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8th BATTALION, ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

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January LE PLESSIEL.

1st C Company continued improvement to firing points, and extension of butts on Divl. range.
A. B. D. Companies at Company training and erection of beds and other improvements to billets.

2nd A. Company took over work on Divisional Range from "C" Company. 1 platoon "C" Company proceeded to ST RIQUIER to work on 5th Army Sniping School under direction of Lt. Richardson, 80th Coy. R.E.
B. Coy., C. Coy. (less 1 platoon), D. Coy continued training and improvement to billets.
A. Coy continued work on Divisional Range.

3rd B. Coy. moved from LE PLESSIEL to GRAND LAVIERS to take over work on horse-lines for a brigade of Artillery. 2nd Lt. Gilmore in Command of Company. 98
D. Coy. moved to PORT le GRAND for similar work in that area.
C. Company continued Company training. Major Walker left battalion to attend Senior Officers' Course, ALDERSHOT.
Capt. H.E. Stewart assumed temporary command of the battalion.
Lt. Lewis M.C. and 2/Lt. Leaver C. proceeded on leave 3.1.17 - 13.1.17.

4th A. Company continued work on Divisional Range and Company training.
B. Company - repair of billets etc. at GRAND LAVIERS - commenced road to horse lines.
C. Company - Company training.
D. Company - repair of billets etc. at PORT le GRAND - began work on standings for one brigade of Artillery.

5th Companies at work and training as on 4th inst.

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6th	Lt. Col. A.E. Glasgow returned from leave and resumed command of the battalion. "A" and "C" Companies continued company training (less 1 platoon "C" Coy. at ST RIQUIER). B. Company completed clearing and draining of road to Brigade lines at GRAND LAVIERS preparatory to chalking it. "D" Company continued work on standings at PORT le GRAND.
7th	Voluntary Church parade at Batt. H.Q. at 10.30 a.m. Reinforcements continued Part III. of Musketry Course on Divisional Range, NEUILLY, under 2/Lt. Ireland. Officers' conference at H.Q. at 5.15 for discussion of "Notes on Organisation" issued by 5th Army. During 7th and following days, box respirators were fitted at Divisional Anti-Gas School, BUIGNY ST. MACLOU. 18th Divn. O.O. 73 received. 98A.
8th	A. Coy continued work on Divisional Range - all firing points completed. C. Coy. (less 1 platoon still engaged at 5th Army Sniping School, ST. RIQUIER) continued Company training. B. Coy. working on road at GRAND LAVIERS. D. Coy. working on horse standgs at PORT LE GRAND. Captain K. de Jong rejoined Battalion from Senior Officers' Course, ALDERSHOT and resumed duties as Adjutant.
9th	A. Coy. continued Company training and work on butts at Divisional Range. B. Coy. engaged in repair of billets and work on road at GRAND LAVIERS. C. Coy. (less 1 platoon still at ST. RIQUIER) - Company training. D. Coy. - work on standings at PORT le GRAND.
10th	"B" Coy. returned from GRAND LAVIERS and took over its former billet at LE PLESSIEL. "D" Coy. also returned to LE PLESSIEL from PORT LE GRAND.

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10th (C'td.) 1 platoon of "C" Coy. returned from work at 5th Army Sniping School, ST RIQUIER.
1 platoon of "A" Coy. embussed for BOUZINCOURT to erect huts at new Divisional Hqrs.
(2/Lt. ROBINSON - charge of party).
Lt. Col. A.E.Glasgow D.S.O. relinquished command of the battalion on appointment to 58th Brigade. On leaving he issued the following Special Order.

"On relinquishing command of this battalion, I wish to thank all Officers, W.O's, N.C.O's and men for the loyal and unfailing support they have given me while in command.
It has only been by the whole-hearted efforts of the Officers, W.O's, N.C.O's, supported by willing hard work from the rank and file that the Battalion has been able to reach its present high state of efficiency.
It is with the deepest regret that I leave the Battalion I have had the honour of commanding for nearly two years".
Capt. N.E. Stewart resumed temporary command of the battalion.

YVRENCHEUX.

11th The Battalion moved from LE PLESSIEL to YVRENCHEUX via NEUILLY L'HOPITAL and ARGEN-VILLERS. Parade was at 11.15 am; and Hqrs re-opened in YVRENCHEUX at 2.45 p.m. 99.
C. Company was billeted in neighbouring village of YVRENCH.
O.C. 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers was in command of 18th Div. Hq. Group which consisted of the battalion, 18th Div. Signal. H.Q. 18th Div. Train, Police.

BERNAVILLE.

12th The Battalion continued its march from YVRENCHEUX to BERNA-VILLE via DOMLEGER and PROUVILLE. 100
Parade was at 10.50 am - the

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12th (C'td.)	head of the column passing the starting point (at Cross road W of the C - CONTEVILLE - reference sheet 1/100,000 ABBEVILLE & LENS sheets) at 11.18 a.m. Battalion Hqrs opened - BERNAVILLE at 3 p.m. "D" Coy. moved into VACQUERIE owing to the very limited accommodation in BERNAVILLE. On this march the battalion was one of the constitutent parts of 18th Div. H.Q Group - commanded by O.C. 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers. During the day one Officer per Company went on to report to C.R.E. 18th Div. at BOUZINCOURT with a view to taking over work in the line from the 61st Division. 2/Lts. Cowley, Marsland, Ireland and Lumsden were the Officers detailed. 18th Div. O.O. 74 recd.	100A.
13th	Battalion resting in BERNAVILLE (less D. Coy. at VACQUERIE) H.Q. at HOTEL de VILLE. Captain Hampton rejoined Battn from leave to England. Bn. O.O. 34 & 35 issued.	101.
	SARTON.	
14th	Battn proceeded by march route to SARTON via DOULLENS & billeted there.	
15th	Battn rested. Bn. O.O. 36 & 37 issued.	~~101~~ 102
	MARLBOROUGH HUTS, AVELUY.	
16th	Battn moved by march route to MARLBOROUGH HUTS E. of AVELUY & occupied huts.	
17th	Battalion resting & cleaning Huts.	
18th	Work. A. Coy. - 1 Platoon improving Divl. Hdqrs. 2 Platoons clearing tram-line from TULLOCH CORNER to RIFLE DUMP. 1 platoon - 2 sections acting as breakdown gangs on Tramline. 2 Sections improving camp. 3 Platoons Infantry attached for work.	

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18th (C'td.)
B. Coy.
Work on erecting NISSEN Bow Huts in WARWICK HUTS.
C. Coy.
3 platoons working on light Railway at head of NAB VALLEY. 1 Platoon working on Transport lines. 1½ Coys. Infantry attached. D. Coy.
Work on dugouts at R.32.c.8.2. (Sheet 57 D.S.E.1/20,000) in continuous shifts.
Location of Battn same.

19th
Work
A. Coy as Yesterday.
B. Coy. as yesterday.
C. Coy. as yesterday.
D. Coy. as yesterday.
Location of Battn same.

20th
Work as yesterday.
Location of Battn same.
Major J.C.D.BIRTWHISTLE - The Royal Sussex Regt. - joined for duty & assumed duties of 2nd in Command.

21st
Work & Location of Battn as yesterday.
Lt. Col. A.A. CHASE D.S.O. assumed the command of the Battn this day.

22nd
Work. A. Coy.
1 Platoon improving Divl. Hdqrs.
1 platoon ballasting tram line from Tulloch corner to Rifle dump.
1 platoon working on OVILLERS-QUARRY line.
1 platoon as breakdown gangs on ROGERS LINE.
3 Platoons infantry attached for above work.
B. Coy. - Erecting new Huts at WARWICK HUTS.
C. Coy.
1 platoon making Battn transport lines.
3 platoons working on Light Railway Line NAB Village.
1½ Coys. attached for above.
D. Coy.
3 platoons on dugouts under 174 Coy. R.E. & 1 platoons resting & improving camp.
Location of Battn same.
Casualties - 20314 Corpl. T. PEACOCK wounded. 9181 L/Cpl. A.WHITINGTON wounded slightly at duty. (A Coy)

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23rd Work.
A. B & C Coys as yesterday.
D. Coy. 2 platoons on dugouts, 2 platoons resting & working on transport lines.
Location of Battn same.

24th Work.
A. B & C Coys as yesterday.
D. Coy working under C. Coy on new tractor line OVILLERS to MOUQUET FARM.
Location of Battn same.
Weather very severe frosts for the last few days, freezing hard.

25th Work.
A. Coy.-
1 platoon improving Divl. H.Q.
1 Platoon working on Battn Transport Lines.
2 platoons cleaning & improving WIGAN LANE.
B. Coy. -
Work on WARWICK HUTS erecting etc.
C. Coy. - Working on grading of Light Railway Line -OVILLERS to MOUQUET FARM assisted by 5 platoons of Infantry.
D. Coy. - Cleaning, deepening & improving SUDBURY Trench.
Location of Battn same.
Weather same.

26th Work. A. Coy. -
1 platoon at Divl. H.Q. improving Camp. Remainder of Coy. assisted by 1 platoon R.Fusiliers clearing WIGAN Lane between Hessian & Regina Trenches - NIGHT work.
B. Coy. moved into WARWICK HUTS & continued work of erection etc.
C. Coy assisted by 5 platoons of infantry, grading new light railway line - OVILLERS TOWN to MOUQUET FARM.
D. Coy employed in deepening & clearing SUDBURY TRENCH assisted by 1 platoon infantry - NIGHT WORK.
Location of Battn same.
Casualties G/2715 L/Cpl. AUSTIN F.W. wounded slightly at duty.

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27th

Work. A. Coy. -
1 platoon returned to Bn. from Divl. H.Q.
Remainder of Coy as yesterday.
B. Coy. as yesterday - 3 fresh huts erected.
C & D Coy. as yesterday.

28th

A. Coy. assisting D. Coy. -
night work - on extension of WIGAN LANE towards DESIRE Trench.
B. Coy. as yesterday.
C. Coy.
2 platoons working on siding between Quarry & Roger's Line.
2 platoons working on grading line - Ovillers Town & Bouquet Farm.
D. Coy.
Night work on extension of WIGAN LANE towards DESIRE trench - assisted by A. Coy.
Casualties -
Killed
S/335 Pte. SIMCOX H. } "D"
Wounded G/10241 Pte F.W.WHITEHEAD } Coy.
Wounded slightly at duty
G/3536 Pte. J. CHAPMAN

29th

Work.
A & D Coys resting. D. Coy. moved into WARWICK HUTS.
B & C Coys as yesterday.
Location same.

MARLBOROUGH HUTS - WARWICK HUTS.

30th

Work.
A & D Coys - night work on SUDBURY TRENCH continuation to Regina Trench, also clearing old part of trench.
C. Coy. -
2 platoons standing by -
2 platoons clearing & deepening HESSIAN TRENCH on a frontage ready for dugouts.
B. Coy. continued work on WARWICK HUTS.
Location of Battn same.
Casualties:-
A. Coy. - Wounded -
G/7271 Pte. QUEEN J.
G/7272 Pte. JOHNSTON H.
G/2062 Pte. MUGGRIDGE J.W.

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31st Work -
A & D Coys. working on SUDBURY Trench as last night, deepening, clearing berm etc.
B. Coy. Work on Warwick Huts.
C. Coy. working in shifts throughout the 24 hours, in clearing & deepening HESSIAN TRENCH on dugout frontage.
Location of Bn.
H.Q. - A. & C Coys Marlborough Huts.
B. & D Coys. Warwick Huts.

N.H. HAMPTON,
Capt. & A/Adjt.
8th R. Sussex Pioneers.

31st Jan. 1917.

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APPENDIX 96.

18th DIVISION ORDER No.70.

December 19th 1916.

1. The 2nd Field Company, 63rd Division will move to IVth Corps area by road and rail as shown on attached table.

2. Orders regarding the moves of the Pioneer Battalion and Rifle Companies of the 18th Division from IVth Corps to IInd Corps area will be issued later.

3. An advanced party of the 2nd Field Company R.E. of one Officer and two N.C.O's will proceed to Headquarters IVth Corps, SEMLIS, by lorry on December 20th to take over work of units they are relieving. 63rd Division will detail this lorry. The 2nd Field Company party will meet the lorry at the cross roads at I in NEUILLY L'HOPITAL at 8 a.m.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

GUY BLEWITT, Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 12.30 p.m.

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1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2/3 "G"
4/5 "Q"
6. 53rd Inf. Bde.
7. 54th Inf. Bde.
8. 55th Inf. Bde.
9. C.R.A. 18th Division.
10 C.R.E. 18th Division.
11 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
12 A.D.M.S.
13 A.D.V.S.
14 A.P.M.
15 D.A.D.O.S.
16 Signals
17 Div. Train
18 No.3 Div. Supply Col.
19 War Diary
20 IInd Corps "G"
21 IInd Corps "Q"
22 63rd Division.
23 IVth Corps.

IInd Corps G.317. (14/12/16).
18th Division No.G.724.

2nd Division.
18th Division
63rd Division
C.R., IInd Corps.
"Q"
A.D.Signals.
A.D.O.S.
IV. Corps.
Fifth Army
V.Corps (for information)

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1. The Pioneer Battalion and 3 Field Companies 63rd Division will relieve a Pioneer Battalion and 3 Field Companies in the IVth Corps area on the 21st December and the Pioneer Battalions and Field Companies of the 2nd and 18th Divisions will be relieved and return to their Divisions, with the exceptions mentioned below, about the same date.

2. Orders for the necessary moves will be issued later.

3. On relief one Field Company R.E. from each of the 2nd and 18th Divisions will be attached temporarily to 63rd Division.

4. Divisions will notify IInd Corps by 16th December, the place to which these Units should be directed on arrival. 2nd and 18th Divisions will in addition state which Field Company they propose shall be temporarily attached to 63rd Division.

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5. The work on which the Pioneer Battalion and Field Companies 63rd Division will be employed while in IV Corps area will be as stated in IInd Corps G.4892 of the 28th November (Copy attached to 63rd Division).)

E.A. BRADFORD,
Major,
for B.G., G.S.

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C.R.E. 18th Division.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers } for information
"Q" 18th Division

For information. Reference para. 4. C.R.E. will report to this Office by 5 p.m. tonight 18th December, which Field Company is to be detailed for attachment to 63rd Division.

WALLACE WRIGHT,
Lt. Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

15/12/16.

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~~C.C.-79th-Field-Coy.-R.E.~~
~~C.C.-80th-Field-Coy.-R.E.~~
~~C.C.--92nd-Field-Coy.-R.E.~~
~~C.C.226th-Field-Coy.-R.E.~~
O.C. R. Sussex Pioneers.

Following from IV. Corps begins:-

"Following dismounted personnel will entrain at ALBERT at 10.00 hours 21st instant AAA 18th Division Pioneer Battalion 20 Officers 700 Men, two R.E. Companies of 18th Division, 11 Officers 300 men all for ST. RIQUIER. One R.E. Company of 18th Division, 5 Officers 159 men for NOYELLES SUR MER. 226th R.E. Company, 2nd Division, 5 Officers 150 men for RUE AAA. TRAIN will LEAVE by Marche F.139 at 11.30 hours for ST. RIQUIER where men for ST RIQUIER will detrain, and following entrain at 16.30 hours for ALBERT AAA. One R.E. Company of 63rd Division, 6 Officers, 160 men, and another R.E. Company of 63rd Division, 5 Officers 160 men AAA TRAIN will continue NOYELLES SUR MER and RUE where remainder will detrain except party for ALBERT which entrains at ST. RIQUIER AAA. Following will entrain at RUE at 17.30 hours for ALBERT in same TRAIN AAA 63rd Division Pioneer Battalion 28 Officers 930 Men, and one R.E. Company 63rd Division, 6 Officers 150 men AAA Train will leave by Marche H.T. at 18.55 hours for ALBERT AAA. To make wire clear Train will take following route AAA - ALBERT, ABBEVILLE, ST RIQUIER, ABBEVILLE, NOYELLES SUR MER, RUE, returning to ALBERT via ABBEVILLE AAA for necessary action AAA

79th, 80th 92nd and Royal Sussex Pioneers will instruct Officers i/c Advanced parties to send guides to report to R.T.O. ALBERT to await arrival of dismounted portion and guide them to billets.

Lorry Transport is being arranged to take KITS to Station.

Lieut. R.E.,
Adjutant, R.E.Yellow Line.

20.12.1916.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 33.
by
Captain H. E. STEWART
Commanding 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Ref. Map:-
1/100,000
LENS SHEET.

1. The Battalion will march tomorrow 12th instant to BERNAVILLE.

2. Officers' kits will be returned to the transport lines by 9.30 a.m.

3. Blankets will be rolled in bundles by sections securely tied and labelled and stacked at Company Headquarters by 9.30 a.m. Leather jerkins will be carried by the men on top of the pack under the pack straps and will be rolled inside the ground sheet.

4. Mess Boxes will be ready for loading by 9.30 am. The mess cart will collect.

5. The Battalion will parede on the main CHAUSSEE BERNAVILLE Road facing East with the head of the column on the main IVRENCH-MAISON PONTHIEU Road in the following order:- Headquarters, C. A, B and D. Coys and Transport, ready to move off at 10.30 a.m.

Acknowledge.

K. de JONG,
Capt. & Adjutant,
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at 6 P.M.
Thursday 11th Jan. 1917.

Distribution:-
Copy No.1. A. Coy.
2. B. "
3. C. "
4. D. "
5. H.Qrs. Coy.
6. T.O.
7. Q.M.
8. Office.
9. War Diary
10. R.S.M.

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APPENDIX 100.A.

18th DIVISION ORDER No. 74.

Ref. Maps:-
1/100,000 LENS Sheet.
Sketch Map 1/10,000
(attached.)(Issued
53rd, 54th Bdes.
Pioneers, A.D.M.S.,&
Signals only.)

January 12th 1917.

1. The Division will relieve the 61st Division in line on January 15th and 16th in accordance with Table attached.

2. The 54th Brigade will relieve the 182nd Brigade in the line, the 53rd Brigade the 184th Brigade in Support, and the 55th Brigade the 183rd Brigade in Reserve, under arrangements between Brigadier-Generals Commanding. The Brigadier-General commanding 54th Infantry Brigade will assume command of the Brigade in the line as soon as the relief of the two battalions in the front line is completed.

3. The relief of the Field Coys. 61st Division, by those of the 18th Division will be arranged direct between C.R.E's.

4. The relief of Field Ambulances and Medical Arrangements will be made by A.D's M.S. of 18th and 61st Divisions.

5. Intervals of 200 yards between Companies and similar units, and 500 yards between Battalions will be maintained on the march during the 15th and 16th instants.

6. Trench Maps issued by 61st Division and all aeroplane photographs will be taken over. Units taking over from units of the 61st Division in possession of the new station calls will take over lists "A" and "B" and all correspondence relating to them.

7. Divisional Headquarters will close at MARIEUX and open at W.7.b.2.7. BOUZINCOURT at 12 noon on January 16th, when the G.O.C. 18th Division will assume command of the line.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

GUY BLEWITT,
Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 1 p.m.

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10 C.R.E. 18th Div.
11 Pioneer Bn.
12 A.D.M.S.
13 A.D.V.S.
14 A.P.M.
15 D.A.D.O.S.
16 Signals
17 Div. Train
18 No.3 D.S.C.
19 War Diary
20 IInd Corps "G"
21 IInd Corps "Q"
22 IVth Corps.
23 Vth Corps.
24 XIIIth Corps.
25 61st Division.
26 2nd Division.
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SECRET. Copy No.5.

OPERATION ORDER No.34
by
Captain H.E. STEWART commanding 18th
Division Headquarter Group.

Ref. Map
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1. Reference 18th Div. O.O. No.73 dated 7/1/17. the 18th Div. Headquarter Group (less 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers) will move to MARIEUX tomorrow 14th instant via BOIS BERGUES - OUTREBOIS - OCCOCHES - HEM - BRETEL - FRESCHEVILLERS - SARTON.

2. Starting point will be at the junction of the LE MEILLARD-BERNAVILLE road with the BERNAVILLE-BOIS BERGUES road (about half a mile North of the "A" in BERNAVILLE).

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3. Units will pass the starting point as under:-

Div. Signal Coy.	at 9 a.m.
Hdqrs. Div. Train	9.5 a.m.
Police	9.10 a.m.

4. First Line transport and Train Transport will accompany Units.

5. All units of the group will halt at 10 minutes to the clock hour and resume the march at the clock hour.

6. Units will check their watches with the Div. Signal Coy. on the evening of the 13th instant.

7. Units will on arrival in billets report to headquarters 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

K. de JONG,
Capt. & Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Regiment.

Distribution:-

No.1 18th Div. Sigs.
2 18th Div. Train.
3 18th Div. Salvage Coy.
4 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
5 War Diary.
6 Lt. Baddeley
7 18th Div.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 37.
by
Captain N.M. Stewart
Commanding 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Ref. Map:-
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LENS Sheet

1. The Battalion will move to WELLINGTON HUTS tomorrow 16th instant via LOUVENCOURT-HEDAUVILLE.

2. Intervals of 200 yards will be maintained between Companies during the March.

3. The starting point will be where the BEAUQUESNE AUTHIE Road crosses the MARIEUX-LOUVENCOURT road (just N of the A in MARIEUX.

4. Companies will pass the starting point as under:-

H.Qrs. Coy.	at 9.45 a.m.
D. Coy.	9.48 a.m.
C. Coy.	9.51 a.m.
B. Coy.	9.54 a.m.
A. Coy	9.57 a.m.
Transport	10.0 a.m.

The drums will march with H.Qrs.Coy.

5. All blankets will be rolled in bundles by sections securely tied and labelled and stacked at Coy. H.Qrs. at 7.30 a.m. Each Company will leave a man to take charge of their blankets until they are loaded. This man should be one of the men selected by the M.O. as unfit to march. H.Qrs Coy. and Transport blankets will be stacked at the Q.M. Stores.

6. Mess boxes and Officers Kits of H.Qrs. "A" "B" and "C" Coys. will be taken to the Transport Lines and loaded by 8.30 a.m. H.Qrs. Officers' kits will be taken to the Q.M. Stores. The T.O. will arrange to collect "D" Coys Officers' kits and Mess Boxes.

7. Arrangements will be made for a mid-day halt for dinner.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

K. de JONG,
Capt. & Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

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8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

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Distribution:-

No.1 "A" Coy.
2 "B" Coy.
3 "C" Coy.
4 "D" Coy.
5 H.Qrs. Coy.
6 T.O.
7 Q.M.
8 R.S.M.
9 Office
10 War Diary

AMENDMENT TO OPERATION ORDER No. 37 dated 15.1.17.

PARAGRAPH 3. for BEAUQUESIVE read "BEAUQUESNE."

15.1.17.

APPENDIX 102.

SECRET. Copy No.....

OPERATION ORDER No. 36

by

CAPTAIN H. E. STEWART

Commanding 18th Division, Hd.Qrs. Group.

Ref. Map:-
1/100,000
LENS SHEET.
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1. Reference 18th Division O.O. No.74 d/12.1.17 the 18th, Div. Hd.Qrs. Group will move tomorrow 16th instant as follows:-

18th Div. Hd.Qrs. from MARIEUX to W.7.b.2.7.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers " SARTON to WELLINGTON HUTS
18th Div. Sig. Coy. from MARIEUX to Tents just E of MARLBOROUGH HUTS.
H.Qrs.Div.Train from MARIEUX to BOUZINCOURT.
Mob. Vet. Section from MARIEUX to MARTINSART.

Units will march via LOUVENCOURT and HEDAUVILLE.

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2. The starting point will be where the BEAUQUESNE-AUTHIE road crosses the MARIEUX-LOUVENCOURT road (just North of the A in MARIEUX).

3. Units will pass the starting point as under:-

Div. Sig. Coy.	at 9.0 a.m.
Mov. Vet Section	9.10 a.m.
H.Qrs. Div. Train	9.20 a.m.
Salvage Coy.	9.30 a.m.
8th R. Sussex Pioneers	9.45 a.m.

4. Intervals of 200 yards between Companies and similar units will be maintained throughout the march.

5. First Line Transport and Train Transport will accompany units.

6. All units of the group will halt at 10 minutes to the clock hour and resume the march at the clock hour.

7. Units will check their watches with the Div. Signal Company on the evening of the 15th instant.

8. Div. H.Qrs. will close at MARIEUX and open at W.7.b.2.7. SOUASTRE at 12 noon on January 16th when the G.O.C. 18th Division will assume command of the line.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

K. de JONG,
Capt. & Adjutant,
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at:-.....
15th January 1917.

Distribution:-

No.1 18th Div.
2 Signal Coy.
3 H.Qrs. Div. Train.
4 Salvage Coy.
5 Mob. Vet Section.
6 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
7 A.P.M.
8 War Diary

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AMENDMENT TO O.O. No. 36. Para. 1 dated 15.1.17.

.....the 18th Div. H.Qrs. Group will move tomorrow 16th instant as follows:-

18th Div. H.Qrs.	from MARIEUX	to V.7.b.2.7.
8th Royal Sussex Pnrs.	" SARTON	TO WELLINGTON HUTS.
18th Div. Sig. Coy.	" MARIEUX	to BOUZINCOURT.
Salvage Coy.	" "	" Tents just E.of MARLBOROUGH HUTS.
Hd.Qrs. Div. Train	from MARIEUX	to BOUZINCOURT.
Mob. Vet. Section	from MARIEUX	to MARTINSART.

H. de JONG,
Captain & Adjutant,
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

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APPENDIX 99.

OPERATION ORDER No. 30.
by

Captain H. E. STEWART Commanding
18th Div. Headquarter Group.

Ref. Sheets
1/100,000
ABBEVILLE &
LENS SHEETS.

1. Reference 18th Div. O.O. No.73 dated 7/1/17 the 18th Div. Headquarter Group will move to YVRENCH on 11th instant via NEUILLY L'HOPITAL - ARGENVILLERS.

2. Starting point will be the cross road immediately west of the M in MESNIL VAL CRESSENT on the main ABBEVILLE - CAMCHY road.

3. Units will pass the starting point as under:-

Div. Signal Coy.	at 11.10 a.m.
H.Qrs. of Div. Train	11.15 a.m.
Pioneers	11.18 a.m.
Div. Salvage Coy.	11.30 a.m.

4. First Line Transport and Train Transport will accompany units. No Motor Transport is to pass NEUILLY L'HOPITAL before 11.30 a.m.

5. All Units of the group will halt at 10 minutes to the CLOCK HOUR and resume the march at the Clock Hour.

6. Units will check their watches with the Div. Sig. Coy. on the evening of the 10th instant.

7. Each unit will send a billeting party to take over their own area. This party will report to Lieut. BADDELEY, 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers at the Mairie YVRENCH at 9.30 a.m. on 11th inst.

8. Units will on arrival in billets report to headquarters 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Acknowledge.

N. de JONG, Capt. & Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

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Distribution:-

No.1 18th Div. Sigs.
2 18th Div. Train
3 18th Div. Salvage Coy.
4 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
5 War Diary
6 Lt. Baddeley
7 18th Division.

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1st.	Work. A.& D.Coys.working by night on extension of WIGAN LANE towards DESIRE Trench, deepening & widening. B.Coy.working on WARWICK HUTS encampment. C.Coy.clearing HESSIAN trench in continuous shifts ready to mine dugouts. Location. H.Q. A.& C.Coys.Marlborough Huts: B.& D.Coys.WARWICK Huts.	
2nd.	Work. A.& D.Coys.night work on forward portion of SUDBURY Trench. C.& B.Coys.as yesterday. 5 Platoons Infy.cleaning SUDBURY Trench - 1 Plat. carrying grids for SUDBURY. 1 Plat.Infy.assisting C.Coy.on Hessian Dugouts. Location of Battn.same.	
3rd.	Work & Location as yesterday.	
4th.	Work & Location as yesterday.	
5th.	18 Divn.O.O.76 recd. Work. A.& D.Coys.resting & bathing. C.Coy. - 2 platoons bathing - 2 platoons working in shifts, the 24 hours on HESSIAN Trench dugouts. B.Coy. work on WARWICK HUTS by Coy less 60 men bathing. Location of Battn.same less C.Coy who moved into WARWICK HUTS. Infantry working parties as yesterday.	App.103.
6th.	Work. A.Coy. 3 platoons night work on SUDBURY trench. A.Coy. 1 platoon night work on WIGAN LANE. D.Coy.night work on SUDBURY trench. B.Coy. working on Warwick huts. C.Coy on Hessian Dugouts as yesterday. Infantry parties as yesterday. Location as yesterday. Captain A.D.FOSTER,M.C. rejoined the Battn. (from wounded to England) on 5.2.17 & assumed command of A.Coy.from 6.2.17 vice Act.Capt.W.H.BADDELEY.	

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7th. Work. A.& D.Coys. standing by.
C.Coy.1 platoon bathing: 3 platoons working in shifts on Hessian Trench Dugouts.
B.Coy. working on WARWICK HUTS.
Infantry working parties as yesterday -
Location of Battn.same.

8th. A.& D.Coys.working on SUDBURY trench north deepening etc.at night.
C.Coy. 3 platoons on Hessian Trench Dugouts - 1 plat.Bathing.
B.Coy. work on Warwick Huts.
Location of Battn.& Infy.working parties same.
18 Div. O.O.78 received.
" " " 79 " Appendix 104, 104A.

9th. Work. A.B.& D.Coys.working in shifts 1½ Coys. on clearing GLASGOW trench at night & extending it towards GRANDCOURT ROAD.
C.Coy.continued work on Hessian dugouts.
No Infantry working parties.
Location of Battn.same.
18 Div. O.O.80. received. App: 105.

10th. Work & Location of Battn. same.
Casualties. G/2102 L/Cpl.FULLER,A. D.Coy. wounded.
2/Lt. G.F.WORRIS rejoined Battn.from England.

11th. Work. A.B.& D.Coys.working at night on GLASGOW Trench.
C.Coy.on Hessian Trench dugouts.
Location of Bn. same.
18 Div. O.O. 81 received App: 106.
~~2/Lt.F.C.Yeomans joined the Battn.~~

12th. Work. A.Coy.laying grids at night along Glasgow Trench.
B.Coy. 2 platoons working on new portion of ROGER'S LINE & 2 platoons on Warwick Huts.
C.Coy. work on Hessian Trench Dugouts.
D.Coy. laying grids at night along SUDBURY Trench.
A.B.& D.Coys. also bathed.
Location of Battn. same.

13th. Work. A.Coy. 2 platoons on Glasgow Trench.
1 platoon working on water supply at Warwick Huts. 1 platoon resting.
B.Coy. 2 plats. assisting D.Coy. on SUDBURY trench.
2 plats. levelling track for continuation of Roger's Line.
C.Coy. on Hessian Trench Dugouts.
D.Coy. 2 plats.on Sudbury Trench.
1 " on water supply for

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13th (Contd.)

Warwick Huts.
1 platoon resting.
Location same.
Casualties.
G/20333 L/Cpl.BARNSHAW,H.C. and G/1845 Pte.COMPER,V. B.Coy. wounded.

14th.

Work. A.Coy.laying grids in GLASGOW trench.
B.Coy. 2 plats.salvaging BOYER'S LINE. 2 plats. levelling track for ROGER'S extension.
C.Coy. continuance of work on HESSIAN trench dugouts.
D.Coy. work on SUDBURY trench.
Location of Bn. same.

15th.

Work. A.Coy.2 platoons improving GLASGOW trench.
2 plats. on ROGER'S Line extension.
B.Coy. 2 plats ditto.
1 plat. salvaging steel rails.
1 plat. moved to billets in OVILLERS TOWN for work on traffic on ROGER'S LINE.
C.Coy. 2 plats. on HESSIAN trench dugouts.
2 plats. company training.
D.Coy. 2 plats. on SUDBURY trench
2 plats. standing by.
Location of Bn. same.
Casualty
G/1979 Pte.LEE,R.S. A.Coy.wounded slightly at duty.

WARWICK HUTS.

16th.

Work.
A.Coy.)
B. " (less 1 Plat) traffic) working on
control Rogers Line.) Roger's Line
C. " (less 1 Plat) standing) extension
by.) towards
D. ") RIFLE DUMP.
) ballasting,
) levelling,
) etc.

Bn.H.Q. moved to WARWICK HUTS - Location of Bn. H.Q., B. C. D. Coys.in WARWICK HUTS. A.Coy.& Q.M's.stores in MARLBORO' HUTS.

17th.

Whole Bn.working on new H.Q.D. track, less 1 platoon on traffic control of same.
Location of Bn. same.
Casualty. G/5737. Pte.KING,G.R. wounded - D.Coy.
The 18th Div. attacked in conjunction with 63rd Div. on left & 2nd Div. on right, as laid down in 18 Div.G.O.82,83 & 84 & attached papers vide Appendix 107.
Objectives partially gained.

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18th. Work & location of Battn.as yesterday.
Casualty
6/6820. Pte.BERRY,W.J. A.Coy.wounded.

19th. Work & Location of Battn.as yesterday.

20th. A.& B.Coy.as yesterday.
C.& D.Coys. resting.
Location of Bn. same.

21st. 18 Div. O.O.86 recd. see Appendix 108, which includes 18 Div. Warning Order Z4. App. 108.
A.Coy. bathing.
B.C.& D.Coys.work as yesterday on new R.O.D.Line.
2/Lt. H.C.HENMAN joined the Battn.

22nd. A. B. C. & D.Coys. work as yesterday, less 1 platoon of B.C.& D.Coys. bathing.
Location of Bn. same.
Casualties
Wounded slightly at duty -
6/1941. Pte.INMAN,E.B. &
6/12293.Pte.GODDARD,D. both of A.Coy.

23rd. Bn.continued working on new R.O.D. line - less 1 platoon of B.C.& D.Coys. bathing.
Location of Bn. same.

24th. Work. Bn. working on new R.O.D.Line less 1 Plat.B.Coy.on traffic control of same & 1 Platoon of each B.C.& D. Coys. bathing.
Location of Bn. same.
Casualties
6/2433. Pte. A.W. SAUNDERS - D.Coy. wounded.
6/2500. L/Cpl.A.GOMME - A.Coy. wounded.

25th. Work as yesterday less 1 platoon C.& D.Coys. bathing.
Location of Battn.same.
Casualties
6/2535.Pte.KEELEY,J. - killed. } A. Coy.
6/8651 L/Cpl.(Act.Capt.) GOODBOURN,E. wounded. }
10670. L/Cpl.COUVELL,R.wounded. }
Germans reported to have fallen back on Line -GOMMECOURT - BUCQUOY ACHIET-le-PETIT - LOUPART WOOD - GREVILLERS - TILL TRENCH - LE TRANSLOY.

26th. Work. Bn.working on new tractor line grading, ballasting, laying, etc. & salving rails.
Location same.
2/Lts. L.D.MOORE & E.J.D.POINTS joined the Battn. 26/2/17.

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27th. Work & Location of Battn.as yesterday. Orders received to be ready to vacate Warwick Huts at 3 hours notice & pitch camp in Mouquet Farm Valley.

28th. Work & Location of Battn.as yesterday. New R.O.D.completed as far as the GULLY (R.17.c.5.9. Sheet 47.D.S.E.2.) & graded 600 yds.beyond.

H.H. HAMPTON,
Capt.& A/Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

APPENDIX 103.

SECRET

Copy No.11.

18th DIVISION ORDER NO.76.

February 5th.1917.

1. The 54th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 53rd Infantry Brigade in the line on the 8/9th February under arrangements between Brigadier Generals Commanding. On relief the 53rd Brigade will move into Support in the MARTINCART area taking over working parties.

The Brigadier General Commanding 54th Infantry Brigade will assume command of the line on completion of relief.

Completion of relief will be reported to Divisional Headquarters.

2. Troops moving E.of BOUZINCOURT will do so with one minute distance between platoons and two minutes between companies.

3. Acknowledge.

GUY ELSWITT, Major
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 6 a.m.

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7 54th Brigade.
8 55th Brigade.
9 C.R.A.18th Div.
10 C.R.E.18th Div.
11 Pioneer Bn.
12 A.D.M.S.
13 A.D.V.S.
14 A.P.M.
15. D.A.D.O.S.
16. Signals.
17. Div.Train.
18. No.3 D.S.C.
19. War Diary.
20. II Corps "G"
21. II Corps "Q"
22. 2nd.Div.
23. 63rd Div.

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APPENDIX 104.

SECRET

Copy No.11.

18th DIVISION ORDER NO.78.

8th February 1917.

1. 18th Division Order No.76 of February 5th, Table of reliefs of working parties No.G.952 of the 6th and G.973 of Feb.7th are cancelled.

2. One battalion 54th Brigade, is placed at the disposal of the Brigadier General Commanding 53rd Brigade to relieve the right battalion of the 53rd Brigade in the line tonight the 8/9th. On relief, the battalion of the 53rd Brigade will move into the huts vacated by the battalion of the 54th Brigade in the MARTINSART area.

3. Troops moving East of BOUZINCOURT will do so with one minute distance between platoons, and two minutes between Companies.

4. Working parties serial Nos. A, C, G, J, K, (in one relief only) and Nos. 24, 26, will continue to be found by the 54th Brigade.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain
for Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 6 a.m.

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7 54th Brigade.
8 55th Brigade.
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10 C.R.E.
11 Pioneer Bn.
12 A.D.M.S.
13 A.D.V.S.
14 A.P.M.
15 D.A.D.O.S.
16 Signals.
17 Div.Train.
18 No.3 D.S.C.
19 War Diary
20 II Corps "G"
21 II Corps "Q"
22 2nd Div.
23 63rd Div.

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APPENDIX 104.A.

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18th DIVISION ORDER NO.79. 8th Feb.1917.

1. The 18th Division will extend its front to the north as far as the River ANCRE to-morrow the 9th inst. Dividing line between the 18th and 63rd Divisions will then be the River ANCRE to as far south as Q.36.c.0.3. whence it will run westwards as at present.

2. The 54th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 53rd Infantry Brigade as far North as GRANDCOURT CEMETERY, and the 188th Brigade of the 63rd Division from the CEMETERY to the River ANCRE on the night of the 9/10th. The 188th Brigade will leave one battalion in support at THIEPVAL under the orders of the Brigadier-General Commanding 54th Brigade.

3. The Machine Gun Company of the 188th Brigade and the battalion at ST.PIERRE DIVION will be relieved by the 54th Brigade on the night of the 10/11th.

4. Details of relief will be made direct between Brigadier-Generals Commanding Brigades concerned. The Brigadier-General Commanding the 54th Infantry Brigade will take over command of the line on completion of relief of the front line battalions on the night of the 9/10th.
Completion of relief will be reported to Divisional Headquarters.

5. The 18th Division will find billeting accommodation in the MARTINSART area for 1½ battalions of the 188th Brigade on the night of the 9/10th and for 2 battalions, one machine gun company and one trench mortar battery on the night of the 10/11th onwards. 188th Brigade will apply to the Town Major, MARTINSART, direct.

6. Tomorrow the 9th instant the following working parties only, will be found by the 54th Brigade, Serial Nos.24,26, J, K (in one relief).

7. Personnel of the 175th Tunnelling Company, now attached to the 63rd Division and working in the area to be taken over by the 18th Division, will complete the work on which they are now employed.

8. On completion of work on the 10th instant, working parties, Serial Nos. 56 and 57, will return to the 55th Brigade. Their billets will be occupied on the night of the 10th by 1½ companies of the 63rd Division who will relieve them, commencing work on the 11th.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

GUY BLEWITT, Major
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 11.45 p.m.

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6. 53rd Brigade.
7. 54th Brigade.
8. 55th Brigade.
9. C.R.A.
10. C.R.E.
11. Pioneer Bn.
12. A.D.M.S.
13. A.P.M.
14. Signals.
15. II Corps "G"
16. II Corps "Q"
17. 2nd Div.
18. 63rd Div.
19. 63rd Div. (188 Bde.)
20. War Diary.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Office 11.45 Received 12.20 p.m.

To Actress.

Sender's Number G.41. Day of Month 9th.

Ref.order No.79 of 8th Feb. para 5 should read accommodation in the Martinsart and Headaville area for one and a half Battns.of CHESS on the night of 9/10th and in the Martinsart area for two Battns.act on the night of 10/11th onwards AAA Para. 8 third line for Companies read Battns.

From THEATRE.
Time 11.30 A.M.

APPENDIX 105.

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18th DIVISION ORDER NO.80.

Feb.9th.1917.

1. The 55th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 54th Infantry Brigade in the line in accordance with attached Table. Relief to be complete by midnight 11/12th. Details to be arranged between Brigadier Generals Commanding Brigades concerned.

2. The Machine Gun Company and Trench Mortar Battery of the 55th Brigade will relieve the Machine Gun Company and Trench Mortar Battery of the 188th Brigade in the left battalion front on the night of the 10/11th, completing relief of the 54th Brigade on the right battalion front on the night of the 11/12th.

3. The Brigadier General Commanding 55th Brigade will assume command of the line on completion of relief on the night of the 11/12th. Completion of relief to be reported to Divisional Headquarters.

4. Reallotment of working parties will be issued separately.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

6. 18th Division Order No.79, para.3, is cancelled.

GUY BLEWITT, Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 8 p.m.

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7 54th Brigade
8 55th Brigade
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10. C.R.E.
11. Pioneer Bn.
12. A.D.M.S.
13. A.P.M.
14. Signals.
15. II Corps "G"
16. II Corps "Q"
17. 2nd Div.
18. 63rd Div.
19. 63rd Div. (188th Bde.)
20. War Diary.

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APPENDIX 106.

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18th DIVISION ORDER NO.81.

February 11th 1917.

1. Operations will be carried out by the 55th Infantry Brigade in order to allow of assembly on the line DESIRE SUPPORT Trench - Point 84 - Point 87 on SIXTEEN ROAD, and thence W. along GRANDCOURT Trench.

2. The 55th Infantry Brigade will, by 12 noon on February 14th, capture and consolidate Point R.16.b.8.4 and Point R.16.a.8.7. and GRANDCOURT Trench from R.16.a.9.8. to R.16.b.5.8.

3. Arrangements for the necessary Artillery Support will be made direct between the Brigadier General commanding 55th Infantry Brigade and the B.C. C.R.A.

4. The Brigadier General Commanding 55th Infantry Brigade will submit his proposals to Divisional Headquarters at the earliest possible opportunity. These are to include any additional Machine Guns required, and the Artillery Programme.

GUY BLEWITT, Major
General Staff, 18th Division.

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8. 55th Brigade.
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11. Pioneer Bn.
12. A.D.M.S.
13. A.P.M.
14. Signals.
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17. 2nd Division.
18. 63rd Division.
19. War Diary.

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APPENDIX 107

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18th DIVISION PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS.

February 11th.1917.

Ref.ANCRE VALLEY
Map 1/10,000.

1. In the forthcoming operation the IInd.Corps will capture with the 2nd and 18th Divisions the approximate line EAST MIRAUMONT Road from R.12.c.30.25 to R.5.a.8.0. thence along road running to R.10.b.20.95 - R.4.c.8.0, and thence along railway line to R.9.b.20.35. At the same time the 2nd Division will make a subsidiary attack to capture the line R.14.a.15.45 to R.12.c.90.15.

Previous to this attack the 63rd Division will capture the enemy's trenches on the line SUNKEN ROAD from R.3.c.35.70 to its junction with SWAN TRENCH (R.3.a.1.8.) and thence along SWAN TRENCH to point R.2.b.05.65.

2. The 18th Division will attack on a two Brigade front with the 54th and 53rd Brigades. The 55th Brigade will be in reserve. Assembly areas as shewn on map X.29 issued with 18th Division X.26 of January 29th, except that the 53rd Brigade area now extends to the River ANCRE.

3. The 54th and 53rd Brigades will relieve the 55th Brigade in the line on the night of the 15/16th. Each Brigade will take over its battle front and area, ready to attack early on the 17th.
Zero hour will be notified later.

4. The boundaries between Divisions will be:-

2nd Division) A line running 50 yards west of the
and) West MIRAUMONT Road (the road being
18th Division) inclusive to the 2nd.Division).

18th Division)
and) The River ANCRE.
63rd Division)

The boundary between the 54th and 53rd Brigades will be a line running north through R.16.b.8.1 - Points 64 and 99 and the bank joining them (all inclusive to 54th Brigade), thence across the Ravine by R.10.d.9.5. to R.10.d.9.8. and thence north west to R.10.b.3.9.

5. The objectives of Divisions will be :-

2nd Division.
1st Objective. Approximate line EAST MIRAUMONT ROAD from point R.12.c.80.25 to point R.12.a.05.30 and thence along north side of GRANDCOURT TRENCH to point R.11.d.05.40., and for subsidiary attack - Approximate line R.14.a.15.45 to R.12.c.90.15.

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2nd Objective. Approximate line EAST MIRAUMONT ROAD from Point R.12.a.05.30 to point R.5.d.6.4. and thence along SOUTH MIRAUMONT TRENCH to point R.11.a.65.75.

3rd Objective. Approximate line EAST MIRAUMONT ROAD from R.5.d.5.4. to R.5.a.8.0. and thence along road to R.5.c.4.5.

18th Division.

1st Objective. Approximate line running from R.11.d.05.40. along north side of BOOM RAVINE to R.10.b.20.15 - R.10.b.1.3. thence along TEA TRENCH to R.10.c.4.8. and thence along the work at R.10.a.1.1. due north to the Railway line where it turns west along the railway line.

2nd Objective. Approximate line south MIRAUMONT Trench from R.11.a.65.75. to point R.10.b.5.9 - R.4.c.8.0. and thence along the railway to R.10.a.6.1.

3rd Objective. Approximate line of road between points R.5.c.6.4.and R.10.b.20.95.

6. With each infantry brigadier there will be a battery commander whose battery will, when required, be at the direct disposal of the former. The battery commander will also act as artillery liaison Officer to the brigadier.

The barrage will advance at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes up to the first halt, slackening to 100 yards in 4 minutes for the second and subsequent advances.

The barrage will halt for half an hour on the first objective (red line).

7. Instructions will be issued separately as follows:-

A. Artillery programme.
B. Machine Gun programme.
C. Strong Points to be made by R.E.
D. Signal communications (including contact patrol).
E. Administrative arrangements (including Medical, Traffic Control and Prisoners of War).

8. Brigadier Generals Commanding Brigades will submit their plans of attack to Divisional Headquarters by 12 noon on February 13th.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

GUY BLEWITT, Major
General Staff, 18th Division.

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Copy No.11.

18th DIVISION ORDER NO.82.

February 13th 1917.

1. The 54th and 53rd Brigades will relieve the 55th Brigade in the line on the 15/16th, taking over their battle fronts and areas as shewn on Map No.2 issued with Preliminary Instructions February 11th, and map X.29 issued with 18th Division X.26 of January 29th 1917.

2. Details of relief will be arranged between Brigadier-Generals commanding Brigades concerned. March Table is attached.

3. Brigadier-Generals commanding 53rd and 54th Brigades will assume command of their respective sectors on completion of relief, which will be reported to Divisional Headquarters.

54th Brigade H.Q. will be in SUDBURY at R.28.b.3.8.
53rd Brigade H.Q. will be in ZOLLERN at R.23.d.0.4..

4. Allotment of Working Parties will be issued later.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

GUY BLEWITT,
Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 1.30 P.M.

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1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2. "G"
3. "Q"
6. 53rd Brigade.
7. 54th Brigade.
8. 55th Brigade.
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10. C.R.E.
11. Pioneer Bn.
12. A.D.M.S.
13. A.P.M.
14. Signals.
15. II Corps "G"
16. II Corps "Q"
17. 2nd Division.
18. 63rd Division.
19. War Diary.
20. Divisional Train.
21. Div.Supply Column.
22. D.A.D.O.S.

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18th DIVISION ORDER NO.83.

Ref.ANCRE VALLEY Map, 1/10,000.

February 15th 1917.

1. (a) On a date which has been notified separately the IInd.Corps with the 2nd.and 18th Divisions will capture the approximate line EAST MIRAUMONT Road from point R.12.c.30.25 - point R.5.a.8.0; thence along the road running to point R.10.b.20.95 - point R.4.c.8.0 and thence along the railway line to point R.9.b.20.35.

(b) At the same time as the above the 2nd.and 63rd Divisions will make subsidiary attacks and capture the enemy trenches on the approximate lines:-

2nd Division. M.14.a.15.45 - R.12.c.90.15.

63rd Division. The SUNKEN ROAD from point R.3.c.35.70 to its junction with SWAN TRENCH (R.3.a.1.8.) and thence along SWAN TRENCH to point R.2.b.05.65.

2. The boundaries between Divisions will be as under:-

2nd.and 18th Divisions) A line running 50 yards west of the EAST MIRAUMONT ROAD (the road inclusive to 2nd.Division).

18th and 63rd Divisions) The river ANCRE.

3. Objectives :-

2nd.Division

(a) 1st Objective
The approximate line EAST MIRAUMONT ROAD from point R.12.c.30.25 to point R.12.a.05.30. and thence along the North side of GRANDCOURT Trench to Point R.11.d.05.40.

(b) 2nd Objective.
The approximate line EAST MIRAUMONT ROAD from Point R.12.a.05.30. to point R.5.d.5.4. and thence along SOUTH MIRAUMONT TRENCH to point R.11.a 65.75.

(c) 3rd Objective.
The approximate line EAST MIRAUMONT ROAD from point R.5.d.5.4.to point R.5.a.8.0. and thence along the road to Point R.5.c.4.5.

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18th Division.

(a) 1st Objective
The approximate line running from point R.11.d.05.40 along the north side of BOOM Ravine to point R.10.b.20.15. - point R.10.b.1.3. and thence along TEA TRENCH to point R.9.d. 8.5.

(b) 2nd Objective.
The approximate line running from point R.11.a.65.75 to point R.10.b.5.9 to point R.4.c.8.0. and thence along the railway to point R.9.b.20.85.

(c) On the occupation of the 2nd. objective the dug-outs in the banks following the line of road between point R.5.c.3.4. and R.10.b.20.95.are to be raided and attacked with gas bombs.

For this purpose a special detachment is to be detailed beforehand. It will not halt on the 2nd objective but will follow the barrage and, after completion of its role will return forthwith to SOUTH MIRAUMONT TRENCH.

Arrangements will be made however, to hold the bank between the above mentioned points lightly as an outpost line to cover the 2nd (or final) objective.

63rd Division. As mentioned in para 1 (b)

4. (a) The attack of the 18th Division will be carried out by the 54th Infantry Brigade (right attack), and the 53rd Infantry Brigade (left attack). The 55th Brigade will be in reserve.

(b) The boundary between the 54th and 53rd Infantry Brigades will be a line running north through R.16.b.8.1. - R.16.b.8.4. to R.16.b.9.9. and the bank joining the last two points (all inclusive to the 54th Brigade) thence across the ravine by R.10.d.9.5. to R.10.d.9.8.and thence northwest to R.10.b.3.9.

(c) The attack of the 18th Division will be supported by the 18th Divisional Artillery, the attached Army Brigade 31st Divisional Artillery and the Corps Heavy Artillery.

Brigadiers attacking will have a direct call on one 18 pdr. battery, the commander of which or a reliable representative will remain with Infantry Brigade Headquarters during the action. Similarly the Divisional Commander will have a direct call upon a 6" Howitzer Battery.

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5. If before the launching of the attack it is found, as the result of reconnaissances now being carried out, that the wire in front of SOUTH MIRAUMONT TRENCH has not been properly cut, Brigade Commanders will receive instructions not to press the attack to that trench, but to dig in on the general line which runs from about R.8.d.5.0. then down the spur to the south of MIRAUMONT TRENCH in R.10.b. and R.11.a. and thence to BAILLESCOURT FARM.

6. There will be a halt of approximately half an hour after the capture of the 1st objective and the time for continuing the advance against the 2nd objective will be

Zero plus 52 minutes.

From plus 47 to plus 52 minutes there will be a complete cessation of fire. At plus 52 intense fire will be opened as a signal to the men to leave their trenches and advance up to the barrage which will move forward again at plus 56 minutes.

7. Barrage Arrangements.

Commencing from zero there will be

(a) standing barrages on the following lines -

(i) GRANDCOURT TRENCH.
(ii) LOOM RAVINE.
(iii) RUM TRENCH.
(iv) COFFEE TRENCH.
(v) TEA TRENCH.

(b) The rolling barrage will roll back at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes as far as the first objective. From the first objective to the second objective the rolling barrage will move at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes.

(c) The rolling barrage will open on a line approximately 200 yards north of the forming up positions and remain on that line till zero plus 4, when it will move forward as described in (b)

(d) The rolling and standing barrages will lift off simultaneously after the latter has been joined by the former.

(e) In addition to the shrapnel barrage the Divisional howitzers and Corps heavies will, from zero onwards, keep under fire all trenches, points and localities forward of the rolling barrage from which the enemy may be able to bring fire to bear on the advance.

(f) In order that heavy fire can be brought to bear on objectives and dangerous points, the rolling barrage during the early stages of the advance may not be found to be very thick and there will be no dust to mark the strike of the bullets.

THIS WILL NECESSITATE CAREFUL WATCHING ON THE PART OF THE LEADERS AND MEN IN THE ASSAULT SO AS TO ENSURE KEEPING CLOSE UP TO THE BARRAGE AND TO AVOID RUNNING INTO IT.

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8. The 80th and 79th Field Companies R.E.(each less one section) will be placed at the disposal of the 54th and 53rd Infantry Brigade Commanders respectively from the morning of the 16th instant for the construction of the strong points as already detailed.

9. Attention is drawn to the appendices issued with 18th Division Preliminary Instructions dealing with the following subjects:-

"C" Strong Points (X.113).
"D" Signal communications (X.118) except that the first sentence of para.3 (i) should read as follows:-

(1) Flares. Every man will carry a flare. These will be lit as soon as the first and second objectives are occupied, and at any time when flares are called for by the sounding of the klaxon horn or burning of white lights by the aeroplane.

"E" Administrative orders (X.108).

(The Machine Gun programme will be issued later).

10. Liaison.

(a) Brigade Commanders in the attack will arrange for cross attachments with one another and with the brigade on their flank.

(b) Artillery officers will not be attached to Battalion Hd.Qrs., but every effort should be made by the battalion commander to keep in touch with the F.O.O. in the neighbourhood of his Headqrs.

11. The orders which already exist in the Division concerning the number of officers, N.C.Os. and specialists to be sent forward with the assaulting troops are not to be departed from.

12. Brigade Commanders will arrange for direct observation wherever possible for following the progress of the attack.

13. (a) Zero hour will be notified later.
(b) Watches will be synchronised at times to be notified later.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

WALLACE WRIGHT,
Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 11.30 p.m.

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6. 53rd Brigade.
7. 54th Brigade.
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9. C.R.A. 18th Div.
10. C.R.A. 31st Div.
11. C.R.E.
12. A.D.M.S.
13. Signals.
14 Pioneers.
15. War Diary.
16. IInd.Corps "G"
17. IInd.Corps "Q"
18. 2nd Division.
19. 63rd Division.
20. 4th Sqn.R.F.C.

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18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.84.

Ref.ANCRE VALLEY
Map 1/10,000.

February 17th 1917.

1. The 54th Infantry Brigade will be relieved by the 55th Infantry Brigade tomorrow, the 18th/19th, under arrangements direct between Brigadier Generals concerned. Brigadier General commanding 55th Infantry Brigade will assume command of the line on completion of relief.

2. The dividing line between the 55th and 53rd Brigades will be approximately the line R.10.b.4.8. - R.10.d.40.00 - R.10.d.40.00 - R.10.b.40.00.

3. Each Brigade front should, if possible, be held by one battalion.

4. The work of consolidation will be continued.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

GUY BLEWITT, Maj.
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 11 p.m.

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9. C.R.A. 18th Div.
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18. 2nd Division.
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20. 4th Squadron R.F.C.

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18th Division No. X.135.

To all recipients of 18th Div.Order
No.83 dated February 15th.1917.

ADDENDA TO 18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.83.

Reference para.9 "D" -

An aeroplane will be up at Zero plus 35 minutes and Zero plus 1 hour 45 minutes to observe the red flares lit on the 1st and 2nd.objective.

GUY BLEWITT, Maj.,
for Lieut.Colonel.
February 15th.1917. General Staff, 18th Division.

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18th Division No.X.136.

"Z" Day will be February 17th 1917.

GUY BLEWITT, Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.
Feb.16th.1917.

18th Division No.X.150.

To all recipients of
Order No.83.

Reference 18th Division Order No.23, para.13.
ZERO Hour will be at 5.45 A.M.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Capt.for
Major,
February 16th 1917. General Staff, 18th Division.

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ORDER NO.1.

OPERATION ORDERS
by
LIEUT.COLONEL H.M.HENDERSON,R.E.,C.R.E.,18TH DIVISION

Headquarters,R.E.,
18th Division.

16th February,1917.

Ref.ANCRE VALLEY
MAP 1/10,000

1. Strong points will be made in the following localities:-
(i) 50 to 75 yards W.of WEST MIRAUMONT ROAD at R.11.a.9.0.
(ii) Below the crest at R.11.a.1.3.
(iii) At the point of the spur at R.10.b.4.5.
(iv) On the railway at R.10.a.4.7.
(v) On the BOOM Ravine at R.11.c.2.5.
(vi) On the bank, in which are dugouts, at R.10.d.4.7.

2nd Division will make a strong point on the South side of the BOOM Ravine at R.11.d.0.4 which will have a machine gun sited to support our strong points (v) & (vi) by firing across their front along the northern slope of the ravine.

2. Strong points are allotted as follows:-
(i), (ii) & (v) to 80th Field Co.R.E.
(iii), (iv) & (vi) to 79th Field Co.R.E.

These strong points will be made by the sections of R.E.,with their attached infantry and machine gun crew. They will on completion garrison them until taken over by the Infantry of the Brigade in whose sector they are situated.

These strong points should consist of a machine gun sited to fire in the direction pointed out to Os.C.Companies on the map and should be adapted to the ground. They should take the form of a crucifix or a "Z" or some type which is not circular and adapted for all round defence.

As far as possible their front stretch of wire should be enfiladed by the gun on the right or the left and the firebays for the Infantry designed to protect the gun itself.

The garrison will consist of a machine gun and some twenty men.

These strong points should be designed to be made within six hours of arrival on the ground.

3. Field Company Commanders will arrange with their Brigadiers for the formation of the necessary R.E.Dumps for these strong points.

4. The orders for the advance of these sections and the attached infantry and machine gun crew, will come from the respective Brigadiers under whom the Company usually works; who have orders not to order their advance until the objective in front of the proposed strong points is captured. As soon as the strong point is finished a message is to be sent to the Brigadiers of the Brigades concerned, who have orders to arrange for their garrisoning, also to the C.R.E. and as soon as the points are garrisoned the

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sections can return to their respective locations and rest, awaiting further orders.

5. The 92nd Field Co.R.E. will furnish one section and the attached infantry to work on the water supply: one section and attached infantry to work on the SAINT PIERRE DEVION ROAD and one section on the A.T.N.Divisional Dump.

6. The three reserve sections and the attached infantry will work on "Z" day on the new railway from OVILLERS TOWN to RIFLE DUMP somewhere in the locality of RIFLE DUMP. The names of the officers in charge of these sections should be reported to the C.R.E. under whose orders they directly are. They are not to be employed on other work by Company Commanders without reference to the C.R.E.

7. Units should report exact localities of their H.Q. and sections as soon as they are definitely settled.

8. The 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers will be employed entirely on completing the railway from OVILLERS TOWN to ROGERS LINE and forward, and in keeping all the railways in a state of repair.

9. Advanced Divisional R.E.Dump will be formed at RIFLE DUMP, reference C.R.E.Circular Memorandum No.6. Lieut.Griffith R.E. will take charge of the dump and also the Divisional reserve dump at O.T. The N.C.O. in charge of RIFLE Dump will issue stores on the signatures of Os.C.R.E.Sections: and will demand stores to be sent up from O.T.to replace.

10. Six pontoon wagons will be parked at AVELUY DUMP, with stores which can be forwarded by road to COURCELETTE or GRANDCOURT as demanded by Company Commanders who must provide guides.

11. For Tramway arrangements see C.R.E.letter No.20.5/8.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R.I. CHAMBERS,
Captain R.E.
Adjutant, 18th Divisional Engineers.

Issued at 11 a.m.

Distribution :-

Field Companies R.E.
O.i/c A.T.N.R.E.Dump.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
18th Division G.
18th Division A/Q.
War Diary.
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Copy No.9.
X.113.

"G" STRONG POINTS TO BE MADE BY THE R.E.
ISSUED WITH 18TH DIVISION INSTRUCTIONS OF
FEBRUARY 11th.1917.

1. Strong Points will be made in the following localities :-

(i) 50 to 75 yards west of the WEST MIRAUMONT ROAD at R.11.a.9.0.
(ii) Below the crest at R.11.a.1.3.
(iii) At the point of the spur at R.10.b.4.5.
(iv) On the railway at R.10.a.4.7.
(v) On the BOOM RAVINE at R.11.c.2.5.
(vi) On the bank, in which are dug-outs, at R.10.d.4.7.

The 2nd Division will make a strong point on the south side of the BOOM RAVINE at R.11.d.0.4. which will have a machine gun sited to support our strong points (v) and (vi) by firing across their front along the northern slope of the Ravine.

2. The C.R.E. will arrange for each of these to be made by a section of R.E. with its attached infantry, who, on completion will garrison it until taken over by the infantry of the brigade in whose sector it is situated.
He will arrange with the Brigadier Generals Commanding Brigades for the necessary R.E.dumps, to provide for the making of these strong points.

3. Brigadier Generals Commanding Brigades will order the R.E. with their attached Infantry, together with a machine gun, to advance to the selected positions and commence work as soon as they are satisfied that the objective in front of the proposed strong points is captured. They will garrison them as soon as they are finished.

(i), (ii), (v) are allotted to the 54th Brigade,
(iii), (iv), (vi) to the 53rd Brigade.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

GUY BLEWITT,
Major,
February 13th.1917. General Staff, 18th Division.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

TO ACTRESS.

Sender's Number G.396. Day of Month Feb.20th.

Message from II Corps begins AAA Following message received by 5 Army from Commander in Chief AAA begins AAA Warmest congratulations on success of your operations of 17th inst. AAA Please convey the same to 2 Corps 2nd 18th and 63rd Divns.AAA ends.

From S.H.11. THEATRE.

Time 5.50 p.m.

To:- 18th Division

G.584. 19th. AAA.

The Corps Commander congratulates all ranks of the 2nd. 18th and 63rd Divisions on the success of the recent operations AAA. The preparations for the attack were most carefully worked out by all units and success was thus assured AAA. He thanks all concerned for the way the attack was carried out AAA. The devotion to duty and bravery of all was splendid and all increased the high reputation of their units AAA The number of prisoners captured amounts to 10 officers and 609 other ranks which in itself is a first rate performance.

From 2nd.Corps. 10/15 a.m.

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To 18th Division

G.958. 19th. AAA.

The Army Commander wishes his appreciation conveyed to all ranks who took part in the attack on Saturday for their excellent work.

From Fifth Army 9/50 a.m.

G.380.

Royal Artillery. 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
Royal Engineers. A.D.M.S.
53rd Brigade. A.P.M.
54th Brigade. Signals.
55th.Brigade. Div.Train.
A/Q.

For information.

GUY BLEWITT, Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

February 19th.1917.

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APPENDIX 108.

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Copy No.12.

18th DIVISION ORDER NO.86.

February 21st.1917.

1. On 22nd. instant the 55th Infantry Brigade will take over from the 53rd Infantry Brigade that portion of the front now held by the latter. Details to be arranged between Brigadier Generals concerned.

2. On relief the 53rd Infantry Brigade will be billetted in -

WARWICK HUTS
WELLINGTON HUTS
MARLBOROUGH HUTS

the 55th Brigade being accommodated forward of the THIEPVAL-POZIERES Road.

3. That portion of the front to the left of the North West corner of BOOM RAVINE should be held lightly.

4. The 53rd Brigade will relieve the 55th Brigade of working parties K and J from the 22nd inclusive.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain,
for Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 6 a.m.

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10 C.R.A.31st Div.
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14 Signals.
15 IInd Corps "G"
16 IInd Corps "Q"
17 2nd Div.
18 63rd Div.
19 Div.Train.
20 No.3 Supply Col.
21 D.A.D.O.S.
22 A.D.V.S.
23 War Diary
24 A.D.M.S.

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18th Division No.Z.4.

18th DIVISION WARNING ORDER.

1. The 2nd.and 18th Divisions will on "Z" day capture the enemy's trench running from Point R.11.b.8.1.to R.11.a.8.6. and establish a line of strong posts on the approximate line R.11.b.8.4. - R.11.b.6.5. - R.11.b.2.6.- R.11.a.8.7. - R.11.a.75.60 - R.11.a.6.6. - R.11.a.1.4.

2. "Z" day and hour of Zero will be communicated separately, but all arrangements for the attack must be completed by the evening of the 21st February.

3.(a) The boundary between the Divisions in the attack will be a line drawn from approximately point R.11.a.6.0. to point R.11.a.75.60.
The WEST MIRAUMONT ROAD will be inclusive to 2nd Division.
The 18th Division will however, continue to hold the front as at present, and the attacking troops on the left of the 2nd.Division will form up behind the 18th Division line under arrangements to be made direct between Divisions.

(b) The Brigade Commander 55th Infantry Brigade will get into communication forthwith with the Brigade Commander on his right with a view to arranging details.

4.Objectives.

2nd Division. Capture of trench running from point R.11.b.8.1. to R.11.a.8.6. and the establishment of posts on the approximate line R.11.b.8.4.- R.11.b.6.5. - R.11.b.2.6. - R.11.a.8.7. - R.11.a.75.60.

18th Division. Establishment of a line of posts on the left of the 2nd.Division which will give to the 18th Division command of the spur and the slope running down to PETIT MIRAUMONT.

This line will probably be found in the neighbourhood of the points R.11.a.75.60 - R.11.a.6.6. R.11.a.1.4.

5. The Brigade Commander 55th Infantry Brigade will have a direct call on one 18 pounder battery and the battery commander or a reliable representative of the battery will remain throughout the action at the Infantry Brigade Headquarters.

6. Artillery arrangements will be notified later.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

WALLACE WRIGHT, Lieut.Col.
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 1 p.m.

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6.53rd Bde.
7.54th Bde.
8.55th Bde.
9.C.R.A.18th Div.
10.C.R.A.31st Div.
11.C.R.E.
12.A.D.M.S.
13.Signals.
14.Pioneers.
15. War Diary.
16.IInd Corps "G"
17.IInd Corps "Q"
18.2nd Division.
19.42nd Division.
20.No.4 Sqn. R.F.C.

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8TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

1917		Appendix
March	WARWICK HUTS. X.1.C.9.4.	
1st	Work. Battn. less 1 platoon of B Coy constructing new R.C.D. tractor line towards MIRAUMONT. 1 Platoon under 2Lt.Calvert i/c traffic control of above line. Location of Battn. WARWICK HUTS - less A Coy, Transport & Quartermaster's stores in MARLBOROUGH HUTS.	Sheet 57 D. S.E.
2nd	As yesterday. Preliminary orders for attack on GRENVILLERS trench line ~~xxxxxx~~ contained in Appendix 109 which contains 18 Div.O.O.89 & 90 & 92, also G.634 & 621. 18 Div. O.O.93 re relief 54th Bde.	APPENDIX 109
3rd	Work continued on new tractor line. B & A Coys moved from Warwick & Wellington Huts respectively to tents in R.33.b. (sheet 57 D.S.E.) Casualty. G/3834 Pte.GRUNDEN B. - D Coy accidentally wounded in the wrist by a bullet from a live cartridge which was in a refuse incinerator. Extract from London Gazette 1.3.1917. Temp.sec.Lt.on probn. E.R.CALVERT - E.B.GLENNY - C.H.K.SMITH confirmed in their rank.	APPENDIX 110
	R.33.b.b.4.	
4th	Work continued on new tractor line. H.Q. C & D Coys. moved from WARWICK HUTS to tents at R.33.b.5.1. at 10.0 A.M. Location of Battn. - Bn. less transport at R.33.b.5.1. Transport Lines & Quartermaster's stores at W.12.C.6.1. Captain C.C. COLLARD struck off estab. as from 26 Feb.1917.	(Sheet 57 D. S.E.1/20,000) VALLEYS OF MOUQUET FARM.
	R.33.b.	
5th	Work as yesterday - Location same.	
6th	Work & Location as yesterday. Casualties 6/3/17. Wounded: G/2532 L/Cpl.CROUCH A. Wounded slightly at duty: G/2086 Pte.TAYLOR H. both of A Coy.	

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7th A, B & D Coys bathing & resting.
C Coy - work on tractor line.
Location same.

8th C Coy bathing & resting.
A, B & D Coys continuance of work on the line.
Casualties.
G/3367 Pte.HEADMAN J. wounded)
G/2239 Pte.SIMMONS H. wounded) B Coy.
G/9152 Pte.AVERY S. wounded)
slightly at duty.)

9th Continuance of work on new R.C.D. tractor line.

10th The Division in conjunction with II Division attacked & captured the GREVILLERS LINE on their fronts. 18 Div. captured IRLES. A & B Coys. [illegible] cancelled worked on road by night in relief of C & D Coys. C & D Coys clearing & preparing a road for guns in R.5.a & b (Miraumont) during the day.
Casualty. Lt.Col.A.A.CHASE,D.S.O. severely wounded by shell when in the front line, about 5.0 P.M. he was brought back & died in 45th C.C.S. in the early hours of 11th March. He was buried with full military honours in AVELUY military cemetery at 5.45 p.m. on 11th March. Major J.C.D. BIRTWHISTLE assumed temporary command of the Battn. 18 Div. O.O.94 recd. re attack of LOUPART LINE. APPENDIX III.

11th Battn. digging an assembly trench in front of IRLES in preparation for the attack on the LOUPART LINE. Battn. returned to camp at 6.0 A.M. on the morning of 12th inst.
Casualties:
G/3361 Pte.KENYARD H.S.))Wounded
G/2710 A/Cpl.PENFOLD W.)D Coy.)slightly
G/11362 Pte.JOSLAND A.E.))at duty.

12th Battn. resting.

13th 18 Div.addenda to O.O.94. APPENDIX III
received vide Appendix III.
18 Div.O.O.93 & 53rd Bde. APPENDIX 112
O.O.61. re reliefs - vide Appendix 112. Battn. standing by; track for extension of light railway to E.MIRAUMONT road marked out.

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14th	Bn. working on extension of new line towards E.Miraumont road. Location of Battn. same	
15th	As yesterday. 18 Div. O.O.95 received.	Appendix 112.A.
16th	Bn. worked on road repairs in PETIT MIRAUMONT and the road towards PYS. Location of Bn. same.	
17th	Bn. repaired roads in PETIT MIRAUMONT & eastwards towards BIHUCOURT and ACHIET-le-GRAND. Location of Bn. same.	
	L.35.d.7.8.	
18th	Bn. continued work on roads as yesterday - also moved camp from R.33.b. to L.35.d.7.8. just east of the Quarry, east of MIRAUMONT on the MIRAUMONT - IRLES.	
19th	Work & Location of Battn. as yesterday.	
	MCKENZIE HUTS.	
20th	Bn.moved from Camp at L.35.d.7.8. to MCKENZIE HUTS - North West of AVELUY. 18 Div. O.O.96 re relief of divisional front by 7th Div. read. 18 Div. O.O.97 re move from MCKENZIE HUTS to CONTAY. Battn. moved with 55th Bde. Group.	Appendix 113 Appendix 114
	CONTAY.	
21st	Bn.moved from MCKENZIE HUTS to CONTAY by march route. 18 Div. O.O.99 read. re move from CONTAY to COISY.	Appendix 115
	COISY	
22nd	Bn. marched from CONTAY to COISY. 18 Divn. O.O.No.100 read. re move to SALEUX area.	
	GUIGNEMICOURT.	
23rd	Bn. proceeded to GUIGNEMICOURT from COISY part way in bus part marching. 18 Div. Warning Order re entrainment of division received.	Appendix 117

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34th — Bn. standing by: Billeting party under Capt. Hampton proceeded by train from SALEUX to STEENBECQUE to arrange billets for Battn. in XXX PAPOTE. II Corps ordered to concentrate in STEENBECQUE area.

35th — Bn. less C Coy entrained during night of 25/26 March at SALEUX.

36th — Bn. in the train - C Coy entrained at SALEUX.

PAPOTE NEAR HAZEBROUCK.

27th — Bn.less C Coy arrived in PAPOTE early morning of 27th.

28th — C Coy rejoined Battn. - remainder of Battn.resting.

29th — Battn. resting.

30th — Battn.training - Coys at disposal of Coy.Commanders. Letter of thanks from Fifth Army and II Corps Commanders for work done by 18th Division - see Appendix 118. Appendix 118.

Extract from London Gazette dated 26/3/17. The undermentioned to be acting Captains whilst Comdg. a Coy. -
T/2Lt.G.R.GILMORE 19 Jan.1917.
T/Lt.W.H.BADDELEY 23 Jan.1917.
T/2Lt.G.R.GILMORE (act.Capt. whilst Comdg.a Coy) to be temp.Lt. 15.2.17.

Extract from London Gazette dated 28/3/17.
T/Lt.E.A.HILL to be temp. Capt. 27 Feb.1917.

Strength Increase.
Capt. G.BOLTON and 2/Lieut. H.M.WHITEHEAD joined Batt. 25 Mch 1917.
Lt.J.EC.LARGHAM joined Battn. 28 Mch 1917.

Strength Decrease.
Lt.H.S.R.SHELLING & Lt.D.J. CAPPER struck off Estab. as from 4th Feb.1917.
2Lt.L.S.A.WATSON (3rd Monmouths) attd.struck off Estab.12/3/17.

31st — Bn.training - Coys. at disposal of Company Commanders.

H.N. HAMPTON, Capt.A/Adjt.
8 R.Sussex Regt.

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APPENDIX 109.

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Copy No.14.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.89.

February 26th 1917.

1. So soon as the necessary preparations can be made the 1st ANZAC and II Corps are to attack the enemy's line which runs to the South and West of GREVILLERS, LOUPART WOOD and ACHIET-le-PETIT with a view to gaining the general line of the IRLES-GREVILLERS Road.

2. It is the intention that the IInd Corps will with the 2nd and 18th Divisions attack on the approximate front between M.4 central and the road running N.E. from IRLES.

3. The dividing line in the attack between the 2nd and 18th Divisions will be the track running from the Ravine in G.33.c. to point G.33.b.8.7. and thence to G.23 central; and the frontages of the attack will be :-

2nd Division - From approximately point M.4. central to G.33 central.

18th Division - From G.33 central to road running N.E. from IRLES.

4. All arrangements will be made forthwith for an attack on the above lines, for which orders will be issued later.

5. All artillery will be moved forward at once into positions from which it can cut wire and support the attack.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

WALLACE WRIGHT, Lieut.Colonel
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 12.30 p.m.

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7. 54th Brigade.
8. 55th Brigade.
9. C.R.A.
10. C.R.E.
11. A.D.M.S.
12. A.P.M.
13. Signals.
14. Pioneers.
15. War Diary.
16. IInd Corps "G".
17. IInd Corps "Q"
18. 2nd Division.
19. 63rd Division.
20. 4th Sqn. R.F.C.

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Copy No.14.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.90.

February 27th 1917.

1. The 18th and 2nd Divisions have received orders to prepare plans for carrying out at the earliest practicable moment an organized attack in order to gain the line mentioned in G.621 of February 20th i.e. M.4.b.10.20. - M.3.b.10.80 - G.33 central - G.26.central - G.25 central.

2. The dividing lines between Divisions will be as shown in 18th Division Order No.89 of February 26th and 18th Division G.634 of the same date.

3. This attack will be carried out by the 55th Infantry Brigade.

4. Proposals for the attack will be submitted forthwith by the Brigade Commander concerned.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

WALLACE WRIGHT,
Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 12 noon.

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9. C.R.A.
10. C.R.E.
11. A.D.M.S.
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18. 2nd Division.
19. 63rd Division.
20. 4th Sqdn.R.F.C.

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18TH DIVISION No.G.634

Royal Artillery.
Royal Engineers.
53rd Infantry Brigade.
54th Infantry Brigade.
55th Infantry Brigade.
8th R.Sussex Pioneers.
A/Q.

For your information:-

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1. The V Corps is to take over from the II Corps the front now held by the 63rd Division the relief to be completed by 6.0 a.m. on the 27th February.

2. All details of the relief will be arranged between 62nd and 63rd Divisions; and 63rd Division will inform II Corps of the arrangements made and the hour at which the command passes.

3. On completion of relief the dividing line between II Corps and V Corps will be as under :-

G.18.central to L.30.a.8.5. thence line of railway inclusive to V Corps to Q.23.d.7.0. thence west to old boundary at P.29.c.4.3.

(Sd.) P.R.MEAUTYS, Captain,
for Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

February 26th 1917.

Royal Artillery.
Royal Engineers.
53rd Infantry Brigade.
54th Infantry Brigade.
55th Infantry Brigade.
8th R.Sussex Pioneers.
A/Q.

G.621. Feb.26th.

As soon as our artillery can make sufficient preparations it is intended to attack the enemy's line running from LOUBART WOOD to ACHIET LE PETIT. 2nd, 18th and 63rd Divisions will push forward and establish themselves on the approximate line L.4.b.10.20. - L.3.b.10.80. G.33. central - G.26 Central - G.20 Central - L.30.a.20.00. - L.29.a.50.15.

When 63rd Division has established itself on the line L.30.a.2.0. to L.29.a.50.15. it will be relieved by the Fifth Corps.

In view of the above your policy will be to push forward gradually your posts, consolidating their positions as you make ground.

It is essential that enemy's outposts should be closely engaged and continually worried with a view to bringing about a retirement.

The system of trenches about L.30 and approaches to them should be kept permanently under machine gun fire.

(Sd.) WALLACE WRIGHT,
Lieut.Colonel.

18th Division.
10.35 a.m.

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18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.92.

March 1st 1917.

1. As a preliminary operation to the attack outlined in 18th Division Order No.89 of February 26th, the II Corps will capture at an early date, with the 2nd and 18th Divisions, the general line of GRAVILLERS TRENCH from M.4.a.4.4. to G.32.a.8.0. - Northern outskirts of IRLES and thence to L.30.a.3.0. and establish strong points forward on the general line M.4.a.70.55. - M.4.a.40.65. - G.33.c.55.85. - G.32.b.5.4. - G.26.d.5.5. - G.26.a.0.0. - L.30.a.45.30.

2. The boundary between the 2nd and 18th Divisions will be a line drawn from the CROSS Roads at M.2.c.4.4. to RAVINE in G.33.c. and thence along the Ravine (Ravine inclusive to 2nd Division) to cross roads at G.33.b.75.65 and thence to G.23 central, and not as stated in para.3 of 18th Division Order No.89.
The Dividing Line between the 18th Division and Fifth Corps will be as laid down in 18th Division G.634 of February 26th 1917.

3. Objectives will be -

(a) 2nd Division.

Approximate line M.4.a.4.4. to G.32.d.70.15. with strong posts on Line M.4.a.70.55. - M.4.a.40.65. - G.33.c.55.85.

(b) 18th Division.

Approximate line G.32.d.70.15. to northern outskirts of IRLES and thence to L.30.a.3.0. with strong posts on line G.32.b.5.4. - G.26.d.5.5. - G.26.a.0.0. - L.30.a.45.30.

4. For the purpose of co-ordination, the Divisional Artilleries have been placed under the orders of the G.O.C., R.A. II Corps, who will prepare and issue the artillery plans and orders.

5. "Z" day and the hour of Zero and the hours for synchronisation of watches will be issued separately but all arrangements for the attack must be completed by evening of 4th March.

6. This orders amends all previous orders for the same attack.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

WALLACE WRIGHT, Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division

Issued at 8.30 p.m.

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9. C.R.A.
10. C.R.E.
11. A.D.M.S.
12. A.P.M.
13. Signals.
14. Pioneers.
15. War Diary.
16. II Corps "G"
17. II Corps "Q"
18. 2nd Division.
19. 62nd Division.
20. 4th Sqdn.
21. 63rd Div.Art.

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ADDENDA TO 16TH DIVISION ORDER NO.92.

March 8th 1917.

1. ARTILLERY ARRANGEMENTS.

(a) A barrage map is attached showing the general barrage arrangements and the timings of the lifts.

(b) The opening of the barrage will be the signal for the infantry to advance.

(c) The rolling barrage is as shewn by the parallel lines on the map. It will be noticed that the rate of advance up to the GREVILLERS TRENCH line is somewhat faster than North of that line, when the rate of advance is 100 yards in 4 minutes to enable the posts for the forward strong points to follow the barrage closely.

(d) From zero there will be standing barrages as under :-

(i) A shrapnel barrage on GREVILLERS TRENCH (front of 8th Norfolk Regt.) which will remain fixed till zero plus 6, when it will be joined by the intermediate barrage and the two will lift back together.

(ii) A howitzer barrage on the Northern half of IRLES which will remain fixed until the rolling barrage arrives within 100 yards of it. In other words commencing from the southern end of its target it lifts off gradually as the rolling barrage approaches it.

(iii) A howitzer barrage on the line of the CLIFF East of IRLES. This barrage also lifts off in a similar way to that mentioned in (ii).

(iv) A howitzer barrage or bombardment on the S.E. portion of IRLES (coloured in in Yellow on the map). This will continue till zero plus 1 hour and 30 minutes when it will lift off altogether to enable the troops to clear that portion of the village.

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(e) It should be pointed out to the men, especially in the case of the right attack, that the advance is UP HILL and therefore, they can follow the barrage MORE CLOSELY than on the level. It should be possible for them to get within 50 - 70 yards of the barrage on GREVILLERS TRENCH.

(f) In addition to the artillery fire mentioned in the preceding paragraphs the Heavy Artillery will keep under fire the LOUPART LINE of trenches and other targets north of our objectives.

2. The village of IRLES, especially the northern outskirts, is to be carefully searched for telephone lines, and these, if found, are to be cut immediately.

3. CONTACT AEROPLANES.

(a) Flares will be lighted by attacking troops to indicate their position at 6.30 a.m. and again at 7.30 a.m. on "Z" day and at all other times when called for by the sounding of the Klaxon horn or the dropping of lights by the contact aeroplane.
In the event of visibility being bad at the above hours, contact aeroplanes will fly over as soon after as possible and again one hour later.

(b) Contact aeroplanes carry black streamers on the lower planes.

4. "Z" day, zero hour and the hours for synchronization of watches will be notified later.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

WALLACE WRIGHT, Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 1 p.m.

Copies to:-
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8. 55th Brigade.
9. C.R.A. 18th Div.
10. C.R.E.
11. A.D.M.S.
12. A.D.M.
13. Signals.
14. Pioneers.
15. War Diary.
16. II Corps "G"
17. II Corps "Q"
18. 2nd Division.
19. 62nd Division.
20. 4th Sqn.R.F.C.
21. 63rd Div.Artillery.

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To all recipients of
18th Div.Order No.92.

Reference 18th Division Order No.92 dated March 1st. "Z" Day will be March 10th.

The exact time of zero will be notified later, but it will be in the early morning.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

P.R. MEAUTYS, Captain,
General Staff, 18th Division

March 8th 1917

APPENDIX 110.

SECRET Copy No.6.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.93.

March 2nd 1917.

