIER STRAAT - WYTSCHAEDE STRASSE sector from 4th Canadian Bde 10.00 36th Div report taking over Reyni sector VIER STRAAT - WYTSCHAEDE.	
			noon 12.00 9.0. & 9.5.03. visited new front line. 9.5.02 departed on 10 days leave Situation report: normal. Wind varying NNW-NNE. 13th Bde completed move Steenvoerde - RENNINGHELST.	
			5. pm Situation report: normal. Wind N. safe. 7.10 4th Aust Div artillery report aeroplanes seen falling in flames true bearing 102 degrees from Pt. 36. C.17. nationality unknown	
			10. pm 205-20-101-42, 21st flying - 9 am - dawn 22/9/16. Intelligence Summary no 11 copy attached	App XXXII
	22 nd		4.50 am Situation report: normal wind dangerous E 10 mph. 7.00 am SSO1 & CRE visited front line. 10.00 am S.O.C. & S.S.O.3 visited Kemmel Hill 12.00 am 4th Aust Div artillery report enemy's Balloon fired over aeroplanes at 12.30 pm 21/9/16. seen to drop SW over line 4.50 pm Situation: normal Wind dangerous E. Intelligence Summary no 12 to date attached.	App XXXIII

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RENINGHELE	23 Sept.	5 AM	Situation report: Situation normal wind E dangerous.		
		8 AM	Enemy's aeroplane flew near RENINGHELE and was driven off by A.A. battery. Group of 3rd Canadian artillery covering front of 12th Aust Bde (Vide 4th Aust Div order 20 att) 36 Division report relief of 16th Division complete; on the right of 12th 12th Canadian Bde.	app XXXIV	
		12 noon	Situation report: Situation normal wind E dangerous.		
		1 pm	an enemy's aeroplane endeavoured to fly over RENINGHELE and was driven off by A.A. battery.		
		4:30 pm	Situation report: Situation normal wind SE dangerous.		
		5 pm	4th Aust Division Artillery report enemy's shelling severe on Sect 23rd Batty at I.S.I.B. 25. Three direct hits on one gun pit with H.2 obtained; damaged to material slight. 4th Aust Div Summary of Intelligence No 13 attached. G.S.O.1 visited front line.	app XXXV	
		24	8 AM	Situation report: Situation normal wind very light S.E. dangerous.	
		9 AM	16th Div report relief of 12th Canadian Bde complete. S.O.C. 16th Div assumed command 9 AM. C.O.E. 4th Aust Div. visited trenches.		
		11:55	Situation report: Situation normal wind light N.E. dangerous.		
		4 pm	4th Australian Division Intelligence Summary No 14 att. Fine weather throughout the day.	app XXXVI	
5 pm	Situation report: Situation normal wind imperceptible.				
25		5:30 AM	Situation report: Situation normal wind imperceptible.		
		7:00 AM	G.O.C. & G.S.O. 3 visited the line		
		12 noon	Situation report: Situation normal wind S.S.E. dangerous. Disposition report to date attached.	app XXXVI a	
		4:30	1st Aust Div announce retaliatory bombardment to take place along this front at 4:30 pm. 4th Aust Div Intelligence report No. 15 att. Situation report: Situation normal, wind S.S.E. dangerous Fine warm day very light breeze.	app XXXVII	
26		4:30	Situation report: Situation normal wind S.S.E. dangerous		
		8:30	G.S.O.1 & G.S.O.4 visited front line trenches 4th Aust Div. G.S. Circular re Gas alert attached 4th Aust Div Intelligence report for defence against Gas	app XXXVIII " XXXIX	
		12 noon	Situation report: Situation normal wind S.S.E. dangerous		
		4:30	Situation report: Situation normal wind S.S.E. dangerous Intelligence report: Situation normal wind S.S.E. dangerous 4th Aust Div Intelligence report No 16 att.	app XL	

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REININGHEUST	Sept. 26	5.0 pm	One of our aeroplanes forced to the ground in a fight with a German plane over DICKIE BUSCH. Pilot & observer both wounded - German plane also believed destroyed.	
		9.0 pm	Relief of 46 th Batt. by 48 th + 47 th Bn by 45 th (12 th Aust Lt Col - right sector of line) completed.	
	27	5.30 AM	Situation Report: Situation calm - Wind dangerous.	
		11.00 AM	Aeroplane flying west flew over REININGHEUST - anti aircraft Batteries engaged.	
		11.20 AM	Aeroplane flying north driven back by a. a. fire.	
		12.30 PM	Situation report: Situation calm - Wind S. S. E. Dangerous.	
		3. PM	Enemy's observation balloon near Kemmel, brought down in flames.	
		4.30 pm	Situation Report: Situation normal - Wind SW-SE dangerous.	
			Report on operations carried out by 16 th BN 25/9/16 AT.	
			" " " " " " 15 th BN 26/9/16 AT.	
			Intelligence Report 4 th Aust Div. No. 17	app. <u>XL I</u>
	28 th	5.0 pm	Situation report: Situation normal wind SE. dangerous.	
			Raid undertaken by 13 th BN last night - report attached.	
			G.S.O. 1 & CRE visited trenches.	
		12.00 pm	Situation report: Situation normal - Wind S. E. Dangerous.	
		4. pm	Summary of operations for week ending 28 th Sept. attached.	app. <u>XLIV</u>
			4 th Australian Division Intelligence Summary No. 18. attached.	app. <u>XLV</u>
			Situation report: Situation normal Wind S. E. Dangerous.	app. <u>XLVI</u>
			weather fine throughout the day, wind mild.	
	29 th	5.0.	Situation report: Situation quiet wind variable S. S. E. Dangerous.	
			G. S. O. 3 visited trenches.	
		12.00 pm	Situation report: Situation normal Wind light S. S. E. Dangerous.	
			Raining.	
		4. pm	4 th Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary No. 19 attached.	app. <u>XLVII</u>
			Situation report: Situation normal Wind S. S. E. Dangerous.	
	30 th	5.00 AM	Situation Report: Situation normal Wind N. N. E. Dangerous.	
		8.00 AM	11 Shells thrown into Dickie Busche - one house hit.	
			G. S. O. 4 visited front line.	
		12.00 pm	Situation report: Situation normal. Wind N. N. E. Dangerous.	
		4.30 pm	4 th Aust. Intelligence Summary No. 20 attached. also Disposition report to date.	app. <u>XLVIII</u>
		5.00 pm	Situation Report: Situation normal Wind N. N. E. Dangerous.	app. <u>XLIX</u>

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Headquarters,
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION,
30th AUGUST 1916

4th Aus. Infantry Brigade.
12th Aus. Infantry Brigade.
13th Aus. Infantry Brigade
4th Aus. Pioneer Battalion.
C.R.E.
1st. ANZAC.

1. With a view to future operations the following work on communication trenches and assembly trenches opposite MOUQUET FARM will be carried out at once.

- (i) Production of 'K' trench as a communication trench on our left flank - through QUARRY and on towards 77.
- (ii) A communication trench from QUARRY to about 56 on MOUQUET FARM road and on to new parallel.
- (iii) A communication trench from 34 in BOX LANE to new parallel about 34.a.l.9.
- (iv) A front line trench from 77 towards 55.
- (v) Two lines of assembly trenches behind 59 - 91 - 01 - distance from it 50 yards by 100 yards.
- (vi) Join up existing lines behind 01 - 21 - 81 to make two similar assembly trenches behind right flank - these to be joined to those at (v) above.

2. Working parties will be found for their different tasks as under :-

- (i) CAVALRY
- (ii) PIONEER BATTALION
- (iii) ~~Troops in front line (12th AUS. INF. BDE.)~~
- (iv) ~~Troops in front line (12th AUS. INF. BDE.)~~
- (v) First parallels to be done by troops in front line, remainder by parties from 14th and 15th Battalions.
- (vi) 14th and 15th Battalions.

3. 14th and 15th Battalions will each find a working party of 2000 men a night.

4. Work will be carried out under instructions of C.R.E. working in conjunction with the G.O.C., Left Brigade. The C.R.E. will issue necessary programmes and arrange for guides to show parties their work tasks.

