

Pioneers & Sappers will remain in FEED until required.
5th Wave. B. 4 platoons } in line at 2 paces interval.
T.M.B. $\frac{1}{2}$ sect. }
Signallers } "

6th Wave. D.

5. Objectives.

A. through FEVER, FEINT to FELL and FELLOW.

C. " FERN, EMS (ind.), FEED and EMDEN to FEUD.
STRONG POINT, CEMETERY. As soon as STRONG POINT is established and EMS is clear, 1 platoon C in FEUD will occupy EMS, getting in touch with QWR of QUADRILATERAL.

Platoons of A in FELLOW & FELL will move to their left & be in support in FEUD & FELLOW.

B. " FEVER, FERN to FEINT, FEED.

6. Company Bombers.

A clear FEINT, FELL, FELLOW, ETCH above FELL until in touch with QWR

C clear FEED, FEUD, EMDEN & EMS above FEUD.

B " FEVER, FERN.

7. H.Q. Bombers.

1 group clear each ~~end~~ of the C's ETCH, EMS, EMDEN from front line to 3rd line.

8. Lewis Guns

2 L.G. will be attached to each Coy & under the command of O.C. Coy.

Lewis guns will not fire unless necessary until the trenches are consolidated & position occupied, except in case of counter attack.

9. Contact Patrols

A & C will find contact patrols to keep in touch with 16th Bde on our right (left Batt = Rangers) and L.R.B on our left respectively.

10. Stretcher Bearers.

8 with 5th ~~Wave~~ ^{9th} wave, 8 at Dressing Station.

11. Communications.

- (a) Telephonic
- (b) Visual
- (c) Runners.
- (d) C's.

(a) Telephonic - A Report Centre (R.C.) is established at the junction of YELLOW st & ~~the~~ front line, connected to Batt. H.Q. by D's cable (2 lines)

Issault.

- (1) 4 Signallers will carry across wires in duplicate to establish an Advanced Report Centre (A.R.C) at the junction of EMS and FEED. Similarly L.R.B establish A.R.C up EXE

Q.W.R. " " " " E.T.C.H.

The calls for these are E.T.C.H. on the right = R

EMS centre = C

EXE left = L.

- (2) 4 Signallers will establish phone station at FEINT 50' N.W of junction of FEINT and E.P.T.E.

- (3) 4 Signallers will lay line up E.T.C.H. and laterally one along FEED to A.R.C.

" " FEINT to FEINT phone station.

- (4) 8 Signallers at R.C for line work. Part of their personnel will also lay rabbit netting across No Maus Land.

Batt. Signallers will man R.C from 11. am. Y day.

At all trench junctions in German 2nd Line notice boards will be fixed denoting direction of A.R.C & phone station.

all Signallers accompanying advance with 5th wave = B coy. Lieut. MEEKING will be 1/2 A.R.C.

(b) Visual.

4 Signallers will establish a Visual station at CEMETERY working back to Batt. H.Q.

Bde visual station near junction of Y12 DISH ST & Y48 R

Each message will be sent twice.

(c) Runners.

4 per coy with O.C. coys.

2 of A.B.C. at A.R.C.

2 at Batt H.Q.

Should telephonic communication break down between R.C and A.R.C the officer 1/2 latter will send runners to hand in messages at R.C. until the break can be repaired.

R.C. will not be manned as a station, a clear line being left through from Batt H.Q. to A.R.C.

Similarly when Batt. H.Q. advances a clear line must be left through from Bde H.Q. to A.R.C.

(d) Ci's

a new Ci will be dug under Div. arrangements from YELLOW ST to EMS. YELLOW ST - EMS Ci will be used for UP traffic only.

Q.W.R. are allotted exclusive use of E.T.C.H.

The first opportunity will be taken to remove one wire from the lines laid forward from R.C. & to place it in the new Ci.

Flares. Red flares will be placed on the objective trenches as soon as reached. O.C. coys will detail men to do this.

Boards. Coys will carry boards on which the names of their objective trenches are painted. These boards will be placed at centre of fire of Ci's, on arrival.

Stencilling Colours.

