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## ADVANCE REPORT

ON

## OPERATIONS of 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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## GENERAL.

1. The Division came out of the line in the BAPAUME Area on 26th May 1917, and has been in training from that date until 17th September 1917 - a period of four months.

## TRAINING.

2. (a) The training period was devoted in the earlier stages to the reorganization of units and training of the individual. In training the individual, the greatest attention was devoted to musketry training, and in doing this, inter-unit competition was made a special feature, as was also the Field Firing practices carried out at THIEPVAL, which terminated musketry training as far as long range firing was concerned. The standard of musketry attained in this period was not allowed to fall and every opportunity was seized to give men practice on short ranges. A few minutes every day was given to rapid loading and trigger pressing. The care and concentration bestowed by all ranks on the musketry training was repaid in full during the battle when every man <sup>conscious of</sup> confident of his own skill, used the rifle with <sup>the power of</sup> excellent effect. Concurrently with the musketry training, careful attention was paid to training in discipline and in the use of the auxiliary platoon weapons - the bayonet, Lewis gun, rifle grenade, and hand grenade. In addition, every vacancy at Army and Corps Schools allotted to the Division was filled by specially selected candidates. Brigade and battalion classes were formed in May and maintained until the 15th September, and proved of great value.
- (b) The training of platoons, companies, and battalions was proceeded with on progressive lines, and by means of constant supervision and frequent inspections by the Divisional and Brigade and Unit Commanders, were able to satisfy themselves that the training was thorough.
- (c) The most valuable and interesting stage of this training was begun in August when the Division was quartered in the BLARINGHEM Area. It was here that the Second Army pamphlet dealing with the best methods of combating the enemy's new tactics was received, and training on the lines laid down in the pamphlet referred to was commenced by Brigades. The progressive method of teaching was adopted whereby sections and platoons, etc were practised constantly in the new formations and tactics. Finally, by means of battalion and Brigade manoeuvres, all units were accustomed to the new order of things. I was able to give the major portion of my time to the supervision and inspection of units during this period of training, and by means of discussions and constructive criticisms after each exercise was able to get the lessons down as far as the junior officers and N.C.O's.

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The result of the operations of the 25th and 26th tend to show that the training was conducted on sound lines, and that all ranks understood their work.

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PRELIMINARY  
ACTION  
PRIOR TO  
THE ATTACK.

3. Having had early information from the Corps of the general plan of the attack, I was able by means of constant liaison with the First Australian Division to keep touch with the trend of events. I am indebted to the 1st Australian Division for the assistance they afforded myself and my Staff. All unit commanders were kept closely in touch with the situation, and I was able to issue the bulk of the General Instructions in advance, so that unit commanders had time to assimilate and pass them down to subordinates. In this way, then, I was able to reduce the amount of paper work inevitable on such occasions to an appreciable extent. In addition to this, an ample supply of excellent maps was issued, and officers were thus able to study the ground from the map. This was of the greatest value - as was proved afterwards. The model of the ground at Sheet 28, G23.d.4.8. was availed of to give as many of all ranks as possible an idea of the ground on which the operations would take place; I attach very great importance to this and hope to have similar opportunities in future operations.

THE DIVISION  
IN SUPPORT.

4. The Division moved by march route to STEENVOORDE Area on the 17th September, and to RENINGHELST Area on the 18th September. From the 18th to the 22nd September the Division was in the RENINGHELST Area, and during this time officers were engaged in making a reconnaissance of the area to be taken over. During the attack by the 1st and 2nd Divisions the closest possible liaison was maintained with the 1st Australian Division, and the progress of the attack was recorded on War Diary forms as the news was received from the Divisional Liaison Officer (Major W.J.R. CHEESEMAN M.C.) All officers were invited to Divisional Headquarters to study the progress of the attack and all who were not on duty availed themselves of the offer, with the result that they were able to follow each phase of the battle as closely as the Divisional Staff of the fighting Division.

The Division was detailed as support Division, with orders to keep a Brigade ready to move at short notice. In addition it was called upon to supply a total of 834 men for tactical working parties (see Appendix "A").

RELIEF.

5. The Division relieved the 1st Australian Division in the line on the night 22nd/23rd September 1917, and the command passed at 10 a.m. 23rd September.

SITUATION 12  
MIDNIGHT  
24th/25th  
September 1917.

6. The Division relieved the 1st Australian Division without incident on the night of the 22nd/23rd September, and on the 25th September the disposition was as follows:-
- (a) 15th Australian Infantry Brigade distributed in depth holding the right Brigade sector from J.9.d.2.0 to J.9.d.2.9.
  - (b) 14th Australian Infantry Brigade distributed in depth holding the left brigade sector from J.9.d.2.9 to J.9.b.25.80.
  - (c) 8th Australian Infantry Brigade in reserve in CHATEAU SEGARD Area.
  - (d) The 33rd (British) Division on the right flank with the 98th Infantry Brigade on the immediate right of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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(e) The 4th Australian Division on the left with the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade on the immediate left of the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade.

7. All units were up to strength, with the exception that the "nucleus" personnel (vide S.S. 135 "Instructions for the training of Divisions Offensive Action," Section XXX) which had been sent to the Corps Reinforcement Camp at CAESTRE.

DISPOSITION OF THE TROOPS. 8. The disposition of the troops at the time the battle commenced on the 25th September was as shewn in para. 5. Troops were well distributed in depth. The disposition of the Division at ZERO hour on attack day 26th September 1917, was as shewn on Map "H" (amended) attached to the plan of attack submitted on the 22nd September (No. SGL6/49).

ORDER OF BATTLE. 9. The Order of Battle of the Division is attached hereto marked Appendix "B".

PLAN OF ACTION. 10. This has been forwarded separately. Registered number 5th Australian Division SGL6/49 of 22nd September 1917.

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS. 11. The reports of subordinate commanders have not yet been received. The record of the operations showing signal messages, orders, reports, discussions, and decisions in chronological order, is attached marked Appendix "C".

RESULT OF THE ENGAGEMENT. 12. The 5th Australian Division gained all objectives and in addition, that portion of the BLUE objective allotted to the 33rd Division from J.16.a.9.6. to the REUTEL ROAD.

CASUALTIES 13. A return of casualties is attached hereto marked Appendix "D". This can only be taken as a conservative estimate, as a correct return can only be obtained when units are withdrawn from the line.

CAPTURES. 14. The total captures to date as far as I can ascertain are approximately as follows. This return is by no means complete.

Prisoners	23 officers	568 other ranks.
Maxim Machine Guns	25	
Machine Guns 08/15	6	
Minenwerfer	5	
Telephone instruments	2	
Oxygen sets	1.	

In addition to these, there were many valuable maps and papers which were sent direct to Corps Ia.

GUNS LOST OR DAMAGED, AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED. 15. The approximate expenditure of guns, arms and ammunition from 24th to 27th instant is as under:-

(a) Guns and small arms, 12 noon 26/9/17 to noon 27/9/17.

	Out of Action.	Destroyed	Exchanged at pool.
18-pr guns	28	2	6
4.5" Howitzers	8	-	-
Rifles	Not known at present.		

(b) Ammunition 12 noon 24/9/17 to 12 noon 29/9/17:-

18-pr	
4.5" How	
S.A.A. (exclusive of M.G. ammunition supplied by Corps.)	
3" Stokes	

Rifle Grenades	No. 23
Rifle Grenades	No. 22
Rifle Grenades	No. 24
Rifle Grenades	No. 27

Rifle

Rifle Grenades No. 28  
 Grenades No. 5  
 Ground flares  
 Night S.O.S. grenades  
 Day S.O.S. Red smoke  
 Pistol Webley  
 Cartridges pistol Signal 1"  
 Cartridges pistol Signal 1½"

CORPS  
 STAFF.

15. My thanks are due to the Corps Staff for their assistance and their aid both before and during the battle. I am also indebted to the undermentioned for valuable assistance during the operations:-

No. 4 Squadron R.F.C.

The Right Double Bombardment Group, Under Lieut-Colonel  
 W. HOWELL-JONES.

The counter-battery groups

3rd Aust. Army Artillery Brigade

6th Aust. Army Artillery Brigade

12th Aust. Army Artillery Brigade.

3rd Aust. Divisional Artillery.

I shall have other names to bring to notice for distinguished and gallant service during the operations under review. These will be attached to the final report which will form the subject of a separate communication.

29th September 1917.

Major General,  
 Commanding 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

REPORT ON WORK OF ENGINEERS AND PIONEERS  
FOR OPERATIONS OF 25th/26th SEPTR.1917.

Prior to the operations energies were directed on the 24th to planking and draining CHATEAU WOOD - GLENCORSE ROAD.

On the 25th, Engineer and Pioneer labour was divided between this road and the continuation track to POLYGONVELD, and the getting out of Engineer stores, chiefly wiring material. The 14th and 15th Field Companies were affiliated to the left and right brigade areas respectively for forward work. The 8th Field Company and Pioneer Battalion were used on back work and were held in reserve on operation day.

About 520 yards of planking was laid on the CHATEAU - GLENCORSE ROAD in the first 24 hours. The next 24 hours, progress was somewhat less owing to the shelling of the main road between HOOGE and BIRR, and consequent blockage of traffic, but when work ceased on the road at 3 a.m. on the 25th to permit of engineer stores being carried up the road was through to a couple of hundred yards of GLENCORSE WOOD and the unplanked portions were on sufficiently hard ground to carry wheeled traffic during fine weather.

A well was commenced in NONNE BOSCHEN WOOD and was driven down to water bearing sand - 4 feet of good water obtained. Unfortunately this well was completely blown out during the Boche attack of the 25th, which also caused 14 shell holes in the plank road. These holes were all repaired by 2 a.m. on the 26th. The accuracy of the enemy shelling on the HOOGE - BIRR ROAD caused considerable damage with congestion of traffic and great difficulty was experienced in consequence in getting up engineer stores.

On the day of the attack, the 14th Field Company in the left brigade area marked and formed a track from J.9.b.3.3 to J.10.a.5.6 to about 100 yards from the front line, and dug two strong points - "M" and "N"; made a Lewis gun position on the BUTTE; brought up considerable quantities of wiring stores, and provided engineer supervision for a continuous row of French concertina wire to the front line and a single apron fence of barbed wire and screw pickets for the RED LINE. This work was put in hand during the day and Major BACHTOLD, the O.C. 14th Field Company made a personal inspection of the wiring arrangements during the late afternoon and evening. Work was stopped by counter attack about 7 p.m.

In the right brigade area, the 15th Field Company had made similar arrangements but there was considerable delay with strong points, partly owing to the Boche attack of the 25th and partly owing to the failure of the Division on our right to get forward and heavy fighting on our right front which involved the attached infantry carrying party in the battle. Two tracks were marked out early in the day, and a second track being necessary on account of the branch of the POLYGONBEEK cutting the Brigade front. One strong point was put in hand early and completed. The site of the other was not captured. The heavy fighting of the 25th and 26th rendered it necessary for one company of the Pioneers to be detailed to assist in wiring the front at night.

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During the day the Pioneer Battalion and the 8th Field Company were held in reserve. Each of these units having had a specific flank allotted to it previously to study the ground and consider the location of defensive lines in case of emergency threatening on either flank of the Division. Luckily these precautions proved unnecessary.

Tracks were marked out with wooden pickets painted white at the tops and also with notice boards marked right and left brigade route respectively.

During the night, 600 yards of duckwalk track was laid from the crossroads of the CHATEAU - GLENCORSE and WESTHOEK towards NONNE BOSCHEN WOOD. Repairs were effected to GLENCORSE WOOD ROAD. Considerable quantities of engineer stores were carted up to the head of the road. Barbed wire fence was commenced to cover our post on the CAMERON SPUR running through J.10.c.1.1 to J.10.c.3.4.

26th September 1917.

(sgd) A.B.CAREY Lieut-Colonel,  
C.R.E., 5th Australian Division.

G13/

Headquarters,  
I ANZAC Corps.

Further to my G13/721 dated 26th September 1917.

At 2.40 p.m. 33rd Division reported timed 12.10 p.m. 2nd R. W. Fus. have reached assembly point at 11.30 a.m. and in communication with 31st Australian Battalion and sharing Headquarters. My attack and 15th Brigade attack commenced at 12 noon.

At 3.43 p.m. 15th Brigade message states, -reports from front line indicate very heavy and reinforcements may be needed.

At 3.50 p.m. Liaison Officer 33rd Division has given orders to 98th Brigade as follows:- You will make every endeavour to advance to BLUE LINE in co-operation with 5th Australian Division now on your left. Get into touch with latter and arrange mutual plan. It is of utmost importance that right flank of Australians should be supported by you.

