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GENERAL STAFF OPERATIONS DIARY (Date) 19/9/17

Serial No.	TIME	FROM	TO	Senders' No.	Text of message or telephone conversation	How recd. or sent.
1	11.10 p.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G.28	Hold 200 men ready for stretcher bearer duty at call of D.D.M.S. I ANZAC from 8 a.m. tomorrow AAA D.D.M.S. will give you ample notice if required and will arrange direct with you.	Arranged by G.3
2	11.50 p.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G.32	Following message from 10th Corps begins AAA Document captured from Bav.Ersatz Div. shows enemy light signals to have changed on 16th inst as follows:- S.O.S.Barrage GREEN Annihilating fire YELLOW lengthen range RED	Wire
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3.	7.40 a.m.	1st Aust. Div.	5th Div.	G.349	Both Brigades reported to have gained first objectives Troops for second objective moving well up to time.	Wire
4.	7.30 a.m.	Liason	5th Div.		Major Cheeseman rang up to say that the RED Line had been captured with very few casualties	Phone
5.	8.40 a.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G.65	2nd Aust.Div. report having taken prisoners of 60th I.R. 75 7th I.R. 56th R.I.R. and 15th Bav.R.I.R.	Wire
6.	8.40 a.m.	5th Div.	All	G6	1st Aust.Div. captured RED Line	Wire
7.	8.52 a.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G.64	All our troops reported on RED Line	Wire
8.	9.0. a.m.	5th Div.	All	G.8	Corps reports both Divisions on RED Line	Wire

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9.	9.10 a.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div	G.72	Prisoner of 4th Co. 4th Bav.R.I.R. states order of battle normal. Assembly areas for first counter attack J.15.d. and J.9.d.8.2. these failing reserves form up in wood in J.24.a and b. Prisoner taken approximately J.21.b.5.9.	Wire
10.	9.30	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C.1 W.J.C.2	RED LINE taken, casualties slight 11th Battalion had no casualties getting 1st objective. Contact patrol reports enemy counter-attack Division forming up at MOORSLEDE. They are expected to come down through J.9. 3rd Brigade have taken BLUE LINE. 2nd Brigade meeting with considerable opposition. 2nd Div taken BLUE LINE.	D.R. D.R. 40
				W.J.C.3	Copy of wire from I ANZAC. Second Division report prisoner 56th Regt. 121st Div. Prisoners state counter-attack Divisions at MOORSLEDE and WATERDAMHOEK and will probably come up in buses. Attack may be expected in two to three hours. They will move north to cemetery thence along road NORTH POLYGON WOOD and attack from high ground J.13.d.	D.R.

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11.	10 a.m.	5th Div.	All	G11	Our Liaison Officer with 1st Aust.Div. reports contact patrol saw enemy counter attack Div. forming up at MOORSLEDE. They are expected to come down through J.9. Our 3rd Brigade have taken BLUE LINE. 2nd Bde. meeting with considerable opposition. 2nd Div. taken BLUE LINE. Corps reports counter attack divisions probably coming up in busses and due in two or three hours time.	Wire
12.	10.10 a.m.	5th Div.	14th Bde.	G.12	Ref. Preliminary Instructions No.6 para.1 (b) 14th Bde. to be held in readiness for immediate movement until further orders	Wire copy to "Q" & I ANZAC
13	10.25 a.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G88	Second Army wire begins aaa As far as can be ascertained I ANZAC have gained RED Line successfully and troops moved through to attack BLUE LINE AAA Left Bde 23rd Div reported by F.O.O. to be moving through INVERNESS COPSE aaa 41st Div. reported to have started successfully aaa No official confirmation yet of entire RED LINE 10th Corps except from 39th Div. aaa 8.20 a.m. 19th Div. gained BLUE LINE complete aaa Added all concerned	

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14	10.50 a.m.	Liaison	5th Div.	W. J. C. 4	From Intelligence File 8.40 a.m. German Lieutenant taken at J.15.b.7.2. AAA He states/absolutely demoralised our attack unexpected aaa They were to attack the post captured by us the other day approx. J.14.central this morning at 6 a.m. with flammenwerfer aaa His regiment H.C. J.18.b.4.3. Battalion H.C. J.17.b.25.70 J.16.b.25.30 and J. 15.b.7.2. aaa He is confident no attempt will be made to retake lost ground they intend to consolidate where driven to aaa Reserve Div. are in and around DADIZERLE and in DADIZERLE Line aaa Many prisoners belonging to Bav. ERSATZ order of battle normal prisoner of 4th Co. 4th Bav.R.I.R. states his regiment completely demoralised and retreating in all directions assembly area for first counter attack J.15.d. and J.9.d.8.2. these failing reserves form up in WOOD J.12.b. J.17.a. and J.24.a. and b. prisoner taken approx. J. 21.b.5.9. he knows of no flammenwerfer or gas in any of the battalions in reserve area	D.R.
15.	10.50 a.m.	Liaison	5th Div.	W. J. C. 5	6th Bn report RED LINE being consolidated aaa Casualties slight aaa About 150 prisoners aaa 7th Bn direction officer reports left of 5th bn disorganised but 7th Bn is pressing on to prevent enemy reorganising aaa 5th Bn. reports strong points established near REUTELBEEK and at 500 due south from block VERBER FARM aaa Casualties slight during advance but somewhat heavy in assembly position.	D.R.
16	10.50 a.m.	Liaison	5th Div.	W. J. C. 6	Extract from 2nd Bde. File Message time 9.5 a.m. Engineer Officer i/c strong point "D" reports BLUE LINE taken with slight casualties aaa 7th Bn. reports capture 1 officer and 19 other ranks aaa Liaison Officer with 69th Bde. reports RED LINE taken with 100 prisoners aaa His O.P. reports what appears to be heavy GERMAN counter attack from DUMBARTON LAKES .	D.R.