A will wear Red tape on right shoulder strap
B " " Blue " " " " " "
C " " Black " " " " " "
D " " Yellow " " " " " "
All wire cutters of ~~Company~~ " White " " " " " " in addition
Company colour
Signalers Blue & white " " " " " "

Right Coy of L.R.B wear Red on the left shoulder.
Other L.R.B coys Blue
Yellow
Green.

13. Consolidation and Work on Trenches

As soon as objective trenches are reached by A.B.C. no time must be wasted to commence work of consolidation. The first hour will no doubt be quietest, & every man must do his utmost to make good & strengthen the trenches against counter attack.

Frequent progress reports to be sent to C.O. via A.R.C.

14. Clearing GOMMECOURT PARK & village.

3 hours after Zero time GOMMECOURT PARK & village are to be cleared by L.R.B. & J.V.R. respectively.

Small Bounding parties will be formed for Hqs. B. D coys under Lt CALEY. The village of GOMMECOURT will be systematically cleared from the STRONG POINT & CEMETERY in a N.W. direction, as far as the pond S. of Church & SW as far as FIBRE & to get into touch with L.R.B. clearing the PARK. Progress to be reported to A.R.C.

15. Trench Mortars.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ section T.M.B. (2 mortars) will follow the 5th wave, and take up a suitable position about EMDEN to cover CEMETERY & STRONG POINT.

O.C. D will detail 10 men to report to O.C. T.M.B. & they will carry STOKES ammunition for the day.

16. S.A.A. and Grenades.

Dumps as indicated in administrative instructions.

Every man will carry 120 rounds in equipment
100 " " " " 2 handbills.

Beh. Reserve S.A.A. will be situated at junction of YANKEE ST & Y47-L. This reserve will be sent forward to junction of FERN - FEVER on application from A.R.C.

Every man except S.Bs with exceptions specified in Q.V. 368/a will carry 2 Bands MILLS.

O.C. coys will arrange for dumps of these records to be made on arrival at their objectives.

17. Dumps. Other than those mentioned in Administrative Instructions.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ man loads (50 - 60' of wiring material) behind Y47. L right, & left of YAIKKEE ST.
25 ladders for carrying forward are in each of the portions of Y47 occupied by A & C: 25 per Coy.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ man loads made up according to JOHNSAP is as under:-
screw pickets 2 per load
Barbed wire - 1 coil
French wire - 2 small coils & 6 staples
X.P. metal 5' half sheet
Planks. 4' 4
Pickets wood. 5'. 3
Sandbags 40.

The above is carried by B.

18 Battle Police.

1. NCO & 2 men with each section of Coy Bombers.
Battle Police will wear 4" x 2" round right forearm.

Duties:-

- The B.P must know what trench they are in, & be able to direct any man who is lost or doubtful where he is.
- They must assist Bombers in clearing trenches and take charge of any prisoners, disarm them, & see that they are escorted back.
- To see that no stragglers are left in the trenches behind those occupied by their coys; any so found they must send up to their coys.
- To see that the C.S are used correctly.

19 Bridges

50 Bridges (light) for carrying forward are in Y47. 23 for A.
27 " C.

A will bridge FEYER FEINT FELLOW.

C " " FERN FEED EMDEN FEUD.

To be done as quickly as possible to enable G.W.R. to pass over to the QUADRILATERAL.

20 Smoke Arrangements

- Smoke will be freely used whatever the direction of the wind.
- Smoke will be propelled from (a) 4" STOKES mortars under arrangements by or 5th Spec. Bde. R.E. (b) by hand, by 167 Bde.
- On day of attack (a) Spec. Bde will have 6 Mortars for left Smoke Barrage on FIR. 12 Mortars along front between WHISKEY ST & Z hedge, to project smoke along the front.
(b) Provided wind is favourable, smoke will be projected by hand along the whole Div. front from HERBETERNE - PUISIEUX road to the sap head at K.3.d.4.7.

The intention is that the assault should start as soon as possible after the commencement of the smoke, so that it should be kept up while the assaulting Batts are ~~crossing~~ crossing No Mans Land, so that afterwards sufficient should be employed to screen parties working in C's across No Mans Land.

4. Smoke will be used freely during the preliminary bombardment.
5. Lines of chloride of lime will be laid at different points in the Southern part of No Mans Land showing the true direction of advance.
All ranks should look out for these lines, & correct their direction by them.

