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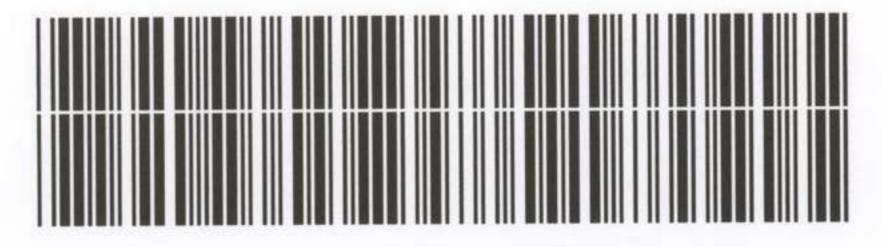
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Place	1918 Date Jany.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEEN WER CK	lst.		Cold day, with poor visibility.  The relief of the 9th.A.I.Brigade was completed without incident by 11.0 p.m.  Intelligence Summary No.43 shows details of Operations. (Appendix 1).  Notification appeared in the New Year's Honours List of the award to the Divisional Commander of the K.C.B.; Major G.F.G.WIECK and W.O., BELL were mentioned in Despatches.	Appx.1
	2nd.		Mild day, with showers at intervals.  The 170th. Brigade arrived in the area and changed over with the 9th.A.I. Brigade (which moved to the METEREN Area).  There was no activity in the forward areas.	and
PEENWERCK- MERRIS.	3rd.		Fine day.  At noon, the Divisional Commander handed over the command of the Sector to the G.O.C.,  57th. Division. Divisional Headquarters moved to MERRIS.  The 170th. Brigade relieved the 11th.A.I.Brigade in the Right Brigade Sector by 11.20  p.m. There was much delay in the relief owing to relieving Lewis Gun teams not bringing magazines, but having to return to their billets for them.  Arrangements were made with Australian Corps for special lecturers to lecture to Brigades under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A.,	ag
MERRIS.	4th.		Fine day, - but very cold.  The llth.A.F.Brigade completed its move to the LOCRE Area. Brigadier-General McNICOLL left for a 2 days' course at the Machine Gun School, CAMIERS; - this is the first of a series being held for the benefit of Commanders and Staffs.  The Army Commander visited the Divisional Commander at 4.30 p.m.  The B.G.G.S., forecasted by telephone that the Division would move forward into the PLOEGSTEERT Area about February 1st. While in the Support Division area the Division is responsible for action as shown in our S.G.32/202. (Appendix 5).  The location of units is as shown in Appendix 5.	Appx.6
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MERRIS.	5th.		Slight thaw. The relief of the Divisional Artillery was completed and the C.R.A. handed over command at 10.0 a.m.	ag		
	6th.		The A/G.S.O.I and the C.R.E. inspected the G.H.Q. Second Line and reported adversely on its condition. A copy of the report was sent on to Corps.  Our S.G.48/323 was issued. (Appendix 4).  LieutColonel G.H.N.JACKSON, who has been on leave since 6th.December, returned to the Division, pending notification of his new appointment.	Appx.4 Qag		
	7th.		As a result of the thaw, practically all ice and snow have disappeared. Six (6) Officers nominated for secret duty were taken to Corps Headquarters, where they interviewed Colonel BYRON (representing WAR OFFICE).  A new location list was issued - see Appendix 5a.  An Intelligence Course, postponed from 27th December 1917, will commendee on loth. Jany.  A copy of the organisation and syllabus is attached. (Appendix 3).	Appx. 5a Appx. 3		
	8th.		Heavy fall of snow.  Rev. E. G. MILES lectured to 200 officers and N.C.Os. of 9th.A.I.Brigade at the Y.M.C.A.  Hall, METEREN, on "Literature of the War". The lecture was very interesting.  The Divisional Commander accompanied the Corps Commander on an inspection of the 10th.  and 11th.A.I.Brigade Schools.  Owing to the bad weather, training is practically impossible, but reorganisation is being rapidly pushed on.  Location list issued. (Appendix 1b.)  Map "A" shows the present disposition of all units and Appendix 2 shows the training facilities available.	Appx.lb. Map "A" Appx.2.		
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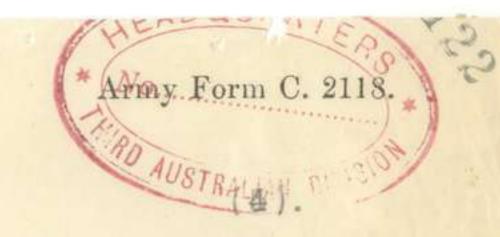
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ERRIS	15th	Heavy rain and wind.	Cary
	16th	Raining. LieutColonel C. H. JESS, D.S.O., reported for duty as G.S.O.I, vice LieutColonel G. H. N. JACKSON, appointed to command the 87th. Brigade.	any
	17th	Rain, with slight fall of snow. Major R. W. CONNELLY reported for duty as G.S.O.II Trainee.	and
	18th	The Demonstration Platoon assembled and was attached to the 35th. Battalion for billets, pay and discipline. The Platoon is under the command of Lieut. LILJA.	ang
	19th	N i l.	
	20th	LieutColonel G. H. N. JACKSON left to take over his new command. Divisional Order No. 71 issued. (Appendix 7a.)	Аррж.7а
	21st	Australian Corps Order No.8 received. (Appendix 7).	Appx.7.0
	22nd to 24th	N i l.	
	25th	An amended Support Division Scheme (Interposition) was drawn up. This Scheme will be handed over to the 2nd. Australian Division on the 29th instant.	aag
	26th.	N i l.	
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MERRIS	27th		Fine day. The 10th.A.I.Brigade relieved the Left Brigade, 2nd Australian Division, without incident.	ag
	28th		Fine day.  Major G.F.G.WIECK returned from leave and resumed duty.  The llth.A.I.Brigade moved into the Right Brigade Sector. As a result of hostile aeroplane observation of outgoing 2nd Australian Divisional troops, the llth.A.I.Brigade came in for a good deal of shelling at road junctions, (chiefly MOTOR CAR CORNER), and sustained about 20 casualties.  Intelligence Summary No.45 shows details of operations. (Appendix 1).	Appm.1
MERRIS AVELSBER	29th		Fine day. The Divisional Commander assumed command of the PLOEGSTEERT Sector at 10.0 a.m. Head-quarters moved to RAVELSBERG during the morning. Intelligence Summary No.46 shows details of operations. (Appendix 1).	Goog Appx.1
avelsber	30th		Fine day - observation fair.  The G.S.O.II and the C.R.E. inspected portions of the front line during the day.  Intelligence Summary No.47 shows details of operations. (Appendix 1).	Appx.1
	31st		Dull day and/cold. Intelligence Summary No.48 shows details of operations. (Appendix 1).	Appx.1
			GENERAL.	
			During the period out of the line, very little training could be carried out owing to the weather conditions. Many reinforcements joined up and consequently reorganisation received a good deal of attention. Officers' and N.C.Os' classes were held in each Brigade. The men went back into the line in excellent spirit and the general health was good. Owing to recent heavy rains, many of the trenches in the front line contained much water, and consistent and the general health was good.	alay
			ditions are not very comfortable. The attitude of the enemy does not appear to have changed from its previous passiveness.	
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Intelligence Summary No. 43 from 6 a.m. 1/1/18 to 6 a.m. 2/1/18

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#### 1. OPTRATIONS.

Artillery. In addition to carrying out concentration tests on the enery front line, our artillery fired on the following targets, viz: - suspected enemy 0.P. at 0.23.d.20.64 and on enemy M.V. omplecements at 1.21.b.65.00, 1.22.a.66.05, 1.22.a.40.30, 1.22.a.97.36, 1.22.c.50.95 and 1.22.c.92.40. 4.5" Howe. fired on an active enemy battery in 0.24.a. Houses at 0.18.d.15.31 and 0.30.a.10.80, where movement was observed, were subjected to bursts of fire. - Three direct hits on a house were obtained and a fire apparently started as large volumes of smoke were seen to rise from the spot; no further movement was observed at either place.

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During the night 18-pdrs dispersed a working party, reported by the Infantry, at INCIDENT TRUNCH immediately north of the WTZ

MACQUART - ARMINTITRES Road.

Trench Mortare. 19 rounds were directed against suspected coy.

H.Q. at I.ll.b.00.75 by our medium and heavy T.M.

At 4 p.m. 3" Stokes mortare fired 200 rounds on the enemy front line from I.21.b.20.03 to I.21.b.55.24; good results were observed.

Machine Guns. Our M.G. fired 10000 rounds on enemy tranways, woad junctions and approach routes. Tranway junction at I.16.d. 60.66, PARADISE ROAD from I.22.d.36.42 to I.28.b.70.96, and from I.28.b.72.92 to I.28.b.85.45, road junction at I.22.d.09.65 and WEZ MACQUART Cros. roads at I.22.b.93.76 received special attention.

90.30 at 1.45 a.m. Our L.G. dispersed an enemy working party at I.5.c.

Aircraft. Our aeroplance were active over the enemy's line throughout the day in spite of heavy machine gun fire directed on them by the enemy.

Patrols. Patrols report no sign of enemy patrols in NO MAN'S LAND. A Right Brigade patrol located an enemy working party in INCIDENT TRENCH immediately north of the WEZ MACQUART - ARMENTIERES ROAD. This was dispersed by artillery fire.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. N i 1.

#### 4. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Both Brigades report enemy artillery very quiet as far as forward area is concerned. There is, however, a slight increase in his shelling of areas further back. 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. guns from the direction of QUESNOY appear to have been more than usually active, firing mainly on the area C.20.c., between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m. and again between 1 and 2 p.m.

#### 5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

the period. There is a noticeable decrease in machine gun fire, and VERY lights were scarcely used.

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#### 6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Work. Memy working parties were dispersed at I.5.c.90.30, I.16.d. and in INCIDENT THENCH, immediately north of WEZ MACQUART-ARMENTIERES ROAD.

Enemy was doing less work in his front line than usual. The trench tranway at C.29.d.10.75, CENTRAL AVENUE, was also in use.

### '7, HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

memy aeroplanes crossed our lines several times during the morning and the early afternoon and were heavily engaged by our A.A.guns.

#### 8, MOVEMENT IN & BRHIND ENEMY LINES.

At 6.30 p.m. and at midnight, transport was heard by Right Bde listening posts behind the enemy lines, but could not be definitely located.

Trains moving on the LILLY-LYNS RAILYMY were heard several times during the day; traffic being heaviest between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

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Intelligence Summary No.45 from 6 a.m. 28/1/18 to 6 a.m. 29/1/18.

