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| RENESCURE. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>1, |      | Capt. A. T. Hatton, attached as G. S. O. III Trainee, ceased to be attached and rejoined 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery to command a Battery.                              |                                      |
|            | 3,                   |      | Information received that the Division would probably move on the 12th with a view to taking over portion of the line now held by the 25th Division, and making an attack.      |                                      |
|            | 4.                   |      | G.S.O. 3 visited 25th Division and obtained information re the front.   |                                      |
|            | 4                    |      | Received First Anzac Preliminary Instructions No. 1 re operations.  |                                      |
|            | 5.                   |      | Army Commander visited the Division and saw the 6th Brigade at training.  |                                      |
|            | 6.                   |      | Divisional exercise carried out at which the Army Commander was present.  |                                      |
|            |                      |      | Divisional Commander and G.S.O. 1 to Corps Headquarters re forthcoming operation, then to 25th Division Headquarters.   |                                      |
|            | 6.                   |      | Received First ANZAC Preliminary Instructions No. 2 re operations.  |                                      |
|            | 7.                   |      | Divisional Commander accompanied by the G.O.C., 5th Aust. Inf. Bde., and G.S.O. 2 visited the front held by the 25th Division.  |                                      |
|            | 8.                   |      | Pioneers and 5th and 7th Field Companies moved to forward area.   |                                      |
|            | 8.                   |      | G.S.O. 1 with G.O's.C. 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Edes. visited the front held by the 25th Div. Lieut. F.F. FERGUSON, Second Australian Division Engineers, attached to "G" Branch. |                                      |

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| RENESCURE. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>8. | 6pm   | Conference of Brigadiers at D. H. Q. G.O.C. explained various matters re the forthcoming operation.                                      |                                      |
|            |                      |       | Received warning message that the Division would move to STEENVOORDE area on the 12th and to First ANZAC Corps area on the 13th instant. |                                      |
|            |                      | 10pm. | Received First ANZAC Preliminary Instructions No. 3 re operations.   | <i>MS</i>                            |
|            | 9.                   |       | Capt. J. J. L. McCALL, 20th Battalion, reported for duty temporarily as G.S.O. 3, pending appointment.                                   |                                      |
|            |                      |       | Capt. BAZELEY act G.S.O. 3 to 25th Division to take over maps, etc.  |                                      |
|            |                      | 8pm.  | Disposition report attached.   | App. I                               |
|            |                      | 11pm. | Issued preliminary instructions No. 1 re forthcoming operations - Copy attached.   | App. II <i>MS</i>                    |
|            | 10.                  |       | Issued amendment Preliminary no. 1 to instructions no. 1. Copy attached.   | App. III                             |
|            |                      |       | Issued G.S. Circular No. 38 re anti-aircraft defence. Copy attached.   | App. IV                              |
|            |                      |       | 6th Field Company moved to forward area.   |                                      |
|            |                      |       | Received 1st Anzac Preliminary Instructions No. 4 re operations.   | <i>MS</i>                            |
|            | 11.                  | 1pm.  | Received Order from First Anzac re move of Division.   |                                      |
|            |                      |       | Issued Order No. 135 re move - Copy attached.  | App. V <i>MS</i>                     |

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| RENESCURE. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>11. |      | G.S.O.1 and G.S.O.3 to forward area.<br>Issued Preliminary Instructions No. 2 re operations.<br>6th and 22nd Aust. M. G. Coys. moved to forward area.  | App. VI                              |
|            |                       |      | Issued M.G. Instructions No. 1 re operations. - Copy attached.   | App. VII                             |
|            | 12.                   | 9am. | D.H.Q. closed at RENESCURE and opened at RENINGHELST.<br>5th, 6th and 7th Brigades moved to <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> STEENVOORDE.<br>G.O.C. went to see G.O.C. 9th Division, re operations.<br>Received ANZAC Order re taking over the line.<br>G.O.C. decided that line should be taken over by G.O.C. 6th A. I. Bde. with one Battalion and that he would have under his command one Bn. 5th and one Bn. 7th A.I.Bdes. as support Battalions. This necessitated an alteration in camping areas so amendment was issued to |                                      |
|            |                       |      | Move Order No. 135 - Copy attached.  | App.                                 |
|            | 13.                   |      | 5th A.I.Bde. moved to CANAL and PIONEER Areas.<br>6th do, do. DOMINION Area.<br>7th do. do. HALIFAX Area.  |                                      |
|            |                       |      | G.O.C. to line morning.  |                                      |
|            | 14.                   | 8am. | Disposition report attached.   | App. IX                              |
|            |                       |      | <del>G.O.C.</del>  |                                      |

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| ENESCORE. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>14. |   | G.S.O.1 to line morning.<br>Issued Order No. 136 re relief of 47th Division - Copy attached.   | App. X                               |
|           |                       |   | Issued G.S. Circular No. 39 re S.O.S. Signals - Copy attached.   | App. XI                              |
|           |                       |   | G.O.C. to Corps afternoon re Artillery barrages.   |                                      |
|           |                       | 8pm.  | Issued Signal Instructions Nos. 1 and 2 - Copy attached.   | App. XII                             |
|           |                       | 15.   | Two preliminary bombardments were carried out. This was the commencement of a series of daily bombardments, two per day, to be carried out up to the 19th instant.   |                                      |
|           |                       |   | 10am. Conference of Brigadiers re operations. - Notes attached.  | App. XIII                            |
|           |                       | 16.   | G.O.C. accompanied by G.S.O. 2 to line morning.  |                                      |
|           |                       |   | 12 noon. Issued corrigenda to Order No. 136 - Copy attached.   | App. XIV                             |
|           |                       |   | 12 noon. Issued Order No. 137 re relief of 6th Bde. on night 18/19th instant - Copy attached.  | App. XV                              |
|           |                       |   | Army Commander cabled and discussed operations with G.O.C.<br>6th A.I.Bde. took over front from 141st Bde., under 47th Division. This relief was carried out during the night 16/17th and was completed by 12.30 a.m.,<br>9.45pm. Received First ANZAC Preliminary Instructions No. 5 re operations. |                                      |
|           | 17.                   | 1.30pm. G.O.C. accompanied by C.R.A. and G.S.O.1 to Corps to discuss operations with C. in C.<br><br>One troop 13th A.L.H. reported for duty. |  |                                      |

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| RENING-HELST.                                 | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>17. |         | <p>27th Battalion moved to YPRES.</p> <p>During the night 17/18th the 25th and 19th Bns. moved into support and were disposed each two Companies on BELLEWAARDE RIDGE and two Companies in YPRES, and came under the command of the G.O.C. of 6th A. I. Bde.</p> <p>Received First ANZAC Preliminary instructions No. 6 re operations.</p> |                                      |
| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 18.                   | 10am.   | <p>G.O.C. took over left sector of Corps front from 47th Division.</p> <p>Divisional Headquarters established - Rear H.Q. HORSE SHOE CAMP - G.28.a.9.1.<br/>Adv. H.Q. SMYTH Camp - H.21.d.6.2.</p>   |                                      |
|   |                       |         | <p>28th Bn. moved to Pioneer area.</p> <p>21st, 23rd and 24th Bns. moved to HALIFAX Area.</p> <p>The Artillery covering our front consisted of the 2nd and 4th Australian Division Artilleries under the command of the C.R.A., 2nd Australian Division, whose Headquarters are with D.H.Q.</p>  |                                      |
|   |                       | 6.15pm. | <p>Evening Report - Situation normal - Captures, material Nil, prisoners one already reported.</p>   |                                      |
|   |                       | 8pm.    | <p>Issued Order No. 138 re the operations. Copy attached.</p>  | App. XVI                             |
| 28.H.21.d.6.2.<br>North of<br>DICKEBUSCH.     | 19.                   |         | <p>During the night the 6th A.I.Bde. was relieved in the line by the 7th Brigade on the right and 5th A.I.Bde. on the left. The 7th Bde. had 25th Bn. in line and support and 20th Bn. in reserve in YPRES. The 5th Bde. had 19th Bn. in line and support and 20th Bn. in reserve in</p>   |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>19. |                   | YPRES. 22nd Battalion moved back to HALIFAX Area.<br>7th Bde. Headquarters at I.12.c.3.5.<br>5th Bde. do. do. J.1.d.65.10.<br>6th Bde. do. remained at BIRR CROSS ROADS.<br><br>During the night the G.O.C. visited the front. |                                      |
|   |                       | 1am.              | Received First ANZAC Order No. 172 re operations.  | App.                                 |
|   |                       | 5.45am.           | Morning report - Situation normal. - Enemy retaliation to our bombardment last night light.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 8am.              | Disposition report attached.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 9 <del>am</del> . | Issued instructions under Order No. 138 - Copy attached.   | App. XVII                            |
|   |                       | 12 noon.          | Forwarded Intelligence Summary for previous 24 hours.  | App. XVIII                           |
|   |                       | 1.30pm.           | Issued Instructions No. 2 under Order No. 138 - Copy attached.   | App. XIX                             |
|   |                       | 3.35pm.           | Evening report - Situation quiet - Some hostile shelling of back areas in retaliation for our<br><br>3 p.m. barrage.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 8pm.              | Issued Machine Gun instructions No. 3 - Copy attached.   | App. XX                              |
|   | 20.                   | 1.5am.            | G.O.C. 7th Bde., spoke re enemy post at J.8.b.1.1. He said it was strongly occupied and he could not do anything until the early morning.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 3.15am.           | GOC. 5th Bde. reported that everything was all right.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 3.45am.           | 5th Bde. reported that troops had all arrived in the area and were ready to move on the tapes.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 4.15am.           | 7th Bde. reported all units had arrived in the area but were not yet on the tapes.   |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>20. | a.m.<br>5.26 | Message timed 4.21 a.m. received from 5th Brigade that dispositions were complete.<br>Message timed 4.37 a.m. received from 7th Brigade that dispositions were complete.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 6 am.        | Morning reports from 5th and 7th Brigades that all was quiet. Repeated to ANZAC.<br>G.O.C., 7th Bde., reported that everything seemed to be going well though he could not see anything. There was very little machine gun fire or retaliation on his front, but there seemed to be more to the right.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 6.15am.      | Corps Commander rang up to ask about the situation. Told him that everything appeared to be going well and that there was not much retaliation.  |                                      |
|   |                       | a.m.<br>6.15 | Message timed 6.5 a.m. received from 6th Brigade that dispositions were complete.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 6.24.        | G.O.C., 5th Bde., reported that his troops were on the RED line and that 50 prisoners had come in.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 6.27.        | G.O.C. 7th Bde. reported that everything appeared to be going well, but he was not sure if he was on the RED line as he could not see from his Brigade H.Q.. A large number of prisoners had come in.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 6.30.        | These two reports were forwarded to ANZAC.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 7am.         | 7th Bde. reported they were consolidating on the RED line. Information obtained from a prisoner was that the counter attack division was at MOORSLEDE and WALTERDAMHOEK, and would probably come up in buses; counter attack may be expected in two or three hours; they would move north of the Cemetery then along road north of POLYGONE, and counter attack from the high ground |                                      |



