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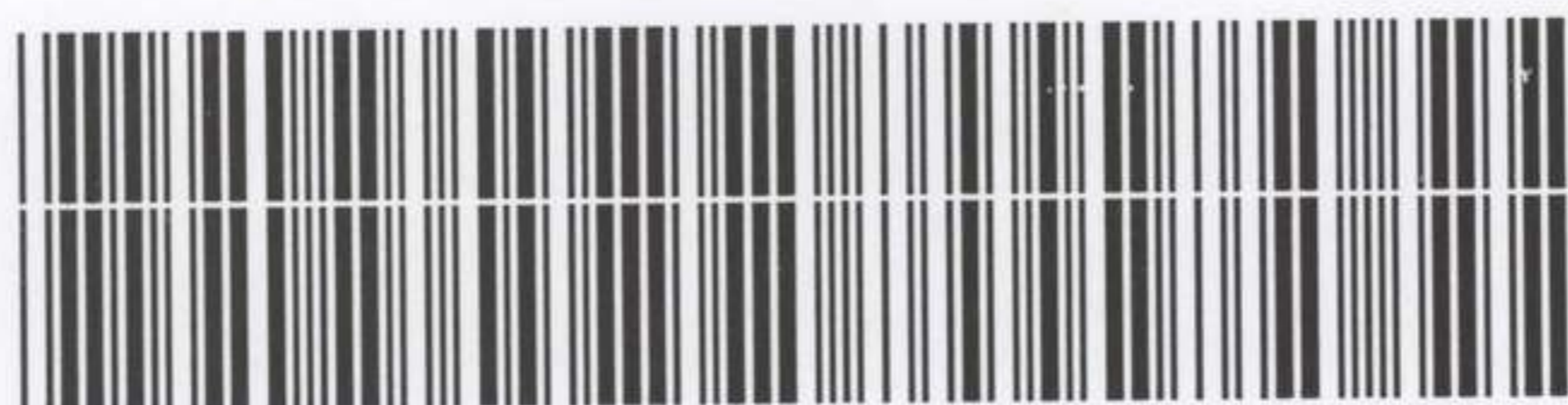
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RENINGHELST	1.10.17		Divl. Arty. H.Q. moved from OUDEZEELE to RENINGHELST Lieut. CHENERY moved to WALKER CAMP to assist Staff Captain 5 <sup>th</sup> D.A.	A.M.F.
	2.10.17		Lt. Col. S.M. ANDERSON D.S.O. assumed tempy. command of 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. Arty.	A.M.F.
	3.10.17		Tempy. C.R.A. visited Brigade wagon lines.	A.M.F.
	4.10.17		Wire received from D.A.G., A.I.F., appointing Lt. Col. S.M. ANDERSON D.S.O. to command 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. Arty. vice Brig. Gen. W.A. COXEN D.S.O. transferred as G.O.C. R.A. 1 <sup>st</sup> ANZAC Corps	A.M.F.
	5.10.17		C.R.A. & Brigade Major selected new camp for 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sections D.A.C.	A.M.F.
	6.10.17		C.R.A. visited 5 <sup>th</sup> D.A. H.Q.	A.M.F.
	7.10.17		C.R.A. inspected Brigade Wagon Lines	A.M.F.
	8.10.17		C.R.A. visited 1 <sup>st</sup> ANZAC Corps H.Q.	A.M.F.
	9.10.17		C.R.A. visited 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brigade wagon lines and Corps Gun Pool.	A.M.F.
	10.10.17		Ml.	A.M.F.
	11.10.17		C.R.A. visited camp at CLAIRMARRAIS recently occupied by 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. Arty. to verify report received. Capt. C.R. RIGGS returned from leave	A.M.F.
	12.10.17		C.R.A. visited Brigade wagon lines & D.A.C. in the morning and 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. & 1 <sup>st</sup> ANZAC Corps in the afternoon	A.M.F.



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RENINGHELST	13.10.17		C.R.A. visited wagon lines.	A.M.F.
	14.10.17		Nil.	A.M.F.
	15.10.17		Nil.	A.M.F.
	16.10.17		Lt. Col. S.M. ANDERSON, D.S.O. promoted tempy. Brigadier General and appointed to command 1st Australian Divisional Artillery. date 12.10.17	A.M.F.
	17.10.17		C.R.A. visited 1st ANZAC Corps and 1st Aust. Div.	A.M.F.
	18.10.17		Nil.	A.M.F.
	19.10.17		C.R.A. visited 1st & 2nd Sections D.A.C. and 2nd F.A. Brigade.	A.M.F.
	20.10.17		Nil.	A.M.F.
	21.10.17		Nil.	A.M.F.
	22.10.17		Nil.	A.M.F.
	23.10.17		Nil.	A.M.F.
	24.10.17		Nil.	A.M.F.
	25.10.17		C.R.A. visited C.R.A. 4th Aust. Div. at YPRES.	A.M.F.
	26.10.17		Lieut A G Strong returned from R.A. 1st Anzac Artillery.	A.M.F.
YPRES	27.10.17		C.R.A. 1st Aust Div took over command of left sector 1st Anzac Artillery from C.R.A. 4th Aust Div. Issued front instructions N°1 and 2 copies attached	A.M.F. Appendices A+B C



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	28-10-17		CRA and BM visited 'C' Group Helix J6B 9.00 and OP at KIT and NAT during the early morning. Issued Group Instructions N°4 copy attached	Appendix D
	29-10-17		CRA and RO visited 'D' Group Helix and Battery positions during morning. Issued Group Instructions N°5 copy attached " " Order N°1 " Amendment to Group Order N°1 copy attached	Appendix "E" "F" "G"
	30-10-17		Issued Group Instructions N°6 copy attached " " " " N°7 " "	Appendix "H" "I"
	31-10-17		BM and RO visited 'E' Group Battery positions during the early morning. Issued Group Instructions N°8 and 9 copies attached " Amendments No 1 and 2 to Group Instructions N°9 copies attached Dwarf Group Instructions 10 & 11 issued - appendices O & P attached <del>Group</del> Intelligence Summaries 1 to 5 attached as	Appendices "J" & "K" Appendices "L" & "M" Appendix "N"

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

INSTRUCTION No. 1.  
(Series II.)

27th October, 1917

1. Reference 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Instructions No. 26., the following amendments will be made:-

Q.(a) A and R. (a) A. Barrages.

