

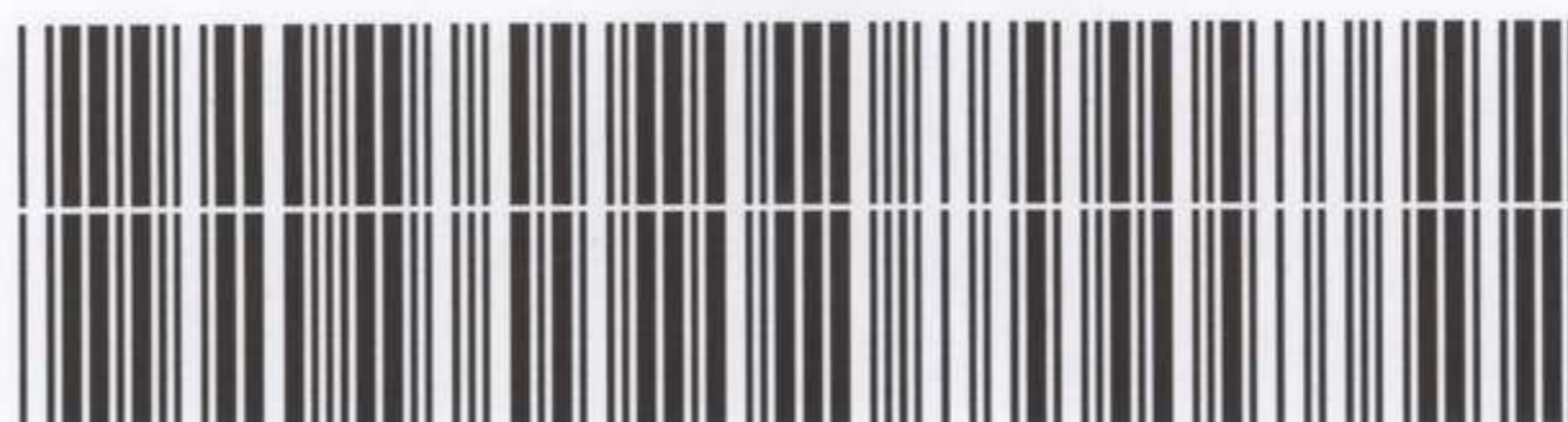
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**Item number:** 23/12/7

**Title:** 12th Infantry Brigade

September 1916



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# WAR DIARY

or

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

12TH. AUST. INF. BDE. Army Form C. 2118  
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| POZIERES<br>MOUQUET FNE | Sept<br>1 <sup>st</sup> |                 | <p>During the early morning, Enemy shelled the front line + communication trenches heavily with Shrapnel, H.E. Gas + Tear Shells.</p> <p>Assembly trenches were dug from R 34 a 2.8 1/2 - R 34 a 4 1/2 9 and R 34 a 6.9 to R 34 a 9.9 1/2</p> <p>From R 33 B 5.5 to R 33 a 7.7.</p> <p>New front line <sup>Trench</sup> constructed from R 28 C 5 1/2 . 1 1/2 to R 28 C 7 1/2 . 2.</p> <p>Orders for relief of the Brigade by 13<sup>th</sup> Aust. Infy Bde + 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade issued</p> <p>Considerable enemy artillery activity during the night + considerable damage done to the trenches on the left Sector</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Copies of wires</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3" style="vertical-align: middle;">Casualties</td> <td style="vertical-align: middle;">killed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: middle;">wounded</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">84</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: middle;">missing</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> </tr> </table> |                                      |  | Copies of wires |  | Casualties | killed | - | 6 | wounded | 1 | 84 | missing | - | 6 | <p>approx<br/>I</p> <p>Alpha<br/>Ia</p> |
|                         |                         | Copies of wires |  |                                      |  |                 |  |            |        |   |   |         |   |    |         |   |   |   |
| Casualties              | killed                  | -               | 6  |                                      |  |                 |  |            |        |   |   |         |   |    |         |   |   |   |
|                         | wounded                 | 1               | 84   |                                      |  |                 |  |            |        |   |   |         |   |    |         |   |   |   |
|                         | missing                 | -               | 6  |                                      |  |                 |  |            |        |   |   |         |   |    |         |   |   |   |



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| POZIERES<br>NOUQUETTE<br>ALBERT | Sept <sup>r</sup><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> |             | <p>The Amiens relief completed by 5 PM &amp; moved into Bellefleur in ALBERT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Casualties</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Officers</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Other ranks</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Killed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Wounded</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">73</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Missing</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> |                                      | Officers | Other ranks | Killed | - | 15 | Wounded | 1 | 73 | Missing | - | 2 |  |
|                                 | Officers                             | Other ranks |   |                                      |          |             |        |   |    |         |   |    |         |   |   |  |
| Killed                          | -                                    | 15          |   |                                      |          |             |        |   |    |         |   |    |         |   |   |  |
| Wounded                         | 1                                    | 73          |   |                                      |          |             |        |   |    |         |   |    |         |   |   |  |
| Missing                         | -                                    | 2           |   |                                      |          |             |        |   |    |         |   |    |         |   |   |  |

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| ALBERT<br>WARLOY      | Sept<br>3 <sup>10</sup> |                                   | The Brigade moved to WARLOY at 1 pm via BOUZINCOURT & SENLIS<br>and arrived in billets at 3.45 pm<br>Battens Bathing & cleaning up.<br>orders received & issued for move to HERISSART & RUBEMPRE | Appon<br>II<br><br>Appon<br>III      |
| HERISSART<br>RUBEMPRE |                         | 4 <sup>5</sup><br>5 <sup>10</sup> | Brigade moved off at 9 am & arrived in billets at 12.45 pm.<br>units refitting, painting <del>by</del> lumber & wagons.<br>operation memo no 65<br>orders issued for move to BEAUVAIL            | Appon. IV<br>"<br>Appon. V           |

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| BEAUVAL | 6 <sup>R</sup>  |      | <p>Brigade moved from HERISSART + RUBEMPRE at 7 45 am and arrived BEAUVAL 12 noon</p> <p>Orders for entrainment issued.</p>   | Appon VI                             |
| BEAUVAL | 7 <sup>A</sup>  |      | <p>Units training, reorganising, refitting</p> <p>G.O.S 4<sup>A</sup> Ans dit inspected the billets</p>                       |                                      |
|         | 8 <sup>R</sup>  |      | Brigade Group entrained for PROVEN.   |                                      |
|         | 9 <sup>R</sup>  |      | <p>Brigade Group encamped at CONNAUGHT CAMP, VICTORIA CAMP, KINORA CAMP + PATRICIA CAMP.</p> <p>Refitting + reorganising.</p> |                                      |
|         | 10 <sup>R</sup> |      | <p>Brigade refitting, training + reorganising, operation memo No 66 issued</p> <p>Divine services 9 + 11 am.</p>              | Appon VII                            |

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| PATRICIA<br>CONNAUGHT<br>KINORA<br>Camp<br>YPIRES-<br>Sector | 11 <sup>th</sup> |      | Brigade re-fitting, re-organising, training  | appdx VIII                           |
|  | 12 <sup>th</sup> |      | Brigade class for young officers, training of specialists  | appdx IX                             |
|  | 13 <sup>th</sup> |      | operation memo 67 issued   | appdx X                              |
|  | 14 <sup>th</sup> |      | operation memo 68 issued, training + re-organising.  | appdx XI                             |
|  | 15 <sup>th</sup> |      | Brigade Commander announced on 10 days leave, training continued   |                                      |
|  | 16 <sup>th</sup> |      | operation memo 69 issued   |                                      |
|  | 17 <sup>th</sup> |      | Church parade, Divl Commander presents congratulatory cards to NCOs & Men of the Brigade   |                                      |
| RENINGHELST  | 18 <sup>th</sup> |      | Brigade moved to QUEBEC, CHIPPAWA + ONTARIO Camps SE of RENINGHELST<br>Brigade commander + Staff visit trenches  | appdx XII                            |
| "  | 19 <sup>th</sup> |      | orders received to relieve 10 <sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade in The VIERSTRAAT sector   |                                      |
| "  | 20 <sup>th</sup> |      | Brigade less 48 <sup>th</sup> Bn moved into the front line + support, relief completed by 7 pm.  | appdx XIII                           |
| "  | 21 <sup>st</sup> |      | <del>12<sup>th</sup> Bde</del> 12 <sup>th</sup> Bde took over command of the VIERSTRAAT sector at 9 am 48 <sup>th</sup> Bn moved into HURBUMBIDGE CAMP as Bde reserve operation memos 7 + 112 formed | appdx XIV                            |
| "  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> |      | Corps Commander visits front line<br>Disposition report attached sketch normal   | appdx XV                             |

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| LACLYTTE<br>(VIERSTRAAT<br>Sechi) | Sept             |   |   |   |
|                                   | 23 <sup>10</sup> |   | Situation normal, work on defenses + communications continued<br>operation memo 72 issued   | appdn<br><u>XVI</u><br>appce<br><u>XVI a</u>                      |
|                                   | 24 <sup>R</sup>  |   | Situation quiet work continues in communications + defenses, over for relief of 47 <sup>15</sup> Bn<br>46 <sup>R</sup> Bn issued. (Brigade order no. 85.) | appdn<br><u>XVII</u><br><del>appdn</del><br>appdn<br><u>XVIII</u> |
|                                   | 25 <sup>R</sup>  |   | Situation normal, work on new reserve Trench continued,<br>operation memo no. 74 issued   | appdn<br><u>XIX</u><br>app X                                      |
| 26 <sup>15</sup>                  |                  | Situation normal, work on defenses 45 <sup>15</sup> Bn relieved 47 <sup>15</sup> Bn 48 <sup>15</sup> Bn<br>relieved 46 <sup>15</sup> Bn | appce<br><u>XXI</u>   |   |

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|--------------------------|----------------------|------|---|--|
| <i>20/11</i><br>LACLYTTE | 26 <sup>R</sup>      |      | Situation normal, Brig Gen Glazford returned from leave. work continued on defences & gas alarm practices.  | appn. <u>XXII</u><br>appn. <u>XXIII</u>                        |
| "                        | 28 <sup>F</sup>      |      | Situation Normal, work continued on defences. operation memo 11074 issued<br>area <i>Ha</i>   | appn. <u>XXIV</u><br>appn. <u>XXV</u><br>Appn. <u>XXVI</u>     |
| "                        | 29 <sup>F</sup>      |      | Situation normal preparation made for two raids on the enemy's trenches weather Choney. operation memos issued<br>operation order 11080 issued. <i>has taken place</i>      | appn. <u>XXVII</u><br>appn. <u>XXVIII</u><br>appn. <u>XXIX</u> |
|                          | 30 <sup>th</sup>     |      | Situation normal. A great change <sup>has taken place</sup> in the the number of daily sick in the Brigade during the last month. the numbers being reduced from 124 to 50. |  |



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|----------|---------------------|-------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------|--------|---|----|---------|---|-----|---------|---|---|--|
| LACLYTTE | 30 <sup>th</sup>    |             | <p>our artillery bombarded the enemy trenches &amp; mine during the day in preparation for two raids. by the 47<sup>th</sup> &amp; 46<sup>th</sup> Bns respectively.</p> <p>Situation normal during the day. report attached</p> <p>at 10 12 pm the 46<sup>th</sup> Bn raiding party entered the enemy trenches in the HOLLANDESCHUR Salient. The raid was successful one prisoner of the 117<sup>th</sup> Division taken &amp; several enemy killed</p> <p><del>Wounded</del> our casualties Lieut Harrington wounded slightly, other rank killed.</p> <p>orders for relief of the right &amp; left subsections of the line issued - (Barrage 0200 27)</p> <p>weather fine</p> <p>Total Casualties during the month</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Officers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Other ranks</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Killed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">27</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Wounded</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">166</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Missing</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> </tr> </table> |                                      | Officers | Other ranks | Killed | - | 27 | Wounded | 2 | 166 | Missing | - | 8 | <p><u>appo 2</u><br/><u>xxx</u></p> <p>Appendices<br/><u>xxxI</u> and<br/><u>xxxII</u></p> <p>Appendix<br/><u>xxxIII</u></p> |
|          | Officers            | Other ranks |   |                                      |          |             |        |   |    |         |   |     |         |   |   |  |
| Killed   | -                   | 27          |   |                                      |          |             |        |   |    |         |   |     |         |   |   |  |
| Wounded  | 2                   | 166         |   |                                      |          |             |        |   |    |         |   |     |         |   |   |  |
| Missing  | -                   | 8           |   |                                      |          |             |        |   |    |         |   |     |         |   |   |  |

*Walter Giff  
Barrage  
12 Jan 29 etc*

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 75.

