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FRANCE	1916 Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup>		Battalion at BERTEAUCOURT reorganizing and training, route marching, receiving & distributing reinforcements - etc etc	
	Aug 9		Marched from BERTEAUCOURT to BONNEVILLE where we were billeted until 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug 17. route marching & training was carried out during this period	
	Aug 14		Batt <sup>n</sup> marched to TOUTENCOURT WOOD where we camped in huts for night.	
	Aug 15		Marched to VAIDINCOURT WOOD where Batt <sup>n</sup> was again accommodated in huts	
	Aug 16		Batt <sup>n</sup> marched from VAIDINCOURT WOOD to BRICIFIELDS near ALBERT where we bivouaced until Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> inst	
	Aug 18		Batt <sup>n</sup> less transport, marched to SAUSAGE VALLEY. & slept in trenches.	
	Aug 19/23		Batt <sup>n</sup> in trenches taking over on 19 <sup>th</sup> inst line from R. 34 A. 9 1/2 to 2 1/2 to R 28. 7 1/2. 1 to R 34 A. 9. 9. - from 3 Batt <sup>n</sup> report on operations covering period from 19/23 on following sheet	

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CO 10<sup>th</sup> A.I.F.



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France	1916 19 <sup>th</sup> / <sub>23</sub> Aug		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REPORT of OPERATIONS</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> Batt. A.I.F. 19<sup>th</sup>/<sub>23</sub> Aug 1916</b> <b>POZIERES</b></p> <p>The 10<sup>th</sup> Batt relieved the 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt of 1<sup>st</sup> Bde on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> with taking over the line from R. 34. A. 9<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>. 2<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> to R. 38. 7<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> I. to R. 34 A 9.9. Saps were at once commenced running towards the enemy's line at points R 28 C. 0 3<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> - C. 5. 1<math>\frac{1}{4}</math>. C. 7. <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> + C. 8. <math>\frac{1}{2}</math>. These were run forward a distance from 50 to 70' + a LEWIS gun stationed at end of sap R. 28. C. 7. <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> - At this time there were two Companies B + C. they occupied the line from R 34. A 9<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>. 2<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> to R. 34. A. 9.9. the remaining two companies being left in SAUSAGE VALLEY. At 0600 on 20<sup>th</sup> Inf A Coy was brought up + placed in the front line. leaving D Coy in the SAUSAGE VALLEY. On the night of the 20<sup>th</sup>, all men in the front line were employed in joining up saps run out on previous night. This work was greatly hampered by heavy enemy's shelling, but was completed with the exception of that portion from Sap R 28. C. 3. <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> to SUNKEN ROAD. Orders were received to attack enemy's line from R. 28. C. 3. 6 to C. 9. 5 + dispositions were made in accordance with Brigade orders. C + B Cos strengthened by one platoon from D Coy were detailed to attack + the 4 waves were disposed of as follows.</p>	



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France	Sept 22 AUGST		<p>1<sup>st</sup> Wave in new line of trench constructed on previous night. 2<sup>nd</sup> wave in shell holes, between new line &amp; firing line. 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> waves in firing line - The LEWIS Guns of D Coy - Support Coy were handed over to the attacking coys -</p> <p>A Coy was detailed to protect Right flank by manning new sap called ANNIE SAP &amp; portion of line until it connected with 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> - The one gun of HQ - M.G. Section was with them - &amp; one gun from 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> was stationed in shell hole in NO MAN'S LAND to enfilade counter attack - A Coy instructed to continue sap towards point R 28. C. 9.5. Support Coy. was moved into firing line as soon as the attack was launched -</p> <p>At 1700 Enemy opened heavy shell fire on our front &amp; support lines causing many casualties &amp; a certain amount of dis-organization &amp; it was decided to place another platoon (the second) of support Coy to strengthen attacking force. This was done -</p> <p>At 1800 the attack was launched &amp; owing to heavy casualties went forward in 2 waves, instead of 4 - leaving 2 platoons of support Coy in firing line -</p> <p>At 1830 the objective was reached from R. 28-C. 3.6 to C. 7.6 The left Coy had therefore succeeded in occupying their objective &amp; also the left portions of Right Coy, but the remainder</p>	



