

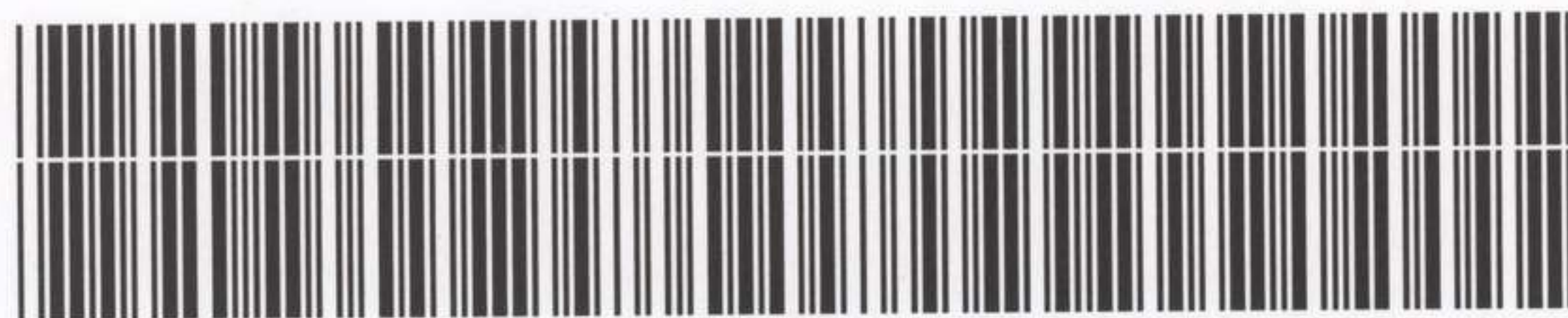
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SECRETFIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters.

3rd. August 1916.



Headquarters,

1st. A. & N. Z. Army Corps.

I beg to forward herewith a report on the operations
of the 1st. Australian Division at POZIERES.

La He B Walker

Major-General.

Commanding 1st. Australian Division.

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REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS OF
FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION AT POZIERES.

Appendix No. 19

1. On the morning of 18th. July, I attended at Headquarters Reserve Army, at the direction of the Army Commander.

I was instructed to prepare plans for the capture of POZIERES. Alternative directions for the attack were suggested by the Army Commander:-

(a) to attack from the south-east.

(b) to attack from the south-west.

After reconnaissance I preferred to attack from the south-east, because I was of opinion that the enemy from his position on ridge R.34.central - R.34.d. would be able to menace any attack from the south-west by action against the left flank.

The objection to the attack from the south-east was the want of depth on the right flank of the position to be taken over by the division. I considered ^{however} that the hostile position could be carried from this direction provided proper preparations were made.

2. The division relieved the 34th. Division on the night of 19th. and part of 1st. Imperial Division on the night of 20th. July.

The situation then was as shown in Sketch No. 1.

The most difficult features of the position at this time were:-

(a) No depth in rear of the right flank. The right of the position consisted of a single trench - BLACK WATCH ALLEY - there was no hinterland.

(b) No trenches for supporting troops within close distance.

3. As the distance between the opposing lines on the right was about 600 yards and as there was no ground in rear available on which to form up for the assault, it was essential to prepare trenches forward of BLACK WATCH ALLEY. This was done under continuous fire on the nights 20/21st., 21/22nd., July as shown in Sketch No. 2.

During the 19th. July all batteries of the Divisional Artillery were engaged in registering the various targets opposite the division's front.

During the 20th. and thence on until the attack the German

trenches were kept under fire to prevent him doing further work on them.

On the night 21/22nd. July an attempt was made by a party of 2 officers and 100 men of the 9th. Battalion to seize a portion of trenches O.G.1 and O.G.2 in order to cover the right flank more securely. This attempt failed.

4. Orders for the attack were issued at 3-30 a.m. on 21st. July. The attack at first was timed to take place at 11-30 p.m. on the night 22/23rd. in conjunction with operations by the 4th. Army on our right.

In view of the difficulties in bringing the right brigade into position this time was altered to 12-30 a.m. The alteration was amply justified as the troops moving up were caught in a barrage of poison gas shells and were obliged to put on their gas helmets. In the darkness they made very slow progress to their allotted stations.

Divisional Orders for the action Nos. 31, 32, and 33 are attached.

5. The 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade attacked on the right and the 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade on the left. The 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigade moved into position as Divisional Reserve in SAUSAGE VALLEY where it arrived at 12 midnight.

After dark the assaulting infantry moved out and formed up within 200 yards of the enemy's position on lines which had been pegged out on the previous night.

Both Brigades formed up for attack with two battalions in front line distributed in depth.

A single 18 pdr. Gun was sent forward along the BAPAUME Road to within 200 yards of our front line to demolish enemy barricades and enfilade the main road through the village. The gun performed its task and fired 115 rounds commencing at Zero hour.

The objective to be reached was the ALBERT-BAPAUME Road. It was seized in three bounds, each covered by an artillery barrage.

The 3rd. Brigade on the right detailed one company of the first line right battalion, supported by one company of 2nd. line right battalion to attack trenches O.G.1 and O.G.2.

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The attack on O.G.1 and O.G.2 made no progress for some hours and this caused a gap between this attack and the main attack.

By 4 a.m. the ^{main} attack had seized the village south of the BAPAUME Road except for two or three ruined houses at the extreme north-east. These protected the line somewhat against flanking fire.

Owing to the excessive difficulties which had to be overcome by the Right Brigade, the position on its right flank became somewhat critical and I moved up the 7th. Battalion from the Reserve Brigade to BLACK WATCH ALLEY at 4-30 a.m.

Two companies of this battalion were placed at the disposal of the G.O.C., 3rd. Infantry Brigade.

On the western flank the enemy was very alert and appears to have been very suspicious. Four minutes before the attack broke on him he opened a heavy machine gun and rifle fire and sent up flares and a red rocket.

The attack on this flank was carried out according to programme and battle outposts were pushed across the road.

As the attack progressed the enemy's shelling intensified and only slackened off at 2-15 a.m. It increased again at 3-30 a.m. and continued heavily until 11 a.m. An enemy barrage was kept up about 900 yards in rear of our original line. Gas shells were used.

The situation at 9 a.m. was as shown in Sketch No. 3.

6. I had made plans and issued orders to complete the capture of the village by a combined attack on the afternoon of the 23rd. Instructions were received from Reserve Army by telephone to cease firing on the village, as it was reported to be unoccupied, and by a signal message at 3-10 p.m. for a combined action against it the same afternoon. These arrangements conflicted with the plans which I had made and I cancelled the previous orders accordingly.

The bombardment of the village and the western trench took place from 2-30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and the division was to endeavour to join hands with the 48th. Division after the bombardment ceased.

Patrols discovered however that the enemy still held on strongly and a report was received at 10-30 p.m. from the Right Brigade that the hostile trenches in the village north of the BAPAUME Road had good overhead cover.

During the afternoon the 2nd. F. A. Brigade was pushed forward nearly to the head of SAUSAGE VALLEY.

With a view to securing the right flank, the 9th. Battalion made another effort to carry O.G.1 during the afternoon, but did not succeed.

At 9 a.m. on 24th. July the situation was as shown in Sketch No. 4.

7. The 24th. July was spent in consolidating the position and making preparations for a further attack.

At 1-10 p.m. orders were received for a combined attack in conjunction with 48th. Division, which was to join up with my division.

Before these instructions were received I had arranged to make a further attack on the O.G. trenches and to close the gap at the right centre in co-operation with an attack by 1st. Imperial Division on MUNSTER ALLEY and in accordance with 1st. A. & N. Z. Army Corps Order No. 13.

I was obliged to attack O.G.1 and O.G.2 from the west, and the eastern end of POZIERES from the south. A portion of the troops for both sections had to move over the same ground. It was therefore impossible to make the two attacks simultaneously.

Divisional Orders Nos. 36 & 37 are attached.

To carry out these plans I placed the 5th. Battalion and the remainder of 7th. Battalion from my Divisional Reserve at the disposal of the Right Brigade Commander and the 8th. Battalion at the disposal of the Left Brigade Commander, as their commands had suffered many casualties and had been very highly tried since the commencement of the operations.

Artillery co-operation was arranged with B.G.R.A., X. Corps and C.R.A., 25th. Division.

8. At 7-4 p.m. the enemy attempted a counter attack in force along the BAPAUME Road. In four minutes the whole of the Divisional Artillery was brought to bear, Machine Guns were turned on, and the attack was smashed.

9. At 2 a.m. on 25th. the 5th. Battalion attacked O.G.1 and O.G.2. Two companies of the 7th. Battalion which were to have

formed the left flank of this attack lost their way in the dark and took no part in the fight.

The 5th. Battalion seized O.G.1 and pushed on to O.G.2. As the 1st. Imperial Division failed to take MUNSTER ALLEY, the 5th. Battalion was promptly attacked by very heavy bombing parties from both flanks and had to give way in O.G.2. It held firmly to most of the ground won in O.G.1 and assisted by the Pioneers put a 'T' head in to obtain sufficient frontage to deal with the enemy bombers.

