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May 1917



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HAZEBROUCK
5A 10000.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ARMENTIERES. to BORRE	1st	7am to 6am	<p>Commenced trek to BOUVELINGHEM via ST OMER. { Route via Steenweck + Strazeele. { Bns. billeted for night in Pradelles. GDE Sec Bois Petit Sec Bois BORRE. Bde H.Q. in BORRE. Weather conditions good: dry and warm: results of march good.</p>	
BORRE to Renesance	2nd	6am to 6am	<p>{ On trek again: weather dry clear warm. Inspected en route by G.O.C. Division. Route via HAZEBROUCK to RENESANCE. (Bde Hdqrs):</p>	
Renesance to HARIMES	3rd	6am to 6am	<p>{ on trek: favorable weather conditions: { Route divided: 42nd + 43rd Bns so via St Omer to Tatingham and St Martin. 41st + 44th to Nizerne + Halvies Bde Hdqrs in HARIMES:</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HALINGES to BOUVELENGHEM	4th	6am 8am 13pm	Commenced trek. Established at BOUVELENGHEM. 41 st Bn at BAYENGHEN. 42 nd Bn at ALGQUIN. 43 rd Bn 44 th Bn	
BOUVELENGHEM	5th	6am	all units training:	
	6	to		
"	6th	6am		
"	7th	6am		
"	8th	6am		
"	9th	6am		
"	10th	6am		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BOUVENEGHEM	11th	Cam	Open warfare practice.	—
	12th	Cam		
	13th	"	Trench to Trench Practice on replica trenches representing Bosche lines along LA DOURC RIVER. S. of Messines.	—
	13th	"	Sunday: units resting.	
	14th	"	Monday. Trench to Trench Attack: inspected by G.O.C. 2 nd Army 2 nd Army Corps & Division (3 rd Div).	—
	15th	"	Tues: practicing open warfare again.	
	16th	"	General training.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
STRAZEELE to ARMENTIERS	21 st	6am 8am	<p>Resumed trek. weather favourable. Inspected en route by Corp. Commander. March satisfactory. Bde. H.Q. established at Gt 1. Pont de Nieppe. 2 Battalions belleted in ARMENTIERS. 1 " " " Pont de Nieppe 1 " " " "</p>	

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Map Ref FLOEGSTEERT
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Pont de Nieppe	22 nd	6am	Training in ARMENTIERS and FONT DE NIETPPE.	
Pont de Nieppe	23 rd	6am	Training in " " " " " "	
"	24 th	3am	Relief as per B.O. 71°63. Relief completed satisfactorily by 2am	
			25/5/17. Sectors: - 43 rd Bn from RIVER LYS to U. 28. a. 15.00. 42 nd Bn " U. 28. a. 15.00 to WESTMINISTER AVENUE. 41 st Bn } In reserve in billets at 44 th Bn } PONT DE NIETPPE.	
			Operations as per summaries nos 119 & 120 our artillery busy on WARNETON, DEULEMONT & FRELINGHEN. Enemy's artillery active on U. 21. C & D. Lachrymatory shells fired into front lines of left Bn sector. Considerable aerial activity on both sides. Gas & Thermite shells were fired from 4" Stokes on to enemy front & support lines U 22. a & c. effect unknown.	
Pont de Nieppe	26 th	6am	operation as per Summary 71°121. artillery active on both sides particularly ours. 42 nd Patrol discovered what apparently was a listening set attached to our wire entanglements between the Hindcage & the T of HAMPSHIRE TRENCH. No action was taken with it but an attempt will be made to bring it in on the night of 26 th .	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Pont de Nieppe	26 th	6am	Day warm & dry with fair visibility. C/O's 41, 42 & 44 th hrs return from Paris leave.	
Pont de Nieppe	26 th	6am	to	
			Day warm & dry with fair visibility. Operations as per Sum. n° 122. Considerable artillery activity, especially on our side. Enemy's 7L. St & rear communications systematically shelled. Gas alarm raised by right Bde about 3a.m. but it was ascertained a few gas shells only had been fired.	Wellings Lt
Pont de Nieppe.	27 th	6am	Operations as per Summary n° 123. Considerable artillery action on both sides. 10 th Brigade carried out a raid in vicinity of ULRICA. S.A.P. capturing a prisoner from whom much information was extracted, see Corp Summary. Day warm & dry with fair visibility.	Wellings Lt
				Wellings Lt

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Pont de Nieppe	28 th	6am	<p>Operations as per Summary N^o 124. Artillery active on both sides. General bombardment 9th Brigade carried out a raid on our left. Barrage & counter barrage intense & extended to our left front where it remained almost an hour. Raiding party succeeded in entering enemy lines but failed to secure a prisoner. Day warm & dry with good visibility</p>	
Pont de Nieppe	29 th	6am	<p>Operations as per Summary N^o 125. Artillery very active on general bombardment (both sides) 500 gas & 50 Thermite bombs were fired opposite our front but effect could not be ascertained. - it drew heavy retaliation. Day warm & dry with poor visibility. Lieut G. A. Dunbar returned from Paris leave. Raid by 48th JfC abandoned away to advantage of artillery.</p>	<p>Wellings Lt</p> <p>Wellings Lt</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PONT de NIEPPE.	30 th	6am	ops. as per Summary No 126. Continuation of offensive programme - mine cuts destructive bombardments etc. Weather dry warm with fair visibility. Proposed road by 43rd Bn abandoned owing to shortage of artillery.	<u>app 6</u>
	31 st	6am		
"	31 st	6am	ops. as per Summary No 127 Weather dry warm, visibility poor. 43 rd Bn raided enemy trenches in V. 28. C (Proegster map) but did not get identification. trenches examined for 70 yds and 40 yds N + S of point of entry. A few articles brought in. Officers & men for Reinforcement Camp at Murbecque sent off.	<u>Ga Dubarlet</u>
1 st	6am			

11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

HEADQUARTERS

1st. May 1917

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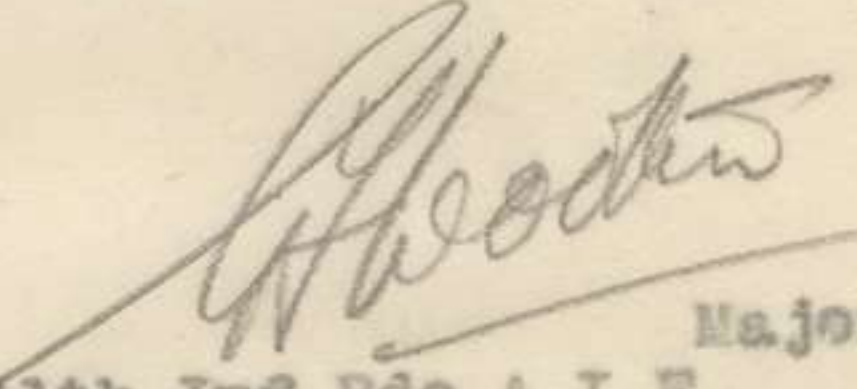
- 41st. Battalion
- 42nd. Battalion
- 43rd. Battalion
- 44th. Battalion
- 11th. Machine Gun Coy,
- 11th. Trench Mortar Battery
- 870th. Coy. A.S.C.
- Section Field Ambulance

The arrangements for to-morrows march will be as follows :-

1. Starting Point ----- L'HOFFAND cross roads
2. Order of March and time of passing starting point

42nd. Battalion and 11th. M.G. Coy.	8 a.m.
41st Battalion and 11th. T.M. Bty.	8.15 a.m.
43rd. Battalion and Eng. Coy.	8-30 a.m.
44th. Battalion - 11th. Bde. Signal Section and 11th. Bde. Details	8.35 a.m.
Section Field Ambulance (O/C Capt. Love)	9.0 a.m.
870th. Coy. A.S.C. (less baggage and supply section)	9.5 a.m.
3. Route road to La Hte L'HOFFAND cross roads - 56 - 3rd. class ~~RAILWAY~~ LOGE railway crossing - thence by main road via LES CINQ RUES to EBBLINGHEM.
4. Halts Halts will be made from 15 minutes before the clock hour to the clock hour. Halt for midday meal will be from 11.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
5. Mechanical Transport Mechanical Transport wagons will rendezvous at the starting point at 7-30 a.m. C.O's will instruct them to this effect.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.


 Major,
 Brigade Major, 11th. Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE OR PER No. 97.

SECRET.

Brigade Headquarters.
2nd May, 1917.

Reference MAP HAZEBROUCK 5 A. 1/100,000.

- (1) The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade and attached Units will march to-morrow in accordance with the attached March Table.
- (2) The 11th Machine Gun Coy. will march with the 41st Battalion and not with the 42nd Battalion.
- (3)(a) The billeting parties of the Northern Column will meet the Staff Captain at 8.30 a.m. at the Church in ST. MARTIN AU LAIT.
- (b) The billeting parties of the Southern Column will meet the Staff Captain at 10.30 a.m. at the Road Junction immediately south of the S. of WIZENHUI.
- (4) Mechanical Transport will move independently under orders of Battalion, etc., Commanders.
- (5)(a) The usual arrangements will hold with regard to halts of both columns except that -
- (b) It is anticipated that the Northern Column will reach billets before 1 P.M. and will have mid-day meal in billets.
- (c) No halt of any kind will be made by any unit of the Northern Column while any part of the Northern Column is in the town of ST. OMER.
- (d) Should it become necessary Co.C. Battalions of Northern Column will mutually arrange times of halts in contravention of (c) in order that (c) may be complied with.
- (6) ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

(Sgd.) C.P. WOOTEN, Major.
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde., A.I.F.

Issued at	P.S.	By.
Copy No. 1.	G.O.C.	Hand.
2.	Brigade Major.	Hand.
3.	Staff Captain.	Hand.
4.	Brigade Signal Officer.	Hand.
5.	Lieut. BONE.	Hand.
6.	41st Battalion.	D.S.
7.	42nd Battalion.	D.S.
8.	43rd Battalion.	D.S.
9.	44th Battalion.	D.S.
10.	11th Machine Gun Coy.	D.S.
11.	11th Trench Mortar Battery.	D.S.
12.	570th Coy. A.S.C.	Hand.
13.	Section 11th Field Ambulance.	D.S.
14.	War diary.	

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MARCH TABLE.

Issued with 11th Infantry Brigade A.I.F. Order No. 57.

NORTHERN COLUMN.

ORDER OF MARCH	STARTING POINT	TIME OF PASSING STARTING POINT	BILLETS FOR NIGHT 3rd/4th AT	ROUTE	NOTES.
42nd Battalion	FORT ROUGE Railway Crossing	8.30 a.m.	TATINGHEM	FORT ROUGE Railway	Will halt from 8.45 to 9 a.m.
43rd Battalion & Engineering Coy	do do do	9 a.m.	St MARTIN AU LAERT	Crossing - ARQUES - St OMER - St MARTIN AU LAERT - TATINGHEM	
870th Coy. A.S.C. (less baggage & supply sections)	do do do	9.15 a.m.	as previously arranged		

SOUTHERN COLUMN.

44th Battalion, Road Junction 1 mile 11th Bde Sig S.E. of ARQUES and Section & 11th immediately North East Bde Hd Qrs Details. of the U of CHAU		10 a.m.	HALLINES	Starting Point - to road Junction on West side of railway line - then S.W. parallel to railway line to BLENDÉCQUES - LONGPONT - WINS - WIZERNES - HALLINES	Mid-day Halt from 11.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
41st Battalion 11th M.G. Coy & 11th T.M. Bty	do do do	10.15 a.m.	WIZERNES		
Section 11th Field Ambulance	do do do	10.30 a.m.	WIZERNES		

Appendix No. 2

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SECRET.

11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 58

Brigade Headquarters.
3rd May 1917.

Reference Map SA 1/100,000.

- (1) The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade and attached units will march tomorrow in accordance with the attached March Table.
- (2) (a) Billetting parties of the Northern Column will meet the Staff Captain at the road junction immediately south of the second "A" in HAVIN PANNEE at 10.30 a.m.
- (b) Billetting parties of the Southern Column will meet the Staff Captain at the Church at BAYINGHEM-LINZ-SERENGHEN at 8.30 a.m.
- (3) Mechanical Transport will move independently under orders of Battalion etc. Commanders.
- (4) The usual arrangements will hold with regard to halts and mid-day meal.
- (5) Brigade Headquarters will be established at BOUVELINGHEM.
- (6) Sketch Maps of the Training Areas will be issued tomorrow. Training will commence the following morning.
- (7) ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) G.F. WOOTEN, Major.
Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Issued at		By
3 p.m.		
Copy No. 1	G.C.O.	Hand
2	Brigade Major	Hand
3	Staff Captain.	Hand
4	Brigade Signal Officer	Hand
5	Lieut DONE	Hand
6	41st Battalion	D.R.
7	42nd Battalion	D.R.
8	43rd Battalion	D.R.
9	44th Battalion	D.R.
10	11th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R.
11	11th Trench Mortar Bty.	D.R.
12	870th Coy. A.S.G.	D.R.
13	Section 11th Field Ambulance	D.R.
14	War Diary.	

