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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ZONNEBEKE	Oct. 1st	3 a.m.	<p>Relief ordered for night 30th Sept/1st Oct. being completed dispositions of the Brigade were as follows:-</p> <p>Brigade frontage D.28.a.25.10 to D.14.d.80.00. Northern and Southern Brigade boundaries both run parallel to ZONNEBEKE Railway. 33rd Battalion holds line from D.28.a.25.10, including a post at ZONNEBEKE Church thence to D.21.d.25.15 on ZONNEBEKE Railway. 34th Battalion in support to 33rd Battalion. 35th Battalion holds from D.21.d.25.15 northwards to D.21.a.57.10. 36th Battalion holds line from D.21.a.57.10 to D.14.d.80.00. HILL 40 North of ZONNEBEKE STATION is held by the enemy. Headquarters of Units were situated as follows :-</p> <p>Forward Headquarters 9th Infantry Brigade D.26.c.1.3, Brigade Rear Headquarters I.5.a.05.65.</p> <p>33rd Battalion - J.2.a.4.6, 34th Battalion D.26.c.1.3, (in same dugout as Brigade Headquarters)</p> <p>35th Battalion at POTSDAM D.26.c.4.8, 36th Battalion D.25.b.62.80, 9th A.M.G. Coy. D.26.c.4.4.</p> <p>33rd and 34th Battalions had with them advanced parties of 6th and 7th A.I. Brigades. Enemy snipers active. Our snipers also active. Party buried cable from D.26.c.1.3 to POTSDAM D.26.c.4.8.</p> <p>Front line contained elements of trenches, but was generally held as a "shell-hole" defence.</p> <p>6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Brigades each with one Battalion in the line relieved 33rd and 34th Battalions. 33rd and 34th Battalions moved North of railway and took up supporting positions</p>	<p>Ref. Map - GRAVENSTAFEL 1/10,000.</p>
	night 1st/2nd			

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ZONNEBEKE	Oct. night 1st/2nd	(cont)	in D.25.d. and D.25.b. respectively. Headquarters 33rd Battalion now with Headquarters 35th Battalion at POTSDAM D.26.c.4.8, and 34th Battalion Headquarters with 36th Battalion Headquarters at D.25.b.62.80.	
	29th Sept-4th		During this time all Battalions buried large numbers of dead - both British and German.	
	Oct. 2nd Oct. 8.30pm		Brigade Major visited Headquarters 10th Infantry Brigade at SQUARE FARM (C.30.b.8.8) to make final arrangements re their Approach March and 9th Brigade withdrawal during night 3rd/4th. Instruction re Dumps issued. APPENDIX 112.	APPENDIX 112.
	7.30pm		Working party 650 men from 33rd Battalion detailed for cable burying. Dug 1000 yards from POTSDAM D.26.c.4.8 to BORRY FARM D.25.b.60.85 via 11 Infantry Brigade Headquarters at D.26.a.7.5. Bury party shelled at 8.30 p.m. - 2 men killed, several wounded. Brigadier and Brigade Major inspected work between 10 p.m. and 12 midnight. Bury was completed by 5 a.m. Enemy shelled front line area at intervals throughout the day in the usual way.	
	3 a.m.		Patrols of 36th Battalion brought in one Officer and two men of 9th English Division who were wounded and had been lying in shell hole on HILL 40 for four days. Officer in very serious condition.	
	3rd Oct. 4 a.m.		Patrols brought in another English Officer and one private. These had been out for eight days	

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	Oct.			
ZONNEBEKE	3rd	4 a.m.	Officer in critical condition.	
	(cont)			
	3rd	10 p.m.	Enemy shelled all along front and all tracks and routes throughout the night. Our snipers have now succeeded in silencing enemy snipers.	
		12 midnight	Approach march of 10th and 11th Australian Infantry Brigades was going on satisfactorily.	
	4th	12.30 a.m.	Enemy bombarded Divisional Front very heavily. Our patrols remained out until Zero minus 30 minutes. Two Mortars of 9th A.L.T.M. Battery placed at disposal of G.O.C. 11th Infantry Brigade to bombard ZONNEBEKE STATION from Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes. Zero was 6 a.m. Battalions of 9th Infantry Brigade withdrew as 10th Brigade and 11th Infantry Brigades assembled.	APPENDICES 113, 114 & 115
	5.30 a.m.		Enemy put down heavy barrage on our front line. This due to fact that he intended to attack (prisoners report). Attack commenced at 6 a.m. G.O.C. 199th Infantry Brigade, and his Battalion Commanders who are to take over the new line, arrived at 9th Infantry Brigade Headquarters at 12 noon, and was given all available information.	
	5th	2 p.m.	Handed over to 199th Infantry Brigade. 9th Australian Infantry Brigade moved back to WINNEZEELE No. 2 Area. Received Orders to be ready to take part in an attack on the 8th instant or a few days later.	APPENDIX 116
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	Oct.			
WINNEZEELE	6th	10 a.m.	Conference of Brigadiers and Staffs and Divisional Staff at Divisional Headquarters re forthcoming operations. Scheme includes capture of PASSCHENDAELLE and PASSCHENDAELLE RIDGE. Proposed objectives marked, but these most probably will be altered. Brigade Plan, frontages, objectives etc. are given in APPENDICES 117 and 118 (SCHEME "A")	APPENDICES 117 & 118.
	7th	10 a.m.	Conference held at Divisional Headquarters. Now decided that 3rd Australian Division and N.Z. Division are to be ready to exploit success when 66th Division and 49th Division attack on 9th instant. Cavalry and Anzac Mounted Troops to be held in Reserve. 9th Australian Infantry Brigade to move to BERTHEN Area to-morrow, and to be ready to entrain on 10th instant, APPENDIX 119, (SCHEME "B")	APPENDIX 119.
	8th	9.30 a.m.	Conference at Divisional Headquarters, Divisional Staff, Brigadiers and Brigade Majors present. Schemes "A" and "B" now alternative and depend on the success of the operations of the 49th and 66th Divisions. Brigadier and Brigade Major, Intelligence Officer and Brigade Signalling Officer reconnoitred 66th Division front. Ground very wet, muddy and shelltorn. 66th Division not clear as to the exact position of their front line. The move to BERTHEN Area cancelled, Scheme "A" also cancelled.	
	9th	11 a.m.	Brigadier and Brigade Major went to Conference at Divisional Headquarters. Latest news 66th Division held up in AUGUSTUS WOOD. Objectives of our attack therefore altered, but final decisions re these not yet known.	
		1 p.m.	Brigadier and Intelligence Officer and Assistant Brigade Major went forward and reconnoitred 66th Division front again.	
		8 p.m.	Brigade Major sent for from Divisional Headquarters. Received amended plans as far as they could be decided on at the time. Situation of 66th Division front line still obscure. Proposed GREEN LINE (final objective) for 3rd Australian Division is W.25.c.05.15 to E.7.d.05.75 including to us EXERT FARM, ENLIST FARM, ECHO COPSE and RAILWAY DUGOUTS (E.7.d.00.70) All Unit Commanders informed at Brigade Headquarters at 9 p.m.	
	10th	11 a.m.	Reported that 66th Division now back on old front line. Our task now to take all original objectives, minus 2500 yards advance, including PASSCHENDAELLE RIDGE. Final objective remains the same, second objective is E.7.c.20.25 to D.6.c.1.9. - First objective D.18.b.05.85 to D.11.a.80.75 - Jumping off line not yet decided. Inter-Brigade boundary (between 9th and 10th Australian Infantry Brigades) line from HEINE HOUSE D.11.c.70.25 through E.1.c.05.30. All Unit Commanders of the Brigade were called to Brigade Headquarters at 1 p.m. and the above information given them. Previous instructions were amended verbally accordingly.	
		9.30 a.m.	Brigade 1st Line Transport moved off en route to CAVALRY FARM (I.9)	Ref. Map - YPRES Sheet 28

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	Oct.			
WINNEZEELLE	10th	2 p.m.	9th Australian Infantry Brigade less 1st line transport left WINNEZEELLE en route for camp at CAVALRY FARM (I 9). Brigadier and Brigade Major ordered to remain at WINNEZEELLE until morning of 11th so that they should get early notice of any further alteration. There was consequently no time to issue written operation Orders, but instructions were dictated, and all Plans discussed in full.	
EAST OF YPRES.	7-9	p.m.	Units arrived at Camp at CAVALRY FARM referred to above.	
	11th	6 a.m.	Brigadier and Brigade Major left WINNEZEELLE and proceeded to YPRES by car, and at 8 a.m. visited Battalions in Camp at CAVALRY FARM, and saw C.O.'s.	
		9 a.m.	Brigadier and Brigade Major went forward to Headquarters at D.26.a.7.5, calling en route at Headquarters 12th Infantry Brigade D.26.c.1.3. to discuss the coming operations and for purposes of liaison. 11th Australian Infantry Brigade were holding the line having taken over from English troops during the night 10th/11th. Actual position of front line was very obscure, and every endeavour was being made to get it cleared up.	
		2.37 p.m.	Message (A.D.C. 26) received from Headquarters 3rd Division, giving jump off line and rate of barrage (APPENDIX 120). This information was immediately communicated to all concerned.	APPENDIX 120.
		8 p.m.	Assistant Brigade Major and Sapper Officers went forward and pegged out tape line. Its position was checked on the ground by Officers of Assaulting Battalions.	
		6 p.m.	Approach march commenced from CAVALRY FARM. 34th Battalion, detailed for 1st objective, led, followed by 35th Battalion, 36th Battalion, and 33rd Battalion. Full account of the whole operation is given in APPENDIX 121.	APPENDIX 121.
	12th	5.25 a.m.	Attack commenced - see APPENDIX 121.	- do -
	13th	9 a.m.	Divisional Commander 'phoned to say that Corps Aeroplane reported our troops still on the RED LINE. Brigade Intelligence Officer and C.O. 36th Battalion were sent out with a covering party to personally reconnoitre the RED LINE. This party was fired on by Machine Guns (actually seen being mounted) from DECLINE COPSE (D.18.a.30.65), and also from ASSYRIA (D.18.Central) so that it was impossible to proceed to the RED LINE.	Ref. Map: PASSCHENDALE
		2 p.m.	Brigadier went forward to SEINE DUGOUTS (D.16.d.5.5.) and interviewed all Battalion Commanders who stated definitely that all men were back on present line (D.17.b.1.3 to D.11.c.40.00) with the possible exception of a few wounded whom it had been impossible to bring in. Our front line now rests in sandy ground which is good digging and consolidation is being hurried on.	1/10,000.
	night		11th Australian Infantry Brigade took over the front line and 9th Infantry Brigade became	
	13th/14th		Supporting Brigade.	

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EAST OF YPRES.	Oct.		Brigade Headquarters did not move. Battalions were bivouacked in D.16.c., D.15 and D.21.	
	night		Instructions received to be ready to take our front line again in 48 hours time. All Units being reorganised and casualties checked. Shelling on Support area throughout the day.	
	13th/14th		Whale oil, dry socks, rum, cocoa and dry underclothing was got up for all ranks. Tent shelters were also obtained. Corps Commander, General GODLEY, called at Brigade Headquarters at about midday. Enemy shelled support area intermittently throughout the day. Throughout the night the road and batteries in the vicinity of Brigade Headquarters were shelled with 5.9 H.E. and 77 mm gas shell. All Brigade Headquarters personnel affected by gas. "B" teams rejoined Units from camp at YPRES.	
	(cont)			
	14th Da.m.			
	15th			
	night		Relieved 11th Australian Infantry Brigade in the front line. 9th Brigade now holding whole Divisional front, with 11th Brigade in support. 33rd Battalion (right battalion) and 34th Battalion (left battalion) were in the line with 35th Battalion and 36th Battalion in support. The front line now runs from D.17.b.1.3 to D.11.c.40.00 thence along S.W. side of AUGUSTUS WOOD (which is wet, muddy and impassable) and up to the RAUEBEEK at D.10.b.45.00. In order to provide front line Battalions with fresh men, the "B" teams of the 35th Battalion were attached to the 33rd Battalion, and the "B" teams of the 36th Battalion to the 34th Battalion.	
	15/16th		Six advanced posts were established as follows :- No. 1 at D.17.h.35.45, No. 2 D.17.b.27.65, No. 3 D.17.b.20.80, No. 4 D.17.b.10.95, No. 5 D.11.e.92.10, No. 6 D.11.c.70.20, S.O.S. barrage line was arranged to run as follows :- D.17.b.90.45 - D.11.d.0.5 - D.11.e.0.0 - These were put out by 33rd Battalion.	
	16th		Work going on to connect up the six posts established last night. Brigadier, Brigade Major, Battalion and Company Commanders of 148th Infantry Brigade, who are to relieve 9th Australian Infantry Brigade, arrived at Brigade Headquarters and were given the fullest information. G.O.C. 3rd Canadian Division and Brigadier 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade visited Brigade Headquarters and had operations of 12th instant and subsequent days explained to them. 9th Infantry Brigade Headquarters Staff all suffering from effects of gas. Relief by 148th Infantry Brigade which was to have taken place on night 17th/18th is now postponed until night 18th/19th. Enemy shelled support positions consistently. Front line not being shelled. Apparently front line has not yet been located by the enemy.	
	2 p.m.			
	night		33rd Battalion established three new posts, Nos. 7, 8, 9 at the following places :- No. 7 D.11.d.15.40 (concrete dugouts) No. 8 D.11.d.27.10 - No. 9 D.17.b.40.45. All these posts were established without fighting.	
	16/17th			

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East of YPRES	Oct 17th	10 a.m.	Brigade Transport Lines near CAVALRY FARM were bombed by enemy aeroplanes. Two horses were killed and three wounded.	
	18th	"	Enemy shelled Batteries near Brigade Headquarters consistently throughout the afternoon. Brigade Transport Lines were again bombed by enemy planes. Two grooms wounded, 1 horse killed and 1 horse wounded.	
		10.30 p.m.	Command passed to G.O.C. 148th Inf. Bde., who had completed relief, vide APPENDIX 122. Bde moved in Camp at H.16.c.8.3. (Ref. Map YPRES 1/100,000 - Sheet 28). Captain TOLLEY (Asst. Brigade Major), Lieut BRDDIE (Bde Intelligence Officer), and Lieut SIMPSON (Bde Signalling Officer), were evacuated suffering from effects of Gas.	APPENDIX 122
YPRES South	19th.		Personnel resting. Checking of Casualties, personnel and equipment being carried out.	
	20th.	7 a.m.	First Line Transport of Brigade, less Field Kitchens, Water carts, and Maltese Carts, left by march, route for CAMPAGNE-lez-BOULONNAIS.	
		10 p.m.	Enemy Aeroplanes carried out bombing in the area, but no bombs fell in the Camp, and no casualties were suffered.	
	21st	4 am.	More enemy aeroplane bombing. - no casualties. 9th Infantry Brigade moved to CAMPAGNE-lez-BOULONNAIS.	APPENDIX 123
CAMPAGNE-lez-BOULONNAIS	21st.		Troops arrived at Billets about 8 p.m. Dispositions were as follows:- 9th Inf Bde Headquarters - CAMPAGNE-lez-BOULONNAIS. 33rd Battalion - CAMPAGNE-lez-BOULONNAIS. 34th Battalion - VAUDRINGHEM. 35th Battalion - WISMES. 36th Battalion - LEDINGHEM. 9th M.G. Coy. - HAPPE. 9th L.T.M.Bty. - MESNIL BOUTRY. 9th Field Ambulance - ECQUIRE and LEVAL RESTANT	
	22nd to 28th		Dispositions remained the same. Troops being rested. Training chiefly recreational. Rifle Ranges, P.T. & B.F. Courses being prepared.	
	29th		Training commenced. Training to be carried out for 5½ days per week, 3 hours each morning and 2 hours each afternoon. 5½ days allotted as follows :- 4 days section and platoon training, 1½ days Company training. Classes for Junior Officers, N.C.O's and specialists held daily. Brigade Signalling School and P.T. and B.F. School established.	
	30th		Brigadier inspected Transport of 33rd Battalion - everything in excellent order and condition. Training continued.	

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CAMPAGNE LEZ BOULONNAIS	31st		Brigadier inspected 9th M.G. Company and Brigade Signalling School. Informed by Divisional Commander that we should probably move between 8th and 12th November to take up a defensive sector of the 2nd Army Front.	APPENDIX.
	1st to 31st		Casualties suffered during month of October are given in APPENDIX 124. Officers (by name) who became casualties during the month are given in APPENDIX 125 Reinforcements arriving during October are given in APPENDIX 126 Parade States showing strength of Brigade on the 13th and 27th October from APPENDICES 127 (a) and (b). Daily Intelligence Summaries (four) for month of October are given in APPENDIX 128. Daily Summaries were not collated during days of active operation or when the Brigade was in any position other than front line.	I24 I25 I26 I27 (a) & (b) 128

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 5.

Reference Map : Sheet 28.
BELGIUM and PART FRANCE.
1/40,000.

Brigade Headquarters
2nd October 1917.

The following dumps will be established for ammunition, R.E. material and water.
The contents of these dumps are shown in Appendix No. 1.

- No. 1 Brigade Dump. at D.25.d.0.9.
- No. 2 36th Battalion Dump. at LOW FARM D.25.d.7.5.
- No. 3 35th Battalion Dump. at D.25.d.6.6.

TRANSPORT.

Four limbers detailed by the Brigade Transport Officer will report to Brigade Headquarters MAIN GATE, YPRES, at 9 a.m. 3rd inst. These will be used for conveying material etc., from Rear to Forward Dumps. Fresh mules are to be sent to BAVARIA HOUSE (C.30.c.6.3.) at 6 p.m. same date.

CARRYING PARTIES.

34th Battalion will detail carrying parties as per Appendix 11. If sufficient men are not available, mutual arrangements to be made with 33rd Battalion to supply the remainder.

GUIDES.

35th and 36th Battalions will each detail one W.C.O. and 3 men to report to B.B.O. at BAVARIA HOUSE AID POST (C.30.c.6.5.) at 1 p.m. 3rd inst. These men will be taken over ground to Dumps and will guide carrying parties to them after dark. They will be responsible for the safe custody of stores, handed over to them.

BILLET DUMPS.

Battalion Dumps will be formed immediately after occupation of billets.

MOBILE RESERVE.

35th Battalion will deliver by 8 a.m., 4th inst, their Mobile Reserve of grenades to the billets of the 33rd Battalion. 36th Battalion will deliver as above to billets of 34th Battalion. (Location of billets will be notified later). 33rd and 34th Battalions will be responsible for detonating immediately grenades so delivered.

R.E. STORES.

The following stores will be drawn by 33rd and 34th Battalion from R.E. Dump, RAILWAY STATION, YPRES, (I.7.c.9.5.) as soon as possible.