1. The 53rd Infantry Brigade will relieve the 55th Infantry Brigade in the line on the 3/4th March.

2. On completion of relief the Brigadier General Commanding 53rd Brigade will assume command of the line.

3. On relief the 55th Brigade will move into reserve and will be accommodated in MARLBOROUGH, WELLINGTON and WARWICK Huts.

4. Details of relief will be arranged between Brigade Commanders concerned.

5. Completion of relief will be reported to Divisional Headquarters.

6. Working parties will be adjusted according to the attached table.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

P.R. MEAUTYS, Capt. for
Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff 18th Division.

Issued at 4 p.m.

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7. 54th Brigade.
8. 55th Brigade.
9. C.R.A.18th Div.
10. C.R.A.63rd Div.
11. C.R.E.
12. Pioneer Bn.
13. A.D.M.S.
14. Signals.
15. A.P.M.
16. Div.Train.
17. 3 Supply Co.
18. D.A.D.O.S.
19. A.D.V.S.
20. War Diary.
21. IInd Corps "G"
22. IInd Corps "Q"
23. 2nd Div.
24. 62nd Div.

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Appendix III.

Copy No.12.

SECRET 18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.94.

March 10th 1917

Reference Map.
Scale 1/10,000

1. The Fifth Army is to capture on "Z" day :-

(a) the LOUPART LINE between the spur in G.35.d. and the spur in G.26.

(b) BUCQUOY.

The 1st Anzac and II Corps are to capture the line between G.35.d. and the spur in G.26. and the V Corps is to capture BUCQUOY.

2. The dividing line between the 1st Anzac and II Corps will be the DRY DITCH running through M.4.c.& a to point M.4.b.10.65 and thence a line running through points G.34.d.55.00. - G.35.a.4.4. - G.29.b.6.0.

3. The II Corps will with the 2nd and 18th Divisions capture the LOUPART LINE between approximately point G.34.d.55.00. and G.27.a.0.8. establishing a line of posts on the general line G.29.c.2.0. - G.28.d.10.25. - G.28.a.5.3. - G.27.a.8.2. - G.27.a.15.85. - G.25.b.2.9.

4. (a) The boundary between divisions will be a line drawn from cross roads at M.2.c.4.4. to Ravine in G.33.c. and thence along ravine (ravine inclusive to 2nd Division) to Cross roads at G.33.b.75.65 and thence to G.23.central.

(b) The objectives will be :-

2nd Division Supported by 2nd Div.Art. 23rd and 34th Army F.A.Bdes and 17th Div. Art. (less two 18 pr. batts.)	- Capture of LOUPART LINE between point G.34.d.55.00. and G.33.b.75.65 and the establishment of a line of posts on the approximate line G.29.c.2.0. - G.28.d.10.95.
18th Division supported by 18th and 63rd Div.Artilleries 84th and 315th Army F.A.Bdes. and two 18-pr. batts.17th Div. Artillery.	- Capture of LOUPART LINE between point G.33.b.75.65. and G.27.a.0.8. and the establishment of a line of posts on the approximate line G.28.a.5.3. - G.27.a.8.2. G.27.a.15.85. - G.25.b.2.9.

5. The 54th Infantry Brigade will carry out the attack.

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6. For the purpose of co-ordination the Divisional Artilleries are placed under the orders of the G.O.C., R.A. II Corps who will prepare and issue the artillery plans and orders.

With each Infantry Brigadier attacking there will be a battery commander whose battery will, when required, be at the direct disposal of the former.

Similarly each Divisional Commander will have a direct call upon one 6" Howitzer Battery.

7. "Z" day and the hour of "Zero" will be notified later, but all arrangements for the attack must be completed by the evening of 14th March.

8. The Brigade Commander 54th Infantry Brigade will submit, so as to reach Divisional Headquarters by noon tomorrow (11th March) -

(a) Detailed plan of attack.
(b) His dispositions at "ZERO" hour.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

WALLACE WRIGHT, Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 8.0 p.m.

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10. C.R.A. 63rd Division.
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21. 63rd Division.
22. 17th Division Artillery.
23. 4th Squadron R.F.C.

APPENDIX III.

SECRET Copy No.13.

18th Div.No.G.265

ADDENDA TO 18TH DIVISION ORDER No.94.

1. OBJECTIVES.

(a) The 1st objective for the 2nd and 18th Divisions will be the support trench of the LOUPART LINE, but the 54th Infantry Brigade will include in its first objective the semi-circular trench in G.27.d.

(b) The second objective will be line on which by para.4 (b) of 18th Div.Order No.94 the forward posts are to be established.

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2. HALTS ON OBJECTIVES.

There will be a halt of twenty minutes on the first objective, before troops move forward to the second objective.

3. CONSOLIDATION.

The line to be consolidated after the capture of the 1st objective should be at least 100 yards beyond the latter.

4. (a) B Section Special Company R.E. (Commanded by LIEUT.WYMAN) will install guns in the vicinity of L.30.a.95.70. with a view to applying lachrymatory gas to the areas G.19.b. and G.30.a.

(b) This gas is only to be let loose if the wind is in the quarter West to South-east passing through South.

(c) The Officer Commanding the section will get in touch with the posts of the 18th Division in the vicinity of his guns in order that he may be able to co-operate with them in the case of a counter attack.

(d) In case of an enemy counter attack from the N.W. the Section is to consider itself as a post protecting the left flank of the main attack and will hold its ground as such. Preparations, therefore, for this eventuality are to be made before the day of attack.

(e) All telephonic communications to the O.C. this Section will be sent through the Headquarters of the Brigade in the line and the Brigade Commander and the O.C. Section should be thoroughly acquainted with the position of their respective headquarters.

The O.C. Section will send two orderlies to Brigade Headquarters at H.11.a.6.9. at 9 a.m. on the morning of the 14th March.

5. (a) One 18 pdr.battery is to be placed, should he desire it, at the direct disposal of the Brigade Commander attacking. The battery commander or a reliable representative will remain at Brigade Headquarters during the action.

(b) The Divisional Commander will also have a direct call upon one 6" howitzer battery.

6. The usual arrangements for complete liaison will be instituted.

7. CONTACT AEROPLANES.

(a) Flares will be lighted by attacking troops to indicate their position at 6.30 a.m. and again at 7.30 a.m. on "Z" day and at all other times when called for by the sounding of the Klaxen horn or the dropping of lights by the contact aeroplanes.

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In the event of visibility being bad at the above hours, contact aeroplanes will fly over as soon after as possible and again one hour later.

(b) Contact aeroplanes carry black streamers on the lower planes.

(c) Messages will be dropped at 18th Divisional Headquarters by contact aeroplanes. Divisional Headquarters will be marked by a large white 'K' on the ground. The K will be altered to an 'F' to denote the receipt of a message. The O.C. Divisional Signal Company is responsible for these arrangements.

8. COMMUNICATIONS.

(a) By telephone -

Brigade Hd.Qrs. in the line to 18th Div.H.Q. as usual.
" " " " " to the Brigade of the 2nd Div.on our right laterally by a ground line.
" " " " " to the right brigade of 62nd Div.on our left laterally by a ground line.

Note. Cable Dump. A small dump of cable has been formed at Z exchange for the repair of Divisional lines only. Applications for this will be made by wire to O.C. Signals.

(b) Pigeons. 12 pigeons will be supplied to the Brigade in the line on "Y" Bty.

(c) Power Buzzers and Wireless. Signalling will be carried out by these methods as follows:-

(i) A Power Buzzer and listening set will be installed at the Left Battalion H.Q. in G.26.c.

(ii) A Power Buzzer only will be installed at Right Battalion H.Q. in G.32 or G.33.

Both of the above will work to the Divisional Listening Set and Power Buzzer at R.11.b.4.3. Messages can thus be sent from Front to Rear and from Rear to Front in the case of the Battalion on the left, but in the case of the Battalion on the right messages can only be sent from Front to Rear.
The Divisional Station at R.11.b.4.3. will be in communication with Brigade Headquarters by wire also by runner. It will also be in communication with the rear by a Wireless set working to the Corps Wireless Directing Station, which will have a direct telephone line to 18th Divisional Headquarters.
A Power Buzzer will be installed also at

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Brigade Headquarters for working back to the Corps Directing Station as an alternative means of communication in case the Brigade-Divisional lines get broken.
All messages sent by wireless or power buzzer should be in code. The responsibility for coding the messages rests with the Commander of the Unit sending the message, and not with the personnel of the Power Buzzer Station or Wireless. Messages may be sent in clear however, in exceptional circumstances, by order of an officer.

(d) The Brigade Commander attacking will develop visual signalling to the greatest extent that circumstances will permit.

(e) Divisional Runners. D.R's will run between 18th Divisional Headquarters and NAB VALLEY JUNCTION Runners Post (R.32.b.9.8.) at which point despatches will be sorted, those for the Headquarters of the 54th Brigade being taken by one runner straight to the old Brigade H.Qs. at R.23.c.10.85. whilst those for all the Artillery Brigades will be taken on by a second runner to "Z" exchange, i.e. R.28.b.4.7. The runner arriving at Old Brigade Headquarters will hand over his despatches for the Brigade Headquarters to a second runner who will proceed direct to that point. Similarly the despatches for the F.A.B's will be handed over to other runners at "Z" exchange who will distribute them to the three F.A.Bs.

9. The C.R.E. will place at the disposal of the Brigade Commander 54th Infantry Brigade such R.E. as demanded by him.

10. ARTILLERY
Barrage arrangements will be notified later.

11. The times for the synchronization of watches will be notified later.

12. "Z" day and Zero hour will be notified later.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

WALLACE WRIGHT,
Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued to all recipients
of 18th Div. Order No.94.

APPENDIX 112.

SECRET

Copy No.12.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.93.

March 9th 1917.

1. The 54th Brigade will relieve the 53rd Brigade in the line at a date and time to be notified later.
Details to be arranged direct between Brigadier Generals Commanding Brigades concerned.
On relief the 53rd Brigade will be accommodated in WELLINGTON, MARLBOROUGH and WARWICK HUTS, moving thence by the HAB VALLEY Road.

2. The 55th Brigade will move into the accommodation vacated by the 54th Brigade in THIEPVAL, THIEPVAL WOOD, ST PIERRE DIVION on the departure of the 54th Brigade. Brigadier General Commanding 54th Brigade to notify times and departure to Brigadier General Commanding 55th Brigade.
Route - CRUCIFIX CORNER, AUTHUILLE.

3. Completion of reliefs to be reported to Divisional Headquarters. Brigadier General Commanding 54th Brigade will assume command of the line on the completion of relief.

4. Working parties to be found as in attached Table from March 10th inclusive.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

GUY BLEWITT, Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 2.30 p.m.

Copies to:-
1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2/3. "G".
4/5. "Q".
6. 53rd Brigade.
7. 54th Brigade.
8. 55th Brigade.
9. C.R.A.18th Div.
10. C.R.A.63rd Div.
11. C.R.E.
12. Pioneer Bn.
13. A.D.M.S.
14. Signals.
15. A.P.M.
16. Div.Train.
17. No.3 Supply Col.
18. D.A.D.O.S.
19. A.D.V.S.
20. War Diary.
21. IInd Corps "G"
22. IInd Corps "Q"
23. 2nd Div.
24. 62nd Div.

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SECRET

Copy No.15.

Ref.Map.Special Map
No.7039 1/20,000.

11th March 1917.

53rd Infantry Brigade Order No.61.

1. The 53rd Inf.Bde.will be relieved in the line by the 54th Inf.Bde. on the night of the 12/13th March in accordance with the attached table.

2. Details of the reliefs will be arranged direct by the O.C. units concerned.

3. The dividing lines of the battalions of the 54th Inf.Bde.after relief will be as follows :-

Between	Dividing Line.
2nd Div.& 12th Mid'sex R.	The present Divn.Boundary.
12th Midsex R.& 6th N'hants R.	A line drawn from M.1.b.6.0. to G.27.c.0.4.
6th N'hants R.& 7th Beds.R.	A line drawn from R.5.b.6.2. to immediately W.of the QUARRY in G.32. and through G.26.d.50.35. to G.27.a.6.0.
7th Beds.R.& 11th R.Fus.	A line drawn from L.36.a.9.0.to G.26.c.25.65. to G.27.a.2.4.
11th R.Fus.& 62nd Divn.	The present Divisional Boundary.

4. The O.C.6th R.Berks.R. will as far as possible arrange that the sectors held by each Coy. now in the line correspond with the Battalion Sectors of the relieving Battalions as shown above. Any necessary adjustments can be made temporarily on the night of the 12/13th instant before relief.

5. Units will be billeted on relief as follows:-

53rd Inf.Bde. H.Q.) 10th Essex R.)	WELLINGTON HUTS.	
8th Norfolk R.	MARLBOROUGH HUTS.	
6th R.Berks R.) 8th Suffolk R.)	WARWICK HUTS.	Right Support Left Support.

6. Advance parties of relieving units will arrive at the BLUFF (R.10.b.3.9.) at 11 a.m. 12th March where guides will meet them in accordance with the table.

7. During the relief troops will wear their Small Box Respirators in the ALERT position.

8. Completion of relief will be reported to Adv.Bde. H.Q. by the word BATH.... P.M.

9. Bde.H.Q.will close at R.11.a.9,9. at 10 a.m.

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13th inst. and reopen at WELLINGTON HUTS at the same hour.

Major,
Bde.Major 53rd Infantry Brigade.

Issued at
Copies to Recipients of O.Os.

18th Division G.181.

SECRET

To all recipients on 18th Division Order No.93 dated March 9th 1917.

Reference 18th Division Order No.93 dated 9th March 1917. The reliefs referred to will take place on the evening of the 12/13th March to be complete by 11 P.M.

GUY BLEWITT, Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

March 10th 1917.

APPENDIX 112.

SECRET

Copy No.13.

18th DIVISION ORDER NO.93. March 15th 1917.

1. The enemy appears to be withdrawing from the BAPAUME - BOCQUIGNY Line.

2. It is the intention of the Army Commander to operate in a North Easterly direction with a view to cutting off the enemy troops in front of the Third Army and to the South of ARRAS.

3. The II Corps will operate on the front between ERVILLERS (inclusive) and VRAUCOURT (exclusive) BIENVILLERS, FAVREUIL, VRAUCOURT and NOREUIL are to be inclusive to 1st ANZAC CORPS.

The V Corps is to operate by its right towards COURCELLES with a view to turning the BOIS DE LOGEAST and ABLAINZEVILLE from the south and south east keeping in touch with the II Corps on the General line of the ACHIET-LE-GRAND - ERVILLERS Road.

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4. Dividing lines will be as follows :-

Between 1st Anzac Corps and 2nd Division.	A line from road fork at G.30.a.5.5. to railway crossing at G.24.d.5.9. and thence to H.9.central.
2nd Division and 18th Division	A line from G.23 central to G.12.d.central - Cross roads at H.1.c.6.3. - B.26.central.
18th Division and V Corps.	Line of ACHIET LE GRAND Railway as far as point G.4.c.5.4. and thence along road to ERVILLERS (ERVILLERS being inclusive to 18th Division).

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

WALLACE WRIGHT, Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 5.0 p.m.

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2/3. "G"
4/5. "Q"
6. 53rd Infantry Brigade.
7. 54th Infantry Brigade.
8. 55th Infantry Brigade.
9. C.R.A.18th Division.
10. C.R.A.53rd Division.
11. C.R.E.
12. 8th R.Sussex Pnrs.
13. A.D.M.S.
14. Signals.
15. A.P.M.
16. War Diary.
17. IX Corps "G"
18. II Corps "Q"

APPENDIX 113.

SECRET. Copy No.11.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.96.

March 19th 1917.

1. The 20th Brigade of the 7th Division, H.Q. COURCELLES, will take over the front at present held by the 54th Infantry Brigade as early as practicable on the 20th instant, under arrangements to be made direct between Brigadier Generals commanding. The completion of relief will be reported to Divisional Headquarters.

2. The 1/1st Yorkshire Dragoons and II Corps Cyclist Company attached to the 54th Infantry Brigade (including that lent by the 2nd Division) will be withdrawn and return to Corps H.Q. on completion of the relief. 54th Infantry Brigade will inform Divisional Headquarters of the orders they are issuing in this respect.

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3. Units will move to the rear area in accordance with the attached march table.

4. The 18th Divisional Artillery will be relieved by the 7th Divisional Artillery, Headquarters of the Brigade concerned, COURCELLES, as early as practicable on the 20th instant, under arrangements to be made direct between Brigadier Generals commanding Royal Artillery. On relief the 18th Divisional Artillery will move to USNA HILL or present Wagon Lines as desired.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

GUY BLEWITT, Major,
for Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division

Issued at 11.30 p.m.

Copies to:-

1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2/3. "G"
4/5. "Q"
6. 53rd Brigade.
7. 54th Brigade.
8. 55th Brigade.
9. C.R.A. 18th Div.
10. C.R.E.
11. Pioneer Bn.
12. A.D.M.S.
13. Signals.
14. A.P.M.
15. Div.Train.
16. No.3 D.S.O.
17. D.A.D.O.S.
18. A.D.V.S.
19. War Diary.
20. II Corps "G"
21. II Corps "Q"
22. V Corps.
23. 2nd Division.
24. 7th Division.

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Appendix 114.

SECRET.

Copy No.11

18TH DIVISION ORDER No.97.

March 20th.1917.

1. The 55th Brigade Group consisting of

55th Infantry Brigade.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
79th and 92nd.Field Coys. R.E.

will move under the orders of the Brigadier General Commanding 55th Infantry Brigade from WARWICK, WELLINGTON, MARLBOROUGH and MACKENZIE Huts to the CONTAY - SENLIS area to-morrow. Route - AVELUY-BOUZINCOURT-SENLIS-WARLOY.

On arrival units will be accommodated -

Brigade Headquarters Machine Gun Company Trench Mortar Battery 2 Battalions	CONTAY.
Two battalions	SENLIS
One Field Coy.	VADENCOURT
One battalion	HARPONVILLE
One Field Coy.	WARLOY.

The HERRISART-CONTAY-WARLOY-BOUZINCOURT road is to be clear of troops by 1 p.m.

2. The 54th Infantry Brigade and 80th Field Company R.E. will move from the MIRAUMONT Area to WARWICK, WELLINGTON and MARLBOROUGH Huts (80th Field Coy. to MACKENZIE Huts).

3. Field Ambulances will not move until the 22nd instant.

4. The company of the Divisional Train attached to 55th Infantry Brigade will move under the orders of the O.C. Train and observe the traffic regulations laid down in para.1.

5. Completion of moves to be reported to Divisional Headquarters.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 7/45 p.m. GUY BLEWITT. Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Copies to :-

1	A.D.C.for G.O.C.	13	Signals.
2/3	"G"	14	A.P.M.
4/5	"Q"	15	Div.Train.
6	53rd Brigade.	16	No.3 Supply Col.
7	54th Brigade.	17	D.A.D.O.S.
8	55th Brigade	18	A.D.V.S.
9	C.R.A. 18th Div.	19	War Diary.
10	C.R.E.	20	II Corps "G"
11	Pioneer Bn.	21	II Corps "Q"
12	A.D.M.S.	22	2nd Aus.Div.
		23	7th Division.

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Appendix 115.

SECRET. Copy No.11

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.99.

Ref.Maps FRANCE 1/100,000 LENS & AMIENS Sheets. March 21st.1917.

1. 18th Division Order No.98 is cancelled, except para.2.

2. The Division (less Artillery) will move to-morrow the 22nd.instant, in accordance with March Table attached.

3. Brigade Groups will be constituted as follows :-

53rd Brigade Group - 53rd Infantry Brigade.
79th Field Company R.E.
151st Company Divl.Train.

54th Brigade Group - 54th Infantry Brigade.
80th Field Company R.E.
54th Field Ambulance.
152nd. Company Divl.Train.

55th Brigade Group - 55th Infantry Brigade.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
92nd Field Company R.E.
153rd Company Divl.Train.

4. The 55th Field Ambulance will march to join the 55th Brigade Group on the 22nd instant; not to pass AVELUY before 3/30 p.m.
The 56th Field Ambulance will move to VILLERS BOCAGE area to join the 53rd Brigade Group on the 23rd, under orders to be issued by the A.D.M.S.

5. Regulation intervals will be observed.

6. Completion of moves will be reported to Divisional Headquarters.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.R. HANNAY,
Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 8 p.m.

Copies to :-

1 A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2/3 "G"
4/5 "Q"
6 53rd Brigade.
7 54th Brigade.
8 55th Brigade.
9 C.R.A. 18th Div.
10 C.R.E.
11 Pioneer Bn.
12 A.D.M.S.
13 A.P.M.
14 Signals.
15 Div.Train.
16 No.3 Supply Col.
17 D.A.D.O.S.
18 A.D.V.S.
19 War Diary.
20 II Corps "G".
21 II Corps "Q"
22 2nd.Aust.Div.
23 7th Division.

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18TH DIVISION ORDER No.100.

Ref.Map FRANCE 1/100,000 LENS and AMIENS sheets.

March 22nd.1917.

1. The 18th Division accompanied by one Divl.Supply Column and Ammunition Sub Park, one Cable Section and one Wireless sub-section will move by rail and road from the Fifth Army to the First Army.
The Division will remain in the II Corps and on arrival, be concentrated in the STEENBECQUE Area.

2. The Division (less Artillery), one Cable Section and one Wireless section will move by rail entraining on the 24th and 25th insts; orders for the move of the Divisional Artillery, Divisional Supply Column and Ammunition Sub Park by road will be issued later.

3. Ammunition carried in boxes in Div.Amm.Column and Ammunition Sub Park will be left in the Fifth Army area (Vth Corps will arrange for storage); all other ammunition will be taken.

4. Prior to entrainment, which will commence at HALLEUX about 12 noon the 24th instant, moves will take place in accordance with attached Table.

5. Regulation intervals will be maintained.

6. Completion of moves will be reported to Divisional Headquarters.

7. Divisional Headquarters will close at NAB VALLEY and open at BUHY at 12 noon on the 23rd instant.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.R. HANNAY,
Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 4/15 p.m.

Copies to :-

1	A.D.C.for G.O.C.	13	Signals.
2/3	"G"	14	A.P.M.
4/5	"Q"	15	Divisional Train.
6	53rd Brigade.	16	No.3 Supply Col.
7	54th Brigade.	17	D.A.D.O.S.
8	55th Brigade.	18	A.D.V.S.
9	C.R.A. 18th Div.	19	War Diary.
10	C.R.E.	20	II Corps "G"
11	Pioneer Bn.	21	II Corps "Q"
12	A.D.M.S.	22	Camp Commandant.

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SECRET.

Subject:- Billeting Accommodation.

18th Div.No. 232/138 "Q".

Reference 18th Divisional Order No.100 of 22/3/1917.

1. The following are the Brigade Group Areas for night 23rd/24th instant :-

53rd Brigade Group.

Revelles.	Brigade H.Q. M.G.Coy. T.M.Battery. 1 Battn.
Pissy.	1 Battalion.
Bovelles.	1 Battalion.
Clairy-Saulchoix.	1 Battalion (weak)
Creuse.	1 Field Amb. 1 Fld.Co. R.E.
Saleux.	1 Train Coy.

54th Brigade Group.

Villers Bocage.	Brigade H.Q. M.G.Coy. T.M.Battery. 2 Battns. 2 Field Ambulances.
Bertangles.	1 Battalion.
Coisy	1 Battalion.
Montonvillers.	1 Train Coy. 1 Fld.Co. R.E.

55th Brigade Group.

Pont de Metz.	Brigade H.Q. M.G.Coy. T.M.Battery. 1 Battn.
Vers	1 Battalion.
Ailly sur Somme.	1 Battalion.
Herrieres.	1 Battalion.
Guignemicourt.	1 Battalion.
Gaveuse.	1 Field Ambulances.
Saleux.	1 Train Coy. 1 Fld.Co. R.E.

2. 30th Mobile Veterinary Section will move under orders of A.D.V.S. to Saleux.

3. Detail of Lorries will be forwarded later.

J A CHURCHILL. Captain,
22nd March, 1917. D.A.A. & Q.M.G. 18th Division.

Copies to :-

A.D.C. for G.O.C.	A.P.M.
"Q"	Divisional Train.
"G"	No.3, D.S.C.
53rd Brigade.	D.A.D.O.S.
54th Brigade.	A.D.V.S.
55th Brigade.	War Diary.
18th Div. Art.	II Corps "G" .
C.R.E.	II Corps "Q".
8th R.Sussex Pioneers.	Camp Commandant.
A.D.M.S.	
Signals.	

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Appendix 117.

SECRET.

Subject :- Entrainment of Division.

18th/Div/No/232/137 (G).

WARNING ORDER.

The 18th Divisional Artillery and Headquarter Company 18th Div.Train and 1 Section 30th Mobile Vet Section, will proceed by march route.

Definite instructions as regards remainder of Division will be issued as soon as possible.

In the meantime the following order of entrainment is issued as a guide :- This is subject to alteration.

The following working parties will be required :-

(a) 1 Company at entraining station, SALEUX (AMIENS).
(b) 1 Company at detraining station (At present unknown).

The SALEUX party will be found by 6th Bn. Royal Berks, and will report at SALEUX Station at 9 a.m. 24th instant this party will remain on duty during entrainment of Division and will proceed by last train leaving SALEUX to detraining station.

The party for detraining will be found by 8th Bn. East Surrey Regiment and will proceed to detraining station by the first train Leaving SALEUX.

The order of entrainment will be as under (Subject to alterations) :-

Units will be prepared to entrain accordingly.

First train will start about 12 noon 24th instant and remaining trains will follow at 2 hours interval.

TRAIN No. 1. Divisional Headquarters.
Headquarters Signals and No.1 Section R.E.
Advanced billeting party 55th Infantry Brigade Group.
1 Company 8th East Surrey Regiment, 1 Cooker & 1 pair Horses.

TRAIN No. 2. 7th Bn. The Queen's (R.W.S.) Regiment, less 1 Company, 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses.

TRAIN No. 3. 55th Infantry Brigade Headquarters plus 1 Company 7th Bn. The Queen's (R.W.S.) Regiment also 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses.
No. 4 Section Div. Signal Company, 55th M.G.Company and 55th T.M. Battery.

TRAIN No. 4. 7th Bn. The Buffs (E.K.) Regiment less 1 Company, 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses.

TRAIN No. 5. 1 Company, 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses 7th Bn. The Buffs (E.K) Regiment.
No. 4 Company Div.Train.
92nd Field Company R.E.

TRAIN No. 6. 8th East Surrey Regiment less 1 Company, 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses.

TRAIN No. 7. 7th Bn. Royal West Kent Regiment less 1 Company, 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses.

TRAIN No. 8. 30th Mobile Vet.Section less 1 Section proceeding by road with 18th Divisional Artillery.
1 Company 7th Bn. Royal West Kent Regiment, 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses.
56th Field Ambulance.

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TRAIN No. 9.	8th Royal Sussex Pioneers, (less 1 Company, 1 Cooker, and 1 pair of Horses, 4 G.S.Wagons and 4 pairs of Horses.)
TRAIN No.10.	H.Q. R.E. 1 Company 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers, 1 Cooker and 1 Pair of Horses, 4 G.S. Wagons and 4 pairs of Horses. 18th Divisional Salvage Company. H.Q. 18th Divisional Train. Advanced Billeting Party 53rd Infantry Brigade Group.
TRAIN No.11.	8th Bn. Norfolk Regiment less 1 Company, 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses.
TRAIN No.12.	53rd Infantry Brigade Headquarters plus 1 Company 8th Bn. Norfolk Regiment, 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses. No.2 Section 18th Divisional Signal Company. 53rd M.G.Company. 53rd T.M.Battery.
TRAIN No.13.	8th Bn. Suffolk Regiment, less 1 Company, 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses.
TRAIN No.14.	1 Company 8th Bn. Suffolk Regiment, 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses. No.2 Company Divisional Train. 79th Field Company R.E. Advanced Billeting Party 54th Infantry Brigade Group.
TRAIN No.15.	10th Essex Regiment less 1 Company, 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses.
TRAIN No.16.	6th Bn.Royal Berks Regiment less 1 Company, 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses.
TRAIN No.17.	1 Company 10th Essex Regiment plus 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses. 1 Company 6th Bn. Northants Regiment plus 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses. 54th Field Ambulance.
TRAIN No.18.	11th Bn. Royal Fusiliers less 1 Company, 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses.
TRAIN No.19.	54th Infantry Brigade Headquarters plus 1 Company 11th Bn. Royal Fusiliers, 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses. No.3 Section Divisional Signal Company R.E. 54th M.G.Company. 54th T.M.Battery.
TRAIN No.20.	7th Bn. Bedford Regiment less 1 Company 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses.
TRAIN No.21.	1 Company 7th Bn. Bedford Regiment plus 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses. No. 3 Company Divisional Train. 80th Field Company R.E.

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TRAIN No.22.	6th Bn. Northants Regiment less 1 Company, 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses.
TRAIN No.23.	12th Bn. Middlesex Regiment less 1 Company, 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses.
TRAIN No.24.	1 Company 6th Bn. Royal Berks Regiment, plus 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses. 1 Company 12th Middlesex Regiment plus 1 Cooker and 1 pair of Horses. 55th Field Ambulance.

R H CUTHILL Major
Lieutenant-Colonel,
A.A.& Q.M.G. 18th Division.

22nd March 1917.

SECRET.

Subject :- Entrainment of Division.

18th Div.No.232/137/1 "Q"

With reference to this office Warning Order No. 232/137 "Q" of 22nd inst.

1. The Division will now entrain from two stations instead of one, i.e., SAILLY and BACOUEL.

2. The attached time table shows entraining stations and time of departure of each train.

3. (a) Brigades and un-Brigaded units will send representatives to their entraining station to make a reconnaisance of the approaches to the station, and entraining facilities.

(b) These representatives will report to the R.T.O. from whom they will obtain information as to any special regulations in force at that particular station.

4. (a) Transport will arrive at entraining stations three hours before the departure of the train.

(b) Personnel will report 1 hour before time of departure of train.

5. On arrival at the entraining station, officers commanding Units will report to the R.T.O.
No troops or transport will be permitted to enter the station yard until permission has been obtained from the R.T.O.

6. (a) Horses will be watered before entrainment.

(b) Units must provide headropes for tying up horses in the trucks.

(c) Horses will be unharnessed, harness stacked

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in the middle of the truck, and two men must travel in each truck.

7. Working parties for loading will be found as follows :-

(a) 1 Officer and 50 O.R. at SALEUX.

(b) 1 Officer and 50 O.R. at RACQUEL.

Both these parties will be found by 6th Bn. R.Berkshire Regt., and will proceed by trains No.23 and 24 respectively.

(c) Two working parties for unloading will be found by the 8th Bn.R.Surr.Regt. Strength of each party will be 1 Officer 50 O.R. These two parties will proceed by train Nos. 1 & 2 respectively.

(d) Working parties will be issued with 2 days rations.

8. (a) The A.P.M. will be responsible for policing and controlling the traffic at the two entraining stations, and at the detraining stations.

(b) Police at detraining station will be sent forward by the Divisional Headquarters train.

(c) Police at entraining station will proceed by last train leaving their station.

9. Supply and baggage wagons will entrain with their units and not with their train company.

10. (a) Troops will entrain with the unexpended portion of the days ration carried on the man.

(b) Supplies for the following days consumption will be carried in the supply wagons.

11. Water carts will travel empty.

R.H. GUTBILL Major for Lt.Col.
A.A.& Q.M.G. 18th Division.

Subject:- Billeting Arrangements. 18th Div.No. 232/138 "Q"

WARNING ORDER.

Reference 18th Division Entraining Warning Order.

Advanced billeting parties of Brigade Groups will proceed by trains stated in above order.

Advanced Billeting parties of 8th R.Suss. Pioneers will proceed by train No.1 with advanced billeting parties of 55th Inf.Bde.Group.

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Advanced parties of Brigade Groups must include representatives of all units belonging to that Group.

Total strength of the advanced party of a Bde. Group must not exceed 15 Officers and 100 O.R. and of 8th Royal Suss.Pioneers 2 Officers and 10 O.R.

As large a proportion as possible of advanced parties should bring bicycles in the train with them but not more than 50 for a Bde.Group and 9 for 8th Royal Suss.Pioneers.

The advanced Billeting party of each unit must be in possession of at least one copy of HAZEBROUCK map.

Advanced billeting parties will be met at detraining station by a representative of "A" Branch of Divisional Headquarters who will give the Brigade Billeting Officer his Bde.Group Area and all information available with regard to that area.

J A CHURCHILL
for Lieut.Colonel,
A.A. & Q.M.G. 18th Division.

22nd March 1917.

To :-

XS 131.

Reference this Office No. XS 130 of to-day's date. Trains have now made up time and will run in accordance with original time table. That is No. 17 train departs at 11.20 pm 25th instant. No. 19 train departs at 3.20 am 26th instant.

The Battalion will now march off as follows :-

		25th inst
(a)	Transport (less 1 cooker & 4 G.S. Wagons)	6.45 pm
(b)	Headquarter Coy. A.B.& D.Coys.	8.45 pm
(c)	1 Cooker & 4 G.S.Wagons.	10.45 pm
(d)	"C" Company	12.45 am 26th inst)

All transport to be loaded by 6 pm. 2 Platoons of "A" Coy. will march with transport for loading duties.
Also 1 representative per Company as train markers. The breakfast of to-morrow rations will be issued to-day. Water-bottles to be filled. The water-carts will be at Transport lines at 4 pm to-day for this purpose.

K DE JONG Capt. & Adjutant.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

25.3.17.

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To :-

XB 130.

Reference Map AMIENS sheet No. 17.

Reference No. XB 123 time of departure of trains should now read

No. 17 train.... 4.20 am. 26th instant. and
No. 19 train.... 8.20 am 26th instant.

The Battalion will march off as follows :-

(a) Transport (less 1 cooker & 4 G.S.Wagons) 12 midnight
(b) Headquarter Coy. A.B.& D Coys. 2.- am.
(c) One cooker and 4 G.S.Wagons 4.- am.
(d) "C" Company 6.- am.

All transport to be loaded by 10 pm to-night. "C" Coy's Mess Boxes and Valises will go on "C" Coy's tool wagons.

Place of parade will be notified later. All bicycles will accompany transport.

Companies will hand in to Orderly Room by 6 pm an exact state shewing No. of Officers and O.Rs. to be entrained.

K DE JONG Capt. & Adjutant
6th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

In the Field.
25.3.17.

APPENDIX 118.

II Corps G.T.2089
23rd March 1917.

18th Division.

Before leaving the region of the ANCRE the Corps Commander desires to thank the 18th Division for the consistently fine work it has accomplished during the past two months.

The action of BOOM RAVINE and the capture of Hill 130 gave us possession of MIRAUMONT and weakened the enemy's morale. The brilliant assault on IRLES and on the GREVILLERS line upset the enemy's plans, and the evacuation of the LOUPART Line - the first considerable retirement made by the enemy on the Western front since trench warfare began - was its direct result.

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The subsequent advance made by the 18th Division gave rise to several difficult situations, but all ranks rose to the occasion, and the pressure on the Germans never slackened. The enemy was compelled to evacuate ACHIET-LE-GRAND before he had any intention of so doing, and gave up several strong lines of defence where, had we shown less resolute action, he could have delayed our advance for a considerable time.

The 18th Division has every right to be proud of its achievements and the Corps Commander is glad to think that he is still to have the honour of retaining them under his command.

(Sgd.) STANHOPE, Major,
for B.G.C.S.

To 18th Division STEENBECQUE.

G.766. 25th AAA

The Commander of the Fifth Army wishes you to convey to General LEE and to all ranks of the 18th Division his great appreciation of all that they have done while under his command AAA They leave behind them a splendid record and he wishes them further successes in future.

From Fifth Army 1 p.m.

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8TH. BATTALION, THE ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

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April. PAPOTE NEAR HAZEBROUCK.

1st. Bn. training, Coy drill, inspections etc. re-organising.

2nd. -do-

3rd. -do-
Lt. W.H.BADDELEY returned from F. Ambulance: Capt. S.T. BUCK rejoined from Town - Major Wellington Huts AVELUY.

4th. Bn. training.
Major B.J. WALKER rejoined Bn. from Senior Officers Course, Aldershot & assumed command of Bn. as from 4th inst.

5th. Bn. training.

6th. Good Friday - Church Parade.

7th. Bn. training.

8th. Easter Sunday. Bn. resting.
2/Lt. R.C. HALL, M.C. returned from Hospital.

9th. Route march to BOESCHEM.
Capt. C. BOLTON, transferred from "D" to "C" Coy.

10th. Bn. training, continued.
Capt. H.C. LOTT, M.C. to command No.7. Training Co. R.E. & transferred to R.E.
Capt. S.T. BUCK assumed command of "C" Coy - vice Capt. Lott.
Extract Lon: Gazette 5.4.17.
T/Sec.Lt.J.MARSLAND to be T/Lieut - 27.3.17.

11th. Bn. training - Section competitions.

12th. Bn. training.

13th. Bn. training. Major V.M.FITZHUGH rejoined from England. Orders recd. to be ready to move at short notice.

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14th. Bn. marched to ANNEZIN (near BETHUNE).
Major V.M.FITZHUGH, joined 6th R. BERKS as 2nd in command.
18 Div. O.O. 101 re-move recd. Appendix 119
Bn. O.O. 120 issued Appendix 120

ANNEZIN.

15th. Bn. H.Q. & "A" & "B" Coys marched to BULLY-GRENAY
"C" & "D" Coys to CORONS de MARQUEFLES (S.W. of AIX-NOULETTE) less 1 platoon to BOUVIGNY-BOYEFFLES
Bn. under I Corps attached 24th Division for repair of roads for advance vide C.R. I Corps instructions attached. Appendix 120.A.
Extract from II Corps Routine Orders No.480 of 13.4.17.
The Corps Commander has awarded the Military Medal to the undermentioned N.C.O's & men for gallantry & devotion to Duty in action.
G/1996. Corpl. G. ROSSITER.
G/2835. L/Cpl.(A/Cpl).F.E.BENNETT.
G/1999. L/Cpl. J. EMERSON.
G/2379. L/Sgt.(A/Sgt.)G. CAESAR.
G/1997. Pte. J. BUNKER.

BULLY GRENAY.

16th. Work.
"A" & "B" Coys repairing the GRENAY - CALONNE - CITE de ROLLENCOURT Road.(M.8.a.4.0 and M.7.d.2.4. to junction at M.14.a.central - & onwards through CALONNE under O/C 173 Coy R.E.
"C" & "D" Coys working on COLONEL'S HOUSE (R.29.d) - ANGRES ROAD under O/C.173 Coy R.E.
Location. H.Q., "A" & "B" Coys in BULLY GRENAY - 3 plats - "C" Coy. & "D" Coy in CORONS de MARQUEFLES: 1 plat. "C" Coy in BOUVIGNY.
Casualties. G/2005. Pte. SHARP, P.W. "A" Coy. wounded slightly at duty.

17th. Work as yesterday.
Location as yesterday.

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18th. Work as yesterday - Location same except whole of "C" Coy billeted in BOUVIGNY.
Casualties. G/2149. Pte. BURTENSHAW, H.C. died of wounds 22.4.17. "A" Coy.
G/3377. Pte. FITCH, H.R. wounded. "A" Coy.
2/Lt. C.F.A. RUTHERFORD joined & posted to "B" Coy.

19th. Work.
Battn. continued work on clearing roads.
Location of Bn. same.
18 Div. O.O.102 re division moving up received. Appendix 121.

20th. Work on roads continued.
Location same.
2/Lt. C. LEAVER 5th (att^{d} 8th) R.Sussex Regt on proceeding to join the M.G.C. Training Centre is struck off the strength.

21st. Work on roads continued.
Location same.
2/Lt. T.I. CATES joined Bn. & posted to "A" Coy.
2/Lt. J.H. TUMBRELL rejoined Bn. & posted to "B" Coy.

22nd. Work on roads continued -
Location same.
Casualties. G/1879. Pte.)
BRYAN, A. G/4491. Pte.)"C" Coy
FOSTER, C.)
wounded slightly at duty.

23rd. Work on roads continued
Location same.
Casualty. G/2380. L/Cpl. MARTIN,W. "C" Coy
wounded slightly at duty.
Major B.J. WALKER authorised to wear badges of Lt. Col.
Capt. K.de JONG. M.C. authorised to wear badges of Major.

24th. Work continued on road -
Location same
Casualties.
Captain S.T.BUCK, wounded slightly at duty ("C" Coy)

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24th (Contd.) Killed.
G/11393. Pte. WOODS. H. "D" Coy.
Wounded.
L/6398. Sgt. LEWIS. C.)
G/6076. Pte. WALTERS. J.) "C" Coy.
G/1870. Pte. SIMPSON. C.)
G/4062. Pte. PLEDGER. R.)
G/1908. Pte. SALVAGE. H.)
G/715 Pte. DEACON. W.)wounded slightly)
G/1857. Pte. JESTER. A.)at duty.)

G/1875. Pte. EVES. W.E.)
11085. Pte. LEWIS. A.)
G/2868. Pte. SKINNER. J.) wounded
S/76. Pte. COOPER. C.) "D" Coy.
S.D/617. Pte. MATTHEWS. J.)
11078. Pte. BAGGETT. E.Y.)
G/3964. Pte. DAY. F.C. wounded)
slightly at duty.)

25th. Work.
"A" Coy bathing, resting
remainder of Coys 2 platoons
resting, 2 platoons bathing.
Roads now in good order
"A" & "B" Coys up to the
RED MILL - ROLLENCOURT.
"C" & "D" Coys through
ANGRES to main ANGRES -
LIEVIN Road.
2 Lt. P.S.W. MARTIN
joined Bn. Orders received
to be ready to move at 6
hours notice.

HESDINGUEL.

26th. Bn. proceeded by march route
to HESDINGUEL from BULLY-
GRENAY (joined by "C" Coy
from BOUVIGNY and "D" Coy
from MARQUEFLES FARM)
under Orders of I Corps . Appendix 122

FERNES.

27th. 18 Div. O.O. 103 - recd
(Appendix 123) re being
transferred from C.H.Q
reserve in II Corps to
VII Corps - Third Army. Appendix 123
18 Div. Order 104
received re continuance
of move to VII Corps
to FERNES. Appendix 124
Bn. moved by march route
to FERNES from HESDINGUEL.
18 Div. Order 105 re Appendix
continuance of move received. 125.

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April. LATTRE ST.QUENTIN.

28th. 18 Div. Warning Order & O.O.106 rec^{d} re taking over the line from 30th Division. Appendix 126.
Bn. marched from PERNES to LATTRE ST QUENTIN (about 21 miles) roads very dusty; weather hot - packs carried by lorries.

29th. Bn. marched from LATTRE-ST-QUENTIN to Camp S.E. of BEAURAINS and bivouaced in a field. (M.17.c. sheet 51. B. 1/40,000). M.17.c.sheet 51.B. 1/40,000.

S.E. OF BEAURAINS. M.17.c.

30th. Battn. resting & improvising a camp.

N.H. HAMPTON,
Captain & A/Adjutant,
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

SECRET.

APPENDIX 119.

Copy No.5.

18TH. DIVISION ORDER No.101.

Ref. Sheets 1/40,000
36 A & B. Edition 6. April 14th, 1917.

1. The 8th Bn. Royal Sussex Pioneers will march as soon as possible after receipt of these orders as follows:-
April 14th PAPOTE to ANNEZIN via MORBECQUE-HAUBERSKERQUE-St.VENANT-ROBECQ
April 15th Hd. Qrs. & 2 Coys to BULLY-GRENAY
2 Coys to LES BREBIS.
To arrive at destinations by 3 p.m. on April 15th. On the night of the 14th the battalion will be in the 46th Divisional area and from April 15th onwards under 1st Corps. To-days march is a distance of 14 miles.

2. Hour of start will be fixed by O.C. battalion who will notify the time to this office.

3. "Q" Office will issue instructions re billeting and rations.

/4.ACKNOWLEDGE.

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4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.R. HANNAY, Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 11/45 a.m.

Copies to:-

1 A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2 "G"
3 "Q"
4 C.R.E.
5 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
6 Signals.
7 Divl. Train.
8 No.3. Supply Col.
9 D.A.D.O.S.
10 II Corps "G"
11 II Corps "Q"
12 46th Division.
13 1st Corps.
14 War Diary.

TO:- ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS

Sender's Number.	Day of month.
G.4.	Apl 14th

Ref 18th Div Order No.101 of today aaa In para 1 Apl 15th the march of your four Coys will be via BETHUNE and MOUEX LES MINES aaa Acknowledge.

FROM:- 18th Div.
TIME:- 12/20 p.m.

J.R. HANNAY, Major.

SECRET.

TO:- 8TH. R. SUSSEX PIONEERS

Sender's Number.	Day of month
G.S.	14th April.

CORRIGENDA to 18th Division Order No.101 dated Apr.14th

Para.1. The move of the two companies to LES BREBIS on April 15th is cancelled aaa

/These

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These two companies will now move to AIX NOULETTE instead aaa.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued to all recipients of 18th Division Order No.101.

FROM:- 18th Division
TIME:- 1/30 p.m.

J.R. HANNAY, Major.

SECRET.

TO:- 8th. R. SUSSEX PIONEERS.

Sender's Number. Day of month

G.10. Apl. 14th.

II Corps wire begins aaa PIONEERS of 18th Division will work on forward roads in I Corps area under I Corps aaa And will move today to ANNEZIN aaa Route via ST.VENANT-ROBECQ - ROBECQ - GBLINGHEM aaa Headquarters and 2 companies will move tomorrow 15th to BULLY GRENAY and 2 companies to AIX NOULETTE Route via BETHUNE and NOEUX-LES-MINES aaa Move to be completed by 3 p.m. 15th aaa ends aaa ACKNOWLEDGE.

FROM:- 18th Division.
TIME:- 2/5 p.m.

J.R. HANNAY, Major.

SECRET.

TO:- 8th R. Sussex Pioneers.

Sender's Number Day of Month.

G.11. April 14th

II Corps wire begins aaa Up to one Infantry Battalion 137th Brigade may be employed by 1st Corps on forward roads aaa 18th Division Pioneers are also allotted 1st Corps for this work aaa 46th Division will advise II Corps and 1st Corps which Infantry battalion is detailed and 1st Corps will issue necessary instructic as to work aaa

FROM: 18th Division. J. R. HANNAY, Major.
TIME:- 2.5 p.m.

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O.O. 37

TO:- CAPTAIN HAMPTON.

Reference Map.
HAZEBROUCK 1/100,000
& sheet 36a)
& LENS SHEET) 1/40,000

1. The Battalion will move by march route today to ANNEZIN, via ST.VENANT- ROBECQ - VENDIN-LEZ-BETHUNE and continue the march to-morrow to BULLY-GRENAY.

2. Starting point will be cross roads D.27A.8.2.

3. The Battalion will pass starting point in following order:-

H.Q. Company	.....	3 p.m.
"D" "	.....	3.1 p.m.
"B" "	.....	3.4 "
"C" "	.....	3.7 "
"A" "	.....	3.10 "
Transport	.....	3.13 "

Times of passing starting point will be issued later.

4. One representative per Company, including H.Q. Company will proceed in advance with Captn. Hampton and arrange billets.

5. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of tens, securely tied and labelled, and stacked outside Company headquarters. Each Company will detail a party (not to exceed 4 men per Company) to see their blankets loaded. Nothing but blankets to be put in these bundles.

6. Company Officers kits to be loaded on Company wagons. H.Q. Officers kits to be collected by Q.M. and loaded on Baggage Wagons.

7. Watercarts to be filled forthwith.

8. Mess boxes to be got ready for loading on Mess cart which will call at Companies. Time to be notified later.

K. de JONG, Captain & Adjt.
8th Battalion Royal Sussex Pioneers.

In the field.
14.4.1917.

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APPENDIX 180.A.

C.E. I Corps.
No. 1660/15.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROADS FOR THE ADVANCE.

1. AIX NOULETTE - SOUCHEZ ROAD.

Under I Corps Roads Officer.

LABOUR. (a) 200 men 22nd Queens Labour Coy, billetted at FOSSE 10, to work from AIX NOULETTE to FRENCH DUMP (R.36.a.2.3.).

(b) 1 Section 176th Tunnelling Coy., R.E. billetted St. Laurence Camp, Chateau de la Haie (W.12.b.).

(c) 112 men 33rd (Labour) Bn. R.F. billetted near COUY. (these should be moved nearer work if possible).

The 2 latter parties to work from FRENCH DUMP TO SOUCHEZ.

MATERIAL. As arranged by Corps Roads Officer.

TRANSPORT. Six lorries in addition to transport already at disposal of Corps Roads Officer.

2. COLONELS HOUSE (R.29.d.) - ANGRES Road.

Under O.C. Section, 173rd Tunnelling Coy.

LABOUR. (a) 1 Section 173rd Tunnelling Coy., R.E.

(b) 2 Companies 18th Division Pioneer Bn. (to be billetted in AIX NOULETTE). MARQUEFFLES BOUVIGNY.

MATERIAL. To be drawn from Fosse 2, LES BREBIS (red slag), debris from AIX NOULETTE, NOULETTE Village, and Dump (R.15.c.9.1.).

TRANSPORT. 4 Lorries.
32 C.S. wagons from No.9. Reserve Park.
(24 to be worked each day).

3. GRENAY - CALONNE - CITE de ROLLENCOURT Road.
M.6.a.4.0. and M.7.d.2.4. to junction at M.14.a. central, and thence through CALONNE.

Under O.C. 173rd Tunnelling Coy., R.E.

LABOUR (a) 2 Sections 173rd Tunnelling Coy. R.E.

(b) 2 Coys., 18th Divn. Pioneer Bn.) to be
2 Coys., II Corps Infantry) billetted in BULLY GRENAY.

/MATERIAL.

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MATERIAL. to be drawn from Fosse 2, LES BREBIS, Loading parties will be provided. Debris from CALONNE can also be used.

TRANSPORT. 6 Lorries.
54 G.S. wagons from No.9. Reserve Park.
(48 to be worked each day).

4. FOSSE 11 de BETHUNE (MAROC) - CITE ST PIERRE Road. M.2.c.1.3. (North of Railway) to Front Line.

Under O.C. 560th (Hants) A.T. Coy. R.E.

LABOUR. (a). 560th (Hants) A.T. Coy. R.E.(Billetted at Maroc).
(b) 2 Coys II Corps Infantry (billetted at Les Brebis).
(c) 316th Road Construction Coy.(billetted at Fosse 10).

MATERIAL (a) Fosse 2, LES BREBIS (loading party provided).
(b) LES BREBIS Station when stone train arrives.

TRANSPORT. 2 Lorries.
48 G.S. Wagons from No.9. Reserve Park.
(36 only to be worked each day).

100 men 22nd R.W.S. Labour Coy., billetted Fosse 10, are placed under O.C. 560th (Hants) A.T. Coy.R.E., to pick up tram track round NOULETTE Wood (R.27.b.3.3.) to ARRAS Road (X.6.a.10.5) and unload stone trains as required.

5. ROADS ROUND LES BREBIS & GRENAY.

REPAIRS. (1) BULLY GRENAY - LES BREBIS - MAZINGARBE Road. (R.5.c.central to L.29.a.5.9.).

(2) L.35.c.7.8. to LES BREBIS Station and thence via GRENAY to Fosse 5, MAROC. M.3.a.9.5.

(3) R.5.central, through BULLY GRENAY Square to GRENAY Bridge. M.1.d.7.3.

(4) M.1.d.7.3. to M.8.a.4.0.

(5) R.11.a.5.9. to M.7.d.2.4.

Under Captain Turrill, R.E., Field Engineer.

LABOUR. Civil Labour Corps.

MATERIAL. Fosse 2, LES BREBIS.

TRANSPORT. Civilian.

6. Major Mellor, R.E., will be forward Roads Officer, inspect and report on all work and arrangements, and reconnoitre forward.

7. Captain Ball, R.E., will be Staff Officer for Tunnelling Coys, and collect all reports from the front as regards to roads, German traps, &c. /8.Debris

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8. Debris from ruined houses may be used but no houses are to be knocked down. G.R.O. No.1385, must be strictly followed.

9. Work must be pushed on with all speed. The work should be organised if possible into 3 continuous shifts.

10. Sleeper diversions on road will be used where absolutely necessary. Estimates of material being forwarded to Chief Engineer.

11. The first aim is to get the road through for wheeled transport, and Field Artillery and then for lorries. Special attention must be paid to scraping mud away and attending to drainage.

E. ATKINSON
Brig. General.
Chief Engineer, I Corps.

14th April, 1917.

Copies to:-

"G"
"Q"
C.E. First Army.
24th Division.
C.R.E., 24th Division.
Roads Officer, I Corps.
D.A.D. Labour, I Corps.
O.C. 560th (Hants) A.T. Coy, R.E.
O.C. 173rd Tunnelling Coy, R.E.
O.C. 176th Tunnelling Coy, R.E.
O.C. Pioneer Bn. 18th Divn.
O.C. Infantry Bn. II Corps ("G" for issue)
O.C. 316 Road Construction Co.
O.C. 33rd (Lab) Bn. R.E.
O.C. 22nd Labour Coy, R.W.S.
Major Meller, R.E.
Captain Ball, R.E.
Captain Turrill, R.E., F.E.

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APPENDIX 1?1.

18th DIVISION ORDER No. 108.

Reference Map.
1/40,000, 36.A & B. April 18th, 1917.

1. The 18th Division will move into the area vacated by the 46th Division in accordance with the attached March Table.

2. The 53rd Infantry Brigade at NOEUX-LES-MINES and the 55th Infantry Brigade at BETHUNE will be available to support the 1st and XI Corps respectively, and will be held at 6 hours' notice to move.

3. One battalion of the 53rd Infantry Brigade will be placed directly under I Corps for work on roads. Orders for this battalion will be sent by I Corps direct to the 53rd Infantry Brigade and repeated to 18th Division.

4. Brigades will issue their own orders regarding advance billetting parties.

5. Arrival of groups in billets will be reported to Divisional Headquarters.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.R. HANNAY, Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 8 p.m.

Copies to:-

1. A.D.C. for C.O.C.
2/3 "G"
4/5 "Q"
6. 53rd Inf. Bde.
7. 54th Inf. Bde.
8. 55th Inf. Bde.
9. C.R.A.
10. C.R.E.
11. Pioneer Bn.
12. A.D.M.S.
13. Signals.
14. A.P.M.
15. Divisional Train.
16. No.3. Supply Column.
17. D.A.D.O.S.
18. A.D.V.S.
20. War Diary.
20/21. II Corps.
22. I. Corps.
23. XI Corps
24. 46th Division

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APPENDIX 128.

8th Royal Sussex Regt.

No.1188/6 (G.b). 26th April, 1917.

Your battalion will proceed to HEDDIGNEUL today arriving after 12 noon preparatory to moving to PERNES Area tomorrow.

J. KIGGELL, Captain,

for Brig. General.
General Staff, I Corps.

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APPENDIX 129.

Copy No.11.

18th DIVISION ORDER No. 103.

Ref. 1/100,000 Map.
Sheets HAZEBROUCK,
5.A. & LENS 11 April 26th, 1917.

1. The Division accompanied by No.3. Divisional Supply Column and 56th Ammunition Sub-Park is being transferred from G.H.Q. Reserve in II Corps to VII Corps, Third Army, and will move in accordance with March Table attached.

2. The 55th Infantry Brigade Group is to be concentrated in PERNES area by 6 p.m. 27th instant. G.O.C. 55th Infantry Brigade will arrange with XI Corps direct as regards moving the Battalion from LABOURSE.

3. The 53rd Infantry Brigade Group will be concentrated in PERNES area by 6 p.m. 27th instant. The 92nd Field Co. R.E. will be moved on 26th to a staging area under orders of A.D.L.R. First Army.

The 79th Field Co. R.E. and 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers and 8th Bn. Norfolk Regiment will be moved on 26th instant to a staging area to be arranged by I Corps.

4. Arrival in billets to be notified to Divisional Headquarters.

/ACKNOWLEDGE.

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5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.E. HANNAY, Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 8.30 a.m.

Copies to:-

1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2/3 "G"
4/5 "Q"
6. 53rd Inf. Bde.
7. 54th Inf. Bde.
8. 55th Inf. Bde.
9. C.R.A.
10. C.R.E.
11. Pioneer Bn.
12. A.D.M.S.
13. Signals.
14. A.P.M.
15. Div. Train.
16. Div. Sup. Col.
17. D.A.D.O.S.
18. A.D.V.S.
19. War Diary.
20 & 21. II Corps.
22. Third Army.
23. VII Corps.
24. I Corps.
25. XI Corps.

SECRET.

APPENDIX 124.

Copy No.11.

18th DIVISION ORDER No.104.

April 26th 1917

Ref. 100,000 Maps
HAZEBROUCK 5A and LENS 11.

1. The 18th Division will continue the move to VIIth Corps, Third Army in accordance with March Table attached Transfer to Third Army will take place at 12 noon 27th April.

2. The 50th Ammunition Sub-Park will move under orders to be issued separately.

3. 92nd Field Company R.E. is moving direct to ARRAS on 28th under arrangements made by 1st Canadian and 7th Corps.

4. "G" and "Q" Offices will remain at PERNES.

/5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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APPENDIX 126.

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18th Division No.G.272.

18th DIVISION WARNING ORDER.

Reference Map. 1/100,000 LENS.

April 27th 1917.

1. From 12 noon today, 18th Division less Divisional Artillery, will be transferred to VII Corps, Third Army, for relief of 30th Division, less its Divisional Artillery. 18th Division will take over the front now held by 30th Division at an early date, i.e., 28th or 29th - exact date will be notified later.

2. In connection with above.
(a) The 54th Inf. Bde. will take over the whole front line.
(b) As soon as possible after its arrival, the 55th Inf. Bde. will take over from the 54th Inf. Bde. the left half of the front mentioned in (a), the 54th Brigade remaining in occupation of the right half.

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18th DIVISION ORDER No.106.

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Ref. 1/20,000 Map.
Sheet 51 B. S.W.

In continuation of 18th Division Warning Order of April 27th, the 18th.Division will relieve the 30th Division as follows:-

1. April 28th-29th. The 54th Infantry Brigade will relieve 21st and 89th Infantry Brigades in the front lin system now occupied by them.
(The front system is from LION LANE inclusive and east wards).

April 29th-30th. The 55th Infantry Brigade will take o the left half of the front from the 54th Infantry Brig i.e. the portion at present held by the left brigade of 30th Division vide map attached (issued to 55th Brigade only).

April 29th. The 53rd Infantry Brigade will move into reserve in the NEUVILLE VITASSE - BEAUMAINS area evacua by the 55th Infantry Brigade.
The eastern boundary of the reserve area in LION LANE exclu. Details to be arranged between Brigadier Genera concerned.

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2. The 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers and the Field Companies R.E. will move into the positions vacated by these units of the 30th Division under arrangements made by C.R.E.

3. The relief of the Field Ambulances and the medical arrangements connected with these will be carried out direct under arrangements made by the A.D.M.S's of the two Divisions concerned.

4. Completion of reliefs before noon on April 29th will be reported to the G.S.O.2. 18th Division who will be at the Divisional Headquarters 30th Division from 11 a.m. on April 28th.

5. The 18th Divisional Artillery will move into the line on April 30th under Order to be issued later.

6. Divisional Headquarters will close at PERNES at noon on the 29th and will re-open at the new Divisional Headquarters at the same hour same date (map co-ordination of new Divisional Headquarters - M.18.d.3.8.).

7. The G.O.C. 18th Division will take over command of the line from 12 noon on April 29th.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.H. HANNAY, Major,
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Lieut Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division.

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O.C.PIONEERS.

18th Division.

G.277. 28th. AAA

53rd Brigade group expected to arrive ARRAS 10/15 a.m. and 10/30 a.m. tomorrow 29th aaa Brigade group will be guided to intermediate area near BEAURAINS in M.10. where they will rest and bivouac until about 7/30 p.m. when the Brigade group will move to NEUVILLE VITASSE area by which time the 55th Brigade group will be clear of this area AAA All guides are being arranged by 30th Division AAA Above instructions will be communicated 53rd Brigade Group on arrival at ARRAS Station by Staff Officer 30th Division AAA Pioneer Battalion 18th Division will be guided direct to its destination in M.17.d. from ARRAS STATION AAA Ends.

30th Division. 11 a.m.

APPENDIX 185.

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18th DIVISION ORDER No.105

Ref. 1/1000,000 April 27th 1917
Map LENS 11

1. The 18th Division will continue the move into VIIth Corps area on April 28th and 29th partially by tactical train and partially by road in accordance with the attached March Table.

2. Separate orders have been issued to 18th Divisional Artillery.

3. Distnaces of 200 yards will be maintained in rear of each unit and in rear of the transport of each battalion.

4. Divisional Headquarters will close at PERNES at 12 noon on April 29th and open at new divisional headquarters on the BEAURAINS-NEUVILLE VITASSE Road at the same hour.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.R. HANNAY, Major.
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TO:- A. B. C. D., H.Q., T.O.,& Q. M.

Sender's Number.	Day of month.
SX.108.	27.4.17.

Refce. map LENS No.11. 1/100.000
Bn. will march to LATTRE-ST.QUENTIN and NOYELLETTE on 28th passing the starting point FORK Road at P. in FAUX at 10.15 a.m. as follows:-

H.Q., & B.Coy.	10.15 a.m.
"C" Coy	10.16 a.m.
Drums & "A" Coy	10.17 a.m.
"D" Coy	10.18 a.m.
Transport	10.19 a.m.

Blankets to be stacked at Q.MR's stores by 9.15 a.m. plus 2 sick men per Coy.

H.Q. Offrs Kits to be at Q.Mrs. stores by 9.15 a.m.
Coy Mess boxes to be on Coy wagons by 9.15 a.m.
Mess Cart at H.Q. Mess at 9.30 a.m.

Dress as today.

FROM:- 8 R. SUSSEX PIONEERS.
TIME:- 10.45 a.m.

p.p. N.H. HAMPTON, Capt.
& Adjutant.

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8TH BATTALION ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT (PIONEERS).

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May.	S.E. OF BEAURAINS. M.17.c.	(refe map 51 B. 1/40000)
1st	A. B & D. Coys working in day shifts on the road S. of HENINEL, working East from the HINDENBURG Line. C. Coy 3 Platoons erecting huts at Divl H.Q. during the day - whole coy at night making x tracks from N.34.d to N.35.a. (sheet 51B) and from T.5.d.2.8 through T.5.a. to T.5.b.5.9. Location of Bn same.	
	18 Div. O.O.107 re attack on CHERISY received - also 18/Div G.415 re additional work to be done by this Battalion.	Appendix 127a and 127b
2nd	A. B & D Coys as yesterday. C. Coy by night working on HENINEL - CHERISY road from N.29.a.5.0 towards front line. A & B. Coys moved to the HINDENBURG LINE & bivouaced in the trenches. (about N.34.a & b and N.35.c.& d.) Bn O.O. No.38	Appendix 128
	issued relative to orders contained in 18.Div O.O.107	
3rd	The 18th Division attacked at 3.45.a m as laid down in Div O.O.107, objectives were reached but owing to division on the right being held up, and to heavy counter-attacks by the enemy, our men were forced to retire to their former positions. The battn. was consequently unable to carry out the work allotted to it. At 10.30 p.m information received from the C.R.E. that a heavy enemy counter attack was reported up the valley of the COJEUL. The Battn was ordered to take up positions to prevent the attack spreading up the valley. A & B Coys already living in the HINDENBURG LINE, took up positions in the line of trenches N.35.b.8.9 to N.29.a.6.2. C & D Coys and Battn H Q's accompanied by Regtl reserve of S.A.A and grenades, marched from camp M.17.c and took up a position as supports to A & B Coys in the HINDENBURG LINE - N.35.c.0.9 xxxxx to the river COJEUL. Bn HQ were located on the road at N.34.a.7.7. - The support companies & Bn HQ were in position by 12.15.p.m. having marched four miles. Battn as soon as position was taken up, came under orders of G.O.C. 53rd Bde: at 2.15.A M.	Appendix 129

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3rd (Contd.) orders received from 53rd Bde that support by battalion no longer required & to return to billeting area; which was reached by Hq. C & D Coys at 4.0.A.M.

Casualties: Wounded:
18063 Pte. Chandler, J. "A" Coy.
G/2168 " Fields, J. -do-
Wounded slightly at duty:
260066 Pte. Greenfield, A.D. "A" Coy.
G/522 " Allen, F.C. "B" "
G/2418 L/C Peters, A.H. "D" "
G/3932 Pte. Bennett, T.S. -do-

4th A & B Coys. resting. C Coy working on a dry weather track from H.35.b.1.3. north east to H.36.a.57.95 D. Coy on road NEUVILLE-VITASSE to St MARTIN-sur-COJEUL. Location of Battn same.
Casualties:
Wounded slightly at duty:
G/4519 L/C Daniels, H.C. "B" Coy.

5th Whole Battn engaged in digging a communication trench from front line at CHERISY back towards HENINEL at night. (SUSSEX AVENUE) About 400 Infantry also digging. (H.29.c.5.9. through H.30.c. & d. and O.25.c & d to front Line at O.25.d.7.2) Pioneers nearest the front line about 600 strong. Pioneers completed about 800[x] & with the infantry dug incompletely 1000[x]. At 10.15 p.m a very heavy & intense hostile barrage was accross our line. Capt A.D. FOSTER M.C. A.Coy being killed. C & D. Coys also moved up to a bivouac in the Hindenburg Line.
Casualties. Killed.
Capt. A.D. Foster M.C. "A" Coy.
G/1798 Pte. Paish A.V. "B" Coy.
G/2258 " Doidge G.C. -do-
G/2511 Cpl. Keeble F.J. "D" Coy.
Wounded.
G/2071 Pte. Hiscock E. "A" Coy.
G/3924 " Moore J. -do-
20335 L/C Isted H. "B" Coy.
G/6419 " Harris F. -do-
S/315 Pte. Rogers T.F.H. -do-
G/15075 " Hall, M.B. "C" Coy.
G/11816 " Edwards S.A. "D" Coy.
G/2161 " Dean, C.C. -do-
Wounded slightly at duty:
2nd Lieut. Linfield H. "C" Coy.
G/10735 Pte. Kelly A. "A" Coy.
G/2539 " Pennicard A. -do-
G/2107 " Joiner F. -do-
G/2166 Sgt. Jeffreys, W.H. "B" Coy.
G/1764 L/C Bridle A.J. -do-
G/1803 Pte. Pavitt C. -do-

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5th (Contd.) Wounded slightly at duty (contd).
G/2217 Pte Burridge C.E. "A" Coy.
S/2 Sgt.Shonfield A.A. -do-
G/2379 " Caesar J. -do-
G/2339 Pte Bugg A.E. -do-
G/6402 " Stace, C.A. "D" Coy.

6th Bn continued work on trench, & commenced work on another 500x
Lt.F.C.DAMMENT wounded D.Coy.
Location of Battn same.
Casualties: Wounded:
G/2010 Pte. Scrase F.C. "A" Coy.
2nd Lieut. F.C.Damment "D" Coy.
G/2255 L/C. Mayes A.F. "D" Coy.
G/2441 Pte. Chatfield E.J. -do-
20326 L/C Holwill A.E. -do-
G/9318 Pte. Cooper A.E. -do-
G/5329 " Gardiner E. -do-
G/2045 L/Sj. Sullivan D. -do-
Wounded slightly at duty:
G/4523 Pte. Dance J. "D" Coy.

7th Bn assisted by 400 infantry, continued working on communication trench, which was finished.
Casualties: Wounded:
G/2139 L/C. Raynard A. "B" Coy.
Wounded slightly at duty:
G/5709 Pte. Pavey H. "B" Coy.
The following appointments approved with effect from 12 March 1917.
Temp.Major (acting Lieut.Colonel) B.J.WALKER to command 8th Bn Royal Sussex Regt & to be temp Lieut Col. vice Brevet Major (tempy Lieut Col) A.A.CRABB D.S.O. (Killed in action)
Temp.Capt.E.de JONG to be second in command & tempy Major vice Lieut Colonel WALKER. (anthy.M.S. to C-in-C. no.20963 dated 27-4-17)

8th C & D Coys returned to camp S.E. of BEAURAINS from billets in the HINDENBURG LINE - both of these coys doing ½ a day's work on the HEUVILLE-VITASSE - ST MARTINS/COJEUL road, before they returned to camp. A & B coys remained in the Hindenburg Line. A coy work on clearing the HENIN-HENINEL road - about 350x scraped & drained. B. Coy improving the new communication trench

9th Work 2 Platoons of A Coy. night working wiring strong point S.E. of HENINEL about 250 yds completed (apron wire)
B.Coy continued work on gridding parts of new communication trench (called FOSTER AVENUE).
C & A Coys bathed at AGNY.

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9th (Contd.) C. Coy did 4 hours work on road as yesterday. D.Coy. did whole days work on roads as yesterday. Location of Bn same.

10th Orders received to move to new bivouacing area, South of MERCATEL. C. Coy. moved to new area & worked during the day on preparing a site for new 18 Divl. HQ at BOISLEUX-ST-MARC. D.Coy moved up to previous quarters in the HINDENBURG LINE. A,B,D. Coys (assisted by 2 Battns infantry) engaged in digging a communication trench (called AVENUE TRENCH) running from M.29.c.9.8 through M.35.b.8.9 - M.36.a.9.3 - M.36.d.8.8 to the front line at O.31.c.1.6.
Casualties.
2 Lieut.W.B.FERGUSON B Coy wounded.
G/4107 Pte HOOPER H.V. A Coy wounded slightly at duty.
Location of Bn - Bn HQ. M.17.c.
C.Coy. M.35.b. - A,B,D. coys Hindenburg Line M.34.a & b.
18 Div O/C.198 recd. re side stepping of Divisional Front. Appendix 130

11th Work.
A,B, & D. Coys as yesterday on AVENUE TRENCH. C.Coy. as yesterday on construction of Divl HQ. Location as yesterday
Casualty G/2083. Pte OLIVER P
A Coy wounded slightly at duty.

CAMP SOUTH ~~XXXX~~ OF MERCATEL
M.36 a & M.30.b.

12th Work. C.Coy as yesterday.
1 platoon of A,B & D Coys marched in from Hindenburg Line to new camp to erect bivouacs. Remainder of A,B, & D coys working on AVENUE Trench at night. Bn H.Q. & Transport Lines moved to M.36.a.
Casualty G/2195 Pte CROUCH.W.
D.Coy wounded slightly at duty.

SOUTH OF MERCATEL M.36.a.

13th Work. C.Coy as yesterday.
D.Coy worked on AVENUE Trench at night. B.Coy. marched from Hindenburg Line to M.36.a. during the afternoon.
A. Coy marched from Hindenburg Line after work on night of 12/13 May.
A.Coy rested. Location night 13/14.
Bn (less D coy in Hindenburg Line) at M.36.a.

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15th (Contd.) Casualties. Killed.
G/1813 Pte WORCESTER S A
G/2644 " SMART A
G/1822 " BOURNE A.H.
Wounded.
G/2797 Pte COBBY B
G/5693 " COBBY J
G/7558 " GLOVER H
G/1993 " WEST A.T.
All of B.Coy whilst sleeping in the Hindenburg Line.

14th Work C.Coy as yesterday.
B Coy resting. D.Coy marched in from Hindenburg Line. A.Coy salvaging material & preparing site for shelters on road T.3.

15th C.Coy as yesterday. D.Coy 2 platoons resting D Coy 2 platoons digging T. heads in front line at night A & B Coys preparing site for new accommodation on the HENIN/COJEUL-CHOISILLES Road (T.3.a & c.) 18 Div G/O.109 recd Appendix 131
(Div HQ moved to S.17.b.

16th A & B Coys working as yesterday
C. Coy 1 Platoon finishing off new Divl. HQ. 3 platoons marched to road in T.3. a & c, made temporary bivouacs & assisted A & B coys.
D. Coy 2 platoons resting.
2 platoons day work on AVENUE Trench
18 Div. G.826 recd re attack by 33rd Division on 20th May Appendix 132

17th A Coy working on erection of new shelters as yesterday B.Coy 2 platoons working on erection of new shelters as yesterday
2 platoons erecting baths & horse troughs in the COJEUL VALLEY
C.Coy 2 platoons widening SUSSEX AVENUE at night. 2 platoons wiring in front of GREY Trench.
D.Coy. 2 platoons improving AVENUE TRENCH 2 Platoons night work on SUSSEX AVENUE.
18 Div G.O.110 recd re following up enemy in case of his retreat Appendix 133
C R E's 14/5/6 re work to be done in connection with above G/O. Appendix 133
2 Lt.R.MAXWELL sick to F/A to C.C.S. 17-5-17.

18th Work A & B Coys as yesterday
C.Coy 2 platoons, wiring in front of GREY Trench 200 yds nearly completed. 1 platoon working on road & bivouacs at new camp.
1 platoon night work on SUSSEX AVENUE ~~2 platoons~~ Company improving AVENUE TRENCH.

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18th (Contd.) D.Coy [redacted] 3 platoons moved to shelters in T.3.a & c.

19th A.Coy. work on erection of new shelters as yesterday B.Coy. 1 platoon gridding AVENUE TRENCH 3 platoons erecting Baths & Horse troughs as yesterday C.Coy digging extension of from SUSSEX AVENUE to the ROOKERY N.30.c. D.Coy from the ROOKERY to the sunken road (N.30.c.7.2.) remaining platoon moved to shelters in T.3.a & c.

20th A.Coy work as yesterday - 100 men bathed. B.Coy 2 platoons work on SUSSEX AVENUE. 1 platoon work on baths as yesterday 1 platoon resting 3 platoons bathed. C.Coy. bathed & rested. D.Coy. 2 platoons on AVENUE Trench 2 platoons working on CONCRETE TRENCH. 18 Div O.O.111 re move of 30 Div. Artillery received. Appendix 134
Bn O.O. No.39 re work of Bn in case of an advance issued in connection with 18 Div.O.O.110. Appendix 133 Appendix 135
Lieut F.W.TOMLINSON transferred to LABOUR CORPS as from 14/3/17 Location of Battn same.

21st A.Coy. working on shelters as yesterday. B.Coy 3 Platoons Bathing & resting 1 Platoon working on gridding & improving SUSSEX AVENUE. C.Coy 2 platoons working on S.MARTIN-FONTAINE-les-CROISILLES Road clearing etc. 2 platoons wiring GREY Trench about 400 yds completed. D Coy. Coy resting & bathing.

22nd A. Coy as yesterday B Coy. clearing & gridding SUSSEX AVENUE C.Coy. as yesterday D Coy. work as on 20/5/17. Instructions read from Division to take over the antiaircraft defences of Corps Ammunition Dumps at MERCATEL Lt Hall with L/Gun detachments of A & C. Coys (4 guns) took over at 9-0.PM on 22nd inst. Location of Battn same. Appendix 135.a.

23rd Work. A Coy - resting.
B.Coy - 1 plat. gridding SUSSEX AVENUE. 3 Plats at night clearing [redacted] the three saps running out from Curtain Trench
C.Coy. work as yesterday. D.Coy. clearing & gridding AVENUE Trench. 1 section working on CONCRETE Trench B.Coy moved to Sunken Road

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23rd (Contd.) T.3. a & c. & took over billets from C. Coy who returned to camp M.36.a. Extract from London Gazette d/12/5/17. Temp.Sec.Lt. J.MARSLAND to be temp Lieut (Feb 5) substituted for notification in gazette of April 5 specifying date as Feb.27. Temp. Sec Lts to be temp Lts: H.C.HALL M.C. (Feb 5). A.E.WITHINGTON Feb 27. Casualties. G/5213 Pte HARDS J. D.Coy. wounded.

HENIN[S]/COJEUL T.3.a. Sheet 51B. S.W.

24th Work. 2 platoons on new shelters T.3.a. A.Coy. 2 platoons worked on AVENUE Trench forward of CONCRETE Trench by night. B.Coy. continued working on three saps running out from CURTAIN Trench. quiet night C.Coy. 1 platoon making lorry switch at ammunition Dump at BOISLEUX-au-MONT. 2 platoons & 1 section improving road from S.5.d.8.5. to [illegible] BOISLEUX-ST-MARC. D.Coy. 2 platoons working on AVENUE trench, gridding etc. 2 platoons working on new camp at HENIN. A.Coy relieved D.Coy in billets at HENIN (T.3.a) Comdg Officer & Adjutant also moved to quarters at new camp near HENIN (T.3.a.2.4.) 55th Bde O.O.114 read. re taking over more of the line to the Southward. Appendix 136

Location of Bn.
O/C & Adjt - A & B. Coys at HENIN.
2nd i/c. T/port & C & D Coys in old camp South of MERCATEL. (M.36.a). A & C L'Gun detachments in MERCATEL. 4 guns in action.

Casualties. G/4078 L/cpl. SCOTT W. B.Coy wounded.

Honours. The following is an extract from SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S dispatch of 9th April 1917, submitting names deserving of special mention. (London Gazette 23-5-1917).
Captain N.E.HAMPTON.
Captain H.K.STEWART
Lieut W.H.BADDELEY
2 Lieut J.MARSLAND
Quartermaster & Hon.Lieut J.SOLOMON.
G/1379. Corpl RUSSELL F.H.
G/2552 Sergt CRANE J.W.
5/399. Sergt ROSE.E
G/2795. Corpl. STAPLEY C.A.

Adjutancy of the Battn.
The appointment of Captain N.E. HAMPTON as adjutant is confirmed with effect as from 13/3/1917 (vice

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24th (Contd.) Capt de JONG M.C. promoted Major & 2nd i/command (authy VII Corps A.569/793/d/22/5/17)

25th **Work** A & B Coys night work on PUG Trench clearing & deepening (front running through ~~Xxx~~ T.6.b as far as post in U.1.a.1.6)
2 secs B Coy finishing off saps vide work on 24th inst.
C.Coy. 3 sections on lorry turning as yesterday at BOISLEUX-AU-MONT
9 sections on road from S.5.d.8.5 to BOISLEUX-ST-MARC.
2 sections tunnelling dugouts for Artillery at N.34.b.2.0. D Coy. work on new camp at HENIN.
Location of Battn same. Class of 4 per coy formed for instruction in tunnelling: work commenced at new camp.

26th A Coy worked at night on PUG LANE
B.Coy erected bomb stops at night in CONCRETE, WREN, SWALLOW, & LARK trenches & a barricade across ~~Xxx~~ ROTTEN ROW in O.31.c.
C.Coy 2 sections tunnelling dugouts for artillery remainder of Coy as yesterday D.Coy. work on new Camp. location of Battn as yesterday

27th A Coy resting. B.Coy resting
C.Coy. as yesterday - also track marked out from forward Bde HQ to the ROOKERY. D Coy as yesterday

28th A Coy. 2 plats gridding, improving & putting in fire bays to AVENUE Trench at night. ~~Xxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~Xxxxxxxxxxxx~~. ~~Xxxx~~ 2 platoons at night clearing & traversing PUG LANE. C Coy as yesterday
D Coy as yesterday
B.Coy. 2 platoons clearing CROW Trench: 1 Platoon making Bombstops as 26th 1 platoon gridding HINDENBURG SUPPORT. Location Same
Extract from London Gazette 24/5/17.
E.Sussex Regt. Major J.C.D.BIRTWHISTLE to be acting Lieut-Colonel whilst comdg a Bn (March 25 to April 4)

29th **Work.** A Coy worked on AVENUE Trench in two reliefs ramps & firebays made 1 section completed traverse in PUG LANE.
B.Coy 2 platoons working on new camp (SUSSEX SHELTERS) 1 platoon gridding HINDENBURG Support 1 platoon moving camp.
C.Coy as yesterday on roads - 2 sections on dugouts.

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29th (Contd.) D.Coy no work - moved to forward camp at MENIN, relieving B Coy who took over D. Coy's quarters
C. Coy relieved A.Coy in forward billets, who returned to old camp M.36.a. Location of Bn. C/O & Adjutant - C & D coys at new camp. (T.3.a.2.4) A & B coys & transport in camp South of MERCATEL (M.36.a.)

30th A Coy. resting & interior economy.
B Coy. 3 platoons working on new camp. 1 platoon gridding Hindenburg Support
C.Coy 1 platoon on R F A Dugouts & Wiring Grey Trench. 1 Platoon on Pug Lane. 2 platoons on New Trench forward of Front Line.
D.Coy working on extension of SWALLOW LANE at night.

31st A Coy clearing & draining KARL'S COURT trenches.
B Coy resting & rebuilding camp.
C.Coy 1 Platoon on R F A Dugouts & wiring of Grey Trench 3 Platoons on Pug Lane
D Coy. whole coy working on clearing AVENUE trench. Location of Battn same.
Lieut.W.H.Baddeley) authorised to wear
Lieut C.L.KEMP) badges of rank of a Captain subject to confirmation.
2nd Lieut L.A.F.IRELAND ditto that of Lieutenant (authy 18/Div. 8/223.A. d/30/5/17)
Casualties.
S.D./2071 Pte TAYLOR W.) C.Coy.
G/2263 Pte HOPKINS A.) wounded.
G/2168. Pte FIELDS J wounded 3/5/17)
A Coy)
G/5693. Pte COBBY J. wounded 13/5/17)
B Coy)
Since died of wounds.

N.H. HAMPTON Capt & Adjt
8 R Sussex R.

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Refce Map. 1/10,000. CHERISY — 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

There are strong indications that the enemy is withdrawing, or is about to withdraw, towards the DROCOURT - QUEANT Line, but probably in the first instance to the Switch System running S.E. from VIS-EN-ARTOIS.

To deal with this, three objectives have been allotted to the Division:-

The following work will be done on reaching objectives:-

I. As soon as possible after reaching our first objective:-
(a). Consolidation of strong points. One Field Company, R.E. assisted by Infantry.
(i) FONTAINE WOOD U.2.b.0.3. One Machine Gun.
(ii) Railway Cutting G.32.d.5.2. Two Machine Guns.
(iii) Infantry Post, Railway Cutting, blocking CHERISY LANE 0.32.d.6.7.
(iv) CHERRY WOOD 0.32.b.5.0. One Machine Gun.
(v) Strong Farm in CHERISY 0.32.b.7.8. One machine Gun.
(vi) WOOD TRENCH U.2.a.1.5. One Machine Gun.
(vii) HOLLOW ROAD, 0.32.c.7.3. One Machine Gun.
(viii) 0.32.a.7.5. One Machine Gun.

II. On Reaching second Objective:-
(a). Consolidation of strong points. One Field Company, R.E. less 2 Sections.
(i) On UNDER TRENCH U.3.b.1.7. One Machine Gun.
(ii) ORIENT LANE. 0.33.d.0.3.
(iii) 0.33.a.6.1.
(vi) Same as 4 and 5 for 1st Objective.
(v) Machine Gun of (v) made to fire down SENSEE Valley.

III. On Reaching third objective:-
(a). Consolidation of strong points. One Field Company R.E. with two sections added.
(i) ULSTER TRENCH. U.4.a.6.1. One Machine Gun.
(ii) ULSTER TRENCH. 0.34.d.2.2. One Machine Gun.
(iii) ORIENT LANE. 0.34.d.0.85. One Machine Gun.
(iv) 0.33.b.2.4. One Machine Gun.
(v) 0.27.d.8.5. One Machine Gun.
(vi) 0.28.a.4.5. One Machine Gun.