5. Work will commence this evening and be carried on, if possible, during the day tomorrow.

Sgt H. K. Bernard
Lieut-Colonel,
G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



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4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	Sheet	Map Square 1/40,000	REMARKS.
Divisional Headquarters	TARA HILL		
4th. Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	RUBEMPRE		
13th. Battalion	WARLOY		
14th. "	WARLOY		
15th. "	WIRE TRENCH		
16th. "	RUBEMPRE		
4th. M.G. Company	WARLOY		
4th. Light T.M. Battery	RUBEMPRE		
12th. Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	In the line	2 Battalions	will be released by 2 Bns. during night 1st/2nd
45th. Battalion			
46th. "			
47th. "			
48th. "			
12th. M.G. Company			
12th. Light T.M. Battery			
13th. Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	ALBERT BRICKFIELDS	2 Bns.	going into the line 1st/2nd
49th. Battalion			
50th. "			
51st. "			
52nd. "			
13th. M.G. Company			
13th. Light T.M. Battery			
Lahore Div. Art. H.Q.	X 24 D. 73.		
5th. R.F.A. Brigade	X 15. C. 02		
11th. " "	X 14. C. 64		
18th. " "	X 20 D. 89		
Div. Ammn. Column	W. 26 A 21		
4th. Aus. Div. Sub. Park	STOVEN.		
V4A. Heavy T.M. Battery	R 34 C. 04		
X4A. Medium T.M. Battery	R 34 A 04		
Y4A. " " "	ALBERT.		
Z4A. " " "	R. 32 B. 13		
Div. Engineers H.Q.	TARA HILL		
4th. Field Company	LA. BOISELLE		
12th. " "	BECOURT WOOD		
13th. " "	TARA HILL		
4th. Div. Signal Company	TARA HILL		
4th. Aus. Pioneer Bn.	TARA VALLEY		
Div. Train H.Q.	SENLIS.		
14th. Coy. A.A.S.C.	RUBEMPRE		
7th. " "	SENLIS		
26th. " "	—		
27th. " "	ACHEUX		
Railhead			
4th. Aus. Field Ambulance	WARLOY		
12th. " " "	BECOURT CHATEAU + N. ALBERT.		5 Brickfields or 3rd
13th. " " "	HARPOVILLE		
4th. Aus. Mob. Vet. Section	TARA HILL		
4th. Aus. Salvage Comp.ny	TARA HILL		

6 pm. 2nd Sept., 1916.

M. McRae
Major-General.
Comdg. 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

To :-

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4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 23.

Headquarters,
1st. SEPTEMBER, 1916.

Reference 1/5,000 Map.

1. The 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade will on morning of Sep. 3rd. attack the line R.28.c.95 - 68 - 36 - 03, R.27.d.94-73 - 42 - 12, R.33.b.29 - 28, thence connecting with R.33.a.77.
2. From point R.28.c.95 on the right a defensive flank will be formed to join with the present Eastern front.
3. The attack will be delivered in accordance with Barrage Map, issued separately. Zero time will be notified later. *5:10 AM*
4. The attack will be launched from a set of trenches dug parallel to the enemy's position.
5. The main attack against MOUQUET FARM will be in great strength and depth and will be launched from a trench dug between R.33.b.55 and R.33.a.77. A small party will also rush the farm from near R.33b.59. directly the barrage permits of it.
6. A very strong "Mopping up Party" will be detailed to clear the collars and dug-outs in and near the farm, as far as point R.27.d.12 inclusive. Very rapid consolidation of this locality is essential to success.
7. In order to avoid running through our own barrage on the farm, the troops attacking on the right of the farm will advance with their left on the line R.27.d.6.0. - $5\frac{1}{2}$.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.
8. The Brigade Reserve will be placed on the line of "THE LOOP" and "PARK LANE"; they will improve this line as soon as they get into position.
9. No. 2 Company, 5th. Battalion, Special Brigade, R.E. will, in the event of the wind being favourable, co-operate from SKY LINE TRENCH so as to establish a thick curtain of smoke across R.33.a.54 to 47 and in rear of that line.
10. Overhead machine gun fire will be arranged against trenches running North from R.27.d.75 - 42 and 12, and against the FESTE ZOLLERN locality. Machine guns will also be used to cover both flanks of the attack.
11. The following communication trenches will be used by troops moving up to the front and for any subsequent requirements.
 - Right - CENTRE WAY and thence along O.G.2. (G.O.C. 1st. Canadian Infantry Brigade will issue instructions for traffic along O.G.2. to be facilitated as much as possible).
 - Centre- Across Country to KAYS DUMP, TOM'S CUT, BOX LANE.
 - Left - Across Country to KAYS DUMP then joining KAYS TRENCH N. of the junction with TOM'S CUT.

A General Staff Officer is placed at the disposal of G.O.C. 13th. Aus. Infantry Brigade to assist in the regulation of traffic.

12. Water found in MOUQUET FARM or vicinity is not to be drunk until reported fit by a Medical Officer.

P.T.O.

Appendix No. 3

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2, 4 + 8 hrs after 2000.

13. Contact patrols will be in the air at 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. on 3rd. instant at which hour red flares will be shown by the advanced troops.

14. Time will be checked with the 4th. Aus. Div. Signal Company at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. tomorrow.

15. Acknowledge.

OK Bernard

Lieut-Colonel.
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 9 p.m.

Extra Copies to:-

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- 23) 1st. A.N.Z.A.C.
- 24)
- 25. A.N.Z.A.C., H.A.
- 26. 15th. Division.
- 27. 25th. Division.
- 28. Special Brigade R.E.
- 29. 2nd. Aus. Div. Artillery
- 30. 1st. Canadian Division
- 31. 1st. Canadian Infantry Brigade
- 32. 2nd. Canadian Infantry Brigade
- 33. 3rd. Canadian Infantry Brigade

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 1st. Canadian Infantry Brigade will have
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 (as much as possible).

Country to KAYS DUMP, TOM'S CUT, BOX LAKE.

Country to KAYS DUMP then joining KAYS TRENCH
 the junction with TOM'S CUT.

is placed at the disposal of O.G.S. 15th
 to assist in the regulation of traffic.

and in MOUNT FARM or vicinity is not to be
 by a Medical Officer.

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Copy No. 19

ARTILLERY ORDER No.11
by
G.O.C.R.A. 1st ANZAC.

1st September 1916.

1. 4th Australian Division are renewing the attack on the 3rd instant at zero hour, which will be notified.
2. Objective :- The line R.28.c.95 to 66 to 36 to 03 to R.27.b.73 to 42 to 12 to present line about R.33.t.00.75.
3. This line and the MOUQUET FARM, including the dugouts north of it, are being heavily bombarded during the days prior to the attack.
4. Table of bombardment and barrages is attached.
5. The dividing line between the barrages of the Lahore Divisional Artillery and the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery is the line of the road R.28.c.39.36.24 inclusive to both.
6. Rates of fire for 18-prs from 0. to 0.8 will be the quickest possible; 0.8 to 0.30 two rounds per gun per minute; 0.30 to 1 hour one round per gun per minute; after 1 hour - as required.
7. Flares will be shown in captured trenches at ~~7.0 a.m.~~ ^{2.4 + 10 hrs after zero.} and 10.0 a.m. on the 3rd instant.
8. Counter batteries will be standing by to engage hostile batteries.
9. Acknowledge by wire please.

CA 904 MB

W. J. Cunningham
Captain.

for Staff Officer R.A. 1st Anzac.

Issued as under:-

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25	III Corps R.A.
26	R.A. Reserve Army.
27	7th Sqdn. R.F.C.
28	13th Kite Balloon Section.
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TIME TABLE FOR ATTACK ON 3rd SEPT. 1916.