- 150 Picks.
- 450 Shovels.
- 5000 Sandbags.

S.I.A.

All requisitions for S.I.A. for equipping of troops in accordance with S.S. 135 will be met at MAIN DIVISIONAL DUMP, (H.7.d.4.8.) from which units will draw; also other ammunition as available.

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Captain.
Staff Captain.
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

CONTENTS OF DUMPS.

	Each 35th and 36th Battalions. Dumps.	Brigade Dump	Total.	REMARKS.
S.	50,000	150,000	250,000	33rd and 34th Battalion Dumps will contain mounts in 35th and 36th Battalion Dumps, excepting ammunition not immediately available.
No. 5 Mills	1,500	1,500	4,500	
No. 25	768	2,000	3,536	
Flares, Red	832	3,000	4,664	
S. C. S.	96	192	384	
"P" Bombs	48	96	192	
H. J. G. s bombs.	48	76	172	
Sandbags	5,000	10,000	20,000	
Picks	150	100	400	
Shovels	450	100	1,000	
Daylight Mortar Sign ls.	4	6	14	
Stokes Shells		500	500	
Cartridges		500	500	
Rings		1,000	1,000	
Very Lights (various)	50	500	1,500	
Water		500 tins	500 tins.	

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Dumps*

CARRYING PARTIES.

UNIT.	DATE.	PARTY No.	PERSONNEL.		Making report to B.B.O.		CARRY TO.		REMARKS.
			Off.	O.R.	Time.	Place.	Dump.	Place.	
34th Bn	5.10.17.	1	1	50	7 p.m.	C.30.d.40.60.	No. 2	LOW FARM Location D.25.a.60.70.	Each party will be known by its number. Parties No. 1 and 3 carry to 36th Bn. Dump Parties 2 and 4 carry to 35th Bn. Dump.
34th Bn	do	2	1	50	7.10 p.m.	do	No. 3	Location D.25.d.60.60.	
34th Bn	do	3	1	50	7.25 p.m.	do	No. 2	LOW FARM. Location D.25.a.60.70.	
34th Bn.	do	4	1	50	7.40 p.m.	do	No. 3	Location D.25.d.60.60.	

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
1st October, 1917.

"G" OPERATION CIRCULAR No. 1.

1. It is probable that half of the 10th and 11th Australian Infantry Brigades will have to move up into the area East of YPRES on "Q/R" night, the remainder moving up on "R/S" night. Brigade Commanders of 10th and 11th Australian Infantry Brigades in conjunction with G.O.C. 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will select positions for Battalions of 10th and 11th Brigades to move to on "Q/R" night.
2. On "R/S" night Battalions of 10th and 11th Aust. Infantry Brigades will go forward, and the 35th and 36th Battalions will move back to a reserve position, (location of reserve position will be notified later), and 33rd and 34th Battalions will move back to YPRES SOUTH.
3. The 10th and 11th Australian Infantry Brigades will be responsible for taping their own positions of assembly, on "Q/R" night, and routes.
4. (a) The front line of the assembly for 10th and 11th Aust. Infantry Brigades, i.e. the line to be taped will be from point D.21.d.2.1 to road intersection at D.20.b.80.95.
(b) If any part of the above line is found to be considerably forward of our leading troops, the taping of that part may be done on our side of, but parallel to that line.
(c) The 35th and 36th Battalions will arrange that none of our troops are left out forward of this assembly line after Zero hour minus 30 minutes even if this involves temporarily relinquishing any forward points or trenches.
5. The barrage will open 150 yards in front of this assembly line, will stand in that position for 3 minutes and then lift. The point of junction with the 7th Brigade, 2nd Australian Division, will be at D.21.d.2.1.
6. The O's.C. 35th and 36th Battalions will arrange for active patrolling of the front throughout the hours of darkness, but not later than Zero minus 30 minutes (vide para 4 (c)).
9. The O.C. 9th A.L.T. Battery will place mortars in position and assist in the preliminary bombardment, especially opposite the front of the right of the Divisional Sector.

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Major.
Brigade Major.
Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.

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11th Aust. Inf. Bde.	1 "
3rd Aust. Division	3 copies.

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APPENDIX 114

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 94.

Brigade Headquarters,
3rd October, 1917.Reference Map: Sheet 23 - 1/40,000 BELGIUM & Part of FRANCE.
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1. (a) During R/S night a Battalion of each of the 10th and 11th Australian Infantry Brigades will move up and assemble on a line running from D.21.d.2.1 to D.20.b.80.95.
(b) Remaining Battalions of 10th and 11th Brigades will move up in succession in rear of the leading Battalions to take their place in the attack.
(c) The 11th Infantry Brigade will be on the right, and 10th Infantry Brigade on the left. The point of junction of 10th and 11th Infantry Brigades will be D.21.c.55.98.
(d) The leading Battalion of 10th Infantry Brigade will be the 37th Battalion.
The leading Battalion of 11th Infantry Brigade will be the 43rd Battalion.
2. (a) The 43rd Battalion will approach via 'F' track and are to be assembled by Zero minus 2 hours.
(b) The 37th Battalion will approach via 'K' track and are to be assembled by Zero minus 1 hour.
3. (a) As the leading Battalions of the 11th and 10th Infantry Brigades respectively, reach the jumping off line (vide para 1 (a)), the 35th Battalion (less patrols) and 36th Battalion (less patrols) will commence to move out.
(b)(i) The 35th Battalion (less patrols) will withdraw along the ZONNEBEKE-YPRES railway, but should incoming troops be met on that route, 35th Battalion must give way to them. The 35th Battalion will withdraw to the present 33rd Battalion area in D.25.d.
(b)(ii) The 36th Battalion (less patrols) will withdraw overland North of 'K' track, but between it and the Divisional boundary. Should any incoming troops be met, the 36th Battalion will give way.
The 36th Battalion will withdraw to the present 34th Battalion area in D.25.b.
4. (a) Battalion Dumps have been established at -
35th Battalion - D.25.d.6.3.
36th Battalion - D.26.a.7.5. (LOW FARM)
(b) As soon as the above Battalions withdraw they will equip all ranks for offensive action from these dumps.
When every man is equipped they will be rested.
(c) C.O.'s. will arrange a system of communication from Battalion Headquarters so that each Battalion can be quickly assembled.
5. When withdrawing from the front line 35th and 36th Battalions will bring with them all unused S.O.S. Rifle Grenades which will then be available for equipping men for offensive work.
6. (a) The O's.C. 35th and 36th Battalions will arrange that their Battalion fronts are adequately patrolled throughout the night and until Zero minus 30 minutes. These patrols must keep a clear NO MAN'S LAND of at least 150 yards in width.
The prevention of the enemy obtaining information of the assembly depends on the efficiency of these patrols.

(2)

6. (b) At Zero minus 30 minutes these patrols will withdraw through 10th and 11th Infantry Brigades and join their Battalions.
 (c) The pass word for to-night will be "JOBO".
 (d) The O's.C. 35th and 36th Battalions will be responsible for arranging that none of our troops are left out forward of the assembly line (para 1 (a)) after Zero minus 30 minutes, even if it involves temporarily relinquishing forward points or trenches.
7. The 33rd and 34th Battalions (each Battalion less carrying and working parties) will leave their present area at 7 p.m. (or later if light conditions necessitate it), and will move back to YPRES SOUTH.
 The 33rd Battalion will move via the YPRES-ZONNEBEKE railway to I.10.d.1.3 thence along the YPRES-MENIN Road.
 The 34th Battalion will move overland keeping clear of 'K' track and the Red Route.
 Both Battalions, should incoming troops be met, will give way.
 Neither Battalion is to enter YPRES until both 10th and 11th Infantry Brigades, Divisional Engineers and Pioneer Battalion are completely clear (Eastwards) of the MENIN GATE.
8. By Zero hour the whole of the 9th A.L.T.M. Battery (less Mortars and personnel detailed to 11th Infantry Brigade) will be in reserve in D.25.d.
9. The defensive S.O.S. Artillery barrage will be operative until Zero minus ten minutes, and Artillery will answer S.O.S. calls up to that time.
10. Completion of all moves will be notified to Head quarters 9th Australian Infantry Brigade by the most rapid means available.
11. A C K N O W L E D G E.

A. H. Wootton
 Major.

Brigade Major.
 Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 95.

*Boundary**Appendix No 115*Brigade Headquarters,
3rd October, 1917.Reference Map: Sheet 29 - 1/40,000 BELGIUM & PART OF FRANCE.
ZONNEBEKE 26 N.E. 1 - 1/10,000.

1. (a) At zero hour on a date to be known as code day 'S' the offensive will be resumed.
(b) The Corps front of attack will extend from YPRES-ROULERS railway (D.21.d.2.1) to Second Army Boundary near AVIATICK FARM (D.8.a.2.3).
(c) The Corps objective will be approximately from D.25.a.8.0 to D.5.c.50.75.
(d) The 7th Australian Infantry Brigade will be attacking on our right and the 4th New Zealand Brigade on our left.
2. (a) The 3rd Australian Division attack will be carried out by the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade on the right, and the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade on the left.
Each Brigade is attacking on a one Battalion frontage with 4 Battalions in depth.
Battalions are known as "A", "B", "C" and "D", "A" being the leading Battalion and "D" the rear Battalion.
"A" Battalion will take the first objective
"B" Battalion will take the second objective
"C" Battalion will take the third objective
"D" Battalion will take the fourth objective
"B", "C" and "D" Battalions leapfrogging through the previous Battalion.
(b) The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade (less 33rd and 34th Battalions) and 9th A.L.T.M. Battery (less 2 Mortars and crews) will form the Divisional Reserve.
3. The Divisional frontage and area to be captured will be as per attached tracing.

AHN is our approximate front line on 3-10-17.

ABCDEFF is boundary between 10th Infantry Brigade and New Zealand Division.

HJSHH is boundary between 10th and 11th Infantry Brigades.

NQPQR is boundary between 11th Infantry Brigade and 2nd Australian Division. 2nd Australian Division is responsible for the whole of THAMES WOOD.

The railway is inclusive to 11th Infantry Brigade.

BJO is approximate position of a 12 minute halt of the barrage.

GSP is line which infantry reach and halt at during a ONE HOUR halt of the barrage.

DIO is the approximate position of the support line to be strongly consolidated by us. The barrage will halt for 12 minutes to cover this line to enable last Battalions to leapfrog, and third Battalion to start digging.

The actual choice of the final position of the support line must be left to the decision of the Commanders on the spot with due regard to visibility, command and field of fire.

GE shows how our left is to be refused in case the New Zealand Division does not go as far forward as the line EHR. (produced North as shown).

EHR is the final objective, and will be known as the BLUE LINE.

UVW shows where the infantry will have reached when the leapfrogging of the "C" Battalions by the "D" Battalions takes place. This line UVW lies approximately 150 yards West of the halt of the barrage from plus 154 to plus 166.

TT is the jumping off line which is to be taped.

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4. ARTILLERY
BARRAGE &
TIME TABLE:

(a) There will be five barrages - A, B, C, D and E. "A" nearest to the Infantry and "E" furthest off.

Each of these barrages will be 200 yards apart.

"A" barrage will consist of 18 pdrs.

"B" of 4.5" Howitzers and 18 pdrs.

"C" Machine guns.

"D" 6" Howitzers

"E" 8" - 9.2" and 60 pdrs.

Barrage "A" is the one directly affecting the infantry. It is to begin 150 yards East of our jump off line and stops there for three minutes. It will then advance in lifts of 100 yards.

(b) Barrage Plan and Time Table issued herewith.

(c) After the whole protective barrage for the BLUE LINE has been formed, viz. 182 to 206, the following procedure will be adopted :-

Barrage "A" will remain stationary 200 yards in front of the BLUE LINE, and guns will continue to fire as under :-

From plus 206 to plus 221 at 2 rds. per gun per minute.

From plus 221 to plus 236 at 1 rd. per gun per minute.

236 to plus 266 guns will cease firing.

266 to plus 281 at 1 rd. per gun per minute.

281 to plus 386 No guns will be firing on the protective barrage line.

386 to plus 401 fire will be resumed at 1 rd. per gun per minute.

At plus 401 guns will cease fire.

(d) During the above periods of cessation Infantry must be careful not to go forward even if counter-attacked.

(e) During periods of cessation, and after plus 401, the Artillery will immediately open on protective barrage line if the S.O.S. signal is sent up.

(f) During the Protective Barrage on the BLUE LINE as outlined above, barrages "B", "D" and "E" will search forward. The fire of these barrages "B", "D" and "E" will finally cease at plus 464, but there will be intermediate periods of cessation prior to this time.

5. SMOKE:

(a) As a signal to the Infantry when halting places of the barrage have been reached smoke shells will be fired by the 18 pounders.

(b) In order to prevent the enemy's machine gun on the high ground about DARING CROSS, DASH CROSSING interfering with our advancing infantry, a smoke barrage will be opened by the Artillery along the Railway, starting at ZERO hour in square 22.c. It will gradually roll up from the South-west in order not to interfere with the Infantry Advance.

6. CONTACT
PLANES:

(a) Contact planes will fly at plus 100 minutes and plus 220 minutes.

Ground flares will be let at these or any other times on the aeroplane calling for them in the usual way, viz. - a series of A's on the Klaxon Horn or firing of white Verey lights.

(b) A special plane will fly on "T" morning at a time not yet decided. The hour of flying will depend on whether the morning is or is not misty. Exact time cannot be stated, but flares will be lit when called for.

(c) All contact work with troops of the Division will be carried out by the 21st Squadron, R.F.C.

Contact aircraft will be distinguished by one black streamer on each of the lower planes.

Machine of the 21st Squadron will carry the following distinctive markings :-

On Fusilages working from the Observer's seat towards the Rudder -

(a) British markings

(b) A large "A" in white

(c) A dumbbell painted in white.

These markings will be on both sides of the fusilage.

(d) Only one contact plane will work on the Corps front at one time.

(e) Flares No.3 Red will be used. These flares are plainly visible, and it is not necessary to light them in groups of 3. They are more easily distinguished lit at the bottom of a trench or shell hole.

(f) Only advanced troops will light flares. Commanders on the spot will decide what proportion of flares are to be lit on each occasion.

7. RE-ESTABLISHMENT
OF LINE:

If the front line is broken at any point Troops in the support line, less nucleus garrisons must be prepared to go forward and re-establish the situation.

Troops further back must similarly be prepared to replace those in the support line who have gone forward.

8. LIAISON:

Lieut. REYNOLDS - 33rd Battalion, and Lieut. LONGFORTH, 34th Battalion, will be attached to 11th and 10th Australian Infantry Brigades respectively for Liaison duties.

9. MAPS:

No Officer or man going forward is to carry any map containing information of our own lines.

10. FIGHTING
KIT:

Fighting Kit will be as per S.S. 135, para XXXI except that -

(i) Five (not three) sandbags per man will be carried.

(ii) 220 (not 170) rounds S.A.A. will be carried.

11. SYNCHRONI-
ZATION OF
WATCHES:

Watches of reserve Battalions will be synchronized once during both morning and afternoon by an Officer from Brigade Headquarters.

12. RESERVE
BATTALIONS:

(a) The 35th and 36th Battalions will be prepared on receipt of instructions to carry out the following role :-

(i) Assist either 10th or 11th Australian Infantry Brigade.

(ii) Assist both 10th and 11th Australian Infantry Brigades.

(iii) Take over the line from 10th and 11th Infantry Brigades should they have suffered heavy casualties.

(iv) Reinforce 10th and 11th Infantry Brigades in the line after capture of final objective.

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12. RESERVE
BATTALIONS:
(cont)

Except in case (iii), 35th and 36th Battalions would most probably be employed under the G.O.'s.C. 10th and 11th Infantry Brigades.

(b) If Battalions are to operate separately, it can be assumed that -

the 35th Battalion would be employed with 11th Infantry Brigade.

36th Battalion would be employed with 10th Infantry Brigade.

but both Battalions must know the general plan of, and be prepared to operate with either the 10th or 11th Infantry Brigades.

(c) Three Mortars of 9th A.L.T.M. Battery should be available to operate with each Reserve Battalion. If L.T.Ms. are employed, carrying parties for L.T.M. ammunition will be supplied from the Battalion concerned.

(d) Reserve Battalions and 9th A.L.T.M. Battery will not be employed except by order of the Divisional Commander, either direct or through G.O.C. 9th Infantry Brigade.

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Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.

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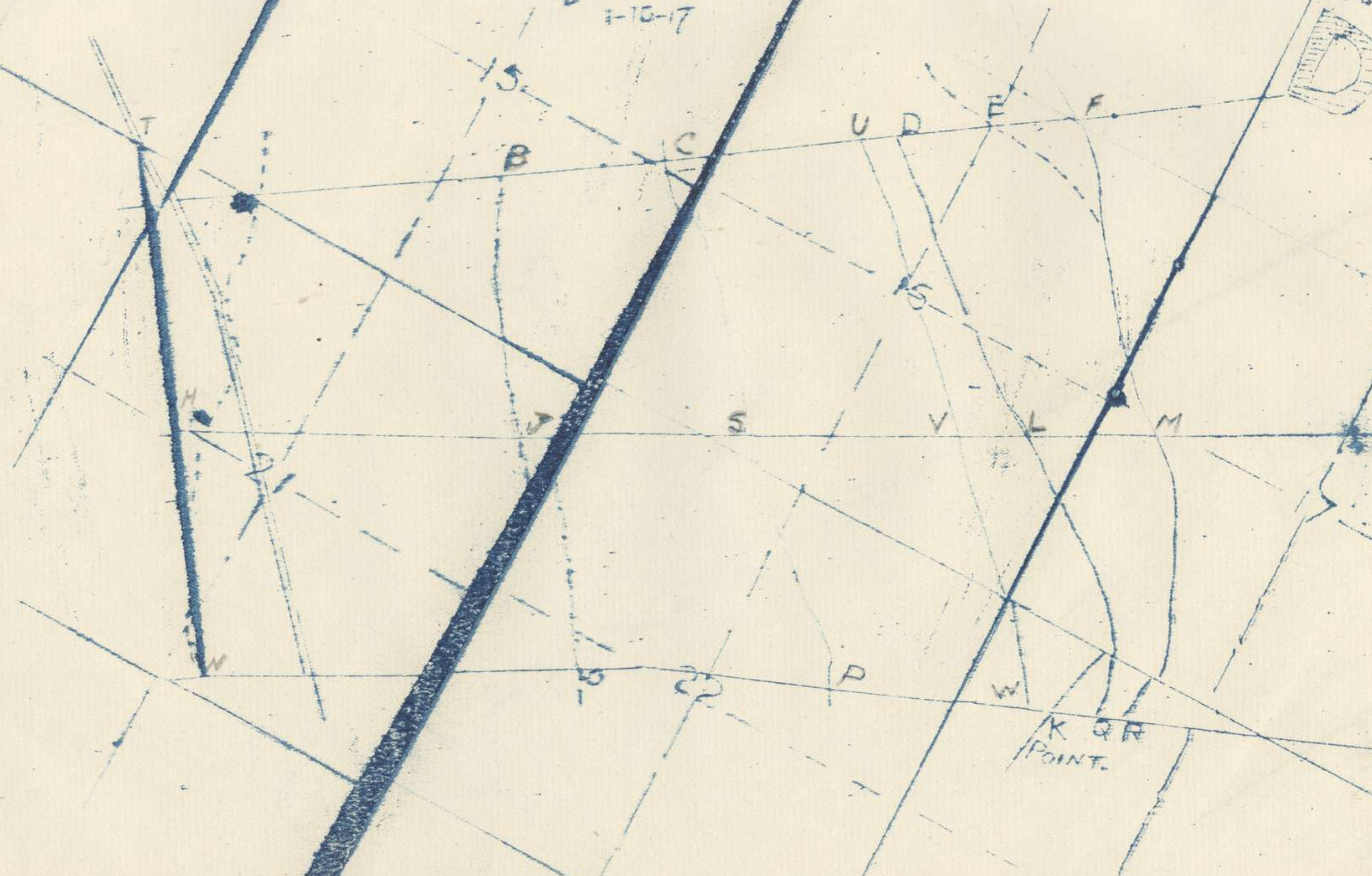
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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters
5th October 1917.