The Battalion will be employed on Communications:-

First Objective
(i) Connect AVENUE to WOOD TRENCH and open up WOOD TRENCH (400 yards). "A" Company Sussex Pioneers.
(ii) Connect left sap from CURTAIN TRENCH to CHERISY LANE, near Sunken Road via FONTAINE TRENCH 0.32.a.5.3. (about 500 yards). "B" Company Sussex Pioneers

Second Objective	(iii)	Continue WOOD TRENCH through FONTAINE WOOD to join UNA LINE (about 1,000 yards) and then across to UNDER TRENCH (about 600 yards). "C", "D" & "A" Companies Sussex Pioneers.
	(iv)	CHERISY and ORIENT LANE.
Third Objective	(v)	Continue C.T. from UNDER TRENCH to ULSTER TRENCH (800 yards) and after join ULSTER to UPTON. "B" and "C" Companies Sussex Pioneers.
	(vi)	ORIENT LANE.

GENERAL:

(a) Open up and repair Roads:-
  (i) ST. MARTIN-FONTAINE-LEZ-CROISILLES.
  (ii) HENINEL-CHERISY.
(b) Reconnoitre fairweather track South of CHERISY.

Acknowledge.

N.H. HAMPTON Capt. & A/Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at P.M.
Sunday, 20th May 1917.

Distribution:-

No.1. "A" Coy.
2. "B" "
3. "C" "
4. "D" "
5. H.Q.
6. Office.
7. War Diary.

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18th Division No.G.29.

8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
VII Corps)
21st Division) For information.
"Q" 18th Division)

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1. The 18th Division will be responsible from 23rd inclusive for the anti-aircraft defence of the Corps Ammunition Dumps at MERCATEL.

2. The 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers will take over the defence of these dumps to-day. Arrangements for relief to be made direct with 62nd Machine Gun Company (H.Q. at BLAIREVILLE) and completion of relief to be reported to Divisional Headquarters.

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3. Attached map shows the position of the dumps. At least four Lewis Guns will be employed.

4. Copies of the undermentioned letters containing instructions for the protection of former ammunition dumps are attached.
These will be adhered to with necessary alterations in locality:-

G.C.R. 658/7 2 copies.
Orders for Guns 6 copies.

5. Acknowledge.

A.G. RIGBY.
Capt.
for Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division.

May 22nd 1917.

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55th Infantry Brigade Order No.114.

Ref. Map sheet
CHERISY 1/10,000 May 23rd 1917.

1. 7th Buffs will take over tomorrow morning from 1st Middlesex Regt, 98th Brigade, 33rd Division, the portion of HINDENBURG SUPPORT Trench from its junction with BROWN Trench at T.6.a.56 to its junction with FITZ LANE at T.6.d.90.55 inclusive.

2. FARMER LANE, FAST LANE, FIT LANE, FUN LANE, and FITZ LANE from HINDENBURG SUPPORT to HINDENBURG FRONT Trench exclusive will be included in the area to be taken over by 7th Buffs. HINDENBURG Front Trench will remain in the area of 33rd Division.

3. Details of relief will be arranged between battalion commanders concerned. Relief to be complete by 10 a.m.

4. For the present a portion of the tunnel accommodation in HINDENBURG SUPPORT Trench, near its junction with FIT LANE will be reserved for a Battn. H.Q. of 33rd Division.
For the present also the 33rd Division will be allowed to use as a communication trench FIT LANE and HINDENBURG SUPPORT Trench between FIT and FITZ LANES.

5. Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade H.Q. by the code work "FITZ a.m."

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C.LING Captain,
Brigade Major.
55th Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 9 p.m.

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Copies to:-

1. G.O.C.	12. 79th Fd.Co. R.E.
2. File.	13. 8th E.Sussex Pioneers.
3. War Diary.	14. 54th Field Amb.
4. 7th Queens.	15. 18th Div.
5. 7th Buffs.	16. 53rd Inf. Bde.
6. 6th E.Surr.R.	17. 54th Inf. Bde.
7. 7th R.W.Kent R.	18. 98th Inf. Bde.
8. 55th M.G.Coy.	19. 41st Inf. Bde.
9. 55th T.M.B.	20. Staff Capt.
10. 92nd Fd. Co. R.E.	21. Signal Officer.
11. 80th Fd. Co. R.E.	22. Intelligence Officer.

S E C R E T. Appendix 127d Copy No.13.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.107.

Reference 1/20,000 May 1st 1917.
Operation Map attached.

1. The VIIth Corps will advance on "Z" Day simultaneously with an advance of the VI Corps on its left and the Fifth Army on its right.

2. The VIIth Corps will attack with the 21st Division on its right - the 18th Division in the centre, and the 14th Division on its left.
The dividing lines between Divisions are shewn in green.

3. The Blue line shewn on the attached Operation map is the intermediate objective; the red line the final objective for those concerned.

4. The Vth Corps will be responsible for joining up with the right of the 18th Division on the final objective.

5. The attack of the 18th Division will be carried out by the 54th Infantry Brigade on the right, and the 55th Infantry Brigade on the left.
The 53rd Infantry Brigade will be in reserve and will move into positions between NEUVILLE VITASSE and HENINEL on May 2nd.

6. The dividing line between Brigades in the attack is as shown in red and blue. Map co-ordinates are as follows:-

N.29.a.85.50 (CROSS ROADS) - O.25.d.60.30 - O.32.b.35.50 - O.33.d.00.75 - O.34.c.55.00.

7. The advance from present positions will commence at zero hour, which will be notified later.
The advance from the BLUE LINE (intermediate objective) will take place at zero plus two hours.

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8. Artillery and barrage arrangements.

(a) The advance will be preceded by a rolling barrage, the rate of advance will be 100 yards in 2 minutes up to western outskirts of CHERISY; thence to the BLUE LINE 100 yards in 6 minutes; from BLUE LINE - RED LINE 100 yards in 3 minutes.

(b) Barrage lines and times of lifts will be as shown in the attached barrage map.

(c) 60 pdr. batteries will search the ground 600 yards beyond the rolling barrage for machine guns, and other likely targets from which fire can be brought on to the attacking infantry will be dealt with by the Corps Heavy Artillery.

(d) One 18 pdr. battery per brigade and two 4.5" How. batteries per division will be told off by the R.G. C.R.A. to answer calls from the air and be prepared to take on hostile counter-attacks at once. (In addition to these, three 60 pdr. batteries and three 6" How. batteries will be told off to deal with counter attacks at once).

(e) From zero onwards the division will have a direct call on one sub-group of heavy artillery.

9. The R.G. C.R.A. will arrange to have positions, and routes to them, reconnoitred and improved so that the artillery can move forward at short notice.

10. Defence of flanks and construction of defended localities.

See Appendix 1.

11. Royal Engineers.

The C.R.E. will place at the disposal of the Brigade Commander 55th Brigade the 92nd Field Company (less 1 section) for the attack, and to the Brigade Commander 54th Infantry Brigade the 80th Field Company (less 2 sections).
He will also place at the disposal of the Brigade Commander 54th Infantry Brigade the 79th Field Company (less 1 Section) for the special work in connection with the defence of the right flank (vide para.10).
Immediately it is discovered that the precautions for the defence of the right flank are unnecessary these 3 sections of 79th Field Company R.E. will be returned to Divisional Reserve and will be held available for attachment to the 52nd Infantry Brigade should circumstances require the employment of that brigade.

12. Signal Communications.

Vide Appendix 2.

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13. Communication with Contact Aeroplanes.

Every man will carry a flare.
Flares will be lit at all times when called for by the sounding of the KLAXON horn or the burning of a WHITE LIGHT, by the aeroplane and definitely at Z plus 1½ hours and Z plus 3½ hours.

14. LIAISON.

The usual cross attachments will be made i.e.
Between Brigades in the assault.
With Brigades of other Divisions on the flanks.
An artillery officer with headquarters of each battalion in the assault.

15. Administrative arrangements are as shown in Appendix 3.

16. The hours for synchronisation of watches will be notified later.

17. ACKNOWLEDGE.

WALLACE WRIGHT Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 10 a.m.
Copies to:-

1	A.D.C. for G.O.C.	11	A.D.M.S.
2/3	"G"	12	Signals
4/5	"Q"	13	Pioneer Bn.
6	53rd Bde.	14	War Diary.
7	54th Bde.	15 & 16	VII Corps
8	55th Bde.	17	14th Div.
9	C.R.A.	18	21st Div.
10	C.R.E.	19	8th Sqn.R.F.C.

APPENDIX 1.

G.O.107 dated 1/5/17.

DEFENCE OF FLANKS AND CONSTRUCTION OF DEFENDED LOCALITIES.

As a precaution in case the Division on our right is not successful in capturing FONTAINE LES CROISILLES, the following arrangements for the protection of the right flank will be made (The letters A - K are shewn on the operation map attached).

(a) At A a machine gun is to be pushed over the brow to cover the flank up to U.3 central.

(b) At B one section of infantry to block and hold the trench.

(c) At C one section of infantry to be dropped during the assault to hold it as a post until circumstances permit of material to be brought forward and until the arrival of 1 section R.E. and a Machine Gun detachment can turn the post into a defended locality.

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(d) At D as for (c)

(e) At E as for (b)

(f) At F as for (c) and (d).

(g) At G. H. I. J. K. defended localities will be constructed and held by 1 Section R.E. and 1 M.G. detachment.

(h) Adjoining Divisions are being asked to provide guns to flank our front at the positions marked with an X.

NOTE.

(1) As soon as the attack of the Division on our right as regards the occupation of FONTAINE LES CROISILLES is seen to be successful, the precautions enumerated under (a) - (f) may be dispensed with.

(2) The long arrows show the lines of fire for the Machine Guns, the short arrows those of the riflemen.

The Brigadier 55th Infantry Brigade will make suitable arrangements as regards machine gun defence to deal with any attack from the North East against his left flank.

APPENDIX II.

(Issued with G.O.107 of 1/5/17).

Arrangements made by 18th Divisional Signals for the forthcoming Operations.

Signal communications for the forthcoming offensive will be dealt with under the following headings:-

(1) Telephone and Telegraph systems.
(2) D.R.L.S. and Runners.
(3) Pigeons.
(4) Wireless and Power Buzzers.
(5) Visual.
(6) Aeroplane contact patrol.

(1) The telephone system will consist of exchanges at Rear Divisional Headquarters, AGNY, M.9.a.3.4., Advanced Divisional Headquarters at M.16.b.1.1 54th Infantry Brigade Headquarters near HENINEL at N.22.d.5.1. and an artillery exchange at MERCATEL. Of the Headquarter offices the Rear Divisional Headquarters exchange at AGNY will serve S.S.O. and D.A.D.O.S; the Advanced Divisional Exchange will serve "G", "Q", "A", Divisional Artillery and C.R.E. These exchanges will be connected by trunk lines. There will be direct lines from the Advanced Divisional Exchange to all three Infantry Brigades, to the two Artillery Brigades of the 18th Division, to VIIth Corps, to

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7th Corps C.R.A., to VII Corps Heavies, to the 14th Divisional Headquarters on the left at M.7.d. central (sheet 51 B.) and the 21st Divisional Headquarters on the Right at S.29.d.4.5. (sheet 51 B), to the forward exchange at Brigade Headquarters near HENINEL, to the Corps Wireless Directing Station at NEUVILLE VITASSE, to 18th D.A.C. and to MERCATEL Artillery exchange. On the forward exchange at Infantry Brigade Headquarters near HENINEL, there will be additional lines to the two Infantry Brigades in the line, to the two artillery brigades of the 18th Division (thus giving duplicate lines from the Division), to the 280th and 281st Artillery Brigades of the 56th Divisional Artillery and to the Artillery Exchange at MERCATEL. From the MERCATEL Artillery exchange there will be lines to the 148th and 149th Field Artillery Brigades of the 30th Divisional Artillery, to the 30th Divisional D.A.C. and to the 73rd Heavy Artillery Group, as well as the trunk lines to 18th Divisional Exchange and 18th Advanced Exchange. There will also be lines from the 54th Brigade and 55th Brigade exchanges to the Brigades on our right and left belonging to the 21st and 14th Divisions respectively. The Telegraph system will consist of Sounder lines from Advanced 18th Divisional Signal Office to the three Infantry Brigades, to the Rear Divisional Headquarters Signal Office near AGNY, and one line to the 62nd and 63rd Field Artillery Brigades. The above system are all of poled or ground cables, with the exception of the two lines to the infantry and the two lines to the Artillery Brigades which are of permanent line. The general run of the forward lines is:-

18th Advanced Divisional Hd.Qrs.
NEUVILLE-VITASSE TEST STATION
THE EGG TEST STATION
Infantry Brigade H.Qrs. near HENINEL.

There will be linesmen at all the above points, and lines are laid as far as possible along different routes between test points.

(2) D.R.L.S. and Runners.

There will be regular services of motor cyclist despatch riders between 18th Adv. Divisional Headquarters, 18th Div. Rear Headquarters and VIIth Corps and also a regular service of mounted orderlies from 18th Advanced Divisional Hd.Qrs and the Infantry and Artillery Brigades. D.Rs. will leave 18th Adv. Div. Hd.Qrs for VIIth Corps at -

8/30 a.m.
2/30 p.m.
9/30 p.m.

D.Rs. will leave 18th Adv.Div.Hd.Qrs for 18th Rear Div.Hd.Qrs. at
8/30 a.m.
10/30 a.m.
3/0 p.m.
9/30 p.m.

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arriving at 18th Adv. Div. Headquarters on their return about one hour later in each case.

Time table for mounted orderlies is as follows:-

Leave 18th Adv.Div.Hd.Qrs.	8/30 a.m. 9/30 p.m.	10/30 a.m.	3/0 p.m.
Arrive Brigade Hd.Qrs.	9/30 a.m. 10/30 p.m.	11/30 a.m.	4/0 p.m.
Leave Brigade Hd.Qrs.	7 a.m. 8/0 p.m.	12 noon.	4/30 p.m.
Arrive 18th Adv.Div.Hd.Qrs.	8 a.m. 9/0 p.m.	1/0 p.m.	5/30 p.m.

Mounted orderlies will be stationed at 18th Adv.Div.Hd.Qrs. also at Brigade Headquarters (in the line)

(3) Pigeons.
The VIIth Corps Pigeon Loft is at SIMENCOURT, which is in telephonic communication with VII Corps. There are 40 birds available for use by 18th Division, which will give an allotment of 10 birds per Infantry Brigade per day. These birds are brought up by a Corps Despatch Rider to 18th Adv. Div. Headquarters at 9/30 a.m. each morning and will be sent on to Brigades by Divisional Orderly. They will be allotted by Brigades to their battalions according to tactical requirements. It is recommended that these pigeons be sent forward with Company Headquarters, and if the pigeons are not required they should be released 24 hours after delivery.
Average time of flight of Pigeon from front line to Pigeon Loft is about 20 minutes.

(4) Wireless and Power Buzzers.

The VIIth Corps Wireless Directing Station will be at NEUVILLE VITASSE, which will be in telephonic communication with 18th Adv.Divl.H.Q. Two trench wireless sets, two Power Buzzers and one Amplifier have been allotted to 18th Division. One Trench Wireless Set, working back to the Corps Directing Station and also the Amplifier will be set up at N.29.a.10.40 The Amplifier will receive messages from the two Power Buzzers which will be stationed at Battalion Headquarters at O.25.d.6.5. and O.21.b.0.5. respectively. The second Trench Wireless set will be held in readiness at N.30.c.1.6. to move forward after objectives have been obtained and will be set up under orders of Divisional Signals. All messages sent by Power Buzzer before Zero hour must be in "B.A.B". Code. An officer should be detailed by each Brigade to act as "encoder" of messages at each Battalion Headquarters. After zero hour however, messages may be sent in clear by order of an officer.

(5) A Divisional Visual Station has been established near NEUVILLE VITASSE at N.20.a.2.4. and a Brigade Visual Station at N.22.c.4.5. Messages can be sent between these Stations in either direction by Daylight Signalling Lamps. Battalion Visual Stations have been established as follows:-

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(a) O.21.b.1.3. working to H.22.d.central. Messages can only be sent from front to rear.

(b) O.25.d.6.5. working to the Quarry at H.30.b.6.2.

(6) Aeroplane Contact Patrol.

No signalling to aeroplanes will be attempted. Aeroplane contact patrol in 7th Corps area is distinquished by one black band under starboard lower plane. Dropping grounds will be at VII Corps Headquarters and 18th Divisional Advanced Headquarters.

SECRET. Appendix 127b.

18th Division No.G.415.

G.R.E. 18th. Division.

Please note the following work to be done by the Pioneer Battalion:-

(a) A dry weather track is to be continued down the South side of CHERISY and across the valley up between the two quarries. To be done during the night 3/4th May.

(b) To improve and wire the front of -
The O.P. O.21 central.
The cable trench junction at O.32.a.1.8.
The dugout in O.26.c. central
The M.G. position situated in O.26. Central.

(c) The positions mentioned in (b) will be garrisoned by machine Gun detachments from the 53rd Infantry Brigade Machine Gun Company, and are to be considered the line for the protection of our Artillery when it moves forward.

WALLACE WRIGHT Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division.

May 2nd 1917.

Copy to:-
53rd Brigade for information re provision of Machine Guns.

O.C. 8th Bn Sussex (Pioneers).

With reference to our conversation on the subject of 4 strong points. The M.G. officer who will be in charge will be at the junction of the sap to O.P. in O.21 Central and our front line trench at zero hour. The Machine Gunners will take over as soon as these points are made and reported by your officer as ready for occupation.

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It may be possible to make them by daylight or may not be possible before dark but they should be made as soon as it is feasible.

Your Officer should arrange with the M G officer at above place the means of letting him know when they are ready for occupation so that they can be immediately occupied. Your working parties therefore should be sufficiently near to be able to start work promptly but not to interfere with Zero hour confusion & crowding.

I enclose authority for any tools or stores you may wish to draw from the dump at Heninel. Use plenty of wire.

2/5/17

C.B.O. SYMONS Lt Col.
Cdg. 18th Div.

SECRET. Appendix 128. Copy No.9.

Operation Order No.38.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Reference Map
51.B.S.W. 1/20,000.

1. The VII Corps will advance on Z day simultaneously with VI Corps on its left and Fifth Army on its right.

2. The VII Corps will attack with 21st Division on its right; 18th Division in centre and 14th Division on left.

3. The attack of 18th Division will be carried out by 54th Brigade on right and 55th on left, with 53rd Brigade in reserve.

4. As soon as the attack has been successful, the Battalion will be employed on repairing the road running from N.29.b.5.0. due East to N.30, thence to CHERISY (Sheet 51.B.S.W. 1/20,000). Companies should have their wire cutters and hedging gloves ready.

5. There will be an advanced dressing station at N.28.c.3.2.

6. The system of reporting casualties will be as heretofore. In the event of any Company incurring heavy casualties, headquarters should be informed as soon as possible.

Acknowledge.

N.H. HAMPTON Capt.& Actg. Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

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Issued at 2.15 P.M.
Wednesday, 2nd May, 1917.

Distribution:-

No.1. "A" Coy.
2. "B" "
3. "C" "
4. "D" "
5. T.O.
6. Q.M.
7. Head-quarter Coy.
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O.C. 8th Bn Sussex Pioneers.

1. A heavy counter attack is reported ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ up the valley of the Cojeul.

2. Your two companies in your advanced billets will at once with all their ammunition man the trench N.35 b 8.9. to N 29 a 6.2 to prevent the attack spreading up the valley.

3. There are fighting troops in the trenches in N 30 central and also on the opposite side of ~~Hxxxx~~ the ~~Hxxx~~ valley covering Haninel.

4. Your remaining two Companies will be posted as supports in the trenches of the Hindenburg line N 34 d 10.9 to the River Cojeul.

5. Report to O.C. ~~xx~~ 53 Brigade in dugouts in N 28 b 5.10. & to C. when in position

C.B.O. SYMONS Lt Col
C.R.E.

3/5/17 10.55 P M.

TO O/C A Coy. O/C B. Coy

Sender's Number	Day of Month.
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A & B. Coys will on receipt of this message occupy the trench running from N.35.b.8.9 to N.29.a.~~xxxxx~~ 4.2. (refce sheet ETERPIGNY) AAA.

B. Coy will occupy from N.35.b.8.9 to N.29.d.2.5. aaa

A Coy will occupy from N.29.d.2.5. to N.29.a.4.2. aaa

Bn. Hdqrs will move up to B. Coys present Hdqrs. aaa as soon as coys are in position they will send back 3 guides to advanced Bn HQ. aaa

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Amman. & bombs are being sent up to Crucifix on the HENIN-sur-COJEUL xxxx HENINEL road at N.33.d.3.9. aaa Fighting kit less packs to be worn - C Q M S & coy guards to be left in charge of packs aaa Battn required to form support to 53rd Bde who are meeting a counter attack down the COJEUL VALLEY

TO ACTRESS

Sender's Number. BM 127 — Day of Month. 7

Support by ACTRESS no longer required return to billeting area aaa report location of Batt Head quarters aaa acknowledge.

From ADELPHI

Time 12.15 AM

Appendix 130.

S E C R E T. Copy No.13.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.108.

Reference 1/20,000 Map attached. May 10th 1917.

1. The front at present held by the 18th Division will be readjusted in accordance with the attached 1/20,000 map. Re-adjustment of the front line to be complete by 10 a.m. May 11th. Details of re-adjustment to be arranged between 53rd Brigade and flanking brigades of 14th and 21st Divisions.

2. BOUNDARIES.

(a) On right. HINDENBURG Support line from S.E. block to about T.6.a.15.75 thence along HINDENBURG front line to No.11 Post (not shown on map). Above inclusive to 21st Division.

(b) On left. Point O.25.d.5.0. and thence as on map to include present Brigade Headquarters north of HENINEL.

3. The re-adjustment of the Divisional area will be completed by 6 p.m. on May 14th.

4. The responsibility of Divisions for the defensive lines laid down by VII Corps is as shown on the attached 1/20,000 map.

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5. G.O.C. 18th Division will assume command of the re-adjusted front at 10 a.m. on May 11th.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.R. HANNAY Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 12/30 p.m.

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15 War Diary.
16 & 17 VII Corps
17 14th Division
18 31st Division
19 No.8 Sqn. R.F.C.

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S E C R E T. Copy No.11

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.109.

Reference 1/20,000 May 14th 1917.
Map Sheet 51 B.

1. Headquarters 18th Division will close at their present location in M.16.b.2.0 at 10 a.m. May 15th and will re-open at the same hour at the new Headquarters in S.17.b.

2. The present site of the Headquarter Camp is to be cleared by 12 noon on May 15th.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.R. HANNAY Major,
General Staff, 18th Division

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17 Div. Train.
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19 Camp Commandant.
20 War Diary.
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18th Division No.G.826.

Royal Artillery.
Royal Engineers.
53rd Brigade.
54th Brigade.
55th Brigade.
Pioneers.
A/Q.

PRECIS OF ORDERS REGARDING ATTACK BY 53RD DIVISION.

1. The 33rd Division is attacking on the 17th May instead of on the 20th.

2. OBJECTS.
To capture the HINDENBURG LINE as far as the CROISILLES - HENDECOURT Road.

3. Corps on right and left are co-operating with artillery fire.

4. The attack will be carried out as follows:-

(a) 19th Infantry Brigade.
One Battalion to attack the HUMP from a position on the right of the CROISILLES-HENDECOURT Road and to form a defensive flank from about U.14.c.1.3. to cross roads at U.14.c.2.9.

(b) 100th Infantry Brigade.
To attack from the S.W. that portion of the HINDENBURG LINE between the CROISILLES-HENDECOURT and CROISILLES-FONTAINE roads.

(c) 98th Infantry Brigade.
To attack South East down the HINDENBURG Line from present blocks as far as the CROISILLES-FONTAINE Road.

5. The advance of the 19th and 100th Infantry Brigades is being timed to reach the enemy front line at ZERO when the shrapnel artillery barrage will open on the support line.
The advance of the 98th Infantry Brigade begins at Zero.

6. SMOKE BARRAGES.
If the wind is suitable the following smoke barrages will be put up:-
(a) At Zero hour 4 inch STOKES Mortars will fire on the portion of the HINDENBURG system between the SENSEE River and RIVER ROAD to produce a smoke cloud for 5 minutes.

(b) The R.F.A. will place a smoke barrage on the south and south west exits from FONTAINE Village and on the SUNKEN ROAD between U.2.c.1.5. and YORK TRENCH to last till Zero plus 30.

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7. ARTILLERY BARRAGES.

(a) The Vth Corps are providing a right flank barrage from zero till zero plus 90, and then on till zero plus 120 at a reduced rate.

(b) Right, Centre and Left attacks.
Provided by the 33rd Divisional Artillery and attached Brigades.

(c) Left Flank Barrage.
Provided by the 14th and 18th Divisional Artilleries.

8. Machine Guns.

The 53rd Machine Gun Company will place barrages as shown on the attached map (issued only to 53rd Brigade) commencing at Zero and continuing till zero plus 45 minutes. Arrangements will be made for fire to be opened after zero plus 45 minutes if required. One or more O.Ps. will be established for this purpose and communications arranged accordingly.

O.C. 53rd Machine Gun Company will be responsible that his limits of fire as shewn on attached map are not exceeded.

J.R. HANNAY Major
for Lieut.Colonel.
May 18th 1917. General Staff, 18th Division.

S E C R E T. 18th Division No.G.842.

Royal Artillery.
Royal Engineers.
53rd Brigade.
54th Brigade.
55th Brigade.
Pioneers.
A/Q.

Reference 18th Division G.826 of to-day.

1. The operation which was to have been undertaken by the 33rd Division to-morrow May 17th, has been posponed until May 20th.

2. The orders and instructions already issued for the 17th hold good for the 20th unless hereafter modified.

J.R. HANNAY Major.
General Staff, 18th Division.

May 16th 1917.

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16TH DIVISION ORDER NO.110.

Ref. Map 1/10,000
CHERISY and Special
Operation Map attached. May 17th, 1917.

1. There are strong indications that the enemy is withdrawing or is about to withdraw towards the DEMICOURT-QUEANT line, but probably in the first instance to the Switch system running S.E. from VIS-EN-ARTOIS.

2. To deal with such a retirement objectives have been allotted to Divisions as under:-

1st Objective.

Right Division.	FONTAINE VILLAGE and the trench system S.E. of it as far as U.15.central.
Centre Division.	FONTAINE WOOD and Southern half of CHERISY VILLAGE as far as the cross roads O.32.b.5.9.
Left Division.	Northern half of CHERISY VILLAGE to trench through O.20.b.8.8.

2nd Objective.

Right Division.	S.W. corner of HENDECOURT VILLAGE - CHERISY Road as far as BENCH MARK at U.3.b.8.1.
Centre Division.	BENCH MARK at U.3.b.8.1. to SENSEE RIVER about O.27.c.central.
Left Division.	SENSEE RIVER to TRIANGLE WOOD and HILL SIDE work inclusive.

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3rd Objectives.

Right Division.	HENDECOURT VILLAGE and CHALK PIT in U.5.c., both inclusive.
Centre Division.	UPTON TRENCH and OBUS TRENCH thence to SENSEE RIVER about O.28.b.0.8.
Left Division.	VILLAGE TRENCH as far as the CAMBRAI Road.

3. (a) The Brigade in the line will continue active patrolling on the 18th Division front with a view to discovering at its commencement any enemy withdrawal.

(b) Immediately that signs of a withdrawal are suspected, close touch with developments is to be maintained by strong patrols who must fight for information if necessary. These patrols must be supported by advanced detachments boldly handled.

(c) As the enemy will be withdrawing over prepared ground under cover of guns from positions behind his main defences the process of following him up will necessarily be deliberate, but touch with him is to be maintained.

(d) The advance behind the advanced detachments mentioned in (b) will be made to successive objectives. Each of these objectives will be made secure, and not until communication to it is assured and artillery support as far forward as the next objective is provided for, will the line be advanced to the next objective.

4. (a) To carry out the instructions contained in para.3, the first step will consist in the occupation of the enemy front system and this is to be done on the initiative of the Brigade holding the line.
For this purpose the enemy front system will be YORK TRENCH and FONTAINE TRENCH within the "present" boundaries of the 18th Division.

(b) The subsequent advance to the first objective will depend upon the result of our occupation of the front system and will be intitiated by Divisional Headquarters.

5. Divisions on our right and left will be acting in a manner similar to that outlined above and the closest touch and liaison with them must be maintained.

6. The "present" front of the Corps will be maintained as the line of resistance.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

WALLACE WRIGHT Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 2 p.m.

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20. 8th Sqdn. R.F.C.

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18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.III.

Reference:-
1/100,000 Map,
LENS and HAZEBROUCK
sheets.

20th May 1917.

1. 30th Divisional Artillery will leave VII Corps by march route to join its Division as follows:-

May 23rd to HARBARCQ, NOYELLE and LATTRE ST.QUENTIN.
May 24th to ST. MICHEL Artillery area (1½ miles N.E. of ST.POL)
May 25th to area about AMES (3½ miles S.W. of LILLERS.)

2. Application will be made for billets to Town Majors or Maires of the above places.

3. Any routes may be used but a distance of 500 yards will be maintained in rear of each battery and of each section and Echelon of D.A.C.

4. Orders for the March on May 25th will be issued by First Army through XIX Corps. On May 23rd and 24th it will march under orders to be issued by 30th Divisional Artillery.

5. All units will move with echelons full - 50% A. 50% AI.

6. Supply Columns and Sub-Park lorries will move as a convoy under the orders of the C.R.A. Sub-Park lorries will be directed to CAESTRE.

7. Rations for consumption 23rd will be carried on the man.
Rations for consumption 24th will be carried on Supply Wagons.
Rations for consumption 25th will be drawn from Supply Railhead, AGNEZ LES DUISANS on 23rd.
Rations for consumption 26th will be drawn from ST.POL Railhead on the 24th.

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8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A.E. RIGBY Capt.
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

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1st Work. A Coy. clearing & improving EARL'S COURT trenches.
B Coy. 1 platoon clearing road running N. from BOISLEUX-ST-MARC. 1½ platoons gridding HINDENBURG Trench. 1 platoon improving Camp.
C Coy. 3 sections tunnelling dugouts for R.F.A. (N.29.)
D Coy. remainder of C Coy. and D Coy. at night digging trench from WREN LANE to post at O.31.b.8.4. and thence to post at O.31.b.8.0. - trench was dug deep enough to use in daylight - heavy machine gun & shell fire throughout the night.
Location of Battn.
C/O & Adjt. C & D Coys. 1½ platoons B Coy. in SUSSEX Shelters HENIN-sur-COJEUL (T.3.a.)
A & B Coys & Transport South of MERCATEL - M.36.a.
B & D Coys. Lewis Gun Detachments in action - anti-aircraft defences of MERCATEL.
CASUALTIES.
Killed. Capt. H.E. Stewart.
G/2669 Cpl. Hill, A.J. "D" Coy.
G/7051 Pte. Delaney, W. "C" "
Died of wounds. 18290 Pte Wood, R.D. "D" Coy.
Wounded. 2nd Lieut. C.H.K.Smith.
G/2093 Pte. Packham, F. "C" Coy.
G/3953 " Stagg, F. " "
G/10622 L/C Simpson, J.P. " "
G/4215 Cpl. Westbrook, F. " "
Wounded slightly at duty.
G/910 Pte. Caesar, J. " "
G/2792 " Belchamber, G. " "
G/2632 " Hayward, C. " "
G/715 " Deacon, W. " "
G/7219 " Davey, J.W. " "
G/157 L/Cpl. Hayward, H.T. " "

2nd A Coy. as yesterday.
B Coy. 1 plat. gridding - SUSSEX Avenue. 1 plat on new camp: 1½ plats on Hindenburg Support - gridding. 1 sec on road at BOISLEUX-ST-MARC.
C Coy. 2½ plats clearing CROW Trench. 1 plat tunnelling dugouts for R.F.A. (N.29.) ½ plat anti-aircraft defences.

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2nd (Contd.) D Coy. working on clearing of CROW trench; deepening & traversing. Location of Battn. same.
CASUALTIES. Wounded slightly at duty. G/1774 Pte. Puttick, A. "B" Coy.

3rd A Coy. 3 plats on EARL'S COURT as yesterday by day. 1 plat on EARL'S COURT as yesterday by night - also fire ramp completed at junction of AVENUE & CONCRETE trenches.
B Coy. 1½ plats gridding HINDENBURG SUPPORT. 1 sec on road as yesterday. 1 plat gridding AVENUE Trench remainder of Coy (except L/Gun Detach in action) working on camp.
Work. C Coy. 1 Platoon on R.F.A. dugouts & bridging road between EARL'S Court & CROW Trench. Remainder of Coy. finished CROW trench from AVENUE trench - two traverses completed.
D Coy. Co deepening & widening CROW TRENCH.
Location of Battn same.
CASUALTIES. Wounded accidentally and admitted to F.A. G/1660 Sgt.Head, F. "D" Coy.
Wounded slightly at duty. G/1998 Pte.Secretan, I.A. "B" Coy.
HONOURS & AWARDS: The following is an extract from the London Gazette:- "Lieut.(A/Capt.) C.H. Gilmore awarded Military Cross".
The following Birthday Honours are published for information:
L/5078 C.S.M. Mullett, R. "C" Coy.
L/9905 C.S.M. Walls, W.J. "D" " Distinguished Conduct Medal.

4th A Coy: 3 Platoons on dry weather track Crucifix Corner to Earls Court. 1 Platoon laid grids in Earls Court.
B Co: 1 platoon laid grids Avenue Trench. 1½ Platoon laid grids Hindenburg Trench.
1 Section on Road BOISLEUX-ST-MARK. Remainder of Co employed on work in camp.
C Co. 1 Section on R.F.A. dugouts & bridging road between EARLS COURT and CROW TRENCH. Remainder of Co on extention of SWALLOW LANE.
D Co. 3 Platoons deepening & widening SWALLOW LANE forward of STORK TRENCH. 1 Platoon on extention of SWALLOW LANE.
Location of Battn same.

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A Co. 1 section on dry weather track from CRUCIFIX CORNER to EARLS COURT. Track completed & steps made at junction with HINDENBURG SUPPORT.
Company paraded for work on SWALLOW LANE but were unable to work owing to persistant shelling.
B Co. Company unable to work owing to persistant shelling.
C Co. Company moved back to Camp at MERCATEL M 36 a 04.
D Co. " " " " " "
Location of Battn same.

6th

A Co. Company working on SWALLOW LANE.
B Co. About 100^{x} of new trench commenced & dug deep enough to afford cover remainder spitlocked out sufficiently to show on an aeroplane photograph.
C Co. Company bathed in the morning & paid out after dinner.
D Co. Company bathed. Kits & Box Respirators inspected. 18th Division O.O. No.112 d/5/6/17 received. Appendix 136a
Location of Battn same.

7th

2/Lt. E.R.SHARP Joined Bn posted to A Coy.
" C.H.PERRESS " " " " B "
" C.GOLDRING " " " " " "
" G.DUFTON " " " " C "
" C.V.MACKENZIE " " " " " "
" E.HARRIS " " " " D "
" A.M.GOLBY " " " " " "
" J.S.KERR " " " " " "

A Co. Work on SWALLOW LANE. Through communication established with B Co. to full dimensions.
B Co. New trench from WREN towards SWALLOW. SHAFT TRENCH gridded from CONCRETE to BROWN TRENCH.
C Co. Handling of Arms, Bayonet Fighting, Kit Inspection, Cleaning equipment ammunition etc. Saluting drill & short lectures by O.C. Co.
D Co. 2 Platoons gridding AVENUE TRENCH completed to 1000^{x} mark. Grids placed ready for laying as far as No.4 Dugout.
2 Platoons in CROW TRENCH from EARLS COURT to AVENUE TRENCH. Traverses completed. Road partially cut for bridging.
Casualties. G/1997 Pd Lce/Cpl BUNKER, J. B Co. wounded.
Location of Battn the same.

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8th

A Co. Company resting. 1 Section fixed notice boards on dry weather track from CRUCIFIX and in EARLS COURT and CROW TRENCH.
B Co. Made bridge over SHAFT TRENCH at dry weather track. Made bridge over SHAFT TRENCH at BOOTHAM TRENCH.
C Co. Company clearing & gridding CROW TRENCH from EARLS COURT to SUSSEX AVENUE and gridding AVENUE TRENCH. Slump holes made in CROW TRENCH & covered with grids & two traverses completed.
D Co. Company at rest in rear camp. Inspection & training carried out.
Location of Bn the same.

9th

A Co. 3 platoons dug new front line from SWALLOW TRENCH on left to WOOD TRENCH on right 145^{x} including fire traverses. 1 platoon dug CT from WOOD TRENCH to ROTTEN ROW approximately 45^{x}.
B Co. Company working on 150^{x} of new trench from ROTTEN ROW to BUSH TRENCH.
C Co. Company working on CROW TRENCH from EARLS COURT to SUSSEX AVENUE also gridding AVENUE.
D Co. 2 Platoons Gridding AVENUE TRENCH. 2 Platoons Gridded EARLS COURT to AVENUE TRENCH this work was completed.
Location of Bn the same.

10th

2 Lt.J.H.DUMBRELL admitted to Field Ambulance.
A Co. 1 Platoon completed new front line from SWALLOW TRENCH to WOOD TRENCH. 3 Platoons dug new sap from FITZ LANE towards YORK SAP.
B Co. New trench from ROTTEN ROW to BUSH TRENCH completed. Bridges at BOOTHAM TRENCH and DRY WEATHER TRACK completed. One platoon working on new trench from PUG LANE.
C Co. 3 Sections clearing CROW TRENCH between AVENUE & SUSSEX AVENUE. 2 Sections gridding EARLS COURT. 5 Sections gridding CROW TRENCH & working bridge across road at EARLS COURT.
D Co. Company at rest. Training & inspection carried out.
Location of Bn the same.

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A Co. Company moved to rear camp M 36 a 04.
B Co. " " " " " "
C " Company moved to forward camp T 3 a 42.
2 Platoons Completed gridding CROW TRENCH to Dry Weather Track. 2 Sections on R.F.A. dugouts.
D Co. Company moved to forward camp T 3 a 42. Company worked on AVENUE TRENCH Clearing & gridding.
A/Capt.C.H.GILMORE authorised to wear badges of rank of a Captain subject to confirmation.
2 Lieut.F.C.DAMMENT authorised to wear badges of rank of a Lieutenant subject to confirmation (authy 18/Div No.G/237A d/10/6/17.
HONOURS & REWARDS.
The following is an abstract from DRO 996. Under authority delegated by the Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief.
S/358 Sgt.BUCKWELL E.V. awarded The Military Medal A Co.
G/840 Pte LAKER E.G. G/2091 Pte. STEMP W.H. awarded the Military Medal A Co.
G/1792 L/Cpl.DREWERY H.W. G/2159 L/Cpl.RAYNARD A. awarded The Military Medal B Co.
G/2321 L/Cpl.RALF R. awarded The Military Medal C Co.
G/2336 C/Cpl. LAVENDER A. awarded Parchment C Co.
Location of Bn the same.

12th

A Coy. Company at rest. Training & inspection carried out.
B Coy. Company clearing & gridding EARLS COURT.
C Coy. 2 Sections on R.F.A. dugouts. 6 Sections draining & gridding CROW TRENCH & work on bridge over road between EARLS COURT & CROW TRENCH.
2 Platoons rested.
D Coy. Company worked on BUCK LANE. The trench was deepened & widened for the last 400^{x}.
Location of Bn the same.
Major J.C.BIRTWHISTLE proceeded to join the 9th Bn Royal Sussex Regt. auth.A.G.A/25967/6/7/6/17. 18th Div No.106/92 "A"/d/10/6/17.

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13th	A Co. The Company bathed in the morning, in the afternoon the Company paraded for Salvage work in rear area M 36. Six dumps established & work proceeding. B Co. The Company bathed during morning. Inspection of Rifles, Respirators Ammunition Iron Rations. C Co. Gridding CROW TRENCH completed to dry weather track . Bridge between EARLS COURT & CROW TRENCH completed. Work on camp at T 3 a 42. Company Bathed. D Co. Company worked on AVENUE TRENCH clearing & gridding. Ramp near CONCRETE TRENCH altered. 18th Div O.O.113 re relief of Divisional Front by 50th Division received. Location of Bn the same.	Appendix 137.
14th	A Co. The Company salvaged miscellaneous stores in MERCATEL - BOISLEUX area. B Co. Company worked on EARLS COURT clearing & gridding. C Co. 80 men digging new trench from PUG LANE extention to BUCK LANE U 1 a 54 to U 1 a 55 20. Remainder of Co. work in camp. D Co. Company worked on AVENUE TRENCH clearing & gridding & completed to within 20^{x} of CONCRETE TRENCH. Location of Bn the same. Honours & Rewards. Late Capt.H.E.STEWART Awarded Legion d'Honneur, Croix de Chevalier Authy. The Field Marshal Comdg in Chief under authority granted by His Majesty the King. Casualties. G/4078 Lce/Cpl.W.C.SCOTT wounded 24/5/17 died of wounds 12/6/17. Location of Bn the same.	
15th	A Co. Company gridding EARLS COURT. B Co. Company inspection & handling of arms. C Co. 1 Platoon deepened cleared & gridded SHALK TRENCH for a distance of 120 yards. 3 Platoons on new trench from PUG LANE extention to BUCK LANE completed to cover from view U 1 a 54 to U 1 55 20. D Co. Company on deepening clearing & gridding AVENUE TRENCH. Grids laid to 2000^{x} mark. Trench cleared ready for grids to 2300^{x} mark. Bn O.O. No.40 issued. Location of Bn the same.	Appendix 138.

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16th	Bn resting. Work handed over to 7th Bn Durham Light Infantry 50th Division. Location of Bn the same.	
	COUIN.	
17th	Bn marched from HENIN SUR COJEUL 18th Div O.O. 113.	Appendix 137.
18th	Honours & Rewards. Lieut.Act/Capt.G.H.GILMORE M.C. awarded Bar to the Military Cross. Received VII Corps O.O.121. 18th Div/No/232/151 (Q) d/18/6/17 vide VII Corps O.O. 121. Bn resting. Company inspections.	Appendix 139
19th	Bn resting.	
20th	Bn resting. Presentation of Medals by Corps Commander VII Corps. Bn O.O. 41 issued.	Appendix 140.
21st	Bn less 2 Officers & 34 men marched to SAULTY LABRET station & entrained vide VII Corps O.O.121.	Appendix 139.
	BUSSEBOOM.	
22nd	Bn less 2 Officers & 34 OR detrained at HOPOUTRE station.Hd Qts A, B & D Cos. marched to SCOTTISH LINES Camp G 17 c 47 Map ref BELGIUM Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20.000. C Co. marched to DEVONSHIRE Camp G 18 a 05. Map ref BELGIUM Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20.000.	
	DOMINION LINES OUDERDOM-VLAMERTINGHE ROAD H 19 b 34.	
23rd	Hd Qtrs. A & D Cos moved to WINNIPEG Camp H 19 b 34 Map ref BELGIUM Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20.000. C Co. moved to camp W of BULLECOED FARM I 25 a 83. Map ref BELGIUM Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20.000. B Co. remained at SCOTTISH LINES G 17 c 47. Map ref BELGIUM Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20.000. Extract from the London Gazette dated 16/6/17. Temp Maj B.J.WALKER to comd a Bn and to be temp Lt-Col. March 18th 1917. Temp Capt.N.H.HAMPTON to be Adjutant vice Temp Capt K de JONG M.C. (to Regtl duty) 13th March 1917.	

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Extract from London Gazette dated 19/6/17.
Temp Capt K de JONG M.C. to be Temp Major March 12th 1917.
Honours & Rewards.
Awarded Military Medal.
S/2 Sgt. SHONFIELD H.A. C Co.
G 2376 Pte.STANNARD J. " "
G 2200 " MANN F.J. D "
G 2691 " BARHAM F. " "
(Auth D.R.O.1023).
Work. B Co. Company employed taking down Nissen Bow Huts at WINNIPEG CAMP H 19 b 54 and re-erecting same at SCOTTISH LINES G 17 c 47.
"C" Co. 1 Platoon repairing roads at YPRES - LILLE Road & corduroy road running W from N of WOODCOTE HOUSE.
1 Platoon repairing roads at VOORMEZEEL-YPRES Road and KEMMEL - YPRES Road.

24th

B Co. Company employed taking down Nissen Bow Huts at WINNIPEG CAMP H 19 b 34 and re-erecting same at SCOTTISH LINES G 17 c 47.
C Co. Company digging new trench, traversed, I 23 b 09 to I 23 b 14.
A & D Cos. Handling of Arms. Company inspection etc.
Lieut.C.BOLTON posted to 5th Bn Royal Sussex Regt T.F. 24/6/17. Auth A.G.A/26244/d/18/6/17.
Honours & Rewards.
Lieut. Act/Capt.W.H.BADDELEY awarded MILITARY CROSS auth D.R.O. 1023.
Location of Bn the same.

25th

A Co. moved to PIONEER CAMP H 21 b 94 ref BELGIUM 1/20.000 28 N.W. 8th Div O.O. No.D/27. Appendix 141.
B Co. 3 Platoons erecting Nissen Bow Huts at SCOTTISH LINES G 17 c 47. 1 Platoon training.
"C" Co. moved camp from I 25 a 85 to H 30 b 16. Ref Map BELGIUM sheet 28 N.W. 1/20.000.
Location of Bn the same.
2/Lt.C.H.K.SMITH wounded 1/6/17 transferred to ENGLAND 9/6/17 auth 18 Div No.67/203A/d/22/6/17.
D Co. Company training.

26th

D Co. moved to PIONEER CAMP H 21 b 94 8th Div O.O.No.D/27. Appendix 141.

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26th (Contd.)	A Co. 3 Platoons working on accomodation at PIONEER CAMP H 21 b 94. 1 Platoon working on dugouts at SHRAPNEL CORNER. B Co. 3 Platoons erecting Nissen Bow Huts at SCOTTISH LINES G 17 c 47. 1 Platoon training. C Co. Completed 250x of "C" trench & dug 30x of new trench. Casualties 0/2357 Pte WHEELER A.W. "C" Coy. 26/6/17. Wounded. Location of Bn the same.
27th	A Co. 2 Platoons on dugouts at THE LOCKE. 2 Sections " " " SHRAPNEL CORNER. 2 Sections work on PIONEER CAMP. B Co. Company moved from SCOTTISH LINES G 17 c 47 to WINNIPEG H 19 b 34. Company moved from WINNIPEG H 19 b 34 to PIONEER CAMP H 21 b 94. Company worked on grading railway line under 7th Canadian Railway Troops Co. C Co. Company completed 40x of "C" trench & worked on 95x of new trench. D Co. Training. Casualties. G 2416 L/Sgt.W.J.WHITE C Co.Wounded slightly at duty 26/6/17. Location of Bn the same.
28th	A Co. 2 Platoons on dugouts at THE LOCKE. 2 Sections " " " SHRAPNEL CORNER. 2 Sections on accomodation at PIONEER CAMP. B Co. Work on Rly Track under 7th Canadian Rly Troops Co. C Co. Company unable to work owing to bad weather. D Co. 2 Platoons on Dry Weather Track from LILLE - YPRES Road (SHRAPNEL CORNER) to ZILLEBECK Stream. 2 Platoons training. Location of Bn the same.
29th	A Co. 2 Platoons on dugouts at THE LOCKE in three shifts. 2 Sections on dugouts at SHRAPNEL CORNER. 2 Sections on accomodation at PIONEER CAMP. B Co. Work on Rly Track under 7th Canadian Rly Troops Co. Company moved from PIONEER CAMP to WINNIPEG CAMP. C Co. ~~Engnnt~~ Completed 45x of "C" trench & dug further 102x including traverses of new trench. The trench now opened up to total distance required. D Co. Company Training. Casualties. 0/2226 Pte BROOKS, H. B Coy wounded. 0/1861 Pte DAVIS, H. B Coy wounded slightly at duty.

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29th (Contd.)
G/9246 Pte BOWDEN, J.W. A Coy. wounded.
G/2300 Pte SKINNER, W. G/6948 Pte GREENSHIELDS, T. G/3882 Cpl. BUSBY, D. G/4004 Pte PARKER, F. C Coy. wounded.
G/2275 Sgt BOWLING, T. C Coy. killed.
20234 L/Cpl KING, A.P. G/2361 Pte FARRANT, E. G/2321 L/Cpl. RELF, R. G/2633 Pte NEWMAN, R.J. C Coy. wounded slightly at Duty.
Honours & Rewards.
Lt. J. MARSLAND awarded The Military Cross (Auth 18 Div No.A648/d/28/6/17).
Location of Bn the same.

30th
A Co. 2 Shifts of 19 men on LOCK No.9. 2 " " 20 " "
shelters at SHRAPNEL CORNER.
Details on increasing accomodation at PIONEER CAMP.
B Co. Erecting huts at SCOTTISH LINES G 17 c 47.
C Co. Company Resting.
D Co. 2 Platoons on Fairweather Track CORDUROY ROAD to 2nd BRIDGE.
2 Platoons inspection & training.
Casualties.
G/2732 Pte BOAKES, C.A. "C" Coy. Wounded.
Promotion. T/Lieut. N.G.N.H. LEWIS authorised to wear badges of rank of Captain subject to Confirmation.
2/Lieut. H.M. WHITEHEAD 2/Lieut. C.A. COWLEY authorised to wear badges of rank of Lieutenant subject to Confirmation. Authority 18th Div No.8/250 A/d/28/6/1917.
Location of Bn the same.

CHAS A. COWLEY
Lt.
for Capt. & Adjt.
8th R.L. Sussex Pnrs.

30/6/1917.

To be clear of crossroads HENIN by 6.30 Am 17th inst.

Reference March on 17th.

8th R.Sussex Pioneers.

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SECRET. Copy No. 11.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.113.

Ref.Maps LENS 1/100,000 and 51 B. S.W.1/20,000. June 12th 1917.

1. The 18th Division will be relieved by the 50th Division in accordance with the attached Table.
Relief to be completed by midnight June 18/19th. Details of relief will be arranged between Brigade Commanders, C.R.E's and A.D's M.S. concerned.
On relief the Division will withdraw to the Corps Rest Area.

2. 18th Divisional Artillery will remain in the line and will be transferred to the 50th Division, C.R.A. 50th Div. assuming Command.

3. All working parties, guards, etc. including the Anti-Aircraft defences of MARCATEL will be taken over by the 50th Division on June 15th.
Other Anti-Aircraft defences will be handed over by outgoing Brigades.
The A.P.M. 18th Division will arrange to hand over Traffic Controls, Water Posts etc. on June 15th.

4. Standing accommodation in Brigade areas will be handed over as at present occupied, and will not be interfered with. All tents and trench shelters issued by the Corps will be handed over to relieving units, and a copy of the receipts forwarded to Divisional Headquarters.

5. The Divisional Gas Officer will arrange to exchange all Anti-Gas equipment with the Gas Officer of the 50th Division.
The Divisional Gas School personnel will move to COUIN on April 17th under arrangements to be made by Divisional Gas Officer, and will take over the billets vacated by the 50th Division Gas School.

6. The Divisional Signal School at BOISLEUX-ST-MARC will close on June 14th and will re-open at COUIN on June 20th. The personnel attending under instruction will rejoin their units for the move and will report to the School on June 20th.

7. Brigades and Units moving independently will arrange to reconnoitre a halting place half way to their destinations, where a halt may be made and a meal given to the men.

8. Corps troops and the two sections 181st Tunnelling Company attached to the 18th Division will be transferred to the 50th Division.

9. Command of the Divisional front will pass at 11 a.m. June 18th to the G.O.C. 50th Division. The Divisional Office will close at present Headquarters and

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open at COUIN CHATEAU at 11 a.m. June 18th.

10. Distances of 100 yards between units and 50 yards between companies will be maintained on the march.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.R.HANNAY
Major
for Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 2/30 p.m.

Copies to:-

1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2/3. "G"
4/5. "Q"
6. 53rd Brigade.
7. 54th Brigade.
8. 55th Brigade.
9. C.R.A.
10. C.R.E.
11. 6th R.Suss.Pioneers.
12. A.D.M.S.
13. A.D.V.S.
14. A.P.M.
15. D.A.D.O.S.
16. D.G.O.
17. Camp Commandant.
18. Signals.
19. Div. Train.
20. D.S.C.
21. War Diary.
22. VII Corps "G"
23. VII Corps "Q"
24. 21st Division.
25. 56th Division.
26. 50th Division.
27. 8th Sqn. R.F.C.
28. "J" Special Coy. R.E.

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OPERATION ORDER NO.40.

8th ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

Copy No. IX.

Ref.Maps.
LENS II 1/100,000 and
51 B.S.W. 1/20,000.

1. The Battalion will move by march route on 17th instant to COUIN via BOISLEUX-AU-MONT - BOIRY-Ste-RICTRUDE - ADINFER - MONCHY - BIENVILLERS - SOUASTRE.

2. H.Q. (including Band) and "A" and "B" Companies will parade at rear headquarters ready to move off at 4.0 a.m. "C" and "D" Companies will parade at advance headquarters ready to move off at 3.30 a.m. The Battalion will rendezvous at Crucifix on cross roads at S.14.a.7.4. Steel helmets will be worn during the march. Fifty yards interval will be maintained between Companies.

3. One G.S. Wagon per Company for "C" and "D" Companies will be sent down to Henin on the evening of 16th/17th June. These wagons will stay there during the night and proceed with Companies the following day.

4. One water cart will be sent to Henin on the night of 16th/17th June. Water bottles will be filled overnight.

5. The Battalion's packs will be carried in lorries. Those of "C" and "D" Companies to be stacked opposite "C" Company's Headquarters by 3 a.m. Those of Headquarters, and "A" and "B" Companies to be stacked on the main road by the Quartermaster's stores by 3.30 a.m.

6. All transport to be loaded by 3.30 a.m. Headquarters Officers kits to be handed in at the Q.M's Stores by 3.15 a.m.

7. Billeting party consisting of one representative per Company, including H.Q. Coy., will proceed in advance on bicycles, and will meet the II in Command at the Chateau, COUIN, at 8.30 a.m.

8. Officers kits & H.Q. mess boxes are to be loaded on the lorry at advance headquarters.

9. Tea will be served en route.

10. All billets are to be left scrupulously clean.

11. Strict attention must be paid to march discipline throughout the march.

12. All Officers marching will wear equipment. Mounted Officers will wear Sam Browne Belts.

Acknowledge.

2nd Lieut. & Asst. Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at Friday 15th June, 1917.

Distribution :-

No. 1.	"A" Coy.	6.	Q.M.
2.	"B" "	7.	Headquarter Coy.
3.	"C" "	8.	Office.
4.	"D" "	9.	War Diary.
5.	T.O.		

SECRET. Copy No.1.

VII CORPS ORDER NO. 121.

18th June, 1917.

1. The following units of the 18th Division will be transferred from VII Corps, Third Army to the Fifth Army.

8th Battalion, R.Sussex Regt. (Pioneer Battalion).
79th Field Company R.E.
80th Field Company R.E.
92nd Field Company R.E.

2. Move will be by train on June 21st under arrangements to be made by "Q" VIIth Corps.

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3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

sd. George Crossman, Major
for Brigadier General,
General Staff, VIIth Corps.

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C.R.E. 18th Division.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
"Q" 18th Division.

For information - Acknowledge.

J.R.HANWAY
Major
General Staff, 18th Division.

June 18th 1917.

SECRET. 18th/Div/No/232/151 (Q)

Subject:- Move of Field Coys. R.E. and 8th R.Sussex Pioneers to Fifth Army.

18th Div.Train.
"G" (For information)
18th Div.R.E. (For information)
8th R.Sussex Pioneers (For information).

1. The following Units of 18th Division (less details mentioned in Para.3) will be transferred from VIIth Corps Third Army to Fifth Army :-

8th Bn. Royal Sussex Pioneers.
79th Field Coy. R.E.
80th Field Coy. R.E.
92nd Field Coy. R.E.

2. Move will be by Train on 21st instant.

3. Units will move less following who will be attached to their respective Brigades and Pioneers to Divisional Headquarters :-

8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.	1	Officer	& 30	O.Rs.
79th Field Coy. R.E.	1	"	" 10	"
80th Field Coy. R.E.	1	"	" 10	"
92nd Field Coy. R.E.	1	"	" 10	"

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4. Units mentioned will entrain with 3 days rations.

5. Acknowledge.

D.CAMPBELL
Major
D.A.Q.M.G. 18th Division.

18th June 1917.

18th Division No.G.73.

53rd Infantry Brigade.
54th Infantry Brigade.
55th Infantry Brigade.
C.R.E.18th Div.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
A/Q 18th Div.
Camp Commandant.

1. When the three Field Companies and 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers move on June 21st they will leave behind the following details :-

Each R.E. Company 1 Officer 10 Other Ranks.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers 1 Off. 30 "

2. No transport will be left behind.

3. Brigades will arrange for the attachment of the party left behind by their affiliated Field Company to some unit for rations and transport.

The party from 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers will be attached for rations and transport to Divisional Headquarters.

4. The party of R.E. left behind with each Brigade will be available for instructional duties and work with the Brigade.

J.R.HANNAY
Major
General Staff, 18th Division.

June 19th 1917.

SECRET. 18th/Div/No/232/151/1 (Q).

Subject :- Move of Field Coys. R.E. and 8th R. Sussex Pioneers to Fifth Army.

18th Div. R.E.
8th R.Sussex Pioneers.

No definite information has yet been received

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as to entrainment of the three Field Companies and 8th R. Sussex Pioneers.

It may, however, be taken that the approximate times of entrainment will be as under :-

Pioneer Battalion less 1 Company at 14 hours.
79th and 80th Fld.Coys. " 18 "
92nd Fld.Coy. and 1 Coy.Pioneers " 20 "

Rations will be carried as follows :-

for 21st on the man.
22nd Loaded on Supply Wagons.
23rd Packed on the Train.

Lorries will therefore be free to take billeting party and can report at any time you desire to-morrow 21st.

N.B. The billeting party will take their rations up to and for consumption on 23rd.

D.CAMPBELL
Major
D.A.Q.M.G. 18th Division.

20th June 1917.

Prefix S B | Code M B.

Handed in at 12.10 p.m. | Received 12.11 p.m.

Sender's Number Q 730 | Day of Month 20

To Actress.

Ref. this office 232/151 Q aaa Entrainment will take place as follows tomorrow 21st aaa 8th R.S.P. less one coy at 14.00 and 80th Fld Coy at 17.00 aaa 92nd Fld Coy and one coy Pioneers at 20.00 aaa Added 18th Div Train repte all concerned.

All acknowledge.

From 18th Div. Q.
11.50 p.m.

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SECRET. Copy No.9.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 41.

8th ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

Ref.Map LENS 11. 1/100,000.

1. The Battalion less 2nd Lieut. Ringer & 2nd Lieut. Robinson and 30 men will entrain on the 21st instant at LABRET SAULTY Station.

2. Companies will entrain as follows :-
"B" "C" and "D" Companies and Transport (less that detailed in para.3) will proceed by No.1 train leaving at 2.0 P.M.
"A" Company (less one Platoon) and H.Q. Coy at 8 P.M. in No.3 train.

3. The following transport will accompany "A" Company :-
1 T.Cooker.
2 G.S. Tool Wagons.
1 Officers Charger.

4. Companies will parade as under :-
"C" and "D" Companies at 10 A.M. on road East of this Camp in front of Divisional Headquarters.
Transport (less those detached in Para.3.) and "B" Coy will parade at 9 A.M. "B" Coy will assist in entraining Transport.
"A" Coy plus Transport as per para.3 and H.Q. Coy will parade at 4 P.M.

5. The Second in Command and 2nd Lieut.Cowley will proceed in advance to mark off the first train. "A" Coy will send a representative in advance to mark off their train and to reconnoitre the station.

6. Steel helmets will be carried on the packs.

7. Camp to be left clean.

8. 2nd Lieut.Robinson will hand over to incoming Unit or Town Major.

9. Officers kits and Mess Boxes to be at the Q.M's Stores by 8.30 A.M.

10. Accurate entraining states to be rendered to O.R. by 8.30 A.M.

11. Dinners will be eaten at the station.

12. Companies will endeavour to give men tea with dinners.

Acknowledge.

Issued at
Wednesday 20th June, 1917.

CHAS.A.COWLEY
2 Lt.
for Capt. & Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Distribution.

No. 1 "A" Coy.	4. "D" Coy.	7.Headquarters Coy
2 "B" "	5. T.O.	8.Office.
3 "C" "	6. Q.M.	9.War Diary.

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SECRET. H.Q.R.E.8th Div.No.D/27.

O.C. 8th Bn. Royal Sussex (Pioneers).
O.C. 79th Field Company R.E.
O.C. 22nd D.L.I. (Pioneers).

1. O.C. 8th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. (Pioneers) will move one Company to PIONEER CAMP tomorrow morning billets for 150 O.R. being available there.

2. This company will be employed on erecting the bivouac shelters which will be drawn from Town Major PIONEER CAMP. Sufficient accommodation will be erected tomorrow for 2 other companies 8th Royal Sussex Regt. (Pioneers).

3. 8th Royal Sussex Regt. (Pioneers) will draw 8 tents from 8th Divl.Ordnance and erect them as accommodation for officers (authority attached *), 2 of these will be handed over to 79th Field Company R.E.

4. The 79th Field Company R.E. will erect 2 NISSEN Huts one of which will be handed over to 8th Royal Sussex Regt. (Pioneers) as an officers mess. These will be dismantled by 79th Field Company R.E. from Camp at Prisoners of War Cage G.15.b.

5. Sites for bivouacs will be chosen in consultation with the 22nd D.L.I. (Pioneers) who will detail an officer for this purpose.

6. Sufficient shelters will be left by 8th Royal Sussex Regt. (Pioneers) with the Town Major for the accommodation of the 79th Field Company R.E. who will draw and erect them.

7. It is not proposed to move H.Q., Transport or 3rd Company 8th Royal Sussex (Pioneers) at present.

8. 79th Field Company R.E. and 2nd Company Royal Sussex (Pioneers) will move to PIONEER CAMP on the morning of 26th inst.

9. 8th Royal Sussex (Pioneers) and 79th Field Company R.E. will acknowledge.

* To 8th Royal Sussex only.

J.M.ROSS
Lieut.R.E.
Adjutant R.E.
for C.R.E. 8th Division.

24th June, 1917.

Copies to :-
8th Division "G")
8th Division "Q")
8th Divl.Train)
Town Major,)
Pioneer Camp.)

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SECRET. Copy No.14.

18th DIVISION ORDER NO.112.

June 5th 1917.

1. On the night of June 9/10th the boundary between the VIth and VIIth Corps will be re-adjusted as shewn on the attached map B, the left brigade sector of the 14th Division being taken over by the VIth Corps.

2. At 6 a.m. on June 10th the G.O.C. 18th Division will assume command of the new area and the brigade of the 14th Division holding that portion of the line will come under his command.

3. On the night of June 11/12th the 53rd Brigade will relieve the Brigade of the 14th Division holding the portion of the line taken over (probably the 43rd Brigade).
Relief to be completed by 6 a.m. on June 12th.
Details of relief to be arranged between Brigades concerned.
Necessary reconnaissances by 53rd Brigade to be undertaken as soon as possible.

4. VIIth Corps will retain the right to share the use of KESTREL LANE until another route can be arranged.

5. The following re-grouping of Divisional Artilleries will come into force at 6 a.m. on June 10th :-

18th Divisional Artillery Group under Command of C.R.A. 18th Division.	50th D.A. 14th D.A. 18th D.A.
21st Divisional Artillery Group under command of C.R.A. 21st Division	56th D.A. 21st D.A. 37th D.A.

6. The Section of the 181st Tunnelling Company attached to the 14th Division will be transferred to the 18th Division from 6 a.m. June 10th.

7. The 50th Division will be prepared to relieve the 18th Division at any time after June 15th under orders to be issued later.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.R.HANNAY
Major
for Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 2 p.m.

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1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2/3. "G"
* 4/5. "Q"
* 6. 53rd Brigade.
* 7. 54th Brigade.
* 8. 55th Brigade.
* 9. C.R.A.
* 10. C.R.E.
11. A.D.M.S.
12. A.P.M.
13. Signals.
* 14. Pioneers.
* 15. War Diary.
16. VII Corps "G"
17. VII Corps "Q"
18. 14th Division.
19. 33rd Division.
20. 50th Division.
21. 21st Division.

* Maps issued to.

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8th BATTALION, ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

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DOMINION LINES, OUDERDOM-VLAMERTINGHE ROAD. H.19 b 34.

Appendix

1st

Work

A.Co. 3 shifts (of 19 men each) worked on LOCK No.9 I.19.b.25. 1 platoon (27 men) worked on shelters at SHRAPNEL CORNER and saps were commenced to provide entrances to shelters from W bank. Details at work in increasing accommodation at PIONEER CAMP.

ref Map BELGIUM Sheet 28N.W. 1/20000

B Co. Moved to "C" Coys camp at H 30 b 16.

C Co Moved from their camp at H 30 b 16 to WINNIPEG & MONTREAL Camps H 19 b 34

D Co. 2 Platoons (55 men) on dry weather track from CORDUROY ROAD.
2 Platoons training.
18th Divisional O O 114 4/30/6/17 received

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Casualties.

G/2741 Pte HOARE P.J. C Coy wounded.
Location of Bn the same.

2nd

A. Co 1 platoon (28 men) on shelters at SHRAPNEL CORNER. I 20 a central. 6 saps cut & shelters quite dry & habitable.
2 platoons (in 3 shifts) on LOCK No.9 I 19 b 25.
B Co Company digging assembly trench "B" (120 men)
C Co. Company (98) erecting huts at SCOTTISH LINES & clearing roadway.
D Co. 2 Platoons on Dry Weather track, laid facines across marsh (58 men) & work forward if ZILLEBECK STREAM.
2 Platoon training.

Casualties.

G/2548. Pte PENFOLD, E.T. A Coy wounded slightly at duty.
Location of Bn the same.

3rd

A. Co. No work on SHRAPNEL CORNER owing to heavy enemy barrage.
2 Platoons worked on LOCK No.9 I 19 b 25.
B. Co. Company worked on 230x of new trench to YEOMANRY POST.
C. Co. Company erected huts at SCOTTISH LINES & cleared 100x of motor car track at SCOTTISH LINES. G 17 c 47.

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3rd (Contd.)

D Co. 2 Platoons (54 men) on dry weather track No.3. working to 300x beyond ZILLEBEKE STREAM.
2 Platoons training.
Casualties.
G/4004, Pte PARKER F C Coy (wounded 29/6/17) died of wounds 30/6/17.
Location of Bn the same.

4th

18th Division O O 115 d/4/7/17 received
Work
A Co. 2 Platoons on dugouts at LOCK No.9. I 19 b 25.
1 Platoon on shelters at SHRAPNEL CORNER. I 20 a central.
B Co. Company proceeded to work on Assembly Trench & on arrival received orders to return to camp. Owing to hostile shelling Company moved from camp 100x back.
C Co. Company erected huts at SCOTTISH LINES & completed motor car track at SCOTTISH LINES G 17 c 47.
D Co. 2 Platoons on dryweather track across ZILLEBEKE STREAM.
2 Platoons digging cover trench at PIONEER CAMP H 21 b 94.
2 Lt J.H. DUMBRELL transferred to ENGLAND (Sick) 22/6/17. Auth A.F.O.1810 No.22/d/30/6/1917.
Location of Bn the same.

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5th

A Co 76 men worked in shifts digging new emplacements for elephant shelters at LOCK No.9 I 19 b 25.
Remainder continued work in camp on bedding.
B. Co Company moved from H 30 b 16 to WINNIPEG & MONTREAL camps H 19 b 34.
C Co Company erecting huts at SCOTTISH LINES & repairing roads G 17 c 47.
D Co. Company worked on Dryweather Track No.3.
Casualties.
G/2209 Cpl HARRIS, T. B Co. wounded 4/7/17.

G/6709	Pte	PAVEY, R.	B Co. Killed 5/7/17.
G/2251	"	MIDDLETON, A.H.	
G/1804	"	THOMPSON, R.	
G/2059	"	LONGLAND, C.H.	

G/16528	Pte	WICKENS, C.A.	B Co. wounded 5/7/17.
G/1897	"	JAMES, A.E.	
G/1868	"	JOHNSON, T.	
G/1780	"	VENN, W.E.	
G/2217	"	BURRIDGE, C.E.	

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		Appendix.
5th (Contd.)	G/7060 Pte SHEARER, A. C Co wounded accidentally at duty 3/7/17. 2/Lt C.H.K. SMITH transferred to England 10/6/17 Auth A.F.O.1810 No.22/d/30/8/17. Capt. E.A. HILL rejoined Bn 5/7/17 & assumes command of D Co. Location of Bn the same.	
6th	A Co Company (less 1 Platoon with 18th Div) worked on new camp at VIRGINIA WATER H.23 d 32. B Co 3 Platoons on new camp at PIONEER FARM H 21 b 94. 1 Platoon resting. C Co Company erecting huts at SCOTTISH LINES & repairing roads G 17 c 47 also making furniture for the huts. D Co 3 Platoons worked on new bivouacs at VIRGINIA WATER H 23 d 32. Casualties. G.1780 Pte VENN, W.E. B Co (wounded 5/7/17) died of wounds 5/7/17. Location of Bn the same.	
7th	A Co 1 Platoon worked on shelters at SHRAPNEL CORNER. I 20 a central. 2 Platoons worked on dugouts at LOCK No.9 I 19 b 25. B Co 1 Platoon worked on new camp at VIRGINIA WATER H 23 d 32. 3 Platoons worked on new camp at PIONEER FARM H 21 b 94. C Co Company erecting huts & making furniture for same at SCOTTISH LINES & repairing roads G 17 c 47. D Co Company on dryweather track No.5. Location of Bn the same.	
8th	A Co 1 Platoon on shelters at SHRAPNEL CORNER I 20 a central. 2 Platoons on dugouts at LOCK No 9 I 19 b 25. B. Co. - 3 Platoons on Northern C T through assembly trenches. 1 Platoon gridding same. C Co. Company erecting huts & making furniture for same and repairing roads at SCOTTISH LINES. D Co Company on dry weather track No.6. 18 Div R.E. O.O. No 30 received. Location of Bn the same.	Appendix 144.

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9th	Bn Hd Qrs moved to H 21 b 21. A Co Company moved camp to H 30 c 69 A Cos Hd Qrs. 1 Platoon in shelters at VIRGINIA WATER. Company rested. B Co 2 Platoons on Northern C T 1 Platoon carrying grids. 1 Platoon gridding. 'C' Co Company moved to camp at H 21 b 21. 1 Platoon worked on camp at VIRGINIA WATER. H 23 b 33. 1 Platoon on trench W of MAPLE COPSE. 1 Platoon on continuation of WELLINGTON CRESCENT to ZILLEBECK TRENCH. 1 Platoon on trench connecting VINCE & ZILLEBECK TRENCHES from RITZ TRENCH. D. Co Company worked on No.2 Assembly Trench. 2 Platoons digging. 1½ Platoons carrying. ½ Platoon gridding. Location of Bn. Hd Qrs. B, C & D Cos H 21 b 21. A Co Hd Qrs H 30 a 69 & 1 platoon. 1 Platoon detached (with 53rd Bde) A Co 2 platoons VIRGINIA WATER H 23 b 33.	
10th	A Co. Company carried 78 grids from TRANSPORT FARM & laid them in PENN ST & STERN ST. B Co ~~2 Platoons on Northern C T~~ Company carrying grids. C Co (1 Platoon on continuation of WELLINGTON CRESCENT to ZILLEBECK TRENCH. (1 Platoon on continuation of RITZ TRENCH from VINCE & ZILLEBECK TRENCHES. (1 Platoon on trench West of MAPLE COPSE. (1 Platoon on VIRGINIA WATER H 23 b 33. D Co Company less 2 sections carried grids from TRANSPORT FARM to TRAMWAY DUMP. 2 Sections laid grids in RIDGE TRENCH. Location of Bn the same. Casualties G/1219 A/Cpl BIGGS, J.J. A Co wounded slightly at duty. G/407 Pte ALLEN, W. B Co wounded. Preliminary instructions G/502 d/9/7/17 Preliminary instructions G/458 d/8/7/17 ~~Preliminary instructions G/606 d/~~	Appendix 145.

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10th (Contd.)	2 Lt H.C.S. RINGER proceeded to CORNWALL CAMP to take over duties of Area Commandant. Location of Bn the same.	
11th	Preliminary instructions G 606 d/11/7/17 received. A Co 1 Platoon carried grids from ZILLEBEKE to Assembly Trenches. 2 Platoons completed digging A & C trenches & dug latrines. B Co Company carrying & laying grids. C Co 1½ Platoons clearing new track. 1½ Platoons on continuation of RITZ TRENCH from VINCE to ZILLEBEKE ST. 1 Platoon on WELLINGTON CRESCENT and continuation to ZILLEBEKE ST. D Co Company trained in camp. Inspection of box respirators etc. Location of Bn the same.	Appendix 145.
12th	A Co. Company less 1 platoon partially dug 150x extention of NORMAN STREET. B Co Company carrying & laying grids in ASSEMBLY & COMMUNICATION trenches. C Co Company remained in camp owing to orders to return early which made a journey forward futile. D Co Company worked on extension of KITE TRENCH 200x dug to 3'. Casualties. 6/12805 Pte LAKER. F.J. B Co Killed 260061 " LOND. H. -"- -"- 6/2265 " VINALL. R. -"- Wounded slightly at duty. Location of Bn the same.	
13th	A Co. Company less 1 platoon completed 150x NORMAN ST S of SOUTHERN CT and dug further 48x to depth of 3' to 5'. B Co Company carrying & laying grids in communication & Assembly Trenches. C Co. (1 Platoon & 2 Sections in (VINCE & ZILLEBEKE STs (Repairs & completion of (Trenches RITZ ST & (WELLINGTON CRESCENT. (1 Platoon & 2 Sections held (up by Bn fire & unable to (work. (1 Platoon working with B (Co Carrying & laying Grids.	

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13th (Contd.)	D Co Company moved to 7th Canadian Rly Construction Co at H 16 d 99 (Sheet 27) vide G 662. Location of Bn, less 1 Co, the same.	Appendix 146.
13th	2 Lt. W.H. CATER A.L. SIMMONS. C.C. GARNER. W.P. ELLEN. P.P. THORP.) Posted to Bn Auth W.O. List 1333 A.Gs posting 360 C.R. No.1364 d/7/7/17.	
14th	A Co Company on NORMAN & KITE assembly trenches. NORMAN completed & latrines partly dug. KITE with 2 latrines dug nearly completed. B Co Carrying & laying 50 grids in communication & assembly trenches. C Co 2 Platoons & 2 Sections worked on track 550x from ZILLEBEKE now opened up except bridge across RITZ ST. B-Ge 18th Division O O No 116 received. 2 Lt. E.R. CALVERT & 30 O.R. attached to Bde in Reserve. 2 Lt H.A.S. ROBINSON & 32 O.R. returned from Bde in Reserve. Location of Bn the same.	Appendix 147.
15th	A Co moved from CHATEAU SEGARD to PIONEER FARM H 21 b 21. B Co Company had 1 pl resting. C Co moved from PIONEER FARM H 21 b 21 to CHATEAU SEGARD. 1 Pl repairing VINCE, RITZ, WELLINGTON CRESCENT & ZILLEBEKE TRENCHES. 1 Pl cleared 230x of track. 2 Lt C.C. GARNER Joined Bn 13/7/17 posted to C Coy. 2/Lt A.L. SIMMONS Joined Bn 14/7/17 posted to A Coy. Casualties G1914 L/C A.J.STEVENS C Co Wounded 14.7.17. G4540 Pte W.H. STEMP A Co Wounded 15.7.17. G1814 Pte W. LAKER B C Wounded slightly at duty 14.7.17. Location of Bn the same.	
16th	A Co 2 Platoons worked on mule track from DORMY HOUSE to STANLEY TRENCH.	

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16th (Contd.)	1 Platoon worked on VINCE STREET clearing and repairing. 1 Platoon on trench connecting VINCE STREET & ZILLEBEKE ST. Trench widened in parts & several yards of C.I. roofing completed. Accommodation is made for one platoon. B Co New trench dug between KITE & NORMAN by southern C.T. length 35x KITE trench completed & practically gridded. 2 latrines dug in KITE two in NORMAN & one in STERN. C Co 2 Platoons extended track to MAPLE TRENCH. 2 Platoons rested. Casualties. 2 Lt T.I. GATES. Wounded (Gas) 15/7/17. G 1983 P.TULETT, A Co wounded 16/7/17. Administrative Instructions 18th/Div/No/S/4/(Q.V.) Received.	Appendix 147A
17th	A Co. 2 Platoons continued work on mule track from DORMY HOUSE to STANLEY TR. 1 Platoon revetting draining & general repair to VINCE STREET. 1 Platoon continued in trench connecting VINCE ST with ZILLEBEKE St. Accomodation for 2 Sections completed. Shelters made for 3 men at dump near DORMY HOUSE. B Co 3 Latrines dug in STERN two in RIDGE two in PENN. 120 Grids laid in Southern CT, KITE & NORMAN TRENCHES. 24 grids laid in PENN TR. Latrines & grids completed. C Co Track continued beyond MAPLE TRENCH bridge laid across RITZ ST level crossing made across Rly. Trench for ammunition dump completed & gridded for 32x 200x of ST PATER'S ST cleared. 2nd Lt. W.P.ELLEN, Joined Bn 16/7/17 posted to B Co. 2nd Lt P.P. THORPE Joined Bn 16/7/17 posted to C Co. Location of Bn the same. 18th Div O O No.117 received 2 Lt H. LINFIELD proceeded to 18th Div Depôt Battalion as instructor.	Appendix 148.
18th	A Co 2 Platoons continued the repairs on VINCE STREET. 1 Platoon on trench connecting VINCE ST with ZILLEBEKE ST continued accommodation for One platoon. 1 Platoon standing by.	

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18th (Contd.)
B Co Resting.
C Co -"-
2 Lt. E.C.S. RINGER proceeded to R.F.C. (as Observer on Probation) (Auth A.G.No.D2030/2/138/6/1/1/17 and 18th Div D/16/1/17)
Casualties.
G/1983 Pte TULLETT. F. A Co (wounded 16/7/17 died of wounds 16/7/17).
G/8797 Pte PLUMB. F. A Co. wounded.
G/2121 L/Sgt HANN E.E. A Co. injured accidentally 18/7/17.
Location of Bn the same.

19th
A Co 2 Platoons continued repairs on VINCE STREET up to LOVERS WALK now made good.
1 Platoon repairing ZILLEBEKE ST.
1 -"- on accomodation between VINCE & ZILLEBEKE STS. Cookhouse being made in the trench.
A latrine made 300x N or DORMY HOUSE and shelter near Dump nearly completed.
B Co. Company in ATN PACK TRACK. Level crossing finished & banking Posts placed alongside at intervals of 18x for 850x. Six boards ATN MOLE erected.
C Co. 1 Platoon started 4 dugouts in RITZ ST. 2 frames in each completed.
2 Platoons worked on PETERS ST.
1 Platoon worked on track with B Co.
Also some work was done on bomb trench.
Location of Bn. the same.

20th
A Co Resting.
B Co Company on ATN PACK TRACK
2 bridges completed & 1 trench filled in.
C Co One platoon on dugouts in RITZ ST. 2 frames in each of four dugouts completed.
Casualties.
G/9181 L/Cpl WHITINGTON A. A Co Killed.
Location of Bn the same.

21st
A Co. 2 Platoons dug new trench W of RITZ ST. 50x completed C.T. spitlocked.
2 Platoons repairing VINCE ST. in shifts.
Accommodation for 1 platoon off VINCE ST. completed including cookhouse, & also shelter near DUMP.

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21st (Contd.)

B Co Company working on ATN PACK TRACK bridging completed on up track except forward trench. Marking out both up & down tracks completed. Gridding of assembly trenches practically finished.
C Co. 1 Platoon on 5 dugouts in RITZ ST.
Two dugouts have 6 frames each.
- - - 4 - -
One - has 2 - -
3 Platoons on new trench W of RITZ ST dug 110x.
2 Lt C.H. PEARLESS admitted to Field Ambulance.
Casualties.
G/7270 Pte MACINTYRE.J. B Co.Killed.
G/1761 " KIDDLE H.F. " Wounded.
G/2632 " HAYWARD G. C Co -"-
G/4145 " BURTON. F. " -"-
~~(Shell-Shock)~~ (N.Y.D.N.)
G/18240 " SHERWOOD F. B Co.Wounded.
L/9655 Sgt DIPLOCK H.R. C Co.
Wounded slightly at duty.
Location of Bn the same.

22nd

A Co Company repairing VINCE & ZILLEBEKE STREETS.
B Co Company completed & marked out the SOUTHERN TRACK.
On the NORTHERN TRACK two & half bridges were placed. WELLINGTON CRES has been bridged.
C Co 1 Platoon on RITZ ST Dugouts.
3 Platoons completed trench W of RITZ ST.
18th Division Preliminary Instructions. No.G/124 Received 20/7/17. Appendix 149
18th Division Administrative Instructions 18th R.A/A/2 received 22/7/17. Appendix 150
Casualties
2 Lt H.M. WHITEHEAD. Wounded.
C/849 L/Cpl LAKER E.G. A Co.Wounded 21/7/17.
260068 Pte MOULDEN J. A Co.Wounded 21/7/17.
949 Pte KEMP A. A Co.wounded 21/7/17.
G/1219 Cpl. BIGGS J.J. A Co.Wounded slightly at duty 21/7/17.
G/1941 Pte. INMANN E.B. A Co. wounded slightly at duty 21/7/17.

23rd

A Co Company Resting.
B Co Bridging material carried to RIDGE ST. New crossings for bridges decided on & parapets partly cleared for the alteration.

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23rd (Contd.)

C Co 1 Platoon on Dugouts at RITZ ST. 2 dugouts have 10 frames each.
2 - - 7 - -
3 Platoons finished off & gridded new trench W of RITZ ST.
Extract from London Gazette dated 19/7/17.
Temp Lts to be temp Capts. (W.H.BADDELEY (April 14) (G.L. KEMP (May 6)
Temp 2/Lt to be temp Lt L.A.F. IRELAND (March 16)
18th Division O.O. No 118 received. Appendix 151
Capt A.B. CAMPBELL posted to Bn (from 2/1st SUSSEX YEOMANRY) 21/7/17 (Auth A.G's No. A/26947/6/17/7/17)
Capt. A.B. CAMPBELL joined Bn. Posted to C Co.
Location of Bn the same.

24th

A Co Company resting.
B Co Company removed 2 bridges crossing RIDGE ST & NORTHERN Ct to fresh positions & rebuilt them there. Cut wire across track. Moved posts where necessary. Built 2 bridges over WELLINGTON CRESCENT & SOUTHERN C.T.
C Co. Company moved from VIRGINIA WATER to H 21 b 21.
1 Platoon on dugouts at RITZ ST.
D Co Moved to H 23 c 33.
Casualties.
Lt J. MARSLAND M.C. Killed 23/7/17.
Capt.G.H.GILMORE M.C. Wounded 23/7/17.
G/4077 L/Cpl VARHAM E. C Coy Wounded slightly at duty 24/7/17.
260068 Pte MOULDEN J. A Co. wounded 21/7/17 died of wounds 23/7/17.
260086 Pte GREENFIELD A.D. A Co. wounded slightly at duty 23/7/17.
Capt. E.A. HILL assumed command of B Co as from 25/7/17 vice Capt. G.H. GILMORE M.C. wounded.
Capt. N.C.H.H.LEWIS assumes command of D Co vice Capt E.A.HILL to B Co. with 2/Lt T.F. WISHWICK as Second in Command 25/7/17.
2/Lt. W.E. STINTON posted to Bn (not yet joined) (Auth W.O. List 1349 and A Co Posting List 364)
2/Lt T.I. GATES returned from Field Ambulance 24/7/17.
2/Lt C.C. GARNER transferred from C Co to B Co.
2/Lt P.P. THORP transferred from C Co to D Co.
Location of Bn the same.