Each group will only employ -

24. 18-prs.

12. 4.5 Hows.

Rates of fire will be in rounds per Gun per minute,  
18-prs. 1 1/2. 4.5 Hows. 2/3rds.

These rates of fire will also be employed in the bursts of fire.

2. The Dumps at gun positions will be <sup>maintained</sup> ~~maintained~~ at 400. rds. 18-pr. and 250 rds. 4.5 How.

3. In addition to the above the allotment per Gun for use between noon P.(a) day and noon T.(a) day is 480. rds. 18-pr. and 4.5 How.

4. This will be used as follows:-

Barrages Q.(a) & R.(a) days.	18-pr.	4.5 How.
To be on hand midnight R.(a)/S.(a) in addition to dumps in para. 2 -	90.	30.
Harrasing fire and all other purposes -	150.	100.
	<u>240.</u>	<u>350.</u>
	<u>480.</u>	<u>480.</u>

In other words 60. rds. 18-pr. and 85. rds. 4.5 How. per Gun are available per diem for Harrasing fire and all other purposes other than Barrages between noon P.(a) and noon T.(a) excluding the attack on S.(a) Day.

All the above figures are calculated on 36. 18-prs & 12. Howitzers per group.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE ON SLIP ATTACHED.  
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25.	3rd. " " "
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.INSTRUCTIONS No.2.  
(Series II.)

27th October, 1917.

1. The S.O.S. line on the Divisional front is as follows:-
- (a). 18-prs:-
- "D" Group - D.24.C.20.95. - D.18.C.60.00.  
- D.18.C.75.52.
- "C" Group - D.18.C.75.52. - D18 B. 10.25  
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- (b). 4.5 Hows. :-
- "D" Group. 1 Section on each of following points:-  
E.13.C.47.15.  
E.13.C.30.45.  
E.13.C.15.70.  
E.13.A.10.00.  
E.13.A.72.00.  
Area E.13.C.90.25. to E.13.C.90.65.
- "C" Group - 1 Section E.7.C.75.50.  
1 Section E.13.A.6.1.  
Remainder Line E.13.C.1.9. - E.13.A.0.8.
2. The 18-pr. S.O.S. line in each group zone will be covered by three Batteries. The other three Batteries in the Group will each be superimposed on one Battery front.
3. It is left to Group Commanders as to whether they superimpose the Batteries of one Brigade on the Batteries of another or whether they mix the Batteries in superimposition.
4. It is pointed out that by superimposing one Battery on another the following advantages are gained:-
- (1). Any Battery can be taken off for any purpose and still ensure that that particular portion of front is covered.
  - (2). Greater opportunities are given for resting personnel of any Battery at any time.
  - (3). Temporary shortage of Guns in any particular Battery does not necessitate such a large adjustment of frontages.
  - (4). Should any Battery be lifted out at any time, the consequent thinning of front will be compensated for by a slightly increased rate of fire and sweeping on the part of the Battery left on the frontage.
5. Groups to acknowledge by wire, others by slip attached.

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SecretFIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.INSTRUCTIONS No. 3.  
(Series II.)

27th October, 1917.

1. The 4th Canadian Division will attack and capture LA CLINE CORSE this evening.
2. The 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery Group will co-operate as under:-
3. "C" Group will fire on their 18-prs. S.O.S.Line.
4. "C" and "D" Groups will both fire on their 4.5 How. S.O.S.Lines
5. All fire will cease unless further required at Zero plus 30.
6. Rates of fire will be as follows:-
  - 18-prs:- Zero to plus 5. - 4 rds.per Gun per min.
  - Plus 5. to plus 10. - 2rds. " " " "
  - Plus 10. to plus 30. - 1.rd. " " " "
  - 4.5" Hows:-  
Half above rates.
7. Zero hour will be 9-30.p.m. 27th inst.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

INSTRUCTION No. 4.

(Series II.)

*28<sup>th</sup> Oct 1917*

1. The 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade is relieving the 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade in the Line on the 30th inst, and night 30th/31st October, 1917.
2. The 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade (less 3rd Aust Bn.) is moving up on the 30th instant to the YPRES Area into Divisional Support and is taking the accomodation at present occupied by the 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
3. The 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade on relief is moving back into the Canal Area, into Divisional Reserve and is taking over accomodation at present occupied by the 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde.
4. The G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. assumes command of the forward area on completion of relief.
5. Groups to acknowledge by wire.

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C O P Y No. *34*.....

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP  
INSTRUCTION. No.5.

Headquarters  
29th Octr.1917.

1. The 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde is sending a standing patrol to DECOY WOOD to-night, 29th/30th Oct., withdrawing before Zero hour to-morrow and reporting results.
2. From night 30th/31st Oct. onwards, the Inf. Bde in the line will maintain a post in DECOY WOOD at night as a protection to the R. flank of the 4th Canadian Division, which is being advanced towards VIENNA COTTAGES.
3. Arrangements are being made for a regular patrol towards ASSYRIA at varying hours.  
This patrol will, as a rule move via RHINE COPSE.
4. Close Liaison will be kept with the Infantry so as to keep in touch with the movements of this patrol.
5. Groups to acknowledge by wire.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

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HEADQUARTERS  
29th October '17.

1. At Zero hour on "S.a." Day the Canadian Corps is continuing its operation against the PASCHENDAELE Ridge.
2. Zero hour will be 5.50 a.m.
3. A barrage in depth will be placed on the front of the 1st Australian Division.
4. The 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Group will fire the "A" Barrage, and the "B" Barrage.
5. The barrage will consist of a starting line (Zero to Zero plus 8) and 8 lifts, (8-12, 12-16, 16-20, etc).  
Starting line for "A" Barrage will be the line from D.13.A. 8.8 to E.13.C.56.10. Lifts will be 50 yards in 4 minutes.  
Distance between "A" and "B" Barrages, 100 yards.  
Rates of fire as for Bombardment Barrages, viz.,  
18-pdrs. 1 1/2 rds. per gun per minute.  
4.5" Hows. 2/3rd. rds. per gun per minute.
6. For the purposes of this barrage, C.O. "D" Group will tell off two 18-pdr batteries to be under the orders of C.O. "C" Group. This will be arranged direct between Group Commanders.
7. C.O. "C" Group will tell off three 18-pdr batteries to put down a smoke screen as under. This will commence at Zero plus 30.
8. This screen will be placed along the line D.13.B.6.4. to E.7.C.4.1.
9. Rates of fire for these batteries (smoke screen) will be as under:-
 

Time	Rounds per gun per min.
Plus 30 to plus 35.	4
Plus 35 to plus 45.	2
Plus 45 to plus 60.	3
Plus 60 to plus 70.	2
Plus 70 to plus 75.	4
Plus 75 to plus 85.	3
Plus 85 to plus 90.	2
Plus 90. Cease firing.	
10. From Zero plus 45 for 2 hours Groups will keep under fire such portions of the DROOGEN BROODHOEK spur and the country in E.13 and E.14.A. and B., as lie in their Group Zones.
11. Ammunition to be used for this purpose is as under-
 

	18-pdr.	4.5" How.
"C" Group.	2000	750
"D" Group.	2000	750

12. For the purposes of this bombardment the two batteries of "D" Group mentioned in para 5., will remain with "C" Group.