MARCH TABLE.

Issued with 11th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 58

NORTHERN COLUMN.

ORDER OF MARCH	STARTING POINT	TIME OF PASSING STARTING POINT	BILLETS	ROUTE	NOTES.
42nd Battalion	Read Junction $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S of C of COMETTE & $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N.W. of first L of LEULINE	7.30 a.m.	ALQUINE- FROMENTEL - HAUTEFRANQUE - BULES CAMPS - HARLETTES	Starting Point- ZUDANSQUES -BOISDINGHEM-QUERCAMP- BILLETS	Halts from 7.45 to 8 a.m.
43rd Battalion & Engineering Coy.	do do do do	8 a.m.	JOURNY-HAUTE PANHEE- BASLOQUIN-HAUT LOQUIN- LE BUISSON.	do do do	
870 th Coy A.S.C.	Remain at St MARTIN AU LAERT.				

SOUTHERN COLUMN.

11th M.G. Coy.	Read Junction immediately West of the A of AUSIRA	8 a.m.	WATTERDAL.	Starting Point-GETQUES- LUMBRES-BAYENGHEN LEZ	
44th Battalion	do do do	8.5 a.m.	SENINGHEM & COULOMBY	SENINGHEM-BILLETS	
41st Battalion	do do do	8.20 a.m.	BAYENGHEN-LEZ SENINGHEM	DO DO DO	
11th Bde Sig Sec.	do do do	8.35 a.m.	BOUVELINGHEM	do do do	
11th Bde Hd Qrs Details 11th T.M. Bty.				Starting Point-LUMBRES-ACQUIN- WESTDECOURT- BOUVELINGHEM	
Sec 11th Field Amb.	do do do	8.40 a.m.	ESCOUILLNS	Starting Point - Direct	

Appendix No. 7

11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Open Warfare Scheme for 10th instant.

GENERAL IDEA. (1) A state of trench warfare has existed between our force (Blue) and enemy force (Red) on a general line.

GUERY - 10 BUISSON - COULOMBY - CAMPAGNE 10z BOULONNAIS.

(2) Blue force has subjected Red force to continuous attacks and bombardments, and to relieve our pressure and to delay our main attack, the enemy has retired Eastwards on front of Blue 1st Army (North of us) and shows signs of doing likewise on our front.

(3) Enemy front line on 3rd Australian Division front runs as follows:-

BOIS du TERRE - 10 BUISSON - point 400 yards East of HARLETTES.

SPECIAL IDEA. (1) On the night of the 9/10th May, the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade is holding a frontage of 2000 yards - frontage running from S to N, right flank in BOULOGNE - LUMBRES road - Left flank 2000 yards N of this road. The front line trench runs N & S, 200 yards East of HARLETTES.

(2) The dispositions of the Brigade are as follows:-

(a) 42nd & 43rd Battalions in the line, 42nd on the right & 43rd on the left, each holding a front of 1000 yards.

Each of these Battalions is disposed as follows:-

Four Companies in the line, each Company with one Platoon plus 2 Lewis Gun sections in front line, 1 Platoon in support and 2 Platoons (less 2 Lewis Gun Sections) in Battalion reserve.

(b) 44th & 41st Battalions in reserve. 44th Battalion billeted at ALVIGNES and 41st Battalion bivouacked and billeted at the West edge of BOIS FORTE TAILLE and BULSCAMPS.

(c) Machine Gun Coy - 8 guns in the line
8 guns in Brigade reserve.

(d) Trench Mortar Battery. 4 Mortars in line, 4 in Brigade Reserve.

(3) On the morning of the 10th May, patrols of the 42nd & 43rd Battalions report enemy trenches on their front, have been vacated by enemy. Similar information comes to hand along the whole Corps front and is further confirmed by aeroplane observation at 5 a.m. on morning of 10th instant. Aeroplane reports enemy appears to hold line QUELINES - LUMBRES - ELNES - NAVRANS, but has a strong outpost position on the line ZUTOVE - NORDAI - 10 VAL d'ACQUIN - N.D. des ARDENIS.

(4) At 2.30 a.m. 3rd Aust. Division receives orders to advance from present front line at 4 a.m. and to take hold defended line SENNINGHEM - "E" in B de l' EGLISE - "C" in WESTDECOURT (frontage to 11th Aust. Infantry Brigade from LUMBRES - BOULOGNE Road to 2000 yards North thereof), protected by a line of outposts about 1500 yards West of main line defence *East*

OPERATION. 11th Aust. Infantry Brigade will advance to new position as per Brigade Order "A" to be issued.

(Sgd) G.F. COTTEN, Major.
Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Appendix No 5

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE

11th. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE Trench to Trench Scheme to be carried out on "Z" day.

Reference Blue Print "A" (issued herewith)

(1) (a) A replica of our front line trench and approach trenches, also enemy defences in area to be attacked has been spitlocked in the training ground 1 mile S.W. of BOUVELINGHEM.

(b) For the purposes of the scheme all references will be to the PLOEGSTHERT 1/10,000 Map (Trench Edition) and to maps issued with instructions and order, and will apply to the replica of attack area which has been constructed.

(2) The arrangements re Signal Communications will be as follows:-

(a) From Divisional Report Centre to Brigade Headquarters - Buried Cable.

From Brigade Headquarters to Headquarters of Battalions - Buried Cable.

Prior to Zero, buried cable will be laid from Bde. Hd. Qrs to enemy front line at U.9.c.1.4. crossing NO MAN'S LAND by Russian Saps.

(b) 11th Infantry Brigade Forward Station will be at U.9.a.5.3. (Bond in road 50 yds. N.N.E. of "m" DOUVE Fm.)

The number of circuits to be laid from Advanced Brigade Headquarters to Forward Stations will be:-

Artillery - 1 Circuit.

Infantry - 1 " " "

(c) The following personnel will be detailed as Brigade Signal Reserve for Forward Station.

Per Battalion - 4 Signallers. Report to Bde. S.O. at

Per " " " - 1 Runner. 24 hours before Zero.

(d) Visual signalling scheme will be:-

Forward Station will establish visual communication with Central Station in Gas Trench on Hill 63.

Battalion Command Posts will establish communication with Brigade Forward Station or direct to Central Station, Gas trench. The latter is preferable.

All messages will be D.D.

(e) Runners will follow direct routes to relay posts having reconnoitred them from Observation Posts

(f) Aeroplanes will be in position to observe at 11 a.m.

(g) Command Posts will be situated as follows :-

"G" Bn. - 50 yards East of Brigade Forward Station.

"H" Bn. - U.9.a.7.9.

Code letters for communicating with aircraft will be the station call of the Battalion concerned.

(h) Flares will be used to denote position of foremost line during the operation.

(k) S.O.S. signal will be one red rocket.

(l) The means available for transmitting information will be:-

(a) Aeroplane.

(b) Telephone.

(c) Visual

(d) Runners.

(e) Pigeons.

(f) Power Buzzer.

(3) (a) Assembling troops will be assembled in trenches on a frontage of 2 or 3 men per yard.

(b) The Battalions of the Brigade will be known as follows:-

Right Front Bn. (at position of assembly) {41st Bn} "C" Bn.

Left " " " " " " " " " " {42nd Bn} "D" Bn.

Right rear Bn. " " " " " " " " " " {43rd Bn} "G" Bn.

Left " " " " " " " " " " {44th Bn} "H" Bn.

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ASSEMBLY (3) Continued.

(a) The leading Platoons of "C" and "D" Battalions are shown in "black"

The second Platoons of those Battalions are shown outlined in black.

The leading Platoons of "G" and "H" Battalions are shown in "purple".

The second Platoons of these Battalions are shown outlined in purple.

(b) Troops which assemble in trenches in rear will advance over the top of the ground crossing the firing line trench by bridges or over breastwork by steps previously prepared.

(c) Reserve Companies are shown in purple.

TRAFFIC (4)
TRENCHES

Trenches for "in" traffic and approach march are shown:-
in Green for "C" and "G" Battalions.
in Brown for "D" and "H" Battalions.

Trenches for "out" traffic, after zero hour will be:-

(a) THE ONLY WAY

(b) QUEBEC.

and for "out" traffic between front and support lines:-
BRISBANE Av., QUEBEC, THE ONLY WAY, and SEAFORTH Av.

These "out" traffic trenches will not be used for "in" traffic after zero hour.

DUMPS.

(5) Store ration and water dumps will be established at positions shown in Blue Print "A" as follows:-

1 Brigade Dump

2 Battalion Dumps (Right Dump "C" and "G" Battalions
(Left Dump "D" and "H" Battalions.

Each assault company of "C" and "D" Battalions will in addition establish a company dump in rear of its own frontage - between our front and support lines.

Brigade carrying parties of 1 Officer and 20 men will be detailed by 43rd and 44th Battalions to report to Advanced Brigade Headquarters 24 hours before zero.

These will be used for replenishment of Battalion dumps from Brigade dump.

Detail of stores, etc., to be in dumps are given in Appendix 1

STRAGGLERS

(6) A Brigade Stragglers Post will be posted at HIDE PARK CORNER (imaginary)

MEDICAL
ARRANGEMENTS

(7) There will be 2 R.A.P.'s in the Brigade Area - See Blue Print "A"

M.O.'s 41st and 43rd Battalions will work in Right Aid Post and M.O.'s 42nd and 44th Battalions in Left Aid Post.

Advanced Dressing Stations will be at U.19.d.1.5.

Walking cases will proceed direct to A.D.S. by "out" routes or overland.

DRESS &
EQUIPMENT

Fighting kit to be carried will be as per S.S.135 Para XXX with the following exceptions:-

Para 2 VIII 4 Bombs.

Rifle Grenadiers - 8 rifle grenades No.23 Mark 11/L and 8 grenades, 2 x-5 Sand bags with 5 spare tail rods and special blank cartridges.

Lewis Gunners - No.1 of Gun carry 50 rounds, others 50 rounds plus 5 drums each (excess drums up to 44 to be in Battalion or Brigade reserve)

4 III - All except front line assaulting troops and No.1 Lewis Gunners to carry either, 1 pick or 1 shovel in proportion 3 shovels to 2 picks.

Bombing Section to carry 10 bombs per man and 50 rounds of ammunition.

OFFICERS (9)
N.C.O.'s &
SPECIALISTS

Number of Officers, N.C.O.'s and specialists to take part in assault will be as per S.S. 135 Para XIX (Amended).

ARTILLERY
PLAN

(10) (a) For 4 days prior to zero, a continuous bombardment of enemy trenches and strong points will take place,

ARTILLERY(10) Continued.

PLAN.

(b) Wire Cutting is being carried out. It is expected that enemy wire will be 2/3rds destroyed by zero day.

(c) The infantry will attack under cover of a creeping barrage - which will advance between halts, at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes.

(d) The consolidation of the captured position will be covered by a "back" barrage and a "standing" barrage

MACHINE GUNS

(11) 2 Sections 11th Machine Gun Coy. will be employed Divisionally in machine gun barrage. Machine gun barrage will continue for 72 hours after zero.

1 Section 11th Machine Gun Coy. will accompany each of 43rd and 44th Battalions.

L.T.M's.

(12) 2 L.T.M's will accompany each of 43rd and 44th Battalions in the assault.

11th T.M. Bty., less 4 mortars will follow rear line of attacking infantry and will take up position in the consolidated line.

LIAISON OFFICERS.

(13) The following arrangements re liaison will be made:-

(a) An Officer "X" Group R.F.A. will be attached to each of "C" and "G" Battalions.

An Officer from "Y" Group R.F.A. will be attached to each of "D" and "H" Battalions.

(b) O's C. 43rd and 44th Battalions will each detail an Officer who will act as Brigade Liaison Officer with Brigades on our right and left respectively.

AIRCRAFT.

(14) Contact plane will fly at time to be notified. It's special marking will be 2 blue streamers.

EMPLOYMENT OF ENGINEERS

(15) (a) 11th Field Coy. Engineers will detail 8 Sappers, 3 to be attached to each of "C", "D", "G" and "H" Battalions to assist in siting of trenches, etc.

(b) After the assault, and at an hour to be determined by G.O.C. of 11th Brigade, the 11th Field Coy Engineers, plus Pioneer party will be utilised for construction of 2 communication trenches from our present front line to line G-H-J (first line to be consolidated) one from U.S.d.3.0. to U.9.a.35.05 and the other from U&S.c.90.55. to U.9.a.50.0.3.

This party will be assembled in HEATH Trench at zero hour.

