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13th Aus Inf Bde

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| ALBERT. | Sept 1st | | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>13th Aus Inf Bde</u></p> <p>Reference Map Fme du MOUQUET 1/5,000 (4th Edition)</p> <p>Orders issued for relief of 12th Aus Inf Bde by one Coy of each 49th 51st & 52nd Bns during night of 1st/2nd inst vide message B.M. 36 of 31st ultimo and Bde Order No 15 dated 1st Sept (Copies marked I & II respectively and attached) 13th M.G. Coy relieved 4th M.G. Coy early in morning.</p> <p>49th Bn took over from 48th Bn, 34 b 28 - 28 c 9 1/2 - 21 inclusive</p> <p>51st " " " " 47th " 33 b 55 - QUARRY - a 81 - a 77.</p> <p>52nd " " " " 47th & 48th Bns 28 c 21 - 01 - 27 d 91 - 59</p> <p>13th M.G. Coy relieved 4th M.G. Coy</p> <p>1.1am Bde order No 16 for attack on MOUQUET FARM issued (Copy marked III)</p> <p>1.30pm Message B.M. 50 issued giving instructions as to routes to be followed by units moving forward tonight (Copy marked IV)</p> <p>2.1pm Message B.M. 51 issued reference leaving small garrison in front line when troops move forward to the attack (Copy marked V)</p> | <p>I</p> <p>II</p> <p>III</p> <p>IV</p> <p>V</p> |

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| | Sept 5 th | 5.15pm | Major LANE 52nd Bn instructed to take command of Bn vice Lt Col BEEVOR wounded. | |
| | | 5pm | Command of Section taken over from G.O.C. 12th Aus Inf Bde. | |
| | | 11pm | 51st Bn reported all Coys passed into Sector with slight casualties. | |
| | | 11.40p | 50th Bn reported in position in PARK LANE + commenced digging | |
| | 3rd | 12.30 ^{am} | G.O.C + B.M. arrived at Bde Advanced H.Q. with shared with 51st Bn at X 4a 4.8 ¹ / ₂ | |
| | | 12.5am | 49th Bn reports all troops in position but message not recd until 9.45am | |
| | | 1.12 | 52nd Bn reports C Coy in position + in touch with B + D Coys. No report from A. or D. Coys but messenger stated they were closed up and moving | |
| | | 2.51 | through new trench to BOX LANE. At 2.51 am report recd. all troops in position | |
| | | 2.58 | Division advised that all Bns except 49th reported safely in position (49th had sent message at 12.5 but it was delayed). | |
| | | 4.55 | 50th Bn reported PARK LANE completed to average depth of 5'6" | |

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| | Sept | am. | | |
| | 3rd | 6.25 | 49th Bn reports having taken both objectives but meeting much bombing opposition on both flanks. Front line not in touch with 52nd Bn | |
| | | 6.40 | 51 Bn first wave reports having gained objective (MOUQUET FARM) | |
| | | 7.0 | 49 Bn now joined up with 52 Bn and holding new line. Captured 80 prisoners conjunction with 52nd Bn and 2 M.G's. Believed heavy casualties officers | |
| | | 7.30 | 51st Bn - Farm taken and at present held. 12 prisoners captured and others still in dugouts being dealt with. Enemy shelling captured position fairly heavily. Position beyond this obscure - no news of 52 Bn on RIGHT yet. Counter battery work requested. | |
| | | 7.25 | 49 Bn reports situation much quieter. Bombers got under and more tools sent up for consolidation. | |
| | | 8.0 | 51st Bn not yet in touch with 52nd on RIGHT. FARM being consolidated. Prisoners captured about 25. | |
| | | 8.25 | 50th Bn sends tools to 49th in response to urgent request from latter at 7.42. 49th Bn reports 4 offrs killed and 3 wounded. Following reserve officers ordered up from BRICKFIELDS replace them: - GRAY ERETH KAY and 3 others | |

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| | Sept 7 | am. | | |
| | 3rd | 8.40 | 51st Bn still holding FARM & consolidating but no report of 52nd Bn. QUARRY line heavily barraged by enemy. Front line roughly 150 yds N of FARM. | |
| | | 9.30 | 49th Bn requests one Coy to assist consolidation and to take tools. One Coy 50th Bn ordered to reinforce line 59-91. 51st Bn reports front line reports timed 8.30 am still holding old German trench 200 yds N of FARM but will have to come in on FARM if not supported on R. Few of 52 Bn in touch with support line at FARM but front line not joined up yet. All Lewis Guns in front line are out of action. Shelling very severe. Communication trenches being dug slowly but surely. | |
| | | 10.5 | Division advises that 2 Coys 13th CANADIAN Bn ordered proceed POZIERES at once & will come under orders G.O.C 13th Aus Inf Bde. Other 2 Coys to WIRE TRENCH and to be ready to move forward at short notice | |
| | | 10.40 | 51st Bn front line reports timed 10 am enemy counterattacking MOUQUET FARM from N.E. Am having heavy casualties but still hanging on. | |
| | | 9.30 | 50th Bn ordered send one Coy to reinforce 52nd Bn between points 59 and 91 and to push forward if possible. | |
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| | Sept | | | |
| | 3rd | 11am | Owing to heavy casualties and failure of 52nd Bn to link up on RIGHT, 51st Bn had to evacuate the FARM leaving remains of 2 Coys which had reached trenches N. of FARM, isolated. Line now held 33b 55-QUARRY-81 with strong points at 81 and 77. | |
| | | 11.45 | 50th Bn reports shelling has almost filled in PARK LANE dug last night. 2 Canadian Coys expected could shelter in BOX LANE & TOMS CUT. | |
| | | noon | | |
| | | 12.0. | 50th Bn forwards report by 7c Coy sent to reinforce 52 Bn at 9.30 am which stated failed to find any but odd isolated men of 52nd Bn. Moved across and got touch with 51st Bn on LEFT who had fallen back to QUARRY. | |
| | | 12.10 | CANADIANS (2 Coys) now moving into TOMS CUT. as Bde Reserve to replace 50th Bn. | |
| | | 12.18 | One additional Coy 3rd CANADIAN Bn ordered up by Division to prolong LEFT of 1st Canadian Bde holding line on RIGHT of 49th Bn. in response to request from 49th Bn in order to relieve pressure being felt in consequence of casualties etc. | |
| | | 3.30 | 2 Coys CANADIANS (13th Bn) placed under command of 52nd Bn. No 1 Coy was moved up by SUNKEN ROAD 21-22-24 and reinforced firing line. No 2 Coy was directed to occupy line 21-01-91-59 & obtain touch with 50th Bn on LEFT. | |

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| | Sept | | | |
| | 3rd | pm | | |
| | | 4.55 | 49th Bn requests artillery fire on trench from 28 d 27 to at least 500 yds through 28 d 98 but clear of point c 95 which is held. This arranged for | |
| | | 5.33 | 52nd Bn states 1 Coy Canadians have reinforced line 28 c 24 - 03 - 27 - d 94 and another Coy moving into line 91 - 59. Third Coy have arrived and now moving up to PARK LANE | |
| | | 5.35 | 51st Bn reports present line 33 b 55 - QUARRY - 81 with strong points at 81 & 77. B Coy 50th Bn has strong point at 55 and a chain of groups towards 59 but has not yet joined up with Canadians in 52nd line on R. except by patrol. | |
| | | 7.46 | 49th Bn asks for barrage 28 d prevent counter attacks from COURCELETTE direction | |
| | | 6.35 | 51st Bn advised of relief by 13th Can Bn tonight latter to be distributed as follows Line 77 - 55 2 Coys. 59 - 01, 1 Coy. One Coy in front line with 52 Bn 94 - 03 - 36 | |
| | | 6.45 | 51st & 52 Bn ordered to make efforts to clear up situation at Farm by patrolling from points 59, 77 and 42. | |
| | | 7.20 | 1 Coy 16th Canadian Inf Bn ordered to move into front line between 1st Can Bde and 49th Bn tonight. 2 other Coys 16th Bn ordered move into TOMS CUT and BOX LANE as Bde reserve. | |
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| | Sept | pm | | |
| | 3rd | 8.25 | 50th Bn informed detachments now attached other units will be relieved with those units and collected later. | |
| | | 9.15 | 51st Bn instructed after relief to collect in LA BOISELLE VALLEY and proceed to billets in ALBERT later. | |
| | | 10.45 | 51st Bn reports now in process of relief by 13th Can. Bn on line 55-77 by two Coys. | |
| | | 11.45 | 52 Bn reports No 1 Coy 13th Can Bn & about 80 men 52 Bn under Lieut-MAXWELL holding line 24-03-94-73 & down trench towards 91 for about 60 yds. here 21-01-91-95 held by No 2 Coy Canadians & about 25, 52 Bn men. Have junctioned with 49th Bn on our R. in front line. | |
| | 4th | am. | | |
| | | 1.17 | 49th Bn reports 1 Coy 16th Canadian Bn arrived and will garrison 34 to 27 to 28 & 82 | |
| | | 3.25 | 52 Bn reports great difficulty communicating with No 2 Coy Canadians. No 1 Coy bombing from 73 met with great opposition & put in stop. Patrols sent out against trench & 73-91 heavily fired on. | |

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| | Sept | | | |
| | 4th | 6.35 am | 50 Lt Bn instructed that Bn HQ to leave and assemble with other parts of Unit in LA BOISELLE Valley moving to ALBERT later. | |
| | | 7.45 | L.T.M. Batty informed Unit will be relieved during morning by Canadians. | |
| | | 9.5 | 49 Lt Bn reports enemy counter attacked line 28c 36 - 66 - 95 by about 1 Coy but attack easily repulsed | |
| | | 9.40 | M.G. Coy informed relief by CANADIANS during today details to be arranged by O/C concerned direct. | |
| | | 1.05 pm | 49 Lt Bn advises correct position now 34b 28 - 28c 92 - 95 - 66 - 64 - 44 and join with 52nd at latter point. Stop placed LEFT of 66 and Lewis gun playing along trench | |
| | | 3.44 | 49 Lt Bn front line being heavily shelled. Artillery to be requested alert for S.O.S signal as during counter attack this morning S.O.S signal sent up 3 times & no response | |
| | | 4.20 | 49 Lt & 52 Bns with 50 Lt detachments informed of relief tonight by 13 Lt & 16 Lt Canadian Bns. After relief units to assemble in LA BOISELLE VALLEY & proceed ALBERT later. | |

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| | Sept 7 | pm. | | |
| | 4th | 4.52 | Untimed message received stating enemy attacking 49th Bn front and artillery support urgently required. This arranged | |
| | | 6.25 | Orders recd from Div for Bde to move to WARLOY tomorrow afternoon. | |
| | | 8.20 | 52nd Bn ordered to immediately reinforce line 28c 03 - 23 - 46 - 66 on LEFT of 49th Bn with No 1 Coy 16 Canadian Bn and to report when Coy moves. | |
| | | 9.05 | Above Coy reported on the move. | |
| | | 10.05 | 52nd Bn reports Lieut MAXWELL reports at 5pm that previous coordinates given inaccurate. Front should read 28c 04 - 13 - 34 - 63. This line was penetrated during afternoon about pt 13. and A Coy retired towards 49th Bn and barricaded their LEFT flank. Uncertain whether CANADIANS LEFT expands to R 27d 73 & cannot get runners through to ascertain their exact frontage as enemy using trench mortars. Have asked Artillery to maintain slow barrage in front of gap. | |
| | | 10.7 | Lieut MAXWELL 52nd Bn reports through Bn at 8.48pm he has been bombarded from behind barricade to about R 28 C 54 and at present occupies 28 C 54 along to RIGHT & up towards 28 C 66 where he joins 49th Bn. | |

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| | Sept 4th | | Report received from 49th Bn states: - Enemy counter attacked 3 times today 6 am, 11 am & 3.30 pm. First 2 not preceded by any artillery fire and easily repulsed by rifle & L.G. fire. Attacks directed from N.E. & N.W. estimated numbers 1st attack 1 Coy 2nd 2 Coys. 3rd attack preceded by heavy shell fire on front trenches at 3.45 pm. At 4.15 shelling very heavy on support lines & report of attack reached Bn HQ. This attack not pressed home & was directed against my LEFT flank. | |
| | 5 | 2 am | 49th Bn reports have commenced change over. Relief of 52nd Bn and 50th Bn detachments completed during the night. and Relieved Units collected at LA BOISELLE and moved to ALBERT where billets were provided. | |
| | | 8.30 | Command of Section handed over to G.O.C. 3rd CANADIAN Bde. | |
| | | | <u>M.G. Coy dispositions</u> : - 2 guns supported LEFT flank and ordered render all assistance possible during attack by 51st Bn. One gun at R 33 a 77 and the other placed at 33 b 10.25. 2 guns to similarly support R. flank sent to 34 a 95.80. | |