/They ---  
P.T.O.



Group. They will come under the orders of C.O. "D" Group again on completion of this bombardment.

15. On the evening of Attack Day (7) there will be a silent period along the whole Second Army front from :-  
8.6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

14. Groups to acknowledge by wire, remainder on slip attached.

*Alec M. Forbes*

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AMENDMENT No. 1 to Order No 1.

29th October 1917.

Para 5 of Order No 1 is cancelled and the following substituted.

5. The barrage will consist of starting line (Zero to zero plus 8) and 8 lifts (8-12, 12-16, 16-20, etc).

Starting line for "A" Barrage will be the line from D 18 A 45.55 to E 13 C 56.10.

Lifts will be 125 yards in 4 minutes for first 3 lifts and 50 yards in 4 minutes for last 5 lifts.

Distance between "A" and "E" Barrages 100 yards.

Rates of fire as for Bombardment Barrages viz.,

18 prs  $1\frac{1}{2}$  rds per gun per minute.

4.5" Hows  $2\frac{2}{3}$ rd rd per gun per minute.

Groups to acknowledge by wire, remainder on slip attached,

*Alec. M. Forbes*  
Major.  
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To all recipients of order no 1.



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(Series II.)

29th October, 1917.

Reference para. 1. of 1st. Aust. Div. Art. Group Instruction No. 5. issued to-day.

1. The 1st. Aust. Div. is now responsible for the denial of DECOY WOOD to the enemy during and subsequent to tomorrow's operation.
2. The 4th Canadian Division will attack the two Pill-boxes on the neck of the KEIBERG SPUR, about D.18.A.8.4. at Zero plus 1. hour tomorrow.
3. The 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. are occupying DECOY WOOD to-night 29th/30th October, with a post of 1. Officer and half a Platoon (about 15 men.) with a Lewis Gun, who will remain in occupation of the Wood during daylight tomorrow, 30th inst.
4. Their role is to deny the Wood to the enemy and to protect the right rear of the Canadians at D.18.A.8.4. during and after the operations.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.  
-----INSTRUCTION No. 7.  
(Series II.)30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1917

1. A Barrage will be put down tomorrow T(a) Day, as under:-
  - (a) Starting line, lifts, and rates of fire as for barrage on R(a) Day, detailed in 4th Aust. Div. Arty. Instruction No. 26, para 8. and diagram attached to it.
  - (b) Hour of commencement will be 5-30 a.m.
2. Groups to acknowledge by wire.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

INSTRUCTION No. 8.  
(Series II.)

30th October, 1917.

1. Bursts of fire will be carried out on T(a), U(a), and V(a) days as follows:-

On T(a) Day.

8.0 p.m. to 8.6 p.m.	Burst of fire.
8.26 p.m. to 8.40 p.m.	Silent period.
8.40 p.m. to 8.46 p.m.	Burst of fire.
10.p.m. to 10.30 p.m.	Silent period.

On U(a) Day.

6.15 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.	Silent period.
6.45 p.m. to 6.51 p.m.	Burst of fire.
7.20 p.m. to 7.35 p.m.	Silent period.
8.0. p.m. to 8.20 p.m.	Silent period.
8.20 p.m. to 8.26 p.m.	Burst of fire.

On V(a) Day.

6.20 p.m. to 6.40 p.m.	Silent period.
7.40 p.m. to 7.46 p.m.	Burst of fire.
8.20 p.m. to 8.50 p.m.	Silent period.
8.50 p.m. to 8.56 p.m.	Burst of fire.

Rates of fire as for Bombardment Barrages.

Distance between Barrages - 200.yds.

"A" Barrage on starting line for Army Barrage, as issued with 4th Aust. Div.Arty. Instruction No.24.

All Guns and Howitzers will take part.

2. Groups to acknowledge by wire.

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AMENDMENT N .1. to 1st Australian Divisional Artillery  
Group Instruction. No. 9.

Headquarters.  
1st Octr. 1917

1. In para 4 (c) for  
 "80 rds 18-pdr and 80 rds 4.5" How. are available per diem  
 for Harrassing fire etc"  
 read  
 "50 rds. 18-pdr and 60 rds 4.5" How. are available per  
 diem for Harrassing fire etc".
2. Groups to ACKNOWLEDGE by V.I.E.

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APPENDIX No.2. to

1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.  
INSTRUCTION No.9.

HEADQUARTERS  
31/10/17.

Para 8. (b).

For D.13.C.50.00

read E.13.C.50.00.

Groups only to acknowledge.

*Alec. M. Forbes* Major.

Edo. Major 1st Aust Div Art. Group.

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LEFT SECTOR, 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 1., 5.p.m. 25/10/17. to 5.p.m. 26/10/17.

HEADQUARTERS.  
27/10/17.

OUR ARTILLERY.

Prearranged bombardment carried out by all Batteries, and a number of rounds were expended on S.O.S. practice at 4-30.p.m.

An S.O.S. call was answered at 5-5.p.m.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

TIME.	ROUNDS.	GUN.	DIRECTION.	TARGET.
5.p.m. to 7.p.m.	Desultory.	10.5 )	WATERDAMHOEK.	Area J.3.c.
" " "	50.	77. )	15.cm. MOORSLEDE.	" " "
" " 6.p.m.	40.	4.2.	WATERDAMHOEK.	Anzac Ridge.
During night.	-	4.2 & )		
" "	-	5.9. )	MOORSLEDE.	J.3.c.
		5.9	"	"
6-8.a.m.	50.	10.5	WATERDAMHOEK.	"
12noon to 2-30.p.m.	120.	4.2	"	J.8 and POLYGON-WOOD.
4.p.m.	20.	5.9	"	J.8.c. & D.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Two enemy machines flying low fired machine guns on tracks J.3., J.4. and J.10. at 2.p.m. and again at 4.p.m. on J.3.c.