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25th

A Co. H track from DICKEBUSH to CAFE BELGE completed.
1 Bridge 15 ft wide was made over stream.
1 Bridge over heavy railway.
3 Bridges - light -"-
1 - -"- ditch into road.
Thistles cut down shell holes filled in & track altered to avoid switch in railway.
B Co Company rested.
C Co. 1 Platoon on dugouts in RITZ ST. 2 dugouts have 12 frames each, 2 dugouts have 9 frames each.
3 Platoons resting.
Location of Bn the same.

26th

A Co Company worked on "H" track for 30th Division & completed same from DICKEBUSH to CHATEAU SEGARD.
B Co Company worked on H track for 30th Division forward of CHATEAU SEGARD to canal & completed same with the exception of marking posts & timbering two light railways at far end.
C Co. Company training inspection, & resting less 1 platoon.
1 Platoon instruction in connection with work on track.
2 Lt. G.F.A. RUTHERFORD proceed to Chinese Labour Corps Depôt (Auth A Gs No A/26948/8/22/7/17) (18th Div.No.24/219/8/25/7/17).
Casualties.
42303 Pte SMITH A. "C" Co wounded 25/7/17.
Location of Bn the same.

27th

A.Co. Company resting.
B Co 3 Platoons on "H" weather track for 30th Div. Track completed.
3 Platoons
C Co 3 Platoons training 1 platoon fitting box respirator extentions.
Location of Bn the same.

28th

A Co Company resting 1 Platoon on "H" dry weather track for 30th Div.
3 Platoons box respirator drill.
B Co Company less 1 platoon box respirator drill.
C Co Company on box respirator drill.

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Honours & Rewards.

G/1787 Pte PRICE L.S. B Co.) Awarded
G/2219 Sgt HAMMOND G.C. ") MILITARY
G/4481 Pte FOSTER C. C Co.) MEDAL
(II C.R.O. 852).

Casualties.

G/2197 Pte HARMAN, D.J. D Co. Wounded 27/7/17.

Officers Promotions.

2 Lt. J.F. FISHWICK authorised to wear the badge of Lieutenant pending confirmation by superior authority (Auth 18th Div No 8/257 "A").

Extract from London Gazette 25th July 1917.

Temp Lt to be temp Capt. (A/Capt) G.H. GILMORE (June 2).

Temp 2/Lt to be temp Lt. F.G. DAMMENT (June 2).

Location of Bn the same.

29th

Bn resting. 8th R Sussex O O No 42 issued. Appendix 152

2 Lt GATES T.I. proceeded to Advanced Reinforcement Camp.

Location of Bn the same.

30th 8 p.m. A Co moved to ZILLEBEKE BUND.
11 p.m. B Co -"- to camp at H 23 d 57.
11 a.m. C Co 1 platoon moved to RITZ ST
a.m. D " - - to camp at H 23 d 57.
6.30 p.m. Hd Q moved to camp at H 23 d 57.
6.30 p.m. Forward Hd Qtrs to M-17 I 17 d 0.1.

H 23 d 57

31st 6.10 a.m. 1 Platoon moved off to work on track following up tanks together with D Coy 8th E.Surreys, from YEOMANRY POST round N side of ZOUAVE WOOD I 17 d 70 to I 18 central.

6.10 a.m. Lt HALL reports barrage on valley N of ZOUAVE WOOD to near HOOGE. Marking out party started work.

6.30 a.m. A Coy instructed to go out to work.

6.47 a.m. Lt HALL reports barrage now off the valley & party can work N of ZOUAVE WOOD. Lots of bullets coming over top of ridge S of ZOUAVE WOOD apparently from point A over OBSERVATION RIDGE, East End & into ZOUAVE WOOD. 18 pdr battery coming into action N side of ZOUAVE WOOD.

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31st (Contd)	7.0 a.m.	Lt HALL reports M.G. fire still heavy. One of our contact aeroplanes made black smoke over En M G position.
	7.45 a.m.	Lt LANGHAM A Co reports from I 18 d 30, 20, being shelled from POLYGONVELD.
	8.0 a.m.	B Co (3 Platoons) moved from camp H 23 d 57 to ZILLEBEKE BUND to await further instructions there.
	8.15 a.m.	Lt HALL reports that he is still held up with M G fire. Casualties 2.
	8.30 a.m.	B Co (3 Platoons) instructed to proceed on ATN pack track for work.
	8.50 a.m.	Lt HALL reports progressing slowly owing to M G fire from three points:- N of STIRLING CASTLE S of ditto & S E of ditto. Have seen A Co on the work. TANKS moving N of ZOUAVE WOOD. Barrage put on tanks as soon as seen. Waiting for barrage to abate. 8th Div R E apparently making track to CLAPHAM JUNCTION which coincides with ATN PACKTRACK from point A to point D & then strikes along road EAST.
	9.7 a.m.	C. Co (3 platoons) received instructions to proceed to ZILLEBEKE BUND & await further instructions there.
	9.30 a.m.	Lt LANGHAM A Co reports shelling very heavy since 6.30 a.m. Some work done but have knocked off for the time being. Approx casualties 15.
	9.33 a.m.	Capt HILL B Co reports his Coy & 1 Coy East Surreys arrived safely at ZILLEBEKE BUND. Resting until 10.30 a.m.
	10.15 a.m.	Lt HALL reports reached J 13 a 00 just east of F on track. Held up by M G at J 13 d central. ATN Intelligence office at J a 2315 & thereabouts not found. Casualties 1.
	10.15 a.m.	B Co (3 platoons) instructed to return to ZILLEBEKE BUND. C Co (3 platoons) instructed to return to camp H 23 d 57.
	10.30 a.m.	Lt LANGHAM A Co reports heavy barrage by our guns. Impossible to work owing to heavy enemy shelling. All men under cover.
	11.0 a.m.	Capt BUCK reports receiving C Os message to return also that C Coy E Surreys received a message from Col FLEMING to return.

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31st (Contd)	12 noon.	Lt HALL reports track marked out to J 13 d 6142 cannot proceed further owing to enemy holding GLENCORSE WOOD.
	12 noon.	Lt LANGHAM A Co reports shelling continual although considerably less. 2 Platoons working. Shelling concentrated forward so that at present more men cannot be put on the work. Total casualties 19.
	12.45 p.m.	Lt HALL instructed to send ½ platoon back to billets at RITZ ST & ½ platoon to stand by to carry on marking out when strong point at J 14 a 33 is captured.
	12.45 p.m.	Lt LANGHAM A Co reports whole company at work. Track passable for mules from I 24 a 75 75 to I 18 d 8040. Beyond this point wood being heavily shelled.
	1.25 p.m.	Lt LANGHAM A Co reports shelling diminished. Quite possible for another company to move forward to work from I 18 d 8040 to I 18 d 85.70 (C R E HOOGE MAP)
	1.30 p.m.	Lt HALL instructed to bring all his men back if unable to make further progress.
	1.50 p.m.	Lt HALL reports ½ platoon sent back remainder standing to. Rumour of Bosch coming over. Pte MONTFORD just wounded.
	1.55 p.m.	Lt LANGHAM A Co reports shelling again very heavy. Platoon working nearest point C (HOOGE MAP) forced to withdraw also No 1 Platoon working at commencement of track forced to withdraw.
	2.30 p.m.	Lt LANGHAM A Co reports shelling occasionally slighter followed by continual heavy shelling on whole area of work. Several gas shells sent over at 2.10 p.m. One man slightly gassed. Long pickets & ATN notice boards reach up to I 18 d 20.50 Point B on HOOGE MAP.
	3.30 p.m.	Lt GOLDBY reports artillery track completed. Awaiting instructions from Artillery. Am now at YEOMANRY POST with platoon.
	3.45	Lt GOLDBY instructed to return to camp at H 23 d 57 when dismissed by the Artillery.

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31st (Contd) 6.20 p.m. Lt HALL instructed to return to camp at H 23 d 57 with his platoon.
Lt LANGHAM reports track completed from I 24 a 75 75 to I 18 d 8040 (from point A to point C in HOOGE MAP.
Location of Bn.
Hd Qrs. A Co & C Co CHATEAU SEGARD AREA H 23 d 57.
B Co ZILLEBEKE BUND.

Casualties: 31/7/1917.

"A" Company:
G/2548 Pte Penfold, E.T. Killed.
G/2531 " Goodsell, R. "

"B" Company:
G/1993 Pte West, A. "
G/4658 " Dobson, G.W. Died of Wounds.
G/4379 " Titheridge, J. Killed.

"A" Company:
L/1721 Cpl Winborn, R. Wounded.
G/1925 Pte Parsons, P.S. "
G/1671 Cpl Yeomans, F.W. "
G/2243 Pte Baker, H.J. "
G/2774 " Edwards, C. Died of Wounds.
G/12298 " Goddard, V.F. Wounded.
G/18274 " Miles, G.W. "
G/2552 " Goodsell, C. "
G/832 " Knight, A.E. "
G/838 " Creasey, A.J. "
G/2749 " Puttock, A.P. "
G/7271 " Queen, J. "
20340. L/Cpl Chaplin, H.J. "
SD/3221 " Swaine, W.H. "
260059 Pte Richards, R.H. "
L/5391 Sgt Coates, C. "
G/1950 L/Cpl Avery, A. "
G/1979 " Lee, R.S. " {shell shock} NYD.N.
G/2739 Pte Markham, F.P. Wounded slightly at duty.

"B" Company:
G/3910 Pte Carpenter, J.W. Wounded.
G/451 L/Cpl Payne, F. "
G/2747 Pte Cobby, B. "
G/3846 Cpl Pink, E. "
G/1831 L/Cpl Thorpe, W.F. "
S/274 Pte Goodridge, A. "
G/14277 " Calvert, J. "
G/1739 " Colline, H. "

"C" Company:
G/682 L/Cpl Lindfield, J. "
G/4535 Pte Baker, C. "
G/4317 " Keatings, G. "
G/1859 " Chatfield, A. "
G/2371 " Monfort, E. "
G/12104 " Knight, W. "
G/12622 " Taylor, A. "
G/10803 L/Cpl Knight, H.H. "

"D" Company:
G/8325 L/Cpl Sparshott, C.G. "

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"C" Company:
6/2374 Sgt Caesar, G. Wounded slightly at duty.

"A" Company:
6/2214 Pte Winsbury, A.J. Wounded slightly at duty (Gas).

"B" Company:
6/1996 Cpl Rossiter, G.S. Wounded slightly at duty (Gas).

"D" Company:
6/2623 L/Cpl Fox, E.E. Wounded slightly at duty (Gas).

N.H. HAMPTON.

Capt & Adjt
8th R Sussex Yeo.

31/7/17.

18th Division No.G.331.

S E C R E T.

53rd Infantry Brigade.
54th Infantry Brigade.
55th Infantry Brigade.
C.R.E. 18th Div.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
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1. As continuation with ref. to of 18th Division Order No.115, the following will be taken over by formations of the 18th Division on relief:-
(a) All Defence Schemes, all details regarding sector and preparations for future operations.
(b) All permanent working parties now being found by the Brigade in the line and the Brigade in support.

2. The 54th Brigade will arrange to relieve one section of the 90th Machine Gun Company on Anti-Aircraft duty at the OUDERDOM Dumps by 7 a.m. 6th July.

3. In order to ensure continuity of work in the sector the following parties now being found by the 90th Infantry Brigade will proceed to the RECQUES area on the morning of the 7th after completion of their work on the night of the 6/7th. The 54th Infantry Brigade will arrange to take over these parties on the 6th instant; thus, on the night of the 6/7th double parties will be working -
(a) Carrying party for 2nd Canadian Tunnelling Coy. R.E. of one company.
(b) Party of one company and one platoon working under and living with 2nd Canadian Tunnelling Coy. R.E. at RENINGHELST.

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(c) Party of 2 officers and 50 other ranks working under 2nd Canadian Tunnelling Company R.E. on OBSERVATORY RIDGE.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R.A. BULLOCK.
Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

July 5th 1917.

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8th Divl. R.E. Operation Order No.30

8th July, 1917.

1. 8th Royal Sussex Regt. (Pioneers) (less 1 Company) will move from their present billets to billets at CAFE BELGE on the morning of 9th July, 1917.

2. 2 Companies 11th Sth. Lancs. Regt. (Pioneers) will move from their present billets to PIONEER CAMP under orders of 30th Division, and will take over work and billets from the 8th Royal Sussex Regt. (Pioneers) from morning of 9th July, 1917.

3. One Company 11th Sth. Lancs. Regt. (Pioneers) will be employed on work at LOCK No.9 with 105th Field Company R.E. (who are living at PIONEER CAMP) till completed, and afterwards on Tracks. The other Company 11th Sth. Lancs. Regt. (Pioneers) will be employed with 202nd Field Company R.E. on Tracks.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.F.S. ROSS.
Lieut R.E.
Adjutant R.E.
for C.R.E. 8th Division.

Issued at 9 p.m.

Copy No. 1 8th Royal Sussex (Pioneers).
2 11th Sth. Lancs. (Pioneers).
3 15th Field Company R.E.
4 202nd Field Company R.E.
5 105th Field Company R.E.
6 8th Division "G".
7 8th Division "Q".
8 C.E.II Corps.
9 War Diary.
10 " "
11 Office.

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O.C., 8th Royal Pioneers.
O.C., 11th Bn South Lancs Pioneers.
C.R.E. 8th Division. (For information).

In accordance with IInd Corps G.T.1852 dated 7th July, 1917, ordering a re-adjustment of various Field Companies and Pioneer Battalions as soon as possible:-

1. The 8th Royal Sussex Regiment will work under the 18th Division and will move into their new Camp - CAFE BELGE Area - on the morning of the 9th instant. Completion of the move and map location of new Headquarters to be reported to C.R.E. and Headquarters, 18th Division.

2. The 11th South Lancs Regiment (less 2 Companies) will work under the 18th Division and remain in their present Camp.

Two Companies of the 11th South Lancs Regt are allotted for work under the 25th Division and will move on the morning of the 9th Instant into Pioneer Camp, H 21 b 2.3.

Completion of move should be reported to C.R.E. 8th Division at SCOTTISH CAMP, H.23.a.9.9.

C.R.C. SYMONS.

Lieut Colonel R.E.
C.R.E., 18th Division.

8/7/17.

18th Division No.G.662.

8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
11th South Lancas. Regt. (Pioneers).
C.R.E. 18th Division.
"Q" 18th Division.
II Corps (for information).

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1. The company of 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers and the company of 11th South Lancas. Regt (Pioneers) detailed in accordance with II Corps G.T.1498 of 30th June for Railway constructional work will march complete on 13th July to a camp at E.16.d.9.9. (Sheet 27) reporting to Colonel Martin, 7th Canadian Railway Construction Company, for instruction in the construction of Light Railways.

2. "Q" 18th Division will arrange for one water cart to accompany one of the companies detailed above.

3. Arrangements for tentage accommodation are being made by II Corps "Q".

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R.A. BULLOCH.
Major.
General Staff, 18th Division.

July 12th 1917.

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53rd Inf.Bde.No.C.613.

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8th Norf. R. Transport Officer.
8th Suff. R. Supply Officer.
10th Essex R. 151st Coy. A.S.C.
6th R. Berks R. R. Sussex Pioneers.
53rd M.G.C. Staff Captain.
53rd T.M.B.

Reference 53rd Inf. Bde. Order No.85, of the 21st instant.

1. Baggage and Supply Wagons will report to Units during Wednesday 25th July, and will move with 1st Line Transport which will move with units.

2. Supply Wagons will be directed to Refilling Point on the morning of the 26th inst. under arrangements to be made by O.C. 151st Coy. A.S.C.

3. The following amendment should be made to March Table issued with 53rd Inf. Bde. Order No.85. Serial Nos. 3, 4, and 5. For "10.10 p.m., 10.20 p.m., and 10.30 p.m.", read "10.15 p.m., 10.30 p.m., and 10.45 p.m." respectively.

4. The 1 Platoon of 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers attached to 53rd Inf. Bde. will move with Brigade H.Q. party, and return to their Unit on the morning of the 26th inst.

JOHN D. CARSTHWAITE.
Captain.
Bde.Major, 53rd Inf.Bde.

July 23rd 1917.

SECRET.

18th Division G.4.

To all recipients of 18th Division Order No.117.

Reference March Table issued with 18th Division Order No.117 dated July 17th 1917.

The time of relief of the 54th Infantry Brigade in support by the 90th Infantry Brigade on the 22/23rd July will be arranged between G.Os.C. Brigades concerned. Relief not to commence till 12 noon on 22nd and to be complete by midnight 22nd/23rd.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

R.A. BULLOCH.
Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

July 18th 1917

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APPENDIX B.

SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATIONS.

for

FORTHCOMING OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS

General Scheme.

On "Z" day, the 30th Division will, in conjunction with Divisions on Right and Left, attack and capture the 1st and 2nd objectives shewn on attached map. After the 2nd objective has been secured, the 53rd Brigade of the 18th Division will advance from vicinity of RITZ Trench, move up over territory conquered by 30th Division, and will pass through Left Brigade of 30th Division to the assault of the 3rd objective, i.e., the "Green Line". The attacking brigade will be supported by a second brigade of the 18th Division, the 54th Brigade, which will be ready to move forward from the vicinity of CHATEAU SEGARD at Zero plus 4 hours. After the "Green Line" has been taken, the "Red Line" will be captured by the 53rd Brigade on the same day if the opposition is not too serious.
In the event of the opposition proving to be too serious, the 54th Brigade will be prepared to assault and take the "Red Line" on Z plus 1 day.

General Principles of Communications.

i. As the forthcoming operations will be essentially an Artillery Battle, every assistance possible will be rendered to the Artillery by the Divisional Signal Company with regard to forward lines.

ii. The fullest possible use will be made of Wireless Amplifiers and Power Buzzers, Pigeons and Visual Signalling for maintaining communication between Brigade H.Q. and advancing battalions.
Carrying parties for Wireless Stations will have to be supplied from battalions, and these men should be detailed at least one week before actual operations, in order that they may be trained in erecting aerials and setting up stations.

iii. Cables will be run together after the advancing troops along a well defined route which will follow the Divisional Track. This will be marked by pickets and white tape. The cable route will, however, be about 50 yards off the track to the North, and at intervals along this route there will be combined Runners' and Linemens' Posts. These posts will be indicated by small blue and white signalling flags with the letter "R" printed on the white portion of the flag.

iv. All personnel required from infantry battalions and R.A. for forward communications during the battle will be withdrawn from their units 4 days before Zero for training and rehearsals under arrangements to be made by O.C. Signals.

v. A Divisional Information Bureau will be established on the Divisional Track at J.13.a.20.15. This will be marked "A.T.N. Intelligence Officer".

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Captain PRICE, D S.O. - attached "G" Branch, 18th Divisional H.Q. - will be in charge of this post.

The object of this office is to provide a centre where information can be received and disseminated, and the latest information given to troops or individuals passing to the front.

Communications in detail will be dealt with prior to the attack and after the attack under the following headings:-

(a) Telephonic and Telegraphic.
(b) Runners and D.R.L.S.
(c) Wireless and Earth Induction.
(d) Pigeons.
(e) Visual.
(f) Contact Patrol.

(a) 1. Prior to the Attack.

A complete system of lines will be established in addition to that of 30th Division Signals, connecting up all the H.Q's in the Divisions. Lines from Divisional Report Centre at H.27. b.central to Brigade H.Q. and from Brigade H.Q. to Battalions will be on a buried system. Similarly lines connecting Divisional R.A., H.Q. and F.A.B's, F.A.B's and Batteries, also Batteries and O.P's will be on buried system as far as possible.
Points nearest present front to which there are buried cables are:- I.24.a.8.4. and I.24.d.7.4. These points will be known in future as Cable Heads

ii. After the Attack:

Cables will be run forward from Heads of buried systems behind the attacking troops. All these cables will be concentrated on one route for ease in maintenance and laying, and one route per Brigade will be run out. These routes will consist of five pairs of D.V. cable, each pair being marked with different coloured tape every 5 yards.
These lines will be utilised as follows:- 2 pairs for Divisional Artillery and 2 pairs for Infantry Brigade. The Divisional information Bureau will be "teed" in on one of the latter lines, so that it will be in direct communication with Infantry Brigade H.Q. The remaining pair will be for linemen.
The route which these lines will follow is shewn on attached diagram; also the cable routes of the 30th Division, the Northern route of which will subsequently be taken over by the 18th Divn.
Every 400 yards there will be a post manned by 2 linemen. These men will have a telephone "teed" in on linemen's line, and will maintain in both directions from their posts.
The cable routes will terminate at the battalion H.Q. situated on or near the Divisional Track in each case, but the lines can be extended from these points by Artillery and Battalion signallers as may be required. As regards lateral communication between battalions, the onus of laying and maintaining the lateral line will always rest with the battalion on the Right, which will always lay its line to the battalion on the left. This line will then be joined through to Brigade on one of the five pairs.

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(b) Runners and D.R.L.S.

Prior to the attack, all despatches to Brigades will be carried by Despatch Rider. Despatches will be carried forward from Bde. H.Q. to battalions by a Runner Service which will be arranged by Brigade Signals.
After the attack and after the Infantry have advanced to the 2nd objective, i.e., the "Black Line", with Battalion H.Q. at J.8.c.4.0 and J.14.a.5.9. approximately, a series of Runners' Posts will be established at intervals of 400 yards along the line of the Divisional Track. These Runners' Posts will be marked with a small blue and white signalling flag with the letter "R" printed on the white portion of the flag.
They will each consist of 2 runners and will be within easy reach of telephonic communication with either Brigade or Battn. H.Q. By means of this service of runners, despatches will be carried between Brigade H.Q's. The Divisional Information Bureau, and the H.Q's of the Battalion situated near the Divisional Track.
Despatches for the battalion on the Right will, however, be carried from Left Battalion H.Q. by runners of the Right Battalion attached for the purpose. Each Battalion Commander should ensure that he has a sufficient number of orderlies for this "lateral service", and to replace casualties in the "Runner System" back to Brigade if required.
When advanced Brigade H.Q. moves up to J.8.c.4. the existing runner service will be utilised for carrying despatches between Division and Brigade. The Line of Runners' Posts will also be extended up the Divisional Track to Battalion H.Q.
The number of runners required for this service is 30.

(c) Wireless and Earth Induction.

Prior to the attack, the II Corps Wireless Sub-Directing Station will be installed at DORMY HOUSE J.23.a.6.5. This Set will send and receive all messages for 53rd Brigade, and will work back to the II Corps Directing Station at H.22.c.5.8. The latter station is on the Corps Area Telephone Exchange at EN 1.
Two combined stations, each consisting of an Amplifier and Power Buzzer with shelters complete, will also be sent up to BQ 23, i.e., Company H.Q at I.24.b.2.5. One of these stations will be installed at this point the moment the Amplifier Station of the 30th Division stationed there has moved forward. The other station will be sent up with Captain PRICE, D.S.O. to the Divisional Information Bureau at J.13.a.20.15. This station will be installed here and will work back to the station at BQ. 23.
After the 2nd objective has been taken, and while battalions of the 53rd Brigade are forming up to assault the "Green Line" a combined station consisting of 2 Trench Sets complete with shelter, 1 Amplifier with shelter and 1 Power Buzzer will be sent forward from Brigade H.Q. One Wireless Set will be left and installed at the Divisional Information Bureau at J.13.a.20.15. This set will work back to the 2nd Corps Wireless Sub Directing Station at DORMY HOUSE. The remaining Wireless Set, the Amplifier and Power Buzzer will be taken up to

Battalion H.Q. at J.8.c.4.0. The Power Buzzer and Amplifier will be installed and will work back, either to the station at the Divisional Information Bureau at J.13.a.20.15 or to the Station at EQ 23. i.e., I.24.b.2.5. The Wireless Set will work back to the II Corps Sub Directing Station at DORMY HOUSE. Arrangements will be made with 30th Division for their Amplifier and Power Buzzer Stations at J.13.d.1.7. and DORMY HOUSE to cease working after the 53rd Brigade has taken over from the Left Brigade of the 30th Division. This is to avoid "jamming", and will occur at approximately Zero plus 5 hours 46 minutes. After the 3rd objective has been taken, the Amplifier and Power Buzzer at the Divisional Information Bureau will be dismantled and sent up to and installed at Battalion H.Q. at J.9.a. This will work back to station at J.8.c.4.0. while the latter station will transmit messages by Wireless to Corps Sub Directing Station at DORMY HOUSE.

In the event of the 4th objective being taken and Battalion H.Q. moving to vicinity of J.4.c. the Amplifier and Power Buzzer Station at EQ 23 will be dismantled and sent up to Battalion H.Q. at J.4.c. Two schemes of wireless communications for 18th Div. are shewn, the first (a) being before the capture of the 3rd objective, the second (b) being after the capture of the 4th objective.

(a) W. ØA. Battalion H.Q. - J.8.c.4.0.

(1200 yards)

W. ØA. Divisional Information Bureau - J.13.a.20.15.

(1000 yards)

ØA. EQ 23 - I.24.b.2.5.
(On the telephone)

W. II Corps Sub Directing Station DORMY HOUSE.
(On the telephone)

(b) A Ø Battalion H.Q. - J.4.c.

(1200 yards)

A Ø Station at - J.9.a.

(1300 yards)

W. A Ø Brigade H.Q. at - J.8.c.4.0.

(1200 yards)

W. Divisional Information Bureau - J.13.a.20.15.

(2000 yards)

II Corps Sub Directing Station DORMY HOUSE.

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REFERENCE.

Ø = Power Buzzer. A = Amplifier.

W = Wireless Set.

= Route between Wireless Stations.

= Route between Power Buzzer and Amplifier Stations.

As a general rule all messages sent by Power Buzzer after Zero will be sent in clear by order of an Officer. All messages sent by Power Buzzer before Zero will be sent in Field Cipher, and all messages sent by Wireless, whether before or after Zero, will be sent in Field Cipher.

Combined Power Buzzer and Amplifier Stations of 30th Division will be established before Zero at :-

SQ 23	-	I.24.b.2.5.
SQ 45	-	I.24.d.9.3.
DORMY HOUSE		I.23.a.80.45

There will be an Officer with each Wireless Station for encoding and decoding messages.

(d) Pigeons.

Twenty Pigeons have been allotted by II Corps to 18th Division for "Z" day and the 53rd Brigade will receive all of these. On "Z plus 1 day", thirty birds will be available and these will be given to 54th Brigade. Pigeons will be re-allotted by Brigades (according to tactical requirements) to attacking battalions.
Brigades will submit to General Staff, 18th Division a report shewing the allotment of pigeons they wish to make to battalions, giving the uses they intend to make of them, bearing in mind that the majority will be required on the Right flank, the communications existing on the Left being more assured.

(e) Visual.

Brigades will make the fullest possible use of visual during the advance. The 53rd and 54th Brigades will submit to General Staff, 18th Division a report giving their suggestions as to what visual they intend to use.

(f) Contact Aeroplane Patrol.

There will be a "Dropping Ground" for messages from Aeroplanes at Advanced Divisional H.Q. at H.26.b. central. Arrangements will be made with 4th Squadron R.F.C. as to methods of acknowledging the receipt of messages.

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18th Division No.G.135.

C.R.A.
53rd Infantry Brigade.
54th Infantry Brigade.
55th Infantry Brigade.
8th R.Sussex Pioneers.
Signals.
"A"

Reference Appendix "B", 18th Divisional Preliminary Instructions.

1. During the forthcoming operations, the following personnel will be detailed by formations mentioned below to ensure communication being maintained between Division and lower formations -

(a) By 55th Inf. Bde. - The Officers to encipher and decipher messages at Wireless Stations.

(b) Linemen.
Infantry Brigades will each supply two Linemen from their Signal Section.

8th R. Sussex Pioneers will supply four linemen.

18th Divisional Artillery will supply four linemen.

In addition 56th Infantry Brigade will provide six signallers to act as linemen.

(c) Runners.

Each Brigade will detail 10 runners.

(d) Carriers.

55th Infantry Brigade will supply 1 N.C.O. and 20 Carriers for Wireless, Power Buzzer and Amplifier Sets.

2. All the above will report at Headquarters, Divisional Signals, at 9 a.m. 22nd instant, and will be attached to Divisional Signal Company till the conclusion of operations.

R.A. BULLOCH, Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

July 20th 1917.

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SECRET.

18th Division No.G.135.

C.R.A.
55rd Infantry Brigade.
54th Infantry Brigade.
55th Infantry Brigade.
8th R.Sussex Pioneers.
Signals.
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R.A. BULLOCH, Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

July 20th 1917.

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18th Division G.170.

ADDENDUM TO APPENDIX "B" ISSUED UNDER G.12[illegible] OF JULY 20th, 1917.

1. During the forthcoming operations one Kite Balloon will be in the air continuously night and day to receive helio and lamp signals from troops in the assault and to send messages by lamp signal back to them. One Officer observer and one signaller will be on duty in the basket of the balloon.

Three men per battalion are now being trained in the back area to communicate by signal with balloons.

2. The position of the balloon cannot yet be definitely stated, but in the first instance it will probably ascend about H.32.d. and as the advance progresses move forward to H.23.a.

3. It is hoped to connect this balloon by telephone direct to Corps Headquarters and messages will be despatched to their destinations by wire or telephone from there, or will pass through the balloon section exchange at H.32.c.9.0 and follow the usual message routes.

4. A second balloon, primarily engaged on artillery work, will probably ascend about H.26.a. and work forward to H.16.b. The telephone exchange for this balloon is at H.26.a.5.9.

A third balloon detailed for a special purpose may also be up about H.22.b.

5. Neither of the balloons mentioned in para.4 will be able to accept flash signals from infantry. The answering flash to a "call up" will show which of the three balloons on the Corps front is receiving messages.

6. Balloons can often see S.O.S. signals even through a thick ground mist. They can also see tanks, movements of guns and concentration of troops.

It is possible therefore, that considerable information of tactical value may be received from the ballons and it is hoped that messages may also be received by lamp or helio from battalion or Brigades during the attack.

SECRET. 18th Division G.401.

To all recipients of Appendix "B"
to 18th Division Preliminary Instructions.

In amplification of para. (v), System of Communications, Appendix "B", Preliminary Instructions.

1. The following table gives the Intelligence Offices which will be opened on "Z" day, the time they will open,

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and the Officers in charge.

Office.	Map reference.	Officer in Charge.	Time of opening
(a)Div. H.Q.	H.27.b.65.70	G.S.O.3	Zero.
(b)CHATEAU SEGARD	H.30.b.2.0.	Lt.Col.le Fleming (attached 18th Div.)	Zero + 1 hr. 30 minutes.
(c)BRIGADE H.Q.	I.17.d.1.0. (RITZ trenches)	An Officer of 54th Bde.not going into action, to be detailed by Bde. Commander.	Zero + 5 hours, to take the place of Advd. Bde. H.Q.53rd when it moved forward.
(d)German Front Trenches.	J.13.a.20.15.	Capt.G.Welch, 6th R.Berks, attached "G" Staff (instead of Capt.Price App. "B", para 5, Prel. Instructions.	Zero + 5 hours
(e)Adv.Bde. H.Q.	J.14.a.5.9.	An Officer of 55rd Bde. Staff.	Zero + 6 hours.

2. Duties of Officers in charge of Offices.

Officers in charge of offices.

(1) will keep a diary.
(2) will collect all information possible from individuals passing, and from runners and wounded returning from the front.
(3) Assist all passing troops by supplying them with information regarding such points as routes to follow, position of troops, localities shelled, water supply, enemy dumps found, etc.

Except in very exceptional circumstances, officers should not leave the vicinity of their offices.

N.B. Officers in charge are to be accompanied by their batmen.

3. Battalion Commanders, or Company and Platoon Commanders when the latter are moving forward independently, will send to the offices enumerated in para.(1) to ascertain if any messages have been received for them, and to report to the Officer in charge any difficulties which they have experienced and what their casualties have been since passing the last office.

4. All the offices will be on the telephone.

WALLACE WRIGHT.Lieut Col.
General Staff,18th Division.

July 25th 1917.

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Royal Artillery.
Royal Engineers.
53rd Brigade.
54th Brigade.
55th Brigade.
8th R.Sussex Pioneers.
24th Division.
25th Division.
30th Division.
A/Q
A.P.M.
A.D.M.S.
Signals
8th Division.

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1. Herewith March Table to be attached to Appendix "C" issued with Preliminary Instructions (18th Div. G.124 dated 20th July 1917.

2. This March Table cancels any previous orders as to locations, or moves, which have been issued, and which are at variance with it.

3. Intervals laid down in 18th Division Order No.116 of 4.7.17 will be observed in the back areas.

In the forward area an interval of at least 100 yards between platoons or similar bodies will be observed.

4. All tracks within the combined area of the 18th and 30th Divisions may be used by the 18th Division on Y/Z night and up to zero hour on "Z" day.

R.A. BULLOCH, Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

July 28th 1917.

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APPENDIX D.

NUMBER OF OFFICERS ETC. TO TAKE PART IN THE ASSAULT.

1. The number of Officers, N.C.Os, and Specialists to accompany assaulting battalions will be as laid down in "INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TRAINING OF DIVISIONS FOR OFFENSIVE ACTION", page 58.

2. The following Commanding Officers are to be among those who will not take part in the assault:-

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53rd Brigade - Lieut. Colonel B.C. CLAY, D.S.O.

54th Brigade - Lieut. Colonel C.C. CARR, D.S.O.
Lieut.Colonel R. TURNER, D.S.O.

3. The 108 per battalion left out of action in accordance with para.1 above will include -

(i) Officers and other ranks attending schools of instruction or on leave.

(ii) Officers and other ranks acting as instructors at the Divisional Depot Battalion detailed in 18th Division G.925.

The remainder will be disposed of as follows:-

(a) 1 Rifle Bomber)
1 Scout and Sniper.) per platoon.
2 Lewis Gunners.)

will remain at the Brigade or Battalion Transport lines.

(b) The balance will proceed to the Advanced Reinforcement camp at OUDEZEELE.

4. In the event of the number of reinforcements at any time being such that there are no men at the Advanced Reinforcement Camp, the balance of officers and other ranks left out of action mentioned in sub-para 3(b) above will proceed to the Divisional Depot Battalion at MILLAM.

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APPENDIX E.

ARTILLERY ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE AND DURING THE ATTACK.

1. During the preparatory phases before "Z" day our artillery will be engaged in -

(a) Obtaining the mastery of the enemy's artillery, i.e., counter battery work.
This counter battery work has as its object the destruction of the hostile guns themselves and the destruction of the gun positions.

(b) Bombarding, with a view to destroying the enemy' s defences within the zone of attack and as far outside that zone as the general tactical situation may demand. The bombardment will be intensified for several days prior to the day of attack.

(c) Cutting all wire which can impede the progress of our troops.

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(d) Isolating the enemy garrison in the whole area to be attacked.

2. A map shewing barrage lines and timings is attached. From this it will be noted that

(a) The general rate of advance will be 100 yards in 4 minutes.

(b) There will be halts on the various objectives as follows:-

On the BLUE LINE - 30 minutes.
On the BLACK LINE - 4 hours
On the Green Line - 1 to 1½ hours.
(before patrols can go out)

3. The protective barrage will rest, in the case of the BLUE and BLACK lines, about 300 yards beyond those lines, but, in the case of the GREEN Line about 500 yards beyond it.

4. The timing on the protective barrage line in front of the BLUE LINE, viz: 46 - 1 hour 15 min. - 1 hour 23 minutes, means that fire will be intensified from zero plus 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour 23 to show the troops that the moment for continuing the advance has arrived.

Similarly the protective barrage in front of the BLACK LINE will intensify at zero plus 6 hours 20 minutes, until 6 hours 28 minutes.

During the intensification in front of the BLACK LINE the troops assaulting the GREEN LINE must close up to the barrage, but in view of the difficulties of passing through the troops of the 30th Division on the BLACK LINE, careful calculation will be necessary to ensure that enough time is given for the troops of the 53rd Infantry Brigade to be well up under the protective barrage before it lifts at zero plus 6 hours 28 minutes.

5. Artillery support to the advance from the GREEN LINE will be as follows:-

(i) From 7 hours 28 mins. to 8 hrs. 40 mins. all guns that can bear less counter battery guns and such as are required to mark the limit of the protective barrage - will search the area contained between the limit of the protective barrage and the general line J.4.d.1.3. - fork roads at J.4.d.1.6. - line of the road running to the road junction at D.27.b.8.6.

(ii) From 8 hrs 40 mins - 9 hrs. 5 mins. every available gun except those required for counter battery work and the 24th Divisional Artillery Group will search the area between J.4.d.1.3. - fork roads at J.4.b.1.6. - line of the road running to road junction at D.27.b.8.6. and the BROODSEINDE -NOORDENHOEK road at intense rate, with the proviso that from 9 hours

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no fire is to be put within 400 yards of the western boundary of this area.

(iii) At 9 hrs. 5 min. every gun that can bear - except those used for counter battery work - will lift to a protective line 500 yards East of the BROODSEINDE - NOORDEMHOEK Road.

(iv) There will be a protective barrage on the right flank from 8.40 onwards.

6. Barrage maps covering brigade fronts are being prepared for issue down to Battalion Commanders and will be issued later, but to prevent these maps falling into the hands of the enemy the following procedure will be observed -

(a) These maps are not to be taken into the front line trenches.
Battalion Commanders will show the maps and explain the timings to his subordinates who may make rough notes, but the actual line are not to be copied on to a map.

(b) Brigades will take steps to ensure that all barrage maps have been returned to Brigade Headquarters before 10 a.m. on "Y" day.

7. During the operations, to each Infantry Brigadier attacking there will be an R.F.A. Battery Commander, whose battery will, when required, be at the direct disposal of the Brigadier.
Similarly, the G.O.C. Division will have a direct call on one 6" Howitzer Battery.

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To all recipients of Appendix "P"
to 18th Division Preliminary Instructions.

Amendment to instructions for the
Employment of Machine Guns (Appendix "P")

Reference Para: 7. Action after Zero plus 7 hours 40 mins

After firing the second barrage machine gun batteries concerned will be prepared to dismount their guns and rejoin their Brigades on receipt of orders from Division. Machine Gun batteries will not be required to fire an S.O.S. barrage and Fire Orders for an S.O.S. barrage in Schedule "A" of above Appendix and arrangements for a reserve of ammunition in Schedule "B" are therefore cancelled.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

July 25th 1917

WALLACE WRIGHT, Lieut-Colonel
General Staff, 18th Division.

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APPENDIX F.

ORDERS FOR MACHINE GUN BARRAGE FIRE ON "Z" DAY.

1. Distribution of Guns in Division.

Number of guns available in the Division -

53rd Machine Gun Company - 16 guns.
54th Machine Gun Company - 16 guns.
55th Machine Gun Company - 16 guns

54th Machine Gun Company and two sections 53rd Machine Gun Company will act under the orders of their respective Brigades and will not take part in the barrage.

2. Guns available for Barrage purposes.

53rd Machine Gun Company - 8 guns, Battery "A"
55th Machine Gun Company -16 guns, Batteries "B" and "C"

Batteries lettered from North to South.
"A" Battery will act as a separate "group" under an officer detailed by O.C. 53rd Machine Gun Company.
"B" and "C" Batteries will constitute a group under O.C. 55th Machine Gun Company.

3. Barrage Scheme.

These guns will fire on the whole front of the 30th Division to cover that Division's assault on the BLUE Line, and on the front of the 18th Division to cover the assault of the 53rd Infantry Brigade on the Green Line.

4. 30th Division Guns.

The assault of the 30th Division on the BLACK Line and on that part of the Green line which concerns the 30th Division will be covered by guns of the 30th Division, which, after the capture of the Blue Line will come into position on the slopes of STIRLING CASTLE Ridge in J.13.d and J.19.b. and will open fire at zero plus 1 hr. 15 minutes.

5. Fire Orders.

Are contained in attached Schedule "A"

6. Communication.

A test box on the Corps buried line will be established at I.24.a.05.70. Group Commanders will establish telephone and runner communication with this point. O.C. 55th Machine Gun Company will also provide telephone and visual communication between Battery positions B.1. and C.1.
On arrival at forward positions, communication by runner must be opened up with 53rd Brigade Report Centre at J.14.a.5.9.

7. Ammunition Supply.

58 boxes S.A.A. per battery are being dumped before "Y" day under arrangements made by D.M.G.O. at battery

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positions A.1 B.1 and C.1. 240 boxes S.A.A. (80 per battery) are similarly being dumped in LOVERS' WALK and will be carried forward on "Z" day by a special carrying party (see Schedule "B").

8. Action after Zero plus 7 hours 40 minutes.

Half the guns of a battery at a time will be stripped and thoroughly overhauled. Guns will be relayed on FLANK Barrage line and will open fire on receipt of an S.O.S. Signal.
Orders as to further moves will be issued by the Division.

9. Switches.

A table of probable switches is being prepared and issued to all batteries.

10. Hour of Assembly.

Barrage guns to be in position of X/Y night.

11. Clearing of rear positions.

Batteries will arrange for equipment left behind at 1st battery positions to be collected and guarded.

12. Schedules attached.

"A" Fire Orders.
"B" Notes on supply of ammunition) To M.G.Coys.
"C" Notes on Gun positions.)concerned only,
and to Corps M.G.O
"D" Map.

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ACTION OF TANKS.

"B" BATTALION, HEAVY BRANCH, MACHINE GUN CORPS.

1. "B" Battalion is detailed to co-operate with the 18th, 24th and 30th Divisions.

"A" Battalion is co-operating with the 8th and 25th Divisions on the left.

2. ALLOTMENT OF TANKS. It has now been decided to support the attack of the Black line with Tanks.

No 5 Company.

1 Section to support attack of 21st Brigade (30th Division) against Black line.

2 Sections to co-operate with 89th Brigade (30th Division) and "A" Bde. (24th Division) against the Green line.

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No.6. Company

1 Section to support attack of 90th Brigade (30th Division) against Black line.
1 Section to co-operate with 53rd Brigade (18th Division) against Green line.
1 Section to co-operate with 53rd Brigade (18th Division) in further advance against Red line.

No.4. Company.

In reserve to co-operate with 54th Brigade (18th Division) in attack on Red line after Z day.

3. ATTACK ON BLACK LINE.

Sections detailed for this start at Zero hour from positions of deployment near Valley cottages, and should be in positions of readiness between the Blue and Black lines by Zero plus 2h.30m. to 3 h. The actual positions will be arranged with the 30th Division.
The further movements of these sections will depend on orders received from the senior infantry officer on the spot, to whom the Section Commander must report as soon as his Tanks are over the enemy front line system.
They may be required to:-
(a) Co-operate with Infantry if the attack is held up anywhere, and assist in mopping up strong points or pockets of the enemy that are still holding out.
(b) Assist in establishment of posts that may be pushed out beyond the Black line during consolidation.
(c) Cover the work of consolidation by dealing with any machine guns or snipers who are interfering with it.
(d) Co-operate with infantry in repelling counter-attacks.

If they are required to co-operate as in (a) (b) or (c) above, they will, as soon as the infantry is firmly established, withdraw to positions behind, and remain ready to act as in (d)
If the infantry require little or no assistance from Tanks, and the crews are fit, these sections may co-operate in attack on Green Line, but subsidiary routes and objectives should be chosen, as they cannot be counted on.
If unfit for further action, these sections will be withdrawn to Position of Deployment.

4. ATTACK ON GREEN LINE.

Sections detailed for this will be timed so as to be in position in front of the Black line close up to our protective barrage by zero plus 6h. 15m. and move forward to their objectives as the barrage moves forward.
These sections, when the Green line is captured, may be required to act as detailed in para 3b.c.d. for sections employed against Black line or to mop up pockets of enemy still holding out between the Black and Green lines.
The section of No.6. Company can, if considered necessary, further co-operate with the patrols of the 53rd Brigade when they advance at Zero plus 8h.40m. This section can, however, only operate 500 to 600 yards beyond the Green line.

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5. ADVANCE TO RED LINE.

The section of No.6. company detailed for this, will be in position in front of the Green line by zero plus 8h.40m. Arrangements must be made to refill Tanks on their way up, so that they can proceed to the furthest limit of the infantry advance.
The closest liaison must be established between the Tanks and the Infantry, to ensure that Tank Commanders are warned if the infantry do not intend to continue the advance.
It will probably be best to detail a Tank, or pair of Tanks, to a patrol with which they will move forward. The patrol commander could then direct the Tanks against any point where trouble was expected or found. Tanks would proceed to the objective, but would not go beyond it until the infantry came up and continued the advance.
Generally, Tanks should not be asked to proceed to points more than 150 yards ahead of the infantry.
In the event of the 55rd Brigade not reaching the Red line on Z day and an organised attack being made on Z plus 1 or some subsequent day by the 54th Brigade. No.4. Company would co-operate in the attack.
This Company, on Z day, will move forward to a position near Valley cottages, It will not move further forward than this until information is received that the 54th Brigade are to carry out an organised attack. 10 hours notice would be required before Tanks could be got into action in an attack on the Red line.

6. WITHDRAWAL OF TANKS

Tanks employed against the Green line will withdraw to be refitted and crews rested as soon as Tank Commanders are satisfied that the infantry are firmly established and no longer require their assistance.
Tanks employed in advance to Red line will similarly withdraw as soon as infantry are established on Red line, or on some other line short of it.
The Tank Commander should report to the nearest infantry officer, his intention of withdrawing, before doing so.
Tanks should not be asked as a rule to remain up more than two hours after the infantry reach any line, owing to the strain on the personnel, danger of getting them knocked out by shell fire, and the fact that they will probably have to refill.

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APPENDIX H.

C.R.E. 18th DIVISION. 14.4.14.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ROYAL ENGINEERS FOR FORTHCOMING OPERATIONS.

1. The 79th & 80th Field Companies will be allotted to the 53rd and 54th Infantry Brigades respectively for special work in connection with making the posts "A", "B" "C", "D", "E", "F", "G" and "H" on operation map and forming part of the garrison of the posts until relieved by orders from the Division.
The 92nd Field Company will be in Divisional Reserve.

Assembly.

The 79th Field Company and attached platoons will be concentrated on "Y/Z" night with the remainder of the garrisons for the various posts. "A" to "D", and "1" to "12", in dug-outs in the West Bund of ZILLEBEKE LAKE, and in the RAILWAY Dug-outs, as ordered by the 53rd Infantry Brigade.
The 80th & 92nd Field Companies will be in Camp at H.26.b.5.6.

2. Operations.

The O.C. 79th Field Co., R.E. will be in touch with the 53rd Infantry Brigade, and as soon as the situation permits, the garrisons of the posts "A", "B", "C", "D", and Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 and 12 will move up as ordered, pick up stores and tools at the A.T.N., R.E. Dump in ZELLEBEKE and move forward independently to the various posts and commence work as soon as possible.

3. The O.C. 80th Field Co. R.E. will move into the CHATEAU SEGARD Area in time to start from there at ZERO plus 4 hours.

The garrisons for posts "E", "F", "G", "H" and Nos. 13 to 36 will be formed into separate groups and move forward as soon as the situation permits, under orders of the 54th Infantry Brigade and pick up tools and stores at the A.T.N. R.E. Dump in ZILLEBEKE.

A halt should be arranged for, and dinners or teas cooked in the RITZ Trench Area, and they should then proceed to their various posts according to the map issued

Route to RITZ STREET via A.T.N. Pack Track to ZILLEBEKE and subsequently by new track to be made and marked with tape and pickets.

4. Should an R.E. Officer be the Senior Officer in the garrison of a Post, he will be in command of the post and must clearly understand that under no circumstances must he retire or leave the post until ordered by the General Officer Commanding, 18th Division.

5. R.E. Stores.

These will be obtained at the A.T.N., R.E. Dump, ZILLEBEKE

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ZILLIBEKE, where they will be made up in "Man loads" and "Pack loads" and arranged in heaps for each separate post "A" to "H" and Nos. "1" to "36"

It will be impossible to carry up all the necessary stores at once as the distances are great.

"Man loads" will be small.

Lists of extra stores required will be sent to the O.i/c. ZILLIBEKE Dump, who will send them up by pack train, which will be sent up as soon as possible towards the evening. 20 pack animals will be allotted to the garrisons of posts "A", "B", "C" "D" and Nos. "1" to "12" 30 pack animals to posts "E", "F", "G", "H" and Nos. "13" to "36".

There are probably German Dumps of Pioneer Stores at J.13.c.55.30 and J.14.a.30.35, which should be utilised as far as possible.

When the demands of the various posts have been met it is hoped to start a more forward dump at a place to be notified later.

6. The O.C. 92nd Field Co., R.E. will detail a small party under an officer to make a reconnaissance for water and send a report as soon as possible with samples for testing. They should be able to move forward when the 79th Field Company does.

7. The three Field Companies will at once prepare frames to enable R.E. Stores and tools to be carried on the ordinary saddle for 20 animals each.

8. Officers Commanding 79th & 80th Field Companies will have stores and tools made up into "Man loads" sufficient for the Posts to be furnished by their Brigades as soon as possible.

9. O.C. 92nd Field Company will provide 20 men including some R.E. for work at the ZILLIBEKE Dump on "Z" Day.

They will await orders from the C.R.E. before proceeding to ZILLIBEKE from their Camp on "Y/Z" night.

10. Information as to the progress of events can be obtained from Advanced Divisional Headquarters at H.27.b. 8.7. from CHATEAU SEGARD, and from BEDFORD HOUSE.

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C.R.E. 18th Division.
14.4.16.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 8TH. ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS AND THE BATTALION OF THE 55TH. BRIGADE ALLOTTED TO C.R.E FOR WORK ON Z DAY.

Disposition "Y/Z" night.

Advanced Headquarters in touch with the Brigadier General, Commanding 53rd Infantry Brigade, in shelters in RIDGE STREET.

One platoon (of C Coy) in the South end of RITZ STREET between VINCE and ZILLEBEKE STREETS. This platoon will be for marking out and reconnoitring the proposed track and will have an additional officer attached.

A. Coy. in the Bund West of ZILLEBEKE LAKE.

Three Companies (B.C.D.) less one platoon in the CHATEAU SEGARD Area .

Should D. Company undergoing instruction in Railway Construction be still detached, there will be only B.C Companies less one platoon.

The 8th East Surrey Regiment will be in the CHATEAU SEGARD Area.

Work.

Three Companies of the 8th East Surrey Regiment will work with the corresponding Companies of the 8th Royal Sussex Regiment and will move forward when they do under the orders of the Officer Commanding, 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

The fourth will be for special work as detailed below on the Tank Track.

A Mule Track will be made approximately as indicated on the plan issued to 8th Royal Sussex Regiment, and also a party will follow up in the wake of the Tanks and make their track passable for Field Artillery.

As soon as possible after ZERO, the RITZ trench platoon will go out with tape, pickets, etc., to mark out as much of the track as possible.

Work will commence as soon as practicable by "A" Company and its attached infantry company, which will be at CHATEAU SEGARD ready to move off as per attached S.Z.1.

The other Companies will come up in sequence and go out on the work as the attack progresses.

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Pack Track. The track will be marked out as a preliminary measure with small pickets painted white, marked "A.T.N." in black letters, and tape, as time allows these will be substituted by heavier pickets and notice boards "A. T. N"MINE TRACK"

Tank Track . One platoon "B" Coy, 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers with the fourth company of Infantry will leave CHATEAU SEGARD at ZERO plus four hours and will follow the tanks from YEOMANRY POST and make the track good for Field Artillery Guns.

Stores. All stores and tools will be collected at the A.T.N. Pioneer Dump at I.22.b.8.4 near ZILLEBEKE and each Company will have their carrying parties detailed.

Each Coy will detail a carrying party for pickets etc.

Each O/C Coy must get into touch with O/C Coy E. Surreys.

Each man of Pioneers & Infantry will be provided with picks & shovels the previous Y/Z night.

Lewis Guns.

Communications

Track to be 8' - 10'

Pickets on left.

Bearings.

Tools.

For Conference.

All messages to be sent to Adjt. Battn. Hd. Qrs. for orders.

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APPENDIX H - 3

Ref. Maps C and D already issued to Brigades.

1. During the advance from the BLACK to the RED line - Strong points will be established and garrisoned as shown on the attached table.

2. Once the garrison have arrived at the position they are to consolidate, they are to hold out there to the last man, under no circumstances are they to withdraw, or be withdrawn, except by authority of the Divisional Commander.

Table of STRONG POINTS.

No. or letter.	Position.	Garrison	Found by
A.	J.14.b.75.62	(1 Platoon (1 Sect.F.Coy R.E. (1 M.G. Det.	53rd Inf. Bde.
B.	J.8.d.10.37	-do-	-do-
1.	J.8.d.95.20	1 Platoon	-do-
2.	J.8.b.40.20	-do-	-do-
3.	J.9.c.20.50	-do-	-do-
4.	J.9.a.20.00	-do-	-do-
5.	J.9.a.00.50	-do-	-do-
6.	J.9.d.45.00	-do-	-do-
C.	J.9.d.10.10	(1 Platoon. (1 Sect.F.Coy.R.E. (1 M.G. Det.	-do-
7.	J.9.c.97.95	1 Platoon.	-do-
D.	J.9.a.90.60	(1 Platoon. (1 Sect.F.Coy.R.E. (1 M.G. Det.	-do-
8.	J.9.d.80.15	1 Platoon.	-do-
9.	J.9.d.70.75	-do-	-do-
10.	J.9.b.70.20	-do-	-do-
11.	J.9.b.65.67	-do-	-do-
(12a.	J.9.b.55.90.	-do-	-do-(Alternative
(12	J.3.d.90.25.	-do-	-do-(positions.
13.	J.10.c.15.60.	-do-	54th Inf. Bde.
14.	J.10.c.50.85.	-do-	-do-
15.	J.10.a.60.05.	-do-	-do-
16.	J.10.a.80.30.	-do-	-do-
17.	J.10.a.70.82.	-do-	-do-
18.	J.4.c.82.12.	-do-	-do-
19.	J.4.c.20.67	-do-	-do-
20.	J.10.b.10.65.	-do-	-do-
21.	J.10.b.35.90.	-do-	-do-
22.	J.4.d.82.05	-do-	-do-
E.	J.4.d.55.34	(1 Platoon (1 Sect.F.Co.R.E. (1 M.G. Det.	54th Inf. Bde.
23.	J.4.d.30.75	1 Platoon	-do-
24.	J.4.a.83.13.	-do-	-do-
25.	J.4.d.80.37.	-do-	-do-

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TABLE OF STRONG POINTS (continued)

No. or letter.	Position.	Garrison.	Found by
26.	J.5.c.05.60.	1 Platoon.	54th Inf.Bde.
27.	J.5.c.25.77.	-do-	-do-
F.	J.5.a.50.05	(1 Platoon (1 Sect.F.Co.R.E. (1 M.G. Det.	-do-
28.	J.5.a.27.60	1 Platoon.	-do-
29.	J.4.b.85.90	-do-	-do-
G.	J.5.b.00.25	(1 Platoon (1 Sect.F.Co.R.E. (1 M.G. Det.	-do-
30.	J.5.d.21.95	1 Platoon	-do-
31.	J.5.d.45.80	-do-	-do-
32.	J.5.b.70.05	-do-	-do-
33.	J.5.b.20.77	-do-	-do-
34.	J.29.d.55.27	-do-	-do-
35.	J.29.d.20.60	-do-	-do-
36.	J.29.central	-do-	-do-

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To all recipients of
Appendix "I" to 18th Div.
Preliminary Instructions.

Amendment to Appendix "I" issued with 18th Div. Preliminary Instructions (No.G.124 of 20th July)

In first line of Para: (c) of above-mentioned Appendix - for "54th Inf. Bde". read "53rd Inf. Bde."

R.A. BULLOCH, Major,
for Lieut- Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

July 26th 1917.

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APPENDIX I.

LIAISON.

(a) The usual cross attachments will be made for Liaison and steps must be taken to see that each formation is thoroughly conversant with the plans and objectives of the formations on its flanks.

Arrangements should be made by which brigade and battalion commanders can meet before Z day the corresponding units who will be on their flanks during the attack so that they can discuss the operations together and become thoroughly acquainted with each other's intentions.

(b) The G.O.C. 53rd Infantry Brigade will arrange that during the advance from Black to Green Line his flank units get into touch with the units of the divisions on his right and left at the following points:-

With the 89th Infantry Brigade (30th Division) on the right at :-

road Junction at J.15.a.63.85
road Junction at J.15.b.0.9.

With the 25th Infantry Brigade (8th Division) on the left at

North corner of NONNEBOSSCHEN WOOD at J.8.b.4.2.
On POLYGON WOOD - ANZAC Road at road Junction J.9.a.84.54.
On GREEN LINE at East end of huts at J.9.b.5.0

Note - the G.O's C. 30th and 8th Divisions have agreed to the above points of contact.

(c) The G.O.C. 53rd Infantry Brigade will arrange, during the advance from the GREEN to the RED Line, to meet patrols of the 8th Division at the following points:-

On each of the 4 roads that cut the divisional boundary at J.4.c.6.8, J.4.b.1.5, J.4.b.6.9. and D.29.c.6.8.

Note - the G.O.C. 8th Division has agreed to the above points of contact.

(d) Liaison arrangements between artillery groups and infantry units will be as follows:-

(1) B. Group in liaison with the 53rd Infantry Brigade H.Q. The Liaison Officer with infantry Brigadier

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will be a spare Lieut.Colonel.

(2) B. Group will find a Liaison Officer with each of the attacking battalions of the 53rd Infantry Brigade.

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53rd Infantry Brigade.
54th Infantry Brigade.
55th Infantry Brigade.
8th R. Sussex Pioneers.
Signals.
II Corps "G"
II Corps "Q"
4th Squadron, R.F.C.

Reference 18th Division G.124 dated 20th July, Preliminary Instructions, Appendix "I", para (b)

For "South end of bank at J.15.a.22.72.
South corner of house at J.15.b.05.95"

read "Road junction at J.15.a.83.85.
Road junction at J.15.b.0.9.

R.A. BULLOCH, Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

July 21st, 1917.

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To all recipients of Appendix "J" to
18th Division Preliminary Instructions.

Reference Appendix "J" (Preliminary Instructions), "Co-operation with Contact Aeroplanes", Paras: 1 and 2.

The definite hours for showing white flares will be as under:-

Zero plus 1 hour.
Zero plus 2 hours 30 minutes.
Zero plus 8 hours.
Zero plus 9 hours,

and at any other time on demand being made by the contact aeroplanes sounding a Klaxon horn or dropping a white light.

ACKNOWLEDGE. WALLACE WRIGHT, Lieut Colonel
July 25th,1917. General Staff, 18th Division.

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APPENDIX J.

CO-OPERATION WITH CONTACT AEROPLANES.

Arrangements for communication between advanced troops and aeroplanes will be as follows:-

1. Contact aeroplanes will be sent over the lines to receive signals as to the position of the leading troops at the following hours:-

(a) At 15 minutes after reaching the BLUE LINE.
(b) At 30 minutes after reaching the BLACK LINE.
(c) At 30 minutes after reaching the GREEN LINE.

2. Contact aeroplanes will be distinguished by two black plates fixed to the rear of the plane (X - X)

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These machines will be furnished with wireless but will only use it for the purpose of reporting a counter-attack.

Contact aeroplanes will call for flares by sounding a succession of "AS" on the Klaxon horn. If the Klaxon horn fails to work or if no reply is received from the infantry, the aeroplane will fix a white light.

Every man of the assaulting battalions will carry two flares. The colour of the flares will be white.

3. A wireless aeroplane will be up throughout the day from one hour after zero for the purpose of looking out for counter attacks. In the event of a counter attack developing this machine will call on the artillery by the zone call. The zone call will give the position and direction of movement of the enemy's infantry and this information will be immediately communicated by the Artillery to the Infantry Brigadier concerned. This machine will also transmit infantry messages calling for barrage.

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4. Message dropping stations will be established at Divisional Headquarters. These dropping stations will be marked by the letter K formed with white strips (about 20' by 3').

When a message has been dropped and picked up the letter K will be changed to an F by re-arranging the white strips to indicate that the message has been received. After sufficient time has elapsed to ensure that the acknowledgment has been seen by the aeroplane, the letter will be again changed back to K.

These strips will be provided and fixed under Divisional arrangements.

5. Observers after landing will at once make a personal report to Corps Headquarters.

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APPENDIX X

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Infantry Observing Officers.

In addition to any brigade observing Officer whom brigade Commanders may decide to employ, each assaulting battalion should detail an observing officer whose special duty will be to watch and report on the progress of his own battalion.

Means of communication to enable this officer to forward information must be carefully considered.

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2. Capture of Material.

The capture of guns and trench mortars and their nature should be reported without delay; the report should state where they are to be found.

Whenever possible a small infantry guard should be left with captured guns to hand the latter over to Artillery personnel who have been detailed to go forward and take them over as soon as the notification of their capture has been received.

On no account are any of the spare parts, sights etc. of the guns to be removed by the infantry guard.

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Fifth Army G.A. 790/4.
II Corps G.T. 3077.
18th Div. No. 403 "A".

To:- All Units.

The following letter of congratulation has been received by the Army Commander, and is communicated for information of all ranks:-

G.H.Q., British Armies in France,
1st August, 1917.

General Sir H. GOUGH.

My warmest congratulations to yourself and to the Commanders, Staffs and troops under your Command on the great success gained yesterday. The severity of the fighting and the very heavy losses suffered by the enemy will force him to expend his remaining reserves rapidly in the effort to stay our advance and this is even more important than the gain of ground, great as that was.

You and all ranks under your Command may well be proud of and fully satisfied with such a splendid day's work.

(Sd.) D. HAIG,
Field-Marshal.

Forwarded for intimation to all ranks.

R.H. CUTBILL.
Lieut.Colonel,
A.A. & Q.M.G. 18th Division.

3rd August, 1917.

War Diary.

S E C R E T.

Field Company Commanders.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
8th Bn. East Surrey Regt.

I forward herewith a copy of Arrangements regarding the system of COMMUNICATIONS during the forthcoming Operations.
Please acknowledge receipt.

C.B.O. SYMONS.
Lieut.Colonel, R.E.
C.R.E.18th Division.

H.Q.R.E.18th Division.
26/7/17.

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SECRET.

SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATIONS

for

FORTHCOMING OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS.

General Scheme.

On "Z" day, the 30th Division will, in conjunction with Divisions on the Right and Left, attack and capture the 1st and 2nd Objectives shewn on the attached map. After the 2nd Objective has been secured, the 53rd Brigade of the 18th Division will advance from vicinity of RITZ Trench, move up over territory conquered by 30th Division, and will pass through Left Brigade of 30th Division to the assault of the 3rd objective, i.e., the "GREEN" Line. The attacking Brigade will be supported by a second Brigade of the 18th Division, the 54th Brigade, which will be ready to move forward from the vicinity of CHATEAU SEGARD at Zero plus 4 hours.

After the "GREEN" line has been taken, the "RED" line will be captured by the 53rd Brigade on the same day if the opposition is not too serious.

In the event of the opposition proving to be too serious, the 54th Brigade will be prepared to assault and take the "RED" line on "Z" plus 1 day.

General principles of communications.

The fullest possible use will be made of Wireless, Amplifiers and Power Buzzers, Pigeons and Visual Signalling for maintaining communication between Brigade H.Q. and advancing Battalions.

Carrying parties for Wireless Stations will have to be supplied from battalions, and these men should be detailed at least one week before actual operations, in order that they may be trained in erecting aerials and setting up stations.

Cables will be run together after the advancing troops along a well defined route which will follow the Divisional Track, this will be marked by pickets and white tape. The cable route will, however, be about 50 yards off the track to the North, and at intervals along this route there will be combined runners' and Linesmens' posts. These posts will be indicated by small blue and white signalling flags with the letter "R" printed on the white portion of the flag.

All personnel required from Infantry Battalions and R.A. for forward communication during the battle will be withdrawn from their units 4 days before

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zero for training and rehearsals under arrangements to be made by the O.C.Signals.

A Divisional Information Bureau will be established on the Divisional Track at J.13.a.20.15. This will be marked "A.T.N. Intelligence Office". Captain PRICE D.S.O. - attached "G" Branch, 18th Divisional H.Q. - will be in charge of this post.

The object of this office is to provide a centre where information can be received and disseminated, and the latest information given to troops or individuals passing to the front.

I. The following table gives the Intelligence Offices which will be opened on "Z" day, the time they will open, and the officers in charge.

Office.	Map reference.	Officer i/c.	Time of opening.
(a) Div H.Q.	H.27.b.65.70.	G.S.O.3.	ZERO.
(b) CHATEAU SEGARD.	H.30.b.2.0.	Lt Col le FLEMING. (att.18th Division.)	ZERO plus 1 hour 30 mins.
(c) BRIGADE H.Q.	I.17.d.1.0. (RITZ Trenches).	An officer of 54th Bde not going into action, to be detailed by Bde Commander.	ZERO plus 5 hours to take the place of Adv.Bde H.Q. 53rd Brigade when it moves forward.
(d) German Front.	J.13.a.20.15.	Capt G. Welch. 6th R. Berks. attached "G" Staff, 18th Division instead of Capt PRICE see previous para.	ZERO plus 5 hours.
(e) Adv. Bde H.Q. J.14.a.5.9.		An officer of 53rd Brigade Staff.	ZERO plus 6 hours.
(f) BEDFORD HOUSE.			

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II. Duties of Officers in charge of offices.

Officers in charge of offices

(1) Will keep a diary.
(2) Will collect all information possible from individuals passing, and from runners and wounded returning from the front.
(3) Assist all passing troops by supplying them with information regarding such point as routes to follow, position of troops, localities shelled, water supply, enemy dumps found, etc.

Except in very exceptional circumstances, officers should not leave the vicinity of their offices.
Officers in charge will be accompanied by their batmen.

III. Battalion Commanders, or Company and Platoon Commanders when the latter are moving forward independently, will send to the offices enumerated in Para.I above, to ascertain if any messages have been received for them, and to report to the officer in charge any difficulties which they have experienced and what their casualties have been since passing the last office.
All the offices will be on the telephone.

Communications in details will be dealt with prior to the attack and after the attack under the following headings:-

(a) Telephonic and Telegraphic.
(b) Runners and D.R.L.S.
(c) Wireless and earth induction.
(d) Pigeons.
(e) Visual.
(f) Contact Patrol.

(a) i. Prior to the attack.

A complete system of lines will be established in addition to that of 30th Divisional Signals, connecting up all the H.Qs in the Divisions. Lines from Divisional Report Centre at H.27.b.central to Brigade H.Q. and from Brigade H.Q. to Battalions will be on a buried system.

Similarly, lines connecting Divisional R.A. H.Q. and F.A.Bs, F.A.Bs and Batteries, also Batteries, and OPs will be buried system as far as possible.

Points nearest present front to which there are buried cables are:-
I.24.a.8.4. and I.24.d.7.4. These points will be known in future as cable heads.

ii. After the attack.

Cables will be run forward from heads of buried systems behind the attacking troops. All these

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cables will be concentrated on one route for ease in maintenance and laying, and one route per Brigade will be run out. These routes will consist of five pairs of D.V. Cable, each pair being marked with different coloured tape every 5 yards.

These lines will be utilized as follows:- 2 pairs for Divisional Artillery and 2 pairs for Infantry Brigade. The Divisional Information Bureau will be "teed" in on one of the latter lines, so that it will be in direct communication with Infantry Brigade H.Q. The remaining pair will be for linesmen.

The route which these lines will follow is shewn on attached diagram; also the cable routes of the 30th Division, the Northern route of which will subsequently be taken over by the 18th Division. Every 400 yards there will be a post manned by 2 linesmen. These men will have a telephone "teed" in on Linesmens' line, and will maintain in both directions from their posts.

The cable routes will terminate at the Battalion H.Q. situated on or near the Divisional Track in each case, but the lines can be extended from these points by Artillery and Battalion signallers as may be required. As regards lateral communication between battalions, the onus of laying and maintaining the lateral line will always rest with the battalion on the right, which will always lay its line to the battalion on the left. This line will then be joined through to Brigade on one of the five pairs.

(b) Runners and D.R.L.S.

Prior to the attack, all despatches to Brigades will be carried by despatch rider. Despatches will be carried forward from Bde H.Q. to battalions by a runner service which will be arranged by Brigade Signals.

After the attack and after the infantry have advanced to the 2nd objective, i.e., the "Black Line", with Battalion H.Q. at J.8.c.4.0. and J.14.a.5.9. approximately, a series of runners' posts will be established at intervals of 400 yards along the line of the Divisional Track. These runners' posts will be marked with a small blue and white signalling flag with the letter "R" printed on the white portion of the flag.

They will each consist of two runners and will be within easy reach of telephonic communication with either Brigade or Battalion H.Q. By means of this service of runners, despatches will be carried between Brigade H.Qs, the Divisional Information Bureau, and the H.Qs of the Battalion situated near the Divisional Track. Despatches for the Battalion on the Right, will, however, be carried from Left Bn H.Q. by runners

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of the right Battalion attached for the purpose. Each Battalion Commander should ensure that he has a sufficient number of orderlies for this "lateral service", and to replace casualties in the runner system back to Brigade if required.

When Advanced Brigade H.Q. moves up to J.8.c.4.0. the existing runner service will be utilised for carrying despatches between Division and Brigade. The line of Runners' Posts will also be extended up the Divisional Track to Battalion H.Q.

The number of runners required for this service is 30.

(c) Wireless and Earth Induction.

Prior to the attack, the II Corps Wireless Sub Directing Station will be installed at DORMY HOUSE - J.23.a.6.5. The Set will send and receive all messages for 53rd Brigade, and will work back to the II Corps directing station at H.22.c.5.8. The latter station is on the Corps Area Telephone Exchange at HN.1.

Two combined stations, each consisting of an Amplifier and Power Buzzer with shelters complete, will also be sent up to EQ.23, i.e., Company HQ at I.24.b.2.5. One of these stations will be installed at this point the moment the Amplifier Station of the 30th Division stationed there has moved forward. The other Station will be sent up with Captain PRICE D.S.O. to the Divisional Information Bureau at J.13.a.20.15. This station will be installed here and will work back to the station at EQ.23.

After the 2nd objective has been taken, and while battalions of the 53rd Brigade are forming up to assault the "Green" Line, a combined station consisting of 2 trench sets complete with shelter, 1 amplifier with shelter and 1 power buzzer will be sent forward from Brigade HQ. One wireless set will be left and installed at the Divisional Information Bureau at J.13.a.20.15. This set will work back to the II Corps Wireless Sub Directing Station at DORMY HOUSE. The remaining wireless set, the amplifier and Power Buzzer will be taken up to Battalion H.Q. at J.8.c.4.0. The Power Buzzer and Amplifier will be installed and will work back, either to the station at Divisional Information Bureau at J.13.a.20.15. or to the Station at EQ.23, i.e., I.24.b.2.5. The Wireless Set will work back to the II Corps Sub directing Station at DORMY HOUSE.

Arrangements will be made with 30th Division for their amplifier and Power Buzzer Stations at J.13.d.1.7. and DORMY HOUSE to cease working after the 53rd Brigade has taken over from the Left Brigade of the 30th Division. This is to avoid "jamming" and will occur at approximately ZERO plus 5 hours 46 minutes.

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After the 3rd Objective has been taken, the Amplifier and Power Buzzer at the Divisional Information Bureau will be dismantled and sent up to and installed at Battalion H.Q. at J.9.a. This will work back to station at J.8.c.4.0. while the latter station will transmit messages by wireless to Corps Sub Directing Station at DORMY HOUSE.

In the event of the 4th objective being taken and Battalion H.Q. moving to the vicinity of J.4.c. the Amplifier and Power Buzzer Station at EQ.23. will be dismantled and sent up to Battalion H.Q. at J.4.c. Two schemes of wireless communication for 18th Division are shewn, the first (a) being before the capture of the 3rd objective, the second (b) being after the capture of the 4th objective.

(a) Battalion H.Q. - J.8.c.4.0. @ A. W
(1200 yards)
Divisional Information Bureau - J.13.a.20.15. @ A. W
(1000 yards)
EQ.23 - I.24.b.2.5. @ A.
(on the telephone)
II Corps Sub Directing Station DORMY HOUSE. W
(on the telephone).

@ = Power Buzzer. A = Amplifier. W = Wireless Set.

(b) Battalion H.Q. - J.4.c. @ A.
(1200 yards)
Station at J.9.a. @ A.
(1300 yards)
Brigade H.Q. at J.8.c.4.0. @ A. W
Div. Information Bureau - J.13.a.20.15. W
(2000 yards)
II Corps S. Directing Station DORMY HOUSE. W

As a general rule all messages sent by power buzzer after ZERO will be sent in clear by order of an officer. All messages sent by Power Buzzer before ZERO will be sent in Field Cipher, and all messages sent by Wireless, whether before or after ZERO, will be sent in Field Cipher.

Combined Power Buzzer and Amplifier Stations of 30th Division will be established before ZERO at:-

EQ.23 - I.24.b.2.5.
EQ.45. - I.24.d.9.3.
DORMY HOUSE - I.23.a.60.45.

There will be an officer with each Wireless Station for encoding and decoding messages.

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(d) Pigeons.

Twenty pigeons have been allotted by II Corps to 18th Division for "Z" day and the 53rd Brigade will receive all of these. On "Z" plus 1 day, thirty birds will be available and these will be given to 54th Brigade. Pigeons will be re-allotted by Brigades (according to tactical requirements) to attacking battalions.

Brigades will submit to General Staff, 18th Division a report showing the allotment of pigeons they wish to make to battalions, giving the uses they intend to make of them, bearing in mind that the majority will be required on the Right Flank, the communications existing on the Left being more assured.

(e) Visual.

Brigades will make the fullest possible use of visual during the advance. The 53rd and 54th Brigades will submit to General Staff, 18th Division a report giving their suggestions as to what visual they intend to use.

(f) Contact Aeroplane Patrol.

There will be a "dropping ground" for messages from Aeroplanes at Advanced Divisional H.Q. at H.26.b. central. Arrangements will be made with 4th Squadron R.F.C. as to methods of acknowledging the receipt of messages.

Aeroplane Ground Signals.

All code calls which can be read either way up will be laid out on the ground with a strip underneath and the letters placed with their top towards the enemy, thus :-

H Z H ↑ direction of enemy.

SECRET. 18th Division
No.C.222.

C.R.E.
Signals
Pioneers.

Herewith copy No.21 of map shewing Signal Communications on and after "Z" day.

This map has not to be taken into the front line trenches.

R.A. BULLOCH.

for Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

July 22nd 1917.

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SECRET. Copy No.9.

OPERATION ORDER NO.42.

8th ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

Ref.Map.
28 N.W.
1/20,000. Reference SZ 1; SZ 2 and SZ 3.

1. The operations mentioned in paragraph 1 of SZ 3 will take place at a date and hour to be notified later.

2. "B" and "C" Companies will move to CHATEAU SEGARD area (Northern portion of No. 6 area) before dinner on 30th instant. Intervals of ten minutes to be kept between Platoons. "A" Company will move to ZILLEBEKE BUND WEST on night of 30th instant, to cross the Canal at 10.50 P.M. O/C "A" Company will send a small advance party to take over dugouts on morning of 30th. O/C "A" Company will detail one or more Orderlies to await orders by telephone at the Railway Dugouts Signal Office. Transport and Q.M's Stores. Will move to CHATEAU SEGARD Area on "Y/Z" night.

3. TOOLS: O/C Companies and Officer of "B" Company (Tank Platoon) will take over following tools for themselves and East Surrey Regiment on afternoon of "Y" day:-

	Pioneers.	East Surrey Regt.
Picks:		
"A" Coy.	32	29
"B" "	35	29
"C" "	35	29
"D" "	-	30
Shovels:		
"A" Coy.	125	116
"B" "	140	116
"C" "	140	116
"D" "	-	120

Cutting Tools:	"D" Coy. East Surrey Regt.
Axes, felling	40
Axes, hand	15
Saws, hand	12
Billhooks	12
Saws, X cut, double ...	4

4. Equipment: Fighting equipment will be worn by officers and men.

Packs, Officers' kits: Will be stacked as already ordered at the Q.M's Stores, and to be well protected from the weather before Companies move forward.

5. Material for accommodation: All tents will be struck.
"A" Company will salvage all their Corrugated Iron and as much as possible of the timber.
"B" Company will strike all bivouacs.
The whole to be dumped at Pioneers shop by Noon on 30th.
O/C "A" Coy can put his men in "C" Company's present billets if he wishes.

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6. Lewis Guns: Battalion reserve of S.A.A., Bombs, and Bomb buckets will be left with First Line Transport.

7. Orderlies: Two additional orderlies from "A", "B" and "C" Companies will report to Orderly Room at new Camp by 6.0 P.M. on the 30th instant.

Acknowledge.

Issued at 5.30 P.M.
Sunday, 29th July, 1917.

W.M. HAMPTON,
Capt. & Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Distribution:-

No. 1.	"A" Coy.	No. 5	T.O.
2.	"B" "	6	Q.M.
3.	"C" "	7	Headquarter Coy.
4.	"D" " for inform.	8	Office.
		9	War Diary.

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS

Copy No.6.

for work on A.T.N. Mule Track for 8th EAST SURREY REGIMENT with 8th ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

Reference 18th Division Orders for work on "Z" Day.

DISPOSITION: "Y/Z"Night.

Pioneers' Battn. H.Q. RIDGE STREET. I.17.c.95.00.

" "A" Company. ZILLEBEKE BUND.
" "B" & "C" Companies. CHATEAU SEGARD Area.
" Companies' H.Q. at H.23.d.4.3.

EAST SURREY REGIMENT: CHATEAU SEGARD Area.

WORK: A.T.N. Pack Track.

1. Three Companies East Surrey Regt. will work with corresponding Companies of Royal Sussex Pioneers.

"A" Company East Surrey Regt. will report to representative of "A" Company Pioneers at the junction of the West Bund and the Promenade I.21.b.1.2 at Zero+ two hours or as soon as practicable after that time.

"B" and "C" Companies Pioneers will be in communication with "B" and "C" Companies East Surrey Regt. and will give orders direct to these Companies as to time of moving up.

2. TANK TRACK.

One Platoon of "B" Company Pioneers, assisted by "D" Company, East Surrey Regt. will work on the Tank Track, leaving Chateau Segard Area at Zero + four hours, and will follow the tanks from Yeomanry Post and make the track good for Field Artillery Guns.

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3. TOOLS: O/C Pioneer Companies will get into touch as soon as possible with O/C East Surrey Companies and make the necessary arrangements as to tools and carrying parties and will give all instructions as regards carrying out the work.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

N.H. HAMPTON.

Capt. & Adjt.
For O.C. 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Bn.Hqrs.
23/7/1917.

Distribution:-
No. 1 Copy, C.R.E.
2 " O.C. 8th East Surrey Regt.
3 " O.C. "A" Coy.
4 " " "B" "
5 " " "C"
6 " Office.

C.R.E. 18th Division.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 8th ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS and the BATTALION OF THE 55th BRIGADE ALLOTTED TO C.R.E. FOR WORK ON "Z" DAY.

Disposition "Y/Z" night.

Advanced Headquarters, in touch with the Brigadier General, Commanding 53rd Infantry Brigade, in shelters in RIDGE STREET.

One platoon of "C" Company in the South end of RITZ STREET between VINCE and ZILLEBEKE STREETS. This Platoon will be for marking out and reconnoitring the proposed track and will have an additional officer attached.

"A" Company in the Bund West of ZILLEBEKE LAKE.

Three Companies less one platoon in the CHATEAU BEGARD Area ("B", "C" and "D" Companies).

Should "D" Company undergoing instruction in Railway Construction be still detached, there will be only "B" and "C" Companies less one platoon.

The 8th East Surrey Regiment will be in the CHATEAU BEGARD Area.

Work:

Three Companies of the 8th East Surrey Regiment will work with the corresponding Companies of the 8th Royal Sussex Regiment and will move forward when they do under the orders of the Officer Commanding, 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

The fourth will be for special work as detailed below on the Tank Track.

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A Mule Track will be made approximately as indicated on the plan issued to 8th Royal Sussex Regiment, and also a party will follow up in the wake of the Tanks and make their track passable for Field Artillery.

As soon as possible after ZERO, the RITZ Trench Platoon will go out with tape, pickets, etc., to mark out as much of the track as possible.

Work will commence as soon as practicable by "A" Company and its attached Infantry Company, which will be at CHATEAU SEGARD ready to move off as per attached S2.1.

The other Companies will come up in sequence and go out on the work as the attack progresses.

Pack Track:

The track will be marked out as a preliminary measure with small pickets painted white, marked "A.T.N." in black letters, and tape; as time allows these will be substituted by heavier pickets and notice boards "A.T.N. MULE TRACK".

Tank Track:

One Platoon ("B" Company) 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers with the Fourth Company of Infantry will leave CHATEAU SEGARD at ZERO plus four hours and will follow the tanks from YEOMANRY POST and make the track good for Field Artillery Guns.

Stores:

All stores and tools will be collected at the A.T.N. Pioneer Dump at [illegible] near ZILLEBEKE and each Company will have their carrying parties detailed.

A Z + 1
B Z + 4 Not before
C Z + 5
D Z + 5

S E C R E T. WAR DIARY. S.2.3.
Copy 9.

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFENSIVE.

SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATIONS.

General Scheme:

On "Z" day, the 30th Division will, in conjunction with Divisions on right and left, attack and capture the 1st and 2nd Objectives. After the 2nd objective has been secured the 53rd Brigade of the 18th Division will advance from vicinity of RITZ Trench, move up over territory conquered by 30th Division, and will pass through left Brigade of 30th Division to the assault of the 3rd objective, i.e. the "Green Line". The attacking Brigade will be supported by a second Brigade of the 18th Division, the 54th Brigade, which will be ready to move forward from the vicinity of CHATEAU SEGARD at Zero plus 4 hours.

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After the "Green Line" has been taken, the "Red Line" will be captured by the 53rd Brigade on the same day if the opposition is not too serious.

In the event of the opposition proving to be too serious, the 54th Brigade will be prepared to assault and take the "Red Line" on Z plus 1 day.

Marked map can be seen at O. Room.

General Principles of Communications.

v. A Divisional Information Bureau will be established on the Divisional Track at J.13.a.20.16. This will be marked "A.T.N. Intelligence Office". Captain PRICE, D.S.O. - attached "G" Branch, 18th Divisional H.Q. - will be in charge of this post.

The object of this office is to provide a centre where information can be received and disseminated, and the latest information given to troops or individuals passing to the front.

Wireless Communication Arrangements.

(a) W O A. Battalion H.Q. - J.8.c.4.0.
(1200 yards)

W O A. Divisional Information Bureau - J.13.a.20.15.
(1000 yards)

O A. Eq 23 - I.24.b.2.3.
(On the telephone)

W II Corps Sub Directing Station DORMY HOUSE.
(On the telephone)

(b) A O Battalion H.Q. - J.4.c.
(1200 yards)

A O Station at J.9.a.
(1300 yards)

W A O Brigade H.Q. at - J.8.c.4.0.
(1200 yards)

W Divisional Information Bureau - J.13.a.20.15.
(2000 yards)

W Corps Sub Directing Station DORMY HOUSE.