The 10th. Battalion rushed the strong point opposed to it in O.G.1 simultaneously with the attack of the 5th. Battalion.

In the meantime the attack of the 3rd. Brigade against the eastern part of the village pushed forward to the north-eastern edge and to the tramway and dug itself in, but its trenches were obliterated by enemy shells and it was forced to return to its old line.

In the north-western portion of the village the 8th. Battalion pushed forward steadily from cover to cover and occupied the whole of this section and the cemetery to the north and proceeded to consolidate.

On the right of the 8th. Battalion, the 3rd. Battalion pushed out beyond the village and dug itself in joining up with the left of the right (3rd.) Brigade.

The 4th. Battalion bombed steadily along the whole of the western side of POZIERES for nearly ⁷⁰⁰~~1000~~ yards driving the enemy before it. One company of Germans was unable to stand the pressure and fled from the trenches across the open. They were caught by the fire of the Machine Guns which were supporting the attack of the bombers by traversing the parapet, and lost heavily.

Posts were established along the enemy trenches about 300 yards in advance and one patrol pushed along the main trench nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ mile towards MOUQUET FARM.

10. A heavy hostile counter-attack was launched at about 8-30 a.m. It was crushed by Artillery and Machine Gun fire.

11. The 48th. Division on our left had not yet got in touch with us.

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The enemy bombarded the position very heavily during the whole day.

At 9 p.m. on 25th. the situation was as shewn in the attached sketch No..5.

12. On the evening of 25th. the 7th. Battalion which had been allotted to the 3rd. Infantry Brigade, was withdrawn. It had been kept in Brigade reserve most of the time and had suffered comparatively little.

During the night 25/26th. July the 5th. Infantry Brigade of the 2nd. Australian Division, relieved the 3rd. Infantry Brigade which moved into Rest Area north-west of ALBERT, and the 2nd. Infantry Brigade (less 5th. Battalion) relieved the 1st. Infantry Brigade (less 4th. Battalion) which was withdrawn to Divisional Reserve in SAUSAGE VALLEY. The 4th. Battalion was left in the West POZIERES trench until the patrols and bombing parties of the 48th. Division, on our left, should be able to join up. The battalion pushed patrols to join hands with the 48th. Division.

The 5th. Infantry Brigade attempted to seize a further portion of trenches O.G.1 and O.G.2 but without success.

13. The position was heavily bombarded during 26th. No more ground was gained but the position was consolidated and strong points prepared.

The Division, except the Artillery, was relieved by 2nd. Australian Division on 27th. inst.

14. A special feature of the action were:-

(a) The accurate shooting of the Divisional Artillery. Prior to the assault the men were able to get within 50 yards of the barrage. The barrages were most effective. The infantry of the division have a very great confidence in the Divisional Artillery, which has always been justified.

The enemy subjected our infantry and communications to a steady bombardment with heavy shells, which became very intense at intervals, from 23rd. July onwards. Although observation was difficult on account of the haze, the heavy artillery responded willingly to my requests for counter-battery action and on each occasion the enemy's fire diminished steadily and the infantry

obtained a respite.

(b) The arrangements made for pushing forward supplies of ammunition, bombs, food and water were most thorough and there was no want or shortage at any time.

It was found that at least 30 per cent of the infantry was continually employed in supplying the requirements of the firing line.

(c) The buried cable taken over from the previous units were unsatisfactory and had to be given up. Air lines were used to Brigade headquarters, beyond this visual signalling, pigeons and runners were employed. The runners did their part in a wonderful spirit of self-sacrifice. Aeroplanes were useful but found difficulty in locating the front line.

(d) It was found that the establishment of stretcher bearers in the division was quite inadequate for the large numbers of casualties inflicted in an action in modern war and a great many were borrowed from other ambulances.

15. I would like to bring to notice the spirit of initiative shown by all subordinate commanders, from Brigadiers to Platoon leaders, and the gallantry and tenacity of the troops throughout the whole of the protracted and trying operation which forms the subject of this report.

16. I attach the following:-

Appendix 1. Divisional Orders Nos. 31, 32, 33, 36, and 37.

Appendix 2. Statement of Trophies etc

Appendix 3. Statement of Casualties.

Sketch No. 1. Position taken over by 1st. Australian Division from 34th. Division and 1st. Imperial Division.

Sketch No. 2. Position just prior to the assault, Midnight 22/23rd. July 1916.

Sketch No. 3. Position at 9 a.m. on 23rd. July.

Sketch No. 4. Position at 9 a.m. on 24th. July

Sketch No. 5. Position at 9 p.m. on 25th. July.

Sketch No. 6. Position at 9 a.m. on 27th. July on relief by 2nd. Australian Division.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 31.

Divisional Headquarters.

21st. July 1916.

Reference: Trench Map 1/20,000. Sheets 57.D., S.E. and 57.C., S.W.

1. The division will attack the enemy at zero hour on July
Zero hour will be notified.

INFORMATION. E.

- (1) Information of our own Forces.
The French Army and the 4th. Army on our right attack the enemy on the same day.
The heavy artillery of the Reserve Army and the artillery of the 10th. Corps are assisting in the attack.
- (11) Information regarding the enemy.
The POZIERES position has been held recently by 2nd. Guard Reserve Division of the Prussian Army consisting of 15th., 55th., 77th., and 91st. Reserve Infantry Brigades (twelve battalions) Prussian Guard regiments wear 'litzen' (coloured gorget patches) on the tunic collar.
The 8th. Bavarian Reserve Regiment (three battalions) was recently in reserve near MOQUET FARM.
German Units have become very disorganised as a result of having been driven from their main position by us. Owing to their heavy losses most of the men in the ranks are reinforcements.

FRONTAGE OF ATTACK.

3. The frontage of the enemy's line allotted to the division is from square X.5.d.7.8. to square X.4.c.6.4.
The attack will be delivered by 3rd. Inf. Brigade on the right and the 1st. Inf. Brigade on the left.
The dividing line between the two brigades will be from square X.4.b.7.2., square X.5.c.0.3. and square X.11.a.4.3.

OBJECTIVES.

4. 1st. Objective - the enemy's trench from square X.5.d.7.8 to square X.4.b.6.4.
2nd. Objective - The trench line along the enclosures south west of POZIERES and including the copse square X.4.d. and X.5.c. and the German 2nd. position line to the railway at square X.5.b.2.6. and X.5.a.8.4.
3rd. Objective - The south eastern side of the BAPAUME ALBERT road from square R.35.c.8.1. to square X.4.c.7.4.

METHOD OF ATTACK.

5. The advance to each objective will be timed in accordance with the barrage map attached.

Prior to the preliminary bombardment the infantry will move out to the selected position in front of the enemy's trenches. As soon as the bombardment begins the infantry will move forward as near as possible to the hostile trenches. As soon as the bombardment lifts, the trenches will be rushed. The troops detailed for the second objective will move up as close as possible to the barrage and rush the 2nd. line as soon as the barrage lifts.

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... The troops detailed to assault the third objective will act in a similar manner.

ARTILLERY.6.

The bombardment of the hostile trenches is now being carried out under the orders of Reserve Army.

Before the first assault there will be an intense bombardment for two minutes.

Barrages covering the infantry advance will be formed in accordance with the attached map.

CONSOLIDATION

Each objective gained will be consolidated at once.

Strong points will be constructed at once as follows:-

(a) In first objective:

- (i) Square X.4.d.1.1.
- (ii) " X.4.d.8.3.
- (iii) " X.5.b.2.0 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- (iv) " X.5.b.4.1.

(b) In second objective:

- (i) Square X.5.a.9.5.
- (ii) " X.5.a.2.2.
- (iii) " At head of copse, square X.4.d.9.9.
- (iv) Square X.4.d.5.5.

(c) In third objective:

- (i) An enclosed work at square X.5.a.7.9.-Square X.5.a.9.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.-square X.5.b.0.8.-square X.5.b.0.8.
- (ii) Square X.5.a.3.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- (iii) Square X.4.b.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2.
- (iv) In the vicinity of square X.4.d.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.8. and square X.4.d.4.9 $\frac{3}{4}$. to cover roadways leading north-west.

The following troops will be held ready to move forward to construct these points:

(a) One field company Engineers and two companies of 1st. Aust. Pioneer Bn. for the right section.

(b) One field company Engineers and one company 1st. Aust. Pioneer Bn. for the left section.

DIVISIONAL RESERVE.

The following troops will be in Divisional Reserve:

Headquarters and 3 field companies Engineers.

2nd. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

1st. Pioneer Bn.

The divisional reserve will occupy the area south side of a line joining square X.14.d.2.9. - X.15.c.3.4. - X.15.central.

The 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will be west of SAUSAGE VALLEY with headquarters at TARA HILL.