PRISONERS

(16) All prisoners captured will be sent as quickly as possible to Brigade Headquarters, under escort to be provided by the Battalions concerned.

RATIONS AND WATER

(17) Rations and water will be transported by wagons and packs to MUD LANE Breastwork on the HYDE PARK CORNER - POOL'S COTTAGE Road.

Battalion ration parties, formed from Brigade reserve will transport the rations and water from this point to Battalion Headquarters, where they will be met by guides who will conduct them to Battalion units without delay.

Battalions will ensure that Q.M's. receive, 24 hours before zero hour, and from that time daily, a detail distribution of the Battalions, to ensure that all Battalion units receive rations in correct proportions. Battalions will arrange to ration M.G. and T.M. Batteries in their Battalion area.

MISCELLANEOUS.

(18) Position of Battalion and Brigade Headquarters, Dumps, R.A.P's, etc. are shown on Blue Print "A".

G.F. WOOTTEN, Major.
Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

11/5/17

DISTRIBUTION OF BRIGADE STORES. APPENDIX 1.

	1 Brigade Dump	2 Btn Dumps each	7 Coy. Dumps each	Total
Gronados. Hand	4400	1500	300	9500
Gronados. Riflo.	688	288	48	1500
Special Blanks.	3000	1000	-	5000
Tail Rods.	1500	500	-	2500
"P" Bombs.	320	156	24	800
Smoke Candles.	640	312	48	1600
Picks.	120	60	-	240
Shovels.	200	100	-	400
S.A.A. (Boxes of 1000)	195	100	15	500
Sandbags.	2000	1500	-	5000
Water (tins 2gall)	250	125	30	710
Rations.	2000 (Inn)	1000 (Inn)	250 (Inn)	5750 (Inn)
S.C.S. Signals	50	24		98
Grounds Flares "Red"	260	120		500
" " " " "Blue"	260	120		500
Very Lights 1" "White"	520	240		1000
" " " 1" "Red"	240	120		480
" " " 1" "Green"	240	120		480
" " " 1 1/2" "White"	480			480
" " " 1 1/2" "Red"	240			240
" " " 1 1/2" "Green"	240			240
Wire Barbed Coils.	50	25		100
" French "	10	5		20
Screw Pickets. Long.	50	50		150
" " " Short.	100	100		300
Stokes 3" Shells.	500 1000			500 1000
" " Cart. "Green"	1125			1125
" " " "Yellow"	450			450
Ballisite Rings.	2000			2000

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 1

Brigade Headquarters.
12th May 1917.

Reference Map

PLOEGSTEERT (Trench Edition) 28 S.W.4. Ed.4 B 1/10,000
Blue Print "A" (issued with Preliminary Instructions)
Barrage Plan (attached)

- (a) A general advance is to be made on the Corps front.
- (b) The Third Australian Division will advance with two Brigades in the line. One Brigade will form Divisional Reserve.
- (c) The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will be the left assaulting Brigade, having the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade on the right and the 1st N.Z. Infantry Brigade on the left.

(a) The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will attack and capture the enemy defences as far East as the line U.9.b.85.00 - U.9.b.20.80. - U.3.c.67.43., on "Z" day.

(b) Frontage of Brigade will be:-

(i) Right flank on a bearing of 54 deg. "Grid bearing" from U.14.b.70.73., cutting enemy front line trench at U.9.c.25.05

(ii) Left flank on a bearing of 53 deg. "Grid bearing" from U.8.a.42.02., cutting enemy front line trench at U.8.b.40.04

Following lines will be consolidated:-

(a) U.9.c.65.27. - U.9.c.45.85. - U.9.a.38.05. - U.9.a.23.27. - U.8.b.74.55. - U.8.b.55.75.

(b) Line U.9.b.85.00. - U.9.b.20.80. - U.3.c.67.43.

(c) A line of outpost picquet 50 to 300 yards East of line mentioned in Para 2 (b), and to capture and mop up area between Para 2 (b) and these picquets including UNGODLY TRENCH when Artillery barrage permits.

Artillery barrage and time table of lifts is as per Artillery Barrage Map "X" attached.

Machine Gun barrage will be under Divisional control in which 11th Machine Gun Coy. (less 2 sections) will be employed. One section accompanying each 43rd and 44th Battalions will follow the last wave of 43rd ("G" Battalion) and 44th ("H" Battalion) cooperating with those Battalions in repelling of enemy counter-attack.

The 11th Field Coy, Pioneer Coy, and 11th Brigade Engineer Carrying Party will act as per Para 15 of "Preliminary Instructions"

The 11th Trench Mortar Bty. (less 2 Sub-Sections) will act as per Para 12 of "Preliminary Instructions" and will occupy position in captured area at U.9.a.85.54.

The Sub-Sections of L.T.M's accompanying each 43rd and 44th Battalions will follow first wave of 43rd Battalion ("G" Battalion) and 44th Battalion ("H" Battalion) cooperating with these Battalions in dealing with enemy strong points and in repelling of enemy counter-attacks.

Dispositions of Infantry Battalions.

- (a) 41st Battalion - "C" Battalion
 - 42nd Battalion - "D" Battalion
 - 43rd Battalion - "G" Battalion
 - 44th Battalion - "H" Battalion
- 1st and 2nd Objectives.
3rd Objective.

(b) "C" and "G" Battalions on right of Brigade frontage.
"D" and "H" Battalions on left of Brigade frontage.
- the left flank of "C" and "G" Battalions will be on line bearing 54 deg, "Grid bearing" from U.8.d.05.57. cutting enemy front line at U.8.d.65.95. thence boundary is the LA DOUVE RIVER inclusive to "C" and "G" Battalions.

(2)

8. (Continued) (c) First objective - enemy front line U.9.c.25.05. -
U.9.c.55.00. - U.8.b.40.15. - U.8.a.97.13. - U.8.b.40.00.

Second objective as per Para 3 (a)

Third objective as per Para 2 (a)

(d) The line for 1st and 2nd objective troops ("C" and "D" Battalions) to consolidate is as per Para 3 (a)

The line for 3rd objective troops ("G" and "H" Battalions) to consolidate and establish themselves are as per Para 3 (b) and 3 (c).

(e) "C" Battalion will have 4 companies each in 2 waves of 2 platoons.

(f) "D" Battalion less 1 company will attack with 2 companies each in 2 waves of 2 platoons and 1 company (North of LA DOUVE RIVER) in 4 waves of 1 platoon each.

The companies of "C" and "D" Battalions attacking in 2 waves will send 1st wave to 2nd objective and 2nd wave to 1st objective.

Moppers up of 1st objective will follow first wave and will be supplied from platoons forming 2nd wave of "C" and "D" Battalions.

(g) The company of "D" Battalion North of LA DOUVE RIVER will send 1st and 2nd waves to 2nd objective and 3rd and 4th waves to 1st objective.

Moppers up for 1st objective will be supplied from platoons of 3rd and 4th waves of "D" Battalion.

(h) "C" and "D" Battalions will provide their own carrying parties.

(i) "G" Battalion (less 1 company and 2 sections) will attack with 2 companies each in 2 waves of 2 platoons - it will hold 1 company as Battalion Reserve and to be utilised as carrying parties for this Battalion.

9th Australian Infantry Brigade are arranging for 1 platoon to attack GREY FARM from the South to cooperate with "G" Battalion.

(j) "H" Battalion (less 2 sections) will attack with right and centre company each in 2 waves of 2 platoons and left company in 4 waves of 1 platoon. It will hold 1 company as Battalion reserve and to be utilised as carrying parties for this Battalion.

This Battalion will provide an advance party of 1 Officer and 24 O.R. to closely follow "D" Battalion and perfect the emergency bridges over the LA DOUVE RIVER. Guides will be provided to guide each 2 platoons to the bridge allotted to it.

(!) Brigade Reserve:-

43rd Battalion - 1 company plus 2 sections.

42nd Battalion - 1 company

will occupy subsidiary line between AASH LANE (U.14.a.25.45.) and THE ONLY WAY (U.14.a.6.4.)

Brigade Carrying Party for Dumps:-

2 Sections each 43rd and 44th Battalions as per Para 5 of "Preliminary Instructions")

9. Assaulting troops of this Brigade ~~"C"~~ will be assembled in our front line trenches at Zero minus 1 hour.

10. No advance of infantry is to take place until Zero hour - this will be the hour as which artillery barrage mentioned in Para 4 commences.

11. Aircraft. Infantry will light flares immediately they reach positions mentioned in Paras 3 (a) - 3 (b) and 3 (c) Planes will also fly at 12 mid-day and 12.30 p.m.

P.T.O.

(3)

12. Watches will be synchronized at 4 a.m. and 8 a.m. on 14th instant.
13. Signal Communications will be as per Para 2 of "Preliminary Instructions" and as per diagrams attached.
14. Reports will be sent to Advanced Brigade Headquarters at U.14.c.5.2..
15. ACKNOWLEDGE.



Major.
Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Issued at 6.30 a.m. 13/5/17

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9	45rd Battalion.	D.R.
10	44th Battalion.	D.R.
11	11th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R.
12	11th Trench Mortar Bty.	D.R.
13	11th Field Coy Engineers (Lieut NORTON)	D.R.
14	11th Field Ambulance (Capt LOVE)	D.R.
15	42nd Squadron R.F.C.	D.R.
16	2nd N.Z. Fld. Artillery Bde.	D.R.
17	11th Bde. Signal Section.	Hand.
18	War Diary.	
19	9th Aust. Inf. Bde.)	
20	10th Aust. Inf. Bde.)	
21	1st N.Z. Rifle Bde.)	Imaginary.
22	"X" Group R.F.A. }	
23	"Y" Group R.F.A. }	

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SKETCH.

Proposed Moving Barrage.
18 pounders.

Scale 1/10,000.

Legend
 A.A. :- Bdo. Right Boundary
 B.B. :- Bde. Left. Boundary

Lines to be consolidated.

Proposed position of field gun barrage

at various times.

Enemy Lines:-

Figures on lines represent times between which barrage rosts on line referred to

Back barrage is not shown on this sketch.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters.
13/5/17.

To all recipients of 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No.1.

Reference 11th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No.1
"Z" day will be Monday 14th instant and Zero hour will be ~~11~~ ^{10.30} a.m.

A. H. Wooller

Major.
Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 59.

Brigade Headquarters.
16th May, 1917.

Reference Map HAZEBROUCK 5A.1/100,000.

- (1) On the 18th May the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade together with attached units will commence the return march to the Divisional area. The return march will be completed in four days.
- (2) This Brigade, on the 18th instant, will march in two columns in accordance with the attached March Table.
- (3) Halts will be made from 15 minutes before each clock hour - until the clock hour. Midday halt will be from 11.45 a.m. until 1 p.m.
- (4) Administrative instructions will be issued by the Staff Captain

Major.
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde., A.I.F.

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8	44th Battalion	D.R.
9	11th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R.
10	11th Trench Mortar Battery	D.R.
11	Capt. LOVE, 11th Fld. Amb.	D.R.
12	Capt MILLS, Eng. Coy.	D.R.
13	870th Coy., A.S.C.	D.R.
14	3rd Australian Division.	D.R.
15	11th Bde. Sig. Section.	Hand.
16	7th Inf. Bde. B.E.F.) For	D.R.
17	47th Inf. Bde. B.E.F.) infor-	D.R.
18	Headquarters 2nd) mation	D.R.
	Army.)	
19	War Diary.	

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19	War Diary.	

Issued with 11th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 59.

NORTHERN COLUMN.

UNITS IN ORDER OF MARCH.	STARTING POINT.	TIME OF PASSING STARTING POINT.	ROUTE.	BILLET AT.	REMARKS.
43rd Battalion and Engineering Coy.	Cross Roads 200 yards South of Second "A" of HAUT PAIREE.	8.30 a.m.	QUELLECAMP- BOISDINGHEM- LIEUSE-BILLET.	ST. MARTIN-AU-LAERT.	Halt from 8.45 a.m. until 9 a.m.
42nd Battalion.		9 a.m.		TATIUGHEM.	

SOUTHERN COLUMN.

41st Battalion and 11th Machine Gun Coy. and 11th T.M. Battery.)	Junction of the VAL d'ACQUIN B.de BAVENGHEN road with the main BOULOGNE-LUMBRES road.	10 a.m.	LUMBRES- SETQUES- BILLET.	WIZERMES.	Pass 47th Brigade Group West of LUMBRES.
44th Battalion.		10.15 a.m.		ES QUEDES.	
11th Bde. Sig. Sec. Bde. H.Q. Details.	Brigade Hd. Qrs.	8.30 a.m.	ACQUIN- VAL de LUMBRES-SETQUES- BILLET.	HALLINES.	Join Column in rear of 2 44th Battalion.
Section Field Ambulance.- Will join Column in rear of Brigade Headquarters Details as Column passes through LUMBRES- approximately 11 a.m. - Bille at HALLINES.					
870th Coy. A.S.C. - Remain in ST. MARTIN - AU - LAERT.					

