

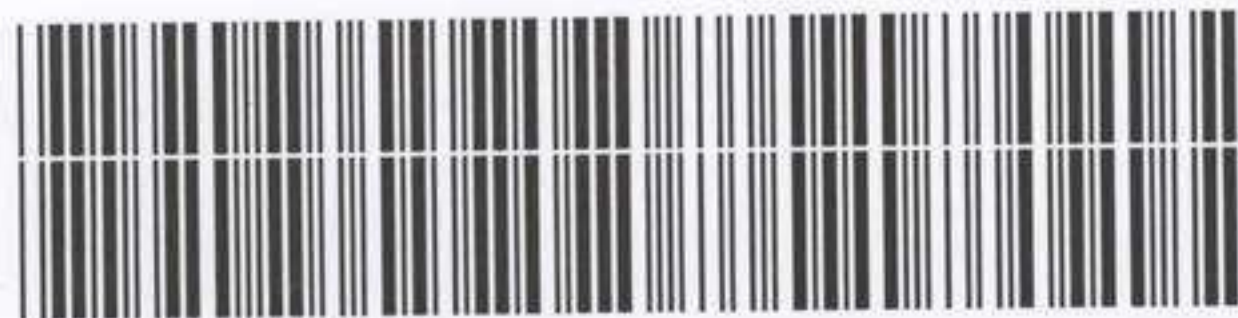
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BLARINGHEM	1917			
	1 st Sept	9.27 am	Brigade Route March.	
	2 nd "	9.30 am	Dunnie Lewis.	
	3 rd "		Training as under:- Rapid Loading; P.T., Assault Training, Gas Drill, Dummy Bomb throwing Special classes for Signallers, Stretcher Bearers, Anti-trench feet personnel, Lewis Gunners, Observers, Rifle Bombers and Musketry Instructors.	
	4 th "	9.50 am	Brigade Route March.	
	4 th Sept	8 am to 12 noon	Training as under:- P.T. and Assault Training, Gas Drill, Bomb Throwing, Rapid Loading. Special classes for Signallers, Stretcher Bearers, and Anti-trench feet personnel Lecture to all Officers on new Attack formations.	
		10 am	Corp, Attack Schemes.	
		2 pm to 4.30 pm		
	5 th "	8 am to 12 noon	Training as under:- Corp, Attack Schemes. Special classes for Observers, Signallers, Stretcher Bearers, & Anti-trench feet personnel.	
		3.30 pm	H.Q., A & C Coy. } attended Lecture by 5 th Div. Gas Officer.	
	4.15 "	B & D Coy. }		
	5.30 "	by Commanders & Coy. S.I.C. attended Lecture by Chemical Advisor, 2nd Army		

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BLARINGHEM.	6th Sept	8 am	Training as under -	
		10 am	Battn. attack scheme	
			Special class for Observers, Signallers, Stretcher Bearer, Anti-Trench Feet Personnel.	
		11-30 pm to 4.30 pm	Bombing Practice	
	7th Sept	6 am	Battn. Attack Scheme	
	8th	9.30 am	do.	
	9th	9.30 am	Divine Service	
	10th	12.45 pm	Battn. Attack Scheme	
	11th	3 pm	do.	
	12th	7.45 am	Brigade Attack Scheme	
	13th	8.45 am	do.	
	14th	9 am	do.	
	15th	8 am to 12 noon	Co. and Platoon Training	
	16th	9.30 am	Divine Service	
	17th	9.10 am	Left for STEENVOORDE (route march)	
STEENVOORDE		6 pm	Arrived and billeted.	
"	18th	11.10 am	Commenced route march to WIPPENHOEK area - Many delays on road, owing to heavy traffic - Did not stop for midday meal - Arrived camp 3.45 pm.	
NIPPENHOEK AREA	19th		Battn. resting - heavy rain during night.	

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WIPPENHOEK AREA	20th Sept.	8 am to 12 noon	Platoon Training	
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do	22nd "	"	do	
do	23rd "	10 am	Divine Service	3 Officers & 102 other ranks attached to 8th Field Co.
do	24th "	4.55 pm	Left for CHATEAU SEGARD area (South of YPRES) - arrived 8.20 pm.	
CHATEAU SEGARD AREA	25th "	7.40 pm	Ordered to move to HALFWAY HOUSE, commenced moving at 8 pm, and on arrival at HALFWAY HOUSE, received orders to move to HOOGE. Marched all night.	
	26th "	4.25 am	Assembly of Battalion, on tapes completed. Heavily bombarded with gas shells while lying on tapes.	
		5.50 am	Attacked enemy positions in Polygon Wood. When first objective taken it was found that the Brigade on our right had not come up, and 31st Bn. on right of Brigade decided not to go on, which prevented 29th Bn. from advancing.	
		12 noon	Advanced to final objective commenced.	
		1 pm	Final objective taken - Enemy did not show much fight and surrendered freely. About 170 prisoners and 30 machine guns captured.	
		2 "	Enemy counter-attack repulsed.	
		4 "	" " " "	
		6.10 "	" " " "	
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	27th "	7.30 am	" " " "	
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POLYGON WOOD	27 th Sept.		Relieved by 30 th Bn., and moved to first objective	
	28 th	9.45 pm.	moved to CLAPHAM JUNCTION (S/3 b 50)	
	29 th		Battn, resting	
	30 th	9.40 pm	Relief by 6 th Lieutenants completed, and Battn. returned to DICKEBUSCH	

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German Trenches corrected to 21-9-17.