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17.	10.50 a.m.	Liaison	5th Div.	W.J.C.7	Later 9.55 a.m. 69th Bde. captured BLUE LINE no confirmation of reported enemy counter attack over DUMBARTON LAKES.	D.R.
18.	10.50 a.m.	Liaison	5th Div.	W.J.C.8	Extract from 3rd Bde. File time 9.40 a.m. Progress good aaa Troops reported almost on GREEN line aaa Enemy shelling light.	D.R.
19.	10.50 a.m.	Liaison	5th Div.	W.J.C.9	Extract from Corps File. Message timed 9.50 a.m. Our troops seen advancing up WESTERN SLOPE of ridge west of TOWER HAMLETS 39th Div. of 10th Corps have got up to BLUE LINE aaa INVERNESS COPSE is ours aaa German counter attack in preparation just south of ZONNEBEKE reported by aeroplane	D.R.

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20	11.20 a.m.	5th Div	8th Bde.		Asked B.M. if complete with ammunition, aeroplane ground flares and S.O.S. grenades. All complete.	Phone
21.	11.20	5th Div.	14th Bde.		All complete as above.	Phone
22.	11.20	5th Div.	15th Bde.		All complete as above.	Phone
23.	11.30	5th Div.	O.C.Sigs.		Keep on synchronization of watches with all units.	Phone
24.	11.30	5th Div.	D.A.A.G.		Take a census of all accommodation, water points etc. in and around DICKBUSCH and eastwards of LILLW Road.	Phone
25.					Also C.R.E. A.C., C.C. ordered to make a reconnaissance of HALF WAY HOUSE, BELGIAN CHATEAU, MARTYNS DUMP, KREUSTRAAT,	
25.	11.30	5th Div.	Liaison Officer		Liaison Officers to make reconnaissance by day and night of roads eastwards of a N and S Line through RENNINGHELST up to and including YPRES Road and MESSINES Road, and to make a reconnaissance of the roads and tracks eastwards of the YPRES - MESSINES Road up to a line drawn N and S through CLAPHAM JUNCTION by day and night when opportunity offers.	Phone
26.	11.30	5th Div.	D.B.O.		Ordered through G to make a census dumps and munitions in forward area and reconnoiter site for 5th Div. dump.	Phone
27.	11.45	5th Div.			Brigades informed that unit commanders are welcome to come and see what is going on.	

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28	11.45	5th Div	3 Bdes	G28	Please remind unit commanders necessity of looking up various points given in pamphlet S.S. 135 "Training of Divisions for Offensive Action".	Wire
29	11.50	5th Div	3 Bdes		Enquired if all officers had visited the model trenches.	Phone.
30	12.12 p.m.	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C.10	Extract from Intelligence File, message timed 10.15 a.m. Prisoners taken now 4 officers 200 other ranks. German Officer 28th Ersatz Regt. states they will fight like hell for line approx. our GREEN LINE. Counter attacks to be expected from MOLENHOEK and ZUICHOKK.	D.R.
31	12.12	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C.11	Extract from Signals file, message timed 10.30 a.m. Both Brigade Forward Stations established and have been in constant telephonic communication since they went forward at 0700. We are now in communication with Wireless Tank Station.	D.R.
32	12.12	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C.12	Aeroplane photo shows our troops on GREEN LINE with right flank thrown forward about J.15, b.7.2.	D.R.
33	12.12	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C.13	Please let me know if any information is required on any particular point. Also whether the stuff I am sending is satisfactory and complete enough. Will be able to get lunch here I think	D.R.

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34	12.30 p.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G153	10 Corps report 23rd Div. have all BLUE LINE and are at NORTHAMPTON FARM aaaa They have many prisoners and attack proceeding normally aaaa 1st Aust.Div. left brigade on BLUE LINE aaaa Right Bde. reported difficulty at BLACK WATCH CORNER aaaa 2nd Aust.Div. hold BLUE LINE aaaa Fifth Corps report capture of ZONNEBEKE REDOUBT and flares seen in BREMEN REDOUBT also that their right Bde. is in touch with 2nd Aust. Div. at ANZAC AAA Prisoners captured on this Corps front approx. 5 officers and 300 O.R.	Wire

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35	12.43 p.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	6155	N.C.O. 15 R.I.R. states he believes STURM Division to be 3rd R.D.	WIRE.
36	12.50 p.m.	5th Div.	3 Bdes.	636	Please detail Officers to reconnoitre all routes East of a N. and S. line through REMINGHELST as far as the YPRES-WYTSCHAETE road. Beyond that as circumstances allow but must not interfere with forward Divisions.	WIRE.
37	1.10 p.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	159	Left Bde. Left Division reports at 10.45 a.m. aaa One battalion has taken GREEN LINE and consolidated aaa Right Brigade Left Division reports success signal seen from centre GREEN LINE aaa	WIRE.

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38	2.15 p.m.	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C.14	Line shown by map dropped from aeroplane is approx. J.3.b.2.2 to J.3.d.4.3 and J.9.b.5.5 through J.9.central to J.9.d.6.1 and J.16.a.1.5 to J.16.b.1.1 (Map dropped 10.57 a.m.)	D.R
39	2.15	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C.15	1st Div. in touch with 2nd Div on GREEN line (time from 2nd Div 11.55 a.m.)	D.R.
40	2.15	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C.16	Extract from Intelligence File timed 11.25 a.m. Prisoner belonging to 9th Co. 3rd Bn. B.R.I.R. states that reserve troops will be brought up to L'DEGHEM when all troops are detrained and where all ammunition is dumped. Railhead is in centre of town.	D.R.
41	2.15	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C.17	3rd Brigade report (message timed 11.55 a.m.) MY GREEN LINE Battalions after temporary check and fairly heavy casualties have gained objective and are consolidating. The O.C. "D" Co. 12th Battalion asks for barrage to be lengthened as some of his working parties are being hit.	D.R.
42	2.15	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C. 18	Extract from 2nd Aust Div file (message timed 11.15 a.m.) 5th Brigade's report timed 10.45 a.m. 17th Battalion taken GREEN LINE. Enemy shelling our present front line. Several enemy planes now in the air. 7th Brigade reports success signal from centre GREEN LINE. Time 10.50 a.m. Division on left of 2nd Div. report ZONNEBEEK red ubt captured.	D.R.
43	2.15	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C. 19	From 2nd Div. 12.55 p.m. Captured about 200 prisoners numerous machine guns in good order and one messenger dog. Prisoner states 16th Bav. Division will do the attack.	