At 3.51 p.m. enemy shelling appears to be slackening.

At 4.42 p.m. G.O.C. 5th Division to 15th Brigade - 98th Brigade ready to go on to BLUE LINE and will be ready. Reply - Yes, 31st Battalion are sharing Headquarters with battalion 98th Brigade and will co-operate.

At 5 p.m. 14th Brigade reported second S.O.S. just sent up. Smoke screen reported from forward artillery O.P. to be in front of their sector.

At 5.38 p.m. 14th Brigade message 56th Battalion reports at 5 p.m. Enemy massing in J.11.a.10.65 apparently for counter attack on my front. 300 Bosches counted. Bring in S.O.S. 100 yards in this area and artillery to engage ends. Barrage has been brought in and target engaged, also heavies informed.

At 6.50 p.m. 15th Brigade advise that O.C. 15th Machine Gun Co. reports that 59th Battalion are quite secure on RED LINE, and 4 captured machine guns (German) have been put into position. 29th Battalion appears to be secure. Enemy counter attack developed but easily repulsed.

At 7.26 p.m. 15th Brigade report situation as follows:- 59th Battalion well dug in in two lines, one along road running N.E. through J.10.c., and one along RED LINE. 29th Battalion about 600 yards in front of 1st objective distributed in depth. 31st Battalion and R. W. Fus. mixed up, but joined up with 98th Brigade about 150 yards in front of RED LINE. 12 German machine guns captured and being used. One enemy plane brought down by 15th Machine Gun Co. CAMERON HOUSE holding up advance.

At 7.30 p.m. 33rd Division message reports that 4th King's reports first stage of enemy attack at 4.50 p.m. was repulsed by artillery and rifle fire.

At 5.35 a.m. 14th Brigade wire as follows:- Following message from 55th Battalion timed 2.26 a.m. begins. Situation quiet. Very little enemy shelling. Enemy made several attempts to counter attack during afternoon.

*S. Cameron*

27th September, 1917.

Major-General,  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.



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G13/72

Headquarters,  
I ANZAC Corps.

The following is an outline of to-day's operations:-

At 5.22 a.m. 14th Brigade reported all correct, likewise 15th Brigade at 5.48 a.m.

Artillery opened according to programme.

At 7.25 a.m. it was reported that all was going well with 15th Brigade and that 59th Battalion had 100 prisoners.

At 7.30 a.m. 53rd Battalion were reported to have gained RED LINE including BUTTE, and were consolidating. Casualties reported slight.

At 7.35 a.m. 59th Battalion reported capture of RED LINE and consolidating. They captured many prisoners. Not in touch with Division on right.

At 6.40 a.m. Division on our right reported situation very obscure. Their men caught in barrage.

At 7.40 a.m. 15th Brigade reported to be in touch with one platoon with Division on our right. Their troops reported to be held up East of LONE HOUSE J.15.a.

At 6.40 a.m. situation again reported obscure by right Division. Very few of their troops expected to get through barrage in J.14.b.

At 8.2 a.m. 33rd Division reported they were sending up a Battalion to fill the gap between them and Australians.

At 8.8. a.m. 53rd Battalion reported timed 6.40 a.m. whole of objective reached and at the BUTTE, in touch with 15th Brigade on right who had reached their objective.

8.46 a.m. 33rd Division reported that its line was held up 80 yards East of LONE FARM but 15th Brigade report being in touch with one platoon of 98th Infantry Brigade on RED LINE. 100 Infantry Brigade is now trying to help from South; situation on its own front appears favorable.

8.52 a.m. Engineer Officers reported extremely large number of German dead lying about.

9.1 a.m. 15th Brigade reported that message from 31st Battalion timed 7.30 a.m. stated troops on his right had not advanced and he was not advancing further than first objective, and that he was linking up from first objective back to our old front line.

9.35 a.m. 15th Brigade were ordered to consolidate RED LINE and strong points in the vicinity and get in touch with 33rd Division on right in vicinity of JERK HOUSE and with 14th Brigade on the left. 14th Brigade is to push forward to BLUE LINE and get in touch with 4th Australian Division on left, and 15th Brigade on right, and consolidate.

10 a.m. Message timed 8.10 a.m. reported that the left Brigade had advanced towards BLUE LINE and had gained touch with both flanks. Casualties very light.

10 a.m. Left Brigade reported 56th Battalion message timed 8.30 a.m. BLUE LINE captured. Brigade on right held up on RED LINE. Their casualties slight. We gained some prisoners in strong points either side of JETTY TRENCH.

10.40 a.m. 33rd Division reported 98th Brigade are going to work further North to fill up gap.

11.10 a.m. Brigades were ordered to consolidate their areas including front and support line and strong points.

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When this is done, troops to be disposed in depth ready to deliver or beat back counter attacks.

At 11.25 a.m. 33rd Division ordered 98th Infantry Brigade to advance to RED LINE and after taking it, go on to the BLUE LINE providing security of RED LINE was not jeopardised.

12.25 p.m. 33rd Division reported to be advancing but were held up by machine gun fire in J.15.d.

12.33 p.m. 33rd Division reported - will push on from RED LINE to BLUE LINE if possible.

1.10 p.m. G.O.C. 15th Brigade reported hostile shelling of back areas intense and in depth.

1.14 p.m. 14th Brigade reported he was having his front wired with double apron wire and concertina.

26th Sept., 1917.

Major-General,  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.

SECRET.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
-----ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 24.  
-----Headquarters,  
22nd September 1917.

1. The 5th Australian Division takes over the Right Sector of 1st ANZAC Corps Area at 10 a.m. on 23rd inst..

ORGANISATION OF DIVISIONAL AREA.  
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(a) The southern boundary is as follows :-

DORMY HOUSE (I.23.a.60.45) - J.13.c.00.35 to CLAPHAM JUNCTION thence along the road running south of GLENCORSE WOOD and BLACK WATCH CORNER to REUTEL ROAD inclusive to I Corps.

(b) A reservation has been made with X Corps that the cable head about CLAPHAM JUNCTION and one battalion headquarters now occupied by I ANZAC near the same place shall remain at the disposal of 5th Australian Division if so required.

The northern boundary is at present up to J.9.b.25.60 whence it runs due north for 100 yards and thence parallel to POLYGONVELD ROAD at a distance of 200 yards.

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The inter-b boundary will be I.17.c.4.0 - round the north edge of ZOUAVE WOOD - to a point I.18.c.95.85 - thence direct to J.9.d.2.9. This boundary is not rigid.

A map, 1/10,000 showing the boundaries has been issued to all concerned by "G" Branch.

2. AMMUNITION SUPPLIES.  
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Supplies of S.A.A., grenades, stokes and miscellaneous ammunition will be maintained by Division at the following dumps :-

H.23.d.1.0	-	Main Divisional Dump.
HOOGE	-	Forward Divisional Dump.

Brigades will take over from 1st Australian Division the dumps in forward areas and establish them in advanced positions. The left brigade should establish a substantial dump in the vicinity of J.7.d.9.1, and the right brigade should establish a dump in the vicinity of J.14.a.5.6. The dump at CLAPHAM JUNCTION is to be cleared by right brigade as soon as possible and brought well forward. The brigades in line will establish battle dumps as close as possible to present front line. Demands for Pack Transport will be telephoned or sent through the dump at HOOGE to Divisional Headquarters, who will in turn communicate with Capt. CURTIS, A.S.C., O.I/c Pack Transport Troop. Brigades must communicate at once with Divisional Headquarters, giving map locations of any dumps established. The greatest care must be exercised that all grenades etc. in forward dumps are detonated. Any failure in this respect may lead to serious consequences. S.O.S. signals and all classes of fireworks must be very jealously guarded. Under no circumstances will any waste be permitted.

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## 3. WATER SUPPLY.

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 Water for troops will be drawn from water-points at :-

I.17.b.9.0.	(On mule track).
I.11.d.7.5.	
I.11.d.10.8.	
I.23.b.5.8.	
I.22.b.2.3.	
I.22.b.8.3.	
I.18.d.1.3.	
I.18.b.2.8.	(Ready in a few days).

Water-bottles and petrol tins will be taken from these points by pack or Yukon pack to the forward areas.

A filled water tin dump will be established in the MENIN TUNNEL (eastern end) holding 2,000 gallons for the use of both forward brigades.

Watering places for horses exist in close proximity in all transport areas.

Extra water-carts will be allotted to forward brigades.

## MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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 All medical arrangements for evacuation of sick and wounded have been notified by A.D.M.S. to units.

## 5. SALVAGE.

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 (a) Corps Main Salvage Dumps are established at :-

RENINGHELST	G.34.b.6.8. )	For General Salvage.
CAFE BELGE	H.29.b.9.5. )	
DE GROENEN JAGER	H.22.a.7.9. )	
BRISBANE SIDING	H.24.b.2.4.	For gun ammunition and empty shell cases.

Salvage Collecting Stations :-

BIRR X ROADS	I.17.b.3.9.
ZILLEBEKE	I.22.b.8.5.

(b) Forward dumps will be located under brigade arrangements at points on Roads, Mule Tracks or Duck Walks where ration and other stores are delivered. All parties and individual men will be instructed to pick up and lodge salvage at these dumps. Any empty transport returning, whether wheel or pack, will take it to the nearest Collecting or Main Dump. The Salvage Companies will be quite unable to deal with the large amount of salvage to be collected, and special parties should be told off by brigades to carry out this work at such times as the operations will permit. A man from the Corps Salvage personnel is on duty at each Advanced Dressing Station to collect binoculars, compasses, revolvers, etc.. Every opportunity is to be taken in collecting rifles, wire-cutters, (all kinds), wiring gloves, Yukon packs and petrol tins. These should be sent to nearest Divisional Ammunition Dump if not required for purposes within the brigade.

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## 6. VETERINARY ARRANGEMENTS.

Animals will be evacuated through the nearest Australian Mobile Veterinary Sections at the following locations :-

1st Aust. Mobile Vet. Section	-	G.34.b.
2nd	-do-	G.24.c.0.5.
4th	-do-	P.5.a.6.6.
5th	-do-	G.25.b.9.5.
Corps Mobile Vet. Section.	-	WIPPENHOLEK SIDING.

If animals are killed in action or die every endeavour should be made to have the animals skinned and the carcasses buried. The skins should be forwarded to nearest Mobile Vet. Section at earliest opportunity.

## 7. SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS.

The RAILHEAD for the Division in right forward area will be DICKEBUSCH.  
SUPPLIES.

Supplies will be drawn from Railhead by train transport and taken to Brigade Supply Dumps, (H.33.a.6.3.). From Brigade Supply Dumps to Q.M.s' stores train transport will also be used.

First Line Transport will be used for taking rations, (done up in ration bags), from Q.M.s' stores to WARRINGTON ROAD, (I.20.c.), where they will be loaded on to pack transport and taken to the vicinity of Battalion Headquarters. For transport from this point forward carrying parties will be organised. It is possible to take supplies even as far as HOOGE by wheeled transport but so far there is no possibility of parking Pack Transport any further forward than I.20.c, nor is it considered good policy under present circumstances to unload wheeled transport and load Pack Transport at HOOGE or in that vicinity.

If from actual experience it is found that any alternative scheme would be more advantageous to either one or other of the forward brigades, details of any alternative scheme adopted should be submitted to Divisional Headquarters.

In addition to supplies normally carried by units the following special supply arrangements are made for the Division whilst it is in the forward area.

- Rations in supporting points held by 1st Australian Division will be taken over by relieving Brigades of this Division.
- One day's iron rations for troops in front line system on scale of one per man. These rations will be carried on the man.
- 3,000 barrage rations, (1,500 for each Brigade), for troops inside a possible enemy barrage.

The supply situation at noon on any given day will be as under:-

On the man.

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Unconsumed portion current day.  
1 iron ration.  
1 emergency ration.

Held Regimentally.

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1 day.

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With Divisional Train.

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1 day.

When rations referred to in para. 7 (b) and (c) are consumed a corresponding number will be written off by S.S.O..

## SUPPORTING POINT RATIONS.

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On taking over rations in supporting points Brigades or Units will give a receipt, a copy of which will be forwarded to Divisional Headquarters. A guard must be placed over all such rations, and none will be issued except on a requisition signed by an Officer.

## BARRAGE RATIONS.

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Great care must be exercised by Brigades in selecting a site for these. All Officers should be warned of the existence of these rations and should know the exact locations. Reserves of water in petrol tins will also be deposited with these barrage rations.