1-9-1916.

Reference Map 5000<sup>1</sup>

1. The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved by the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade and 3rd Battalion 1st. Canadian Infantry Brigade on the night of 1st/2nd and 2nd/3rd September in accordance with relief table attached.

2. The 13th Australian Infantry Brigade will take over the front now held by 47th and 48th Battalions and about 200 yards of the front now held by the Left Company of 46th Battalion.

The 1st. Canadian Infantry Brigade will take over the remainder of the front now held by 46th Battalion as a temporary measure during the day of the 2nd instant.

3. Details of relief to be settled by Commanding Officers concerned.

4. Completion of relief will be notified by wire to Brigade Headquarters using the code "MAIL CLOSES AT".

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*E. H. Allen*  
Captain.  
Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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- 13 - 12th Brigade Supply
- 14 - 1st. Canadian Inf. Bde.
- 15 - 4th Aust. Div.
- 16 - 12th Field Ambulance

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| ate | Unit            | Relieved by             | Incoming unit met by guides at:               | Time               | on relief move to | Remarks                                 |
|-----|-----------------|-------------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|---|
| 1st | 47th Btn        | Bn: 13th Aust. Inf. Bde | KAY DUMP<br>one coy. at<br>remainder at       | 7.30 pm.<br>8.00 " | TARA HILL         | Move to ALBERT<br>by 8 pm. 2nd inst     |
| 1st | 48th "          | " " " " "               | KAY DUMP                                      | 8 pm.              | BOISELLE          | -do- -do-                               |
| 1st | 46th "          | " " " " "               | Left coy. guides at<br>KAY DUMP               | 8 pm.              | CHALK PIT         |   |
| 2nd | 46th "          | 3rd Bn. Canadian Inf    | Remainder as<br>arranged by Btn<br>commanders | ---                | -do-              | -do- -do-                               |
| 2nd | 45th "          | Bn. 13th Aust. Inf. Bde | WIRE TRENCH                                   |                    | ALBERT            | Move to ALBERT<br>by night of 2nd - 3rd |
| 2nd | 12th M. G. Coy. | 13th M. G. Coy.         |   |                    | -do-              | Move to Albert                          |
| 2nd | 12th A.L.T.M.B. | 13th A.L.T.M. Bty.      |   |                    | -do-              | -do-                                    |

Appendix No 1

*Appx Ia*

4th Australian Division.

48th Battalion report Assembly Trench and part of new front line constructed. It should be completed tonight. Enemy are working on a new line parallel to new front line and about 150 yards distant.

12th Aust. Inf. Brigade. 1-9-16. 12-5 p.m.

47th Battalion.

Heavies are bombarding 29 12 42 31 and MOUQUET from 5 to 7-30 p.m. this evening troops should be withdrawn from 59 - 91 - and 55 to Quarry KAY TRENCH should also be lightly occupied. Acknowledge.

12th Aust. Inf Brigade. 1-9-16. 12-50 p.m.

## 48th Battalion

Lieut. Carrick will report to you this afternoon in connection with work in New Trench from about R 28 c 92 - 21 and assembly trench in rear of above. Lieut Carrick's instructions are to supervise the work from the Engineers point of view and he will have 20 sappers with him. Please supply three reliefs of 60 each with tools and two guides to meet the sappers at Kay Dump at 7 p.m. and lead the sappers to your Headquarters where they will meet Lieut. Carrick

(2) The relief of Battalion must not interfere with this work.

12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade 1-9-16. 2-30 p.m

47th Battalion.

Continuation of my B.M.125 trenches between 91 and 59 near MOUQUET FARM also between 55 and quarry and 200 yards of KAYS trench of R 33 D 85 to be empty between 5-30 and 7 p.m. tonight when heavies and heavy mortar will bombard just N of MOUQUET. Acknowledge.

12th Aust, Inf Brigade. 1-9-16.

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Appendix No. 1 A.

48th Battalion.

In continuation of B.M.128 an assembly trench will also be dug behind your front line from point 91 in R 27 d to point 21 in R 28 c. This will give a continuous assembly trench behind the line 59-91 - 01 - 21 - 92. Acknowledge

12th Aust. Inf. Brigade 1-9-16. 3 p.m.



12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 76.

3-9-1916.

Reference Map Sheet 11 LENS 1  
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1. The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade will move to WARLOY in accordance with attached March Table (Appendix 1).
2. Men should have their dinners at 11 a.m.
3. "A" Echelon 1st. line transport will accompany units. The remainder will be Brigaded and follow in order of march.
4. Advanced Billetting parties and 1 guide per unit will meet the Staff Captain at the Town Majors Office WARLOY at 10-30 a.m.
5. Attention is drawn to previous administrative instructions issued on march discipline etc.
6. Sick and men unable to march will assemble at Brigade Headquarters at 12-30 p.m. and will be picked up under arrangements made by 4th Australian Division.
7. A.D.V.S. 4th Australian Division will detail ambulance wagons to follow in rear of Brigade.
8. O.C. 47th Battalion will detail one platoon under an officer as rear guard to pick up all stragglers on the line of march.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*elms*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
12th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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| Unit  | Starting Point   | TIME   | ROUTE                              | Destination | Remarks                            |
|---|--|--------|------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Bde H.Q.<br>12 <sup>th</sup> LTA Bn<br>48 <sup>th</sup> Bn | Road junction<br>1/4 mile N of<br>the O in point<br>60 on the<br>BOUZINCOURT-<br>ALBERT<br>main Road | 11pm   | ALBERT-<br>BOUZINCOURT-<br>SENLIS- | WARLOY      | Move to be<br>completed by<br>5pm. |
| 45 <sup>th</sup> Bn   | "  | 1-5pm  | "                                  | "           |                                    |
| 46 <sup>th</sup> Bn   | "  | 1-10pm | "                                  | "           |                                    |
| 44 <sup>th</sup> Bn   | "  | 1-15pm | "                                  | "           |                                    |
| 12 MG Coy   | "  | 1-20pm | "                                  | "           |                                    |

Appendix No 7

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 77.

3-9-1916.

Reference Map Sheet 11 LENS.

HERISSART

The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade will move to RUBEMPHE and tomorrow in accordance with attached table -Appendix 1.

2. O.C. 48th Battalion will detail a rear guard of 1 platoon under an officer to pick up all stragglers on the line of march.

3. "A" Echelon 1st Line transport will accompany units. The remainder will be brigaded under the senior transport officer and follow in order of march.

4. All billets will be left thoroughly clean. Rear parties under an officer will be left behind to see this is properly done. On completion of work they will report to Capt. Tucker at Brigade Headquarters.

5. Advanced billeting parties and guides will meet the Staff Captain at the Town Majors office ~~XXXXXXXX~~ at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

HERISSART

6. Attention is drawn to previous administrative instructions issued for march discipline etc.

7. O.C. 12th Field Ambulance will detail two ambulance wagons to follow in rear of the Brigade.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*H. H. H.*  
 Captain.  
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| Unit   | Starting Point                        | Time    | Route                            | Destination | Remarks                               |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Bde Hqrs.<br>12 <sup>th</sup> ARTM Bty<br>45 <sup>th</sup> Battrn | Main road N of the<br>I in VADENCOURT | 10.0 am | VADENCOURT - CONTAY<br>HERISSART | RUBEMPRE    | Move to be<br>completed by<br>1.0 pm. |
| 46 <sup>th</sup>   |                                       | 10.5 am |                                  | ---         |                                       |
| 47 <sup>th</sup>   |                                       | 10.10 - |                                  | HERISSART   |                                       |
| 48 <sup>th</sup>   |                                       | 10.15 - |                                  | ---         |                                       |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> M B Coy   |                                       | 10.20 - |                                  | ---         |                                       |

Appendix No 3

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
OPERATION MEMO. No. 65.

5-9-1916.

1. TRENCH WARFARE. (i) The Brigade is about to take over trenches in an area where both our forces and those of the enemy have been stationary for a considerable period and where the conditions are consequently very different to those prevailing near POZIERES.

There is no need to fear the result of a German attack, whatever form it may take, provided our arrangements are complete and all orders complied with; but the fact remains that troops new to our new area have suffered severely from gas attacks, shellfire and sniping, very largely due to their own carelessness or lack of attention to orders issued.

Military necessity admits of no relaxation of effort for any cause whatever and blame attaches to a soldier of any rank who from any motive either takes needless risk through carelessness or exposes his command to surprise.

Commanding officers will impress this upon all ranks and more especially upon the less experienced officers and men, who have joined recently.

(ii) Orders for trench routine and so on are laid down in 12th. Australian Infantry Brigade Standing Orders. These may be modified by local conditions; but any officer who neglects or departs from the spirit of these orders and principles will be held answerable for the consequences.

(iii) Some of the points which require special attention are:

(a) Organization of scouts and snipers (armed with telescopic rifles) as laid down in Training Memorandum No. 18, dated 18th June 1916. It is most important we should obtain and keep superiority in sniping and patrolling.

(b) Perfection of all measures to meet gas attacks.

(c) Concealment from enemy observation by aircraft and all other means, this applies to troops behind the line as well as to those in fire trenches and communication trenches.

(d) Prevention of leakage of information; telephone conversations on the subject of plans, operations, artillery action etc., are forbidden.

(e) Training and organization of grenadiers; provisions of grenade rifles.

(f) Constant improvement of the Brigade area as regards fire trenches, communication trenches, our own wire, mining, sanitation and general good order, comfort and welfare of the men.

(g) Instruction of recently joined personnel (including officers) in the peculiarities of trench warfare (see various orders and pamphlets issued).