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	Time.	Objective.	Rate of fire.	Remarks.
A. 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. 18-prs 2 Brigades.	0. to 0.5	On the new trench from R.28.d.40.45 to the road about R.28.c.20.45 and from R.28.d.40.45 to R.28.d.45.00	Quickest rate possible.	RED & BLUE Line.
	0.5 to 0.8	On the line of the trench R.28.d.35.70 to the road at R.28.c.3.6 and from R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.d.45.00	do.	GREEN Line.
	0.8 on	On the line from R.28.d.35.70 to the road at R.28.c.25.75 and from R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.d.45.00	As laid down	BROWN LINE.
1 Brigado.	0. to 0.8	On the line of the trench R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.c.36 and R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.d.45.00	Quickest rate possible.	GREEN Line.
	0.8 on	On the trench from R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.d.88 and the trench from R.28.d.30.55 to R.28.d.60.25	As laid down.	BROWN Line.
4.5" Hows. 2 Btys.	0. to 0.4	On the line of the trench from R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.c.36	Quickest rate possible	
	0.4 to 1 hr.	Searching and sweeping for 200 yards on each side of a line running from R.28.Central to R.28.d.57	1 round per gun per min.	
B. Lahore Arty. 18-Br R.Group. L.Group.	0. to 0.5	On the trench from the road about R.28.c.25.50 to R.27.d.42	Quickest rate possible.	RED & BLUE Line.
	0.5 to 0.8	On the line from R.28.c.36 to R.27.d.3.4	do.	GREEN Line.
	0.8 on	On the line from R.28.c.30.75 to R.27.d.40.55	As laid down.	BROWN Line.
	0. to 0.2	R.33.b.38 to R.33.a.65.90 to R.33.a.47 to R.33.a.54 and 27	Quickest rate possible.	RED Line.
	0.2 to 0.4	R.33.b.40.93 to R.27.c.80.02 to R.33.a.47 to R.33.c.54 and 27	do.	BLUE Line.
	0.4 to 0.6	R.27.d.35.05 to R.27.c.95.15 to R.33.a.47 to R.33.c.54 and 27	do.	YELLOW Line.
	0.6 to 0.8	R.27.d.42 to R.27.d.12 to R.33.a.47 to R.33.a.54 and 27	do.	GREEN Line.
18th Divnl. Artillery.	0.8 on	R.27.d.40.55 to R.27.d.05.45 to R.33.a.27 and from 47 to 54	As laid down.	
	0. to 0.4	Searching and sweeping the area R.33.b.40.93 to R.27.c.80.02 to R.27.d.12 to R.27.d.42	Quickest rate possible.	
	0.4 to 0.6	Searching and sweeping the area R.27.d.35.05 to R.27.c.95.15 to R.27.d.12 to R.27.d.4.2	do.	
	0.6 to 0.8	On the trenches R.27.d.42 to 12, 4.2 to 45.55 and 1.2 to 05.45	do.	
4.5" Hows.	0.8 on	On the trenches R.27.d. 45.55 to 6.9, R.27.d.05.45 to R.27.c.65.65	As laid down.	
	0. to 0.4	On the area R.27.d.42 to 12 to 11 to 31	Quickest rate possible.	
	0.4 to 1 hr.	On points R.27.d.79, 69, and 05.45	1 round per gun per hour	

minute

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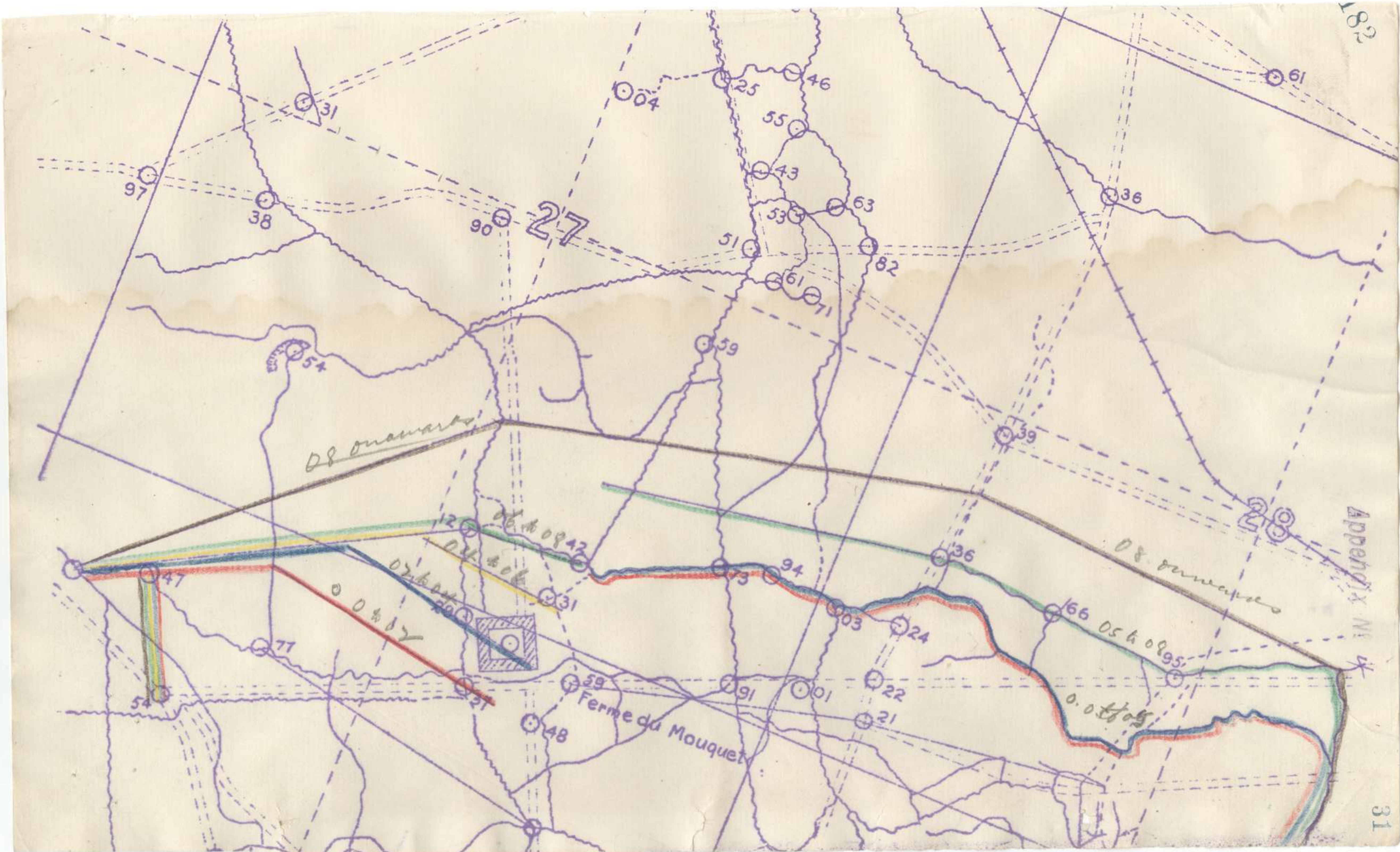
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TIME TABLE FOR ATTACK ON 3-9-16 CONTINUED.

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	Time.	Objective.	Rate of fire.	Remarks.
4.5" Hows. continued.	0. to 1 hour.	On the points R.33.a.24, 15 and 14	1 round per gun per hour.	
	0. to 1 hour.	On the quarry at R.27.c.54	do.	
	0. to 1 hour.	On the new trenches in N.W. portion of R.27.d.	do.	
G. Heavy Hows.	0. to 0.2	On the line of the trench R.28.c.36 to R.27.d.94 to 42 to 12.	Quickest rate possible.	
Medium Hows.	0. to 0.2	On the line of the trench R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.c.36.	do.	
Heavy and Medium Hows.	0.2 to 1 hour.	On the trench R.27.c.85.65 to R.27.b.50.05, on points R.27.b.43.53.63.82.71.61.51 and on R.28.d.40.75 and 100 yards N. and E. of that point.	30 rounds per Battery.	
D. 60-Prs.	0. to 1 hour.	On the distant approaches from COURCELETTE and from the North.	100 rounds.	

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"C" Form (Duplicate). Army Form C. 2123. (In books of 50's in duplicate.)
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.



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No. of Message 98
Office Stamp.

Service Instructions.

Handed in at ... Office ... m. Received ... m.