## PACK TRANSPORT.

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The 5th Australian Divisional Pack Transport Troop is concentrated at H.23.d.central. Staff Captains, Q.M.s, and Transport Officers of Units requiring Pack Transport will arrange direct with the O.C. Pack Transport, or, if necessary, through "C" Division.

## SUPPLY DUMPS.

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The supply dumps whilst in forward area will be at H.33.a.6.3..

## 8. TRENCH STORES.

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A careful check will be made of all trench stores taken over from 1st Australian Division. Particular attention must be paid to GAS APPLIANCES, WIRE CUTTERS LONG, WIRE BREAKERS, WIRE CUTTERS S.A., HEDGING GLOVES, GUM BOOTS. A receipt will be given and taken for all such stores taken over, and copies forwarded to Divisional Headquarters by 6 p.m. 26th inst..

## 9. PACK SADDLERY.

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Pack saddlery will be obtained from Main Divisional Dump at H.23.d.1.0. Every care must be taken that, when unloaded, all equipment such as pack-ropes, lashings, etc. are returned to the driver.

## 10. YUKON PAGES.

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Yukon pages will be supplied from Main Divisional Dump at H.23.d.1.0. and any in possession and not required will be returned to this dump.

11. ROADS AND TRAMWAYS.

Road repair material alongside roads in forward area is marked by a picket with a diagonal cross like a windmill, and it must be impressed on all ranks that this material must on no account be touched other than by road repair and engineer personnel. It cannot be too strongly urged on Unit Commanders that the existence of a stone dump, plank dump or tramway material quickly available to effect a repair may make all the difference to a success or failure of operations. The roads and tramways are vital, and their importance is a matter which directly affects the troops themselves.

12. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

The relief of traffic control in the area forward of line BUSSEBOOM Cross Roads to RENINGHELST (both inclusive) will be in accordance with the following table :-

Area.	To be taken over from	by	Relief to be completed.
Back to CAFE BELGE - DEN GROENEN JAGER Road (inclusive). Left Forward Area.	1st Aust. Divn.	5th Aust. Divn.	6 p.m. 23rd inst..
Between CAFE BELGE - DEN GROENEN JAGER Road (inc.) on the east and line from BUSSEBOOM X Roads to RENINGHELST (both inc.) on the west.	5th Aust. Divn.	2nd Aust. Divn.	-do-

Traffic control posts will be stationed as follows :-

1. CAFE BELGE Corner - H.29.b.7.5.
2. KRUISSTRAATHOEK - H.30.d.3.1.
3. - I.19.c.0.2.
4. BRIDGE 18 - I.19.d.5.7.
5. - I.19.d.8.0.
6. SHRAPNEL Corner - I.20.a.5.4.
7. - I.20.a.5.6.

13. PRISONERS OF WAR.

(a) CAGES.

Divisional Cage	SHRAPNEL Corner.
Corps Advanced Cage	DICKEBUSCH.
Corps Main Cage	G.27.a.4.9.

(b) The A.P.M. will take over all prisoners of war at Collecting Station at HOCGE. Escort will be properly instructed in their duties, i.e., to allow no communication between troops and prisoners and to prevent any destruction of documents en route.

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Officers and N.C.Os. will be searched as soon as possible and documents sent to the Corps Cage with the escort or as instructed by the Divisional Intelligence Officer. Other ranks will be searched in the first place for concealed arms only unless seen to be destroying documents.

14. DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD.

Each Brigade will detail one sergeant to report for instructions to the Divisional Burials Officer at G.23.a.8.6.. This N.C.O. will be required for duty whilst the Division is in the line and will be located at Brigade Headquarters.

*J. H. Bruche*

Colonel.  
A.A. & Q.M.G., 5th Aust. Division.



S E C R E T.  
-----5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
-----ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 25.  
-----Headquarters,  
24th September 1917.1. ORDNANCE.  
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An Advanced D.A.D.O.S. has been established at DICKEUSCH, location H.27.d.9.0.

2. VETERINARY ARRANGEMENTS.  
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Para. 6 of Administrative Memorandum No. 24, dated 22.9.17 is cancelled, and the following substituted :-

Sick animals from Units east of DICKEUSCH will be evacuated to advanced post 5th Australian Mobile Veterinary Section at H.33.c.2.8, Sheet 28, and from Units west of DICKEUSCH direct to 5th Australian Mobile Veterinary Section at L.24.a.0.5, Sheet 27. Sick horses will not be sent to other Mobile Veterinary Sections except by direct order of a Veterinary Officer. Every endeavour should be made to have animals that are killed or die skinned and the carcasses buried. The skins will be sent to the 5th Australian Mobile Veterinary Section or its Advanced Post.

3. R.E. STORES.  
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Engineer Workshops	-	EUSSEBOOM, G.21.b.4.6.
" Dump	-	DICKEUSCH, H.27.c.2.4.
" "	-	KRUISSTRAAT, H.18.d.2.2.
" "	-	EIRR CROSS ROADS.
" "	-	HOOGE

4. A branch road from HOOGE through CHATEAU WOOD to J.8.c.2.2. and J.14.a.5.6. is being pushed forward rapidly. 2 or 3 Engineer Dumps will be located at intervals along it.

4. AMMUNITION.  
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The Dumps as notified in Administrative Memorandum No. 24 will continue in use as Divisional Dumps. Brigades will continue to push ammunition forward to the Battle Dumps and GLENCORSE WOOD. Locations of all Dumps to be wired to "Q" Branch by 6 p.m. on 25th inst..

5. TAKING OVER REPORTS.  
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Brigades will forward to Division "Q" within 24 hours complete lists of all ammunition, trench and area stores, also rations and water tins taken over from Brigades relieved.

6. TRENCH AND AREA STORES.

No trench or area stores are to be removed from the Corps Area. Trench stores will not accompany Units on transfer from one part of the line to another on relief.

List of Trench Stores.

- Blankets for rendering dugouts gas proof.
- Bombs. (those stored in trenches only).
- Bomb throwers.
- Boots, gum, thigh.
- Braziers.
- Barrels, water.
- Buckets, earth, (or Pails, earth).
- " latrine.
- Brooms.
- Catapults.
- Costumes, camouflage.
- " snipers.
- " acid proof.
- Flapper fans, (anti-gas).
- Grenades, (those stored in trenches only)
- Hot food containers, (other than Aust. pattern).
- Lights, Very, (those stored in trenches only).
- Lamps and lanterns in dugouts.
- Loophole periscopes.
- Megaphones.
- Machine gun pivot mountings.
- Primus oil stoves, (other than property of Unit).
- Receptacles for water.
- Gongs and apparatus, for warning gas attacks.
- Rifle rests.
- Rockets and stands.
- Rifle batteries, (the rifles are regimental equipment).
- Sniperscopes.
- Stands, rifle grenades.
- S.A.A. reserves, (any reserve kept in the trenches and not on the man).
- Syringes.
- Soyers Stoves, (those in trenches only).
- Stretchers, trench.
- Sticks, microphone.
- Telephone wire. (*in situ*)
- Trench mortars, (not in batteries).
- Trench Mortar beds, (not in batteries).
- Thermos boxes.
- Trench cookers.
- Tubs, washing.
- Weather cocks.
- Washing basins.
- Vermorel sprayers.
- " " solution for
- Veils, observers.

These stores are held on charge for the defence of a section of the line. They are in addition to any such stores on charge of units under Mobilization Store Tables or G.R.O. used for the same purpose.

7. TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS.

No change in arrangements detailed in Circular Memorandum No.48 of 22nd inst. except para. 1, sub-para. ii, which amend to read as follows :-

(ii) Transport on all roads E. of line MENIN GATE - SHRAPNEL CORNER.

(a)

By day - Groups of not more than 2 wagons or lorries at 100 yards interval between groups.

(b)

By night - Groups of not more than 8 wagons or lorries at 100 yards interval between groups.

and

Para. 3 of same Circular Memorandum which amend to read as under -

(iii) Troops - Movement of troops within the Corps Area is subject to the following restrictions :-

(a)

East of a N. and S. line through OUDERDOM (G.30.c.3.7.) as far

/forward

forward as road CAFE EELGE to DEN GROENEN JAGER CAPT, troops will not move in columns consisting of more than 1 company, and a distance of 200 yards will be maintained between companies moving in the same direction along one road.

(b)

East of CAFE EELGE - DEN GROENEN JAGER Road and up to line MENIN GATE to SHRAPNEL CORNER, troops will not move in columns consisting of more than 1 platoon, and a distance of 100 yards will be maintained between platoons moving in the same direction along one road.

(c)

East of the line MENIN GATE to SHRAPNEL CORNER parties of troops will consist of no more than 12 all ranks. This is subject to tactical considerations.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Sd/ J. H. ERUCHE, Colonel.  
A.A. & Q.M.G., 5th Aust. Division.

Issued to :-

- 8th Infantry Brigade.
- 14th Infantry Brigade.
- 15th Infantry Brigade.
- 5th Pioneer Battalion.
- 5th Aust. Div. Artillery.
- 5th Aust. Div. Engineers.
- 5th Div. Signal Co.
- 5th Div. Train.
- A. D. M. S..
- D. A. D. V. S..
- D. A. D. O. S..
- A. P. M.
- D. M. G. Officer.
- Div. Bomb Officer.
- 1st A. N. Z. A. C.
- 4th Aust. Division.
- 3rd Aust. Division.
- 33rd Division.
- A. D. C. TO G. O. C..
- "G".

S U P P L Y   A R R A N G E M E N T S.

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PARRAGE RATIONS.

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Right Div. Sector Front Line - 1,500.  
 Left -do- -do- - 1,500.

1,000 gallons of water going forward to be stored with these rations.

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RATIONS IN SUPPORTING POINTS.

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HOOGE	3,000
CLAPHAM JUNCTION	3,000
J.14.b.8.8.	3,000

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At noon on day of attack the following will be the ration position -

On the man.

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Unconsumed portion of days ration.  
 1 days emergency ration.  
 1 iron ration.  
 1 chocolate ration, 4 ozs.

With the Battalion.

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1 days rations.

With Divisional Train.

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*1 days rations.*

In addition to these are the rations at Supporting Points and the  
 Parrage Rations.

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WATER.

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One or two waterbottles full on the man. (3,000 extra waterbottles  
 provided for this purpose).

Water tins stored in front line - 2,000 gallons stored MENIN  
 Tunnel - ten 100 gallon tanks at HOOGE also supply of petrol tins  
 filled.

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AMMUNITION MAIN DUMP - H.23.d.1.0.Principal Stock.  
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S.A.A.	300,000.
Rifle Grenades	25,000.
Hand do.	6,000.
Stokes	4,000.
Good Stock of Fireworks.	

HOOGE.  
-----Principal Stock.  
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S.A.A.	430,000.
Rifle Grenades	12,500.
Hand do.	6,000.
V.P.A. 1"	5,000.
Stokes	2,500.

CLAPHAM JUNCTION.  
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S.A.A.	150,000.
Rifle Grenades	6,000.
Hand do.	2,500.
A good assortment of fireworks.	

GLENCORSE WOOD.  
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S.A.A.	145,000.
Grenades 5 & 23	4,400 &
Fireworks.	

FRONT LINE.  
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Pattalion Commanders report ample supply.  
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MACHINE GUNS.  
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Have got forward the remains from the last positions.  
580,000 S.A.A. going forward from HOOGE by pack morning of 25th.

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AMMUNITION SUPPLIES.

*Put away in relief file*

SYSTEM.

Application is made to Corps for supplies of S.A.A., Bombs, and Fireworks. 'G' must indent for all classes of fireworks other than Signal D.I. 1 and 1½ inch.

On Corps acknowledging wires, the supplies are sent forward from Corps Park, to Main Divisional Dump at H.23.d.1.0.

From this point supplies are sent forward by wheel or pack to HOOGE or to forward areas if required.

At the present time limbers can proceed as far as CLAPHAM JUNCTION or GLENCORSE WOOD.

The S.A.A. pack transport is always loaded up at the main dump and regulated at HOOGE to any advanced dump.

G.S.wagons of S.A.A.section are sent forward to HOOGE and dump near crater loads during the day.

The S.A.A. pack transport, after delivering loads forward at night, return to HOOGE and reload for forward areas.

ORGANIZATION OF DUMPS.

Main Divisional Dump.

In charge of Div. Bomb Officer with a staff of men for detonating and loading and unloading. D.E.O. connects with D.H.Q. by phone.

Advanced Div. Dump.