2. TRAINING AND ORGANIZATION. Will be continued under Battalion arrangements as opportunities offer. This will, at first, take the form of all specialist training, close order drill, bayonet fighting, physical training, gas helmet drill, rifle exercises and musketry. Platoons, companies and specialists will be re-organized as far as possible. Kits clothing, equipment and arms will be inspected and renewed. Special attention will be devoted to care of feet and fitting of boots, socks and putties; it must be remembered that with the prospect of trench work in cold weather it is essential that foot gear must be easy to remove and fit loosely.

*L. Tucker* Captain.  
 for Brigade Major.  
 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 78.

8-9-1916.

Reference Map Sheet 11 LENS  $\frac{1}{100000}$ .

1. The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade, 12th Field Coy, 12th Field Ambulance will move to BEAUVAL tomorrow in accordance with attached Table (Appendix 1).

2. "A" Echelon 1st Line transport will accompany units, the remainder will be brigaded under the senior transport officer and follow in order of march.

3. 45th Battalion will with detail a rear guard of one platoon under an officer to collect all stragglers.

4. Intervals of 300 yards will be kept between units and 25 yards between Companies.

5. All billets will be left properly clean. Rear parties will report to Captain Tucker at the starting point on completion of duty.

6. Strict march discipline must be kept. Attention of C.C. units is drawn to previous administrative instructions issued.

7. 12th Field Ambulance will collect all sick and men unable to march at unit Headquarters at

HERISSART 8-30 a.m.  
RUBENPRE 7 a.m.

Captain.  
Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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9 - 12th Bde. Sig Section  
10 - 26th A.A.S.C.  
11 - 12th Bde Supply Officer  
12 - 12th Field Ambulance  
13 - Staff Captain  
14 - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Orderly Officer  
15 - 4th Aust. Division.

| Unit.   | Starting Point | Time     | Route  | Destination | Remarks |
|---|----------------|----------|--|-------------|---------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Bde H. Q. Co.<br>12 <sup>th</sup> A.L.T. M. B. | A.             | 7-45 AM. | VAL-DE-MAISON<br>FME DU ROSEL  | BEAUVAL     |         |
| 46 <sup>th</sup> Bn.  | B.             | 8-40 "   |  |             |         |
| 47 " "  | A.             | 8-15 "   |  |             |         |
| 48 " "  | A.             | 8-25 "   |  |             |         |
| 45 " "  | B.             | 9-20 "   |  |             |         |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Mach Gun Co.                                   | A.             | 8-40 "   |  |             |         |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Field Amb.                                     | A.             | 8-50 "   |  |             |         |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> " " Coy.                                       | A.             | 9-0 "    |  |             |         |
| <u>Note</u>   | Starting Point | "A" is   | Road Junction immediately W. of HERISSART  |             |         |
|   | " "            | B "      | " " " " S.E. of VAL-DE-MAISON  |             |         |
|   |                |          | Hourly halts will be made at 10 minutes to each hour; the march being resumed at the block hour. |             |         |

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Appendix VI

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12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER

Appendix No. 6

6-9-1916.

The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade group will entrain at DOULLENS SOUTH in accordance with attached Table on 8th/9th September.

2. Transport of each will arrive at place of entrainment three(3) hours before the time the train departs. The remainder of the unit will arrive 1 1/2 hours before the time the train departs. Staff

3. Lieut. Keighley 4th Aust. Div will act as entraining officer, The D.A.Q.M.G. 4th Aust. Div. will act as detraining Staff officer

4. Major Denham 46th Battalion will represent the 4th Australian Division at the A.D.R.T's Office HAZEBRUCK.

He will report to Brigade Headquarters at 9-45 a.m. on 7th inst., for a car to take him to HAZEBRUCK.

5. Marching out states will be made out in triplicate as below.

One copy will be rendered to this office the remaining two copies will be handed to Lieut. Keighley at the R.T.O.S. office DOULLENS three hours prior to the unit entraining.

Unit Officers Other Ranks Horses Mules Vehicles Bicycles T.M.Carts & L.G. " 2 whl. 4 whl.

6. O.C. 47th Battalion will detail an officer to report to the R.T.O. at DOULLENS SOUTH for duty as entraining officer.

He will remain on duty until the entrainment of the Brigade group is completed, and follow on in the last train leaving that station.

7. O.C. 45th and 47th Battalions will each detail a party of one officer and 50 other ranks to report to the R.T.O. at DOULLENS SOUTH two hours before the departure of the first train.

The parties will work in shifts of one officer and 50 other ranks.

These parties must be rationed for 48 hours. They will be accomodated at the Station and will leave by the last train.

8. Rations will be carried -

- Emergency ration on the man.
- 1 days rations on the man or in the cookers.
- 1 days rations in supply section of train.
- 1 days forage in supply section of train.

9. All ranks will entrain with full waterbottles.

Horses will be watered at as late an hour as possible before entraining.

10. Baggage wagons of train will entrain with units and will rejoin train as soon as possible after detrainment.

Supply wagons (filled) will entrain with their section.

11. O.C. 46th Battalion will detail 1 officer as detraining officer for the Brigade group.

He will proceed by the first train and report to the R.T.O. immediately on arrival at the detraining station.

12. O.C. 46th and 48th Battalions will each detail 1 officer and 50 other ranks to unload at detraining Station.

These will travel by the first train and report to the R.T.O. on arrival at the detraining Station.

13. The usual advanced billeting parties and two guides from each unit of the Brigade group will proceed by the first train of the group.

14. ~~Units will detail parties and guides as issued in previous instructions for journey by train.~~

14. Attention of O.C. units is drawn to previous orders issued on entrainment and detrainment and orders for the journey by trains.

15. On arrival units will report position of their Headquarters.

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*W. A. ...* Captain. Brigade Major. 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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 10 - 12th. Field Ambulance

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 12 - 26th A.A.S.C.Btty.  
 13 - R.T.O. DOULLENS  
 14 - R.T.O. HAZEBRUCK  
 15 - 12th. Field Coy.  
 16 - Staff Captain  
 17 - Orderly Officer  
 18 - 4th Aust. Div.  
 19 - *town major*



| Date              | Station        | No. of train | Unit   | Transport to arrive at Station at: | Unit arrives at station at: | Train departs at: | Remarks                                |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 8 <sup>th</sup>   | DOULLENS SOUTH | 2<br>2<br>2  | 12 <sup>th</sup> Bde. H. Qrs.<br>No 3 Sect. Div. Sigs.<br>No 3 Coy. Div. Train | 1.34 a.m.                          | 3.0 a.m.                    | 4.34 a.m.         |  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>   | -              | 5            | 45 <sup>th</sup> Battr.<br>1 Sect. M. Gun Coy.<br>half A.R. T. M. Btry         | 4.34 a.m.                          | 6.0 a.m.                    | 7.34 a.m.         |  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>   | -              | 8            | 46 <sup>th</sup> Battr.<br>1 Sect. M. Gun Coy.<br>half A.R. T. M. Btry         | 7.0 a.m.                           | 8.30 am                     | 10.4 am.          |  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>   | -              | 11           | 47 <sup>th</sup> Battr.<br>1 Sect. M. Gun Coy.                                 | 10.19 am.                          | 11.50 a.m.                  | 1.19 p.m.         |  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>   | -              | 14           | 48 <sup>th</sup> Battr.<br>1 Sect. M. Gun Coy.                                 | 1.19 pm.                           | 2.50 p.m.                   | 4.19 p.m.         |  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>   | -              | 17           | 12 <sup>th</sup> Field Coy.  | 4.34 pm.                           | 6.0 pm.                     | 7.34 pm.          |  |
| 8/9 <sup>th</sup> | -              | 23           | 12 <sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance   | 10.19 pm.                          | 11.50 pm.                   | 1.19 am.          | To Second Army regulated at Hazebrouck |

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*Appendix VII*

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12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
OPERATION MEMO. No. 66.

10-9-1916.

Training and re-fitting will be continued on the lines laid down, in Training Memo. No. 65 and the Notes on Divisional Commanders inspection issued on 7th September.

Fitting equipment will receive special attention and marches in full marching order will be practiced. The training of specialists will include patrol-leading, especially by night; wiring drill will also be practiced on the lines of the demonstration given at the Brickfields on our first visit there.

*Waller*

Captain.  
Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

OPERATION MEMO NO. 67

13 September 1916.

1. GAS DRILL. Gas helmet drill will be regularly practiced both by day and night and men must be trained to put on their gas helmets and respirators when marching along in the dark fully equipped. Special courses at the divisional gas school will be held by the divisional gas officer.

2. GENERAL. Every effort will be made to keep the men interested by varied instruction. Subjects such as steady drill are wearisome if carried out, as is sometimes done, for too long a time by indifferent instructors who tire the men with long verbal explanations. Demonstration should be practiced.

*Alalu* Captain  
Brigade Major  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.OPERATION MEMO No. 68.

15th September 1916.

1. CODE. The Brigade Code issued before going into the line at POZIERES is cancelled and will be destroyed.

The figure code used by 2nd Army; (copies of which have been issued to all concerned) will be taken into use and code messages practiced.

2. ALL PIGEON MESSAGES in future are to be addressed with the addressee's code name and signed with the code name of the sender. If sender has no code name the message should be signed with sender's name and number of trench or map location. On no account should pigeon messages contain anything that would lead to identification of units if the message falls into the enemy's hands.

3. THE S.O.S. SIGNAL until further notice is one green Asteroid rocket.

This rocket signal is supplementary to the telephone for giving the S.O.S. signal.

The principal to be observed in sending the S.O.S. signal is that the responsible officers on the spot must be convinced in his own mind that the severity of the enemy's bombardment indicates that he is on the point of attacking and is in his front trenches for the purpose.

4. BLACK SANDBAGS have been used for work on rear defences; this will be discontinued. Black sandbags are issued for the sole purpose for use in the FRONT LINE in order to effect concealment and break up our system of parapets of regular and uniform construction and must only be used for that purpose.

5. RAIDING PARTIES. The training of raiding parties should be commenced at once.

Parties should consist of picked men. They should be trained to get used to working in the Gas Helmets. A number of Gas Helmets will be kept solely for this purpose.

*H. Salen*  
Captain.  
Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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7 - 12th. A.L.P. Battery  
8 - 4th Aust. Division.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.OPERATION MEMO No. 69.

16th September 1916.

MAP REFERENCES. - Will always be given to localities other than well known villages or tactical features in rendering morning and evening reports, to facilitate reference.

In reporting operations which have taken place, the locality, in which they have been carried out, should be stated, and not merely a reference to a previous programme which may have been submitted.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) E.L. Salier, Capt.  
Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
OPERATION MEMO. NO. 70.

ANTI-GAS PRECAUTIONS.

ANTI-GAS PRECAUTIONS. 1. In future when ordering or cancelling a "Gas Alert" the messages "Gas Alert on" and "Gas Alert Off" will not be used.

GAS ALERT. 2. (a) Instead of "Gas Alert on" the message "Wind dangerous" will be sent.  
(b) Instead of "Gas Alert off" the message "Wind Safe" will be sent.

GAS ALARM 3. The message GAS ALARM will only be sent when an actual attack takes place.

Small Box  
RESPIRATORS. 4. All troops within two miles of the front line must be in possession of small box respirators and trained in their use.