TO 4th and 3rd

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number AAA

Ref artillery order no 11
of 1st last para 7
for 7 and and 10
and read two hours four
hours and eight hours after
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FROM PLACE & TIME 1st Anglian Reg 5-157

Wt. 432-M437 500,000 Pads. H W V 5/16 Forms C.2123.

4th. Aust. Divn.

Reference "Time table for attack on 3-9-1916" issued with Artillery Order No.11.

4.5" Howitzers :-	0.4 to 1 hour	} In column "Rate of fire" for "hour" read "minute".
	0. to 1 hour.	



R.A. 1st Anzac.
2-9-16.

W. J. Matthews
Captain.
for Staff Officer R.A. 1st Anzac.

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APPY

SECRET.

Headquarters,

4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

1st. SEPTEMBER, 1916.

To ALL UNITS,

13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

The G.O.C. wishes the following to be specially impressed upon all ranks :-

"It must by now be within the experience of all that almost any points gained in the enemy's position can be retained, provided the troops are thoroughly determined and consolidation is rapid".

The importance of holding on in this way to all or any such positions during the attack we are about to make cannot be overestimated.

OK Donald.

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

Headquarters,
1st SEPTEMBER 1916.SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.for week ending 6 p. m. 1st September 1916.

28th/29th The 4th Aus. Division took over line X.6.A.85 - R.55 D 24 - C 29 - R34 D89 - B71 - 24 R28 D20 C73 C40 - 21 - R33 - B59 - B68 - B55, through the QUARRY and up to 77 from 2nd Aus. Division at 12 noon on 28th inst. We also had positions established in shell holes between 55 and 77. Throughout the day and night enemy artillery was very active and caused a good deal of damage to the northern part of our line.

29th/30th Much work was done during the day on the fire and communication trenches. During the afternoon the weather became very showery and later in the evening heavy rain began to fall. The 12th Brigade took over half of the 7th Brigade front, and we then had 6 Battalions of three Brigades in the front line.

At 11 p.m. the 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade attacked enemy line R28 c95 - 36 - 03, R27 d73 - 42 - 12, R33 b28, 33 A 77 - 54 - c69. During the day our artillery dispersed their fire all along the line, and from 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 3 p.m. 4 p.m. heavy artillery fire was kept up on objective. The attack was carried out by the 13th and 16th Battalions, and was launched at 11 p.m. An intense artillery barrage was kept up on and slightly in front of the objective for 5 minutes. The infantry were greatly handicapped by the wet and sticky condition of the ground. They were not able to get into position for the attack with the usual ease; nor were they able to get across No Man's Land and rush the objective with the usual dash as the barrage lifted. In crossing No Man's Land they suffered fairly heavily in casualties, both from H.C. and artillery fire. The enemy's trenches were entered all along the line, but owing to heavy casualties, they were unable to hold on to ground gained, and were forced to fall back on to their original line.

30th/31st The weather continued to be very bad and the rain heavy. The trenches and also No Man's Land became very sticky. Work on communications etc. was practically impossible. A special party was sent up during the day to construct new trenches opposite MOUQUET FARM with a view to establishing a good jumping-off trench, but owing to the bad weather this was impossible.

31st/1st A very quiet day. The trenches still in a very muddy condition. Construction of trenches and improvement of communications still very difficult. Special parties still going on with the construction of hopping off and communication trenches and a good deal of progress was made with these works.

Chick
Major,
C.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Daily Casualty Report.

U N I T S.	Total Casualties to Noon <u>31/8/16</u>					Casualties reported for 24 hours ending Noon <u>1/9/16</u>					Total Casualties to date.								
	Killed.		Wounded.		Missing.		Killed.		Wounded.		Missing.		Killed.		Wounded.		Missing.		
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	
Div. Artillery,				4						1						5			
" T.Mortars (Invy. & Med.)																			
" Engineers.	1		1				2		5		1		3		6		1		
" Signal Co.																			
" Field Ambces.																			
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.	2			10			1		2		1		3		12		1		
4th Aus. Inf. Bde.																			
4th M.G. Company,		1		10										1		10			
13th Battalion,		7	7	211										7	7	211			
14th "		12		96										12		96			
15th "		2		55										2		55			
16th "	2		4	300	2								2	4	300	2			
4th A.L.T.M.Bty.				6											6				
12th Inf. Bde. H.Q.																			
12th M.G. Company,		1		1										1		1			
45th Battalion,		3		12										3		12			
46th "		6	2	37		4			3					6	2	37		4	
47th "			1	13					2					1		13			
48th "				2					1							2			
12th A.L.T.M.Bty.									1										
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13th M.G. Company,																			
49th Battalion,																			
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52nd "																			
13th A.L.T.M.Bty.																			
4th Aust. Div. Train																			
	2	35	15	758	2	4			10	1	92		8	2	45	16	850	2	12

1st September 1916.

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

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1st Canadian Bde. Casualties
1/9/16

	Killed	Wounded
1st Bn	4	5
2nd Bn	5	12
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HEADQUARTERS, I ANZAC.
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SECRET.

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ARTILLERY ORDER No.11
by
G.O.C.R.A. 1st ANZAC.

1st September 1916.

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3. This line and the MOUQUET FARM, including the dugouts north of it, are being heavily bombarded during the days prior to the attack.
4. Table of bombardment and barrages is attached.
5. The dividing line between the barrages of the Lahore Divisional Artillery and the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery is the line of the road R.28.c.59.36.24 inclusive to both.
6. Rates of fire for 18-prs from 0. to 0.8 will be the quickest possible; 0.8 to 0.30 two rounds per gun per minute; 0.30 to 1 hour one round per gun per minute; after 1 hour - as required.
7. Flares will be shown in captured trenches at 7.0 a.m. and 10.0 a.m. on the 3rd instant.
8. Counter batteries will be standing by to engage hostile batteries.
9. Acknowledge by wire please.

GA 1000 ✓
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W. J. ... Captain.
for Staff Officer R.A. 1st Anzac.

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TIME TABLE FOR ATTACK ON 3rd SEPT. 1916.

	Time.	Objective.	Rate of fire.	Remarks.	
A. 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. 18-prs 2 Brigades.	0. to 0.5	On the new trench from R.28.d.40.45 to the road about R.28.c.20.45 and from R.28.d.40.45 to R.28.d.45.00	Quickest rate possible.	RED & BLUE Line.	
	0.5 to 0.8	On the line of the trench R.28.d.35.70 to the road at R.28.c.3.6 and from R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.d.45.00	do.	GREEN Line.	
	0.8 on	On the line from R.28.d.35.70 to the road at R.28.c.25.75 and from R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.d.45.00	As laid down	BROWN LINE.	
	1 Brigade.	0. to 0.8	On the line of the trench R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.c.36 and R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.d.45.00	Quickest rate possible.	GREEN Line.
		0.8 on	On the trench from R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.d.88 and the trench from R.28.d.30.55 to R.28.d.60.25	As laid down.	BROWN Line.
4.5" Hovs. 2 Btys.	0. to 0.4	On the line of the trench from R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.c.36	Quickest rate possible		
	0.4 to 1 hr.	Searching and sweeping for 200 yards on each side of a line running from R.28.Central to R.28.d.57	1 round per gun per min.		
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	0.5 to 0.8	On the line from R.28.c.36 to R.27.d.3.4	do.	GREEN Line.	
	0.8 on	On the line from R.28.c.30.75 to R.27.d.40.55	As laid down.	BR OWN Line.	
	0. to 0.2	R.33.b.38 to R.33.a.65.90 to R.33.a.47 to R.33.a.54 and 27	Quickest rate possible.	RED Line.	
	0.2 to 0.4	R.33.b.40.93 to R.27.c.80.02 to R.33.a.47 to R.33.c.54 and 27	do.	BLUE Line.	
	0.4 to 0.6	R.27.d.35.05 to R.27.c.95.15 to R.33.a.47 to R.33.c.54 and 27	do.	YELLOW Line.	
	0.6 to 0.8	R.27.d.42 to R.27.d.12 to R.33.a.47 to R.33.a.54 and 27	do.	GREEN Line.	
	0.8 on	R.27.d.40.55 to R.27.d.05.45 to R.33.a.27 and from 47 to 54	As laid down.		
18th Divnl. Artillery.	0. to 0.4	Searching and sweeping the area R.33.b.40.93 to R.27.c.80.02 to R.27.d.12 to R.27.d.42	Quickest rate possible.		
	0.4 to 0.6	Searching and sweeping the area R.27.d.35.05 to R.27.c.95.15 to R.27.d.12 to R.27.d.4.2	do.		
	0.6 to 0.8	On the trenches R.27.d.42 to 12, 4.2 to 45.55 and 1.2 to 05.45	do.		
	0.8 on	On the trenches R.27.d. 45.55 to 6.9, R.27.d.05.45 to R.27.c.65.65	As laid down.		
4.5" Hovs.	0. to 0.4	On the area R.27.d.42 to 12 to 11 to 31	Quickest rate possible.		
	0.4 to 1 hr.	On points R.27.d.79, 69, and 05.45	1 round per gun per hour		