In charge of Reserve Brigade Bombing Officer and small staff, always looks after S.O.S. Signals and regulates the pack transport going forward. Forward Brigade Bomb Officers report to him daily their requirements, which are communicated to D.H.Q. from E.H.Q. at HOOGE. Guides for transport going forward of HOOGE will report to Officer at Advanced Divisional Dump. He will reload the pack-~~xxxxxxx~~ mules on return to HOOGE with the supplies that have been dumped during the day by the G.S.wagons. These mules will be able to do at least three trips during the night.

ALLOCATION OF DUTIES OF BRIGADE BOMBING OFFICERS.

Right or Left Brigade.

In charge of all right or left Brigade Dumps. Responsible that the Battalion battle dumps are in suitable positions and that they are far enough advanced to be of immediate service in the case of an advance.

Reserve Brigade Bombing Officer.

Responsible for regulating all ammunition sent forward by G.S.wagon, G.S.limbered wagon or pack. At present the regulating station is HOOGE. Responsible for the care of S.O.S. Signals, daylight or night, and must keep Division informed of the stocks on hand daily. Responsible for sending forward to Advanced Brigades, (if wanted), any supplies from the HOOGE Dump. The mule transport is available for this after delivering its first load forward.

DIVISIONAL BOMBING OFFICER.

In charge of Main Divisional Dump. He must be in constant touch with Division. 'Q' by phone and by runner if necessary. He will be responsible for the supervision of the Main Dump. For the detonating of all ammunition sent forward. For the regulating of loads. For the careful laying out of the Dump and for the dispatch of all ammunition sent forward. He will keep his stock well in hand. Will always have sufficient detonated to meet urgent demands and will keep the D.A.Q.M.G. informed of all requirements. He will report daily at 10 a.m. to 'Q' all stocks on hand at the Main Dump. He will indent direct on the D.A.C. for all transport required.

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## LOCATIONS OF DUMPS.

Main Divisional Dump	BRIDGE HOUSE	H.23.d.1.0.
Adv.           -do-	HOOGE	J.18.a.8.5.
Brigade Dump	CLAPHAM JUNCTION	
-do-	GLENCORSE WOOD.	
Battle Dump		J.14.a.8.9.
-do-		J.14.a.4.7.
-do-	EUTTE.	
S.A.A. Section, D.A.C..		H.23.c.6.5.

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HANDING OVER FILE.  
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SYSTEM OF SUPPLY FOR RIGHT SECTOR OF 1st ANZAC CORPS AREA.  
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1. The Railhead for the Division is DICKERUSCH.
2. Supplies are drawn from Railhead and taken to Brigade Supply Dumps by an improvised column consisting of second line (Train) transport. Supplies are issued to Units from these dumps and taken to Quartermasters' stores by Train Transport.
3. At Quartermasters' stores rations are prepared for consumption and are tied up in bags ready for packing. Pack animals are loaded up at the Q.M.s' stores and sent by this mode of transport to Battalion dumps - BLACK WATCH CORNER, (J.15.b.02.8.), for Units comprising the Right Brigade and the Mound at J.10.a.6.8. for Units comprising the Left Brigade. Guides meet the column at previously arranged spots.
4. Supplies for Units comprising the Reserve Brigade are sent from Q.M.s' stores to Units on wheeled first line transport.
5. Q.M.s' stores are located as set forth below.
6. It is possible to take supplies well beyond HOOGE by wheeled transport but up to the present there has been no possibility of parking pack transport in the forward Brigade Areas, nor is there any suitable place where wheeled transport could be unloaded and pack transport loaded up.

WATER SUPPLY.

7. There is a water reserve of 2,000 gallon in the eastern end of the MENIN TUNNEL. This water is contained in petrol tins.
8. There are ten 100 gallon tanks at HOOGE. Four of these have been damaged by shell fire and are useless. The remaining six tanks are kept filled by means of two 'motor tanks' supplied by Corps.
9. It was originally intended to fill petrol tins at HOOGE from the tanks at that place and send water forward by pack animals from there. It was found, however, on the days preceding the battle and on the day of the battle that the shell fire was so heavy, and the traffic so congested, that the scheme was not workable. It was then found necessary for the petrol tins to be filled at the Q.M.s' stores and sent up on pack animals in the same convoy as the supplies.

Location of Transport Lines and Q.M.s' Stores of Units comprising the  
5th Australian Division.  
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Units of Left Brigade.  
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H.23.d.4.2. Sheet 28.

Units of Reserve Brigade  
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H.29.a.5.5. Sheet 28.

Brigade Cos., 5th Div. Train & Supply Dumps.  
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H.33.a.8.4. Sheet 28.

Units of Right Brigade.  
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H.29.b.5.6. Sheet 28.

S.A.A. Section, D.A.C..  
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H.23.c.6.5. Sheet 28.

Div. Pack Transport Troop.  
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H.23.d.central Sheet 28.



## WATER.

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## W E L L S.

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'A'	J.8.c.40.05.	200 gallons per hour.
'B'	J.14.a.45.90.	300 -do-
'C'	J.8.d.85.15.	
Covered well	J.9.d.1.0.	

## WATER POINTS.

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J.18.a.8.5 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 - 100 gallon tanks.
I.17.d.9.9.	water pipe.
I.11.d.9.3.	-do-
I.18.d.0.3.	-do-
I.18.d.0.3.	-do- and tank.

Corps supply water tank lorries to fill the tanks at HOOGE.

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## R. E. SUPPLIES.

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R. E. Workshops	EUSSEBOOM	G.21.b.4.6.
R. E. Dump	DICKEUSCH	H.27.c.2.4.
-do-	KRUISSTRAAT	H.18.d.2.2.
-do-	PIRR CROSS ROADS.	

Dumps at various points along roads and tracks in forward areas. CLAPHAM JUNCTION - GLENCORSE WOOD.

RETURN OF LOCATIONS OF STROMBOS HORNS AND GAS APPLIANCES IN 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AREA.

STROMBOS HORN LOCATIONS.	LOCAL NAME	No. of CYLINDERS	PRESSURE	TOOLS	CONDITION	SENTRY POSTED	REMARKS.
1 at I.17.c.5.6.	HALFWAY HOUSE	2.	100 ammos. 130 "				
1 at I.23.a.8.5.	DORMY HOUSE	2.	90 " 90 "				
1 at I.21.b.1.4.	ZILLEBEKE BUND	2.	120 " 60 "				
1 at J.13.a.4.5.	MAXWELL TERRACE	2.	120 " 80 "				
19 at J.18.b.2.6.	HOOGE CRATER	22.	21 full 1 empty.				
Rattles 51. 50 at HOOGE CRATER. 1 at HALFWAY HOUSE.	Blankets 30. 25 at HALFWAY HOUSE. 5 at HOOGE CRATER.			Soda. 1 cwt. at ADV. ORDNANCE.			
Vermorel Sprayers 3. 3 at HOOGE CRATER.	Hypo. 1 1/4 cwt. HOOGE CRATER.						
Anti-Gas Fans 20. 6 at HALFWAY HOUSE. 14 at HOOGE CRATER.	Protected Dug-outs. 1 at HOOGE CRATER. 1 at HALFWAY HOUSE.						

29.9.17. Sd/ W.E. BARCLAY, Lieut.,  
D.G.O., 5th Aust. Division.

APPENDIX

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SECRET.  
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Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
28th September 1917.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES FROM  
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SECTOR OF 1st A. & N.Z.A.C. FRONT.  
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Map reference Sheet 28, 1/40,000  
" " " 27, 1/40,000.  
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LEFT BRIGADE SECTOR.  
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R.A.P's.  
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J.10.a.6.5.  
J.10.a.5.8.

RIGHT BRIGADE SECTOR.  
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R.A.P's.  
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J.10.a.3.3.  
J.9.d.1.0.

RELAY POSTS.  
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J.9.a.5.4.  
J.14.b.2.9.

RELAY POSTS.  
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J.14.b.4.5.

CONVERGING TO RELAY POST, J.13.b.9.2. thence RELAY POST, J.13.a.0.4  
to Advanced Wagon Loading Post I.18.b.2.6.  
Wagon Loading Post I.17.b.3.8.  
Aid Posts I.17.c.3.7. & I.21.b.1.3.

ADVANCED DRESSING STATION, I.9.c.6.6.

CORPS MAIN DRESSING STATION & GAS CENTRE is at H.27.c.2.9.

CASUALTY CLEARING STATION GROUP, REMY SIDING, L.23.a.3.4.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL REST STATION, L.23.a.4.3.  
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Cases are brought to the R.A.P's by Regimental Stretcher Bearers, thence by relays of Field Ambulance bearers to Advanced Wagon Loading Posts, thence stretcher cases by Divisional Ford Cars to Wagon Loading Post; thence by Divisional Sunbeam Ambulance Carst to ADVANCED DRESSING STATION for stretcher cases; walking cases by motor lorries and busses to ADVANCED DRESSING STATION for walking cases, MENIN HOUSE.

From Wagon Loading Post at BIRR CROSS ROAD and from ADVANCED DRESSING STATION, patients are also conveyed direct to Casualty Clearing Station by train, the service of trains varying according to needs of situation. Each train will accommodate 32 lying and 80 sitting cases.

Orderlies provided by A.D.M.S. 4th Australian Division accompany each train.

From Advanced Dressing Station patients are also conveyed by a fleet of Motor Ambulance Convoy Cars (50) and such of Divisional Ambulance Cars as are not required forward of Advanced Dressing Station.

Gassee cases and cases unfit for journey to Casualty Clearing Station are conveyed to Corps Main Dressing Station, DICKEUSCH; all other cases go direct to Casualty Clearing Station by train from Advanced Dressing Station or by Motor Ambulance Car via YPRES-POPERINGHE ROAD.

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ROUTES. From Advanced Dressing Station will be :-  
Ambulance Cars will use the circuit along the MENIN ROAD to ZONNE-  
EKE ROAD, thence by road north of YPRES to H.12.d.4.4. (Asylum  
Corner) - KRUISSTRAAT-CAFE EELGE-DICKEUSCH-EUSSEBOOM-SOUTHERN  
SWITCH ROAD -REMY SIDING. Road Junction to L.34.a.-RENINGHELST  
OUDERDOM-HALLEPLAAT-DICKEUSCH-KRUISSTRAAT-through YPRES to MENIN  
GATE Advanced Dressing Station. Ambulance Cars taking cases direct  
to REMY SIDING will use the YPRES-POPERINGHE ROAD, returning by  
the same route as other cars.

ALTERNATIVES. In the event of the Advanced Dressing Station  
being cut off from YPRES by enemy shell fire, evacuation by road  
will be as follows :- A.D.S.-HELLFIRE CORNER-ZILLEEKE-I.28.a.2.8.  
SHRAPNEL CORNER-DEREY ROAD (G.20.a.5.0.)-DICKEUSCH, thence to  
Corps Main Dressing Station by normal route to REMY SIDING.

At Casualty Clearing Station all cases from Corps Area suit-  
able for Divisional Rest Station are drafted to 5th Australian  
Divisional Rest Station, REMY SIDING, whence they are distributed  
to Rest Stations of their respective Divisions.

A supply of blankets, stretchers, surgical dressings and  
Medical comforts is kept at all medical posts, and is replenished  
from a large reserve held at Corps Main Dressing Station.

Sd/ W.W. HEARNE, COLONEL,  
A.D.M.S., 5th Aust. Division.

Copies to :-

1. Headquarters 'G'.
2. Headquarters 'A & Q'.
3. D.M.S., Second Army.
4. D.D.M.S., 1st ANZAC.
5. A.D.M.S. 21st Division.
6. A.D.M.S. 7th Division.
7. 14th Australian Field Ambulance.
- 8/10. War Diary.
11. File.
- 12/16. Spare.

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SECRET

Copy No.....

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

DEFENCE SCHEME

"POLYGON WOOD" SECTOR.

Reference:-

SITUATION.

1. The 5th Australian Division in conjunction with Divisions on the right and left captured the area now occupied on the 26th September. From the 25th September to September 1917, fighting has been almost continuous and the work of organising the area has therefore been hampered considerably.

FRONTAGES

2. (a) The frontage occupied by the Division is approximately 1500 yards.

FLANKS

(b) The right flank is at J.10.o.3.0.; the left flank at J.4.d.3.7.

ADJOINING UNITS.

(c) The 69th Infantry Brigade, 23rd Division, is on the right and the 12th Australian Infantry Brigade, 4th Australian Division is on the left.

BOUNDARIES

(d) The boundaries are as shown on attached map, appendix "A".

DESCRIPTION OF COUNTRY.

3. See appendix "B" attached.

METHOD OF HOLDING THE LINE.