The remainder will be east of SAUSAGE VALLEY. C.R.E. and C.O. 1st. Aust. Pioneer Bn. will be in communication with Divisional Headquarters through 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters, square 15.c.4.5.

The Reserve will be in position by 1 a.m.

SIGNAL COMMUNICATION.

(a) For work with contact aeroplanes red flares only will be used. They will be lit when each objective is captured but will only be used after daybreak.

They will be lit by all infantry units who are in the front line at 8 a.m., 12 noon., 4 p.m., and 8 p.m.,

Ground sheets and ground signalling sheets are to be used with contact aeroplanes.

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10. Headquarters will be established at 12 RUE PONT NOYELLES
off RUE DOULLENS. ALBERT (Square 28.c).

11. ACKNOWLEDGE

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Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.

1st. Australian Division.

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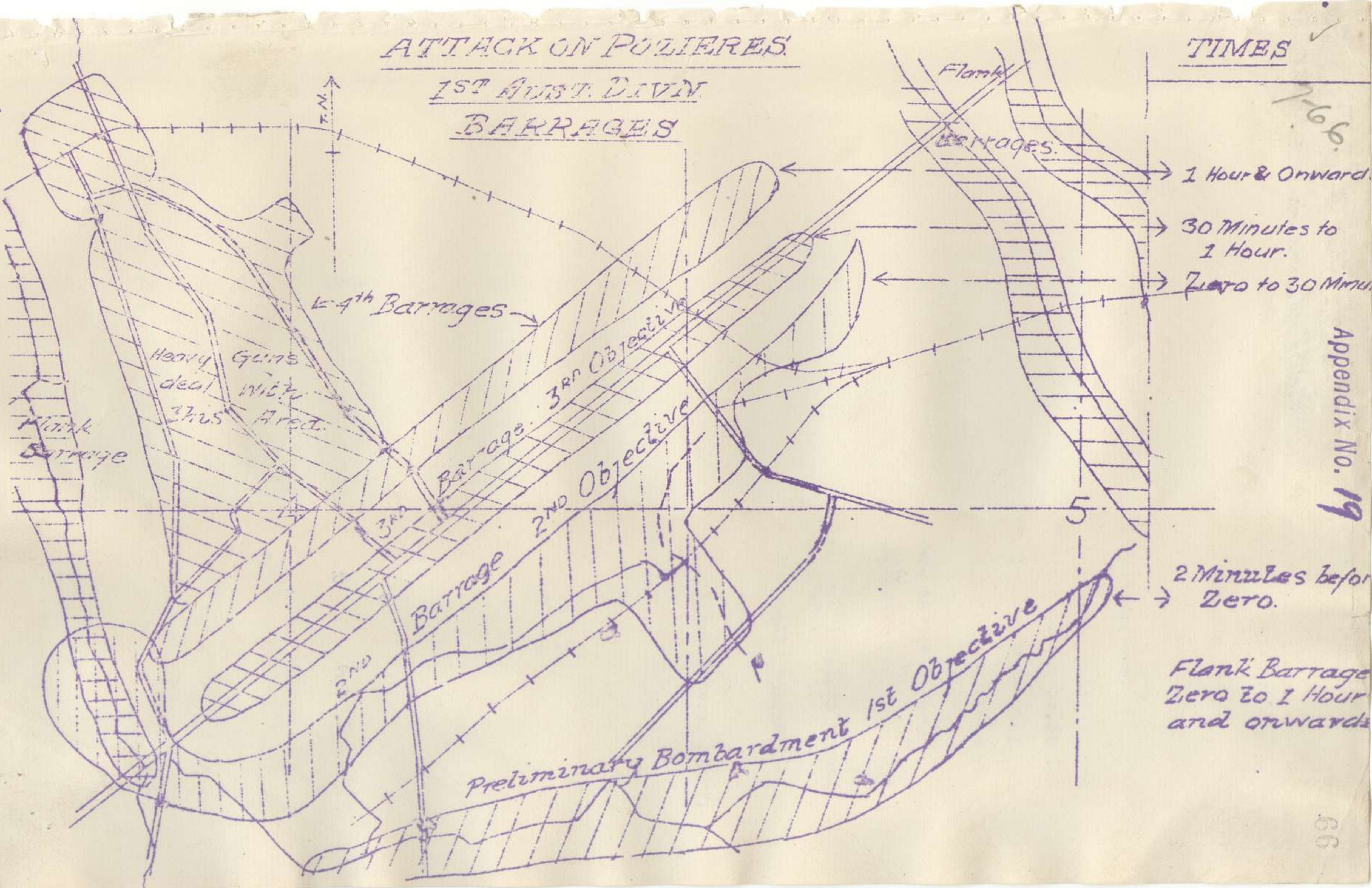
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 32

Divisional Headquarters.
21st. July. 1916.

With reference to First Australian Division Order No. 31 :-

1. The operation will take place on the night of ~~June~~ ^{July} 22nd. at 11.30 p.m.

The main attack described in para 2 (1) will take place at 9.30 p.m. on the same day.

2. The following corrections should be made in the order :-

(a) Para 4. 1st. objective last map reference delete X.4.b.6.4 and read X.4.c.6.4.

(b) Para 7(c) (1) 2nd. line (last map reference) delete "square X.5.b.0.0" and read "square X.5.a.7.7."

(c) Para 9 (a) 1st. line delete "red" and read "GREEN".

3 ACKNOWLEDGE.

T.A. BLAMEY Lieut Colonel, General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 33.

Divisional Headquarters.

21st. July 1916.

1. The Zero time fixed for the attack by this Division on the night 22/23rd. July is 12-30 a.m. This cancels the time given in Div. Order No. 32. of today.
2. This information is not to be communicated in any written document, signal message or telephonic communication. It will be communicated by word of mouth.
3. Watches will be synchronised with the time at Divisional Signal Coy's office or Brigade Signal Sections at 12 noon, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.
4. Please acknowledge hereon and return this paper to this Divisional Headquarters.

T. A. BLAMEY.
Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 36.

Divisional Headquarters.

24th. July. 1916.

1. (i) The right flank of the Division will be extended to include the enemy's position in trenches O.G.1 & 2 between the line X.5.a.2.0. - X.5.a.4.0 $\frac{1}{2}$. and the line X.5.a.7.7. - X.5.b.0.8. both lines inclusive

(ii) The line will be continued to the northeast corner of POZIERES at about Sq. X.5.a.3.7.

2. The attack will be made at 2 a.m.

3. A battalion of the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. is placed at the disposal of G.O.C. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. for the attack on the German 2nd. Line trenches (O.G.1. & O.G.2.) which will be assaulted from the western side.

4. (a) The attack will be preceded by an intensive bombardment of the western trench (O.G.1.) over the front of attack for 120 seconds by the 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.

During this bombardment the assaulting troops will draw up as close to the barrage as possible and will rush the trench as soon as the fire lifts.

The trench O.G.1. will be consolidated.

(b) The artillery of the 3rd. Corps is to provide a barrage on the eastern trench (O.G.2.) covering the front of attack from zero, to zero plus fifteen minutes. This barrage will then lift east of O.G.2. and will continue until ordered to cease by the Divisional Commander.

The troops detailed to assault O.G.2. will close up as close as possible under this barrage and will rush the trench when it lifts.

It must be explained to all ranks that the time of movement of the infantry depends on the lift of the artillery barrage.

Ground won will be consolidated.

5. (i) Before dark on 24th. inst the 3rd. Corps artillery is to bombard trench O.G.2. north of the railway.

(ii) Reserve Army artillery is to bombard trench O.G.1. at the same time from a point 100 yards north of the railway northwards.

(iii) The X Corps artillery is to place a barrage on R.35.c.5.2. and R.35.c.7.4. for one hour ~~before~~ ^{after} 2 a.m.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. A. Blamey,
Lieut Colonel, General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

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49 Corps Park " "

50 Reserve Army " "

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Reference Div Order No 36 dated 24th July in Para 1 for X 5.2.2.0 read X.5.2.0, and for X.5.2.4, etc. read X 5.2.4.0 etc. and at end of para 2 add on 25th inst

From 1st Aust Div

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Army Commander orders that we occupy the whole of POZIERES as far north as cemetery and Attack will be made at 3-30 a.m. on morning of 25th. inst. and Dividing line between 1st. and 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bdes. will be Sq. R.34.d.3.0. to Sq. X.4.b.3.2. and Strong points will be established by 3rd. Bde. at Sq. X.5.a.3.7. and near German trench about X.4.b.5.6. or X.4.b.6.7. by 1st. Bde. at X.4.b.0.7. and CEMETERY and Machine or Lewis Guns are to be allotted to the strong points and 1st. Bde. should endeavour to push up to R.34.d.2.3. and trench junction at R.34.c.7.6. and establish themselves at those points and 1st. Bde. will send bombing parties down trenches X.4.a.7.3. to 4.3. and Remainder of 7th. Inf. Bn. is placed at disposal of G.O.C. 3rd. Inf. Bde. and Artillery cooperation is being arranged and 5th. Aus. Bde. will move into reserve in area west of SAUSAGE VALLEY and south of the line

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Appendix No. 1

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 37.