O = Power Buzzer. A = Amplifier.

W = Wireless Set.

= Route between Wireless Stations.

= Route between Power Buzzer and Amplifier Stations.

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APPENDIX C.

Location of Units for Offensive.

W/X Night and X day.

Unit.	Location.	Transport Lines.
8th R. Sussex Pnrs.	H.21.b.2.1.	With Unit.

X/Y Night and Y day.

Do.	No change.

Y/Z Night.

Unit.	Location.	Transport with	Water Points. Men.	Horses.
18th Div. H.Q.	Canal Reserve Camp.	With Unit.	H.26.A.4.7.	In Camp.
H.Q. 8th Royal Sussex Pnrs	Ridge St. Chateau Segard Area.	H.29.b.	H.28.d.3.2.	H.29.a.3.4.
2 Companies	- Do -	H.29.b.	Do.	Do.
1 Company	Zillebeke Bund.	H.29.b.	Do.	do.
55th Field Amb.	H.33.b.			

The Pack Train will be located for "Y/Z" night at NEW DICKEBUSCH CAMP H.33.a.8.3. and will move on "Z" day to CHATEAU SEGARD AREA in H.30.b.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ROYAL ENGINEERS.

5. There are probably German Dumps of Pioneer Stores at J.13.c.55.30 and J.14.a.30.35, which should be utilised as far as possible.

10. Information as to the progress of events can be obtained from Advanced Divisional Headquarters at H.27.b.5.7., from CHATEAU SEGARD and from BEDFORD HOUSE.

18th DIVISION PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS No.4.

ROYAL ENGINEERS AND PIONEERS.

1. The following parties of R.E. will be placed at the disposal of Brigades for duties other than the construction and garrison of Strong Points (as

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laid down in Preliminary Instructions No. 1 - 18th Div.G.838 of 6/8/17):-

54th Infantry Brigade 80th Fd.Coy (less 2 sects.)
55th Infantry Brigade 92nd Fd.Coy (less 2 sects.)

2. The 79th Field Company and one section of the 92nd Field Company will be in Divisional Reserve.

3. Steps will be taken at once by the Field Companies to establish forward dumps of tools and materials. Companies will make their own arrangements to transport tools and materials to the sites of the various posts.

4. The 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers will be employed as follows:-

One Company

(a) To open up the sunken road and trench from J.13.b.80.05 to J.14.a.4.6.

(b) To open up JARGON SWITCH from J.13.b.87.90 to JARGON TRENCH.

Two Platoons to open up JASPER LANE as far as INVERNESS COPSE.

Two Platoons to continue making of A.T.N. Track as far as JARGON SWITCH.

The remainder of the Battalion will be in Divisional Reserve.

WALLACE WRIGHT.

Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division.

August 6th 1917.

Preliminary & SECRET. C.R.E.14/4/41.

C.R.E's INSTRUCTIONS TO 8th ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS FOR FORTHCOMING OPERATIONS.

Headquarters, R.E.,
18th Division,

6th August, 1917.

1. The 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers will be employed as follows:-

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One Company -

(a) To open up the Sunken Road and trench from J.13.b.80.05. to J.14.a.4.6.

(b) To open up JARGON SWITCH from J.13.b.87.90 to JARGON TRENCH.

Two platoons to open up JASPER LANE as far as INVERNESS COPSE.

Two platoons to continue making of A.T.N.Track as far as JARGON SWITCH.

2. The remainder of the Battalion will be in Divisional Reserve.

Lieut.Colonel, R.E.

Commanding Royal Engineer,
18th Division.

Copies to:-

8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
18th Division G.
File.

Copy No. 6.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 43.

8th ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

REF.MAP. HOOGE
1/10-000

1. II Corps will attack at a time and date to be notified later INVERNESS COPSE. GLENCORSE WOOD and SOUTHERN END of WESTHOEK RIDGE.

2. The attack will be carried out by

18th Division on Right
25th Division on Left.

3. The objective of the 18th Division will be the approximate Line J.20.a.0.8. J.14.d.10.15. J.14.b.5.1. J.14.b.15.90. J.8.c.65.30, with posts in advance.

4. The 55th Brigade will attack on the right and 54th Brigade on left.

5. The Battalion will be employed as follows:-

"A" Company in reserve.
"B" Company - Two Platoons opening up sunken road and trench from J.13.b.80.05 - to J.14.a.4.6.
Two Platoons opening up Jasper Lane as far as Inverness Copse.

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"C" Company - One Platoon on continuation of A.T.N. Track as far as JARGON SWITCH.
Two Platoons opening up JARGON SWITCH from J.13.b.87.90 to JARGON TRENCH.
One Platoon attached "B" Company opening up Sunken Road and trench from J.13.b.80.05. to J.14.a.4.6.

Advanced Battalion Headquarters will be at R.F.A. Hqrs. Dugout, in RITZ TRENCH.

Time of opening will be advised later.

6. Secret Maps or any other documents likely to be of use to the enemy must on no account be carried forward in the battle.

Acknowledge.

N.W. HAMPTON.
Capt. & Adjt.
For O.C. 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at 9.0 P.M.
7/8/1917.

Distribution:-
No. 1 "A" Coy.
2 "B" "
3 "C" "
4 T.O. & Q.M.
5 Office.
6 War Diary.

S E C R E T.

Subject:- Moves. 18th/Div/No/232/157/5 (Q).

35th Infantry Brigade.
Capt. Holberton, 8th E. Surrey Regt.
C/o 53rd Brigade Rear Headquarters.
8th R. Sussex Pioneers.
C.R.E.
"G".
D.A.D.O.S.
18th Div. Train.

Reference 18th Division "G" No.180 of date:-

(a) 8th R. Sussex Pioneers will send their advanced party in two lorries; detailed to be at Divisional Bomb Store at 9 a.m., to report to Area Commandant, WIPPENHOEK, L.21.c.4.4., by whom they will be allotted billets. Arrangements will be made by 8th R. Sussex

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Pioneers for a guide to be at ABEELE STATION at 3 p.m., to conduct the Battalion to their billets, and for a guide to meet the Transport and conduct to its lines. Map Sheet 27 1/40,000 should be taken.

(b) Two Companies 7th Buffs, 92nd Field Company R.E., and attached platoons.

55th Infantry Brigade will arrange for guides to be at ABEELE STATION at 3 p.m., to guide units to their billets and for guides to be at ABEELE Cross Roads L.26.c.8.8. at 1-30 p.m., to conduct transport to their lines. 92 Field Coy. L.25.a.22 and L.25.a.19. Transport in L.25.a.22.

(c) Attached platoons of 54th Infantry Brigade (less 7th Bedfords).

54th Infantry Brigade will arrange for guides to be at ABEELE STATION at 3 p.m. to conduct platoons to their billets. Attached platoon of 7th Bedfords has been returned to its Transport Lines in this area.

J.A. CHURCHILL.
Captain.
D.A.A.G. 18th Division.

12th August 1917.

S E C R E T.

18th/Div/No/5/6 (G.W.)

Subject:- Handing Over.

53rd Infantry Brigade.
18th Div. Train.
D.A.D.O.S.
18th Div. Bomb Officer.
18th Div. Salvage Officer.
56th Division.

Reference "C" 18th Division Order No.123 of to-day.

(1) 56th Division will relieve 18th Division in the line at 10 a.m. 13th instant.

(2) 53rd Infantry Brigade will remain in line under orders of G.O.C. 56th Division. On relief 53rd Infantry Brigade will hand over all Brigade Bomb Stores and Petrol Tins to relieving Brigade. Copy of handing over statement to be sent to

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"Q" 18th Division. These will include ZILLEBEKE CHURCH and YEOMANRY POST.

(3) Officer Commanding 18th Divisional Train will arrange to hand over Petrol Tin Dump at H.28.a.8.9. at 9 a.m. 18th instant. Officer Commanding Trains will arrange mutually as to handing over.

CARRY Water Carriers are to be returned to D.A.D.O.S. Stores.

(4) Reserve Barrage Ration Dumps at BEDFORD HOUSE, H.33.a.3.0. will be handed over by Officer Commanding 18th Divisional Train to Officer Commanding 56th Divisional Train under mutual arrangements.

(5) Officer i/c 18th Div. Bomb Store will hand over all following stores at 10 a.m. 13th instant to 56th Div. Bomb Officer:-

Main Div. Bomb Store (Bridge) H.23.c.9.1.
Sub Div. Bomb Store (Wood) H.26.b.7.7.
BEDFORD HOUSE.

In all cases the personnel will be withdrawn and will be relieved by 56th Division. They will return to their units the same day.

A G.S.Wagon will report at Bomb Store at H.23.c.9.1. at 9 a.m., to convey kits etc., to REMINGHELST. Permanent Bomb Store Personnel will be billeted with Salvage Company, whilst not in line and will assist in Salvage work. They will be rationed by Salvage Company for consumption 15th.

(6) Railhead will remain at DICKEBUSCH but will change to REMINGHELST on 15th instant.

(7) Headquarters & 151 Companies Divisional Train, will remain in present locations until further notice.

(8) Salvage Officer will remain in charge of IInd Corps Salvage Dump at REMINGHELST. He will get into touch with 56th Division Salvage Officer and arrange as to areas to be salved, and report to "Q" Office.

Acknowledge.

D. CAMPBELL.

Major,
D.A.Q.M.G. 18th Division.

18th August 1917.

SECRET.

Subject:- Moves. 18th/Div/No/232/157/6 (Q).

55th Infantry Brigade.
C.R.E. (2 Copies)
Capt. Holberton, 8th R.Surrey Regt.
C/o 53rd Brigade Rear Headquarters.
"G"
D.A.D.O.S.
18th Div. Train.
8th R. Sussex Pioneers.
54th Infantry Brigade.

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Reference 18th Division No.G.180 of 12th instant.

(1) 8th R. Sussex Pioneers,
92nd Field Company R.E. (Dismounted personnel)
4 Infantry Platoons attached 92nd Fld Coy.R.E.
3 Infantry Platoons attached 80th Fld Coy.R.E.
2 Companies 7th Buffs,
will move by train August 13th, to back areas as under.

Depart DICKEBUSCH Railhead ... 13.15 hours.
Arrive ABEELE ..... 15. 0 "

(2) Transport will move by road independently, but will be clear of OUDERDOM by 12.30 p.m.
Route:- RENINGHELST-ABEELE, where guides will meet them at Cross Roads.
Transport of two Companies 7th Buffs will move in rear of 92nd Field Company R.E.

(3) Lorries for conveyance of decrepit men will be detailed by "Q" as demanded and will proceed direct to new billets.

(4) Units to be at entraining station 1 hour before time of departure.

D. CAMPBELL.
Major.
D.A.Q.M.G. 18th Division.

12th August 1917.

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To S M T O C E D A R.

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Detail two Lorries to report 9 am 13th inst at Divl. Bomb Store at Bridge H.23.c.9.1. to convey packs ~~xxx~~ of Sussex Pioneers to proceed to WIPPENHOEK area act.

From Club.
Place Q.

D. CAMPBELL.
Maj.

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Copy No.6.

OPERATION ORDER No. 44.

Ref Maps.
27 & 28.
1/40,000

8th ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

1. The Battalion will move to the back areas on 13th inst. The Battalion will proceed by march route to DICKEBUSCH Railhead (near the R.E.Dump); thence by train to ABEELE to CONNAUGHT CAMP.

Companies will march off from VIRGINIA WATER CAMP at -

"H.Q."	..	..	11.45 A.M.
"A" Coy.	..	..	11.50 A.M.
"B" Coy.	..	..	11.55 A.M.
"C" Coy.	..	..	12. 0 Noon.

all to rendezvous at DICKEBUSCH RAILHEAD, at 12.45 P.M.

Intervals of 300x to be kept between Companies.

2. Breakfasts will be late. Haversack rations to be carried. Dinners to be served at destination.

Two cooks per Company will accompany each T.K.

3. Packs: (a) Packs will be carried on lorries. Packs are to be stacked by Companies at the Divisional Bomb Store, end of VIRGINIA WATER, (H.23.c.9.1.) by Companies by 8.30 A.M.

A loading party to be with each dump.

The Quartermaster will supervise loading.

Dress: (b) Steel helmets will be worn.

4. Kits: Company Officers Mess kits and valises to be loaded on Company wagons by 10.30 A.M.

H.Q. Officers kits to be handed to Q.M. by 9.30 A.M. Mess Cart to report at H.Q. Mess at 10.30 A.M.

5. Pioneers', Armourer's, boxes, etc., etc., to be at Q.M's Stores by 8.30 A.M.

H.Q. Limber to report to Orderly Room at 9.0 A.M. Maltese Cart to report to Sick Corporal at 9.0 A.M.

6. Billeting Party: One representative per Company and Cpl. Bennett will proceed to billet on the lorries to report to Major de Jong at Divisional Bomb Store at 9.30 A.M.

7. Mounted Officers can ride their chargers to Railhead. Chargers will then be despatched together by road to destination.

8. Camp to be left scrupulously clean. Bivouacs to be left standing. Where tents have been removed, beds, etc., to be collected at the Canteen.

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Acknowledge.

N.H. HAMPTON.

Capt. & Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at 10.30 P.M.
12/8/1917.

Distribution:-
Copy No.1 "A" Coy.
2 "B" "
3 "C" "
4 H in Command.
5 R.S.M. and Sgt Grimes.
6 Office.
7 Q.M. & T.O.

S E C R E T.

18th/Div/No/232/158 (Q).

Subject:- Move of 18th Division to VIII Corps Area.

Copy No.11.

Ref.Map.
1
100,000
HAZEBROUCK
Sheet.

1. Reference 18th Division Order No.G.124 of 14th instant.

Headquarters 18th Division will move by lorries which will report at 8.30 a.m. Camp Commandant will issue detailed orders as to distribution.

2. 55th Infantry Brigade will move by train as per march table.

Train will depart ABEELE at 9.30 a.m.
Arrive ESQUELBECQ at 15.30 hours.

3. 54th Infantry Brigade will move by train as per march table.

Train will leave ABEELE at 8.15 a.m.
Arriving ARNEKE at 12.00 hours.

4. 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers will move by train with 54th Infantry Brigade Group.

Train will depart ABEELE at 8.15 a.m.
Arriving ARNEKE at 12.00 hours.

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5. Accommodation on each train is 2,000 all ranks
All units will be at entraining station 1 hour before time of departure.
A Staff Officer from each Brigade will ensure that an entrainment state is completed and ready to hand over to R.T.O., or Staff Officer of Divisional Headquarters, on arrival at station.

6. All transport will move by road Brigaded under orders of Officer Commanding Train Company.
Routes in accordance with march table; see 18th Division Order No. G.124 of 14th instant.
Transport to be clear of STEENVOORDE as under:-

54th Infantry Brigade by 8.0 a.m.
55th Infantry Brigade by 9.0 a.m.
Divisional Headquarters 10.30 a.m.

7. There are Watering places at N.6.a.4.3., and H.35.b.7.4. (near NOORDPEENE) sheet 27.

The troughs and pumps are under orders of Area Commandant NOORDPEENE, who has been advised.

8. The 18th Divisional Salvage Company will remain on IInd Corps Salvage Dump until relieved by 14th Division.

Transport for their move will be arranged by IInd Corps "Q" direct with Officer Commanding 18th Divisional Salvage Company.

9. 18th Divisional Canteen will move on 15th instant to destination which will be notified later.

10. Transport of 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers, will march in rear of 55th Infantry Brigade transport.

11. Billetting Area of 8th R. Sussex Pioneers will be notified later.

Acknowledge.

DUNCAN CAMPBELL.

Major.
for Lieut.Colonel,
A.A. & Q.M.G., 18th Division.

14.8.1917.

Distribution same as G.124.

Operation Order No.45.

8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Copy No.6.

Ref.Map.1/100,000.
HAZEBROUCK SHEET.

1. The 18th Division (less details left in the Line) will be transferred from II Corps to the VIII

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Corps on 15th August as from 10 A.M. on that date.

2. It is highly probable that the Battalion will move by rail and the transport by road.

3. Details re move will be issued later. All preliminary preparations should be set in motion.

Acknowledge.

N.H. HAMPTON.

Capt. & Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at 6.15 P.M.
14/8/17.

Distribution:
Copy No. 1 "A" Coy.
2 "B" "
3 "C" "
4 Q.M. and T.O.
5 War Diary.
6 Office.

Operation Order No.46.

8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Copy No.6.

Refer Sheet.
HAZEBROUCK.
1/100,000.

1. The Battalion (less one Company) will proceed to BROXEELE LEDERZEELE to-morrow, 15th instant. Dismounted personnel will proceed by rail entraining at ABEELE, detraining at ARNEKE.

Transport will proceed by road to follow 55th Brigade group Transport. Route STEENVORDE - OUDERZEELE - HARDIFORT - WALLERS CAPPEL - OCHTEZEELE - RUBROUCK. To be clear of STEENVORDE at 9 A.M.

2. H.Q. Company will move out of gate by Transport Lines at 7.15 A.M. followed at intervals of 100 yards by "A", "B" and "C" Companies.

Haversack rations to be carried. Dinners will be served on arrival of transport at destination.

3. Captain Hall will report to representative of 54th Infantry Brigade Group at the Station at 7 A.M. to take over and mark the portion of the train allotted to the Battalion. He will report to Adjutant before proceeding to Station for an entraining State.

4. All vehicles to be loaded by 6.30 A.M. Transport will move off at 6.35. A.M.

5. Steel-helmets-to-be-carried-on-the-pack.

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6. Two cooks per Company to accompany their respective Company Cookers.

7. Camp is to be left scrupulously clean.

8. Billeting party to be detailed and in absence of further instructions will proceed by train.

Acknowledge.

N.H. HAMPTON.

Capt. & Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at 8.30 P.M.
14/8/1917.

Distribution:-

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2	"A" Coy
3	"B" "
4	"C" "
5	T.O.
6	War Diary
7	Q.M.
8	R.S.M.

SECRET.

OPERATION ORDER No. 47.

8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Copy No.8.

Refce Map
1/100,000 Hazebrouck.
1/20,000. 28 N.W.

1. The Battalion will move into the XVIII Corps area on 1st Septr., and be attached to the 58th Division in the forward area.

2. The dismounted personnel of the Battalion will proceed by train. Details to be notified later.

3. The Transport will proceed by March Route to HOUTKERQUE via RUBROUCK - WORMHOUDT, marching out at 12.30 p.m., on 31st inst. proceeding on 1st Sept. to Camp at H.3.b.3.7.

4. Companies will have all their wagons and T.Ks loaded punctually by 11 a.m., at which hour the T.O. will arrange to draw these vehicles back to the Transport Lines.

5. Companies will retain their -

(a) Flanders kettles (Oval Dixies) for cooking.
(b) Officers must reduce their mess kits to one box per Company.
(c) Officers' Valises will go on the wagons: Each Officer will be allowed to load one pack on the lorry which takes the articles mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) on 1st instant.

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6. The following four Officers and 10 other ranks will proceed by lorry from Orderly Room at 9 a.m. on 31st August for billeting and taking over work. Rations for 1st to be taken. Officers can take their Valises on the lorry.

Capt. Langham.
2nd Lieut. Glanny, and
2nd Lieut. Kerr -

will take over the work from 16th Royal Irish Rifles (Pioneers) located at C.25.d.0.8.

Lieut. Fishwick will take over all billets.

The ten O.Rs will consist of 2 per Company; Cpl. Bennett (H.Q.Coy) and Cpl. Beckett (Transport).

The party will be accommodated by the 16th Royal Irish Rifles on the night of the 31st Augt./1st Septr. Party will obtain detailed instructions from the Adjutant before proceeding. Party will call at C.E's Office, XVIII Corps, H.Q. en route for further details.

7. Capt. Hall and twelve Lewis Gunners per Company (to include the four per Company now with R.F.C.) together with all the Lewis Guns and Lewis Gun Ammunition and rations, will proceed to Divisional Headquarters on 1st September, leaving Battalion H.Q. at 10 a.m. Limber G.S. wagon for transport will be provided by Divisional H.Q.

The above party will remain attached to Divisional H.Q. until further notice.

Acknowledge.

N. H. HAMPTON.
Capt. & Adjt.
6th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at 11 p.m.
30/8/1917.

Distribution:-

Copy No. 1	"A" Coy.	6	Q.M.
2	"B" Coy.	7	R.S.M. for H.Q.Coy.
3	"C" Coy.	8	Office
4	"D" Coy.	9	War Diary
5	T.O.		

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

To A. & Q. and C.E.
for information.

18th Corps.

Sender's Number. G.918 877.
Day of Month. 30

REX Pion Bn of 18th Div less transport will move by rail on Sept 1st to 18 Corps area from ZEGGERSCAPPEL area aaa Arrangements for move by rail to be advised by 5th Army Q aaa Transport will move by road on Aug 31st to billet night 31/1st in 18th Corps back area moving on Sept 1st to VLAMERTINGHE area aaa Advance party will proceed by bus on Aug 31st and report to C.E. at 18th Corps H.Q. aaa Moves of

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transport and advance party to be arranged by X 18th Corps in consultation with 5th Corps aaa Pion Bn of 36th Div. will be transferred on Sept 1st from 18 Corps to 19 Corps under arrangements to be made direct between 18 Corps and 19 Corps aaa Addsd 5th 18th and 19th Corps.

Place 5th Army.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

To 8 Royal Sussex Prs.

Sender's Number. Day of Month.
Q 758 30

Your Transport will billet at HOUTKERQUE night of 31/1 aaa

Area Commandant has been advised aaa

Transport will carry rations for consumption 1st Personnel moving by train will carry rations for consumption 1st on the move and draw rations from 58th Divn. for consumption 2nd.

From 18 Div. Q.

SECRET. Copy No.6.

OPERATION ORDER No. 48.

8th ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS,

Refce. Maps.
1/100000 Hazebrouck.
1/20000 28 N.W.

Reference Operation Order No.47.

1. The Battalion will entrain at ARNEKE Station on 1st September. Trains depart 10.6 hours.

2. The Battalion will march as a whole.

Companies will pass the cross Road - North of the 'K' in KRUYSE as follows:-

"H.Q." Coy and Drums at 6 a.m.
"C" " at 6.4 a.m.
"B" " at 6.6 " "A" Company at 6.8 a.m.

"D" Company will be prepared to follow H.Q. Company as it passes "D" Company's main billet.

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3. Dress: Skeleton equipment with steel helmet on haversack will be worn. On detraining steel helmets and packs will be worn. Caps packed in the valises.

4. Packs: These will be carried to entraining station on two three lorries.
Packs to be stacked outside each Company's Office (H.Q.Company at Battalion Headquarters). Two men per Company to be left as loaders.
Lorries will report at 7.30 a.m., at Battalion Headquarters, and proceed to Companies under orders of Sgt Knight of "A" Company who will be at Battalion Headquarters to meet lorries.

5. One lorry for cooking utensils, etc., will report at Battalion Headquarters at 7 a.m., collect H.Q. kit, and proceed under orders of 2nd Lieut. Goldring to the various Companies and will then proceed direct to new Camp at C.25.d.1.8.

All Mess Kit, cooking utensils and any kits of Officers and Drummers' packs to be stacked separately from the packs outside Company Offices (H.Qrs. at Battalion H.Q.)

1 Cook per Company, and
1 other will proceed on this lorry.

6. Lieut. Ireland and two cycle Orderlies will proceed in advance to mark off the train and report to R.T.O. at 8.30 a.m. Lieut. Ireland to report to Adjutant before proceeding.

Acknowledge.

N.H. HAMPTON.
Capt. & Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at 7.30 p.m.
31/8/1917.

Distribution:

Copy No. 1	"A" Coy.	Copy No. 5	H.Q.Coy.
2	"B" "	6	Office.
3	"C" "	7	War Diary.
4	"D" "		

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To 8 R S F

Sender's Number. Day of Month.
Q 782 31

Ref 18 Div. G604 of 30th aaa Special Train will depart ARNEKE 10.6 on 1st and arrive YPRES 11.45 aaa Accommodation for 900 all ranks aaa Parties for entraining should report to R.T.O. at 9 a.m. aaa Aje.

From 18 Dv. Q.
Time 6 p.m.

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SECRET.

CHIEF ENGINEER,
XVIII CORPS.
No.2/18/148.

C.R.E., 58th Division.

The 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers (18th Division) move from WULVERDINGHE to 18th Corps forward area to relieve 16th R.I.R. Pioneers of the 36th Division on the 1st September.

1. One lorry will report to 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers at WULVERDINGHE Church at 9 a.m. 31st August, for advance party of 4 Officers and 8 O.R.

2. 3 Officers and 4 O.R. of advance party will join 16th R.I.R. Pioneers, H.Q. Canal Bank C.25.d.1.8. on 31st August; 1 Officer and 2 O.R. proceed to Camp at H.4.c.2.8. and 2 O.R. to Horse lines at H.3.b.2.8. to take over.

3. Transport will move by road on 31st August spending night of 31/1st in HOUKERQUE area, proceeding to H.3.b.2.8. on morning of 1st.

4. Dismounted men entrain on 1st September in ZEGGERSCAPPEL area see 18th Corps wire G.887 of 30th inst (copy attached).

5. Arrangements for entraining dismounted personnel at ZEGGERSCAPPEL and detraining at REIGERSBERG will be issued later.

6. Advance parties will arrange to meet and guide Companies and Transport on their arrival.

7. Officer in charge of advance party will call at C.E., XVIIIth Corps Headquarters, on 31st August.

8. Headquarters and 3 Companies will take over the accommodation of Headquarters and 3 Companies of 36th Division Pioneers on West Bank of Canal C.25.d.1.8. and 1 Company in reserve at Camp H.4.c.2.9.

   Transport will take over Transport lines of 36th Division Pioneers at H.3.b.3.7.

9. For move of 16th R.I.R. Pioneers see Chief Engineer's wire E.746 of 30th inst.

B.I. CHAMBERS.

Capt.
for Brigadier General.
Chief Engineer, XVIIIth Corps.

Headquarters
XVIIIth Corps.
30/8/17.

Copies to - 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers
16th R.I.R. Pioneers.
XVIIIth Corps, 'G'.

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8TH BATTALION, THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

1917.		Appendix.
August	CHATEAU SEGARD AREA H 23 d 5 7	
1st	A Co. Company resting. H Co returned from ZILLEBEKE BUND to camp at H 23 d 5 7 C Co 3 platoons worked on ATN track CHATEAU SEGARD area. Location of Bn the same.	Ref MAP BELGIUM Sheet 28 N W
2nd	A Co & B Co Resting. C Co 3 platoons worked on ATN track from CHATEAU SEGARD. Lt DUTTON went out with party to DORMY HOUSE to bury the dead. 18th Division O O No 119 received. Location of Bn. the same.	Appendix 153
3rd	Bn resting. Lt HALL relaid tape on ATN PACK TRACK forward. Location of Bn the same	
4th	A Co 2 Platoons worked on shelters in NORTH BUND ZILLEBEKE from 83rd Bde R F A 2 Platoons kit rifle & smoke helmet inspections. B Co 1 Platoon marked out track from OBSERVATION ROAD towards BOMBIN COPSE 3 Platoons inspections etc C Co Moved from camp at H 23 d 5 7 to ZILLEBEKE BUND WEST. 2 Platoons went to work on ATN track SANCTUARY WOOD but enemy shelling prevented work. 2 Platoons worked repairing dugouts at ZILLEBEKE BUND WEST Casualties L/6430 Sgt E.C. ATTREE D Co wounded slightly at duty Location of Bn the same except C Co to ZILLEBEKE BUND.	
4th	18th Division O O No 120 received	Appendix 154
5th	A Co. 2 Platoons worked on shelters at ZILLEBEKE BUND NORTH for 83rd Bde R F A 2 Platoons worked on shelters at ZILLEBEKE BUND NORTH for 82nd Bde R F A 7 Platoons 2 men dugouts or shelters in hand also telephonists dugout. B Co 2 Platoons working on track from OBSERVATION RIDGE 2 Platoons in camp. C Co Company worked on ATN pack track 60x of rough corduroy & 200x of grids completed. 2 Lt W.E. STINSON joined Bn 3/8/17 posted to A Coy. 2 Lt W.H. CATER joined Bn 3/8/17 posted to B Coy.	

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August

5th (Contd). Casualties
Lt R.C. HALL M.C. Wounded slightly at duty 3/8/17.
Location of Bn the same.

6th A Co 2 Platoons worked on shelters at ZILLEBEKE BUND NORTH for 83rd Bde R F A
2 Platoons worked on shelters at ZILLEBEKE BUND NORTH for 82nd Bde R F A
B Co Company proceeded to track from OBSERVATORY RIDGE but owing to Gas, work was not possible.
C Co Company worked on ATN PACK TRACK. 100[X] of track made up with timber & hurdles. 246[X] of grids laid. Steps cut out at VINCE ST. Tape laid from steps to start of grid track.
Casualties.
G/10627 Pte EMPTAGE, E.H. A Coy wounded 31/7/17
G/157 L/Cpl HAYWARD H.J. C Coy wounded 5/8/17
G/2397 Pte SIMMONS P.K. C Coy (WIDM) 5/8/17
G/8741 Pte ANDREWS. C. A Co Wounded 6/8/17
Z/9885 Sgt RICHARDSON. L. C Co Wounded 6/8/17
G/2156 Pte STENNING. A. D Co Wounded 6/8/17
18th Division Preliminary Instructions No 4 G 870 received — Appendix 155
18th Div G O No 121 received — Appendix 156
C R M 18th Div instructions 14/4/41 — " "
Honours & Rewards
Z/9885 Sgt DIPLOCK, H.R. C Co MILITARY MEDAL
Location of Bn the same.

7th A Co Company worked on R F A shelters at ZILLEBEKE BUND NORTH
B Co Company worked on the track at OBSERVATION RIDGE.
C Co. Company made good the ATN track from ZILLEBEKE to RITZ ST. 60[X] of rough corduroy & timber laid. Grid walk made alongside mule track.
18th Divisional Administrative Instructions No/5 (QW) received — Appendix 156A
8th R Sussex Pnrs O.O.No 43 issued — Appendix 157
Location of Bn the same.

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8th

A Co Company worked strengthening shelters R F A at ZILLEBEKE BUND NORTH
B Co Company ~~rested throughout the day. (Gas Respirator inspection)~~ employed on OBSERVATION RIDGE TRACK
C Co Company worked as follows :-
VINCH STREET drained & cleared
Grids laid down on ATN track as far as point B. Track completed to within 20ˣ of MENIN TUNNEL & tape renewed.
Casualties
2 Lt W.N. CALVERT Killed
2 Lt A.H. GOLBY Wounded
G/20748 Pte SORRELL. E. "C" Co Wounded
G/1416 L/Cpl RUSSELL, D C Co Slightly Wounded at duty 7/8/17.
20331 L/Cpl PEARMLEY J.N. A Co Slightly Wounded at duty 8/8/17
G/2458 Pte LAST, H.C. D Co Slightly wounded at duty 8/8/17
G/1739 Pte COLLINS. H. B Co (wounded 31/7/17) Died of wounds 31/7/17.
Location of Bn the same

9th

A Co Company worked in strengthening R F A shelters at ZILLEBEKE BUND NORTH.
B Co Company rested throughout the day. Respirator & Iron Ration inspection carried out
1 Platoon continued preparation of track & laid grids on OBSERVATORY RIDGE forward, at night.
C Co Company worked on ATN mule track. 382ˣ gridding completed alongside mule track.
Casualties.
G/15660 Pte WEBB.C. Co Co wounded
G/2836 L/Cpl LEGGATT.T.C Co) wounded
19834 Pte BREWSTER, A.S. C Co) slightly
G/14281 Pte LONG.H C Co) on duty.
Location of Bn the same.

10th

The 18th Division attached as per 18th Div O O No 120 Appendix 153
A Co In reserve. Rifle & respirator inspections.
B Co Company standing by for orders
C Co 1 Platoon to HOOGE MENIN TUNNEL taped out extension of ATN track from point H to JARGON SWITCH
T 13 b 87-91 track made passable to last named point
3 Platoons standing by for orders
2/Lt GOLDRING.C proceeded to Advd Reinforcement Depot 9/8/17.

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10th (Contd).

Casualties
G/8039 L/Cpl SKYRME,N.H. D Co
Wounded
G/7739 Pte LADE, H.J.) D Co
) Wounded
) slightly
S/41 " ADAMS,C.J) at duty
Location of Bn the same.

11th

A Co. Company moved from camp H 23 d 5 7 to ZILLEBEKE BUND WEST
B Co Company standing by.
C Co Dump at RITZ ST camouflaged.
Company moved from ZILLEBEKE BUND to camp at H 23 d 5 7
18th Division O O No 122 received Appendix 158
2 Lt T.I. GATES proceeded to A.H.T.D. ABBEVILLE (Auth 18 Div No A646/d/5/8/17
Casualties
G/2370 Pte PENFOLD, G.E. C Co
Wounded
G/1839 Pte MATTHEWS, W. C.Co
Wounded slightly at duty 10/11/7
Location of Bn the same.

12th

18th Division O O No 123 received Appendix 159
18th Division No/232/157/5 (Q)
No/5/6 (Q M)
No 232/57/6 (Q)
Addenda to 18 Div O O 123
No G 180
} received

8th R Sussex O O No 44 issued Appendix 160
A Co Worked on JASPER LANE & cleaned same to Post J 14 a 3555
ATK track cleared from DORMY HOUSE to BATTN HD QTRS MENIN RD.
Artillery Bridge repaired over RITZ TR.
B Co Company went out to work on JAP AVENUE but failed to reach the place owing to tracks being obliterated by shell fire.
C Co Company rested
Casualties.
G/21012 Pte CHESSMORE A Wounded 11/8/17 D Coy.
S/103 Sgt TUKE J.
SR/2113 L/Cpl KENWARD, M)
G/2442 Pte LANCASTER, R.)Wounded
G/2330 " HARRIS, C.) (Gas)
G/5359 " WAGHORN, W.)31/7/17
11362 " JOSLAND, A.E.)D Co.
11197 " BURTON, J.)Wounded
G/13269 " WIGGINS, S.)11/8/17 D Co.
Location of Bn the same.

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August CONNAUGHT CAMP WIPPENHOEK AREA

13th Bn less D Co attached 7th Canadian Rly Construction Co & B Co moved to CONNAUGHT CAMP WIPPENHOEK in accordance with 18th Div O O No 123 Appendix 159
B Co Remained at H.21 d 57 Ref Map BELGIUM Sheet 29 N W 1/20000 & worked at night viz:- Trench 60X dug between two points facing S E near JASPER LANE. Supporting points made in JASPER LANE.
JASPER LANE cleared & generally improved. A sap & T head fire trench made in JASPER AVENUE also a post dug. Trench 100X dug between two posts made by the R Es
2 Lt H M WHITEHEAD rejoined Bn.
Lt R.C. HALL, M.C.) recommended for Lt J.E.C.LANGHAM.) the acting rank of Captain are authorised to wear the badges of the higher rank pending confirmation by superior authority under O R O 2494. Auth 18th Div No 19/213 "A" d/10/8/17.
Temp Capt G.H. GILMORE proceeded to England wounded 30/7/17 (D.A.G. List No 848/0/7/8/17) (II O R O 917)
Location of Bn
Hd Qrs A & C Coys CONNAUGHT CAMP WIPPENHOEK Area.
B Co. H 21 d 5 7 CHATEAU SEGARD area.

14th A & C Cos Rifle inspections etc.
B Co moved from CHATEAU SEGARD to CONNAUGHT CAMP.
Casualties
2/Lt A.N. GOLBY (wounded 8/8/17) Died of wounds 13/8/17.
G/2148 L/Cpl E.C. GURR B Co wounded 13/8/17.
G/4501 Pte CHAPMAN E. B Co wounded 13/8/17
G/2200 Pte MANN W.J. D Co wounded 13/8/17 (Gas)
Major K. DE.JONG assumes temporary command of Bn in the absence of Lt/Col B.J. WALKER on leave.
18th Division O O No 124 received Appendix 161
8th R Sussex Pnrs O O Nos 45 & 46 issued Appendix 162
Location of Bn less D Co
CONNAUGHT CAMP WIPPENHOEK.

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August	WULVERDINGHE No 4 BILLET	
15th	Bn less D Co moved in accordance with 18th Div O O No 124 from WIPPENHOEK to WULVERDINGHE.	Ref Map 1/100,000 HAZEBROUCK SHEET. Appendix 161
16th/ 17th	Bn improving billets, cleaning equipment, inspections etc Location of Bn the same ~~Bde Company Training & Organisation~~	
18th	A & B Cos Training C Co 1 Platoon worked on Erecting Baths at RUBROUCK for 53rd Bde Remainder training 2 Lt F. LUMSDEN admitted Field Ambulance 15/8/17. 2 Lt C. GOLDRING returned from Advanced Reinforcement Depot 16/8/17 Lt L.A F IRELAND returned from Fifth Army Rest Camp 16/8/17. Casualties G/2476 Cpl S. JONES, C. D Co Wounded 16/8/17 S/221 Pte HICKMAN, W. D Co Wounded 16/8/17 G/8325 Un/Pd L/Cpl SPARSHOTT C.G D Co. Wounded 31/7/17 died of wounds 6/8/17. Officers. Lt A.S. WITHINGTON removed from Establishment of this Bn on transfer to Regular Battalion (attached) with effect from 2/7/17. Auth G.H.Q. No 20729/ d/2/7/17 G (Inf) 7394 & M.S to C in C/d/13/8/17) Lt L.A.F. IRELAND is temporarily attached to B.Co for Duty (18/8/17) Location of Bn the same	
19th	Bn Church Parade. 1 Platoon of C Co completed baths at RUBROUCK for 53rd Bde 1 Platoon of A Co commenced baths at ERINGHEM for 56th Bde Extract from London Gazette 13/8/17 Royal Sussex Regt 2 Lt (Temp Lt) N.G.N.M. LEWIS (Mon.R. TF) to be temp Capt 12/6/17. 2 Lt H MacG. WHITEHEAD (TF) to be temp Lt 12/6/17. 2 Lt C.A. COWLEY to be temp Lt 24/6/17. Location of Bn the same	

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20th/ 21st	Bn training as per programme with the exception of 3 platoons working on range under Lt HALL & one platoon erecting baths at ERINGHEM.
22nd to 25th	Bn training as per programme with the exception of sundry parties working on rifle range under Lt HALL.
26th	Bn Church Parade.
27th	400 Officers & O R went to seaside by lorries for the day Remainder worked on range & other general work.
28th/ 29th	Bn training as per programme C & D fired 100 yds. grouping on 29th.
30th	A & B fired 100 yds. grouping. Appendix 163. Training as per programme. Orders received from 5th Army Battn to move to 18th Corps Area. Battn O.O No 47 issued at 11 p.m. Capt. Hall & 12 Lewis Gunners (including four with R.F.C.) to proceed to 18th Div. H.Q on 1st Sept with all Lewis Guns, Ammunition & rations.
31st	Battn. bathed in baths erected by Battn. Details of train journeys received from 18th Div. Appendix 164
7.30 pm.	Battn O.O. No 48 issued Transport moved off at 12.30 p.m. by road to HOUTKERQUE.

SYDNEY T BUCK
Capt
for C.O. 8th R.Sussex Pioneers
8/9/17

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8th BATTALION. THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.
(PIONEERS).

1917.		Appendix.
September.	YSER CANAL BANK N. of YPRES.	
1st.	Battn. marched by train from WULVERDINGHE to ARNEKE and from thence by train to YPRES, marching from thence to YSER CANAL BANK, "D" coy. marching to VLAMERTINGE.	Sheet 28 N.W. C.25.d.0.8.
	Location today.	Appendix 164.
	H.Q. A. B & ½ C coys. C.25.d.0.8.	
	2-P ½ C. C.27.b.5.3. (ENGLISH FARM).	
	D.Coy. & remainder H.Q. H.4.c.2.8.	
	Transport lines. H.3.b.3.7.	
	Transport moved by road on 31.8.17 to HOUTKERQUE and on 1st Sept. to H.3.b.3.7.	
	Bn. attached to 58th Division - XVIII Corps as a Pioneer Battn. 53rd Div. not having one.	
2nd.	Company resting and preparing for night work. 18th Div. O.O. No. 125 Recd. See App. 165.	Appendix 165.
	Work. (A Coy. 3 Platoons clearing, repairing and draining St. JULIEN road from C.23.d.4.3. to High St, St. JULIEN. Gas-platoon Night work. B.Coy. 1 Platoon erecting new quarters near camp C.25.d.0.8. 3 Platoons, night work, grid track from ADMIRAL'S road to C.12.A.8.4. C Coy. 3 Platoon, night work, grid track from ADMIRAL'S road to ALBERTA Farm carrying grids from CANADIAN DUMP. 200 grids roughly laid towards MOUNT de HIBOU. 21 O.Rs. at dump BESSELHOEK. 10 men at dump C.15.d.4.2. D.Coy. 3 Platoons worked on REIGERSBURG Camp clearing ground, erecting tents & bivouacs. 1 Platoon at work in camp H.4.c.2.8.	
	night work 2/3.	
	Location as yesterday.	
3rd.	Location as yesterday. A.Coy. B & C. Coys. 1 Platoon of A and 1 of "B" work by day in Camp C.25.d.0.8. 21 men of C. at dump	

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3rd (contd)

as yesterday. 10 men at dump at C.15.d.4.2.
"A" as yesterday. Road to VENDEULE FARM, 12 ft.wide, practically complete. } night work.
"B". as yesterday. Work hindered by shelling. }
C. 1 Platoon by day doubling track from ADMIRAL'S ROAD (C.22.a.1.4.) in direction of CALF TRENCH, 160 yds. complete.
2 Platoons by night carrying grids from CANADIAN DUMP two miles to point 420 yds. of MON-DU HIBOU and extending rough grid track, 180 yds. completed to point C.6.b.1.0.
D. As yesterday.

5th

4th.

Casualties yesterday 3/9/17 -
G.2386 Pte. MOGER M. and G.2404 Pte. WOOD M. "C" Coy.
2nd Lt. J.S.KERR wounded slightly at duty.

4th.

Work.
A. Completed road repair to St. JULIEN & made it passable for traffic.
1 Platoon worked on HIGH ST. ST.JULIEN from bridge over STEENBECK to C.12.a.6.2.very little needed for completion. Road from C.12.a.6.2. to TRIANGLE FARM in a bad state.
5 Sections on BUSHCASTEL - TRIANGLE FARM road from C.10.b.5.1. to C.11.a.0.5.
B. 1 Platoon completed about 400 yds. to grid walk to MOUSE TRAP FARM.
2 Platoons relaid 200 yds. of double gridded walk & prepared track to MOUSE TRAP FARM.
1 Platoon working in Camp.
C. 1 Platoon by day ~~laying~~ doubling grid track from C.22.a.3.4. 150 yds. completed towards CALF TRENCH - subsequently track had to be altered. 60 yds. alteration being completed.
1½ Platoons by night carrying grids to MON du HIBON C.6.c.1.2. and completing extension of rough grid track to that point from ALBERTA C.11.c.9.6. - 40 yds - repairing this section of track & bridge over STEENBECK.
21 men at dump as yesterday.

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4th (contd)	D. 2 Platoons on REIGERSBURG CAMP. 2 Platoons inspection of rifles, Gas respirators, field dressings, instruction in formation of column of 3s. & arms drill.
	Promotions. Extract from LIST No. 150 of appts. approved by the F.M., C-in-C. R.Sussex Regt. 8th Bn. u/m. to be acting Capts. (additional). 20th July 1917. Lieut.J.M.C.Langham. 5th Bn. Temp.Lt. R.C.Hall M.C. (auth. 18th Div. No. 409/14 "A" d/4/9/17).
5th.	Work. A. 2 Platoons (less 2 Sections) road N. of REGINA CROSS. 100 yds. completed. Remainder of Coy. failed to reach work in St.JULIEN owing to heavy shelling.
	B. 1 Platoon on Camp accomm. 3 Platoons on grid walk to ST.JULIEN 340 yds. of gridding done. Existing Grid walk moved in several places.
	C. 160 yds. of double gridding laid on ADMIRALS Road - ALBERTA Track to point C.22.a.5.6.
	D. 2 Platoons - REIGERSBURG CAMP. 2 Platoons as other two yesterday.
	100 Infantry carried grids during morning. Location as yesterday.
6th.	Location as yesterday. Work yesterday.
	A. 3 Platoons arrived on road N. of REGINA CROSS for work but shelling commenced & was continuous. Party took cover & filled sandbags with bricks. After suffering several casualties, & shelling not ceasing the party was withdrawn.
night 6/7.	One platoon working in Camp.
	B. 3 Platoons on grid walk to ST. JULIEN track being cleared to 25 yds. past MOUSE TRAP FARM. Gridding completed to within 30 yds. of this farm including repair of 340 yds of old track. One Platoon erecting new quarters in Camp.

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6th (contd)

(C. Laying further extension
(of ADMIRAL'S Rd. - ALBERTA
(double gridded track -
(392 yds. laid to point
(C.16.d.0.1.
D. 2 Platoons REIGERSBURG CAMP. 2 Platoons training in CAMP.

Casualties on 5.9.17. G.2263. Pte. HOPKINS A.G., G.6412 Pte. HUMPHREY A. G.2633 Pte. NEWMAN R.J. G.1580 Pte. STRATFORD J. G.2632 Pte. STEVENS F. Killed and G.4084 L/Cpl. TOWNSEND W. wounded. All of "C" Coy.

8th-
7th. Location ~~6day~~ as yesterday.

Work. A. 3 Platoons of main ST.JULIEN Road as far as HILLTOP FARM the road now being good almost to this point. 1 Platoon in CAMP.

B. 3 Platoons less 10 men on double grid walk to ST.JULIEN 225 yds. ~~completed~~ done completing track to CALIBAN RESERVE C.22.b.5.0.

C. Double grid track taped out and 140 yds. prepared from CALF RESERVE C.16.a.1.3. to C.16.b.9.5. 300 yds. of grid track laid at night. 21 men at Corps dump as before.

D. 2 Platoons at REIGERSBURG CAMP. 2 Platoons Training in Camp.

Casualties. 20328 L/Cpl.DARAGON W. "C" Coy. Missing (believed killed) 5.9.17.
(G.1615 Cpl.STROUD T.
(missing (believed killed)
(G.374 L/Cpl. HALFORD H.
(Killed. G.18261 Pte.
(BIDDLES G.A. G.9763 Pte.
6/9/17. (BURDEN W.H. G.15135 Pte.
(BARNETT J.H. Wounded, all
("A" Coy. G.2259 L/Cpl.
(CORNWALL J.H. "B" Coy.
(Killed.

9th No Casualties ~~6day~~ - G.20081.
(Pte.JAMES W.J. "A" Coy.
(L.9685 Sgt.DIPLOCK H.R.
8/9/17. (G.4496 L/Cpl.GREENSHIELDS
(A. G.10790 Pte.SHIPTON F.W.
(Killed. G.2601 L/Cpl.FULLER
(F. G.1175 Pte.BURTON R.

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7th (contd) 8/9/17. (G.10553 Pte.STEDMAN J.
(G.12232 Pte.HARRIOTT W.
(Wounded, all of "C" Coy.
(2nd Lt.G.DUTTON wounded.

9th Location
D. Coy. moved from H.4.c.2.8. to CANAL BANK C.25.d.0.8.
A Coy. moved back in place of "D".
C.Coy. withdrew 2 Platoons from ENGLISH FARM to CANAL BANK.

9th
8th. Work. C. As yesterday. 300 yds. completed to C.16.b.7.1. 21 men at 58th Div. R.E. dump.
B. As yesterday. 300 yds. completed to C.17.c.15.65.
A. Moved Camp as above.
D. 3 Platoons on ST.JULIEN - TRIANGLE FARM road to within 300 yds. of latter farm.
Location as yesterday.
Casualties 8.9.17. G.1985 Pte. BLEACH, P.A. L.10589 Pte.SLATER J.M.K.Killed. both B Coy.

9th. Work. "A" Engaged in CAMP. No work at REIGERSBURG CAMP - no material.
B. As yesterday. No gridding done Infantry carrying party not available. Track cleared for further 350 yds. to C.17.b.2.7. Gridding repaired.
C. As yesterday. Track extended 300 yds to C.17.a.0.5. 21 men at Corp dumps. Coy. bathed at midday.
D. 2 Platoons made ST.JULIEN - TRIANGLE FARM road good except where blocked by Tanks and 2 fallen Trees. 1 Platoon on REGINA CROSS - TRIANGLE FARM. Little progress was made owing to want of material & bad condition of ground.
Location as yesterday.

10th
10th. Work. "A" as yesterday.
B. As yesterday. Gridding completed to C.17.c.40.90. Track cleared to C.17.a.90.35. Present track repaired. 1 Platoon carrying grids.

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10th (contd)

Work. C. As yesterday. Track completed to C.17.a.20.75.
D.
Casualties ~~yesterday~~- S.411 Pte. DEARLING H. G.2234 L/Cpl. TASKER W. G.4170 Pte.CROUCH. 10/9/17. C.J. G.8432 Pte.BLAKE.F. G.1945 Pte.RAVEN G. ~~G.2664-8~~ all of"B" wounded. G.20648 Pte.THORP G. "C" Coy. wounded. G.2662 Pte. FERMOR.A. "D" Coy. wounded slightly at duty.
Location as yesterday.

~~12th~~
11th.

Work. "A" Coy. as yesterday.
"B" " As yesterday. Gridding continued to C.17.a.70.15. Two Platoons carrying grids.
"C" " As yesterday. Double gridding continued to C.17.a.2.8. Only 120 grids available. Work hindered by gas shells.
D. " Dry weather track marked out from C.11.a.7.6. to C.5.d.1.1. Wood collected for culvert over STEENBECK.
Location as yesterday.
Casualties ~~yesterday~~ G.2509 Pte. 11-9-17. PENNY G. "D" Coy. Wounded slightly at duty. G.1775 L/Cpl. MATTHEWS G. "B" Coy. wounded. 2nd Lt.G.DUTTON (wounded 8/9/17) died of wounds 8/9/17.

12th.

Work. A.Coy. 1 plat. finishing of REIGERSBURG Camp, remainder of Coy. training etc.

night of 12/13th.

B.Coy. ALBERTA MOUSE TRAP FARM grid track - track cleared to C.17.b.05.55. also 180x single grid track laid to point C.17.b.0.6.
C.Coy. ALBERTA track - single grid track extended 300x to C.11.c.6.4.
D.Coy. Work commenced on dry weather track, to run from REGINA Cross to Triangle Farm, ditch dry from C.5.d.1.1. to C.5.d.8.2. also Bridge over STEENBEEK placed & camouflaged. ~~H.Q.B.D.Coys.-all night work~~

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12th (contd) Location of Battn. Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20,000.
H.Q. B, C & D Coys. at C.25.d.0.8.
A Coy. H.4.c.2.8. - T'port Lines H.3.b.3.7.
Honours. Lt.(a/Capt) R.C.HALL M.C. awarded Bar to the M.C. (18th Div. R.O. 1133) for work E. of YPRES 31/7/17 - 13/8/17.
Casualties. Lieut. A.B.CAMPBELL C.Coy (Sussex Yeomanry) Killed night 12/13th.
G/2316. Pte.BROWN C.E. C Coy. wounded, night of 12/13th. subsequently died of wounds 13th Sept.
G/1615 Corpl. STROUD T. A Coy. previously reptd. missing, believed killed, now reported Killed & not missing.
A/Capt. J.E.C.LANGHAM transferred from A to C Coy. as 2nd i/c. on 13th Sept.

~~14th~~
13th. Work.
60 Infy. under 2 Lt. THORPE, commenced to lay a single grid track from ADAM'S FARM (C.10.b.8.3.) to ALBERTA (C.11.c.9.8.).

night 13/14.
A.Coy. small party working on Reigersburg Camp, remainder in Camp.
B.Coy. Mouse Trap Farm track - double gridding continued from C.17.c.1.6. to C.17.c.4.8. (150^{x}) single gridding continued from C.17.b.1.6. (230^{x}) to C.17.b.3.9.
C.Coy. ALBERTA grid track - double gridding extended to C.11.c.70.35 - track prepared in advance for laying grids.
D.Coy. STEENBEEK - Triangle Farm Road, continuation of drains switch bridge over STEENBEEK completed & approaches graded.

Location of Battn. same
Casualties. G/2187 Pte.C.S.CASTLE (B Coy. & Signals) killed.
G/18286 Pte.G.JAMES A Coy. wounded.

14th. A Coy. training in reserve camp.

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14th (contd)

night 14/15.

B.Coy. 1 plat. on Mouse Trap Farm track - single gridding extended to the STEENBEEK. 1 sec. patrolling St.Julien - Triangle Farm road to inspect road, remainder of Coy. in billets.

C.Coy. Alberta track - single gridding extended to Mon de HIBOU rear part of track repaired.

D.Coy. STEENBEEK - Triangle Farm Road considerable progress made in ditching, filling shell holes etc. - trouble experienced in getting rid of water from holes.

Location of Battn. same.

Casualties. G/14252 Pte. SALTER J. C.Coy. wounded slightly at duty.

15th.

night work 15/16.

Work.

A.Coy. ALBERTA and MOUSE TRAP Farm, Tracks overhauled & nailed, tracks for double gridding prepared.

B.Coy. St.JULIAN & JANET FARM Road, - about 500ˣ prepared for passage of tanks by 2 sections. California Reserve to St.Julian Road - 2 sections filling shell holes. 2 plats. working on clearing road from C.18.a.10.53. to HUGEL HOLLOW.

C.Coy. moved to Reserve Camp (H.4.c.) & relieved ××× A Coy. who took over C.Coy's billets in Canal Bank.

D.Coy. STEENBEEK - Triangle Farm Road, ditch cut & progress made in filling shell holes & clearing road.

Casualties.
G/2436. Pte. MORRIS S. C Coy. wounded.
G/D/917. Pte. MILLIS H.R. B Coy. wounded.
2 Lt. F.A.ATKINSON to Field Ambce. sick.

Honours & Rewards. The Military Medal awarded to -
G/2244. L/Sgt. HELF-WEST T.F. A Coy.

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15th (contd)
G/3878. Pte. JEFFERY T.R. A Coy.
G/2235. Pte. CHRESSMAN D. B Coy.
G/10803 Cpl. KNIGHT H.H. C Coy.
G/2795. Sgt. STAPLEY. C.A. A Coy.
G/2371 Pte. SWALLOW W. C Coy.
G/2117 Sgt. STUNT A. A Coy.
G/1664. Pte. WILMSHURST T. C Coy.
authy. II Corps R.O. No. 1001.
d/1/9/17.

16th. Work. (A.Coy. drained & began to repair the REGINA Cross - Triangle Farm road (C.5.d.7.2. to C.6.a.35.15).
night 16/17. (B.Coy. 1 plat. effecting repairs to ALBERTA and House Trap Farm tracks.
1 plat. Triangle Farm - ST. JULIEN Road - clearing & filling up shell holes.
1 plat. (assisted by 150 infantry) laying grid track, about 400ˣ from C.11.a.7.4. towards the STEENBEEK.
C.Coy. Company training & inspections.
D.Coy. Steenbeek - Triangle Farm road - good progress made in draining & filling up shell-holes.

Location of Bn. same.

Casualties.
2nd Lieut. E.HARRIS, wounded.
G/2753 L.Cpl.COUSINS T.W. D.Coy. wounded slightly at dump.

London Gazette - 13 Sept. 1917. - the undermentioned Temp. to be Temp. Capts.
N.H.Hampton. 18/10/16 instead of 13/11/16.
W.H.Baddeley 12/3/17 instead of 14/4/17.
G.L.Kemp 14/4/17. instead of 6/5/17.
G.H.Gilmore 6/5/17 instead of 2/6/17.
N.G.N.H.Lewis 2/6/17 instead of (2 Lt. MOH.R.) 12/6/17.
Temp. 2nd Lieuts to be temp.Lieuts.
F.W.Tomlinson 18/10/16 instead of 13/11/16.
L.A.F.Ireland 12/3/17 instead of 15/3/17.
F.C.Dammant 15/3/17 instead of 2/6/17.
H.Mac C.Whitehead 2/6/17 instead of (5 R.Bx.Regt.) 12/6/17.

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A.Coy.)Steenbeek - Triangle
)Farm Road - old bridge
D.Coy.)repaired, culvert fitted
)in switch track - ditches
)dug & shell holes
)filled & drained.

C.Coy. Company training.
B Coy. 1½ plats. overhauling grid tracks.
1½ plats. laying grid track from C.11.c.25.95. to C.11.b.3.6.
Location of Battn. same.
Casualties. Capt. N.G.H.LEWIS - (3rd Mon.Regt. attd.) - D Coy. Killed 17/9/17.
G/18280 - Pte. BRAMLEY W.H. A Coy. wounded.
11378 Pte. REEVES F. - D Coy. wounded slightly at duty.
Officers.
2/Lieut. W.G.F.Pearson joined Bn. 16/9/17.

18th. Work.
A & C Coys. resting.
B.Coy. 1 plat. making the St.JULIEN - JANET Farm road passable for tanks.
1 plat. assisted by 100 infy. laying grid track from C.11.c.6.8. to the Steenbeek at C.11.b.3.6. distance approx. 650x.
night 18/19.
D.Coy. Steenbeek - Triangle Farm Road - road & diversion is now passable for tanks up to C.5.d.75.20.
Casualties.
20328. L/Cpl. DARAGON W. C Coy. previously reported missing believed killed, now reported "Killed & not missing".
Lieut. J.F.FISHWICK assumed tempy. command of D.Coy. vice Lewis Killed.
Operations.
En.O.O.49 issued based on 58th Divisional preliminary orders for renewal of offensive. Appendix 166.
58th Div. O.O.56. received re relief of Bde. Appendix 167.
58th Div. O.O.57 received re attack of the XVIII Corps on 20th Sept. (O.O.57 & instrs. for operations all contained in Appendix 168. Appendix 168.
C.R.E. 58th Div. O.O.28 received. Appendix 169.

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19th. 18th Div. Warning Order G.854 re move of Division to XVII Corps area received. Appendix 170.

Work.
Bn. resting less 1 platoon of B Coy. filling shell holes on the St. Julien - Winnipeg Road (as far as Janet Farm) to assist the passage of tanks.
Location of Battn. same.
Casualties.
G/2538 Pte. HOLLIS E. A Coy. wounded.
20317 Cpl. JUDD H.R. C Coy. wounded slightly at duty.

20th. C Coy. moved into billets in the Canal Bank.
Attack carried out as ordered in Appendix 168 - all objectives taken.
A Coy. moved out to work on the Steenbeek - Triangle Farm Road at 11.30 a.m. - but no work possible owing to very heavy shelling.
B & C Coy. 2 plats. of C Coy. went out after noon to work on the St. Julien - Winnipeg Road in spite of shelling about 200* of road from St. Julien was made passable for horsed transport - Infantry track also taped out up to Winnipeg Farm.
D Coy. remained in reserve in Canal Bank.
Casualties nil.

21st. Work.
A Coy. 2 Platoons paraded 5.15 am. for work on Regina Cross - Triangle Farm.
2 Platoons paraded 5.15 pm. (the last platoon unable to reach work owing to shelling).
Work done on digging ditches - repairing track etc.
C Coy. 2 plats. worked from 9.0 am. to 1.0 pm. 2 plats. worked from 1.0 pm. to 5.0 pm.
B Coy. 2 plats. worked from 5.0 pm. to 9.0 pm.
) St. Julien - Winnipeg Farm Road which was made fit for horsed transport up to C.12.d.0.4.
Work hindered by shelling & enemy aircraft.
D Coy. in reserve.

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21st. (contd)

58 Div. G.O.58 - re relief & general situation received. Appendix 171.
18 Div. G.O.126 re move from ZEGGARS CAPPEL area to St. JAN TER BEIZEN, with H.Q. at POPERINGHE received. Appendix 178.

Casualties.
260060 Pte. WALLIS E.G. A Coy. wounded.
G/1741 Corpl.WINDMILL J. C.Coy. wounded slightly at duty.
G/329 L/Cpl. TURNER T. C.Coy. wounded slightly at duty.
G/2715 L/Cpl. AUSTIN F.W. A Coy. wounded slightly at duty.
G/2789 Pte. BALCHIN F.T. B Coy. wounded slightly at duty.

22nd.

Work.
A Coy. 2 plats. early morning on Steenbeek - Triangle Farm Road work done - draining etc.
B & C Coys. working in 2 platoon shifts on St. Julien - Winnipeg road which was made fit for horsed transport up to C.12.d.15.40.
D Coy. commenced to dig a cable trench forward from the Steenbeek towards Winnipeg Farm, about 200* dug & filled in.

Casualties.
Lieut.L.A.F.IRELAND. B Coy.) wounded
2/Lt. C.C.GARNER. B Coy.) slightly
) at duty.
G/2763. Pte PINK W.J. A Coy. ditto.
G/18073 Pte.COLLINS A.L. B.Coy ditto.
G/2721. Pte.LAKER F.T. C Coy. ditto.
L/5999 L/Sgt.WOOD E.H. B Coy.) wounded.
G/3938 Pte.HOPKINS H. C Coy.)
G/1732 L/Sgt.BOWLES F. C Coy. Killed.
G/2738 Cpl.DUDMAN F. C Coy. Killed.
G/1416 L/Cpl.RUSSELL O. C Coy Killed.
G/2369 Pte. COWSTICK F. C Coy wounded, died of wounds 23/9/17.
G/2361.Pte. FARRANT E. C Coy. wounded slightly at duty.

23rd.

58 Div. Warning Order re continuation of attack by the Fifth Army received (G.S/100). Appendix 179.

Work.
A Coy. Draining & repairing road from TRIANGLE FM. to VANCOUVER approx. 150 yds - Repaired original road from HIBOU to TRIANGLE FM. drain dug in one side and shell holes filled -

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23rd. continued work on dry weather track from STEENBEEK to HIBOU. B. & C. Coys. Employed on ST. JULIEN - WINNIPEG Rd. carrying facines & bricks for work - road now ready for wheeled transport for distance of approx. 350 yds. from CHURCH at ST. JULIEN and about 30 yds. from Metal Rd. Clearing stream - Pickets driven to guide traffic. D Coy. Dug CABLE TRENCH from C.12.c.0.3. to C.12.c.7.5.

Casualties.

G/710 L/Cpl. MURRAY R. C Coy. Died of wounds.
G/6396 Pte. BURTON W.H.C. B Coy. Wounded (Gassed).
18284 Pte. BATES J.P. "A" Coy. Wounded slightly at duty.
G/910 Pte. CAESAR J. "C" Coy. Wounded (Gassed).
G/2721 Pte. LAKER T. "C" Coy. Wounded slightly at duty. (Gassed).

24th. Operations.
Bn. O.O. 50 issued, based on 58th Divisional Order No. 59. Appendix 180.

Work.

A Coy. One Platoon completed week track suitable for light guns & limbers from TRIANGLE FM. to VANCOUVER. Three Platoons continued draining and repairing damage on dry weather track from STEENBEEK to TRIANGLE FARM.

B & C Coys. Worked on St.JULIEN - WINNIPEG ROAD. Road now practically completed to JANET'S FM - culverts put in position - Drain on right completed 50 yds. EAST of JANET'S FM - Shell holes filled in & fascine bridge nearly completed. Heavy shelling considerably interrupted work. Two sections of C.Coy. made sample of fascine-corduroy widening of existing pave road 30 yds.cut & 20 yds. fascine-corduroy laid.

D Coy. One platoon filled in CABLE TRENCH from C.12.c.3.4. to C.12.c.7.5. Three platoons dug trench & finished same to MEBUS JANET FM 325 yds.

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24th (contd)

Casualties.
As per list following -
Strength Decrease - Casualties:
The undermentioned casualties occurred 24/9/1917:-

G/18032	L/Cpl.Miller H.	"D" Coy.	Killed.
G/2214	Pte.Winsbury A.J.	"A" "	Wounded.
G/2126	Cpl.Tichurst E.H.	" "	"
G/2042	Pte Banger F.W.	" "	"
G/9263	" Burden W.H.	" "	"
G/5706	" Woolley A.	" "	"
G/2170	L/Cpl.Tyler F.	"B" "	"
G/2031	Pte.Jenner E.W.	" "	"
G/2597	" Clayton E.	" "	"
20639	" Button W.C.	" "	"
13536	" Buss W.J.	"A" "	"
11198	" Barnes A.	" "	Wounded slightly at duty.
G/1824	" Gander E.	"B" "	"
G/2227	" Breach W.	" "	
G/ 319	" Prodger C.S.	" "	"
G/2166	Sgt.Jeffrey W.H.	"C" "	"
G/2364	Pte.Woodgate J.	"C" "	"
G/2352	" Moseley W.	" "	"
21549	L/Cpl.STEERS A.	"A" "	"

25th. 58th Div. Operation Order No. 60. Appendix 181.

Work.

A Coy. One Platoon repaired with fascines road at THIANGLE FM.
One Platoon continued general drainage.
One Platoon carried fascines & timber forward from STEENBEEK.
One Platoon commenced laying Beech Slabbing & preparing track.

B Coy. Coy. employed on ST.JULIEN - WINNIPEG Rd. but little progress owing to heavy shelling.

C Coy. Two platoons cleared and repaired ST.JULIEN - TRIANGLE Rd. from corner C.12.c.26.12 to C.12.c.43.70. the 30 yds. sample fascine widening completed. Total length of road cleared 250 yds.

D Coy. Filled in CABLE TRENCH dug previous night to MEBUS at C 12 d 1.6.

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25th (contd)

Casualties.
2nd Lt. MARTIN. P.S.W. Wounded.
G/14266 Pte.GAULT. H. "B" Coy. Killed
G/1827 " SAYERS G.A. "B" Coy. Wounded.
G/4734 " KIDMAN W. "B" Coy. Wounded.
SD/3367 " HEASMAN J."B" Coy. Wounded.
G/16266 " AYLING W. "B" Coy. Wounded.
200490 " WOOD. F. "B" Coy. Wounded.
G/8274 " MILLS W. "B" Coy. Wounded.
G/9209 L/Cpl.HERRIOTT A.J. "C" Coy. Wounded.
L/10430 Pte. SEARLE W.H. "C" Coy. Wounded.
G/2245 Pte. KENNARD P. "B" Coy. Wounded slightly at duty.
2nd LTS. C.C.GARNER and W.G.F. PEARSON proceeded to SIMOE CAMP, to take over duties as Corps Camp Officer and Asst.Corps Camp Officer.

26th.

Btn. O.O. 51 issued based on 58th Div. Order No. 60. Appendix 182.
Battalion resting.
Casualties.
SD/5613 Pte. GOTOBED G. "C" Coy.

27th.

Btn. O.O. 51 cancelled.
Battalion moved to POPERINGHE. Appendix 183.

POPERINGHE.

28th.

Battalion resting.

29th.

Battalion resting.
Btn. O.O.52. Appendix 184.
Letter of congratulation from Major General Fanshawe Commanding 58th Div. Appendix 185.
Casualties.
4137 L/Cpl.MORGAN E. D Coy. Missing.
G/2827 C.Q.M.S.JENNER F.G.W. B.Coy. Wounded.
G/1815 Pte.GREGORY S.K. B Coy. Wounded.
G/2608 Pte. HAMPSHIRE A.D. C Coy. Wounded.
G/1512 Pte. BUTCHER E.G. D Coy. Wounded.
S/1955 C.S.M. TUTT J.W. B Coy. Wounded slightly at duty.

NORTKERQUE.

30th.

Battalion moved to NORTKERQUE.

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18th DIVISION ORDER No. 125.

Ref. Map. 1/100,000.
HAZEBROUCK Sheet.

September 2nd 1917.

1. 18th Division Headquarters and 54th Infantry Brigade will move from LEDERZEELE and BROXEELE areas to ESQUELBECQ and WORMHOUDT (C) areas on Monday, 3rd instant.

2. "Q" 18th Division, will make all arrangements for this move.

3. Divisional Headquarters will close at LEDERZEELE at 10.30 a.m. and open at ESQUELBECQ at the same hour.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. A. BULLOCH.
Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 6 a.m.

Copies to:-

1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2/3. "G".
4/5. "Q"
6. 53rd Brigade.
7. 54th Brigade.
8. 55th Brigade.
9. C.R.A.
10. C.R.E.
11. 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
12. Signals.
13. A.D.M.S.
14. D.A.D.V.S.
15. D.O.O.
16. A.P.M.
17. D.A.D.O.S.
18. Div. Train.
19. No. 3 D.S.C.
20. Camp Commandant.
21. War Diary.
22. II Corps.
23. V Corps.
24. XVIII Corps.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 49.

8th ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

Refce. Map.
POELCAPPELLE.
1/10,000.

1. The attack on the enemy is to be renewed on a date and at an hour to be notified later.

2. There will be three objectives:-
First. Dotted Blue Line, running approximately from D.1a.7.2. - D.1.c.55.65. - D.1.c.45.00. to D.7.a.3.7. on which there will be a pause to "Z" plus 85 minutes.

Second. Brown Line: D.1.b.4.3 - D.1.d.6.0. - D.7.b.5.7. thence in front of road to D.7.Central. Pause of 18 minutes.

Final. Blue Line. D.1.b.45.30. - D.1.d.5.7. - D.1.d.7.0. to Clifton House - Olive House inclusive - D.8.c.0.7. thence S.W. to D.7.d.10.

3. a. The XVIII Corps will attack with 51st Division on left and 58th Division on right (attack to be carried out by 174th Brigade).
b. The 173rd Brigade will continue to hold present front and will carry out two sham attacks with dummy figures between Zero and "Z" plus 85 minutes on the front between WINNIPEG - SPRINGFIELD.
c. The 55th Division will be attacking on our right.

4. The attack will be preceded by an intense hurricane bombardment by all available Artillery.

5. Advanced Divisional Headquarters and Rear Brigade Headquarters will be in the Canal Bank.

174th Bde Advanced H.Q. will be at C.17.c.1.8.
174th Bde Battle Station will be at MON DU HIBOU.
173rd Bde Battle Station will be at ST.JULIEN.
173rd Bde Advanced H.Q. will be at CHEDDAR VILLA.
Battalion H.Q. will remain in its present location.

6. The Battalion will be prepared to move to work from present billets at 15 minutes notice after Zero.
The work allotted to the Battalion is -
"B" Coy to repair the ST. JULIEN - WINNIPEG - point D.7.b.0.2. road.
"A" Coy. to repair the REGINA X - TRIANGLE FARM - D.1.c.0.0. road.
"D" Coy to repair the WINNIPEG - SPRINGFIELD - VANCOUVER road.
The above roads to be made passable for horsed transport.
"C" Coy. will be in reserve, and will move to billets in CANAL BANK at Zero under orders to be issued later.

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7. Dress. Skeleton equipment will be worn.

8. There will be the usual telephonic communications between Brigade Battle Headquarters and Advanced Divisional Headquarters.

9. Acknowledge.

N. H. HAMPTON. Capt. & Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at 9.0 a.m.
17/9/1917.

Distribution -

Copy No. 1. Office.
2. "A" Coy.
3. "B" "
4. "C" "
5. "D" "
6. H.Q.Coy.
7. T.O.
8. Q.M.
9. War Diary.

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ADDENDA TO OPERATION ORDER No. 49.

8th ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

1. Paragraph 3 b. is cancelled.
The attack on WINNIPEG and the Cemetery will be renewed by the 173rd Brigade on "Z" day, in conjunction with the attack of 174th Brigade.

2. The objective of the 173rd Brigade will be the approximate dotted Blue Line D.7.a.3.7. - D.7.a.13.47 - D.7.a.2.0. - D.7.c.30.85 - D.7.c.44.60.

3. WINNIPEG, when captured, will be consolidated, also the Cemetery.

4. Tanks will co-operate with the Division in the attack.

5. Water Dumps.
Divisional Water Dump (Petrol tins) is at C.22.b.1.1.
Right Water Dump (Petrol tins) is at C.17.b.9.6.
Left " " " " " C.10.b.8.3.

6. R. E. Dumps. Dumps of materials have been formed at -

C.12.c.3.7. for Right Brigade.
C.11.a.5.7. for Left "
C.25.d.0.5. for Divisional Reserve Dump.
(Canadian Farm Dump is closed).

In addition, each Field Company, R.E. will supply two trestle wagons, and the Pioneers four G.S.

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wagons, loaded with stores, i.e. each G.S. wagon load:

3,000 Sandbags.
2 coils plain wire.
50 Shovels.
20 Picks.
1 Felling Axe.
2 Hand Saws

to form mobile dumps.

These wagons will be loaded on "Y" day at PESELHOEK DUMP, and kept at the Transport Lines until 11 a.m. on "Z" day, when they will move up to Reserve Divisional Dump, with feeds for horses for one day. These wagons will remain loaded and be held in readiness to move at half an hour's notice.

7. Transport Lines and rear H.Q. Company will remain as at present.

8. Paragraph 6. "C" Company will send four representatives to report to Major de Jong at 4 p.m. on "Y" day to take over billets from Nos. 511 and 503 Field Companies, R.E. "C" Company will march out of their present billets by Platoons, to quarters in Canal Bank at 8.30 a.m. on "Z" day.

9. Tools. 125 shovels and 125 picks will be issued to each Company at Canal Bank before "Z" day.

10. Medical Arrangements: (See copy of C.R.E's letter of 17/9/17 attached).

11. Acknowledge.

N. H. HAMPTON.
Capt. & Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at 5.0 p.m.
18/9/18.

Distribution -

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2. "A" Coy.
3. "B" "
4. "C" "
5. "D" "
6. H.Q. Coy.
7. T.O. and Q.M.
8. War Diary.

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O.C. 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

The following Medical Arrangements will come into force on renewal of the offensive.

Walking wounded. Left Sector.

(a) From Front to Mon du HIBOU thence by grid walk to Regimental Aid Post, ALBERTA, thence by grid walk to Advanced Divisional Collecting Post, CALIFORNIA TRENCH.

(b) Or alternatively by grid walk direct to Advanced Dressing Station, DUHALLOW.

(c) Or from Mon du HIBOU along road, through REGINA CROSS to MINTY FARM, C.10.c.4.6.

Right Sector.

(a) From Front to Regimental Aid Post at ST. JULIEN. Thence by VANHEULE FARM to Advanced Divisional Collecting Post.

(b) By grid walk through JULIET FARM, MOUSETRAP FARM, to Advanced Dressing Station, DUHALLOW.

From advanced Divisional Collecting Post to CALIFORNIA TRENCH, walking wounded will be conveyed by Light Railway to Advanced Dressing Station, DUHALLOW.

Lying Wounded.

These will be evacuated as below.

Left Sector. Regimental Aid Posts MUND, C.11.c.9.8. to Relay Post, ALBERTA, C.11.d.0.7. to Relay Post, CANOPUS TRENCH, C.17.a.3.0. to Relay Post SWITCH, C.17.c.1.1. to Relay Post, TIN HUT, C.23.a.4.3. to Advanced Divisional Collecting Post, CALIFORNIA, C.22.b.6.2.

Right Sector. Regimental Aid Post, ST. JULIEN, C.18.a.1.8. to Relay Post, VANHEULE, C.17.d.3.5. to Relay Post TIN HUT C.23.a.4.3. to Advanced Divisional Collecting Post, CALIFORNIA, C.22.b.6.2.

The above will be evacuated as follows:- From Advanced Divisional Collecting, CALIFORNIA, C.22.b.6.2. to Relay Post CROSS ROADS, C.22.c.8.7. to Rear Divisional Collecting Post, C.20.d.(.5. (BELLE ALLIANCE) to Advanced Dressing Station, DUHALLOW, to Corps Main Dressing Station.

(sgd) W. HYDE KELLY.
Lieut.Colonel, R.E.
C.R.E. 58th Division.

17/9/17.

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58th (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER No. 56.

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17/9/17.

1. The 174th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 173rd Infantry Bde in the Left Sector of the Divisional Front on night 18/19th September.

2. (a) Details of relief will be arranged direct between Brigadiers concerned.

(b) The B.G.C. 174th Infantry Brigade will assume command of the Left Sector at 10 a.m. on September 19th, by which hour his Headquarters will be established on the CANAL BANK.

(c) Completion of relief will be reported by wire to Divisional Headquarters by code word "BON CHANCE".

3. On completion of relief the Infantry of the Division will be dispersed as follows:-

(i) 174th Infantry Brigade.

A, B and C Battalions . REIGERSBURG CAMP.
D Battalion. .. LINE. Left sector.

(ii) 173rd Infantry Brigade.

A Battalion. LINE, Right Sector
B & C Battalions. CANAL BANK.
D Battalion. REIGERSBURG CAMP.

(iii) 175th Infantry Brigade. BRAKE CAMP.

4. Machine Gun reliefs will take place as follows:-

Night 18/19th Sept.

215th Machine Gun Coy. will relieve 8 guns of 214th Machine Gun Coy. in the Left Sector.

Night 19th/20th Sept.

198th Machine Gun Coy. will relieve 4 forward guns of 215th Machine Gun Coy. in the Left Sector.

These 4 Guns of 198th M.Gun Coy. will remain in positions taken over until Zero on Z day when they will act under orders of B.G.C. 174th Inf. Brigade.
Details of above Machine Gun reliefs will be arranged by the Div. M.G. Officer in consultation with Brigadiers concerned.

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5. Movements of units of the Division for above relief and for assembly on night 19/20th will be carried out as per attached March Table.

6. Completion of assembly will be reported by code word "BEST".

7. (a) Advanced Divisional Headquarters will open at CANAL BANK at 6 p.m. September 19th.

(b) Rear Divisional Headquarters will remain at BRAKE CAMP.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. D. G. ELTON, Capt.
for Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 58th (London) Division.

Issued at 3 p.m.

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No. 1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2. 173rd Infantry Brigade.
3. 174th Infantry Brigade.
4. 175th Infantry Brigade.
5. R.G., R.A.
6. C.R.E.
7. Signals.
8. Div. M.G. Officer.
9. 214th M.Gun Coy.
10 - 11. "A" and "Q".
12. A.P.M.
13. O.C. Divl. Train.
14. S.S.O.
15. D.A.D.O.S.
16. A.D.M.S.
17. Pioneer Battalion.
18. Camp Commandant.
19 - 20. XVIII Corps.
21. XVIII Corps R.A.
22. XVIII Corps H.A.
23. V Corps.
24. 51st Division.
25. 55th Division.
26. No. 7 Squadron R.F.C.
27. O.C. "E" Bn. Tanks.
28. O.C. No. 13 Coy. "E" Bn. Tanks.
29. O.C. No. 15 Coy. "E" Bn. Tanks.
30. O.C. "Z" Special Coy. R.E.
31. Area Commandant, CANAL BANK.
32 - 33. War Diary.
34. File.
35 - 37. Spare.

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58th (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER No.57.

Reference Maps. (POELCAPPELLE, Edition 3. 1/10,000
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1. Part of the 36th Division, and part of the 2nd Guard Res. Division hold the front opposite the Divisional Sector.
The Order of Battle North to South is as follows:-

36th Division.	2nd Guard Res. Div.
5th Gren. Regt.	91st R. I. R.
128th I. R.	77th R. I. R.
175th I. R.	15th R. I. R.

The Boundary between these Divisions is probably about D.7.central.
Each Regiment has probably 1 Bn. in Line, 1 Bn. in Support, and 1 Bn. in Reserve.
Each Battalion has probably 3 Coys. in Line and 1 Coy. in close Support.
The Bn. H.Q. of the front Bn. of 175th I. R. appears to be at HUBNER Fm.

2. On a date which has already been communicated to those immediately concerned, and at a Zero hour to be notified later, the XVIII Corps will renew the attack on the enemy.

3. The attack of the XVIII Corps will be carried out by the 58th Division on the right and the 51st Division on the left.
The V Corps attacks on the right of the XVIII Corps, with the 55th Division on the left and 9th Division on the right.

4. (a) The 58th Division will attack with the 173rd Inf. Brigade on the right and the 174th Inf. Brigade on the left.
The objectives and dividing lines between Brigades have already been issued to all concerned, also the line to be consolidated and strong points to be made.

(b) Definite, complete, and distinct units will be detailed to capture all known enemy strong points and Nebuses.

(c) The capture and retention of the high ground about WURST Fm. is of special importance.

(d) Infantry will leave the dotted BLUE line at Zero plus 1 hour and 25 mins. and the BROWN line at Zero plus 2 hours and 25 minutes, working up close to the protective barrage which lifts as stated in para. 6 (iii).

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5. The Infantry of attacking Brigades will be assembled during Y/Z night as follows, within their Brigade Boundaries, except where stated:-

173rd Inf. Brigade.	A Battalion between JANET FM. and SPRINGFIELD, formed up ready to assault. B Battalion (less 3 Coys) holding posts in right Sector. 3 Coys. B Bn. on CANAL BANK. C Bn. finding carrying parties under orders already issued. D Battalion REIGERSBERG CAMP.
174th Inf. Brigade.	A Battalion just S. of POELCAPPELLE - ST.JULIEN Road. B Battalion immediately W. of above road. C Battalion in CANOE Trench W. of KITCHENER WOOD. D Battalion CALIFORNIA Drive.

The 175th Inf. Brigade will be in reserve disposed as follows:-

Brigade H.Q.	...	CANAL BANK.
A and B Bns.	...	REIGERSBERG Camp.
C Bn.	...	On carrying and stretcher work, etc. under orders already issued.
D Bn.	...	BRAKE Camp.

On Z day, D Bn. 173rd Inf. Brigade moves to DANBRE Camp, and D Bn. 175th Inf. Brigade to BRAKE Camp, under orders already issued.

The 215th M.G.Company, on completion of barrage work, will remain in reserve at ALBERTA.

6. (i) The attack will be made under cover of:-

(a) A creeping barrage.
(b) A combing barrage.
(c) A distant Heavy Artillery barrage.
(d) A machine gun barrage.

Details of these barrages have already been issued.

(ii) When the protective barrage is about to commence to move forward again, fire will become intense previous to re-starting. When, therefore, this fire becomes intense, it will be taken by the Infantry as a signal that the barrage will shortly move on, and they should get as close to it as possible before it moves.

(iii) The protective barrage will lift in front of the dotted BLUE line at Zero plus 1 hour and 33 minutes, and from in front of the BROWN line at Zero plus 2 hours and 33 minutes.

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The final protective barrage will last for 2 hours.

(iv) Smoke barrages will be placed in front of the dotted BLUE and BROWN lines during the pauses on these lines, vide instructions already issued.

7. Nos. 13 and 15 Coys. E Bn. Tank Corps, have been allotted to the Division for this operation.
12 Tanks will co-operate with the 174th Inf. Brigade, and 3 Tanks with the 173rd Inf. Brigade.
Instructions regarding the objectives, and action of these Tanks, have already been issued.

8. Z Special Company, R.E. will discharge gas from LIVENS projectors, if the wind is favourable, against HUBNER Fm, D.1.c.2.0. and ARBRE, during the night X/Y, under instructions already issued.

9. The 511th Field Company R.E. will assist the 174th Inf. Brigade in the construction of strong points at D.1.c.2.0. ARBRE, WURST Fm, and CLUSTER HOUSES.