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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>20. |         | in J.3.d.<br>This information was passed to ANZAC and the C.R.A., and the latter was instructed to be ready to keep this track under fire.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 7.8am.  | Information received from First Australian Division that the 3rd Bde. was on the RED line.<br>5th, 6th, and 7th Bdes. informed.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 7.30am. | Sent message to 7th Bde. to tell O.C., 27th Bn. (BLUE Line Bn.) to get a good footing inside North edge of POLYGONEVELD and make a strong point there; and to keep right flank well inside wood.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 7.32am. | G.O.C., 7th Bde., asked for the special target machine guns as they could not fire where they were. The G.O.C. told him that it was essential that these guns should fire on the North edge of POLYGONE WOOD, but it did not matter from what positions. |                                      |
|   |                       |         | 7th Brigade reported 80 prisoners so far - ANZAC informed.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 7.37am. | Message from 5th Brigade timed 7.15am. that 20th Bn. is digging in on objective (RED Line) and that the 18th Bn. has passed through.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 7.45am. | G.O.C., 5th Bde. reported that he had the BLUE Line and was up to ANZAC. He could see his men all along the crest. This was reported to ANZAC.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 7.50am. | Message received from First Aust. Division that both Brigades were on the RED line.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 7.55am. | Message sent to 5th and 7th Bdes. to get Engineers to cut openings in concrete dugouts as soon as BLUE Line captured.  |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d, 1917.<br>6.2. North Sept.<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>20. | 8.4am.  | Corps Commander spoke re the expected counter attack. He suggested that the Divisional Commander should use the Divisional Artillery at his disposal to fire on the places mentioned at calculated times. He was informed that this had been arranged.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 8.5am.  | Message received from the Divisional Machine Gun Officer that one gun had been knocked out, but that otherwise everything was all right.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 8.8am.  | G.O.C. 7th Bde. reported that he appeared to be on the BLUE Line, but had not yet received reports from the front line. The 5th Bde. stated that they were in touch with him on the BLUE Line, and the First Australian Division appeared to be on the BLUE Line. Casualties so far were slight. Reported to ANZAC.                                     |                                      |
|   |                       | 8.15am. | Message sent to 6th Bde. ordering the Bns. of the 6th Bde. not to move beyond their present positions, i.e., the positions they moved to <sup>at</sup> 2 hours after ZERO, Viz:-<br>24th Bn. BELLEWAARDE RIDGE.<br>21st Bn. CHINA WALL.<br>22nd Bn. Just West of LILLE Gate.<br>23rd Bn. In CANAL Area.<br>5th and 7th Brigades informed of this order. |                                      |
|   |                       | 8.33am. | Message received from 5th Bde. timed 7.40 a.m. stating that our men could be seen digging in on BLUE Line; more prisoners had been captured, also machine guns and trench mortars.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 8.50am. | G.O.C. 5th Bde. reports that the 17th Bn. is on BLUE Line ready to move forward when the barrage lifts. He is in touch with Brigades on both flanks, and so far the casualties are not heavy. ANZAC informed.   |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>20. | a.m.<br>8.40<br><br>8.55 | <p>Received message from ANZAC timed 8.15 a.m. stating that all our troops were reported on the RED Line.</p> <p>G. O. C., 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade, reported his troops consolidating on the BLUE Line - 92 prisoners so far - Casualties not heavy.</p> <p>ANZAC informed.</p> |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>20. | 9.45am. | The C.R.E. reported that the 5th and 7th Field Companies had parties with explosives ready to go forward as soon as they were required.  |                                      |
|   |                       | a.m.    | Message from 9th Division stating all objectives appear to be taken.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 9.50.   | G.O.C. 7th Bde. reported that he had information from the 27th Bn. that they had gained the BLUE Line and were consolidating.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 10.5.   | Message from ANZAC stating that an Aeroplane message timed 8.30 a.m. stated a German Counter attack in preparation just North of ZONNEBEKE - Repeated to 5th and 7th Bdes. and 9th Division.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 10.10.  | Message received from 5th Bde. timed 9.30 a.m. stating that 18th Bn. were consolidating on the BLUE Line; they were in touch with the 7th Bde. at J.3.c.4.5. and their line runs J.3.c.3.6. J3.a.3.5. to J.2.b.95.00. Reported to ANZAC. |                                      |
|   |                       | 10.17.  | A Light Horse Patrol was sent out under Lieut. PARKIS, 13th A.L.H. to get information of our right and its junction with the left of the First Australian Division.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 10.20   | C.R.A. stated that Observers had reported that our men were seen advancing to the GREEN Line at 10.10 a.m.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 10.31   | C.R.E. stated that both Brigades had ordered the parties for strong posts to go forward.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 10.33   | Message from First ANZAC stating that the 3rd Brigade was <sup>reported to be</sup> on the BLUE Line.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 10.35   | Message sent all Brigades that the 3rd Bde. was on the BLUE Line and that the 9th Division had gained all objectives.  |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>20. | a.m.<br>10.41. | C.R.A. stated that observers had reported that our men were in the GREEN Line and that the enemy were shelling that line. Repeated to ANZAC.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 10.51.         | Liaison Officer with the First Australian Division states that 3rd Bde. were almost on the GREEN Line at 9.40 a.m.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 10.56          | Message received from 6th Bde. timed 10.10 a.m. stating that 21st, 22nd and 24th Bns. had completed the moves which commenced 2 hours after ZERO.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 11am.          | G.O.C. spoke to G.O.C. First Australian Division, who said his troops were on BLUE Line but could not get GREEN Line. They expected to go on at 1 p.m.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 11.5.          | 7th Bde. were informed of the situation of the First Australian Division and told that a Bn. of the 6th Bde. was being sent to him.<br>7th Bde. stated "Success" Signal had been seen from one Company in the centre of the GREEN Line - ANZAC Informed. |                                      |
|   |                       | 11.10          | Message from 5th Bde. timed 10.45 a.m. stating that 17th Bn. were reported to have taken the GREEN Line, and that the enemy were shelling our present front fairly heavily. Repeated to ANZAC.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 11.16          | Message from 7th Bde. timed 10.37 a.m. stating that it was reported that the 3rd. Bde. was held up 50 yards beyond the BLUE Line and that he had instructed his Battalions to assist them.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 11.25          | 24th Battalion placed under orders of 7th Brigade.   |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>20. | a.m.<br>11.45 | G.O.C. First Australian Division, informed the G.O.C. that the First Australian Division was definitely on the GREEN Line, and that the artillery barrage had been lifted 200 yards as some of his men were beyond the GREEN Line.<br><br>7th Bde. reported they were consolidating on the GREEN Line and that Major CURRIE confirmed the fact that the 3rd Bde. was on the GREEN Line. - Reported to ANZAC.          |                                      |
|   |                       | 11.52         | B.G.G.S. First ANZAC, spoke re an aeroplane message. He said he had spoken to the Observers who said our troops were very thick in front. General WHITE said it was essential not to have too many forward and not to send reserves forward until necessary, but to organise in depth.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 11.55         | Corps Commander spoke on the same subject emphasising the necessity to organise in depth and not send too many men forward, but to keep reserves in hand for the counter attack which was sure to come to-night or early to-morrow morning. He said he would like batteries given as much rest as possible during the day so as to be ready for the counter attack.<br><br>He sent his congratulations to Commanders. |                                      |
|   |                       | 12<br>noon.   | Intelligence Summary for previous 24 hours attached.<br><br>G.O.C. 5th Bde. reported he was consolidating on the GREEN Line. The 17th Bn. had had a good many casualties and he did not think they were too thick. Machine guns were organised to meet a counter attack. It was reported that troops were coming up in buses towards GABLE  | App. XXI                             |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>20. |               | House, but he was satisfied that the artillery and machine gun barrage were adequate. The 20th Bn. was carrying and digging a communication trench. The valley of the HANEBEEK was not so bad as had been thought and it was possible to pick one's way across; he thought he could get mules up to ANZAC. - Repeated to ANZAC.                        |                                      |
|   |                       | p.m.<br>12.15 | Message to all Brigades conveying Corps Commander's congratulations and impressing on them the necessity of organising in depth ready to meet a counter attack. The artillery barrage was raised 100 yards along the Divisional front.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 12.20         | G.O.C. 7th Bde. gave his dispositions as follows:- 28th Bn. on GREEN Line; 27th Bn. on BLUE Line; 25th Bn. on RED Line, all in good positions - good touch with 3rd Brigade on GREEN Line - 26th Bn. digging communication trench. - Asked for one Captain and two Subalterns for the 27th Bn. G.O.C. agreed and A.Q. was instructed to send for them. |                                      |
|   |                       | 12.30         | 6th Bde. reported that the cable had been buried about 400 yards.<br>Lt.Col. WILLIAMS from First ANZAC called with information from Air Observers.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 12.50         | Divisional Intelligence Officer at 7th Bde. reported that a prisoner had given the information that the 16th Bavarian Division would do the attack but he did not know when. Repeated to ANZAC. First ANZAC stated that information from prisoner was that he believes the 3rd. Reserve Division to be the Sturm Division.                             |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917. Sept.<br>20. | p.m.<br>1.35 | <p>Message received from 5th Bde. timed 12.40 p.m. stating that consolidation on GREEN Line was proceeding satisfactorily, and that the left flank was in a good position.</p> <p>Australian Flag hoisted over ANZAC - 200 prisoners, one field gun, four machine guns and Messenger dog captured. Latter had message which read "Retake shell hole area, artillery will be regulated by light signals." This information repeated to ANZAC.</p> |                                      |
|   |                    | 1.45.        | <p>The G.O.C. told the C.R.A. that he could stop the barrage at zero plus 500 minutes according to plan.</p>   |                                      |
|   |                    | 1.55.        | <p>C.R.A. reported that Lewis Guns at "C" Group had brought down an enemy aeroplane.</p>   |                                      |
|   |                    | 1.57.        | <p>C.R.A. stated that enemy were making a counter attack through J.10 central and J.16.a. (Right of First Australian Division).</p>  |                                      |
|   |                    | 2.0pm.       | <p>Message received from Light Horse patrol that they had reached GLENCORSE WOOD but were unable to proceed further mounted owing to shell fire. They were ordered to proceed dismounted and get the information asked for.</p>  |                                      |
|   |                    | 2.10         | <p>G.O.C. 5th Bde. gave his dispositions as follows:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">17th and 18th Bns. in front line each on a Battalion frontage and in depth.<br/>20th Bn. on RED line.<br/>19th Bn. on old front line.</p>   |                                      |
|   |                    |              | <p>He stated his strength was rather less than he had thought and that he proposed to form good dumps forward and let the communication trench wait. The G.O.C. agreed.</p>  |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>20. | p.m.<br>2.30 | <p>S.O.S. Signal was reported to have been sent up.</p> <p>G.O.C. 7th Bde. gave his dispositions as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 28th Bn. in front; 27th Bn. on BLUE Line; 25th Bn. on RED Line.</li> <li>24th Bn. 2 Companies digging in cable, the other two on BELLEWAARDE RIDGE.</li> <li>25th Bn. One Company to support 28th Bn., remainder in readiness.</li> </ul> <p>Shelling had increased considerably; our barrage might be thickened from the mound to the Cemetery to J.3.d.4.4; dead ground at latter place. O.C., 28th Bn. thinks he has sufficient field of fire, but would like the artillery barrage thickened on the above line of approach. C.R.A. was asked to do this.</p> <p>2.50 Message received from 5th Bde. timed 2.25 p.m. stating that observers reported a counter attack developing between POLYGONEVELD and ANZAC. Artillery were informed.</p> <p>3.0pm. Re the S.O.S. the 57th Heavy Artillery Group stated they had a battery of 60 pounders on the mound, and were putting on a 6 inch Howitzer battery. They were also keeping under fire the approaches through D.27.d. - J.3.a.</p> <p>3.11 57th Heavy Artillery Group reported S.O.S. on our front; he was told to put on barrage. G.O.C. spoke to C.R.A. re the S.O.S.; the latter stated he did not think it was serious but was putting on barrage.</p> <p>3.35 B.G.G.S. spoke re reports of enemy attacks. Wishes Division to report immediately to Corps and to endeavour to verify.</p> |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>20. | p.m.<br>3.37 | 57th Heavy Artillery Group reduced rate of fire and trying to ascertain more about the reported enemy counter attack.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 3.50         | G.O.C. 5th Bde. reported there was no definite counter attack; only small bodies of the enemy moving about and they were engaged by our machine guns. The artillery may stop fire. C.R.A. and 57th Heavy Artillery Group informed.  |                                      |
|   |                       |              | Lieut. F. F. FERGUSON who had been at Division O. P. during the operation and had then gone round our new front, returned and gave information about the front line.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 4.15         | G.O.C. 7th Bde. asked about the supposed enemy counter attack. He was told the enemy had been seen dribbling towards the mound. He stated he was using the 24th Bn. for carrying and that he proposed to bring them back to-night to BELLEWAARDE, and the 26th Bn. to WESTHOEK. |                                      |
|   |                       | 4.20         | C.R.E. stated he had a report from Capt. COGLAN that the two strong points in the left brigade sector were made but not garrisoned. 5th Bde. were told to look into this and they stated they were now garrisoned. These two strong posts were later completely blown out.      |                                      |
|   |                       | 4.30         | Message received from First ANZAC stating that there were indications that the enemy was moving counter attack troops to assembly positions east of ZANDVOORDE.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 4.45         | G.O.C. 5th Bde. reported that some of the enemy were concentrating and that the Artillery Liaison Officer had arranged the necessary barrage. He did not think it was serious. His captures included 9 or 12 machine guns and a Telefunken set.                                 |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>20. | p.m.<br>5.20 | Message sent to all brigades and the D.M.G.O. to use captured machine guns against the enemy.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 5.22         | Message from 27th Bn. through 7th Bde. that reorganisation now complete, rifle and Lewis guns cleaned and a fair amount of ammunition up. Three machine guns captured..   |                                      |
|   |                       | 5.40         | 5th Bde. reported the total captures about 200 prisoners, one light field gun, nine machine guns; a large number of enemy dead lying about. Repeated to ANZAC.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 6.15         | C.R.A. stated the S.O.S. had been reported by the Liaison Officer with the 7th Bde., and that the Artillery had opened fire. Repeated to ANZAC.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 6.30         | <p>Received the following reports from Brigades:-</p> <p><u>5th A.I.Bde:</u> Enemy artillery quieter. GREEN Line consolidated; Vickers machine guns in position; strong posts garrisoned - At 2.40 p.m. reported that enemy moving at J.3.b.3.9, thought to be concentrating for counter attack, fired on by machine guns and artillery - Report timed 4.40 p.m. enemy collecting in valley between ALBANIA and HELLES. Artillery informed and firing on locality. Telefunken set and two German machine guns taken at ANZAC. Enemy in shell holes 300 yards in front of left flank; artillery going to spray them with shrapnel.</p> <p><u>7th A.I.Bde.</u> Situation quite satisfactory. Have consolidated on line J.9.b.55.55 - J.3.c.9.8. Strong point at J.9.a.45.55. Enemy attempts to mass in vicinity of Cemetery, J.4.d, and the BUTTE in POLYGON WOOD dispersed by Artillery and machine gun fire - Captures up to present one officer and 100 other ranks and 3 machine guns; possibly more uncounted who passed straight to dressing station. Front line practically a continuous trench and communication trench dug from GREEN Line back to RED Line.</p> |                                      |
|   |                       | 6.35         | 7th Bde. were asked re the S.O.S. - They stated they were not in direct touch with Bns. so did not know for certain but the S.O.S. had gone up on the front of the 28th Bn.   |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>20. | p.m.         | The 5th Bde. had reported to them that the Bosche was coming from the direction of POLYGONE WOOD and going to ALBANIA apparently to attack their right. Otherwise they had no information.  |                                      |
|   |                       | p.m.<br>6.38 | 7th Bde. reported they had just received word from the C.O. 28th Bn. that the S.O.S. had been sent up on his left front. The Bosche had been seen to advance from the North of POLYGONE WOOD and had attacked the right of the 28th Bn, but everything now was O.K. He would like the barrage kept on a little longer and would notify us when to stop.   |                                      |
|   |                       |              | The C.R.A. was informed and said he would keep the barrage on, and would search.  |                                      |
|   |                       |              | Reported above to ANZAC.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 6.50         | The Corps Commander spoke to the G.O.C. re the situation.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 6.52.        | Received the following message from the 7th Bde. timed 5.55 p.m.  |                                      |
|   |                       |              | <p>"GREEN Line has now been consolidated and is an almost continuous trench from 5 to 6 feet deep. Wire has been put out and is right along the front with very few gaps which are covered by Lewis guns. Ammunition supplies satisfactory. The position is good. The men are very cheerful and in good spirits. At about 3.40 p.m. the enemy lined up about 800 yards from our direct front; our artillery got on to them and cut them up badly. Enemy planes very active and fired on our troops. All calls from contact planes were answered by our flares. All rifles cleaned and ready for a counter attack.</p> <p>Repeated to ANZAC.</p> |                                      |
|   |                       | 6.55.        | B.G.G.S. rang up and asked about the S.O.S.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 6.57         | G.O.C. 7th Bde. reported some heavies shooting short in BLUE Line. This was reported to 57th H.A.G.   |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.p.m.<br>Sept.7.2.<br>20. |      | 5th Bde. reported some of our men seen coming back on their right. Told him it was probably only a few of the 7th Bde. who had moved back to get away from the short shooting of the heavies.   |                                      |
|   |                               | 7.12 | Received message from the 5th Bde. timed 6.40 p.m. stating situation practically normal.  |                                      |
|   |                               | 7.25 | p.m. G.O.C. 7th Bde. said he had been talking to C.O. 28th Bn. who told him everything was all right. Almost immediately afterwards the S.O.S. went up on his front. The C.R.A. was informed of the S.O.S. and said he had received it and was taking action. Informed ANZAC that S.O.S. had gone up.         |                                      |
|   |                               | 7.35 | 7th Bde. stated heavies still firing short so 57th H.A.G. informed but they stated they were not firing; 7th Bde. again said they were certain they were our own shell so R. A. Corps were informed, and they said they would see what they could do.   |                                      |
|   |                               |      | Re S.O.S. The <sup>57th</sup> H.A.G. stated they could not fire unless it was confirmed by the Division, so spoke 7th Bde. again and they said there was no rifle or machine gun fire and that the Bosche was sending up flares so it could not be a counter attack. The Divisional artillery slackened fire. |                                      |
|   |                               | 8.20 | The C.R.A. said that on advice from his Liaison Officers he had stopped firing. Lieut. Parkis returned from patrol and reported the situation.  |                                      |
|   |                               | 8.45 | G.O.C. 5th Bde. reported that the shelling had practically ceased.  |                                      |
|   |                               | 8.50 | Message received from 1st Aust. Div. stating that the enemy had apparently attempted a serious counter attack at 7.20 p.m.  |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept. | pm.<br>20. 9.15.<br>a.m.<br>21. 2.42 | <p>Counter attack at 7.20 p.m. but had been driven off.</p> <p>Message received from ANZAC stating that the enemy would probably counter attack to-night.</p> <p>Message received from 5th Bde. timed 2.10 a.m. stating two machine gunners of 121st Division were captured about midnight who stated that they expected the 121st Division to be relieved about the 23rd instant, and there was a possibility that the relieving regiments would counter attack to-morrow - Repeated to ANZAC.</p> <p>5.0 5th Bde. reports situation unchanged, quiet night.</p> <p>5.35 7th Bde. report situation normal, enemy shelling very light.</p> <p>5.40 Morning report - Generally quiet throughout the night. No change in our front. Enemy shelling light.</p> <p>7am. Issued Second Australian Division Order No. 139 re relief of 5th and 7th Bdes. by 6th Bde.<br/>Copy attached</p> <p>8am. Disposition report attached,<br/>12 noon. Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p>1.30pm. Information was received that the Second Australian Division would be relieved by the 4th Australian Division on the nights 22nd/23rd and 23rd/24th instant. This necessitated a slight alteration to Order No. 139. Necessary orders sent to units concerned.</p> <p>p.m.<br/>1.35 Orders were sent to Brigades to ensure that dumps were formed well forward.</p> | <p>App. XXII</p> <p>App. XXIII</p> <p>App. XXIV</p> |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>21. | p.m. | Message received from 5th Bde. that both Divisional strong points had been blown out.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 1.40 |  |                                      |
|   |                       | 5.10 | D.M.G.O. asked if the 14th M. G. Coy. could go back as they were no longer required - Replied Yes. C.M.G.O. informed.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 5.40 | 7th Bde. Evening report. Situation quiet, no signs of activity in enemy's lines - enemy aircraft activity somewhat above normal.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 5.55 | Evening report - situation quiet on Divisional front - practically no hostile shelling - Observers report no sign of activity in enemy front line - enemy aerial activity somewhat above normal.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 6.20 | Evening report from 5th Bde. - situation unchanged, practically no enemy shelling.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 6.45 | C.R.A. reported enemy aeroplane shot down yesterday by Lewis Gunners of Pioneer Bn. was at J.7.c.50-74. - Reported to ANZAC.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 7.5  | 5th Bde. reported S.O.S. had gone up on our front.   |                                      |
|   |                       |      | 5th and 7th Bdes. were both asked about the S.O.S. - 5th Bde. stated it had gone up on the whole front. 7th Bde. said S.O.S. was on whole front, that there was a heavy 5.9 barrage between the GREEN and the BLUE Line, and they thought it was the counter attack. |                                      |
|   |                       |      | 57th H.A.G. were asked to fire on S.O.S. lines and to carry on counter battery work. ANZAC informed.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 7.35 | C.R.A. reported that a message had been received from the front asking for "Retaliation, Urgent" and that his guns had quickened their rate.   |                                      |
|   |                       |      | R.A. ANZAC were told and asked for more counter battery work. They replied that all the heavies were hard at work.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 7.39 | ANZAC were asked why our aeroplanes were not giving us any information. Reply was that a flight between 4 and 6.30 p.m. saw no movement. Planes were now out.  |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>21. | p.m.<br>7.55 | 7th Bde. reported their lines to the Bns. in the line were <sup>C</sup> out and they had no further information.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 7.59         | 5th Bde. stated they had asked the artillery to reduce their rate of fire by half. 7th Bde. were told this, and asked for the situation on their right.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 8.0          | 57th H.A.G. informed of above and told to take off S.O.S. barrage but to keep on counter Battery work.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 8.5          | 5th Bde. reported they had picked up a lamp message from the right of the 7th Bde. and thought that the 3rd Bde. front line had been broken through. The forward report centre had just sent in an O.K. message by lamp; power buzzer had just picked up a message from the 7th Bde. stating all right on their front. He was asking the 7th Bde. to confirm. |                                      |
|   |                       | 8.11         | 57th H.A.G. were informed of the above and told to take off left half of S.O.S., but to keep right half still firing.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 8.13         | First Australian Division stated 3rd Bde. front had not been broken through.<br>Above reported to ANZAC.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 8.15         | 7th Bde. reported all quiet.<br>C.R.A. and 57th H.A.G. were told to cease fire.<br>Reported to ANZAC  |                                      |
|   |                       | 8.35         | First Australian Division reported whole divisional front now quiet.  |                                      |