5. When "Wind Dangerous" has been ordered, every man within two miles of the front line will carry his small box respirator as well as tube helmet.  
During "Wind Safe" periods every man will carry a tube helmet at all times.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. Baker*  
Captain.  
Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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- 9 - 4th Aust. Division
- 10 - Signal Section

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 81.

16-9-1916.

Reference Map  $\frac{1}{20000}$

1. The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade will move into the quarters vacated by 4th Australian Infantry Brigade in accordance with attached table. Appendix 1.

2. Details of move will be settled by Battalion Commanders concerned.

3. Advanced parties and guides should be sent out tomorrow 17th instant.

4. The 12th M. G. Company will remain at CONNAUGHT CAMP until further orders.

5. Battalions moving during daylight will not move in larger bodies than Companies with 10 minutes interval between Companies.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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- 12 - 12th Field Ambulance
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- 14 - 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade
- 15 - 12th Field Coy.
- 16 - Staff Captain
- 17 - Orderly Officer

6. Brigade Headquarters will close at L 24 Central at 11 a.m. on 18th instant and open at the same hour at CHIPPAWA.

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## Appendix I

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| Unit                           | Camped at      | Moves to      | Date                   | Time   | Remarks  |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|--------|--|
| 47 <sup>th</sup> Bn.           | PATRICIA CAMP  | ALBERTA CAMP  | 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept. | 6 a.m. | Move to be completed by 9 a.m. Transport temporarily to KENORA CAMP              |
| 48 <sup>th</sup> Bn.           | CONNAUGHT CAMP | QUEBEC CAMP   | 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept. | 8 a.m. | Move to be completed by 11 a.m.  |
| 46 <sup>th</sup> Bn.           | KENORA CAMP    | CHIPPAWA CAMP | 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept. | 2 p.m. |  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> A.L.M.<br>Bty | CONNAUGHT CAMP | CHIPPAWA CAMP | 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept. | 2 p.m. |  |
| 45 <sup>th</sup> Bn.           | VICTORIA CAMP  | ONTARIO CAMP  | 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept. | 6 a.m. | Move to be completed by 9.0 a.m. Transport remains temporarily at VICTORIA CAMP. |

12<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Coy. will remain at CONNAUGHT CAMP until further orders.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 84.

20-9-1916.

Reference Map  $\frac{1}{20000}$

The 12th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 10th Canadian Infantry Brigade in the VIERSTRAAT Sector on the 20th/21st in accordance with Table attached.

2. Details of relief to be arranged by C.O's. concerned.

3. 46th Battalion will take over the right subsector from the VIERSTRAAT-WYTSCHAETE Road (about N18a 8.7) to O 7 a 4.1. both inclusive.

47th Battn. will take over the left subsector from the left of 46th Battn. to DIPENDAALBEEK.

45th Battn. will move into support at RIDGEWOOD.

48th Battn. will be in Brigade Reserve at LA CLYTTE.

4. The 12th. M. G. Coy and 12th. A.L.T.M. Battery will relieve their opposite numbers in the line.

5. All Maps, Gum Boots, and Trench Stores will be taken over and receipts given.

6. Units will move by platoons at 50 yards interval from their present camps to HALLEBAST CORNER.

From HALLEBAST CORNER to RIDGEWOOD or BARRIER by Sections at 100 yards interval.

7. Attention of O.C. Units is drawn to Brigade Standing Orders for the trenches.

8. Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade Headquarters by the message "Urgent come at once"

9. Brigade Headquarters will close at RENINGHELST at 9 a.m. on 21st. and open at LA CLYTTE at the same hour.

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*W. Malin*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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- 11 - 26th A.A.S.C.
- 12 - 12th. Field Ambulance
- 13 - 4th Aust. Division.
- 14 - 10th Canadian Inf. Brigade
- 15 - 12th. Field Coy.
- 16 - Staff Captain
- 17 - Orderly Officer

| Date                     | Unit  | Relieves                               | Place                          | Guides meet<br>relieving units<br>at | Time    | Route   | Remarks  |
|--------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|---|--|
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept 16 | 12 <sup>th</sup> Aust<br>Inf Coy<br>&<br>12 <sup>th</sup> Aust<br>I. M. Batty | 10 <sup>th</sup> Canadian<br>M. G. Coy | as arranged<br>by commanders   | HALLEBAST<br>CORNER                  | 1.45 pm | RENINGHELST-LACLYTTE<br>HALLEBAST CORNER<br>-RIDGEWOOD        | Relief to start<br>from Ridgewood<br>at 2.30 pm  |
| "                        | 47 <sup>th</sup> Bn   | 47 <sup>th</sup> Canadian<br>Bn        | left sub sector<br>front line  | "                                    | 3.0 pm  | LA CLYTTE, HALLEBAST<br>CORNER - RIDGEWOOD                    | Relief to start from<br>"Ridgewood" 4 pm<br>using Pt C trench<br>& Chicory Lane                              |
| "                        | 45 <sup>th</sup> Bn   | 50 <sup>th</sup> Canadian<br>Bn        | Support Bn<br>RIDGEWOOD        | "                                    | 4.0 pm  | " "   |  |
| "                        | 46 <sup>th</sup> Bn   | 46 <sup>th</sup> Canadian<br>Bn        | Right sub sector<br>front line | "                                    | 5.15 pm | LA CLYTTE - HALLEBAST<br>CORNER - THE BARRIER<br>(M10 & 1.9.) | Right Coy will use<br>POPPY LANE<br>Left Coy will use<br>"CHICORY LANE" &<br>will be at RIDGEWOOD<br>at 7 pm |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept.   | 48 <sup>th</sup> Bn   | 44 <sup>th</sup> Canadian<br>Bn        | LA CLYTTE                      | —                                    |         |   | Relief to be<br>Completed<br>by 7 a.m.   |

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.OPERATION MEMO No. 72.

21-9-1916.

With reference to Brigade Operation Memo. No. 68 para 3 of  
10-9-1916, from 7 a.m. September 21st 1916, the supplementary S.O.S.  
Signal will be a single white asteroid rocket.

A supply of these Rockets can be had on demand.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) V. Tucker      Captain.  
For Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

OPERATION MEMO. No. 71.

21-9-1916.

1. Battalions in the front line will carry out active patrolling and constant observation of the enemy's lines immediately in front of their sector.

2. The Enemy's wire will be constantly patrolled; in order to see what gaps there are in it so that steps can be taken to prevent the enemy repairing it.

3. Reports on enemy wire will be sent in daily by 9 a.m.

4. The importance of gaining this information must be impressed on all ranks.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) E.L. Salier Captain.  
Brigade major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Disposition Report. 12<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Brigade.

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| Unit Right Sub Sector Headquarters N.4.D.2.0.                 |   |  |              | Unit Left Sub Sector Headquarters N.6.C.2.9.                    |  |  |                  |
|---|---|--|--------------|---|--|--|------------------|
| 46 <sup>th</sup> Batta.                                       | Front Line  | Support  | Reserve      | 47 <sup>th</sup> Bn.  | Front Line   | Support  | Reserve.         |
| Right Coy.<br>Trenches  | 4 Platoons<br>3 Lewis A.R.  | } Until accomodation is provided in Support Line and Reserve Line now under construction |              | Right Coy.<br>N.2.a. N.6.<br>Trenches                           | 2 Platoons<br>2 Lewis A.R.   | 1 Platoon N.10.<br>Scouts<br>+ Bombers   | 1 Platoon N.11.  |
| Left Coy.<br>N.1.N.2.A.<br>Trenches                           | 4 Platoons<br>3 Lewis A.R.  |  |              | Left Coy<br>0 Trenches  | 2 Platoons<br>2 Lewis A.R.   |  | 2 Platoons N.11. |
| Support Coy   | VIERSTRAAT SWITCH<br>2 Platoons<br>Subsidiary<br>2 Platoons<br>2 Lewis A.R. |  |              | Support Coy<br>mobile<br>Reserve                                | 1 Platoon<br>1 Platoon *<br>1 Platoon *<br>1 Platoon *                   | Dug Outs N. end of BOIS CARRE<br>Dug outs at N.5. B.6.1.<br>BRASSERIE<br>In SUPPORT LINE No. 10. |                  |
| Reserve Coy   |   | In dug outs about N.10. B.4.7.   | Reserve Coy. | 1 Platoon<br>1 Platoon<br>1 Platoon<br>1 Platoon                | EASTERN REDOUBT<br>WESTERN REDOUBT<br>SOUTHERN REDOUBT<br>STRONG POINT 7 |  |                  |
|   |   |  |              | * Dug Outs for this Company are being constructed in BOIS CARRE |  |  |                  |
| 45 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Support Battalion Headquarters N.5.a.7.4 |   |  |              | 48 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Reserve Battalion Headquarters N.7.a.7.2.  |  |  |                  |
| 3 coys. Dug-outs in RIDGEWOOD                                 |   | 2 platoons DICKEBUSCH (Emp)  |              | 3 coys  |  | LA CLYTTE  |                  |
| 1/2 coy BRASSERIE DEFENCES in Dug-outs                        |   | N.5.B.9.2  |              | 1 coy   |  | P.W.P. DICKEBUSCH.   |                  |

No. 1

Captain  
Brigade Major  
12<sup>th</sup> Aust. Infantry Brigade

Appendix No. XV

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 8 a.m. 22nd. September to 8 a.m. 23rd September 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY ---

ARTILLERY :- Shelled enemy's trenches during day at O.13.a.8.6. and O.8.c.3.6. (Map 28 SW2) Could not see damage done. Anti aircraft Guns fired on enemy aeroplane at 8-45 a.m. 2 H.E. fell on enemy front line at O.7.c.5.6. No damage observed. At 12-28 p.m. movement seen in sap at N.18.b.8.5.5. At 12-30 p.m. fired four H.E.S. at above damaging sap. At 2-40 p.m. 3 shells damaged trench at O.7.c.1.2. And another shell at 5-10 p.m. damaged trench at O.7.c.0.1.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE :- Swept enemy's parapet during night. Indirect Machine Gun fire was brought to bear on O.13.a.4.3., O.19.b.1.6., O.14.a.3.1., O.13.a.2.5. to O.13.c.0.4. - Ammunition expended 6000 rounds. Just before dark our Stokes Guns did some firing the enemy replying with Rum Jars at intervals up to 10 p.m.

SNIPING :- Our snipers active harrassing enemy where exposed. 46th Battalion snipers firing 50 rounds at enemy's loopholes and C.Ts. during day.

PATROLS :- One N.C.O. and 2 men left our Right Sub Sector at 11-30 p and inspected enemy wire from M. 1. to M. 3. (Disposition Map) returned at 2 a.m. reporting wire in good condition. They saw enemy wiring party of 15 to 20 men on trench in section N.18.b.2.9. which was dispersed by our machine gun fire. At 12 midnight two other patrols went out from N.2.a. to N.3. (D.M.) reported enemy working on their wire in front N.2. (D.M.) Too far away to obtain anything definite. Patrols returned at 2 a.m. Patrols out from O.1. and N.2.a. (D.M.) from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. report no enemy patrol or working parties seen. Sounds coming from direction of LEUWAEGE FARM points out the unloading of train rails or iron girders. Enemy's wire examined from O.7.a.9.1. to O.7.b.2.2. wire in good condition but covered with grass.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY :- Between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on 22nd instant enemy artillery fired 23 rounds into RIDGEWOOD N.5.d.4.0. (Map 28 SW2) and 9 H.E.S. landed in vicinity of POPPY LANE. Slight damage repaired. Here 4 shells at RIDGEWOOD and 1 in POPPY LANE did not explode.