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44	2.15	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C.20	From 23rd Div at 11.30 a.m. O.C. battery A/156 reports at 9.35 a.m. Saw our infantry passing over ridge at J.21.a.42.00 and to south in J.21.c. Situation on ridge to north of J.21.a seemed obscure WOODS in J.14.d and J.20.b. strongly held by our infantry. 23rd Div. at 11.50 a.m. R.A. Liaison Officer reports from J.20.b.7.4 10.30 a.m. BLUE LINE being rapidly consolidated. 11.35 a.m. captured in BLUE LINE 100 prisoners, 1 Field gun, 3 Howitzers, 1 T.M.	D.R.
45	2.15	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C.21	From Corps File, message timed 10.20 a.m. Our troops ZONNEBEKE REDOUBT 300 yards W. of ANZAC in IRON CROSS REDOUBT and ALBERT REDOUBT and near W. point of POLYGON WOOD about J.9.a.3.3. About 1000 infantry advancing about 8.30 a.m. in artillery formation at J.9.a.0.0 Shelled heavily and went back. Three flares seen on line J.9.a.9.1 and J.9.a.8.3	D.R.
46	2.15	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C.22	Corps File message 10.30 a.m. 9th Division report all objectives believed taken and in touch with Australians at ANZAC. BREMEN REDOUBT believed taken. 11.22 a.m. Army centre reports following from 23rd Division. Our men near TOWER HAMLETS at 10 a.m. Our men reported in NORTHAMPTON FARM. Many prisoners.	D.R.
47	2.15	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C.23	Corps File, 12 noon. N.C.O. 15th R.L.R. states he believes STURM Division to be 3rd R.D.	R.D.
48	2.15	Liaison	5th Div.	W.J.C.24	From 2nd Brigade's File message timed 11.23 a.m. Officer in charge Strong point "D" reports that twice advance xxxxx from BLUE LINE has had to return through our barrage. Third wave appeared fairly successful.	

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49	2.15	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C. 25	Liaison Officer with 69th Brigade reports that Brigade in touch with 1st Division on GREEN LINE (time 12.55 p.m.)	D.R.
50	2.15	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C. 26	From Corps File 1. p.m. Aeroplanes report troops well established in GREEN LINE from ROUTELBECK along trench some 150 yards west of JUT FARM and CAMERON HO. thence 100 yards east of BLACK WATCH CORNER thence 50 yards east of J.9.central to J.3.	D.R.

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51		5th Div.	1st and 2nd Divs.	G51	Please accept heartiest congratulations on your success from whole of 5th Division.	1 copy to each Div. by D.R. 1 copy to each Div. by WIRE.
52	3 p.m.	5th Div.	8th Bde.	G52	You will hold 200 Infantry men in readiness to move at 15 minutes notice for duty as stretcher bearers and Dress haversack with 48 hours rations, water bottle, gas helmets and waterproof sheet alone and Acknowledge.	WIRE.
53	3 p.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G202	Fifth Army wire timed 10.35 a.m. Situation report: XIV Corps reports 20th Division right and left battalions gained objectives but centre checked. XVIII Corps reports PHEASANT FARM CEMETERY and 50 prisoners taken by 51st Division. 58th Division on dotted RED LINE and ARBRE and about 40 prisoners taken and our troops also seen moving near WUEST FARM. Heavy enemy barrage on line of STEEBEKE. V Corps has taken SCHULER GALLERIES GALLIPOLI HILL 35, and POTSDAM. BREMEN REDOUBT believed taken. HILL 35 heavily shelled.	WIRE.
54	3.5p.m				G.O.C. rang up G.O.C. 8th Brigade and informed him that the orders regarding nucleus to be left behind, contained in S.S. 135 must be adhered to, and he could not allow any variation except in the case of Major Murdock and Major Knight whom General Tivey specially desired to take into the line, as they had no previous experience in their senior capacity.	
55	3.30 p.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G1112	Reference our G28 dated 19th September. The 200 men mentioned should not be Ambulance personnel. A.D.M.S. will probably require to-night. Please arrange with A.D.M.S. direct arrangements for quartering, rations and movement.	"Q" Branch please note and see No.1 and No.52 messages on Operations Diary.

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56	3.45 p.m.	5th Div.	8th Inf. Bde.	G56	Reference my wire G52 aas 200 men will probably not be required till to-night but order re 15 minutes notice still holds good.	WIRE.
57	4.20 p.m.	Liaison	5th Div	WJC 27	From 3rd Bde File. Message timed 1 p.m. From 10th Bn. my companies have suffered heavy casualties; are now digging front second objective in conjunction with 9th Bn. Both being heavily shelled. 12.30 p.m. Enemy reported by F.O.O. to be massing with view counter attack at J.10.c.central and J.16.b.central.	
58	4.20	Liaison	5th Div	WJC 28	From 2nd Bde L.H. patrol 1.25 p.m. 8th Battalion occupying BLACK WATCH CORNER. Enemy massing in vicinity CAMERON HO. J.16.a.2.8. BLACK WATCH CORNER caused all the trouble to 2nd Bde.	
59	4.20	Liaison	5th Div	WJC 29	Messenger dog captured had the following message on: "Retake shell-hole area. our artillery fire will be directed by rockets". From 1st Anzac file 1.35 p.m.	
60	4.20	Liaison	5th Div	WJC 30	From 23rd Div. 1.10 p.m. Prisoner states 16th/Div. in close support. 32nd R.I.R. and 98th R.I.R. also reported seen in MENIN. From 2nd Div. 1.40 p.m. Australian flag hoisted over ANZAC. Prisoners estimated 200 passed through, 1 field gun, and 4 machine guns captured vicinity HANEBERK.WOOD.	
61	4.20	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C. 31	From Intelligence, 2.15 p.m. Prisoners taken, Bn.Commander and Adjutant of 1st Bn. 4th B.R.I.R. Co.Commanders of 3rd Co. 1st Battalion, 4th B.R.I.R. and 15th B.R.I.R. Captured German maps give following targets: M.G.positions J.10.c.5.5, J.10.c.3.6, 2 at J.9.d.8.75, J.9.d.75.09, 2 at J.11.c.15.60. Regimental H.Q. approx. J.11.c.2.4 important bridges J.10.d.8.1, J.10.d.15.70	