Battalion HQ. will be at junction of yellow st & Y 47 R.
later at or near A.R.C.

J. Henderson
Capt & Adj't
G.V.R.

27.6.16.

APPENDIX showing Tools, etc carried.

	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
A	35	15	90	10	140	3	500	360	40	10
B		20	20	18		2	600	360	115	40
C	35	15	90	10	140	4	600	360	60	30
D	10	40	60					380		
L.G							95		16	10
HQ Bombs						3	50		10	
Sigs:						2	30		4	

Wire cutters
 large
 small

 Q
 R

 Wire breakers. S
 Billhooks. T
 Periscopes
 vigilant
 Box

 U
 V

 Sandbags W
 Grenades X
 Shovels
 Picks.



169th Brigade.

56th Division.

1/9th BATTALION

LONDON REGIMENT

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(ST AMAND) HEBUTERNE	1916 JULY 1		Battalion left billets in ST AMAND 8.0 - 9.30 pm. 30.6.16 and took up position in assembly trenches, Y sector. Attack carried out as per attached summary being rendered next month. <u>Casualties</u> Killed Wounded Missing	MAP 1/100,000 LENS sheet 11 (H) (5)
BAYENCOURT	2		Battalion relieved by 2 nd London Regt. & withdrawn to billets in BAYENCOURT	-- --
ST AMAND	3		Battalion withdrawn to billets in ST AMAND, arriving 4.0 pm.	(4) (5)
	4		Airport arrived - 80 O.Rs. 4 th Middle. 80 O.Rs. 8 th Middle.	
	5			
FONQUEVILLERS	6		Battalion marched from ST. AMAND (leaving 3.30 - 4.15 pm) to FONQUEVILLERS relieving 14 th Lond. Regt. (London Scottish). Hd. Qrs. + 1 Company in Reserve. Sengouts - 2 Companies in trenches, Z Sector. (Battalion formed into 3 Companies. Clearing and improvement of trenches.	-- -- (H) (5)
	7			

Officers	O.Rs
6	51
5	290
5	188
16	529

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FONQUEVILLERS	1916			
	JULY			
	8		Battalion in Trenches and reserve dugouts.	
	9			
	10		Clearing and improving trenches.	
	11			
	12		Battalion relieved by 8 th Middlesex & 3 rd London Regts, and moved to Billets in FONQUEVILLERS.	
			Draft arrived - 8 th Co. Rks. 20 th London Regt.	
	13			
	14		R.E. Fatigues. Battalion marched to HANNESCAMP relieving 8 th Somerset L.I. Hd. Qrs. and 3 platoons in Reserve dug outs. 2 Companies & 1 platoon in Trenches, 1 Company in Support.	
HANNESCAMP	15			LENS II
	16		Draft arrived - 1 st Lond. 6 CRks., 3 rd Lond. 15 CRks., 4 th Lond. 8 CRks., 8 th Lond. 189 CRks.	(H) (S)
			13 th Lond. 10 CRks., 14 th Lond. 24 CRks.	
	17		Clearing and improving trenches.	
	18			
	19		Battalion relieved by 5 th Lond. Regt. (L.R.B) Hd. Qrs. & 3 Companies marched to billets in BIENVILLERS, 1 Company to billets in FONQUEVILLERS.	

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				Officers	O. Ranks		
BIENVILLERS FONQUEVILLERS	1916 JULY						
	20		R.E. Fatigues, digging and clearing communication trenches.		5 Killed 11 Wded.	} Fatigue Party shelled.	
	21		Billets in BIENVILLERS shelled.		4 Killed 8 Wded.		
	22		Battalion relieved by 5 th Lond. Regt. + proceeded to FONQUEVILLERS relieving 16 th Lond. Regt. 3 Companies, less 1 platoon in trenches, Z sector. Hd. Qrs. and remainder of Batta. in dug outs.				
	23		} O.Kes. of 1 st , 3 rd , 4 th , 13 th & 14 th Lond. Regts. attached G.V.R., transferred to own units.		1 Killed 4 Wded.	}	
	24				4 Killed 8 Wded.		
	25				1 Wded.		
	26			Trenches cleared & repaired. Stores & equipment salvaged.			
	27						
	ST. AMAND	28					
29							
30			Battalion relieved by 16 th London Regt. + marched to billets in ST. AMAND				
31							