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| | Sept | | <p>Dispositions M.G. Coy (Contd). 4 guns doing overhead fire from near KAY DUMP, four about POZIERES and four near CHALK PIT. All guns were in action night of 2/3rd Sept. The gun at post 47 on left flank getting direct-flanking fire as Germans left their trenches during the attack. Guns in rear fired on roads and trenches in rear of German lines on selected targets. 64000 rds were expended in all. During morning of 3rd instructions were given for 4 guns to be sent forward to reinforce line near MOUQUET FARM. 2 were taken from KAY DUMP and 2 from CHALK PIT and all sent forward. When reaching the QUARRY however, it was found that our front line did not then include the FARM, guns were therefore placed in position in trench near QUARRY to pt 55. Coy was relieved by 3rd CANADIAN M.G. Coy during morning of 4th Sept.</p> | |
| | | | <p>L.T.M. Batty - During attack on FARM commenced 5.10 am 3rd Sept, mortars fired 60 rounds from QUARRY on pt 54. These only rds fired by Batty during the operations. 7c Batty & detachment had mortars with 49th Bn and rendered valuable assistance carry bombs up to front line and assisting to keep communications open.</p> | |

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| | Sept. | | <p><u>Notes on operations 2/5th Septe inclusive</u></p> <p>During the attack and until about 4pm Advanced Bde HQ. shared dugout with 5th Bn HQ. This proved undesirable. Bde HQ should be separated from all Unit HQ or it is liable to be over influenced and there is a tendency for the rear Bn to report progress etc verbally and not in writing. Bn HQ should be as near the front line as is reasonably safe. All the most valuable information must come right from the most forward troops but only portion of news received has to be sent back to Bde HQ. From front line to Bn HQ generally most dangerous area too and for every 4 runners sent from front line only one perhaps is necessary back to Bde HQ</p> <p>To ensure success of any offensive operations especially, communications MUST be improved and constructed beforehand. It is considered better to dig fresh communication trenches than to improve old captured works the exact position of which is accurately known + attended to by enemy's artillery. If necessary this work should be continued until the very last minute by men fresh and able to work</p> <p>Communications in rear are obviously necessary to enable forward movement of</p> | |

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| | Sept 5 | | <p><u>Notes (Contd)</u></p> <p>reinforcements, runners and also rapid evacuation of wounded although during the period at under review most of this ^{latter} was done under cover of white flags over the open ground. Signal wires should be buried and advanced as far forward as possible. Runners are only means possible from forward trenches of course but messages take a long time in transit by this method which should be replaced by wires wherever possible. Pigeons were found reliable but even these message took upwards of an hour to reach Bde HQ (via Army Corps where lofts are situated).</p> <p>Great difficulty & confusion often exists reference determining positions reached etc. Map co-ordinates are very liable to be unrecognizable on the ground, particularly after heavy shelling. Thorough reconnoitring beforehand by officers and NCOs concerned of the ground involved is most important and opportunities for this should always be afforded and taken advantage of. Runners must also thoroughly become conversant with more than one route if possible. Messages MUST always be numbered and timed if information contained is to be of full value to recipient. All officers and NCOs require to remember this.</p> | |

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| | Sept | | <u>Notes (Contd)</u> | |
| | 5. | | <p>Competent guides to conduct parties of troops along trenches and Staff officers to regulate traffic when any extensive movement is in progress are both essential. Trenches should be well signboarded especially at every turn-off.</p> <p>Previous to the attack troops were formed up in several waves on and behind the starting parallel. Engineer tape was freely used to assist in guiding men to their allotted places & found so very useful as to warrant supply of this being issued to all Inf Bns when it would be available for training purposes.</p> <p>In this attack the whole of the troops (3 Bns) were got into position without any delay or confusion, with very few casualties and without being discovered by the enemy. This reflects great credit on the Bn arrangements made for the deployment of their men and proves beyond doubt the value of previous training and practice.</p> <p>For a short period in the trenches men should go in as lightly equipped as possible and take with them 2 days rations and water if possible.</p> | |
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| | Sept 5th | | <p><u>Notes (Contd)</u></p> <p>Care should be taken to ensure that Artillery, machine guns and trench mortars excite no suspicion of impending attack by firing heavily on objective previous to time of attack.</p> <p>Counter battery work is always required as soon as an attack is launched.</p> <p>Although the heavy Heavy Artillery of 4 Corps were engaged according to information received about 9 am. on 3rd, the enemy turned a heavy counter barrage on our part of our jumping off line at least and also on his own trenches when held by our men. Moreover at about 5 pm the whole area between POZIERES and MOUQUET RIDGE was more severely searched with guns of 5.9 calibre and under than at any previous time see during the times this Bde occupied the Sector there.</p> <p>During operations of this description the number of stretchers bearers requires to be increased to a minimum of 40 per Bn.</p> | |
| | | | <p>A copy of "Summary of Operations" is attached - marked <u>Va</u></p> <p>Also copy of Summary for 13th L.T.M Batty - marked <u>Vb</u></p> | <p><u>Va</u></p> <p><u>Vb</u></p> |
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| | Sept 5th | | A reports compiled from information supplied by bombers of 51st Bn who helped clear the FARM is marked <u>VI</u> & attached Report by Bde Grenade officer reference use of grenades during recent operations marked <u>VI a</u> | <u>VI</u> <u>VI a</u> |
| ALBERT | 6th | | Bde moved to WARLOY in accordance with instructions issued in Bde order NE 17 (copy marked <u>VII</u>) Amended Casualty Return compiled - Copy attached marked <u>VII a</u> | <u>VII</u> <u>VII a</u> |
| WARLOY | 7th | | Bde moved to AMPLIER vide order 17 A (Copy marked <u>VIII</u>) | <u>VIII</u> |
| AMPLIER | 8th | | Bde entrains at AUTHIEULE. Instructions issued in Bde order 18 including Div Order 24 (Copy marked <u>IX</u>) Bde HQ travels in 1st train leaving at 5.10 am, Arr'd GODEWAERSVELDE about 11.15 am. and proceeded to STEENVOORDE and billets in RUE de CASSEL Bns arrived in succession at about 3 hrs interval & proceeded to billets in locality but rather scattered | <u>IX</u> |
| STEENVOORDE | 10. | | G.O.C Division attended Church parade 49th Bn at 10.30 am & addressed the men. D. W. Glasgow Brigadier General, G. O. C. 13th Infantry Brigade. | |

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| STEEN VOORDE | Sept 17 | | <p>Church. Bde, Parade held at 10. am. for General BIRDWOOD Army Corps Cdr who attended and distributed Military Medals. Copy of Bde Order No 20 attached marked X</p> <p>At 5pm 50th Bn left Bde HQ in motor buses for TATINGHEM near WISQUES being attached to 2nd ARMY SCHOOL of Instruction partly for demonstration work and partly for fatigues.</p> | <p>X</p> |
| " | 21. | | <p>Bde less 50th Bn, moves to RENINGHELST, vide Order 21 - Copy attached marked XI</p> | <p>XI</p> |
| RENING HELST | 30 | | <p>Period since arrival at STEENVOORDE on 8th - Training and reorganization of Units. During last week officers and Specialists have visited Sector of Front line which this Bde will take over later.</p> | |

G. W. Glasgow Brigadier General,
G. O. C. 13th Infantry Brigade.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO { *All Bns & MB Coy*

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The relief of the 12th Aus Inf Bde by 13th Aus Inf Bde will commence during night of 1st/2nd Sept AAA. O/C Bns will be prepared to each send forward one Company tomorrow night to take over line approximately as follows AAA. 49th 34b 28 to 28c 21 AAA 52nd 28c 21 to 33 b 59 and 55 AAA 57th 33b 55 to 33 a 81 AAA Definite orders will be issued later AAA Addressed all Bns AAA Acknowledge

From *13th Aus Inf Bde*
 Place
 Time *9.30 pm*

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Sgt) O. Ridley Major
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

13th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 15. IIReference Map - FME du MOUQUET 1/5,000.
(Edition 4).

Brigade Headquarters,

1 - 9 - 16.

(1) G.O.C. 13th Australian Infantry Brigade assumes command of line R. 34.b.28 - 28.c.9½.2 - 21.- 33.b.59 - 55 - 33.a.77 at 5.0 p.m. 2nd September.

(2) The line will be held as follows :-

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| <u>49th Battn.</u> | 34.b.28 - 28.c.9½.2 - 21 exclusive. |
| <u>52nd Battn.</u> | 28.c.21 inclusive - 33.b.59 - 48 - 55 exclusive. |
| <u>51st Battn.</u> | 33.b.55 inclusive - 33.a.77 inclusive. |

Lateral boundaries between Battalions will be :-

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| <u>49th and 52nd Battns.</u> | BOX LANE and Road leading NORTH to 28.c.21. |
| <u>52nd and 51st Battns.</u> | Road from 33.d.95 to MOUQUET FARM. |

(3) Relief of 12th Australian Infantry Brigade will be commenced tonight in accordance with B.M. 36 of 31st August, and completed during night of 2nd/3rd September, routes as follows :-

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| <u>RIGHT BATTALION.</u> | CENTRE WAY - O.G.2. |
| <u>CENTRE BATTALION.</u> | Overland to TOMS CUT - BOX LANE. |
| <u>LEFT BATTALION.</u> | Overland to a point in KAY Trench NORTH of TOMS CUT thence by KAY Trench. |

Relief of Machine Gun Company and Light Trench Mortar Battery will be arranged by O's/C. concerned to be completed by 6.0 p.m. 2nd instant.

(4) 48 hours water and rations will be taken into line. Blankets and greatcoats will be left behind at Q.M. Dump.

(5) Brigade Headquarters will open at 5.0 p.m. 2nd instant at X.15 Central.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 8.0 p/m.

bb Redley Major,
Brigade Major, 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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12th Australian Infantry Brigade,
1st Canadian Infantry Brigade,
174th Brigade.

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Copy No. 24

ARTILLERY ORDER No.11
by
G.O.C.R.A. 1st ANZAC.

1st September 1916.

1. 4th Australian Division are renewing the attack on the 3rd instant at zero hour, which will be notified.
2. Objective :- The line R.28.c.95 to 86 to 38 to 03 to R.27.d.73 to 42 to 12 to present line about R.35.b.00.75.
3. This line and the MOUQUET FARM, including the dugouts north of it, are being heavily bombarded during the days prior to the attack.
4. Table of bombardment and barrages is attached.
5. The dividing line between the barrages of the Lahore Divisional Artillery and the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery is the line of the road R.28.c.39.36.24 inclusive to both.
6. Rates of fire for 18-prs from 0. to 0.8 will be the quickest possible; 0.8 to 0.30 two rounds per gun per minute; 0.30 to 1 hour one round per gun per minute; after 1 hour - as required.
7. Flares will be shown in captured trenches at 7.0 a.m. and 10.0 a.m. on the 3rd instant.
8. Counter batteries will be standing by to engage hostile batteries.
9. Acknowledge by wire please. (by Div)

Wofam Thers Captain.
for Staff Officer R.A. 1st Anzac.