4. (a) The Line is held on a two-brigade frontage. Each brigade is organised in depth, but the disposition of the troops is temporarily changed from time to time in order to avoid hostile artillery fire. During the period of activity obtaining now it is considered that ~~three~~ <sup>two</sup> battalions should be maintained in the area East of a N. and S. line drawn through the C of CLAPHAM JUNCTION.

(b) The inter-brigade boundary is shown on the attached map, appendix "A"

POLICY IN CASE OF ATTACK.

5. The front will be held, Should the enemy attack and succeed in gaining a footing he will be counter attacked by supports at once. Should this fail to dislodge him he will be counter attacked in force under an artillery barrage as part of a co-ordinate plan.

PROBABLE ENEMY LINES OF ATTACK.

6. See map attached, appendix "C".

ARTILLERY COVERING THE FRONT.

7. (a) Details of the artillery covering the front are shown in appendix "D" attached.  
(b) The S.O.S. line is as shown on map, appendix "E"  
(c) The S.O.S. signal by night is a rifle grenade parachute showing three lights, viz RED over GREEN over YELLOW.  
By day it is a RED smoke signal fired from a mortar.

- VICKERS MACHINE GUNS COVERING THE FRONT AND MACHINE GUN S.O.S. LINE. 8. See map appendix "F".
- ROUTES AND TRACKS 9. See map appendix "G".
- HEAD QUARTERS 10. Right and Left Brigades - HOOGE Reserve Brigade HALFWAY HOUSE or CHATEAU SEGARD.
- SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS. 11. See map appendix "H".
- NORMAL SHELLED AREA. 12. See map appendix "I".
- ACCOMODATION WITHIN THE AREA. 13. See appendix "J". This is by no means exhaustive.
- OBSERVATION POINTS. 14. Good observation points exist at the following places:-  
(a) The BUTTE J.10.a.8.8.  
(b)
- BEST METHOD FOR STAFF TO PROCEED TO BRIGADE H.Q. 15. (a) Route. From WALKER CAMP via DICKEBUSCH - CAFE BELGE - KRUISSTRAAT - YPRES, thence along MENIN ROAD to BIRR CROSS ROADS, or to HOOGE if enemy artillery action will permit.  
(b) The best time to visit is usually the early morning.
- GAS. 16. (a) Enemy shells battery positions with gas shell which remains in low lying localities for a considerable time. Men should be warned against this.  
(b) The chart showing wind dangerous zones is attached, appendix "K".  
(c) A system of gas alarms should be installed at once.  
(d) East of the YPRES - COMINES CANAL the small box respirator is to be worn in the "ALERT" position.  
(e) All ranks should be warned about the new German gas commonly known as "Mustard gas".
- ENEMY DISPOSITIONS. 17. See appendix "L" attached.
- MAPS HANDED OVER. 18. See list attached, appendix "M".

*J. H. Peck*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th Australian Division.

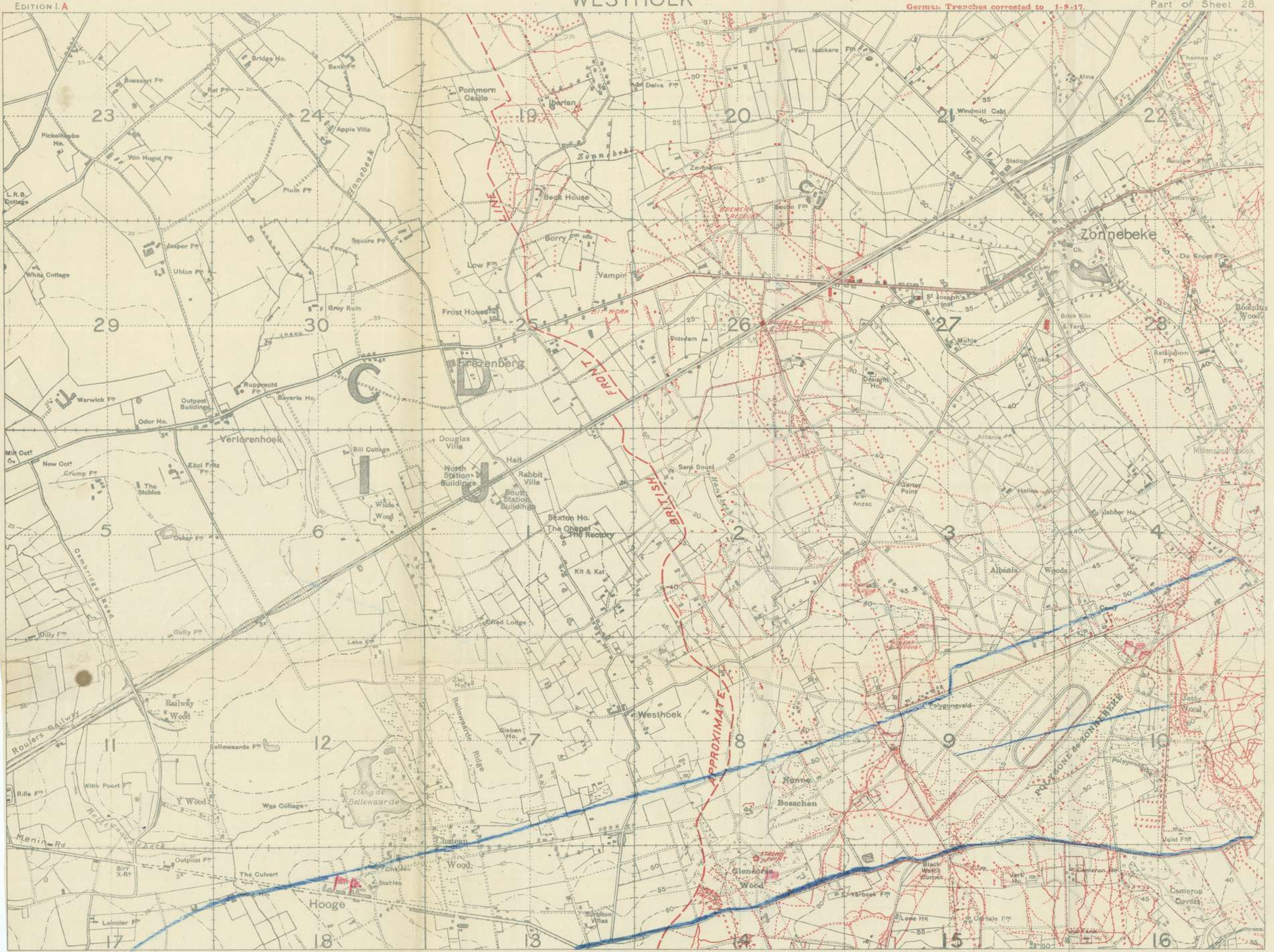
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MAP 'A'

WESTHOEK

German Trenches corrected to 1-8-17

Part of Sheet 28



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Minor corrections to outlines made 7.9.17

No 2 Advanced Section, A.P. & S.S.

LEGEND

BDE HQS

BN HQS

FIRST ANZAC CORPS,  
INTELLIGENCE.

22/9/17.

DESCRIPTION of AREA IMMEDIATELY in front of 1st ANZAC Corps.

C O N T E N T S.

1. Topographical Features.
  2. Streams & Lakes.
  3. Woods.
  4. Enemy Defences.
  5. Troops opposite the Corps front.
  6. Enemy Disposition.
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Topographical Features.

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The dominating feature is the BROODSEINDE-BECELAEERE Ridge. This Ridge does not, as one might expect, fall away from J5. Central but forms a large plateau-practically level, except for a series of knolls-to nearly as far south as REUTEL and BECELAEERE.

From this Ridge observation is obtained across the YPRES VALLEY to the west and to MOORSLEDE to the east.

1. OBSERVATION POSTS.

(a) BUTTE in POLYGONE WOOD. (EJ10a.7.8.) This is 25/30 feet high and thus affords a very extensive view, particularly into the POEZELHOEK VALLEY.

(b) East of the Ridge.

D. 29c.7.6.

D. 23c.4.0., with extended view East, North-East and North.

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Streams and Lakes.

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(a) The REUTELBEEK. (J.15,16,17.)

The two branches-one from J.15a-and the other from POLYGONE WOOD in J.5c, join at the culvert in J.17a.1.2. and then flow East-South-East. Both are very small and form no obstacle to infantry. The ground on both sides is good going in dry weather.

The stream running from POLYGONE WOOD through J.10.d.0.6, is a mere ditch.

(b) HANEBEK. (East Branch)

From POLYGONE WOOD in J.4c to the Railway at D.26b.3.0.

This stream is very narrow and can easily be jumped at any point. The width varies from 3' to 4' as far as D.27c.9.1; thence widens slightly up to about 6'. The depth from top of banks to the bed of the stream is from 3' to 4'. Banks firm. The brook is never quite dry even in summer and consequently the bed, though firm, is rather muddy.

As regards the valley in which the stream runs, the ground downstream from D.27c.9.1, is also rhen and dries rapidly after rain. Upstream from this point it dries more slowly and is apt to be rather heavy going. For wheeled transport, the best locality for crossing (apart from roads) is between D.27c.45.55, and 20.65.

(c) ZONNEBEKE LAKE. (D.28a.)

The pond is not very deep. The overflow from the pond leaves the latter at the North-West end through a drain-pipe, which passes under the Chateau, and from there under the gardens towards the YPRES Road, where it gives rise to the brook, ZONNEBEKE. This drainpipe is 5' wide and about 3' high. The banks of the pond are quite dry and firm, except after very wet weather.

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Woods.

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The majority of the woods west of the BROODSEINDE-BECELAEERE Ridge have recently been either entirely destroyed or very much thinned by artillery fire.

Of the woods on the eastern slopes of the BROODSEINDE-BECELAEERE Ridge, the HOLLEBOSCH (J.12b.) has been partially destroyed, but tall trees are still standing on the southern and eastern edges and will materially impair observation towards OESTHOEK.

The portion of this wood in J6d, is thick and still exists. The wood in J.5b, and J.6a has almost entirely disappeared, in fact it is very doubtful if it ever existed. Some undergrowth and a very few trees still remain just to the North of the Cemetery in J.6a.8.3, but the remainder of the wooded area is now under cultivation.

To the north-east of BROODSEINDE the woods round D.23 Central and D.23b.4.9, have been destroyed and will therefore not impede the view to the north-east. The wood round D.24a, however, still exists.

(2)

**Enemy Defences.****ZONNEBEKE-STADEN Line.**

This runs opposite the Corps front from D.28d.8. to J.18c.9.9. as has been used as a line of assembly rather than a line of defence. It consists of the following trenches.

JONAH TRENCH.	D.28d.8. to J.4b.50.
JUBILEE TRENCH.	J.4b.4.0. to J.10b.2.7.
JETTY TRENCH.	J.10b.2.7. to J.10b.4.0.
JUNIPER TRENCH.	J.10.b.4.0. to J.17a.99.80.
JUNIPER SUPPORT.	J.17a.99.80. to J.18c.5.5. (Approx).
JUDAS TRENCH.	J.18c.5.5. to J.18c.9.9.

Aerial reconnaissance and photographs show that this line is as yet by no means completed, especially between J.10d.99.40 and J.18d.0.0. where it is very shallow and very little work appears to have been done.

**JONAH TRENCH.** Aeroplane report 11/9. This trench is apparently unoccupied. It is deep and very little damaged.

**WIRE.** A good deal of wire in good condition is visible.

**JUBILEE TRENCH.** Aeroplane report. 11/9-14/9. Is badly damaged by shell fire from J.4d.3.5 to J.4d.3.8. J.4d.2.2. to J.10b.2.5. This trench is well crevetted in places. Between J.10b.2.3. and J.10b.4.2. it is in very good condition.

**WIRE.** A good deal of wire in good condition is visible along this trench between J.4d.3.8. and J.4d.3.6. where no wire can be seen.

**JETTY TRENCH.** Is a short section of trench connecting JUBILEE and JONAH trenches. Shell fire has obliterated the junction at JUNIPER. The trench is reported to be dry.

**JUNIPER TRENCH.** The western approach to this trench is at present dry and the trench itself has recently been worked on and much improved.

**WIRE.** There are three belts of good wire in front of this trench.

**JUNIPER SUPPORT.** Is more a communication trench, and has up to now been very little worked on, and is reported to be in poor condition between J.17.b.6.9 and 18.a.1.3.

**WIRE.** Some wire is visible at J.17.b.7.8.

**JUDAS TRENCH.** No information is available about this trench which is on the extreme right of our right division.

**DUG-OUTS and SHELTERS.** The enemy appears to have built their dug-outs behind, and in front of, this line, the entrances facing East and very well camouflaged. Aeroplane photos reveal a great number of un-completed, or destroyed, dug-outs, these being some little distance behind the trench. The ruins of these dug-outs would afford excellent support for the defence of the Ridge. No new or definite information has up to now been received from prisoners.