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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2- North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>22. | 1.20<br>a,m. | 7th Bde. reported relief complete.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 2.45         | 6th Bde. reported relief of right half complete.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 3.10         | 5th and 6th Bdes. reported relief complete.   |                                      |
|   |                       |              | On completion of relief dispositions were as follows:-  |                                      |
|   |                       |              | 6th Bde. holding the line with<br>23rd and 21st Bns. in front on right and left respectively.<br>22nd and 19th (attached from 5th Bde) in support on right and left respectively.<br>24th Bn. in reserve. |                                      |
|   |                       |              | 5th Bde. had 17th and 18th Bns. in YPRES and 20th Bn. in HALIFAX area.<br>7th Bde. in HALIFAX Area.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 5.35         | 6th Bde. morning report - situation unchanged.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 5.39         | Morning report to ANZAC - situation unchanged.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 6am.         | Issued Order No. 140 for our relief by the 4th Australian Division. Copy attached.  | App. <u>XXV</u>                      |
|   |                       | 8am.         | Disposition report attached.  | App. <u>XXVI</u>                     |
|   |                       |              | The 4th and 13th A.I.Bdes. arrived in CANAL and PIONEER areas and came under the orders of the G.O.C.<br>Second Australian Division.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 12<br>noon.  | Intelligence summary attached.  | App. <u>XXVII</u>                    |
|   |                       | p.m.<br>4.15 | 6th Bde. reported light enemy barrage near our front line.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 4.53         | 6th Bde. reported that the light barrage was on the left of our sector only - a few shells on<br>WESTHOEK RIDGE.  |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>22. | 5pm.         | Issued amendment to Order No. 140. - Copy attached.  | App. XXVIII                          |
|   |                       | 5.30         | Evening report to ANZAC. Light barrage on our left from 4 to 4.20 p.m. A few shells on WESTHOEK RIDGE.   |                                      |
|   |                       | p.m.<br>9.10 | 52nd Bn. relieved the 19th Bn.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 10.30        | Issued addendum to amendment to Order No. 140 - Copy attached.   | App. XXIX                            |
|   |                       |              | Forwarded weekly summary of operations - Copy attached.  | App. XXX                             |
|   |                       |              | <del>Forwarded a report on points of interest in the operations - Copy attached.</del>   | App.                                 |
|   | 23.                   | a.m.<br>4.35 | C.R.A. stated one of our Groups reported an S.O.S. on our right, and the guns had opened on their S.O.S. Lines.  |                                      |
|   |                       |              | 57th H.A.G. informed.  |                                      |
|   |                       | 4.55         | Endeavoured to get 6th Bde. but lines cut so message sent asking what was happening.<br>Repeated the above to ANZAC.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 5.10         | C.R.A. stated everything was quiet and the artillery had ceased fire.<br>57th H.A.G. informed.   |                                      |
|   |                       | 5.27         | Report to ANZAC. S.O.S. went up about 4.35 on right of Divisional front. Artillery opened fire. - 5.10 a.m. artillery reported all quiet and ceased fire.<br>Lines to Brigade H. Q. cut. |                                      |
|   |                       | 5.35         | Lieut. LUCAS at BELLEWAARDE Exchange reported S.O.S. on the right of the Divisional front at 5.20 a.m. Artillery not firing on our front but further south.                              |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept. 23. | a.m.<br>5.50 | Lieut. LUCAS reported quiet on Divisional front.   |                                      |
|   |                    | 6.10         | Message from 6th Bde. stating all quiet on front - S.O.S. signal reported at 4.35 a.m. by 22nd Bn., also observed from Bde. H. Q. at 4.40 a.m. |                                      |
|   |                    | 6.15         | Message from 6th Bde. timed 5.32 a.m. stating S.O.S. reported from right front - wires down with rear so sending up S.O.S. from J.7.d.90.95.   |                                      |
|   |                    |              | Reported to ANZAC.   |                                      |
|   |                    | 6.59         | Communication established with 6th Bde. They state situation now quiet. Reported to ANZAC.   |                                      |
|   |                    | 7.25         | 6th Bde. stated 23rd Bn, reported all quiet along the Divisional front, and that the barrage was being stopped.                                |                                      |
|   |                    |              | C.R.A. Informed.<br>Reported to ANZAC.   |                                      |
|   |                    | 8am.         | Disposition report attached.   | App. <u>XXXI</u>                     |
|   |                    | 9.10.        | Reported to ANZAC that 7 prisoners caught during the night.  |                                      |
|   |                    | 9.15         | Report received that relief of 17th and 18th Bns. by 50th and 51st Bns. complete.  |                                      |
|   |                    |              | 17th, 18th and 19th Bns. moved to HALIFAX.   |                                      |
|   |                    |              | 7th Bde. removed to RENINGHELST.   |                                      |
|   |                    |              | G.O.C. visited the front during the morning.   |                                      |
|   |                    | 9.35         | 22nd M.G. Coy. reported that they had been relieved and were back at BELGIAN CHATEAU.  |                                      |
|   |                    | 12 noon.     | Intelligence Summary attached.   | App. <u>XXXII</u>                    |
|   |                    | 5pm.         | Evening report from 6th Bde. - Situation normal. Another prisoner caught in our lines at J.2.d.<br>Been there since attack.                    |                                      |

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| 28.H.21.d.<br>6.2. North<br>of<br>DICKEBUSCH. | 1917.<br>Sept.<br>23. | p.m.<br>5.20     | Evening report to ANZAC. - Situation unchanged, quiet day. - 8 prisoners in last 24 hours. Last prisoner caught in dugout.in J-2.d. inside our lines this afternoon.   |                                      |  |                  |                     |               |             |    |     |     |             |    |      |      |             |          |            |            |            |           |             |             |  |
|   |                       | 7pm.             | Message from 6th Bde. stating one of our aeroplanes shot down at J.8.c.5.5. at 10.45 a.m. this morning.  |                                      |  |                  |                     |               |             |    |     |     |             |    |      |      |             |          |            |            |            |           |             |             |  |
|   |                       |                  | Repeated to ANZAC.   |                                      |  |                  |                     |               |             |    |     |     |             |    |      |      |             |          |            |            |            |           |             |             |  |
|   |                       | 7.50             | Message from 6th Bde. stating hostile artillery more active now than during the afternoon. Light intermittent shelling of area between WESTHOEK RIDGE and front line.  |                                      |  |                  |                     |               |             |    |     |     |             |    |      |      |             |          |            |            |            |           |             |             |  |
|   |                       | 8.15             | Further message from 6th Bde. stating hostile artillery fire now negligible. Repeated to ANZAC.  |                                      |  |                  |                     |               |             |    |     |     |             |    |      |      |             |          |            |            |            |           |             |             |  |
|   |                       |                  | Casualties to date since coming into the line are -  |                                      |  |                  |                     |               |             |    |     |     |             |    |      |      |             |          |            |            |            |           |             |             |  |
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|   |                       | <u>Officers.</u> | <u>Other ranks.</u>  | <u>Total.</u>                        |  |                  |                     |               |             |    |     |     |             |    |      |      |             |          |            |            |            |           |             |             |  |
| Killed. ...                                   | 21                    | 403              | 424  |                                      |  |                  |                     |               |             |    |     |     |             |    |      |      |             |          |            |            |            |           |             |             |  |
| Wounded ...                                   | 76                    | 1659             | 1735   |                                      |  |                  |                     |               |             |    |     |     |             |    |      |      |             |          |            |            |            |           |             |             |  |
| Missing ...                                   | <u>1</u>              | <u>329</u>       | <u>330</u>   |                                      |  |                  |                     |               |             |    |     |     |             |    |      |      |             |          |            |            |            |           |             |             |  |
| Totals ...                                    | <u>98</u>             | <u>2391</u>      | <u>2489</u>  |                                      |  |                  |                     |               |             |    |     |     |             |    |      |      |             |          |            |            |            |           |             |             |  |
|   | Sept.<br>24th.        |                  | During the night the 6th A.I.Bde. was relieved by the 4th and 13th A.I.Bdes. on right and left respectively. Relief reported complete at 5 a.m.<br>The 6th A.I.Bde. on relief moved to DOMINION Area.<br>The 5th A.I.Bde. <del>on relief</del> moved to WIPPENHOEK Area.   |                                      |  |                  |                     |               |             |    |     |     |             |    |      |      |             |          |            |            |            |           |             |             |  |
|   |                       | 5.30<br>a.m.     | Morning report - Situation unchanged; a few gas shells round WESTHOEK.   |                                      |  |                  |                     |               |             |    |     |     |             |    |      |      |             |          |            |            |            |           |             |             |  |
|   |                       | 8 a.m.           | Disposition Report attached.   | App. <u>XXXIII</u>                   |  |                  |                     |               |             |    |     |     |             |    |      |      |             |          |            |            |            |           |             |             |  |
|   |                       | 10 a.m.          | Handed over command to 4th Aust. Div. D.H.Q. moved to RENINGHELST.   |                                      |  |                  |                     |               |             |    |     |     |             |    |      |      |             |          |            |            |            |           |             |             |  |

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| RENINGHELST | Sept.<br>24th. | 6.30 p.m. | G.O.C. to Corps. He was told probable scheme for our next operation.   |                                      |
|             |                | 9.30 p.m. | Conference of Brigadiers. G.O.C. explained probable scheme for our next operation.                                     |                                      |
|             |                |           | Received Anzac O.O. 177 re second stage of the operations.   |                                      |
|             | 25th           | 8 a.m.    | Disposition report attached.   | App. <u>XXXIV</u>                    |
|             |                | 1 p.m.    | Issued O.O. No. 141 re second stage of operations and the duties of 2nd Aust. Div. as reserve division. Copy attached. | App. <u>XXXV</u>                     |

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| RENINGHELST | Sept. 26th. | 7.30 a.m. | G.O.C.m accompanied by G.S.O.1 and A.Q. inspected the 6th A.I.Bde. which was standing by as reserve brigade ready for the operations.   |                                      |
|             | 27th.       |           | Forwarded report on the operations of the 20th inst. Copy attached. (43/118)<br>G.S.O.1 to line morning to see new area.  | App. <u>XXXVI</u>                    |
|             |             | 9.30 p.m. | Received Corps Order re moving into line.   |                                      |
|             | 28th.       |           | G.O.C. to line morning to see new area.<br>5th A.M.G. Co. moved to Belgian Chateau.<br>17th and 20th Bns. detailed for work, burying cable under Sig.Co. and laying duckwalks under C.R.E. respectively, and moved to HALIFAX Area on their way to forward area.              |                                      |
|             |             | 2 p.m.    | Issued Order No. 142 re moving into the line. Copy attached.  | App. <u>XXXVII</u>                   |
|             |             | 9.45 p.m. | Received 1st Anzac Preliminary Instructions no. 1 re the 3rd stage of the operations.   |                                      |
|             | 29th.       | 5 p.m.    | Conference at D.H.Q. re forthcoming operations - C.R.A., Brigadiers and Brigade Majors attended.<br>Issued Preliminary Instructions No. 1, Series No. 2, for forthcoming operations. Copy attached.<br>17th and 20th Bns. moved to GORDON Area and commenced work this night. | App. <u>XXXVIII</u>                  |
|             | 30th.       | 9.30 a.m. | Received 1st Anzac Preliminary Instructions No.2 re operations.   |                                      |
|             |             | 12 noon   | Issued Addendum to O.O. 142 - Copy attached.  | App. <u>XXXIX</u>                    |
|             |             | 3pm       | 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. moved to CANAL Area.<br>Issued G.S. Circular No.40 re S.O.S. - Copy attached.   | App. <u>XL</u>                       |
|             |             |           | Issued Addenda No.1 to Preliminary Instructions No. 1 - Copy attached.  | App. <u>XLI</u>                      |
|             |             | 4 p.m.    | Issued Preliminary Instructions No. 2 re operations - Copy attached.  | App. <u>XLII</u>                     |

*[Signature]*  
Lieut. Colonel.  
General Staff.