Issued as under:-

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| 26 | III Corps R.A. |
| 27 | R.A. Reserve Army. |
| 28 | 7th Sqdn. R.F.C. |
| 29 | 13th Kite Balloon Section. |

TIME TABLE FOR ATTACK ON 3rd SEPT. 1916.

| | Time. | Objective. | Rate of fire. | Remarks. |
|--|--------------|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| A. 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. 18-prs 2 Brigades. | 0. to 0.5 | On the new trench from R.28.d.40.45 to the road about R.28.c.20.45 and from R.28.d.40.45 to R.28.d.45.00 | Quickest rate possible. | RED & BLUE Line. |
| | 0.5 to 0.8 | On the line of the trench R.28.d.35.70 to the road at R.28.c.3.6 and from R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.d.45.00 | do. | GREEN Line. |
| | 0.8 on | On the line from R.28.d.35.70 to the road at R.28.c.25.75 and from R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.d.45.00 | As laid down | BROWN LINE. |
| 1 Brigade. | 0. to 0.8 | On the line of the trench R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.c.36 and R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.d.45.00 | Quickest rate possible. | GREEN Line. |
| | 0.8 on | On the trench from R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.d.88 and the trench from R.28.d.30.55 to R.28.d.60.25 | As laid down. | BROWN Line. |
| 4.5" Hows. 2 Btys. | 0. to 0.4 | On the line of the trench from R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.c.36 | Quickest rate possible | |
| | 0.4 to 1 hr. | Searching and sweeping for 200 yards on each side of a line running from R.28.Central to R.28.d.57 | 1 round per gun per min. | |
| B. Lahore Arty. 18-br R.Group. L.Group. | 0. to 0.5 | On the trench from the road about R.28.c.25.50 to R.27.d.42 | Quickest rate possible. | RED & BLUE Line. |
| | 0.5 to 0.8 | On the line from R.28.c.36 to R.27.d.3.4 | do. | GREEN Line. |
| | 0.8 on | On the line from R.28.c.30.75 to R.27.d.40.55 | As laid down. | BR OWN Line. |
| | 0. to 0.2 | R.33.b.38 to R.33.a.65.90 to R.33.a.47 to R.33.a.54 and 27 | Quickest rate possible. | RED Line. |
| | 0.2 to 0.4 | R.33.b.40.93 to R.27.c.80.02 to R.33.a.47 to R.33.c.54 and 27 | do. | BLUE Line. |
| | 0.4 to 0.6 | R.27.d.35.05 to R.27.c.95.15 to R.33.a.47 to R.33.c.54 and 27 | do. | YELLOW Line. |
| | 0.6 to 0.8 | R.27.d.42 to R.27.d.12 to R.33.a.47 to R.33.a.54 and 27 | do. | GREEN Line. |
| 18th Divnl. Artillery. | 0.8 on | R.27.d.40.55 to R.27.d.05.45 to R.33.a.27 and from 47 to 54 | As laid down. | |
| | 0. to 0.4 | Searching and sweeping the area R.33.b.40.93 to R.27.c.80.02 to R.27.d.12 to R.27.d.42 | Quickest rate possible. | |
| | 0.4 to 0.6 | Searching and sweeping the area R.27.d.35.05 to R.27.c.95.15 to R.27.d.12 to R.27.d.4.2 | do. | |
| | 0.6 to 0.8 | On the trenches R.27.d.42 to 12, 4.2 to 45.55 and 1.2 to 05.45 | do. | |
| 4.5" Hows. | 0.8 on | On the trenches R.27.d. 45.55 to 6.9, R.27.d.05.45 to R.27.c.65.65 | As laid down. | |
| | 0. to 0.4 | On the area R.27.d.42 to 12 to 11 to 31 | Quickest rate possible. | |
| | 0.4 to 1 hr. | On points R.27.d.79, 69, and 05.45 | 1 round per gun per hour | |

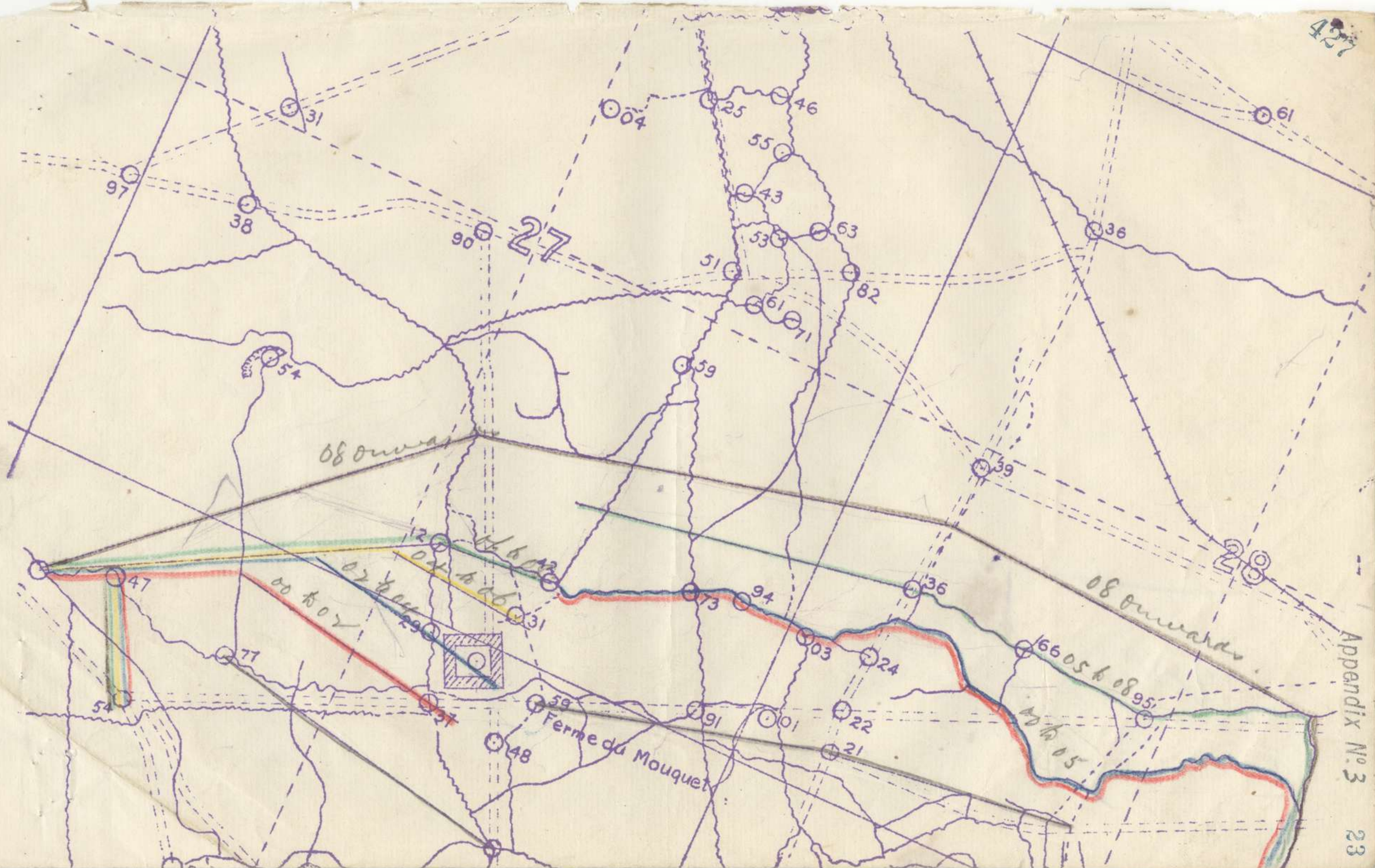
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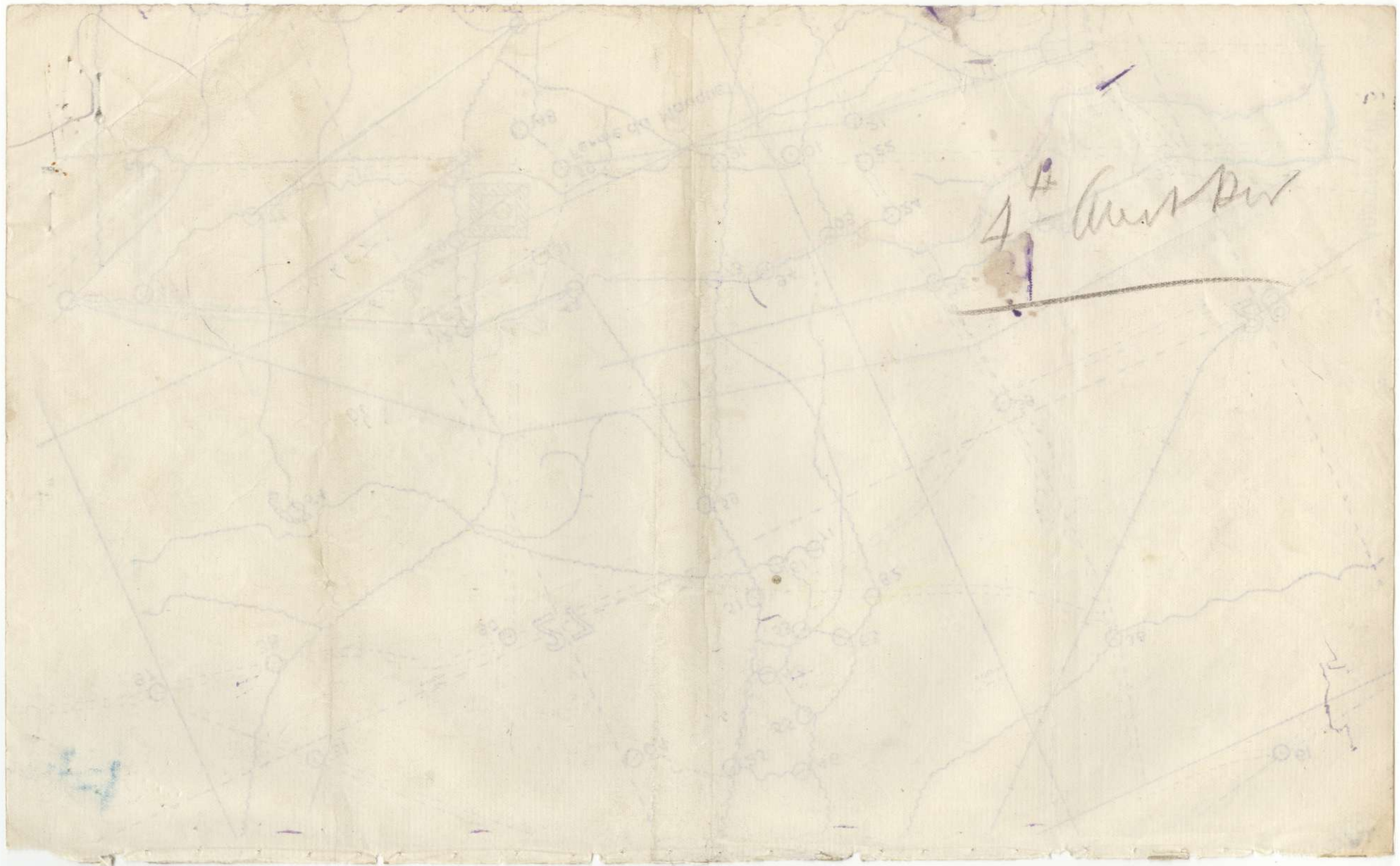
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TIME TABLE FOR ATTACK ON 3-9-16 CONTINUED.

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| | Time. | Objective. | Rate of fire. | Remarks. |
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| 4.5" Hows. continued. | 0. to 1 hour. | On the points R.33.a.24, 15 and 14 | 1 round per gun per hour. | |
| | 0. to 1 hour. | On the quarry at R.27.c.54 | do. | |
| | 0. to 1 hour. | On the new trenches in N.W. portion of R.27.d. | do. | |
| C.Heavy Hows. | 0. to 0.2 | On the line of the trench R.28.c.36 to R.27.d.94 to 42 to 12. | Quickest rate possible. | |
| Medium Hows. | 0. to 0.2 | On the line of the trench R.28.d.35.70 to R.28.c.36. | do. | |
| Heavy and Medium Hows. | 0.2 to 1 hour. | On the trench R.27.c.85.65 to R.27.b.50.05, on points R.27.b.43.53.63.82.71.61.51 and on R.28.d.40.75 and 100 yards N. and E. of that point. | 30 rounds per Battery. | |
| D. 60-Prs. | 0. to 1 hour. | On the distant approaches from COURCELETTE and from the North. | 100 rounds. | |





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 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 23.

Copy No. 3

Headquarters,
 1st. SEPTEMBER, 1916.

Reference 1/5,000 Map.

1. The 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade will on morning of Sep. 3rd. attack the line R.28.c.95 - 66 - 36 - 03, R.27.d.94-73 - 42 - 12, R.33.b.29 - 28, thence connecting with R.33.a.77.
 2. From point R.28.c.95 on the right a defensive flank will be formed to join with the present Eastern front.
 3. The attack will be delivered in accordance with Barrago Map, issued separately. Zero time will be notified later.
 4. The attack will be launched from a set of trenches dug parallel to the enemy's position.
 5. The main attack against MOUQUET FARM will be in great strength and depth and will be launched from a trench dug between R.33.b.55 and R.33.a.77. A small party will also rush the farm from near R.33b.59. directly the barrage permits of it.
 6. A very strong "Mopping up Party" will be detailed to clear the collars and dug-outs in and near the farm, as far as point R.27.d.12 inclusive. Very rapid consolidation of this locality is essential to success.
 7. In order to avoid running through our own barrage on the farm, the troops attacking on the right of the farm will advance with their left on the line R.27.d.6.0. - $\frac{1}{2}$.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.
 8. The Brigade Reserve will be placed on the line of "THE LOOP" and "PARK LANE"; they will improve this line as soon as they get into position.
 9. No. 2 Company, 5th. Battalion, Special Brigade, R.E. will, in the event of the wind being favourable, co-operate from SKY LINE TRENCH so as to establish a thick curtain of smoke across R.33.a.54 to 47 and in rear of that line.
 10. Overhead machine gun fire will be arranged against trenches running North from R.27.d.75 - 42 and 12, and against the FESTE ZOLLERN locality. Machine guns will also be used to cover both flanks of the attack.
 11. The following communication trenches will be used by troops moving up to the front and for any subsequent requirements.
 - Right - CENTRE WAY and thence along O.G.2.
 (G.O.C. 1st. Canadian Infantry Brigade will issue instructions for traffic along O.G.2. to be facilitated as much as possible).
 - Centre- Across Country to KAYS DUMP, TOM'S CUT, BOX LANE.
 - Left - Across Country to KAYS DUMP then joining KAYS TRENCH N. of the junction with TOM'S CUT.
- A General Staff Officer is placed at the disposal of G.O.C. 13th. Aus. Infantry Brigade to assist in the regulation of traffic.
12. Water found in MOUQUET FARM or vicinity is not to be drunk until reported fit by a Medical Officer.