The 503rd Field Company, R.E. will extend duck-board tracks under orders of C.R.E.
The 8th Royal Sussex Regt. (Pioneers) will improve the following roads, under orders of C.R.E. making them fit for transport:-

(a) ST.JULIEN - WINNIPEG - D.7.b.1.2.
(b) REGINA CROSS - TRIANGLE Fm. - D.1.c.2.0.
(c) WINNIPEG - SPRINGFIELD - VANCOUVER.

The 504th Field Company, R.E. and 1 Company Pioneers, will be in reserve on the CANAL Bank.

10. (a) A Contact 'plane will fly over the Divl. Front at:-

Z plus 1 hour.
Z plus 2 hours and 30 mins.
Z plus 4 hours.
and when ordered by Corps H.Q.
Infantry will be ready to light RED Flares at these hours, but will not do so unless called for by KLAXON Horn, or by dropping WHITE lights.

(b) A Protective 'plane will also fly continuously over the front during daylight on Z day from Zero onwards. Its mission will be to detect the approach of enemy counter-attacks.
Whenever this 'plane observes hostile parties of 100 men or over moving to counter-attack it will drop WHITE PARACHUTE LIGHTS over that portion of the front threatened.
Whenever this 'plane has been able to observe definitely the results of any enemy counter-attack it will drop a short message, stating results, at the Headquarters of the Reserve Bn. of 174th Inf. Brigade at Mon Du MIBOU, which will be marked on the ground by white strips forming the letter "U".

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A similar dropping station is being arranged by the 51st Division at RAT HOUSE, marked by letter "R".

The action of this 'plane will be carefully explained to all ranks.

11. Attacking troops will be in their assembly positions by Zero minus 1 hour.

On completion of assembly the code word "BEST" will be wired to Div. H.Q.

12. Watches will be synchronised by Div. H.Q. at about 7 p.m. on Y day, when a Staff Officer will visit Brigade H.Q.

13. Advanced Div. H.Q. will open at the CANAL BANK (West), C.25.d.2.3. at 6 p.m. on Y day.

Rear Div. H.Q. will remain at BRAKE Camp, C.6.a.

14. Situation reports will be sent to Adv. Div. H.Q. by attacking Brigades at Zero plus 1 hour, and every two hours afterwards until further orders.

J. M. TURNER.
Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 58th (London) Division.

Issued at 3.15 p.m.

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2. 173rd Infantry Brigade.
3. 174th Infantry Brigade.
4. 175th Infantry Brigade.
5. R.C., R.A.
6. C.R.E.
7. Signals.
8. Div. M.G.Officer.
9. 214th M.Gun Coy.
10 - 11. "A" and "Q".
12. A.P.M.
13. O.C. Divl. Train.
14. S.S.O.
15. D.A.D.O.S.
16. A.D.M.S.
17. Pioneer Battalion.
18. Camp Commandant.
19 - 20. XVIII Corps.
21. XVIII Corps R.A.
22. XVIII Corps H.A.
23. V Corps.
24. 51st Division.
25. 55th Division.
26. No. 7 Squadron R.F.C.
27. O.C. "E" Bn. Tanks.
28. O.C. No. 13 Coy. "E" Bn. Tanks.
29. O.C. No. 15 Coy. "E" Bn. Tanks.
30. O.C. "Z" Special Coy. R.E.
31. Area Commandant, CANAL BANK.
32 - 33. War Diary.
34. File.
35 - 37. Spare.

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APPENDIX 169.

SECRET. Copy No. 4.

OPERATION ORDER No. 28
by
Lieut.Colonel W.H.KELLY, D.S.O. C.R.E. 58th Division.

17th September, 1917.

Reference Sheet 28 N.W. 2 ST.JULIEN. 1.10.000.
" POELCAPELLE 1:10,000 Edn. 3.

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1. The offensive will be resumed at a date to be notified later to all concerned.

2. ZERO hour will be notified later.

3. Field Coys.

The 503rd Field Co. R.E. will assemble in Elephant Shelters at C.22.b.7.0. by ZERO - 3 hours. This Company will be employed as follows:-

1 Section - Extension of Duckboard Track ALBERTA AVENUE towards CENOA.

1 Section - Extension of Duckboard Track MOUSETRAP AVENUE towards ARBRE.

Each of these sections will have an Infantry carrying party of 2 platoons. Duckboards will be taken from the extra tracks laid down for assembly purposes, and from tracks WEST of ADMIRAL'S Road.

1 Section - Maintenance of road bridge over STEENBEEK at REGINA CROSS (C.5.d.10.05) and of foot bridges NORTH of MOUSETRAP AVENUE (exclusive).

1 Section - Maintenance of road bridge over STEENBEEK at ST.JULIEN and of footbridges SOUTH of MOUSETRAP AVENUE (inclusive).

An extra trestle has been made for the REGINA CROSS Bridge and is at the Divisional Reserve Dump. O.C. 503rd Field Coy's. Headquarters will be in the Elephant Shelters at C.22.b.7.0.

4. The 504th Field Co. R.E. will be in reserve, at disposal of C.R.E. and will remain in billets on the CANAL BANK.

5. The 511th Field Co. R.E. will assemble in CATWICK COTT, CANADIAN RESERVE and CARAMEL TRENCH by ZERO - 3 hours. This Company will be employed on consolidating Strong Points as follows -

1 Section - On Strong Point D.1.c.2.0.
1 " On Strong Point ARBRE.
2 " On Strong Point WURST FARM and CLUSTER HOUSES.

The Company will be under the orders of the B.G.C. 174th Infantry Brigade.

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The sections will not move forward to their tasks until ordered to do so by him.

O.C. 511th Field Co. R.E. will report to B.G.C. 174th Brigade at ZERO plus one hour.

This Company will have one platoon of Infantry attached to each section as carrying party. The O.C. Company detailed for this work has been ordered to report to O.C. 511th Field Co. R.E. as soon as possible. The carrying parties will remain in quarters at CANAL BANK ready to go up to CANADIAN RESERVE after 12 noon ("Z" day).

Materials will be taken up by Pack Animals from the advanced Brigade Dumps.

6. Pioneers.

The 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers will remain in the CANAL BANK prepared to move at 15 minutes notice from ZERO plus one hour onwards.

They will be employed as follows -

1 Company - To repair the ST. JULIEN - WINNIPEG - point D.7.b.02. - road.
1 Company - To repair the REGINA CROSS - TRIANGLE FARM - D.1.c.00. - road.
1 Company - To repair the WINNIPEG - SPRINGFIELD - VANCOUVER Road.

Each Company to carry two cross cut saws for removal of trees.

These roads to be made passable for Horse Transport.

The remaining Company will be in reserve, in CANAL BANK, moving into quarters vacated by 503rd and 511th Field Coys.

Headquarters will remain at CANAL BANK.

7. Dumps.

Dumps of materials have been formed at -

C.12.c.3.7. for Right Brigade.
C.11.a.5.7. for Left Brigade.
C.25.d.0.3. for Divisional Reserve Dump.
(CANADIAN FARM Dump is closed).

In addition, each Field Company R.E. will supply two trestle waggons and the Pioneers four G.S.waggons loaded with stores as per appendix A, to form mobile dumps. These waggons will be loaded on "Y" night and kept at the transport lines until 11 a.m. on "Z" day, when they will move up to Reserve Divisional Dump, with feeds for horses for one day. These waggons will remain loaded, and be held in readiness to move at half hour's notice.

8. C.R.E's Headquarters will be at Advanced D.H.Q. CANAL BANK opening at 6 p.m. "Y" day.

9. Each Field Company and O.C. Pioneers will detail one runner to report at C.R.E's Headquarters at ZERO hour.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. HYDE KELLY.
Lieut.Colonel R.E.
C.R.E. 58th Division.

Issued at 10 a.m.

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2. 504th Field Co. R.E.
3. 511th Field Co. R.E.
4. 8th R.Sussex Pioneers.
5. "G" 58th Division.
6. "Q" 58th Division.
7. 173rd Inf. Bde.
8. 174th Inf. Bde.
9. 175th Inf. Bde.
10. War Diary.
11 - 13. File.

APPENDIX A.

Each Trestle Waggon:- (6).

2000 Sandbags.
20 coils Barbed Wire.
50 screw Pickets, Long.
2 coils Plain Wire.
50 Shovels.
20 Picks.
1 coil 2" rope.

Each G.S.Waggon:- (4).

3000 Sandbags.
2 coils Plain Wire.
50 Shovels.
20 Picks.
1 Felling Axe.
2 Hand Saws.

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SECRET. APPENDIX 170.

18th Division No. G. 854.

18th DIVISION WARNING ORDER.

Ref. map 1/100,000.
HAZEBROUCK Sheet.

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1. The 18th Division (less Artillery and Pioneer Bn). will move from ZEGGERS CAPPEL Area (XIX Corps) to ST. JAN TER BIEZEN Area (XVIII Corps) on September 22nd and 23rd.

2. The 54th Infantry Brigade Group will move on 22nd inst. Divisional Headquarters and the 53rd and 55th Inf. Bde. Groups will move on the 23rd inst.

3. Personnel will move by train. Transport by road.

4. Detailed orders will be issued later.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. A. BULLOCH.
Major.
General Staff, 18th Division.

Sept. 18th 1917.

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A.D.C. for G.O.C.
"Q".
53rd Inf. Bde.
54th Inf. Bde.
55th Inf. Bde.
C.R.A.
C.R.E.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
Signals.
A.D.M.S.
D.A.D.V.S.
D.C.O.
A.P.M.
D.A.D.O.S.
Div. Train.
No. 3 D.S.C.
Camp Commandant.
War Diary.
XVIII Corps.
XIX Corps.

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SECRET. APPENDIX 171.

Copy No. 17.

58th (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER No. 58.

21/9/17.

Ref. St. JULIEN and POELCAPELLE Maps.) 1/10,000.

1. The situation appears to be that we have gained all our objectives with exception of gun pits about D.1.d.5.5. but occupy post just West of them at D.1.d.4.8.

51st Division on our left occupy QUEBEC Fm. and BAVAROISE House, thence to CEMETERY, E. of PHEASANT Fm. and WHITE HOUSE.

55th Division on the right hold Hill 37 - KANSAS No. - SCHULER GALLERIES with, it is believed, a post about D.13.b.2.8.
SCHULER Fm. is held by the enemy.

2. The 175th Inf. Brigade will relieve the 173rd Inf. Brigade and 174th Inf. Brigade in the line to-night Sept. 21/22nd and will hold the line with two battalions East of the WINNIPEG - KHERSELARE Road, one battalion in Support and 1 Battalion in Reserve on CANAL Bank.

3. Details of relief will be arranged direct between Brigadiers concerned and completion of relief will be wired to Div. H.Q., the code-word PORCUPINE being used.

4. The B.G.C. 175th Inf. Brigade will assume command of the line at 9 p.m. September 21st, and will establish his Headquarters at ALBERTA.

5. The 174th Inf. Brigade on relief will concentrate at REIGERSBERG CAMP. Brigade H.Q. on CANAL BANK.

The 173rd Inf. Brigade (less 1 Bn.) will concentrate at DAMBRE CAMP.

Transport back from forward area will be arranged by "Q".

One Bn. 173rd Inf. Brigade will remain on the CANAL BANK and will be attached to the 175th Inf. Brigade.

6. The 215th M.G. Company will relieve the 198th M.G. Coy. in the line, the latter returning to REIGERSBERG CAMP.
The 206th M.G. Coy. and 214th M.G.Coy. will return to DAMBRE and BROWN Camps respectively, to-night, leaving 4 guns in position in CANOPUS

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Trench for the defence of that line, under arrangements of D.M.G.O.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. E. TURNER.
Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 58th (London) Division.

Issued at 8 a.m.

Copy No. 1. 173rd Inf. Bde.
2. 174th Inf. Bde.
3. 175th Inf. Bde.
4. C. R. A.
5. C. R. E.
6. "Q".
7. A.D.M.S.
8. Signals.
9. A.P.M.
10/11. XVIII Corps.
12. 51st Div.
13. 55th Div.
14. A.C. Dambre.
15. A.C. Canal Bank.
16. D.M.G.O.
17. Pioneers.
18. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
19/20. War Diary.
21. File.

TO - 8th R. Sussex Pnrs via 18th Corps.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.
G.936.	22.

Ref. Parm. 3. of 18 divn. order 126 aaa Div. H.Q. will move at 10.30 am. on 24th not on 23rd.

FROM - 18th Divn.

TIME - 3 p.m.

APPENDIX 178.

SECRET. Copy No. 11.

18th DIVISION ORDER No. 126.

Reference Sheets. 27 and 28, 1/40,000. 20th September, 1917.

1. The 18th Division (less artillery and 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers) will move from ZEGGARS CAPPEL

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area to ST. JAN TER BIEZEN area in accordance with attached movement table.

2. "Q" 18th Division will make necessary arrangements for movements by train.

3. Divisional Headquarters will close at ESQUELBECQ at 10.30 a.m. on 23rd September and open at POPERINGHE at the same hour.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. A. BULLOCH.
Major.
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 11.30 p.m.

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No. 1 A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2/3. "G".
4/5. "Q".
6. 53rd Infantry Brigade.
7. 54th Infantry Brigade.
8. 55th Infantry Brigade.
9. C.R.A.
10. C.R.E.
11. 8th R.Sussex Pioneers.
12. Signals.
13. A.D.M.S.
14. A.D.V.S.
15. D.C.O.
16. A.P.M.
17. D.A.D.O.S.
18. Divisional Train.
19. No. 3. D.S.C.
20. XVIII Corps.
21. XIX Corps.
22. Camp Commandant.
23. War Diary.

APP. 180.

SECRET. Copy No. 17.

58th (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER No. 59.

Reference POELCAPELLE Ed. 3.
ST. JULIEN.) 1/10,000.

24/9/1917.

1. (a) The attack on the enemy will be renewed on a date which has been communicated verbally to those concerned and at a Zero hour to be notified later.

(b) On the front of the XVIII Corps the 58th Div. only will be attacking with the 11th Div. holding the line on its left. The V Corps with the 59th Div. on the left will be attacking on the right of the 58th Div.

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(c) A sham attack with dummies on the front of the 11th Division between the STROMBEKE and BAVAROISE HO. will take place at the same time as the attack on the 58th Div.

Details of this are attached - Appendix I.

2. The enemy is from all accounts somewhat disorganised after our successful attack on Sept. 20th, and it is difficult to state his order of battle. Elements of the following regiments appear to be holding shell hole and shelter positions opposite the Division:-

451st & 452nd I.R. .. of 234th Div.
459th .. .. of 236th Div.

Prisoners captured last night near OLIVE HO. belonged to 100th R. Gren R. 23rd Div. This Div. is probably relieving the 234th and possibly the 236th.

3. (a) The attack on the Divisional front will be carried out by the 175th Inf. Bde. and will be divided into two phases:-

1st Phase.

The attack on the AVIATIK Ridge.

2nd Phase.

The protection of the left flank of the 59th Div. (V Corps) and mopping up of the Southern Slopes of the AVIATIK Ridge.

(b) The 1st Phase will take place previous to and independent of the 2nd Phase.

The 2nd Phase will conform to and be made in conjunction with the attack of the 59th Div.

(c) One Battn. will be employed for the 1st Phase, and not more than 2 Coys. for the 2nd Phase.

(d) The objectives for both phases are shewn on the attached map also the approximate times for the Infantry to arrive at and leave these objectives.

(e) Definite complete and distinct units will be detailed to capture all known enemy Strong Points and MEBUSES.

(f) The capture and retention of the AVIATIK Ridge is of special importance. Reserves specially detailed for the purpose will be disposed so as to be available to counter immediately any hostile counter-attack on the Ridge. A Battn. of the 48th Div. from the Divisional Reserve (see para. 5.B.) will be ready to move forward from Zero onwards at half an hour's notice to the neighbourhood of ST. JULIEN where it will be at the disposal of

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the B.G.C. 175th Inf. Bde. for this purpose. It must be distinctly understood that this Battn. is not to be used for any other purpose.

4. Strong Points will be made at the following points:-

D.7.d.9.3.)
D.8.c.75.60.) guarding Right flank.

DEAR HOUSE.
AVIATIK FM.
BOETLMER.
D.8.a.65.55.
VALK HOUSE.

Each Strong Point will be constructed for all-round defence, and to hold a garrison of 1 platoon.

5. (a) 2 Bns. of the 173rd Inf. Bde. have been placed at the disposal of the B.G.C. 175th Inf. Bde. to assist in holding the line. These Battns. must not be used for any other purpose.

(b) 2 Battns. of the 48th Div. have been placed at the disposal of the Division, and will arrive at REIGERSBERG CAMP on 25th Sept. They will move to the CANAL BANK on night 25/26th Sept. where they will be in Divisional Reserve.

6. (a) The attack will be preceded by a two-hour's hurricane bombardment of all available artillery of the Corps, and will be made under cover of the following barrages:-

i. A Creeping barrage.
ii. A Searching barrage.
iii. A back Heavy Arty. barrage.
iv. A barrage along the Valley of HANEBEEK to protect the Right flank of the 1st Phase.
v. A M.G. barrage.

Details of these will be issued later in the form of Appendices to these orders.

(b) The Creeping barrage will open at Zero about 150 yards in front of our forming up line. It will lift every 50 yards.

The first lift will be at Zero plus 3 mins. The three subsequent lifts will be at the rate of 50 yards in 2 mins; subsequent lifts as far as the BLUE line and RED line will be at the rate of 50 yards in 3 mins, and thence to the final objective at the rate of 50 yards in 4 mins, with a pause of 20 mins. on the Blue line and 41 mins. on RED line. A time-table of lifts and details of the barrage will be issued later.

7. The following machine guns will be used for barrage work -

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206th M. G. Coy.	8 guns.
214th M.G. Coy.	6 guns.
198th M.G.Coy.	10 guns.
Total.	24 guns.

The 11th Division have also been asked to provide 8 guns for barrage work.

The location and tasks of these guns will be issued later.

The 215th M.G. Coy. will be at the disposal of the B.G.C. 175th Inf. Brigade.

Guns accompanying the attack will be detailed definite places to go to, and arcs of fire will be chosen for them beforehand and co-ordinated as far as possible from the map.

8. If the wind is favourable the C.R.A. will arrange to put down the following smoke barrages at times stated:-

(a) On the front WELLINGTON - WINCHESTER Fm. from Zero to Zero plus 2 hours.

(b) On the front ADLER Fm - VACHER Fm. from Zero to Zero plus 2 hours.

(c) Along line of protector from D.2.c.8.1. to D.8.b.1.4. from Zero plus 30 mins. to Zero plus 40 mins.

The 11th Divisional Artillery have been asked to assist in (a) and (b).

9. The C.R.E. will detail one Field Company to be at the disposal of the B.G.C. 175th Inf. Brigade. This Field Company will be employed in improving and strengthening any existing shelters that may be found in the vicinity of the strong points mentioned in para.4.

The remainder of the R.E. and Pioneers will continue to be employed on the work they now have in hand, namely, the extension of duck-board tracks and repair of roads in the forward area, under orders of the C.R.E.

10. A contact 'plane will fly over the objectives at:-

Z plus 1 hour.
Z plus 2 hours.
Z plus 4 hours.

and when ordered by XVIII Corps Headquarters.

Infantry will be ready to light RED flares at these hours, but will not do so unless called for by KLAXON Horn or by dropping WHITE lights.

Contact 'planes will be marked with two BLACK rectangular panels (2' x 1'3"), attached to, and projecting from, the rear edge of the lower plane on each side of the fuselage.

A counter-attack machine will also be in the air from dawn to dusk, whose sole duty is to observe and report the assembly or approach of hostile counter-attacks.

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11. The forming up line for troops attacking the AVIATIK ridge in the 1st Phase will be 150 yards W. of where the creeping barrage first comes down. Posts in advance of this forming up line will be withdrawn at Zero minus 30 mins.
Troops detailed to mop up along the valley of the HANNEBEEK will assemble on a line joining CLUSTER HOUSES and SCHULER Fm.
Troops will be in their assembly positions by Zero minus 1 hour.

12. Watches will be synchronised at Advd.Divl. H.Q., CANAL BANK, at 6 p.m. September 25th, at which hour a representative of the 175th Inf. Brigade will be present to receive the time.

13. Situation reports will be rendered at Zero plus 2 hours, and subsequently every two hours until further orders.

14. The word "RETIRE" will not be used on any account. Anyone heard using this word will be treated as an enemy and shot. This is to be explained to all ranks.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. E. TURNER.
Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 58th (London) Division.

Issued at 12 noon.

Copies to:-

No. 1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2. 173rd Inf. Brigade.
3. 174th Inf. Bde.
4. 175th Inf. Bde.
5. B.G.R.A.
6. C.R.E.
7. Signals.
8. D.M.G.O.
9. 214th M.G.Coy.
10 - 11. "A" and "Q".
12. A.P.M.
13. O.C. Div. Train.
14.)
15.) D Bn. Tanks.
16. A.D.M.S.
17. Pioneer Bn.
19 - 20. XVIII Corps.
21. XVIII Corps R.A.
22. XVIII Corps H.A.
23. XVIII Corps Cyclists.
24. V Corps.
25. 11th Division.
26. 48th Division.
27. 59th Division.
28. No. 7 Sqdn. R. F. C.
29. Area Commandant, Canal Bank.
30 - 31. War Diary.
32. File.

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APPENDIX I.
to
58th (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER No. 59.

Reference para. 1 (c) of above order.

1. The sham attack will be carried out as follows:-

(a) An artillery barrage will be put down at Zero on the front from D.1.b.5.0. to left Corp's boundary.

M.G's will co-operate in this barrage.

The barrage will lift at Zero plus 3 mins. and will then advance by lifts of 50 yards every 2 mins. for the first 200 yards, thence by lifts of 59 yards in 3 mins.

The G.O.C., R.A. XVIII Corps is issuing the necessary instructions for this barrage.

(b) 280 dummy figures will be put up at Zero between D.1.b.5.0. and V.35.d.3.5. Figures will be up for 6 seconds, and down for 40 seconds. This will be continued until Zero plus 45 mins. when the figures will stay down for good.

2. All details are being arranged by the O.C. XVIII Corps Cyclists, and every assistance will be given him by the troops in the line in carrying out his task.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. E. TURNER.
Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 58th (London)
Division.

Issued at 12 noon.

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WARNING ORDER.

(Reference POELCAPPELLE, Edn. 3. 1/10,000).

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1. The attack on the Fifth Army front is to be renewed on a day which has been communicated verbally to those immediately concerned, and at a time to be notified later.

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2. On the front of the XVIII Corps, this Division only will be attacking. The V Corps will be attacking on our right.

3. The attack will be on the right portion of the Divisional front, and will be carried out by the 175th Infantry Brigade.
The objectives have already been communicated verbally to the B.G.C. of this Brigade, and a map showing these objectives, and objectives of left of V Corps will be issued later.

4. The attack will probably be preceded by a two hour's hurricane bombardment of all available Heavy and Field Artillery, and will be made under the cover of:-

(a) a creeping barrage.
(b) a searching barrage.
(c) a back Heavy Artillery Barrage.
(d) a machine gun barrage.

particulars of which will be forwarded later.

The creeping barrage will open 150 yards in front of the forming up line and will move by lifts of 50 yards. The first lift will be at 0 plus 3 minutes, and the rate for the first 200 yards will be 50 yards in 2 minutes. After that the barrage will move at the rate of 50 yards in 3 minutes. Further particulars of creeping barrage will be issued later.

5. Two battalions of the 48th Division have been placed at the disposal of this Division and will arrive at RHIGNSBERG CAMP on the 25th instant. They will be moved up to within supporting distance of our present front line on Y/Z night, under orders to be issued later.

6. Two battalions of 173rd Inf. Brigade have been attached to the 175th Inf. Brigade to assist in holding the line before Z day, under orders already issued.
They will return to their Brigade on Y/Z night.

7. The Division will probably be relieved by the 48th Division and V Corps on the night Z plus 1/Z plus 2.

8. Advanced Divisional Headquarters will remain on CANAL BANK.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 58th (London)
Division.

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1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2. 173rd Inf. Brigade.
3. 174th Inf. Brigade.
4. 175th Inf. Brigade.
5. C. R. A.
6. C. R. E.
7. Signals.
8 - 9. "A" and "Q".
10. A.D.M.S.
11. A. P. M.
12-13. XVIII Corps.
14. XVIII Corps R.A.
15. XVIII Corps H.A.
16. 11th Division.
17. 48th Division.
18. 59th Division.
19. D. M. C. O.
20. Pioneers.
21-22. War Diary.
23. File.

APPENDIX 180.

SECRET. Copy No. 8.

OPERATION ORDER No. 50.
8th ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

Refce. Map.)
POELCAPPELLE Sht. 3.)
ST. JULIEN)
1/10,000.)

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1. (a) On a date to be notified later, the XVIII Corps will resume the attack on the enemy.

(b) The 58th Division only will be attacking with 11th Division holding the line on the left. The 59th Division will be attacking on the right of XVIII Corps.

(c) The 11th Division will make a sham attack with dummies on their front at the same time.

2. The attack on the Divisional front will be carried out by 175th Brigade, divided into two phases:

1st Phase. The attack on the AVIATIK RIDGE.

2nd Phase. Protection of the left flank of 59th Division and mopping up southern slopes of the AVIATIK RIDGE.

The first phase will be previous to and independent of 2nd phase, which will conform to the attack of 59th Division.

3. The attack will be preceded by a two hours hurricane bombardment.

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4. The Pioneers will continue on the work now in hand.

5. The word "Retire" will not be used on any account. Anyone heard using this word will be treated as an enemy and shot. This to be explained to all ranks.

6. Acknowledge.

N. H. HAMPTON.
Capt. & Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at 11.0 a.m.

25th Septr. 1917.

Distribution.

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2. "A" Coy.
3. "B" "
4. "C" "
5. "D" "
6. H.Q. Coy.
7. T.O. and Q.M.
8. War Diary.

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APPENDIX II.

to

58th (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER No. 59.

Reference POELCAPPELLE Ed. 3.)
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1. PRELIMINARY BOMBARDMENT.

The attack will be preceded by a 2 hour's intense hurricane bombardment of the enemy position. This will take place as follows:-

18-pdrs. & 4.5". Howe. — Will bombard the shell hole area in front of our present line. For first hour with bursts of fire, for second hour with slow continuous fire. 18-pdrs. using 75% H.E.

6" Howe. — Will engage shell-hole area known to be occupied by the enemy which it is safe to fire on, using 106 fuze.

Heavy Howe. — Will continuously bombard all farms, M.G. Emplacements, Strong Points etc.

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Counter-Battery work. Will consist of neutralizing fire by 60-pdrs.

2. ACTION OF ARTILLERY.

The action of the artillery from Zero onwards will be as follows:-

(a) Vigorous counter-battery work.
(b) Heavy artillery barrage.
(c) Creeping barrage of Field Arty.
(d) Flanking barrage for 1st phase of attack.
(e) Smoke barrages.

3. COUNTER-BATTERY WORK.

This will consist of gas shelling of hostile batteries by 60-pdrs. and all available 4.5" Hows. of 11th D.A. Group and will commence at Zero.

How. Batteries of C.B. Groups will carry out neutralizing fire.

4. HEAVY ARTILLERY BARRAGES.

These will consist of:-

(a) 6" How. Barrage.

This will be carried out on the front of attack by two-thirds of the 6" Hows. of Bombardment Groups, the remaining one third will be engaged on the 11th Div.

The Divisional barrage will come down at Zero on a line 500 yards from the front line of our Infantry, Left on STROOMBEEK and Right on HANEBEEK.

The first lift will be at Zero plus 3 mins.

The depth of the area searched will be 1,500 yards, the near limit never being less than 500 yards from our Infantry. Lifts will be both backward and forward and will be made at irregular intervals.

One 6" How. will be detailed for bombarding MILL, and will remain on it as long as safety permits.

106 Fuses will be used.

The barrage will cease at the same time as the final Protective Barrage. From then until Zero plus 10 hours all approaches for counter-attacking troops of the enemy against the 58th Divisional front will be blocked by bursts of fire, batteries being ready to concentrate quickly on any approaches along which hostile troops are reported to be advancing.

(b) Heavy Howitzers.

One 9.2" How. battery will bombard Strong Points

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in the YORK HOUSE - WINCHESTER FM - WELLINGTON Ridge continuously from Zero until final Protector ceases.

The remainder of the Heavy How. Batteries will carry out a back Standing barrage, bombarding specially selected Strong Points and lifting to ones further back as safety and requirements demand.

Batteries will be prepared to concentrate quickly to deal with any counter-attack.

The Heavy How. Barrage will last until the Final Protector Barrage ceases.

(c) Field Artillery Creeping Barrage.

For the first phase this barrage will open 150 yards East of Infantry forming up line and will move in accordance with the attached map, the time marked against each lift being the time the barrage lifts off that line, the rates it moves at have already been laid down.

For the second phase the Creeping Barrage will conform on the right flank to that of the V Corps, lifting at times stated on attached map.

The 18-pdrs. of the 11th D.A. will put down a barrage at Zero to cover the camouflage attack. It will consist of an inner and outer line, 100x being kept between the two lines. After lifting to a distance of 500 yards from our front line this barrage will come back to where it started, pause 3 mins. and then lift back to the 500 and 600 yards lines; it will then sweep backwards and forwards until Zero plus 1 hour, when it will cease.

(d) A flanking barrage of 18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. will be placed along the valley of the HANEBEEK to protect the Right flank of the attack on AVIATIK Ridge. This barrage will lift as soon as the Creeping barrage on the Right hits it, when it will lift with that Creeping Barrage and finally stay on the Final Protector.

(e) Details of Smoke Barrages required have already been issued.

5. The Protective Barrage on the BLUE line of 1st phase will quicken up its rate to 4 rounds a minute, 8 minutes before the barrage moves on again, this will give the Infantry warning that it is about to move and they will immediately try and get as close to it as possible.

Similarly the Protective Barrage conforming to that on the GREEN line of the 59th Div. will quicken up its rate 8 minutes before it lifts so as to give warning to the Infantry.

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6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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General Staff 58th (London)
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APPENDIX III.

to

58th (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER No. 59.

24/9/17.

SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The General Scheme of Signal Communications will be as laid down in 58th Div. Instructions No. 4. issued under this office No. G.S.1023/77/4. of 16/9/17.

The following alterations are made:-

2. Position of H.Q.

175th Inf. Bde. Adv. H.Q. ALBERTA.
Rear H.Q. CANAL BANK.

3. Cable Head.

The head of the main Divisional buried route will be at G.12.d.10.55. in front of which laddered lines should be used.

4. Wireless.

One Trench Set will be installed working from ALBERTA to the CANAL BANK.

5. Pigeons.

10 prs. Birds will be allotted to the 175th Inf. Bde. on Y day. No reserve will be kept at the Refilling Point.

6. Visual.

(a) Central Visual Station will be established at THE BUND working forward to Battn. Stations at HON DU HIBOU, CLUSTER HOUSES and WURST FARM.

(b) The Bde. will arrange for definite Stations to be established by assaulting troops after capture of their objectives.

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7. Contact Patrol.

Aeroplane Signalling Stations will be established at Adv. Bde. H.Q. and at the Reserve Bn. H.Q. only.

8. Runners.

(a) D.R.L.S. Posts from Div. will run as at present to CHEDDAR VILLA, thence by Bde. runner to Adv. Bde. H.Q.

(b) Runner Posts forward will be established under Bde. arrangements.

9. Two-way Stations will be established before Zero as follows:-

ALBERTA.
Working direct to & from
MON DU HOBOU. JANET FM.
Working direct to & from
CLUSTER HOUSES.

10. Messenger Dogs.

3 prs. of Dogs are allotted to the Bde. for use on Z day.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. E. TURNER.
Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff 58th (London) Division.

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APPENDIX IV.
to
58th (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER No. 59.

Reference POELCAPPELLE Sd. 3.)
ST.JULIEN.) 1/10,000.

1. The Machine Guns available for barrage work are:-

198th M.G. Coy.	10	guns.
206th M.G.Coy.	8	"
214th M.G. Coy.	6	"
Total	24	guns.

2. These guns will be divided into 4 batteries:-

W Battery.	..	8 guns.	206th M.G.Coy.
X ..	..	6 ..	198th M.G.Coy.
Y ..	..	4 ..	198th M.G.Coy.
Z ..	..	6 ..	214th M.G.Coy.

3. These batteries will be located as follows:-

W Battery.	..	JURY FARM AREA.
X ..	..	SPRINGFIELD AREA.
Y ..	..	STROPPE AREA.
Z ..	..	BIBOU AREA.

4. The tasks of batteries will be as per attached ~~tracing to be super-imposed over the~~ POELCAPPELLE Map, Edn. 3. Targets are lettered to agree with the battery engaging the target, and lifts will be in accordance with the artillery barrage.
The shaded area denotes the S.O.S. Lines.

5. The 11th Division have arranged to barrage the area YORK FM - WELLINGTON.

6. There will be two officers with each battery of 6 or 8 guns, one of whom will be the battery commander.

7. Gun positions will be prepared at once, and everything left in readiness for opening fire.

8. Dumps of ammunition and water will be made close to the battery positions.

9. Danger area round gun positions will be carefully marked, and Battery Commanders will see that anyone approaching their "Danger Area" is warned.

10. Detailed instructions will be issued by the

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Divisional Machine Gun Officer to Officers Commanding Machine Gun Companies concerned.

11. Acknowledge.

J. E. TURNER.
Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 58th (London) Division.

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ADDENDUM to para. 3.

(g) The 175th Inf. Bde. will detail a special party to get in touch with a party of the 59th Division (178th Inf. Bde) at D.8.c.85.00.

Para.6. (b) - line 5.

For "three" read "four".

J. E. TURNER.
Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff 58th (London) Division.

24/9/17.

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58th (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER No. 60.

Ref. Map. HAZEBROUCK - 1/100,000. 25/9/1917.
CALAIS - 1/10,000.

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1. The 48th Division (less Artillery and Pioneers) will relieve the 58th Division (less Artillery and Pioneers) in the line on the night 27/28, in accordance with Move Table "A" attached.

2. On relief the 58th Division (less Artillery and Pioneers) will move to the RECQUES area, in accordance with Move Table "B" attached, and will be administered by the XVX Corps.

3. Details of relief of 175th Inf. Bde. by 145th Inf. Bde. 48th Division, will be arranged by B.G.C's concerned.

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4. Completion of relief will be reported to Div. Headquarters by code word "JANET".

5. Two Field Ambs. of 48th Division will arrive in XVIII Corps area on 27th, and will relieve three Field Ambs. of 58th Division, under arrangements to be made between A.D.M.S's. concerned.

6. Details of relief of the Field Coys. R.E. will be arranged by C.R.E's concerned.

511th Field Coy. will move with 174th Inf. Bde.
504th do. do. 173rd do.
503rd. do. do. 175th do.

7. Each Brigade will detail a Senior Officer to march i/c. transport.

8. All troops not mentioned in this order will move under the orders of the A.A. & Q.M.G.

9. Command of the line will pass to G.O.C. 48th Division at 10 am. on 28th. At the same hour the G.O.C., R.A. 48th Division will take over command of the Field Artillery covering the Divisional Front.

10. Divisional Headquarters will close at CANAL BANK and BRAKE CAMP at 10 am. 28th September and reopen at RECQUES on arrival same day.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. E. TURNER.
Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff 58th (London) Division.

Issued at 7.30 p.m.

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2. 173rd Inf. Bde.
3. 174th Inf. Bde.
4. 175th Inf. Bde.
5. B.G.R.A.
6. C.R.E.
7. Signals.
8. D.M.G.O.
9. 214th M.G.Coy.
10 - 11. A & Q.
12. A.P.M.
13. O.C.Train. 14. S.S.O.
15. D.A.D.O.S.
16. A.D.M.S.
17. Pioneer Battn.
18. Camp Comdt.
19 - 20. XVIII Corps.
20 - 21. XIX Corps.
22. 48th Div.
23. 59th Div.
24. 11th Div.
25. Area Comdt. CANAL BANK.
26 - 27. War Diary.
28. File.

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SECRET. Appendix 182. Copy No.10.

OPERATION ORDER NO.51.
8th ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

Refce Map 28 N.W.
1/20,000.

1. The Battalion will be relieved by and take over Camps of 5th Royal Sussex Pioneers on the 27th inst., and will be clear of present quarters by 10 a.m.

2. H.Q., Transport, "B" and "D" Companies will proceed to Camp at A.28.d.6.2.
"A" and "C" Companies to Camp at B.29.b.6.4.
"A" and "C" Companies will proceed complete with Tool Wagons, T.Ks and one Water Cart.

3. (a). Advanced H.Q., "B" and "D" Companies will march by half-Companies moving off at following times:-

Advanced H.Q. and half "B" Coy		9-30 a.m.
half " "		9-35 "
half "D" "		9-40 "
half " "		9-45 "

(b) Route: Via Bath Road, Boigersburg, H.5.Central - Pottenhoek - Vlamertinghe; thence by Corduroy Road to G.6.a., thence to destination.

4. "A" and "C" Companies will march with an interval of 100x between Platoons - "A" Company leading, first Platoon to move off at 9-46 am.
Men of above Companies will carry their packs.

5. "B" and "D" Companies' tools will be sent to A.28.d.6.3. this afternoon. Four G.S. Wagons will then be available for carrying packs and officers' kits.
Advanced H.Q., "B" and "D" Companies packs will be stacked by Companies ready for loading by 8-30 a.m. Mess kits and valises to be stacked by 9 a.m.
Advanced "X" Section will provide brakesmen.

6. "A" and "C" Companies tool wagons etc will be sent direct by the T.O. to B.29.b.6.4. Two of these wagons will then be unloaded and proceed to Canal Bank (not to arrive before 10 a.m.) to fetch Valises, mess kits, etc., of "A" and "C" Companies.

7. Transport: Transport (and rear H.Q. Company under R.S.M.) will move independently to A.28.d.6.2., to be clear of present Camp by 10 a.m.
Four empty tool Wagons, Mess Cart, H.Q. store limber and Maltese Cart to report at 8-30 a.m. at Canal Bank.

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8. Advance Parties: One representative from "B" and "D" Companies and L/Cpl Bailey (H.Q.Company) to parade at Orderly Room at 8 a.m. and proceed on cycles to A.28.d.6.8. to take over the Camp.
"A" and "C" Companies will make their own arrangements as to advance parties.

9. All billets and latrines to be left scrupulously clean.

10. Acknowledge.

H.R. HAMPTON, Capt.& Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at 3-30 p.m.
26/9/1917.

Distribution:-
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2. "A" Coy.
3. "B" "
4. "C" "
5. "D" "
6. H.Q. "
7. T.O.
8. Q.M.
9. R.S.M.
10. War Diary.

TO O/C A B C D H.Q. T.O. Qmr.

Sender's Number. SX 748 Day of Month. 26

XX O.O.51 is cancelled aaa Battn will move to POPERINGHE on 27th xxx marching off by half coys at 5 minutes interval - A Coy leading followed by B-C-D Coys Adv HQ with A coy at 10.0.a.m. aaa Rear H Q will march with Transport which will move as a WHOLE independently ALL TOOLS will be dumped at transport lines under charge of coy toolmen and fetched later in the day AAA T.O. will detail eight empty tool wagons - mess cart - maltese cart and store limber to report Bn HQ and 8.15 AM - these wagons will then load & return to transport lines picking up rear HQ Packs xx on return journey aaa the transport will then proceed independently to POPERINGHE xxx without delay AAA Dinners to be ready as soon as battalion arrives aaa Packs - officers kits and mess kits to be stacked* xxx by Coys xx before 8.15 A.M. aaa 10 loaders per Coy to be detailed aaa C.S.M. HERRIDGE will supervise. Billeting party consisting of 2 Lt GATES - Capt Buck, L/cpl BAILEY and one representative per coy will leave here on cycles at 8.0.A.M. meeting the Battn at 9.3.a.3.0. at NOON aaa Q.M.S. BOYCE will meet billeting party at TOWN MAJOR'S office POPERINGHE at 9.0.A.M as Transport representative aaa Route for coys and

* near wash benches.

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transport via CHEMIN MILITAIRE which runs via Salvation corner - M.6.d.8.8. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ - to A.23.a.3.0. thence to cross roads at G.3.c.8.9. aaa Tracing of road can be seen at Orderly Room aaa Adv X sec will act as brakesmen aaa

Adjutant
11.0 pm.

N.H.HAMPTON Capt.

Appendix 185.

58th (London) Division
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18th Division G.98.

18th Division.

Before leaving this area I should like to place on record the excellent work the 8th Royal Sussex Pioneer Battalion has done since it has been with us.

Three their untiring energies much that is useful has been done to improve the area and their services have been very much appreciated by all members of this Division.

(sgd) D.H.FANSHAWE.
Major-General.
27.9.17. Commanding 58th Division.

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8th R.Suss.Pnrs.
C.R.E.

For information.

N.H.BULLOCK Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.
Sept.28th 1917.

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Prefix SM Code HAW Words 38.

TO 8 Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Sender's Number G 53 Day of Month. 25

Pioneer battalion will march to POPERINGHE tomorrow route M CHEMIN MILITAIRE HOUTKERQUE road aaa Billets from town major aaa all arrangements for march will be made by C O

FROM 18 Div
TIME. 8 PM.

SECRET. Appendix 184. Copy No.8.

OPERATION ORDER NO.52
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Refce.
Sheet 27.
1/40,000.
HAZEBROUCK 1/100,000.

1. The Battalion will proceed by Bus to the AUDRICQ area on 30th instant, embussing at F.21.b.4.1. at 8-30 a.m.

2. Six busses will be allotted to "A", "B" and "C" Companies respectively; seven busses to "D" Company and Four to H.Q. Coy. Accommodation 25 men per bus. Officers will travel with their Companies. An interval of 50X to be kept between every six busses.

3. The Battalion will move off to rendezvous from present billets as follows:-

H.Q. Company	7 a.m.	"C" Coy	7-12 a.m.
"A" Coy	7-4 "	"D" "	7-16 "
"B" "	7-8 "		

Men to be told off by bus loads before starting.

4. Dress: Steel helmets will be carried on the packs.

5. a. Lorries: Three Lorries will be allotted to the Battalion reporting at Divisional H.Q., Town Hall, at 8 a.m.

b. The Quartermaster will arrange guides to meet these lorries which will be in his charge. These lorries will carry rations for the 1st proximo.

c. Mess cooking utensils, Officers' Valises and mess kits and all cycles.

d. Officers kits and mess kits will be

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collected by T.O. at 7 a.m. from Officers' messes and taken to Quartermaster's stores to be loaded on lorries. One man per mess will be left to guard these things until transport calls.

e. The Quartermaster's staff will proceed on lorries.

f. H.Q. Store Limber to report Orderly Room at 6 a.m.

6. The transport will proceed independently to WORMHOUDT area and apply to the Town Major for billets for night 30th Septr./1st October, proceeding on 1st October to AUDRUICQ area.

7. Actual embussing strength to be handed to Adjutant by 6 a.m.

8. The Transport Officer will arrange to draw the Mails on 30th inst.

9. Sick parade will be at 6 a.m. after which the Sick Corporal will see the Maltese Cart loaded.

10. Acknowledge.

H.H. HAMPTON Capt. & Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at 8-30 p.m.
29/9/17.

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3. "B" "
4. "C" "
5. "D" "
6. H.Q. Coy.
7. T.O. and Q.M.
8. R.S.M.
9. War Diary.

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8TH BATTALION, THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT
(PIONEERS).

1917.		Appendix.
October.	NORTKERQUE.	
1st.	Battalion resting and training.	
2nd.	Battalion resting and training.	
3rd.	Battalion resting and training.	
4th.	Battalion resting and training.	
5th.	Battalion resting and training. 18 Div. Order No. 128 received.	App.186.A.
6th.	Battalion resting and training.	
7th.	Battln. O.O. No. 52 issued. 18 Div. Order No. 129 issued and received. Battln. resting and training.	App.186.B. 187.A.
8th.	Battalion (less Transport) moved to "B" Camp Sheet 28 A.15.D. by busses from NORTKERQUE - not sufficient accomodation and Battalion ordered back by 18 Div. to POPERINGHE in billets. Transport proceeded to ZEGGERS CAPPELL.	
	POPERINGHE.	
9th.	Battalion resting. Transport arrived from ZEGGARS CAPPELL.	
10th.	Battalion resting. Battln.O.O. No. 53 issued. 18 Div. Order No. 130 received.	App. # 187.B. App.188.
	MURAT CAMP.	
11th.	Battalion moved to MURAT CAMP ref. 28 N.W. 1/20,000 B.30.a. (approx). Transport moved to HOSPITAL FM. ref. 28 N.W. 1/20,000 B.19.d.(approx).	
12th.	Work. B.Coy. The Company (less one Platoon) employed in digging out for English shelters at TURCO FM. (Sheet 28. C.15.c.1.3. C. Coy. One platoon employed on POELCAPELLE Rd. from the LEKKERBOTERBEEK towards POELCAPELLE on 150^{M} of road, clearing mud and filling in shell holes. Only half an hours work possible owing to shelling.	

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12th Contd: D.Coy. POELCAPELLE Light Tramway - Track kept open and available for traffic from KEMPTON PARK to PHEASANT TRENCH.
Casualties G/18298 Pte.CHAPPELL, C.H. D.Coy. Wounded slightly at duty (gassed).

13th. 18 Divn. O.O. Nos. 131 & 132 received. App. 3 188.A. 188.B.
C.Coy. moved to GOURNIER FM. (Sheet 28) C.9.D.2.7.
Work. A.Coy. and B.Coy. TURCO FM. CAMP - preparing a camp - Sites for 12 Shelters excavated - drains dug. Gridding & revetting commenced, 1½ shelters erected.
C.Coy. POELCAPELLE RD. 2 Platoons worked from 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. - 1 platoon from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. making road fit for wagon transport - road cleared for 450ˣ forward from the LEKKERBOTERBEEK.
D. Coy. POELCAPELLE Light Tramway (a) Maintenance Track kept open and available for traffic from KEMPTON PARK to PHEASANT TR. (b) Construction. Forward from O.30.d.0.7. 280ˣ gridded to about U.30.c.0.4. Track prepared from about 100ˣ short of PHEASANT TRENCH to crossing at PHEASANT TRENCH (V.30.d.2.7.).
Casualties 25389 Pte. CORKE, S. "C. Coy." Wounded slightly at duty.

14th. Transport moved from HOSPITAL FM. to MURAT CAMP. C. Coy. moved to TURCO FM.
Casualties.
G/2367 L/Cpl. BOXALL,J. "C" Coy. Killed.
G/7065 Pte. HAY, J. "C" Coy. Wounded.
G/1841 Pte. PALMER, J. "C" Coy. Wounded slightly at duty.
G/7063 Pte. BAYES, H. "C" Coy. Wounded (H.Y.D.W.).
G/7060 Pte. SHEARER, A. "C" Coy. Wounded.
G/2371 Pte. SWALLOW,W. "C" Coy. Wounded.
1872 Pte. PACKHAM,E.F. "D" Coy. Wounded.
G/2136 Pte. JEMPSON, D. "A" Coy. Wounded. slightly-at-duty.

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14th Contd:

Work. ref.ST.JULIEN 28.N.W.2) 1/10000.
POELCAPELLE

A. Coy. Worked 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. at TURCO FARM preparing a camp - Emplacements dug - Shelter erected - 35 yards of trench revetted and gridded.

B. Coy. Worked at TURCO FM. - frames for placing shelters on cut and put in position.

C. Coy. Worked on POELCAPELLE Rd. making road fit for waggon Transport - 15 yards added to deviation leaving 25 yards to de - road cleared another 50 yds.

D. Coy. POELCAPELLE Light Tramway - Track maintained from MORTELJIE FM. to PHEASANT TRENCH. Continuation of track to MEUNIER HOUSE and gridding same - all material for same transported from MINTY HOUSE to railhead 360 yds. grids laid, about 80 yds. rail laid.

15th.

Appointments. Capt. S.T. BUCK assumed duties of temporary second in Command vice Major K.de JONG, M.C. as from 26/9/17.
Location of Battalion the same.
Work. ref.ST.JULIEN 28.N.W.2) 1/10,000
POELCAPELLE
A.Coy. Worked on POELCAPELLE Rd. from last tank to RETOUR CROSSROADS. A 9 ft. way has been cleared & is fit for limbers from tank to within 15 yds. of crossroads except for several timbers. 175 yds. cleared down to original pave to width of 9'.

B. Coy. Worked at TURCO FM. on shelters - 8 shelters now erected - 1 half erected - drainage trench completed including revetting - 1 shelter sandbagged all over - 2 sandbagged at ends.

C. Coy. Employed on POELCAPELLE RD. 2 platoons worked from 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. - 2 platoons from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - another 20 yds. deviation made round first pair of tanks - commenced deviation round second pair of tanks.

D. Coy. Worked on POELCAPELLE Light Tramway.
(a) Maintenance. Track maintained from MORTELJIE FM. to PHEASANT TRENCH.
(b) Construction. Continuation of Tramway Track to MEUNIER HSE.

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15th Contd:
(1) Gridding same for further 90 yds.
(2) Grading 60 yds.
(3) Rails laid 30 yds.
Casualties -
G/2117 STUNT, A. "A" Coy. Wounded.
8696 MUSTCHIN, J.P. "A" Coy. Wounded slightly at duty.

16th.
Location of Battalion the same.
An Albatross Scout shot down on 15/10/17 by the 8th R. Sussex Pioneers Lewis Gunners, acting as the 18th Division Anti Aircraft Lewis Gun detachment.
Work, ref. Sh. JULIEN 28 N.W.2) 1/10,000
POELCAPELLE
A.Coy. 2 Platoons worked on POELCAPELLE RD. from the LEKKERBOTERBEEK over to the first tank - some 350 yards - this has been widened to width of 18 ft. Shell holes corduroyed.
2 Platoons worked forward of last tank - a 15' turning point made 15 yds. N. of RETOUR CROSSWAYS.
B.Coy. The Company continued work on TURCO FM. CAMP - 12 shelters now up - 2 half erected. Good progress made in improving the water supply.
C. Coy. Employed on POELCAPELLE Rd. between the LEKKERBOTERBEEK and the RETOUR CROSSWAYS 10' of first deviation to complete. Work much impeded by shelling.
D. Coy. Employed maintaining Tramway MORTELDJE FM. to PHEASANT TRENCH.
One platoon laying tramway PILKEM RD. - TURCO FM. 2 Platoons continued construction of Light Tramway MORTELDJE - MEUNIER HSE.
Gridding for 220 yards.
Rails laid 23 yards.
Graded about 90 yards.
Casualties -
G/6307 Pte. GODLEY, C.H. D.Coy. Killed.
G/2427 Cpl. MANVELL, F.H. D.Coy. Wounded.
G/2491 L/Cpl. BAILEY, H.H. D.Coy. "
G/23432 Pte. FOWLER, E. D.Coy. "
G.S/23303 Pte. JAMES, D.W. C.Coy. "
~~G/18298 Pte. CHAPPELL, C.H. D.Coy. Wounded slightly at duty (gassed).~~

17th.
A. Coy. moved to TURCO FM. CAMP - C. Coy. returning to A.Coy. accomodation at MURAT CAMP. App.189.
18 Div. W.O. G.715.
Work. (Map ref. ST. JULIEN 28 N.W.No.2) POELCAPELLE 1/10,000.

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A.Coy. 2 Platoons at rest.
2 Platoons attached to B. Coy.
B.Coy. Working at TURCO HUTS - 15 Shelters now erected - about 50 beds erected - 3 Shelters sandbagged all over.
C.Coy. Employed on POELCAPELLE RD. between the LEKKERBOTERBEEK and RETOUR CROSSROADS - both deviations round tanks completed - mud cleared between deviations - giving a clear 6' - 8' roadway.
D.Coy. Working on POELCAPELLE Light Tramway.
(a) Maintenance.
Track maintained from C.15.d.1.3. to U.30.d.4.7. lengthening Switches putting in new points where Switches necessary.
(b) Construction.
Continuation of Tramway to MEUNIER HOUSE.
(1) Gridded from U.30.c. 849.529 to U.30.d.226.659.
(2) Graded from U.30.d.499.762. to U.30.
(3) Rails laid from U.30.d.400.715. to U.30.d.510.799.
Laying Tramway PILKEM RD. - TURCO FM. C.14.c.849.275. to C.14.d.336.098.
Casualties.
G/2306 Sgt. ALABASTER, J.W. C.Coy. Wounded.
G/2001 L/Cpl. BRIDLE, F. A.Coy. Wounded slightly at duty.
G/2185 L/Cpl. LAUNDER, A. D.Coy. Wounded slightly at duty.

18th.

Work. Map ref. ST. JULIEN 28 N.W.2) 1/10,000.
POELCAPELLE)
A.Coy. Two Platoons worked with B. Coy. on construction of TURCO HUTS.
Two Platoons worked on POELCAPELLE RD.
85 yds. cleared to full original width, working SOUTH from the LEKKERBOTERBEEK.
150 yds. between first tank and first diversion cleared to width of 15 ft.
Road between 1st and 2nd diversions cleared to width of 9 ft.
B.Coy. One Platoon bathing.
Remainder of Company with 2 Platoons of A. Coy. employed on construction of TURCO HUTS.
18 Shelters now erected and ends sandbagged.
114 beds now erected.
C.Coy. resting & bathing.

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D.Coy. 1 Platoon making tramway from C.14.c.849.275 to C.14.d.336.098 also road siding for same at C.14.c.849.274.
1 Platoon on maintenance of Tramway from C.15.d.1.3. to U.30.d.510.799 also lengthening sidings & putting in points where necessary.
2 Platoons on continuation of Tramway.
1. Gridded from U.30.d.226.659. to U.30.d.41.72.
2. Graded from U.30.d.519.823. to U.30.d.549.839.
3. Rails laid from U.30.d.510.799. to U.30.d.513.789.

19th. 18 Divn. O.O. No.133. App.190.
Location of Batt. the same.
Work. ref.ST.JULIEN 28 N.W.2) 1/10,000.
POELCAPELLE)

A.Coy. 1 sect. repaired 1st deviation round tanks on POELCAPELLE RD.
1 Plat. worked on the road between BOSCHE DUMP and tanks - road quite good for traffic - average width approx. 15'.
2 Platoons commenced widening and draining road between TRIANGLE FM. & apex of Triangle.
B.Coy. The Company (less one Platoon bathing) employed on TURCO HUTS.
180 beds now erected - Trenches for next Coy's. area gridded and revetted.
1 NISSEN BOW HUT complete - Sandbagging continued, now nearly complete for 1 Coy.
C.Coy. Coy. employed on TURCO HUTS. Men worked from 9.30 a.m. - 3.30 a.m. Drainage Trench dug, Shelters sandbagged. Material carried from DUMP to HUTS.
D.Coy. Worked at POELCAPELLE Light Tramway.
(a) Maintenance.
Track maintained from C.15.d.1.3. to U.30.d.513.789.
(b) Construction.
Continuation to MEUNIER HOUSE.
(1) Gridded from U.30.d.41.27. to U.30.d.5.7.
(2) Rails laid from U.30.d.513.789. to U.30.d.562.873.
(3) Graded from U.30.d.549.839. to U.30.d.61.92.

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Casualties.
LT. J.R. KEEN, Wounded.
2nd LT. F. LUMSDEN, Wounded.
2nd LT. P.P. THORP, Wounded.
G/2652 Sgt. CRANE,J.W. D.Coy.Wounded.
G/4140 L/Cpl. SCOTT,E. D.Coy.Wounded.
G/2229 Pte. LEWIS,G.F. D.Coy.Wounded.

20th.

A.Coy.returned from TURCO HUTS to MURAT CAMP.
C. Coy. relieving A.Coy.at TURCO HUTS.
Work. ref.ST.JULIEN 28 N.W.2) 1/10,000.
POELCAPELLE)
A.Coy. Worked on POELCAPELLE RD. approx. 200 yards S.W. of grid walk widened to original width - 150 yds. drain dug on W. side of road.
B.Coy. The Coy. (less 1 plat. bathing) employed on TURCO HUTS. 15 shelters now erected - Bedding accomodation for 1 Coy. practically complete.
C.Coy. Worked on TURCO HUTS - revetting continued on Drainage Trench - Shelters sandbagged.
D.Coy. Worked on Light Tramway - POELCAPELLE.
Track maintained from C.15.d.1.3. to U.30.d.51.29.
(a) Gridded from U.30.d.50.86. to U.30.d.56.88.
(b) Graded from U.30.d.61.93. to U.30.d.60.92.
(c) Rails laid from U.30.d.56.87. to U.30.d.59.91.

21st.

Work. ref.ST.JULIEN 28 N.W.2) 10,000.
POELCAPELLE)
A.Coy. Resting & bathing.
B.Coy. The Compy. (less one Platoon resting) employed on TURCO HUTS. 14 shelters now sandbagged & bedding for one Compy. completed. The Bath erected & used this afternoon.
C. Coy. Employed on POELCAPELLE Rd. from the LEKKERBOTERBEEK towards TRIANGLE FM. - mud cleared back to line of trees for about 100^{x} & drain dug on one side.
D. Coy. One Plat. worked on PILKEM RD. - TURCO FM. tramway from C.14.c.85.28. to C.14.d.34.10.
One Plat. maintained tramway MORTELDAE - MEUNIER HOUSE from C.15.d.1.3. to U.30.d.59.81.
One Plat. worked on Extension of MEUNIER HOUSE tramway.
(1) Gridded from nil (no recce grids available).
(2) Graded from U.30.d.60.91. to U.30.d.62.98.
(3) Rails laid from U.30.d.59.91.to U.30.d.61.93.

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21st Contd:

CASUALTIES.
23432 Pte. FOWLER,H. D. Coy.
(Wounded 16/10/17).
Died of Wounds 20/10/17.
The undermentioned officers authorised to wear the badges of the higher rank pending confirmation by superior authority.

	Acting Rank.	
CAPT.STBUCK.	MAJOR.)	18 Div.No.
LIEUT.A.F.IRELAND.	CAPT.)	19/282 "A"/G/17/10/1917.

22nd.

18 Div. G. C. No. 134 issued. App.191.A.
Work. A.Coy. (less 1 platoon) assisted in erection of new shelters at TURCO HUTS. 1 Plat. worked on drainage of rear Camp under MAJOR BUCK.
B.Coy. 1 Plat. working on drainage of rear camp.
Remainder of Compy. erecting TURCO HUTS. 17 shelters now erected - 1 NISSEN BOW HUT completed another finished except the sandbagging.
C. Coy. resting.
D. Coy. 1 Platoon worked on road siding C.14.c.85.27. and on PILKEM RD. - TURCO FM. light railway C.14.c.85.28. - C.14.d.34.10.
2 platoons maintaining MORTELDJE - MEUNIER HSE. light tramway C.15.d.1.3. - U.30.d.81.93.
1 Plat. bathing & drying clothes.

23rd.

58 Div. Order No. 63 received. App.191.B.
This Battn. now attached to 58th Div.
Work. A. Coy. 3 Platoons worked on TURCO HUTS - digging new emplacements and sandbagging NISSEN BOW hut.
1 Plat. worked on drainage of rear camp.
B.Coy. The Coy. (less 1 plat. working on drainage of rear camp) employed on TURCO HUTS - 23 shelters erected - 14 shelters sandbagged - 2 NISSEN BOW HUTS erected.
C.Coy. Coy. employed on POELCAPELLE RD. from the deviation to the LEKKERBOTERBEEK - clearing, widening & filling in shell holes - 400 ft. suitable for double Transport.
D.Coy. One plat. working on road siding C.14.c.85.27. and on PILKEM RD. - TURCO FM. CAMP light tramway C.14.c.85.28. - C.14.d.34.10.

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23rd Contd: One plat. on maintenance of MORTELDJE - MEUNIER HSE. light tramway from C.15.d.1.3. to U.30.d.61.93.
One Plat. working on forward construction of MORTELDJE - MEUNIER HOUSE light tramway. Graded from U.30.d.62.98. to U.30.b.70.01.
One Plat. resting.

24th. Work. A.Coy. (less 1 Platoon working on drainage of MURAT CAMP) employed with B.Coy. at TURCO HUTS.
B.Coy. The Coy. (less 1 Plat. working on drainage of MURAT CAMP) employed at TURCO HUTS.
26 shelters now erected - 17 sandbagged, 15 bedded - 1 Company Cookhouse completed.
C.Coy. 2 plats. worked forward from first deviation on POELCAPELLE RD. clearing, widening & filling in shell holes - 110 ft. 2 Plats. worked on road from RETOUR CROSS Rds. to point 67 (POELCAPELLE MAP), men employed on 120 ft. of road filling in shell holes, draining & finding level of road, destroyed by shell fire.
D.Coy. 1 Plat. on maintenance of MORTELDJE - MEUNIER HSE. Tramway C.15.d.1.3. to U.30.d.61.93.
1 Plt. on forward construction of same.
Graded from U.30.b.70.01. to U.30.b.77.05. rails laid from U.30.d.61.93. to U.30.d.61.94.
1 Plat. working on road siding PILCKEM RD.
1 Platoon resting & bathing.

25th. Work. ref ST. JULIEN 28 N.W.2. & POELCAPELLE 1/10,000.
A.Coy. 2 Platoons worked with B.Coy. on TURCO HUTS.
1 Plat. worked with D.Coy. on Tramline.
1 Plat. worked in Camp under MAJOR BUCK.
B.Coy. 1 Plat. worked under MAJOR BUCK at MURAT CAMP.
Rest of Compy. employed on TURCO HUTS. 28 shelters erected - 17 bedded, 19 sandbagged - 1 new position dug out.
C.Coy. 2 Plats. worked forward from deviation on POELCAPELLE RD. clearing, widening & filling in shell holes - 125 ft.
2 Plats. worked on road from RETOUR CROSS Rds. to point 67 (POELCAPELLE MAP 1/10,000) - Men employed on

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25th Contd: 180 ft. of road filling in shell holes with stone & timber - draining & finding level of the road.
D.Coy. (a) Maintenance of MORTELDJE - MEUNIER HOUSE Light Tramway from G.15.d.1.3. to U.30.d.61.94.
(b) Construction of MORTELDJE - MEUNIER HSE. tramway.
Graded from U.30.b.77.05. to U.30.b.81.06.
Rails laid across POELCAPELLE - ST. JULIEN RD. at the LEKKERBOTERBEEK BRIDGE and a proper level crossing put in to carry road over the Tramway.
1 Platoon resting.
Casualties.
LIEUT. KEEN, J.R. Wounded 19/10/17. Died of wounds 19/10/17.
G/2491 L/C. BAILEY, H.H. D.Coy. Wounded 16/10/17. Died of wounds 23/10/17.
G/2229 Pte. LEWIS, G.F. D.Coy. Wounded 19/10/17. Died of wounds 22/10/17.

26th. Ref. ST. JULIEN 28 N.W.2 & POELCAPELLE } 1/10,000.
18 Div. Warning Order received. App.192.
Work. A.Coy. 1 Plat. on Drainage of MURAT CAMP.
Remainder of Coy. working on TURCO HUTS with B.Coy.
B.Coy. Worked on TURCO HUTS - 28 shelters erected now - 18 bedded - 19 sandbagged - 25 yds. trench party dug - 22 yds. duckboard laid.
C.Coy. Not working owing to Battle operations.
D. Coy. 1 Plat. on Maintenance of MORTELDJE - MEUNIER HOUSE light tramway - Track kept running from G.15.d.1.3. to U.30.b.81.06.
2 Platoons standing by to assist.
1 Platoon resting.

27th. Ref. ST. JULIEN 28 N.W.2. & POELCAPELLE } 1/10,000.
Location of Battalion the same.
Work. A.Coy. 2 Plats. worked on TURCO HUTS under O.C. B. Coy.
1 Plat. pushed trucks of material from MINTY FM. to POELCAPELLE RD. for O.C. D.Coy.
1 Plat. inspections & work on drainage of MURAT CAMP.
B.Coy. Worked on TURCO HUTS.
33 shelters now erected - 18 bedded - 20 sandbagged.

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27th Contd:

C.Coy. Worked on road from RETOUR CROSSROADS to 40 yds. beyond point 67. 2 Plats. worked from Deviation towards RETOUR CROSSROADS - 2 Plats. from RETOUR CROSSROADS to Deviation - about 350 yds. Shelling interfered with work considerably.
D.Coy. (a) Maintenance from O.15.d.1.3. to U.30.b.81.06. on the MORTELDJE - MEUNIER HSE. TRAMWAY.
(b) Repaired breaks forward of PHEASANT TRENCH.
1 Plat. resting.

28th.

Ref. 28 SE. JULIEN 28 NW.2 } 1/10,000.
POELCAPELLE

58 Div. Order No. 65 received. App. 193.A.

Work. A.Coy. Worked under O.C. B.Coy. on TURCO HUTS.
B.Coy. Worked on TURCO HUTS. 34 shelters now completed, 19 bedded, 22 sandbagged - cookhouse sandbagged. 2nd Coy's. Officers quarters completed. Water tank fixed.
C.Coy. Employed from RETOUR CROSSROADS to 100 yards beyond point 67 and between tanks & RETOUR CROSSROADS - cleared & widened road.
C.Coy. Worked on MORTELDJE - MEUNIER HOUSE Tramway.
(a) Maintenance. Track maintained from O.15.d.1.3. to U.30.b.81.06.
(b) Construction. Continuation of Tramway.
(1) Graded from U.30.d.58.83. to U.30.b.7.0.
(2) Graded from U.30.d.65.95. to U.30.b.79.04.
(3) Rails laid from U.30.d.64.94. to U.30.b.7.0.
C. Coy. returned to MURAT CAMP - A. Coy. returned to TURCO HUTS.

29th.

Ref. ST. JULIEN 28 N.W.SE.2 } 1/10,000.
POELCAPELLE

18 Div. O.O. No.135 received. App.193.B.

C.Coy.
Work. A.Coy.
56 men worked from LEKKERBOTERBEEK to the RETOUR CROSSROADS - filling in shell holes and widening road.
32 men worked from RETOUR CROSSROADS to LANGMARK RD. - Draining.

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29th Contd: B.Coy. Worked with D.Coy. under CAPT. HALL.
C.Coy. Worked (with 1 pl. of A. & 1 of D.) on TURCO HUTS - 36 shelters now erected - 18 bedded and wired - 26 sandbagged.
D.Coy. Worked on MORTELDJE - MEUNIER HOUSE light tramway.
(a) Maintenance of Track from C.15.d.1.3. to U.30.b.7.0.
(b) Construction. Continuation of construction from MORTELDJE towards MEUNIER HOUSE.
(1) Gridded from U.30.d.65.95. to U.30.b.87.12.
(2) Repaired breaks between PHEASANT TRENCH and POELCAPELLE RD. BRIDGE over LEKKERBOTERBEEK.
Casualties.
G/1781 Pte. LEE,A. B.Coy. Killed.
G/2857 Pte.STANDING,F.S. B.Coy. Killed.
23328 Pte. MARKHAM, C. B.Coy. Wounded.
23375 Pte. SUTTON,P.A. B.Coy. Wounded.
23302 Pte. JONES, J.C. B.Coy. Wounded slightly at duty.
G/14016 Pte. GOUGH,T. B. Coy. Wounded slightly at duty.

30th. Work. A.B.C.& D. Coys.(less 2 Platoons of D.Coy.) worked on TURCO HUTS.
36 shelters now erected - 24 bedded and wired - 30 sandbagged.
6 new positions dug out - 150 yds. Trench dug. 200 yds. duckboards laid - 45 yds. duckboards track made up.
20 yds. Trench revetted. Large number of shell holes filled up.
1 Plat. of D.Coy. on maintenance of MORTELDJE - MEUNIER HOUSE light tramway.
1 Platoon ready to assist in the maintenance.

31st. Ref. ST. JULIEN 28 N.W.2. & POELCAPELLE } 1/10,000.
Location of Battln. the same.
Work. A. Coy. 1 Plat. cleared approx. 100 yds. POELCAPELLE RD. beyond RETOUR CROSS RDS. to width of 9 ft.
2 Plats. dug drain alongside ARTILLERY RD. between RETOUR CROSS RDS. & LANGEMARCK RD.
C.Coy. together with 1 Plat. of A.B.& D. worked on TURCO HUTS -

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31st Contd: 38 shelters now erected - 26 bedded, 32 sandbagged - 72 yds. duckboard laid.
D.Coy. 1 Plat. on maintenance of MORTELDJE - MEUNIER HOUSE Light Tramway - C.15.d.1.3. to U.30.d.2.7.
2 plats. & 3 plats. of B. Coy. working forward on construction of Tramway.
Graded from U.30.b.87.12. to V.25.a.03.20.
Rails laid from U.30.b.7.0. to U.30.b.80.05.

THOMAS GATE,
2/Lt. & Asst. Adjt.

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APPENDIX 186.A.

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18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.128.

Ref. Map sheets 27 & 28, 1/40,000.

October 5th 1917.

1. The 18th Division (less R.E., Artillery and Pioneers) will move to the forward area with a view to relieving the 11th Division in the Left Sector of the XVIII Corps front.
Moves will be carried out in accordance with the attached table, by march route.
A.D.M.S. will issue orders for the moves of the Field Ambs.

2. Separate orders will be issued for the actual relief and the moves immediately connected with it.

3. Officers and O.R. to be left out of action will not move forward with their units. A/Q will arrange for billeting and rations until accommodation is available at Corps Reinforcement Camp.

4. Div. H.Q. will close at POPERINGHE at 3 p.m. on the 8th inst. and open at BORDER CAMP at the same hour.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

H.F. BULLOCK, Major,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 6 p.m.

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1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2/3. "G".
4/5. "Q".
6. 53rd Inf. Bde.
7. 54th Inf. Bde.
8. 55th Inf. Bde.
9. C.R.A.
10. C.R.E.
11. 8th R. Sussex Pnrs.
12. Signals.
13. A.D.M.S.
14. D.A.D.V.S.
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18. Div. Train.
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22/23. XVIII Corps.
24. 9th Division.
25. 11th Division.
26. 48th Division.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

SECRET.

To:- "A". 53rd Bde. 54th Bde. 55th Bde. R.A. R.E. Pnrs. Sigs. A.D.M.S. D.A.D.V.S. D.G.O. A.P.M. D.A.D.O.S. Div. Train. No.3 D.S.C. C/C XVIII Corps "G" & "Q". 9th Div. 11th Div. 48th Div.

G.333. 6th.

Ref. para. 4 18th Division Order No. 128 AAA Divl. H.Q. will move on 9th Oct. and not on 8th Oct. AAA ACKNOWLEDGE.

From - 18th Div.

Time - 7.15 p.m.

A.G.RIGBY,
Capt.

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To:- Pnrs.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
G.325.	8th.	AAA

Ref. March Table issued with 18th Division Order No. 128 following amendments will be made AAA Serial No. 1 for Oct. 8th read Oct. 9th AAA Serial No.2 for Oct. 8th read Oct. 9th AAA Serial No. 4 for Oct. 10th read Oct. 11th AAA ACKNOWLEDGE.

From - 18th Div.

A.G. RIGBY,
Capt.

APPENDIX 186.E.

SECRET. Copy No. 10.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 52.

8th ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

Refce. Maps.
Sheet 28. 1/20,000.
HAZEBROUCK.
1/100,000.

1. The Battalion will embus at 8 a.m. on the 8th instant, in front of the Orderly Room, and proceed to "P" Camp, Sheet 28, A.15.

2. Companies will arrange to be near the embussing point at 8 a.m. but are not to come nearer than 100 of the Orderly Room; the main road must be kept clear.

3. Men to be previously told off in parties of 25.

4. Dress: Steel helmets to be carried on the packs. Each man will carry his blanket folded on top of the pack.

5. Any surplus blankets, Officers' kits and mess kits (surplus to actual requirements for one night) to be loaded on the wagons. Kits required, to be stacked outside Companies' messes by 8 a.m. under charge of one man per Company.
(N.B.) Only two Lorries are at present available for kits, rations, etc.

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6. Wagons: The Transport Officer will arrange to draw wagons from Companies, etc. at 7.45 a.m.

7. The Transport will proceed independently by road, billeting the night of the 8th/9th Octr. at ZEGGERS CAPPELL. Billets to be obtained from the Town Major, and following on to destination on the 9th inst.

8. Six Signallers will proceed with the Transport as brakesmen and to wheel any cycles which cannot be put on Lorries. They will report to the Orderly Room at 7.45 a.m.

9. All billets to be left scrupulously clean.

10. Accurate embussing strengths to reach the Regimental Sergeant Major by 7 a.m.

11. Acknowledge.

N.H. HAMPTON, Capt.& Adjt.,
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at 7.15 p.m.
7/10/17.

Distribution:

Copy No.1. Office.
2. "A" Company.
3. "B" "
4. "C" "
5. "D" "
6. H.Q. "
7. T.O.
8. Q.M.
9. R.S.M.
10. War Diary.

12. Capt. Buck with four representatives from H.Q. Company together with five representatives per Company will proceed on No. 1 bus in order to expedite the billeting at destination. Above party to report at Orderly Room at 7.45 a.m.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

To:- 8th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. (Pioneers).

A.1209. 4.
Following wire is repeated for your information aaa A.551 4th aaa Following from 18th Corps aaa Begine aaa Please inform 8th Bn. Sussex Regt. (Pioneers) that they

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will be returned to this area on 7th inst. by lorry aaa 19th Corps.

A. MCNALLY, Lt.Col.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Prefix B.M. Code L.B. Words 28.

Received.
From T.C.C.
By B.M.

Handed in at Y.M. Office 11.10 a.m.
Received 11.49 a.m.

To:- 8 R. Sussex Pnrs.
C/O 56 Divn.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
Q.590.	6th.	S.X.192.	AAA

Have you received orders to move if so when and from whom AAA Wire.

From - 18 Div. Q.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Handed in at S.C.C. Office. 8.5 p.m.
Received. 9.25 p.m.

To:- 8th R. Sussex Pioneers.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
Q.729.	6th.		AAA

Ref. this office A.559 of 4th inst. AAA Move of 8th Sussex Pioneers now postponed until 8 inst. AAA Addsd. 19th Corps Q Reptd. 8th Royal Sussex Pionrs.

From - 18th Corps Q.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Received.
From S.C.O.
By C.S.

Handed in at S.C.O. Office 2.0 p.m.
Received 3.2 p.m.

To:- 8th R. Sussex.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
Q.782.	7th.	AAA

Can busses be detailed to report Church NORTKERQUE at 8 a.m. tomorrow to convey 8th R. Sussex to P. Camp sheet 28 A.15 (D) AAA Embussing strength 780 AAA Addsd. 8th Army Auxy. bus pk. reptd. 8th Army Q 18th and 58 Divs. 8th R. Sussex C.E. and G. also 19th Corps.

From - 18 Corps Q.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Prefix Ca. Code D.C. Words. 47.

To:- O.C. 8th R. Sussex (Pioneers).

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
Q. 86.	7th.	AAA

Reference 18th Corps Q Wire No. Q.780 AAA Divl. Train have been instructed to issue you rations for the 9th AAA Please wire train direct when you want these issued AAA Addsd. 8th R. Sussex reptd. O.C. 58th Div. Train.

From - 58 Divn.

(Intd:) H.M. Capt.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Handed in at S.C.O. Office 1.50 p.m.
Received 3.5 p.m.

To:- 8th R. Sussex.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number.
Q.780. 7th. AAA

Re move 8th R. Sussex AAA Rations for consumption on 9th xxxxx will be taken AAA 18th Div. will issue rations for consumption 10th onwards AAA Transport will halt for night 8/9th at ZEGGERS-CAPPEL reporting to area Comdt. not before 4 p.m. 8th AAA Addsd. 8th R. Sussex reptd. 18 and 58 Divns. and 5 and 19 Corps.

From - 18 Corps Q.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Handed in at S.C.O. Office 8.13 p.m.
Received 8.56 p.m.

To:- 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number.
Q. 815. 7th. AAA

My Q.782 of today confirmed AAA Addsd. 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers 18th Divn. 58th Divn. C.E. "G" 19th Corps.

From - 18th Corps Q.

APPENDIX 187.A.

SECRET. Copy No.11.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 129.

Ref. Map Sheets
27 & 28, 1/40,000. October 7th 1917.

1. (a) The 18th Division (less Artillery) will relieve the 11th Division (less Artillery) in the line on the night 10th/11th October.

(b) All details of the relief and reconnaissance will be arranged direct between Brigades concerned.

2. The 18th Division front will be held by -

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The 53rd Infantry Brigade.
The 55th Infantry Brigade will be in Support.
The 54th Infantry Brigade will be in Reserve.

3. Command of the Left Divisional Sector of the XVIII Corps front will pass from G.O.C. 11th Division to G.O.C. 18th Division at 10 a.m. on the 11th October. At the same hour command of the Field Artillery covering the left Division will be assumed by R.A. 18th Division.

4. Moves will take place by march route in accordance with attached march table.

5. Any further orders re the move and accommodation of R.E. Companies and Pioneer Battalion will be issued later.

6. The relief of Field Ambulances will be arranged direct between A.Ds. M.S. concerned.

7. Completion of the relief will be reported in code to Div. Headquarters.

8. Div. Hd. Qrs. will close at POPERINGHE at 4 p.m. on 9th October and re-open at the same hour at BORDER CAMP.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. SEYMOUR, Capt.
for Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 8.30 p.m.

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18. Div. Train.
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24. 9th Division.
25. 11th Division.
26. 48th Division.
27. Town Major, POPERINGHE.

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SECRET.

18th Division No. G.430.

TO:-

All recipients of 18th Division Order No. 129.

Reference 18th Division Order No. 129.

Advanced Divisional Headquarters will close at POPERINGHE at 10 a.m. on the 11th October, at which hour they will open at 211, CANAL BANK, WEST, (Sheet 28. B.30.b.).

Rear Divisional Headquarters will close at POPERINGHE and open at BORDER CAMP, (Sheet 28. A.30. central) at 10 noon on the same date.

E. SEYMOUR, Captain,
General Staff, 18th Division.

9th October, 1917.

SECRET.

18th Division No.G.445.

TO:-

All recipients of 18th Division Order No. 129.

With reference to 18th Division Order No. 129.

1. The 55th Infantry Brigade instead of the 53rd Infantry Brigade will relieve the 32nd Infantry Brigade in the line on the night 10/11th October.

2. The 18th Divisional front will therefore be held by the -

55th Infantry Brigade in Front line.
53rd Infantry Brigade in Support.
54th Infantry Brigade in Reserve.

3. Two Battalions of the 53rd Infantry Brigade will move to CAIN TRENCH and HURST PARK on the night 10/11th October.

The two Battalions detailed will be those who have been already detailed to carry out the first portion of the operation for which the Brigade has recently been practising.

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4. The 54th Infantry Brigade will not move on the 11th instant but will remain in TUNNELLING CAMP until further orders.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. SEYMOUR, Captn.,
for Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

10th October, 1917.

SECRET.

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To:- All recipients of 18th Div. Order 129.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
G.384.	8.	AAA

Ref. 18th Div. Order 129 AAA
Div. H. Q. will remain at POPERINGHE until further orders.

From - 18th Div.
Time - 12.30 p.m.

A.G. RIGBY,
Capt.

SECRET.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

To:- All recipients of 18th Div. Order No. 129.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
G.455.	10th.	--- AAA

Reference 18th Division No. G.430 AAA
Map reference of Headquarters in CANAL BANK in C.19.c.3.2. and not as stated.

From - 18th Division.
Time - 11.30 p.m.

E. SEYMOUR,
Captain.

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APPENDIX 187.B.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 53.

Refce. Map.
28 N.W. 1/20,000.

1. The Battalion (less Transport) will move to HURAT CAMP (approximately B.30.a.) on 11th instant. Companies will march independently, no restriction as to route.

"A" Company	moving off at	1 p.m.
"B" "	" "	
"C" "	" "	1.15 p.m.
"D" "	" "	1.20 p.m.
H.Q. "	" "	1.30 p.m.

2. The Transport less one G.S. Wagon and one T.K. per Company, H.Q. Store Limber, Maltese and Mess Cart and Water Carts, which will move with Companies, will billet in the Hospital Farm area (about B.19.d.) moving off at 10 a.m.

3. Dress. Skeleton equipment - steel helmets on the haversack.

Blankets will be strapped on the packs. Packs will be stacked by Companies under cover by 10 a.m. The Q.M. will arrange to carry these packs to new Camp on Lorries.
Two men per Company to accompany packs as loaders and guards.

4. (a) Billeting party consisting of Capt. Buck, Lieut. Kean, L/Cpl. Westover and one representative per Company to proceed on first Lorry leaving Battalion H.Q. as soon as possible after 10 a.m. "A" Company representative to proceed direct.

(b) An advance party of one platoon from each Company and 25 men H.Q. Company under Sgt. Braund will proceed independently leaving billeting area at 10 a.m.

5. H.Q. Officers' kits to be at Q.M's. stores by noon.

6. Billeting parties must have guides on the lookout for Companies.

7. Acknowledge.

N.H. HAMPTON, Capt.& Adjt.
8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at 10 p.m.
10/10/17.

Distribution:

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2.	"A" Company.	7.	T.O.
3.	"B" "	8.	Q.M.
4.	"C" "	9.	R.S.M.
5.	"D" "	10.	War Diary.

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SECRET. Copy No. 11.

APPENDIX 188,A.

18th DIVISION ORDER NO. 131.

13th October, 1917.

1. The 8th Bn. Suffolk Regiment and the 7th Bn. The Queens will be relieved in the line on the night 14/15th October by two Battalions 53rd Infantry Brigade.
All arrangements for this relief will be made by Brigadiers concerned.

2. (a). Machine Guns of the 55th Machine Gun Company will be relieved on same night by Machine Guns of the 53rd Machine Gun Company - under Brigade arrangements.

(b). 53rd Brigade Machine Guns, detailed for barrage work, are at the disposal of the 53rd Infantry Brigade for the relief if required.

3. G.O.C. 55th Infantry Brigade will hand over command of the Sector to G.O.C., 53rd Infantry Brigade on completion of relief.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. SEYMOUR, Capt.,
for Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 3.0 p.m.

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8. 55th Inf. Bde.
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11. 8th R.Suss.Pnrs.
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14. A.P.M.
15. D.A.D.V.S.
16. D.G.O.
17. D.A.D.O.S.
18. 18th Div. Train.
19. War Diary.
20. XVIII Corps "G".
21. XVIII Corps "Q".
22. 4th Division.
23. 9th Division.
24. 58th Division.
25. 63rd Division.

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SECRET. Copy No. 12.

APPENDIX 188.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 130.

Reference Map, SPRIET 1/10,000, Edition 1. October 10th 1917.

1. The offensive will be resumed on a date which has been notified to all concerned.

2. Zero Hour will be notified later.

3. The 18th Division will be the left Division of the XVIII Corps attack.

It will have on its right the 9th Division and on its left the 4th Division (XIV Corps). The number of the Brigades and names of battalions on the right and left of the 18th Divn. will be notified later.

4. The objectives and boundaries between Corps and Divisions are shown on the attached map.

(1) 9th Division.

(a) The first objective will be the DOTTED YELLOW LINE.

(b) The second objective will be the DOTTED BLUE LINE.

(c) The third and final objective will be the DOTTED PURPLE LINE.

(2) 18th Division.

(a) The first objective will be the SOLID BLUE LINE.

(b) The second objective will be the DOTTED YELLOW LINE.

(c) The third and final objective will be the DOTTED PURPLE LINE.

(3) The attack of the 18th Division will be carried out by:-

the 55th Inf. Bde. against the FIRST and SECOND objectives,
and
the 53rd Inf. Bde. against the THIRD and FINAL objective.