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### 1. OPERATIONS

Artillory. In anticipation of normal many relact, our artillory fired on enemy approaches from 5.50 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. Dagoat at U.12.a.94.35 was the centre of much activity. - At 9.15 a.m. a burst of shrapnol was fired on this target, dispersing a small party seen there. - The Augout was again fired on at 10.20 a.r., 10.45 a.m. and 11.15 a.m; several direct hits being obtained. A persistent working party at U.18.a.21.86 was fired on and dispersed on three different occasions. Harassing fire was put down on BONDI HOUSE ROad at U.12.b. 10.58. Active M.G. at U.30.b.19.58 was shelled at 3.15 a.m. and 5.50 a.m. and silenced on each occasion. M.W. at U.18.c.90.92, U.11.d.90.40, and U.18.c.80.70 were also silenced by our 18-pars.

Trench Mortars. Except for registration shoots on WARNETON TOWNS and SOAP HOUSE at c.5.c.70.18, no firing took place.

Machine Gons. The following targets were engaged: - dugouts at U.30.5.40.60 [600 rounds), U.30.4.20.30 - where much movement was observed throughout the day - (1000 rounds), junction of tracks at U.18.d.65.32 (500 rounds), junction of tracks and tranch at U.18.b. 62.03 (500 rounds), road junction at IN Dan ROOSTAR CABT. and the road ag far as U.12.d.80.85 (1500 rounds); in addition, the railway lins: In U.12.a. to railway crossing and road in U.12.b. and road junction at U.12.b.45.20, were fired on.

Patrols. (a). The Right Brigade patrols examined PAPER HOUSE at U.29.c.35.20, PLANTATION FARM at U.29.c.60.80, FONT ROUGH and MOAT FARM; no enemy was seen, but patrols report that enemy M.G. fired into MOAT FARM at intervals between 11.0 p.m. and 2.45 a.m.

(b). Thirtien patrols operated on the Best Brigade front. Ground in front of the Right Buttalion still very wet, but drying fast. A patrol sent out from U.17.b.75.45 at 6.30 p.m. to ascertain if the SPINNEY were occupied, saw two of the enemy leave a trench at about U.18.a.29.47 and double to south side of SPINNEY; shortly afterwards two men doubled back to the tronch. At 7,20 p.m. they saw a working party moving overland to front line at about U.18.a.28.36; party was dispersed by our artillery fire. A little later, patrol saw another party in the same locality; this was dispersed by L.G. fire. A man at U.18. .. 26.43 was fired on by the patrol and seen to drop. At 7.40 p.m. patrol fired on two of the enemy seen shovelling earth on the parapet at U.18.a.28.42; enemy disappeared into trench.

S. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

### E-HOUTILD SHELLING.

Enony artillery was more active than during previous period During the morning between 9.50 a.m. and: 12 noon, MOTOR CAR COMMER in C.14.a.90.90, GUINER'S FARM at C.2.d.30.20, were shelled by 77 mm. (20 rounds) and 10.5 cm. (60 rounds) from the direction of FRELINGHILM. Between 12 noon and 4.30 p.m. 100 rounds 77 mm. and 4.2 om. from the direction of DEVILLMONT and ST. BARBE fell on our trenches in U.17.a. and d. Between 6.45 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. about 20 or 30 rounds fell about GASOMITHR CORNER and MOTOR CAR CORNER from the same direction. 10.5 cm. from the direction of ThullingHIM fired 250 rounds on U.2.a. and d. between 10.15 a.m. and 1.50 p.m. and about the same number on LE BIZET at intervals during the day. Batwoon 10.0 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. 130 rounds 10.5 and 15 cm. fell about Malson 1875 at U.26.c. from the

### 5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

linemy artillery was far more active than during previous period.

#### 6. LINLIMY DEFLINORS.

Machine Guns. A few enemy M.C. were active. M.G. was located firing from DYE WORKS at 0.11.0.60.70; M.G. at SPIRNING MILL at U.18.0.93.87 fired frequent bursts between 10.0 p.m. and 1.0 a.m. on our front line, and at U.11.d.95.30 was active between 2.0 a.m. and 3.30 a.m. firing south along railway.

Minenworfer. At 10.0 a.m. 50 rounds medium from U.18.c.80.70 and U.18.c.90.83 fell in U.17.d. At 3.0 p.m. 20 rounds medium from U.11.d.90.42 fell in vicinity of U.17.b.50.75. M.W. reported quiet along the remainder of the front.

Work. New work seem at 0.5.b. ..15. Enemy appears to be working at night between U.11.b.78.30 and U.11.d.84.40, as sounds of hammering, clinking of tools, coughing and talking could be heard.

### 8. MOVEMENT IN & BEHIND LINEMY LINES.

Owing to low visibility, little novement was observed during the day. At 11.45 a.m. 6 men left dugout at U.12.a.94.35 carrying man on a stretcher. At 10.0 p.m. whoseled transport was heard on road in U.30.a. and c.

#### 10. SIGNALS.

At 11.45 p.m. string of golden lights was fired from on my's front line trenches opposite right brigade front; no action followed.

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#### THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Intelligence Summary No.46 from 6 a.m. 29/1/18 to 6 a.m. 30/1/18.

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OPERATION:

Harassing fire was used against cross-roads at BONDT HOUSE and those in WARNETON. 18-pdrs shelled the QUADRANGLE and WAUSTINE FME. At 11.30 a.m. a small working party at U.12.a.90.30 was fired on and dispersed. Reported 10.5 cm. in V.13.d. was fired on and silenced at 4.0 p.m. From midnight to 2.30 a.m. 200 rounds of gas shell were fired on enemy dugouts in V.7.a.40.70, V.1.c.80.80, V.7.b. 95.05, V.7.a.70.95 and V.1.d.50.40. The following active M.W. were shelled: U.12.c.95.50, U.12.c.55.72, U.12.c.80.20, U.18.c.90.83, U.18.c.90.65, and U.18.c.80.70.

Trench Mortars. 6" Newton Mortars fired 20 rounds at 3.0 p.m. on M.W.positions in U.12.c. and at 2.30 p.m. 7 rounds on UNKNOWN FARM U.20 d; in this latter shoot, 4 direct hits were recorded.

Machino Guns. Our M.G. carried out an organised shoot on selected targets; the more important being bridge at G.11.c.45.90 (1500 rounds) Dump at C.11.d.65.52 (1500 rounds), tracks and trench junction at U.18.b.62.03 (500 rounds), mound in U.12.a. (1500 rounds); - the rail-way line in U.12.a. and b., the road running north through U.12.b., road junction at U.12.b.45.20 and road through WARRETON at U.12.c. to U.12.d.80.85 were also engaged at intervals throughout the period. 1200 rounds were fired on C.11.a.45.00, where movement was observed.

Patrols. (a). Right brigade patrols examined PAPER HOUSE at U.29.c. 35.30, POLT ROUGE and MOAT FARM. A barricade running from PAPER HOUSE to the river was found to have a loophole every three feet; this barricade would command ground southward in the direction of WHITE FARM. -It was found difficult to reconnoitre FONT ROUGH on account of enemy M.G. directed on roads and buildings every few minutes. A narrow semicircular belt of wire was found west of bridgehead at U.29.b.60.35. A small gap in the north side of this is covered by M.G. firing from ruins at U.29.b.70.25. When in the vicinity of MOAT FARM, one of our patrols saw a Bosche patrol of 15 on the road at U.23.d.20.15; on sighting our patrol they ran towards MOAT FARM where thoy passed out of sight - it was afterwards discovered that they had discarded a large number of stick bombs as they retroated. Our patrol crossed the Moat at U.29.b.75.60, but found that the enemy had got clear. They then laid up in the Farm until enemy to pened fire on them from DOLL'S HOUSE. On account of moonlight, patrol was unable to ascertain how the enemy had crossed the river.

- (b). Thirteen patrols operated on the left brigade front throughout the night. Owing to the moonlight and the open nature of the ground, patrols were able to operate freely only on the left battalion front. NO MAN'S LAND about U.11.d.60.72 is badly shell-holed. At about 200 yards further east, the same distance north, the ground is in good condition.
- 2. IDENTIFICATIONS. N i 1.
- 4. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Enemy shelling, which was not as heavy as during previous period, was well distributed over the whole area, with the exception of the DOUVE VALLEY. A few rounds of 77 mm., 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. from the direction of FRELINGHIAN fell in MOTOR CAR CORNER, GUINER'S FARM, at C.2.d. MAISON 1875 at U.26.c. and L. BIZET at C.13.b.

#### 5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Enemy artillery fire was not as heavy as during vious period. On the other hand, his M.W. activity showed a considerable increase, especially on the left battalion front. Flares were more numerous than on the previous night.

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#### 6. BNEMY DEPENCES.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.C. at SOAP HOUSE AND BREMERY were reported very active throughout the night. M.G. from approximately U.12.c. 32.02 fired occasional bursts along the road running south to LA BASSA VILLA. Right battalion front was swept continuously between 6.30 p.m. and 8.0 p.m. by M.G. at approximately U.18.2.30.38 and U.11.d.97.42.

Minenworfer. Enemy M.W. were active on the left brigade front throughout the day and night. - At 8.45 a.m. 126 rounds were fired on left battalion sector from U.12.d.47.25. About 9.0 p.m. M.W. from near the TOWER at WARRETON fired heavily on U.11.d. and Coy. H.Q. at U.11.a.90.10; these were silenced by our artillery fire, but opened up again at intervals during the night.

Work. Enemy working parties at U.11.d.90.45, and U.18.a.30.50, were dispersed by L.G. fire. Between 3.0 u.m. and 5.0 a.m., sounds of work were heard from between U.11.b.70.22 and U.11.d.83.95.

#### 8. MOVEMENT IN & BUHIND ENEMY LINES.

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At 11.30 a.m. 2 men were seen to leave DURINZ FARM at 0.5.d.30.90 and disappeared in wood bohind. At 10.45 a.m. a man, apparently sentry, was seen standing at U.12.c.72.30. - Another, wearing a green uniform and cap with shiny badge, joined this man at 11.30 a.m. observed for three minutes, and then disappeared. The first man remained there until 4.0 p.m. Single men were seen moving at various points in rear of the enemy's front line trenches.

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### THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Intelligence Summary No.47. from 6 s.m. 30/1/18 to 6 a.m. 31/1/18.

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#### 1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Harnssing fire was directed on BORDI Crossroads, road at U.13.c.99.70, orossroads at V.13.a.10.60 and bridges at U.12.d.80.50 and U.18.a.95.60. During the afternoon, Bn H.Q. at BAS WARNETON Crossroads were engaged by 4.5 How. At 3.15 p.m. 18-pdrs obtained 6 direct hits on the GASOMETIR at U.12. a and on ruins at U.12.b.40.15. At 7.30 p.m. working parties at U.18.a. 90.50 and at WICART FARM were dispersed. Active H.W. in enemy trenches, mainly about WARNETON and DEULEMONT, were fired on and in 5 cases were affectively silonced.