Reference Map : Sheet 28, 1/40,000, BELGIUM & PART FRANCE.

The Brigade will move to billeting area, WINNEZEELE, the following units moving at 1.30 p.m., 5th inst, embussing point, VLAMERTINGHE, RENNINGHELS Road (Hs9.a.5.4.).

No 2 area

Brigade Hqrs Details.
33rd Battalion
34th Battalion
35th Battalion
36th Battalion
9th M.G.Coy.
9th L.T.M.Battery.

Sheet 27.

J1 b. central
J4 b 5.7
J4 d 7.3
J10 d 2.5
J16 b 1.6
J9 c 5.5
J10 a 9.5

New location

MOTOR LORRIES.

The following motor lorries will report at places shown as early as possible -

Brigade Headquarters
33rd Battalion)
34th Battalion)
35th Battalion)
36th Battalion)

1 lorry MENIN GATE.
1 lorry per Battalion at Q.M. Stores, Transport Lines.xk
K.

9th L.T.M.Btry

1 lorry at H.18.a.4.3.

9th M.G.Coy by arrangement with Brigade Headquarters.

RATIONS.

Barrage ration of 35th and 36th Battalions now dumped at Brigade Headquarters MENIN GATE, will be collected and conveyed to units' billets. Quartermasters 35th and 36th Battalions will mutually arrange for their motor lorry to collect these stores.

AMMUNITION STORES.

33rd and 34th Battalions will return all ammunition drawn from Main Divisional Dump, to that dump by 9 a.m., 6th inst.

35th and 36th Battalions will mutually arrange for the taking over of all grenades sent to the 33rd and 34th Battalions.

SUPPLIES.

These will be delivered direct to billets in the new billeting area.

TRANSPORT.

Unit Transport will march to the new billeting area under instructions of their respective units. To be clear of present transport lines by 10 a.m., 6th inst.

EMBUSSING POINT

Is on Road between H.16.A.50.95 and H.9.D.80.60.

BILLETING AREA

Will be no 2 Area WINNEZEELE.

Captain.

Staff Captain.

9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

PHASE V "G" PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

Brigade Headquarters,
8th October, 1917.

RESUMPTION OF OFFENSIVE:

- 1. (a) The 3rd Australian Division is to attack on "A" day. The attack will be made by the 9th Infantry Brigade on the right, 10th Infantry Brigade on the left, 11th Infantry Brigade being in reserve.
- (b) Detailed instructions regarding front-ages, objectives etc. will follow. The attack will be made as outlined to Battalion Commanders and Machine Gun Company Commander at Conference on 7-10-17.

PRELIMINARY MOVES:

- 2. (a) On the 10th instant the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade and 9th A.M.C. Company and 9th A.L.T. Battery will move from WINNEZEMERE to a position East of YPRES and West of FREZENBERG RIDGE.
- (b) Transport and transport personnel will proceed by route march. Remainder of Units will proceed by bus.
- (c) Detailed orders will be issued both for the move by bus and for the move of the transport by road.

TENTS:

- 3. (a) While resting in the area West of the FREZENBERG RIDGE, Units will be accommodated in tents. If visibility is good these will be struck at daylight and pitched again at night-fall. If the days are wet, tents may be left pitched during hours of daylight.
- (b) Advanced parties from Units will be required to take over tents. Detailed instructions concerning this will be issued later.

TRANSPORT LINES:

- 4. The location of Brigade Transport Lines while the Brigade is encamped or operating East of YPRES, will be notified as soon as received from Divisional Headquarters.

COMING UNDER ORDERS OF 66th DIVISION:

- 5. The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will come under orders of the C.O.C. 66th Division on reaching the area East of YPRES.

TAKING OVER THE LINE:

- 6. The 9th and 10th Australian Infantry Brigades are to take over the line on "Z/A" night from the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade.

POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT:

- 7. Should weather conditions be unsuitable higher authority may decide to postpone the operations for one or more days.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. J. Walker

Major,
Brigade Major,
Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.

(P.T.O.)

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ADMINISTRATIVE

INSTRUCTIONS

Reference Map:- BELGIUM - Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20,000

With reference to PHASE 5 - "G" PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS No.1, the Brigade will move to CAMP SITE situated at CAVALRY FARM at I.10.d.05.45

EMBUSING POINT. At Cross Roads half mile S. of "S" in St LAUREN at 9.30 a.m. 10th instant (Reference MAP HAESEBROUCK 5).

DEBUSING POINT. Road running from ASYLUM at H.12.d.4.4. to KRUISSTRAET at H.18.d.9.6.

PACKS. All troops proceeding by Motor Busses will carry packs and blankets.

BAGGAGE WAGGONS Baggage Waggon will rejoin Units in present billets by 9m P.m. on the 9th. instant.

MOTOR LORRIES. Mechanical Transport for the conveyance of Q.M. Stores &c. is allotted as follows:-
 1 Lorry per Battalion
 1 " T.M. Battery
 1 " 9th. Field Ambulance
 1 " Brigade Headquarters & H.G. Coy.

These Lorries will rendezvous at 7.30 a.m. 10th instant at Road Junction half mile N.W. of "I" in WINNEBILLE (Reference HAESEBROUCK 5A)

Units will send guides to this point to guide lorries to billets. As some of the roads in the vicinity are not suitable for motor traffic, the Motor Driver will say whether he can reach billets. If not all stores &c. will be taken to Motor lorry.

ADVANCE PARTY. The following advance party will report to Brigade Headquarters at 9 a.m. on the 10th. instant, to be conveyed to Camp Site.-

Unit	Off	O.R.
33rd. Bn		11
34th "	1	11
35th "		11
36th "	1	11
9th H.G. Coy		3
9th T.M. Battery		3
9th F. Amb.	1	3

The Camp will be marked out on the ground and the above party will then rendezvous at YPRES-HALL FIRM CORNER ROAD at I.9.d.7.4. at 2 p.m. 10th. inst., and take delivery of tents from Ordnance Waggon

TRANSPORT. Unit Transport will pass starting point at Cross Roads immediately W of "D" in DROGLANDE at 10 a.m. Route via TROU, VBE LE, POPERINGHE, VLAERTINGHE, YPRES to CAMP. Head of column not to enter POPERINGHE until 1 p.m.

The column will march under the Command of Lieut. ST TON. 35th Battalion, Brigade Transport Officer.

Motor Lorries will proceed via same ROUTE in convoy.

TENTAGE

265 Tents will be allotted to the Brigade for the accommodation of :-

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Brigade Headquarters,
33rd. Battalion
34th. do
35th. do
36th. do
9th. Machine Gun Coy.
9th. L.T.M. Battery
9th. Field Ambulance
Details Camp
Transport.

TRANSPORT LINES
& Q.M. STORES

Q.M. Stores and Transport Lines will be situated on Camp Grounds.

DETAILS CAMP.

Details Camp will be erected on Camp Grounds, but separate to Main Camp.
Senior Officer will act as CAMP COMMANDANT.

Details Camp will be permanently occupied by this Brigade, but Main Camp may be occupied by troops moving through area, after 9th. Brigade vacates Camp.

SUPPLIES.

Supplies will be delivered by supply waggons direct to Q.M. Stores.

MORBUQUE.

Instructions for the movement of personnel to MORBUQUE, will be issued later.

GUIDE.

33rd. Battalion will detail a reliable N.C.O. to report to D.A.D.O.S. Store, POPARINGHA, at 10 a.m. on the 10th. instant, to guide Lorries to rendezvous at I.9.d.7.4. and to await arrival of advance party.

Staff Captain 9th. Australian Inf Bgde.
Captain.

WJF.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.PHASE V - "G" PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS No. 2.Brigade Headquarters,
9th October, 1917.Reference Map: PASSCHENDAELE 1/10,000.
Sheet 28 1/10,000.GENERAL:

1. (a) On "A" day it is intended that the 5th Australian Division shall again be employed in the offensive, by which time it is expected that the 33rd Division will have captured its second objective (see attached map PASSCHENDAELE) running through D.12.a. and D.12.c.
- (b) The attack will be carried out by the
 - the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade on the right
 - the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade on the left
 - the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade being in reserve.
- (c) The New Zealand Division will be attacking on the left of the 10th Infantry Brigade, and an Australian Division of 1st ANZAC will be attacking on the right of the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

FRONTAGES & BOUNDARIES:

2. (a) The frontage of the Divisional attack will be from the VERES-ZONNEBEEK railway (at D.12.b.20.90.) to FRIESLAND (D.11.a.90.90.).
- (b) The right (Southern) boundary of the 9th Brigade attack will be the railway (exclusive) running through D.12.a. and b. - D.12.d. and E.7.c. d and b.
- The left (Northern) boundary of the 9th Brigade attack will be a line joining the point D.12.a.15.85 and E.1.d.20.95.
- Thus the 9th Brigade frontage is approximately 850 yards.

OBJECTIVES:

3. The Brigade will have three objectives (see attached map PASSCHENDAELE ET).
- The first objective - called the RED LINE - lies along a line joining D.12.a.95.90 to E.7.c.18.82.
- The second objective - called the BLUE LINE - lies along a line joining E.1.c.67.85 to E.7.c.72.55.
- The third and final objective - called the GREEN LINE - lies approximately on the line joining the points E.1.d.20.93 - E.1.d.05.50 - E.7.b.76.30.
- The point E.7.b.76.30 on the railway, will be the extreme right flank of the 9th Infantry Brigade front line after capturing the final objective.

ALIGNMENT OF OBJECTIVES:

4. The 9th Infantry Brigade attack will be carried out by three Battalions in depth on a one Battalion frontage (leapfrog principle): one Battalion remaining as Brigade reserve.

ALLOTMENT OF
OBJECTIVES:
(cont)

4. Objectives are allotted as follows :-

1st objective - RED LINE - 34th Bn. "A" Bn.
2nd objective - BLUE LINE - 35th Bn. "B" Bn.
3rd objective - GREEN LINE - 36th Bn. "C" Bn.
The 33rd Battalion will remain as Brigade Reserve, "D" Bn., and will not be employed except by orders of G.O.C. Brigade.

MACHINE GUNS &
TRENCH MORTARS:

5. Two Vickers Guns and two light trench mortars will be attached to each attacking, and the reserve Battalion, for employment under the orders of the Battalion Commander.

The G.O. 9th A.I.C. Company will detail an officer, who will be attached to the 36th Battalion. This officer will assist the G.O. 36th Battalion in the tactical siting of the machine guns for the defence of the final objective.

Eight machine guns of 9th A.I.C. Company will be employed under orders of the D.M.G.O. for barrage work.

The G.O. 9th A.I.C. Company and 9th A.L.F. M. Battery will detail guns and personnel forthwith who are to work with the various Battalions. They will immediately get into touch with the Battalion Commanders concerned.

BARRAGE:

6. As far as is known at present the barrage will stand for eight minutes on its opening lines, and lifts will subsequently be at the rate of 100 yards every eight minutes, with the exception of halts 200 yards in advance (East) of both 1st and 2nd objectives to allow 35th and 36th Battalions respectively to form up and leapfrog through the preceding Battalion.

The barrage will lift from the RED LINE protective position at Zero plus 2 hours 20 minutes, and from the BLUE LINE protective position at Zero plus 5 hours 30 minutes. This means that there will be a halt exceeding one hour in front of the RED LINE, and a halt of 2 hours in front of the BLUE LINE.

ATTACK
FORMATIONS:

7. Each Battalion for 1st, 2nd and 3rd objectives will attack with 3 Companies in the line and one Company as Battalion Reserve.

Each front line Company will have a frontage of approximately 300 yards, and will be disposed as follows :-

2 platoons extended in single rank across the Company frontage (loading line).

1 platoon (line of sections in file) as moppers-up.

1 platoon as Company reserve.

(see Diagram "A" attached).

SPECIAL PARTIES: 8.

Although the railway is exclusive to us and inclusive to the Brigade on our right, enemy posts on the railway may materially affect our advance. Each of "A", "B" and "C" Battalions will therefore detail a special party to follow the loading line on their right flank to deal with any enemy posts on the railway which interfere with our advance.

"C" Battalion should instruct a special party to be ready to deal with the railway station in E.7.b., and to assist the Battalion on our right in overcoming any opposition which may be met there.

(P.T.O.)

REINFORCEMENT &
CO-OPERATION:

9. (a) The 35th and 36th Battalions will leap-frog as soon as the halts in front of the RED and BLUE lines take place respectively, and 34th and 35th Battalions will immediately re-organise as soon as the 35th and 36th Battalions respectively have leapfrogged through them.
- (b) As soon as the 35th Battalion have leap-frogged through the 34th and the latter re-organised, the O.C. 34th Battalion will detail his reserve Company (if not previously employed) or if the reserve Company has been previously employed, he will detail a composite Company, to follow immediately in rear of the left Company of the 35th Battalion. This (34th Battalion) Company's special role will be to assist the 10th Infantry Brigade, by a flanking attack, in the capture of PASSCHENDAELE.

This Company must be in close liaison with the right Company of the 38th Battalion, which is detailed to capture PASSCHENDAELE.

- (c) Any available men of 34th Battalion after one Company has been detailed as set out in para (b), will be immediately sent forward to assist the 35th Battalion, and similarly after capture of the BLUE LINE, all available men of the 35th Battalion must be pushed forward to reinforce the 36th Battalion.

(d) Similarly machine guns and light trench mortars allotted to "A" and "B" Battalions, as soon as the RED and BLUE LINES respectively have been captured, will be sent forward to assist in the capture of further objectives, so that when the GREEN LINE is captured, there should be available six machine guns and 6 light trench mortars (less any knocked out) for its immediate defence.

- (e) It must be impressed on all concerned that it is of the utmost importance to capture our final objective, and BATTALION reserves (other than one Company 34th Battalion specially detailed) must, if necessary, be used for this purpose rather than to assist the 10th Infantry Brigade should that Brigade require assistance. Provided that we attain our final objective, and the New Zealand Division attain their final objective, the position of any enemy in PASSCHENDAELE will be very precarious.

If the 10th Brigade are hung up by serious opposition in PASSCHENDAELE, and it becomes necessary or advisable to "pocket" it, the Battalion in Brigade reserve (33rd Battalion) would most probably be employed for that purpose. This Battalion would then continue the advance to the final objective.

The protective barrage to the BLUE LINE has been placed far enough Eastwards to allow our reserve troops to sidleslip Northwards from immediately in rear of the 2nd objective to a position East of PASSCHENDAELE, thereby cutting off any enemy garrison in that village.

The New Zealand Brigade operating on the left of the 10th Infantry Brigade will, if it is necessary, similarly participate in "pocketing" PASSCHENDAELE.

Should this operation take place, our troops will feel Northwards in front of PASSCHENDAELE, and the New Zealand troops will feel southwards until touch is gained between the 9th Infantry Brigade and the New Zealand Brigade concerned.

The above operations will necessitate

REINFORCEMENT &
CO-OPERATION
(cont)

LIAISON:

9. the closest liaison between Units from front to rear, and also with Units of the flanks.
10. (a) O's.C. Battalions will forthwith detail the necessary personnel for liaison.
 (1) with preceding Battalions in the attack.
 (2) with Battalions on their flanks.
 Arrangements made will be reported forthwith in full by all concerned to Brigade Headquarters.
 (b) In addition the O's.C. 34th and 35th Battalions will each detail an Officer as Brigade Liaison Officer for duty with flank Brigades, names of Officers selected in each case to be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters immediately. Each Officer must be accompanied by at least two runners.

MOPPING UP:

11. (a) Until the objectives are reached in each case, the leading single line of men will not do mopping up. Mopping up in these cases will be done by the remaining platoons of each of the front line Companies.
 (b) As each objective is gained the leading line of men will in each case mop up right up to the protective barrage, and will then fall back to the actual objective to assist in consolidation and re-organisation.

FIGHTING
KIT:

12. Fighting kit will be as per S.S. 135 Section XXI excepting that :-
 (a) 5 sandbags (not 3) per man will be carried.
 (b) 200 rounds S.A.A. (not 170 rounds) will be carried.
 (c) Men for 1st objective will only carry one bomb each.
 (d) Extra water bottles issued to Battalions will be distributed and carried full.

Picks and shovels will be carried in the proportion of 1 pick to 3 shovels.
 All material not required at 1st and 2nd objective will be immediately sent up to 3rd objective.

CARRYING
PARTIES:

13. (a) All Battalions will provide their own carrying parties.
 (b) Personnel sent forward by "A" and "B" Battalions to support "C" Battalion, will be absolutely at the disposal of "C" Battalion Commander either for fighting or carrying.
 Officers Commanding "A" and "B" Battalions will also assist in every other way possible to get material, ammunition, rations and water forward to the troops at the final objective.

CONSOLIDATION
OF GREEN LINE
& BLUE LINE:

14. (a) The GREEN LINE is to be thoroughly consolidated. An Engineer Party will be attached to the 36th Battalion to assist in the siting and laying out of trenches.
 (b) The trenches at the final objective must be sited tactically, and their exact positions decided by the Commanders on the spot.