T.M's. :- Opened up on Right Sector at 7 p.m. - no damage.

MACHINE GUNS AND RIFLE FIRE :- Quiet.

SNIPING :- Active, no casualties.

TRENCH TRAMWAYS :- Located at N.18.b.9.4. (Map 28 SW2).

SIGNALLING :- Heliograph observed at rear of Red Chateau.

DEFENCES :- Enemy observed working on S.P. O.7.c.4.8.

(D.M. - Disposition Map Report No. 1)

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*Malin* Captain.  
Brigade Major.  
12th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 2

24.9.16

From 8 a.m. 23rd September to 8 a.m. 24th September 1916.OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY:- Active on enemy Front Line Line at O.7.c.4.7. on Road locality O.8.e.3.6. and O.13.a.8.6. and Woods O.13.b.4.4. and Enemy C.T. N.18.b.7.1. From O.P. between 4-15 p.m. and 5-5 p.m. our artillery shelled in vicinity of Red Chateau firing 17 W.E.S. damaging sap North of Chateau and shelling sunken Road.

BOMBING AND T.M.:- Mortars registered on front and second lines about O.7.b.7.5., O.7.d.2.7., O.7.c.7.3., O.7.c.5.8., O.7.c.4.3. and on a number of different points on HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient. Sniper blown out of position O.7.a.8.1. Report M.G. emplacement demolished at O.7.c.4.7. Shells fired 81.

M.G. AND RIFLE FIRE:- Indirect M.G. fire on O.13.a.7½.5., O.7.a.3½.1. O.14.a.6½.1., N.18.b.7½.4½. respectively.

SNIPING active, no positive results.

PATROLS:- 1 W.C.O. and 2 men left our front at N.2.(D.M.) at 12 midnight returned at 2 a.m. reported enemy at work in his front line of trenches - no enemy patrols seen. At M.1., M.2., and M.3., patrols left between 10-15 p.m. till 2-45 a.m. reported no sign of enemy. Patrol from O.4. left at 9 p.m. returned at 1 a.m. no enemy patrols seen., no alteration in his wire. Flares few. Absence of M.G. fire noticed.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY:- Active between 7-45 a.m. and 10-20 a.m. firing 42 rounds in localities N.12.a.3.1., N.11.b.9.4. (Map 28 SW2). Between 3-30 p.m. and 5-45 p.m. eleven shells fell near N.11.b.9.4. and N.11.c.8.7. No damage.

BOMBING AND T.M.:- Enemy replied to our T.Ms. with 5 Rum Jars (two duds) on front M.3. to N.2.a. (D.M.) No damage done.

M.G. AND RIFLE FIRE:- exceptionally quiet.

AIRCRAFT:- Active - Subjected to heavy anti aircraft fire and driven back to their lines.

SIGWALLING:- At 7-30 a.m. 23rd instant two pigeons apparently released behind our lines were seen flying over and disappearing in BOIS ~~SARRE~~ near Sunken Road. Two more going in same direction at 8-30 a.m. and one at 2-30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS:- At O.7.b.2½.2½., N.12.d.9.1. openings in parapet apparently loopholes. At O.7.c.3.8. earth recently thrown up appears to be new trench in progress. At N.18.b.4.8. new bags being placed appears to be dug out or O.P.

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QUARANTE

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
OPERATION BAWO. No. 72

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1. O.S. Sub Sections in the front line will have their Lewis Guns placed so that flanking fire can be brought on the line.

2. Parties will be detailed daily to see that all Bombs are properly oiled and cleaned. Lewis and Machine Gun ammunition is properly cleaned.

3. Before going into the trenches to work, working parties on the right sub sector will pile their arms near the Right Battalion Headquarters.

Working parties on the Left sub sector will pile arms in the vicinity of BIRCHWOOD in each case leaving a sentry over the arms.

In the event of an alarm the respective working parties will return immediately to their rifles and wait for orders.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

23-9-1916.

*W. H. Wain*  
 Captain.  
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## 12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY REPORT No. 3

From 8 a.m. 24th September to 8 a.m. 25th September 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY --

ARTILLERY Fired on enemy's C.T. at intervals during the day results could not be observed. Between 3-20 p.m. and 4-15 p.m. fired H.Es. in vicinity of MARTINS FARM and DOME HOUSE - damage not observed.

BOMBS AND T.Ms. Light Trench Mortars fired on O.7.c.4.8. damaging trenches and emplacements. Acted on enemy front line and supports also in vicinity of O.7.c.5.9. and N.12.d.5.1. retaliation damage considerable. Between 4-15 p.m. and 5 p.m. T. Ms. shelled enemy's line at N.18.b.3.1. and N.18.b.9.2., O.7.b.3.3., and O.7.a.7.2. trench badly damaged. Enemy T.M. observed firing from O.7.c.2.1. silenced. T.M. shelled enemy S.P. O.7.c.4.8. at 2 a.m. no reply.

MACHINE GUNS AND RIFLE FIRE → Indirect Machine Gun fire carried out on O.8.a.8.0., 2000 rounds expended and on O.1.d.9.1½, 1000 rounds expended. L. Guns traversed enemy's supports during night.

SNIPING - Active on enemy's loopholes and C.Ts.

PATROLS - (Section M 1 to N2a D.M.) 2 patrols each with 1 N.C.O. and 2 men went out. One left at 10 p.m. and returned at 11-30 p.m. ~~xxxxxxx~~ patrolled from M 1 to M 3. They got within 10 yards of enemy's wire and found it in good condition - saw no sign of enemy patrols. Second patrol left at 12-30 a.m. and returned at 2 a.m., covered ground in front M 3 to N2a and D.M. Report enemy at work in trench about O.7.c.4.7. Wire in good condition, no hostile patrols. Patrols reported our own wire in good order. Patrols also went out from N 2 a and O.4. and found no alteration in enemy's wire and no patrols were seen.

ENEMYACTIVITY

ARTILLERY - Artillery very quiet.

BOMBS AND T.Ms. - Enemy retaliated with Rum Jars to our T.Ms. fell about N.12.d.5.7½. slight damage to trench. At 6 p.m. flash of T.M. seen about O.13.a.0.4. Did not fire again. Near O.4. Left flank D.M. three men killed by enemy Rum Jar.

M. G. and RIFLE FIRE - Enemy M.G. from dusk to 10-30 p.m. swept our gun position at East and West breastwork.

MOVEMENTS - At O.7.d.2½.5½. man seen walking in archway in ruin

HELBERG-DE-STREIN. Party of 5 men carrying bags at N.18.b.8.3. - appears to be a dump close to a trench tramway. Fired on these men - no casualties observed. New pile of timber observed on C.T. at N.18.b.3.2. also new sandbags, evidently new work started during the night of 23rd and 24th. September. Apparently a dugout in course of construction. Working parties observed at O.7.c.4.8. Our L.Guns and T.Ms. fired on them at intervals.

SIGNALLING - 5 more pigeons were observed flying from our lines near BOIS CARRE. We have searched this wood but cannot find pigeon loft trying to shoot the birds, but impossible without shot guns.

AIRCRAFT. Active but driven back by our guns.

Later- Special patrol reports hammering and movement on parapet as though enemy were building up parapet near crater about centre of HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient. Otherwise things normal. T.Ms. will fire on this position.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 85.Reference Map  $\frac{1}{10000}$ 

24-9-1916.

On the evening of 26th instant, the 48th Battalion will relieve the 46th Battalion in the Right Sub Sector. On relief 46th Battalion will move to MURRAMBIDGEE CAMP.

45th Battalion will relieve the 47th Battalion in the Left Sub Sector. On relief 47th Battalion will move to RIDGEWOOD.

2. Details of relief will be settled by Commanding Officers concerned.

3. Opposite numbers of relieving Battalions will proceed to reconnoitre their respective sectors tomorrow.

4. Relief of the Left Sub Sector will commence at 4 p.m. from RIDGEWOOD using P. & O. Trench and CHICORY LANE.

Relief of the Right Sub Sector will commence at 6 p.m. using CHICORY LANE and POPPY LANE.

Movements will not be greater than Sections at 200 x interval.

5. Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade Headquarters by the message "Done up".

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain.  
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 4.From 8 a.m. 25th September to 8 a.m. 26th September 1916.

25-9-1916

OUR ACTIVITE.ARTILLERY :- 2 H.Es. burst on sap O.7.c.4.4. damage could not be observed.T.Ms. and BOMBS:- At 5-30 a.m. our T.Ms. shelled Sunken Road and HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient, especially reported M.G. emplacement at N.18.b.3.8. which was partially destroyed. Enemy T.M. firing from about N.18.b.7.9. was silenced. During the day and night we fired on Salient at N.12.d.3.1. where enemy has been rebuilding trenches. T.Ms. harrassed enemy during day. 265 rounds expended.M.G. AND RIFLE FIRE :- In direct M. G. fire on targets O.13.a.4.3., O.13.b.0.2½., O.13.b.7½.6½., O.13.c.2.5. to O.13.c.0.4. 4,000 rounds expended.SNIPING:- Active on loopholes.WORK:- Machine Gun emplacement being made near N.11.a.3.5. for indirect fire.PATROLS:- Enemy fired on our patrols on our left flank - no casualties. 1 N.C.O and 4 men were sent and reported on our own wire - all wire good between M.1. and N.2.a.(D.M.) except from M.2. to M.3. (D.M.) where patches lightly wired. Instructions issued to repair. Patrols report hearing enemy at work in his trench - sandbagging between area opposite H.2.a. to N.1.(D.M.)AIRCRAFT:- Our aircraft active - subjected to enemy fire.ENEMY ACTIVITY. :-ARTILLERY:- Enemy fired shrapnel over Dressing Station at the BRASSERIE wounding some men. Between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. fired 14 -4.2 H.Es. on N.5.d.0.9. and 5 - 4.2 H.Es. on N.12.a.4.5. 6 shells (duds) no damage. Shelled BOISE CARRE and CARRE FARM last night with heavy T.Ms. and .77 shells some lodged close - no damage.T. Ms. AND BOMBS:- Enemy tried to enfilade with Rum Jars from PICCADILLY FARM without success. T.M. fired on N.12.d.6.7. at 2-40p.m. no damage. Enemy T.M. replied to ours - all shells went in rear of our front line in vicinity of N.12.d.6.4.M.G. AND RIFLE FIRE :- Reported brisk on our left flank parapet, on right flank quiet. M.Gs. opened out on our trenches from GRAND BOIS.MOVEMENTS :- Enemy appears to have manned his trench from O.7.b.6.5 to O.7.b.2.2. heavier than usual - his rifle fire being heavier there than on other nights. At 11-45 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. two Huns were observed walking along tramway at N.18.b.8.3. - too far away to be fired on. Smoke observed to rise behind ridge O.13.c.2.8.- artillery informed. Planks of wood 8' x4" x4" have been dumped at N.18.d.4.2. Will report to 48th Infantry Brigade.AIRCRAFT :-Plane passed over our trenches at an early hour this morning at a great altitude.*Valer*Captain.  
Brigade Major.  
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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.OPERATION MEMO. No. 74.