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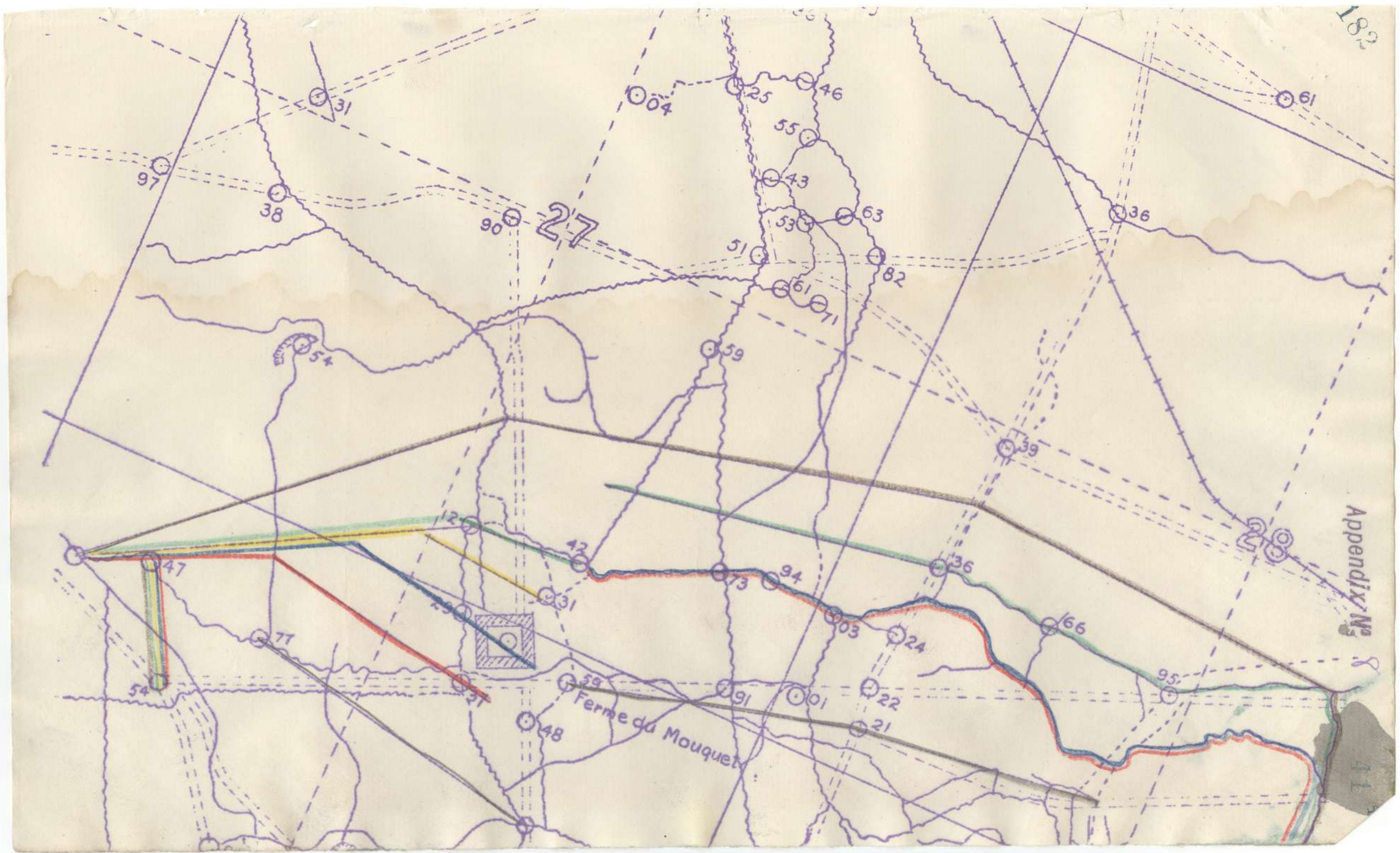
TIME TABLE FOR ATTACK ON 3-9-18 CONTINUED.

	Time.	Objective.	Rate of fire.	Remarks.
4.5" Hows. continued.	0. to 1 hour.	On the points R.33.a.24, 15 and 14	1 round per gun per hour.	
	0. to 1 hour.	On the quarry at R.27.c.54	do.	
	0. to 1 hour.	On the new trenches in N.W. portion of R.27.d.	do.	
C. Heavy Hows.	0. to 0.2	On the line of the trench R.28.c.36 to R.27.d.94 to 42 to 12.	Quickest rate possible.	
Medium Hows.	0. to 0.2	On the line of the trench R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.c.36.	do.	
Heavy and Medium Hows.	0.2 to 1 hour.	On the trench R.27.c.85.65 to R.27.b.50.05, on points R.27.b.43.53.63.82.71.61.51 and on R.28.d.40.75 and 100 yards N. and E. of that point.	30 rounds per Battery.	
D. 60-Prs.	0. to 1 hour.	On the distant approaches from COURCELETTE and from the North.	100 rounds.	

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Service Instructions.

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TO 4th Aust Div

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

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Divisional Headquarters	TARA HILL.		
4th. Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	} Les 15 th Bn	RUBEMPRE	15 th Bn at WARLOY
13th. Battalion			
14th. "			
15th. "			
16th. "			
4th. M.G. Company			
4th. Light T.M. Battery			
12th. Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	} ALBERT.		
45th. Battalion			
46th. "			
47th. "			
48th. "			
12th. M.G. Company			
12th. Light T.M. Battery			
13th. Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	} X 15. Central N. POZIERES. ALBERT. N.W. POZIERES N.N.W. POZIERES. } N. POZIERES.		
49th. Battalion			
50th. "			
51st. "			
52nd. "			
13th. M.G. Company			
13th. Light T.M. Battery			
Lahore Div. Art. H.Q.	} X 24. D. 73 X 15. C. 02 X 14. C. 64 X 24. D. 89 W. 20. A. 21 STOVEN. R 34. C. 61. R 34. A. 0.4 ALBERT R. 32. B. 23.		
5th. R.F.A. Brigade			
11th. " "			
18th. " "			
Div. Ammn. Column			
4th. Aus. Div. Sub. Park			
V4A. Heavy T.M. Battery			
X4A. Medium T.M. Battery			
Y4A. " " "			
Z4A. " " "			
Div. Engineers H.Q.	TARA HILL.		
4th. Field Company	} LA BOISELLE		
12th. " "			
13th. " "			
4th. Div. Signal Company			
4th. Aus. Pioneer Bn.	BECCOURT WOOD.		
	TARA HILL		
	TARA VALLEY.		
Div. Train H.Q.	SENLIS		
14th. Coy. A.A.S.C.	- - -		
7th. " "	RUBEMPRE		
26th. " "	} SENLIS.		
27th. " "			
Railhead	ACHEUX		
4th. Aus. Field Ambulance	} WARLOY		
12th. " " "			
13th. " " "			
4th. Aus. Mob. Vet. Section			
4th. Aus. Salvage Comp.ny	BECCOURT CHATEAU - N ALBERT - 5 Bruchfelden		
	HARPOVILLE		
	TARA HILL		

6 pm. 2nd Sept., 1916.