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CONSOLIDATION
OF GREEN LINE &
BLUE LINE:
(cont)

14. (c) The BLUE LINE is also to be thoroughly consolidated, and must be sited and designed as a support line to the GREEN LINE. It must be sited tactically and not geographically.

J. H. Wootton
Major.
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Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.

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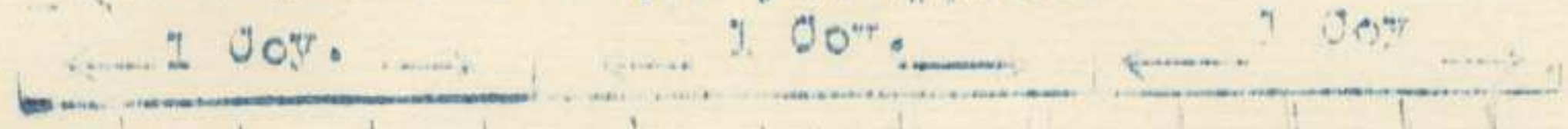
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DIAGRAM "A"

An Assaulting Battalion

300 yds approx.



Reserve Company

A front line Company.



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Reserve Platoon.

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SECRET

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 93.

Brigade Headquarters,
7th October, 1917.

Reference is made to H ZEDROUCK SA - 1/100,000.

1. The 9th Australian Brigade Group will march on the 8th instant from "INWIZ" Area to the North-west corner of the BERTHEM Area.

2. (a) The starting point will be the main cross roads in "INWIZ".

(b) The route will be "INWIZ" - STEWARTS - GODTHERSVILLE.

3. Units will pass the starting point at the following times :-

36th Bn.	9 a.m.
9th Inf. Bde. Hqrs.)	
9th Bde. Sig. Sect.)	9.17 a.m.
35th Bn.	9.19 a.m.
34th Bn.	9.33 a.m.
33rd Bn.	9.4 a.m.
9th A.S.C. Coy.	9.25 a.m.
9th A.S.T. Batt.	9.29 a.m.
9th Field Ambulance	9.30 a.m.

4. Halts will be made from 15 minutes to each clock hour to the clock hour.

5. There will be no halt for midday meal. Midday meal should be served on arrival at new billeting area.

6. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 99.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

Brigade Headquarters,
7th October, 1917.

Reference Plan: HAZEBROUCK 5A - 1/40 000.

1. The 9th Australian Brigade Group less 9th Field Coy. Engrs. and 839th Coy. A.A.S.C. will march to BERTHUN S.W. Billeting Area.
2. BILLETING PARTIES: One Officer from respective Units will report to Staff Captain at Brigade Headquarters at 2 p.m., on 7th instant, remainder of Billeting party will rendezvous at Road junction immediately South-west of K in THIEVSHOUK at 5.30 a.m. After receiving particulars of billeting areas, billeting Officers will collect their parties at this point.
3. GUIDES: Guides will meet Units at cross roads 700 yards East of S in STA GODEVAERSVEIDE.
4. TRANSPORT: First Line Transport will march in rear of their respective Units, observing 2nd ARMY distances.
5. BAGGAGE & BLANKETS: Baggage wagons will not report to Units, but motor lorries used for conveying supplies to billeting area will return to respective Unit Headquarters in No. 2 WINNEZELLE Area and collect blankets and Officers kits.
6. SUPPLIES: Supplies for consumption on 9th instant will be dumped in new billeting area at place to be notified later.

[Signature]
Staff Captain.
Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX 120

"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123.
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

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			From.....	At.....m.	
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions.			By.....		

Urgent operation Priority

Handed in at..... Office 2.55 p.m. Received 2.37 p.m.

TO 9th Bde
11th Bde

*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
AOC 26	11		

Alterations to barrage time table
Opening phase now thus
Tape line runs from North
West corner on cemetery to
Diod of bar Bdrage opens 200
yards North East of and parallel
to tape line and first four lifts
of barrage are 100 yards every
four minutes thereafter 100 yards
every eight minutes
All troops of defensive Bde
must be on our side of tape
line by four fifty tomorrow
morning and acknowledge by
wire

FROM	3rd Aust Div
TIME & PLACE	2pm

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
REPORT OF OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT ON 13-10-17.

Reference Map: PASSCHENDAELE 1/10,000.

1. GENERAL PLAN:

(a) It had been intended that the attack on the 13-10-17 should be made from the final objective set down for the attack by the 66th Division on the 9-10-17, but as this attack gained practically no territory it was decided by higher authority that the attack on the 13-10-17 should include the ground which had been set for the 66th Division and which they had failed to capture, plus the ground originally intended for the attack on the 13-10-17. This meant an attack to a depth of 2500 yards on the right and 2650 yards on the left, over ground which was shell torn, very wet and muddy.

(b) There were three definite objectives for the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

The 1st Objective or RED LINE, which represented an advance of 1000 yards. This line ran from D.18.b.05.85 to D.11.d.8.9.

The 2nd Objective or BLUE LINE which represented a further advance of 500 yards. This line ran from E.7.c.20.25 to E.12.b.00.65.

The 3rd Objective or GREEN LINE which represented a further advance from the BLUE LINE of 500 yards on the right and 900 yards on the left. This line ran from E.7.d.05.80 to E.1.c.00.65 including WILIST FARM and ECHO COPSE.

(c) The Southern Boundary of the 9th Infantry Brigade was the ZONNEBERG ROLLERS railway.

The Northern Boundary was a line drawn through the following points :-

HEINE HOUSE, D.11.c.70.25 and E.1.d.00.87.

The 9th Infantry Brigade frontage thus increased from 500 yards at jump off line to 900 yards at the final objective.

(d) The jumping off line was a line drawn through the N.W. corner of the Cemetery at D.17.a.50.25 to D.17.a.00.82.

(e) The advance was to be covered by a creeping barrage of 18 pounders and Machine Guns. The opening 18^{pr.} barrage line was parallel to and 200 yards N.E. of the tape line. The rate of advance of the barrage was finally fixed as follows:

1st 4 lifts 100 yards every 4 minutes, thereafter 100 yards every 8 minutes.

The machine gun barrage was to precede the 18^{pr.} barrage by approximately 400 yards.

Barrage halts were as follows :-

After capture of 1st objective - 1½ hours

After capture of 2nd objective - 1 hour.

Protective barrages were 200 yards East of each objective.

(f) Attacking Brigades on the flanks were :-

On the left - 10th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

On the right - 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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2. NINTH INFANTRY
BRIGADE PLAN:

(a) The attack was to be carried out on a one Battalion frontage by three Battalions in depth, the fourth Battalion being in Brigade Reserve.

34th Bn.	was detailed to capture the	RED LINE
35th Bn.	" " " " "	BLUE LINE
36th Bn.	" " " " "	GREEN LINE
33rd Bn.	" held in	Brigade Reserve.

Each of the above Battalions had attached to it 2 Vickers Guns of 9th A.M.G. Coy. and 2 Stokes Mortars of 9th A.Y.T.M. Battery. 8 Vickers Guns of 9th A.M.G. Coy were employed on barrage work under orders of the D.M.G.C.

The 35th Battalion was to leapfrog through the 34th Battalion after the capture of the 1st objective. 36th Battalion was to leapfrog through the 35th Battalion after the capture of the 2nd objective.

(b) The three assaulting Battalions were each to attack with three Companies in the line, and one Company in Battalion Reserve.

Each front line Company of the assaulting Battalion was to have three platoons in the line and one Platoon in Company Reserve. Special parties were to be told off by each Battalion to move on the near flanks of adjoining Units to prevent any ground on the flanks being missed.

(c) The reserve Company of the 35th Battalion was to move in rear of the left front line Company of that Battalion, and was definitely allotted the task of assisting the 10th Infantry Brigade in PASSCHENDAELE by a flank attack from the South.

The 34th Battalion, after capture of 1st objective, was to be immediately reorganised - one Company to be told off to assist the 10th Brigade by flank attack on PASSCHENDAELE, the remainder to be pushed forward to reinforce the 35th and 36th Battalions. The Reserve Battalion (33rd Battalion) was definitely allotted the job of moving N.E. from the BLUE LINE to a position East of PASSCHENDAELE, and thus pocketing it and its garrison, should the 10th Infantry Brigade be unsuccessful in fighting their way through the village. The 33rd Battalion would then take on the task of the Battalion of the 10th Brigade detailed for the final 10th Brigade objective.

(d) Battalions were to assemble from East to West in the following order :-

34th Battalion)	
35th Battalion)	plus attached Machine guns
36th Battalion)	and Stokes Mortars.
33rd Battalion)	

Each Battalion was deployed across the Brigade frontage, and all three Assaulting Battalions together were not to occupy when assembled a greater depth than 100 yards. This was arranged in order that all three Battalions might clear the enemy barrage line before his barrage actually came down.

(e) Special steps were to be taken to establish touch with the 12th Infantry Brigade during the advance at the following points :-

- (a) On the RED LINE
- (b) DEFECT CROSSING.

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2. NINTH INFANTRY BRIGADE PLAN: (cont)

(f) Good continuous trenches were to be established at the BLUE and GREEN LINES commencing with a series of posts which were afterwards to be joined up.

A Support line to the GREEN LINE was to be dug. Strong points, echeloned in depth, were to be constructed with engineer assistance and supervision.

(g) Battalions were to supply their own carrying parties.

(h) The following means of communication were available to Battalions :-

- 1. Telephone
- 2. Power Buzzer
- 3. Visual
- 4. Pigeons
- 5. Runner

There was no buried cable forward of Brigade Headquarters.

3. PREPARATIONS:

Owing to the fact that the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade was at WINNIBZELLE until the 10th instant and only arrived in the battle area after dark on the 10th instant, no preparatory work could be done before that date.

On the 11th instant the track for the approach march was taped, and the track prepared.

There was insufficient time to establish forward dumps of S.A.A., Stokes ammunition, Rations or water. For the same reason buried cable could not be arranged forward of Brigade Headquarters.

The jumping off line was taped out at approximately 10 p.m. on the night of the 11th October by Engineers, and its position checked on the ground by an Officer from Brigade Headquarters, and by Officers of the assaulting Bns

4. ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS:

Preliminary instructions for the operation were issued, but owing to the continual changes in plans and objectives by higher authority, the preliminary instructions had to be materially amended.

No written Operation Orders were got out for the Operation, but all instructions and plans for the attack were dictated to and discussed with Battalion Commanders and Adjutants.

5. PERSONNEL:

"B" teams of all Brigade Units were left at the Brigade Details Camp, CAVARY FARM. These did not participate in the actual fighting, but owing to lack of labour, were utilised for work in the forward areas.

9th M.G. Coy. and 9th L.T.M. Battery left 25% of their strength as "B" teams.

The strength of the various Battalions less "B" teams and detached (at commencement of approach march) were as follows :-

33rd Battalion	21 Officers	480 D.Es.
34th Battalion	19 "	500 "
35th Battalion	19 "	450 "
36th Battalion	20 "	530 "

6. LOCATIONS OF BRIGADE UNITS:

Headquarters of Units were situated as follows :-

Brigade Headquarters	-	D.26.e.7.5.
Hqrs - 33rd Bn.)	
" - 34th Bn.)	SHINE DUGOUTS
" - 35th Bn.)	D.16.d.65.50
" - 36th Bn.)	

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS.

1. APPROACH MARCH:

(a) The approach route was from CAVALRY FARM in I.9.a., via F Track until it met the railway at about J.I.a.0.0, thence along the railway to the tape line.

This was a distance of approximately 9000 yards.

The route was marked by tape raised by stakes to a height of approximately 3 feet from the ground.

The rate of march for the approach was calculated at $2/3$ of a mile per hour. As only a single track was available for the approach march, it was necessary for the leading Battalion to leave camp at 6 p.m. in order that the rear Battalions should have time to assemble before Zero hour.

Two Machine Guns and two Stokes Mortars with personnel were attached to each Battalion for the operation and joined the respective Battalions before moving off. Battalions were held responsible for policing the approach routes.

(b) The leading Battalion (34th Battalion) left CAVALRY FARM at 6 p.m., and was followed by the 35th Battalion, 36th Battalion and 33rd Battalion in succession.

The 34th Battalion proceeded satisfactorily until ZONNEBEKE STATION was reached. From this point forward to the jumping off line they were subjected to heavy shell fire (77 mm. and 4.2 inch H.E.) . This shelling severely damaged the track and destroyed the direction tape in many places, thereby causing delay. The Battalion completed its assembly up to time, and was formed up on the jumping off line by 2.45 a.m. The Battalions following experienced the same difficulties which were increased, as the passage of the men over one track, and the constant rain, made the track knee deep in mud.

The 35th Battalion were safely formed up in position at the arranged time.

The 36th Battalion was subjected, during its approach, to heavier shelling, and also to gas shelling, which later necessitated men putting on gas helmets from time to time. This combined with the darkness and deep mud rendered the approach very tiring and difficult. The casualties suffered by the 36th Battalion during the approach march were 1 Officer and 100 other ranks. The leading Company of this Battalion reached the assembly position at 4.48 a.m. leaving 37 minutes for the Battalion to complete its assembly. Its assembly was completed in time with the exception of half of the reserve Company who were delayed by the outgoing troops of the Division on our right not abiding by arrangements and moving out along our approach route. This half Company, however, got into position with its Battalion immediately after Zero hour. It would therefore appear that $2/3$ mile per hour is the maximum rate of approach over wet shell torn ground at night.

2. ASSEMBLY:

The assembly was carried out by Battalions wheeling left along their forming up line - the 34th Battalion being in front, covered by 35th Battalion, covered by the 36th Battalion.

The Reserve Battalion (33rd Battalion) assembled 50 yards West of the SEINE-BEECHAM road in D.15.d. The assembly of this Battalion was completed by 5.21 a.m., having suffered 30 casualties.

About 5.20 a.m. the enemy put down a heavy barrage on our assembly position, and a total of approximately 150 casualties were suffered before the jumping off line was cleared immediately after Zero hour.

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3. OPENING
BARRAGE:

Our opening barrage came down punctually at Zero, i.e. 5.25 a.m. This barrage was very weak. At Zero plus 5 minutes a very heavy enemy 5.9" barrage was put down on our jumping off position, his lighter calibre weapons placing a barrage three to four hundred yards further West.

4. The INFANTRY
BATTLE:

(a) At Zero hour the assaulting Battalions moved quickly forward from the jumping off line. The following extract from report by 34th Battalion in their operations describes this Battalion's action up to the capture of the RED LINE.

"At 5.25 a.m. our barrage came down. It was very weak, and in many cases it was difficult to determine which was our barrage and which was fire of the enemy. This made it difficult for the men to keep up with the barrage. The greatest obstacle met in the advance was the condition of the ground, particularly on the left flank. There were many men who were lost altogether in the bog. The pace of the advance was slowed up owing to the assistance it was necessary to give men who had sunk into shell holes, and could not extricate themselves without assistance. The first organised position met with was two concrete pill boxes East of AUGUSTUS ROAD and N.E. of HEIN HOUSE. This party held up the centre of the advance until Captain JEFFRIES organised a bombing party and succeeded in rushing and capturing the strong point. Four machines were captured and 55 prisoners. 150 yards in rear of this dugout was a small trench about 50 yards long in which were about 20 or 30 of the enemy. This party was accounted for as the wave passed over. Throughout the advance to the RED LINE heavy machine gun fire was encountered from the direction of BELLEVUE and MEETCHELLE on the left flank, and from TIBER and TIBER COPSE on the right flank. Two machine guns were firing from ~~DECLINE~~ COPSE on the right flank, in the railway embankment. The latter position was mopped up as the wave went forward. On reaching the RED LINE the Battalion proceeded to dig in, but was greatly harrassed by the fire of machine guns situated on the right flank, about 200 yards from the railway embankment. Captain JEFFRIES again organised a party of 2 N.C.O's. and 10 men to capture this post. Unfortunately this Officer was killed in the operation. The N.C.O's. carried on and succeeded in rushing the post taking two guns and 40 prisoners. Casualties all along had been very heavy."

The 35th and 36th Battalions followed closely on the 34th Battalion and did a great deal of mopping up of dugouts and elements of trench which were manned by the enemy after the 34th Battalion had passed over them.

The RED LINE was captured to time at 6.37 a.m. Between 75 and 100 prisoners had been captured up to this time, and many had been bayoneted and shot.

(b) At 8.25 a.m. the barrage resumed the advance. The 35th Battalion had successfully leapfrogged through the 34th Battalion and closely followed the barrage. The 36th Battalion followed close on the 35th Battalion.

The reserve Company of the 35th Battalion had been ~~attached~~ detailed to assist the 10th Infantry Brigade by a flank attack on PASSCHENDARE and therefore followed in rear of the left front line Company of the same Battalion.

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4. THE INFANTRY
ATTACK:
(cont)

(b) During the advance from the RED LINE the 10th Infantry Brigade on our left were held up, leaving our left flank exposed to heavy machine gun fire from PASSCHENDAELE, GREST FARM and MRETCHERLE. As a result the left Company and reserve Company of the 35th Battalion were practically wiped out.

The 36th Battalion seeing this immediately came in on the left and assisted in the capture of the BLUE LINE.

On the right the 35th Battalion met a great deal of trouble from enemy in TIBER and TIBER GOPSE, and consequently suffered many casualties.

The 34th Battalion, which by this time had been reorganised, seeing that assistance was required in dealing with TIBER and TIBER GOPSE immediately reinforced on the right flank and assisted in clearing up these places, and in finally capturing the right portion of the BLUE LINE. The BLUE LINE was completely captured by 9.50 a.m., but our casualties had been exceedingly heavy. The situation now was as follows :-

The BLUE LINE was held -

On the left - by the 36th Bn. who had lost heavily.
in the centre by the 35th Bn. who had lost most heavily
on the right by the 34th Bn. who had also lost heavily

The 10th Infantry Brigade were not on the BLUE LINE on our left, but we were in touch with small parties of 12th Infantry Brigade on the BLUE LINE on our right.

This situation was not known to Brigade Headquarters until some hours later, as owing to the lack of buried cable, telephonic communication did not exist forward; visual signalling had broken down owing to the smoke, and accurate enemy shell fire on transmitting stations. Power Buzzers were tried but without success. Runners were the only means of communication left (pigeons having been used earlier or destroyed) and were necessarily slow.

In view of the heavy casualties suffered the Infantry Commanders on the BLUE LINE decided that any further advance was out of the question, and decided to consolidate where they were. So far they had made an advance of 1700 yards which exceeded the distance normally laid down for a final objective, and this advance had been made over shell torn boggy ground in which some men had totally disappeared and been drowned in the mud, and from parts of which many men had to be extricated by two or three others. Lewis Guns and rifles were very muddy and it was impossible to clean them. Many of these were consequently out of action.