GENERAL.

Enemy retaliated immediately our 5-40.a.m. barrage opened, confining his attention to front area during attack.

Lieut.

1st. Aust. Div. Arty.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.2. Headquarters  
 From 6 p.m. 27/10/17 to 6 a.m. 28/10/17. 28/10/17.

OUR ARTILLERY. Prearranged bombardment carried out by all Batteries and a number of rounds were expended in registration and checking S.O.S. lines.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Time.	Rounds.	Calibre.	Direction.	Target.
9.- 10.p.m.	20.	4.2	WATERDAMHOEK	J.8.C. and J.8.D.
9-30. 10-30pm.	--	"	E.	J.2.C.
12midt.-6.am.	300.	21cm.& 10.5cm.	KEIBERG.	Vicinity TOKIO.
4-30 .a.m.	20.	" "	ZURDOOSTHOEK.	Western edge POLYGON-WOOD.
Noon.	50.	" "	74° TB front J.3.C.55.75.	J.8.C.
1-30 .p.m. - 3-30 .p.m.	150.	77.	MOORSLEDE & DROOGENBROODHOEK.	Area J.3.C. & J.9.A.
2-10 .p.m.	300.	4.2 & 77.	74° TB front ) J.3.C.55.75. )	Western edge of POLYGON- WOOD and Decaville in J.3.C. )
7.p.m.	150.	77.HE.& Gas.		ZONNEBEKE.
During night	Intermittant.	21cm.& 15cm.	MOORSLEDE	HANNEBEKE WOOD.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy Aircraft very active; frequently dropped bombs and Machine - Gunning tracks whilst flying low. Dropped Bombs on our positions in D.2.7. and on YPRES.

Lieut.

1st. Aust. Div. Arty.



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APPENDIX *DN*

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

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HEADQUARTERS.  
29/10/17.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 3.

From 6.a.m. 28/10/17 to 6.a.m. 29/10/17.

OUR ARTILLERY.

Prearranged bombardment and harassing fire carried out during night.

At 8-23.p.m. an S.O.S. was reported on 4th Canadian Divisional front and our "C" Group opened fire to <sup>assist</sup> ~~assist~~ them. At 8-47.p.m. all was reported quiet on Canadian front and our Batteries ceased firing.

During the morning the Division on our left reported their flank was being considerably worried by Machine Gun Fire coming from direction of D.18. central and a number of rounds were expended on this target by "C" Group.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Time.	Rounds.	Target.	Calibre.	Direction.
9.a.m.-10-30.a.m.	90.	ZONNEBEKE ROAD.	10.5.	WATERDAMHOEK.
11.a.m. - Noon.	20.	ZONNEBEKE CHURCH.	21cm.	do.
9-30p.m. to 11-30.p.m.	-	D.27.	21.& 15cm.	WATERDAMHOEK.) DADIZIELE. ) MOORSLEDE. )
10.a.m. - 2-30.p.m.	70.	J.1.A.	15cm.	Unknown.

From 9-30 to 11-30.a.m. D.27. & 28 was subjected to an intense fire of 15 & 21cm's from direction of DADIZIELE, WATERDAMHOEK and MOORSLEDE; five of our 18-pr Guns being put out of action and 1300.rds. of ammunition destroyed. This shoot was done by enemy balloon observation.

A heavy bombardment of WESTHOEK and ANZAC RIDGE occurred from 10.p.m. to 3.a.m. including a number of Gas shells in J.2.A., J.3.C. and D.27.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Much aerial activity during the morning, bombs being dropped in YPRES and on positions south of ZONNEBEKE.

One Gotha and 11 E A over J.1. at 10-30.

"C" Group report that at 5.p.m. a plane with our markings flew low over our positions in D.2.7.B. and machine gunned roads.

*[Signature]* Lieut.  
1st.Aust.Div.Arty.



## FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 4.

Headquarters  
30/10/17.

From 6 a.m. 29/10/17 to 6 a.m. 30/10/17.

OUR ARTILLERY.

29-10-17 Pre-arranged barrage was carried out at 5.15 a.m. In retaliation enemy sent up single and double red flares on right of our sector and placed a light barrage along the BROODSEINDE RIDGE and on forward slopes, including some gas shell and continued for about half an hour after the completion of our programme. An ammunition dump was observed to go up about E.13.B.50.70.

30-10-17 In support of operations on our left ~~sk~~ a barrage was put down on our front at 5.50 a.m. accompanied by a smoke screen along the line D.13.B.8.4 to E.7.C.4.1. This smoke screen was reported to be very good for line with good high opaque cloud and could not be seen through.

In retaliation enemy put down a light barrage along the PASSEDALE RIDGE and sent up numerous double green and double red flares for the first twenty minutes. This bombardment decreased on our sector about 7.30 increasing on our left.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Time	Rds.	Calibre	Direction	Target.
3 p.m.	-	5.9 - 4.2.	BROOSEN BROODHOEK ) MOORSLEDE. )	J.3.C.
3.30 p.m.	100	4.2.- 77.	BROOSEN BROODHOEK )	ANZAC RIDGE.
3.15 p.m.	-	4.2.	WATERDAMHOEK.	J.3.C.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

During this morning's barrage an enemy plane with green wings and red body patrolled our front flying very low.

At noon 8 hostile planes patrolled J.3. and J.4. and during night bombs were dropped in vicinity of YPRES.

Enemy balloons up during day at following points - 87° 108° 127° /and 128° <sup>53°</sup> true bearings from O.P. D.29.C.6.6.



Lieut.  
Reconnaissance Officer  
1st Aust Div Art Group.



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## FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. No. 5.

HEADQUARTERS  
31st October 1917.

6 a.m. 30/10/17 to 6 a.m. 31/10/17.

OUR ARTILLERY.

In support of operations on our left a barrage was put down at 5-50 a.m. until 6-30 a.m. followed by harassing and destructive fire throughout the day.