Machine Guns. Our H.G. rired on the following/targets: - Dump at C.11.d.65.52 (600 rounds), road from U.30.a.40.00 to U.30.b. 00.40 (300 rounds in bursts during night). Frenches at U.30.c. 00.85 - where movement was noticed - (1500 rounds), road junction at U.12.b.40.23 and MOUND 20 in V.7.a. (1500 rounds). In addition the bridges at Cll.c.45.90 and C.6.b.60.60 and tracks in U.18.d. were also subjected to bursts of fire.

Trench Mortars. 3" Stokes Mortars rired 30 rounds on suspected M.W. position at U.12.c.60.10.

Patrols. (a). 4 patrols operated on the right brigade front. Working parties were heard between 7.0 p.m. and 11.0 p.m. at U.30.a. 80.60 and at U.29.b.65.25 between 1.0 and 2.0 a.m. Gounds of truck were heard at 2.0 a.m. being pushed along tramway parallel to front line trenches in U.30. c and a. MOAT FARM was thoroughly searched. Other patrols sent out heard sounds of working party at UNEROUN FARM (U.29.d.42.15). The ground between WHITE FARM at C.5.a 15.55 and BRICKFIKIDS at C.4.b.70.20 is in good condition for patrolling, but from BRICKFIKIDS to River, is practically impassable Patrols examined bridge at C.5.a.25.25. An old tree lies across the tram rail girders; bridge could be used in single file.

(b). Patrols of the Left Brigad heard enemy mount M.G. on the top of dugout at U.11.b.78.30; this gun was subsequently heard to fire. Another patrol sent out to mearch approaches to SPINNY in U.18.a.10.60 was evidently seen by enemy, who at this point were very alert, as flares were fired whenever it poved. Two of the enemy seen covering a working party, which was baling water from a trench at U.18.a.30.35; this party was dispersed by our artillery fire. A M.G. at U.18.a.20.85 fired short bursts between 7.0 p.m. and 9.0 p.m. Another patrol found that sunken transay, running MM. through north-east corner of U.17.b. on the road to the railway, is about 10 fest wide and has 2 feet of water in it. M.G. mentioned above was heard firing down the road towards LA RASK VIME and lights were sent up from the same place. Short bursts also came from M.G. at U.11.d.97.42. Patrols report NO MAN'S LAND to be drying rapidly.

#### 2. IDENTIFICATIONS. N 1 1.

#### 4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

WARNITON on LA BAUSE VILLE, and 12 rounds of 7.7 on PLANTATION
FARM, enemy did not shell our forward trenches. Shelling of rear
area was also much lighter than usual. 50 rounds of 15 cm. from
the direction of Manifester, fell in U.19.b. and U.20.a. during

31/1/1918.

the afternoon. 40 rounds of 15 cm. from the direction of FRB-LINGHILM and 30 rounds of 10.5 cm. from the direction of TWIN TARM (C.12.a.60.40), fell in U.26.c. and C.2.a. MOTOR CAR CORNER (30 rounds of 10.5 cm) and L. BIZLT (20 rounds of 10.5 cm), were shalled from the direction of FRELINGHIEN.

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Machine Guns. M.G. were located firing from UNKNOWN FARM of U.29.d.55.15. SCREENED FARM C.5.b.55.40, URAL HOUSE U.30.a.15.05. DURILZ FARM C.5.d.25.90, LAUNDRY, DOAF HOUSE, and ARCHES at C.11.a. 65.30 - (this latter gun was firing constantly into CROWN PRINCE FARM); U.18.c.15.00, U.12.c.22.03

Minenwerfer. Enemy M.W. were very active throughout the period, especially on left brigade front. Considerable damage was done to dugout and C.T. in U.ll.central. H.W. Tiring from about the TOWER in WARNETON - (thick haze prevented flashes being seen). Enemy M.W. at C.5.b.40.30 and C.5.d.30.90, fired 20 rounds on WHITE PARM at C.5.a.20.55.

### 7. HOTTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

At 4.30 p.m. 5 chemy aproplance flow over our lines, but were driven back by H.G. fire.

### 8. MOVIMENT IN & BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

HOUSE at U.30.a.15.05. Sounds of work with timber were heard in the vicinity of CEYLON MARM at C.6.c.9C.10. at 8.30 a.m.

At 12.30 a.m. sounds of truck moving and being unloaded were heard in the direction of URAL HOUSE (U.30.a..15.05). Working partice were heard at U.18.a.20.85 between 2.0 a.m. and 3.0 a.m. Between U.11.b.80.01 and U.11.d.82.40, clinking of tools and driving of stakes were continuously heard from 3.0 a.m. until after 4.30 a.m.

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### THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Intelligence Summary No.48 from 6 a.m. 31/1/10 to 6 a.m. 1/2/1918.

(NOT TO BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS)

# 1. OPERATIONS. PART I.

Artillery. During the day, our artillery fird on active M.W. near the TOWER in WarlieTon and on one at U.12.0.35.52. At 3.0 p.m. an enemy working party at U.18.8.30.50 was fired on by our 10-pars. and dispersed. . intervals during the night, harassing fire was carried out on the following targets, viz:- BRIDGE at U.12.4.70.33, CROSS ROADS at U.12.b.40.34 and V.1.d.40.41, M.W. position at U.12.c. 55.72, BONDI HOUSE, CROSS ROADS BAS WARNETON and POSTE DE DOUANES.

Machine Groo. Throughout the night, our M.G. fired on selected targets, viz: - 1,000 rounds worsefired on BRIDGE at U.30. b.20.30: 1,000 rounds on Road Junction at U.30.b.40.65; 2,000 rounds on various points in FREMINGHIEN placed by battalion in the line; 500 rounds on HIRONDELLE ROAD running North through U-12.b, and 200 rounds at intervals on Road from U.18.0.65.20 to U.18.4.25.90 and SPINWING MILL.

Patrols. (a) Five patrols operated on the front of the Loft Brigade during the hours of darknoss. At 7.45 p.m., an onamy patrol of about fifteen men were seen moving North along the right bank of the river from the LAUNDRY. They appeared to enter the trench near Bridge on the opposite side of the miver from WHITE FARM. At 9.16 p.m. six men were seen going South to the LAUNDRY by the same route. Patrels also report a great deal of work being done by the enemy at U.29.b.65.25. The Tranch tramway at this point is used nightly; two and three trucks, man-handled- being on the line at one time.

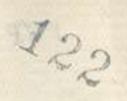
A fighting patrol of 17 mon under Lieut. STEPHEN left our trenches at 12.0 midnight to reconnoitre MOAT PARM, where a party of the enemy had been put to glight on the night of the 29th. ultime. While patrol was lying up in a position commanding the FARM, an enemy party of about 25 strong was seen approaching from the direction of DOLL'S HOUSE. As these men appreached they presented a good target, but fire was withheld in order to allow them to enter the FARM, both of the approached to which were commanded by our patrol. Before resching the FARM, the enemy party divided; - a portion making towards PONT ROUGE and the remainder about 15 moving in the direction of the FARM. Our patrol moved forward to out off the latter party; fire was opened and from sounds heard it is bolicved that a number of casualties were inflicted. The enemy sesttered and made for the river losving two prisoners (one wounded - died on way in) in our hands. -The second enemy party was alarmed and withdrew rapidly in the direction of DOLLS' HOUSE; our patrol firing on them as they ren.

(b). On further examination of the sunken tramway in U.17.b. left brigade patrols report that it is 15 feet to 20 feet wide near our line, and has 2 foet 6 inches of water in it; 150 yards from the railway it narrows to 10 or 12 feet, sides being 7 feet high. On the south side of the railway are mimor us shell holes, which would afford good cover. M.G. at U.11.d.97.42 was again very active, firing short bursts south along the railway. The condition of NO MAN'S LAND has improved greatly, but frosted surface made movement noisy. Flares were munerous on the right battalion front. The enemy is reported to have bombed his wire at U.11.d.80.54 at 4.0 a.m. 4.20 a.m. and 4.40 s.m.

. IDENTIFICATIONS. 21st. I.R. 5th. Bav. Division.

### . HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Enomy's artillory was quiet throughout the period; only two or three single guns fired - shells mainly coming from the direction of DEULEMONT.



#### 5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Enemy artillery and M.W. activity was much below normal. The minerous flares fired and his action in bombing his own wire on the luft brigade front appear to indicate that the enemy is becoming more uncasy.

He has made two attempts, with strong parties, to obtain information concerning our right brigade front during the last three days. The mercan days of the alered by

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#### 6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. The following machine guns were active throughout the period: - DOLL'S HOUSE at U.24.c.70.20, U.29.b.60.25, ARCHES at C.11.a.50.30, U.11.d.80.35, U.11.d.97.42, U.18.a.20.87, and U.18.a.73.70.

Minenwerfer. On the right brigade front, enemy M. W. wore inactive. Is rounds heavy M. W. from U.12.d.22.52 fell about LA BASSE VILLE-WARNINGON ROAD in U. 17.b; those were of delay action. 25 rounds heavy M.W. from U.12.4.22.52 fell in U.17.b. damaging our wire. M.W. at U.12.0.35.05, U.12.0.80.20, U.12.0. were also active. 90.30.

Work. Enamy working party was heard at about U.11.b.78.07 between midnight and 2 a.m. At U.11.d.95.70 sounds of shovelling and bailing of water were heard at 2.30 a.m. senie one de this put no pulse -Bolima

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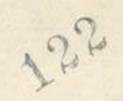
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#### PART II.

Report of exemination of a prisoner belonging to the 9th. Coy. 21st. Bav. Inf. Regt. (5th. Bav. Division)), taken at MOAT FARM (U.23.d) this morning.

The prisoner formed part of a patrol sent out to ascortain the distance of our wire from the River Lys. The patrol consisted of 20-35 mon with a Vizefoldwobel in charge.

#### Order of Battle.

The prisoner confirmed the presence of the 5th. Bay. Division in thoir normal sector. Order of Regiments, North to South glat., 7th., 19th. Bav. Inf. Rogts.

### Dispositions in line.

The 3md. Bn. had two companies in the front line and two companies in allose support. Of the 1st. and 2nd. Bns. one was in - resemble and one in rest at LINSHILLES.

The loth. Coy. with either the 11th or 12th. was in the front line. The 9th. Coy. from which the patrol was detailed was in dugmate on oithor side of the DEULINONT Road, about 25 minutes merch from the river. (This location is of doubtful accuracy).

#### Reliefs.

There had been vague talk about a divisional relief, but prisoner had heard no definite to date nor know of any relativing division in reer. Whom in LINSHLLES, he had seen only woops of his own regiment.

The Erd. Bn. was to be relieved by the let Bn. at 5 a.m. . this musmang.

As a role, a battalion did five days forward, five in reserve, and five in rest at LINSTLES.