P.T.O.

13. Contact patrols will be in the air at 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. on 3rd. instant at which hour red flares will be shown by the advanced troops.

14. Time will be checked with the 4th. Aus. Div. Signal Company at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. tomorrow.

15. Acknowledge.

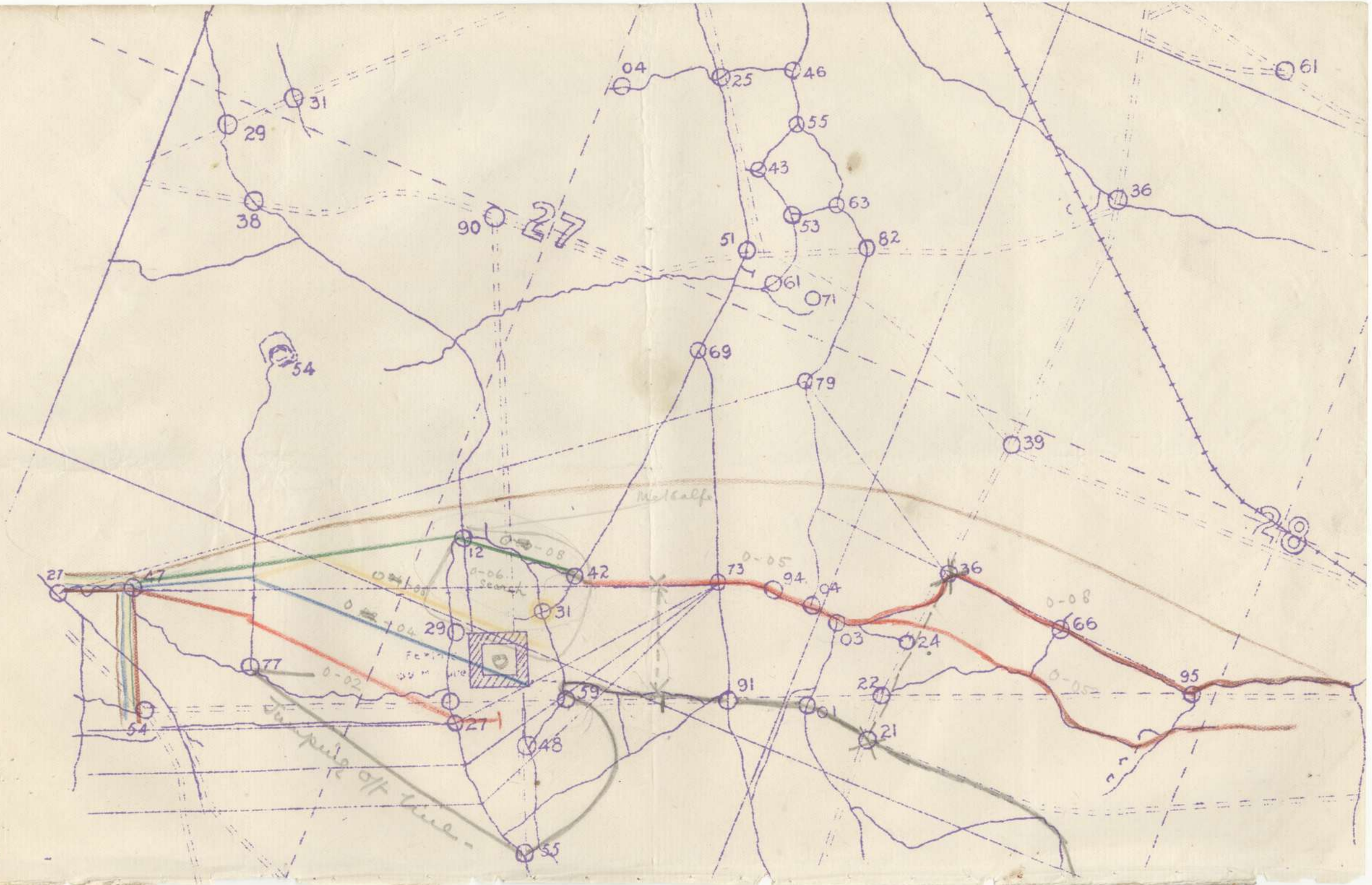
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Lieut-Colonel.
G.S. 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 9 p.m.

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- 27. 25th. Division.
- 28. Special Brigade R.E.
- 29. 2nd. Aus. Div. Artillery
- 30. 1st. Canadian Division
- 31. 1st. Canadian Infantry Brigade
- 32. 2nd. Canadian Infantry Brigade
- 33. 3rd. Canadian Infantry Brigade



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No. G. 5/92.

Headquarters,
4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
2nd. SEPTEMBER, 1916.

To :-

C.R.E.
13th. Aus. Infantry Brigade.
1st. Canadian Infantry Bde.
2nd. Canadian Infantry Brigade.
3rd. Canadian Infantry Brigade.
15th. Division.
25th. Division.
7th. Squadron, R.F.C.
Special Brigade R.E.
2nd. Aus. Div. Artillery.
Lahore Div. Artillery.
A.D.M.S.

Re 4th. Australian Divisional Order No. 23 of
1st. September, para 3.

Zero time 5.10 a.m. 3rd. September.

J. M.

M. M. McHugh

Lieut-Colonel.
G.S. 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

13th. Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 16

Reference Map FME du MOUQUET 1/5000
(4th. Edition)

Brigade Headquarters,

2nd. September 1916.

- (1) The 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade holds line 34.b.28. - 28.c.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.2 - 21 - 33.b.59 - 55 - 33.a.77.
- The 1st. Canadian Infantry Brigade is on our RIGHT, and 474th. Brigade on our LEFT.

- (2) The Brigade will on morning 3rd. September attack and capture MOUQUET FARM and line 28.c.95 - 36 - 03 - 27.d.94 - 12 - 33.b.29 and 28.

Objectives.

49th. Battalion. - 1st. - new trench 28.c.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 to 24
2nd. - 28.c.95 - 36 inclusive.

A defensive flank will be formed from point 95 and towards d.02

52nd. Battalion - 28.c.36 exclusive - 03 - 27.d.94 - 73 - 42 inclusive.

51st. Battalion - MOUQUET FARM, point 31 and line 27.d.42 exclusive - 12 making a defensive flank from point 12 to original line and facing WEST.

- (3) 50th. Battalion will be in ~~xxxxxx~~ RESERVE at PARK LANE and TOMS CUT. O.C. Battalion will arrange to improve PARK LANE without delay after Battalion gets into position. 50th. Battalion will take over post 77 under arrangements to be decided in consultation with O.C. 51st. Battalion.
- (4) O.C. 13th. Machine Gun Company will arrange for overhead fire on trenches running NORTH from 27.d.75, 42 and 12, against FESTE ZOLLERN locality (Square 27.b.) and also to cover LEFT flank of attack.
- (5) 1st. CANADIAN Machine Gun Company will cooperate by covering RIGHT flank of attack and also bringing overhead fire against roads and trenches in vicinity of 28.d.57 and 88.
- (6) 13th. Light Trench Mortar Battery will, during bombardment of objective, operate on trenches and dug-outs in the immediate vicinity of 28.c.95 and also on point 33.a.54.
- (7) In order to prevent running through our own barrage on the FARM the 52nd. Battalion attack will advance with $\sqrt{\text{V}}$ LEFT on line R.27.d.6.0 - 5 $\frac{1}{2}$.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- (8) The main attack on MOUQUET FARM will be launched by 51st. Battalion from trench 33.b.55 - a.77 and will be delivered in depth and strength. The O.C. 51st. Battalion will take special measures to provide strong mopping up party for dealing with dug-outs and strong points in and around the FARM.

Page 2. 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 16 (Contd)

The 52nd. Battalion will cooperate in the attack on the FARM by detailing half a Company to attack from line 33.b.48 to 27.d.6.0.
The timing of this attack must be made after consultation with O.C. 51st. Battalion and directly barrage permits.

- (9) Immediately after objective is gained it will be consolidated and arrangements ~~xxxx~~ made to bomb along and construct steps in trenches running ~~xxxx~~ EAST from 28.c.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 and 95, and also those running NORTH from point 73, 42 and 12 in square 27.d
- (10) The attack will be delivered in accordance with barrage map issued separately.
Zero time will be notified later.
- (11) ^{5th.}
No. 2 Company ~~XXXX~~ Battalion, Special Brigade R.E. will, in the event of the wind being favourable cooperate from SKYLINE TRENCH so as to establish a thick curtain of smoke across R.33.a.54 - 47 and in rear of that line.
- (12) Water found in MOUQUET FARM or vicinity is not to be drunk until reported fit by a Medical Officer.
- (13) Contact patrols will be in the air at 7.0 a.m. and 10.0 a.m. on 3rd, inst. at which hours red flares will be shown by the advanced troops.
- (14) Watches will synchronized at 7.0 p.m. and 11.0 p.m. tonight, under arrangements to be notified later.
- (15) Reports to Brigade Advanced Headquarters at ~~R.24.c.51~~ ^{X4a4.8 $\frac{1}{2}$} after 12 midnight 2nd./3rd. September.
- (16) ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. Redley Major,

Brigade Major, 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 1.0 a.m.

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- No. 12 - 12th. Australian Infantry Brigade.
" 13 - 1st. Canadian Infantry Brigade.
" 14 - 174th. Brigade.

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TO { All Bns & 4th Aus Div

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| * <u>B.M. 50</u> | <u>2nd</u> | | |

Reference Bde Order 15 para 3 aaa Relief will be continued tonight and completed by 3 am tomorrow 3rd inst aaa 51st Bn will move to LA BOISELLE VALLEY as soon as possible and remain there resting until time to move further aaa Relieving Units will move via BAUPAME road in Platoons at intervals first platoon to pass KAY DUMP (excepting 49th Bn) as follows aaa 52nd Bn 8 pm 51st Bn 8.30 pm 50th Bn 10 pm aaa 49th Bn junction of Road and CENTRE WAY at 7.30 pm aaa Bns will notify Bde HQ when all their men are in position aaa Acknowledge aaa Addressed all Bns repeated 4th Aus Div

From 13th Aus Div Bde -
Place
Time 1.30 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z) Col Ridley Major
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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TO { 12th Aus Inf Bde

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| * Sender's Number B.M. 54 | Day of Month 2nd | In reply to Number | AAA |
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Kindly send following message per runner to 49th 51st & 52nd Bns aaa Begins reference Bde order 16 you will leave a small garrison say one rifle per 10 yds in your front line as a Bn reserve aaa Acknowledge aaa

From 13th Aus Inf Bde
Place
Time 2pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z) Sgd/ M. Redley Major
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13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Summary of Operations near MOUQUET FARM - period 1st. - 5th. Sept. 1916.

Reference Map F.M.E. du MOUQUET 1/5000 (4th. Edition)

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1st. Units situated as follows:-

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| Brigade Headquarters | ALBERT |
| 49th. Battalion | TARA HILL |
| 50th. " | ALBERT |
| 51st. " | BRICKFIELDS |
| 52nd. " | LA BOISELLE. |

13th. Machine Gun Company relieved 4th. Machine Gun Company in front line, relief being completed during morning.

Units having been warned that Brigade would relieve 12th. Australian Infantry Brigade now occupying line approximately from 34.b.28 on the Right to 33.a.81 on Left, sent Officers and others to reconnoitre new positions.

50th. Battalion detailed as Brigade Reserve.

During the night of 1st./2nd. September relief of 12th. Brigade commenced. 49th. Battalion sent one Company to take over from 34.b.28 to 28.c.21 from 48th. Battalion and in addition sent forward the Battalion Reserve Lewis Gun Section, Bomb and Scout Platoons and Signallers. During the night 48th. Battalion improved communications and dug a jumping off trench from 28.c.6.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 28.c.21.

One Company and advanced portion of 51st. Battalion Headquarters with three Lewis Guns left BRICKFIELDS at 6.30 p.m. - purpose relieving 47th. Battalion in line 33.b.55 to QUARRY to 33.a.81 Relief was completed by 5.0 p.m. 3rd.

During night of 1st./2nd. 52nd. Battalion moved one Company forward and took over line 28.c.21 - 01 - 27.d.91 - 59, then held by one Company 47th. Battalion and one Company 48th. Battalion.

2nd. At 11.0 a.m. Brigade Order No. 16 was issued containing instructions for the attack on MOUQUET FARM and line 28.c.95 - 36 - 03 - 27.d.94 - 12 - 33b. 29 and 28.

Objectives.