At 2-30 p.m. our "D" Group F.O.O. reported a hostile Battery in action at E.29.B.3.5. and this target was quickly engaged by the 101st How. Bty. After the 4th round the detachments were observed to run away from the position. A destructive shot of 150 rounds was then carried out and it was kept under bursts of fire throughout the night.

Between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 a.m. destructive and harassing fire was carried out on targets at E.7.D.90.35., E.7.C.85.20. and along the KEIBERG SPUR.

At 8-57 the Division on our left reported enemy advancing throughout E.13. central and our "C" Group searched the ground between their S.O.S. Lines and E.13. Central and "D" Group put in a series of bursts of fire on to E.13. central until all was reported quiet at 9-15 p.m.

An S.O.S. call was answered at 4.25 a.m. until 4.50 a.m. *on 4th Canadian front*

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Normal, principally in D.27. and 28., J.1.A. and J.7.B. chiefly 10.5cm. and 15cm. from direction of WATERDAMHOEK and MOORSLEDE.

In reply to our Barrage a light barrage was placed on the BROODSEINDE RIDGE and light shelling at KIT and KAT.

At 6-30 a.m. barrage increased all along PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE especially north of YPRES ROULERS Railway.

Very little hostile shelling during the night, a little Gas being reported in D.27. and J.3.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy planes very active during our morning bombardment and from 4-30 to 5-30 p.m. over D.27. and 28.

VISIBILITY. Fair.

*J. Strong* Lieut.  
1st. Aust. Div. Arty.



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## FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

I N S T R U C T I O N No.10.

Headquarters  
1st Octr 1917.

1. An Army Barrage will take place on V.(a) Day.  
Time of commencement 5.55 a.m.  
Starting line, rates of fire and number of guns to be used, as for barrages detailed in 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Group Instruction No.9.  
Lifts are shown on diagram attached. (Groups only).
2. The ammunition required will not be taken out of the allotment shown in para.4. of 1st Aust Div Arty Group Instruction No.9., but will be drawn from the unexpended portion of previous allotment.
3. Groups to acknowledge by wire.

*Alce W. Forbes* Major.  
Edc. Major 1st Aust Div Arty.  
Group.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.INSTRUCTION No. 11.  
(Series II.)

31st October, 1917.

1. The Divisional front is being extended to the left to TIBER (D.12.D.00.65.) inclusive.

The new Divisional boundary will probably run as follows:-

Old Divisional boundary on the railway at DARING CROSSING (D.16.D.6.2.) - Road Junction at D.16.B.65.10. - D.17.A. Central - D.17.B.2.9. (HILLSIDE FM. exclusive) - D.11.D.95.30. - D.12.C.6.5. - D.12.D.00.65.

2. The additional front is being taken over by the 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde which is placing another Battalion in the line for the purpose.

Battalion Headquarters will be at Cemetery Dugouts (D.17.A.70.25.) after the relief.

3. The relief is taking place on night 1st/2nd November.

4. Artillery group zones will remain unchanged until further orders. It is understood that the new portion of the front will continue to be covered by the Artillery of the Right Division of the Canadian Corps.

5. The Fourth Canadian Division (less Artillery) on our left, is being relieved by the 2nd Canadian Division. The relief is being completed by 11.00 a.m. on 3rd November.

6. Groups to acknowledge by wire.

*Alec M. Forbes* Major.  
Brigade Major., 1st. Aus. Div Art. Group.

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## SPECIAL ORDER.

by  
 Lt. Col. S.M. ANDERSON. D.S.O.  
 Commanding 1st Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters  
 10/10/17.

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The following letter received from Brig. General. W.A. COXEN.  
 D.S.O., G.O.C., R.A. 1st ANZAC., is published for the information  
 of all ranks :-

" In relinquishing the Command of the 1st Australian  
 Divisional Artillery I wish to express my appreciation of  
 the loyal support that I have at all times received, and my  
 admiration of the way in which all ranks have worked to keep  
 up that high standard of efficiency which has enabled you  
 to carry out your work, often under the most trying conditions,  
 in a manner which reflected credit on my command, and brought  
 words of appreciation from those in the highest Commands.

The period I have been in command of you has been  
 comparatively speaking, a short one, but during that time  
 many tasks have been accomplished by you, due to your zeal,  
 energy and determination, that will always remain bright in  
 my memory.

In leaving you I wish you all the best of luck and  
 every success in future operations.

(Sgd) W.A. COXEN.  
 Brig. General."

*Alec M. Forbes* Major.  
 Brigade Major 1st Aust Div Art.



SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.  
ORDER No. 109.HEADQUARTERS.  
26th October, 1917.

1. C.F.A., 1st Australian Division will take over command of the Artillery covering the Left Division of the 1st ANZAC Corps, from C.F.A., 4th Australian Division at 10.a.m. on 27th October.
2. From this hour the Artillery covering the Left Division front will be known as the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Group.
3. 1st Aust. Div. Arty Head-Quarters will close at MENINGHELST at 10.a.m. on 27th inst. and open at YPRES RAMPARTS ( I.14.b.<sup>1.6</sup> ) at the same hour.
4. Acknowledge on slip attached.

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5.	"C" Group, 4th Aust. Div. Arty.
6.	1st. Aust. Div.
7.	R.A., 1st. ANZAC.
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*Alce W. Forbes* Major.  
Bde. Major. 1st. Aus. Div. Art.



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.  
TABLE SHEWING STRENGTH - REINFORCEMENTS JOINED - WASTAGE.  
OCTOBER, 1917.