Second Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Location of Units at 6 a.m., 9th Sept. 1917.

|                             |                    |                                 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Div.H.Q.                    | RENESCURE.         |                                 |
| Div Art. H.Q.               | G.34.b.1.1.        | (Sheet 28. 1/40,000)            |
| 4th A.F.A.Bde.              | I.29.c.25.97.      |                                 |
| 5th do                      | N.3.b.8.5.         |                                 |
| T.M.Btys & H.Q.             | N.3.b.1.9.         |                                 |
| 2nd A.D.A.C.                | N.3.b.9.9.         |                                 |
| <u>5th Aust Inf Bde.HQ.</u> | S.15.c.45.45.      | ARQUES. (Sheet 27.SW. 1/20,000) |
| 17th Bn.                    | N.19.c.5.8.        |                                 |
| 18th Bn.                    | S.21.b.8.3.        | ARQUES.                         |
| 19th Bn.                    | S.16.a.            | HAUT ARQUES.                    |
| 20th Bn.                    | S.15.d.            | ARQUES.                         |
| 5th A.M.G.Coy.              | S.15.c.            | ARQUES.                         |
| 5th A.L.T.M.Bty.            | S.10.c.            | HAUT ARQUES.                    |
| <u>6th Aust Inf Bde.HQ.</u> | WARDRECQUES.       |                                 |
| 21st Bn.                    | CAMPAGNE.          |                                 |
| 22nd Bn.                    | CAMPAGNE.          |                                 |
| 23rd Bn.                    | BANDRINGHEM.       |                                 |
| 24th Bn.                    | WARDRECQUES.       |                                 |
| 6th A.M.G.Coy.              | WARDRECQUES.       |                                 |
| 6th A.L.T.M.Bty.            | LA-BARRE-CAMPAGNE. |                                 |
| <u>7th Aust Inf Bde HQ.</u> | RENESCURE.         | T.21.c.0.8.                     |
| 25th Bn.                    | COIN.PERDU.        | N.13.d.8.8.                     |
| 26th Bn.                    | WOESTINE.          | T.9.b.5.0.                      |
| 27th Bn.                    | RENESCURE.         | T.10.c.1.1.                     |
| 28th Bn.                    | ARQUES-CASSEL.Rd.  | T.14.a.7.5.                     |
| 7th A.M.G.Coy.              | RENESCURE.         | T.20.b.6.2.                     |
| 7th A.L.T.M.Bty.            | RENESCURE.         | T.20.a.0.4.                     |
| 2nd Aust Pioneer Bn.        | H.29.b.7.5.        | (Sh 28.) 25th Div Area.         |
| 22nd Aust M.G.Coy.          | ARQUES.            | Rue de Cassel.                  |
| <u>A.D.M.S.</u>             | RENESCURE.         |                                 |
| 5th A.F.Amblee.             | HAUT ARQUES.       | S.10.c.3.9.                     |
| 6th do                      | COUBRONNE.         | (Sh 36 A.N.W.)                  |
| 7th do                      | RENESCURE.         | T.26.a.7.7. (Sh 27.S.W.)        |
| <u>C.R.E.</u>               | RENESCURE.         |                                 |
| 5th A.Field Coy.            | L.21.c.4.4.        | (Sh 27) 25th Div Area.          |
| 6th do                      | HEURINGHEN.        | A.14.a and c (Sh 36A.N.W.)      |
| 7th do                      | L.21.c.4.4.        | (Sh 27) 25th Div Area.          |
| Salvage Coy.                | CAMPAGNE.          |                                 |
| Div Train.                  | RENESCURE.         |                                 |
| 15th A.A.S.C.               | HAUT ARQUES.       | S.10.c.9.5.                     |
| 16th do                     | WARDRECQUES.       |                                 |
| 17th do                     | RENESCURE.         |                                 |
| 20th do                     | OUDERDOM.          | Attached.24th Div.              |
| D.A.D.O.S.                  | CAMPAGNE.          |                                 |
| Field Cashier.              | RENESCURE.         |                                 |
| D.G.O.                      | RENESCURE.         |                                 |
| D.B.O.                      | RENESCURE.         |                                 |
| D.A.D.V.S.                  | RENESCURE.         |                                 |
| Mob Vet Sect.               | ARQUES.            |                                 |
| 2nd A.Div Supply Co.        | ARQUES.            |                                 |

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Divisional Headquarters,  
9th September 1917.

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS No 1. - OPERATIONS.

Reference Maps. HOOCH. Sheet 2/10,000  
Sheet 28. 1/40,000

1. The 1st ANZAC Corps, in conjunction with the Corps to North and South, will advance their front on a date to be notified later.

On 1st ANZAC Corps front the attack will be carried out by the 1st Aust Division on the right, and the 2nd Aust Division on the left.

The 4th and 5th Aust Divisions will be in Corps Reserve.

The 1st Aust Division (3rd A.I.Bde) will therefore be on our right.

The 9th Division (27th Bde) will be on our left.

**BOUNDARIES.** 2. The Divisional boundaries, north and south, are  
**Divisional.** shown in black on the attached map.

The Division will attack on a two Brigade frontage, the 7th A.I.Bde on the right, and the 5th A.I.Bde on the left. The 6th A.I.Bde in Divisional Reserve

**Brigade.** Inter-Brigade boundary shown in yellow on map.

The 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes will each attack on a one battalion frontage. Two battalions from each Brigade will be detailed to the third objective.

**OBJECTIVES.** 3. There will be three stages in the operation - each  
& Stages. stage forming one objective.

(a) The Red Line.

Objective. The capture of the old gun pit positions in J.8.b. - north of NONNEBOSCHEN - J.8.b.8.7 - J.2.d.45.10 - northwards to J.2.central.

(b) The Blue Line.

Objective. Ruins at J.9.a.6.4. - ALBERT REDOUBT - IRON CROSS REDOUBT - JAGGED TRENCH - TRENCH at J.2.b.8.5

(c) The Green Line.

Objective. Road and edge of wood at J.9.b.2.6. - work at J.3.d.05.40 - Eastern edge of wood at J.3.a.6.2. - J.3.a.0.7 (including ANZAC)

The objectives of the 1st Aust Div are also shown on the map.

The 9th Division on the left will capture ZONNEBEKE REDOUBT.

Troops will consolidate on the Green Line under cover of the barrage.

Subsequently the barrage will be moved forward and outposts will be established.

**BARRAGES.** 4.(a) The barrage will be put down 150 yards in front of  
**Artillery.** of the infantry line of departure at zero hour. Infantry will move up close under the barrage at this hour.

The barrage will not commence to move forward till zero plus 4 minutes. It will then advance for 150 yards at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes.

(b) Thereafter, and up to the Red Line the barrage will advance at the rate of 100 yards in 6 minutes.

(c) The barrage will halt in front of the Red Line for three-quarters of an hour.

(d) Thereafter, and up to the Blue Line, the barrage will advance at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes.

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BARRAGES  
Artillery  
(Contd.)  
Machine  
Guns.

(e) It will halt in front of the Blue line for 1½ hours.  
(f) From the Blue Line forward it will advance at the rate of 100 yards in 10 minutes.

The machine gun barrages will be arranged to move forward in conjunction with the artillery barrages and beyond them; also to form S.O.S. barrages. The 5th and 7th A.M.C. Coys will be mobile guns under their respective Brigade Commanders.

HEADQUARTERS. 5. Divisional H.Q. will be at HORSE SHOE Camp. G.28.a. (North of RENINGHELST).  
Advanced Div H.Q. Will be in H.27.b. (North of DICKEBUSCH)

Brigade H.Q. for both 5th and 7th A.I. Bdes will be at dugouts in I.12.c.3.5., with overflow in dugouts at I.11.d.4.5. Advanced Bde H.Q. will be in dugouts on BELLEWARDE RIDGE about I.7.a.3.1.

COMMUNICATIONS. 6. A new buried cable route is being made forward through Brigade H.Q. to advanced Bde H.Q.

From Advanced Bde H.Q. cable is to be buried forward to, and as far as possible beyond, both Battalion H.Q. of the two battalions in the front line.

A scheme for Visual signalling and other means of communication will be issued shortly.

All arrangements - signal panels, strips, etc - for communication with "Contact Patrols", to be taken up with battalions.

S.O.S. 7. In case of fog arrangements are to be made in each Brigade in front line for a chain of S.O.S. signals back from the front line.

RESERVE BRIGADE. 8. The 5th A.I. Bde will in the first instance be quartered in an area West of YPRES.

Before the attack the Brigade will move up into I.12.c., Brigade H.Q. being established at BIRR CROSS ROADS dugout. If the Brigade is required to move forward Advanced Brigade H.Q. will be established on BELLEWARDE RIDGE.

As soon as the Brigade arrives in the Corps forward area (13th inst) systematic reconnaissances will be carried out by officers, so that in case of need all will know routes, tracks, dumps, Bde and Battalion H.Q. etc.

ENGINEERS. 9. The C.R.E. will put forward proposals for : -

- (a) The formation of battle dumps of engineer material.
- (b) The location of Engineers prior to the assault.
- (c) Certain sites for strong points will be selected - probably between the Blue and Green Lines; also certain communication trenches forward of the WESTHOEK RIDGE.

MEDICAL. 10. Evacuation of wounded will be via the MENIN Road to the Advanced Dressing Station near the SCHOOL (I.9.c). Complete scheme will be framed by the A.D.M.S. and issued.

DIVISIONAL DUMPS. 11. The Divisional Dumps for S.A.A., bombs, flares, S.O.S. cartridges, etc, will be at - Advanced Dump. I.11.d.5.4  
Main Dump. H.23.a.3.2

ACTION TO BE TAKEN. 12. Based on the above framework the G.O.s.C, 5th and 7th A.I. Bdes will now prepare plans and submit proposals for : -

- (a) The siting and marking of the jumping off line for the leading troops at zero hour.
- (b) The places of assembly of units of each Brigade.
- (c) The formation to be adopted, bearing in mind the formation of defensive flanks and the principle of assisting other troops on the flanks.
- (d) The arrangement for keeping direction and for guiding troops, carriers, runners, etc, to units who have gone forward.
- (e) The plan for mopping up.

**ACTION TO BE TAKEN (Cont)**

- (f) The method of dealing with enemy strong points now near our front line which may check us at the start. The use of both medium and Stokes mortars, both before the day of attack and at zero hour, to be considered; also the possible use of smoke screens by Stokes mortars.
- (g) The formation and location of Brigade and Battalion battle dumps, for ammunition, rations and water. The system to be adopted for carrying the above <sup>up</sup> to the front as required.
- (h) The probable positions of Brigade Forward Stations and Battalion Command Posts.
- (i) The assistance of stretcher bearers in clearing wounded from the field back to the Ambulance Posts.

**RELIEFS.**

13. For the purposes of making plans it may be assumed that the 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes will, after capturing the Green objective, be required to hold it for at least 24 hours, or longer if the hostile counter-attacks are not severe. The 6th A.I.Bde will then probably take over the whole front and must be prepared to hold it for a week.

**INTELLIGENCE.**

14. Certain instructions regarding Intelligence Duties will be issued separately.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. Bridges*

Lieut Colonel, R.C.S.  
General Staff.  
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
11th September, 1917.

INTELLIGENCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH PRISONERS OF WAR.

With reference to Second Australian Division Preliminary Instructions No. 1 - Operations - dated 9th September, 1917, Para 14, the attached Notes on "Intelligence arrangements for dealing with Prisoners of War" are forwarded for the guidance of all concerned.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Lieut-Colonel,  
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INTELLIGENCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH PRISONERS OF WAR.

1. DIVISIONAL PRISONERS OF WAR CAGE.

A Divisional Prisoners of War Cage will not be established.

2. CORPS CAGES.

(a) A Corps Cage is being established in the vicinity of HOOGRAAF (exact location is being notified by A.P.M.)

(b) An Advanced Corps Cage is being established at DICKEBUSCH (exact location is being notified by A.P.M.).

An Intelligence Corps Officer will be permanently stationed at the Advanced Corps Cage which will be connected by telephone to Divisions and Corps. The examination there will be cursory, unless it is especially desired to obtain detailed information as soon as possible. Prisoners will not be delayed at the Advanced Corps Cage longer than is absolutely necessary. The Intelligence Officer at the Advanced Corps Cage will keep in close touch with Divisions and Brigades and assist them in every possible way.

3. INTERROGATION BY DIVISIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS.

By the establishment of an Advanced Corps Cage, Divisional Intelligence Officers will be left free for duty forward with Brigades, with a view to obtaining as soon as possible information of immediate tactical importance. This system, which was adopted by the Corps during the early part of the year, proved most satisfactory.

Divisional Intelligence Officers will not detain prisoners longer than is necessary to obtain tactical information of immediate importance, and in the case of the capture of a number of prisoners will keep one or two of them only for this purpose, the remainder being sent without delay to the Advanced Corps Cage.

Whenever it is desired, prisoners may also be interrogated by Divisional Intelligence Officers at the Advanced Corps Cage, or the information desired may be obtained by telephone from the Intelligence Officer in charge of the Advanced Corps Cage.

If the Intelligence Officer in charge is informed, certain prisoners can be detained at the Advanced Corps Cage for further examination by Divisional Intelligence Officers.

4. SEARCHING.

Officers and N. C. O's will be searched as soon as possible after capture by a responsible officer or N. C. O., and all documents taken off them sent back with them (in sealed, labelled by regiments, if a number are captured) to the Divisional Intelligence Officer, at such place as the officer has prearranged.

Divisional Intelligence Officers, after extracting all information of tactical importance, will forward the documents as soon as possible to the Corps Intelligence.

Prisoners other

- 2 -

Prisoners other than Officers and N. C.O's will be searched on their arrival at Corps Cage. Their papers, etc., will be taken from them and put into sacks labelled according to regiments.

All ranks should understand that a prisoner's pay-book identity disc and personal belongings should not be taken from him. Escorts and guards will be warned to take special precautions to prevent prisoners from destroying papers.

5. SEPARATION OF OFFICERS, N. C. O's and MEN.

Care will be taken that Officers, N. C. O's and Privates are all separated from one another at once, and are not allowed to communicate with one another. Prisoners who have been interrogated should not be allowed to mix with those who have not yet been interrogated.

6. NOTIFICATION OF LOCALITY OF CAPTURE.

It is essential that when prisoners are sent back, information be sent with them which will show where they were captured. Information as to the battalion which made the capture is a useful indication.

7. ONLY A AUTHORISED PERSONS TO CONVERSE WITH PRISONERS.

It is most important that no Officer or N. C. O., except those duly authorised, be allowed to interrogate or converse with prisoners.

8. NOTIFICATION OF UNIT.

It should be pointed out to units that if it is possible to report the capture of prisoners from the front line, it should be possible to report the unit to which they belong by an inspection of their identity discs. This knowledge renders the information considerably more valuable.

9. EMPLOYMENT AT BATTALION HEADQUARTERS OF MEN WITH A KNOWLEDGE OF GERMAN

It is suggested that where possible C. O's of assaulting Battalions should arrange to have with them at Advanced Battalion Headquarters one or more men with a knowledge of German. These men could obtain possibly from some of the first prisoners brought in information regarding the enemy strength, positions of his machine guns, strong points, supports, reserves, information regarding the arrangements the enemy has made for counter attacks, and any other tactical information likely to be of immediate value to the assaulting troops.

10. PRISONERS OF WAR

Troops will be definitely instructed that in the event of capture they need only disclose their name and number.

ALL TROOPS WILL ASSIST IN SENDING IN PROMPTLY ALL CAPTURED DOCUMENTS, MAPS, PAPERS, and IDENTIFICATIONS.