At 9.24 a.m. the 33rd (Reserve) Battalion had been ordered to move to the RED LINE to be closer up to take on the role of "C" Battalion of 10th Infantry Brigade in front (East) of PASSCHENDAELE. This role had been definitely allotted to it by G.O.C. Division, and this Battalion was therefore not at the disposal of the G.O.C. 9th Infantry Brigade for use at his own discretion.

The 10th Infantry Brigade on our left had not reached the BLUE LINE and as far as could be ascertained were holding their first objective, the RED LINE. At 12 noon instructions were received that if the advance to or beyond the BLUE LINE were held up, ground already won was to be consolidated.

Consolidation had been commenced on the BLUE LINE immediately it was captured.

4. THE INFANTRY
ATTACK.
(cont)

(b) At 12.2 p.m. the 33rd Battalion was definitely placed under direct control of G.O.C. 9th Infantry Brigade for use as required.

At 12.10 p.m. Lieut-Colonel MILNE, D.S.O., G.O. 36th Battalion was placed in charge of the BLUE LINE, which was now held by a composite force of the 34th, 35th and 36th Battalions, all of which had suffered heavy casualties.

At 1.40 p.m. the BLUE LINE was reported consolidated continuously from the road to the Railway, i.e. across the whole Brigade front.

The BLUE LINE was situated on the forward slope of the ridge, and was therefore under direct observation from the East. The enemy machine guns on both flanks took full advantage of their enfilade powers and brought fire to bear along the whole line. "Silent" enemy 77 mm and 4.2" batteries opened fire from the vicinity of EXERT FARM, ENLIST FARM and the houses on the road in I.7.a. Another battery was located in PASSCHENDAELE Village. Thus the line was exposed to direct Artillery fire, at a range of from 500 yards upwards.

Continued reports were received of our heavy casualties, and continual requests were made for reinforcements. All men from the RED LINE were sent forward, but it was considered unsound to pack many troops into the BLUE LINE which was so exposed and so consistently machine gunned and barraged by enemy artillery. The 33rd Battalion was therefore still held in reserve to restore the situation should enemy counter attack succeed in penetrating our now thinly held BLUE LINE.

At 1.30 p.m. instructions were issued that the BLUE LINE was to be held at all costs, and that our left flank was to be refused back along the inter Brigade boundary to join up with the 10th Infantry Brigade at DECK WOOD. These orders were received by the Company Commanders on the BLUE LINE.

Two Companies of the 33rd Battalion were placed under orders of Lieut-Colonel MILNE, D.S.O. (who was in charge of the BLUE LINE) for immediate use in counter attack. The 33rd Battalion (less two Companies) was now the total Brigade Reserve.

Our S.O.S. barrage was BLUE LINE PROTECTOR.

At 2.30 p.m. instructions were received from Divisional Headquarters that the 43rd Battalion was placed under orders of G.O.C. 9th Infantry Brigade for an operation at 4.56 p.m. against GREST FARM. This operation was cancelled at 2.50 p.m.

At 2.35 p.m. it was reported by the 34th Battalion that an officer of the 10th Infantry Brigade had come to report to them that the 10th Brigade were withdrawing. This report was received at Brigade Headquarters at 3.35. Inquiries were immediately made to 10th Infantry Brigade Headquarters, who denied that any withdrawal was taking place.

At 5 p.m. verbal reports from casualties were received at Brigade Headquarters that the whole line had withdrawn commencing from the left, but no direct message referring to a withdrawal of any kind had been received. An Officer from Brigade Headquarters was immediately sent forward to make a reconnaissance of the exact situation. At 6.15 p.m. he returned and gave the front line as running from the crossing at D.17.b. 30.25 to D.11.c.50.05 thence skirting the S.W. edge of AUGUSTUS WOOD. They were in touch with both flanks Brigades. All Battalion Headquarters were in SEINE DUGOUTS, D.16.d.7.5.

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4. THE INFANTRY ATTACK: (cont)

(b) Consolidation was pushed on with immediately. With regard to the withdrawal from the BLUE LINE the following is a copy of letter from G.O.C. 9th Infantry Brigade to Headquarters, 3rd Australian Division:-

"Headquarters, 3rd Australian Division.

I beg to forward herewith copies of detailed reports from Battalion, Machine Gun and L.T.M. Battery Commanders of 9th Infantry Brigade concerning operations on October 12th in vicinity of PASSCHENDARE.

I have to-day personally interviewed officers and N.C.O's. of all Battalions who took part in the Battle, and their evidence substantiate the reports herewith in general detail.

The evidence appears conclusive that a composite force of 36th Battalion (on left), 35th Bn. (in centre) and 34th Bn. (on right) actually held the BLUE LINE for some time under exceedingly heavy machine gun fire from rights and left flanks, also from direct artillery fire in immediate front at range of 500 yards and upwards, and also from direction of PASSCHENDARE.

Definite orders were issued by me and received by responsible officers in the BLUE LINE that the line was to be held at all costs, with the left flank refused to link up with the 10th Brigade.

Major CARR (now wounded) the senior officer on the BLUE LINE, considered it impossible to hold on against the overwhelming artillery and machine gun fire, and he personally ordered a withdrawal to the RED LINE. Apparently, however, he made no arrangements to ensure that troops did not withdraw beyond the RED LINE, and later I was informed this had actually occurred and our troops had come back to our original front line. This position was improved later.

It is clear that a line could and should have been held by 9th Infantry Brigade in the vicinity of RED LINE, though it is very much open to question if the exposed BLUE LINE on a forward crest could have been held unless the 10th Brigade and New Zealanders had secured their objectives.

I am not able to question Major CARR as he has been evacuated wounded.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in maintaining signal communication. Telephone lines were continuously shot away - no buried cable existed, and nearly all signals were delivered and received per medium of visual and runner.

I am of opinion that in such definite programme operations which once launched cannot be interfered with till programme is complete, better results would be obtained if Brigade Commanders could be in personal touch with their Battalion Commanders and thus promptly able to organise assistance where most required.

The messages to and from Divisional Headquarters during an operation of this kind are relatively few, while those to the four Battalions are numerous.

Failing approval for such arrangement, it seems imperative that buried cable must be laid before an operation right up to the tape line.

In my opinion all ranks worked splendidly and there was the closest support between Battalions.

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4. THE INFANTRY
ATTACK:
(cont)

"It would appear Major CARR erred in his orders for withdrawal, but as that Officer is absent wounded it would not be fair to make any direct charge against him.

Absolutely marvellous work was done by Transport personnel and animals in bringing up supplies nightly under most severe shell-fire and very difficult weather conditions.

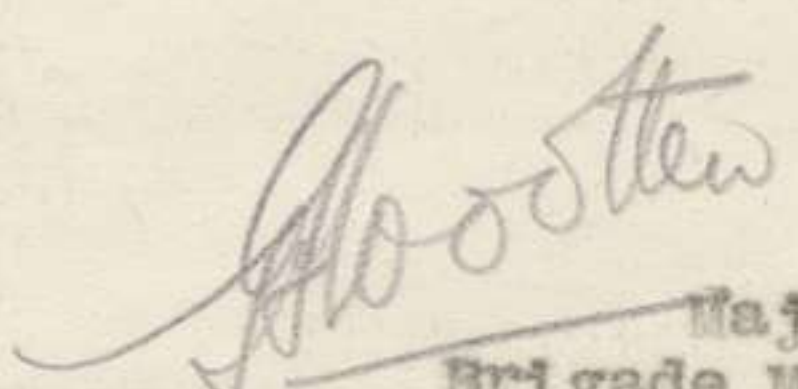
(sgd) CHARLES ROSENTHAL, Brig. Gen.
Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade."

Casualties suffered on the 12th instant were 49 Officers and 915 other ranks.

Staff Diary of messages received and sent during the operation, is attached.

The points brought out in the attack were :-

1. Enemy had plenty of guns placed for the express purpose of rendering the high ground South of PASSCHEN-DAELE, also the village itself untenable to us.
2. Enemy had silent guns well forward which were used only in case of attack and which had direct fire on to the BLUE LINE.
3. Machine guns on high ground on the flanks were not neutralised. Gas or smoke might be used against these in future.
4. Our 18 pounder barrage was far too thin, and did not keep enemy down or destroy him.
5. The pace of the barrage, viz. 100 yards in 8 minutes was suitable.
6. The advance set down - 2500 yards - is far too much over ground which is shell torn, boggy and muddy, if fighting is necessary during the advance.



Major.
Brigade Major.
Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.

(EMR)

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.



Brigade Headquarters,
16th. October 1917.

Reference Map:-
Sheet 28 - 1/40,000

The following Unit details together with transport will move to new Billeting Area, situated at H.16.c.8.3.-

- 33/34/35/36th. Battalions
- 9th. Machine Gun Coy.
- 9th. A.L.T.M. Battery.

PERSONNEL.

All personnel able to walk will proceed by route march through YPRES-ASYLUM- to GOLDFISH CHATEAU at H.11.central, crossing Railway and taking road running S.W. to H.16.a.40.80., thence along VLAMERTINGHE - KRUISSTRATEFOEK Road to Camp site.

Personnel to pass starting point at Road junction at I.8.b.50.35. at 4 p.m.

SICK

All men absolutely unable to walk will be conveyed by motor Lorry from present Camp site to new area. Waggon will pick up this personnel on GORBUROY Road, running off YPRES-HEBIN Road through 36th. Battalion Camp.

Captain DOIG will supervise embussing of sick personnel.

TRANSPORT

First line transport will move under orders of respective C.O.'s., and march independently to new area.

BAGGAGE WAGGONS

Baggage waggons have been ordered to report to Units immediately. They will move as per arrangements for transport.

TENTS.

As new Camp site has not accomodation, units will make their own arrangements for transferring of all tents and shelters on present ground. Particular care is to be taken that all tents are collected, as a return will be asked for immediately they have been re-erected.

SUPPLIES

Supply waggons will deliver supplies for consumption on 18th. instant to G.M. stores in Camp site, south YPRES.

HEADQUARTERS

Forward Brigade Headquarters will remain in present position until relief of Brigade.

Administrative Headquarters will remain at CAVALRY FARM until probably 17th. instant.

COMMAND

Lieut-Colonel GODDARD, C.O. 35th. Battalion will command all movements of personnel and transport and will act as Camp Commandant in new area.

MOVEMENTS.

It is anticipated that on relief, the whole Brigade will concentrate in south YPRES Camp. Arrangements will therefore, be made for its accomodation, by Camp Commandant.

Captain.
Staff Captain 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Distribution.

- 1 Copy each 33/34/35/36th Bns.
- 1 " " 9th. Machine Gun Coy. and T.M. Battery.
- 1 " " G.O.C.
- 1 " " Staff Captain.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 2

REFERENCE MAP ZONNEBEKE 1/10,000

Brigade Headquarters,
17th October, 1917.

- RELIEF. 1. (a) The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved by ~~the~~ the 148th Infantry Brigade on the night 18th/19th October. Relief is to be completed by 8 a.m., 19/10/17.
- (b) The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade on relief will move to YPRES SOUTH. From this place the Brigade will move to the CAMPAGNE IEZ BOULLONNAIS Area under orders to be issued later.
- DETAIL. 2. Battalions will be relieved in the following order:-
- (a)
- Left Front Line Battalion.
 - Right Front Line Battalion.
 - Left Support Battalion.
 - Right Support Battalion.
- (b) The 34th Battalion will be relieved by 4th Yorks & Lancs. Regiment.
- The 33rd Battalion will be relieved by the 4th Bn. K.O.Y.L.I.
- The 36th Battalion will be relieved by the 5th Bn. K.O.Y.L.I.
- The 35th Battalion will be relieved by the 5th Battalion Yorks and Lancs. Regiment.
- (c) The 9th A.M.G. Coy. and 9th A.L.T.M. Btty. will be relieved by corresponding Units of the incoming Brigade.
- (d) Details of reliefs to be arranged by O's.C. Units concerned.
- ROUTES. 3. (a) Units of incoming Brigade will move by the Mule track from ZONNEBEKE STATION to SEINE dugouts.
- (b) Units of this Brigade will move out by "K" track.
- GUIDES. 4. (a) Each Battalion of the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will detail 16 guides (1 per platoon) to guide relieving Units. Guides will rendezvous at the Southwestern end of ZONNEBEKE RAILWAY STATION on 18th instant at the following times :-
- | | |
|----------------|-----------|
| 34th Battalion | 4.30 p.m. |
| 33rd Battalion | 4.45 p.m. |
| 36th Battalion | 5.0 p.m. |
| 35th Battalion | 5.15 p.m. |
- (b) Guides from 9th Machine Gun Coy. & 9th A.L.T.M. Btty. will be arranged direct with incoming corresponding Units.
- EQUIPMENT. 5. C.O's will ensure that all ranks leave the forward area fully equipped with the exception that only 50 rounds S.A.A. per man will be brought out of the line.
- ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRNS. 6. Administrative Instructions will be issued by the Staff-Captain.
- COMPLETION OF RELIEFS. 7. Completion of all reliefs will be notified to this office in code by the most rapid means available.
8. A C K N O W L E D G E .

G. H. Wood
Major.
Brigade Major.
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Issued through signalling at ... p.m.

Coy No 153 Brigade H.Q.

7 33 Bn.

8 34 "

9 35 "

10 36 "

11 9 atty Coy

12 9 atty Bty

13 9 Bde sig. section

14 9 Hq Coy Engrs

15 9 Hq Amb

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17) 3rd Aust. Div.

18)

19 1st New Zealand Bde.

20 C.R.A.

21 C.R.E.

22)

23) War Diary

24)

25 File.

Brigade Headquarters,
17th October, 1917.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 2

20th. October 17

BRIGADE ORDER NO. 3

98/13

Reference Map - HAZEBROUCK 5a

1. The 9th. Australian Infantry Brigade Group will move to billeting area CHAMPAGNE-lez-BOULONNAIS, in accordance with the attached tables,
 - (a) Personnel to move by train and busses
Schedule "A"
 - (b) Transport by train - Schedule "B" "C"
 - (c) March Table - Personnel by train
Schedule "D"
 - (d) do do Transport by train
Schedule "E"
 - (e) Surplus transport will proceed in accordance with instructions, issued under Administrative Instructions No. 98/13 - 19th instant.

2. Times of departure and arrival of trains at Stations are shown in Schedule "E"
3. Troops will report at entraining stations, Personnel 1 hour and Transport 3 hours before the advertised time of the departure of the train.

4. All baggage and stores in excess of that carried on baggage waggons will be taken on lorry or horse transport, to entraining station at least 3 hours prior to train starting time and loaded on rails.

MOVES BY BUSES

Troops will be told off 25 or 20 (20 for seated lorries - 25 for busses) and distributed along the road starting from the bus point in which the head of the column will rest.

- (A) Bus timings, embussing and debussing points will be notified later.
- (b) The composition of the columns as regards busses or lorries will be notified later.
- (c) Groups will be distributed 6 to every 80 yards of road length, i.e. (180 approximately to every 100 yards.
- (d) No baggage will be carried in the busses.

Major A.C. BLACKLOW, 35th Battalion, will supervise the embussing of troops.

BILLETING PARTIES

Two motor lorries have been allotted for the purpose of conveying the following Unit billeting parties, and officer records to billeting area.

Each Battalion	1	Off	4	O.R.
9th M.G. Coy	1	"	3	"
9th T.M. Bty	1	"	2	"
9th Fld. Amb	1	"	2	"

Motor Lorries and billeting party will report to Cross Roads H, 16.d.1.1. (Ref. Map Sheet 28) at 7 a.m. 21st instant. Motor Lorries will convey billeting parties and officer records direct to Unit billets. Senior officer will be responsible for direction.

7. STORES

With reference to Para 4, Motor Lorries will report to H.16.d.111. at 7 a.m. 21st. instant and will be used by Units in the following order:-

One Lorry	One Lorry
33rd Bn	34th Bn
M.G.Co	35th "
Bgde Hqrs	36th "
T.M.Bty	

33rd and 34th Battalions will each send guide to rendezvous at 7 a.m., and immediately units have finished unloading waggons, they will be responsible that driver receives instructions to return to Unit next in above order.

8. AREA STORES

All tents will be handed over to incoming unit on receipt, advanced parties arriving evening of 20th inst. Certificates required by S.O. 28/11 of 15th October will be furnished on arrival in new area.

9. MORBECQUE

Personnel at Morbecque will proceed to join their Units in billeting area, as follows:-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Depart from Morbecque</u>	<u>Route</u>
9th Inf Bgde	22nd. October	Train from HAZEBOUCK to HUMBRES.

Location of Units ~~shown~~ in billeting area are shown in Schedule "F"

10. D.A.D.O.S.

D.A.D.O.S. Store will be established atx REMILLY WIRGUIN on 21st instant.

11. SUPPLIES

Railhead will change from BDEWAARTSHOEK to HUMBRES for Division on the 22nd October and after that date refilling point will be :-
9th Inf Bge. IE NESNIL BOUTRY.

12. BAGGAGE WAGGONS

Baggage Waggon will report to Units at 3 p.m. 21st. instant. A small party will be left behind to load these Waggon and accompany them on train.

13. BRIGADE H'QUARTERS

Brigade Headquarters will close present location at 8.30 a.m., re-opening at CAMPAGNE lez BOULONNAIS at 11.30 a.m. 21st instant.

[Signature]
Staff Captain 9th Aust Inf. Brigade

Distribution.

1	Copy each Battalion
1	Coy M.G.Coy
1	" T.M.Bty
1	" 9th Field Ambulance
1	" 9th Field Coy
1	" 24th A.S.C. Coy
1	" G.O.CA
1	" B.H.
1	" S.C.
1	" 3rd Aust Division
1	" File.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

TACTICAL TRAINS - PERSONNEL

SCHEDULE "A"

Serial No	Date	Unit	Off	O.R.	Remarks
1	October 21	9th Inf Bgdo			
		H'quarters & Details	1	40	
		33rd Battalion	5	181	
		34th " Battalion	3	192	
		35th " "	6	250	
		36th " "	5	80	
		9th M.G. Coy	3	70	
		9th T.M. Bty	1	25	
		9th Field Coy	7	245	
		9th Field Amb.	8	189	
		24th Coy A.S.C. (a)			(a) See Schedule "G"
			39	1252	

PERSONNEL TO MOVE BY BUS

Date	Unit	Off	O.R.	Remarks
October 21st	Headquarters 9th Brigade & Details	2	40	
	33rd Battalion	9	215	
	34th " "	6	215	
	35th " "	9	230	
	36th " "	10	190	
	M.G. Coy	9	75	
	T.M. Battery	4	20	
		49	985	

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

First T.O. Train - October 21st. 1907. leaving VLMARTINGH at 6.25 p.m.