DATE.	UNIT.	STRENGTH.		JOINED.		WASTAGE.				TRANSF'D.			
		Off.	O/R.	Off.	O/R.	KILLED.		WOUNDED.		SICK.		Off.	O/R.
October.													
1/10/17.	Div. Art. H.Q.	5.	16.										
	1st F.A. Brigade.	23.	779.										
	2nd F.A. Brigade.	25.	762.										
	1st Aus. D.A.C.	16.	694.										
	Trench Mortars.	11.	143.										
	TOTAL.	80.	2394.										
10/10/17.	Div. Art. H.Q.	5.	17.	1.	2.					1.	1.		
	1st F.A. Bde.	23.	713.	4.	21.	1.	18.	1.	45.	-	20.	2.	77.
	2nd F.A. Bde.	26.	686.	4.	12.	1.	16.	1.	41.	-	16.	1.	15.
	1st Aus. D.A.C.	13.	692.	2.	48.	-	4.	-	26.	2.	19.	3.	--
	Trench Mortars.	12.	144.	1.	3.						2.		
	TOTAL.	79.	2252.	12.	86.	2.	38.	2.	112.	2.	58.	7.	22.
20/10/17.	Div. Art. H.Q.	5.	18.	1.	1.							1.	1.
	1st F.A. Bde.	23.	695.	3.	110.	-	7.	3.	75.	=	42.	-	3.
	2nd F.A. Bde.	26.	697.	3.	90.	-	17.	-	25.	-	33.	3.	2.
	1st Aus. D.A.C.	13.	552.	3.	24.	-	4.	-	2.	1.	22.	2.	136.
	Trench Mortars.	10.	141.	-	3.					1.	6.	1.	
	TOTAL.	77.	2103.	10.	228.	-	28.	3.	101.	2.	102.	7.	142.
31/10/17.	Div. Art. H.Q.	6.	71.	1.									1.
	1st F.A. Bde.	23.	665.	4.	60.		7.	3.	49.	1.	22.	-	12.
	2nd F.A. Bde.	24.	662.	4.	43.	2.	6.	4.	47.		23.	-	2.
	1st Aus. D.A.C.	8.	551.	2.	22.				2.		15.	7.	6.
	Trench Mortars.	9.	140.		7.		2.		1.		5.	1.	
	TOTAL.	70.	2035.	11.	132.	2.	15.	7.	99.	1.	65.	8.	21.
Months	Total <del>casualties</del> for month.			33.	446.	4.	81.	12.	313.	5.	226.	22.	185.

NOTE. Of total transfers 22 Offs. 185 O/Rs. only 3 Offs. 18 O/Rs. have been transferred out of the Artillery, the remainder being transfers from D.A.C. to Bdes. or vice versa.