Prisoners of War

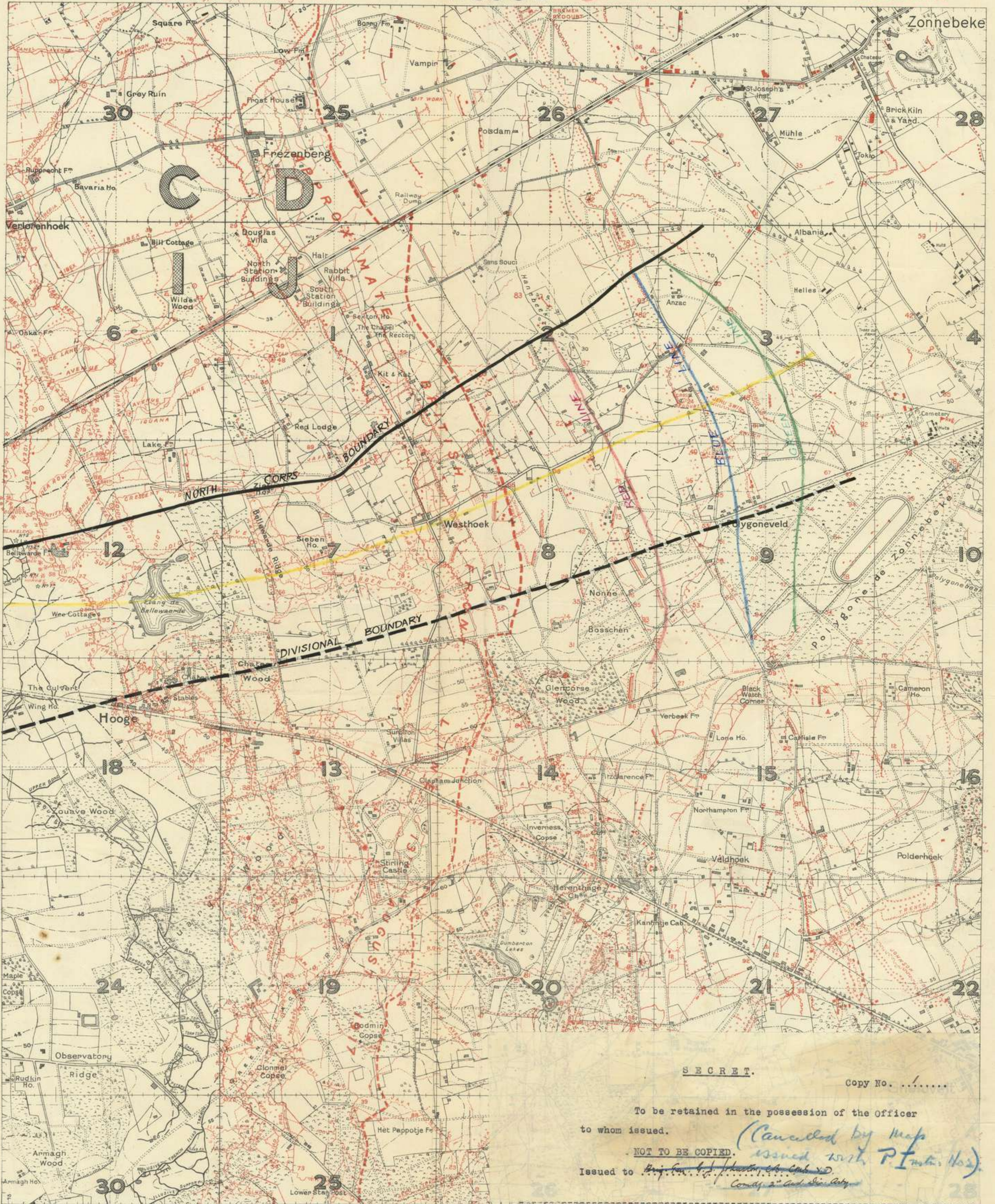
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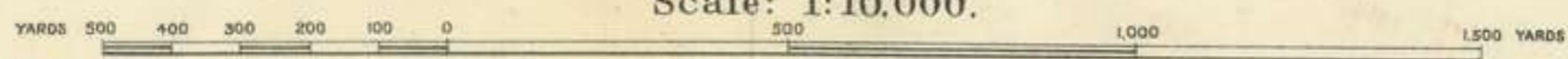
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GERMAN TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 13-8-17.

- Machine Gun  $\delta$
- Trench Mortar  $\odot$
- Ammunition Dump  $\triangle$
- Supply Dump  $\triangle$
- Listening Post  $\bullet$
- Observation Post  $\bullet$
- Buried Cable  $\bullet$

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
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CORRIGENDA to "PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS No 1"  
(G1/625, dated 9th Sept., 1917.)  
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Para. 4 ... BARRAGES (a) The barrage will commence to move forward at Zero plus 3 minutes (not 4 minutes).  
It will then advance 200 yards at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes (not 150 yards).  
(e) It will halt in front of the Blue Line for 2 hours (not 1½ hours).  
(f) Forward of the Blue Line it will advance at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes (not 10 minutes).

Para. 8 ... RESERVE BRIGADE.  
The 6th A.I. Brigade will be prepared in the first instance to take over the front line on the Divisional frontage. Brigade H.Q. in BIRR Cross Roads dugouts. The 5th and 7th A. I. Brigades will take over from the 6th A. I. Brigade in time to allow their troops 12 hours of daylight in the line before the operation takes place.  
Before the attack the 6th A. I. Brigade will move up into the locality of I.12.c. - Keeping Brigade H. Q. at BIRR Cross Roads.  
If this Brigade is required to move forward Advanced Brigade H. Q. will be established on WESTHOEK ridge (not BELLEWARDE Ridge).

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Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Second Australian Division.

2nd Aust D.H.Q.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
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HEADQUARTERS,  
2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION,  
(GENERAL STAFF.)  
G.8/79.

Headquarters,  
10th September 1917.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No. 38.

Subject:- ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

1. Bombing raids or other attacks by hostile aircraft will be reported to **DEYAL** headquarters by brigades, and unit commanders in the case of Divisional troops.

These reports will be sent in immediately the raid or attack occurs.

2. The reports should contain the following information:-

- (i) The time at which the attack took place.
- (ii) The locality.
- (iii) The approximate number of bombs.
- (iv) The number of machines.
- (v) The damage done.

3. The following notes regarding measures taken for A.A. Defence are forwarded for information:-

(i) The whole A.A. scheme in Second Army area is drawn up by Second Army G.S. with command delegated to O.C., A.A. Group, Second Army.

(ii) (a) The Army A.A. scheme provides <sup>army</sup> observers by day and by night on the entire front, with communications extending to the rear, through which all A.A. guns and the R.F.C. are warned when E.A. cross the line.

(b) By day, the reports of these observers include all E.A. machines seen working behind the German line.

(iii) A.A. guns have a range of 6,000 yards at 10,000 feet, and will engage all E.A. above 2,000 feet, but will not engage machines flying under that height.

4. Vickers and Lewis guns can engage E.A. up to a height of 3,000 feet, and it is the duty of all commanders to provide a scheme of A.A. defence by machine gun fire for their troops at all times wherever situated.

*W. Bridges*

Lieut-Colonel,  
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 GENERAL STAFF

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 135.

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11th September, 1917.

Reference Map: HAZEBROUCK 5a 1/100,000.  
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1. The 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery and units already in 1st Anzac Area) will move in accordance with attached March Table.
2. Details for Divisional Reinforcement Camp will move by brigades in rear of brigade columns, under the senior officer, direct to CAESTRE, where they will report to O.C. Divisional Reinforcement Camp.
3. Administrative Instructions are being issued separately by "Q".
4. Divisional Headquarters will close at RENESCURE at 9 a.m. on 12th instant and open at RENINGHELST at the same hour.
5. Acknowledge.

*G. H. Miles*  
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| 4        | O.C. 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Co.      | 17               | 1st Aust. Div.        |
| 5        | 22nd A.M.G. Co.                   | 18               | 4th " "               |
| 6        | 2nd Aust. Div. Train.             | 19               | 5th " "               |
| 7        | 2nd Aust. Div. Mob. Vet. Section. |                  |                       |
| 8        | Camp Commandant.                  | 20               | 47th Div.             |
| 9        | A.Q.                              | 21               | Area Comdt.           |
| 10       | A.D.M.S.                          |                  | STEENVOORDE           |
| 11       | D.A.D.O.S.                        | 22               | " CANAL.              |
| 12       | D.A.D.V.S.                        | 23               | " PIONEER.            |
| 13       | A.P.M.                            | 24               | " HALIFAX.            |
| 14       | D.B.O.                            | 25               | " DOMINION.           |
| 15       | D.G.O.                            | 26               | " RENESCURE.          |
|          |                                   | 27               | O.C. Div. Rfts. Coy   |
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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY SECOND AUSTRALIAN DISTRICT - ORDER No. 135

| UNIT.  | DATE.          | FROM.                | TO.                       | ROUTE.                                | REPORT FOR BILLETTS TO.                   | REMARKS.  |
|--|----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| 6th A.I.Bde (less )<br>6th M.G.Coy.)<br>6th Field Amb. )         | Sept.<br>12th. | RENESECURE<br>area.  | STEENVOORDE<br>area.      | STAPLE-HONDENHEM.<br>- St. SYLVESTRE. | Area Comdt.<br>STEENVOORDE.               | Pass road junction one<br>mile West of STAPLE at<br>8.0 a.m.        |
| 7th A.I.Bde.<br>7th Field Amb. )                                 | "              | "                    | "                         | "                                     | "   | Pass road junction one<br>mile West of STAPLE at<br>9.0 a.m.        |
| 5th A.I.Bde.<br>5th Field Amb.<br>2nd Aus. Mob.<br>Vet. Sect. )  | "              | "                    | "                         | "                                     | "   | Pass road junction one<br>mile West of STAPLE at<br>10.0 a.m.       |
| Div. Hd. Qrs.  | "              | "                    | RENINGHELST.              |                                       |   | Under orders of Camp<br>Commandant.                                 |
| 6th A.I.Bde.(less )<br>6th M.G.Coy.)<br>6th Field Amb. )         | Sept.<br>13th. | STEENVOORDE<br>area. | CANAL )<br>PIONEER) area. | ABEELE-RENINGHELST<br>- DICK EBUSCH   | Area Comdt.<br>CANAL and<br>PIONEER area. | Pass starting point 2 1/4<br>miles East of<br>STEENVOORDE at 7 a.m. |
| 7th A.I.Bde.<br>7th Field Amb. )                                 | "              | "                    | HALIFAX area.             | ABEELE -<br>RENINGHELST               | Area Comdt.<br>HALIFAX area.              | Pass starting point 2 1/4<br>miles East of<br>STEENVOORDE at 8 a.m. |
| 5th A.I.Bde.<br>5th Field Amb.<br>2nd Aust. Mob.<br>Vet. Sect. ) | "              | "                    | DOMINION<br>area.         | ABEELE and<br>HOPOUTRE.               | Area Comdt.<br>DOMINION<br>area.          | Pass starting point 2 1/4<br>miles East of<br>STEENVOORDE at 9 a.m. |

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
11th September, 1917.

O P E R A T I O N S .Preliminary Instructions No.2.BARRAGE.

1. Paragraph 4 (except last sub-para re machine guns) of Preliminary Instructions No. 1, dated 9th September, and the Corrigenda thereto, dated 10th September, are cancelled, and the following will be substituted :-

4. (i) The barrage will be put down 150 yards in front of the infantry line of departure at zero. Infantry will move up close under the barrage at zero and the barrage will not move forward until zero plus 3 minutes. At zero plus 3 minutes the barrage will advance for 200 yards at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes.

(ii) Thereafter and up to the RED LINE the barrage will advance at the rate of 100 yards in 6 minutes.

(iii) The barrage will halt in front of the RED LINE for three quarters of an hour.

(iv) Thereafter and up to the BLUE LINE the barrage will move forward at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes.

(v) In front of the BLUE LINE the barrage will halt for 2 hours.

(vi) From the BLUE LINE forward the barrage will move at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes.

(vii) The final protective barrage will be put down 200 yards in advance of the GREEN LINE.

(viii) The protective barrages on the RED, BLUE, and GREEN LINES respectively will contain a proportion of smoke to indicate to the troops that the several objectives have been reached.

MACHINE GUNS.

2. (a) Preliminary Machine Gun Instructions No. 1 have been issued separately.

(b) The POLYGONNE ROAD from POLYGONNEFIELD north-eastward will not be subjected to harassing fire until orders are issued to do so.

(c) As the 6th Aust. M.G. Co. is to be employed on barrage work it will not be available for the defence of the line before the operations. Should the 3th A.I. Bde. take over the defence of the front in the first instance one section from each of the 5th and 7th M.G. Companies will be attached to this Brigade to provide the defensive guns. These sections will be employed in the sectors which will be taken over by their respective brigades and will rejoin their brigades on the latter going into the line.

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HEADQUARTERS.

3. The Headquarters of the two forward brigades of the 1st Australian Division are being constructed at I.18.b.2.3.

FORWARD ROUTES.

4. For the movement of troops immediately prior to the attack day the following routes have been allotted to the Division:

- (a) WARRINGTON Road as far east as its junction with the WYTSCHAETE - YPRES Road.
- (b) LILLE GATE - MENIN ROAD.
- (c) YPRES - MENIN ROAD.
- (d) CAMBRIDGE ROAD - GORDON HO.

Other sleeper and duckboard tracks towards the front are being constructed.

OBJECTIVES.

5. Paragraph 3. of Preliminary Instructions No 1, dated 9th September, is cancelled and the following will be substituted -

3. There will be three stages in the operation - each stage forming an objective.

(a) The Red Line.

Objective. - The capture of <sup>the old dump</sup> ~~the old dump~~ positions in J.8.b - North of MONNE BOSSCHEN - J.8.b.2.7 - J.2.d.45.10 - northwards to J.2.central

(b) The Blue Line.

Objective. - The capture of the line J.9.a.68.0.0. - J.9.a.68.35. - J.3.c.53.00 - east side of ALBERT and IRON CROSS REDOUBTS - J.3.c.42.84 - east side of ANZAC HC. - J.3.a.10.73.

(c) The Green Line.

Objective. - Road and edge of wood at J.9.b.2.6 - J.3.d.2.0 - J.3.d.0.6 - J.3.a.75.20 - J.3.a.5.5. - J.3.a.2.8.

The objectives of the 1st Australian Division are also shown on the attached map which will be substituted for that forwarded with Preliminary Instructions No 1.

The 9th Division on the left will capture ZONNEBEKE REDOUBT.

Troops will consolidate on the GREEN LINE under cover of the barrage. Subsequently the barrage will be moved forward when outposts will be established.

AREAS.

6. The area east of the canal will be known as the "Forward Divisional Area".

Nos 1 (CANAL) and 3 (PIONEER) Areas will be the Divisional Support Area.

No 5 (HALIFAX) Area will be the Divisional Reserve Area.

*W. H. ...*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff, 2nd Australian Division.

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HEADQUARTERS.