#### Routes.

Prisoner was vague as to route to the trenches; the greater .... part of the journey was overland, the communication trenches being in a bad state.

### strongth of companies.

Prisoner's Coy. had a fighting strength of about 60 man.

### Machine Gws.

The 9th. Coy. has two light M.G. and expects to got a third.

### Method of crossing the Rivor.

The spot where the patrol crossed the river is not certain, but judging from the prisoner's statements and the direction in which the enemy patrol on the night of the 29th. fled, the probable location is the destroyed bridgehead at U.24.c.30.80. Prisoner stated that pionoers had constructed a pontoon which enabled patrols to cross the river. The penteen was removed on

the return of the patrols.

### Emony intentions.

So far as the pringmor know, no propagations for any offensive action on the enemy's part ware being made, nor bad he heard of any such intention. He hedbeard no wernings to expect an offensive from us. He had nover scen any gas cylinders.

#### General.

Prisoner had just returned from leave. Leave had been stopped for a short period (he thought probably from shortness of coal) up to the 30th. January. It was now open again as far as he know.

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Training Facilities within Support Division Area.

Reference Map Sheets. 28. 1/40,000. 36. 1/40,000.



1. Ranges.

(a).	Length.	Location.	Targets.	Remarks.
	30.	36.B.1.a.7.6.		
	11	36.B.7.d.45.95.	_	M. G. Range.
	11	36.B.l.a.55.65.	-	

Apart from the ordinary range discipline, no extra safety precautions are necessary.

(b). Length.	Location.	Targets.	Remarks.
30.	28.S.ll.c.6.6. 28.M.29.a.2.5. (strict range disciple necessary).	ine	) M.G.Range suitable ) for L.G. and ) Revolver practice.
11	28.M.30.d.5.5.	20	4 only in good condition.
11	28.M.24.c.6.0 28.S.12.d.5.6.	6.	In good condition. In fair condition.

During firing practices sentries are posted at places leading to danger points and red flags displayed.

(c)	Length.	Location.	Targets	Remarks.
	30.	28.T.14.c.1.6.	9	)
	11	28.T.15.b.7.1.	4	
	· · · · ·	28.T.9.c.2.2.	8	Range in good condi-
	11	28.T.19.b.7.9.	10	range discipline necessary for safety. Range is in good condition. Has a covered in firing point with duck-
	"	28.T.19.b.8.9.	2	boards' tracks to the butts. Only ordinary range discipline necessary.for safety. L.G. range in very good repair. Has covered in firing point. Only ordinary range discipline
	75	28.T.14.a.6.0.	8	necessary for safety. This range has a good firing point at
	30	28.T.14.b.15.10.	4	30x & 75x. At the 60x the trench needs duckboarding. M.G. range. Two sentries necessary, one on the road and one behind the mound.
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Length.

Location.

Targets.

Remarks.

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28.S.18.b.4.3.

Has Markers trench(at present flooded) with target frames. Approaches are in a bad condition. Used in conjunction with 14th Div. Recft. Camp. Two sentries are necessary to stop traffic along the road.

(d). Miniature ranges are at :-

Length.

Location.

Targets. Remarks.

X.27.0.4.4. X.15.c.8.5.

Needs improving. At Brigade School. (Needs repairing.)

Field Firing Accommodation. 2.

> Up to the present no suitable ground for Field Firing Practices has been found in this Division Area.

Assault Courses. 3.

Location.

36.B.1.a.55.65. 28.M.22.d.9.2.

X.15.c.3.5.

Remarks:

Condition good. Very small and inclined to be muddy. Suitable for training Raiding Parties in Bullet and Bayonet work. Has trench and gallows in fair condition. At Brigade School. Needs repairing.

Elementary Bayonet Courses. 4.

Location.

28.M.29.c.9.5. 28.M.29.b.9.4.

28.T.15.b.62.42. 28.T.14.c.4.5.

Remarks.

Fair condition. Under construction - not yet complete. Is new and in good condition. Uprights have been removed and trenches are flooded.

Bombing Ranges and T.M. Practice Grounds. 5.

Bocation.

28. N.19.d.8.6.

28. M.34.b.5.5. 28. M.29.c.9.5.

28. N.25.a.8.2.

28. T.15.b.9.1.

28. T.15.1.9.8.

Remarks.

Will hold class of 40 men. Breastworks and trenches have been constructed. Permission from 111th and 112th Inf. Bde. Schools has to be obtained for their use. Sentries with Red Flags must be posted round the grounds. Very steep. Sentries with

Red Flags must be posted at intervals round the ground.

Incomplete and unfit for use with live ammunition.

Sentries with Red Flags must be posted at intervals round the ground.

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Better at

Parade ground for two companies.

sowing of crops.

Remarks.

Very muddy and short.

Good.

Poor.

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parade grounds being resumed by the

### Parade Grounds.

#### Location.

Remarks. one Battalion. 36. B.1.a.7.4.

Very muddy. 28. M.29.a.4.7. 28. M. 28. C. 2. 2.

M.28.b.9.4. Several small paddocks. 28. N.19.d.

28. M.29.c.9.5. 28. M.29.b.9.4.

28. M.29.b.9.8.

28. M.29.d.l.l.

28. M.23.c.5.8. 28. T.14.d.5.5.

28. T.15.b.5.5.

28. T.15.2.1.2.

28. T.14.d.9.6. 28. T.19.b.8.3.

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28. T.20.c.1.9.

28. X.28.d.3.7.

28. X.24.2.8.8.

28. X.15.d.7.9.

28. X.21.0.7.9. 28. X.26.c.5.3.

28. X.14.b.5.6.

28. X.15.d.8.2.

28. X.29.a.5.4.

28. X.17.a.3.2.

28. X.23.c.3.5. 28. X.14.d.9.2.

28. F.2.d.4.5.

28. X.16.a.5.5.

28. X.16.b.5.2.

#### Football Grounds. 7.

#### Location.

36. B.1.2.7.4.

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28. M.29.b.9.4.

28. M.23.c.8.7.

28. M.29.d.l.l.

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28. T.15.b.

28. T.15.d.

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28. T.19.b.8.4.

28. T.19.b.7.2.

28. T.19.b.8.3.

### Area Commandants.

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Rents Officers.

No. 5 Area.

No. 8 Area.

No. 6 Area.

Commandant PIERREPONT.

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MATERIAL for making facilities. 9 .

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### 9. MATERIAL for making facilities.

Very little material can be obtained within the area. The nearest R. E. Dumps from which a certain amount of material has been obtained are at :-

> DE BEULE STEENWERCK. 36. A.17.c.

36. B.1.b.5.5.

R.E. Dump. 36. A.12.central

PCOPY-7/1/1918. PWP. appendix

appendix 3
THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



Divisional Headquarters, 15th: December, 1917.

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It is intended to carry out a 10 days' course of instruction in Intelligence duties for Intelligence Officers of Brigades and Battalions. The course will be held in the Divisional area and will commence on or about the 27th inst.

Brigades are asked to consider the outline of the course as set out on attached and offer any suggestions with regard to the subjects which might be taught, or points which they wish brought out, with a view to making the syllabus as comprehensive and at the same time as concise as possible.

Arrangements have been made for experts to lecture on the various branches and special attention will be paid to practical work in the use of maps and photos. and in compiling reports.

Intelligence Officers should at once commence to make a study of ground work, reading up F.S.Regs. PART I, and the Manual of Map Reading and Field Sketching.

Captain. General Staff.

#### LECTURES - OUTLINE OF INTELLIGENCE COURSE.

- Intelligence General Its scope, value and relation (1) as an essential part of general plan.
- (2) German Army Organisation, etc., -
  - (a) Recruiting system
  - (b) Composition of Divisions
  - (c) Expansion of German Army during the War (d) Identifications and ranks of Officers and N.C.Os. of the German Army.
- (3) Maps.
- (a) System on which maps are drawn up. Classes of maps issued. Scales of maps issued: - best uses to which various scales can be put. Issue of maps - return of maps.
- (b) Map reading -Scales Definitions and Conventional signs Contours - form lines Enlarging maps Prismatic compass approximate method for finding true North Setting of map Triangulation Traversing Fixing of position on map Visibility of points Recognition of country from a map Description of country from set points on a map. Rough sketches - trenches, outpost positions etc. Memory training Co-ordinates Map enlarging Maps and photos.
- (4) Organisation of Intelligence within the Division for both sedentary and active warfare.

Duties of Brigade Intelligence Officer Duties of Battalion Intelligence Officer (By a Battalion Officer) Duties of I.O. taking over a new front. O.Ps., - siting, equipment - system of observation Scouting and sniping.

- (5) Aeroplane photographs.
- (6) Contre espionage
- Aircraft work carried out by identifications of enemy machines.
- (8) Artillery own own enemy.
- (9) Machine Guns - our own - enemy.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters, 6th. January, 1918.

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I am now in a position provisionally to forecast the employment of the Division in the very near future. -

It is probable that the Division will remain in support to the Australian Corps Front Line Divisions until about January 28th. - From January 28th. to 31st. the Division will probably relieve the Second Australian Division in the PLOEGSTEERT - LE TOUQUET sector. -

In this contingency, I propose to put in the 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. on the Right Brigade Front, and the 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. on the Left Brigade Front; - that is to say, each Brigade will take over the sector with which it is already familiar. -

About the same time, the Fifth Australian Division will relieve the First Australian Division in the MESSINES sector. -

Looking further ahead it is probable that, unless the tactical situation changes, this Division, after garrisoning the Line for the month of February, will then move back for a month's rest to an area near the coast. -

I do not propose to employ the 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. in the Line during the next tour of duty of the Division unless such a course proves unavoidable. -

Brigade Commanders will see from above forecast that they will probably have a period of three clear weeks in which to concentrate all their efforts and those of their Commanding Officers upon a thorough re-organization of their commands, particularly as regards the proper distribution, absorption and training of the recently joined drafts. -

They must give particular attention to stiffening up discipline and interior economy; as well as attending to the

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complete equipment of the personnel. -

Very special pains must be taken to ensure that officers and N.C.Os., particularly those newly appointed or promoted, are improved in efficiency and made to realise their responsibilities in all their aspects. -

As regards the rank and file, systematic individual training should be undertaken, particularly in the direction of exercises which involve plenty of movement and will keep the men employed while maintaining their interest in their work. -

Although the present period is one of rest for the Division so far as comfortable housing and regular hours of sleep are concerned, it is, mevertheless, incumbent upon all Commanders to labor unceasingly during daylight hours to build up the fighting efficiency of their Units and the soldierly qualities of their men. -

> (Signed) JOHN MONASH. Major-General. Commanding Third Australian Division.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Map Ref. - 1:40,000. Divisional Headquarters, Sheets 27, 28, 36 4th. January, 1918. & 36A.