25-9-1916.

1. Great slackness is still being shown regarding precautions against gas, in spite of the full orders that have been issued on the subject.

There have been several cases in the last few days in which Units on their own authority have altered the wind from 'dangerous' to 'safe'. It is clearly laid down in para 2. (page 2) of the standing orders that "The 'wind dangerous' order when once put in force will not be cancelled except by order of Divisional or Corps Headquarters".

The fact that wind is so slight as to be almost interceptable is no safe guard. A very slight breeze of that nature may be one of the most favourable occasions for using gas.

2. In spite of all orders issued on the subject, a number of men have been seen walking about without Gas Helmets. Commanding Officers are held responsible that every man within 3 miles of the Front Line carries a box-respirator or a Gas Helmet.

3. The 4th Divisional Standing Orders for defensive measures against gas will be read and explained thoroughly to all concerned. If any points require explanation, applications should be made direct to the Divisional Gas Officer.

*W. Baker*

Captain.

Brigade Major.

12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 5.

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From 8 a.m. 26th September to 8 a.m. 27th September 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery retaliated to enemy's shelling by dropping H.E. shrapnel in the vicinity of PICCADILLY FARM and BOIS QUARANTE WOOD. We also fired shrapnel over sap at O.7.c.4.5. At 3-40 p.m. our artillery shelled in the vicinity of LOUWAEGE FARM at point O.8.c.0.4. The damage could not be observed.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. At 8 p.m. Stokes Mortars fired a few rounds into front line in retaliation of enemy's bombs, Enemy's trench mortars silenced. 56 rounds were expended.

M.G. and RIFLE FIRE. Indirect machine gun fire was carried out on targets O.13.a.2.5. and O.13.a.7.5. Ammunition expended 2500 rounds. The usual rifle fire was kept up.

PATROLS. An Officers patrol from Left Battalion reconnoitred "No mand Land" from O.4. The patrol left at 8-30 p.m. worked along enemys front line and returned along our own front at 11 p.m. Report enemy cleaning out his front line trenches and sounds as if he was pumping water. A party was working on the wire in front of his trench. Numerous flares were sent up from all directions hindering the patrol from carrying out closer observation. Another patrol reconnoitred from N.3 to N.5. Heard transport moving between 8-45 and 9 p.m. Report enemy's wire badly knocked about opposite this sector. A patrol sent out from Right Battalion report having heard a small listening post on left of HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient. Otherwise all quiet.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes patrolled our front as usual and were fired on by Machine Guns when flying low.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Active on our left front in the vicinity of O.7.a.3.7. and N.6.c.3.8. and N.6.a.4.1.

T.Ms. & BOMBS. Very quiet.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Hostile rifle and machine gun fire was fairly brisk around CARRE FARM.

IDENTIFICATIONS. At O.7.c.5.4. parapet, which was damaged in yesterdays bombardment, is now built up. At O.7.b.20.15. there is a S. M. G. emplacement. A hun wearing a grey cap and tunic was observed walking along a sap at N.18.b.4.8.

AIRCRAFT. Hostile aircraft dropped one bomb on N.22.a.9.9. and two at N.22.a.7.7. No damage was done.

*L. Craig*  
for  
Captain.  
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12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 5.

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Report enemy's wire badly knocked about opposite this sector. A patrol sent out From Right Battalion report having heard a small listening post on left of HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient. Otherwise all quiet.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes patrolled our front as usual and were fired on by Machine Guns when flying low.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Active on our Left Front in the vicinity of O.7.a.3.7. and N.6.c.3.8. and N.6.a.4.1.

T.Ms. & BOMBS. Very quiet.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Hostile rifle and machine gun fire was fairly brisk around CARRE FARM.

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*L. Bray*  
for  
Captain.  
Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Gunnery XXIII

A Brigade Gas Alarm test was carried out at 8-45 p.m. last night 27th instant.

With the exception of one or two cases everything worked satisfactorily men taking from six to twelve seconds to don their ~~Masks~~.

Lewis Gunners manned their posts and carried on with the usual procedure as laid down for Gas Attack. Signallers carried on their work by using the buzzer. M.O's and A.M.C. men were ready with appliances for resuscitation in case it was necessary.

Every precaution should be taken to see that men thoroughly understand putting on the new box respirator and also that all sentries on alarm posts know what they have to do.

28-9-1916.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 8.

From 8 a.m. 27th September to 8 a.m. 28th September 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery shelled N.12.d.3.5. and crater at O.7.c.4.8. No damage observed.

T.M. AND BOMBS. Stokes Mortars fired on Crater at O.7.c.4.8. dispersing a working party at this point. A reported sniping position at N.18.b.2.8. was also blown in. The enemy's front line was shelled from opposite N2 to N6. The wire was badly cut about between these two points. Ammunition expended 247 rounds.

M.G. AND RIFLE FIRE. Indirect Machine Gun Fire was carried out on targets O.8.a.8.0., O.13.a.4.3. and O.19.d.1.6. Lewis Guns fired on enemy working party and dispersed them at O.7.c.4.8. opposite N.2. We kept up the usual rifle fire at night. Ammunition expended 4000 rounds.

PATROLS. An N.C.O.'s patrol from Left Battalion reconnoitred the enemy's wire at O.7.b. Central opposite O.1.a. and found it in good condition. Report M.G. firing from hedge in rear of O.7.b. Central. Patrols were sent out from Right Battalion report enemy working in trench opposite M.3 and N.4. Trench Mortars were informed and fired on this spot. No enemy patrols encountered.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

ARTILLERY. The enemy artillery landed a few shells in the vicinity of Western Redoubt. No damage.

T.M. AND BOMBS. Enemy trench mortar blew in portion of our trench and damaged a dugout at N.2. Rum Jars landed at intervals in the vicinity of the front and support lines of the Left Battalion during the day and night. Little or no damage done.

M.G. AND RIFLE FIRE. The enemy retaliated with M.G. and rifle fire during the night.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Enemy working party observed at O.7.c.4.8. Fired on by Trench Mortars and M.Gs. New earth was thrown up on parapet also new post showing at O.7.b.2.2½. Wirenetting erected on enemy trench at O.7.a.9½.1½. It stands 8 feet high and 10 yards long. Trench Mortar position located at O.13.a.1½.5½. Observed timber being carried along front line at point N.12.d.4.1.

GAS. At intervals during the day a noise, like the clanging of girders being hammered, was heard opposite trenches M. and N.

AIRCRAFT. At 10-40 a.m. an enemy plane patrolled over our line. Driven off by anti-aircraft guns.

A hostile balloon broke loose and drifted over our lines about 5-30 p.m. It was brought down on KERSEEL HILL by Machine Gun Fire from our planes. Our planes as usual patrolled our line during day.

*Amrcaughlasford* Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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23-9-1916.

1. Great slackness is still being shown regarding precautions against gas, in spite of the full orders that have been issued on the subject.

There have been several cases in the last few days in which Units on their own authority have altered the wind from 'dangerous' to 'safe'. It is clearly laid down in para 2. (page 2) of the standing orders that "The 'wind dangerous' order when once put in force will not be cancelled except by order of Divisional or Corps Headquarters".

The fact that wind is so slight as to be almost interceptable is no safe guard. A very slight breeze of that nature may be one of the most favourable occasions for using gas.

2. In spite of all orders issued on the subject, a number of men have been seen walking about without Gas Helmets. Commanding Officers are held responsible that every man within 2 miles of the Front Line carries a box-respirator or a Gas Helmet.

3. The 4th Divisional Standing Orders for defensive measures against gas will be read and explained thoroughly to all concerned. If any points require explanation, applications should be made direct to the Divisional Gas Officer.

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Brigade Major.

12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
OPERATION MEMO. No. 75.

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28th-9-16.

1. (i) REPORTING HOSTILE AIRCRAFT is the duty of Anti Aircraft Batteries and R.F.C. Squadrons.

(ii) Other Units will report by telephone both to the A.A. Batteries and R.F.C. Squadrons concerned, only such hostile aircraft whose movements seem of sufficient importance to render it advisable.

(iii) Unusual activity on the part of hostile aircraft will be reported by telegram to Corps Headquarters.

2. FIRING AT HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

(i) By Day. No artillery, machine gun or rifle fire will be directed against any aircraft unless it ~~has revealed its hostile~~ is unmistakably hostile, (in the case of airships unless it has revealed its hostile character unmistakably by dropping bombs). Once the hostile character of the aircraft has been established it will be engaged by artillery, machine guns, and infantry at the discretion of officers on the spot.

(ii) By Night. No rifle or machine gun fire will be opened at aeroplanes unless they disclose their identity by dropping bombs or opening fire. This applies also to airships.

3. WORKING PARTIES. Paragraph 3 of Operation Memo. No. 73 is cancelled and the following substituted :-

(i) In case of an action developing, Working parties will come under the command of the Battalion Commander in whose area they are working.

(ii) The principles to be followed are -

(a) Working parties must have their arms and equipment close at hand, so that no delay or confusion may ensue in event of attack. By night, it is nearly always possible to ground arms and equipment in the open, close to the working party.

(b) By day when it is impossible for arms and equipment to be kept at the place where the working party is employed, or in the open nearby, these may be left under charge of sentries, as under -

In Right Sub Sector, behind VIERSTRAAT SWITCH about N.11.b.3.4.

In Left Sub Sector, behind WESTERN REDOUBT about N.12.a.7.0.

(c) Gas Helmets will always be worn on the person.

(d) In case of alarm, working party will fall in completely armed and equipped and await orders; movement will be avoided, especially movement to the rear which will block communication trenches. The officer or N.C.O. in charge of each working party is responsible that the Battalion Commander concerned is informed of the strength of the party and its position.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 7.From 8 a.m. 28th September to 8 a.m. 29th September 1916.OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was active during the day on enemy front and support lines also communication trenches. Special attention was given to O.7.b.5.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , where a Trench Mortar has been firing from.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The Stokes Mortar Battery fired on tramline in BOIS QUARANTE, suspected M.G. emplacement at O.7.c.5.3., O.7.c.5.7 O.7.b.4.2., and front line from N.18.b.2.9. to N.12.d.6.1. An enemy Trench Mortar was silenced at O.7.b.5.3. Rounds expended 259.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Our Machine Guns did not carry out indirect fire last night. Gun crews were working on new emplacements to be used tonight. Lewis Guns were firing on enemy wire to prevent working parties repairing it.

SNIPING. Very quiet. No targets to fire at.