There is an advanced dug-out at J.10.a.7.8, and concrete shelters at the following places: J.10.c.11.40 - J.10.c.5.6 - J.16.a.10.55.

**SYSTEM OF DEFENCE.** As in their old front line, this line is protected by a series of occupied shell holes, held by small garrisons with machine-guns. Aeroplane photographs show machine-guns at the following localities: J.10.c.5.6 - J.10.c.5.5 - J.16.a.15.76.

**APPROACHES TO THE LINE.** The Northern sector of the line opposite the Corps front lies on fairly high land, and the ground to the West of it is consequently fairly dry and well drained. The Southern sector lies in low ground, which begins in J.10.d.1.8.

The POLYGONBEKK runs in front of JUNIPER TRENCH and continues roughly parallel to the line. It is at present full of water, and the banks on either side are very marshy, to a depth of 30 to 50 yards. There is a very wet patch of ground at J.10.d.2.3, embracing the area enclosed by the fork of the stream and a belt of marsh stretches from J.10.d.35.45 to JETTY WOOD. Further West, the ground in J.10.c. - J.16.b. - and J.15.b. is dry.

(3)

GENERAL

There are scattered ruins of houses all along the front of this line which have been converted into strong points by the enemy, and which form considerable obstacles.

SECOND and REAR LINE TRENCHES. - J.6.o. - J.12.a., b. and d.

This line is known as the ARTILLERY STELLUNG (or position). It has fairly strong wire in front of it, while the trench itself is not used by infantry, and is not considered a serious obstacle.

PASSCHENDAELE - TERHAND LINE.

The enemy has devoted considerable attention to the construction of this line during the last three months. It is now a continuous trench with a considerable amount of strong wire in front of it. It is possible that, in the event of our advance proceeding to the ridge, the enemy will retire to this line as his main defence.

4. TROOPS OPPOSITE THE CORPS FRONT.

3rd RESERVE DIVISION - consisting of the 2nd R.I.R., 49th R.I.R., and 34th Fus. Regt., has probably relieved the 121st Divn.

HISTORY OF THE DIVISION. The Division was transferred to the Western front from Russia in June, 1917. Was on ST. QUENTIN front to the end of July. Brought North from rest July 28th. In FREZENBERG sector of YPRES front August 6th. Withdrawn to rest at TOURNAI between August 27th and September 2nd.

The Division has evidently become stale during its long stay on the Russian front, and also owing, possibly, to the presence of a number of Poles. The moral does not appear good. It has sustained very considerable casualties.

DISPOSITIONS. From statements of prisoners of the 49th R.I.R., it appears that the 49th R.I.R. alone moved into line. The 2nd R.I.R. remained at MOORSLEDE, and the 34th Fus. Regt. is in all probability to be the STOSS Regiment of the Division. The 49th R.I.R. moved up on the 22nd to relieve the 7th R.I.R., who, however, had in the meantime gone.

METHOD OF HOLDING THE LINE. The 1st Bn. is in the front line with three Coys., the 4th Coy. being just behind in support. The 2nd Bn. is in the PASSCHENDAELE - TERHAND Line. The 3rd Bn. is in reserve, probably in PASSCHENDAELE.

16th BAVARIAN DIVISION. The 16th Bav. Divn. -- consisting of the 11th Bav. I.R., the 14th Bav. I.R. and the 21st Bav. R.I.R. -- has probably relieved the Bav. ERSATZ Divn.

HISTORY OF DIVISION. The 16th Bav. Divn. suffered heavy losses in the SOUCHEZ area in February and March, 1917. On the 9th April, the Division was driven across the VIMY Ridge, and suffered such heavy losses that it was relieved on the 11th April. Since then, it has been East of ARMENTIERES, and although very slightly involved in the MESSINES Battle, have had a quiet time. The moral of the two active regiments is distinctly good, whilst that of the reserve regiment is only moderate.

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16th BAVARIAN DIVISION (Cont.)

DISPOSITIONS. The 11th Bav. I.R. left VRELINGHIEN on the 18th and went to DADIZEELE, the whole regiment moving from here on the morning of the 20th reinforce the 4th Bav. R.I.R. and to counter-attack. All three battalions were in line with a ration strength of 160 to the Company. One platoon of the regiment was set apart as STURM TRUPP.

The 14th Bav. I.R. has so far not been identified on this front.

The 21st Bav. R.I.R. has been in the DADIZEELE area during the past three weeks. Leaving there on the morning of the 20th, it proceeded through BECELAERE and took up position behind the FLANDERN STELLUNG in support of the 15th Bav. R.I.R.

5. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

No definite statement or accurate forecast can be made concerning the dispositions likely to be taken up the enemy as a result of recent operations.

It seems quite probable, however, that he will dispose of his troops as follows:

Of each Regiment in line:

- (a) 1 Bn. will be in the ZONNEBEKE - STADEN Line and the fortified shell holes West and East of it.
- (b) 1 Bn. immediately East of the BECELAERE Ridge, most likely on the Eastern slope.
- (c) 1 Bn. in immediate reserve for counter-attack.

It is likely that two Divisions will be held in reserve in the MOORSLEDE - SLYPSKAPPELLE - DADIZEELE area.

EDITION I B

German Trenches corrected to 9-9-17. Part of Sheet 28.

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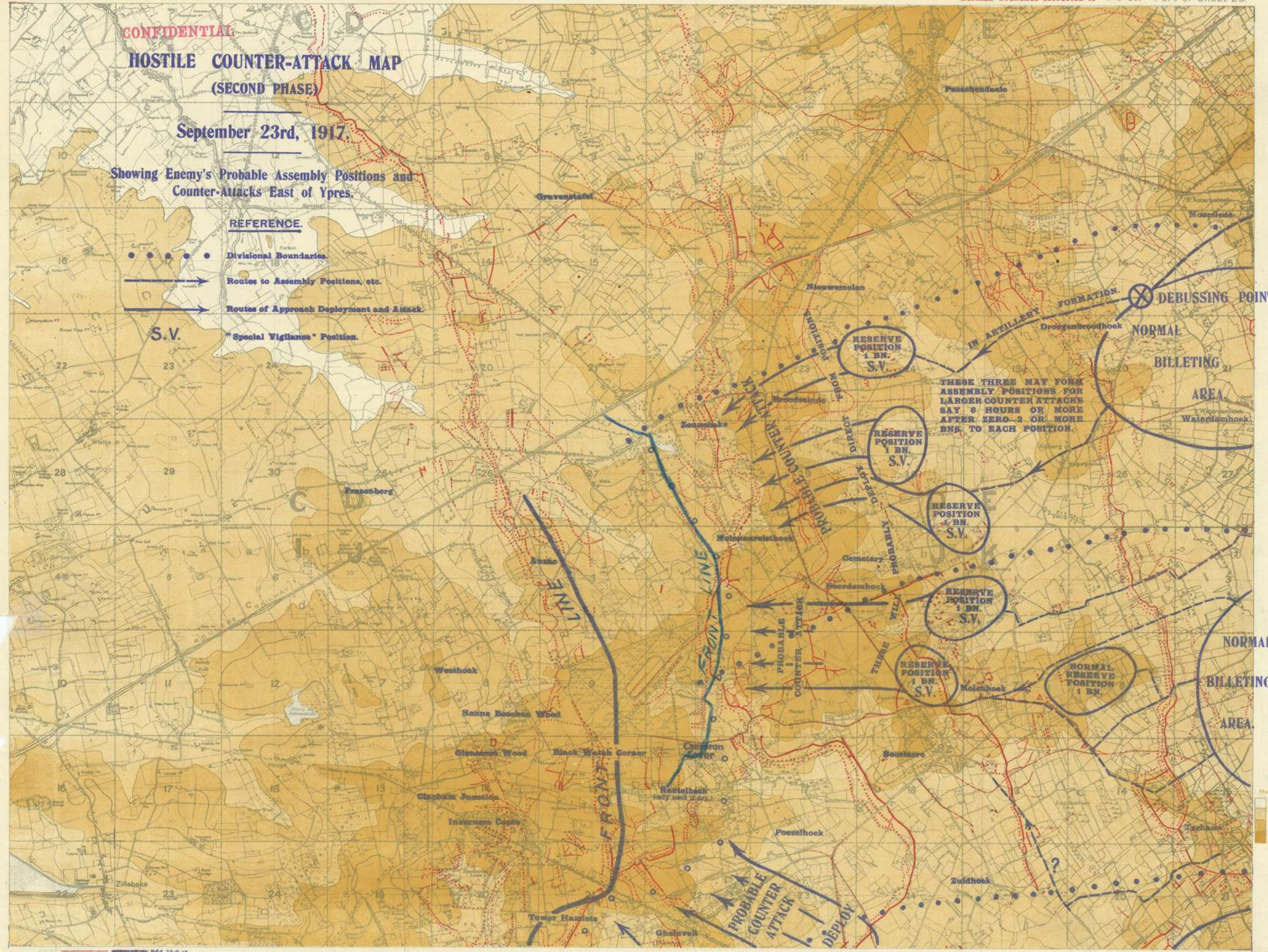
# HOSTILE COUNTER-ATTACK MAP (SECOND PHASE)

## September 23rd, 1917.

### Showing Enemy's Probable Assembly Positions and Counter-Attacks East of Ypres.

- REFERENCE.**
- Divisional Boundaries
  - Routes to Assembly Positions, etc.
  - Routes of Approach Deployment and Attack

S.V. "Special Vigilance" Position.



THESE THREE MAY FORM ASSEMBLY POSITIONS FOR LARGER COUNTER ATTACKS SAY 6 HOURS OR MORE AFTER ZERO-2 OR MORE BNS TO EACH POSITION.

RESERVE POSITION 1 BN. S.V.

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NORMAL RESERVE POSITION 1 BN.

NORMAL BILLETING AREA.

NORMAL BILLETING AREA.

Metres  
0-20  
20-35  
35-50  
Over 50

Scale 1:20,000

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APPENDIX "D"

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

DISPOSITION OF ARTILLERY GROUPS AND BRIGADES.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP H.Q. WALKER CAMP H.27.b.6  
(Brig-Gen. A.J. BESSEL-BROWNE C.M.G., D.S.O.)

FIELD ARTILLERY

"A" GROUP (lieut-Colonel H.E. COHEN D.S.O.)

GROUP HEADQUARTERS HALFWAY HOUSE I.17.c.3.7.

3rd Army F.A. Brigade (Aust)  
7th Battery I.18.c.85.20  
8th Battery I.18.c.1.6  
9th Battery I.24.a.75.55  
103rd How.Battery J.13.c.15.95

6th Army F.A. Brigade (Aust)  
16th Battery I.18.b.6.7  
17th Battery I.18.b.8.6  
18th Battery J.13.c.75.80  
106th How.Battery I.18.d.4.6

12th Army F.A. Brigade (Aust)  
45th Battery I.24.a.70.25  
46th Battery I.24.a.7.3  
47th Battery I.18.d.55.70  
112th Battery (How). J. 7.c.4.5

"B" GROUP.

Being relieved by 5th Aust.Divisional Artillery.

HEAVY ARTILLERY

RIGHT DOUBLE BOMBARDMENT GROUP.

31 H.A.G. Lieut-Col. W. HOWELL-JONES H.21.c.90.70  
(Double Group Commander)  
53 H.A.G. Lieut-Colonel F.A. WYNTER D.S.O. H.29.c.10.00  
200 S. Bty. 6" How. I.17.b.90.39  
278 S. Bty. 6" How. I.18.c.03.45  
252 S. Bty. 6" How. I.18.a.03.07  
54 (Aus) S.B. 8" How. I.17.a.72.05  
132 H. Bty. 60-pdr. I.23.a.38.88  
Wagon lines H.20.c.75.00  
29 S. Bty. 6" Gun I.25.c.05.30

24 H.A.G.

Lt. COL. W.D. ALEXANDER D.S.O.

H.28.d.60.70

139 S. Bty.  
 172 S. Bty.  
 190 S. Bty.  
 366 . Bty.  
 121 S. Bty.

6" How.  
 8" How.  
 9.2 How.  
 9.2 Gun  
 9.2 How.