Divisional Headquarters.

24th. July. 1916.

1. In addition to the operation on the right flank the division will occupy the whole of POZIERES as far north as the CEMETERY on the morning of the 26th. inst. ^{25th}
The attack will take place at 3-30 a.m.
2. The 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will occupy the north-eastern portion of the village and the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade the north-western portion of the village.
3. The dividing line between brigades will be R.34.d.3.0. to Sq.X.4.b.3.2.
4. Strong points will be established by the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade at Sq.X.5.a.3.7. and near German trench at about Sq.X.4.b.5.6. or X.4.b.6.7. and by the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade at Sq.X.4.b.0.7. and CEMETERY.
Machine or Lewis Guns will be allotted to each strong point.
5. Ground won will be consolidated.
6. 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade will push bombing parties forward to Sq.R.34.d.2.3. and to the trench junction at R.34.c.7.6. which will establish themselves at these points. A bombing party will be sent along trench X.4.a.7.3. to X.4.a.4.3. also.
7. The 7th. Battalion is placed at the disposal of G.O.C. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
8. 25th. Division Artillery is arranging to place an artillery barrage:
 - (i) From Sq.X.4.a.2.8. to Sq.X.4.b.6.7. from 3-30 a.m. to 3-45 a.m. It will then lift slowly to the German main line from Sq.34.a.4.3. to R.35.c.4.3. It will also lift back slowly along the German trench from Sq. X 4.a.2.8. to 34.c.2.2.
 - (ii) The artillery of I Corps is arranging to barrage the German main line from Sq.35.d.5.2. to Sq.34.a.4.3. from 3-30 a.m. onwards.
 - (iii) The artillery of 1st. Aust. Division will co-operate by firing from 3-30 a.m. to 4 a.m. :
 - (a) On the area Sq.R.34.c.0.3.-3.2.-2.0.-0.0.
 - (b) R.34.c.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.6.
 - (c) R.34.d.3.5.-d.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.0. and R.34.d.3.5. to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. from 4 a.m. onwards on:
 - (a) R.34.c.8.7. to German main line.
 - (b) R.34.d.3.5. to 5.5. and German line.

9. The 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will move into the Divisional Reserve Area west of SAUSAGE VALLEY immediately south of the line X.14.d.2,9.-Sq.15.c.2.4.

Movement before 9 p.m. will be made in bodies not exceeding one platoon. After that hour in bodies not exceeding one company. Interval between parties two minutes.

Move will be completed by 12 midnight.

5th. Brigade Headquarters will be established at **TARA HILL.**

10. **ACKNOWLEDGE.**

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1st. Australian Division.

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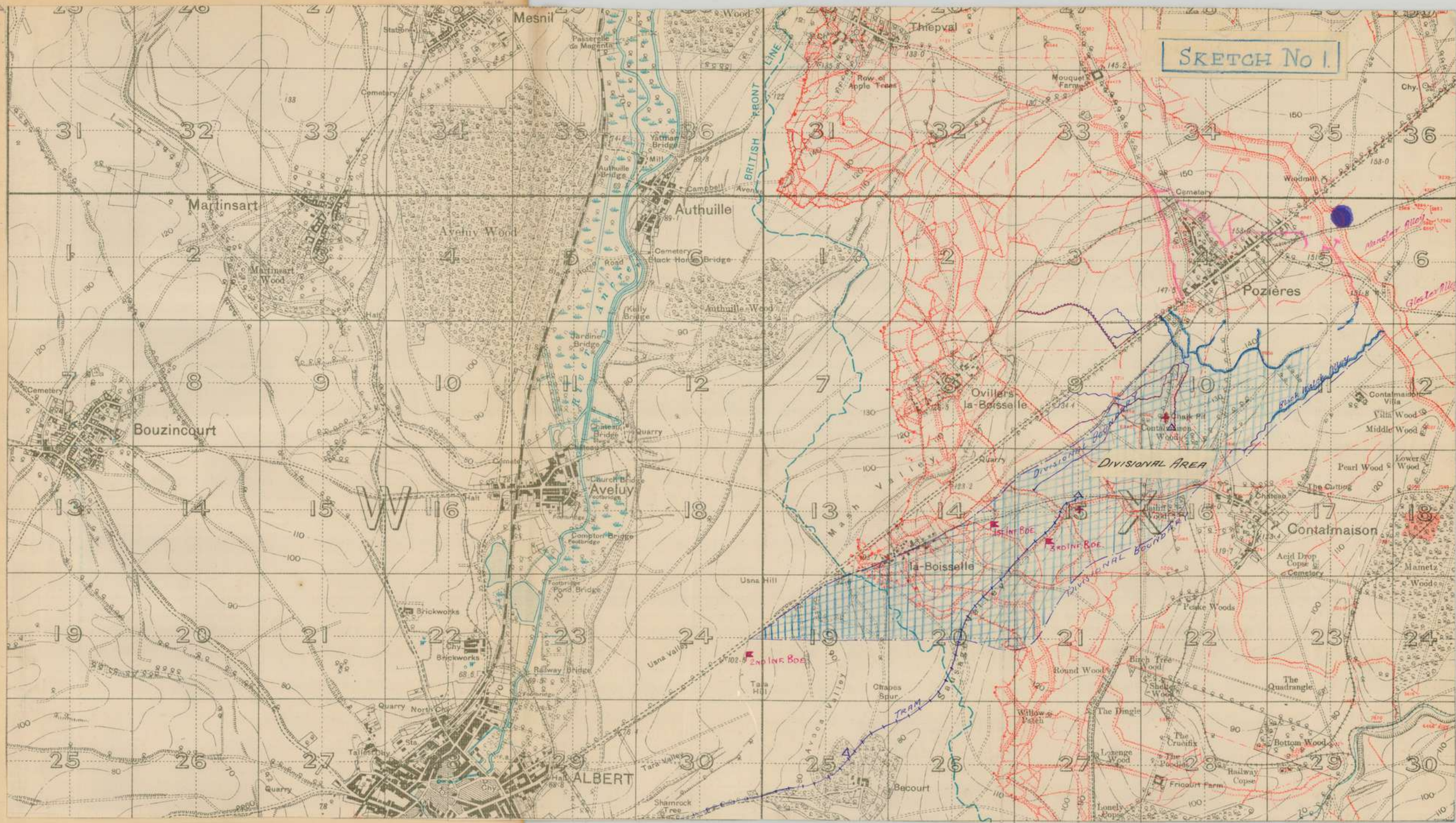
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LIST OF PRISONERS, CAPTURED ARTILLERY, MACHINE
GUNS & EQUIPMENT TAKEN BY 1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

PRISONERS	10 Officers	222 Other ranks.
FIELD GUNS		3
HOWITZERS (4.2")		5
MACHINE GUNS		17
TRENCH MOUNTINGS (M.G.)		4
RIFLES		350
AUTOMATIC RIFLES		3
AUTOMATIC PISTOLS		14
RANGE FINDERS		2
BINOCULARS		4
FLARE PISTOLS		2
SPARE PARTS & TOOL BOXES		2
BOMBS		500
BOX MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS		1
S.A.A.		28,000
FLARES		50
FIELD TELEPHONES		4

This is the total amount of trophies etc. reported as having fallen into our hands. Very little of this has actually been salvaged.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.STATEMENT OF ACTUAL CASUALTIES IN THE FIELD FROM NOON 22nd. JULY 1916.
TO NOON 29th. JULY 1916

UNITS	O f f i c e r s			Other Ranks.			
	Killed.	Wnd.	Missing.	Killed.	Wnd.	Missing.	
<u>DIV. ARTILLERY</u>							
1st. F.A. Brigade	.	2	.	5	6	.	
2nd. F.A. Brigade	.	2	.	.	2	.	
3rd. F.A. Brigade	.	.	.	.	6	.	Includes
21st. F.A. Brigade	.	.	.	.	1	.	1 Shell shock
M.T.M. Brigade	.	.	.	6	.	.	
<u>DIV. ENGINEERS.</u>	3	3	.	17	87	2	1 O.R. injured.
<u>PIONEER BN</u>	2	5	1	20	150	2	
<u>1st. INF. BDE. H.Q.</u>	.	1	.	.	3	2	
1st. Battalion	9	4	.	84	338	51	
2nd. Battalion	3	6	1	69	391	40	
3rd. Battalion	4	9	.	91	350	43	
4th. Battalion	2	11	1	79	234	75	
1st. M.G. Coy.	.	1	.	4	22	.	1 slightly, at duty
L.T.M. Bty.	.	.	.	1	9	4	
<u>2nd. INF. BDE. H.Q.</u>	.	1	.	.	.	.
5th. Battalion	6	6	1	41	254	163	
6th. Battalion	.	7	.	19	163	1	
7th. Battalion	2	6	.	28	248	50	
8th. Battalion	4	9	.	66	230	25	2 Offs. Wnd. slightly at duty.
2nd. M.G. Coy.	.	1	.	.	5	.	
<u>3rd. INF. BDE. H.Q.</u>	.	.	.	.	.	.
9th. Battalion	3	12	2	42	152	105	
10th. Battalion	2	10	.	49	218	48	
11th. Battalion	6	11	1	62	358	91	
12th. Battalion	3	10	1	68	242	97	
3rd. M.G. Coy.	.	4	.	9	27	3	
L.T.M. Bty	.	1	.	4	15	.	
<u>A.A.M.C.</u>	.	.	.	.	.	.
1st. Fld. Amb.	.	.	.	3	12	.	
2nd. Fld. Amb.	.	.	.	1	3	.	
3rd. Fld. Amb.	.	.	.	.	6	.	
TOTALS	49	122	8	768	3532	806	TOTAL 5285