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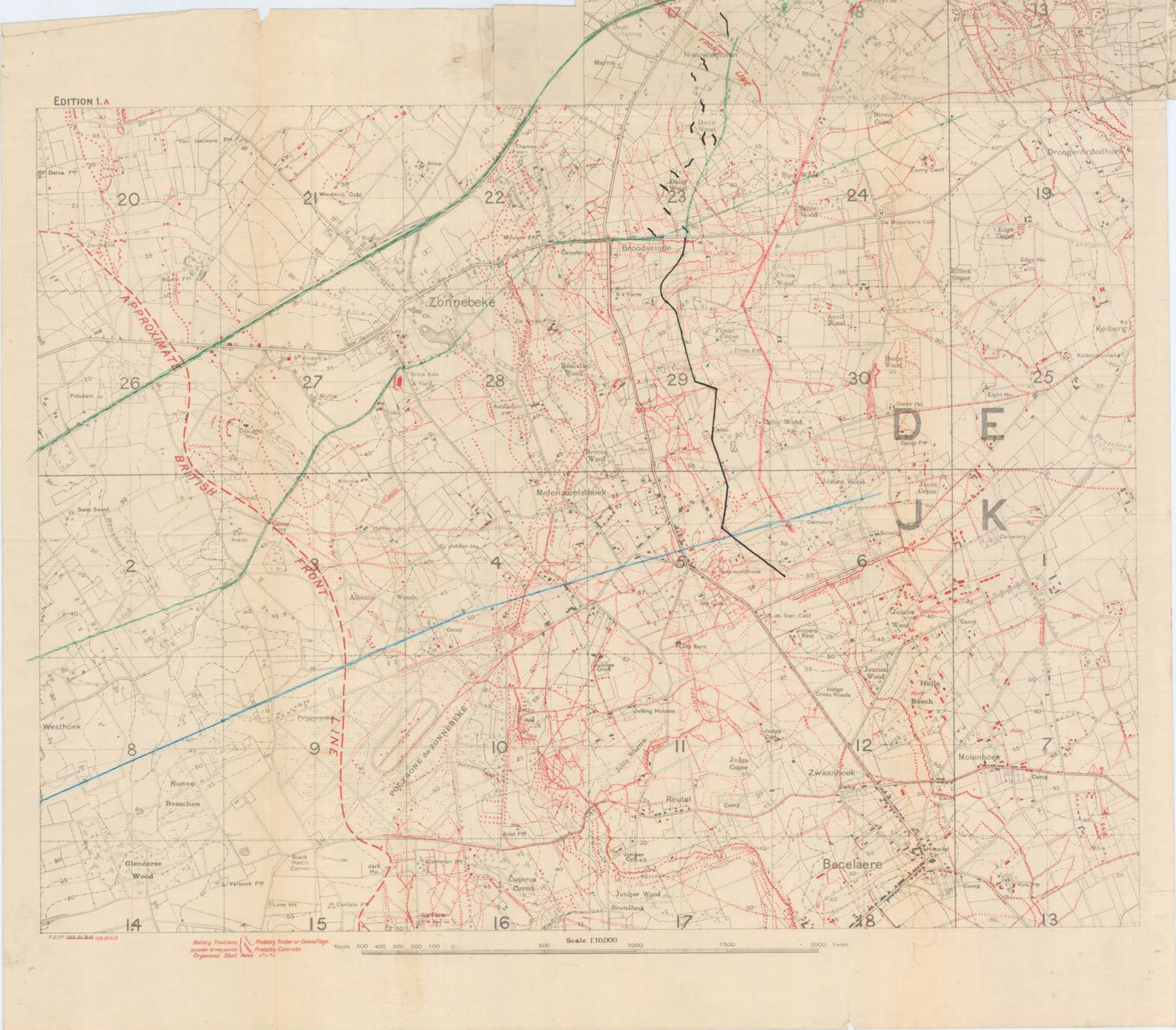
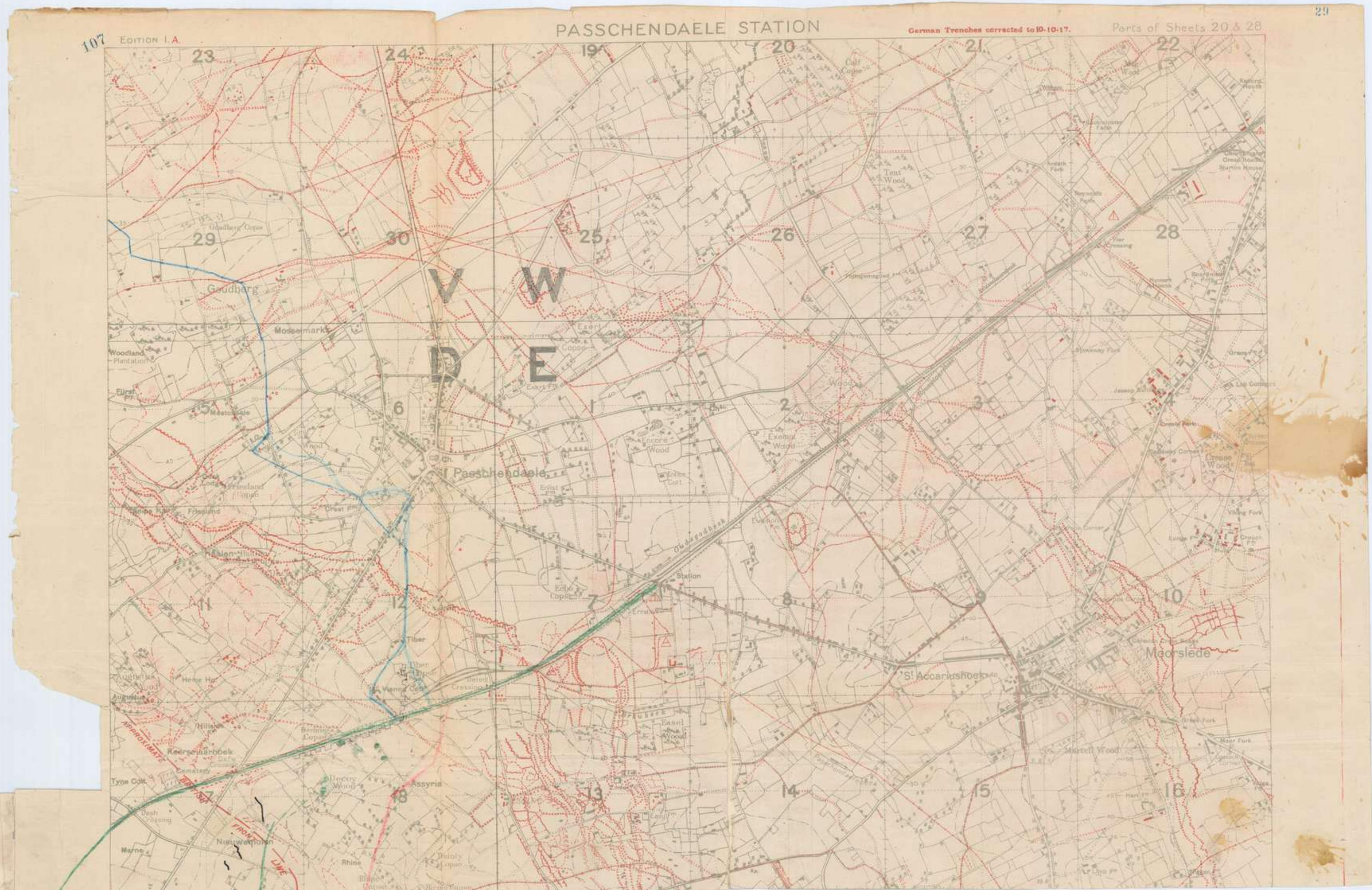
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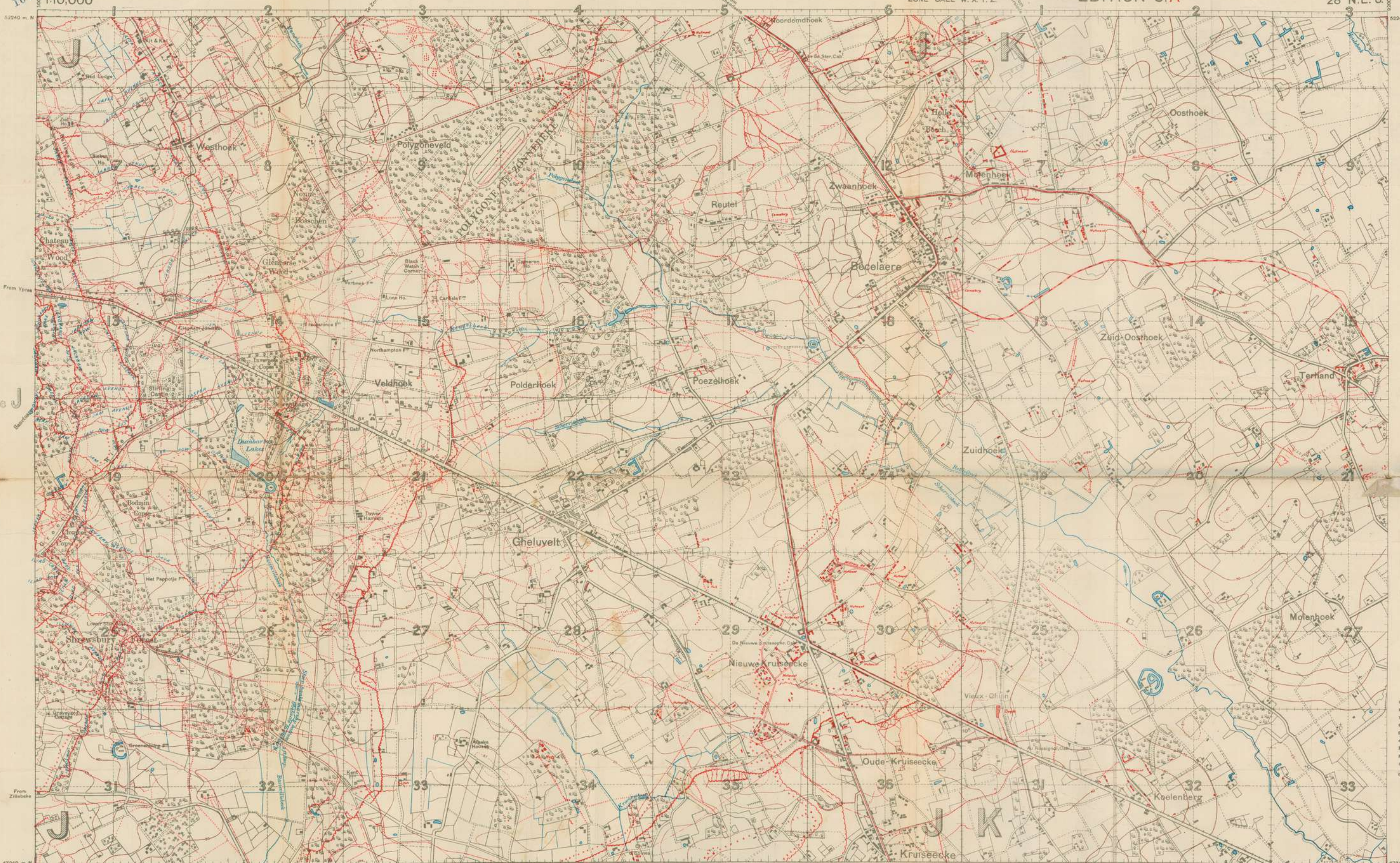


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EDITION 5.A TRENCHES CORRECTED TO 1-4-17. 28 N.E. 3.