- 49th. Battalion. - 1st.- New trench 28.c.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 to 24 and - 2nd.- 28.c.95 - 36 inclusive. Defensive flank to be formed from post 95 and towards d.0.2.
- 52nd. Battalion. - 28.c.36 exclusive - 03 - 27.d.94 - 73 - 42 inclusive.
- 51st Battalion. - MOUQUET FARM, post 31 and line 27.d.42 exclusive - 12 making a defensive flank from post 12 to original line and facing WEST.
- 50th. Battalion - To be in reserve at PARK LANE and TONS CUT, also to take over post 77.

13th. Machine Gun Company to cooperate by covering LEFT flank and arrange overhead fire on trenches and roads in rear of German front line trenches.

Trench Mortar Battery to operate during bombardment of objectives on trenches and dugouts in vicinity of 28.c.95 and ~~xxx~~ also post 35.a.54.

Battalions were subsequently ordered to leave a small garrison in original front line trenches as a Battalion Reserve.

Lt.Col. BEVOR reported wounded at 5.0 p.m. and Major LANE ordered to take command of 52nd. Battalion.

Command of Sector was taken over from G.O.C. 12th. Australian Infantry Brigade at 5.0 p.m.

Hostile planes were reported flying low over our lines during morning, and new wire entanglements observed in front of 49th. Battalion 1st. objective. This was subsequently destroyed by our artillery. Our "heavies" reported by 49th. Battalion to be falling short.

During night 2nd./3rd. remainder of Battalions moved forward and deployed in readiness for the attack at 5.10 a.m. Routes to be followed were laid down and Staff Officers detailed to regulate traffic. The whole of the attacking troops (3 Bns.) arrived in position without any delay or confusion, with very few casualties and without being discovered by the enemy. Troops were formed up in several ways on and behind the "jumping off" places, Engineer tapes being freely used to assist in guiding men to their allotted places. Reports were received from all Battalions except 49th. Battalion, when the men were reported to be in position ready for the attack. 49th. Battalion report was actually sent at 12.5 a.m. but was delayed in transit.

The actual attack commenced punctually at 5.10 a.m. and the artillery barrage was practically perfect enabling men to follow up closely. As soon as barrage lifted the 49th. Battalion's 1st. objective it was assaulted and offered but little opposition. Other troops passed the 1st. objective but arrived at 2nd. objective a little late, meeting much opposition. Machine Gun and rifle fire and bombs - 2 Machine Guns were captured and some unwounded prisoners. Enemy holding this trench fought well, and their opposition was not overcome until they were practically wiped out. Trench was immediately consolidated and T head put in about 25 yards to the Right of post 95 in communication trench. Amongst the prisoners captured there were two Officers.

52nd. Battalion met with solid opposition, and fierce fighting ensued, bayonets and rifle butts coming into free ~~xxx~~ play. Each Company seized its objective and "C" Company evidently pushed forward too far, and had to withdraw towards their objective, but Company Commander about this time fell mortally wounded. The Company again pressed forward, but as an organized Unit ceased to exist. Other Companies of this Battalion failed to obtain touch with each other, and also with the 49th. Battalion at first, but this latter was rectified later (7.-5 a.m.) This part of the line was very heavily shelled by the enemy and, our troops suffered considerable casualties. Every Officer in "D" Company became a casualty quite early in the attack, and the actual position of troops remained obscure for some time.

51st. Battalion. 2 leading Companies pushed forward with little difficulty followed by 3rd. Company and Battalion Grenadiers, who formed the "mopping up" party for the FARM. They at once commenced to clear up the FARM and surroundings. Eventually 60 prisoners were captured, 3 dugouts cleared and 2 Machine Guns destroyed. Touch was obtained and Eastern side of Farm with a few men of 52nd. Battalion, but touch was never gained in the firing line. This left a way open for enemy to come in from a N.E. direction. Enemy barraged all support lines and communications about 9.30 a.m. and opened a very heavy bombardment with 9.2 shells on farm itself. There was also much sniping and machine gun fire from all directions, from shell-holes etc. This combined with enemy's threat on both flanks caused firing line, which was about 150 yards N of farm to ask for support. 50 men were sent forward from the "mopping up" party.

The heavy shelling and rifle fire now began to tell seriously on the party holding the FARM which became untenable and had to be finally evacuated about 9.30 a.m. The remains of the 2 Companies out beyond the FARM then became isolated. Communications between these Companies and the Farm were broken about 9.0 a.m. by parties of enemy coming in on Right and also from near post 12. The original firing line 55, QUARRY and 77 was then held by remains of Battalion and a Company of 50th. Battalion, originally sent to reinforce 52nd. Battalion line. Another Company of 50th. Battalion was sent with tools to the 49th. Battalion and in response to a request from latter Battalion ordered to remain and assist in consolidation work etc.

During the day 13th. Canadian Battalion was placed under orders G.O.C. this Brigade and 2 Companies were ordered forward to reinforce 52nd. Battalion early in afternoon. They began to arrive about midday and were sent forward immediately being placed under command of O. C. 52nd. Battalion.

Remainder of the day was spent by all Units consolidating and improving communications.

During night 3rd./4th. 51st. Battalion was relieved by 13th. Canadian Battalion, 2 Companies taking over line 55 - 77.

4th. Enemy counter attacked 49th. Battalion three times - 6.0 a.m. 11.0 a.m. and 3.20 p.m. Attacks were carried out in a half hearted manner first two not preceded by any artillery bombardment, 3rd. attack was preceded by heavy bombardment commencing about 3.45 p.m. About 4.15 p.m. shelling was very heavy on back lines and communications and report reach Battalion Headquarters that enemy were attacking but attack was not pressed home.

Orders were issued by 52nd. Battalion for the two Canadian Companies to join up along trench 73 - 91. Later it was reported that line held had been penetrated by enemy about point 13 thus cutting off the Canadians. 52nd. Battalion garrison were pushed in towards 49th. Battalion. Isolated Canadians and wounded men were eventually got back to our line about 28.e.54.

During the day Machine Gun Company and Light Trench Mortar Battery were relieved by corresponding Canadian Units.

Enemy counter attacked 49th. Battalion again during night of 4th/5th. Our front line immediately used Very Lights and by the aid of these, Lewis Guns and rifle fire prevented the enemy attacking and at about midnight a party passing in the vicinity of post 36 were dispersed seemingly with heavy loss.

During the night 4th./5th. ~~xxxxxx~~ 16th. Canadian Battalion relieved the 49th. NBattalion, and 52nd. Battalion was relieved by one Company of each 13th. and 16th. Canadian Battalions. Reliefs were completed by 7.0 a.m. 5th. and Battalions collected in LA BOISELLE VALLEY and moved to billets in ALBERT during the morning.

5th. Command of the Sector was handed over to G.O.C. 3rd. Canadian Brigade at 8.30 a.m.

13th. Machine Gun Company made the following dispositions:- Positions for all guns were reconnoitred on 2nd. September. 2 Guns were sent to Left flank of front line, one at 33.a.77 and one at 33.b.10.25. Two were sent to Right flank front line at 34.a.95.80. 4 Guns doing overhead fire near KAY DUMP, 4 near POZIERES and 4 near CHALK PIT. All guns were in action night of 2nd./3rd. Sept. and 64000 rounds were expended.

(4)

Guns at post 77 got direct flanking fire as Germans left their trenches after attack commenced at 5.10 a.m. On 3rd. Guns in rear fired on roads and trenches immediately in rear of German lines.

On 3rd. 2 Guns were taken from KAY DUMP and 2 from CHALK PIT and sent forward to MOUQUET FARM. When reaching QUARRY, however it was found that out front line did not then include the XXX FARM. The Guns were therefore placed in position in trench near QUARRY to post 55.

Light Trench Mortar Battery operated on selected targets during the artillery bombardment previous to attack only. No other suitable opportunities offered.

Alau B Steele

Captain,

for Brigade Major, 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

13th A.L.T.M. Battery

13th A.L.T.M. Battery

10th Sept. 1916

Summary of recent Operations at
Ferme du MagnatLEFT POSITION.

1: 9: 16

Lieut. Smith and 13 O.R. with two mortars was sent to take up position at 33.A.54 (at Quarry near ⑧) on Ferme du Magnat map), at 8 p.m. He was to take over position held by position of 12th A.L.T.M.B. next day.

During the night of 1st however, a shell burst on the position of shelter occupied by him + his men, causing following casualties:

Lieut. Smith and 7 O.R. wounded.

2: 9: 16

Inspection of casualty, reached Op at 7 am. who immediately sent for 2nd Lt. Morris (who was in Reserve at Duck fields), to replace Mr. Smith. Mr. Morris took over position at QUARRY at NOON. Building of mortar emplacements re, cleaning and preparation of ammunition, and digging pits for storage of shells was carried on.

60 shells were delivered by Brigade from Dump during the evening. 36 rounds were at Quarry when 2nd Lt. Morris took over.

3: 9: 16

This Section (the LEFT) commenced firing (gun fire) at 5:10 am. on enemy strong point ⑤4. (Ferme du Magnat map), using 60 rounds in 3 minutes. 36 rounds were held in case of counter attack by enemy. These shells were taken over by 3rd Canadian L.T.M. Battery who relieved me.

The following casualties occurred by shell bursting on position.

Killed 3 men

Wounded 1 man.

RIGHT POSITION

2:9:16

O/c. with 2nd Lt. Coomer, + 40 OR with ② two
Mortars left Brickfields at 6 am. for position
at 28. C. 95 (Fenne du Mornet map).

"Took over" from O/c. 12th A.L.T. M.B. at
Chalk Pit at 10. am, and immediately pro-
ceeded to position named, where I reported ^{at 3.45 p.m.} to
the C.O. 49th Batta, in whose sector of the
line mortars were to be used.

During the daylight the whole of the men
were employed carrying shells from Hay Dump
to position in line. 243 rounds were carried,
cleaned and prepared for firing.

When this was completed I sent 28 men +
N.C.O.s out of trenches to La Boisselle Valley to
remain there in reserve in case of emergency.
The remaining men (2 guns detachments) were engaged
in evening in digging storage pits for ammⁿ. +
stores, and preliminary work for mortar emplacements.
Owing to trenches where emplacements were, being
cramped with troops, and the passage of wire and
other through this trench it was impossible
to complete the gun emplacements. The mortars
in this post could not therefore be operated.

3:9:16

I reported this to the C.O. 49th Batta, and at his
request all hands were immediately detailed
to carry tools, bombs, ammunition and water
to men in front, and new line. Others were
employed digging and strengthening trenches +
near 49th Batt. H.Q. The Battery was thus able
to do much good in this direction as the call for
supplies to front line was most urgent. The C.O.
of the 49th expressed great appreciation of the
assistance rendered by the Battery.

There were no casualties at this position.

4th

The Gc 3rd Canadian L.T. M.B. relieved me at
10.30 am on 4th and took over ammunition.

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4/9/16 The Battery marched into Albert at 2.30 pm and after reporting to Brigade HQ proceeded to billets.

Summary

Operations with Mortars

| ROUNDS FIRED. | PLACE | TIME | REMARKS |
|---------------|--|--|---------|
| 60 | QUARRY. From 33.A. 54 at Enemy Strong Post. 54 | 5.10 - 5.13. AM (3 MINS.) SW 3:9:16 | |

Works

Digging and strong throwing positions carrying Bombs, Ammunition, tools, water to front line during attack, and subsequently to new front line.

Casualties

Killed

Wounded

Officers. Nil

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O.R. 3

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11 9 16

C. J. Hancock Lt. Col.
13th A. L. T. H. B.

Report on MOUQUET FARM compiled from information supplied by Bombers of 51st. Battalion A.I.F

Reference enlarged sketch of Farm.

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X Mound to S of Farm.

This was apparently a building on the South of the MOUQUET - COURCELETTE road now a ruin. There is a big dug-out here which was bombed. Three snipers were killed here. After the 1st. Mopping up party had gone on a German Machine Gun opened fire from here but it was put out of action almost immediately - presumably by another Mopping up party.

A. This appears to be the most important dugout. A German Machine Gun was in position ~~xxx~~ here. Bombs were thrown by us and one machine-gunner was killed and the remainder captured (8) also the gun. This was sent back to the QUARRY with the prisoners (who carried it) (Information from another source states that this gun was subsequently destroyed by a German Shell)M.

A party then went down the dug-out and found a wooden partition at the bottom - apparently a temporary affair as it was shieflly composed of deal boards. A Lewis Gun was fired into it and part of it was destroyed. Bombs were then thrown through the breach by both sides. Our party then retired up the steps and threw a smoke-bomb but the smoke all came back in our faces. A German prisoner~~x~~ was then brought and he invited the others to surrender but they did not do so - and our bombers left a guard over the entrance and the remainder moved on.

B. Cement dug-out entrance covered with bags, old clothing etc. One wounded German captured here. Informant thinks this was connected with A by underground passage.

cC Several battered dug-outs here.

D Two wooden air-shafts here, unable to see down - bombs were dropped down

E Some old Machine Gun positions here - blown in.