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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Report on Operations at GOMMECOURT 1st July 1916</u></p> <p>On the night of June 30/July 1 the Battalion moved up into its position of assembly as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">"A" & "C" Companies in Y 44 and the BOYAU de SERVICE. Attached to "C" Company were 1 platoon 5th Cheshires and 8 R.E."B" Company in Y. 44 L with 1/2 Section 169th French Mortar Battery."D" Company in Y. 44 R. in reserve. <p>Battalion H.Q. at the junction of YELLOW STREET and Y 44 R.</p> <p>The objective of the Battalion was as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">"A" Coy through FEVER FEINT FELLOW FELL & EPTÉ (exclusive)"B" FERN EMS (inclusive) FEED & EMDEN to FEUD STRONG POINT & CEMETERY. As soon as STRONG POINT was established and EMS was clear 1 platoon of "C" Coy. in FEUD was to occupy EMS getting into touch with Q.W.R. at QUADRILATERAL. The platoon of "A" Coy. in FELLOW & FELL were then to move to their left and be in support in FEUD & FELLOW.	

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			<p>'B' Coy. through FEVER FERR to FEINT FEED.</p> <p>A further phase to commence 3 hours after the time of the assault consisted in bombing parties from H.Q. bombers and 'B' & 'D' Companies clearing GOMMECOURT PARK and VILLAGE. These parties were to clear from STRONG POINT and CEMETERY as far as the pond S. of the church and S.W. as far as FIBRE and get into touch with L.R.B.</p> <p>6.25 am. Intensive bombardment of enemy's line began</p> <p>4.20 am. Smoke began (five minutes too soon) from the Z hedge and at</p> <p>4.25 " Smoke was issued all along the line and the first two Companies moved forward</p> <p>4.30 " The Assault commenced, the artillery lifting off the enemy's first line of trenches.</p> <p>The Assault was carried out in a series of waves as follows:-</p> <p>1st wave 1 Platoon each of A & C at 4 paces interval.</p> <p>2nd " 2 " " " " 2 " "</p> <p>3rd " 1 " " " " 4 " "</p> <p>4th " 3 Sections H.Q. Bombers, 1 Platoon Cheshires, 8 Sappers.</p>	

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			<p>5th wave B Company at 2 paces interval 1/2 Section T.M.B. Signallers.</p> <p>As soon as the assault commenced the German Barrage was opened on to our trenches, though not severe at first it increased in intensity later.</p> <p>9.48 am. By 9.48 am the assaulting companies had reached their objective and occupied FEUD FELLOW & FELL after heavy fighting. They did not however get in touch at EPTE with the Battalion on the right (the left Battalion of the Brigade on the right). At the same time the third Company was consolidating the German 2nd line. The Germans were pressing hard at this time and the shortage of Bombs began to be felt.</p> <p>10.30 am. In accordance with the orders as to the 4th phase 3 sections of bombers with battle police from the reserve company were ordered at 9.30 am to join the companies in the German line. Owing to the congestion in Y H Y R and the communication trenches this party did not leave till after 10.30. As soon as the party left the trench they came under heavy machine gun fire and half</p>	

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			<p>the party became casualties immediately. This party was unable to get across no man's land the enemy's barrage by this time being intense.</p> <p>11.0 am Shortage of bombs became critical.</p> <p>12.30 pm German counter attack increased in force and the companies were driven</p> <p>1.30 pm back from the 3rd line to the 2nd line.</p> <p>2.0 pm Companies driven back to German 1st line.</p> <p>About this time a few wounded men began to reach our lines.</p> <p>4.30 pm The Battalion was ordered to collect all stragglers in our lines and hold Y.44 strongly.</p> <p>7.0 pm From this time up to about 7.0 pm survivors in German trenches kept up their resistance in the 1st line but at 7.0 pm they were finally driven out and those who got across no man's land began to return to our trenches.</p> <p>After dark the Battalion took up the position in Y.44 L. & Y.44 R. and remained there for the night and the next day until the afternoon when it withdrew to BAYENCOURT.</p>	

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