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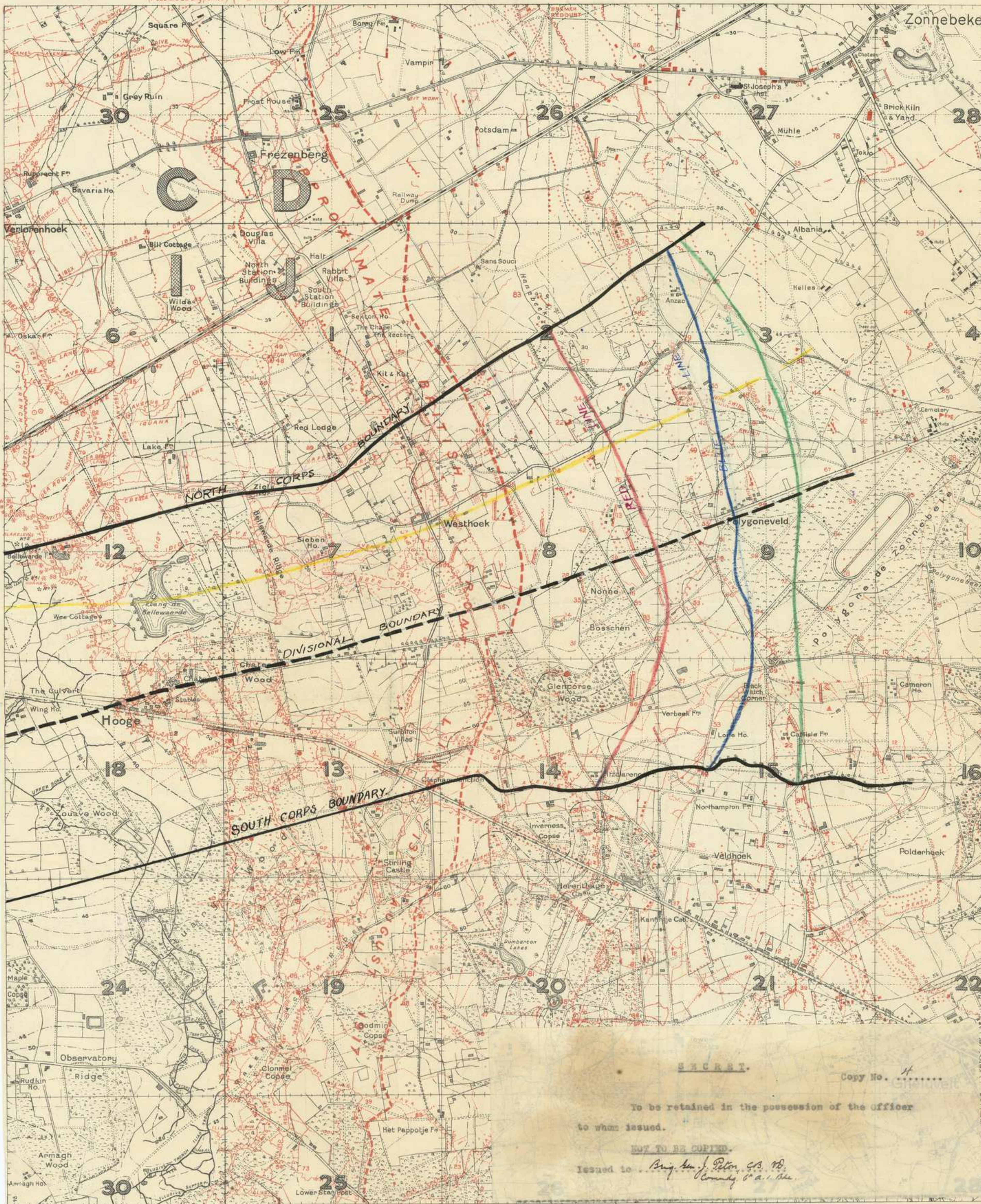
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- Machine Gun
- Trench Mortar
- Ammunition Dump
- Supply Dump
- Listening Post
- Observation Post
- Buried Cable

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

HEADQUARTERS, 2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION (GENERAL STAFF) Copy No. .... G.1/631.

Divisional Headquarters, 11th September, 1917.

O P E R A T I O N S.

Machine Gun Instructions No. 1.

CORPS and DIV'L FRONTS.

1. The Corps front has been divided into two Divisional Sectors - First Australian Division on the right, Second Australian Division on the left. The boundary between Divisions is shown on attached tracing. (not attached)

GUNS AVAIL-ABLE.

2. The number of guns available on the Divisional front will be 80, made up as follows:-

|           |      |      |      |       |               |        |
|-----------|------|------|------|-------|---------------|--------|
| Company - | 5th. | 6th. | 7th. | 22nd. | 5th Aust.Div. | TOTAL. |
| Guns      | 16   | 16   | 16   | 16    | 16            | 80     |

A number of guns are also held in reserve by the Corps.

HOW GUNS ARE ALLOTTED.

|    |                  |   |    |         |
|----|------------------|---|----|---------|
| 3. | S.O.S. barrage   | - | 24 | } = 80. |
|    | Creeping barrage | - | 24 |         |
|    | Special targets  | - | 4  |         |
|    | Mobile Guns.     | - | 28 |         |

ORGANIS-ATION of BATTERIES and GROUPS.

4. The barrage guns will be formed into batteries of 8 guns, and will receive a distinguishing letter for each battery; the batteries on the Divisional front will again be formed into groups, and will be known as "S.O.S. Group," and "Creeping Barrage Group" respectively.

DISTRIBUT-ION of GUNS.

| 5. | Group.            | Battery. | Guns and Company. | Remarks.  |
|----|-------------------|----------|-------------------|---|
|    | S.O.S. Letter     |          | 16                | will be allotted later.   |
|    |                   |          | 22nd Coy.         |   |
|    | "                 | "        | 8                 | A supply of spare parts will be sent to the 6th Coy.  |
|    |                   |          | 6th Coy.          |   |
|    | Creeping Barrage. | "        | 8                 | Position of these guns and officers in command of them.   |
|    | "                 | "        | 6th Coy.          |   |
|    |                   |          | 16                | D.M.G.O. 2nd Division will consult with D.M.G.O., 5th Division as to the allotment of these guns and officers in command of them. |
|    |                   |          | 5th Aus.Div.      |   |
|    | Special Targets.  | --       | 4                 | No more than 4 kept at the 7th Coy. cover close by.   |
|    |                   |          | 7th Coy.          |   |
|    | Mobile.           | --       | 16                | No more than 12 kept at the 7th Coy.  |
|    |                   |          | 5th Coy.          |   |
|    | "                 | --       | 12                | No more than 12 kept at the 7th Coy.  |
|    |                   |          | 7th Coy.          |   |

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COMMANDERS  
of GROUPS  
and  
BATTERIES.

6. Officers commanding 22nd and 5th Companies will command the "S.O.S." and "Creeping Barrage" Groups respectively, and will detail battery commanders and other officers as required, in proportion to the number of guns supplied by the respective companies.

O.C., 7th Company, will detail one section officer to command the special target guns.

MOBILE  
GUNS.

7. Those machine guns designated as Mobile Guns will be at the disposal of Brigadiers of 5th and 7th Infantry Brigades respectively, subject to the necessity that may arise to allot them to special duties for period prior to Zero hour.

DETAILED  
ACTION of  
BARRAGE and  
SPECIAL  
TARGET GUNS.

8. For outline action of batteries, etc., see tracing attached. The gun positions shown are approximate only and on complete reconnaissance by Group Commanders, may be varied subject to the duty laid down being fulfilled.

Group Commanders will at once detail their battery and section commanders and in conjunction with them will make final reconnaissance and fix actual battery and gun positions. The map location of directing gun, with frontage in yards occupied by each battery, will be communicated to D.M.G.O. at the earliest possible moment.

The final plans and instructions from which fighting maps and M. G. Battery Orders for S.O.S. barrage, Creeping barrage, and special target guns will be prepared, will be issued after the exact battery positions have been sited and the Artillery programme finally settled.

HARRASSING  
FIRE.

9. Harrassing fire until attack day will be carried out by guns of 47th Division and 5th Australian Division, under arrangements to be made by the Corps M. G. Officer.

S. A.  
AMMUNITION  
and BOMBS.

10. Group Commanders will ensure that 200,000 rounds of S.A.A. suitable for machine guns are dumped in the vicinity of each battery position before day of attack.

Suitable marks:- R., K.N., R., R.L.,

A supply of bombs will also be arranged for in the case of forward guns.

DUMPS,  
positions

11. Position of Brigade Ammunition dumps, dumps for spare parts, barrels, etc., will be notified later.

COVER FOR  
PERSONNEL  
and GUNS

12. Shell slits or other suitable cover must be provided for the guns and personnel serving them. Splinter proofs for belt filling and slits or other cover for the spare numbers.

ARRANGEMENT  
of PERSONNEL.

13. No more men than are actually required should be kept at the guns, the remainder in small parties under cover close by.

P.T.O.



Distribution of Machine Gun Instructions No. 1.

| <u>Copy No.</u> | <u>To.</u>          |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1               | 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. |

COMMUNICATIONS.

14. Telephone communication will be established between batteries and groups; also from Group Commanders to Brigade Headquarters and D.M.G.O.

A system of runners must be maintained in addition to above, and visual signalling by Shutter or Lucas lamps between batteries and Group Commanders.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*M. Bridges*

Lieut. Colonel.  
General Staff.

Second Australian Division.

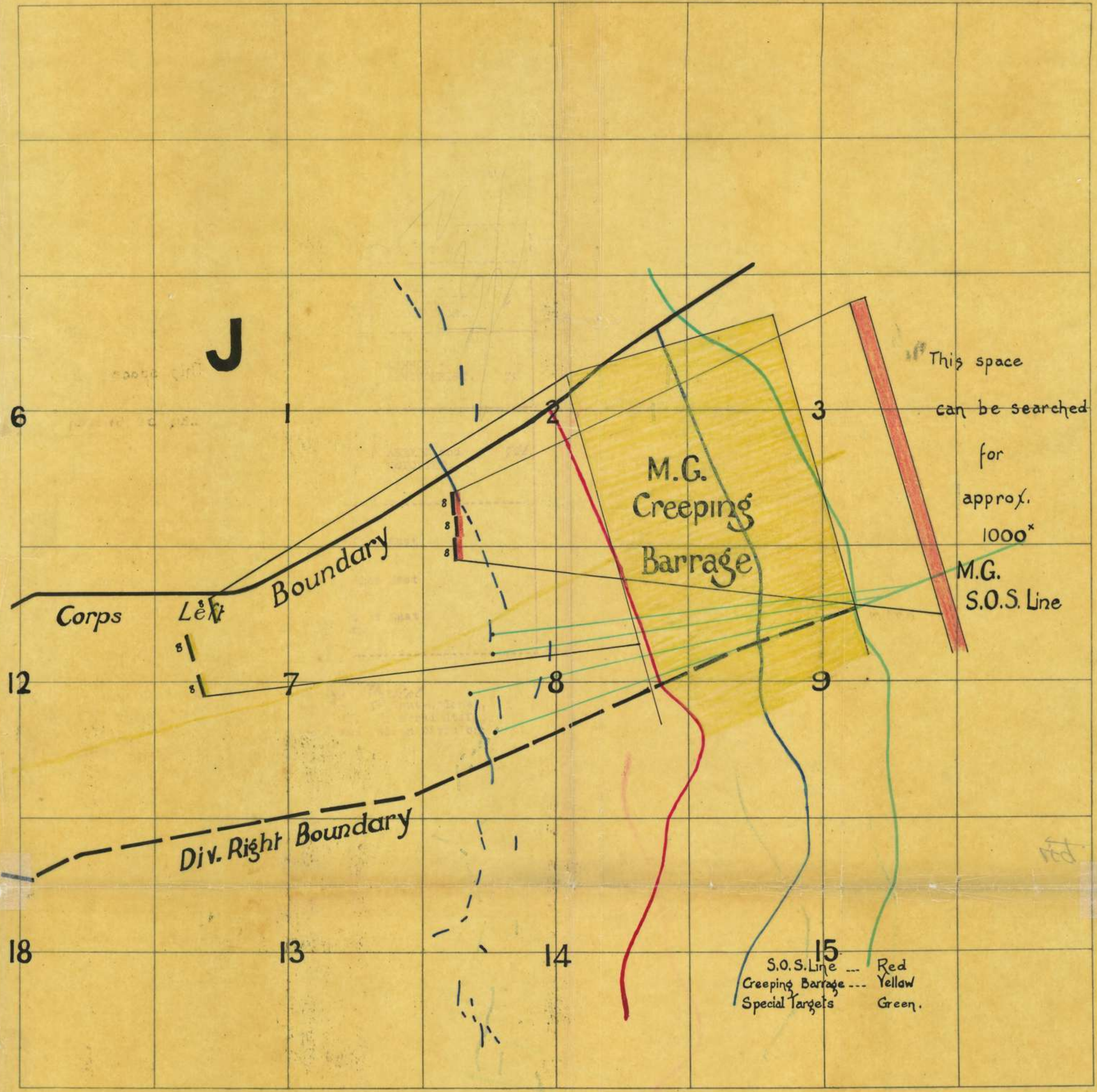
DISTRIBUTION.

| <u>Copy No.</u> | <u>To.</u>      |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1-2             | 5th A.I. Bde.   |
| 3-4             | 6th "           |
| 5-6             | 7th "           |
| 7               | 22nd A.M.G. Co. |

For information.

|       |                           |
|-------|---------------------------|
| 8     | 1st Anzac Corps.          |
| 9     | C.M.G.O. 1st Anzac Corps. |
| 10    | D.M.G.O. 1st Aust. Div.   |
| 11    | D.M.G.O. 2nd " "          |
| 12    | D.M.G.O. 4th " "          |
| 13    | D.M.G.O. 5th " "          |
| 14    | 47th Div.                 |
| 15    | C.R.A. 26 - 9th Div.      |
| 16    | A.Q.                      |
| 17    | D.B.O.                    |
| 18-20 | War Diary.                |
| 21    | File.                     |
| 22-25 | Spare.                    |

Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.



NOTE.—(1). These traces are intended to facilitate the communication of information as to the position of targets, which have been located on a squared map.  
 (2). The squares on this trace are 800 yards in length on the 1/10,000 scale, 1,000 yards in length on the 1/20,000 scale, and 2,000 yards in length on the 1/40,000 scale.  
 (3). The squares on the trace are fitted to the squares of the map showing the targets, which are then drawn on the trace. Sufficient letters and numbers must also be added to enable the recipient to place the trace in the correct position on his own map. A little detail may also be traced, but this is not essential. The name and scale of the map to which the trace refers must be always given. The trace can be used for the 1/10,000, 1/20,000, or 1/40,000 scale.

G.S.G.S. 3023.

Tracing taken from Sheet Hooge  
 of the 1: 10,000 map of  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

APP VIII

## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SECRET.

Copy No. 37

Divisional Headquarters,  
12th September, 1917.Amendment to Second Australian Division Order No. 135.

Cancel March table for the 13th September and substitute the following:-

| UNIT.   | Date.          | FROM.  | TO.                      | ROUTE.  |
|---|----------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| 5th A.I.Bde.<br>5th Field Amb.  | Sept.<br>13th. | STEENVOORDE.<br>Area.  | CANAL<br>PICNEER } Area. | ABEELE -<br>REMINGHEIJST<br>DICKERBUSCH.    ∅ |
| 7th A.I.Bde.<br>7th Field Amb.  | "              | "  | HALIFAX<br>Area.         | ABEELE -<br>REMINCHEIJST.    ∅∅               |
| 6th A.I.Bde (less<br>6th M.G.Coy.).<br>6th Field Amb.<br>2nd Aust. Mob.<br>Vet. Sect. | "              | "  | DOMINION<br>Area.        | ABEELE and<br>HOPOUTRE.    ∅∅∅                |
| <u>REMARKS.</u>   | ∅.             | Pass starting point 2½ miles East<br>of STEENVOORDE at 7.30 a.m. |                          |   |
|   | ∅∅.            | Pass starting point 2½ miles East<br>of STEENVOORDE at 8.45 a.m. |                          |   |
|   | ∅∅∅.           | Pass starting point 2½ miles East<br>of STEENVOORDE at 10.0 a.m. |                          |   |

Acknowledge.