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DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS. CONVINT, MERRIS. Divisional Signal Coy. Divisional Engr. H.C. MERRIS. A.D.M.S. A.P.M. D.M.G.O. Divisional Bembing Officer. Divisional Gas Officer. Divisional Paymaster. D. A. D. V.S. 118, ue de la Care, BAILLOUL. D.A.D.O.S. 5.23.1.8.6. 9th. Aust. Inf. Bdo. H.Q. X.16.0.0.7. 33rd. Bn. H.Q. 40, Pue de Lille, BAILLEUL. 34th. Bn. H.Q. Z.10.c.1.7. 35th. Bn. H. 4. F.2.b.5.5. 36th. Bn. H. 4. X.25.4.5.0. 9th. A.M.G. Coy. H.Q. X.15.d.8.9. 9th. A.L.T.M. Bty. H.Q. X.15.d.8.7. loth. Aust. Inf. Bdo. H. 4. S.18.d.2.1. 37th. Bn. H.Q. T. 15.a.4.2. 38th. Bn. H.Q. T.20.4.1.1. 39th. Bn. H.Q. T.14.b.9.4. 40th. Bn. H.Q. T.15.b.4.5. loth. A. M. G. Coy. H.Q. T.14.d.6.4. loth. A.L. T.M. Bty. H.Q. T.19.d.9.9. 11th. Aust. Inf. Bdo. H.Q. M.18.d.5.1. 41st. Bn. H.Q. N.19.0.9.2. M.29.8.6.9. 43rd. Bn. H.Q. M. 28.b. 9.5. 11th. A. M. C. Coy. H.Q. 44th. Bn. H.Q. M.29.0.8.2. M. 23.0.3.5. 11th. A.L.T.H. Bty. Personnel at Course of Instn. 23rd. A.M. G. Coy. H.Q. B.30.d.4.1. .. Meving to -) M. 29. d. 3. 4. 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn. H.Q. M.35.d.8.9.
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9th. Field Ambulance. RAVELSBERG. S.16.0.5.3. loth, do. OUTTERSTEENE. F.9.a.0.9. 11th. do. BAILLEUL. S.14.0.4.4.

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3rd. Aust. Div. Prain. H.Q. 118, Rue de la Gare, BAILLEUL. 3rd. Aust. Div. Mob. Vet. Sect. B.8.d.5.7. 3rd. Aust. Div. Sulvage Coy. A.10.8.9.2. 3rd. Aust. Div. Supply Column. S.29.b.0.1. 3rd. Aust. Sanitary Section. STEDHWERCK. 3rd. Aust. Div. Rein. Depot. S.25.d.9.9.

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10th.Aust.Inf.Bee H. 37th Ba H.Q. 38th Ba H.Q. 10th M.G. Coy.H.Q.	T.15.a.4.2. T.20.a.1.1.	39th Ba H. O.	T.14.b.9.4. T.15.b.4.5.
11th.Aust.Inf.Bde H. 41st Bn H.Q. 42nd Bn H.Q. 11th M.G.Coy.	N.19.d.4.3.	43rd Bn H.Q. 44th Bn H.Q. 11th L.T.M.Bty	M.28.b.9.5.
23rd L.M.G.Coy H.Q.		M.29	.d.3.4.
3rd. Aust. Pioncer B	n H.Q B"B" Coy.	T.3.c.9.9. "C" COY M.35.d.8.9.	.d.8.9. B.1.a.central
9th.Field Coy. A.B.	B.1.d.6.5.	10th.Field Coy.A	· li. B.1.d.8.5.
9th.Field Ambulance 11thdo-	3.16.c.5.3. 5.14.c.4.4.	10th.Field Amb.	E.2.d.7.7.
3rd. Aust. Div. Artille 7th. Aust. F. A. Brigade 25th Battery 26th Battery 8th. Aust. F. A. Brigade	H.Q. X.27.d.3.7. A.2.d.8.9. H.Q.	27th Battery 107th Battery 1.8.d.8.8	
29th Battery 31st Battery	B.16.b.4.9. B.9.d.4.1.	108th Battery	E.11.c. 2.8
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DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS DIV.Sig.Coy. CONVENT, MERRIS DIV.Engr.H.Q. MERRIS A.D.M.S. MERRIS D.M.G.O. CONVENT, MERRIS O.M.G.O. CONVENT, MERRIS	D.B.O. CONVENT, MERRIS D.G.O. MERRIS Div.Paymaster MERRIS D.A.D.V.S. 118 Rue de la Gare, BALLLEUL D.A.D.O.S. S.23.a.8.6.
34th.Bn.H.Q. 62 Rue de Lille, BAILLEUL 34th.Bn.H.Q. X.15.d.9.7. 9th.A.L.T.M.Bty H.Q. X.15.d.7.7.	35th.Bn.H.Q. F.2.b.5.8. 36th.Bn.H.Q. X.25.8.5.6. 9th.A.M.G.COV.H.Q. X.15.d.4.7
37th Bn H.Q. T.15.a.4.2. 38th Bn H.Q. T.20.a.1.1. 19th.A.M.G.Coy H.Q. B.1.b.3.9.	39th Bn H.Q. T.14.b.9.4. 40th Bn H.Q. T.15.b.4.5. 10th.A.L.T.M.Bty H.Q. T.20.a.1.0.
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23rd M. G. Coy H. Q	M. 29.d.3.4.
3rd.Aust.Pioneer Bn. H.C.  "A" Coy  "C" Coy  B.l.a.centr	"B" Coy T.3.c.9.9.
9th.Field Coy. A.E. B.1.d.6.5. 11th. Field Coy.A.E. S.18.0.8.2.	loth.Field Coy. A.E. B.1.d.8.5.
9th.Field imbulance S.16.c.5.3. 11thdo- S.14.c.4.4.	loth.Field Ambulance E.2.d.7.7.
7th.Aust.F.A.Bde H.Q.  25th Battery X.27.d.3.7.  26th Battery A.2.d.8.9.  8th.Aust.F.A.Bde H.Q.	27th Battery F.12.a.7.4. 107th Battory F.11.c.4.8.
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867th Coy A.2.d.8.9. 868th Coy B.9.c.	869th Coy B.9.c.
3rd.Aust. Div. Mob. Vet. Se 3rd.Aust. Div. Salvage Coy	
3rd. Aust. Div. Supply Colu	mn 3.29.b.0.1.
3rd.Aust. Sanitary Section 3rd.Aust. Div. Reinf. Depor	
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BECRET. SCHEME ENCE S.G.32/202. OF SUPPORT DIVISION OF AUSTRALIAN CORPS. Map Reference: Sheet 28 S.W. 1/20,000. Sheet 36 N.W. 1/20,000. SECTION I. - GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CORPS AREA. (a). The front held by the Corps extends from the River LYS on the South to HOLLEBEKE on the North, a trench length of approximately 13,000 yards. (b). The main features of the area are:-(1). The MESSINES-WYTSCHAETE RIDGE in the northern forward area, with its four sprus sloping gradually eastward. These apura are the -HOLLEBEKE. COSTTAVERNE. WAMBEKE and

GAP AARD SPURS. all of which are flanked by BEEKS which ultimately run into the LYS River.

- (11). The east and west ridge of hills of which KEMMEL is the principal height, and NEUVE EGLISE is a southern spur.
- (iii). The LYS, which together with the defended town of AFMENTIERES, lie on the right front and flank respectively of the Corps Sector.
- (c). The Corps area is subdivided into right and left forward Divisional Aroas, and a Support Divisional Aroa. The Corps boundaries and inter-Divisional boundaries are shown on the attached Map No.1.
- (d). The front is held by two Divisions in the forward areas, with a Support Division distributed in rear on the length of the whole Corps frontege. The frontage of the Right Bivision is approximately 7,000 yards, and that of the Left Division 6,000 yards.

Bach forward Division has two Brigades in line, with one Brigade in Reserve.

Each Brigade is on a two-Battalion frontage, except the Left Brigade of the Left Division, which has a gour Battalion frontage.

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(c). The area held by the Right Division is, with the exception of HILL 63, level and low-lying, the principal features being HILL 63, PLOEGSTEERT WOOD and the River LYS.

The area held by the Left Division is virtually the battlefield of the MESSINES Offensive, and is in process of being developed.

This area is marked by distinct tactical features, and has great defensive qualities in the shape of command and observation.

(f). The principle governing defensive preparations aims at a disposition in depth of both troops and defences by the construction of -

(ii). A Forward Zone. (iii). A Second Zone. (iii). A Third Mone.

Each Zone will be organized in depth in three systems - firing line, Support and Reserve Systems. Troops will be distributed accordingly.

#### SECTION II .- PRINCIPLES GOVERNING IMPLOY THE SUPPORT DIVISION.

- (a). The Support Division may be employed in three ways, as follows:-
  - (i). Offonsively, either to Counter-Attack and segain losses, or to follow up any successes against the onemy.

(ii). In the event of a suddon overwhelming of the Forward Zono the Support Division may be om-

ployed to sid in the defence of the Second Zone. (111). In case of an attack by the enony which may deny the opportunity of employing the Division in defence of either the Forward or Socond Zones, it may be employed to hold the Third Zone. This Zone has boon sub-divided and marked in 8 Battalion Areas, the limits of which are shown on attached Map No.2. This map gives the allotment of Battalion Areas to the two forward Brigades of the Support Division. It is not the intention to divide the Southern portion of the Third Zone into Battalion Areas, nor to occupy it. Whon so ordered these 8 Battalion Areas will be occupied by the two Brigades of the Support Division quartered in the HEUVE EGLISE and LOORE Areas. the loss sale of the gold of the party of th

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- (b). The Artillery in the Support Divisional Area.
  - (1). To reinforce the Artillery new protecting the Forward Zone.
  - (ii). To occupy positions colected for the protection of the Becond Zone.
  - (iii). To occupy positions solocted for the defence

The list of these positions so far as the Divisional Artillery is concerned is given in Appendix "A".

## III. - AUTION IN CASE OF ATTACK.

- (a). In order to give offect to the foregoing, in the ovent of attack on the Corps Front, the Support Division will, when ordered, be assembled and moved to positions of readinose in rear of the Third Zone. These positions of readinose for the Units of the two forward Brigades are shown on Map No.2. The action of the third Brigade is defined below.
- (b). Muclous Carrisons, furnished by the two forward Brigados, for selected Machine Gun positions in the Third Some have been detailed so that they may, in case of need, be rapidly despatched to their posts. The list of these Machine Gun Positions is shown in Appendix "B".
- (c). In the event of attack the Third or METEREN Brigade will be assembled and moved to the billots vacated by the
  LOORE Brigade, which by that time would have moved forward.
- (d). Positions of Assembly for all Units are their Parade Grounds. The Positions of Mondiness for all Units, other than Artillory and those comprised in the three Infantry Brigades, are the same as their positions of Assembly.