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 33.

13th. May, 1917.

1. The 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade will return from the Training Area on the 18th. May, in accordance with the attached March Table, and move into billets as follows. -

Brigade Headquarters and two Battalions in ARMENTIERES.
2 Battalions, WATERLANDS.
Remaining Units in the STEENWERCK Area.

2. Arrangements will be made for the march not to clash with the march of the 7th. Infantry Brigade, which is leaving the QUELMES Area on May 18th., and moving from ST. OMER to ARQUES, thence to EBBLINGHEM, thence to STRAZEELE, thence to BAILLEUL.

3. Completion of moves will be reported by wire to Divisional Headquarters.

J. Williams

Lieut-Colonel.

General Staff.

Issued at 3.30 p.m.

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| 3. | "Q" Staff. | 17. | 2nd. ANZAC (for information |
| 4. | C.R.A. | 18. | New Zealand Division. " |
| 5. | C.R.E. | 19. | 25th. Division. " |
| 6. | 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. | 20. | 57th. Division. " |
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| 10. | 11th. " " " | 24. | Spare. |
| 11. | 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn. | 25. | " |
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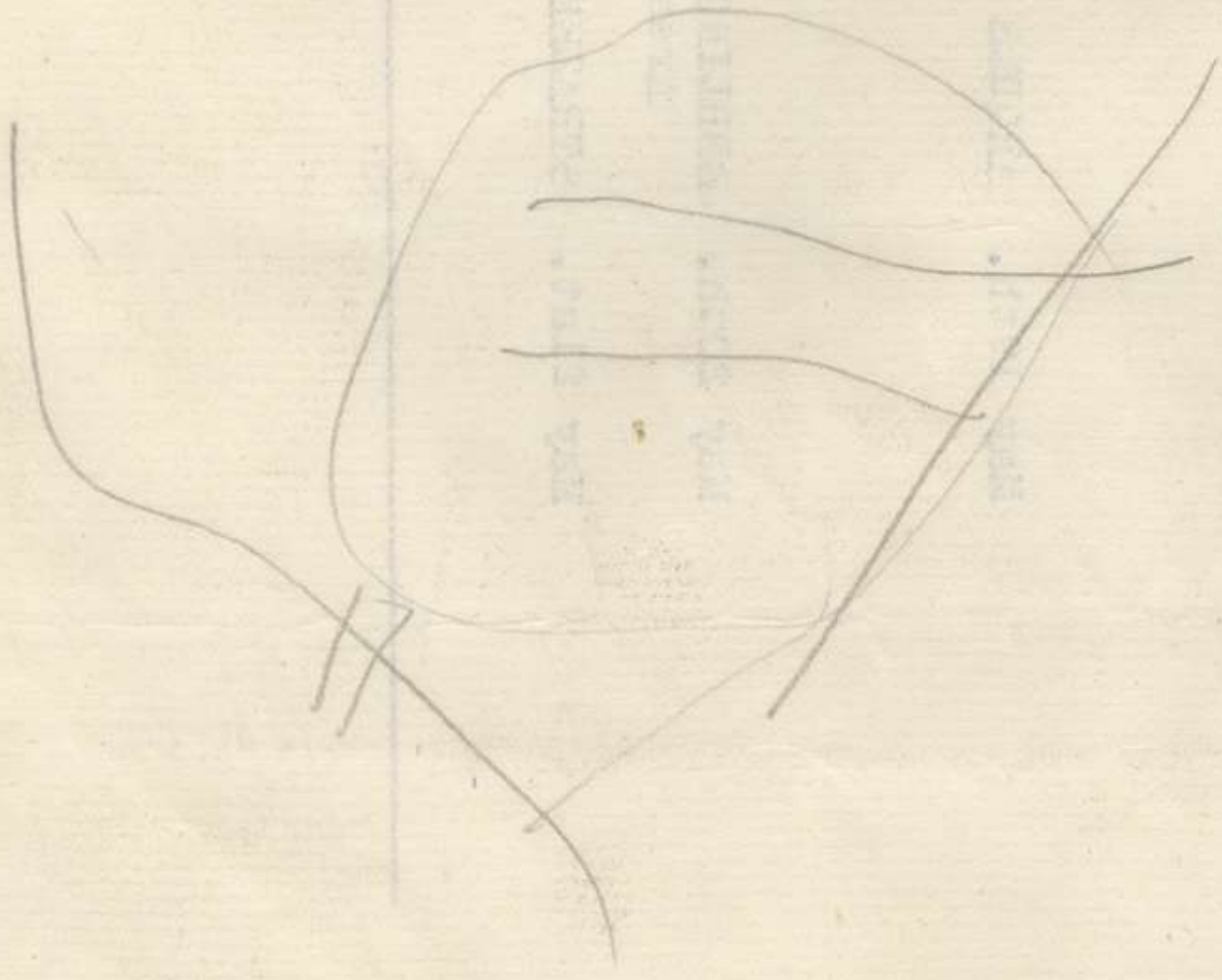
MARCH TIME TABLE.

13-5-17.

Unit.	Date.	Move. From.	to.	Route.	Report for Billets to.	Supply Railhead.	Remarks.
11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	May 18th.	BAYENGHEM- LES-SENIN- GHEM Area.	ARQUES, WIZERNES, ST. MARTIN- AU-LAERT, HALLINES, LONGUENESS.	Direct.	Mairies.		To pass 47th. Inf. Brigade Group W. of LUMBRES - head of Brigade to enter LUMBRES at 10.30 a.m.
	May 19th.	ARQUES &c.	EBBLINGHEM Area.	Direct.		Draw at ST. OMER last time on May 19th.	
	May 20th.	EBBLINGHEM Area.	STRAZELLE.	HAZEBROUCK.			
	May 21st.	STRAZELLE.	Divisional Area.				By roads South of BAILLEUL.

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Berguen } etc. 4th Dec. 1918



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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 60.

Brigade Headquarters.

18/5/17.

Reference Map: HAZEBROUCK 5A. 1/100,000.

- (1) The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will march to-morrow, 19th instant, in accordance with the attached March Table.
- (2) Halts will be made at the usual times.
- (3) Billeting parties of Units will meet the Staff Captain at the Church, ELNESCURE, at 8.30 a.m., 19th instant.

H. H. Cotton

Major.
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde., A.I.F.

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8.	44th Battalion.	D.R.
9.	11th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R.
10.	11th Trench Mortar Battery.	D.R.
11.	Capt. LOVE, 11th Field Ambulance.	D.R.
12.	11th Brigade Signal Section.	Hand.
13.	870th Coy. A.S.C.	D.R.
14.	C.M.S. FORSTER.	Hand.
15.	War Diary.	

MARCH TABLE.
issued with 14th Infantry Brigade Order No.60

Northern Column.

Units in order of march	Starting Point	Time of passing Starting Point.	Route	Billet at	Remarks.
43rd Battalion & Engineering Coy.	Road Junction immediately East of the Church in	9 a.m.	St OMER - ARQUES - FORT ROUGE - Billots.	EBBLINGHEM	Pass G.O.C. at ARQUES Church at 10.15 a.m. approximately.
42nd Battalion.	St MARTIN AU LAERT	9.15 a.m.		RENESECURE. (North of Railway line)	Will halt at usual times - if necessary will halt in St OMER Pass G.O.C. at ARQUES Church at 10.30 a.m. approximately
870th A.S.C. (less baggage and supply section)	do do do	9.27 a.m.	do do do	RENESECURE.	

Southern Column.

41st Battalion & 11th T.M. Bty.	Church at road junction $\frac{1}{4}$ mile N of L of BLENDECQUES	10.15 a.m.	BLENDECQUES - Railway crossing $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S.E. of ARQUES - CAMPAGNE -Billets.	RENESECURE (South of Railway line)	Halt from 10.45 a.m. and on re-suming march will pass G.O.C. at railway crossing $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S.E. of ARQUES (at 11.1 a.m. approx) to 11 am.
11th M.G. Coy.	do do do	10.25 a.m.		RENESECURE (North of Railway line)	
44th Battalion	do do do	10.30 a.m.	do do do	WARDECQUES	Pass G.O.C. at railway crossing $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S.E. of ARQUES at 11.15 a.m. approx
11th Bde Sig Section Bde Hd Qrs Details	do do do	10.40 a.m.	do do do	RENESECURE.	
Section Fld Ambulance	do do do	10.42 a.m.	do do do	RENESECURE.	

Appendix No 2

B. C. A. D. MC TM
Auck. | Train

A = 41 = Pt de Neppes
B = 42 } = Amentiens
C = 43 }
D = 44 = Waterlands

Ble Hill = Amentiens

TM } to be adopted
MC }

Cross road

$\frac{1}{4}$ mile NE of the B

of Vieux Berquin

opposite 1 mile S. of main

Passing existing point of an

B. 7.

C - 7.15

A - 7.30

D - 8.00

MC } 8.15 am

TM }
Auck. }

Train 8.45 am

War Diary

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11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 31

Copy No. 15

Brigade Headquarters,
19th May 1917.

Reference Map HAZEBROUUK 5A. 1/100,000

- (1) The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade and attached units will march tomorrow in accordance with the attached March Table.
- (2) Halts will be made at the usual times.
- (3) Billeting parties will meet the Asst Staff Captain at the Church STRAZEELE at 9 a.m. punctually.


Major,
Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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4.	Lieut. BONE.	Hand.
5.	Q.M.S. FORSTER	Hand.
6.	11th Bde. Signal Section.	Hand.
7.	41st Battalion,	D.R.
8.	42nd Battalion.	D.R.
9.	45rd Battalion.	D.R.
10.	44th Battalion.	D.R.
11.	11th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R.
12.	11th Trench Mortar Bty.	D.R.
13.	870th A.S.C.	D.R.
14.	Capt LOVE O.C. Sect Field Amb.	D.R.
15.	War Diary.	

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MARCH TABLE.
issued with 11th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 61.

Units Order of March	Starting Point	Time of passing Starting Point.	Route.	Billet at
43rd Battalion & Engineering Coy 370th Coy A.S.C. (less baggage & supply sections)	Road junction 1 mile E.N.E. of the last "L" of WALLON CAPPEL and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile West of the "L" of LE CINQ RUES	9 a.m.	LE CINQ RUES - Railway Crossing $\frac{1}{4}$ mile South of the first "L" of La Haute Loge - thence by 2nd class road North of railway line to 56 - L'HOFFAND - BORRE & PRADELLES - STRAZEELE.	STRAZEELE
44th Battalion	do do do	9.15 a.m.		STRAZEELE.
41st Battalion T.M. Battery. 11th Pde Sig. Section Bde Hd Qrs Details	do do do	9.30 a.m.	do do do	STRAZEELE
42nd Battalion. 11th M.G. Coy.	do do do	10 a.m.	do do do	STRAZEELE
Section 11th Fld. Amb.	do do do	10.12 a.m.	do do do	STRAZEELE

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11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 67.

Brigade Headquarters,
20th May 1917.

Reference Map HAZEBROUCK 5A 1/100,000

- (1) The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade and attached units will march to-morrow in accordance with the attached March Table.
- (2) Halts will be made at the usual times.
- (3) After the mid-day halt the Brigade will move by Companies at five minutes distance, the leading Company of the leading Battalion moving off at 1 p.m. In this connection, attached units and 1st line Transport of Battalions will be considered as Companies.
- (4) Baggage Sections of 870th Coy. A.S.C. will leave Battalion etc. billets so as to reach the starting point at 3.45 a.m. From that point, they will march under orders of O.C. 870th Coy. A.S.C.
- (5) Administrative instructions will be issued by the Staff Captain.



Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde, A.I.F.

Issued at p.m.

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7.	41st Battalion,	D.R.
8.	42nd Battalion.	D.R.
9.	43rd Battalion.	D.R.
10.	44th Battalion.	D.R.
11.	11th M.G. Coy.	D.R.
12.	11th T.M. Bty.	D.R.
13.	870th Coy. A.S.C.	D.R.
14.	Capt LOVE O.C. Stn Fld. Amb.	D.R.
15.	War Diary.	

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MARCH TABLE.
 Issued with 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 62.