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62	4.20 p.m.	Liaison	5th Div	W.J.C.32	From I ANZAC 1.45 p.m. X Corps report following information from prisoners. Bn H.Q. at I.7.b.25.70, J.16.b.25.30 and J.15.b.70.20. Reserve Division is in and around DEBERSEKLE. Prisoner states reserves would form up in J.12.b, J.15.a, J.17.a and J.24.a and b. Memos. from Intelligence files refer to 1st Div. unless otherwise stated.	D.R.
63	4.20	Liaison	5th Div	WJC 33	From Corps 1.45 p.m. X Corps state Sergt-Major of 4th Bav. M.I.R. stated 11th Bay (16th Bav. Div.) was in BECKLAERS, KRUISSECKE/last night. From 2nd Bde, 2.11 p.m. 10 machine (Lewis) guns reported to be out of action. Nothing definite. From 2nd Bde, 2.15 p.m. Enemy reported to be massing from J.16.e.1.2 to J.15.b.86610. Artillery informed.	D.R.
64	4.30	I ANZAC	5th Div	Ig 212	Following information from captured German map. Machine guns at J.10.e.5.5 - J.10.e.5.6 - J.9.d.85.75 J.9.d.75.09, J.11.e.15.60. Headquarters also given at J.11.e.3.4, J.10.d.15.71, J.10.d.8.1.	Wire.
65	4.30	2nd Aust Div.	5th Div	GA35	Very many thanks for wire	Wire

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66	4.40 p.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G240	10th Corps wire begins aaaa 69th Brigade report timed 12.45 p.m. aaaa All objectives now reported taken and consolidated aaaa In touch with 68th Brigade on right and ANZACS on left both on GREEN LINE.	WIRE.
67	5.40 p.m.	5th Div.	14th & 15th Bdes.		(a) Have you given your Trench Mortar personnel hedging gloves to hold hot Stokes gun. (b) Have you been to Corps Workshops to get handles put on your Trench Mortars.	PHONE MESSAGE by G.S.O.1.
68	5.50 p.m.	Liaison	5th Div.	W.J.C. 34	From Wireless Tank received here 3.15 p.m. Enemy barrage along valley of BASSEVILLE BECK. Enemy Infantry strength about one Bn. halted about 1 p.m. (exact copy of message).	D.R.
69	5.50	Liaison	5th Div.	W.J.C. 35	From I ANZAC 2.25 p.m. V Army wire timed 10.35 a.m. Situation report. XIV Corps reports 20th Division right and left battalions gained objectives but centre still checked. VIII Corps report PHEASANT FARM CEMETERY and 50 prisoners taken by 51st Bn.Div. Heavy enemy barrage on line of STEENBECK. V Corps had taken SCHULER GALLERIES, GALLIPOLI 25 HILL 35 and POTSDAM.	D.R.
70	5.50	Liaison	5th Div.	W.J.C. 36	From Wireless Tank 3.45 p.m. Enemy has been dribbling down past mound in J.10.a from E direction for the past two hours. They disappear at mound. From I ANZAC 4 p.m. enemy moral gone. Prisoners coming in from fire in front of GREEN LINE.	

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71	5.50 p.m.	Liaison	5th Div.	W.J.C. 37	From 3rd Brigade 4 p.m. Consolidation fairly complete. There is a lot of enemy movement around BUTTE J.10 a. Our guns busy on this spot. 4.5 p.m. enemy planes active flying low and using machine guns on our new line.	D.R.
72	5.50	Liaison	5th Div.	W.J.C. 38	From 3rd Brigade at 3.52 p.m. Re BLUE LINE. Second objective consolidated about 100 yards in rear of line laid down owing to poor field of fire. A continuous line is being dug protected in front by a line of strong points 250 yards in the wood. A good strong point is being constructed round concrete dugout at J.9.c.8.5. and are connected with 5th Bn. Another strong point at J.9.a.5.4. in touch with 27th Bn.	D.R.
73	5.50	Liaison	5th Div.	W.J.C. 39	2nd Brigade report at 2.53 p.m. Small parties enemy at the BUTTE J.10.a.7.8. and in the valley in front of GHELOVELT. Considerable movements in front of ZONNEBEKE. Police of 1st Div. estimate number of prisoners taken by this Div. about 700.	D.R.
74	5.50	Liaison	5th Div.	W.J.C. 40	From I ANZAC 4.30 p.m. There are many indications that enemy is moving ^{some} of his counter attack troops to assembly positions E. of ZANVOORDE via route from WERVICQ Area. From L.H. patrol 4.30 p.m. We do not hold trench J.16.a.0.2. to J.16.a.05.50. 8th Bn. in possession of CARLISLE FARM and LONE HOUSE is consolidated as a strong point.	D.R.

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75	5.50 p.m	Liaison	5th Div.	W.J.C. 41	From 2nd Brigade 4 p.m. 8th Bn. report capture by them of 8 Officers 300 other ranks, 12 M.G's and 4 T.M's. CARLISLE FARM with 4 Officers 60 O.R. and 3 M.G's. was captured by one Officer and 4 other ranks. Enemy reported coming in with hands up from well in front of GREEN LINE. Casualties not heavy and mainly caused by our own artillery. Our line now runs J.15.d.3.9. to J.15.b.3.6. to J.15.b.30.95 - J.9.d.3.3. with outposts 100 yards in front and in touch with both flanks.	D.R.
76	5.50	Liaison	5th Div.	W.J.C.42	Colonel DILL says its not necessary for me to stay here all night. So will stay to dinner and if situation still normal will return afterwards. Will notify time later.	D.R.