Major-General.
Comdg. 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

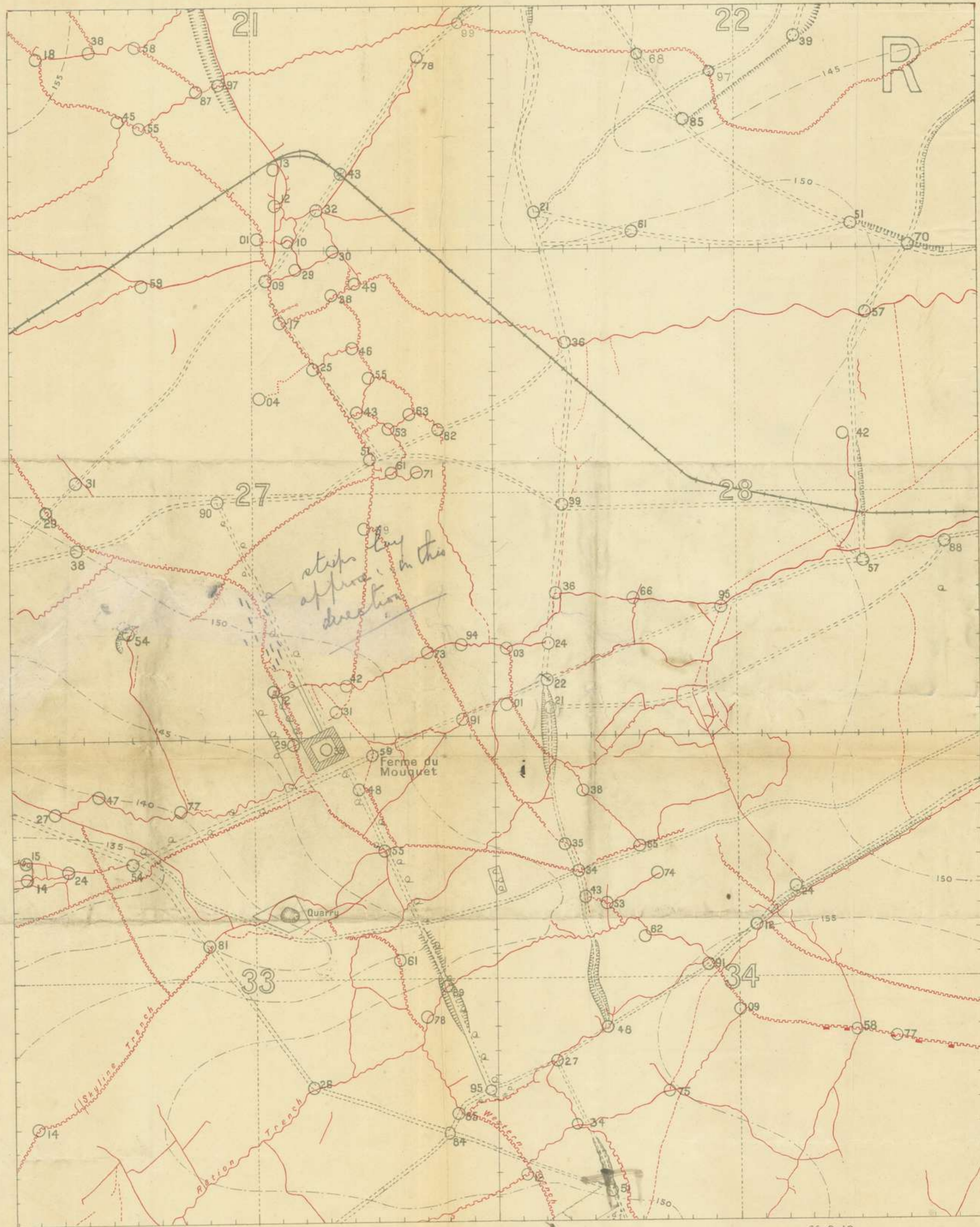
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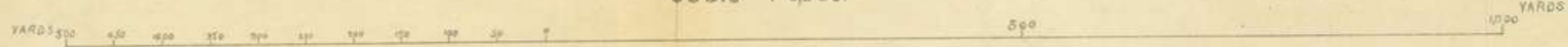
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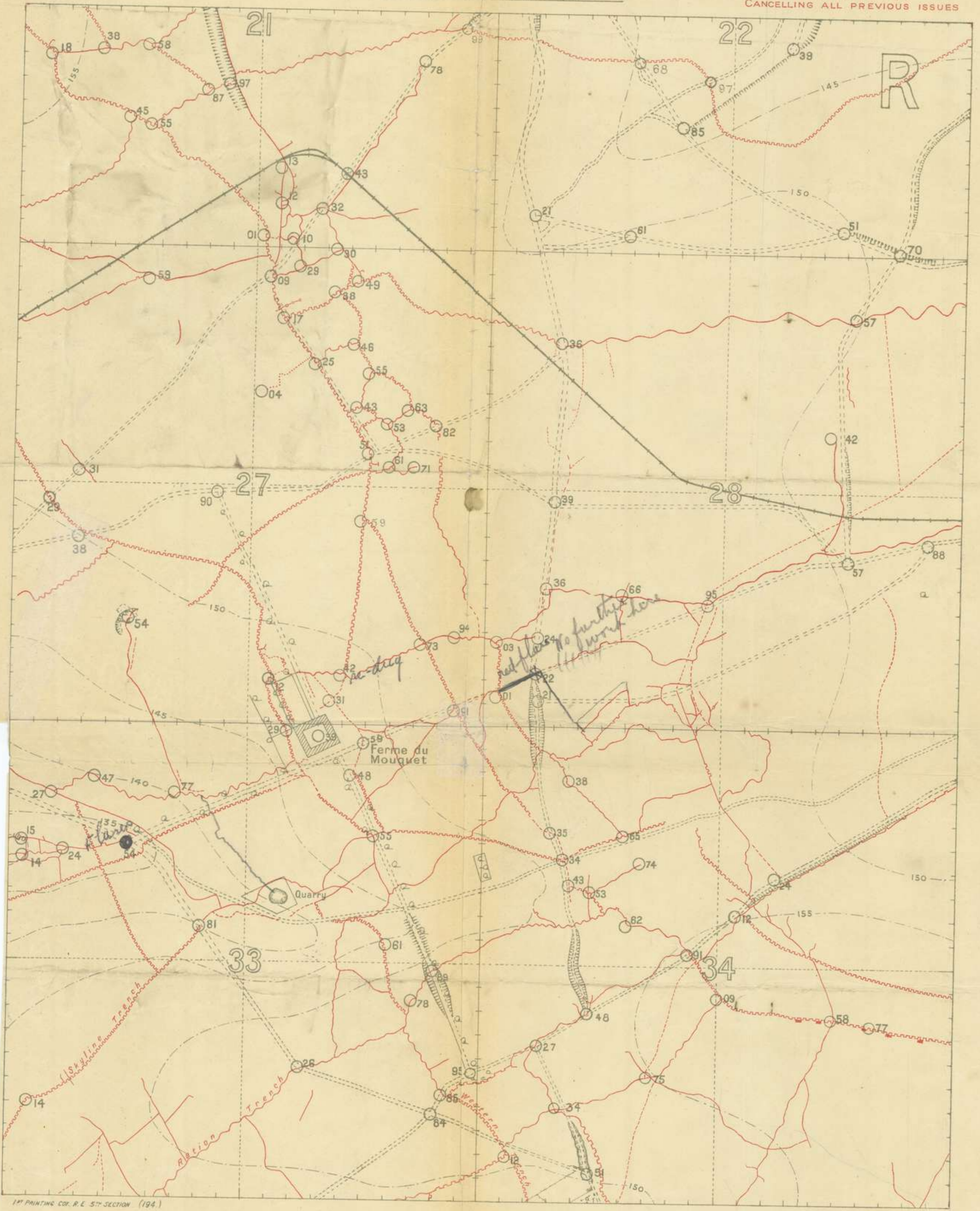
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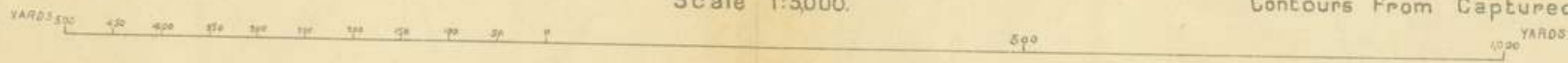