Units in order of march	Starting Point	Time of passing starting point	Route	Billot at	Remarks.
42nd Battalion	Cross roads $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N.N.E. of the "B" of VIEUX BERQUIN and 1 mile South of NERRIS.	7 a.m.	Starting Point - "T" of METEREN - LE VERRIER - STEENWERCK - LA RENEGATE - L'MALLOBEAU - LES TROIS	ARMENTIERES	Will cross River LYS by wooden bridge near railway line.
43rd Battalion & Engineering Coy		7.15 a.m.	TILLEULS - Billets.	ARMENTIERES	
41st Battalion.	do do do	7.30 a.m.	do do do	PONT DE NIEPPE	
44th Battalion.	do do do	8 a.m.	do do do	WATERLANDS.	
11th Bdo. Sig Sectn. 11th Bdo Hd Qrs Details	do do do	8.15 a.m.	do do do	ARMENTIERES.	
11th T.M. Bty. 11th M.G. Coy.	do do do	8.17 a.m.	do do do	Billets to be notified later.	
Sectn 11th Fd. Amb.	do do do	8.23 a.m.	do do do	- - - -	Rejoin 11th Field Amb.
870th Coy. A.S.C.	do do do	8.45 a.m.	do do do	- - - -	Rejoin 3rd Div. Train.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 63.

Brigade Headquarters,
23rd May 1917.

Reference Map HOUPINES 1/10,000
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1. (a) On the night of the 23rd/24th May, the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade and portion of the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade, and will take over the front from WESTMINISTER AVENUE (exclusive) to RIVER LYS.
(b) The relief will commence at 9.30 p.m. and will be completed by 3 a.m.
2. (a) The line will be held by two Battalions, the 43rd Battalion on the right, and the 42nd Battalion on the left.
(b) Battalion frontages will be as follows:-
43rd Battalion - From the RIVER LYS to U.28.a.15.00.
42nd Battalion - From U.28.a.15.00. to WESTMINISTER AVENUE (exclusive)
(c) Brigade Northern boundary will be as follows:-
WESTMINISTER AVENUE (exclusive) to ST YVES AVENUE -
ST YVES AVENUE TO DEAD HORSE CORNER -
HUNTERS AVENUE (exclusive) to LOWNDES AVENUE -
along LOWNDES AVENUE to the Subsidiary Line.
(d) 42nd and 43rd Battalions will each be disposed as follows:-
3 Companies in the line
1 Company in Reserve.
42nd Reserve Company will be in HUNTERS AVENUE.
43rd Reserve Company will be in GUINNERS FARM and AID POST.
3. (a) 11th Machine Gun Coy. will relieve 9th and 207th Machine Gun Coys. in the Brigade Area.
11th Trench Mortar Bty. will relieve 9th and 10th Trench Mortar Btys in the Brigade Area.
These reliefs will commence at once.
(b) Headquarters of 11th Machine Gun Coy and 11th Trench Mortar Bty will be at LE BIZET
4. Headquarters, Right Battalion will be at SURREY FARM.
Headquarters, Left Battalion will be at RIFEE HOUSE. Most of the huts at RIFEE HOUSE will not be available to Left Battalion.
Huts available to Left Battalion will include Headquarters dug-out and Battalion telephone exchange.
5. 41st Battalion will remain at PONT DE NIEPPE.
44th Battalion will move from WATERLANDS Area to PONT DE NIEPPE.
6. Details of all reliefs will be arranged direct by C.O's concerned.
7. All secret trench maps, aeroplane photographs, log-books and trench stores will be taken over by units at relief.
8. 11th Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters will remain at PONT DE NIEPPE.

H. Woodman
Major.

Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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| 7. | 44th Battalion. | D.R. |
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| 9. | 11th Trench Mortar Bty. | D.R. |
| 10. | 11th Bdo. Signal Section. | Hand. |
| 11. | 11th Field Coy. Engineers. | D.R. |
| 12. | 3rd Aust. Division. | D.R. |
| 13. | C.R.A. | D.R. |
| 14. | C.R.E. | D.R. |
| 15. | 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade. | D.R. |
| 16. | 10th Aust. Infantry Brigade. | D.R. |
| 17. | 171st Inf. Brigade. B.E.F. | D.R. |
| 18. | 870th Coy. A.S.C. | D.R. |

11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 119

From 9 p.m. 23/5/17 to 6 a.m. 24/5/17

CONFIDENTIAL.OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Our guns were active during the night and fired 12 rounds on each of the following targets, at the times set opposite them:-

11.35 p.m.	AVENUE FARM
12.25 a.m.	LA POTTERIE FARM
1.5 a.m.	FLATTENED FARM
2.2 a.m.	CUSTOM HOUSE.
2.35 a.m.	HAULT.
3.35 a.m.	S&Ls at U.28.a.7.9. & U.22.c.80.00.

40 rounds on FRELINGHEM and numerous rounds on roads in rear were fired at intervals during the night.

M.T.Ms. fired on U.15.d.80.88. resulting in damage to 20 yards of wire.

MACHINE GUNS: Active throughout the night on enemy wire and back areas.

LEWIS GUNS: Occasional bursts fired on enemy snipers, front line & wire

PATROLS: Active patrolling carried out during hours of darkness. No enemy seen but working party heard in vicinity of ULTRA SUPPORT.

SNIPERS: No hits claimed.

OUR DEFENCES: General repairs were effected to damaged defences.

AIRCRAFT: Nil.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Fairly active.

4.45 p.m. 4.2s & 77mm H.E. In front of "A" Gap.

4.40 a.m. 4.2 H.E.

4.30 a.m. 18 5.9 H.E. & 1 heavy shell probably 8" or 11" 100 yards North of G.P. 3

Between 3.30 a.m. and 5.30 a.m. 20 Pineapples landed in our front line. No damage done.

MACHINE GUNS: Active from 11 p.m. until midnight, and then spasmodic throughout the remainder of the night. Fixed rifle fire on our parapet constant.

SNIPERS: One active opposite HAMPSHIRE TRENCH, Fired on ^{by} Lewis Guns result unknown.

TRENCH MORTARS: Nil. 6 Rifle Grenades were fired at 12.30 a.m. around bend of AYR STREET wounding one of the Garrison.

PATROLS: None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES: No observation.

AIRCRAFT: Nil.

OBSERVATION: Nil.

G. W. Webb

Major,
Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY ORDER No. 64

Brigade Headquarters.
24th May 1917.

Reference Map PLOEGSTEERT 1/10,000.

GAS SECTIONS. 1. (a) Gas is installed in the Brigade front as follows:-

Coy by which installed	"S" Limit	"N" Limit	To be known as
"A" Special Coy. R.E.	U.28.c.4.2.	U.22.c.1.1.	Gas Sector "A"
"B" Special Coy. R.E.	U.22.c.1.1.	U.21.d.8.6.	Gas Sector "B"

(b) Gas is also installed in the fronts of the Brigades on our right and left.

DISCHARGE OF GAS.

2. (a) Gas will be discharged from Gas Sectors "A" and "B" on the night of the 24/25th instant, if weather conditions are favorable. If unfavorable Gas will be discharged on the first favorable night following. At the same time Gas will be discharged from the Brigades on our right and left.

PRECAUTIONS.

3. (a) The front line from which Gas is to be discharged will be cleared to a distance of 250 yards on both flanks of the Gas, with the exception of sentries, machine gunners, personnel on defence of mine shafts and the Infantry Officers in the Gas Sectors, who will wear their box respirators fully adjusted from ^{zero} ~~zero~~ ^{5 min} zero plus 30 minutes, or until otherwise ordered.
(b) Of the Officers remaining in the front line, the senior in each Gas Sector will maintain touch with the Officer of the Special Coy. R.E. in charge of the Headquarters of each Gas Sector. The latter will advise when the line is safe for normal reoccupation by Infantry

LOCATION OF

4. The Officers of "A" Special Coy. will be located as follows:-
(i) O.C. "A" Special Coy. will be at 11th Infantry Brigade Headquarters.
(ii) O.C. "A" Gas Sector will be at U.28.c.10.93. CONVENT GUN (Position Call "P.Q.")
(iii) O.C. "B" Gas Sector will be at U.21.d.20.45. KEEPERS HUT BREASTWORK (Position call "G.H.7")

CODE.

5. (a) Messages re discharge of Gas will be in code as follows:-
(a) Meaning "It is intended to discharge Gas during the next twelve hours"
Any message containing the word "RECREATIONAL".
(b) Zero hour will be notified by any message containing the words "PETROL TINS", preceded by a number and (if necessary) containing the word "BUCKETS" preceded by a number.
The words "PETROL TINS" will mean hours and the word "BUCKETS" will mean minutes.
Hours will be numbered from one to 24 (Midnight = 24 hours)
e.g. " 22 petrol tins and 15 buckets are now available" will mean "Zero hour is 10.15 p.m."

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5. (c) Meaning "Zero Cancelled", any message containing the word "PACKS"
 (d) Meaning "Zero Stands", any message containing the words "IN GOOD ORDER"
 (e) Meaning "Zero postponed hours", any message containing the words "FOOD CONTAINERS"
 e.g. "Four food containers now available" means "Zero postponed four hours"
- MEDICAL. 6. (a) The C.O. 42nd Battalion will detail 8 Stretcher Bearers (with stretchers) to report to the Officer "A" Special Coy. at U.21.d.20.45. KEEPERS HUT BREAST-WORK (G.H.7) at Zero minus 1 hour.
 (b) The C.O. 43rd Battalion will detail 8 Stretcher Bearers (with stretchers) to report to the Officer of "A" Special Coy. at U.28.c.1.9. CONVENT GUN (P.Q.) at Zero minus 1 hour.
- NORMAL CONDITIONS. 7. Normal conditions will be maintained as far as possible up to Zero hour in order that the attention of the enemy may not be attracted.
- BATTALION AREAS. 8. C.O. Battalions after Zero hour has been notified will inform all units in their areas of intended discharge of Gas.
- DECISION AS TO DISCHARGE 9. The decision as to whether conditions are suitable to discharge or not is left entirely to the C.O. "A" Special Coy. R.E. but the final decision at Zero is left entirely to the discretion of Section Officers of "A" Special Coy. actually operating in the front line.
- ARTILLERY. 10. Artillery are to stand by from Zero onwards for retaliation in event of enemy artillery becoming active after the Gas discharge.
 At Zero plus 2 hours, Artillery are to engage approaches to enemy line. Artillery action will otherwise be normal.
- SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES PROJECTORS. 11. Watches will be synchronized at 11th Infantry Brigade Headquarters at Zero minus 3 hours.
 12. Projectors will be discharged from neighborhood of PARK VILLA to BELCHERS COTTAGES at Zero plus 2½ minutes.
- T.M.'s 13. Trench Mortars are installed on the Brigade front and will fire Gas bombs from Zero plus 2½ minutes.
- REPORTS 14. Reports will be forwarded to Headquarters 11th Infantry Brigade.

G. J. Wootten
 Major.
 Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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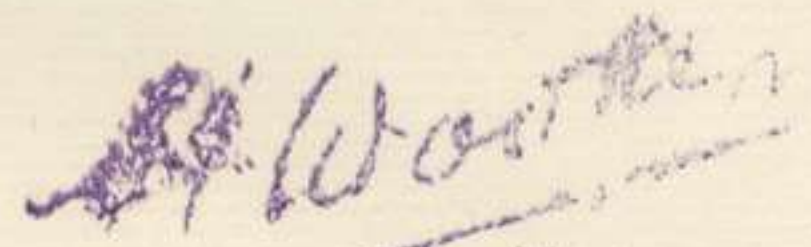
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6	42nd Battalion	D.R.	13	Right Group Art.	D.R.
7	43rd Battalion	D.R.	14	3rd Aust. Div.	D.R.
8	44th Battalion.	D.R.	15	C.R.A.	D.R.
			16	"A" Special Coy.	D.R.

11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.
24th May 1917.

1. Units will submit schemes for recreational training as soon as possible.

2. Twenty two (22) petrol tins, and thirty five (35) buckets are now available.

Major.
Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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TO ALL RECIPIENTS OF 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 64
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Reference 11th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No 64

Para. 13:-

The Trench Mortars referred to therein may be fired even if the cloud gas discharge is cancelled.

Should it be decided to fire the Trench Mortars independently, as stated above, warning will be given by a message containing the word "FODDER"



Major.

Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 120.

From 6 a.m. 24/5/17 to 6 a.m. 25/5/17.

CONFIDENTIAL.OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Very active throughout the day and night on enemy's approaches, communications and back areas.

Our heavies fired at irregular intervals during the day into WARNETON and DEULEMONT and at 11.30 p.m. 18 pounders and 4.5 H.E. and some Shrapnel were fired into FRELINGHEIN and outskirts.

All retaliation called for to neutralize enemy's fire had good effects.

L.T.Ms. Between 1.30 and 1.45 a.m. 4" Stokes T.M. fired 50 rounds per gun into the enemy front and support lines opposite LE GHEER. It drew heavy retaliation but the effects were not ascertained.

MACHINE GUNS: Quiet.

LEWIS GUNS: Fired bursts at intervals during the night. Active against fixed rifles, front line parapet and approaches into NO MANS LAND

SNIPERS: Active but claim no hits.

PATROLS: 8 patrols went out but obtained no information of importance.