F One of our Lewis Guns was placed in position here but subsequently sent forward.

G Battered dug-outs bombed.

H Very large cellar about 20' deep - a smoke bomb was dropped down and smoke was seen to issue from the debris in a number of places in the area within the circle.

(h) Informants do not think H was connected with A - and the fact that the cellar had no sound roof would rather support the theory that this is one of the old farm cellars and not a German bomb-proof.

There was a battered trench C-B and continuing on through the Farm which our "C" Company started to deepen with the idea of joining up with the Communication Trench from the S.W. Corner of the Farm to the head of the tape being dug by "A" Company. Both these trenches were subsequently obliterated by German Shell fire.

Generally.

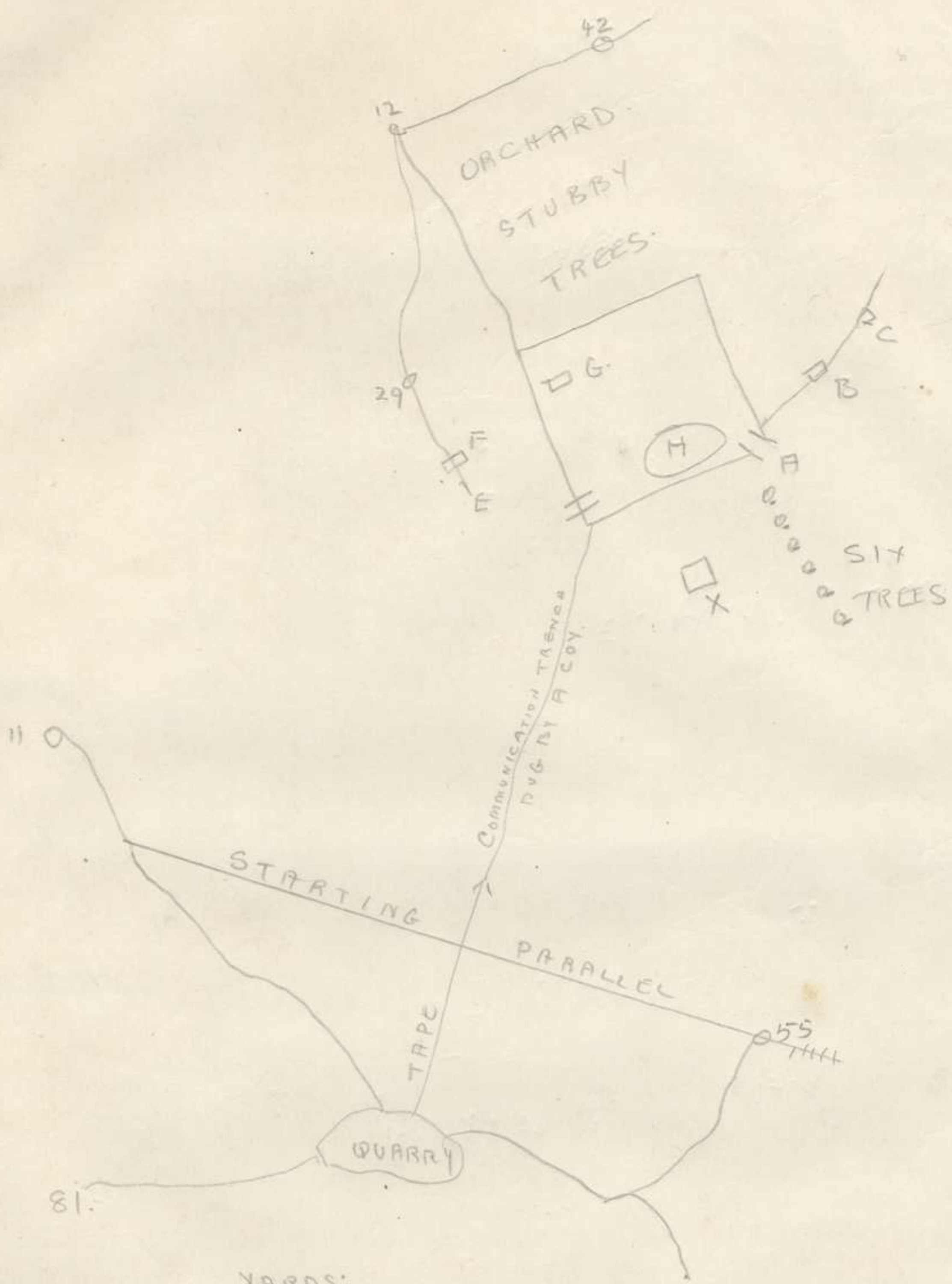
All seem of the opinion that the Farm area is full of underground galleries, as when it was shelled with heavy artillery the whole place seemed to shake.

Eight very large shells probably 12" coming from the direction of THIEPVAL fell on the farm but the fire ceased abruptly. A reliable man who was in a shell hole near F. throughout the day of the 3rd. Sep. and came in on night of 3rd./4th., states that he did not see any Germans in the Farm, but that they were working round the East of the Farm through the gap between the 51st. and 52nd. Battalions. He states that "B" Coy. and "D" Coy. were North and East of the Farm and that there was no one to the left of the Farm. He and two other wounded men crawled back along SIX TREES and came in on line held by party of 50th. Battalion near point 55.

(Sgd.) A.M. ROSS Lt.Colonel,
Commanding 51st. Battalion.

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MOUQUET FARM



Mouquet
I.O. 51 Bn.

B.M.

Headquarters,

13th. Australian Infantry Brigade,

7th. September 1916.

Via

REPORT ON GRENADIERS AND GRENADES DURING THE RECENT OPERATIONS.

Grenadiers.

In the left sector including MOUQUET FARM in which the main bombing operations were carried out the Battalion team and two sections from the 52nd. Battalion (total 48 men) were engaged. Their purpose being to mop up the dug outs and subterranean passages. They were sent over with the fourth wave of the Infantry. Each Grenadier carried 28 Mills No. 5 Grenades and some smoke Grenades except 12 men who were armed with MILLS RIFLE GRENADES plus their 10 Mills No. 5 carried in the waistcoat. On entering the Farm the Grenadiers were allocated to various points in the Farm as their objective and proceeded to carry out their duties. Dugouts were treated by throwing one or two Grenades into them. A smoke bomb was thrown into one passage but was useless as the smoke did no damage and in fact they obscured the view of the attackers. At one point an enemy Machine Gun was encountered which was doing great damage - one or two smoke Grenades were thrown near it together with a salvo of four Mills RIFLES GRENADES:- The gun and crew were completely destroyed. The only equipment carried by the Grenadiers was the Grenade waistcoats, water bottles and haversacks. The two bayonet men of each team carried rifles.

Grenades.

The Mills No. 5 was the only kind used and was of course highly efficient. The MILLS RIFLE GRENADES proved of inestimable value and in my opinion were undoubtedly the most effective Grenade fired from the Rifle; their range of 100 yards being ample for attacking purposes and they can be fired from the shoulder with great accuracy. The Machine Gun and crew at MOUQUET FARM being destroyed with one salvo of four Grenades at a range of 80 yards, bears out my statement as to accuracy and efficiency.

German Grenades. The enemy Grenade most used against us was the old Cylindrical Stick and did comparatively little damage. The Egg shaped Grenade was used against the centre Battalion with deadly effect.

A specimen is forwarded herewith. It is an oval shaped casting with a band of segmented iron making shrapnel friction lighter with 5 seconds fuse filled with an unknown explosive similar to Ammonal. Weight about ~~1~~ 1 lb. The fuses are packed separately in boxes of 12, a wooden plug being inserted in the casting to keep out dirt. ACTION. Unscrew the wooden plug and insert the fuse, pull the wire loop and throw.

Resume.

The position of the Grenadiers with the fourth wave of Infantry proved most satisfactory. Opposition met with by the first three lines was dealt with by the Company Bombers. Grenadiers should not carry any Infantry equipment except haversack and waterbottle as equipment impedes the action of throwing. The Bayonet men are the only men who should carry Rifles. An issue of Revolvers to Grenadiers is imperative as the Grenades are their only means of protection. The enemy's apparent shortage of Egg Grenades undoubtedly was fortunate for us. Our only chance of combatting this weapon is to adopt a Grenade of a similar pattern.

A. Nicholson Lieut.

Brigade Grenade Officer,

13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Brigade Headquarters,

5th September, 1916.

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Reference Map LENS 1:100000.

(1) The Brigade will move tomorrow as under :-

| UNIT. | Time. | Starting Point. | Destination. | Route. | Remarks. |
|--|------------|---|--------------|---------------------------|---|
| Brigade Headquarters and Signal Section. | 9. 0 a.m. | Brigade Headquarters | WARLOY. | MILLENCOURT - MENENCOURT. | Units will march complete with 1st Line Transport. Billeting Officers will report to the Town Major WARLOY at 10 a.m. |
| 50th Battalion | 9.30 a.m. | To be arranged by O.C. and near present billets | " | " | |
| 51st " | 10.15 a.m. | " | " | " | |
| Machine Gun Coy. and L.T.M. Battery. | 11. 0 a.m. | " | " | " | |
| 52nd Battalion | 12.30 p.m. | " | " | " | |
| 49th " | 1.15 p.m. | " | " | " | |

- (2) O.C. 13th Field Ambulance will arrange for wagons to follow in rear of each Unit to pick up casualties.
- (3) Usual hourly halt of 10 minutes will be increased to 15 minutes before each clock hour.
- (4) A C K N O W L E D G E.

St. Ridley

Major,

Brigade Major, 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at... 8. p.m.

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Headquarters,
4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

6th. September 1916.

Amended Casualty Return is forwarded herewith.

| Unit: | Killed | Officers: | | | Other Ranks: | | | Remarks. |
|------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------|--------------|-----|---|----------|
| | | : Wounded : | Missing | : Killed: Wounded: Missing: | | | | |
| 49th. Btn. | Lt. F. Reininger " P. F. M. Stuart " L. de L. Grove 2/Lt. N. M. Little " T. Wilkinson | Capt. H. J. W. Rhead Capt. P. Adsett 2/Lt. W. M. Provan 3/9/16. Capt. H. L. Swain Lt. F. H. Bridgeman 2/Lt. G. C. Allen 4/9/16. | Lt. L. Keid (Believed Killed) 2/Lt. P. J. Carrodus. | 69 | 263 | 85 | (3/9/16 ())4/9/16) (3/9/16 (Killed.)3/9/16) (3/9/16.) | |
| 50th. Btn. | 2/Lt. D. Jones | - | - | 14 | 58 | 4 | 3/9/16. | |
| 51st. " | T/Capt. C. S. Dawkins 2/Lt. W. A. Halvorsen " D. G. Campbell " A. R. Dunkley " J. Glover " C. H. Smith 3/9/16. | Lt. H. H. Morell 3/9/16. | Capt. H. D. Williams " D. McCallum Lt. F. W. S. Bailey " A. G. Clifford 2/Lt. W. Brown " E. G. Smythe | 25 | 128 | 212 | Believed Wounded. " Killed " " " " " Wounded " Killed. | |
| 52nd. " | Capt. R. R. Ekin-Smyth " C. A. Littler " J. McNamara Lt. J. B. Wilson 3/9/16. | Lt. Col. M. F. Beevor 2/9/16 Lt. C. Blakney 2/Lt. R. Dickson 3/9/16 | Capt. H. E. Massey Lt. L. L. Wadsley 2/Lt. J. B. Taylor " - - Main (2/Lt. S. S. Reinecke. Died of Wounds) 4/9/16. | 46 | 230 | 162 | Believed Killed " " | |
| M.G. Coy. | 2/Lt. J. B. Moncrieff | Lt. W. M. Cousins 4/9/16 | - | 1 | 7 | 1 | 3/9/16 | |
| Totals:- | 17 | 11 | 12 | 155 | 686 | 464 | | |

Grand Totals:- 17 Officers Killed, 11 Officers Wounded, 12 Officers Missing, 155 O.R. Killed. 686 O.R. Wounded
1 Officer. Died of Wounds. 464 O.R. Missing.

for Staff Capt. 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

bb. Riley Major
Brigade Major 13th. Infantry Brigade.

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Brigade Headquarters,

6th September, 1916.

Reference Map LENS 1/100,000.