*W. H. H. Col.*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Second Australian Division.

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Ref Map. SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. G.320.  
Sht.28

Location of Units at 8 a.m. 14th Sepr 1917.

|                              |   |                  |                                 |
|------------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>Div H.Q.</u>              | - | RENINGHELST.     |                                 |
| <u>Div Art H.Q.</u>          | - | SCOTTISH LINES.  | G.23.a.8.1. Under 47th Div.     |
| 4th A.F.A.Bde.               | - | I.14.b.1.6.      | "                               |
| 5th -do-                     | - | G.18.c.          | "                               |
| D.T.M.O.                     | - | H.13.a.0.5.      | "                               |
| 2nd A.D.A.C.                 | - | G.18.c.6.8.      | "                               |
| <u>5th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.</u> | - | H.23.b.3.8.      | CANAL AREA.                     |
| 17th Bn.                     | - | H.24.a.2.9.      |                                 |
| 18th Bn.                     | - | H.17.a.8.2.      |                                 |
| 19th Bn.                     | - | H.22.c.central.  |                                 |
| 20th Bn.                     | - | H.26.b.7.7.      |                                 |
| 5th A.M.G.Coy.               | - | H.22.c.65.50.    |                                 |
| 5th A.L.T.M.Bty-             | - | do               |                                 |
| <u>6th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.</u> | - | G.22.b.4.3.      | DOMINION AREA.                  |
| 21st Bn.                     | - | DOMINION CAMP.   | G.23.b.central.                 |
| 22nd Bn.                     | - | do               | G.23.d.1.8.                     |
| 23rd Bn.                     | - | MIDDLESEX CAMP.  | G.17.d.3.3.                     |
| 24th Bn.                     | - | DEVONSHIRE CAMP. | G.22.b.8.7.                     |
| 6th A.M.G.Coy.               | - | H.23.d.9.1.      |                                 |
| 6th A.L.T.M.Bty.             | - | SCOTTISH LINES.  | G.26.b.3.6.                     |
| <u>8th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.</u> | - | WINNIPEG CAMP.   | H.14.c. HALIFAX AREA            |
| 25th Bn.                     | - | do               | "                               |
| 26th Bn.                     | - | VANCOUVER CAMP.  | "                               |
| 27th Bn.                     | - | MONTREAL CAMP.   | "                               |
| 28th Bn.                     | - | HALIFAX CAMP.    | "                               |
| 7th A.M.G.Coy.               | - | do               | "                               |
| 7th A.L.T.M.Bty-             | - | VANCOUVER CAMP.  | "                               |
| 2nd Aust Pioneer Bn.         | - | I.19.c.3.7.      |                                 |
| 22nd Aust M.G.Coy.           | - | H.23.b.3.8.      |                                 |
| <u>A.D.M.S.</u>              | - | RENINGHELST.     |                                 |
| 5th A.Fld Amblce.            | - | H.24.a.4.9.      |                                 |
| 6th do                       | - | DOMINION CAMP.   | G.34.b.                         |
| 7th do                       | - | HALIFAX CAMP.    | H.13.d.9.3.                     |
| <u>C.R.E.</u>                | - | H.18.c.8.2.      |                                 |
| 5th A.Fld Coy.               | - | H.21.b.2.2.      |                                 |
| 6th do                       | - | H.29.b.2.5.      |                                 |
| 7th do                       | - | H.21.b.3.2.      |                                 |
| Salvage Coy.                 | - | H.22.a.5.9.      |                                 |
| <u>Div Train.</u>            | - | M.5.c.3.7.       | moving to G.19.b.7.7. at 10 1/2 |
| 15th A.A.S.C.                | - | G.19.b.7.7.      |                                 |
| 16th do                      | - | G.26.a.1.9.      |                                 |
| 17th do                      | - | G.19.b.7.7.      |                                 |
| 20th do                      | - | M.5.c.3.7.       | moving to G.26.a.1.9. at 10 1/2 |
| D.A.D.O.S.                   | - | G.16.c.5.0.      | BUSSEBOOM.                      |
| Div Bomb Off.                | - | "K" Dump.        | H.23.a.2.3.                     |
| Mob Vet Sect.                | - | G.24.c.0.5.      |                                 |
| Field Cashier.               | - | RENINGHELST.     |                                 |
| Div Gas Off.                 | - | do               |                                 |
| D.A.D.V.S.                   | - | do               |                                 |
| D.M.G.O.                     | - | CHATEAU BELGE.   | H.23.b.6.0.                     |
| 2nd A.D.S.C.                 | - | L.33.c.2.6.      | (Sheet 27)                      |
| 2nd Aust Div Reinfnt Camp.   | - | CAESTRE.         |                                 |
| Div Musk Off.                | - | CAESTRE.         | (Div Reinfnt Camp)              |

TO BE DESTROYED ON RECEIPT OF A LATER ISSUE.

*G. Williams*  
Lieut Colonel.  
General Staff.  
2nd Aust Div.

App X  
SECRET.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No.136.

Copy No. 23

14th September, 1917.

Reference Map: Sheets 28 N.W. and N.E. 1/20,000  
Sheet HOOGE 1/10,000

1. The Second Australian Division (less Art.) will relieve the 47th Division in the left sector of the line now held by that Division between 16th and 18th September.  
The 141st Brigade is now holding this sector.

RESERVE BDE.

2. From 6.0 a.m. on 16th September the 5th Australian Inf. Brigade is detailed as Reserve Brigade under the command of the G.O.C. 47th Division.

BOUNDARIES.

3. The boundaries of the sector to be taken over are as follows:-  
On the South (between 2nd and 1st Australian Div.) J.8.c.5.5 - J.7.d.9.3 - North of HOOGE CRATER to I.17.c.1.2 - North of HALFWAY HOUSE to Y.18.d.30.25 - South side of WARRINGTON ROAD to I.20.b.0.9 to SHRAPNEL CORNER - along north side of road through I.19.d.3.3 to J.19.c.6.0 - I.19.c.0.0 - I.19.a.00.0.8 thence along co-ordinate lines to H.23.a.0.0 - H.23.c.0.0 - H.21.c.0.0 - H.21.a.0.0 - along north side of road to H.26.a.00.85.  
On the North (Between 2nd Australian Div. and 89th Division) as already notified in G.1/634, dated 11:9:17 (To C.R.A., C.R.E., and each Brigade).

METHOD OF RELIEF.

4. The 141st Brigade will be relieved as follows:-  
The G.O.C., 6th A. I. Brigade with one Battalion of his Brigade will take over the front line posts and support line on WESTHOEK RIDGE.  
Three Battalions - one from the 5th and two placed from the 7th A. I. Brigades will be under the orders of the G.O.C., 6th A. I. Brigade. Two of these - one of 5th and one of 7th - will be disposed in depth as supporting battalions on and behind BELLEWARDE RIDGE back to YPRES. The second battalion of the 7th Brigade will be in YPRES as Brigade Reserve.

The 5th and 7th A. I. Brigades will each detail one section of their M. G. Coy. to provide mobile guns for the 6th A. I. Brigade while the 3th M. G. Coy. is employed on Barrage and S.O.S. duty.

COMMAND.

5. The relief will be carried out in accordance with the attached table.  
Subject to the terms of this order the relief will be carried out by the G.O.C. 6th A. I. Bde. in direct arrangement with the G.O.C. 141st Brigade and will be completed as regards the front line by 6am. on 17th September, and as regards the BELLEWARDE RIDGE and YPRES troops by 6 a.m. on 18th September.

*[Handwritten signature]*

P. T. O.

The G.O.C., 6th A. I. Bde. will take over command of all troops in the Divisional area in and forward of YPRES as soon as the relief of the front and support line troops on WESTHOEK RIDGE is complete. The G.O.C., 141st Brigade will however leave a Staff Officer with the 6th Brigade as long as any of his troops remain in this area.

G.O.C. 6th Brigade to report to both 47th and Second Australian Divisions as soon as he assumes command.

DISTANCES. 6.

During movements the following distances will be maintained:-

- 500 yards between Battalions and other units.
- 200 yards between transport of units, horsed units and other troops.
- 100 yards between Companies.

ARTILLERY. 7.

The Divisional front will be covered at 10am. on 16th September by the Second Australian Division Artillery, "D" Group with H.Q. at I.14.b.1.6. and 4th Australian Division Artillery, "C" Group with H.Q. at I.14.b.1.6.. "C" Group covers the Right half, and "D" Group the Left half of the Divisional front.

MACHINE GUNS. 8.

S.O.S.

The D.M.G.O. will arrange to emplace 12 Machine Guns for the S.O.S. barrage on the Divisional front on the night of the 16th/17th September.

ENGINEERS. 9.

Engineer and Pioneer units will be relieved by 6 a.m. on 16th September under instructions to be issued by the C. E., First ANZAC Corps.

MEDICAL. 10.

Field Ambulances will be relieved under instructions to be issued by the D.D.M.S., First ANZAC Corps.

DEFENCE 11.

SCHEMES,  
PLANS. &c.

Defence schemes, plans, and details of works policy, also photos, information re No-man's-land, enemy, etc., will be taken over by the 6th Brigade from the 141st Brigade.

The 5th and 7th Brigades will be given facilities to see these documents and where duplicates exist copies will be passed to each as soon after 17th instant as possible.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

Separate administrative instructions will be issued by "Q" Branch of the Division.

DIVISIONAL  
HEADQUARTERS. 13.

The G.O.C., Second Australian Division, will take over from the G.O.C., 47th Division the command of the Divisional area at 10 a.m. on 18th September when Advanced Divisional Headquarters will be opened and occupied at H.21.d.6.2. and Rear H.Q. at Horse Shoe Camp G.26.a.9.1.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*M. Bridges*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Second Australian Division.

RELIEF TABLE.

SECRET.

To accompany 2nd Australian Division Order No 136.

| Date.          | Unit                        | From                   | To                      | Route                                  | Remarks  |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Sept.<br>16/17 | 1 Bn 6th A. I. Bde.         | DOMINION AREA          | LINE.                   | By bus to YPRES,<br>thence march.      | Relief to be complete by 6 a.m.  |
|                | A Bn. 14 <sup>th</sup> Bde. | LINE.                  | DOMINION AREA.          | By bus from YPRES.                     |  |
|                | B Bn do                     | LINE.                  | YPRES (Esplanade Saps)  | March.                                 |  |
| 17th           | 1 Bn 7th A. I. Bde.         | HALIFAX AREA.          | YPRES (Ramparts)        | March via KRUIS-STRAAT and LILLE GATE. | Comes under orders of G. O. C. 6th A. I. Bde. Time of relief as arranged by GOSC 141st and 6th A. I. Bde.              |
|                | D. Bn 141st Bde.            | YPRES (Ramparts)       | HALIFAX AREA            | March.                                 |  |
|                | 1/2 Bn 5th A. I. Bde.       | CANAL & PIONEER AREA)  | YPRES. (Esplanade Saps) | Shortest route.                        |  |
|                | 1/2 Bn 7th do               | HALIFAX AREA           |                         |  |  |
|                | B Bn 141st Bde.             | YPRES (Esplanade Sps.) | HALIFAX AREA            |  |  |
| 17/18          | 1/2 Bn 6th A. I. Bde.       | CANAL PIONEER AREA. )  | BELLEWARDE RIDGE        | March.                                 | Relief to be complete by 6 a.m. Relieving 1 Bn 5th A. I. Bde gone forward.   |
|                | 1/2 Bn 7th do.              | HALIFAX AREA. )        |                         |  |  |
|                | C Bn 141st Bde.             | BELLEWARDE RIDGE.      | CANAL & PIONEER AREA    | March                                  |  |
| 18th           | C Bn 141st Bde.             | CANAL & PIONEER AREA   | STEENVOORDE             | Bus.                                   | Start 11 a.m. Not to arrive before 12 noon Starts 11 a.m. To be clear of HALIFAX by 1 p.m. Not to arrive before 3 p.m. |
|                | J Bn 7th A. I. Bde.         | HALIFAX AREA.          | CANAL & PIONEER AREA    | March shortest route.                  |  |
|                | B Bn 141st Bde.             | HALIFAX AREA           | STEENVOORDE             | Bus                                    |  |
|                | D Bn 141st do               | do                     | do                      | March.                                 |  |
|                | 3 Bns 6th A. I. Bde         | DOMINION AREA.         | HALIFAX AREA.           | March shortest route.                  |  |

Appendix No. 10

Second Australian Division Order No 136.

DISTRIBUTION.

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1.              | C.R.E.                        |
| 2.              | 5th Aust Inf Bde.             |
| 3.              | 6th -do-                      |
| 4.              | 7th -do-                      |
| 5.              | 2nd Aust Div Sig Coy.         |
| 6.              | 2nd Aust Pioneer Bn.          |
| 7.              | 22nd Aust H.G. Coy.           |
| 8.              | 2nd Aust Div Train.           |
| 9.              | 2nd Aust Div Mob Vet Section. |
| 10.             | Camp Commandant.              |
| 11.             | A.G.                          |
| 12.             | A.D.M.S.                      |
| 13.             | D.M.C.O.                      |
| 14.             | D.A.D.C.S.                    |
| 15.             | D.A.D.V.S.                    |
| 16.             | A.P.M.                        |
| 17.             | D.B.O.                        |
| 18.             | D.G.O.                        |

For information to

|        |                                 |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| 19.    | 1st Anzac Corps.G.              |
| 20.    | -do- Q                          |
| 21.    | 1st Aust Div.                   |
| 22.    | 4th Aust Div.                   |
| 23.    | 5th Aust Div.                   |
| 24.    | 9th Division.                   |
| 25-26. | 47th Division                   |
| 27.    | CANAL & PIONEER Area Comdt.     |
| 28.    | HALIFAX do                      |
| 29.    | DOMINION do                     |
| 30.    | O.C. 2nd Aust Div Reinf't Camp. |
| 31.    | G.O.C.                          |
| 32.    | C.R.A.                          |
| 33-35. | War Diary.                      |
| 36-37. | File.                           |
| 38-41. | Spare.                          |



App. XI

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
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HEADQUARTERS  
S E C R E T.  
 (GENERAL STAFF)  
 Copy No. ....  
G.37/405.

Divisional Headquarters,  
 14th September, 1917.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No. 39.S.O.S., Signals.

1. From midday on Monday, 17th September, a new Second Army S.O.S. Signal will be taken into use, viz:-

Rifle Grenade Signal - Parachute with three  
 coloured lights -

RED over GREEN over YELLOW.

2. All present S.O.S. Signals (i.e., 1½" Parachute) will be collected for return after the 17th instant. Those of the First Australian Division will be handed over to the Second Australian Division, who will then advise "K" Corps Ammunition Park where to collect.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. H. ...*  
 Lieutenant-Colonel,  
 General Staff,  
 Second Australian Division.

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| 3.              | 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. |
| 4.              | 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.      |
| 5.              | 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.      |
| 6.              | 7th Aust. Inf. Bde.      |
| 7.              | 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.    |
| 8.              | 22nd Aust. M. G. Coy.    |
| 9.              | D. B. O.                 |
| 10.             | A. Q.                    |
| 11 - 13.        | War Diary.               |
| 14 - 15.        | File.                    |
| 16 - 20.        | Spare.                   |

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SECRET

HEADQUARTERS,  
2ND  
DIVISION.  
(GENERAL STAFF.)