(4) The attack of the 53rd Inf. Bde. will be carried out by two battalions.

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The advance of these battalions will be so timed that they are formed up behind the second objective (DOTTED YELLOW LINE) ready to pass through the 55th Inf. Bde. for the attack on the 3rd objective by Zero plus 2 hours 30 minutes.

NOTE. THE COLOURED LINES GIVEN ABOVE INDICATE ONLY THE GENERAL LINE OF OBJECTIVES. THE ACTUAL OBJECTIVES SHOULD BE THE NEAREST POINTS TO THE PROTECTIVE BARRAGE WHICH TROOPS CAN REACH WITHOUT SUFFERING FROM ITS FIRE.

5. After capture, each objective will be consolidated by means of a system of posts organised in depth, the forward line of posts being consolidated with a view to a further advance.

Definite plans will be drawn up by Brigade Commanders concerned for the organisation and construction of these points.

To form the basis of a definite defensive organisation, strong points will be constructed as under:-

A. In vicinity of V.21.a.0.5.)
B. In vicinity of V.14.c.7.6.) 55th Inf. Bde.

C. In the vicinity of V.21.b.4.2.)
D. In the vicinity of V.15.c.5.2.) 53rd Inf. Bde.
E. In the vicinity of V.14.d.9.9.)

R.E. Parties will be available to assist in the construction of the above points (Vide Appendix "A").

6. (a) IT MUST BE CONTINUALLY IMPRESSED UPON ALL RANKS THAT IT IS NOW MORE THAN EVER NECESSARY TO KEEP CLOSE UNDER THE BARRAGE DURING THE ADVANCE, AND THAT THEY MUST BE PREPARED TO TAKE EVEN GREATER RISKS THAN FORMERLY IN THIS RESPECT.

(b) Definite, distinct and complete units will be detailed to capture, consolidate and garrison the various farms and concrete structures included in the divisional area.

(c) Special supporting troops will be detailed to watch the flanks, and to attack or mask hostile posts which may be holding out on the flanks and are hampering the advance.
The fact that such posts are outside the divisional area will not deter the commander of supporting troops from attacking them provided they are within close proximity to the boundary.

(d) The compass is to be used to maintain direction. Officers and N.C.O's. are to be reminded of the effect which steel helmets and the box respirator have on the needle if the compass when read is held close to them.

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(e) The capture of the high ground about LIND COT is of special importance. Reserves, specially detailed for the purpose, will be so disposed as to be available to counter immediately any hostile counter attack on this locality.

(f) The location of command posts is to be defined beforehand and known by all concerned.

7. LIAISON.

Touch with flanking divisions during the advance will be gained by the detailing of special parties to meet -

(a) Similar parties of the 9th Division.

On the track, V.21.c.9.3. and at LIND COT.

(b) Similar parties of the 4th Division,

at REQUETE FARM and at the hedge, V.14.b.4.4.

Immediately that these parties have met a runner is to be sent back to report the fact.

(c) The usual cross attachments with the units of the divisions on the flanks of the attacking brigades, will be made.

8. The attack will be supported by:-

(a) An Artillery barrage (vide Appendix C, to be forwarded later).

(b) A machine gun barrage (vide Appendix D, to be forwarded later).

ARTILLERY.

The initial artillery barrage will come down at Zero 150 yards in front of our leading infantry.
It will lift at Zero plus 8 minutes.

The opening of this barrage will be the signal for the infantry to advance to get close up under it.

The barrage will move at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes. All lifts will be 100 yards.

The protective barrage in front of the SOLID BLUE LINE will lift at Zero plus 1 hour 40 minutes.

The protective barrage in front of the DOTTED YELLOW LINE will lift at Zero plus 3 hours.

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The protective barrage in front of the DOTTED BLUE LINE will lift at Zero plus 5 hours.

The details of the lifts and pauses will be shewn on the barrage map which will be issued shortly (Appendix C).

MACHINE GUNS.

Details of machine gun barrages and employment of the M.G's. of the division will be issued later. (Appendix D).

9. TANKS.

1 Section (4 Tanks) is allotted to the 18th Division.

Details for the action of these Tanks will be issued later. (Appendix E).

Each Tank will carry 5 boxes of S.A.A. for use of the infantry in the front line.

Troops should be informed that this S.A.A. is carried in a tin box at the rear (between the horns) of each Tank and is at their disposal when required.

10. AEROPLANES.

The 7th Squadron R.F.C. will detail

(a) Contact Machine to fly over the objectives at

Zero plus 2 hours 30 minutes.
Zero plus 4 hours 30 minutes.
Zero plus 7 hours and
when ordered by Corps Headquarters.

Infantry will be ready to light RED flares at these hours but will NOT do so unless called for by KLAXON Horn or by the dropping of WHITE lights.

Each contact aeroplane will be marked with two BLACK rectangular flags (2 feet by 1 foot 3 inches) attached to and projecting from the lower plane, on each side of the fusilage.

(b) Counter Attack Machine. An aeroplane will be up continuously during daylight from Zero onwards, whose mission will be to detect the approach of enemy counter-attacks.

Whenever this patrol observes hostile parties of 100 or over moving to counter-attack it will drop a smoke bomb over that portion of the front to which the enemy is moving.

The smoke bomb will burst about 100 feet below the machine into a white parachute flare which descends slowly, leaving a long trail of brown smoke about 1 foot broad behind it.

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11. In addition to all other messages and reports, Brigade Commanders will submit situation reports every two hours after Zero.

12. The location of Headquarters of neighbouring units at Zero will be notified later.

13. The system of communication to be employed on "Z" day is attached (Appendix "B").

14. Administrative arrangements for the attack have already been issued under 18/Div/No.5 (Q.X.).

15. Watches will be synchronised on "Y" day by an officer of Divisional Headquarters, who will be at Brigade Headquarters by 6.30 p.m.

16. ACKNOWLEDGE.

WALLACE WRIGHT, Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 10 p.m.

Copies to:-

No.1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2/3. "G".
4/5. "Q".
6. 53rd Infantry Brigade.
7. 54th Infantry Brigade.
8. 55th Infantry Brigade.
9. C.R.A., 18th Division.
10. C.R.A., 11th Division.
11. C.R.E.
12. 8th R. Suss. Pars.
13. Signals.
14. A.D.M.S.
15. A.P.M.
16. War Diary.
17. XVIII Corps "G".
18. XVIII Corps "Q".
19. 4th Division.
20. 9th Division.
21. 11th Division.
22. 58th Division.
23. 63rd Division.
24. No.7 Squadron R.F.C.
25. O.C., 1st Brigade, Tank Corps.

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APPENDIX "A".

EMPLOYMENT OF ROYAL ENGINEERS AND PIONEERS.

Reference para. 5 of 18th Division Order No.130.

(1) R.E. are placed at the disposal of Brigade Commanders as under, for the construction of the Strong Points mentioned:-

55th Infantry Brigade.....92nd Field Company R.E.(less 2 Sect.)

53rd Infantry Brigade.....79th Field Company R.E. (less 1 Sect.)

(2) After construction of the Strong Points the above R.E. Sections will remain in them as garrisons until definitely ordered to withdraw by the Brigade Commander concerned.

(3) All remainder of R.E. Companies of the Division will on "Z" day work behind on communications as under:-

(a) Improvement of ST.JULIEN - POELCAPELLE Road between the LEKKER BOKKER BEEK and POELCAPELLE.

(b) For the use of artillery the road running South-East from RETOUR cross-roads to the Divisional boundary in the neighbourhood of TERRIER FARM and the DIXMUDE branch running North-West from the POELCAPELLE Road at about V.10.b.4.2.
Work on the POELCAPELLE Road North-East of the latter mentioned point is not to be done till the above mentioned branches are ready for use by artillery.

(c) Extension of Northern and Southern duckboard tracks, the former to just North of POELCAPELLE the latter towards GLOSTER FARM.

(d) Extension of tramway in the direction of MEUNIER HOUSE.

(e) Reclaiming enemy dug-outs and shelters.

4. On Z plus one day -

(a) The 79th Field Company R.E. will rest pending further orders.

(b) The sections of 92nd Field Company R.E. employed in the assault on Z. day will rest.

(c) All other R.E. units will be employed on communications - as in para. 3.

On Z. plus 2 day -- All R.E. units except 79th Field Coy. R.E. will be employed on communications - as in para. 3.

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The 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers will be employed henceforth on communications - as in para. 3.

ADDENDA TO 18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.130.

1. From Zero plus three hours the command of the whole Divisional forward sector will pass to the G.O.C., 53rd Infantry Brigade.

2. Special Instructions as regarding reserves and their employment will be issued later.

WALLACE WRIGHT, Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

10th October, 1917.

APPENDIX 188.B.

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18th DIVISION ORDER NO. 132.

13th October.1917.

1.(a) The 53rd Infantry Brigade will relieve the 55th Infantry Brigade in the line on the night 14/15th October 1917.

(b) The 54th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 53rd Infantry Brigade in the line on the night 16/17th October, 1917.

(c) All details of reliefs will be arranged between Brigadiers concerned.

2. Movements in connection with above reliefs will be in accordance with Table "A" attached.

3. Detailed arrangements for embussing will be issued by "Q", 18th Division.

4. Orders regarding move of 54th Machine Gun Company will be issued later.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. SEYMOUR, Capt.,
for Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 11.0 p.m.

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7. 54th Infantry Brigade.
8. 55th Infantry Brigade.
9. C.R.A., 18th Division.
10. C.R.E.
11. 8th R. Sussex Pioneers.
12. Signals.
13. A.D.M.S.
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15. D.A.D.V.S.
16. D.G.O.
17. D.A.D.O.S.
18. 18th Divisional Train.
19. No. 3 D.S.C.
20. War Diary.
21. XVIII Corps "G".
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23. 4th Division.
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26. 63rd Division.

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APPENDIX 190.

October 19th 1917.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 133.

Reference 1/10,000 map, POELCAPELLE, Edition 4.

1. (a) On a date which has already been notified to those concerned the XVIII Corps will resume the offensive in conjunction with the XIV Corps on the left.

(b) The attack on the XVIII Corps front will be carried out by the 18th Division. The 9th Division on the right of the 18th Division will not be attacking on the date in question.

2. ZERO hour will be notified later.

3. The 34th Division (XIV Corps) will be attacking on the left of the 18th Division.
The right Brigade of the 34th Division will be the 102nd Inf. Bde., with Headquarters at AU BON GITE.
The right Battalion of the 102nd Bde. will be the 24th/27 Northumberland Fusiliers, with Headquarters at VERDAN HOUSE.

4. The objectives and boundaries between Corps and Divisions are shewn on the attached map.

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The permanent divisional boundary between the 18th and 34th Divisions is shewn by a SOLID BLACK LINE, but, in order to assist the 18th Division in carrying out its proposals, the boundary between the XIV and XVIII Corps will be temporarily adjusted on the night of 19th/20th by the 18th Division taking over from the 34th Division the area West of the British front line enclosed by a Dotted Black Line. Immediately after the capture and consolidation of objectives the SOLID BLACK DIVIDING LINE will again come into force.

(a) 18th Division.

The first objective will be the DOTTED RED LINE.

The second and final objective will be the SOLID RED LINE.

(b) 34th Division.

The objective of the 34th Division is the SOLID RED LINE North of the divisional boundary.

5. (a) The attack of the 18th Division will be carried out by the 53rd Inf. Bde. (less 2 battalions).
The 8th Norfolk Regt. will be on the left, the 10th Essex Regt. on the right.

(b) One battalion of the 54th Inf. Bde. will be placed at the disposal of the Brigade Commander, 53rd Inf. Bde. as counter attack battalion, and one battalion of the 55th Inf. Bde. to hold the portions of the front from which it is not intended to attack.

(c) The relief of the troops at present holding the line by those mentioned in (a) and (b) will take place on the night of 20th/21st October.

6. The attack will be carried out in 3 stages -

(1) Attack on 1st objective.

(2) Attack on MEUNIER HILL.

(3) Attack on BEEK HOUSES.

NOTE. THE COLOURED LINES ON THE MAP SHOWING OBJECTIVES INDICATE ONLY THE GENERAL LINE OF OBJECTIVES. THE ACTUAL OBJECTIVES SHOULD BE THE NEAREST POINTS TO THE PROTECTIVE BARRAGE WHICH TROOPS CAN REACH WITHOUT SUFFERING FROM ITS FIRE.

7. After capture, each objective will be consolidated by means of a system of posts organised in depth, the forward line of posts being consolidated with a view to a further advance.

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Definite, distinct and complete units will be detailed to capture all known enemy strong points.

The capture of MEUNIER HOUSE and high ground on which it stands is of especial importance. Reserves specially detailed for the purpose will be so disposed as to be available to counter immediately any hostile counter attacks on this locality.

8. In addition to any which the Brigade Commander may decide to have constructed, strong points will be constructed as under, one section of R.E. being detailed for the construction of each point.

(a) The vicinity of MEUNIER HOUSE which should be strongly wired.

(b) The vicinity of the 2 buildings and concrete dugout about V.20.a.70.75.

(c) The vicinity of REQUETE FARM.

For the above purpose the C.R.E. will place the 79th Field Company R.E. at the disposal of the Brigade Commander who will not use the 4th section if he can avoid doing so.

9. In conjunction with the attack of the 53rd Inf. Bde. a camouflage attack will be carried out by the XVIII Corps cyclists. Detailed arrangements for this attack are given in Appendix D.

10. Artillery and Machine Guns.

The attack will be supported by

A. An artillery barrage (vide Appendix A, to be forwarded later, for barrage map and other details).

B. A machine gun barrage (vide Appendix B, to be forwarded later).

Artillery.

The initial Field Artillery barrage will come down at ZERO at least 150 yards in front of our leading infantry.

The opening of this barrage will be the signal for the infantry to advance to get close up under it.

The initial barrage will lift at ZERO plus 6 and the barrage will move at the rate of 100 yards in 6 minutes: all lifts will be 50 yards.

The protective barrage for the 1st objective will lift at ZERO plus 2 hours to enable the attack on MEUNIER HILL to proceed.

For the third stage, i.e., the attack on BEEK HOUSES, the barrage will open at ZERO plus 3 hours.

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IT MUST BE IMPRESSED UPON ALL RANKS THAT IT IS NOW MORE THAN EVER NECESSARY TO KEEP CLOSE UNDER THE BARRAGE DURING THE ADVANCE, AND THAT THEY MUST BE PREPARED TO TAKE EVEN GREATER RISKS THAN FORMERLY IN THIS RESPECT. THE FACT THAT THE MEN WILL BE FOLLOWING AN ENFILADE BARRAGE ON THIS OCCASION SHOULD ENABLE THEM TO KEEP CLOSER TO IT THAN WHEN FOLLOWING ONE PARALLEL TO THE FRONT OF THEIR ADVANCE BUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ADVANCING BEHIND THE LATTER AND THE FORMER KIND OF BARRAGE SHOULD BE EXPLAINED TO THEM.

Machine Guns.

All guns of the 53rd Bde. M.G. Coy. will be left with the Brigade for employment under the direct orders of the Brigade Commander; all other available guns of the Division will be employed on barrages.

A proportion of the Machine Guns of the 9th Divn. will co-operate in the attack from positions within the area of that Division.

11. LIAISON.

The usual cross attachments with the unit on the left of the 18th Division attack will be made.

The Brigade Commander, 53rd Inf. Bde. will detail a special party to meet a similar party of the 102nd Bde. (34th Division) at the junction of hedge and road at V.14.b.40.15.

Whatever arrangements are made for the attack on the HELLES AREA, they must include dispositions to keep constant touch with the right of the 34th Division.

12. AEROPLANES.

(a) A contact machine will fly over objectives at

ZERO plus 1 hour.
ZERO plus 5 hours.

and when ordered by Corps Headquarters.

Infantry will be ready to light RED FLARES or wave WATSON FANS if no flares are available, at these hours but will NOT do so unless called for by Klaxon horn or by the dropping of WHITE lights.

THE IMPORTANCE OF INFANTRY MAKING THEIR POSITIONS KNOWN TO THE CONTACT MACHINES MUST BE IMPRESSED ON ALL RANKS.

Each contact aeroplane will be marked with two BLACK rectangular flags (2 feet by 1 ft. 3 ins.) attached to and projecting from the lower plane on each side of the fusilage.

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(b) Counter attack machine.

An aeroplane will be up continuously during daylight from Zero onwards, whose mission will be to detect the approach of enemy counter attacks.

Whenever this patrol observed hostile parties of 100 or over moving to counter attack it will drop a smoke bomb over that portion of the front to which the enemy is moving.

The smoke bomb will burst about 100 feet below the machine into a white parachute flare which descends slowly, leaving a long trail of brown smoke about 1 foot broad behind it.

13. In addition to all other messages and reports, a situation report will be forwarded every two hours after Zero.

14. The system of communication to be employed on the day of the attack is the same as that issued with 18th Division Order No. 130 of October 10th 1917. A copy is attached marked Appendix "C".

Pigeons will probably be found the most reliable method of getting information back from the forward troops and full use must be made of those allotted.

15. Administrative arrangements will be the same as those issued under 18th Division Order No. 130 of October 10th 1917.

16. Synchronisation of watches will be as follows:-

(a) The Corps will synchronise with D.H.Q. at 5 p.m. on the day previous to the battle.

(b) The G.S.O.2. will be at Bde. H.Q. by 6.30 p.m. where representatives of units will synchronise at the same time as the Brigade Staff.

(c) The C.R.A. will synchronise the watches of groups and batteries under his command in a similar manner. The telephone is not to be used for synchronisation.

17. ACKNOWLEDGE.

WALLACE WRIGHT, Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

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APPENDIX "D".

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CAMOUFLAGE ATTACK.

1. (a). The attack will be carried out from the British front line trenches behind a line V.27.c. to the road at V.20.c.2.8.

(b) The front of the attack affecting the 18th Division front will be from our front line trenches behind a line V.26.a.8.9. to V.20.c.2.8.

2. For this attack an artillery barrage will be put down by the artillery covering the 8th Division front from the junction of that Division with the Canadian Corps on its right as far as the road at V.20.c.45.90.
The initial barrage will be from V.20.c.95.00. to V.20.c.45.90.
Machine Guns will also take part in this barrage.

3. The initial barrage will list at Zero plus 8 minutes. It will advance by lifts of 50 yards every four minutes for the first 200 yards, after which it will move forwards and backwards (as far back as, but not further than a line through the point V.20.c.60.40) by irregular lifts until Zero plus 40 minutes when the barrage will cease.

4. 400 figures will be put up at zero on the line mentioned in 1 (a), of these 300 will be put up on the front mentioned in 1 (b).

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5. From zero to zero plus 8 minutes figures will be pulled up and down at irregular intervals, not remaining exposed for more than five seconds at a time.

From zero plus 8 minutes to Zero plus 40 minutes figures will be put up for a count of 10 seconds and down for a count of 40 seconds.

At Zero plus 40 minutes the figures will be pulled down for good.

6. The withdrawal of the men working the figures is on no account to take place without the authority both of the Brigade Commander and the officer in command of the front on which they are working.

7. In connection with the preceding paragraph the Brigade Commander will issue instructions direct to Major COLES commanding the Corps Cyclists engaged.

8. The Corps troops engaged in this operation will move in to the front line during the night immediately preceding the day of the attack.

9. To ensure that the camouflage party arrives at the actual front line held by our troops between the points mentioned in para. 1 (b) the following arrangements will be carried out.

(a) The front of the 18th Division on which the camouflage attack is to be made will, for the purpose of providing guides, be assumed to be divided into three sectors.

(b) From each sector two carefully selected guides will be found.

(c) The six guides so provided, together with an officer thoroughly conversant with that front will meet Major COLES of the Corps Cyclists near the head of the push tramway on the ST.JULIEN-POELCAPELLE road about U.30.d.5.8. at 5.30 p.m. on the day immediately preceding the day of the attack.

The officer will take with him a sketch showing the dispositions of the troops holding that portion of the front affected by the camouflage attack.

The above mentioned officer will be responsible for seeing that the camouflage parties are conducted to the points selected by Major COLES.

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APPENDIX No.191.A.

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Copy No.11.

18th. DIVISION ORDER No.134.

Reference Map.
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Sheet 27.

October 22nd 1917.

1. 18th Division (less Artillery) will be relieved by 58th Division (less Artillery) on night 24/25th.

2. Moves for this and for relief of 53rd Infantry Brigade by 54th Infantry Brigade on night 23/24th will be carried out in accordance with attached move table.

3. Orders for relief and moves of Field Companies R.E. and Pioneers will be issued later.

4. The command of the line will pass to G.O.C. 58th Division at 10 a.m. on October 25th; at the same hour the command of the Field Artillery covering the Divisional front will pass to C.R.A., 58th Division.

5. The details of relief of 54th Brigade by 173rd Inf. Bde., 58th Division will arrange between B.G.C's concerned.

6. The relief of Field Ambulances will be arranged between A.D's M.S. concerned.

7. All Units not mentioned in this order will move under orders of A.A. & Q.M.G.

8. The completion of relief of 54th Infantry Brigade will be reported to Divisional Headquarters by code-word "RIGHT".

9. Divisional Headquarters will close at CANAL BANK and BORDER CAMP at 10 a.m. 25th instant and re-open at POPERINGHE same hour.

G.D.G. ELTON,

for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 11.0 p.m.

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29. 63rd Division.
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31. XVIII Corps Cyclists.

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APPENDIX 191.B.

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58th (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER NO.63.

Ref. SPRINT Sheet, 1/10,000. 23.10.17.

1. (a) On a date which has been communicated verbally to those concerned, the XVIII Corps is to renew the attack with the 63rd Division on the Right and 58th Division on the Left.

(b) The Canadian Corps will, at the same time, attack on the right, and the XIV Corps on the left of the XVIII Corps.

(c) The left Division of the Canadian Corps will be the 3rd Canadian Division, and the right Division of the XIV Corps will be the 57th Division.

2. Zero hour will be notified later.

3. The attack on the 58th Division front will be carried out by the 173rd Inf.Brigade.

4. The objectives of the attack, and the boundaries between Divisions and Corps, are shewn on the attached map.

(a) The first objective will be the DOTTED RED Line.

(b) The Second and final objective will be the solid RED Line.

5. (a) Definite, distinct, and complete units, will be detailed to capture all known enemy strong points.

(b) The capture and retention of PAPA HILL and the high ground about WHITECHAPEL is of special importance.

(c) The 173rd Inf.Brigade will NOT employ more than three battalions in the actual attack, the remaining battalion will be held ready to counter immediately any hostile counter-attack on the localities mentioned in (b).

(d) There will be a pause of approximately 45 minutes on the DOTTED RED Line, and the infantry will leave this line at Zero plus 108 mins. working close up to the protective barrage, which will lift at Zero plus 116 mins.

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6. Strong points will be made at the following places:-

V.21.c.1.6.
MORAY HOUSE (V.21.c.90.65).
HIBTON FM.
PAPA Fm.
CAMERON HOUSE.
WHITECHAPEL.
V.15.a.2.2.
V.14.d.9.5.
V.14.b.6.2.

Each strong point will be constructed for all-round defence, and to hold a garrison of 1 platoon.
The defence of the captured positions will be organised in depth, special attention being paid to the forward line of posts being consolidated on a line suitable for further advance.
As soon after the consolidation of the captured position as the situation permits troops will be thinned out so as to leave not more than 2 battalions holding the line.

7. The 174th Inf.Brigade (less M.G.Company) will be in Divisional Reserve and will be located as follows:-

2 Bns. CANAL BANK
Bde. (less 2 Bns.) SIEGE CAMP.

The 2 battalions on the CANAL BANK will be held ready to relieve the front battalions of the 173rd Inf.Bde. after the attack should this be necessary, under orders of H.Q.C. 173rd Inf.Brigade. These two battalions will move forward to CANE Trench (C.9., Sheet 28 N.W), on Zero day under orders to be issued later.

8. (a) The attack will be preceded by a 48 hours' bombardment of all available artillery of the Corps, and will be made under cover of the following barrages :-

(i) A creeping barrage
(ii) A searching barrage
(iii) A back Heavy Artillery barrage
(iv) A machine gun barrage.

Details of these will be issued later.

(b) The creeping barrage will come down at Zero 150 yards in front of the leading infantry. It will lift at Zero plus 8 mins.and will move by lifts of 50 yds. at the rate of 100 yds. in 8 mins.
The protective barrage for the first objective will lift at Zero plus 116 mins.
The C.R.A. will arrange for the creeping barrage to dwell on CAMERON HOUSE so as to enable the Infantry to manoeuvre that place from the South.
A barrage map will be issued later.

9. The following machine guns will be used for barrage work:-

198th M.G.Company	...	16 guns
214th M.G.Company	...	16 guns
	Total	32 guns

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The location and tasks of these guns will be issued later.

The 206th M.G.Company will be at the disposal of the B.G.C. 173rd Inf.Brigade, and its guns will be detailed as:-

(a) Consolidating guns
(b) Offensive guns.

Consolidating guns will be given definite places to go to, and arcs of fire will be chosen for them beforehand and co-ordinated as far as possible from the map. These guns will be used solely for the repulse of hostile counter-attacks. They will follow in rear of the Infantry and proceed direct to the places selected for them.

Offensive guns will take up the most favourable positions in the captured enemy position from which they can watch the front and engage any suitable enemy targets that may present themselves.

A machine gun will be placed at MORAY HOUSE to bring fire across the valley of the LEAKARBOTERBEEK, crossing with fire of machine guns of 63rd Division, under arrangements to be made by the D.M.G.O., with D.M.G.O. 63rd Division.

10. The C.R.A. will arrange the following smoke barrages:-

(a) On front V.15.c.30.95. - V.15.a.2.2. from Zero plus 25 mins. to Zero plus 40 mins.

(b) On PAPA FM. and NEBUS immediately South of it from Zero plus 32 mins. to Zero plus 60 mins.

11. Details concerning the employment of R.E.and Pioneers will be issued later.

12. The 7th Squadron,R.F.C. has been ordered to detail -

(a) Contact Plane to fly over the objectives at
Zero plus 1 hour 30 mins.
Zero plus 5 hours
and when ordered by Corps H.Q.

Infantry will be ready to light RED flares or wave WATSON FANS if no flares are available, at those hours, but will not do so unless called for by KLAXON horn, or by the dropping of WHITE Lights.

The importance of Infantry making their position known to the contact machines will be impressed on all ranks.

Each contact plane will be marked with two BLACK rectangular flags (2 ft.by 1 ft. 3 ins.), attached to, and projecting from, the lower plane on each side of fuselage.

(b) Counter-attack machine. An aeroplane will be up continuously during daylight from Zero onwards whose mission will be to detect the approach of enemy counter-attacks.

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Whenever this patrol observed hostile parties of 100 or over moving to counter-attack, it will drop a smoke bomb over that portion of the front to which the enemy is moving.

The smoke bomb will burst about 100 ft. below the machine into a WHITE parachute flare which descends slowly, leaving a long trail of brown smoke about 1 ft. broad behind it.

13. The R.C.C. 173rd Inf.Brigade will make arrangements for the assembly of his attacking troops. These will be in their assembly position by Zero minus 1 hour, and completion of assembly will be wired to Divl.H.Q., the code word "FUSILIER" being used.

14. A special party will be detailed by 173rd Inf. Brigade to meet a similar party of the 57th Division at SPIDER CROSS Roads, V.14.b.9.8.

Signal communication with 63rd Division across the valley of the LEKKERBOTERBEEK, will be arranged from MORAY HOUSE and HINTON FM., communicating with BANFF HOUSE and V.22.c.8.0. respectively, special signallers being detailed for this.

15. Watches will be synchronised at H.Q., 173rd Inf. Brigade (VARNA FM.) by a Staff Officer from Div.H.Q. at 4 p.m. on day previous to Zero day.

16. Situation reports will be rendered at Zero plus 2 hours and subsequently every 2 hours until further orders.

17. Advanced Divisional Headquarters will be on CANAL BANK West C.19.c.3.2. Rear Headquarters BORDER Camp.

18. The word RETIRE will Not be used on any account. Anyone heard using this word will be treated as an enemy and shot. This is to be explained to all ranks.

19. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.E. TURNER

Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 58th (London) Division.

Issued to Signals at 8.30 p.m.

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APPENDIX 2.

to

58th DIVISION ORDER NO. 63.

24.10.1917.

ARTILLERY.

1. The action of the artillery on Zero day will be as follows -

(a) Vigorous counter-battery work.
(b) Heavy Artillery barrages.
(c) Field Artillery barrages.
(d) Smoke barrages.

2. COUNTER-BATTERY WORK.

Counter-Battery Groups will carry out neutralizing fire against all known enemy gun positions.

Hostile batteries will be gassed on the night before the day of attack for 4 hours before Zero as far as gas shells are available.

3. HEAVY HOW. BARRAGE.

This will be on the same lines as for previous attacks but the 8" and 9.2" Hows. will be included in the 6" How. barrage. The intensity of fire during the Protective barrages will be proportionate to that of the Field Artillery.

All strong Points comprised in the objectives will be kept continuously under fire from Zero up to the last limits of safety.

Bursts of fire (3 rounds per gun & How.), after Zero plus 2 hours will be fired at irregular intervals throughout the day on hostile Divisional Reserve areas. Similar bursts will be fired on the night after the attack.

4. FIELD ARTILLERY BARRAGES.

The rate of the creeping barrage has already been issued. The attached map shows particulars of lifts, the time marked against each line being the time the barrage lifts off that line.

The Protective barrage for the dotted RED line will be maintained at 2 rounds a gun a minute for first half hour and then slow to 1 round a gun per minute till 8 minutes before it commences to creep forward again when it will become intense.

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The Protective barrage on the final objective will be maintained at 2 rounds a gun a minute for half an hour, and then at 1 round a gun a minute for one and a half hours, when it will cease and S.O.S. lines will come into force.

In both protective barrages as soon as a rate of 1 round a gun a minute is reached the fire will be in the nature of salvoes fired over at least 1 Field Artillery Brigade front.

A certain portion of guns and Hows. will be detailed for searching beyond the protective barrage, this searching fire to be arranged in heavy surprise bursts, special attention being paid to probable forming up places for hostile counter-attacks.

5. SMOKE BARRAGES.

Particulars of these have already been issued.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.H. TURNER,
Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff 58th (London) Division.

Issued at 9.30 p.m.

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APPENDIX 3.

-to-

58th DIVISION ORDER NO. 63.

25.10.1917.

MACHINE GUNS.

1. The Machine Guns available for barrage work are:-

214th M.G.Coy.	8 Guns.
198th M.G.Coy.	8 Guns
Total.	16

and not as stated in para: 9 of Order 63.

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2. These Guns will be divided into 4 batteries:-

W Battery	4	Guns,	198th M.G.Coy.
X "	4	"	198th M.G.Coy.
Y "	6	"	214th M.G.Coy.
Z "	2	"	214th M.G.Coy.

3. These batteries will be located as follows:-

W & X Batteries - North Side of Road at V.19.c.85.30.

Y & Z Batteries - South Side of Road at V.19.c.85.30.

4. The task of each Battery will be as per attached Map.

5. An officer will be in charge of each battery.

The grouped batteries will be controlled by the Officer Commanding 198th M.G.Coy., who will be located at the Battle Headquarters of the attacking Brigade.

6. Gun positions will be occupied on the 25th October, and alternative emplacements prepared 300 yards forward of these positions.

7. Detailed instructions will be issued to the Group by the Divisional M.G.Officer

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.E. TURNER

Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff 58th (London) Division.

Issued at 4 p.m.

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APPENDIX 1.

-to-

58th DIVISION ORDER No. 63. 24.10.1917.

R.E. and PIONEERS.

1. Field Companies will be employed as follows under the C.R.E. -

503rd Field Coy. on maintenance and extension of Northern Duckboard Track and repair of TRIANGLE FM.road.

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504th Field Coy. (less 1 Sec.). on construction of Battery Feeder Trainway RETOUR X roads, V.25.b.4.3.

511th Field Coy. on maintenance and extension of Southern Duckboard Track.

2. 1 Section 504th Field Coy. will be placed at the disposal of the B.G.C. 173rd Inf.Brigade for the attack, to be employed on the improvement of communications in the captured ground.

3. The 8th R.Sussex (Pioneers) will continue to be employed on their present work, namely, the repair of the main POELCAPELLE road, and maintenance and extension of the trench trainway towards MEUNIER HO.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.E. TURNER
Lieut.Colonel
General Staff 58th (London) Division.

Issued at 4.15 p.m.

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Received.
From. 58 Div.
By. Brocker.

Service Instructions. Y.R.

Handed in at 18th Div. Office 6.40 p.m. Received 7.25 pm

To:- 8th R. Sussex Pioneers.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
G.180.	27th.	- AAA

Ref. 18th Div. Warning Order G.158 of 26th para. 1 (B) AAA For Oct. 29th read Oct. 30th.

From - 18th Divn.

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58TH (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER NO. 65. SECRET.

Ref. SPRIET Sheet, 1/10,000. Copy No. 7.

28/10/17.

1. (a) On a date which has been communicated to those concerned the XVIII Corps is to resume the attack with the 63rd Division on the Right and the 58th Division on the Left.

(b) The Canadian Corps will be attacking on the right of the XVIII Corps. The XIV Corps will not attack.

2. Zero hour will be notified later.

3. The attack on the 58th Division front will be carried out by the 174th Inf.Brigade.

4. The objective of the attack and boundaries between Divisions and Corps are shown on attached map. The attack will be made in two bounds -

(a) First bound to the DOTTED RED LINE on which there will be a pause of 30 minutes.

(b) Second and final bound to the SOLID RED LINE.

5. (a) Definite, distinct, and complete units will be detailed to capture all known enemy strong points.

(b) The capture and retention of PAPA HILL is of special importance.

(c) The 174th Inf.Brigade will NOT employ more than one and a half battalions in the actual attack. One other battalion will be held ready to counter immediately any hostile counter-attack on CAMERON HOUSE or PAPA FM.

(d) Special care must be taken that MEUNIER HOUSE is adequately garrisoned during the action.

6. Strong Points will be made at the following places:-

V.21.c.87.85.	HINTON FM.
V.21.d.15.60.	CAMERON HOUSE.
PAPA FM.	V.14.d.4.0.

Each strong point will be constructed for all-round defence and to hold a garrison of one platoon.
The defence of the captured position will be organised in depth, special attention being paid to the forward line of posts being consolidated with a view to a further advance.

7. The 176th Inf.Brigade will be held ready to relieve the 174th Inf.Brigade on the night of the day after the attack.

8. (a) The attack will be preceded by a 48 hours' bombardment of all available Artillery of the XVIII Corps, which has now commenced, and will be made under cover of the following barrages:-

(i) A creeping barrage.
(ii) A searching barrage.
(iii) A back Heavy Artillery barrage.
(iv) A machine gun barrage.

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Details of these will be issued later.

The Artillery of the XIV Corps will assist in these barrages.

(b) The creeping barrage will come down at Zero 150 yards in front of the leading Infantry. It will lift at Zero plus 8 mins. and will move by lifts of 50 yards at the rate of 100 yards in 12 mins.

A barrage map showing lifts and lines of protective barrage will be issued later.

9. The following machine guns will be used for barrage work:-

206th M.G.Coy.	4 Guns.
214th M.G.Coy.	8 Guns.
Total	12 Guns.

The location and tasks of these guns will be issued later.

The 198th M.G.Coy. will be at the disposal of the 174th Inf.Brigade. Not more than 8 guns will be used for consolidation of captured position. Two of these guns being placed at MORAY HO. to bring fire to bear along the Valley of the LEKKERBOTERBEEK. The remainder will be employed in covering fire, 2 guns being placed at OXFORD HOUSES to fire direct at PAPA HILL from Zero until the protective barrage lifts from the DOTTED RED line.

10. The C.R.A. will arrange for the following smoke barrages from Zero to Zero plus 2 hours, if the wind is favourable:-

(a) On the front V.16.c.40.35 - V.16.c.30.70 West of SPRIET.
(b) On WHITECHAPEL.

11. The Field Coys. R.E. and the Pioneers will be employed on their present tasks. The duck board track to GLOSTER FM. must be completed before Zero.

12. (a) The 7th Squadron R.F.C. has been ordered to detail a Contact Plane to fly over the objectives at Zero plus 3 hours & 45 mins. and when ordered by Corps H.Q.

Infantry will be ready to light flares or wave "Watson Fans" if no flares are available at that hour but will not do so unless called for by KLAXON horn or by the dropping of WHITE lights.

The importance of Infantry making their position known to the Contact Plane will be impressed on all ranks.

Each Contact Plane will be marked with two BLACK rectangular flags (2ft x 1 ft.3 in.) attached to and projecting from the lower planes on each side of fuselage.

(b) Counter-Attack machine will fly over the front from Zero onwards during daylight and will act as mentioned in paragraph 12, C.C.83.

13. The B.G.C. 174th Inf. Brigade will make arrangements for the assembly of his attacking troops. These will be in their assembly position by Zero minus 1 hour, and completion of assembly will be wired to

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Divisional H.Q., the Code word "SAVAGE" being used.

14. Signal communication across the Valley of the LEKKERBOTERBEEK will be arranged from MORAY HQ. and vicinity of HINTON FM., communicating with 63rd Division at BANFF HQ. and V.22.c.8.0. respectively, special signallers being detailed for this.

15 Watches will be synchronised at H.Q. 174th Inf. Brigade by a Staff Officer from the Division at 5 p.m. on the day previous to Zero day.

16. Situation reports will be rendered at Zero plus 2 hours and subsequently every 2 hours until further notice.

17. Advanced Divisional Headquarters will remain at CANAL BANK (West) C.19.c.8.2.
174th Inf.Brigade Headquarters will be at VARNA FM.

18. The word "RESTING" will NOT be used on any account. Anyone heard using this word will be treated as an enemy and shot. This is to be explained to all ranks.

19. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.E. TURNER,

Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff, 58th (London) Div.

Issued to Signals at 6.30 p.m.

Copy No. 1 173rd Inf.Brigade.
2 174th Inf.Brigade.
3 175th Inf.Brigade.
4 C.R.A.
5 C.R.E.
6 Signals
7 Pioneers
8 D.M.G.O.
9 A.D.M.S.
10 A.P.M.
11 [illegible]
12 214th M.G.Company
13 206th M.G.Company
14 63rd Division
15 57th Division
16 - 17 XVIII Corps
18 XVIII Corps R.A.
19 XVIII Corps H.A.
20 No.7 Sqdn. R.F.C.
21 A.D.C. for G.O.C.
22 G.S.O.1.
23 G.S.O.2.
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ADDENDUM TO PARAGRAPH 9 of G.O.65.

One of the two guns at MORAY HO. will be laid on VEAL COTTAGES. This gun will cross fire with gun of the 63rd Division which will be placed at SOURD FM. and will be laid on LIND COT, thus cross fire will be brought to bear over the Valley of the LEKKERBOTERBEEK.

J.E. TURNER,

Lieut.Colonel,

General Staff 58th (London) Division.

28th Oct. 1917.

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MACHINE GUNS.

With reference to para.9 of G.O. 65 :-

The Machine Guns available for barrage work are :-

206th M.G.Company	...	4 guns
214th M.G. "	...	8 guns
		12 guns

Guns will be divided into 2 batteries :-

A Battery	...	4 guns of 206th M.G.Coy.
B "	...	8 guns of 214th M.G.Coy.

These batteries will be located on the RED HOUSE - POELCAPPELLE road, about V.19.central.

The target for each battery will be the POELCAPPELLE - SPRIET Road, from V.15.c.15.00. to SPRIET.

B Battery will be located furthest forward and will deal with part of the road nearest to SPRIET. A Battery will take on part of the road nearest to our own troops.

One officer of 206th M.G.Company, and the 2 officers of 214th M.G.Company, will be with the barrage guns. An officer of 214th M.G.Company will act as Group Commander and will be located at the Headquarters of the attacking Brigade.

Detailed fire orders will be issued to the batteries by the Divisional Machine Gun Officer.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.M. TURNER,
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff 58th (London) Div.

28th October, 1917.

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Y E H

To O.C 8th Bn R.Sussex Regt.

Sender's Number G 668 Day of Month 29th

Reference para 10 G065 smoke barrages aaa The smoke barrage on WHITE CHAPEL will last from zero to zero plus 1 hour and 10 mins and not from zero to zero plus 2 hours aaa Added all recipients G G.65

FROM 58th Divn.
PLACE & TIME. 1.10 P M.

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18TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 135. Copy No.11

Reference Map,
BELGIUM, Sheets
27 & 28, 1/40,000.

28th October 1917.

1. 18th Division (less Artillery, Pioneer Battalion and the two Field Companies R.E. and two Battalions 55th Infantry Brigade already in XIV Corps area) will move to PROVEN area (XIV Corps) on October 29th and 30th and be administered by XIV Corps.

2. (i) The following distances will be maintained on the march -
200 yards between Companies and units of equivalent road space.
(1st Line Transport of units being considered as a company for the purpose of this march).

(ii) Each unit will be preceded 400 yards by a mounted officer who will warn traffic control posts of the approach of his unit.

3. (i) Affiliated Companies of the Div. Train and Field Ambulances will move with Brigade Groups.

(ii) The following will move under the orders of A.A.& Q.M.G.:-
H.Q. and H.Q.Company, Divisional Train.
Mobile Vet Sec.
Divisional Supply Column.

4. The completion of each move will be reported to Divisional H.Q. by quoting Serial Numbers.

5. Divisional H.Q. will close at POPERINGHE at 11 a.m. on October 30th and open at PROVEN (F.7.a.3.9.) at the same hour.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. DE CHAIR Capt G.S.
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 6 p.m.

Copies to :-

1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2/3. "G"
4/5. "Q"
6. 53rd Inf.Bde.
7. 54th Inf.Bde.
8. 55th Inf.Bde.
9. C.R.A., 18th Divn.
10. C.R.E., 18th Divn.
11. 8th R.Suss.Pnrs.
12. Signals.
13. A.D.M.S.
14. D.A.D.O.S.
15. D.A.D.V.S.
16. Div.Train.
17. No.3 D.S.C.
18. Camp Commandant.
19. D.G.O.
20. A.P.M.
21. Town Major, POPERINGHE.
22. Town Major, PROVEN.
23. Area Commandant, PROVEN.
24. XVIII Corps "G".
25. XVIII Corps "Q".
26. XIV Corps "G".
27. XIV Corps "Q".
28. War Diary.

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1st.	18 Div Preliminary Order re reliefs received.	ref.28N.W.2 (ST JULIEN) POELCAPELLE 1/10.000. Appendix 194.
	Work.	
	A Coy 1 Plat cleared POELCAPELLE Rd (75 yds)	
	2 Plats worked on ARTILLERY RD.	
	5 men repaired 20 yds & widened corner near RETOUR CROSS RDS.	
	C.Coy & 1 Plat of B. A & D Coys employed on TURCO HUTS - 41 shelters now erected.	
	26 bedded and wired - 34 sandbagged & revetted -	
	50 yds of Trench revetted.	
	D.Coy 1 Plat.on maintenance of MONTKLAJE-MEUNIER Hse Light Tramway C.15.d.1.3 to U.30.d.2.7.	
	2 Plats & 3 Plats of B.Coy on construction of Track Graded from V.25.a.03.20. to V.25.a.10.37.	
2nd.	The whole of B.Coy now at TURCO HUTS, also D Coy.	
	18 Div. G.O. No.136 received re reliefs.	Appendix 195.
	Work.	
	A Coy 1 Plat.worked from RETOUR CROSS RDS to V.19.d.35.80. approx 70 yds beyond cemetery.	
	2 Plats worked on pt 67 - this road now in fairly good condition as far as grid walk pt.59.	
	Drainage of shell holes near junction with LANGEMARCK Road pushed on with.	
	C Coy.C.Coy & 1 Pl. of B. & 1 pts of A & D respectively worked on TURCO HUTS - 41 shelters now erected 27 bedded and wired - 36 sandbagged or revetted 30 yds of Trench dug - 15 yds of Trench revetted. 3rd Coy cookhouse completed.	
	D.Coy 1 Plt. on maintenance of MONTKLAJE-MEUNIER Hse light tramway C.15.d.1.3 to U.30.d.2.7.	
	2 Plats. & 3 plats of B.Coy on forward construction Graded from V.25.a.12.32.to V.25.a.20.35. Rails laid from U.30.b.80.05. to U.30. b.92.12.	

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3rd. ~~B Coy moved to TURCO HUTS A Coy moved to MURAT CAMP.~~
Work.
C.Coy & 1 pl. of B. & 1 plat. of A employed on TURCO HUTS 41½ shelters now erected. 28 bedded and wired. 4 new positions dug 30 yds of Trench revetted.
A.Coy 1 Plt.on PONCAPELLE RD - occupied in repairing damage of previous night- road now passable to within 120 yds of centre road junction in village at V.19.b.5.2.
2 Plats on COCKCROFT RD - drainage from O.6.c.8.6. for 300 yds opened up - surface of road cleared and repaired for nearly 100 yds.
D.Coy 1 Plt. on maintenance of NORTHLINE-MEUNIER- Light Tramway O.15.d.1.3 to U.30.d.2.7.
2 Plats & 3 plats of B. on forward construction Grading from V.25.a.20.35 to V.25.a.23.97.
Rails laid from U.30.b.92.12 to V.25.a.11.26
1 Plat bathing.

4th. C.Coy moved up to TURCO HUTS relieving A Coy who returned to MURAT CAMP.
Work
B.Coy with 2 Plats of A ~~& 1 plt etc~~ employed on TURCO HUTS 45½ shelters now erected - 32 bedded and wired - 36yds of Trench revetted.
D.Coy 1 Plt. maintained NORTHLINE-MEUNIER NNE Light Tramway O.15.d.1.3 to U.30.d.2.7.
1 Plt. bathing & working in camp.
2 Plts. various inspections & assisting on work in camp, also standing by to assist on maintenance of Tramway if necessary.
C.Coy resting. 2 Plats of A resting.

5th. 58 (London) Divisional Order No68 Appendix 196. received.
Work
C.Coy 3 Platoons employed on the LANGEMARCK ROAD for distance of 200 yds - worked on 150 yds N. of the COCKCROFT & 50 yds S.of the COCKCROFT.
1 Plat. resting.

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5th. cont'd.

A.Coy 2 Plats & 1 plt. of B & 1 Plat of D. employed on TURCO HUTS - 48 shelters now erected - 33 bedded and wired - 75 yds of Trench revetted & gridded.

D.Coy 1 Plat. on maintenance of MORTELJDE- MEUNIER HOUSE Light Tramway from C.15.d.1.3 to U.30.d.2.7.
1 Plat. & 2 Plts of B.Coy on forward construction Graded from V.25.a.23.47 to V.25.a.47.53.
1 Plat. of D. resting -
2 Plats. of A resting.
1 Plat. D. resting.

Casualties 63849 PTE SANDS.W. "D" Coy Wounded.

6th.

18 Div. G.C. No.137 re reliefs received. Appendix 197
Location of Battln the same - B.C. & D Coys at TURCO HUTS. HEADQUARTERS Coy. TRANSPORT & A. Coy at MURAT CAMP.

Work

A.Coy inspections of work in camp.

B.Coy 2 Plats. employed on TURCO HUTS.
2 Plats resting.

C.Coy 2 Plats. employed on TURCO HUTS digging drainage trench.
2 Plats. resting.

D.Coy 1 Plat resting & bathing.
1 Plat. on maintenance of MORTELJDE-MEUNIE HSE Tramway.
2 Plats. working on TURCO HUTS.

7th.

18 Div. G.C.No.138 re reliefs received. Appendix 198
Battn transferred from work with 56 Div. for work under C.R. of II Corps. By arrangement 2 Coys (B & D) remain under instructions from C.R.E. 56 Div.- remaining 2 coys (A & C) working under C.E. II Corps.

Work

A Coy 3 Plats. TRIANGLE F--- CENOA RD.
(1) repaired road corner at C.6.c.7.1(POELCAPELLE Street)
(2) prepared 60 yds formation of road for Beech Slabbing.

C.Coy KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK RD.
(3 Plats) 200 yds of road cleared each side to Trees & drained.
1 Plat of B. C & D on TURCO HUTS - General clearing up.
1 Plat D Coy on maintenance of MORTELJDE Tramway.
1 Plat D with 2 plats of B.Coy

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7th. contd. on forward construction of Tramway. Graded BEER SIDING V.25.a.40.95 - V.25.a.35.51 and V.35.a.45.53 - V.25.a. 62.59 (POELCAPELLE Street) 1 Plat D Coy taking up & replacing rails.

8th. Work

A Coy 3 plats on TRIANGLE Wg - GENOA RD. prepared left hand side of road for distance of 80 yards for Beech slabbing - Worked on drainage on right hand side of right-hand-side-road. 1 plat. resting.

C.Coy 3 Plats on KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK RD 100 yds of road cleared on each side to Trees and drained - 1 Plat. resting.

B.Coy 1 Plat. on TURCO HUTS - revetting Trench
1 Plat on POELCAPELLE RD - 2 plat worked from LEKKERBOTERBEEK forward filling in shellholes - 1 plat. from RETOUR CROSS RDS to CEMETERY- filling in shellholes.

D.Coy 1 Plat on maintenance of HORTELDJE Tramway.
1 Plat & 2 plats. of B.coy. Preparing Track to BEER TRENCH SIDING. Rails laid V.25.a. 11.38 to V.25.a.32.39.
1 Plat taking up 9 lb Decca Track & replacing with 20 lb Track - Track laid from C.10. c.3.5 to C.10.c.4.7.

TURCO HUTS

9th. Headquarters (less Transport) moved from MURAT CAMP to TURCO HUTS. Transport remained at MURAT CAMP.

Work

B.Coy 1 Plat on TURCO HUTS. 35 yds Trench revetted.
2 shelters bedded and wired.

D.Coy 1 plt. on maintenance of HORTELDJE Tramway.
1 Plt on BEER TRENCH SIDING - Grading.
1 Plat & 2 plats of B.Coy. taking up 9 lb Track & re-laying 20 lb Track from MINTY FARM forward & grading.
1 plt of B.Coy on POELCAPELLE RD from LEKKERBOTERBEEK to RETOUR CROSS ROADS filling in holes.

A.Coy 1 Plt on REGINA - TRIANGLE Wg RD. under 179 Co.R.E.
2 Plts on GENOA RD - 26 yds corduroy

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9th. ctd.
laid commencing from C.6.c. 7.1 (POELCAPELLE Sheet)
C.Coy 3 plats on KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK RD. Worked from C.6.c. 60.50. for 250 yds. widening draining & filling in holes. 1 Plat. of each Coy resting or working in Camp.

10th.
Work
A.Coy 3 Plats worked on TRIANGLE FM - GENOA RD from C.6.c. 7.1 forward.
30 yds Beech slabbing completed.
Further 100 yds on left hand side of road prepared for slabbing - 20 yds prepared with sleepers laid down - 75 yds of Trench on left side of road completed - 28 yds dug on right side.
C.Coy 3 Plats on KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK RD. Worked from KEERSELARE until interrupted by shelling - Work then continued at COCKCROFT.
D.Coy 1 plat. on maintenance of MORTELDJE-HEUNIER HOUSE Tramway.
2 Plats & 2 plats of B.Coy on relaying with 20 lb rail and relaying - and straightening out the TRAMWAY forward from DIRTY FM.
B.Coy 1 Plat working on TURCO HUTS. 48½ shelters now erected - 4 sandbagged - 3 bedded & wired 40 yds of Trench revetted.
1 Platoon of each Coy resting.
Casualties 23426 PTE SIMMS A "A" Coy Wounded slightly at duty.

11th.
2 Plats. of A Coy with 2 officers moved up to TURCO from MURAT CAMP.
Work
A Coy 3 Plats worked on TRIANGLE FM - GENOA RD from C.6.c.7.1 forward - further 28 yds Beech Slabbing completed on left of road - Bearers laid for another 12 yds - Beech Slabbing on right of road repaired in ten places - Drainage on left of road for 200 yds attended to.
1 Plat resting.
B.Coy 2 Plats working with D.Coy.
1 Plat on TURCO HUTS - Sandbagging & bedding.
1 Plat resting on POELCAPELLE RD C.6.c.8.6. road cleared for about 400 yds.

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11th. cntd.

C.Coy 3 Plats on KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK RD 180 yards from KEERSELARE completed partly corduroyed. 3 bridges made over shellholes. 1 Plt resting.

D.Coy 1 Plt. on maintenance of MORTELDJE Tramway.
1 Plt on BEER TRENCH SIDING preparing.
1 Plt (with 2 plats of B.) relaying MORTELDJE Tramway with 20 lb rails forward of MINTY FM.

12th.

Location of Batt. the same.
The following antedates are extracted from London Gazette of the 9/11/17.

	Old Date	New Date
T/LT H.H.HAMPTON to be T/CAPT.	16/10/16.	27/6/16.
T/LT E.A.HILL to be T/CAPT.	27/2/17.	19/10/16.
T/LT W.R.BADDELEY M.C. to be T/CAPT.	12/3/17.	27/2/17.
T/LT G.L.KEMP to be T/CAPT.	14/4/17.	12/3/17.
T/2nd C.H.GILMORE M.C.(since promoted T/CAPT) to be T/LT.	15/2/17.	19/10/16.
T/LT C.H.GILMORE M.C. to be T/CAPT.	6/5/17.	14/4/17.
T/LT H.C.H.H.LEWIS (HON.R.T.F.) to be T/CAPT.	2/6/17.	6/5/17.
T/2nd LT F.W.TOMLINSON (since transferred to Labour Corps) to be T/LT.	18/10/16.	27/8/16.
T/2nd.LT.A.E.WITHINGTON (since transferred to R. SUSSEX R) (att) to be T/LT.	27/2/17.	16/2/17.
T/2nd LT.L.A.F.IRELAND to be T/LT.	12/3/17.	27/2/17.
T/2nd LT.F.G.DAGNENT to be T/LT.	15/3/17.	12/3/17.
T/2nd LT.H.M.WHITEHEAD (R.Sussex R.T.F.) to be T/LT.	2/6/17.	6/5/17.
T/2nd LT.C.A.COWLEY to be T/LT.	24/6/17.	2/6/17.
2nd LT.J.F.FISHWICK (Spec-Res) to be T/LT.	24/7/17.	24/6/17.

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12th. Work

ctd.

A.Coy Worked on TRIANGLE FM GENOA RD - from C.6.c. 7.1 forward another 22 yds beech slabbing completed on left side of road - Slabbing repaird in two places on right side of road - box drain placed across ST JULIEN-POELCAPELLE RD at C.6.c.7.1 to carry off water from left of GENOA RD.

B.Coy 1 Plat working from KEERSELARE end forward - about 200 yds of ground cleared several shell holes filled in.

C.Coy Employed on KEERSELARE - LANGEMARCK RD 210 yds from KEERSELARE completed altogether partly corduroyed- 3 shell holes corduroyed today.

D.Coy 1 Plt on maintenance of NOORTELDJE Tramway from C. 15.d.1.3 to U.30.d.2.7. 2 plts with 2 Plats of B. Coy on BEER TRENCH SIDING rails laid to V.25.a.40.32.

Resting platoons on TURCO HUTS under CAPT. IRELAND 70 yds of TRENCH revetted. 6 new positions dug. 2 shelters erected.

13th. Casualties 0/2443 PTE TOOTH.R. D Coy. Killed Wound slightly at duty.

Work

A.Coy 3 Plats worked on TRIANGLE FM C.6.c.9.1. 42 yds of new beech slabbing completed - 20 yds of old road taken up drained, repaired & reslabbed. Drain 20 yds long dug along side of road & box drain under road completed.

B.Coy 1 Plat employed on KEERSELARE-POELCAPELLE RD - Distance of 100 yds completed.

C.Coy 3 Plats on LANGEMARCK-KEERSELARE RD worked on 70 yds of road from C.6.c.53.83 - C.6.c.42.95 - mud cleared shell holes corduroyed.

D.Coy 1 Plat on maintenance of Tramway (NOORTELDJE-HEUNIER HOUSE) 2 Plats & 2 plats of B.Coy on BEER TRENCH SIDING and Artillery Feeder lines.

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13th. Rails laid to V.25.a.3.5.
ctd. (Ref ST JULIEN 28 N.W 2)
(POELCAPELLE 1/10.000)
Resting platoons worked in Camp.

14th. Casualties G/11381 PTE STRANGE C.T. "D" Coy Killed.
GS/23317 PTE LYLE.J.C. "D" Coy. Wounded.
G/7405 PTE WARD.E.J. "D" Coy. Wounded.
Work
A Coy Worked on TRIANGLE FM - GENOA RD 25yds completed of beech slabbing on left side of road. 20 yds of slabbing on right side of road raised & repaired.
C.Coy Worked on KEERSELARE - LANGEMARCK RD Worked on 80 yds of road - 3 large holes being corduroyed - Work considerably impeded by shelling.
B.1 Plt on POELCAPELLE-ZONNE-BEKE RD - Work concentrated on a bad patch of road - 50 yds done.
D.Coy 1 Plt. on maintenance of HORTHEIJE Tramway
1 Plt pushing up rails on Trolleys to forward rail-head- but owing to the Artillery having torn up the line & blocking it with Field Guns - unable to bring rails further than just across POELCAPELLE RD & LANGEMARCKBEKE.
1 Plt on BEER TRENCH SIDING - laying rails.
2 Plts of B.Coy working on Artillery Feeder lines.
Resting platoons on TURCO HUTS - 55 shelters now erected altogether.
Honours & Rewards. The undermentioned awarded the Military Medal.
G/2194 L/SGT (now A/PO/SGT) VICOR.J. D.Coy.
20332 L/CPL. HACK.H.J. D.Coy.
G/17822 " LOVELL.E. "
SD/3381 PTE. KENNARD.E.S. "
G/2004 SGT. SKINNER.R.E. "
A/2192 L/CPL. FULLER.A. "
G/1962 PTE. WRATTEN.C.A. "
G/2499 CPL. HAWKETT.H. "
(Auth. XVIII Corps letter No. D1/445 10/11/17. 18 DRO.339).

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15th. 58 Div. O.O. No.69 re reliefs received. 18 Div. O.O. No.139 re reliefs received. Appendix 199 200

Casualties

G/1559 A/L/Sgt.DRAKE.B. "A" Coy. Wounded.

G/7271 Pte. QUEEN.J. "A" Coy. Wounded slightly at duty.

Work.

C.Coy Employed on KEERSELARE - LANGEMARCK RD - worked on distance of 80 yds - 4 large holes completed one being 48 ft across - 20 yds of road completed today mud cleared.

A.Coy Worked on TRIANGLE FM - GENOA RD on left side of road further 40 yds of Beech Slabbing completed - on right side 30 yds of old slabbing raised and repaired.

D.Coy 1 Plt on maintenance of NORTHLEDJE Tramway.
1 Plt pushing up material to forward end of line.
1 Plt. with 2 Plats of B.Coy on BEER TRENCH SIDING - and Artillery Feeder line - Rails laid to V.25.a.2.9.
1 Plt. of B.Coy on KEERSELARE - POELCAPELLE RD - shell holes filled in.
Resting platoons working in Camp.

16th. Remainder of A Coy moved up to TURCO HUTS from MURAT CAMP.

Casualties G/6421 PTE RIGGS.F. "D" Coy. Wounded slightly at duty.

Work

C.Coy Worked on KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK RD. A further 60 yds of road completed - mud cleared - shell holes corduroyed.

D.Coy 1 Plt on maintenance of NORTHLEDJE Tramway.
1 Plt pushing material along line to forward end and laying grids.
1 Plt. on BEER TRENCH SIDING.

B.Coy 2 Plts on Artillery Feeder lines. Gridded U.30.d.66.96 - U.30.b.81.06.
1 Plt. on POELCAPELLE-KEERSELARE RD about 50 yds completed.

A.Coy Worked on TRIANGLE-GENOA RD on left side of road 20 yds Beech slabbing done.
A limber stuck in the mud was moved & road prepared for slabbing as far as CROSS ROADS G.6.d.1.1 - on right of road 30 yds repaired - Drainage attended to. 30 yds Trench

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16th. dug on right side of road.
ctd. Resting Plats working in camp.

17th. The Battalion is now under the 35 Div. for administration.
Work
A.Coy Worked on TRIANGLE FM - GENOA ROAD. on left of road 12 yds Beech Slabbing completed - this finishing the left hand side of road. On right of road 75 yds of old Beech Slabbing raised and repaired.
D.Coy 1 Plat on maintenance of MORTELDJE Tramway.
1 Plat pushing material to and laying grids along Tramway.
1 Plat with 2 plats of B working in BEER TRENCH SIDING and Artillery Feeder line.
C.Coy 3 plats. on KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK RD worked on distance of 60 yards - 30 yds completed today - system of drainage completed for 320 yds.
1 Plt. of B.Coy worked on distance of 80 yds from C.6.b.20.95.
Resting Platoons working in camp.

18th. Work
C.Coy Employed on KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK RD filling in shell holes with road metal - one hole corduroyed - 75 yds completed today - draining system completed for 400 yds.
B.Coy 1 Plat in KEERSELARE-POEL-CAPPELLE RD. No work forward of point reached yesterday owing to heavy shelling. Several shell holes filled in.
D.Coy 1 Plt. on Maintenance of MORTELDJE Tramway.
1 Plt. pushing up material to forward end, Grids laid to V.25.a.12.26.
1 Plt. & 1 Plt of B. grading for relaying of MORTELDJE Tramway with 20 lb Decca track - Worked forward of MISTY HOUSE.
A.Coy Worked on TRIANGLE FM - GENOA RD. On right side of road 30 yds of old Beech Slabbing raised and repaired. 60 yds trench dug on right side. Culvert laid across

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Space cleared for traffic to turn.
Resting platoons in camp working.

19th.

Headquarters moved up to TURCO from MURAT CAMP less drummers & Q.M. Stores.

Work

A.Coy TRIANGLE FM-GENOA RD. A Coy dug a trench on left of road 200 yds long from C.6.c.7.1. to C.6.d.15.10.

C.Coy Worked on KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK RD filling in holes with metal & corduroy - Worked on distance of 110 yds - 80 yds completed today - 180 yds of drain completed today.

D.Coy 1 Plt. on maintenance of HORTELDJE- MEUNIER HSE Tramway.
1 Plt. pushing material up to forward end. Grids laid to V.25.a.35.42.
1 Plt. with 1 Plt. of B.Coy on new grading for relaying with 20 lb Dec. track forward from MINTY HOUSE.
2 Plats of D.Coy on KEERSELARE-POELCAPELLE RD. clearing road for 50 yds from C.6.b.20.75.
150 Infantry worked on road draining & clearing from C.6.c.80.55 for a distance of 350 yds -
Resting platoons working in camp.

20th.

Casualties

7/1671 PTE CHALCROFT.C. "C" Coy Wounded slightly.at duty.

8/936 L/CPL SOLLEY.J.R. "B" Coy. Wounded slightly at duty.

Work

A.Coy Worked on TRIANGLE FM - GENOA RD.Trench for drainage dug (200 yds) on right side of road.
On left of road trench revetted.

B.Coy 3 Platoons on KEERSELARE-POELCAPELLE RD repairing road.
120 Infantry widening & draining road.

C.Coy 3 Platoons on KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK RD filled in holes for distance of 135 yds.

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20th. ctd. D.Coy 1 Plt on maintenance of NORTHLAND Tramway.
1 Plt laying rails on BEER TRENCH SIDING.
1 Plt & 2 plats of B Coy on new grading for relaying with 20 lb Decca track.
Resting platoons working in camp.

21st. Promotions:- The following is extract from London Gazette dated 17-11-17:- Territorial Force. R.Sussex Rgt. Sec. Lt. J.S. Kerr to be Lieut 1st July 1917.

Work

A Company worked on TRIANGLE FM - ZENOA RD. The drains on both sides of the road were improved and revetted in several places.

B Company worked on KEERSELARE - POELCAPPELLE RD for distance of 70 yds from C.6.b.20.65 - 25 yds of corduroy laid. Infantry party clearing & widening road from C.6.b.20.50. forward for a distance of 350 yards. (Map Ref. ST JULIEN 28 N.W. 2 POELCAPPELLE 1/10,000.)

C.Company worked on KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK RD metalling holes - 140 yds completed to-day. Drain completed as far as LEKKER-BOTERHUISEK.

D.Company One platoon on maintenance of NORTHLAND-BRUNIER HOUSE tramway. One platoon pushing up material for the forward work. One platoon with one platoon of B Company working on new grading for straightening & relaying tramway with 20 lb Deccaville. C.10.c.29.66. to C.10.a.65.21. Resting platoons working on TURCO HUTS erecting bedding and sandbagging shelters.

22nd. Promotions:- The following is extract from London Gazette dated 15-11-17:- Territorial Force. R.Sussex R. Sec. Lts. to be Lts. J.R.Keen (Since died of wounds) (July 1). W.H. Stinson (July 27).

Casualties:- G/2514 L/Cpl.Uphill.R. "B" Coy Wounded 22/11/1917.

Work:-

A Company worked on KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK RD from C.29.d.55.25. towards LANGEMARCK clearing mud from the road to a width of about 24 ft. for a distance of 220 yds.

B Company worked on KEERSELARE-POELCAPPELLE RD making good damage done by further hostile shelling to portions of road previously completed at about point C.6.b.20.75. Infantry party employed on drainage (Map ref. ST JULIEN 28 N.W. 2 POELCAPPELLE 1/10,000.)

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22nd. ctd.	& completed same nearly up to LEKKERBOTERBEEK stream. C.Company worked on KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK RD. filling in holes with metal & widening road. A distance of 105 yds was completed to-day bringing the completed work to about point O.5.b.95.57. About 20 yds of extra corduroying was done near KEERSELARE. D.Company One platoon on maintenance of HORTELDJE-HEUNIER HOUSE tramway. One platoon pushing up material for forward work on tramway. One platoon with one platoon of B.Coy. working on new grading for straightening & relaying with 20 lb Decauville rails the HORTELDJE-HEUNIER HOUSE tramway. C.10.c.45.90. to C.10.a.59.25. Resting platoons working on TURCO HUTS erecting bedding & sandbagging shelters. 18th Division Order No.140 re reliefs received.	Map ref. ST JULIEN 28 N.W. 2 ZONNEBEKE 1/10,000. Appendix 201.
23rd.	Casualty:- 0/1517 Pte Harmer.B.R. "A" Company. Wounded slightly at duty 23/11/17. Work:- "A" Company worked on KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK RD from O.29.d.55.25. towards LANGEMARCK. Bridge over the LEKKERBOTERBEEK stream was repaired. A further 100 yds was cleared of mud and one large shell beech slabbed. One section worked on maintenance of TRIANGLE FM-GENOA RD. "B" Company worked on KEERSELARE-ZONNEBEKE RD filling in and corduroying several large shell holes near MALTA HOUSE. Infantry party draining & clearing road from O.30.d.60.85. to O.30.b.85.26. "C" Company worked on KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK RD Clearing road & metalling holes. Repaired damage done by hostile shelling since cessation of work yesterday. Road completed to approx. O.5.b.82.86. "D" Company One platoon on maintenance of HORTELDJE-HEUNIER HOUSE tramway. One platoon working on forward artillery feeder V.19.c.79.24. Two platoons working on new grading for straightening & relaying with 20 lb Decauville rails the HORTELDJE-HEUNIER HOUSE tramway and laying rails on completed grading.	Ref:- ST JULIEN ZONNEBEKE LE BIZSCHOOTE 20.S.W. 4 1/10,000.

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23rd. ctd. Resting platoons working on TURCO HUTS erecting bedding & sandbagging shelters.

24th. Casualties:- 2nd LT.L.S.Lethbridge wounded 23/11/17.
Work:-
The work on the KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK RD was to-day taken over by 2 Coys. of 1st Royal Marines 188 Infy. Bde. 63rd Divn. "A" and "C" Coys each sending up 1 officer & 4 N.C.Os to assist the Royal Marines for a few days & to explain the work to them.
By instructions of C.E. II Corps.
A Company resting in camp and assisting in camp construction.
B Company worked on KEERSELARE-LANGEMARCK FORLCAPPELLE RD filling in and corduroying shell holes up to MALTA HOUSE.
One platoon employed in filling in fresh shell holes at about point C.6.c.9.7.
70 Infantry worked on drain up to point U.30.b.95.40.
C Company loading & unloading trucks at TROIS TOURS stone siding B.27.d. 8.5. and WIELTJE stone siding.
D Company One platoon worked on maintenance of HORTELDJE-MEUNIER HOUSE tramway.
One platoon pushing up sleepers from KEMPTON PARK dump to BEER TRENCH siding V.25.a.3.4. and placing same under rails of left siding.
One platoon working on forward artillery feeder V.19.c.79.24 - V.25.b.25.70. grading & laying rails.
One platoon (B Company) carrying rails from BEER TRENCH siding to forward artillery feeder.
Resting platoons working on TURCO HUTS excavating for shelters levelling ground &c.
Ref. ST JULIEN 28 N.W. 2 FORLCAPPELLE 1/10,000.

25th. Work:-
"A" Company working at TROIS TOURS and WIELTJE sidings loading & unloading trucks.
"B" Company with infantry party working on KEERSELARE-FORLCAPPELLE RD clearing road, filling in shell holes, corduroying & draining Road now open to U.30.b.95.50.
"C" Company resting in camp and assisting in camp construction.
"D" Company One platoon working on maintenance of HORTELDJE-MEUNIER HOUSE tramway.
Ref. ST JULIEN 28 N.W.2. FORL-CAPPELLE 1/10,000.

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25th. One platoon working on BEER TRENCH siding V.25.a.30.85. to V.25.a.5.8. mending breaks in same, putting in sleepers and laying grids.
One platoon ("B Coy.) carrying material from BEER TRENCH siding to forward artillery feeder.
One platoon laying rails & duckboards on forward artillery feeder. Rails are now laid from V.19.c.79.24 to V.25.b.10.90.
Resting platoons working on TURCO HUTS laying duckboards & completing drying room.

26th. Casualties:-2nd LT.A.L.Simmons wounded 26-11-17.
G/2682 Cpl. Cade,W. "D" Coy. Killed 26-11-17.
G/21022 Pte.Turner,A. "D" Coy. Wounded 26-11-17.
G/5742 Pte.Light,C. "D" Coy. Wounded slightly at duty 26-11-17.
Attachment:-
M.Tissandier,O. attached to Battn. as Belgian Interpreter 25/11/17 (Auth. 18th Div. 170/16/4/22/11/17.
Work:-
"A" Company resting in camp and assisting in camp construction. Ref:- ST JULIEN 28 N.W. 2 POELCAPPELLE 1/10,000.
"B" Company Two platoons with 70 Infantry clearing, draining and corduroying KEMMELAKE-POELCAPPELLE RD to point V.25.a.15.65.
"C" Company working at CORNER COT, ST JEAN and WIELTJE sidings loading & unloading trucks.
"D" Company One platoon on maintenance of HORTELOOZE-HOUTHEM HOUSE tramway.
One platoon working on new BEER TRENCH siding V.25.a.3.85.- V.25.a.5.0. mening breaks in same & laying duckboards between rails.
One platoon ("B" Coy.) carrying material from BEER TRENCH siding to forward artillery feeder.
One platoon laying rails, duckboards and sleepers at forward artillery feeder V.19.c.79.24. to V.25.b.10.90.
Resting platoons working on TURCO HUTS bedding, levelling and covering shelters.
18th Division order No.141 re reliefs received. Appendix 202.

27th. Work:-
"A" Company working at stone sidings at TROIS TOURS ST JEAN and WIELTJE loading & unloading trucks.
"B" Company working on KEMMELAKE-POELCAPPELLE RD repairing road.

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27th. cntd.	filling in large crater caused by explosion of dump. Clearing & corduroying to point V.25.a. 2.7. Infantry party clearing and draining road to approximately V.25.a.3.8. "C" Company working in camp & assisting in camp construction. "D" Company One platoon in maintenance of MORTELDJE-MEUNIER HOUSE tramway. One platoon laying duckboards on forward artillery feeder which is now complete. One platoon carrying up material for work on same. One platoon working near HURST PARK on new grading for straightening & relaying the tramway with 20 lb Decauville rails, filling in switch and laying rails to approximately G.10.c.35.85. Grading completed to G.10.a.73.30. Resting platoons working on TURCO HUTS erecting one shelter and cookhouse & clearing trench.	Ref. ST JULIEN 28 N.W.2. POELCAPPELLE 1/10,000.
28th.	Work:- "A" Company resting in camp and assisting in camp construction. "B" Company worked on KEERSELAERE-POELCAPPELLE RD clearing and patching the road chiefly near the LEDEGEMOTENBERG. "C" Company worked at TROIS TOURS, ST JEAN and WIELTJE stone sidings, loading and unloading trucks. "D" Company worked on MORTELDJE-MEUNIER HOUSE tramway. One platoon working on maintenance of the tramway. Two platoons (one "B" Coy.) continuing new grading for substitution of 20 lb Decauville rails from MINTY FARM to approx G.10.a.60.40. and making cuttings for insertion of culverts. One platoon laying 20 lb Decauville rails & duckboards to approx. G.10. c.35.85. Resting platoons working on TURCO HUTS bedding & finishing shelters & clearing lines.	Ref:- ST JULIEN 28 N.W.2. POELCAPPELLE 1/10,000.
29th.	18th Divisional Artillery Group Order No.29 received. Work:- "A" Company working at MERRYTHOUGHT, ST JEAN and TROIS TOURS stone sidings and ZOUAVE dump loading and unloading trucks.	Appendix 203.

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29th. "B" Company working on KEMMELARE-POELCAPPELLE RD clearing & corduroying to point V.25.a.25.80.
Infantry party draining road to approx. V.25.a.3.9.
"C" Company resting and assisting in work in camp.
"D" Company working on MORTELDJE-MEUNIER HOUSE tramway.
One platoon working on maintenance of the tramway.
One platoon moving material from dump at KEMPTON PARK to MISTY FARM.
One platoon continuing laying of 20 lb rails & duckboards to approx C.10.c.50.95.
One platoon (B Coy.) & infantry party putting in a C.I. culverts and continuing grading for new line to approx C.10.a.8.4.

30th. Casualties:-
G/4312 Pte.Clarke.A. "C" Coy. injured accidentally and admitted to F.A. 22/11/17.
G/21022 Pte.Turner.A. "D" Coy. (Wounded 26-11-17) died of wounds 27-11-17.
Working:-
"A" Coy.resting in camp & assisting in camp construction.
"B" Coy went out to work on KEMMELARE-POELCAPPELLE road but was unable to do so owing to heavy hostile shelling.
"C" Coy worked at ST JEAN, BERRY-TROUGHS and TROIS TOURS stone sidings and ZOUAVE dump loading & unloading trucks.
"D" Coy worked on MORTELDJE-MEUNIER HOUSE tramway.
One platoon on maintenance of the tramway.
One platoon continuing laying 20 lb rails & duckboards to approx. C.10.a.60.25.
One platoon making up track for railing party & putting sleepers into position.
One platoon (B.Coy) & 100 infantry continuing grading & draining for new line.
Resting platoons working in camp on TURCO HUTS sandbagging shelters & erecting bedding.

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SECRET. 18th Division No.G.274.

PRELIMINARY ORDER.

Reference DIXMUDE Sheet. 1/10,000. November 1st 1917.

1. The following reliefs will be carried out with a view to organising the XIX Corps front so that it may be held by two divisions in future instead of by three as at present:-

(a) November 3rd, 4th, 5th :- 18th Division will relieve the 35th Division.

(b) November 6th, 7th, 8th :- 17th Division will relieve the 57th Division.

(c) November 7th :- 18th Division will take over approximately the left half of the 50th Division front.

(d) November 10th :- 17th Division will take over approximately the right half of the 50th Division front.

2. Orders regarding the following will be issued later:-
(a) Divisional boundaries after the above reliefs have taken place.
(b) Detailed arrangements for moves.
(c) Areas to which relieved Divisions will proceed.
(d) Allotment of Field Artillery to Divisions.
(NOTE. It is believed that the first brigade of the division to go into the line, i.e., the 53rd Inf. Bde., will be railed to BOESINGHE on the morning of the 4th inst., detraining there about noon: two battalions will then be required to take over the front the night 4th/5th November.
This requires Corps confirmation, but reconnaissances to carry it into effect should commence forthwith.
Similarly, it is understood that the Support Brigade, i.e., 55th Inf. Bde., will move on the 3rd November.).

3. (a) The two battalions of the 18th Division now working under the C.E., XIX Corps, will be relieved on 5th November by one battalion from each of the 50th and 57th Divisions.

(b) A decision as to whether the two Field Companies at present working under the C.E. of the XIX Corps, will be returned to the division has not yet been arrived at.

(c) The 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers are not yet available for return to the division.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

WALLACE WRIGHT, Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

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XIX Corps "G".
XIX Corps "Q".
17th Division.
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SECRET. Copy No.11.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 136.

Ref. map sheets 19.S.E., 27.N.E., 20.S.W. and 20.N.W., 1/20,000. November 2nd 1917.

1. 18th Division (less Artillery and Pioneers) will relieve the 35th Division (less Artillery and Pioneers) on the 3rd, 4th and 5th November.
On relief 35th Division will proceed to PROVEN Area to camps at present occupied by 18th Division.

2. (a) Moves will be carried out in accordance with attached table.
(b) Troops entraining will arrive at the Station half an hour before the train is due to start.
(c) "Q", 18th Division, will arrange for the entraining and detraining.
(d) 200 yards distance will be maintained between Companies and units of equivalent road space on the road.
Each unit will be preceded 400 yards by a mounted officer to warn control posts of the column's approach.

3. All arrangements for reliefs will be made direct between Brigade Commanders concerned.

4. The C.R.E., 18th Division, will place the 79th Field Coy. R.E. at the disposal of the Brigadier General Commanding 53rd Inf. Bde. for work under the orders of the latter.

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Details as regards the move and accommodation of this Field Coy. will be arranged direct between B.C.C. 53rd Inf. Bde. and C.R.E.

5. (a) Affiliated Companies of Divisional Train will move with their Brigade Groups.

(b) The following units will move under the orders of A.A.& Q.M.G.:-

H.Q. and H.Q. Company, Div. Train.
Mob. Vet. Sec.

(c) A.D.M.S. will arrange direct with A.D.M.S., 35th Division for the relief and moves of Field Ambulances.

Units mentioned in (b) and (c) will move by road using the following route:- Road junction, X.26. c.91 - A.2.b.94 - S.28.d.
The move of these units will be complete by 12 noon each day.

6. The command of the sector will pass to G.O.C. 18th Division at 10 a.m., 5th November.

7. The positions of Railhead and refilling points will be notified later.

8. The completion of reliefs and moves will be reported to Div. H.Q. by quoting the Serial No.

9. 18th Div. H.Q. will close at PROVEN at 10 a.m. on 5th Nov: and open at "J" Camp, A.8.b.15, at the same hour.

G. de CHAIR,
Capt
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 10 a.m.

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11. 6th R.Suss.Fmrs.
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14. D.A.D.O.S.
15. D.A.D.V.S.
16. Div. Train.
17. No.3 D.S.C.
18. Camp Commandant.
19. D.C.C.
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23. R.T.O., POPERINGHE.
24. do. PROVEN.
25. XIX Corps "G".
26. XIX Corps "Q".
27. 1st French Division.
28. 17th Division.
29. 35th Division.
30. 50th Division.
31. 57th Division.
32. War Diary.

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SECRET. 18th Division No.G.306.

ADDENDA TO 18th DIVISION ORDER NO.136.

Add to para. 9.

18th Divisional Headquarters will close at 'J' Camp, A.8.b.1.5. at 11.a.m. on November 10th and open at ELVERDINGHE CHATEAU at the same hour.

CANCELLED

G. de CHAIR,
Captain,
2/11/17. General Staff, 18th Division.

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SECRET. 18th Division No.G.673.

To all recipients of
18th Div. Order No.136.

18th Division G.306 of November 2nd 1917 is cancelled.

18th Divisional H.Q. will close at "J" Camp, A.8.b.1.5. at 11 a.m. on November 11th and open at ELVERDINGHE CHATEAU at the same hour.

G. de CHAIR,
Captain,
November 8th 1917. General Staff, 18th Division.

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APPENDIX 196.

S E C R E T. Copy No. 16.

58th (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER NO: 68.

Ref. Map Sheets 27 & 28, 1/40,000. 5/11/17.
POELCAPPELLE Sheet, 1/10,000.

1. The 173rd Inf. Brigade (less 1 Bn.) will march from ROAD CAMP to BRAKE CAMP, and camps in that vicinity, to-morrow, November 6th, in accordance with attached table.

2. The 174th Inf. Brigade will relieve the 175th Inf. Brigade in the line on the night Nov. 8/9th. This relief will be carried out in accordance with attached table, all further details being arranged direct between Brigadiers concerned.

3. The 2/1st London Regt. (173rd Inf. Bde.) will be attached to the 174th Inf. Brigade from to-morrow, November 6th, until further orders, and will march from DIRTY BUCKETT CAMP to SIEGE CAMP on that day in accordance with attached table.

4. The B.G.C. 174th Inf. Brigade will take over command of the line from B.G.C., 175th Inf. Brigade at 10.a.m Nov. 9th, establishing his Headquarters at VARNA FM.

5. Completion of relief will be wired PRIORITY to Div. H.Q., the code word "BUNKERED" being used.

6. Machine gun reliefs will take place on the night 9/10th Nov. under arrangements to be made by the D.M.G.O., in consultation with Brigadiers concerned.

7. The 175th Inf. Brigade, on relief, will be concentrated in SIEGE CAMP, less 1 battalion which will be at BRAKE CAMP.

8. The 173rd Inf. Brigade will find a working party of 500 men. This party will be found as far as possible from complete units, under their own Officers, and it will move to KEMPTON PARK on the 6th Nov., taking over Divisional working parties now found by the Battalion there, from 5 a.m. Nov.9th.

9. The 174th Inf. Brigade on taking over the line will be disposed as follows :-

1 Bn.	in Line
1 Bn.	in Support at PHEASANT TRENCH and KEMPTON.
1 Bn.	in Reserve at CANAL BANK
1 Bn.	working party at CANAL BANK (2/8th London)
1 Bn.	SIEGE CAMP

10. Distances of 500 yards between battalions, and 200 yards between companies will be kept. East of BRAKE CAMP troops will march in file.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff, 58th (London) Divn.

Issued at 2 p.m.

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	2	173rd Inf. Bde.	13 O.C.Train
	3	174th Inf. Bde.	14 S.S.O.
	4	175th Inf. Bde.	15 A.D.M.S.
	5	R.G.R.A.	16 Pioneer Bn.
	6	C.R.E.	17-18 II Corps
	7	Signals	19 1st Div.
	8	D.M.G.O.	20 57th Div.
	9	214th M.G.Coy.	21 63rd Div.
	10-11	A & Q.	22 2/1st London Regt.
			23-24 War Diary
			25 File
			26 Area Comdt., CANAL BANK.

APPENDIX 197

SECRET. Copy No. 11.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 137.

Ref. Map Sheets HOUTHULST-BALIE, BROEMBEEK and LANGEMARCK, 1/10,000.

November 5th 1917.

1. On the night of 6th/7th November 53rd Inf. Bde. (18th Div.) will relieve 150th Inf. Bde. (50th Div.) in the front line North of the YPRES-STADEN Railway (exclusive).