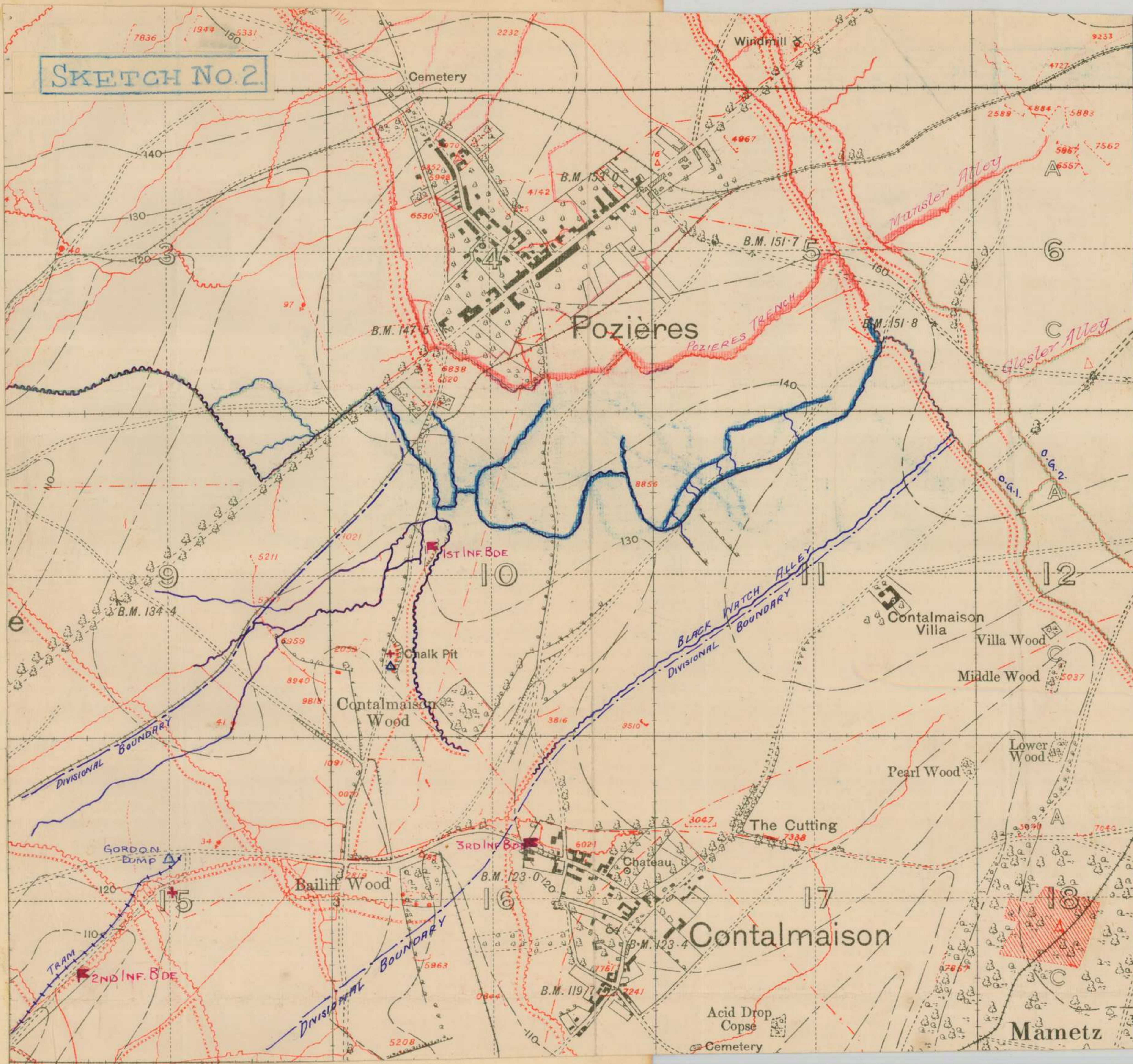


POSITION ON TAKING OVER FROM 34th. DIVISION ON 21st. JULY 1916.

(FINAL POSITION ON HANDING OVER TO 2ND AST. DIV. ON 27TH JULY 1916)

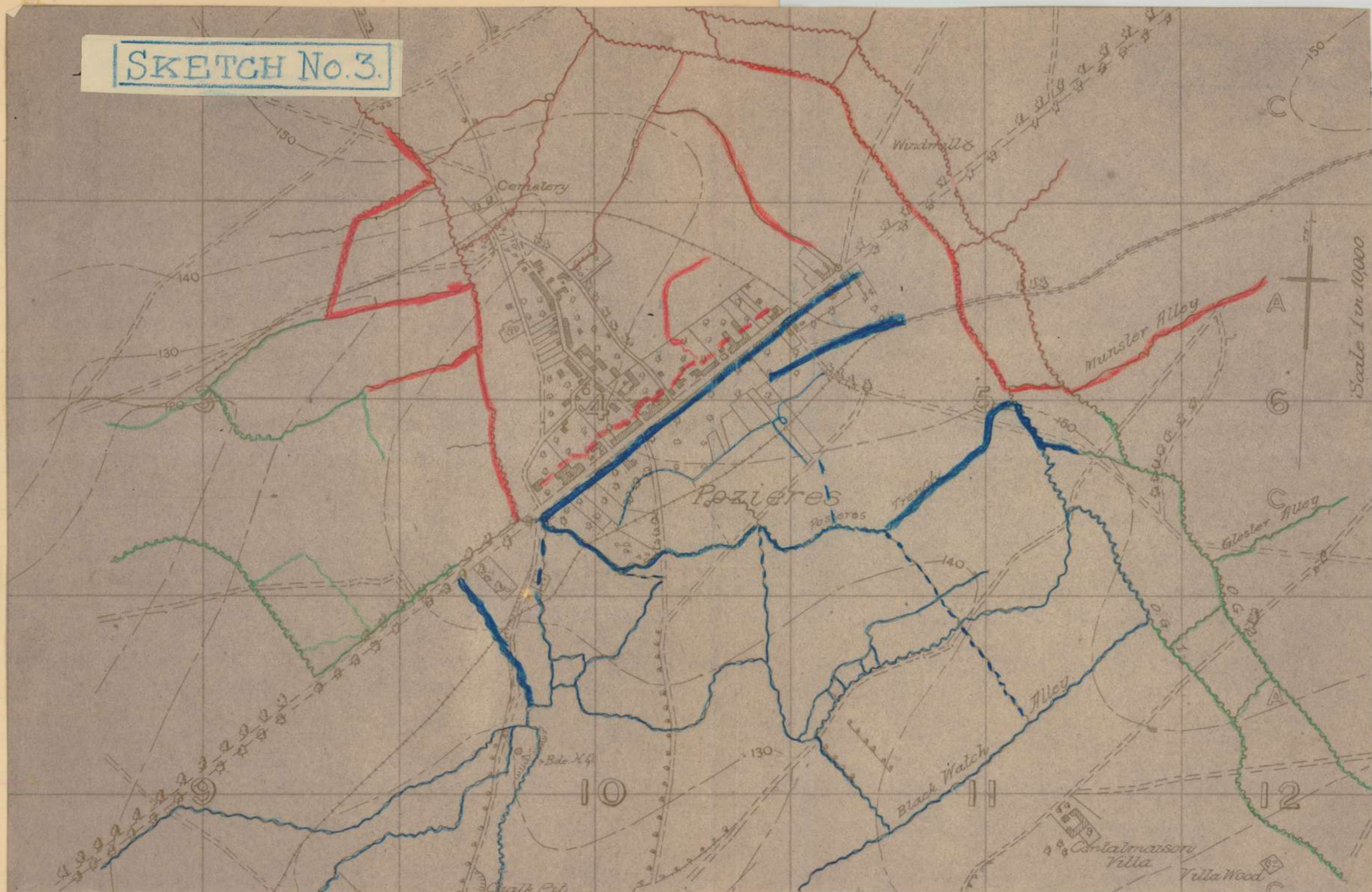
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POSITION JUST PRIOR TO THE ASSAULT. MIDNIGHT 22nd/23rd. JULY 1916

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POSITION AT 9 a.m. ON 23rd. JULY 1916.