PATROLS. An Officers patrol was sent out from Right Battalion to reconnoitre enemy's wire at N.12.d.3.1. reports the wire is broken in a number of places and the patrol was able to get through without any difficulty, but it would require further attention before any number of men could pass quickly through and easily through at this point. No enemy patrols encountered. An Officers patrol from Left Battalion reconnoitred enemy's wire at O.7.b.2.2. Report the wire is in a very bad condition. Patrol was unable to move about owing to enemy M.G. fire and flares. A N.C.O.'s patrol reports wire very much cut up between points O.7.a.6.0. and O.7.a.9.2. An enemy M.G. was firing from O.7.d.2.5. No enemy patrols observed.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. The enemy artillery was a little more active than usual. He shelled BOIS CARRE, VIERSTRAAT, RIDGEWOOD and in rear of support trench at O.7.a.9.3. one shell hit the trench at N.2r causing slight damage. O.1.c.3.1. No damage done at any of these places.

TRENCH MORTARS. Enemy Trench Mortars shelled in front and rear of our trench at O.7.a.9.3. one shell hit the trench at N.2 causing slight damage.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Enemy Machine Guns were very quiet during day. At 4 p.m. they fired on one of our scout planes which patrolled their line at that time. M.G. and Rifle fire was brisk during night.

SNIPING. Enemy's sniping very quiet.

IDENTIFICATION. Enemy Trench Mortar observed firing from O.13.a.1.6.

MOVEMENT. Canadian P.O.O. at N.11.c.9.5 $\frac{1}{2}$  reports having observed one man dressed in the uniform of British Staff Officer walking between two Germans along sap at N.18.b.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . He returned shortly afterwards with four Germans. At 1-30 p.m. enemy was observed moving along the front line in small groups opposite the Right Battalion. Noise like limbers on the move was heard in rear of the German line opposite N.1. and N.2.

AIRCRAFT BALLOONS etc. Our planes patrolled the enemy front during the day.

MISCELLANEOUS Weather. Owing to the heavy mist, each day, until noon observation is rather difficult.

PIGEONS. Two brown pigeons flew over our line at 1-30 p.m. and two blue ones at 4 p.m. They flew from the direction of RIDGEWOOD and disappeared over GRAND BOIS.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Week ending noon Thursday 28th September 1916. SUMMARY No. 1.

OUR ACTIVITY.

OPERATIONS. The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade relieved the 12th Canadian Infantry Brigade on 13/9/16. Disposition of Brigade as per Distribution Report sent in.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery has been active during the week shelling the enemy front and support lines, communication trenches and farms in rear which he is known to frequent. The result of most of this shelling cannot be observed from our positions. On one or two occasions our artillery has been directed on enemy's artillery.

T.M.'s AND BOMBS. Our trench mortar batteries have been very active. The Stokes and 60 lb. Mortars have fired on enemy's wire, front and support trenches and emplacements with good results. We have adopted the plan of sending over 2 to 1 and on all occasions when enemy's trench mortars opened up we have silenced them. Special attention has been given to both salients.

M.G. AND RIFLE FIRE. Indirect Machine Gun fire was used on Cross Roads, dumps and other points of vantage. Lewis guns were used on the enemy's parapet and to cut the wire in front of his trenches and to keep him from repairing any damage thereto. Rifle fire was very slight and used mainly to keep down enemy's snipers.

PATROLS. Patrols were sent out at irregular intervals by night along the whole of the front. They patrolled "No Man's Land" as far as enemy's wire. They report that the enemy's wire in places is in good order and in other places in a bad state of repair. They have not had an opportunity to repair these breaches in the wire on account of the activity of our Lewis guns. The wire in front of our own line is, generally, in good order.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's artillery has been very quiet. On one or two occasions he has fired on our support and reserve trenches, BOIS CARRE, BRASSERIE, VIERSTRAAT and RIDGEWOOD. Little or no damage was done as the result of this shelling.

T.M.'s AND BOMBS. Enemy trench mortars were not very active. On one occasion only did he get a direct hit and that was on our front line at N.2. These mortars were easily silenced by our trench mortars.

M.G. and RIFLE FIRE. The enemy's Machine Guns retaliated to our indirect fire at night. They also fire at our planes when flying low over their line.

SIGNALLING. On two occasions pigeons have been observed to fly from BOIS CARRE over our lines and disappear from view near the Sunken Road. There appears to be a heliograph station at the Red Chateau.

MOVEMENT. The enemy does not expose himself much by day. When observed it is usually only small parties moving about. The trench tramway ~~xxxxx xxxxx~~ coming out of GRAND BOIS is used at night only. Patrols report they hear trucks moving along the line. Transport has also been heard moving along the sunken road.

AIRCRAFT. The enemy planes are very seldom seen over Sector and when observed are usually flying very high. Our planes patrol the front and are often subjected to M.G. fire from the GRAND BOIS.

CASUALTIES. Total casualties for the week :-  
Killed - 4 Other Ranks, Wounded - 7 Other Ranks.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
OPERATION MEMO. No. 75.

29-9-1916.

1. (i) The principal function of the Heavy Artillery at present is the location and destruction of hostile Batteries. In order that the Heavy Artillery may fulfill this role effectively it is essential that all hostile artillery fire should be reported at the time - and with all promptitude - to the Heavy Artillery. At present reports are only made when retaliation is desired and it is necessary to make it known that retaliation is not the primary duty of the Heavy Artillery.

(ii) In addition to the Artillery reporting hostile Artillery fire to the Heavy Artillery; Infantry Battalions should also be instructed to report it. They should give all information they can regarding direction of enemy's guns etc., and should send in their reports direct to their Artillery Group Commander as well as to Brigade.

2. Now that the leaves on the trees and the shrubs are beginning to fall; the defence works and dugouts in BOIS CARRE and RIDGEWOOD are becoming exposed to observation.

O.C. Units will give particular attention to the screening of the works and dugouts in their Sector using branches of trees, growths of weeds and sods of grass. This work must be commenced at once and completed if possible during the next week.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 86.Reference Map  $\frac{1}{10,000}$ 

Sheet WYTSCHATE 28 S.W.2.

1. A RAID will be carried out by 46th. Battalion on enemy's trench between N.12.d.3.1. and N.12.d.5.1.

Date and Zero time will be notified later.  
The time table issued herewith will be strictly adhered to.

2. The objects of the raid are :-

- To take prisoners and secure identifications.
- To capture or destroy and machine guns or trench mortars found.
- To report on enemy's trenches and dugouts.
- To obtain all possible information.
- To decrease enemy's moral.

3. Distribution of troops as under :-

- Right Bombing and blocking party - 1 N.C.O. and 4 others.
- Left blocking and bombing party - 1 N.C.O. and 4 others.
- Right assault party - One officer, 11 others and 1 sapper.
- Left assault party - 1 Sergeant, 11 others and 1 sapper.
- Covering party - 1 Officer, 20 others.
- Intelligence - 4 others.
- Messengers - 4 others.
- Stretcher bearers - 4 others.
- Signallers - 2 others.

4. Action. The party will leave trench M 2 at 10 minutes before Zero, move to the assembly position and await opening of artillery fire.

When the bombardment has lifted they will move forward and cut the enemy wire between N.12.d.3.1. and N.12.d.5.1.

When the assaulting party has entered the enemy trenches, O.C. assault with his messengers and stretcher bearers will remain close to the parapet, make an exit for those who entered trench, and take charge of any prisoners.

5. The assaulting party will enter enemy trench on a frontage of about one man per yard. They will take three prisoners at once, hand them over to O.C. assault and kill all other enemy. When this is done the assaulting parties will move to their allotted objectives.

As soon as enemy trenches are entered the O.C. assault will communicate with O.C. attack, either by telephone or messenger.

6. Intelligence men, each carrying an empty sandbag, will move in rear of the bombing parties. They will be provided with Electric torch and a sharp knife and will search enemy dead and dugouts. They will bag all paybooks, identity discs, shoulder straps, letters, flares, pistols, gas helmets etc, and they will pay particular attention to the design of trenches and dugouts.

7. Signallers will lay telephone line from O.C. assault to our front line trench.

8. The O.C. attack, Major Denham, will be in our front line trenches at M.2. with signallers and messengers; with him will be an artillery liaison officer and O.C. 12th. A.L.T.M. Battery. Major Denham is responsible for reports to Brigade Headquarters.

9. Dress. All ranks will wear service uniform, shrapnel helmets, boots and puttees. Gas helmets will be carried in the alert position, A white band five inches wide will be worn on both arms.

- 10. O.C. attack will arrange for the raiders to be ready to leave our front line at the hour fixed before Zero time, on the day of the raid. Six spare men will also parade. All ranks will be inspected to make certain they carry no identity discs, papers, etc., which is likely to be of value to the enemy.
- 11. Withdrawal. The raiding party will not remain in the enemy's trenches longer than fifteen minutes, but may be withdrawn earlier, by signal from O.C. assault. The signal to withdraw will be red flares followed by whistle blasts.
- 12. Wounded men will either walk or be carried back at once. O.C. attack will arrange medical attention for the wounded.
- 13. Prisoners. Will be sent back under escort to Brigade Headquarters together with all captured articles. Prisoners must be kept apart and not questioned or allowed to speak to each other.
- 14. Roll Call. O.C. attack will arrange for a roll call on the return of the raiding party.
- 15. Telephones. A special telephone line will be established from O.C. attack in front trenches, through A Battalion to Brigade Headquarters.  
A line will also be established from artillery group commander to Liaison officer with O.C. attack.
- 16. All watches will be synchronised at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the day of the raid, by telephone with Brigade Headquarters.
- 17. Code. In order to warn all Units concerned and neighbouring Units of Zero time selected for the raid, the following message will be sent "Leave train starts ~~at~~ at--on--". Should the operations be postponed, the following message will be sent "Leave train not going today".
- 18. O.C. attack may decide at any time not to proceed with the operations, and if he does so, he will inform Brigade Headquarters at once.
- 19. The Brigade Grenadier Officer will provide all the bombs necessary for the raiding party and will carefully inspect these both before and after being fuzed.
- 20. The countersign for all parties going over the parapet is "Egypt".
- 21. Casualties. Each Commander will name a successor (who must be at hand) to take over command should he himself become a casualty; this includes O.C. attack.

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## Appendix I.

## 12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE MINOR ENTERPRISE.

TIME TABLE.

| Minutes before Zero            | Units   | Action  |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| u 70                           | 47th Bn. Raiding Party  | Leave trench O.4. and work out into No Man's Land opposite objective.   |
| 10                             | 47th Bn. Raiding Party  | Enter objective by stealth,   |
| 10                             | 46th Bn. Raiding Party  | Leave trench M.2. and get into position in front of parapet.  |
| Zero till 5 minutes after Zero | Artillery<br>7 batteries 18 pdr.<br>2 " 4.5 How.<br>4 medium trench mortars | Open fire on selected points in enemy front, support, communication trenches and trench junctions, also box barrage to facilitate withdrawal of 47th Bn. Raiding party.<br>18 pdr. - 3 rounds per gun per min.<br>4.5 How.- 2 " " " " "<br>T.M. 1 " " " " " |
| Minutes after Zero<br>5 to 25  | Artillery as above  | Artillery lift and form box barrage around objective.   |
| 25                             | 1 medium trench mortar  | do. do. do.   |
| 25 to 35                       | Artillery   | As above but half former rate of fire   |
| 35 onward                      | Artillery   | Fire at one quarter of original rate until ordered to stop.   |

NOTES.