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GENERAL STAFF OPERATIONS DIARY (Date)..... 20th Sept/17

Serial No.	TIME	FROM	TO	Senders' No.	Text of message or telephone conversation	How recd. or sent.
77	6.30 p.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div	G272	Following from right brigade 1st Aust Div. time unknown begins: 8th Bn reports capture by them of 60 Officers 300 other ranks, 12 M.G's, 4 T.M's. CARLISLE FARM with 4 officers and 60 other ranks and 3 M.G's was captured by 1 officer and 4 men. Enemy reported coming in with hands up from beyond GREEN LINE. Our line now runs J.15.d.3.9, J.15.b.3.6, J.15.b.30.95, J.9.d.3.3 with outposts 100 yards in front and in touch on both flanks. Situation O.K.	Wire
78	6.30	I ANZAC	5th Div	F258	Captured German map shows important bridges at J.10.d.8.1 and J.10.d.15.70	Wire
79	6.45	3rd Aust Div	5th Div	G495	Regret MOYES unable to leave till 21st as previously arranged.	Wire. (Capt. MOYES is liaison officer from 3rd Div.)
80	7.7.	Meteor.	5th Div.		Forecast wind S.W. 15 to 25 mph probably becoming W. 25 to 35 mph with gusts of gale force fair at first later probable temporarily cloudy with some showers. cooler good visibility wind 7 p.m. W.S.W. 12 mph midnight and 4 a.m. W. 15 mph.	Wire.
81	7.7.	1st Aust. Div.	5th Div.	G398	Many thanks for your kind wire of congratulation which is much appreciated by all ranks.	Wire.
82	8 p.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G289	Left Div. reports aas Begins aas Left Brigade 4.45 p.m. reports close on 200 prisoners captured aas 1 light pattern Field gun aas 9 Machine guns aas One TELEFUNKEN set captured at ANZAC aas Large number of enemy dead lying about 40 alone being counted in one spot in HENEBREEK WOOD aas Enemy in shell holes 300 yards in front of left flank aas Right Brigade report about 100 prisoners captured aas 3 Machine guns aas Troops both Brigades consolidated on GREEN LINE.	Wire.

APPENDIX 6

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GENERAL STAFF OPERATIONS DIARY (Date)... 20th September 1917.

Serial No.	TIME	FROM	TO	Senders' No.	Text of message or telephone conversation	How recd. or sent.
83	8.15 p.m.	Liaison	5th Div.	W.J.C.43	<p>From 3rd Brigade 4.45 p.m. Getting excellent targets in J.10 Artillery co-operation heavy and light very prompt. This has prevented any formidable concentration up to the present. Can get supplies and ammunition up very well now.</p> <p>From Corps 4.35 p.m. Enemy removing guns J.6.a.20.85 suggest all near hostile batteries be engaged.</p>	D.R.
84	8.15	Liaison	5th Div.	W.J.C.44	<p>From 23rd Div. 6 p.m. 69th Brigades reports enemy artillery intermittent and slight. Situation quiet. Casualties 1st Div. up to 6 p.m. approx. 46 Officers 1100 O.R.</p> <p>Can arrangements be made to pick me up here about 8.30 p.m. please.</p>	D.R.
85	8.45	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G 297	<p>Following from Army Commander begins. Please accept and convey to your Divisions and all your troops engaged my hearty congratulations on the splendid success you have achieved to-day.</p>	Wire.

APPENDIX 5

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GENERAL STAFF OPERATIONS DIARY (Date).....

Serial No.	TIME	FROM	TO	Senders' No.	Text of message or telephone conversation	How recd. or sent.
86	7.40 a.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	S/3121	14th and 15th A.I. Bdes will be held ready to move this afternoon to occupy CHAU-SEGARD - DICKEBUSCH and OUDERDOM Areas aas Wire your requirements as to which area each Bde is to occupy.	Wire
87.	7.40 a.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G345	5th Corps wire begins. 55th Div. wire timed 8.40 p.m begins IRON reports GALLIPOLI COPSE captured and is being consolidated. The 5 p.m. counter attack on the ridge was repulsed with M.G. fire and the bayonet.	Wire
88.	7.40	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G.353	2nd Army wire begins. 41st Div attack this evening succeeding in gaining TOWER HAMLETS and the green line as far south as J.21.c.8.5 which gives us the firm hold of the TOWER HAMLETS RIDGE we wanted. The line south of J.21.c.8.5 uncertain but probably bends back from that point to about J.26.central. With this exception all the 2nd Army objectives for today have been gained. All counter attacks have been destroyed The most serious was against the left Bde. of the right ANZAC Div. about 7.20 p.m. tonight which was beaten off.	Wire
89.	7.40	1st Aus. Div.	5th Div.	G.414	Morning report. Enemy inactive except for intermittent shelling. Work on consolidation of new lines continued.	Wire
90.	7.40	Meteor	5th Div.		Forecast wind west 25 to 35 m.p.h. moderating later at first some showers later mainly fair and bright good visibility and cooler wind midnight and 4 a.m. 12 m.p.h.	Wire

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GENERAL STAFF OPERATIONS DIARY (Date).....