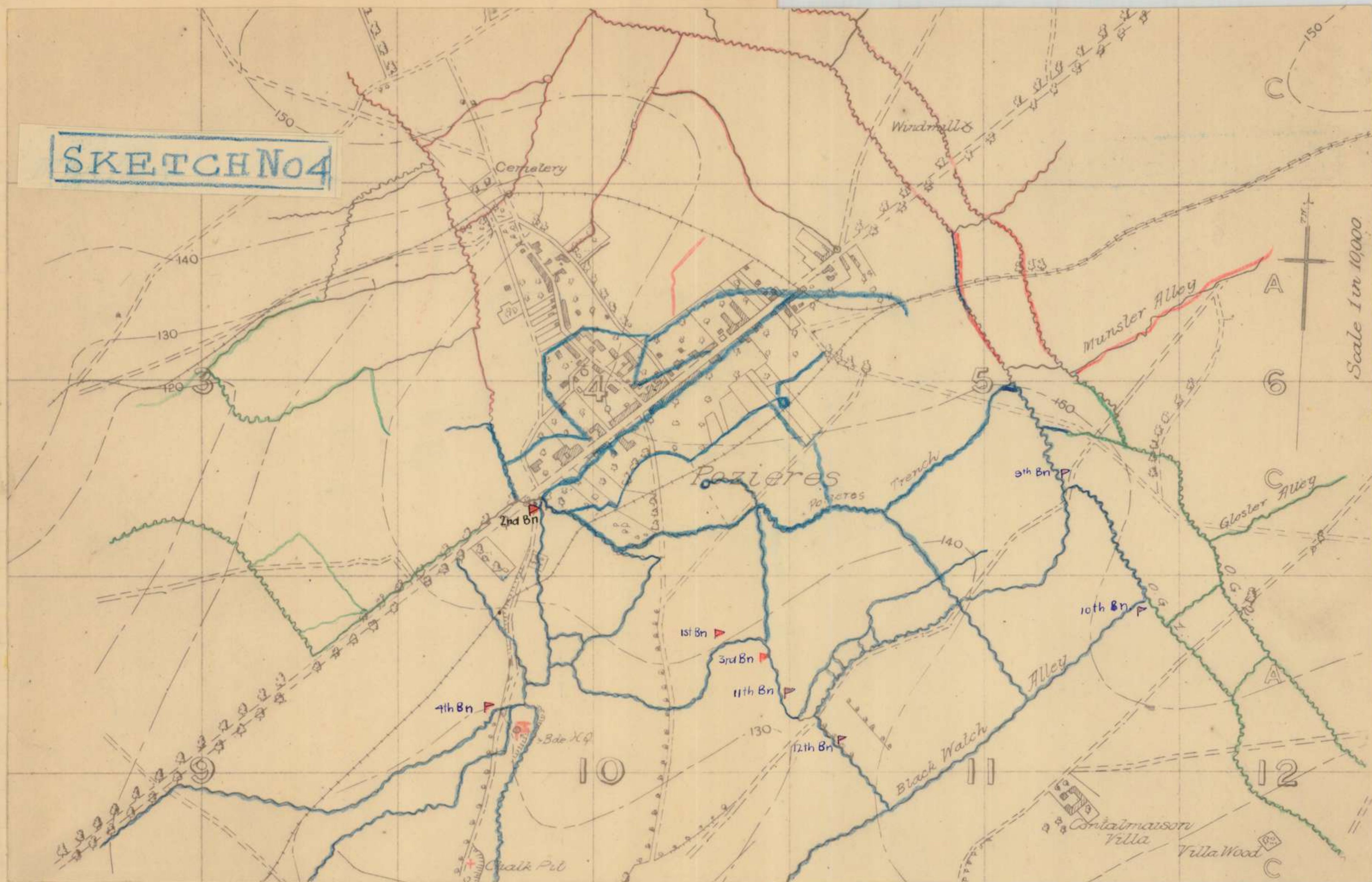
Trenches ^{and Positions} held by 1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.....

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Trenches held by enemy.....

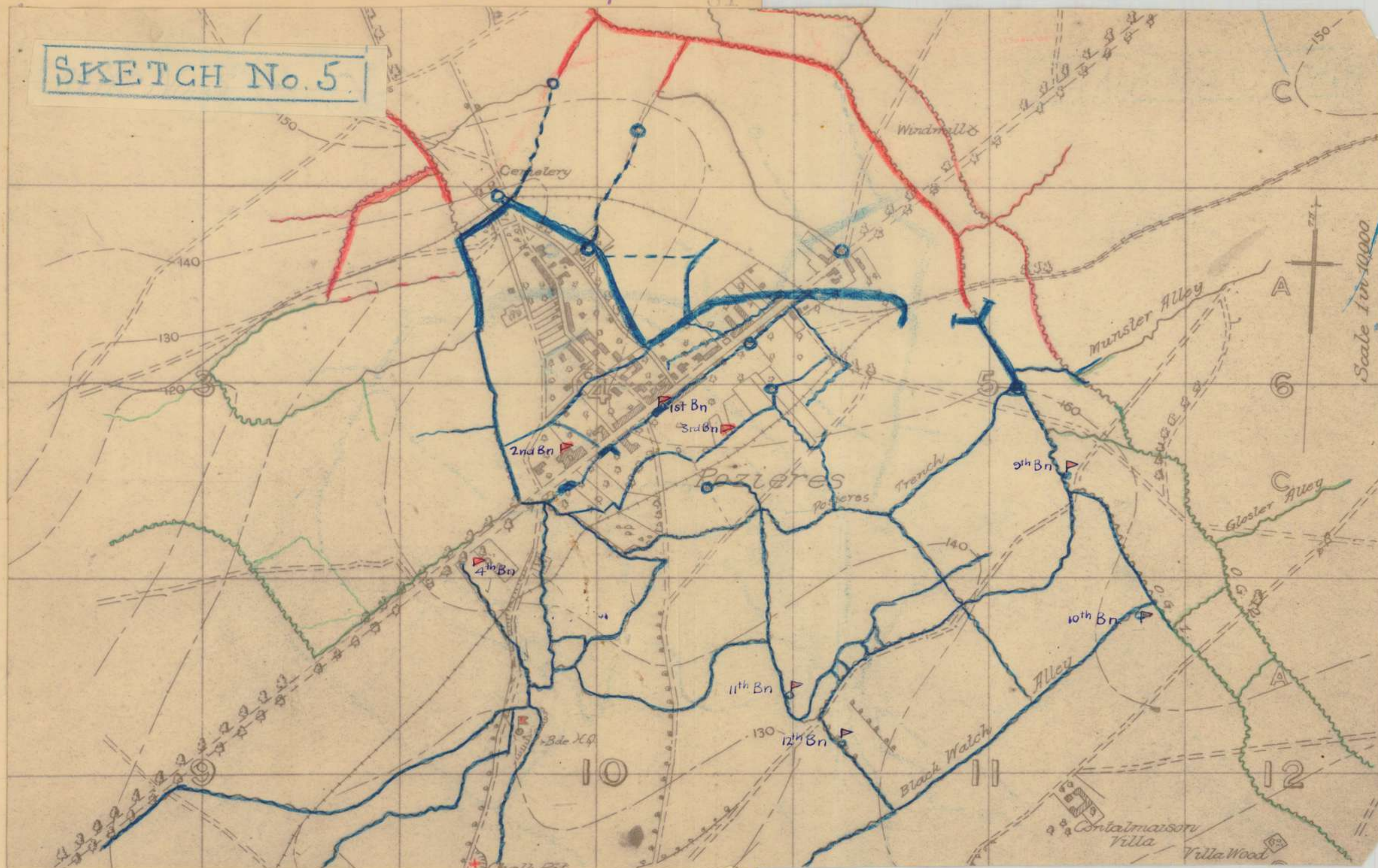
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POSITION AT 9 a.m. ON 24th. JULY 1916.

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POSITION AT 9 p.m. ON 25th. JULY 1916.



POSITION AT 9 a.m. ON 27th. JULY 1916, ON HANDING OVER TO THE
2nd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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War Diary
FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 85. Appendix No. 20

Divisional Headquarters.

23rd. July 1916.

1. Information tends to show that the enemy is retiring through POZIERES village.

2. The division will sieze the north-western wing of the village and consolidate the position in conjunction with the 48th. Division on our left.

3. The 48th. Division will operate by sending up strong bombing parties from X.3.b.8.1. to X.4.a.7.1. & from X.3.b.1.1. through X.3.b.5.4. to X.4.a.4.6. and on to X.4.a.8.8.

4. The point of junction between the 48th. Division and our Division will be about X.4.a.7.3. or to the north of that place.

5. The operation will commence at 4 p.m. (Zero hour). Infantry advance will be timed in accordance with the attached barrage map.