SCHEDULE "5"

Serial	Unit	Personnel			Animals		Vehicles			Remarks
		Off	O.R.	R.	D.	Pack	4-Wh	2-Wh	Axles	
2	9th Aus Inf Bgde									(A) To be detailed as follows.- 1 Off from each 35/36 Bn. & 25 O/R per Bn. Officer of 35th Bn & 50% loading party to report to VIAMER-TIBGHE Stn by 8 a.m, 21st inst. Remainder of loading party to 48 report by 11.39 a.m. (b) Senior Off aboard will be O.C. Train & Senior Off Bgde Transport will be responsible for Bgde personnel, animals and vehicles. Float will move by road with 11th Bde column.
	Headquarters	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	
	G.S. Waggon	-	6	-	8	-	2	-	4	
	" " (Cooks)	-	1	-	2	9	1	-	2	
	Signal Cart Mtese	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	
	<u>Each Battalion</u>									
	Headquarters	1	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	
	Fld Kitchens	-	16	-	8	-	-	-	8	
	Carts Off Mess	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	
	Carts Water	-	2	-	4	-	-	2	2	
	" Maltose	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	
	Pack Animals	-	4	-	-	7	-	-	-	
(a)	9th Aus Inf Bde									
	Loading and Unloading Pty	2	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	9th A.M.C.Co	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	
	Carts Cook	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	
	" Water	-	3	-	2	-	-	1	1	
	9th Field Coy	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	
	Waggon Lim, GS	-	4	-	4	-	2	-	4	
	Water Carts	-	2	-	2	-	-	1	1	
	3rd Aus Mob V. Soc	1	19	14	-	-	-	-	-	
	2 G.S. Limbers	-	-	4	4	9	2	-	4	
	1 Mess Cart	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	
		5	277	67	81	28	23	31	67	

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Cond T.O. Train - October 21st 1917 - Leaving VIMERTICQUE at 9.25 p.m.

SCHEDULE "O"

Unit	Personal		Animals			Vehicles			Remarks
	Off	O.R.	R	D	Pack	4-WH	2-WH	Axles	
<u>3rd Aust. Pioneer Battn</u>	1	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	
Field Kitchens	-	16	-	8	-	4	-	-	
Carts Off Mess	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	8	
" Water	-	2	-	2	-	-	2	1	
" Maltese	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	2	
<u>24th Coy A.A.S.C.</u>	4	78	9	56	-	25	1	51	Includes Baggage Waggon
<u>9th Aust Field Ambulance</u>									
Horses Riding	-	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	
Water Carts	-	2	-	2	-	-	1	1	
Waggon Limb. G.S.	-	4	-	4	-	2	-	4	
<u>3rd. Aust Pioneer Battn</u>									
Loading and Unloading Party	2	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	7	219	24	74	-	31	6	68	

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SCHEDULE "D"

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MARCH TABLE

Personnel leaving by train leaving YPRES 8.45 a.m. 21st inst.

Reference Map :- Sheet 28 - 1/40,000.

No.	Unit.	Starting Point.		Route	Remarks.
		Place	Time.		
C-17	33th Bn.	BEIGIAN CHATEAU	8.45 a.m.	BEIGIAN CHATEAU-BEIGIAN-	Arrangements are being made whereby personnel proceeding by train may be picked up by busses after detraining, along WIZERNES-CIETTY Road, but units must not await their arrival, but proceed by route march to billets. Men unable to carry packs may dump same at station on detraining and to be left in charge of guard. Notice to be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as soon as possible. (a) Under orders of C.P.E. (b) Under orders of A.D.M.S.
		.23.b.30.80.		BEIGIAN-BATTERY-CORNER-	
				KRUISSTRATE STATION.	
	35th Bn	do	6.30 a.m.	do	
	34th Bn	do	6.55 a.m.	do	
	33rd Bn	do	7.0 a.m.	do	
	9th M.G. Coy } 9th T.M. Btry } Bde Hqrs } Details }	do	7.5 a.m.	do	
	9th Field Coy (a)				
	9th Field Amb. (b)				

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ENTRAINING TIME TABLE

SCHEDULE "E"

Date	Entraining Station	Commence Entraining	Depart	Arrive WIZERNES	Remarks
21.10.17	IPRES	7.30 a.m.	8.45 a.m.	11.45 a.m.	Personel Train
do	VIANERTINGHE	3.30 p.m.	5.25 p.m.	9.13 p.m.	Transport Train
do	do	6.30 p.m.	9.25 p.m.	12.15 a.m.	Transport Train

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Schedule "F"

LOCATIONS OF UNITS

Units will occupy as nearly as possible the same billets as when last in the Area. Locations are as follows:-

U N I T	LOCATION
9th Field Coy Engineers	MERCK ST LEVIEN (To be vacated in event of Area being required for Artillery),
9th Aust Inf Brigade	CAMPAGNE IEZ BOULONNAIS
33rd Battalion	do
34th "	VAUDRINGHEM
35th "	WISMES and DRIONVILLE
36th "	LEDINGHEM
9th Machine Gun Coy	NEPAY - LE BOURQUET
9th Light Trench Mortar Bty	LE MESNIL BOUTRY
867th Coy A.S.C.	do
9th Field Ambulance	542243 ECUIRE

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

MARCH TABLE FOR TRANSPORT PROCEEDING BY TRAIN LEAVING VILMERTINGHE

AT 6.25 P.M.

Reference Map - Sheet 28 1/40,000

Schedule

Date	Unit	Starting Point		Route	Remarks
		Place	Time		
10/17	34th Battalion	Road Junction at H.13.a.45.95	2.45 p.m.	Present Billets to VILMERTINGHE	
	36th "	"	2.50 p.m.	"	
	35th "	"	2.55 "	"	
	33rd "	"	3 "	"	
	9th M.G. Coy	"	3.5 "	"	
	Bgde H'quarters	"	3.10 "	"	
	9th Field Coy A.E.	(a)	(a)	(a)	

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

MARCH TABLE FOR TRANSPORT PROCEEDING BY TRAIN LEAVING VLAERTINGHE AT 9.25 P.M. 21st inst

Reference Map; - Sheet 28 1/40,000

SCHEDULE "H"

Date	Unit	Starting Point		Route	Remarks
		Place	Time		
21/10/17	24th Coy A.A.S.C.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a) Will march under orders of C.O. Coy - To report to Station at 8.30 p.m.
"	9th Aust Field Amb	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b) Will march under orders of C.O. 9th Field Amb. - To report to Station by 8.30 p.m.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

MARCH TABLE FOR PERSONNEL EMBUSSING

EMBUSSING SCHEDULE "I"

Reference Maps:- Belgium Sheet 28 1/40 000
Hazobrouck 5a

Date	Unit	Starting Point		Embussing Point	Debussing Point
		Place	Time		
21/10/17	35th Battn	Belgian Chateau H.23.b.30.90	8.40 a.m.	H.18.d.9.5.	SEN LEOQUES SEN LEOQUES DRI ONVI LIE Road Immediately N of the last "E" BOIS de THIEMBROUWE
	9th M.G.Co	do	8.45 "	do	do
	33rd Battn	do	8.50 "	do	do
	Brigade Headquarters	do	9 "	do	do
	34th Battn	do	9.3 "	do	do
	9th L.T.M.Bty	do	9.8 "	do	do
	35th Battn	do	9.10 "	do	do

NOTE:- The head of motor column will be facing south and probably lined along road running between ASYDUM and KRUISSTRAAT. Unit order of march has been reversed in order to facilitate debussing, that is to say the 35th Battalion, who come last, in order of march and debussing point will debuss at head of column, so that at the other end they may debuss and march direct to billets, without crossing other Units. Furthermore it will be necessary for the whole of the personnel embussing to act strictly under the orders of the embussing Officer and no Officer is to take or give orders for embussing without his approval.

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A D D E N D U M

With reference to Brigade Order No. 5 the particulars of embussing and de-bussing, as per Schedule "I"

Reference Schedule "A", personnel proceeding by train will meet motor busses at 4.30 p.m. 21st inst, on WIZEM'S FAUCHEBERGUES Road 200 yards West of "Y" in CITY, and will de-buss at debussing point mentioned in Schedule "I".

CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1917.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. HEADQUARTERS.

(This Return includes attached)

DATE	KILLED		DIED OF WOUNDS		MISSING		WOUNDED	
	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
9								
10								
11								
12								
13								1
14								
15								
16								
17								
18							3	5
19				1				
20								
				1			* 3	• 6

NOTES :- * 3 Officers Wounded in Action (gassed)
 • Includes 4 Wounded in action (gassed)

33rd BATTALION A.I.F.CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1917.

Date 1917.	KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING,	
	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.
Oct. 1		1	1	7		
2		3		29		
3		2		20		
4				1		1
5				2		
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11				1		
12	4	19	1	85		3
13	1	4	1	34		1
14		6	1	33		
15	1	4		12		
16		4		12		
17	1	4	1	4		
18		4		14		
19	1			1		3
20						

TOTALS	8	51	5	235		8
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34th BATTALION A.I.F.

CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1917.

DATE 1917	KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING.	
	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.
Oct.						
1	1	1	1	7		
2		3		9		
3		2		20		
4						1
5				2		
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11		2				
12	6	17	8	131		57
13	1	20		40		
14		2		36		
15		1		38		
16		1		22		
17				5		
18						
19				1		
20						
TOTALS	8	49	9	311		58

35th BATTALION A.I.F.

CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1917.

DATE 1917.	KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING	
	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.
Oct. 1		2		8		
2		11		13		
3		7		12		
4		2		25		
5		1				
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12	8	43	4	179	1	50
13			3	38		
14				15		
15				2		
16				5		
17		2	1	4		
18				8		
19				1		
20						
TOTAL	8	68	8	310	1	50

36th BATTALION A.I.F.

CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1917.

DATE 1917.	KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING	
	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.
Oct. 1		6		18		1
2		3		7		3
3		7		3		1
4			1	6		
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11		2	2	2		
12	3	15	10	238	1	54
13		1		8		
14		2		2		
15		2		6		
16		2		13		
17		7	1	19		
18		4		4		
19						
20						
TOTALS.	3	51	12	326	1	59

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9TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY A.I.F.

CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1917

DATE.	KILLED.		WOUNDED.		MISSING.	
	Offrs.	O/r.	Offrs.	O/r.	Offrs.	O/r.
1917. Octr						
1		2			1	
2		1	1		3	
3						
4		2	1		12	
5			1			
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12		3			20	2
13	1				2	
14					1	
15					1	
16						
17					1	
18						
19						
20						
TOTALS	1	8	3		41	2

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9TH AUST. LIGHT TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY A.I.F.

CASUALTIES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1917.

DATE.	KILLED.		WOUNDED.		MISSING.	
	Off.	O/rks	Off.	O/rks.	Off.	O/rks.
1						
2						
3						
4				1		
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11				6		
12				2		
13				2		
14				1		
15						
16						
17						
18						
19						
10						
m TOTALS			12			

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OFFICERS KILLED, MISSING, WOUNDED
OR SICK FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1917.

HEADQUARTERS - 9TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

KILLED.

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MISSING.

N I L

WOUNDED.

Captain S.E. TOLLY (attached from 43rd Bn.) (GASSED)
Lieut. B.G. BRODIE (attached from 34th Bn.) (GASSED)
Lieut. C.H. SIMPSON, M.C. (3rd Div. Sig. Coy) (GASSED)

SICK.

N I L.

OFFICERS KILLED, WOUNDED, MISSING
AND SICK FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1917.

33rd BATTALION:

KILLED.

Lieut.	ARMSTRONG T.A.	12-10-17
2/Lieut.	BROWNLOW L.R.	12-10-17
2/Lieut.	REYNOLDS W.R.	12-10-17
2/Lieut.	KILPATRICK A.S.	12-10-17
Captain	HINTON W.F.	13-10-17
2/Lieut.	FRASER G.C.	15-10-17

DIED OF WOUNDS.

2/Lieut.	GOBLE N.E.	12-10-17
Lieut.	LAYTON W.	17-10-17

WOUNDED.

Lieut.	DIGHT I.C.	11-10-17
Lieut.	McLEAN W. (M.C.)	12-10-17
Captain	SHREEVE J.W.	12-10-17
Lieut.	BATEMAN S.B.	1-10-17
2/Lieut.	BLOMFIELD R.H.	16-10-17

SICK.

Lieut.	MOORE H.J.	13-10-17
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OFFICERS KILLED, WOUNDED, MISSING
AND SICK FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1917.

34th BATTALION:

KILLED.

Major	CLARKE G.R.C.	(R.M.O.)	12-10-17
Captain	JEFFRIES C.S.		12-10-17
Captain	RICHARDSON J.W.		12-10-17
Lieut.	LONGWORTH J.W.		12-10-17
Lieut.	McKENZIE B.G.		12-10-17
Lieut.	BURGES J.C.		12-10-17
2/Lt.	CALLAGHAN S.R.		1-10-17

DIED OF WOUNDS.

2/Lt.	WATSON A.E.		12-10-17
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WOUNDED.

Lieut.	GILDER T.G.		12-10-17
Lieut.	WATSON A.L.		12-10-17
Lieut.	PITTAWAY T.C.		12-10-17
Lieut.	EDWARDS C.O.		12-10-17
Lieut.	LILJA H.W.		12-10-17
2/Lt.	EDWARDS E.C.		12-10-17
2/Lt.	DAVIDSON O.P.		12-10-17
2/Lt.	PURVIS W.G.		12-10-17
2/Lt.	MAITLAND G.D.		1-10-17

SICK.

Lieut.	FELL A.J.		24-10-17
Lieut.	BRODIE B.G.		18-10-17
Lieut.	MONFRIES J.S.		12-10-17
2/Lieut.	BRADBURY J.S.		16-10-17
2/Lt.	GIFFORD F.W.		3-10-17
2/Lt.	KERSLAKE R.J.		2-10-17

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OFFICERS KILLED, WOUNDED, MISSING
AND SICK FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1917.

35TH BATTALION:

KILLED.

Captain	CADELL H.C.D.	12-10-17
Captain	AMPHLETT F.	12-10-17
Lieut.	DITZELL F.	12-10-17
Lieut.	ELLIOTT D.F.	12-10-17
2/Lieut.	ADAMS F.J.	12-10-17
2/Lieut.	RITCHIE S.	12-10-17
2/Lieut.	DAY K.M.	12-10-17
2/Lieut.	MAIN C.D.	12-10-17

MISSING.

2/Lieut.	LEVY H.S.	12-10-17
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WOUNDED.

Capt. (Hon Major)	GARR H.V.	12-10-17
Captain	SMYTH J.W.	12-10-17
Lieut.	HORNE F.	12-10-17
2/Lieut.	PRENTICE J.T.	12-10-17
2/Lieut.	D'ARCY N.B.	12-10-17
2/Lieut.	HENRY C.J.	12-10-17
2/Lieut.	MEARS C.K.	12-10-17
2/Lieut.	WYNDHAM H. S.	12-10-17

SICK.

Lieut.	BROWNE R.V.A.	4-10-17
2/Lieut.	DAVEY R.D.	12-10-17
2/Lieut.	McLENNAN J.	14-10-17

OFFICERS KILLED, WOUNDED, MISSING
AND SICK FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1917.

36TH BATTALION:

KILLED.

Major	BUCHANAN J.B.	13-10-17
2/Lieut.	PUTNEY F.W.	13-10-17
2/Lieut.	BRUCE P.F.	13-10-17

MISSING.

2/Lieut.	COOK A.	13-10-17
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WOUNDED.

Captain	CARMICHAEL A.C. (M.C.)	4-10-17
Captain	GOLDRICK R.A.	13-10-17
Capt. Chap.	MURPHY C.	13-10-17
Captain	GADD R.	13-10-17
2/Lieut.	GIBSON L.W.C.	13-10-17
Lieut.	HOCKING A.H.	13-10-17
2/Lieut.	MAILER R.H.	13-10-17
2/Lieut.	McDONALD F.A.	13-10-17
2/Lieut.	O'CONNELL J.R.	13-10-17
2/Lieut.	WAND W.	13-10-17
2/Lieut.	TOWNSEND A.W.	13-10-17
2/Lieut.	WATSON H.J.	17-10-17

SICK.

Major	COOKE-RUSSELL A.	5-10-17
Lieut.	JOHNSTONE H.H.E.	15-10-17

OFFICERS, KILLED, WOUNDED, MISSING
AND SICK FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1917.

9th A.M.G. COMPANY:

KILLED.

N I L.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

2/Lieut.	ATKINSON E.A.C.	13-10-17
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WOUNDED.

2/Lieut.	HARDEN O.L. (M.C.)	4-10-17
2/Lieut.	MACNAMARA G.L.	3-10-17
2/Lieut.	McNULTY S.C.	5-10-17

SICK.

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OFFICERS KILLED, WOUNDED, MISSING
AND SICK FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1917.

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9th A.L.T.M. BATTERY:

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVING FOR THE
MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1917.

33rd Battalion A.I.F.

1917.			
Octr.			
6	3 Officers	17	o/ranks
11		10	
22 x	4	18	
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TOTALS	7 Officers	45	o/ranks
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34th Battalion A.I.F.

Octr.			
6	1 Officer	5	o/ranks
11		12	
12		6	
22		17	
	---	---	
TOTALS	1	40	o/ranks
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35th Battalion A.I.F.

Octr.			
11		11	o/ranks
22		21	
TOTAL		---	
		33	o/ranks

36th Battalion A.I.F.

Octr.			
6		3	o/ranks
11		5	
22	4 Officers	31	
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TOTALS	4 Officers	39	o/ranks
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9th A. M. G. Coy.

Octr.			
22		52	o/ranks

9th A.L.T.M. Bty.

Octr.			
7		9	o/ranks

APPROXIMATE.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

PARADE STATE AS AT NOON 13th October. 1917.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

UNITS.	Actually with unit.			With leave.			Without leave			Sick			Detached from units for all reasons			Total strength.			Establishment.			Wanting to complete.			Attached.		
	Off	NCO	O.R.	Off	NCO	O.R.	Off	NCO	O.R.	Off	NCO	O.R.	Off	NCO	O.R.	Off	NCO	O.R.	Off	NCO	O.R.	Off	NCO	O.R.	Off	O.R.	
Sdo Hqrs	3	7	15	1	1										3	8	16	3	8	16						5	27
53rd Bn	18	71	461				2			18			8	7	38	26	78	519	39	100	866	13	22	347	2	10	
34th Bn	16	65	357				3	2		7			5	7	23	23	72	390	39	100	866	16	28	476	1	3	
35th Bn	20	77	383				2		2	21			4	7	32	24	86	438	39 39	100 100	866	15	14	428	2	9	
36th Bn	23	61 61	349 349				2		4	19			6	5	21	29	70	391	39	100	866	10	30	475 475		8	
M.G. Coy	4	15	104										1			4	16	104	10	20	155	6	4	51	2	12	
LEM Bty	6	10	34												1	6	10	35	4	10	36			1			
	90	306	1703	1	1		9	2	6	65			23	27	115	115	340	1892	173	438	3671	60	98	1776	12	69	

[Signature]
 Brig-Gen.
 G.O.C., 9th Aust. Inf ntry Brigade.