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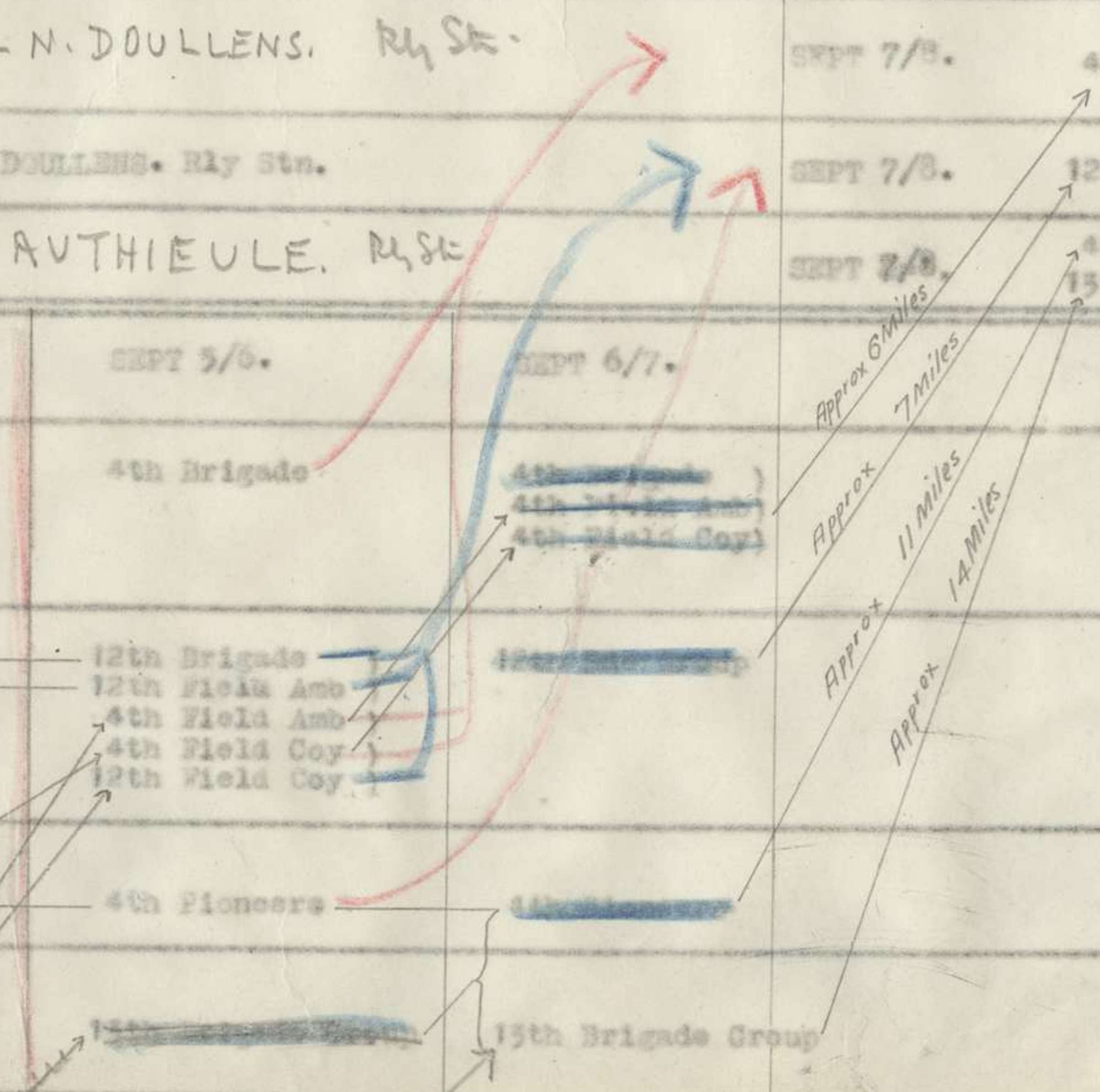
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TABLE SHOWING PROPOSED MOVES OF 4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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ENTRAINMENT AREA	LONGUEVILLE - N. DOULLENS. Rly Stn.	BEAUVAL - for S. DOULLENS. Rly Stn.	AMPLIER	SEPT 4/5.	SEPT 5/6.	SEPT 6/7.	SEPT 7/8.	SEPT 7/8.
								4th Brigade Group.
								12th Brigade Group.
								4th Pioneers. 15th Brigade Group.
<u>AREA</u>								
BONNEVILLE	4th Brigade	4th Brigade				4th Brigade 4th Field Coy		
TRUSMERE HEWISSART	12th Brigade 12th Field Amb.	12th Brigade 12th Field Amb 4th Field Amb 4th Field Coy 12th Field Coy				12th Brigade		
VADENCOURT	4th Field Coy 4th Pioneers	4th Pioneers				4th Pioneers		
WARLOY	4th Field Amb 12th Field Coy					15th Brigade Group		
GRICKFIELDS LINE	15th Field Coy 15th Field Amb	15th Brigade Group						



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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
for week ending 6 p.m. - 8th. SEPTEMBER, '16.

1st/2nd.

Construction of 'Jumping Off' trenches carried on with and practically completed. Enemy Artillery fairly active throughout the day, paying attention chiefly to the front and support lines. Very little shelling of rear areas, and it seemed certain that the enemy had moved many of his heavy guns further back as our back areas were seldom shelled.

2nd/3rd.

At 5.10 a.m. the 13th. Aus. Infantry Brigade attacked MOUQUET FARM and enemy trenches running R.28.c.95 - 36 - 03. R.27.d.73 - 42 - 12. R.33.b.28.a.77. and formed a defensive flank back to 81. The enemy line was held by 1st. Guard Reserve Regiment, 1st. Guard Reserve Division. The attack was carried out by three Battalions and 1 Battalion in reserve, the 49th. Battalion attacking the right, the 52nd. Battalion the centre, and the 51st. Battalion the left, including the FARM, the 50th. Battalion Reserve. The 13th. Brigade relieved the 12th. Brigade, and were in position for the attack at 12.30 a.m. The night was an exceptionally quiet one and there were very few casualties during the relief. At 5.10 a.m. the intense Artillery barrage started and the assaulting troops 'hopped off'. They moved up close under the barrage and, as the barrage lifted they rushed their objective. Many of the Germans had, in the meantime, come up from their dug-outs and re-occupied their trenches and heavy fighting ensued, with bombs and bayonets. The assaulting waves passed quickly over MOUQUET FARM followed up by the 'Mopping Up Parties' who paid particular attention to the Dug-outs. The whole of the objective was captured but the left and centre Battalions failed to link up with each other owing to a space of about 100 yards that had been left between them to allow the Artillery barrage on the left of the objective to be effective. The whole of the Garrison of MOUQUET FARM was captured and prisoners were also taken from other parts of the line - total prisoners captured about 2 Officers and 100 other ranks. As soon as the objective was gained steps were immediately taken to consolidate and open up Communication trenches back to the old line. Enemy's Artillery fire along the whole of the trenches captured became intense and he established an intense barrage between them and our old line. As soon as this barrage was established the enemy launched a strong counter-attack which was directed chiefly against the opening between the left and centre Battalions. The attack against the left and right portions of the line were repulsed by Machine gun fire with heavy losses to the enemy, but the enemy managed to get a footing in the centre of the line. While this counter attack was being carried out some of the enemy must have come down through existing tunnels into MOUQUET FARM and opened fire on the left of the line from the rear. Some of the enemy also managed to push through the gap in the line and the left of the line was forced to retire. In doing so the casualties were fairly heavy. The line then ran R.28.c.95 - 66 - 36 - 03 - 01. R.27.d.97. R.33.b.59 - 48 - 55 past the Quarry and up to R.33.a.77. The reserve Battalion had been used up in reinforcing all of three Battalions in the line, and it was found necessary to reinforce the line between the right and centre Battalions with two Canadian Coys. who bombed up from R.28.c.03 to R.27.d.73 and back to 91 and made that piece of the line good.