6. A strong point will be constructed at north-eastern corner of the village.

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7. The 8th. Inf. Brigade now in rear of 1st. Inf. Brigade is placed under the command of the G.O.C. 1st. Inf. Brigade.

Half the company of 1st. Australian Pioneer Bn. now in eastern portion of SAUSAGE VALLEY is allotted to the 1st. Inf. Brigade and will report to Brigade Headquarters forthwith.

8. **ACKNOWLEDGE**

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Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

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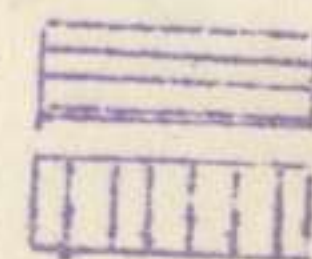
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BARRAGE MAP
Seizure of North West of
POZIARES Village

Field Guns
Heavy "



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

ORDER No. 36.

Divisional Headquarters.

24th. July. 1916.

1. (i) The right flank of the Division will be extended to include the enemy's position in trenches O.G.1 & 2 between the line X.5.4.2.0. - X.5.4.4.0. and the line X.5.4.7.7. - X.5.6.0.8. both lines inclusive

(ii) The line will be continued to the north east corner of POZIERES at about Sq. X.5.4.3.7.

2. The attack will be made at 2 a.m.

3. A battalion of the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. is placed at the disposal of G.O.C. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. for the attack on the German 2nd. Line trenches (O.G.1. & O.G.2.) which will be assaulted from the western side.

4. (a) The attack will be preceded by an intensive bombardment of the western trench (O.G.1.) over the front of attack for 120 seconds by the 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.

During this bombardment the assaulting troops will draw up as close to the barrage as possible and will rush the trench as soon as the fire lifts.

The trench O.G.1. will be consolidated.

(b) The artillery of the 3rd. Corps is to provide a barrage on the eastern trench (O.G.2.) covering the front of attack from zero, to zero plus fifteen minutes. This barrage will then lift east of O.G.2. and will continue until ordered to cease by the Divisional Commander.

The troops detailed to assault O.G.2. will close up as close as possible under this barrage and will rush the trench when it lifts.

It must be explained to all ranks that the time of movement of the infantry depends on the lift of the artillery barrage.

Ground won will be consolidated.

5. (i) Before dark on 24th. inst the 3rd. Corps artillery is to bombard trench O.G.2. north of the railway.

(ii) Reserve Army artillery is to bombard trench O.G.1. at the same time from a point 100 yards north of the railway northwards.

(iii) The X Corps artillery is to place a barrage on R.35.c.5.2. and R.35.c.7.4. for one hour before 2 a.m.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut Colonel, General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

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- 37 1st. Pioneer Bn
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- 41 1st. ANZAC "Q"
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- 44 4th. Aust. Divn.
- 45 Salvage Coy
- 46 Div. Supply
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Lieut. Colonel, General Staff

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 38

Divisional Headquarters.
25th. July 1916.

1. On the night 25/26th. July the 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade in the front line and relief of 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade by 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will be commenced.
2. Portions of 6th. and 7th. Battalions now with 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will move to 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade under orders of G.O.C. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade as soon as they can be conveniently relieved.
3. Small parties (less than a platoon) which have become detached from their units will be directed to the trenches X.15.a.0.4. to X.15.c.9.9. where they will be collected under arrangements made by G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
4 guides from each Brigade will report to Headquarters 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade at TARA HILL on morning of 27th. inst.
Battalion
4. 5th. Aust. Inf. Battalion will not be relieved on night 25/26th. July.
5. The 4th. Battalion which is holding the southern part of the old German line west of POZIERES will be the last of the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade units to be relieved.
It will continue bombing operations along the enemy trenches leading westwards in order to effect a junction with the 48th. Division.
6. Details of relief will be arranged between Brigadiers concerned.
7. On relief 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will assemble at W.21.central.
1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade will assemble in the reserve area west of SAUSAGE VALLEY and south of line X.14.d.0.8 and X.15.c.3.4 with Headquarters at TARA HILL.
8. Reliefs are to be arranged so as not to interfere with definite tactical tasks which have been allotted for the night 25/26th. July.
9. Time of handing over commands will be arranged between G.O's.C. Brigades concerned. Divisional Headquarters will be informed as soon as these times are decided on.
10. Arrangements are being made by A.A. & Q.M.G. to bring forward kits of units being relieved.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

T. A. Blaney

Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 39

Divisional Headquarters.
25th. July 1916.

The following tactical operations will be carried out tonight:-

- (a) By 5th. Inf. Brigade.
A raid in two phases to secure the enemy's trenches
(i) O.G.1 from our present northern point to X.5.a.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.9.
(ii) O.G.2 from R.35.a.9.0. to X.5.b.6.8. and southward towards MUNSTER ALLEY.
Zero hour for each phase will be notified by the signal message:
"Timber will be delivered at..... and coal at....."
- (b) (i) 4th. Inf. Battalion will push a bombing attack westwards to link up with the 48th. Division along trench X.4.a.4.3.-0.7. and trench X.4.a.4.6.-6.b.5.4. X.3.B.8.1
(ii) Parties detailed by 1st. Inf. Brigade to secure points in advance of our present position at
(A) About Sq.R.34.c.6.6. trench junction.
The southern of the joining trenches is not shown on most maps, it runs north from the CEMETERY
(B) About Sq.R.34.d.2.3.

All ground won will be consolidated.

Acknowledge.

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Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

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28 - 33	3rd. Inf. Bd.	"	"
34	Div. Train	"	"
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37	Pioneer Bn	"	"
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40	1st. ANZAC "G"	"	"
41	1st. ANZAC "Q"	"	"
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43	2nd. Aus. Divn.	"	"
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52	Seddon Group	"	"
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 40.

Divisional Headquarters.
26th. July 1916.

1. The following movements will take place today:-
 - (a) 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade and Brigade Company of the train from Rest area at W.21.a. to VADENCOURT
 - (b) 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade from Reserve Area between line X.14.d.2.9. to X.15.c.2.4. and old British line to Rest area.
 - (c) 6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade from Rest area to Reserve area and then to relieve 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade in the line.
 - (d) 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade from the line to Reserve area.
2. 4th. Battalion, 1st. Inf. Brigade, will be relieved under the orders of the G.O.C. 2nd. Inf. Brigade. On relief it will march to rejoin its Brigade in the Rest area at W.21.a.
3. 5th. Inf. Battalion will be relieved under the orders of G.O.C. 5th. Inf. Brigade. On relief it will move into position in the southern portion of the Sq.X.15.a.
4. In the relief of front line units the advanced posts and strong points will not be relieved until the relieving units have taken over. Representatives of relieving units will be sent into advanced posts to take over on the commencement of the relief by the unit.
5. The 6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade in the Reserve Area during the day.
6. Brigades moving between rest and reserve areas by day will move in bodies not larger than one platoon with an interval of 3 minutes between platoons.
7. The movement of the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade and the 6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will commence at 5 p.m. in accordance with orders already issued.
8. Details of the relief of the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade by the 6th. Inf. Brigade will be arranged by Brigadiers direct.
9. The 3rd. Inf. Brigade will leave any parties belonging to 2nd. or 1st. Inf. Brigades, which are with it in the bivouac in Rest area. The 1st. Inf. Brigade will similarly leave any parties belonging to the 2nd. Inf. Brigade in the same area.
Details of 3rd. Inf. Brigade with other units will remain with the units until arrival in the billating area, they will then be sent to rejoin their own units.
10. 4 guides per Battalion for 6th. Inf. Brigade will be sent down by units of 2nd. Inf. Brigade and will be at Headquarters 2nd. Inf. Brigade by 6-30 p.m.
11. 1st. Division Field Ambulance, BECOURTWOOD, will be relieved by 6th. Field Ambulance under arrangements made between Commanding Officers.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut. Colonel, General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

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22 - 27	2nd. " "	"	"
28 - 33	3rd. " "	"	"
34	Div. Train	"	"
35	A.D.N.S.	"	"
36	D.A.D.O.D.	"	"
37	Pioneer Bn	"	"
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45	Salvage Co.	"	"
46	Div. Supply Col	"	"
47	1st. Division	"	"
48	48th. Division	"	"
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50	Reserve Army	"	"
51	II Corps	"	"
52	Section Group	"	"
53	5th. Inf. Bde	"	"
54	C.R.A. 25th. Div.	"	"
55	6th. Inf. Bde.	"	"

Brigades moving between rest and reserve areas by day will move in order not larger than one platoon with an interval of 3 minutes between platoons.

The movement of the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade and the 6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will commence at 6 p.m. in accordance with orders already issued.

Details of the relief of the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade by the 6th. Inf. Brigade will be arranged by Brigadier direct.