DEFENCES: General repairs were effected to damaged trenches. Wiring was carried out on the Right Battalion Sector principally opposite and right of SUFFOLK AVENUE. 2 Sniper's Posts were also constructed.

AIR-CRAFT: Very active between 5 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Several encounters with enemy planes took place, and at 7.15 p.m. one plane (nationality uncertain) appeared to come down.

Between 7 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. 2 of our planes flew low over PLOEGSTEERT WOOD and were engaged by enemy machine gun fire without apparent effect. The planes fired into enemy front lines.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: The enemy retaliated to our shoot, slight in the morning but more heavily during the afternoon and night. During the morning from 100 to 120 77mm and 4.2 H.E. fell on the Left Battalion front. At 11 a.m. the enemy appeared to range with 4.2 H.E. from the direction of DEULEMONT on to the front or E edge of the wood. About 10 fell in the immediate vicinity of RIFLE HOUSE. In the afternoon 100 shells again fell on this Sector but with no appreciable damage. Between 2.10 p.m. and 7 p.m. 15 4.2 H.E. were distributed on RESERVE FARM, LONG AVENUE and GERMAN HOUSE, but without any result.

TRENCH MORTARS: About 40 Rum Jars were fired in the vicinity of LE GHEER in retaliation to our Stokes Mortar shoot.

Between 10 p.m. and 1.45 a.m. about 30 Granatenwerfer were distributed along SUFFOLK AVENUE.

At 3 a.m. a number of Lachrymatory shells were fired into the front lines of the Left Battalion Sector.

MACHINE GUNS: Active in the early evening against our planes and later on our front lines and supports.

PATROLS: Small patrol heard near enemy lines opposite BARMENHAM AVENUE which immediately retired on the approach of our patrol.

ENEMY DEFENCES: At C.4.d.57.38. at 6.14 a.m. earth was seen shovelled out of CEDILLA SUPPORT apparently by 2 men.

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OBSERVATION: Three enemy were observing over parapet just North of the BIRDCAGE.

C.4.a.90.72. 6.5. a.m.

Smoke rising.

C.11.b.35.93. 7.10 a.m.

2 of enemy wearing grey uniform came from first point and disappeared at the latter.

& C.11b17.80.

U.30.b.50.50. 7.30 a.m.

5 enemy wearing dark uniforms passed going in direction of DEULEMONT.

U.30.c.24.80. 8.45 a.m.

A large grey motor vehicle passed going in direction of DEULEMONT.

U.30.c.15.70. 8.50 a.m.

A large grey motor vehicle returning in direction of QUESNOY.

U.30.b.50.50.

& U.30.b.30.77.

The road between these points was in use by pedestrians during the morning but not frequented enough for artillery action.

AIRCRAFT: Active during the evening.

Major
Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 121.

From 6 a.m. 25/5/17 to 6 a.m. 26/5/17.

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OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Very active at intervals during the day. Between 11 a.m. and 12 noon, enemy front line and supports were fired on by 18 pounders and 4.5 Hows. Direct hits were obtained on FACTORY FARM. Between 1.40 and 2.20 p.m. wood at C.5.d. and C.5.c. was shelled and at 3.35 p.m. shrapnel put on to house at about C.5.d.45.42.. At 5 p.m. FRELINGHEEN and front line opposite were shelled with H.E. In front of the Left Battalion, the enemy's front and support lines were again shelled with our heavies between 6 and 8.30 p.m. At 7.30 p.m. 12 rounds 18 pounders were fired in a working party at U.29.b.50.30., dispersing them. L.T.Ms. 60 rounds were fired at 10 p.m. on points C.10.b.50.57. enemy strong point: and C.10.b.85.05. Listening post. The effect apparently was good.

MACHINE GUNS: 500 rounds at intervals during the night were fired on each of the following targets:-

- Junction of tram tracks U.29.b.18.17.
- Tram Line U.29.a. to U.29.b.
- Intersection of tram tracks U.30.c.18.58.
- UMPIRE DRIVE North U.22.d.28.38.

LEWIS GUNS: Normal night firing. Two enemy working parties were detected and fired on, one in UMPIRE SUPPORT and the other just North of the BIRDCAGE.

SNIPERS: Active during the day. One hit was claimed on an enemy wearing a light grey cap who was seen to fall backwards after the shot. One periscope was also hit.

PATROLS: Six patrols went out from each Battalion but with the exception of the following, obtained no information of importance. Patrol which went out from HAMPSHIRE TRENCH discovered a barbed wire line (wire) stretching from enemy's line in the BIRDCAGE to our wire near HAMPSHIRE TRENCH. This wire was passed through one of our pickets and attached to a peculiar object buried in the ground, five feet away. The following is a sketch made by the Officer of the watch who personally investigated it and believes it to be a small ground mine. The object consisted of an irregular stool cylinder approximately 6" in diameter and about 2 feet in length, with 4 prongs at one end. The prongs were buried in the ground while the remainder was exposed. The connecting wire was insulated. Nonaction was taken but it will be under close observation during the day and will be again investigated to-night and an attempt made to bring it in..

OUR DEFENCES: General repairs were effected to front line, supports and communication trenches. Wire was repaired in many places and 50 yards of new wire was put in opposite the right of SUFFOLK AVENUE.

AIRCRAFT: Active during the day and particularly so between 6 p.m. & 8.30 p.m. when 13 were observed flying over enemy lines. At 4.40 a.m. on 25/5/17 one of our planes was seen to be hit and fall in flames within our lines North of PLOEGSTEERT.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Moderately active during the day. During the day about 20 5.9 H.E. were distributed on NEW STRAND, SEVEN TREES REDOUBT & AVENUE and about 60 4.2 H.E. on MOATED FARM, LOWNDES AVENUE, DESPIERRE FARM, SURREY FARM, and NAPOO AVENUE.

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TRENCH MORTARS: At 10.10 p.m. 20 Granatenwerfer were fired in the vicinity of PIMPLE.

MACHINE GUNS: Fired on our aeroplanes during the day and were moderately active on our trenches at dark and dawn. Suspected emplacement at U.28.c.75.60.

SNIPERS: Normal.

DEFENCES: Working parties were detected working on UMPIRE SUPPORT & on his wire in front of FACTORY FARM.

OBSERVATION: Enemy with peaked steel helmet observed in UMPIRE TRENCH at 9.30 a.m.

A suspected T.M. position at U.16.c.34.10. was located and the F.O.O. was informed.

At midnight, trucks and engine whistling and shunting were heard behind FACTORY FARM.

At 9.15 5 red lights were fired from his front line near the LYE but nothing occurred

Gap in enemy's wire at C.11.c.40.10.

At 5 a.m. an enemy balloon ascended N.E. of DEULEMONT and descended at 6.40 a.m.

At U.30.b.35.70. 8 men were seen riding or walking at different times during the day

At U.30.b.50.50. 3 men were observed walking.

At C.4.d.40.45. 2 men observing over the parapet at this point where there appears to be a gun position.

At 7.30 p.m. at U.29.b.55.30. 10 of the enemy appeared to be preparing a low bridge. 12 shots 18 pounders were directed on to the point and dispersed the party.

AIRCRAFT: No enemy aeroplanes were reported as having crossed our lines.

L. W. Duggan

for Major.
Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 65.

Brigade Headquarters.
26th May 1917.

Reference Map PLOEGSTEERT 1/10,000

1. On the night 30th/31st May, at a time to be fixed by the O.C. 42nd Battalion, a raid will be carried out on enemy front line trenches at U.15.d.90.00.
2. Object of raid is:-
 - (1) To obtain identification by capturing prisoners..
 - (2) To inflict casualties on the enemy
3. Strength of the raiding party will be:-
2 Officers and 32 Other Ranks.
4. Artillery support will be arranged direct between O.C. 42nd Battalion and the Artillery Group Commander concerned.
5. Machine Gun fire will be arranged direct between O.C. 42nd Battalion and O.C. 11th Machine Gun Coy.
6. Prisoners, papers and effects captured will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as quickly as possible.
7. Detailed orders will be issued by O.C. 42nd Battalion. Two copies of these orders will be sent to Headquarters 11th Infantry Brigade.
8. Watches will be synchronized at Headquarters 11th Infantry Brigade at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on 30th instant.

W. W. W. W.
Major.
Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.66

Reference Map HOUPLINES 1/10,000

Brigade Headquarters.
26th May 1917.

1. On the night 29th/30th May, at a time to be fixed by the O.C. 43rd Battalion, a raid will be carried out by a party of 43rd Battalion on enemy front line trenches at C.10.b.55.09.
2. The object of the raid is:-
 - (1) To obtain identification by capturing prisoners.
 - (2) To inflict casualties on the enemy.
3. The strength of the raiding party will be 1 Officer and 25 Other Ranks.
4. Artillery and Machine Gun support will be arranged direct by the O.C. 43rd Battalion with the Artillery Group Commander and O.C. 11th Machine Gun Coy.
5. Prisoners, papers and effects captured will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as quickly as possible.
6. Detailed orders for the enterprise will be issued by the O.C. 43rd Battalion. Two copies of these orders will be sent to Headquarters, 11th Infantry Brigade.
7. Watches will be synchronized at Headquarters 11th Infantry Brigade at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on 29th instant.

J. H. ...
Major.
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6	42nd Battalion.	D.R.
7	43rd Battalion.	D.R.
8	44th Battalion.	D.R.
9	11th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R.
10	11th Trench Mortar Bty.	D.R.
11	"M" Group Artillery.	D.R.
12	C.R.A.	D.R.
13	9th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.	D.R.
14	171st Inf. Bde. B.E.F.	D.R.

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11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters.
29th May 1917.

To all recipients of B.O. No. 64

Zero hour will be 12.35 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Widdings Lt

for Major.

Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

(R.V.W.)

11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 122.

From 6 a.m. 26/5/17 to 6 a.m. 27/5/17.

CONFIDENTIEL.OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Fairly active during the day and night. At 10 a.m. 10 18 pounders were fired on to UNA TRENCH and support. From 1.10 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. our Hows. fired about 250 rounds well in rear of Wood C.5.c. and d. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. 12 more in the same place.

18 pounders were engaged during the afternoon in ranging from FACTORY FARM to LE GHEER and also fired a number of rounds on to the suspected Machine Gun emplacements in this Sector.

In response to a call 18 pounders fired 10 rounds near TROIS TILLEULS FARM at a train heard in that vicinity. Between 8.40 p.m. and 10.10 p.m. 18 pounders distributed 12 rounds on each of the Pine-apple emplacements at U.28.c.90.45., C.10.b.45.52. and C.10.b.46.45. From 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. our Heavies shelled the enemy's back areas and communications.

MACHINE GUNS: During the night bursts of fire were distributed on the following targets:-

Road.	-	36. C.11.c.33.92. to 36. C.11.d.50.60.
Bridge over RIVER LYS-		36. C.11.a.92.44. to 36. C.11.96.45.
" " " " " "	-	36. C.11.a.48.15 to 36. C.5.c.63.12.
" " " " " "	-	36. C.5.a.35.53.
" " " " " "	-	36. C.5.c.52.97. to 36. C.5.a.31.36.
Tramline Junction or	-	28. U.23.a.86.96.
Intersection	-	28. U.29.b.20.68.
	-	28. U.30.c.18.66.

LEWIS GUNS: Normal night firing.

SNIPERS: Three hits are claimed by the Left Battalion.

PATROLS: Six from the Left Battalion and eight from the Right operated on our front. Enemy lines were very quiet and no patrols were encountered. The enemy wire opposite NAPOO AVENUE was examined and found to be in a poor condition. The listening post in trench C.10.b.80.70. to C.10.b.55.20. was found to be still heavily wired.

DEFENCES: General repair work was effected to front lines, supports and communications. 40 yards of wire was erected on left of SUFFOLK AVENUE and 50 yards in front of "F" Gap.

AIRCRAFT: Fairly active. At 11.45 p.m. one of our planes flew over FRELINGHIEN and it is thought two bombs were dropped.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: About 140 rounds of 7.7 and 10.5 were distributed over the Sector principally in the vicinity of CONVENT, LANCASHIRE SUPPORT, LOWMDES AVENUE, NEW CUT, STRAND, CHESHIRE AVENUE, and SURREY FARM. Our trenches were blown in in several places. About 70 Pineapples were fired into front lines and C.Ts.

MACHINE GUNS: Usual activity on our trenches. They also fired at one of our aeroplanes which flew low over their lines but with no apparent effect.

SNIPERS: Inactive.

PATROLS: None encountered.

AIRCRAFT: An enemy plane flew low over ST YVES AVENUE at 5 a.m.

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OBSERVATION: 5 enemy were seen in front line opposite LE GHEER dressed in kahaki uniform and wearing similar steel helmets to our own. They were fired on by snipers and one was hit.

At 6 a.m. 3 enemy were seen moving along UMBO SWITCH.