3rd/4th.

OPERATIONS - SUMMARY

3rd/4th. The enemy made repeated counter-attacks against the right of our line; all these attacks were easily repulsed and the line remained unchanged. The 1st. Cavalry Division took over the line from 4th. Aust. Division at 12 noon on 4/9/16.

Construction of 'jumping off' trenches carried on with and practically completed. Enemy Artillery fairly active throughout the day, paying attention chiefly to the front and support lines. Very little shelling of rear areas, and it seemed certain that the enemy had moved many of his heavy guns further back as our back areas were seldom shelled.

At 5.10 a.m. the 13th. Adv. Infantry Brigade attacked MOUNT WARRAM and enemy trenches running R. 23.05 - 26 - 07. R. 27.05 - 28. The 13th. Adv. Infantry Brigade was carried out by three Battalions and 1 Battalion in reserve, the 4th. Battalion attacking the right, the 5th. Battalion the centre, and the 6th. Battalion the left, including the 7th. Battalion Reserve. The 13th. Brigade relieved the 12th. Brigade, and were in position for the attack at 12.30 a.m.

The night was an exceptionally quiet one and there were very few casualties during the relief. At 5.10 a.m. the 13th. Adv. Infantry Brigade started and the assaulting troops 'hopped off'. They moved up close under the barrage and, as the barrage lifted they reached their objective. Many of the Germans had, in the meantime, come up from their dug-outs and re-occupied their trenches and heavy fighting ensued, with bombs and bayonets.

The assaulting waves passed quickly over MOUNT WARRAM followed up by the 'hopping up parties' who paid particular attention to the dug-outs. The whole of the objective was captured but the left and centre Battalions failed to link up with each other owing to a space of about 100 yards that had been left between them to allow the Artillery barrage on the left of the objective to be effective. The whole of the Garrison of MOUNT WARRAM was captured and prisoners were taken from other parts of the line - total prisoners captured about 2 Officers and 100 other ranks. As soon as the objective was gained steps were immediately taken to consolidate and open up communication trenches back to the old line.

Enemy Artillery fire along the whole of the trenches captured became intense and he established an intense barrage between them and our old line. As soon as this barrage was established the enemy launched a strong counter-attack which was directed chiefly against the opening between the left and centre Battalions. The attack against the left and right portions of the line were repulsed by machine gun fire with heavy losses to the enemy, but the enemy managed to get a footing in the centre of the line. While this counter attack was being carried out some of the enemy must have come down through existing tunnels into MOUNT WARRAM and opened fire on the left of the line from the rear. Some of the enemy also managed to push through the gap in the line and the left of the line was forced to retire. In doing so the casualties were fairly heavy. The line then ran R. 23.05 - 26 - 07. R. 27.05 - 28. The 13th. Adv. Infantry Brigade and up to R. 27.05 - 28.

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

CASUALTIES.

From 27th August to 4th September, 1916.

U N I T.	KILLED.		WOUNDED.		MISSING.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
Divisional Engineers,	-	7	1	14	-	30
4th Aus. Inf. Bde.,	2	32	6	712	2	-
12th " " "	-	27	5	222	-	12
13th " " "	17	155	17	686	14	464
4th Pioneer Battalion,	-	8	-	20	-	2
12th Field Ambulance,	-	1	-	10	-	-
13th " "	-	-	-	6	-	15
T O T A L,	19	230	29	1670	16	523

Attached Units.

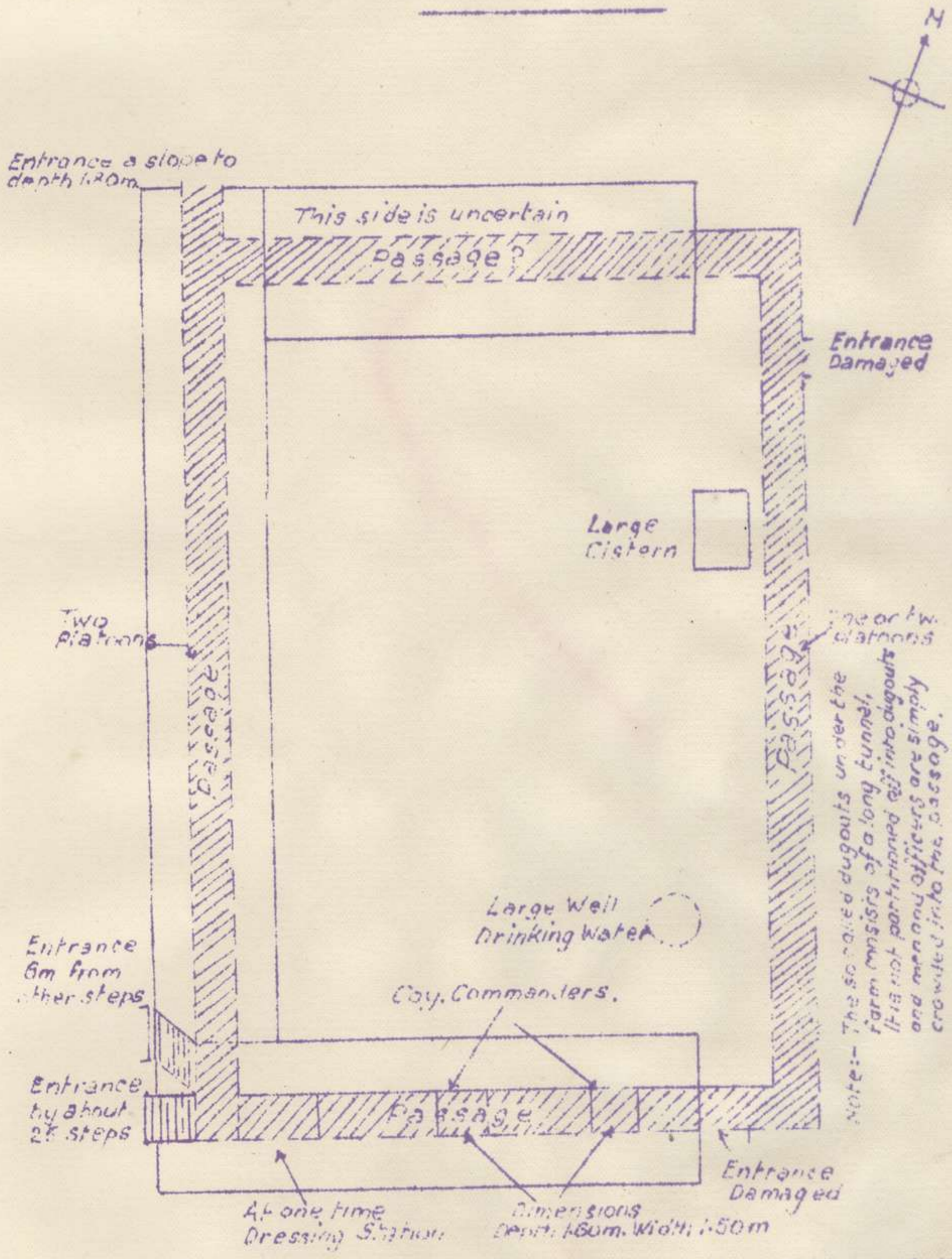
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7th Aus. Inf. Bde.,	-	5	4	64	-	1
2nd Aus. Div. Artillery,	-	-	2	7	-	-
1st Canadian Inf. Bde.,	4	41	4	234	-	-
T O T A L,	4	46	10	314	-	1
GRAND TOTALS,	23	276	39	1984	16	524

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Annexe to RESERVE ARMY Summary of the 5th September 19

Mouquet Farm. R. 33b. 3.9.

Original Farm Buildings and Present
Underground Galleries
(From Prisoner's Statements.)



Note:— The so-called dugouts under the farm consists of a long tunnel. It is not partitioned off into dugouts and men and officers are simply crowded into the passage.

Other Entrances to the passages exist, but have not been accurately located. The passages or tunnels lie under the cellars of the farm. The cellars, however had windows rising from the ground level, and were not deep underground. No sign of the cistern or well were visible to our men recently in the farm.