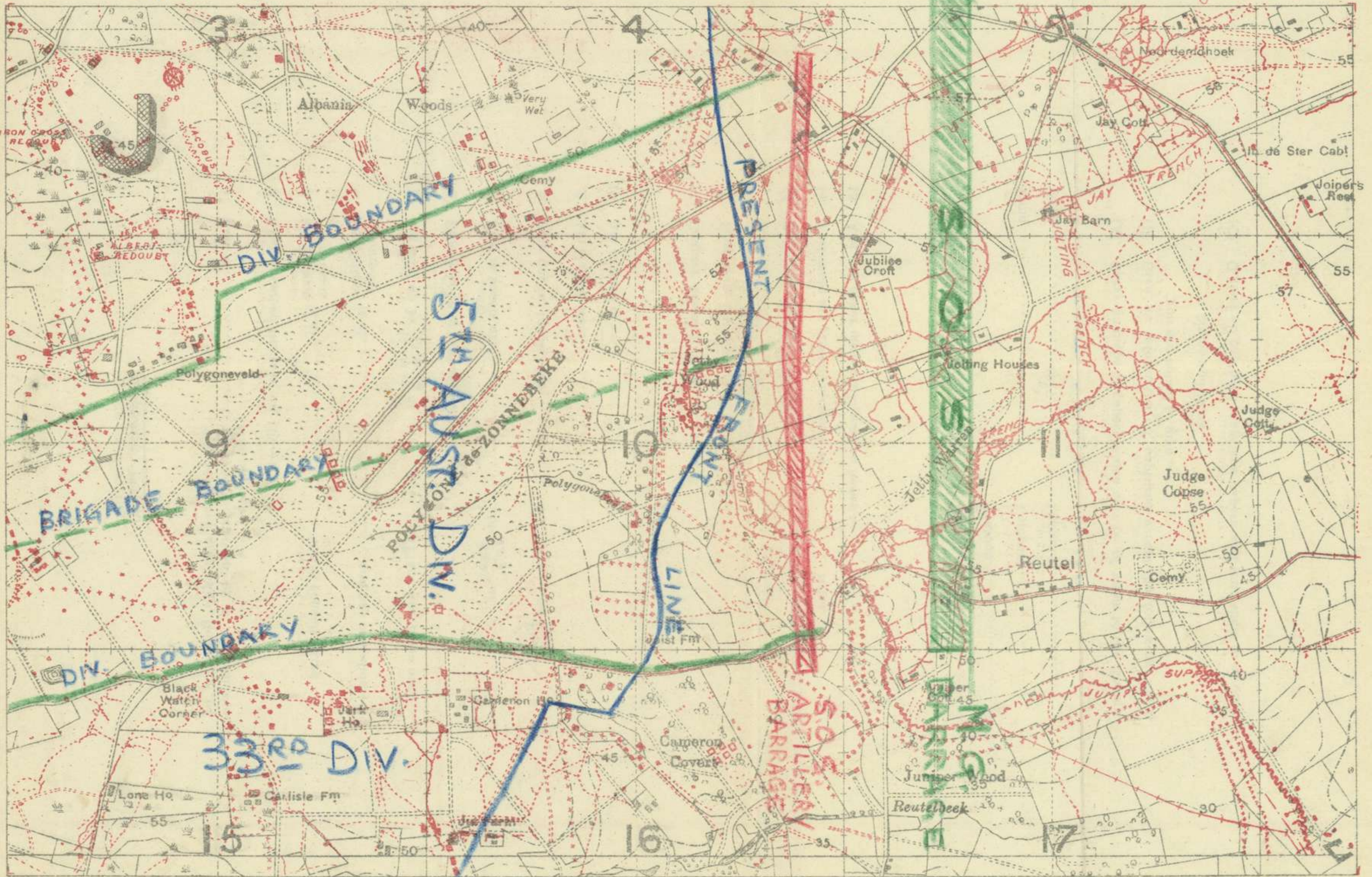
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 I.17.c.45.79  
 I.17.a.65.30  
 B.29.c.78.64  
 I.17.a.46.15

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MESSAGE MAP.

APPENDIX 8  
Trenches &c. corrected to 19-9-17. 371



F.S.O. W.55. 22 9-17.

Scale 1:10,000  
YARDS 500 400 300 200 100 0 500 1,000 YARDS

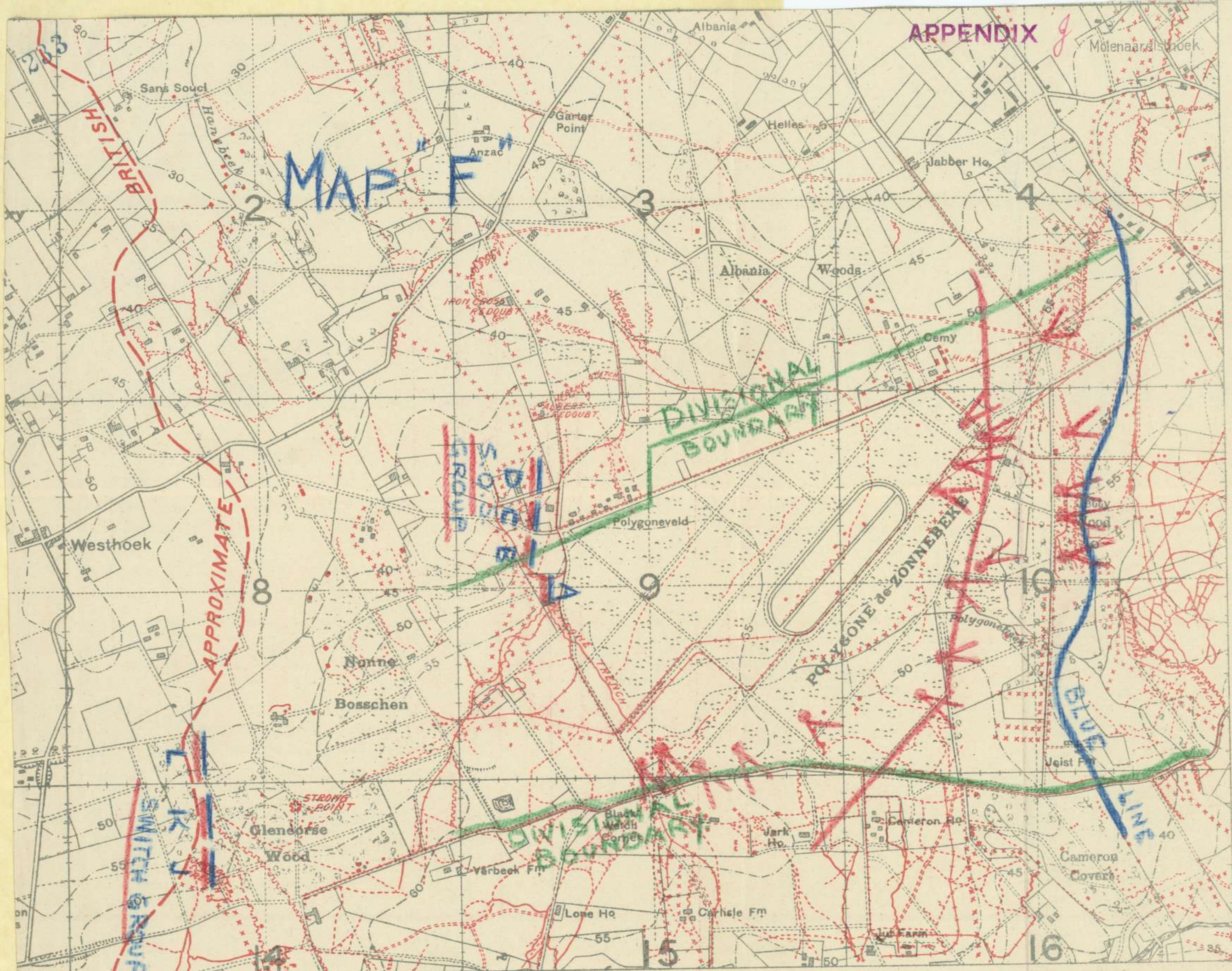
N°2 Advanced Section, A.P. & S.S.

- C.D.Os. verified by Air Photographs ... .. ■
- C.D.Os. reported by other sources, and not verified by latest Air Photographs ... .. □
- NOTE.—Air Photographs show practically no signs of wire anywhere in this area.
- Old Gun Positions ... .. ⊕
- Strong Point probably occupied ... .. ⊗
- C.D.Os.—Concrete Dug-outs.



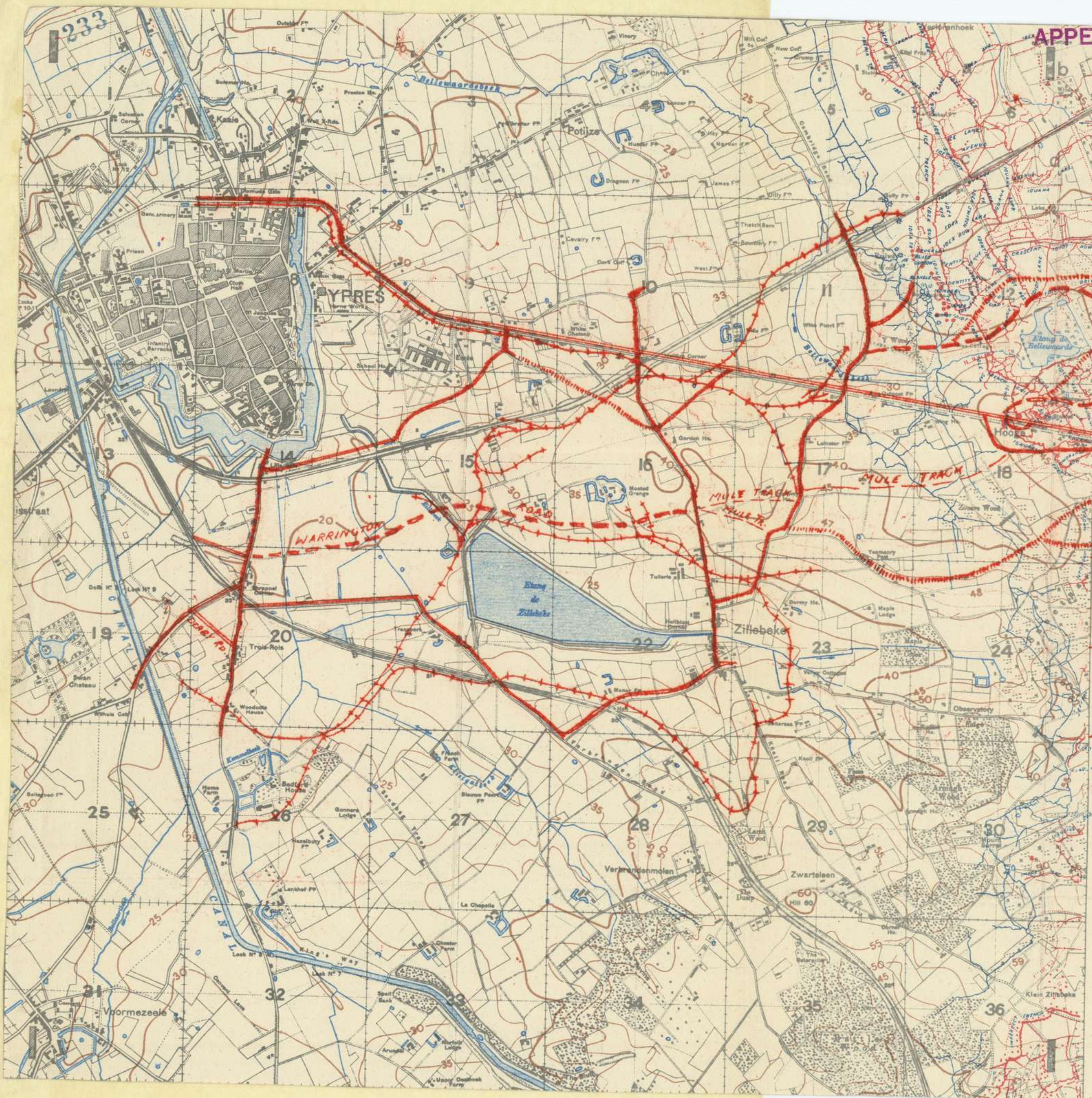
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APPENDIX J



Minor corrections to outline made 7.9.17.

No 2 Advanced Section, A.P. & S.S.



On squared maps all bearings should be given with reference to the vertical grid lines, which are parallel to the East and West edges of the sheet. Bearings should always be reckoned clockwise from 0° to 360°.

Grid bearings are less than compass bearings, the difference being called the deviation of the compass. To find out what this deviation is use a compass bearing to a distant point, and measure the bearing to that point. The difference between the two bearings is the deviation of the compass from Grid North. To obtain the grid bearing of any point this deviation must be subtracted from the compass bearing (adding 360° to the latter if necessary).