Serial No.	TIME	FROM	TO	Senders' No.	Text of message or telephone conversation	How recd. or sent.
91	8.0. a.m.	LANZAC	5th Div.	G321	10th Corps reports following H.Q. located from captured german map. J.11.c.5.3 large number of telephone wires leading here. J.18.d.6.8. J.12.d.1.2. K.7.c.0.6. K.7.d.4.3. DADIZEELE.	Wire
92.	8.0 a.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G.320	Second Army evening report begins. Situation appears to be fairly quiet. Hostile attempts at counter attacks crushed by our artillery fire for the present. First ANZAC line runs on GREEN LINE just east of CARLISLE FARM and does not extend to 150 yards west of JUTS FARM as previously reported. 3 raids carried out early this morning south of YPRES-COMMINES CANAL. 2 others south of HOLLEBEKE and one north of WARNETON. Identifications obtained in latter raid. Our aeroplanes very active. Contact patrols and artillery co-operating have been carried out since early morning. Hostile troops and transport attacked with machine guns at average height 300 feet. E.A. active during afternoon. 50 combats in which 6 E.A. were shot down and 3 driven down out of control. 6 of our machines are missing. Prisoners admitted to Corps Cages for 24 hours ending 6 p.m. today. 10 officers 730 other ranks excluding wounded.	Wire
93.	8.0. a.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G.356	Morning report. Intermittent hostile shelling occasionally heavy during the night. No infantry action. Consolidation proceeding. Prisoners of war and material captured not yet ascertained.	Wire

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Serial No.	TIME	FROM	TO	Senders' No.	Text of message or telephone conversation	How recd. or sent.
94	1.0 p.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G.383	Second Army report that yesterday evening west bound m.t. from CHELUME bebused about 28 K.28.c.	Wire
95	1.0 p.m.	I ANZAC	5th Div.	G.381	Second Army morning report. Situation unchanged. Intermittent hostile shelling occasionally heavy on first ANZAC front. Elsewhere a quiet night except for heavy shelling of RAVINE WOOD at intervals. 41st Div. front reported as follows. GREEN LINE from northern boundary to J.21.c.8.4 - J.20.d.95.40 - J.20.d.8.0 - J.26.b.6.9 - J.26.b.4.2 - thence along BLUE LINE to southern boundary. In additions to yesterdays evening report one E.A. shot down two E.A. driven down out of control. One of our machines is missing. Also one low flying E.A. was shot down by a battalion of S. WALES BORDERERS.	Wire

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Serial No.	TIME	FROM	TO	Senders' No.	Text of message or telephone conversation	How recd. or sent.
96	10 ⁵⁰ p.m.	1 ANZAC	5th Div.	G435	<p>Second Army evening report timed 7.30 p.m. begins. 41st Div. at 9.30 a.m. succeeded in capturing the remainder of the GREEN LINE near TOWER HAMLET except for a few hundred yards on the extreme right. The enemy counter attacked the TOWER HAMLETS RIDGE this evening. Strong point south of TOWER HAMLETS captured by us this morning appears to have been lost otherwise counter attack has failed up to the present. Heavy hostile shelling of the 10th Corps front. Promiscuous shelling elsewhere north of canal and in MESSINES-PLOEGSTEERT sector. E.A. shot down 3 driven out of control, 6 of our machines are missing. One wounded German officer brought in otherwise no further detailed reports as to prisoners captured. 3 more enemy M.Gs. salvaged.</p>	Wire.
97	10.50 P.M.	1 ANZAC	5th Div.	G406	<p>Following message from 10th Corps timed 3.55 p.m. begins. Following from 41st Div. begins. Situation 12.30 p.m. 20th Durhams and 10th Kents hold from J27A1599 to J26B9540. 23rd Middx. on right were held up by concrete strong point about J26B9535. This has been reduced and Middlesex are moving forward to prolong line to southern divisional boundary. Endeavour will be made to push forward on to GREEN LINE. Ends.</p>	Wire.

COMMANDER - MAJOR GENERAL J.T HOBBS C.B.,V.D.

A.D.C. Capt. W.L. Hamilton
A.D.C.

G.S.O. 1	Lieut-Colonel J.H. Peck D.S.O., A.I.F.	C.R.A.	Brig-Gen. A.J. Bessel-Browne C.M.G., D.S.O. A.I.F.
G.S.O. 2	Capt. (t. Maj.) D.M. King D.S.O., M.C. The King's (Liverpool Regt).	C.R.E.	Brev. Lt. Col. A.B. Carey C.M.G., D.S.O., R.E.
G.S.O. 3	Capt. S.A. Hunn M.C. A.I.F.	A.D.M.S.	Colonel W.W. Hearne D.S.O., A.A.M.C.
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D.A.A.G.	Capt. C.R.E. Jennings A.I.F.	D.A.D.V.S.	Major Max Henry A.A.V.C.
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Div. I.O.	Capt. F.W. Robinson A.I.F.	A.P.M.	Major E.J.F. Langley D.S.O. A.I.F.

INFANTRY BRIGADES

8th INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brig-Gen. E. TIVEY C.B., D.S.O., V.D. A.I.F.
Brigade Major - Major R.G. Casey M.C., A.I.F.
Staff Captain - Capt. H.W. Guming M.C., A.I.F.
29th Bn. Lieut-Col. M. Purser
30th Bn. Lieut-Col. J.W. Clark D.S.O.
31st Bn. Lieut-Col. F.W. Toll D.S.O.
32nd Bn. Lieut-Col. C.S. Davies (The Leicestershire Regt.)
8th M.G.Co. Capt. C.H. Holmes
8th L.T.M.B. Capt. R.D. Mulvey M.C.

14th INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brig-Gen. C.J. HOBKIRK D.S.O. (The Essex Regt).
Brigade Major - Capt. R.G. Legge M.C. A.I.F.
Staff Captain - Capt. F.A. Wisdom A.I.F.
53rd Bn. Lieut-Col. O.M. Croshaw D.S.O. (Q.O.R.G.Y.)
54th Bn. Lieut-Col. F. Street
55th Bn. Lieut-Col. P.W. Woods M.C.
56th Bn. Lieut-Col. A.H. Scott D.S.O.
14th M.G.Co. Capt. W.T. Dick
14th L.T.M.B. Capt. K.H. Brock

15th INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brig-Gen. H.E. ELLIOTT C.M.G. D.S.O. A.I.F.
Brigade Major - Capt. G.A. Street A.I.F.
Staff Captain - Capt. H.R. Gollan A.I.F.
57th Bn. Lieut-Col. J.C. Stewart D.S.O.
58th Bn. Lieut-Col. C.A. Denehy D.S.O. (Major N.M. Freeman in command at ZERO).
59th Bn. Lieut-Col. C.C. Mason
60th Bn. Lieut-Col. N. Marshall M.C.
15th M.G.Co. Capt. K.B. Muirson M.C.
15th L.T.M.B. Capt. W.E. Freeman M.C.