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ATTACHED.

Brigade Headquarters
 Capt Tolley
 Capt Suter
 Capt Dixon
 Lt Lark
 Lt Brodie.
 Interpreter
 Pay Sgt
 Gas NCO
 4 Clerks
 Draughtsman
 Sanitary Squad 2
 Cooks 3
 Bomb storemen 8
 Batmen 6
 Storemen
 Instructor

33rd Battalion
 Chaplain and batman
 engineers 2
 A.M.C. 5
 Pay Sgt
 Major and batman

34th Battalion
 2 A.M.C.
 Chaplain and batman

35th Battalion.
 Chaplain and batman
 R.M.O.
 5 A.M.C.
 2 A.S.C. drivers
 Pay Sgt

36th Battalion.
 Batman
 Interpreter
 5 A.M.C.
 Pay Sgt

9th M.G. Coy.
 2 A.M.C?
 10 br kesmen
 2 Officers for duty.

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DETACHED FROM UNITS.

	33rd Bn		34th Bn		35th Bn		36th Bn		MG Co	LTM
Divnl Hqrs		5		10		4				
Brigade Hqrs	1	17	1	4	1	13	1	7		
Forest Control	1									
M.G.Coy brakesmen		3		3		3		3		
Div Concert Troup						1				
Div Chaff Cutter						1				
33rd Bn						1				
	2	25	1	17	1	23	1	10		
AT SCHOOLS										
Out Div Area	6	20	3	11	3	15	5	15	1	1
In " "			1	2		1		1		
	8	45	5	27	4	39	6	26		
	6	20	4	13	3	16	5	15	1	1
	8	45	5	30	4	39	6	26	1	1

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

PARADE STATE AS AT NOON 27th October 1917.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

UNITS.	Actually with unit.			With leave.			Without leave			Sick			Detached from units or all reasons			Total strength.			Establishment.			Wanting to complete.			Attached.	
	Off	NCO	O.R.	Off	NCO	O.R.	Off	NCO	O.R.	Off	NCO	O.R.	Off	NCO	O.R.	Off	NCO	O.R.	Off	NCO	O.R.	Off	NCO	O.R.	Off	O.R.
Bdo Hqrs	2	8	13	1											3	8	13	3	8	16				3	3	30
33rd Bn	25	67	509		2	1		2		5	28	4	6	19	29	80	559	39	100	866	10	20	307	2	5	
34th Bn	18	85	398	1		2		1			1	2	9	19	21	94	421	39	100	866	18	6	445	1	7	
35th Bn	21	77	449		1			2		2	21	2	4	20	23	84	492	39	100	866	16	16	374	2	12	
36th Bn	29	49	419	1		2		2				3	2	19	33	51	442	39	100	866	6	49	424	1	9	
M.G. Coy	6	17	142	1	1						3		1		7	19	145	10	20	155	3	1	10		13	
LEM Bty	4	8	27	1	1						2	1		1	6	9	30	4	10	36		1	6			
Totals	105	311	1957	5	5	5		7		7	55	12	22	78	122	345	2102	173	438	3671	53	93	1569	9	7	

H. H. Dixon Capt
Brig-Gen.
G.O.C., 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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ATTACHED

BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

Capt Suter
Capt Dixon
Lt Iark
Clerks 5
Interpreters 2
A.P.M. 5
Batmen 5
Cooks 2
San Squad 2
Bomb Storemen 4
Pay Sgt
Instructor
Storeman
Transport 1
Groom
Gas NCO
Draughtsman

33rd BATTALION

Chaplain and batman
3 A.A.M.C.
Pay Sgt
Y.M.C.A.

34th BATTALION

Chaplain and batman
Pay Sgt
3 A.A.M.C.
Interpreter
1 Field Engineers

35th BATTALION

Chaplain and batman
R.M.O.
4 A.A.M.C.
2 A.A.S.C. drivers
2 Camp Wardens
3 Traffic Control

36th BATTALION

Capt Callow and batman
5 A.A.M.C.
Pay Sgt
Interpreter

9th A.M.C. Coy

2 A.A.M.C.
11 Brakesmen

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DETACHED FROM UNITS

	33rd Bn		34th Bn		35th Bn		36th Bn		M.G. Coy	ITM By
H.Q.		3		10		4				1
H.Q.	1	10		5		6	1	6		
Forest Control	1									
M.G. Coy brakesmen		2		3		4		2		
Div Concert Troop						1				
Orderly, Morbecque								1		
Matman with Off. School								1		
	2	15		18		15	1	10		1
AT SCHOOLS										
Sub Div Area	2	10	2	10	2	8	2	11	1	1
In " "						1				
	2	10	2	10	2	9	2	11	1	1
	4	25	2	28	2	24	3	21	1	1

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.150
from 9 a.m. 1-10-17 to 8 a.m. 2-10-17.

Brigade Headquarters,
2nd October, 1917.

OUR OPERATIONS:

- Artillery: At 9.30 a.m. our Artillery opened a creeping barrage on the enemy, and this barrage lasted for 50 minutes. Intermittent shelling was carried out during the day. One dugout at D.21.a.35.40 had 5 direct hits.
- Lewis Guns: Were generally active.
- Patrols: Patrols report that enemy are holding shell holes just in front of WINDMILL CAB; also on the left and right of that spot.
- Snipers: Snipers have been very active and report that they caused at least four casualties, one of which they believe to be an officer.
- Aircraft: Very active all day.
- Movement: Considerable movement observed on E. slope of Hill 40 about midnight, but this ceased when opened on by our machine guns and Lewis Guns.
- Signals: S.O.S. fired by Division on our right at 5.30 a.m. causing our barrage to open up violently for an hour.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

- Artillery: Intermittent fire occasionally increasing in violence. Distributed over whole area, no particular points receiving extra attention. Principally 4.2 - 5.9 and 77 mm.
- Machine Guns: Machine guns fired occasionally from block-houses on HILL 40 and just to the East of JACOBS HOUSE.
- Movement: Small parties seen moving on HILL 40 apparently taking up positions in shell holes near block-houses.
- Snipers: Very active from HILL 40 all night.
- Aircraft: Active all day - one or two planes were fired on by our Lewis guns when flying low.
- Signals: Enemy used many coloured lights during our bombardment, double reds, red - green - yellow and double yellow principally, but could not discover any special action following on these.
- Relief: Our right Battalion were relieved at 3 a.m. by the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

B. Brodie Lt
for Major.
Brigade Major.
Fifth Australian Infantry Brigade.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.151.
from 8 a.m. 2-10-17 to 8 a.m. 3-10-17.

Brigade Headquarters,
3rd October, 1917.

OUR OPERATIONS:

- Artillery: Very active during period with practice barrages and shelling of back areas. Barrage effect so far as could be seen was good, but shrapnel seemed to be bursting very high.
- Lewis Guns: Fairly active during the period.
- M. Guns:
- Patrols: Patrols were active on our front all night. Enemy strong point and M.G. reported on railway line at D.21.d.55.33. This dugout is very inconspicuous. Patrols report seeing party of Bosche entering pill box in vicinity of LEW/COTTAGE, and heard a working party on crest of HILL 40. ISRAEL HOUSE, D.21.a.70.73 is reported strongly held by the enemy. There is also a M.G. close to the dugout.
- Snipers: Our snipers very active and claim two hits near WINDMILL CAB. At 9 a.m. Hun stretcher party emerged from here under cover of Red Cross flag and were allowed to proceed to the rear.
- Aircraft: Very active over enemy lines, but no encounters took place on our Sector.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

- Artillery: Intermittent shelling continued, 4.2, 5.9 and 77 mm being used. Enemy batteries appeared to be on PASSCHENDALE RIDGE and behind HILL 40. Area shelled from 100 yards behind front line back to batteries in rear of POTSDAM FARM.
- Machine Guns: M.Gs. on HILL 40 fairly active all night.
- Patrols: No enemy patrols seen.
- Aircraft: Not very active during daylight. Between 1.30 a.m. and 2.30 a.m. planes were very active and doing a lot of signalling.
- Signals: Numerous Verrey Lights fired by enemy during the night.

H. J. Lacey Capt.
for Major
Brigade Major.
Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.

MR.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
 from 3 a.m. 13/10/17 to 9 a.m. 17/10/17.

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery Active between 8 and 9 p.m. Intermittent fire on back areas during remainder of period. Large fire started in PASSCHENDRIE at 5 a.m.

Machine Guns Active against E.A. during the day.

Howitzers Occasional movement in DEDDERT COPSE was fired on. Enemy H.G. at D.18.a.30.60.

Patrols Patrols sent out from D.10.d.8.2. at 8 p.m. returned same place 12 midnight reported no sign of enemy in D.11.c.


Miscellaneous Consolidation of line proceeded with. Digging on our Front Line has been difficult owing to hostile shelling, but no shells have fallen near our advanced posts. No.1 Post is at present at D.17.b.25.50 and is having difficulty in reaching its proper position. Enemy appears to be occupying building at D.17.b.42.45. No.2 post is about 100 to 150 yards from enemy and No.3 Post about 200 yards from enemy.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery. Quiet during morning of 16th instant. During afternoon and night back areas were systematically and heavily bombarded with 77 mm, 4.2s, 5.9s, and gas shells. Particular attention was paid to ABRAHAM HEIGHTS, slopes in rear of LEVI, ZONNEBEKE and along RAILWAY line. Shelling appears to come mostly from direction slightly South of PASSCHENDRIE.

Machine Guns. Enemy occasionally swept TINE COTT. ridges during early morning.

MISCELLANEOUS During the day a lot of movement observed along WESTCHESTER-MOSSEL-MARKET ROAD. Parties of enemy seemed to advance as far as buildings at MOSSELMARKT and then go on in two's and three's towards BELVUE.


 Lieut.
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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
 FROM 6 a.m. 17/10/17 to 6 a.m. 18/10/17.

Brigade Headquarters,
 18th October, 1917

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery Fairly active during the period principally against PASSCHENDAELE. At 5.0 and 5.35 a.m. a practice barrage was put down by our Artillery for 15 minutes.

Machine Guns. Quiet.

Sniping One hit claimed.

Patrols Our Left Battalion sent out a reconnoitring patrol from D.10.d.8.2. in a N.E. direction toward D.11.c. Only sign of enemy was Very lights from top of ridge in D.11. and D.11 Central. Low ground very marshy and difficult. Our Right Battalion established 3 new advanced posts during the night at D.11.d.2.4., D.11.d. 29.09. and at the house at D.17.b.44.47. without opposition.

Engineering About 90 yards of new trench was dug to a depth of 3 foot average. The rain interfered a lot with digging operations but to-day a start will be made on a new communication trench.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery Active all day shelling over whole area with 5.9s, 4.2s and shrapnel. Our Front line, Slope in rear HILL 40, OTTO FARM and batteries at D.20.a.90.35 receiving a lot of attention.

Aircraft. Active in early morning.

Patrols No enemy patrols were seen.

Sniping No sniping on our front.

J. Brodie
 Lieut.
 for Brigade Major.
 9th Australian Infantry Brigade

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12/10/17	wire	5:10am	20 Wilson 10th Edg.	Enemy active first 2 hours, gas shells little damage.
do			5:25am	Artillery Barrage began.
do	memo.	6:13am	20 Ayl Am 40	Information contained in your prior message has been communicated to all concerned who are under my command.
do	wire	5am	55th	Loadage (35) correct at 3am to Casalta.
do	wire	5am	3rd Ayl	Completed and ready 2:45 am
do	wire	6:38am	20 Ayl Am 40	Assembly completed satisfactorily by 3am
do	wire	7:8am	20 Ayl Am 40	Wounded man reports enemy barrage came down on assembled troops at ZERO minus 10 minutes. Base also suffered some casualties. Also states leading Bn got away well under our Barrage.
do	do	7:17am	3rd Ayl	13 prisoners passed 10th Bde at 6:47am
do	do	7:36am	20 Ayl	Wounded man 35th Bn report 3rd Bn digging in on RED LINE
do	do	7:45am	All Ayl Am 40	Ensure that periodical progress reports are sent here in addition to usual messages. Only two messages so far received from all Bns

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TEXT of MESSAGE.

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12/10/17	wire	7.55am	30 34th Pm 44	Have you gained the RED LINE, and are you in touch with Edson back flanks.
"	"	7.59am	20 AYC 45	Twenty prisoners of 233rd + 237th Regts taken by 34th have passed over H.Q. at 7.58 am
"	Runnet.	8 am	33rd.	Approach March carried out without casualties. Reserve Coy. suffered about 20 casualties and moved forward from jumping off tape. Everything O.K. so far
"	"	8 am	3rd	basulter. 2 Coy Comd. & 2nd in Command casualties: Capt Shreeve (wd) Lt IC. DICKAT (wd) Lt Armstrong killed. Large numbers of prisoners have been captured.
"	Runnet	8 am	33rd	shaving a Regiment with 3rd + 35th.
"	wire	8.35am	AYC 1.0 250	Further 40 prisoners total 60 passed HQ from 34th Pm.
"	wire	8.55am	30 AYC 1.0 250	Prisoners of this Bde who have passed HQ now total 80. Principally 233, 237 + 24 Regt
"	wire	8.59am	10 Bde	wounded a Coy report that 37th Pm captured RED LINE via digging in. Swamp at D.N.C. was serious obstacle. At this point the 2 leading Bns. came under very

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17/10/47	wire	9am	34th Bn	heavy M.G. fire & suffered many casualties. Many prisoners coming back. Much killing done with bayonet. Left Coy report RED LINE reached 10th Bde leaving gap casualties heavy cannot get touch my Reserve Coy am moving forward soon
do	wire	9.10am	LIAISON 10 Bde	1st objective taken. Advancing to 2nd.
do	do	9.13am	34th Bn	Red aa. 'B' Bn passed through aa Estimate casualties wounded 2 + 75.
do	do	9.15am	3rd	4 E. M.Guns captured aa Prisoners estimated 150.
do	do	9.20am	4th	RED LINE definitely gained & being consolidated. 'B' Battalion passed through 'A' Battalion and advanced to BLUE LINE. 4 enemy M.G. captured. Estimated prisoners 150 at present aa Casualties 2 of 750 killed
do	do	9.25am	Liaison 10 Bde	Rescued from RWZ. Wounded men report that 37th Bn captured. RED LINE is digging in. at D.I.C. serious obstacle. At this point 2 leading Bns came under very heavy fire (M.G.) & suffered many casualties. Many prisoners. 40th Bn passed through 37th at REDLINE at 8.10 am.
do	do	9.40am	33rd	34th area at TYNE COT. Their left Coy reports reached RED LINE. Time not stated.
do	do	9.55am	35 + 36th Bn 49	Send up all available men at once to reinforce MIL NE area.

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12/10/17	wire	9.56am	X Coy	Enemy Artillery fire reported to have practically ceased. Can you confirm this I may suggest that he is moving his guns.
do	do	10am	30 Coy Am 49	latest information enemy artillery fire not ceased but considerably slackened. Time 9am
do	Rumour	10am	36th	Progress report. Stalled when moving off tape. Visual signalling failure. Blow held up by M.C fire
do	Rumour		3rd	Message from Liaison Officer 43rd. "Left Coy 36th Div. report reached RED LINE. 10th Bde bearing left, leaving gap. Have lost touch with Reserve Coy. Casualties heavy. Time 9.53am
do	wire	10.15am	A Coy	37 prisoners reached MILL COTT. All 8th JAEGER'S Nett Br except one 9th Coy & 33rd R.I.R. JAEGER'S of 10/3rd 14th Coy. 16th Coy. Order of battle N.W.S. 6th JAEGER'S 8th JAEGER'S 23rd R.I.R. prisoners say 21st + 21st are in support in TASSCHENDRALE Ridge
"	"	10.5am	3rd	On receipt of orders I propose taking up a position 100 degrees West of and parallel to the road running from D11 D45.92 D11 D77.30.
"	"	9.15am	20 33rd BM47	Move your Coy to vicinity of RED LINE. If you move to H. 6th. Dam all concerned of new location.
"	"	10.35am	20 A Coy BM50	A Br report as follows. Casualties on approach March W OK. Enemy Barrage came down five minutes after our opening barrage. Enemy also fired H.E.

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				indiscriminately over back area. Red line captured at 6.45 am and B Co were close up and passed through area. B Co reorganized and reserve company sent forward with 15 Bn. One LTM blown out heavy machine gun fire came through barrage from concrete dugout in TIBER HOUSE. The M.Gs cease fire when barrage moved on at ZERO + 180
				At 8.14 am had captured 14 M.Gs & approximately 150 prisoners and ground very wet and foggy through.
12/10/17	runner	10.40 am	Capt Gadd	Counter Attack massing on front of RED LINE near left flank.
17/10/17	wire	10.39 am	36th	Upon service my H.Q. has now D.H. 6000 approx. Heavy 5.9 Barrage extending N + S in rear of my position have recovered a portion of Reserve Coy now coming forward have been blown up by 5.9 don't feel it is a can carry on.
do	wire	10.50 am	30	On the GREEN LINE PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE being reached S.O.S. line will be extended South to E 7 d 53 55
do	do	10.47 am	35 + 36	Two guns will also enfilade from E 7 d 00 and above wire from New Arty + sent to units
do	do	10.56 am	Ayc	Prisoner states that H.Q. of enemy troops opposing you is in PASSLE village and that reserve troops came into village last night. Our artillery informed.
do	do	11 am	35A BMS	What is position concerning BLUE LINE.
do	runner	11.2 am	36th	Batteries of 5.9 guns ahead of that Coy doing much damage. There is heavy mortar men + M.Gs adjacent GREEN LINE. All Bns badly cut up.