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			<p>remains - were held up by heavy M.G. fire - from Point R. 28. C. 9.5. - The attacking party report that they met 3 lines of enemy's trenches before reaching points 36 + 66 + the left party report only 2 lines of trenches. The first lines were only lightly held but the final objective was strongly held by Infantry + M.G.'s. - There was no element of surprise in the attack as the moment first wave left the trenches it was subjected to a heavy fire from M.G.'s + Rifles, also Artillery - The enemy's machine gunners fired thro our Barrage.</p> <p>Before launching the attack the Batta sustained over 100 casualties from shell fire + immediately the attack was launched casualties were heavy + rapid - Only one officer reached the final objective + he was wounded there at once - the remaining 7 were killed or wounded within a few minutes of launching the attack -</p> <p>At 1830 the position was therefore as shown on attached sketch No. 1. herewith with MR crosses. - We were subjected to a heavy fire from Point 95 from mobile machine guns, + the Bombers having failed to make good the sap running South from Point 9.5. our left Coy could not advance. - Another platoon of Support Coy was sent forward with instructions to join up + make good the line from R. 28 C. 68 to C. 9.3.</p>	



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	Aug 21		<p>This platoon advanced but owing to disappearance in some parts, general thinning of line by casualties they were compelled to fall back to vicinity of our new line of trench so that by shortly after 2000 the position was as shown in attached sketch No 2. (In R crosses). It will be seen from this that our left Coy was "in the air". The enemy was getting behind them, it had no touch on either flanks and was enveloped from both flanks. The survivors therefore fell back to new line of trench - the last remaining platoon was sent to their assistance of left flank where they dug in. The final position being that we held the new line of trench which we had dug &amp; is marked on sketch.</p> <p>This line was held from 2100 on night of 21<sup>st</sup> Aug until we handed it over to 21<sup>st</sup> Bn on night of 22/23. We joined this line up to connect with 11<sup>th</sup> Bn on left of SUNKEN ROAD. This season they would not expect to be taken here.</p>	

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10<sup>th</sup> 189

31/8/16



OPERATION ORDER NO. *Adm*  
By Major G.E.Redburg Commanding 10th Infantry Battn. 21.8.26

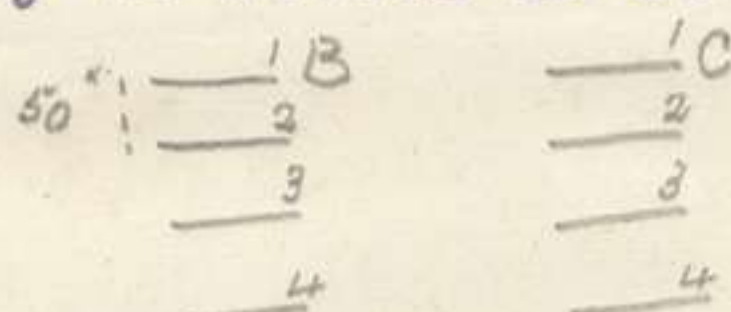
Reference Map F57 D 1/20000

INTENTION. (1) The Battalion will attack the hostile position ~~R 28 c 9 5~~  
R 28 c 9 5 -- c 8 6 -- c 3 6 at Zero hour 21st..

INFORMATION (2) a. The 12th. Batt. will attack on the left at same hour  
OURSELVES b. Trench to be attacked is lightly held together with  
ABOUT THE small portion of saps running South from the trench.  
ENEMY Road marking the left boundary is unoccupied for  
some distance North of present position.

ORDER OF BATTLE (3) From left to right "B" "C" "A" , "D" will support

METHOD OF ADVANCE (4) To be disposed as follows, 30 minutes before Zero hour ready to attack in four waves thus,



The attacking party will press close up to the hostile position under cover of the artillery barrage and rush the trench as soon as the barrage lifts.

It is essential to do this at once to prevent the enemy manning his parapet especially where the Saps are running South.

Clearing parties of two bombing teams 1 each B and C will go forward with the second wave to clear the Saps running south.

3 Lewis Guns will go forward with 2nd. wave one on right flank of Coy. one centre between B and C and one gun left flank B Coy. Jumping off trench will be manned simultaneously by third wave with advance of first wave.

"A" Coy will be assembled in Annie Sap and trench E. and S. of Annie Sap. They will form the right defensive flank party, will continue Annie Sap N.E. to R 34 c 9 5 and hold it.

When fourth wave has advanced D Coy. will occupy present front line and will move in from the left.

3 Lewis Guns will go forward with the 4th. wave. As soon as the line has been established 3 Lewis Guns and two patrols, one "C" Coy., one "B" Coy will be pushed forward into shell holes. These Lewis Guns will be taken from B, C, and D Coys. Communication trenches will be constructed by 1st. Pioneer Battn.. All ground won must be consolidated.