Part of Sheet 28.

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ARMY BARRAGE MAP

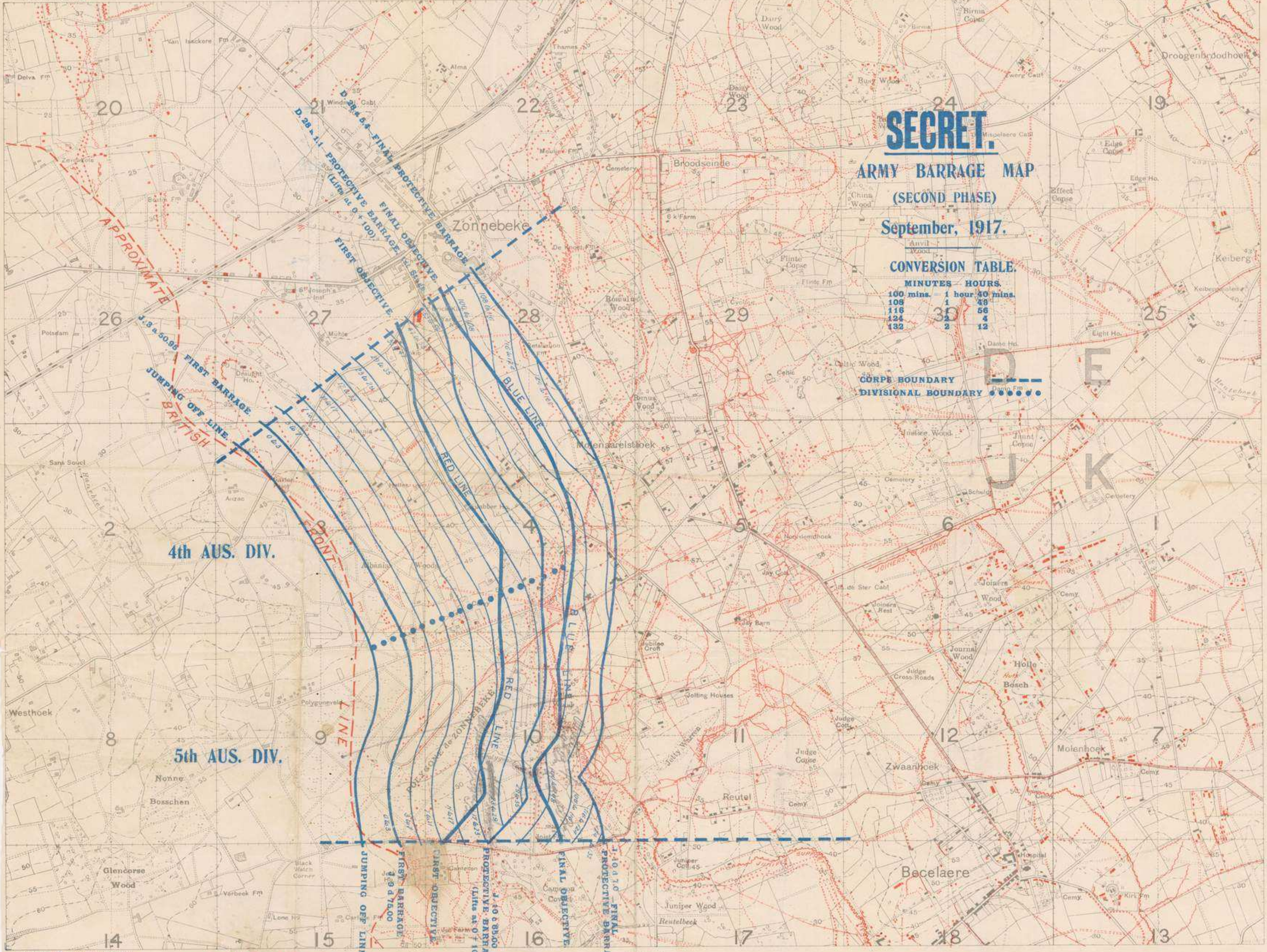
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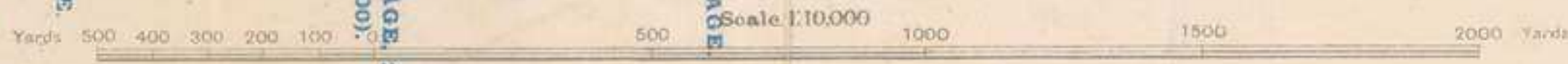
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 DIVISIONAL BOUNDARY



4th AUS. DIV.

5th AUS. DIV.

Battery Positions
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 Organised Shell Holes



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