DIVISIONAL TROOPS

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

Brigade Major - Major H.H. Hulton R.F.A.
Staff Captain - Capt. W. H. Dickson R.F.A.
Staff Lieut. for Reconnaissance (Actg). Lieut. E.H. Booth A.F.A.

13th F.A. Brigade

Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY D.S.O.
49th Battery. Major V.H. Gatliff
50th Battery. Major F. Thornethwaite M.C.
51st Battery. Major E.G. Lister
113th Battery. Major C.A. Callaghan D.S.O.

14th F.A. BRIGADE

Lieut-Col. O.F. Phillips D.S.O.
53rd Battery. Major L.E. Beavis
54th Battery. Major E.L. Vowles M.C.
55th Battery. Major P.J. McCormack
114th Battery. Major N.L. Dreyer

DIVISIONAL TRENCH MORTAR OFFICER - Capt. W.D. Wallis

MEDIUM TRENCH MORTARS:

X5A T.M. Batt. Lieut. H.J. Filshire
Y5A T.M. Batt. Lieut. A.G. Macallister
Z5A T.M. Batt. Lieut. E.J. Ferguson M.C.

HEAVY TRENCH MORTARS

V5A. T.M. Batt. Capt. W.H. Hind.

DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN: Lieut-Col. F.A. Hughes D.S.O.

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8th Field Co. A.E. Major W.G. Farquhar
14th Field Co. A.E. Major H. Bachtold M.C.
15th Field Co. A.E. Major H. Greenway D.S.O.

5th Aust. Div. Signal Co. Major R.A. Stanley

5th PIONEER BATTALION - Lieut-Col. H.G. Carter

25th AUST. MACHINE GUN CO. Major A.H. Wright

DIVISIONAL TRAIN

Lieut-Col. F.H. Francis D.S.O.
S.S.O. Major C.W. Robinson

10th A.A.S.C. (H.Q.Co). Major J.A. Brazenor
18th A.A.S.C. Capt. L.K. Stevenson

28th A.A.S.C. Capt. C.B. Grieve M.C.
29th A.A.S.C. Capt. A. Matheson

MEDICAL UNITS

8th Field Ambulance. Lieut-Col. F.H. Makin
14th Field Ambulance. Lieut-Col. C.W. Thompson
15th Field Ambulance. Lieut-Col. J.M.Y. Stewart
5th Sanitary Section. Capt. V.M. Coppleson

DIVISIONAL SALVAGE COMPANY

Capt. C.E. Viner

VETERINARY

5th Mobile Vet. Section - Capt. C.M.G. Walters

Divisional Machine Gun Officer - Major T.R. Marsden D.S.O.
Divisional Bomb Officer - Capt. A.D. Ellis
Divisional Gas Officer - Lieut. W.E. Barclay
Divisional Musketry Officer - Major W. Sharp

25th September 1917.

SECRET.OPERATIONS.

SG16/49.

Headquarters,
I ANZAC Corps.

In reply to your Preliminary Instructions No.2 Series 2, paragraph 17, I submit the following outline of plans for the operations :-

- OBJECT. 1. The object will be to attack and establish the Division on the line J.10.d.3.0 - JOIST FME - JETTY TRENCH - JUBILEE TRENCH - J.4.d.3.6. - (the BLUE LINE).
- SOUTHERN DIVIDING LINE. 2.(a) The dividing ^{line} on the South will be the GLENCORSE WOOD - BLACK WATCH CORNER - REUTEL ROAD (inclusive to left Division of X Corps).
(b) The point of junction with the left Division of the X Corps on the above objective will be J.10.b.3.0.
- NORTHERN DIVIDING LINE/3. (a) The dividing line on the North will be as at present up to J.9.b.25.60 whence it will run due north for 100 yards and thence parallel to the POLYGONVELD ROAD at a distance of 100 yards.
(b) The point of junction with the 4th Australian Division on the above objective will be J.4.d.3.6.
- STAGES. 4.(a) The operation will be effected in two stages:-
(b) The first stage will be the occupation of the RED LINE J.10.c.2.0 - J.10.c.55.55 - J.10.a.8.8.- J.4.c.6.3.
(c) One battalion of each Brigade will be employed for the capture of the RED LINE and two battalions of each Brigade for the capture of the BLUE LINE. One battalion of each Brigade will be held in Brigade Reserve.
- UNITS ENGAGED. 5.(a) The attack will be made by the 15th Infantry Brigade on the right and the 14th Infantry Brigade on the left.
- DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN BRIGADES. (b) The dividing line between Brigades will be a straight line drawn from J.9.d.25.85. to J.10.b.35.30.
- OCCUPATION OF FIGHTING FRONTS. (c) Both Brigades will be in occupation of their fighting fronts, distributed in depth on the night 23rd/24th September.
- DIVISIONAL RESERVE. (d) The 8th Infantry Brigade will be held in Divisional Reserve with one battalion at HALFWAY HOUSE and the remainder in CHATEAU SEGARD AREA. The Reserve will be held ready to move at a specified time after Zero.

