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12TH BN. K.O.Y.L.I.

Battalion Instructions No. 1.

1. The attack of the 31st Division will be carried out by two Brigades: the 93rd on the right and 94th on the left; one company Pioneers will be attached to each Brigade, viz:- A Co. to 94th Brigade and D Co to 93rd. These two companies will receive special instructions from the Brigades. 'B' & 'C' companies will undertake special Pioneering work details of which, with maps, will be issued separately.

2. The attack will be made in a series of bounds. The troops allotted each bound will be distinguished by a piece of cloth tied to the right shoulder strap: it is the duty of all ranks to see that no men belonging to a forward bound are allowed to stay in any trench behind the bound allotted to them. Colours are:- 1st Bound GREEN. 2nd Bound RED. 3rd Bound BROWN, and 4th Bound BLUE.

3. There will be a preliminary bombardment during which the line will be thinly held and assaulting troops will be assembled at specified points the night before the assault is delivered.

4. When called upon to clear communication trenches, O i/c companies must see that all available men are distributed over the whole of the length of trench to be cleared, as by this means the line of the trench is marked out, and direction not so liable to be lost owing to gaps caused by casualties, etc.

5. Five saps (named A.B.C.D.& E) have been made, running from our front line trenches towards the German line; these will be opened up one hour before the assault takes place, the openings being 30 to 40 yards from the enemy line. Communication trenches from these sap heads will be made by 'B' & 'C' Companies and work thereon will commence as soon as the first bound has succeeded.

6. Communication trenches will be used one way only; this will be strictly adhered to except by the following:- Staff Officers, R.A. observers, telephone linesmen and R.E. and Pioneers who are engaged on trench maintenance.

OUTWARD TRENCHES.
WAGRAM - NORTHERN AVENUE - SOUTHERN AVENUE - NAIRNE - EXCEMA - WARLEY - FLAG.

HOMEWARD TRENCHES.
CENTRAL AVENUE - RAILWAY AVENUE - JORDAN - CATEAU - GREY - BLENHEAU.

7. Special trench maps will be issued - it will be seen from these that many of our trenches have been re-named and the new name is always referred to in these instructions.

8. All reference made in operation orders and reports will be made to this map.

9. No orders, and only the specially issued maps of the German defences will be taken into the trenches.

10. Preliminary instructions regarding the training of RUNNERS have already been issued. Runners must have an intimate knowledge of the trenches and positions of Brigade, Battalion and Company Headquarters also positions of signal stations, dumps & water pipes.

11. Headquarter dug-out is situated at K 27 d 7.1. with entrance off SOUTHERN AVENUE.