(1) The Brigade, 13th Field Company, and 13th Field Ambulance will move tomorrow as under :-

| UNIT. | Time. | Starting Point. | Destination. | Route. | Remarks. |
|--|-----------|---|--------------|---|---|
| Brigade Headquarters and Signal Section. | 7.5 a.m. | Last house NORTH of Road WARLOY - VADENCOURT. | AMPLIER. | VADENCOURT-TOUTENCOURT-PUCHEVILLERS-BEAUQUESNE-TERRAMEONIL. | (1) Units will march complete with 1st Line Transport. |
| 51st Battalion | 7.10 a.m. | " | " | " | (2) Billeting Parties will proceed in advance of Units tomorrow morning 7th instant and report to Battalion Billeting Officers at AMPLIER. In the case of 13th Field Company and 13th Field Ambulance report to Staff Captain at AMPLIER. |
| 50th Battalion | 7.20 a.m. | " | " | " | |
| Machine Gun Coy. & L.T.M. Battery. | 7.30 a.m. | " | " | " | |
| 49th Battalion | 7.40 a.m. | " | " | " | |
| 52nd Battalion | 8.0 a.m. | " | " | " | |
| 13th Field Coy. | 8.10 a.m. | " | " | " | |
| 13th Field Ambce. | 8.20 a.m. | " | " | " | |

(2) Following number of motor busses and lorries will be available for transport of personnel and stores etc. :-

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13th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 17 (Continued).

| | <u>Busses.</u> | <u>Lorries.</u> |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| 49th Battalion | 7 | 1½ |
| 50th " | 7 | 1½ |
| 51st " | 6 | 1½ |
| 52nd " | 6 | 1½ |
| Machine Gun Company.) L.T.M. Battery.) | 2 | 1 |
| 13th Field Company | 1 | - |
| 13th Field Ambulance | 1 | - |
| Brigade Headquarters | - | 1 |

Bus holds 25 men

These vehicles will in the first place report at Brigade Headquarters where representative from each Unit will be sent at 8.0 a.m. to conduct them to Unit Headquarters.

O's.C. Units will select personnel to travel in busses leaving WARLOY. After discharging first load busses will return and pick up another load from Units en route. O's.C. will arrange for these to be selected beforehand to prevent delay and confusion. A third trip will similarly be made if time permits.

(3) Usual halt of ten minutes each hour will be made. A long halt for midday meal will be made and time notified on line of march.

(4) A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued at 9. p.m.

Ob Ridley
Major,
Brigade Major, 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Extra copies issued to :-

- No. 12, 13th Field Company,
- 13, 13th Field Ambulance.
- 14. 27th A.S.C.

Appendix No 8

IX

SECRET.

Copy No.

4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 24 .

1. - The 4th Australian Division, less all motor vehicles, will entrain at

DOULLENS NORTH. - D.H.Q.; H.Q. & No.1 Section Signal Company; Cable Section and 4th Infantry Brigade Group.

DOULLENS SOUTH. - 12th Infantry Brigade Group and Pioneer Battalion.

AUTHIEULE. - 13th Infantry Brigade Group; Heavy and Medium Trench Mortar Batteries; Sanitary Section and Mobile Veterinary Section.

Entrainment to commence on 8th Septe in accordance with entraining programme attached.

2. - Moves of Groups from Billeting Areas ('K' Area) to entraining Stations will be carried out under orders of G.Os.C. Infantry Brigades and will be regulated so that Transport arrives three hours and the remainder of the Unit 1½ hours before the departure of the train.

3. - The D.A.Q.M.G. will act as Detraining Staff Officer and Lieut. KEIGHLEY, General Staff, as Entraining Staff Officer. The G.O.C. 12th Infantry Brigade will detail a senior Officer to represent the Division at the Office of the A.D.R.T. II HAZEBROUCK. A car will be sent to Headquarters 12th Infantry Brigade at 10 a.m. on 7th instant to take this Officer to HAZEBROUCK.

4. Marching-out states in duplicate as follows will be handed to Lieut. KEIGHLEY at R.T.O's. Officer DOULLENS three hours prior to entraining. One copy of these will be handed by him to the R.T.O. DOULLENS.

Slow move

| U N I T. | Officers. | Other Ranks. | Horses. | Mules. | Vehicles. | | Bicy-cles. | T.M. Cart and E.G. Carts. |
|----------|-----------|--------------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | | 2 whld. | 4 whld. | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

5. One Officer from each Brigade Group will report to the R.T.O. at their respective Stations for duty as entraining Officers, and will remain on duty until the entrainment at that Station is completed, when they will leave by the last train leaving their Station. 52 bn. 1.52 96

6. A working party of 2 Officers and 100 other ranks from each of the 4th, 12th and 13th Infantry Brigades will report to the R.T.O. at DOULLENS NORTH - DOULLENS SOUTH and AUTHIEULE respectively, at least two hours prior to the departure of the first train from each Station. The parties will work in shifts of 1 Officer and 50 other ranks. These parties must be rationed for 48 hours - will be accommodated at the Station, and will leave by the last train from their Station. 51 + 52

7. Rations will be carried as follows:-

Iron rations on man.
1 day's ration on man or in cookers.
1 day's rations in Supply Section of Train.

P.T.O.

- 2 -

All ranks are to entrain with filled waterbottles. Drinking water is available for men at entraining Stations, but none for animals. Latter should be watered before arrival at the Station. One day's Forage will be carried in Supply Section of Train.

8.- Baggage wagons of train will entrain with Units, rejoining Train as soon as possible after detraining. Supply Sections of Train (filled) will entrain with their Companies.

9.- The A.P.M. will arrange for 1 N.C.O. and 3 Police to be at each of the entraining and detraining Stations. Those for detraining Stations to proceed by the first train of each Group, those for entraining Stations to accompany loading parties in the last train.

10.- Motor vehicles, except motor cars, with Staff Officers, will be despatched to REMINGHELST under separate orders, in convoys on 8th and 9th September, via. BEAUVAL - DOULLENS - ST.POL - ANVIN - AIRE - HAZEBROUCK and ABEELE. The Divisional Supply Column moves to STEENVOORDE under orders from D.D.S. & T. Reserve Army.

11.- Railway Regulating Station - HAZEBROUCK.
DETRAINING Stations - PROVEN - HOPOUTRE and GODEWAERSVELDE

12.- Each Infantry Brigade will detail 1 officer to act as M.G. Co. detraining Officer for the Group, and a working party of 2 Officers and 100 other ranks to unload at detraining Stations. The above will travel in the first train of the group and report to R.T.O. at detraining Station. 49450 bnc.

13.- The Division will be billeted in the Area ABEELE - POPERINGHE - REMINGHELST - GODEWAERSVELDE. Orders for detraining and billeting will be handed to O.C. Trains shortly before or on arrival at destination.

The Staff Captains of Infantry Brigades will proceed to the Area by road on the afternoon of 6th instant under Divisional arrangements.

The usual advance parties will travel in the first train of the Group.

14.- Divisional Headquarters will be located at REMINGHELST.

E. Cunningham

Lieut-Colonel,
A.A. & Q.H.G.,
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
5th September, 1916.

T A B L E " D "

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

| <u>U N I T.</u> | <u>S E R I A L N U M B E R</u> | <u>D E S C R I P T I O N</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| DIVISIONAL UNITS | 4A. 01 | Divisional Headquarters |
| | 02 | |
| | 03 | |
| | 04 | 4th Australian Pioneer Bn. |
| | 05 | H.Q. & One Section Divl Signals |
| | 06 | |
| | 07 | Cable Section. |
| | 08 | Salvage Company. |
| 4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. | 4A. 10 | Brigade H.Q. |
| | 11 | 13th Australian Bn. |
| | 12 | 14th Australian Bn. |
| | 13 | 15th Australian Bn. |
| | 14 | 16th Australian Bn. |
| | 15 | No. 2 Section Divl Signals. |
| | 16 | 4th Australian Bde Machine Gun Coy. |
| | 17 | 4th Australian Trench Mortar Battery |
| 12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. | 4A. 20 | Brigade H.Q. |
| | 21 | 45th Australian Bn. |
| | 22 | 46th Australian Bn. |
| | 23 | 47th Australian Bn. |
| | 24 | 48th Australian Bn. |
| | 25 | No. 3 Section Divl Signals. |
| | 26 | 12th Australian Bde Machine Gun Coy. |
| | 27 | 12th Australian Trench Mortar Battery. |

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| <u>UNIT.</u> | <u>SERIAL NUMBER</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL FIELD COMPANIES. | 4A. 83 | H.Q. Divisional Engineers |
| | 84 | 4th Australian Field Coy. |
| | 85 | 12th Australian Field Coy. |
| | 86 | 13th Australian Field Coy. |
| 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL TRAIN. (less transport with troops.) | 4A. 87 | H.Q. & H.Q. Company. |
| | 88 | No. 2 Coy Divisional Train. |
| | 89 | No. 3 Coy Divisional Train. |
| | 90 | No. 4 Coy Divisional Train. |
| 4th AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL UNITS. | 4A. 91 | 4th Australian Field Ambulance |
| | 91A | Dismounted portion of Field Ambulance |
| | 92 | 12th Australian Field Ambulance |
| | 92A | Dismounted portion of Field Ambulance |
| | 93 | 13th Australian Field Ambulance |
| | 93A | Dismounted portion of Field Ambulance. |
| 94 | No. 4 Australian Sanitary Section. | |
| 4th AUSTRALIAN MOBILE VETERINARY SECTION. | 4A. 95 | 4th Australian Mobile Vet. Section. |
| TRENCH MORTAR BATTERIES. | 4A. 96 | Trench Mortar Battery (X.4 A. A.F.A.) |
| | 97 | Trench Mortar Battery (Y.4 A. A.F.A.) |
| | 98 | Trench Mortar Battery (Z.4 A. A.F.A.) |
| | 99 | Heavy Trench Mortar Battery (V.4 A. A.F.A.) |

STRATEGICAL MOVE OF 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

From THIRD ARMY

via ST POL.To SECOND ARMY.
Regulated at HAZEBROUCK.

A. DOULLENS. N.

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B. DOULLENS. S.

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B.

C. AUTHIEULE

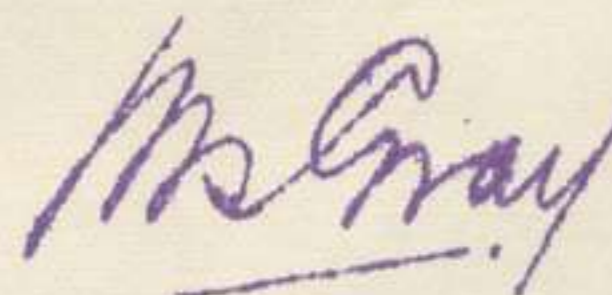
on _____

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| Train No. from Stations | | | | SERIAL NUMBER | Date | Marche | Time of Dep: | Time due to arrive. | Remarks. |
|----------------------------|----|---|----|--------------------------|------|--------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| A | B | O | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| | 1 | - | - | 10-15-88 | 8/9 | T. 19 | 3.19 | | |
| | - | 2 | - | 20-25-89 | : | T. 20 | 4.34 | | |
| | - | - | 3 | 30-35-90 | : | T. 21 | 5.10 | BHQ, Sec | ASC. |
| | 4 | - | - | 11-16, 1 sect.- 17 half. | : | T. 22 | 6.19 | | |
| | - | 5 | - | 21-26, 1 sect.- 27 half. | : | T. 23 | 7.34 | | 1/2 T.M.B. |
| | - | - | 6 | 31-36, 1 sect.- 37 half. | : | T. 24 | 7.52 | 49 Bn, | 1 Sec MG Coy |
| | 7 | - | - | 12-16, 1 sect.- 17 half. | : | T. 1 | 9.04 | | |
| | - | 8 | - | 22-26, 1 sect.- 27 half. | : | T. 2 | 10.04 | | 1/2 T.M.B. |
| | - | - | 9 | 32-36, 1 sect.- 37 half. | : | T. 3 | 11.10 | 50 Bn | 1 Sec MG Coy |
| 10 | - | - | - | 13-16, 1 sect. | : | T. 4 | 12.19 | | |
| - | 11 | - | - | 23-26, 1 sect. | : | T. 5 | 13.19 | | |
| - | - | - | 12 | 33-36, 1 sect. | : | T. 6 | 13.52 | 51 Bn | 1 Sec MG Coy |
| 13 | - | - | - | 14-16, 1 sect. | : | T. 7 | 15.34 | | |
| - | 14 | - | - | 24-26, 1 sect. | : | T. 8 | 16.19 | | |
| - | - | - | 15 | 34-36, 1 sect. | : | T. 9 | 16.52 | 52 Bn | 1 Sec MG Coy |
| 16 | - | - | - | 83-84 | : | T. 10 | 18.19 | | |
| - | 17 | - | - | 85. | : | T. 11 | 19.34 | | |
| - | - | - | 18 | 86-99-98 | : | T. 12 | 19.52 | | |
| 19 | - | - | - | 01-05-07-08 | : | T. 13 | 21.19 | | |
| - | 20 | - | - | 04. | : | T. 14 | 22.19 | | |
| - | - | - | 21 | 87-94-95-96-97 | : | T. 15 | 23.10 | | |
| 22 | - | - | - | 91-91 A. | 9/9 | T. 16 | 0.19 | | |
| - | 23 | - | - | 92-92 A. | : | T. 17 | 1.19 | | |
| - | - | - | 24 | 93-93 A. | : | T. 18 | 1.52 | | |

SUMMARY

DOULLENS. N. (1) 8 T.Cs
DOULLENS. S. (2) 8 T.Cs
AUTHIEULE (3) 8 T.Cs



Lieut-Colonel

DOULLENS

A.D.R.T. (III)

4/9/1916

13th AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

4A. 30 Brigade Headquarters.
31 49th Australian Bn.
32 50th Australian Bn.
33 51st Australian Bn.
34 52nd Australian Bn.
35 No. 4 Section Divl Signals.
36 13th Australian Bde Machine Gun Coy.
37 13th Australian Trench Mortar Battery.