# IV. - MEASURES FOR DEFENCE.

- (a). Commandors conserved must reconnected the positions to which their Commands may have to move, and the best means of approach. They must also acquaint themselves with the areas over which they might have to fight.
- (b). All Units of the Support Division will prepare and keep up-to-date a short Defence Scheme, including March and Time Tables. Those will be handed over them the Division is

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relieved.

- (c). Field Artillery in the Support Divisional Area. will act under the orders of the Support Divisional Commander.
- (d). Orders for the several alternatives for the Artillery and Infantry, and orders for Nucleus Garrisons, to move forward will be received from Corps Headquarters, and transmitted by Divisional Headquarters to those concerned.
- (e). Any Heavy Artillery in the Support Divisional Area will be under the direct orders of the Corps.
- (f). In the case of Defensive action on either the Second or Third Zenes the Hoadquarters of the Division and Infantry Brigades, until changes are ordered, will be as follows:-

### For Fighting on the Second Money.

Divisional Headquarters - SHOVEL CAME, T.13.c.95.45.

Reserve Brigade - At a Frace to be chosen and notified

Right, or NEUVE EGLINE, Brigado - HABOURDIN.
Left, or LOCKE Brigade, - MIDLAND FARM.

For Fighting on the Third Zone.

Divisional Headquerters - BAILLEUL.

Reserve Brigade - SHOVEL CAMP.

Right Brigade - WATERLOO CAMP.

Left Brigade - LOORE.

- (g). In the case of Offensive action the positions of Headquarters will be defined in the order detailing the Operations.
- (h). All Units must be in possession of up-to-date Maps of the Area, showing the various Headquarters and Defensive Zones. Where necessary those will be obtained by Division from Corps Headquarters and periddically revised.

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### APPENDIX "A".

Positions which Artillery of the Support Division would move into to reinforce present lines, on orders of G.O.C., R.A.,

LEFT GROUP	RIGHT GROUP
A. U.14.b.87.50 (4 guns) U.14.b.50.50 (2 guns) B. U.14.a.18.18	A. C.2.a.00.50.
C. U.14.a.38.60 D. U.19.b.10.60 (4 Hows) U.19.b.92.65 (2 Hows)	B. U.26.c.30.40 C. U.26.c.20.60 D. U.26.a.15.20 (Hows)

Positions to which Artillery of the Support Division would move (on order of G.O.C., R.A.,) to reinforce 2nd or Corps Defensive System.

TREEL GROOF	RIGHT GROUP
A. T.30.c.05.05 B. T.29.d.80.35	A. B.18.c.65.60 B. B.18.b.20.20
C. T.24.d.47.16	C. B.12.c.68.10 (4 guns) B.18.b.20.70 (2 guns)
D. T.24.d.10.75 (Hows)	D. B.17.d.95.50 (How).

The following positions also available if required:-

T.17.b.90.80	T.24.a.70.40
T.18.a.94.40 T.18.b.51.25	T.24.a.90.30 B.11.d.60.75
T.18.d.62.84 (How)	B.5.8.50.60 (How)

Positions to which Field Artillery of the Support Division would move (on orders of G.O.C., R.A.,) to re-inforce 3rd or Army Defensive System:-

THEFT GROUP	RIGHT GROUP
8.24.d.66.95	B.13.a.80.90
S.24.d.95.60	B.13.b.10.25
S.24.d.80.05	B.19.a.15.20
T.13.d.13.15 (How)	B.19.b.05.25 (Row)

The following positions are also available if required:-

T. 25.a. 05.15 T. 25.c. 30.80 T. 25.c. 15.13	T.25.b.02.14 T.26.c.85.65 T.26.c.80.20	
B.1.a.00.83 (How)	T.25.d.60.44	(How).

# APPHNDIX "B".

Nuclous Carrisons for the Third Zone to be furnished by the Support Division when so ordered.

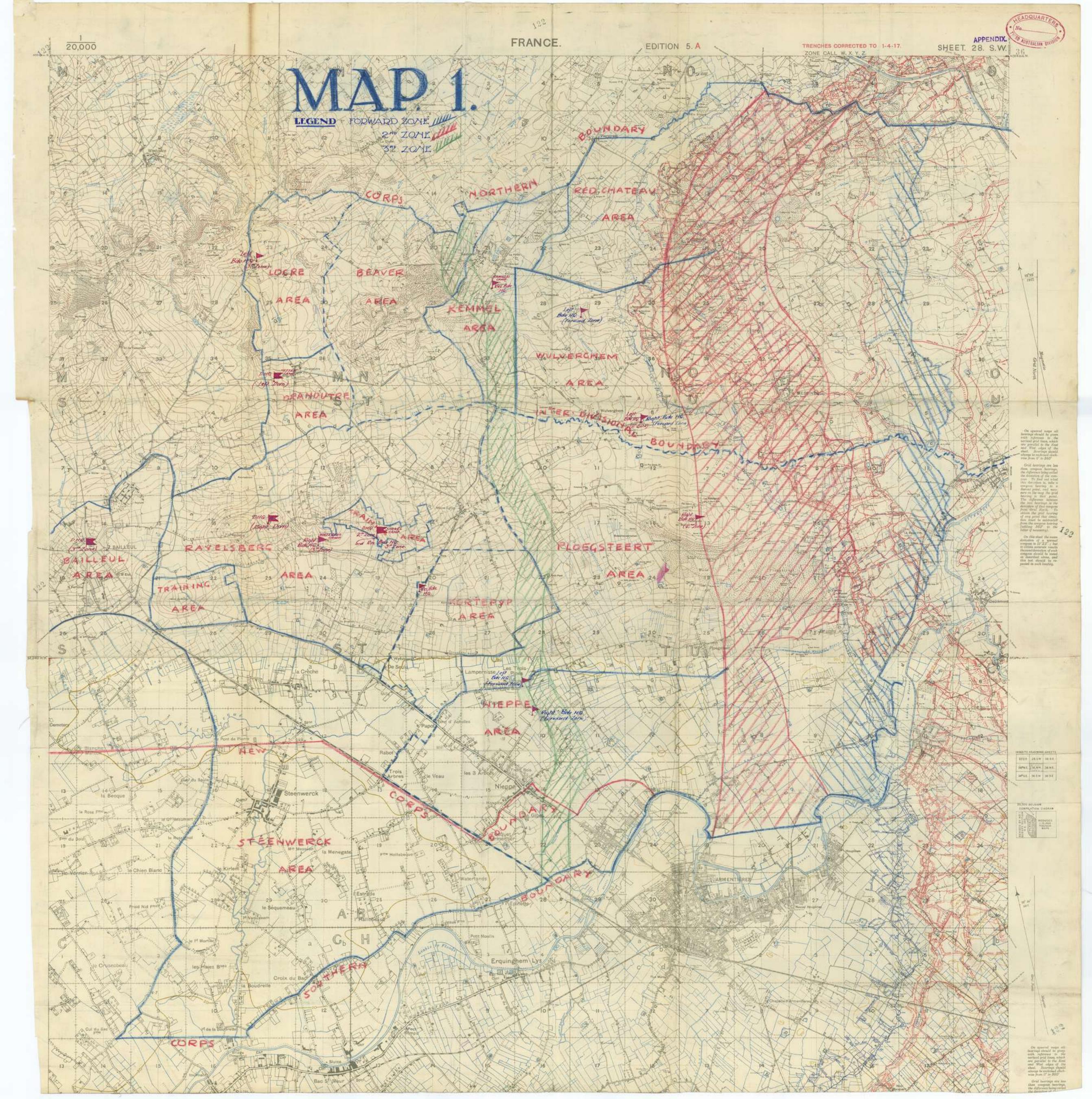
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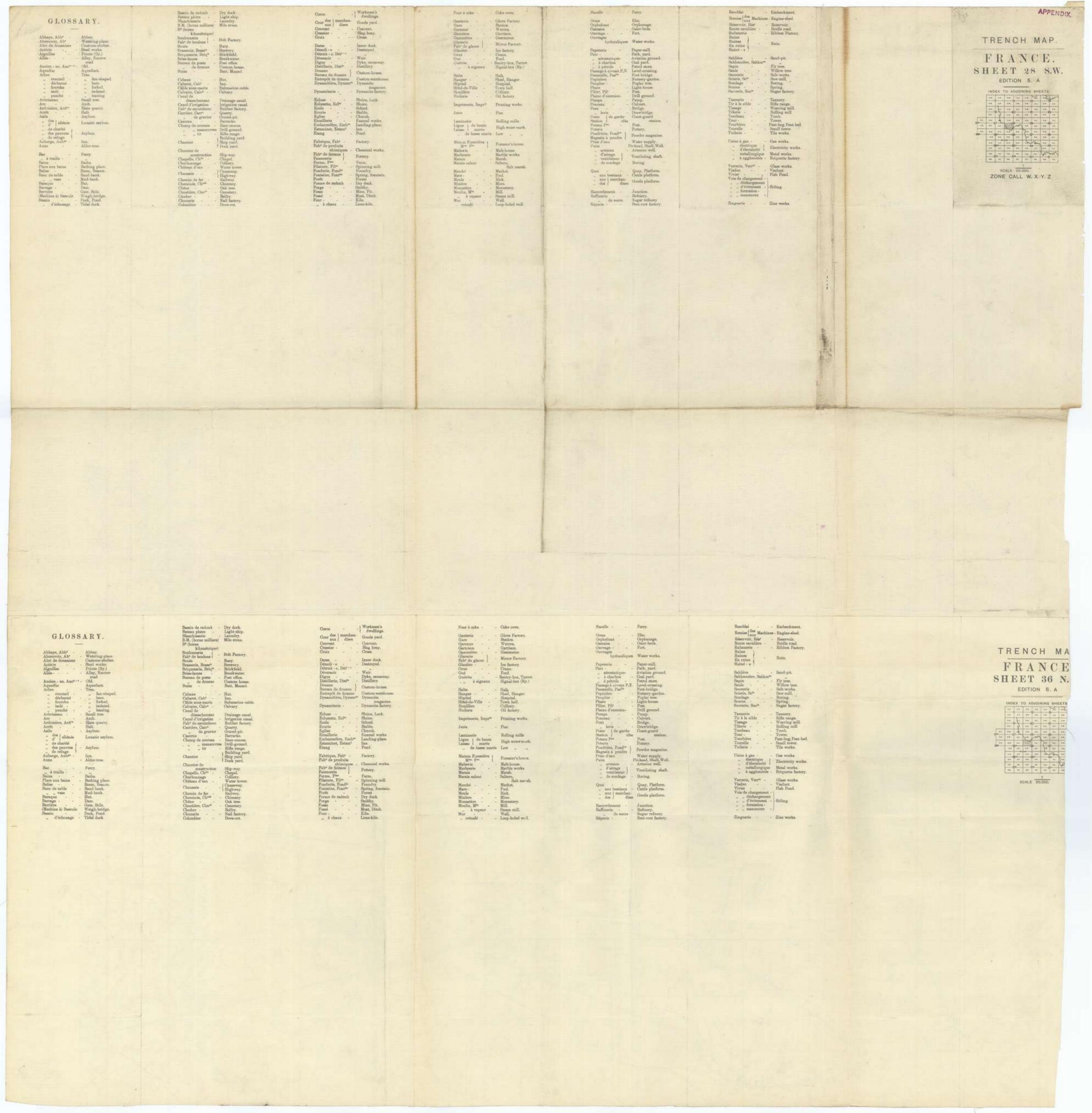
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1	do	do	do	N.27.b.15.45.) Covering N.27.8.9.8. KEMMEL IN OM
1	do	do	do	N.27.4.70.65. Covering the N.27.4.50.15. LINDENHOEK-
1	do	do	do	N.33.d.95.35.) Covering the N.33.d.80.05.) Road from WULVERGHEM.