2. All details of relief will be arranged between the Brigade Commanders concerned.

3. D.M.G.O. 18th Division will arrange direct with D.M.G.O. 50th Division for the relief of Vickers Machine Guns and Anti-Aircraft Lewis Guns in 50th Division's Sector North of the YPRES-STADEN Railway (exclusive).

4. The completion of the relief will be reported to 18th Division Headquarters by quoting the number of this Order and the time.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. de CHAIR, C.S.
Capt.
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 7 p.m.

Copies to:-

1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2/3. "G".
4/5. "Q".
6. 53rd Inf. Bde.
7. 54th Inf. Bde.
8. 55th Inf.Bde.
9. C.R.A., 18th Div.
10. C.R.E., 18th Div.

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11. 6th R.Suss.Fnrs.
12. Signals.
13. A.D.M.S.
14. Div. Train.
15. A.P.M.
16. XIX Corps "G".
17. XIX Corps "Q".
18. 50th Division.
19. 17th Division.
20. 162nd French Division.
21. War Diary.
22. D.M.G.O.

SECRET. 18th Division No.G.561.

TO:- ALL RECIPIENTS OF 18th DIVISION ORDER NO.137.

In continuation of 18th Division Order No.137.

1. The command of the left half of the 50th Division Front (North of YPRES-STADEN Railway (exclusive), will pass to the G.O.C., 18th Division at 10.am. 7th November 1917.

2. The 17th Division will relieve the 50th Division in the front line South of YPRES-STADEN Railway (inclusive), on the night of 9th/10th November 1917.
The command of this portion of the 50th Divisional front will pass to G.O.C., 17th Division at 10.a.m. November 10th 1917.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. de CHAIR,
Captain,
6th November 1917. General Staff, 18th Division.

APPENDIX 198.

S E C R E T. Copy No. 11.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 138.

Ref. Map Sheets November 6th 1917.
SCHAAP BALIE, 1/10,000.
BROODSEEKE, 1/10,000.
LANGEMARCK, 1/10,000.
28 N.W., 1/20,000.

1. The 54th Inf.Bde. will relieve the 53rd Inf.Bde. in the front line on the night of Nov. 10/11th.

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The command will pass from B.G.C., 53rd Inf.Bde. to B.G.C., 54th Inf.Bde. on the completion of the relief.

2. All details of the relief will be arranged between Brigade Commanders concerned.

3. The relief of Vickers Machine Guns will be arranged by the D.M.G.O. in consultation with the Brigade Commanders concerned.

4. The 53rd Inf.Bde. will hand over to the 54th Inf. Bde. all maps, aeroplane photographs and documents connected with the sector.

5. Reconnaissances of the line by 54th Inf.Bde. will commence forthwith.

6. 79th Field Co.R.E. will remain in the line during the 54th Inf.Bde's tour under the orders of the B.G.C. that Bde.

7. The completion of the relief will be reported to D.H.Q. by wiring the number of this order and the time of completion.

8. On relief, the 53rd Inf.Bde. will proceed to the Reserve Bde. area.

9. Administrative Instructions for the relief and accommodation of the 53rd Inf.Bde. in the Reserve Bde. area will be issued separately by the A.A. & Q.M.G.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. de CHAIR, Capt
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 11 p.m.

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1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2/3. "G".
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6. 53rd Inf.Bde.
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8. 55th Inf.Bde.
9. C.R.A.
10. C.R.E.
11. Pioneers.
12. Signals.
13. A.D.M.S.
14. Div.Train.
15. No.3 D.S.C.
16. A.P.M.
17. D.A.D.O.S.
18. XIX Corps "G".
19. XIX Corps "Q".
20. 50th Div.
21. 162nd French Div.
22. Area Comdt. Left Div.
23. Sous Lt. NOTTEN, Liaison Officer.
24. R.T.O. POPERINGHE.
25. War Diary.
26. D.M.G.O.
27. 17th Div.

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SECRET. 18th Division No.G.713.

ADDENDUM TO 18th DIVISION ORDER NO.138.

Reference
Sheet 28
N.W. 1/20,000.

Troops moving by road in connection with the relief of 53rd Infantry Brigade by 54th Infantry Brigade will move in accordance with the attached table.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. de CHAIR, Captain,
General Staff, 18th Division.

9th November 1917.

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APPENDIX 199.

SECRET. Copy No. 17.

58th (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER NO. 69.

Ref. Map Sheets 27 & 28. 1/40,000. 13/11/1917.

Relief. 1. The Division is to be relieved by the 35th Division, the relief commencing on the 14th inst

On relief the Division (less artillery) is to concentrate in the PROVEN area.

Relief Inf. Brigades. 2. The relief of Infantry Brigades will be carried out in accordance with Movement Table attached.

174th Inf. Brigade. 3. Details of relief of 174th Inf. Brigade by the 106th Inf. Brigade, 35th Division, will be arranged by B.G.Cs. concerned.

Command will pass from B.G.C. 174th Inf. Brigade to B.G.C. 106th Inf. Brigade on completion of relief, which will be reported to Divisional Headquarters by code word "TUDOR".

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Field Coys. 4. Details of relief of Field Coys. R.E. will be arranged by C.R.Es. concerned and will be reported by C.R.E. this Division to Divisional Headquarters.

Light Trench Mortar personnel, now attached to Field Companies R.E. will not rejoin their respective Brigades until after the arrival of Field Companies in the back area.

Field Ambulances. 5. Relief of Field Ambulances will be arranged by A.D.M.Ss. concerned and will be reported by the A.D.M.S. this Division to Divisional Headquarters.

Working Parties. 6. (a) Working parties furnished by 173rd Inf. Brigade, located at KEMPTON PARK for work under C.R.A., C.R.E. and A.D.M.S., will not be available for work after night 13/14th. They will rejoin their Brigade at BRAKE CAMP on relief by working party furnished by 35th Division on the 14th. inst. under orders that are being issued separately from this office to D.W.F.O.

(b) Working parties furnished by the 2/8th Battn. Lon. Regt., 174th Inf. Brigade, located in CANAL BANK, for work under O.C. Divisional Signal Coy. R.E., will not be available for work under O.C. Signal Coy. R.E. after the 13th inst. On 14th inst. they will furnish working parties required by C.R.A. This work will be taken over by working party of 35th Division located at KEMPTON PARK, from the 15th inst. inclusive.

Other Units. 7. All units not mentioned in this order will move under the orders of Q.

Command. 8. Command of the line will pass to G.O.C. 35th Div. at 10 am. 17th inst.

Divisional Headquarters will close at CANAL BANK and BORDER CAMP at same hour and will reopen at PROVEN (locality) to be notified later) on arrival same day.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R.H. MANGLES,
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff, 58th (London) Division.

Issued at 4.30 P.M.

Copy No. 1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
2. 173rd Inf. Brigade.
3. 174th Inf. Brigade.
4. 175th Inf. Brigade.
5. R.C.R.A.
6. C.R.E.
7. Signals.
8. D.M.G.O.
9. 214th M.G. Company.

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10 - 11. A & Q.
12. A.P.M.
13. O.C. Train.
14. S.S.O.
15. D.A.D.O.S.
16. A.D.M.S.
17. Pioneer Battn.
18. Camp Commdt.
19 - 20. II Corps.
21 - 22. XVIII Corps.
23. 17th Division.
24. 1st Division.
25. 35th Division.
26 - 27. War Diary
28. File.
29. Area Comdt. CANAL BANK.

S E C R E T. 58th Div. G.S.69/1.

ADDENDUM No. 1 to 58th DIVISION ORDER No. 69.

Ref. Maps. Sheet 27 N.E.) 1/20,000. 13/11/17.
28 N.W.)

1. Reference Table attached to Divisional Order No. 69. of this date.

2. (a) Reference Serial No. 1.

175th Inf. Brigade and M.G. Coy. (less 1 Bn. and transport) will entrain at ELVERDINGHE in accordance with instructions already issued by Q. and on arrival will occupy No. 3 Area at PROVEN.

Transport will march to PROVEN via B.20.b.4.6 - B.19.d.2.2 - A.18.d.2.8 - A.3.c.1.9 - North Switch Road, hour of march to be detailed by B.G.C. 175th Inf. Brigade.

The 2/12th Bn. London Regt. 175th Inf. Bde. at BRAKE CAMP will march to PROVEN area tomorrow via MILITARY RD. - A.2.a.3.1 - G.4.c.1.9 - The POPERINGHE NORTH SWITCH RD. - Main POPERINGHE - PROVEN Rd. BRAKE CAMP to be clear by 11 am.

(b) Reference Serial No. 4.

173rd Inf. Brigade and attached units will march via MILITARY Rd. - INTERNATIONAL CORNER (A.9.a.2.4) - MILITARY Rd. to F.21 and on arrival at PROVEN will occupy No. 2 Area. Head of column to reach INTERNATIONAL CORNER 10 am.

(c) Reference Serial No. 7.

174th Inf. Brigade and attached units (less transport) will entrain at ELVERDINGHE on 17th inst. at hours to be notified later by Q. and will detrain

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at HERZEELE and occupy that area. Transport will march to HERZEELE area via B.20.b.4.6 - B.19.d.2.2 - A.18.d.2.8 - C.5.c.1.9 - North SWITCH Rd. Hour of march to be detailed by G.O.C. 174th Inf. Brigade.

3. During the march the following distances will be maintained -

100 yards between Companies.
500 " " Battalions.
200 " " Transport of Battalions.

R.H. MANGLES,
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff 58th (London) Divn.

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TO 8 Pioneer Bn.

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Ref GS 69/1 of 13th inst para 2 C for A 3 c 1.9 read C 3 c 1.9 aaa Added all recipients of O O 69.

FROM 58th DIV.

SECRET. Copy No. 11.

OPERATION ORDER No.31
by
Lieut. Colonel W.H.KELLY D.S.O. C.R.E. 58th Division.

14th November.1917.

1. In continuation of my Warning Order No.3 of 13th inst.

2. The 503rd Field Co.R.E. on relief on 15th instant will move into accommodation vacated by 203rd Field Co.R.E. on CANAL BANK.

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It will move on 17th instant by train with 174th Infantry Brigade Group to HERZEELE. Entraining arrangements will be notified later.
Advance party to take over billets on 17th instant.

3. The 504th Field Co. R.E. will be relieved by the 204th Field Co.R.E. on 16th instant, and will move to PORTLAND CAMP X.28.a.2.9., Sheet 19.S.E.
The 3 trestle wagons of the 503rd Field Co.R.E. will be placed at disposal of 504th Field Co.R.E. to assist in the transport of personnel on that date.
The Company cyclists will proceed by road to take over the Field Company accommodation at PORTLAND CAMP on 15th instant.

4. The 511th Field Co.R.E. will be relieved on the 15th inst, by 205th Field Co.R.E., and will proceed to PORTSDOWN CAMP, X.25.a.4.1., Sheet 19.S.E. on that date.
One lorry will be at Cross Roads, ESSEX FARM at 11 a.m. 15th instant for conveyance of kits, blankets etc.
Guide from 511th Field Co.R.E. will meet this lorry.

5. Three lorries will be at Cross Roads, B.30.a.8.2. at 11 a.m. on 16th instant.

2 ... ... 504th Field Co.R.E.
1 ... ... personnel of 173 T.M.B.

Guide from 504th Field Co.R.E. will meet these lorries at above rendezvous.

6. 173 T.M.B. personnel will move with 504th Field Co.R.E. (see para 5) into the PROVEN area. On arrival they will proceed independently to their lines at PICCADILLY CAMP, X.20.d.4.3., Sheet 19 S.E.
174 T.M.B. personnel will rejoin their own transport lines at BIRCH CAMP by march route on the 15th instant whence they move with their own Brigade Group.
175 T.M.B. personnel will entrain with 503rd Field Co. R.E. (17th Infantry Brigade Group) on 17th instant. On arrival at detraining station, this battery will rejoin its own Brigade Group and will march to its lines at PITT CAMP W.30.d.1.8. Sheet 19 S.E.

7. All Company cyclists will proceed by road.

8. Pontoon equipment will be collected from A.23.c.1.4. as soon as possible after the arrival of units in the PROVEN area.

9. C.R.E's office will close on CANAL BANK at 12 noon on 16th instant, and re-open at W.7.a.6.7. (PROVEN NORTH) Sheet 27 on arrival same day.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut. Colonel R.E.
C.R.E. 58th Division.

Copy No. 1. O.C. 503rd Field Co.R.E.
2. O.C. 504th Field Co.R.E.
3. O.C. 511th Field Co.R.E.
4. C.R.E. 35th Division.
5. "A" 58th Division.
6. "G" 58th Division.
7. C.E. II Corps.

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8. 173rd Brigade.
9. 174th Brigade.
10. 175th Brigade.
11. 8th R.Sussex Pioneers.
12. S.S.O. 58th Division.
13. A.D.M.S. 58th Division.
14. War Diary.
15.)
16.)
17.) File
18.)

APPENDIX 200.

S E C R E T. Copy No. 11.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 119.

Ref. Map sheets
SCHAAP BALIE 1/10,000,
BROMBEEK 1/10,000,
LANGEMARCK 1/10,000,
28.N.W.. 1/20,000.

November 14th 1917.

1. The 53rd Inf. Bde. will relieve the 54th Inf. Bde. in the front line on the night of Nov. 16/17th.
Moves of personnel will be carried out by train in accordance with instructions that will be issued by "Q", 18th Division.
The command of the sector will pass from B.G.C. 54th Inf. Bde. to B.G.C. 53rd Inf.Bde. on the completion of relief.

2. (a) All details of the relief will be arranged between the Brigadiers concerned.

(b) It appears that lately the hours fixed for carrying out reliefs have coincided with those at which the enemy has shelled the approaches to the line. Recent experiences will therefore be taken into consideration when fixing the time for the relief.

3. The Vickers Machine Guns of 53rd Inf.Bde. will relieve those of 54th Inf.Bde. B.G.C. 53th Inf.Bde. will arrange for an internal relief of the 6 guns of that brigade at present in the line.
These reliefs will not take place on the same nights as the infantry reliefs.

4. The 54th Inf.Bde. will hand over to the 53rd Inf.Bde. all maps, aeroplane photographs and documents connected with the sector.

5. Reconnaissances of the line by 53rd Inf.Bde. will commence forthwith.

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6. 79th Field Coy. R.E. will not be relieved on the night of 16/17th but at a later day under orders to be issued by C.R.E.

7. The completion of the relief will be reported to D.H.Q. by wiring the number of this Order and the time of completion. The words "relief" and "complete" will not be used.

8. On relief the 54th Inf.Bde. will proceed to the Reserve Bde. Area.

9. Moves of Bde. transport will be carried out in accordance with the attached table.

10. Administrative Instructions for the relief and accommodation of the 54th Inf.Bde. in the Reserve Bde. Area will be issued separately by the A.A.& Q.M.G.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. de CHAIR, Capt.,
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff, 16th Division.

Issued at 8 p.m.

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7. 54th Inf.Bde.
8. 55th Inf.Bde.
9. C.R.A.
10. C.R.E.
11. Pioneers.
12. Signals.
13. A.D.M.S.
14. Div.Train.
15. 3rd D.S.O.
16. A.P.M.
17. D.A.D.O.S.
18. XIX Corps G.
19. XIX Corps Q.
20. 17th Division.
21. 162nd French Div.
22. Area Com. Left Div.
23. Sous.Lt.MOTTES.
24. R.T.O., POPERINGHE.
25. War Diary.
26. D.M.G.O.

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APPENDIX 201.

SECRET.

Copy No. 11.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.140.

Ref.Map Sheets
BIXSCHOOTE, 1/10,000.
Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20,000.

November 21st.1917.

1. The 54th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 53rd Infantry Brigade in the line on the night November 22/23rd. The command of the sector will pass from B.G.C. 53rd Bde. to B.G.C. 54th Bde, on completion of the relief.

2. All details of the relief will be arranged between Brigadiers concerned.

3. The Vickers machine guns of the 54th Brigade will relieve those of the 53rd Inf. Bde. of the night of the 23/24th Nov.

4. The 53rd Inf. Bde. will hand over to the 54th Inf. Bde. all papers, documents and aerial photos connected with the sector.

5. Reconnaissances of the line by the 54th Brigade will commence forthwith.

6. 80th Field Company R.E. will not be relieved on the night 22/23rd but at a later date under orders to be issued by the C.R.E.

7. On relief the 53rd Infantry Brigade will proceed to the Reserve Brigade area.

8. Moves of Brigade Transport will be carried out in accordance with attached march table.

9. Train and administrative arrangements for the relief and accommodation of the 53rd Infantry Brigade in the Reserve area will be issued separately by the A.A.& Q.M.G.

10. Completion of relief will be reported to Divisional H.Q. by using the code word "CARROTS".

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

P. ASHMEAD-BARTLETT, Capt.
for Lieut Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 9.30 a.m.

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17. D.A.D.O.S.
18. XIX Corps "G".
19. XIX Corps "Q".
20. 17th Division.
21. 162nd French Div.
22. Area Cmdt. Left Div.

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9. Left D.A.
10. C.R.E.
11. 8th N.Suss.Frs.
12. Signals.
13. A.D.M.S.
14. Div.Train.
15. No.3 D.S.C.
16. A.P.M.
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24. R.T.O. POPERINGHE.
25. War Diary.
26. D.M.G.O.

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S E C R E T. Copy No. 11.

18th DIVISION ORDER NO.14.

Ref. Map Sheets
BIXSCHOOTE, 1/10,000.
28.N.W., 1/20,000. November 26th, 1917.

1. The 53rd. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 54th Inf.Bde. in the line on the night November 28th/29th. The command of the Sector will pass from the Officer Commanding 54th Brigade to the B.G.C. 53rd Brigade at 10 a.m. on November 29th.

2. All details of relief will be arranged directly between Brigadiers concerned.

3. (a) The Vickers guns of the 53rd Brigade will relieve those of the 54th Brigade on the night November 29th/30th.

(b) The Vickers guns of the 55th Brigade in the forward area will be relieved by mutual arrangement between the Brigadiers concerned, but the relief will not take place on the night November 28th/29th.

4. The 54th Brigade will hand over to the 53rd Brigade all papers, documents and aerial photos relating to the Sector.

5. Reconnaissance of the line by the 53rd Brigade will commence forthwith.

6. 80th Field Coy. will not be relieved at present.

7. C.R.E. will detail a special party to make up the duckboard tracks forward of the STEENBEEK on the night November 27th/28th so as to ensure as far as possible that they are passable for the relief.

8. On relief the 54th Brigade will proceed to the Reserve Brigade area.

9. Moves of Brigade transport will be carried out in accordance with attached March Table.

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10. Train and Administrative arrangements for the relief and accomodation of the 54th Inf. Bde. in the Reserve area will be issued separately by the A.A. & Q.M.G.

11. Completion of relief will be reported to Div.H.Q. by wiring the number of this Order followed by the time relief was completed.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

P. ASHMEAD-BARTLETT, Capt.
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 7 A.M.

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7. 54th Inf. Bde.
8. 55th Inf. Bde.
9. Left Div. Artillery.
10. C.R.E.
11. 8th R.Sussex.Pnrs.
12. Signals.
13. A.D.M.S.
14. Div. Train.
15. No. 3 D.S.C.
16. A.P.M.
17. D.A.D.O.S.
18. XIX Corps "G".
19. XIX Corps "Q".
20. 17th Division.
21. 2nd French Division.
22. Area Commandant, Left Div.
23. Hous. Lt. HOTTES.
24. R.T.O. POPERINGHE.
25. War Diary.
26. D.M.G.O.

APPENDIX 201.

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18TH DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER NO:29.

26th November 1917.

1. The Second Army is, with the IInd and VIIIth Corps, resuming the offensive on the night 1st/2nd December, with a view to capturing the general line.

VENISON TRENCH (V.30.b.) - VOLT FARM (V.24.c.) - MALLET COPSE (V. 3.d.) - VEAL COTTAGES (V.23.c.)

2. The 32nd Division, which is the Right Division of the IInd Corps, will carry out the left of the attack, and will capture the approximate line,
V.24.d.6.2. - V.24.c.95.15. - V.24.a.25.00. -
V.23.c.8.8. - V.22.d.9.2. - V.20.b.3.2.

The 35th Division will not take part in the attack.

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3. The 18th Divisional Artillery Group will assist in accordance with the attached programmes.

4. Up till zero plus 8 minutes, the normal night harassing fire will be continued, but there will be no fire south of the line marked zero plus 8 to plus 14.

Care will be taken that there is no increase or diminution of fire at zero hour.

5. GREEN GROUND FLARES, in conjunction with WATSON FANS, will be used for communication between contact aeroplanes and infantry.

6. At Zero plus 77, the personnel of the two batteries of "C" Group, firing Table "B", may be withdrawn from their positions.

The personnel of the other two forward batteries of "C" Group will continue to man their guns throughout the 2nd December, but may be withdrawn on the evening of the 2nd December.

7. After Zero plus 32, the S.O.S. lines on the 32nd Division front, for batteries carrying out Table "A", will be as follows -

A. Group. (Table "A" batteries)

V.23.a.4.1. - 9.4. - V.23.b.7.5.

C. Group. (Table "A" batteries)

V.23.b.7.5. - V.24.a.65.40.

From 5.0 p.m. on the 2nd December, the above lines will become the new "DEFEND PASSCHENDAELE" lines.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W.A. STIRLING,

Major, R.A.,
Brigade Major, 18th Div'nl Artillery.

Issued at 3.0 p.m.

Copies to -

A. Group.
B. Group.
C. Group.
IInd Corps, R.A.
IInd Corps, H.A.
35th Division 'G'.
106th Inf. Bde.
L.O., 106th Inf. Bde.
32nd Divisional Artillery.
63rd Divisional Artillery.
50th Divisional Artillery.
Signal Officer.
Reconnaissance Officer.
Staff Captain.

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AMENDMENT NO. 1 to

18th DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER

NO. 29.

29-11-17.

Reference 18th Divisional Artillery Group Order No. 29, Table "B", for "O plus 32 to O plus 37" read "O plus 32 to O plus 77".

W.A. STIRLING,
Major R.A.
Brigade Major, Div'nl Artillery.

Copies to:-
All recipients of 18th Divisional Artillery Group Order No. 29.

SECRET

AMENDMENT NO. 2 to

18th DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER
NO. 29.

1. Para. 7 of above-mentioned Order is cancelled and the following substituted:-

After Zero plus 32, the S.O.S. lines for the batteries firing Table "A" on the 32nd Divisional front will be as follows:-

"A" GROUP (Table "A" batteries)
V.23.a.3.4. - V.23.b.25.85.

"C" GROUP (Table "A" batteries)
V.23.b.25.85. - V.24.a.10.75. - V.24.a.65.40.

The 4.5 How. batteries of A and C Groups will open on their tasks shewn in Table "C".
From 5 p.m. on 2nd December, the above lines will become the new "LEVEND PASSCHENDAELE" lines.

2. An amended Table "A" is issued herewith altering the times and tasks.

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3. TABLE "B"

The last period in the time column of Table "B" will now read:-

0 plus 32 to 0 plus 90 at 1 rd. p.g.p.m.

after which fire will cease.

4. TABLE "C"

Time Column:-

For "0 plus 26 to 0 plus 64" read "0 plus 26 to 0 plus 50".

For "0 plus 64 to 0 plus 77" read "0 plus 50 to 0 plus 90".

For "0 plus 77 onwards" read "0 plus 90 onwards".

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W.A. STIRLING,

Major R.A.
Brigade Major, 63rd Div'nl. Artillery.

30/11/1917.

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AMENDMENT NO 3 and ADDENDA TO
18TH DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER NO. 29.

Headquarters R.A.,
1st December 1917.

1. In the event of the wind being in the South-West, the 4.5" Howr.Battery of "B" Group will fire the following gas programme, instead of the task detailed for D/34th Bde. in Table "C" of above quoted order :-

Time.	Unit.	Objective.	Rate.	Ammn.
0 + 8 to 0 + 12.	56th Bty.	Line V.16.c. 60.45. to V.16.d.50.55.	3 r.p.g.p.m.	Gas shell
0 + 12 to 0 + 60.	-do-	-do-	1 r.p.g.p.m.	-do-

Should the wind be unsuitable, the task detailed in Table "C" will be carried out.

For "D/34th Bde." read "56th Bty." in Table "C" of above mentioned order.

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2. It will be clearly explained to all concerned that Counter Battery work will be carried out in a normal manner up to ZERO + 8; if heavy shelling on our Front takes place, it will be countered by heavy neutralization by the Counter Battery Groups; this will not be mistaken for the commencement of the bombardment at Zero + 8.

3. "L.L." Calls will be taken up by every gun in the Corps which can bear, firing 3 rds. Gun fire. If no result is signalled, Batteries will revert to the tasks they were engaging before the "L.L." Signal was received.
"S.F." will be answered by one Battery per Group, detailed from Group H.Q's., which will fire 3 rds.Gun fire.

4. Concentration for the 2nd December will be as follows:-

Date.	Time.	Objective.	Rate.
Dec.2nd.	6.10 - 6.15 a.m.	Search SPRIET ROAD and	
	6.20 - 6.25 a.m.	south of it in squares	Normal.
	6.35 - 6.40 a.m.	V.16.c & d. and V.17.c. & d.	

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W.A. STIRLING,
Major R.A.
Bde.Major.
63rd (R.N.) Divisional Artillery Group.

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8th BATTALION, ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

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1st	Work:- A Company worked on MORTELJE MEUNIER HOUSE tramway. One platoon on maintenance of the tramway. Two platoons making up track and laying 20lb Deccauville rails and duckboards - 110 yds rail laid & 90 yds duckboards. One platoon (C.Coy) digging drain for new formation. Infantry party combining grading, 100 yds completed to-day.	Ref. ST.JULIEN 28 N.W.2 POELCAPP-ELLE.
	"B" Company resting in camp and assisting in work on camp.	
	"C" Company working on KEMMELBERG - POELCAPPELLE Rd. Cleaning road, metalling and corduroying Shell holes.	
	"D" Company working at MERRYTHOUGHT, ST.JEAN and CORNER COT sidings and siding between MINTY FARM and BOCHCASTLE.	
	Resting platoons working in camp on TURCO HUTS Sandbagging canteen & shelter and clearing up camp.	
	18th Division order No.142 readjustment of Divisional front received.	Appendix 204.
2nd	Work:- "A" Company worked on MORTELJE - MEUNIER HOUSE tramway. One platoon on maintenance of the tramway. Two platoons making up track & laying 20lb. Deccauville rails & duckboards. 100 yds rails & 90 yds duckboards laid to-day. One platoon ("C" Coy). & Infantry party continuing grading and draining 200 yds done to-day.	
	"B" Company worked at ZOUAVE dump unloading trucks.	
	"C" Company worked in camp, levelling &c. owing to operations preventing work on forward roads.	

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D Company resting in camp & assisting in camp construction. Resting platoons working in camp, Sandbagging canteen, erecting cookhouse & clearing up camp.

3rd

Promotions:- The following is extract from London Gazette dated 29/11/17:- "Temp Lt. (Addl.Actg.Capt.) R.C. Hall M.C. to be temp.Capt." (15th Septr.) 18th Division Order No. 143 re reliefs received. Appendix 205

Work:- "A" Company worked on MORTELJE - MEUNIER HOUSE tramway. One platoon on maintenance of the tramway. One platoon repairing forward artillery feeder and extended same for a further 50 yds. One platoon laying 20lb decauville rails & duckboards on new line from MINTY FARM - 62 yds rails and 50 yds duckboards laid to-day. One platoon (C.Coy) and infantry party continuing grading & draining for new line for further 300 yds.

"B" Company resting in camp & assisting in camp construction.

"C" Company worked on KEMMELAERE-POELCAPPELLE RD. filling in & corduroying holes, clearing & draining road.

"D" Company sent out parties to load trucks with stone at TROIS TOURS and WIELTJE sidings but owing to no trucks being available work could not be carried on and parties returned to camp. Resting platoons working on camp on TURCO HUTS Sandbagging canteen, laying duckboards and completing cookhouse.

4th

WORK:- "A" Company worked on MORTELJE - MEUNIER HOUSE tramway. One platoon on maintenance of the tramway. Two platoons laying 20lb rails & duckboards. Infantry party making up new grading and drainage 130 yds rail laid, 250 yds grading done.

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4th Contd.	"B" Company loading trucks at TROIS TOURS Stone siding and unloading forward also working on & levelling new siding at CORNER COT. "C" Company worked on KEERSELARE - POELCAPPELLE RD. clearing & draining road filling in & corduroying shell holes. "D" Company resting in camp.
5th	Casualties:- 9/9705 L/Cpl. Bennett, M.S.S. "D" Coy. Wounded 5/12/17. Officers - Establishment. Lieut. G.F.Morris is struck off the establishment with effect from 5/10/17 (Auth.M.S. 86 C. in G. No.9810/3/30/11/1917. WORK:- "A" Company worked on KEMMELBEK - MENTIER HOUSE tramway. One platoon on maintenance of the tramway. Remainder of company & infantry party working on straightening & relaying the line with 20lb Decauville rails 120 yds rails & 100 yds duckboards laid to-day. 200 yds of grading done. "B" Company 2 platoons clearing & levelling new siding at CORNER COT, remainder resting in camp. "C" Company worked on KEERSELARE-POELCAPPELLE RD. clearing & draining road filling in and corduroying shell holes. "D" Company loading trucks at TROIS TOURS siding and unloading forward and making siding & putting in culvert for 141st Coy.R.E. II Corps Operation Order 319 C re transfer of Battalion to XIX Corps received. Appendix 206
6th	Officers - Establishment:- 2/Lieut.A.F.Hervey is taken off the establishment with effect from 13/11/1917 (Auth G.H.Q. No.20729/d/ 13/11/1917.

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"A" Coy worked on MORTELDJE-MEUNIER HOUSE tramway. Ref: ST.JULIEN 28 N.W.2. One platoon on maintenance of the tramway. Two platoons working on straightening & relaying the line with 20lb Decauville. 30 yds rails & 50 yds duckboards laid & 60 yds ballasting completed, 200 yds rails trimmed. The rails are laid & the grading completed for a distance of 700 yds to the point C.10.b.3.9. FORLCAPPELLE 1/10,000.

"B" Coy. worked at TROIS TOURS Stone siding, loading and unloading trucks, unloading goods train at ST.JEAN siding and working on & levelling siding at HOCHCASTLE.

"C" Coy worked on KRUISBLARE-FORLCAPPELLE RD. clearing & draining road, filling in and corduroying Shell holes 380 yds completed to-day & road now passable to REPOUR CROSS ROADS.

"D" Coy. 40 men making siding at HOSPITAL SPUR (CORNER COT). Battalion Operation Order No.54 re movement of Battalion to Cambridge Camp issued. Appendix 207

~~Battalion working on improvement in camp & draining NISSEN huts from ELGRAND dump~~ Appendices 18th Division Orders No 144, 208-9-10. 145 & 146 re reliefs received.

TURCO HUTS - CAMBRIDGE CAMP (B.11.c.7.8.)

7th

The Battalion (less transport) moved to-day to CAMBRIDGE CAMP (B.11.c.7.8.) taking it over from 19th Northumberland Fusiliers to whom TURCO HUTS were handed over. The transport moved from MURAT CAMP to Horse lines at A.12.d.5.6. Battalion working on improvements in camp and draining NISSEN huts from ELGRAND DUMP. Ref. BELGIUM 28 N.W. 1/20,000

CAMBRIDGE CAMP.

8th

Strength Decreased:- Casualties Refer Battn.Orders No.800 A/d/ 14/11/1917 the entry under "Moves" relating to Pte.Ward F.J. should read as follows:- G/1865,Pte.Ward F.J. "C" Coy. Wounded 14/11/17.

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Attachments:- Mons O. Tessandier (Belgian Interpreter) left Battalion 5/12/1917. The Battalion worked in camp erecting NISSEN huts & making other alterations and improvements.

9th

Strength Decrease:- Officers:- Capt. & Adjt. C.R.Hampton to England (sick) 26/11/17. 2nd Lt.L.S.Lethbridge to England (wounded) 29/11/17. are taken off the strength as from these dates respectively. (18th Div. No.67/290 "A"/d/8/12/17) (" " " 67/291 "A"/d ") 18th Division Order No.G 628 re Artillery reliefs received. Appendix 209 The Battalion worked in camp erecting NISSEN huts & draining huts from FLORAND DUMP.

10th

Work:- A Company worked on new forward camp at ABRI WOOD U.26 a.0.0. Materials were salved to Coy tramline from U.25 d.7.9. to U.25.d.95.50 along the road on West side of the wood. Road was prepared for tram line for 80 yds. Ref. BIXSCHOOTE 20.S.W.4 1/10,000

B Company worked on road from LANGEMARCK STATION to KORKUIT. 30 yds of corduroy was completed from point O.22.c.90.55 forward Bridge over the BROENBEEK U.16.d. 60.60. was completed. 250 yds draining done from HEY CROSS ROADS forward. A place was prepared for culvert in road running West from HEY CROSS ROADS to complete draining into the BROENBEEK.

C Company working on new camp at ABRI WOOD fixing up screens in wood & draining site of camp.

D Company & resting platoons working in camp erecting NISSEN HUTS.

11th

18th Division Warning Order No.G.741 relief of Division by 57th Division received. Appendix 210.

Moves. Capt.R.C.Hall M.C. with 2nd Lts.E.B.Glenny, C.V. Mackenzie and E.R. Sharp and

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11th Contd.	89 O.R. of "D" Coy. to 57th Division for erection of NISSEN HUTS in PROOSDY area for 18th Division. WORK:- A Company worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD laying tram line for 230 yds from U.25.d. 7.9. to U.25.d.8.7. & the track was prepared for a further 150 yds. Two platoons worked in camp erecting NISSEN HUTS. B Company worked on LANGE MARCK-KOEKUIT RD. Clearing road, filling in & corduroying holes. Culvert put in in road running west from HEY CROSS ROADS. Two platoons worked in camp erecting NISSEN HUTS. C Company worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD erecting screening, draining site & making one hut emplacement. D Company the remainder left in camp worked on erection of NISSEN huts.	Ref. BIXSCHOOTE 20.S.W.4.
12th	18th Division Order No.147 re relief of the Division by 57th Division received. Casualties. G/14296 Pte. Bard H.G. "C" Coy. Wounded 12/12/1917. WORK:- A Company Two platoons worked on tramway at new forward camp at ABRI WOOD - 140 yds rails laid, 150 yds ballasting done, 110 yds duckboards laid between the rails. Two platoons worked in camp, erecting NISSEN huts & clearing & deepening ditch at side of road. B Company worked with "C" Coy on new forward camp at ABRI WOOD (2 platoons). A party was sent up to inspect state of LANGEMARCK - KOEKUIT RD. & repaired damage done. Two platoons worked in camp erecting NISSEN HUTS. C Company working on new camp at ABRI WOOD salving meterials and preparing emplacements for shelters. D Company The platoon left with the Battalion worked in camp erecting NISSEN HUTS.	Appendix 211

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Attachments:- Officers:- Capt. A. Ashmore (R.A.M.C.) left Battalion 13.12.1917. Lieut.H.T.Ground (M.O.R.C. U.S.A.) (R.A.M.C. Attd.) attached to Battalion as from 13/12/1917 (from 54th Field Ambulance).

WORK:- A Company. Two platoons working on tram line at new forward camp ABRI WOOD - 87 yds grading, 160 yds gridding 100 yds ballasting done. Tramline completed to U.25.d.8.7. & grading formed to U.25.d.95.55. Two platoons working in camp.

B Company 3 platoons employed on new camp for Infantry East of CANAL near GRAPOUILLOTES bridge. About 300 yds of trench dug & a large volume of water drained off. One platoon working in camp on erection of huts.

C Company worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD, Salving Materials, preparing emplacements & digging trench. One platoon working on road, at CAMBRIDGE CAMP.

D Company the platoon left with battalion worked in camp erecting NISSEN huts.

14th

Honours & Rewards:- The undermentioned are awarded the Military Medal:- G/2519 Sgt. Manvell E.J. "D" Coy. G/2156 Pte. Stenning A. G/5742 Pte. Light G. (Corps Order II A.R.C. dated 30/11/1917).

Work:- "A" Company Two platoons worked on tram line at new forward camp at ABRI WOOD, 80 yds rail, 100 yds ballasting & 80 yds gridding completed. Two platoons worked in camp on huts & road.

"B" Company worked on a new camp close to WOOD 15 U.25.c.3.2.) Main trench started on & drainage nearly completed. A screen put up & a quantity of material salved. One platoon working in camp.

"C" Company. 3 Platoons working on new camp ABRI WOOD getting out emplacements, erecting shelters & digging trench. 1 Platoon working in camp.

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14th Contd. "D" Company the platoon remaining with the Battalion working in camp erecting NISSEN huts.
18th Division Order No.G.876 (amending No.147) received. Appendix 212.

15th Strength Increase - Officers:- Lieut.M.Rosenfield joined Battn. 15-12-17 and attached temporarily to C.Coy.
WORK:- "A" Company Two platoons worked on tram line at new camp at ABRI WOOD. Box drains constructed & put in between road and tram line at U.25.d.7.9. Drain on right of road cleared from U.25.d.95.55. to U.25.d.7.9. Double grid track laid between the tram line & the camp. Two platoons working in camp on huts & road.
B Company 2½ platoons working on new camp at WOOD 15 revetting trench & salving material. One section removed tram line from KORKUIT - 5 CHEMINS RD. & made same passable for mule traffic. 1 Platoon working in camp.
"C" Company 3 platoons worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD erecting shelters & salving materials. One platoon working in camp.
"D" Company the platoon remaining with the battalion working in camp on erection of huts.
18th Division Order No.G/905 further re reliefs received. Appendix 213.

16th Officers:- Promotions
The following is extract from London Gazette dated 8/12/17:- R.Suss.R. Sec.Lt.M.Harris to be Lt.Prec. next below Lt.R.J. Pring. Sec.Lt.W.H.Ferguson to be Lt.prec. next above Lt.R.G. Patching.
WORK:- "A" Company less two sections worked in camp on erection of NISSEN huts and improvement of road. Two sections putting in switch from light tramway at new camp at ABRI WOOD to 20lb Decauville railway.

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"B" Company 2½ platoons worked on new camp near WOOD 15. Revetting of main trench practically completed 3 emplacements excavated & quantity of material salved. ½ platoon employed on mules from KORKUIT to 5 CHEMINS. 1 platoon working in camp.
C Company 3 platoons worked on new camp ABRI WOOD erecting shelters & salving materials. One platoon working in camp on erection of NISSEN hut.
D Company the platoon remaining with the battalion working in camp on erection of huts.

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Casualties:- G/14296 Pte. Reid M.G. "C" Coy. (Wounded 12/12/17.) died of wounds 12/12/1917.
WORK:- "A" Company worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD digging drainage trench & completed switch of tramline at U.25.d.7.9. One platoon worked in camp.
B Company worked on new camp at WOOD 15. Revetting trench & laying duckboards, erecting shelter, draining and salving materials. One platoon worked in camp.
C Company 3 platoons worked on newcamp ABRI WOOD digging emplacements for & erecting shelters. One platoon worked in camp.
D Company The platoon remaining with the battalion worked in camp.

18th

WORK:- "A" Company worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD 4 emplacements for shelters excavated. The switch from tram line was ballasted & duckboards laid. One platoon worked in camp.
"B" Company worked on new camp at WOOD 15. Laying duckboards, erecting Shelters, Salvaging, raising camouflage. One platoon worked in camp.
"C" Company worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD erecting shelters & excavating emplacements. One platoon worked in camp.

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18th Contd.	"D" Company The platoon remaining with the battalion worked in camp.
19th	WORK:- "A" Company worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD. Duckboards laid & trench revetted. Emplacements excavated & English Shelters erected. One platoon worked in camp. B Company worked on new camp WOOD 15. Laying duckboards excavating emplacements & erecting shelters. Salvaging materials. One platoon worked in camp. C Company worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD. Revetting trench, erecting shelters & salving materials. One platoon worked in camp. D Company The platoon remaining with the Battalion worked in camp.
20th	Moves - Officers 2nd Lieut. H.Linfield to Field Ambulance (Sick) 20/12/17. WORK:- "A" Company worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD excavating emplacements & erecting shelters. "B" Company worked on new camp at WOOD 15. digging trench, excavating sites & erecting shelters. "C" Company worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD revetting trench, erecting shelters & salving materials. D Company the platoon remaining with the battalion worked in camp. One platoon of A,B & C Coys. worked in camp.
21st	WORK:- A Coy. worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD erecting shelters. B Coy. worked on new camp at WOOD 15 - digging trench & erecting Shelters. C Coy. worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD revetting trench & salving materials.

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21st Contd.	D Coy. Platoon remaining with the Battalion worked in camp.
22nd	Work. A Coy. worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD erecting shelters. B Coy. Worked on new camp at WOOD 15 digging trench and erecting shelters. C Coy. Worked on new Camp at ABRI WOOD revetting trenches & salving materials. D Coy. Platoon remaining with the Battln. worked in camp.
23rd	Work. A Coy. worked on camp at ABRI WOOD gridding & revetting trenches. Flooring with Beech slabbing. B Coy. worked on camp at WOOD 15. 3 Huts completed. 2 partly erected. 2 emplacements dug out. C Coy. Coy worked on camp at ABRI WOOD 40 yds revetting and gridding completed. Cookhouse started. D Coy. Capt. Hall M.C. & party returned from Proosdy area to the Battln. 1 Plat. worked in Cambridge Camp.
24th	Work. A Coy. One platoon marking out & staking preparatory to wiring on the new army line. Remainder working on new camp at ABRI WOOD. B Coy. Worked on new camp at WOOD 15. C Coy. Worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD. D Coy. Worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD. Officers - Promotion & Appointment. The name of 2nd Lt. T. F. Gates has been forwarded & recommended for the acting rank of Captain. This officer is hereby authorised to wear the badges of the higher rank pending confirmation by superior authority (18 Dec. No. 350/16 "A" /d/23/12/17.

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25th	18 Div. operation order No.149 received. 57 Div. operation order No.57 received. All Companies resting.	Appendix 214. Appendix 215
26th	Work. A.Coy. Two platoons worked on the new army Line; 350 yds of posts put in. Remainder of Coy. worked on camp at ABRI WOOD, erecting shelters. B Coy. Coy. bathing. 50 Infantry employed under an Officer of B Coy. banking up side of Huts at new camp near WOOD 15. C Coy. Coy employed on new camp at ABRI WOOD 20 yds of Trench revetted to-day, completing shelters. D Coy. Worked on shelters - completing excavations at camp near ABRI WOOD.	
27th	Work A Coy. 2 Platoons worked on Line of Defence in the STEENBEEK VALLEY. 300 yds of stakes driven in. Remainder of Coy. erecting Shelters at ABRI WOOD. B Coy. Worked on new camp at WOOD 15. 50 Infantry worked under B Coy. banking up sides of Huts. C Coy. Bathing & inspection. D Coy. Worked on erecting shelters near ABRI WOOD.	
28th	57 Div. order No.58 received re relief. 57 Div. order No.59 received re relief. Work. A Coy. one platoon & 2 sections worked on Army line of defence - 300 yds of stakes driven in. Remainder of Coy and 2 platoons of B Coy working on camp at ABRI WOOD erecting Shelters. B Coy. 2 Plats. worked with A Coy as above. 1 Plat. worked at new camp at WOOD 15 erecting Shelters. 1 Plat. worked with C Coy. at ABRI WOOD. 50 Infantry under B Coy worked at WOOD 15 camp.	Appendix 216. Appendix 217

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C.Coy. 2 Plats. worked on light railway 200 yds East of ABRI WOOD in the morning. 2 Plats. worked on the light railway in the afternoon - worked under R.E.
D Coy. bathing & inspections.

29th

Work. A Coy. The Coy less 2 sections worked on new Army line - 200 yds of wiring partly completed 250 yds stakes driven in.
B Coy. Worked on new camp at ABRI WOOD erecting Shelters. 50 Infantry banking up round huts.
C Coy. Worked on light railway E. of ABRI WOOD under R.E.
D Coy. Worked on erecting English Shelters at LAPINS FM. near ABRI WOOD.

30th

Work. A Coy. Company less 3 sections worked on Army Line of Defence 150 yards of wire already completed also a further 120 yards.
100 yds of pickets driven into the ground. 2 sections acted as loading party.
B Coy. Company worked on camp at ABRI WOOD completing the accommodation.
C Coy. Worked on light railway E. of ABRI WOOD under the R.E.
D Coy. Worked on new camp at LAPIN FM. near ABRI WOOD - erecting Shelters.

31st

Work. A Coy. The Company worked on Army Line of Defence - 190 yards of wiring completed.
B Coy. Worked on ABRI WOOD camp completing erection of shelters.
C Coy. Worked on light railway E. of ABRI WOOD under R.E.
D Coy. Worked on erecting Shelters at new camp at LAPIN FM. near ABRI WOOD.
Strength increase Officers Capt. Julian Nathan & Capt.Alan S.Clarke joined Batt. and attached to C & D Coys. respectively as supernumery Second in command.
Strength increase 110 O.Rs. joined Batt.& will be posted to Companies in due course.

THOMAS GATES,
Capt.& A/Adjutant
8 R.Sussex Pioneers

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SECRET. Appendix 204. Copy No.11.

18th DIVISION ORDER NO. 142.

Ref. BROMBEEK & LANGEMARCK Maps. 1/10,000 and Sheets 27 and 28 1/40,000. 30th November.1917.

1. The front of 18th Division will be readjusted on the nights of December 3/4th and 5/6th as follows:-

(a) On the night of December 3/4th the right boundary of the 18th Division will be extended to include the BROMBEEK from their front line at V.7.b.4.4. to the junction of that stream with the Railway at U.17.d.60.95; east of the latter point the 18th Division boundary will remain as at present.

B.G.C. 53rd Infantry Brigade, 18th Division (H.Q. 15 WOOD, U.25.c.1.1. LANGEMARCK Map, 1/10,000,) will arrange all details direct with B.G.C. 52nd Infantry Brigade, 17th Division (H.Q., STRAY FARM, C.3.c.2.7. LANGEMARCK Map.)

(b) On the night of December 5th/6th, the 18th Division will hand over to the 1st Division that portion of their front which lies between U.5.b.8.8. and U.5.b.0.5. (present left of 18th Division). The left boundary of the 18th Division will then run as follows:- U.5.b.8.8.- U.5.d.8.3. - U.11.a.6.3. to U.11.a.0.4; thence as at present.

B.G.C., 54th Infantry Brigade, 18th Division (H.Q., BENSON'S FARM, A.5.c.4.9., Sheet 28, 1/40,000) will arrange all details direct with B.G.C. 1st Infantry Brigade, 1st Division (H.Q., F.15.d.1.3. Sheet 27, 1/40,000).

(54th and 1st Infantry Brigades will be in the line at the time this change of boundary takes place.)

2. The command will pass on the completion of taking and handing over, the times of which will be reported to Divisional Headquarters BY WIRE, quoting the number of this order and the time of completion.

3. Details as regards the readjustment of Artillery Boundaries will be published later. That portion of the 17th Division front to be taken over by 18th Division, is at present covered by 230th Army Brigade R.F.A., (Right Division Artillery) as their entire zone.

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That portion of the 18th Division front to be handed over to 1st Division is covered by 159th Brigade R.F.A. (left Artillery) as part of their zone.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G.DE CHAIR, Capt. G.S.
for Lieut.Col.
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 10/30 P.M.

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4/5 "Q".	13.A.D.M.S.
6.53rd Inf.Bde.	14.XIX Corps "G"
7.54th Inf.Bde.	15. do. "Q"
8.55th Inf.Bde.	16.17th Division.
9 Left Artillery.	17.1stbDivision.
10 C.R.E.	18.D.M.G.O.
	19.& 20. War Diary.

SECRET. Appendix 20b. Copy No.11.

18th DIVISION ORDER NO.143.

Ref. Map Sheets
BIXSCHOOTE,
1/10,000 &
28.N.W. 1/20,000. December 2nd 1917.

1. The 54th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 53rd Inf.Brigade in the line on the night December 4th/5th.

The Command of the Sector will pass from B.G.C. 53rd Infantry Brigade to Officer Commanding 54th Infantry Brigade at 10 a.m. on December 5th.

2. All details of relief will be arranged direct between Brigade Commanders concerned.

3. The Vickers guns of the 54th Infantry Brigade will relieve those of the 53rd Infantry Brigade on the night December 5th/6th.

4. The 53rd Brigade will hand over to the 54th Brigade all papers, log-books and aerial photos relating to the Sector.

5. 20th Field Company will not be relieved at present.

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6. C.R.E. will detail a special party to make up duckboard tracks East of the STRAMMERK on the night December 3rd/4th, so as to ensure as far as possible, that they are passable for the relief.

7. On relief 53rd Infantry Brigade will move to Reserve Brigade Area.

8. Moves of Transport will take place in accordance with attached March Table.

9. Train and Administrative orders for the relief, and accommodation of the 53rd Infantry Brigade in the Reserve Area will be issued separately by the A.A. & Q.M.G.

10. Completion of relief will be reported to Divisional Headquarters by wiring the number of this order followed by the time relief was completed.

11. The following re-arrangements of Field Artillery will take place:-

The 242nd A.F.A. Brigade will remain in its present position, but will be transferred from 18th Division to the 1st Division on the afternoon of December 5th.

The 119th A.F.A. Brigade will remain in its present position, and will be transferred from 17th Division to 18th Division on the afternoon of December 3rd.

12. The 315th A.F.A. Brigade will be withdrawn from the line, complete with guns, to their wagon lines by the morning of December 3rd.

13. Ammunition will be left in positions and utilised by the batteries covering the front.

14. All details of these transfers will be arranged direct between the B.C's, C.R.A's concerned.

15. On completion of these transfers, the front of the 18th Division will be covered by the following Field Artillery:-

159th Field Artillery Brigade.
157th Field Artillery Brigade.
119th A.F.A. Brigade.

16. B.G.C. Left Artillery will forward to these Headquarters a map showing the altered dispositions, zones and S.O.S. lines as soon

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as the alterations have been completed.

17. Please acknowledge.

F.ASHMEAD - BARTLETT, Capt.
for Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division.

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8. 55th Infantry Brigade.
9. Left Artillery .
10. C.R.E.
11. 8th R.Sussex Pioneers.
12. Signals.
13. A.D.M.S.
14. Div. Train.
15. No.3. D.S.C.
16. A.P.M.
17. D.A.D.O.S.
18. XIX Corps "G".
19. XIX Corps "Q".
20. 17th Division.
21. 1st Division.
22. Area Commandant, Left Division.
23. R.T.O., POPERINGHE.
24. War Diary.
25. D.M.G.O.
26. 2nd French Division.
27. Lt.MOTTE, Liaison Officer.

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Appendix 206. 5th December,1917.

8th Bn.R.Sussex R. (Pioneers).
18th Division.
35th Division.
XIX Corps.
58th Division.

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1. 8th R.Sussex R. (Pioneers) will be transferred from II Corps to XIX Corps on the 7th instant.

2. 8th R.Sussex R. (Pioneers) will march via BOUNDARY Road - ZOUAVE VILLA (C.20.c.) - ESSEX FARM (C.25.a) - BOESINGHE to B.11.c.(Sheet 28) and will take over camp from 19th Northumberland

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Fusiliers (Pioneers), 35th Division.

3. To be clear of TURCO FARM (C.15.c) at 9.30 a.m.

4. Advance party of 8th R.Sussex (Pioneers) will proceed on afternoon of 6th instant to B.11.c. to take over accommodation. To be billeted on night 6/7th with 35th Division Pioneers.

5. 1 Officer and advance party of 35th Division Pioneers will report to O.C. 8th Bn. R.Sussex (Pioneers) at TURCO FARM (C.15.c.) on afternoon of 6th instant to take over work and accommodation of 8th R.Sussex R.(Pioneers). They will be billeted on night 6/7th Decr. at TURCO FARM.

6. O.C., 8th R.Sussex R. (Pioneers) will on arrival report to H.Q., 18th Division, ELVERDINGHE, for orders.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C.F. ELLT, Capt.
for B.G., G.S.

Copy to Q.
C.E.

Appendix 207. Copy No.....

OPERATION ORDER No. 54.

8th ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

Refce.Map.
Sheet 28 N.W.
1/20,000.
Edn.6A.

1. The Battalion (less Transport) will move to CAMBRIDGE CAMP (approximately B.11.c.7.8.) on the 7th inst. Companies will march independently via ZOUAVE VILLA (C.20.c.) - ESSEX FARM(C.25.a.) - BOESINGHE to B.11.c.7.8.

H.Q.	moving off at	8-40 a.m.
"A"Coy	"	8.50 "
"B" "	"	9- 0 "
"C" "	"	9-10 "
"D" "	"	9-20 "

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Companies will march by Platoons, 50 yards apart, in file. Distance of 100 yards between Companies to be maintained.

2. The Transport (less one G.S. Wagon and one T.K. per Company, H.Q. Store Limber, Maltese and Mess Carts, which will report to TURCO CAMP at 8-15 a.m. before proceeding to Cambridge Camp) will move to Horse Lines at A.12.d.5.6., moving off at 9 a.m.

3. Two men per Company and one man of H.Q. Company to be detailed to act as brakesmen for their respective Company Wagon and load same.

4. Dress: Full marching order. Steel helmets to be worn.

5. Party consisting of Lieut.Moore and four men per Company and H.Q. Company to proceed to B.11. c.7.8., leaving TURCO HUTS at 2 p.m. on 6th inst. to take over accommodation.

6. Officers' kits, mess boxes, etc., and blankets (rolled in bundles of 10 and labelled) to be at TURCO DUMP ready for loading by 8-15 a.m.

7. The Drummers will assist Transport to load and then proceed independently to Cambridge Camp, leaving MURAT CAMP at 9 a.m.

8. Acknowledge.

THOMAS GATES
2nd Lt. & Actg/Adjt.
6th Royal Sussex Pioneers.

Issued at 2-15 p.m.
6th Decr. 1917.

Distribution.

Copy No. 1. Office.
2. "A" Coy.
3. "B" "
4. "C" "
5. "D" "
6. T.O.
7. Q.M.
8. R.S.M.
9. War Diary.

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SECRET. Appendix 206. Copy No.12.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.144.

Ref.Map Sheets. 1/40,000.
20. 27. 28. 19. December.8th 1917.

1. The 57th Div.Arty. (including H.Q.) will relieve the 35th Div.Arty. (including H.Q.) in the line.

2. The relief will be complete by 6 a.m. on Dec. 10th.

3. All details of relief will be arranged direct between B.C.C. 35th D.A. and B.C.C. 57th D.A.

4. Movements in connection with this relief will take place in accordance with attached March Table.

5. Gun detachments of both D.As. will be moved by railway or lorry, so as to enable incoming detachments to spend a few hours in the line with outgoing detachments.

6. The following minimum spaces will be maintained between units on the march.

Batteries of Artillery	100 yards.
Sections of D.A.C.	100 yards
Brigades of Artillery.	500 yards.
Between every 6 vehicles	25 yards.

7. Guns will be exchanged.

8. All maps, aerial photos, artillery boards and logs will be handed over by 35th D.A. to 57th D.A. on relief.

9. Command of the Artillery covering the sector will pass at 4 p.m. December 9th from B.C.C. 35th D.A. to B.C.C. 57th D.A.

10. The front of the Division, on relief, will be covered by the

285th Bde. R.F.A.
286th Bde. R.F.A.
119th Bde. R.F.A.

11. Artillery covering the Divisional front is now called the "Right Artillery".

12. Administrative Orders for the accommodation and supply of the 35th and 57th D.As. in their respective areas will be issued by the A.A. & Q.M.G., 18th Division.

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13. 35th D.A. will remain attached to the 18th Division for the present.

14. Completion of relief will be reported to 18th Div.H.Q. by wiring the code word "GOLD".

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

P. ASHMEAD-BARTLETT,

Captain for Lt.Col.
General Staff, 18th Division.

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8. 55th Inf.Bde.
9. C.R.A. 35th D.A.
10. C.R.A. 57th D.A.
11. C.R.E.
12. 8th R.Suss.Purs.
13. Signals.
14. A.D.M.S.
15. Div.Train.
16. No.3 D.S.C.
17. A.P.M.
18. D.A.D.O.S.
19. XIX Corps "G".
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21. 1st Division.
22. 35th Division.
23. 57th Division.
24. 58th Division.
25. Area Commandant, RIGHT Div.
26. R.T.O. POPERINGHE.
27. D.M.C.C.
28. War Diary.

SECRET. Appendix. 209

18th Division No.G.828.

Ref.Map Sheets 1/40,000
20, 27, 28, 19.

In continuation of 18th Division Order No.144, the following movements and reliefs of Artillery will take place:-

Dec.11th. The 35th Divisional Artillery (located in HAANDEKOT area) will come under the orders of 1st Division at 10 a.m.

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Dec.13th. (1) 35th Divisional Artillery (less pieces) will join II Corps, exchanging locations and pieces with 1st Divisional Artillery. 1st Divisional Artillery, on arrival in HAANDEKOT area, will come under 1st Division.

(2) 110th Army Brigade R.F.A. will be withdrawn from the line to Wagon Lines. To be completed by 10 a.m.

(3) 11th Army Brigade R.F.A. will be allotted to right and left Divisional sectors as under:-

One 18-pdr battery .. to Right Sector.
One 4.5" How.battery..to Right Sector.
Two 18-pdr batteries..to Left Sector.

Arcs will be arranged so that the whole Brigade can fire on either Divisional front as required.
This readjustment to be completed by 10 a.m.

Dec.16th. 110th Army Brigade R.F.A. will move to HAANDEKOT area.

Area. There are no restrictions as to roads or time of movement in XIX Corps.
II Corps will notify restrictions, if any, in their area.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

A.M. THEWIS, Capt.
for Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division.

December 7th 1917.

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18th Division Order No.144.

SECRET. Appendix XIC. 18th Division No.G.741

WARNING ORDER.

The 18th Division will be relieved by the 57th Division on the 16th, 17th and 18th insts., relief being complete on the 18th inst.

On relief the Division will be accommodated as follows:-

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53rd Brigade Group - HERZEELE AREA.
54th do. do. - PROOSDY AREA.
55th do. do. - ROUSBRUGGE AREA.

Movements will, as far as can be forecasted at present, take place as follows:-

Dec. 16th. 53rd Brigade Group moves back by road and rail.
Dec.17th. 54th Brigade Group moves back by road
Dec.17/18. 55th Brigade Group " " " road less 2 battalions " " and rail
Dec. 17th (2 battalions, 55th " " do.
(Brigade.

Preliminary reconnaissances of new areas may commence forthwith.
Small plan of new area is attached.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

F. ASHMEAD-BARTLETT,
Capt.
for Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Divisio

Dec.10th 1917.

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18th Div.Train.
C.R.E.
Signals.
57th Division.
No.3 D.S.O.

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18th DIVISION ORDER NO.146.

Ref.Maps.
sheets.
BIXSCHOOTE, 1/10,000. 5th Decr. 1917.
28 N.W. 1/20,000

1. Preliminary moves in connection with the relief of the 54th Infantry Brigade in the line by the 55th Infantry Brigade will take place in accordance with the attached March Table.

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2. Working parties at present found by the 55th Infantry Brigade will be relieved by the 53rd Infantry Brigade partly on Decr. 8th and partly on Decr. 11th. All details to be arranged direct between Brigadiers concerned.

3. All area duties at present found by the 55th Infantry Brigade will be relieved by the 53rd Infantry Brigade; relief of these parties to be complete by 6 p.m. Decr. 9th.

4. On completion of the moves detailed in attached March Table the two Battalions of 55th Infantry Brigade at BABOON and CANAL BANK CAMPS will come under command of the C.G., 54th Infantry Brigade and will be used as Support and Reserve Bns.

5. The two Battalions of the 54th Infantry Brigade leaving the line on the night Decr.7/8th will on completion of relief come under orders of the G.O.C., 53rd Infantry Brigade.

6. Administrative and Train orders in connection with these reliefs will be issued by the A.A. & Q.M.G.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

P. ASHMEAD-BARTLETT,
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for Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division.

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16. A.P.M.
17. D.A.D.O.S.
18. XIX Corps "G".
20. XIX Corps "Q".
21. 35th Division.
22. 1st Division.
23. 57th Division.
24. 58th Division.
25. Area Commandt. Right Div.
26. Area Commandt. ROSSINGHE.
27. War Diary.
28. D.M.G.O.
29. R.T.O., POPERINGHE.

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SECRET. Appendix 210. Copy No.11.

18th DIVISION ORDER NO. 146.

Reference Map
Sheets -
BIXSCHOOTE 1/10,000.
28.N.W. 1/20,000.

8th December. 1917.

1. The 55th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 54th Infantry Brigade in the line on the night December 10th/11th. The Command of the Sector will pass from the Officer Commanding 54th Infantry Brigade to the Brigadier General Commanding 55th Infantry Brigade at 10 a.m. on December 11th.

2. All details of the relief will be arranged direct between Brigade Commanders concerned.

3. The Vickers guns of the 55th Infantry Brigade will relieve those of the 54th Infantry Brigade on the night December 11th/12th.

4. Movements in connection with the relief will take place in accordance with attached March Table.

5. On completion of relief -

(a). The command of the two Battalions of 53rd Infantry Brigade, at present in Support Area, will revert to O.C., 53rd Infantry Brigade.

(b). The command of the two battalions of 55th Infantry Brigade, in Support and Reserve, will revert to B.G.C., 55th Infantry Brigade.

(c). The command of the two battalions of 54th Infantry Brigade at present in Reserve Area will revert to O.C., 54th Infantry Brigade.

6. Transport will not move their lines.

7. Train and Administrative arrangements for the relief will be made by the A.A. & Q.M.G.

8. Completion of relief will be reported to Divisional H.Q. by wiring the Number of this order and time relief was completed.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

F. ASHMEAD-BARTLETT,
Capt.
for Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division

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11.	8th R.Sucs.Pnrs.	23.	58th Division.
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14.	Div.Train.	26.	R.T.O.Poperinghe.
		27.	D.M.G.O.

28. War Diary.

SECRET. Appendix 211. Copy No.12.

18th DIVISION ORDER NO. 147.

Ref. Map Sheets
27, 1/40,000.
28, do.
19, do.

December 12th 1917.

1. The 18th Division (less Artillery and Pioneers) will be relieved by the 57th Division (less Artillery and Pioneers), relief to be complete by 10 a.m. on December 18th.

2. All details of the relief will be arranged between Brigade Commanders concerned.

3. Movements in connection with this relief will take place in accordance with the attached March Table.

4. The following distances will be maintained by units on the march:-
Between Companies 100 yards.
Between unit and its transport 100 yards.
Between battalions. 500 yards.
When transport is brigaded, 100 yards between each battalion transport (100 yards between every 6 vehicles).

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5. Affiliated Train Companies will move under orders of their respective brigades.

6. The Mob. Vet. Sec. will move under orders of the A.A. & Q.M.G.

7. Working parties found by the 53rd Inf. Bde. will cease work on the afternoon of December 16th, work being resumed on December 18th by 172nd Inf.Bde.

All area duties found by 53rd Inf.Bde. will be relieved on December 15th under orders of the A.A. & Q.M.G.

8. All documents, log books, aerial photos and maps relating to the Sector will be handed over by units on relief to the relieving units.

9. The machine guns of the 53rd Inf.Bde. in the forward area will be relieved on the night December 16th/17th and will move back to HERZEELE area with their Brigade Group. The 55th Machine Gun Company will be relieved on the night December 16/17th.

10. The Divisional L.G. A.A. Section will be relieved by the L.G's of the 170th Inf.Bde. on December 17th and will move back to the HARINGHE area with Div.H.Q.

11. Train and Administrative instructions for the relief will be issued by the A.A.& Q. M.G.

12. Divisional H.Q. will close at ELVERDINGHE CHATEAU at 10 a.m. on December 18th and re-open at ROUSBRUGGE at the same time, at which hour command of the sector will pass from G.O.C., 18th Division, to G.O.C. 57th Division.

13. Troops of the 18th Division in 57th Division area will be under the tactical command of G.O.C. 57th Division, until completion of relief.

14. Affiliated Field Ambulances will move under orders of the A.D.M.S., moving to their respective areas by the routes laid down in attached March Table.

15. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE.

P. ASHMEAD-BARTLETT.
Capt.
for Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division.

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12. 8th R.Suss.Pnrs.
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26. 58th Division.
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28. Area Commandant, BOESINGHE.
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30. War Diary.
31. D.M.G.O.

SECRET. Appendix 212. 18th Division No.G.276.

To all recipients of
18th Div. Order No.147.

The following amendments and additions are made to 18th Division Order No.147:-

Movement of Field Companies.

Movement of 79th Field Company as laid down in 18th Div. Order No.147 is cancelled and the following substituted:-

79th Field Company will move from its present Camp (BOESINGHE) to Camp at ELVERDINGHE CHATEAU, B.14.b.2.7. on December 17th, for work under C.R.E. XIX Corps Troops.

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80th Field Company will, on December 18th detail 1 section to proceed to XIXth Corps Reinforcement Camp at MERCKEGHEM for work on camp improvements.

92nd Field Company will remain in the PROOSDY area.

Each Brigade will arrange to attach 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.R. from its affiliated Field Company to assist in the training of the Infantry in engineering work during the coming period of training.

Movements of 55th Infantry Brigade.

Movements as laid down in Serial Nos.2,3 and 5 are cancelled and the serials in attached march table substituted.

Transport which cannot be accommodated on the trains will proceed by road, staging areas being notified later.

Trains and administrative arrangements in connection with these moves will be made by the A.A. & Q.M.G.

55th Machine Gun Company will move from PROOSDY area to NORDAUSQUES area under arrangements to be notified later.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

P. ASHMEAD-BARTLETT,
Capt.
for Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division.

December 14th 1917.

SECRET. Appendix 213

18th Division No.G.905.

To all recipients of 18th Div.Order 147 and G.876.

Reference 18th Div. G. 876 of 14/13/17 and 18th Div. Order No. 147.

55th Machine Gun Company will move by train from PROOSDY area to NORDAUSQUES area on December 17th.

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55th Infantry Brigade transport proceeding by road to NORDAUSQUES on the 16th and 18th December will stage for the night in the ZEGGERS CAPPELL area.

300 men of the 53rd Infantry Brigade attached to Tunnelling Company will not rejoin their units until Dec.18th. They are at present accommodated as follows:-

200 men attached 173rd Tunnelling Coy at DROMORE Corner.
100 " " 253rd Tunnelling Coy at LARRY CAMP.

These parties will remain in their present locations until December 18th; they will be free to move after 9 a.m. on December 18th. "Q" will arrange transport.

Head of 54th Infantry Brigade will not reach X Roads at F.11.d.5.9. before 10.15 a.m.

Please acknowledge.

P. ASHMEAD-BARTLETT,
Captain.
General Staff, 18th Division.

Dec. 15th 1917.

SECRET. Appendix 214. Copy No. 11.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 149.

Ref.Map Sheets, HAZEBROUCK 5a, 1/100,000 27, 28 and 19, 1/40,000. December 24th 1917.

1. The 18th Division (less Pioneers) will relieve the 57th Division (less Pioneers), relief being complete by 10 a.m. on January 3rd.

2. 55th Inf.Bde. will relieve 172nd Inf.Bde. in the line.
54th do. will be in Reserve.
53rd do. will relieve 171st Inf.Bde. in Support and will be the Working Brigade.

18th Div.Artillery will relieve 57th Div. Arty. in the line.

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3. All details of reliefs will be arranged between B.G's C. concerned.

4. Movements in connection with this relief will take place in accordance with the attached march table.

5. The following distances will be maintained by units on the march.

Between Coys.	100 yards.
Between unit and its transport.	100 yards.
Between battalions.	500 yards.

When transport is brigaded 100 yards between each Bn. transport.
Between every six vehicles 100 yards.

6. Affiliated Train Coys. will move under orders of their respective brigades.

7. The Mobile Veterinary Section and H.Q. Divisional Train will move under the orders of the A.A. & Q.M.G.

8. The A.D.M.S. 18th Division will arrange direct with A.D.M.S. 57th Division details of Field Ambulance reliefs.

9. The 53rd Inf.Bde. will relieve working parties (Appendix "B") and area duties found by the 170th Inf.Bde. on December 30th.

10. 53rd Inf.Bde. will arrange that the Tunnelling parties are relieved as far as possible by the men who have been previously engaged on this work and will ensure that there is no hiatus in the work during relief.

11. Units in Appendix "B" will, as far as possible, be relieved by corresponding units of 53rd Inf.Bde., but if their numbers are not sufficient to take over all the work, C.R.E. in conjunction with D.H.Q. will decide order of precedence of work.

12. 92nd Field Company R.E. will be placed at the disposal of B.G.C. 55th Inf.Bde. for work in the line. Supervision of the rest of the work will be divided by C.R.E. between the remaining two Field Companies.

13. Machine Guns and guns (Vickers and L.G's) for A.A. defence will be relieved under the supervision of the D.M.G.O. as under:-

Machine Guns Divl. A.A. L.G's.	Jan 1st and night Jan 1/2nd on Dec.30th in relief of A.A.L.G's of 170 Bde.

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Dispositions of M.G's after relief will be as shown in Appendix "A" and these dispositions will not be changed without reference to Div.H.Q.

14. All documents, papers, log books and maps connected with the sector will be taken over by units on relief.

15. Train and Administrative arrangements for this relief will be made by "A/Q", 18th Division.

16. Divisional Headquarters will close at ROUSBRUGGE at 10 a.m. on Jan.3rd and open at ELVERDINGHE CHATEAU at the same time, at which hour command of the sector will pass from G.O.C. 57th Division to G.O.C. 18th Division.

17. Completion of Artillery relief will be reported to Div.H.Q. by wiring the code word "FROST".

18. Completion of relief of Bde. in the line will be reported by wiring the code word "HARD".

19. The relief of the 57th Div.Arty. will be completed by 10 a.m. on Dec. 30th. Pieces will be exchanged.

20. 18th Div.Arty. will be made up to 28 18-pdrs. and 9 4.5" Howitzers by the transfer of number of pieces required from 28th A.F.A.Bde. under orders of G.O.C. R.A., XIX Corps.

21. March Table for 18th Div.Arty. will follow later.

22. ACKNOWLEDGE.

P. ASHMEAD-BARTLETT.
Capt.
for Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Divn.

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9. C.R.A., 18th Div.
10. C.R.E.
11. 8th R.Suss.Pnrs.
12. Signals.
13. A.D.M.S.
14. Div.Train.
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23. XIX Corps "G".
24. XIX Corps "Q".
25. 1st Division.
26. 57th Division.
27. 28th Division.
28. Area Commandant, Right Div.
29. Area Commandant, POPERINGHE
30. R.T.O. POPERINGHE.
31. 173rd Tunnelling Company
32. 253rd Tunnelling Company
33. War Diary.

(Appendix "B" to C.R.E., 53rd Inf.Bde. and "A/Q").
(do. "A" to follow).

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

To. 8th Bn. Sussex Pioneers.

Sender's Number. G.147 Day of Month 24th.

Ref. march table with order No. 149 serial 5 Column 5 reads BOESINGHE 2.

From. 18 Divn.

SECRET. 18th Division No.G.165.

Pioneers.

Ref. para. 19 of 18th Div. Order No. 149, for "10 a.m. Dec.30th "read "10 a.m. Jan.1st".

P. ASHMEAD-BARTLETT,
Capt.
for Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division.

26/12/17.

SECRET. 18th Division G.222.

To all recipients of 18th Division Order No.149.

H.Q. Company, Divisional Train, will move under orders of the C.R.A.

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General Staff, 18th Division.

December 27th 1917.

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SECRET. 18th Division G.195.

8th R.Sussex Pioneers.

Reference 18th Division Order No.149, the 80th Field Co. R.E. will move independently of its Brigade Group under orders to be issued by the C.R.E.

P. ASHMEAD-BARTLETT,
Captain,
General Staff, 18th Division.

December 27th 1917.

SECRET. 18th Division No.G.208.

APPENDIX "A" TO 18TH DIV. ORDER NO. 149.

55th Machine Gun Company.

9 guns in the Main Line of Resistance and defended localities, in the same positions that they were in before the division was relieved.

1.	U.5.d.90.30	(approx.)	2 guns.
2.	U.6.c.80.50	"	2 "
3.	U.6.d.10.35	"	1 "
4.	U.6.d.00.50.	"	1 "
5.	U.12.b.30.45	"	1 "
6.	U.12.d.35.90	"	1 "
7.	V.7.a.30.70.	"	1 "
			9 "

4 guns in SIGNAL FARM.
3 " " Support area.

Until arrangements are made for 1st Division to relieve it a gun will have to be put at U.5.d.40.45.

53rd Machine Gun Company.

4 guns at PASCAL FARM (2 harassing fire).
2 " " VERE ROAD.
manned by personnel of 1 Section.

8 guns in the Corps Defensive Line, disposed as follows and manned by personnel of 1 Section.-

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2 guns at JAPAN HOUSE, U.17.c.35.10.
1 " " CRACONNE FARM, U.15.d.2.8.
1 " " U.10.d.1.1.
1. " " U.16.b.80.75.
1 " " U.17.a.00.75.
1 " " U.17.c.6.8.
1 " " U.17.d.10.65.

These are the M.G. positions for the defence of the Corps Line.
Personnel of 2 sections in Support area for relief.

Dispositions for guns for A.A. defence will be as laid down in Divisional Defence Scheme. A.A. Guns at CANON Fm. are no longer required.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

P. ASHMEAD-BARTLETT,
Capt.
for Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 18th Division.

December 27th 1917.

SECRET. Appendix 215 Copy No.8.

57th DIVISION ORDER NO. 57.

Ref. Maps:- HAZEBROUCK 5a 1/100,000
Sht.20.S.W., 20.S.E. 28.N.W. 1/20,000

25th December 1917.

1. (a) The 57th Division will be relieved by the 18th Division in the forward area.

(b) Movements in connection with the relief will be carried out in accordance with the attached March Table.

(c) On relief, the 57th Division (less Artillery) accompanied by one Divisional Supply Column will be transferred to the 1st ANZAC Corps.

2. (a) The relief of the 57th Divisional Artillery will be completed by 10 a.m. 30th December, and on relief the 57th Div. Artillery will assemble in the CROMBEKE Area.

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(b) Pieces will be exchanged.

(c) On the 2nd and 3rd of January, the 57th Divisional Artillery, accompanied by one Ammunition Sub Park, will proceed by road to rejoin the 57th Division under orders which will be issued by the 1st Anzac Corps.

They will stage the night 2/3rd January in the GOMM Area.

(d) All details of the Artillery relief will be arranged between the C.R.As. 57th and 18th Divisions.

3. (a) The relief of the 171st Inf.Bde. (in Support in BOESINGHE Area No.2) by the 53rd Inf.Brigade will be carried out on the 29th December.

(b) The relief of the 170th Inf.Brigade (in Reserve in BOESINGHE Area No.3.) by the 55th Inf.Brigade, will be carried out on the 30th December.

(c) From the 30th December inclusive the working parties now found by the 170th Infantry Brigade (in Reserve) will be found from the 53rs Inf.Brigade (in Support).

Arrangements for the relief of these working parties, so that no cessation of work will occur, will be made between G.Os.C. Inf.Bdes. concerned, in consultation with the C.R.Es. 57th and 18th Divisions.

4. The 172nd Inf.Brigade in the line will be relieved by the 55th Inf.Bde. (from Reserve, BOESINGHE Area No.3) on 1st/2nd, 2nd, and 2nd/3rd January.

Command of the Forward Area will pass from G.O.C. 172nd Inf.Bde. to G.O.C.,55th Inf.Bde. on completion of relief.

5. Details of all Infantry Brigade reliefs will be arranged direct between the Brigades concerned.

6. The reliefs of Field Coys R.E. and of Field Ambulances, will be arranged direct between C.R.Es. and A.D.M.Ss. of the 57th and 18th Divisions.

7. Details of the relief of 173rd M.G. Coy. will be issued separately.

8. Instructions for the moves of units not mentioned in the March Table, will be notified by "Q" 57th Division.

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9. Attention is drawn to Fourth Army No.G.S. 148 issued to units of 57th Division concerned under G.488/2/1 dated 22.12.17.

10. With reference to move of 57th Division on relief :-

(a) Billets at GODE will be obtained from the Area Commandant, GODEWAERSVELDE.

(b) One set of tactical trains (2 personnel and 1 omnibus train) is available for moves on 2nd and 4th January. Details of train moves will be notified by "Q" 57th Division.

(c) Railheads. 57th Div.Arty. to KRUISDOORN 30th December. (off 1st Divl.Back 57th Divl.Railhead will be notified later.

(d) 57th D.S.C. will move by road as required.

11. Completion of moves will be reported to 57th Div.H.Q.

12. Command of the Sector will pass from G.O.C. 57th Division to G.O.C. 18th Division at 10 a.m. 3rd January, at which hour H.Q. 57th Division will close at KLVERDINGHE CHATEAU, and reopen at a place which will be notified later.

13. Please acknowledge.

W.H.S. ALSTON,
Capt.
for Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 57th Division.

Issued at 11 a.m.

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14. " GODEWAERSVELDE.
15. " PROCODY.
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17. " PROVEN.
18. G.O.C.
19. C.R.A.
20. C.R.E.
21. 170th Inf.Bde.
22. 171st do.
23. 172nd do.
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SECRET. G.329/122/13.

Amendment to 57th Divisional Order No.57 dated 25th December.

Para 3.(b) - for "30th December" read "31st December".

W.H.S. ALSTON,
Capt.
for Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 57th Division.

26.12.17.

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SECRET. G.329/122/17.

Correction to Note 2 of March Table issued with 57th Division Order No. 57 dated 25th December 1917.

2/3rd Wessex Field Ambulance will be in the 171st Inf. Brigade Group.

2/2nd Wessex Field Ambulance will be in the 172nd Inf. Brigade Group.

and not as previously stated.

W.H.S. ALSTON,
Capt.
for Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 57th Division.

27/12/17.

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SECRET. G.329/122/8.

Amendment to 57th Division Order No. 57.
dated 25th December.

Reference para. 2 (a). of 57th Divl. Order No. 57. - For "10 a.m. December 30th "read" 10 a.m. 1st January."

RALPH GLYN,
Capt. for Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff 57th Division.

25th December 1917.

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57th DIVISION ORDER No. 58.

27th December, 1917.

Ref. Maps - Sh. 36. 1/40,000.
Sh. 5a. - HAZEBROUCK 1/100,000.

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1. (a) Movement of troops of 57th Division, subsequent to their arrival in the CODE Area, will be carried out in accordance with the attached Table.

(b) On arrival in 1st ANZAC Corps Area, troops of 57th Division will come under the orders of G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division for Tactical purposes.

2. "Q" 57th Division will issue the necessary instructions as regards advance parties for billeting etc.

3. An officer is being detailed by the 1st Anzac Corps, to superintend the detrainment at BAILLEUL WEST, and guides are being furnished by the 3rd Australian Division.

4. (a) On arrival in 1st Anzac Corps Area, 57th Division (less Arty), will relieve 3rd Australian Division (less Arty.) in the line.

(b) Orders for relief of 3rd Australian Div. Artillery by 57th Div. Artillery are being issued separately.

5. (a) Infantry reliefs will be completed on the morning of the 4th January, and the Command of the Divisional Sector will pass to the G.O.C. 57th Division at 12 noon on January 3rd.

(b) Dispositions in the sector and area of the 57th Divion will be similar in all respects to those of the 3rd Australian Division.

(c) The Artillery covering the front, when the G.O.C. 57th Division assumes command of the Sector, will come under his orders.

(d) Details of relief will be arranged direct between G.Os.C. Infantry Brigades concerned.

6. (a) The following modification of moves of Field Coys. R.E. of 57th Division is notified, instead of those laid down in March Table issued with 57th Division Order No. 57 -

(i) 42last Field Coy. R.E.

Jan. 1st Canal Bank to CODE Area - marching with surplus transport of 170th Inf. Bde.
Jan. 2nd. CODE Area to LA HEYE Area.
Jan. 3rd. LA HEYE Area to the Line.

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(ii) 505th Field Coy. R.E.

Jan. 2nd. From BOESINGHE to WEST OUTRE by road.
Jan. 3rd. From WEST OUTRE to LA HEYE Area.
JAN. 4th. From LA HEYE Area to the Line.

(iii) 502nd Field Coy. R.E. will still form part of the 170th Inf. Brigade Group and proceed as already ordered, arriving in STEENWERCK Area by train on Jan. 2nd. and going into the Line on Jan. 3rd.

NOTE. Attached Infantry will march with their Field Coys.

(b) Field Ambulances of 57th Div. will relieve Field Ambulance of 3rd Australian Division as under:-

Dec. 31st. 3/3rd Wessex F.A. relieves 11th Australian F.A. at STEENWERCK.

Jan. 2nd. 3/2nd W.Lance F.A. relieves 9th Australian F.A. at LESTRADE Z(A.30.b.)

Jan.4th & 5th 3/2nd Wessex F.A. relieves 10th Australian F.A. at NEUQUINGHEM (H.4.d.) Double banking on night 4/5th.

(c) All details of the reliefs of Field Cos. R.E. and Field Amb. will be arranged direct between C.R.Es. and A.D.M.Ss. concerned.

7. Defence Schemes, Policy of work, Maps and all available information concerning the Divisional Front and the ARMENTIERES Defences will be taken over on relief.

8. Instructions for the moves and relief of all units not mentioned in this Order or the attached Table, will be issued by "Q" 57th Division.

9. Headquarters 57th Division will close at KLVERDINGHE at 10 am. January 3rd, and will re-open at 12 noon at STEENWERCK on the same date.

10. Completion of moves and reliefs will be reported to 57th Division H.Q.

11. Please acknowledge.

W. H. S. ALSTON.
Capt.
for Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff 57th Division.

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57th DIVISION ORDER No. 59.

27th December 1917.

Ref. Maps. Sheet 36 A/40,000.
HAZEBROUCK 5A. 1/100,000.

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1. The 57th Divisional Artillery, accompanied by one Ammunition Sub-Park, will proceed by road to First ANZAC Corps Area on 2nd/3rd January 1918.

2. (a) ROUTE - via POPERINGHE-BORSCHEEPE-BAILLEUL to STEENWERCK.
(b) Artillery stages at GODE Area on the night 2nd/3rd January the Sub-Park proceeding direct to STEENWERCK Area.

3. The March will be so arranged that POPERINGHE is cleared before 11a.m. on 2nd January, and STEENWERCK reached before 2 p.m. on 3rd January.

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4. During the March, distances will be maintained as in Fourth Army G.S.148.

5. Billeting parties will report in advance to the Area Commandant at GODE and STEENWERCK respectively.

6. On arrival in STEENWERCK Area the 57th Divisional Artillery and sub-Park will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division.

7. Rations for the 2nd and 3rd January will be carried.

Rations strength for 4th January will be wired to First ANZAC Corps Supply Column before 12 noon on 2nd January, and will be drawn from Refilling Point at Sheet 36.A. 22.a.4.8.

8. (a) On the nights 4/5th January and 5/6th January 57th Divisional Artillery will relieve 3rd Australian Division Artillery line, two Sections of each Battery being relieved on

(b) Orders for the relief will be issued by 3rd Australian Division.

9. Command of the Artillery in the Division Sector will pass to C.R.A. 57th Divisional Artillery at 12 noon on 5th January.

10. Please acknowledge.

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Capt.
for Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff, 57th Division.

Issued at 11 p.m.

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