1. 12th A.L.T.M. Battery (6 guns) will assist by fire as under :
  - (i) Zero till 5 minutes after fire on enemy trenches  
N.18.b.26. to 54 and N.18.b. 66-51-89.
  - (ii) Zero till 10 minutes after fire on enemy trenches  
O.7.c.56-59-O.7.a.92.
2. 12th Machine Gun Company will assist by fire on sunken road  
N.18.b.8.2. and on the area 33-38-68-63 in square O.7.c.
3. Signal messages in connection with artillery support will be treated as "Priority" and transmitted with greatest possible despatch.
4. O.C. attack will inform O.C. 11th Canadian Artillery Brigade when all the raiding parties are in.
5. Normal conditions will be maintained until the last moment.
6. The time table must be strictly adhered to.
7. The vital necessity of each man knowing and doing his job must be impressed on all. The plan must be followed to the smallest detail.



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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 3.

From 8 a.m. 29th September to 8 a.m. 30th September 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery shelled in the vicinity of N.18.c.7.2., W.18.b.5.7., O.18.c.0.6., N.18.d.4.6., and O.13.a.4.8. with H.E. and shrapnel - damaging enemy trenches in certain places.

T.M.'s. AND BOMBS. The Stokes Mortars were active during the day firing on enemy's front line at O.7.b.3.2. and O.7.c.4.3. (crater) where a working party was dispersed. Other places shelled were O.7.b.7.2. O.7.b.4.3., O.7.a.9.2., N.18.b.2.8. The enemy's trench was damaged as to the result of this shelling. Rifle Grenades were used by Right Battalion to silence enemy's snipers.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Indirect fire was carried out by our Machine Guns on targets O.14.a.6.6., O.13.b.8.6½., to O.7.d.3½.1. O.13.c.2½.8½. and O.13.a.1½.5½. Lewis Guns were firing on enemy's wire and parapet. Ammunition expended 5,000 rounds.

SNIPING. Our snipers were firing at loopholes and communication trenches. The results could not be observed. The Left Battalion Snipers accounted for three Boches.

PATROLS. An Officers patrol from the Right Battalion reconnoitred enemy's wire opposite N.1. M.2. M.3. They had nothing to report. An Officers patrol from Left Battalion examined enemy's wire at O.7.b.2. 2. The patrol reports wire in good condition at that point.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. The enemy artillery was more active than usual. Shells landed in the vicinity of O.1.c.3.1½. and BRASSERIE. No damage was done.

T.M. AND BOMBS. The enemy trench mortars were quiet yesterday. At 11-15 p.m. several landed at N.12.d.2.7. but caused no damage. Rifle Grenades were used on P.&O. C.T. and CHICORY C.T. but did no damage.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The Machine Gun and Rifle fire was quiet during the day. At night it was very brisk, especially in and around the BRASSERIE.

SNIPING. There was only an occasional shot from the enemy snipers.

IDENTIFICATIONS. A Machine Gun emplacement is suspected at O.7.a.8.2. A new listening post was observed at N.12.d.5½.1½. New sandbags observed on parapet for a distance of about 10 yards at ~~XXXXXXXX~~ O.7.c.1½.2. New timber observed on communication trench at N.18.b.7½. 7. Corrugated iron on communication trench at same place. Tops of new posts observed in enemy's front at N.12.d.3.1. Trench Mortar firing from vicinity of O.13.a.1.5. A suspected M.G. emplacement was observed at N.18.b.6.9. A snipers post is visible at O.7.b.2½.2. A Hun was seen to move along trench at N.12.d.5½.1½.

AIRCRAFT. Only one enemy plane was observed yesterday. It was flying very high and good distance in rear of their own line.

MISCELLANEOUS. Two blue pigeons flew from direction of RIDGEWOOD and disappeared over BOIS QUARANTE at 4p.m.

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War Diary

4th Australian Division.

1.10.16

Two raids were attempted on the enemy trenches last night 30th September-1st October.

Raid "A" in the HOLLANDSCHUR salient between N.12.d.3.1 and N.12.d.5.1.

Raid "B" (a silent raid) between O.7.b.3.3. and O.7.b.6.5.

2. Raid "A" which consisted of a party of 3 officers and 46 other ranks with a covering party of 1 officer and 20 other ranks from the 46th Battalion under Major Denham was successful 1 prisoner of the 117th Infantry Regiment being captured and at least one other killed.

Raid "B" was not carried out owing to the enemy wire not being sufficiently cut. The party went out and located 11 enemy rifles in one small sector of the trench.

Machine guns were located at O.7.b.5.4½ and O.7.b.6.5.

3. Raiding party "A" left our trenches by the listening post at M 2 twenty minutes before Zero and formed up in No Man's Land about 40 yards in front of our own wire.

At Zero (10 p.m.) artillery bombardment opened and at + 5 when the artillery lifted the trench was rushed.

The left bombing party met with considerable opposition at first but succeeded in making a block along the trench.

The right bombing party and the assaulting parties did not meet with much resistance. The right assault party moved along to a covered communication trench for about 40 yards towards N.12.d. 3½ 3¼ and found nothing.

The left assault party moved into the crater at N.12.d.4.1 and nothing was found there.

The party returned to our trenches at 10.43 p.m.

Our casualties were:

- 1 officer, Lieut. Harrington, slightly wounded
- 1 O.R. killed
- 2 O.R. wounded.

4. The enemy's <sup>artillery</sup>retaliation was very feeble. Their field guns did not commence firing until 15 minutes and trench mortars at 12 minutes after our guns opened; hostile machine gun fire was also small in volume, though it opened at once.

The enemy bombers used the egg pattern bomb with small effect, even when bursting right under a man.

5. From reports received there appears to be a strong point or second trench about N.12.d.4½.¼.

6. Electric torches attached to rifles proved very useful for searching purposes and the use of red rockets and flares fired from our front line as a return signal proved successful and obviated any mistake on the part of the raiders.

Duncan Glasford Brigadier General,  
Commanding 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

REPORT ON RAID ON HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR FARM SALIENT BY 46TH. BATTALION.

ON THE NIGHT 30/9/1916 -1/10/1916.

PARTIES - 1. Raiding party of 3 officers and 46 other ranks was formed and a covering party of 1 officer and 20 other ranks.

DISTRIBUTION 2.

|                     |                                     |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| O.C. Attack         | - Major Denham                      |
| O.C. Raid           | - Captain Moorehouse                |
| O.C. Assault        | - 2nd. Lieut. Forrest.              |
| Right Bombing party | - 1 N.C.O. and 4 others,            |
| Left Bombing party  | - 1 N.C.O. and 4 others.            |
| Right assault party | - 1 Officer 11 others and 1 sapper. |
| Left Assault party  | - 1 Sgt. 11 others and 1 sapper.    |
| Covering party      | - 1 Officer 20 others.              |
| Intelligence        | - 4 others                          |
| Messengers          | - 4 Others                          |
| Stretcher Bearers   | - 4 Others                          |
| Signallers          | - 2 Others,                         |

ACTION - 3. Each party carried out the respective work allotted by 12th Australian Infantry Brigade Orders No. 86.

RESULT - 4. The salient was successfully entered - 1 german taken prisoner after being wounded and at least 1 other killed, All papers were taken from these and forwarded to Brigade.

NARRATIVE - 5. The party left our trench by the listening post at M.E. at minus 20 and moved out forming up about 30 yards in front of our own wire. They were followed by the Covering party who formed up behind them and then moved forward to 30 to 40 yards in front of our own wire as soon as the raiding party advanced to the assault.

At Zero the artillery bombarded the salient and other trenches and at 25 lifted from our objective - at this moment the raiders moved forward.

At 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  I received a telephonic message from the O.C. Assault that they were in the enemy's trench.

The Left Bombing party met with considerable opposition from bombs - egg type - but succeeded in moving along the trench and establishing a block.

The Left Assault party received a little of the above mentioned opposition but moved into the crater at N.12.d.4.1. - No dugouts were found here.

The impression of both these parties is that there is a strong point or second trench about N.12.d.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .3.

The Right Assault party met with no opposition at first and moved to a covered communication trench for about 20 yards towards N.12.d.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .3. A few bombs having been thrown at them at this spot, but nothing was found there. After moving forward a further 10 to 20 yards the party returned.

The Right bombing party met with very little resistance.

COMMENTS. 6.

- (i) The prisoners papers have been forwarded to Brigade but he appears to belong to the 8th. Company 9th. WURTT. Inf. Regiment.
- (ii) The direction from which the enemy bombed the left assault party points to their being either a second trench or strong point as indicated above.
- (iii) Egg bombs when bursting right under a man caused slight cuts only and did not in any way incapacitate the man.
- (iv) From last night's experience I think it would be advantageous on a future occasion for the O.C. Assault to have with him a party of six to eight men armed with bombs as a local support.
- (v) The use of a telephone with the assaulting party is in my opinion essential to success. I would draw attention to the fact that 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  minutes after leaving the assault point the O.C. Assault was in telephonic communication with me although the party had to rush over at least 50 yards.

COMMENTS - 6. (vi) Electric torches attached to rifles proved very useful for searching purposes and for blinding an opponent.

(vii) The use of Red Rockets and Flares as a return signal amply justified the opinion previously expressed by me - the lurid glow was easily picked up by all parties.

The signal was sent up from our own trench and repeated by O.C. Assault from the enemy's trench, this proved useful and obviated any mistake on the part of the raiders.

By having a special officer detailed to send up the return signal from our own trench no mistake as to the time for return should occur. If the O.C. Assault alone is responsible for sending up the signal his attention may be distracted at the critical moment and serious consequences may result.

CASUALTIES. 7. In the raid itself the casualties were -  
1 Killed; 3 wounded.

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TOTAL CASUALTIES 8. After the party had returned to our own trench a H.E. shell fell close to some of the party causing further casualties. The total Casualties, including those in paragraph 7, are -  
Killed - 1 Officer      5 Other Ranks  
Wounded - 1 Officer      7 Other Ranks

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SECRET.12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 87.

Ref. Map: 1/10000.

1. On the evening of the 2nd October the 46th Battalion will relieve the 48th Battalion in the Right Sector (A Bn.), and the 47th Battalion will relieve the 45th Battalion in the Left Sector (B Bn.) of the line.

2. On relief, the 48th Battalion will move into support (C Bn.) at RIDGEWOOD; the 45th Battalion less 2 companies will move into reserve at MURRUMBIDGEE CAMP (D Bn.)

3. Two companies, 45th Battalion, will remain in the advanced reserve area in the vicinity of RIDGEWOOD.

4. Opposite numbers of relieving battalions will proceed to reconnoitre their respective sectors to-morrow.

5. Relief of the left sub-sector will commence at 3 p.m. from RIDGEWOOD using P & O trench and CHICORY LANE.

Relief of the right sub-sector will commence at 5 p.m. using CHICORY and POPPY LANE.

Troops using POPPY LANE must take care not to expose themselves.

6. O's C. battalions concerned will arrange for control posts to prevent congestion of traffic.

Movement will not be greater than sections at 200 yards interval.

7. Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade Headquarters by the message "TIMBER SENT".

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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