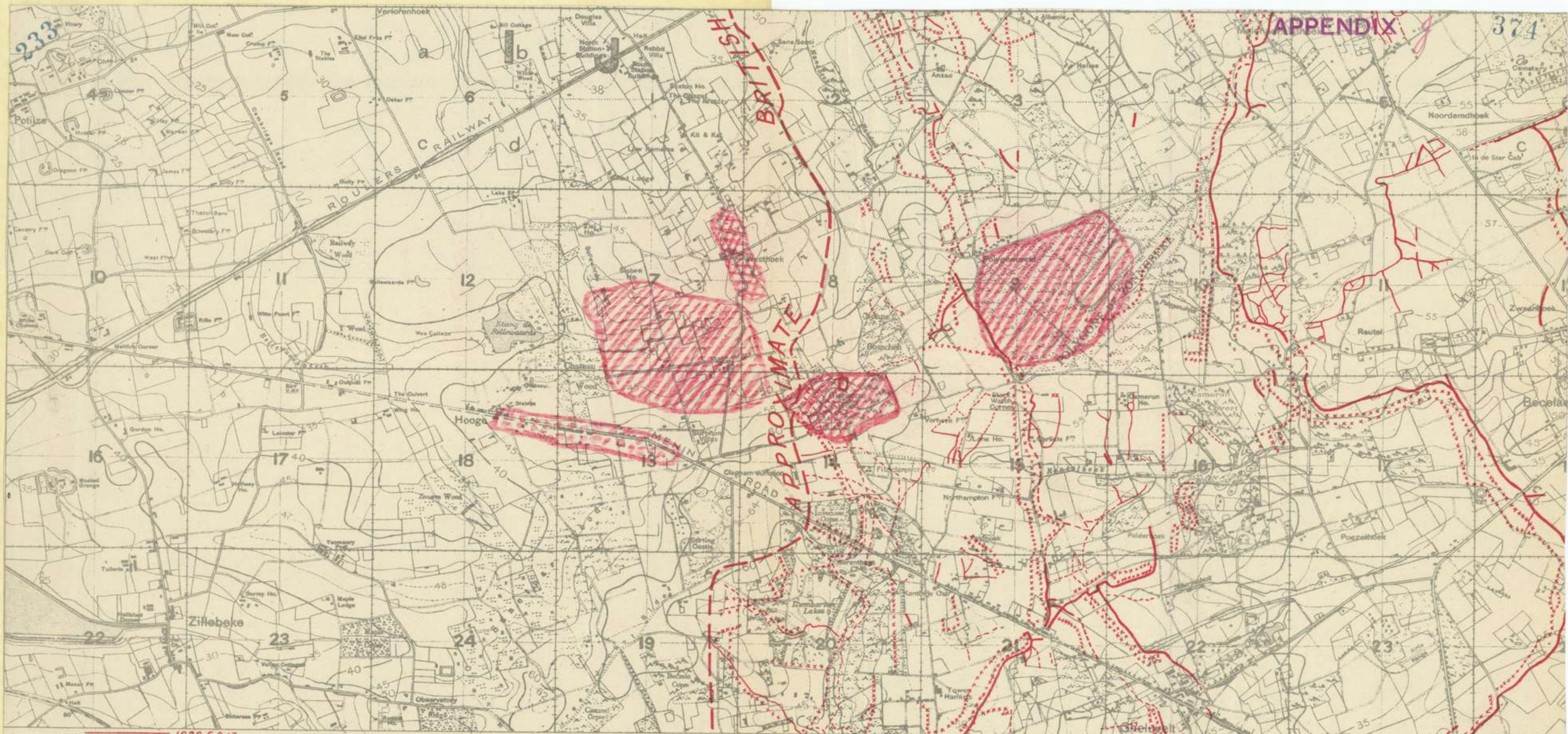
On this sheet the mean deviation of a normal compass is 12° 23'; but to obtain accurate results the exact deviation of each compass should be tested as described above, and this test should be repeated in each locality.

- LEGEND:**
- GOOD ROADS ———
  - SLEEPER ———
  - LIGHT TRAIL ———
  - DUCK WALKS ———
  - MULE TRACKS ———

MAP "G"

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F500 1003 21-8-17 1026 5 9-17

Yards 1000 750 500 250 0 1000 2000 3000 Yards Sca

HOSTILE SHELLING

LIGHT  HEAVY  MEDIUM 

DUGOUTS IN 14th BRIGADE AREA.

28/9/17.

MAP LOCATION

J.10.b.1.7.	Pill box	4 bunks
J.10.a.7.8.	Dugout in BUTT	96 bunks, plan attached. (forwarded later)
J.10.a.9.9.	Pill box	12 bunks
J.4.c.1.1.	"	4 bunks
J.10.a.5.6.	"	End blown in- 6'x4'x4'
J.10.a.5.6.	"	Good. 8'x8'x6'
J.10.a.5.6.	"	Sides good, roof not on. 10'x8'x6'
J.10.a.0.2.	2 Pill boxes	Good 10x10x6'
J.10.c.0.9.	Pill box	Good 12x12x6'
J.10.c.0.9.	"	Good "
J.9.a.9.4.	"	Good 10x10x6'
do.	"	Splinter proof only, requires cleaning out 10x10x6'
J.9.a.5.1.	"	4' of water inside, easily drained otherwise good 12x12x6'
J.9.c.0.5.	"	S.W. end blown in, requires pumping out, serviceable now as dugouts, both 12x12x6'
do	"	Roof badly damaged but intact, 1' w ater. Not likely to withstand direct hit. 12x12x6'
do	"	(Slightly damaged, serviceable, 10x8x6'
do	"	6 compartments, slightly damaged. Serviceable. 6x4x4'
do	"	Splinter proof. 6x6x4'
do	"	Good. 12x12x6'
do	"	" 10x8x6'
do	"	" 10x8x6'
J.9.c.2.5.	"	Good. 10x8x6'
J.8.d.8.9.	"	" 6x6x4'6"
"	"	" 6x6x4'6"
"	"	Dressing station, full of Bosche dead. Good. 10x6x16'
J.8.d.5.6.	"	Damaged. Splinter proof only. In use, 12x10x6'
J.8.d.5.4.	"	Full of water otherwise serviceable. 15x10x6
J.8.d.3.7.	"	Back and front walls out, ends and roofs standing. 15x10x6'
"	"	3' water. Otherwise serviceable, 15x10x6.
"	"	Good requires cleaning out. 15x10x6
J.8.c.5.5.	"	Splinter proof only. 10x10x6.
"	"	Good. 10x10x6'.
"	"	Splinter proof only. 6x10x6'.

Dimensions floor space in feet.

ACCOMMODATION IN 8th INFANTRY BRIGADE AREA.  
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1.12.a.6.0.	B.M.H.Q.
1.12.c.05.8.	8 Off. 86 O.R.
BIRR CROSS ROADS I.17.b.2.9.	13 Off. 92 O.R.
HOOGE Tunnel	500 O.R.
JAMES TRENCH J.7.c.&J.13.a.	60 O.R.
J.12.a.95.40.	24 O.R.
HALFWAY HOUSE J.17.c.	1080 O.R.
RITZ TRENCH I23.a.	948 O.R.
I.21.b.3.3.	1 Battalion.

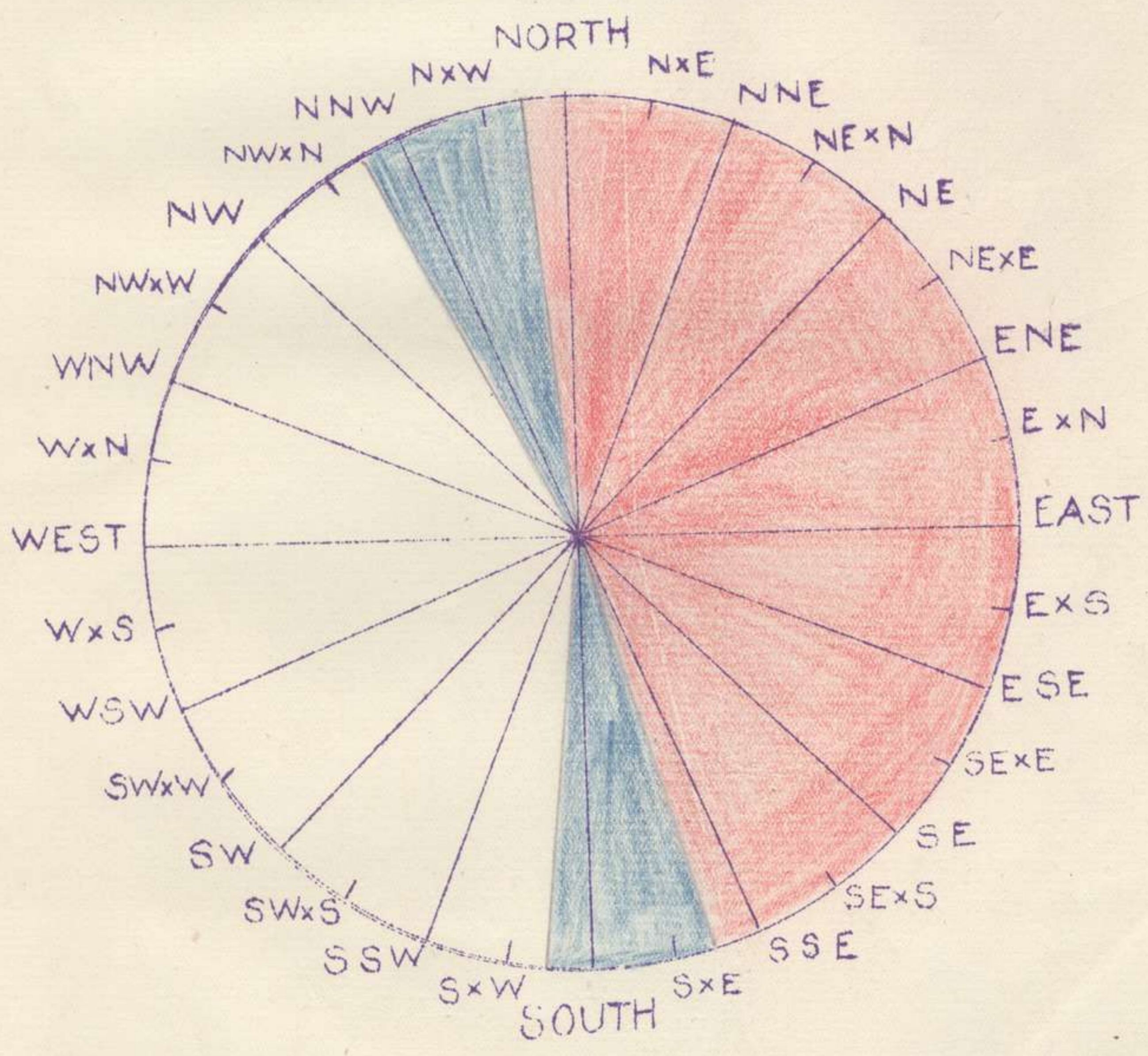
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# ANTI-GAS WIND CHART


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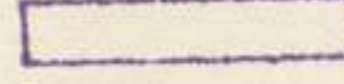
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The following Chart shows the Winds regarded as "Safe" "Neutral" & "Dangerous" in the ----- area.



"Dangerous" ← --- RED --- → 

"Neutral" ← --- BLUE --- → 

"Safe" ← --- UNCOLORED --- → 

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ENEMY  
DISPOSITIONS.

14 (b) At present, 28th September 1917, it is difficult to say how the enemy forces opposite the Divisional front are disposed owing <sup>to</sup> their being severely handled and disorganised due to the fighting of the 27th instant. It appears that such great losses, <sup>were inflicted</sup> that he threw regiments into the line whenever it was necessary and at the end of the battle the whole of his forces were mixed up. As far as can be ascertained now it would appear that the order of battle opposite the Divisional front from North to South, the 236th Division, the 19th Reserve Division with regiments as follows:-

459th )	
458th )	236th Division
457th )	
73rd )	
92nd )	R.I.R.
78th )	

with a boundary between 236th Division and 19th Reserve Division a line running west from JETTY Trench.

METHOD OF  
HOLDING THE  
LINE.

The enemy method of holding the line has so far been one battalion from each regiment on the front system and with three companies in shell holes forming an outpost line, one company closely in support of the three companies; another battalion in support in the nearest trench system with one battalion in reserve. The Reserve battalion being known to be brought up to hold certain line of trenches by night and taken back to the rear by morning.