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ZONE CALL W. X. Y. Z



On general maps all bearings should be given with reference to the meridian grid lines, which are parallel to the East and West edges of the sheet. Bearings should always be stated clockwise from 'C' to 360°.

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

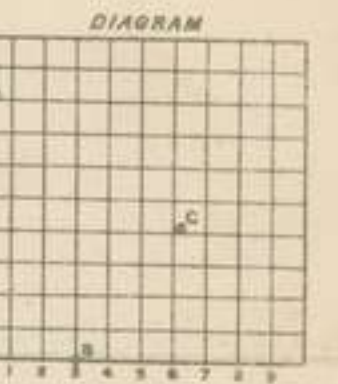
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- Use the other two or four corners, never more than three.
- If the survey line figures, describe a point by the nearest intersection.

Examples:

Two figures: A 100 100  
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 From 'C' to 360°



REFERENCE

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Enemy trench. Important ones are shown by thick line. Old or disused by dotted line.	Ditch with permanent water.	Parade	Unfused	
British front line trench.	Conspicuous points. (Faction of point is centre of circle. Dot shows that point is trigonometrically fixed).			
Entanglement or other obstacle.	1st Class			
Ground cut up by artillery fire.	2nd Class			
Enemy's tracks.	3rd Class			
Buried pipe line or cable.	Roads			
Trench railway.	Footpaths, Cart tracks.			
Supply dumps.	Ditch.			
Dug-outs.	Railways			
Mine craters.	Light or Tramway.			

All heights in metres.

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Ordnance Survey, April, 1917.







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GRID LINES  
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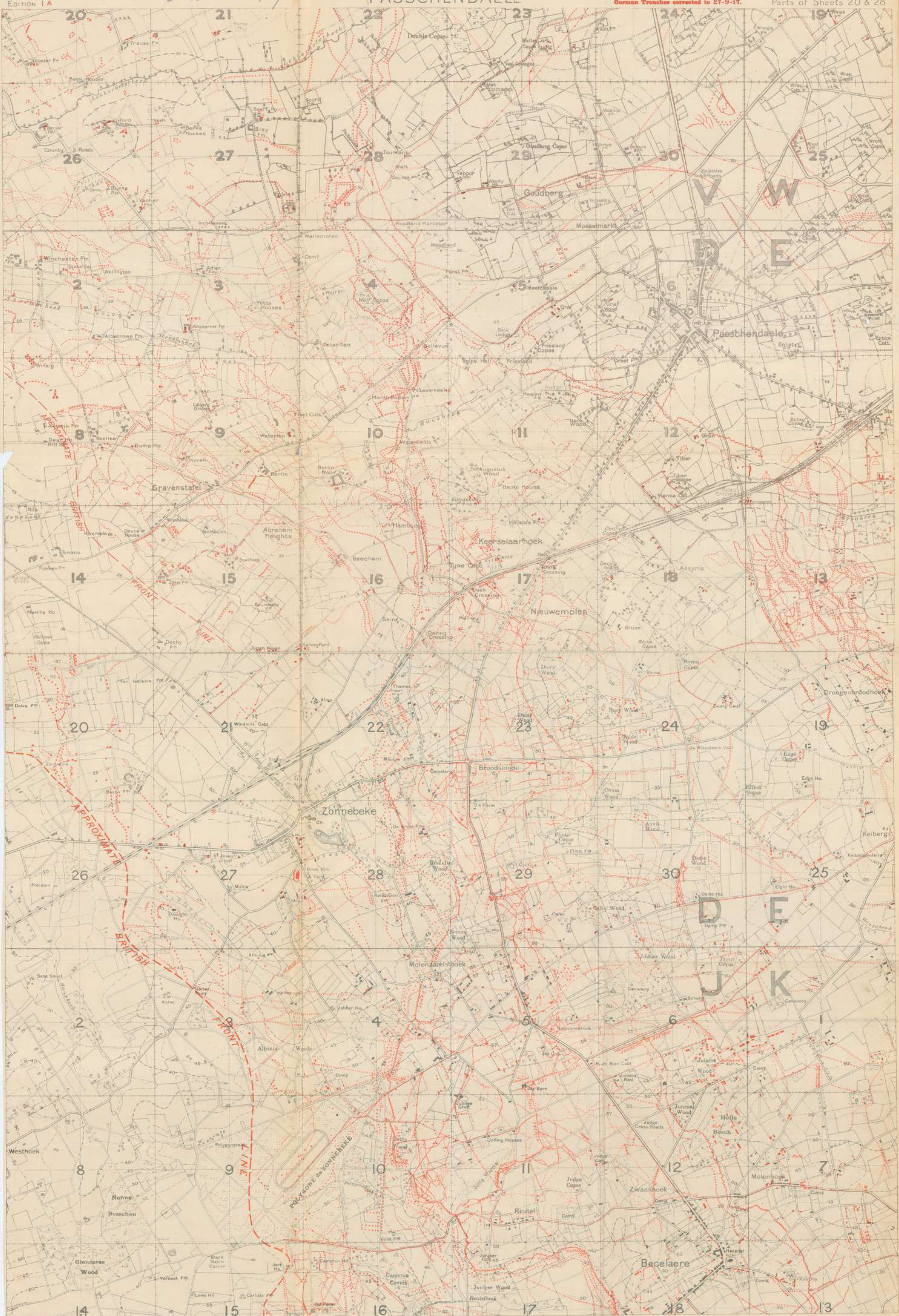
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PASSCHENDAELE

German Trenches corrected to 27-9-17.

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Battery Positions (Symbol) Probably British or Commonwealth (Symbol) Probably German  
 Organized Shell Holes (Symbol)

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