Suspected Machine Gun emplacements as follows were reported to F.O.O.:

1. U.22.a.00.40.
2. U.21.b.99.90.
3. U.15.d.95.03.

A string of green lights was fired from the enemy front line and answered by a flash lamp from a balloon due E. of AYR TRENCH when one of our night planes flew overhead. At 9.10 p.m. this balloon signalled for 20 minutes by means of a lamp. The flashes were plainly visible and appeared to be directed towards us but the message could not be read by the observer.

At 36. C.4.d.30.40. a large cloud of white smoke was soon rising at 4.55 a.m. A similar occurrence was observed at 36. C.4.b.20.10. at 7.45 a.m.

At 11.35 3 men were observed working at U.29.b.55.30.

At 1 p.m. 12 men were observed working at the same spot. Artillery were directed on to it and burst shrapnel directly over the party dispersing them. New earthworks appear to have been thrown up here.

Flashes appeared from top of house at 23. U.24.c.80.80. They appeared to be from a heliograph and continued for half an hour.

Pedestrians were observed at different times during the day on the roads of PONT ROUGE but were never sufficiently concentrated to call for Artillery action.

H. Wellings Lt

For Major.

Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 123

From 6 a.m. 27/5/17 to 6 a.m. 28/5/17.

CONFIDENTIALOUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Very active throughout the day and night on enemy front and support lines and back areas. Minenwerfer positions in 28. U.28.c., 28. U.21.a. and 28. U.28.c.90.45. were fired at with 4.5 Hows and 18 pounders with apparently good results.

A cottage W. of Wood 36. C.5.c. was demolished by our fire.

18 pounders registered on front and support lines opposite left Battalion.

L.F.s? Fired 100 rounds on registering and engaging M.G., Pineapple and Sniper's positions. Several direct hits were observed and the result of the shoot was apparently successful.

MACHINE GUNS: Targets as under were engaged at various times throughout the night:-

Roads, trench tranways, etc. at	28. U.29.b.90.68.
	28. U.11.c.10.65.
	28. U.23.a.83.90.
	28. U.22.c.90.85. to b.77.70.
	36. C.11.b.32.93.
	36. C.5.d.74.73.
	36. C.11.c.83.85.
	36. C.11.c.83.92. to d.50.80.

Bridges at	36. C.5.c.50.90.
	28. U.29.b.58.88.

LEWIS GUNS: Usual night firing. An enemy working party opposite BURNT OUF FARM about midnight was dispersed.

SNIPERS: Our snipers claim two hits, one believed to be an Officer who was looking over the parapet opposite our Left Sector. A periscope was also hit.

PATROLS: Six on the Left and eight on the Right Battalion front operated during the night. The night was light and the enemy fired a large number of flares making it difficult to see. The patrol attempted to dig up supposed listening posts. They were fired on and forced to come in. The wire connecting the enemy lines was cut.

DEFENCES: General repairs were effected to damaged trenches. Improvements made. Several gaps in our wire were repaired and about 50 yards French wire was put opposite a Lewis Gun position on the left of "G" Gap.

AIRCRAFT: Much in evidence during the day and at least ten were seen to cross over the enemy lines subjected to heavy A.A. and Machine Gun fire.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Fairly active during the day, shelling our front lines supports and communications. About 9 p.m. he searched PLOIGSTERN WOOD with 100 10.5 and 7.7 c.m. H.E.s from the CONVENT along HUNTERS AVENUE to REGENT STREET and back as far as RIFLE HOUSE. He appeared to be searching for our tram lines and communications. Over 200 5.9 (15 c.m.) H.E. fell in 36. C.13.c. & d. about 30 of which struck the farm buildings at C.13.c.42.98.

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TRENCH MORTARS: 15 Minenwerfer were fired about Noon between NEW STRAND & WESTMINSTER AVENUE. Suspected emplacements at 28.U.16.c.27.90. and 28. U.22.a.08.38. were reported to the F.O.O. Pineapples were fired at intervals along our front line.

MACHINE GUNS: Active in front of Right Battalion during the earlier part of the night.

SNIPERS: Normal.

PATROLS: None detected.

DEFENCES: The enemy was working on his support line opposite BURNT OUT FARM.

AIRCRAFT: Active during the day. Two planes flew ^{low} over his own front line opposite ST YVES at 7 p.m. but were driven off by our planes. At 10.45 p.m. a machine flew low over his front line S of WARNAVE RIVER.

OBSERVATION: During our bombardment at 2 a.m. the enemy fired a red light which broke into 2 stars. His barrage did not commence until 5 minutes after the signal and 15 minutes elapsed before it reached its maximum intensity. At 10.45 the aeroplane mentioned above dropped two large white lights followed by small green and white ones. These were answered by a succession of strings of green lights (4 to 10 lights in each string). A number of parachute lights were dropped from the plane and one red and a green light floated in the air burning for 4 or 5 minutes. At 28. U.4.d.35.25. smoke was soon to rise at 4.30 a.m. and at 7.5 p.m. a similar cloud appeared at 36. C.4.d.40.30. Small parties (1, 2, or 3) were seen working at 28.U. ³⁰ c.30.60., 28. U.30. c.40.65., 28. U.29.b.55.30., 28. U.29.a.40.20. and 36. C.5.a.50.10. Small parties were again observed moving in the vicinity of PONT ROUGE. A cloud of smoke could be seen at 36. C.4.30.90. 5 enemy were seen opposite AYR TRENCH wearing what appeared to be bright steel helmets but none were carrying rifles.

W. J. Wellings Lt.

For Major.

Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. *Appendix No 6*

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 124.

From 6 a.m. 28/5/17 to 6 a.m. 29/5/17.

CONFIDENTIAL,OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Active throughout the day on enemy's trenches and back areas. Apparently as the result of our fire, a large volume of white smoke was seen to rise near DEULEMONT which our artillery were bombarding at the time.

About midnight 18 pounders were directed on to a working party opposite HAMPSHIRE T. and in answer to a call for retaliation a number of rounds were fired on Minenwerfer positions. M.T.Ms. Fired 40 rounds between 4.30 and 5 p.m. on to C.10.b.55.20. 6 hits were obtained in the wire making a clear gap. 12 rounds were also fired at 8.30 p.m. cutting a gap in his wire at U.15.d.88.08.

MACHINE GUNS: During the early part of the night the following targets were fired on:-

Bridge over RIVER LYS	-	28. U.29.b.57.22.
" " " " " "	-	28. U.29.b.73.25
" " " " " "	-	28. U.29.c.48.00
" " " " " "	-	28. U.29.c.72.82.
" " " " " "	-	36. C.5.c.50.90.
X Roads FRELINGHEIN	-	36. C.11.c.80.80.
Junction tramway & road	-	28. U.23.c.65.36.
Road.	-	28. U.29.a.18.84 to c.25.60.
Tramway.	-	28. U.11.c.10.65.
PETITE HAIE FARM	-	28. U.23.a.86.90.
LA TRUIE FARM	-	28. U.17.a.55.05.

LEWIS GUNS: Normal night firing.

SNIPERS: 3 periscopes were destroyed opposite the Left Battalion front.

PATROLS: Active throughout the night. Enemy's wire was reconnoitred and a gap 10 feet wide discovered about U.28.c.70.75. A tramway could be heard in work opposite WARNAVE LODGE and a working party was discovered opposite HAMPSHIRE T.

DEFENCES: General repair work to front line, supports and communications was attended to and the wire was strengthened in many places. 50 yards of French wire was put in front of LE GHEER gap.

AIRCRAFT: Very active during the day.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Fairly active during the day but quiet throughout the night with the exception of his S.C.S. which was very heavy and extended to our Left Company front where it remained from 1.47 a.m. to 2.35 a.m.

At intervals during the day he searched FLOEGSTEERT WOOD communications and tram lines with shrapnel and 7.7 cm H.E.

At 5.30 p.m. 20 7.7 cm H.E. were fired along HUNTERS AVENUE and tram lines in the vicinity of RIFLE HOUSE and at 1 a.m. 20 more along REGENT STREET. All fire directed on this Sector came from the direction of DEULEMONT.

T.Ms: During the raid on our left 6 Minenwerfer, 10 Runjars and about 50 pineapples were fired on to our Right Battalion front. During the day 27 Minenwerfer, 10 Runjars and about 150 Pineapples were distributed along our front line resulting in some damage.

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MACHINE GUNS: Normal until the barrage commenced on our left when they swept our parapet along the whole front until normal conditions again prevailed.

SNIPERS: Normal.

PATROLS: None in evidence.

ENEMY DEFENCES: No new works observed.

AIRCRAFT: Not very active, none crossed our line.

OBSERVATION: A white cloud of smoke was seen in the direction of DOULEMONT during our bombardment.

Enemy cut a gap in his own wire at U.15.d.90.05.

Sounds of iron being used and work in progress opposite the Craters N of HAMPSHIRE U.

One of our shells bursting behind the BIRDCAGE blow up a lot of papers.

At 10 p.m. 7 white lights were fired 60 of 70 feet in the air opposite HAMPSHIRE T&

At 11 p.m. a large fire was observed in a N.E. direction in rear of enemy lines.

Pedestrians in small parties were frequently seen throughout the day moving along the DOULEMONT - QUESNOY Road.

3 men were observed working at C.4.d.55.60.

A hostile Balloon ascended and descended three times between 6.10 and 8.55 p.m. 38 deg (true bearing) from 36. C.9.d.95.60.

X. Wellman & Co.

for Major.

Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 125.

From 6 a.m. 29/5/17 to 6 a.m. 30/5/17.

CONFIDENTIAL.OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Very active throughout the day and night bombarding enemy trenches and back areas.

Between 5.30 a.m. and 6 a.m. and at 15 minute intervals during the day 4.5 Hows. and 18 pounders fired H.E. and Shrapnel behind FRELINGHEIM.

At 8.40 a.m. 4.5 Hows fired into his front line and supports opposite Left Battalion and wire was cut at 28. U.28.c.65.40.

18 pounders shelled FACTORY FARM and M.G. emplacements at U.22.a.00.35.

At 5.30 p.m. and at 11 p.m. retaliation was called for to subdue Minenwerfer and Artillery fire.

From Mid-night our heavies constantly bombarded MESSINES.

T.Ms. At 6 p.m. L.T.Ms fired on U.22.a.5.15. to U.22.a.50.30. and at 4.45 p.m. enemy's wire at 36. C.10.b.7.1. and C.T. at 36.C.10.b.85.17 were bombarded with apparently good effect.

At 10.35 p.m. 500 Gas and 50 Thermite bombs were fired on our front. The effect could not be ascertained but drew heavy retaliation.

MACHINE GUNS: Normal night firing. Bursts of fire were directed on tramlines at 28.U.11.c.10.65., U.23.a.86.90., U.17.a.55.95., 36.C.10.c.95.24., U.30.c.18.66. and at bridge 36.C.11.c.44.95..

LEWIS GUNS: Normal night firing.

SNIPERS: 3 hits claimed by Left Battalion and 4 periscopes hit.

PATROLS: Patrols reported NO MANS LAND quiet. Enemy wire was examined in a few places but operations were hampered by the Gas and Artillery bombardments and very little information was obtained.

DEFENCES: General repairs to front line, supports and communications were effected.

AIRCRAFT: Normal.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Very active during the day and night. At 7 a.m. enemy again searched PLOEGSTEERT WOOD with 7.7 and 10.5 cms. H.E. 5 falling very near KEEPERS HUT Breastworks. At 10.35 he retaliated heavily for our Gas bombardment and again at 11.30 p.m. for our T.M. shoot using 7.7., 10.5., and 15 cm guns.

Our trenches were blown in in several places but those were all cleared and repaired during the night.

T.Ms: About 60 Minenwerfer were distributed over the Right Battalion front and a few on to the Left mostly in retaliation to our Gas and T.M. bombardments. Rumjars and Pineapples were also fired in quantity.

MACHINE GUNS: Inactive until our Gas bombardment opened when they swept our front line. Suspected emplacements at:-

28.U.22.a.05.10.
28.H.22.c.30.82.
28.U.22.c.27.72.
28.U.22.c.30.38.
28.U.22.a.18.20.
28.U.22.c.48.38.

SNIPERS: Slight activity.

PATROLS: None in evidence.

DEFENCES: Enemy's parapet which was breached opposite HULL'S BURNT FARM has not yet been repaired.

AIRCRAFT: Very little activity.

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LIGHTS & SIGNALS: On the commencement of our Gas bombardment, a red rocket was fired from his support lines which broke into 2 green lights whereupon his artillery opened. About 20 minutes later a red rocket bursting into two lights was the signal for the artillery to cease. Several star shells were used during this time.