The 3rd. Inf. Brigade will leave any parties belonging to 1st. or 2nd. Inf. Brigades, which are with it in the division in rest areas. The 1st. Inf. Brigade will similarly leave any parties belonging to the 2nd. Inf. Brigade in the same area.

Details of 3rd. Inf. Brigade with other units will remain with the units until relieved in the billeting areas, they will then be sent to retain their own units.

4 columns per Battalion for 6th. Inf. Brigade will be sent down by units of 2nd. Inf. Brigade and will be at Headquarters 2nd. Inf. Brigade by 6-30 p.m.

1st. Division Field Ambulance, BENCOURTWOOD, will be relieved by 6th. Field Ambulance under arrangements made between Commanding Officers.

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Adjutant General, General Staff,
1st. Australian Division.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 41

Divisional Headquarters.
27th. July 1916.

1. Command of the troops in the line will be taken over by G.O.C. 2nd. Australian Division at 9 a.m. on 27th. inst.
Divisional Headquarters will close at 9 a.m. at ABBERT and will open at RUBEMPRE at the same hour.
2. The following units will move from their present areas tomorrow to RUBEMPRE in the following order:
Divisional Headquarters.
Divn. Engineers Hd. Qrs.
Hd. Qrs. and No. 1. Sec. Signal Coy.
Hd. Qrs. Divn. Train.
Divn. Sanitary Section.
3. Head of column will pass the starting point (corner of Rue PONT-NOYELLES and Rue DOULIENS) at 10 a.m.
4. The march will be carried out under the direction of Capt. GRANT, Divn. Signal Coy.
5. Orders for moves of other units will be issued later.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

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28 - 33	3rd. " "	"	"
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49	Cotps Park	"	"
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51	II Corps	"	"
52	Seddon Group	"	"
53	5th. Inf. Bde.	"	"
54	C.R.A. 25th. Div	"	"
55	6th. Inf. Bde.	"	"

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO.42.

DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS,

July 27th.1916.

1. The following units will move from their present area tomorrow 28th.July to CANAPLES in the order named :-

Divisional Headquarters.
Headquarters and No.1 Section Div.Signal Coy.
Divisional Sanitary Section.

2. Head of column will pass the starting point (Cross Roads on the South-western edge of RUBEMPRE) at 1000.

ROUTE - TALMAS, NAOURS, WARGNIES, HAVERNAS, to CANAPLES.

3. D.A.D.O.S. will establish a dump at CANAPLES by 1800 on 28th.July.

4. Divisional Headquarters Office will close at RUBEMPRE at 1000 and open at CANAPLES at the same hour.

C.H. FOOTT, Lt.Colonel.
A.A. & Q.M.G.
1st.Aust.Division.

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14	Div.Engine.	"	"
15	Div.Sig.Coy.	"	"
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47	Reserve Army	"	"

My dear Walker, - 795

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Now that you and your Division are going back for a rest - which I wish I thought would be a fairly long one, but which I fear may be comparatively short, I feel I must send you a line just to thank you, your Brigadiers, and indeed the whole of the 1st. Division most sincerely for the really magnificent bit of work you have all put in in taking and holding POZIERES. I well know what a great strain it has been for all concerned, and the worst of it is that I am afraid we must all of us look forward to continuous series of such strains during this stage of the fighting. I feel that no troops could have been better handled, and I well know how grateful the Chief and everyone else are at the work done by the Division.. Will you please let all concerned know how much I do think of the good work which has been done by every single individual, and the amount of self sacrifice, which it is extremely difficult to realise.

I only wish that I could thank everyone individually and wish, too, that there were a sufficient number of V.C's to go round for the very large number of officers and men, who I am sure have deserved them.

Mind you and all of you take as much rest as you can possibly manage now, though I know you will be busy reorganising etc.

As always, the best of good wishes to you, my dear Walker, and again my grateful thanks.

Yours ever,

(Signed) W.R.BIRDWOOD.

P.S. Godley sent a wire conveying his congratulations to you and your Division, to which I sent a suitable answer on your behalf.

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SHORT ACCOUNT OF THE TAKING OF POZIERES.

On the 20th. July. the Australian troops marched down the hills and through the streets of ALBERT past the battered church and up through the shallow valley which leads to the British line facing POZIERES.

To understand the progress of the action at POZIERES it is necessary to remember that the village was a strongly fortified point in advance of the German main second line position. At this place the position was somewhat in the shape of a huge square of which the sides were about 1500 yards in length. The eastern and northern sides were formed by the German main second line which consisted of two trench lines about 150 yards apart, very strongly built, protected by several rows of wire and joined together by numerous communication trenches. The British had already seized the southern part of this and our barricade was face to face with the German barricade. The southern and western faces of the square consisted of trench systems which covered the village itself from our attack. From POZIERES numerous communication trenches led back to the German second line position as well as forward into the trenches covering the village itself.

The main trench covering the village to the south was known as THE POZIERES trench. North of this the enemy had entrenched the whole of the garden enclosures on the south eastern side of the village and had established one or two strong redoubts in them. On the western side the trench came to be known as THE WESTERN trench, this was a strong trench covered with rows of thick wire. The village was very much knocked about by our artillery fire and all that remained undamaged were cellars. The enemy had constructed a trench system within the village.

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Careful preparations were made during the next few days, and then at about midnight 22nd. July a terrific hail of shrapnel mixed with High explosive shell was suddenly thrown on the enemy's trench for a few minutes. Fast on the heels of this the Australian Infantry swept forward in a rush and carried the whole line of trench which protected the village on the south. A gun had been quietly pushed forward along the ALBERT - BAPAUME road until it was within 300 yards of the German line. When the artillery fire broke out this gun was turned on full force and swept up and down the road along the centre of the German position. Its appearance was so sudden and unexpected that the Bosches were unable to deal with it effectively, and its gallant commander fulfilled his task almost unmolested;

After the capture of the first line the Infantry swept forward over ground terribly pitted with shell holes caused by the British guns. They crossed the tramline into the second German line and here there was a short, sharp, hand to hand struggle before the Germans who were left alive and uncaptured turned and fled to the shelter of the battered houses. In the centre the Infantry swept through a copse which enclosed a redoubt and here the Germans left behind them five howitzers of about 4.2" calibre.

The Australians swept steadily on covered by a terrific artillery fire until they reached the main road leading through the town where they stopped and consolidated the position which they had won. All this time they were under a very heavy machine gun and rifle fire from the WINDMILL

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and the German trenches on the north-east. Small parties pushed forward across the street in pursuit of the fleeing enemy, but these met with very heavy rifle and machine gun fire from cunningly concealed trenches within the enclosures on the northern side of the village.

Away on the eastern flank where the German position in the trench covering the village was face to face with the Australians a steady bomb fight had begun which continued through the whole of the battle and in which the Australians steadily forced the Hun out of his old trenches for a length of about 600 yards.

On the left, at the southern extremity of the village, the enemy grew very suspicious and just before the attack broke upon him he began to throw flares and rockets into the air and opened a tremendous fire upon the Australian position. The advanced patrols of the Australians met with a German patrol and dealt with them quickly and effectively. On this flank the opposing lines were quite close together and the Australians rapidly gained a footing in the enemy position and captured several machine guns, seizing a strong redoubt which the enemy had constructed at the southern point of the village.

Thus at the end of the first night the whole of the village south and east of the main road had been taken and a few of the troops had penetrated north of the road, and the enemy fort at the southern end of the village had fallen into our hands.

The whole of the day the Infantry was subjected to a terrific bombardment by the enemy artillery which swept along the lines of the main road from a north-easterly direction. The enemy used gas and tear shells frequently and mixed both shrapnel and high explosive. From this time onwards the struggle for the village was a matter of steadily pushing on the left flank by the infantry, covered and supported by the artillery. The difficulty now raised in seizing the north-western wing of the town which was covered by a very strong fire trench. This position was made good by detachments

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from two very gallant battalions. One of these bombed steadily the whole length of the WESTERN Trench while the other swept through the broken buildings. The enemy who occupied the WESTERN Trench could not resist the persistent and steady attacks of the Australian bombers and gave way steadily before them. At last the whole company broke cover and fled across the fields towards the north-east, machine-guns were waiting for this opportunity and very few of the German company ever reached their own trenches.

The infantry pushing through the village finally drove the enemy out of the posts which he had established at the northern end near the CEMETERY. And the whole of this portion of the village fell into our hands. As soon as he realised that the village was lost, the enemy began a steady series of bombardments with heavy shells. He made determined counter attacks, one in the early evening, in great force. This was discovered and the artillery was informed and as soon as the attack developed it was swept away by artillery and machine gun fire.

Bomb fighting on the eastern flank had gone on steadily and this was supplemented by a sharp infantry attack from the west which gained about 300 yards of the main German 1st. Line. The battle ended with the British in occupation of the first line trench of the German main position up to a point about 300 yards south of the ALBERT-BAPAUME Road, the whole of the village, and the communication trenches leading to the German position up to a point midway between the village and the main position.