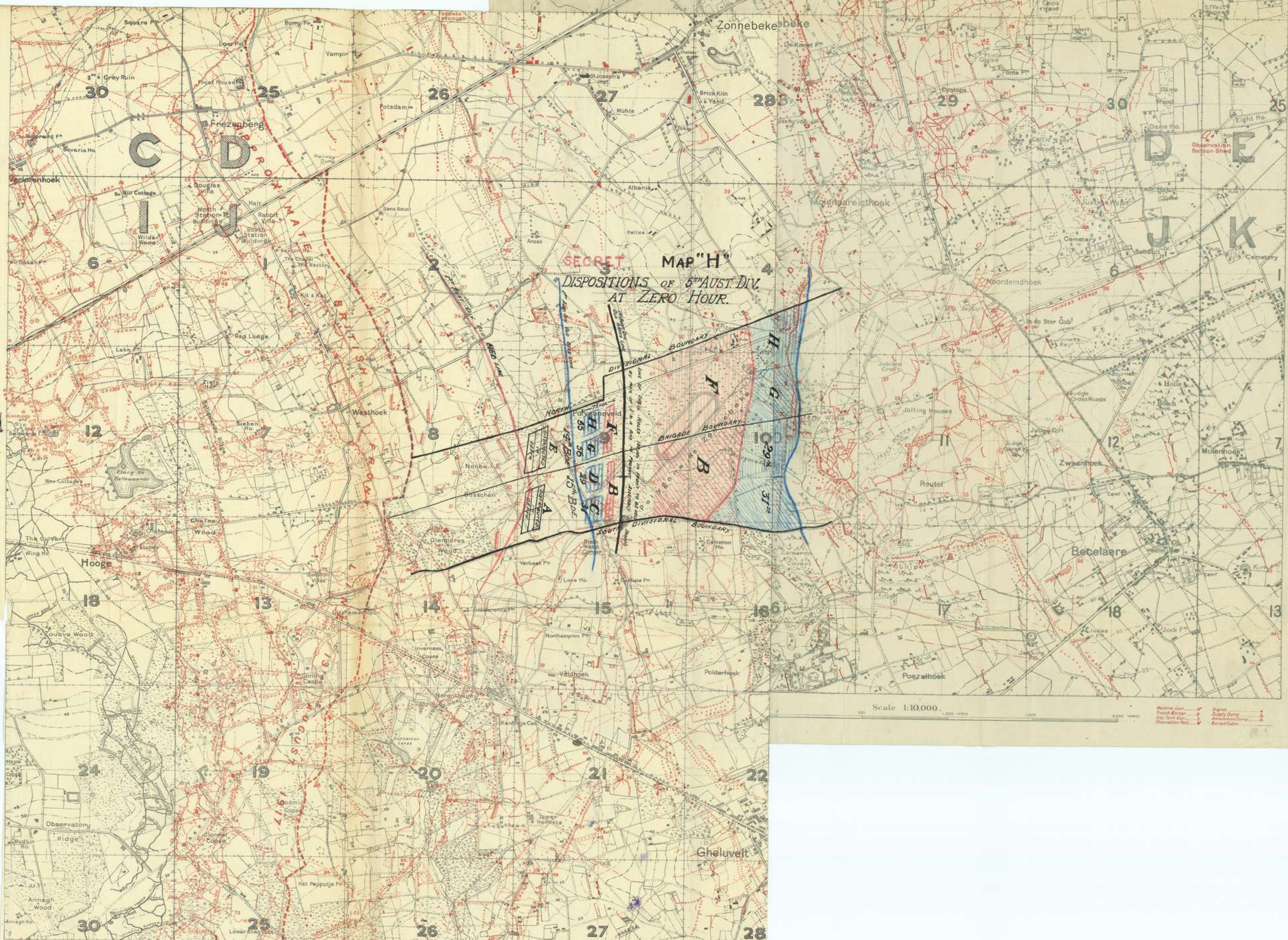
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- FORMATIONS. 6. Each Brigade will attack on a battalion front. The RED Line battalions will attack on a two-company front. The BLUE Line battalions on a one-company front. The Reserve Battalion of each Brigade will be disposed in depth clear of the barraged area.
- ASSEMBLY. 7.(a) Prior to assembly "A" and "E" battalions will be holding the front line (old GREEN Line) with a line of shell hole posts approximately 100^x in front of the line (old GREEN Line).
- PROTECTION OF TROOPS DURING ASSEMBLY. (b) At ZERO minus 45 minutes the front line (old GREEN line) troops of "A" and "E" battalions, with the exception of the troops in shell holes, will be withdrawn. The troops of "A" and "E" battalions in shell holes will remain in position until the assaulting battalions pass through them, when they will move far enough forward to clear the barraged area and will then be employed to keep Reserve Battalion informed of the progress of assaulting battalions.
- DISPOSITION OF RELIEVED TROOPS. (c) The relieved troops of "A" and "E" battalions will move back by an OUT track to a position clear of the barraged area to be selected by O's.C. Reserve Battalions.
- TIME ASSEMBLY COMPLETE. (d) The assembly of assaulting battalions will be completed by ZERO minus 45 minutes.
- RATE OF MARCH. (e) For purposes of calculation, the rate of movement of troops to assembly position is taken as one mile per hour.
- TRACKS AND MARKINGS. (f) Tracks will be marked with panels painted with luminous paint and will be carefully policed to prevent loss of direction. Reliable guides are being trained and in addition Liaison Officers attached to Divisional Staff will assist.
- DISTRIBUTION AT ZERO. (g) The disposition of troops at ZERO is shewn on the attached map.
- RECOMMENDATIONS. 8.(a) I submit for consideration the advisability of placing the "barrage" 200 yards instead of 150 yards in front of the starting line, at ZERO.
(b) On I. and J. days during daylight at least the "Butt" should be kept under constant and close shell fire to prevent observation.

Genl J. S. T. Hobbs

22nd September, 1917.

Major-General,
Commanding 5th Australian Division.



SECRET
MAP "H"
DISPOSITIONS OF 5th AUST. DIV.
AT ZERO HOUR.

Scale 1:10,000.

Machine Gun
 Trench Mortar
 Ammunition Dump
 Supply Dump
 Observation Balloon
 Signal
 Searchlight
 Ammunition Dump
 Barricade

Scale: 1:10,000.

GERMAN TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 13-8-17.

Machine Gun
 Trench Mortar
 Ammunition Dump
 Supply Dump
 Littering Post
 Observation Post
 Buried Cable