Copy No. ....

G.1/642.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS - No. 1.

D.H.Q. Horse Shoe Camp G.28.a. - North of RENINGHELST.  
Adv. D.H.Q. - H.21.d. - North of DICKEBUSCH.  
Bde. H.Q. - 5th and 7th Bdes. - will be in dugouts I.12.c.3.5.  
Left Adv. Bds. H.Q. will be } at J.7.d.9.8. approx.  
Right " " " " } at J.7.d.9.8. approx.

Means of Communication - Before ZERO Day.

CABLE. In the Advanced Divisional Area a main forward bury of 28 pairs exists. This bury starts from YPRES Ramparts, passes through Brigade Headquarters at I.12.c.3.5. and leads to J.7.d.9.8. approximately, turning N. to Adv Left Bde.

Allotment of lines up to Bde. Hd.Qrs. 10 pairs.  
From Bde. Hd.Qrs. to Adv. Bde. Hd.Qrs. ... 5 pairs.

|                          |   |                                  |          |     |
|--------------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------|-----|
| Pairs will be allotted - | { | From Division to Arty. Groups    | 12 pairs | - 4 |
|                          |   | " " " each Bde.                  | .. 2 "   | - 6 |
|                          |   | " Brigades " Battalions          | 3 "      | - 6 |
|                          |   | " " " Cable head                 | 1 pair   | - 1 |
|                          |   | " Arty. Groups to Bdes. & Batts. | 2 pairs  | - 4 |
|                          |   | Brigade spares                   | 1 pair   | - 1 |

VISUAL. Divisional receiving and transmitting station will be established at I.14.b.2.9. - YPRES Ramparts, working to a receiving and transmitting station at Brigade Headquarters I.12.c.3.5. From the latter station, receiving and transmitting will be effected to Signal station at J.7.a.3.2, and will receive "DD" only from Left Advanced Brigade Headquarters at J.1.d.6.2.

The station at J.7.a.3.2 will receive "DD" only, from both Advanced Brigade Headquarters.

Personnel at Divisional station will be provided by Signal Company.

Brigade Signal Officers will detail one N. C. O. and 6 Signallers to man visual stations at I.12.c.3.5; one N. C. O. and 8 Signallers to man the stations at J.7.a.3.2. BELLEWARDE Ridge. Also personnel of one N. C. O. and 6 Signallers for Left and Right Brigade Headquarters respectively.

Lamps will be supplied for stations at I.12.c.3.5 and J.7.a.3.2 by Signal Company, remainder by Brigade Signal Sections.

All stations to be supplied with two lamps and necessary spare parts.

VISUAL to AEROPLANES.

Lisison apparatus will be taken to forward stations. Units will not use apparatus unless other communication is cut off.

RUNNERS.

From Advanced D. H. Q. to D. H. Q. relay station, BIRR CROSS ROADS a motor-cycle service will be established. From this point to Brigade Headquarters, service will be by runner, under Headquarters Signal Company supervision.

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P. T. O.

From Brigade Headquarters to Advanced Brigade Headquarters Service will also be by runner.

The Brigade runner route will split at J.7.a.3.2. branching to Left and Right Advanced Brigade Headquarters respectively. A Runner relay station will be established at J.7.a.3.2. Runner D.R.L.S. from Brigade Headquarters, forward, will be under the supervision of Brigade Section Signalling Officers.

PIGEONS.

32 birds per day, (16) per Brigade will be available before ZERO day. Collecting Point is at Relay Station at BIRR CROSS ROADS. Brigade Section Officers will draw birds and make their own arrangements for distribution.

WIRELESS.

Corps forward Station will be at YPRES Ramparts I.14.b.2.9. Divisional Station at I.12.c.3.5.

AMPLIFIER CONDUCTION SERVICE.

- Service all up and down working.
- No. 1 Station at Brigade Headquarters I.12.c.3.5.
- No. 2 Transmitting Station at J.7.a.3.2.
- No. 3 Station Right Advanced Brigade Headquarters J.7.d.9.8.
- No. 4 Station Left Advanced Brigade Headquarters J.1.d.6.2.

Power Buzzer operators to be supplied by Brigade Sections. Amplifier operators to be supplied by Headquarters Signal Coy. Telegraph Operators of Brigade Signal Sections to be used for amplifier operating if necessary. The Signal Officers of each Brigade in the line will each arrange for a permanent carrying party consisting of one N. C. O. and 6 other ranks for conveying accumulators from BIRR CROSS ROADS forward, and returning spent accumulators each day.

Divisional Wireless Officer will arrange for the splitting up of his carrying party at the various stations, for the conveyance of discharged and charged accumulators from front to rear and vice versa.

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SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS - No. 2.

ZERO DAY.

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Para. 1. MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.

1. Cable.
2. Visual.
3. Visual to Aeroplane.
4. Motor D.R. and runner.
5. Amplifier Conduction.
6. Pigeons.
7. Wireless.

CABLE

Ex Adv. H. H. H.

RIGHT ROUTE

The details of the above mentioned communications will be detailed later.

Para. 2. Great reliance is placed on earth conduction as a means of getting through a barrage which cuts cables, and blocks visual signals.

Signalling by means of Power Buzzers, caused by leakage from earth return circuits.

It is forbidden therefore to lay on any earth return circuits.

Para. 3. Each Brigade forward station is responsible for laying metallic circuits to next Brigade forward station on its "Right".

All units will observe the above principles. They will in first instance, open communication with the corresponding unit on their immediate "Right". This, however, will in no way relieve them of their responsibility of opening up communication with the corresponding unit on the left, should that unit fail to establish communication.

Para. 4. Units passing through or relieving another unit will use the Headquarters of the unit passed through, or relieved.

Any non-unit stores such as Pigeons, Power buzzers, amplifiers, will be handed over to passing through, or relieving unit.

Reliefs of runners, linemen, etc. will be arranged at the same time.

Para. 5. (a) Units will take into use their secret code calls (which will be issued) as soon as they leave the office to which they have been allotted.

(b) Station calls of forward stations will be the same as those of Brigade and Battalion Headquarters preceded by the letter "A".

Para. 6. For some time, it is considered that it will not be possible to maintain more than 2 cables across German's Land (1 for artillery and 1 for infantry).

VISUAL

(a) All messages must be curtailed to the minimum. (b) Telephone conversation, for purposes of communication, is forbidden. It is important to be noted that they should be placed on a separate wire. It must be explained to all officers that a telephone call takes time to get through. The line therefore, if employed for this purpose, is blocked and reclosed perhaps the sending of three or more messages. It is noted that in direct communication by other means.

Para. 7. For detail of personnel required for Brigade and Battalion forward parties see Appendix "A."

Para. 8. Unless an acknowledgment can be obtained, all important messages sent across No Man's Land will be sent by alternative means. To prevent loss of time such messages will be handed in, in duplicate.

CABLE.

1. Right Cable Head will be at J.7.d.9.6. approximately, and left Cable Head at J.1.d.6.2. approximately. (Will probably not be completed.)
2. For the advance, two pairs will be laid from each cable head to the corresponding Brigade forward station; lines will follow two routes and be brought into test points on each route at about 400 yards interval.

RIGHT ROUTE.

|                               |       |           |                  |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------------|
| Right Cable Head              | - - - | J.7.d.9.8 | } Approximately. |
| No. 1 Test point              | - - - | J.8.a.8.3 |                  |
| No. 2 Test point              | - - - | J.8.b.7.6 |                  |
| Right Brigade forward station |       | J.9.a.5.9 |                  |

LEFT ROUTE.

|                               |           |           |                  |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| Left Cable Head               |           | J.1.d.6.2 | } Approximately. |
| No. 1 Test Point.             | J.8.a.8.9 |           |                  |
| No. 2 Test Point.             | J.2.d.4.5 |           |                  |
| Left Brigade Forward Station. |           | J.2.b.9.3 |                  |

F. O. O's will lay their lines by Battalion Command Posts to the Brigade which their Group is supporting. They may also lay lines from Cable Head. They will connect these lines as early as possible at cable head (in any case not less than 3 hours before ZERO), to the pairs allotted to them and test the line through to their group. All the necessary arrangements will be made with and by Brigade Signal Officers. Battalions on arrival at their forward Command Posts will lay a pair to the Brigade forward station. Lines will not be run to Companies until the consolidation of the position has commenced. No line other than proper metallic return pair will be laid or used throughout the operation. All lines will be labelled at all test points and Signal Offices. Brigade Forward Stations and Battalion Command Posts will be marked with printed flags already issued for the purpose.

VISUAL. Visual Stations established at Left and Right Advanced Brigade Headquarters about J.7.d.9.8. and J.1.d.6.2. will receive "DD" from their Brigade Forward Stations respectively. F. O. O's if necessary will establish stations working "DD" to the Advance Brigade Stations. Daylight Lamp and Shutter will be used at all Stations. Flags will not be used. To avoid confusion, other Stations such as Company Posts using visual will not use the Lucas Daylight Lamp. Important messages sent "DD" will, if not sent by an alternative route, be repeated after 5 minutes.

VISUAL to AERoplanes. Liaison apparatus will be taken to forward stations. Ground sheets and strips will be laid out when Headquarters are established, but should be camouflaged and not displayed until contact Aeroplane is in a position to receive. They should be placed on rearward slopes of the ground or have some other protection to avoid exposure to the enemy. It is unnecessary to show position of Headquarters at ZERO. But the subsequent positions after moving forward should be shown for Aeroplane, if the Headquarters concerned is not in direct touch with its immediate superior by other means.

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RUNNER SERVICE:

Runner relay Stations will be established at the following points:-

Under supervision of Headquarters Signal Coy.

Between D.H.Q. and Brigade H.Q. relay at BIRR CROSS ROADS.

Under supervision of Brigade Signal Officers.

Between Brigade H.Q. and Advanced Brigade H.Q. relay post at J.7.a.3.2.

Between Right Advanced Brigade H.Q. and Right Brigade Forward Station.

No. 1 Relay Post at J.8.a.8.3.

No. 2 Relay Post at J.8.b.7.6.

Between Left Advanced Brigade H.Q. and Left Brigade Forward Station.

No. 1 Relay Post at J.8.a.8.9.

No. 2 Relay Post at J.2.d. 4.5.

The Right and Left Brigades respectively will provide the personnel and the Brigade Signal Officer will organise and control the service of their respective routes from Brigade Headquarters inclusive.

PIGEONS.

Pigeons will be supplied from lofts.

If necessary additional birds can be obtained.

The number of birds available will permit of the use of 32 birds per diem, before ZERO day, and subsequently 96 birds per diem.

The birds will be allotted for the day as follows:-

|                                 |            |                 |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Each Brigade Forward Station    | - 24 birds | = 48            |
| Each of 2 Bns. of each Brigade. | 8 "        | = 32            |
| One F. O. O. per group.         | - 8 "      | = 16            |
|                                 |            | <u>Total 96</u> |

Brigade forward stations will act as bird refilling points for Battalions, in addition to being a pigeon despatch post.

Signal Officers at Brigades will collect birds at BIRR CROSS ROADS relay post and will make their own arrangements for distribution. Brigades are responsible for collection of birds for the F. O. O's or groups supporting them. The issue of birds to F. O. O's by Brigades will be arranged between groups and Brigade Signalling Officers.

AMPLIFIER CONDUCTION SERVICE:

Power Buzzers and Amplifiers will be installed at Brigade Forward Stations for up and down working to their respective Advanced Brigade Headquarters. Power Buzzers, if available, will be issued to each attacking Battalion.

Messages sent by Power Buzzer can be picked up by the enemy.

Up to ZERO, all messages sent by these means will be in cipher or code.

After ZERO, although it is desirable that all messages continue to be in cipher or code, the tactical situation or urgency of the message, will dictate whether Cipher, Code or Clear will be used.

Units for whom Power Buzzer only are allotted, will detail an officer for Cipher and Code work.

Earth Conduction Stations can Code and encipher, and messages to these stations may be handed in in Clear. They will not decode or decipher however.

Power Buzzer stations only should send when the station concerned is out of touch by other means, and then for short and important messages only.

S.S.148 (Appendix "A" attached) for Forward Inter-communication in Battle, will be applied with the exception that Earth Conduction Stations will not move forward to Brigade Forward Station until after the fourth Battalion goes into the attack.

The time for Earth Conduction set and personnel to go forward can be best judged by Brigade Section Officer.

Remainder of the personnel and equipment as shewn in Appendix "A" from S.S.148 should go forward about the 3rd Battalion.

Brigade Section Officers can best decide the time when these parties are sent out.

In the event of the objectives set out not being gained, other Brigade Forward stations will be selected by the Brigade Commander.

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34 = 24  
38 = 8  
D.H.Q. = 8  
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

15th September, 1917

NOTES ON PROCEEDINGS OF CONFERENCE.

1. Time - ZERO. Opinions will be asked in a few days.
2. 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. propose to relieve 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. in left sector on night C/D.  
7th Aust. Inf. Bde. prefer to do the same on right sector.  
Order will be issued accordingly.
3. Contact Patrol Flares - Red.  
Warn men to use them when called for by Contact Patrol.
4. Yukon Packs. Already supplied.
5. Liaison. Major Crowther with 1st Aust. Div. to study 7th Bde. plans  
" Scott " 9th Division " 5th "
6. Points of junction of 5th and 7th Brigades:  
Red Line - J.8.b.4.9.  
Blue " - IRON CROSS REDOUBT on road east of 26, J.3.c.4.4.  
Green" - North end of JACOBUS TRENCH. J.3.c.85.55.
7. New forward Bde. Dumps; 5th A.I.Bde. J.3.c.3.9.  
7th A.I.Bde. J.9.a.60.90.  
6th A. I. Bde. will provide carrying party of 100 to 7th A.I.Bde.
8. Will Brigades require to use Stokes before ZERO. Report required from Brigade Commanders.
9. Infantry garrisons of Strong Points to be told off beforehand, and go forward with Engineers under order of Brigade Commanders after capture of objectives.
10. Enemy may make aeroplane attack.  
Action: Front lines not to stop attack.  
Supports to fire at aeroplanes.  
German object to distract attention of our troops at time a counter-attack is coming on.
11. German ruse. Explained by Divisional Commander.
12. Bridges over HANEBEEK. 20 to be available for 5th A. I. Bde.  
Noted by C. R. E.
13. Magic lantern slides. Informed Brigade Commanders.  
Twenty-four hours notice necessary to get lantern.
14. Barrage maps given to 5th and 7th A. I. Bdes. - Secret.
15. Divisional Commander spoke re indiscreet conversation.
16. 6th A. I. Bde. at ZERO } 2 Battalions in YPRES.  
} 2 Battalions in CANAL Area.  
Pioneer Battalion - CHINA WALL locality.  
Engineers Parties for Strong Points - BELLEWAARDE RIDGE.

P. T. O.

War Diary.



Appendix No. 12

NOTES ON PROCEEDINGS OF CONFERENCE (Continued).

Parties to assist 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. in laying out a C. T. forward, to be at 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. Advanced Headquarters on WESTHOEK Ridge.  
Remainder at YPRES.

17. Present position on front as reported by 47th Division explained.

18. Information given by R. F. C. Officer:-

- (a) Direction of hostile counter-attacks.
- (b) Nature of old German Gun position defences.
- (c) ALBERT REDOUBT important; Artillery have been informed.
- (d) Existing bridge over HANEBEEK.

*Amidges*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Second Australian Division.

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