OBSERVATION: From 11.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. a fire was noticed in enemy S.L. in the vicinity of C.4.a. and C.4.b. and it is thought that this was used for clearing Gas from his dug-outs etc. Suspected Minenwerfer positions at 36.C.4.a.90.70., 36.C.4.b.40.10., 36.C.4.d.25.98, The dug-out at 28.U.15.d.90.05. is occupied. Two men were seen near it and smoke issued from the top.

At 5.55 a.m. 28.U.30.c.0.65. 30 men were observed shovelling on top of trench. This was reported to Artillery but no action was taken by them. Much greater pedestrian traffic was noticed on the DEULEMONT - QUESNOY Road than for some time. Small parties (from 2 to 8) were seen at intervals of a few minutes moving both ways, right throughout the day.

At 28.U.30.c.0.65 Earth has been newly levelled.

At 28.U.29.c.40.63. suspected M.G. position.

42 deg. from O.P. at 36.C.9.d.95.60. a column of smoke was seen rising behind DEULEMONT.

H. Welling

For Major.

Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 67.

Brigade Headquarters,
30th May 1917.Reference Maps PLOEGSTEERT 1/10,000
HOUPLINES 1/10,000

1. The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade is to be relieved in the LE TOUQUET Sector, and is to take over the Sector from WESTMINSTER AVENUE to ASH LANE.
2. Details of reliefs and moves are given below:-
 - "a" Night of 31st May/1st June.
 - (i) Advanced party of 2/4th L.N. Lincs. will report to 43rd Battalion. This advanced party is to be accommodated in the Subsidiary line during night 31st May/1st June and will carry out relief at dawn on 1st June. This party will consist of the Lewis Guns and teams of the relieving Battalion plus 50% signallers and bombers, and 2 Officers and 4 M.C.O.'s per Company. The O.C. 43rd Battalion will arrange for guides to meet this party at MOTOR CAR CORNER at 9.45 p.m. on 31st May. 50% of corresponding specialists of 43rd Battalion will remain on duty with the above party until the relief of the Battalion is complete.
 - "b" Night of 1st/2nd June.
 - (i) The 2/4th Loyal North Lincs. will relieve the 43rd Battalion. One guide per Platoon from 43rd Battalion (under an Officer) will meet the incoming Battalion at MOTOR CAR CORNER at 9.45 p.m. 1st June. 43rd Battalion on relief will move into Area "B" PONT DE NIEPPE.
 - (ii) An advanced party of 2/5th L.N. Lincs. will report to 42nd Battalion. Strength of, and arrangements for this party will be similar to those set out in Para. 2. "a" (i), with the exception of guides. O.C. 42nd Battalion will detail guides to meet this party at GASOMETER CORNER (C.7.b.48.08) at 10 p.m. on 1st June.
 - (iii) The 44th Battalion will leave PONT DE NIEPPE and will proceed to and occupy the Subsidiary line, South of the PLOEGSTEERT - LE GHEER ROAD, as far South as but excluding GUNNERS FARM. Loading Company will not leave PONT DE NIEPPE before 9 p.m. Headquarters 41st Battalion will be at MAISON 1875 during night of 1st/2nd June.
 - "c" During daylight 2nd June.
 - (i) 11th Machine Gun Coy. will be relieved in LE TOUQUET Sector by 25th Motor M.G. Battery, and will withdraw to billets in LE RIZET.
 - (ii) 11th Trench Mortar Bty. will withdraw from the LE TOUQUET Sector
 - "d" Night 2nd/3rd June.
 - (i) The 2/5th L.N. Lincs. will relieve the 42nd Battalion. One guide per Platoon from the 42nd Battalion (under an Officer) will meet the incoming Battalion at GASOMETER CORNER at 10 p.m. 2nd June. 42nd Battalion on relief will move into Area "A" billets PONT DE NIEPPE.
 - (ii) The 41st Battalion will relieve the 35th Battalion and 38th Battalion in the ST YVES Sector. Battalion Headquarters will be at ADVANCED ESTAMINET. The 41st Battalion will have 3 Companies in the line and 1 Company in reserve.
 - (iii) The 11th Machine Gun Coy and 11th Trench Mortar Bty. will relieve the 9th and 10th Machine Gun Coys. and Trench Mortar Batteries respectively in the STYVES Sector. Headquarters and two Sections 11th Machine Gun Coy. and Headquarters 11th Trench Mortar Bty. will be in the CATACOMBS
 - (iv) The 44th Battalion will move from PONT DE NIEPPE to the CATACOMBS. Head of 44th Battalion will not leave PONT DE NIEPPE before 8 p.m.

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3. All reliefs, other than as set out in Para 2."c", will commence not earlier than 9 p.m. and must be completed by 3 a.m. nightly.
4. Details of all reliefs will be arranged direct by the C.O's. concerned.
5. Fullest precautions will be taken that no movement of troops is visible to the enemy, and suitable formations and distances must be maintained to prevent undue casualties from enemy artillery fire.
6. All trench stores, Secret trench maps, Log Books, aeroplane photographs of the areas concerned will be handed and taken over on reliefs.
7. The completion of all moves and reliefs will be reported to Headquarters, 11th Australian Infantry Brigade daily, immediately on completion.
8. Headquarters, 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will remain at PONT DE NIEPPE until further notice.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. F. Hootten
Major.

Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Issued at	a.m.	By.
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5.	42nd Battalion.	D.R.
6.	43rd Battalion.	D.R.
7.	44th Battalion.	D.R.
8.	11th M.G. Coy.	D.R.
9.	11th T.M. Bty.	D.R.
10.	3rd Aust. Division.	D.R.
11.	9th Aust. Inf. Bde.	D.R.
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13.	171st Inf. Bde. B.E.F.	D.R.
14.	Lt Col, GEDDES, 171st Inf. Bde. B.E.F.	D.R.
15.	11th Field Coy. Engineers	D.R.
16.	C.R.A.	D.R.
17.	"M" Group Artillery.	D.R.
18.	War Diary.	

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 126.

For period ending 4.a.m. 31/5/17.

CONFIDENTIAL.OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Intermittent fire throughout the day and night on enemy F.L., S.L., and rear lines was carried out. Observation of effect of fire on rear areas not obtainable.

Fire on F.L. and S.L. appeared very effective.

Retaliation for Minenwerfer activity was obtained at 4.p.m., 10.35 p.m., 1.15 a.m., 12.35 p.m.

MEDIUM TRENCH MORTARS: cut distinct gaps at U.22.b.60.25 and U.28.c.70.35.

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS: At 11.45 a.m., 164 rounds were fired into F.L. and C.T. from U.22.a.25.15 to U.22.a.53.32 with good effect. 3.30 p.m. - 6.p.m. 270 rounds were expended on;-

C.4.a.90.70.) Dug-outs.
C.17.a.70.20.)

C.10.b.50.50.) Susp. M.G. positions.
C.17.a.20.70.)

C.4.d.25.98. " M.W. position.
C.4.a.80.30. Trench.

Direct hits were obtained on all targets.

MACHINE GUNS;- Carried out normal programme of indirect fire on targets to rear of Enemy lines.

LEWIS GUNS; Fired continuously throughout the night on enemy wire and parapet.

Working parties, repairing wire, at U.22.a.25.20 and U.15.d.90.05 were dispersed by L.G. fire.

SNIPERS; No hits claimed.

OUR DEFENCES; Slight damage was done during the period to LONG AVENUE and ECCLES AVENUE.

General repairs and improvements to KEEPERS HUT Breastworks, D. Gap, AYR TRENCH, were effected.

PATROLS; Right Battalion Sub-section.

1 N.C.O. and 10 O.R. worked in front of "A" Gap from 10.45 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. and report NO MAN'S LAND clear.

1 Off. and 4 O.R. worked in front of "C" Gap and examined enemy wire at about C.10.b.55.89 - 10.p.m. to 12.30 a.m.

10 p.m. - 2 a.m. 2 patrols moved from MONMOUTH HOUSE to left of "C" Gap. NO MAN'S LAND reported clear.

Left Battalion Sub-section.

Five patrols operated in front during the night.

Working parties were located by patrols at U.22.a.25.20. and U.15.d.90.05. and were dispersed by L.G. fire.

Sounds of tramway in use were reported in vicinity of ULTRA LANE.

AIRCRAFT; At 3.40 a.m. and 4.45 a.m. a number of our planes flew over WARMITON.

At 10.20 a.m. a plane flying very low over our own lines was engaged by Enemy Rifle and M.G. fire.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY; Right Battalion Sub-section.
 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. 50, 77 mm H.E. WARNAVE RIVER to "D" Gap.
 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. 30, 4.2 H.E. RESERVE FARM and DESPIERRE FARM.
 5 Med. M.W. LONG AVENUE.
 70, 77 mm H.E.) Distributed.
 and Shrapnel.)
 This fire was retaliation for the L.T.M. Shoot.
 3.50 p.m. 35, 77 mm H.E. NAPOO AVENUE.
 5.10 p.m. 10, 4.2cm H.E. Right Coy. Sector.
 6 p.m. 5, 4.2 " " " " "
 10.35 p.m. 5, M.W. Right Coy. F.L.

Left Battalion Sub-section.

Artillery less active than usual. It is estimated that 100 10.5 cm H.E. and 77mm H.E. was used during the day.
 Fire was well distributed.
 In retaliation to our M.T.M. Shoot Enemy fired 20 Pineapples and 10 Med. M.W. on LE GHEER.

MACHINE GUNS; Active throughout the night and especially at dawn.

SNIPERS; Inactive.

PATROLS; None encountered.

DEFENCES; M.W. position susp. at C.4.d.55.75.
 C.4.d.60.90.

A large knife rest has been placed across gap in wire at U.15.a.90.05.

OBSERVATION; 4.35 a.m. to 5.30 a.m. Estimated that 100 men passed U.30.B.38.65. in groups of 3 at 5 min. interval, some moving towards DOULEMINT, some to QUESNOY.

Throughout day movement of individuals was noticed on DOULEMINT - QUESNOY Road.

5 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. 6 enemy seen repairing damage to trenches at C.4.d.40
 An enemy Observation Balloon was observed on true bearing of 45° from C.9.D.93.59. N.E. of DEULEMINT at 4.30 a.m.

AIRCRAFT; At 10.55 a.m. an enemy plane flew above enemy F.L. and was engaged by Rifle and M.G. fire from our lines.

MISCELLANEOUS; At dawn during the last two mornings the Enemy has opened a heavy rifle fire along the front of our Left Battalion and bombed his wire opposite Right Battalion front.

L. A. Wood Lt Col.

Major.
 Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. 71068

Brigade Headquarters.
31/5/17.

Reference Map;- PLOEGSTEDT 1/10,000.

1. (a). On the night of 31st May/1st June, fighting patrols, supported by Artillery will operate simultaneously on both the 10th and 11th Infantry Brigade fronts.
In consultation with the 10th Infantry Brigade it has been arranged that ;-
- (1). A Preliminary bombardment will be carried out from Zero - 2 hours until Zero -1 hour 50 minutes by each of the supporting artillery groups.
- (2). Zero hour for both operations will be 1.30 a.m.
2. The 11th Infantry Brigade fighting patrol will consist of a party of 43rd Battalion.
Strength of party will be 2 Officers and 35 O.R.
3. The patrol will leave our line North of "E" Gap and will enter the enemy line at U.28.c.80.80.
4. The patrol will stay in enemy lines not later than Zero + 15 minutes.
5. Artillery, Trench Mortar, and Machine Gun support will be arranged direct between O.C. 43rd Battalion and the Group and Unit Commanders concerned.
6. Detailed orders will be issued by the C.O. 43rd Battalion. *Two* copies of these orders will be sent to Headquarters, 11th Infantry Brigade.
7. Watches will be synchronized at Headquarters 11th Infantry Brigade at 4.30 p.m. and 8.p.m., 31/5/17.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*G.H. Wootton*Major,
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Issued at // a.m.	Copy No.		By.
	1.	G.O.C.	Hand.
	2.	Brigade Major.	Hand.
	3.	41st Battalion.	D.R.
	4.	42nd Battalion.	D.R.
	5.	43rd Battalion.	D.R.
	6.	44th Battalion.	D.R.
	7.	11th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R.
	8.	11th Trench Mortar Battery.	D.R.
	9.	"M" Group Artillery.	D.R.
	10.	C.R.A.	D.R.
	11.	10th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
	12.	9th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
	13.	171st Inf. Bde. B.E.F.	D.R.
	14.	3rd Aust. Division.	D.R.
	15.	War Diary.	D.R.

List of Casualties for Month of ~~Apr~~ May.

Other Ranks.

Date	N ^o of Casualties.
24 : 5 : 17	2
25 : 5 : 17	5
26 : 5 : 17	4
27 : 5 : 17	3
28 : 5 : 17	3
29 : 5 : 17	4
30 : 5 : 17	6
31 : 5 : 17	2
	<u>Total 29.</u>

officers and