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12/10/17	wire	11.6 am	Ayc	Report present location and approximate strengths of your Reserve Battalion.
do	do	11.10 am	^{BMS3} 30 ayc	II. N d a a a Approx. Strength 400.
do	do	11.10 am	Ayc	N. Zealand Adlognee has been held up west of their RED LINE. It is probable that some of their reserve will move up in your area to deal with the situation. Do not hesitate to employ your reserves to secure ground won by you.
do	do	11.14 am	Ayc	Hold one Bn. in immediate readiness to become Reserve to 10th Bde. Inform me & 10th Bde which Bn. and its present location but do not move without my orders.
do	do	11.20 am	2 ayc BMS4	In view of your G 24 may we now consider our Reserve Bn available for our own use or is it to be still held as a reserve to 10th Inf Bde. W 1W report heavy losses and insignif in strength with many M.G about the GREEN LINE.
do	do	11.25 am	2 ayc	Reserve Bn will be dumped at SEINE this afternoon.
do	do	11.31 am	Ayc	Aeroplane reports that at 9.15 am our men were on the line VIENNA COTTs. to D. 12 Central
do	do	11.40 am	Stc W 1 B	Could it be arranged for guide from each bn to meet guide pack mules with relations to SEINE.
do	do	11.35	30 Stc BMS 56	Guides will be supplied.

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12/10/17	wire	11.36	Staff	Reply to Mr. Sir. Your reserve Co. will probably be available for your own use but must not be committed without first referring to me.
do	Runnel	11.47	Lord	Two T.M. teams with carrying parties lost touch about 300 yds. S.W. of road & including crossing at D 26.6 9.4 in route to assembly area. Staff /cf UK reported without ammunition.
do	wire	11.52	Staff	Have no definite news from my BLUE LINE
do	wire	11.50am	White	no touch with N.Z. reported. Heavy M.C fire from their sector is holding up my left. What is of our news.
do	wire	12 noon	White	'C' Bn report their left Coy. used to assist 'B' Bn to take Blue line. 'B' Bn require more men to take OPEN LINE. 'C' Bn cannot see any sign of 10th Bde on their left. lined 10.12pm.
do	do	11.50am	White	4th Arty have agreed to maintain a Barrage partly smoke & partly straggled to join with our protective barrage at E 7d 55.55. 4th Division can only maintain this all plus 398. After this the line E 13a to 45.40 E 7d 00 to E 7d 55.55 E 7d 3090 becomes HBR 505 line joining protective barrage line at last named point. 4th Division will shoot on their position in response to their 505.

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12/10/44	wire	11:00	Ayc	Advise of our advance to or beyond line being held up the ground already gained which apparently included CREST Farm D126 Central and VIENNA COTTAGE is to be securely held. Next left flank may require special attention. Have your plans or readiness to carry out spirit of this instructions. My present intention however to be proceed with my programme.
do	wire	12:20pm	Ayc	your 33rd Bn is now placed at your disposal & may be used. Repatriation action you may take. presume you will also employ reorganised 34th Bn.
do	Hand	12:10	3 Bns BMSA	34th Bn is now Bde Reserve. 28, 35 & 36 are to consolidate Blue Line under command of 30 Bn. Urgent and accurate information is required as to consolidation.
do	wire	12:15pm	Ambo	Send up Reserve Guns & crews to Col Motue or senior officer on BLUE LINE
do	wire	12:15	Ayc	Do not repeat pigeon messages.
do	do	12:33	W.D.W.	Pigeon service 10:50am report from Blue Line reads we are on Blue line with composite force all 3 Bns.
See over				

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 Runners
 wire
 1:30 pm
 4
 100 yds
 APC
 12' etc
 700
 62
 The blue line is to be consolidated. SOS being
 arranged 200 yards in advance of BLUE
 LINE. All troops in advance of blue line
 must be withdrawn to it and left flank
 to be secured along interroll boundary
 to join up with 10th Bde at D+6-8 and
 Special Cue to be taken to meet counter
 attack from the north northwest and
 North East. Cargo will hold two
 companies at the disposal of CABLE
 to meet counter attacks.

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				both flanks in the air not sufficient men left to capture GREEN LINE counter attack passing East of ECHO COPSE.
17/10/17	wire	1233	WILSON 10 Bde	Reports from wounded agree heavy fire on this brigade left and on N. Z. front & advance delayed area No definite information re location of advanced troops.
do	do	1240	35th	Can extra stretch bearers be supplied.
do	do	1pm	WILSON 10 Bde	Message timed 11:25am received by Ampere from a reliable officer area the whole show held up by pill box North West of PASSLE and CREST FARM still occupied by him.
do	do	1:30pm	ayc	Identif. of prisoners taken
do	runner	1:40pm	26th	We are on BLUE LINE with composite force all 3 Bns
do	do	1:40pm	36th	both flanks in the air not sufficient men 36th are not in front of BLUE LINE but are on left flank of 35th. There is continuous from the road to the Railway line. 34th to send up all available men to help.
do	do	do	WILSON	10th Bde on BLUE LINE holding them by. 9th Bde on Blue line unable to take Green line without assistance.

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12/19/17	ctd.			We are being heavily shelled from North-Eastern direction 5.90 + 770. SAA wanted especially for Vickers Lewis Guns. Bde on right a little ahead of BLUE LINE.
do	run out	1.40pm	35th	Estim Cas Rpt. 50%.
do	do	do	34th	" " " 30%
do	do	do	35th	SAA required for Lewis Guns. No carrying parties available from bn. 3 boys report being on Blue Line
do	do	do	35th	Progress kept. Runners rpt. Capt Gaddell also Day Killed. SAA asked for. Officers killed. Men worn out.
do	do	do	35th	Left flank to be reinforced.
do	do	do	do	Lt J Ditzell liaison with Right bn in place of Lt M. Lennan.
do	do	do	do	of BLUE.
do	do	do	36th	Battery of 5.90 ahead of left boys doing much damage HUNSLANE many news + M.G. adjacent GREEN LINE. All Bns badly cut up.
do	do	12.51pm	34th	a BC Bns all fighting on BLUE LINE have sent every man to reinforce 'C' Bn and assist in capture of GREEN LINE. Enemy counter attacked from direction

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				of PASSLE at 9.30 am. Attack broken up by our Artillery.
12/10/47	rumor	1.40	35th	Centre Coy 35th reports. Bde on our right well in advance of our position. Have not yet obtained communication on our left. Bns picked up. Suggest reserve Bns. reinforce on left. Being heavily shelled. Are approximately on BLUE LINE. Men utterly worn out. Losses heavy estimate 50% off. + new.
do	rumor		LIAISON 10 Bde	for further information to hand. Owing to small capacity of dugout I am located with arty. liaison officer on another dugout about 80 yds away. The GOC 10th Bde prefers to send us information rather than to have us call at his H. Q. for it. Since I have to wait until information is sent to me or get it from other sources.
do	wire	2.15	8th	ack transport will pass about 4 pm
do	do	do	do	SAA being sent at once.
do	do	2.25	33	Cable (36th) reports as follows. Situation at 10.14. G Bde on BLUE LINE holding thinly and consolidating. Unable to advance on Green Line without assistance 10 Bde on BLUE LINE holding thinly. Lines being heavily shelled 5.40 + 7.40
do	do	2.54	W/C	Please inform 35th Bn that their liaison officer is killed

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18/10/17	wire	2:30pm	Ayc	41st Bn remains available for support of 10 Bde 43rd Bn is placed at disposal of 9th Bde for an operation at 4:30 today against CREST FARM Spur. o. Ad. rd. 3 Bdes
do	wire	12:50pm	Ayc	10 Bde report that they are at D. 11. d. 6. 8. 9th Bde previous message states that they are on BLUE LINE. Both Bdes will cooperate to make flank connection and defence to North West to as to secure to us high ground in D. 12. A in proximity of inter Bde boundary. Immed 12:40 pm
do	do	1:20pm	Ayc	N.Z report that they will renew attack at 3pm and will make BLUE LINE their final objective Immed 1:9 pm
do	do	1:43pm	Ayc	Present protective Barrage will cease at once. Sas for 9th Bde will be BLUE LINE protector. This S.O.S barrage will not be put down unless called for in the ordinary way. 10th Bde to inform D.H.Q when S.O.S line wanted. & until then their Protective Barrage line will be the Red Protector. Immed 1:30pm

12/10/17 wire 2.1 pm AYC 2nd batch of prisoners. Identifications & information gained from them.

do do 3.2 pm AYC Further batch of prisoners. Identifications & information gained from prisoners.

do do 3.32 pm AYC. Further batch of prisoners. 20 off B + O.R. Information as to identifications of enemy in Bomber attack. In med 2.50 pm

do do 3.35 pm AYC Further information from prisoners. Total number of prisoners to date 130 off 215 OR.

do wired 3.35 pm Set Report dated 2.35 pm & states that "A" Bn are assisting "B" on Blue Line. Enemy enveloping the BLUE LINE with the guns from direction of MITCHEELE in 5d. Casualties have been very heavy. 50 off killed, & wounded add. Men are exhausted & have suffered about 42% casualties. On right flank of BLUE LINE we are in communication with 4th Division which is in its BLUE LINE with their left on the Railway. Position on left flank obscure; one officer of 10th Bde reported that were withdrawing if so it will mean left flank in air. Men are holding on gamely.

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12/15/17 turned 3:35 35th

Report timed 2:20pm states BLUE LINE is occupied by CORDAGE + CABLE with road on left and railway line on right. No signs of 10th Bde on our left. + a 10th Bde officer informed my Centre Coy. O.C. that the 10th Bde were retiring as they were being outflanked. The Bde on our right are O.K. & we have gained touch with them. We have suffered very heavy casualties & our strength on BLUE LINE is now estimated at 4 Officers + 65 O.K. The men are worn out owing to the very heavy fighting & bad weather conditions. O.C. BLUE LINE (Major Carr) considers it imperative that we should be relieved as soon as possible. As our left flank is in the air we are in a precarious position if counter attacked from PASSLE. PASSLE must be taken in order to make our position tenable. Rifles and equipment are in a very bad condition & we are short of S.A.A. Enemy MG and Arty fire still very active. Enemy seem to be in force on ridge in front & in vicinity of PASSLE. BLUE LINE is held by 4 off + 65 O.Ks.

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12/10/17	Runnel	3.55pm	3rd	Reporting that owing to heavy casualties it was necessary to reorganise. 3 off K.I.A + 4 off wounded. Super busy. 12 taken reports 10th + 9th back on Augustus Wood.
do	wire	2.27	A/C	S.O.S for 10th Bde will be 200 yds beyond RED PROTECTOR but will not come up within 200 yds of the Bde boundary
do	wire	2.50pm	A/C	No further operations or advances will take place today. All ground captured is to be strongly consolidated and organised with particular reference to proper touch between the flanks of all units. All units to be reorganised as far as possible and exact positions of our foremost troops to be reported at interval earliest along our whole front.
do	wire	3.41	A/C	Ref. S.O.S. following is final decision. For left Bde 700 yds beyond RED protector but not coming closer than 200 yds to enter Bde boundary then running on a direct line towards PARSCHENDELE Church keeping 200 yds from the Bde boundary till it meets the BLUE protector thence along the BLUE protector

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17/10/47	Runnel	3:35pm	34th	34th	Report just received that A' Bns are assaulting B' Bns are assisting. M.G. fire from MEETCHEELE. Cas. 5 off. KIA + 4 wounded.
do	wire	3:47pm	38th		Officers + men on BLUE LINE are exhausted send up 5.05 Rockets + some idea of SOS to cover BLUE LINE
do	wire	4:30pm	LIAISON 10 Bde		11th M.G. officer from the line reports the 10th Bde is now back on JUMPING OFF LINE.
do	wire	4:34	do		Have collected stragglers from our front holding them here.
do	runnel	4:30pm	11 Bde		4th Bn will proceed to positions occupied by them on 11th instant co-operating with 11st Bn who are on their left. 44th + 43rd Bns remain under orders of GOC 11th Bde and must not be committed except under orders of that Bde but cooperation will be maintained with troops of 10th + 9th Bdes respectively

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12/10/44	runner	5.1 pm	LIAISON 10 Bde	Acpl. of 3rd Bn reports that our Bde is now on RED LINE.
"	wire	5.2 pm	S/C 10 Bde	805 (48) are at your Atr at present. Others have been sent up with pack transport leaving here at 2.30 pm.
"	runner	5.13 pm	AYC AYC	Further 3rd Bn unaccounted for passed through Corp Stage. Identification.
do	runner	5.15 pm	2 Bns. Bn 65	Essential that you report at once the position of your forward troops and the line they are holding. This must be accurate & is very urgent.
-do-	wire	6.15 pm	to AYC	Asst Bde Major just returned after seeing all Bn commanders and line held runs from crossing at D17 b 30.75 to D.11. c 50.05 at which point they join up with 10th Bde. Aaa. It is understood that 10th Bde line skirts the SW edge of AUGUSTUS WOOD area. Also all Bns at SEINE dugouts D16 d. 7.5.

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17-10-17	Runner	6.21pm	33rd	In conjunction with 10th Bde troops we are consolidating line from edge of AGVSTUS WOOD about 50 yds due East of S in AGVSTUS to approximately N.E. corner of CEMETERY aaa Lt Col Milne personally reports his troops in position on right of RED LINE Amended line of consolidation has been verbally conveyed to Capt Jolley - Letter time 5.12pm.
-do-	-do-	-do-	35th	It has just been reported by an officer returning from front line that the 9th Bde has been compelled to retire to this morning's tape line aaa owing to 10th Bde on our left having previously retired aaa this action has apparently been necessary in the general interests of the Bde, as my instructions to the OC BLUE LINE were to hold on at all costs. Timed (not timed - about 3.30pm)

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11-10-19	Runner	6.11pm 35th	At Prentice of this Bn. just returned wounded reports that the 35th & 34th Bns are digging in a line from the Cemetery through the N.E. Corner of Augustus Woods 35th & 36th Bns are still trying to consolidate a line about 200 to 300 yds east of that line. (Wire timed 3.40pm)
-do.	-do.	-do. 36th	Herewith messages from by Major Carr & Capt Gadd. As I write the 35th Bn have moved back without instructions. I have ordered the RED LINE to be held at all costs pending your instructions which is urgently needed. (Timed 4.23 pm)
-do.	Wire	6.11 pm AYC	Dispositions for tonight 9th Bde responsible for our front between Rly & line of inter-brigade boundary 10th Bde responsible between such boundary & the RAVEBEEK area D.M.G.O. responsible for organising

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17/11/17 W VC b. 7pm AYC. (cont) Vickers guns for defence in depth along whole front + for defensive SOS Barrage A.A. 11th Bde remains Divisional Reserve with two Battalions in close support + two Bns further back. A.A. SOS Barrage will be readjusted as soon as front line Brigadiers report definitely positions of their foremost troops (wire timed 6.45pm)

do wire b. 4.30pm AYC. 4th Division state that their left is still on railway at D. 18. a 9.8. A.A. you must definitely during to-night make contact with them by throwing your right forward! (Timed 6.40pm)

do do 6.55pm AYC 4th Division now state that they think their left is at DEFY CROSSING D. 17. b (Timed 6.50pm)

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17/10/17	Wire	7.15pm	WAVE	G by acknowledged.	
-do-	-do-	7.35pm	1st Bde	Hold positions all costs	1st Bde Add Ninth Brigade situation as before advance Add Push. outposts in front Add GOC will arrange to have one company near D17 Central to cover left flank Add Artillery have been warned new situation & SO S arranged Add Gaff to Westhoek as arranged acknowledge Add advice all units repeated DAB-KATE 9 th at Bde. (Joined 7.15pm)
-do-	Runner	7.45pm	Agree	Enemy has fresh divisions opposite us and it is likely that he may attack Add The greatest vigilance is necessary above must be consolidated as quickly as possible Add there must be no further falling back on any account whatever Add Troops will most probably be relieved tomorrow night Add all units will send as soon as possible a statement of their fighting strength in the line at present.	Ann 68

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18/10/17	Memor	9:40pm	34th	Impossible to give accurate report as 3 officers killed 50 off's wounded 20 off's missing estimate other tanks 200.
do	do	do	35th	Estimated Casualties 350. Can only trace five officers.
do	do	do	33rd	Impossible to give anything like correct report as 400 off's killed 4000 wounded. Probable 500 casualties. (Time 5.50pm)
do	do	do	35th Bn	We are at present holding line with 32nd & 34th. The line is the same as held by 11th Bde last night.
do	do	do	35th	Please see my VB signed Capt Jolley at 5.15pm and We have consolidated our line from D.II.C. 50.10 to D.II.a. 70.40 10th Bde on our left and Commodore on our right and.

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11/10/17	Runner	9.40pm	36th Bn	36th Bn	By 8.30pm my covering troops will have withdrawn to a line now being held by Bde from D.II.C.50.10 to junction of BECE LAERE - PASSLE Road and YPRES-ROULERS Railway at D.IV.B.31.29. (Jined 7.10pm)
do.	Wire	9.30pm	10th Bde	10th Bde	Reference my Bm 355 of today and owing to the heavy going it has been found impossible to move ADMIRAL and ARMOUR has therefore been substituted and addressed AYC.R. repeated. W.I.B.A R.W.Z. (Jined 9.10pm)
do.	Runner	9.40pm	34th Bn	34th Bn	General line of consolidation is as follows 38th & 39th on the left 35th & 36th on the right and from D.IV.A.70.40 to D.II.C.50.10 and 10th Bde is on our left and 45th Bn 47th 48th Bns on our right SE of the YPRES-ROULERS Railway. (Jined 7.15pm)

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DATE	HOW SENT	TIME Sent by Receipt D.B.S. path	By or No Upon Sent	TEXT of MESSAGE.
13/10/17	Runner	10.13pm	All Bns	<p>acknowledging receipt of Bm 66. The 34th Bn will gain touch with 10th Bde on the left. The 35th Bn will gain touch with 4th Div. on our right both Bns establishing liaison at junction reporting when this has been done a a a at dawn 13-10-17 the 34th + 35th + 36th Bns will in sequence named reorganise & hold the line as follows:- 35th Bn Right Bn 36th Bn Centre Bn. 34th Bn Left Bn.</p> <p>Thus permitting 2nd Bn to withdraw to a reserve position and a staggered system of patrolling will be instituted by each Bn. Copy of patrol to be forwarded to OC 36th Bn as a effectual strength of Bns will be reported to Co 36th Bn by 9 am 13-10-17 our front line will be firmly established</p>
do	do	do	36th Bn	

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15/11/17	Kimer	10.13pm	3rd Bn (Car)	from Railway crossing D.17. to 3.3. to point of junction with 10th Bde at approx. D.17. a. 50-99 aaaa 805 line will definitely be along line 350 yds east of the above line. (Wire time 9.30pm)
-do-	-do-	-do-	3rd Bn	Acknowledging BMB. Impossible alter dispositions till dawn when cargo will withdraw to a position in rear of and parallel to road from BEECHAM crossing at D.16. d. 60. v v (Time 9.25pm)
-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	RMO Cargo reports field ambulance arrangements for evacuation of wounded have broken down aaaa how unable to evacuate serious cases aaaa extra stretchers bearers urgently required work between RAP. & dressing stations (Time 7.54pm)

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