SECRET.Headquarters,
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION,
7th September, 1916.All Units,
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

The following times of arrival should be entered under column 9 of Train Time Table issued with 4th Australian Divisional Order No. 24.

A - HOPOUTRE.
B - PROVEN.
C - CODE.

| <u>Train No.</u> | <u>Detraining Station.</u> | <u>Time due to arrive.</u> | <u>Date.</u> |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1. | A | 8.58 | 8/9/16. |
| 2. | B | 11.24 | |
| 3. | C | 10.55 x | |
| 4. | A | 12.08 | |
| 5. | B | 14.04 | |
| 6. | C | 13.35 x | |
| 7. | A | 14.58 | |
| 8. | B | 16.44 | |
| 9. | C | 16.55 x | |
| 10. | A | 18.00 | |
| 11. | B | 20.02 | |
| 12. | C | 19.35 x | |
| 13. | A | 20.53 | |
| 14. | B | 22.44 | |
| 15. | C | 22.35 x | |
| 16. | A | 23.58 | 9/9/16. |
| 17. | B | 2.04 | |
| 18. | C | 1.35 | |
| 19. | A | 2.58 | |
| 20. | B | 4.44 | |
| 21. | C | 4.55 | |
| 22. | A | 3.10 | |
| 23. | B | 7.54 | |
| 24. | C | 7.35 | |

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Lieut-Colonel,
A.A. & Q.H.G.,
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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13th. Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 18

Copy No. 9

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Reference - 4th. Australian Divisional Order 24. Brigade Headquarters,
7/9/16.

- (1) Attention is directed to 4th. Australian Divisional Order 24 which has been issued to all Battalions. The instructions contained therein will be carried out under the orders of Unit Commanders concerned.
- (2) The following additional instructions are issued for necessary action.
- (3) Re para. 2 -
Unit Commanders will ensure that Transport arrives at Entraining Station 3 hours, and the remainder of the Unit 1½ hours before the departure of the train.
- (4) Re para. 4 -
A third copy of marching out state will be sent to Brigade Headquarters at first opportunity.
- (5) Re para. 5 -
O. C. 13th. Field Company will detail an Officer for duty as Entraining Officer to report to R.T.O. AUTHIEULE at 4.0 a.m. tomorrow 8th. inst. Name of Officer selected will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by 6.0 p.m. this day.
- (6) Re para. 6 -
O's.C. 51st. and 52nd. Battalions will each detail 1 Officer and 50 Other Ranks as a working party to report to R.T.O. AUTHIEULE at 3.0 a.m. tomorrow 8th. inst. The senior Officer will take charge and be responsible to R.T.O. for performance of duty required.
- (7) Re para. 12 -
(a) O.C. Machine Gun Company will detail the Officer required to act as Detraining Officer for the Brigade Group. This Officer will travel by the train leaving at 5.10 a.m. tomorrow 8th. inst. Name of Officer selected to be notified to Brigade Headquarters by 6.0 p.m. today.
(b) O's.C. 49th. and 50th. Battalions will each detail a working party of 1 Officer and 50 Other Ranks to unload at Detraining Station. This party will travel by the train leaving at 5.10 a.m. tomorrow 8th. inst. The Senior Officer will take charge of the party and report to the R.T.O. at detraining Station for instructions. He will also be responsible for the performance of work required.
- (8) Re/para. ~~12~~ 13 -
Advance billeting parties consisting of 1 Officer and 4 Other Ranks per Battalion - other Units pro rata - will travel by train leaving at 5.10 a.m. tomorrow, 8th. inst.
- (9) Senior Officer present will command each train and will take necessary disciplinary measures etc.
- (10) A C K N O W L E D G E.

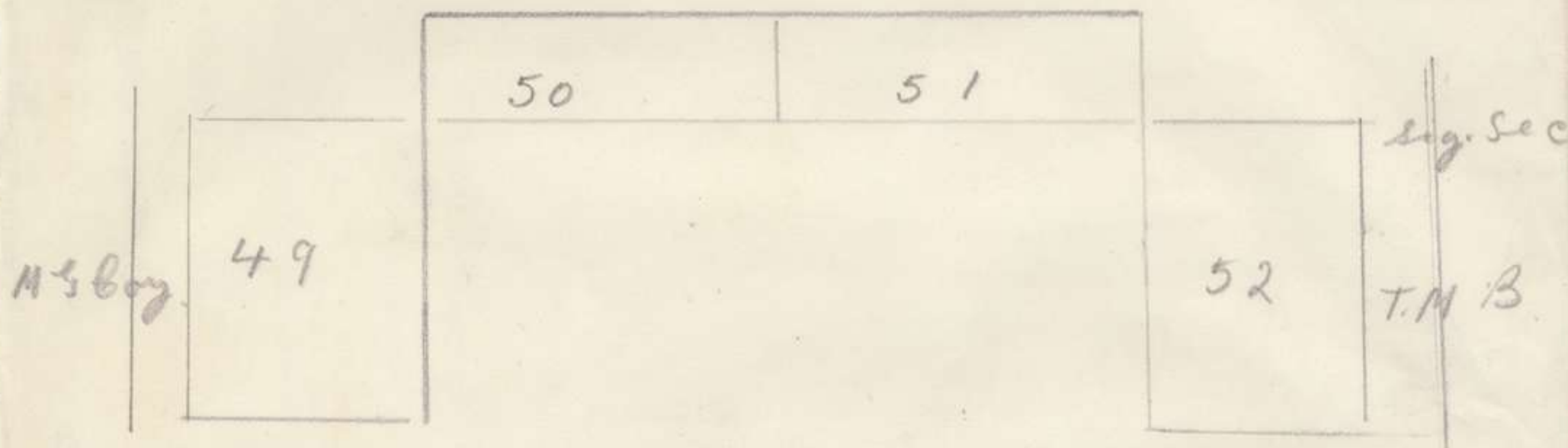
B.B. Ridley Major,
Brigade Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Extra copies issued to:-

- No. 12 13th. Field Company
- " 13 13th. Field Ambulance
- " 14 27th. A. S. C.
- " 15 R.T.O. AUTHIEULE.

13th. Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 20.

1. The Army Corps Commander will address the Brigade at Church Parade tomorrow. (17/9/16)
2. The Brigade (less the Roman Catholics) will parade at 10.0 a.m. at K.32.d. central.
3. Markers (two per Unit) will report to the Staff Captain at K.32.d.4.0. at 9.30 a.m. They will be in possession of the parade state.
4. The parade will form up in half Battalion mass as shown in diagram.



5. Units will march on markers as under:-

| | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 50th. Battalion | 9.45 a.m. |
| 51st. " | 9.48 a.m. |
| 49th. " | 9.50 a.m. |
| 52nd. " | 9.50 a.m. |
| M. G. Company | 9.53 a.m. |
| L.T.M. Battery | 9.53 a.m. |
| Signal Section | 9.54 a.m. |

6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

(Sgd.) Alan B. Steele Captain,
for Brigade Major, 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade..

Reference Map. Belgium & Part of France. 1:40000. (Squared)

Brigade Headquarters,

20th. September 1916.

1. The Brigade, less 50th. Battalion, will move tomorrow as under:-

| Unit. | Time | Starting Point | Destination | Route | Remarks. |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--|---|
| B.M.C. and Sig. Section. | 9.0 a.m. | Road Junction 27.K.34.d.G.5. | RENINGHELST. | ARRELE 27.L.33.o.2.5. - RENINGHELST. | Units will march complete with 1st. Line Transport. Orders to billeting Officers will be issued later. |
| 52nd. Batta. | 9.10 a.m. | do do | do | do | |
| 51st. " | 9.30 a.m. | do do | do | do | |
| 49th. " | 9.50 a.m. | do do | do | do | |
| M. G. Company & T.M. Batty. | 10.10 a.m. | do do | do | do | |
| 27th. A.A.C. | 10.20 a.m. | do do | do | do | |

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Alan B. Stalk

Captain,

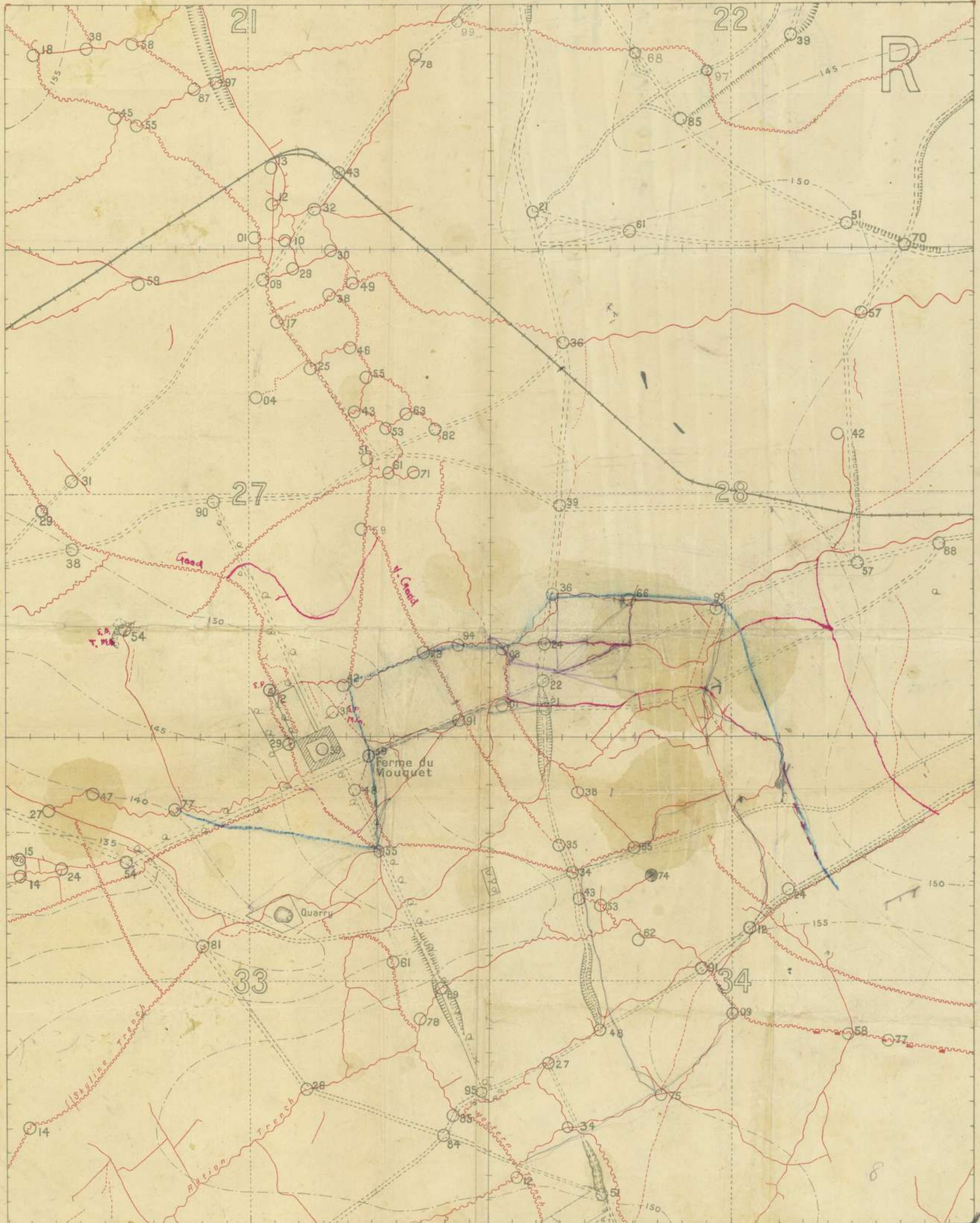
for Brigade Major, 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade,

Appendix No. 11

TRENCHES CORRECTED TO 22-8-16.

FERME DU MOUQUET.

EDITION 4.
CANCELLING ALL PREVIOUS ISSUES



1st PRINTING COY. R.E. 5th SECTION (194)

25-8-16

Scale 1:5000.

Contours From Captured German Map.

YARDS 500 400 300 200 100 0 100 200 300 400 500

The numbers are co-ordinates. The square in which a point is should in all cases be quoted (see instructions on normal series of maps, scales 1:10,000 and 1:20,000).

MAP

Fine du MOUQUET

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