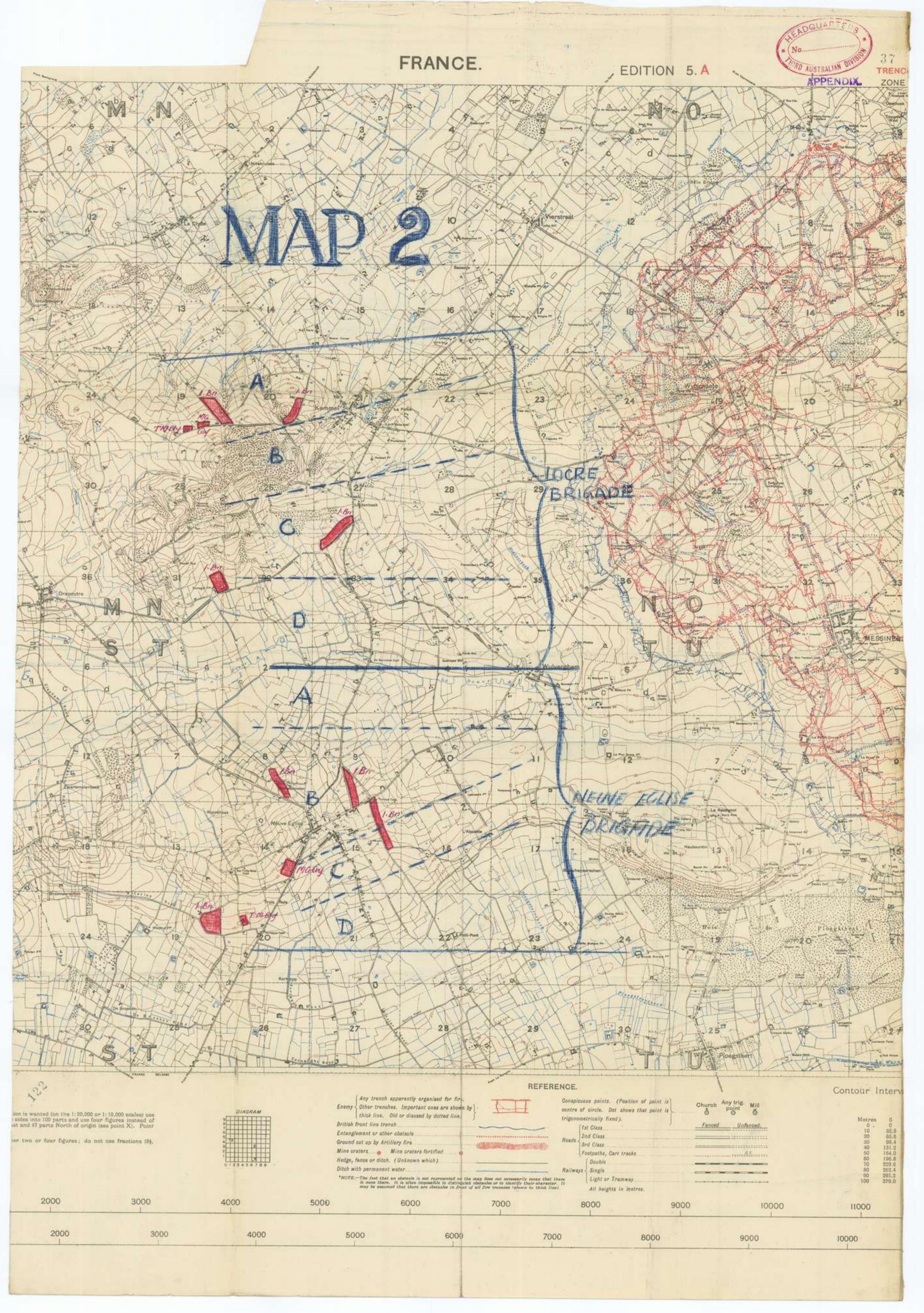
### NEUVE HOLISE Brigade.

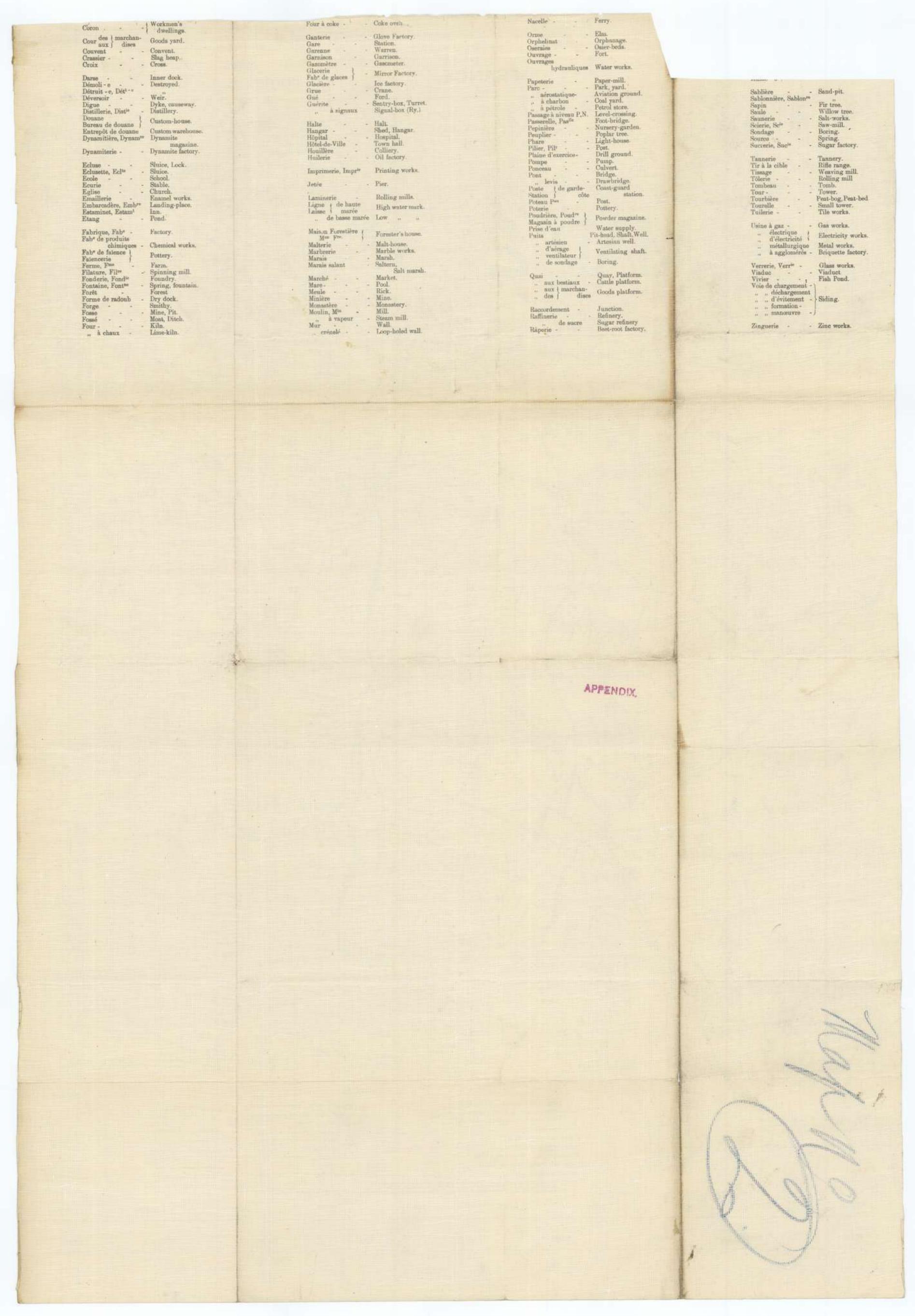
1	Machine Gun and	Nuoleus	Detachment -	T.9.d.7.4. T.9.d.8.3.	Covering the NEUVE EGLISE WULVERGHEM
1	do	do	do	T.16.0.95.15 T.16.0.3.8.	Road.   Shooting   N.K.
1	60	do	dia	T-16-0-8-6-10-	Shooting

These positions have been marked.









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Australian Corps, 21st. January, 1918.

#### AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No.8.

- 1. The 3rd Australian Division (less Artillery) will relieve the 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery) in "A" (the Right) divisional sector and area of the corps front between the 27th and 31st January 1918.
- 2. (i). Command of "A" divisional sector and area will pass from the G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Division to the G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Division on completion of relief in the line, at 10 a.m. on the 29th January, when headquarters of the divisions will be established at MERRIS and RAVELSBERG respectively.
- (ii). The relief will be effected in accordance with the attached table. Provision will be made for the despatch of advanced parties of the 3rd Aust. Division, both for line and works reliefs.
- (iii). The 2nd Aust. Division, on relief, will stage through the support division area into corps reserve in the LUMBRES Area, under orders to be issued separately.
- 3. One infantry brigade of the 2nd Aust. Division will remain in support in the KORTEPYP Area until the 31st January, when it will be relieved by the infantry brigade of the 3rd Aust. Division from the MERRIS Area.
- 4. Defence Schemes, works policy, maps, and all information concerning the divisional sector and area will be handed over on relief.
  - 5. Administrative instructions are being issued separately.
- 6. Separate instructions concerning the relief of engineer and medical units will be issued by the C.E., and D.D.M.S., respectively.
- 7. Subject to the terms of this order, detailed arrangements in connection with the relief will be made direct between divisional commanders concerned.
  - 8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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in year Diar perdino PWP. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. THIRD Divisional Headquarters, SECRET. 20th. January, 1918. THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 71. Map References: 1/40,000 - Sheets 27,28,36 & 36A. 1. The Third Australian Division (less Artillery) will reliove the Second Australian Division (less Artillery) in the Right (A) Sector of the CCRES Front, between the 27th and 29th January 1918. - to be completed by 10 a.m. 29th January 1918. Command of the Sector will pass at 10 a.m. on 29th inst. 2. 3. Commend of Brigado Aroas will pass when relief of Front Line Battalions is complete. - at times to be arranged between Brigadiers. - Completion of relief will be reported to Divisional Headquarters. The Boundaries of Brigade Areas are as when the Division was last in this Forward Area, except that PONT DE NIEPPE is not now included. Units will move as Erigado Groups in accordance with at-5. tached Move Table; Brigadiers erranging details of relief direct. The 11th.A. I. Bde, with the 11th A.M.G.Coy. and 11th.A.L.T.M. Bty, will take over the Right Brigade : Area. The loth.A. I. Bde, with the loth.A.M.G.Coy. and loth.A.L.T.M. Bty, will take over the Left Brigade The 9th.A.I.Bde, with the 9th. A.M.G.Coy. and 9th.A.L.T.M. 8. Bty, will be in reserve, arranging to take over nucleus garrisons and duties in the CORPS Zone from Reserve Brigade of the Second Australian Division. The 23rd.A.M.G.Coy. will relieve the Machine Gun Company 9. of the Becond Australian Division which is now emplaced covering the left flank of the ARMENTIERES Sector, by arrangements between D.M.Q.0'8. Trench Stores, Defence Schemes, Maps, Aeroplane Photo-10. graphs, etc., will be taken over and receipts passed. "Q" of Division will issue the necessary Administrative 11. instructions. C.R.E. will arrange with the C.R.E. Second Australian 12. Division for the relief of Engineer Companies. Instructions as to the relief of Pioneer Battalion will be issued later. A.D.M.S. will arrange direct re Medical arrangements and 13. the relief of Field Ambulances. The Third Australian Divisional Artillery will relievo the Second Australian Divisional Artillery covering the area, between 30th January and 1st February 1918, under arrangements to be made botween C's.R.A. concerned. 15. ACKNOWLEDGE. eut.-Colonel. General Staff. For Distribution, P.T.O. AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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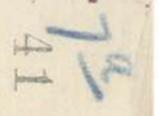
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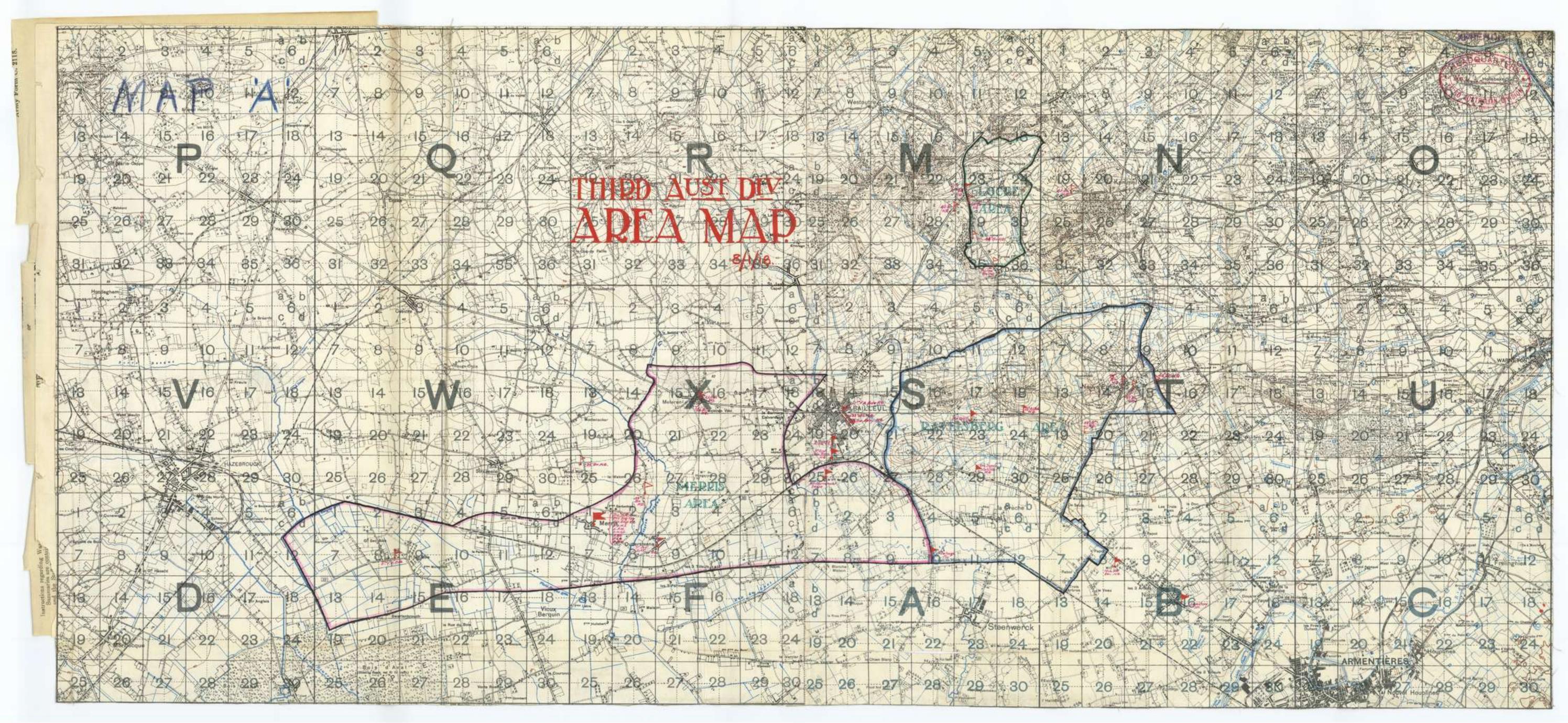
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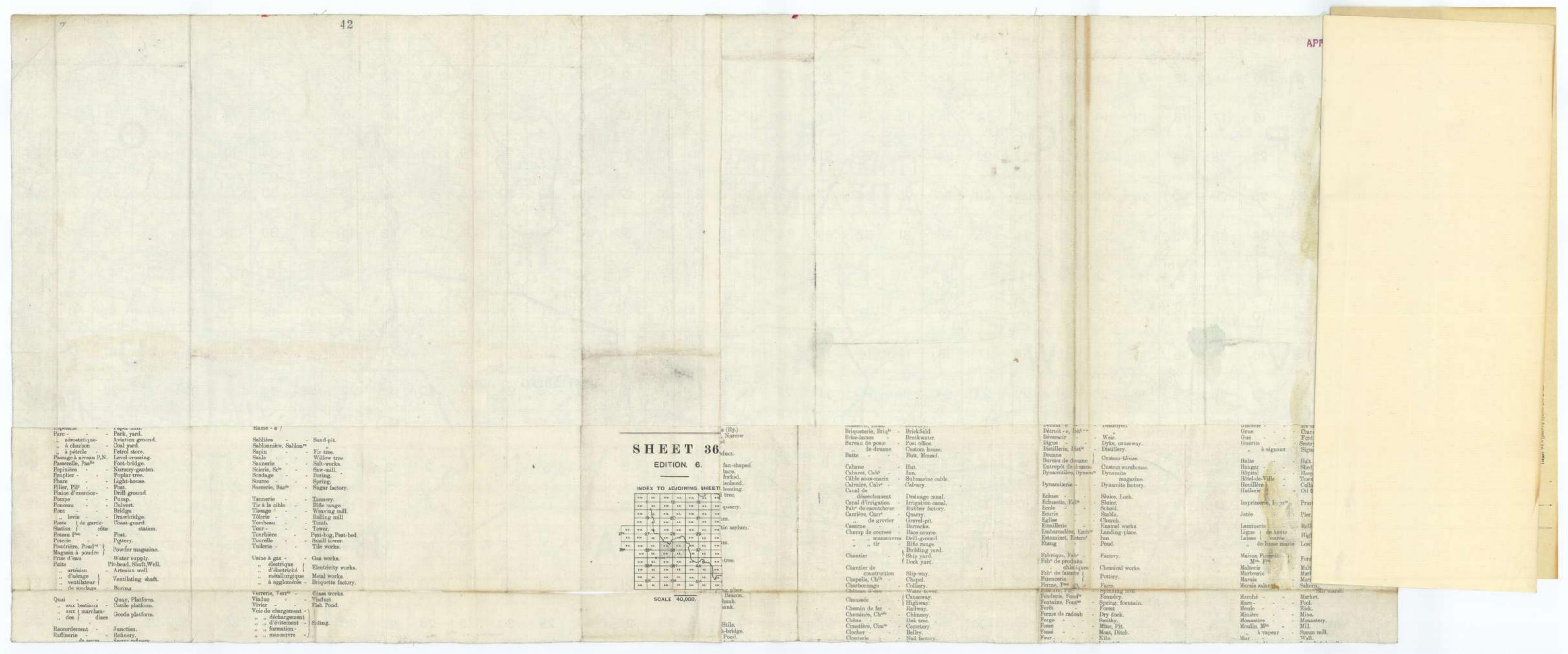
### Table of Moves issued with Divisional Order No.71.

Date	Unit	From	To	Movement	Remarks
26/1/18 (Adv.	(Advance Parties (10th.A.I.Bde	RAVELSBERG	Line (Left)	March	
	(Nucleus Garrisons (for CORPS Zone (9th.A. I. Bde	METEREN	KORTEPYP	March	These will be detailed from Rn. which is later to occupy ROMARIN Camp.
27/1/18	(2 Battalions (10th. A. I. Bde	RAVELSBERG	Support (Left)	March	Relieving 1 Bm. CATACOMBS and 1 Bm. RED LODGE To be completed before 1 p.m.
	(2 Battalions (10th.A.I.Bde	RAVELSBERG	Lins (Left)	Train (Times later)	Intraining CONNAUGHT SIDING Detraining PACINE Railhead.
	11th.A.I.Bde	LOCRE	KORTEPYP	March	Relieving Battns.at KORTEPYP A & B; CANTEEN CORNER; & ROMAR
	(Nucleus Garrisons (9th.A.I.Bde	KORTEPYP	Posts in CORPS Zone	March	To be completed by 2 p.m.
28/1/18	(2 Battalions (11th, A. I. Bde	KORTEPYP	Support (Right)	March	Relieving Battns.in ROSSIGNOL and INGERSOLL Camps. To be completed by 2 p.m.
	(2 Battalions (11th.A.I.Bde	KORTEPYP	Line (Right)	Train (Times later)	Detraining (as arranged by Brigadiers concerned).
31/1/18	9th.A.I.Bde	MERRIS	KORTEPYP	March	To reach KOMMEPYP before 1 p. Taking over Camps KORFEPYP A. & B. ROMARIN & CANTEEN CORNE





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