~~AIRCRAFT~~  
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Contact aeroplanes will fly over the line at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 22nd. inst. Flares will be lit on each occasion

ARTILLERY BARRAGE

Will be formed at Zero hours along the line R 28 c 9 5 along German forward trench to C 22. R 27 d 91. At Zero plus five minutes the barrage will lift beyond the objective.

TOOLS AND SANDBAGS

Every man will carry 3 sand bags and the 2nd. and 4th waves will each carry a pick or a shovel. Reports to be made frequently to R 34 a 9 1.

((Sgd.)) G.C. Magenis  
Capt.  
Adjut. 10th. Infty

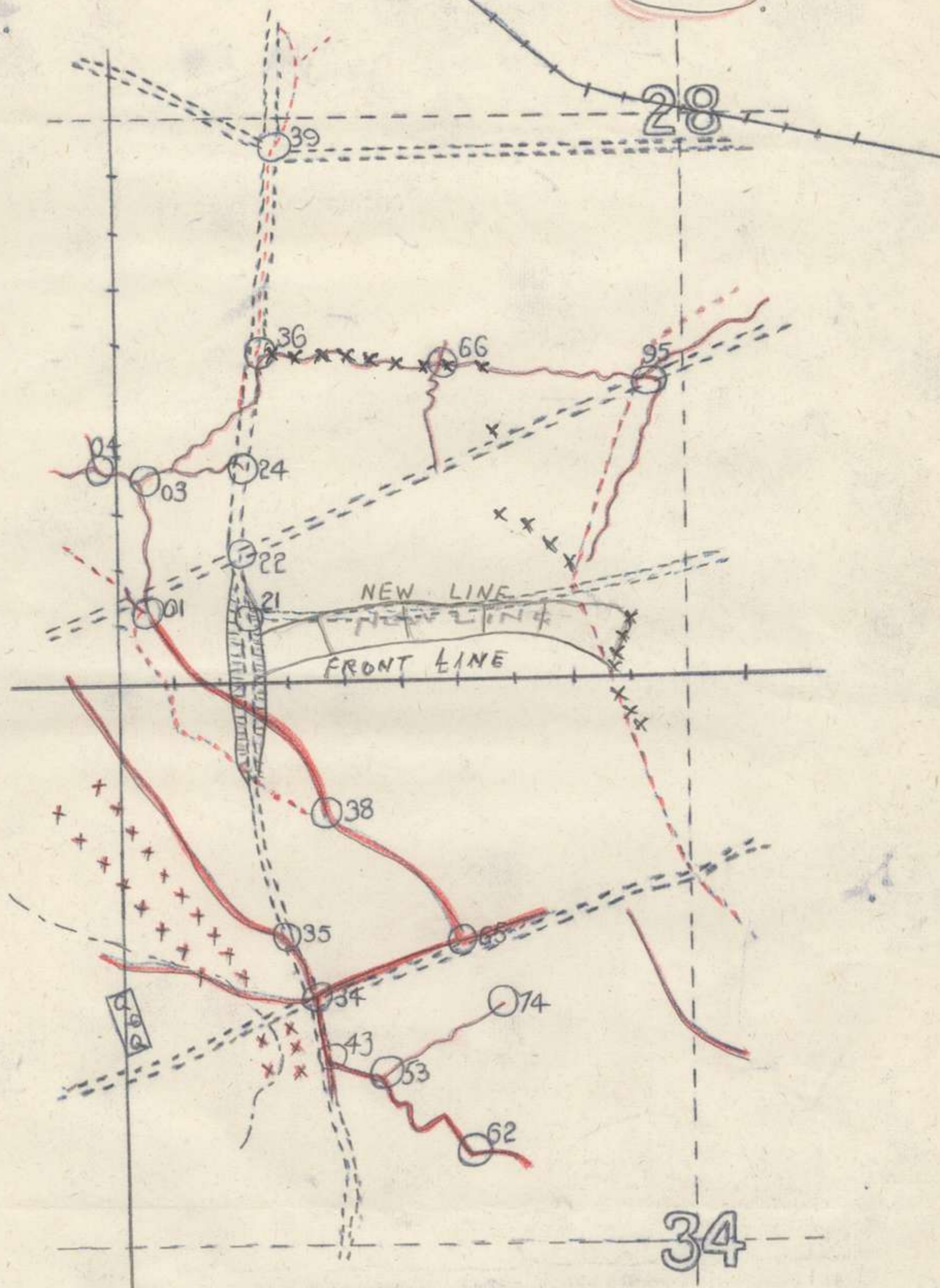


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SKETCH

M. I.



Scale 1:5,000