

5th Guard Infantry Brighd. 29th September, 1917.

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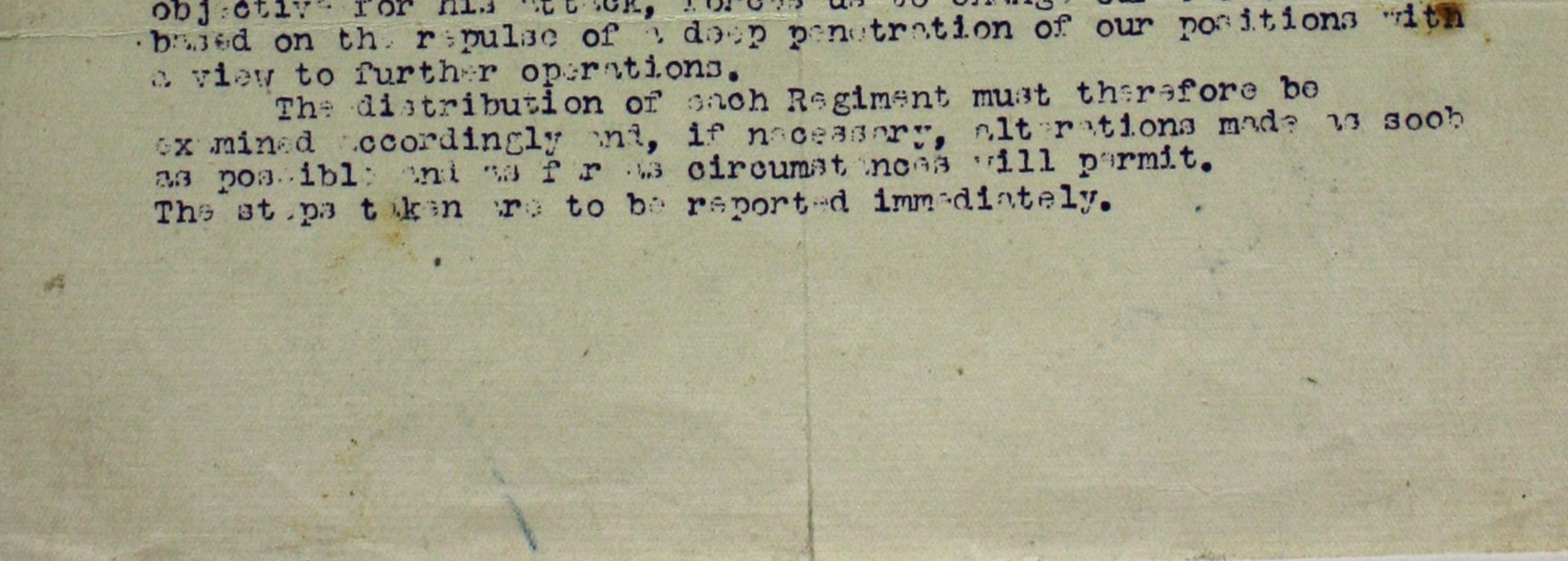
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Brigado Order.

1. According to prisoners' statements, a big attack is to take place to-morrow.

2. Regiments will take all not deary particulation monouror for instant readiness for action and for the protection of the signal communications, sto.

At to-day's Brigade conf rence (CHEFRESPRECHUNG) there was 3. a general complaint that in an enemy attack with limited objectives the counter-attacks made by the reserves and counter-attack divisions orms as a rule too ints and that the lossons thereby incurred bour no relation to the result obtained, Often the Counter-Attack beraly reached the line held, suffered heavy losses and was guite fruitless, as the enemy contented himself with the objective days 3. gained. His numerous machine guns, thich he immediately built in, and the way of man, clossly followed and covered by the sttacking wave, consolid ted the position which he had on and enabled him to bast off any counter-attack of ours. Experience, therefore, shows the necessity of making the front line strong in order to be ableto beat off the hostile attack by its own unaided strength and to hold the occupied crater position. The unnihilation of our front line garrison before the Infantry attack commone a must be avoided as far as possible by concealing the exact course of our front line from the enemy, and by occupying the craters in front, thus woiding the hostile fire, or if the distance between the two hestile lines is inconsiderable th garrison must sttock the enemy with bayonet and hand granades whilst he is anguged on preparations for his attack. For this purpose a th holding of the front line is out of the question. In 11 sectors the garrison is to be distributed in such a very that six companies are in the front line (or close behind the front line) whilst the other half of the regiment is distributed further back outside the main zone of fire. In order to hold the front line strongly, numerous machine guns ('OR) must be placed in position. Two machine gun companies or thereabouts must be distributed in the front line and the area immediately behind same, whilst the 3rd H.G. Coy. 13 to be posted with the Protective Gerrison (Sicherheitsbesetzung) and in the area occupied by the 6 Companies in rear. The alter d methods of attack of the enemy, who fixes a limited objective for his attack, forces us to change our tactics which are





4. Telegraphic apparatus is being sent to all Regiments; they will be built in to-night at the K.T.K. (H.Q. of troops in fighting line). The connecting station is at the chief Barrage Battery belonging to the sector concerned.

5. The sure working of all means of signal communication is to be proved this evening. The Regiments are to report that the flash signalling connections between K.T.K. and Regiments, is in order. The connection with the front line is to be kept under all circumstances and must be enforced if messages do not arrive. For this purpose search patrols are to be kept in readiness at all H.Q. Every regiment will send to the Brigade Staff a patrolconsistir of 1 officer or Sergt. Major and 3 trained and reliable men. Report on the 30th September up to 7.a.m. at the Brigade Battle H.Q. The observation officers and men who have already been sent to the Brigade aro to be taken into consideration.

6. The principles for the defence laid domn in to-day's Brigade Orders are accordingly altered by this order.

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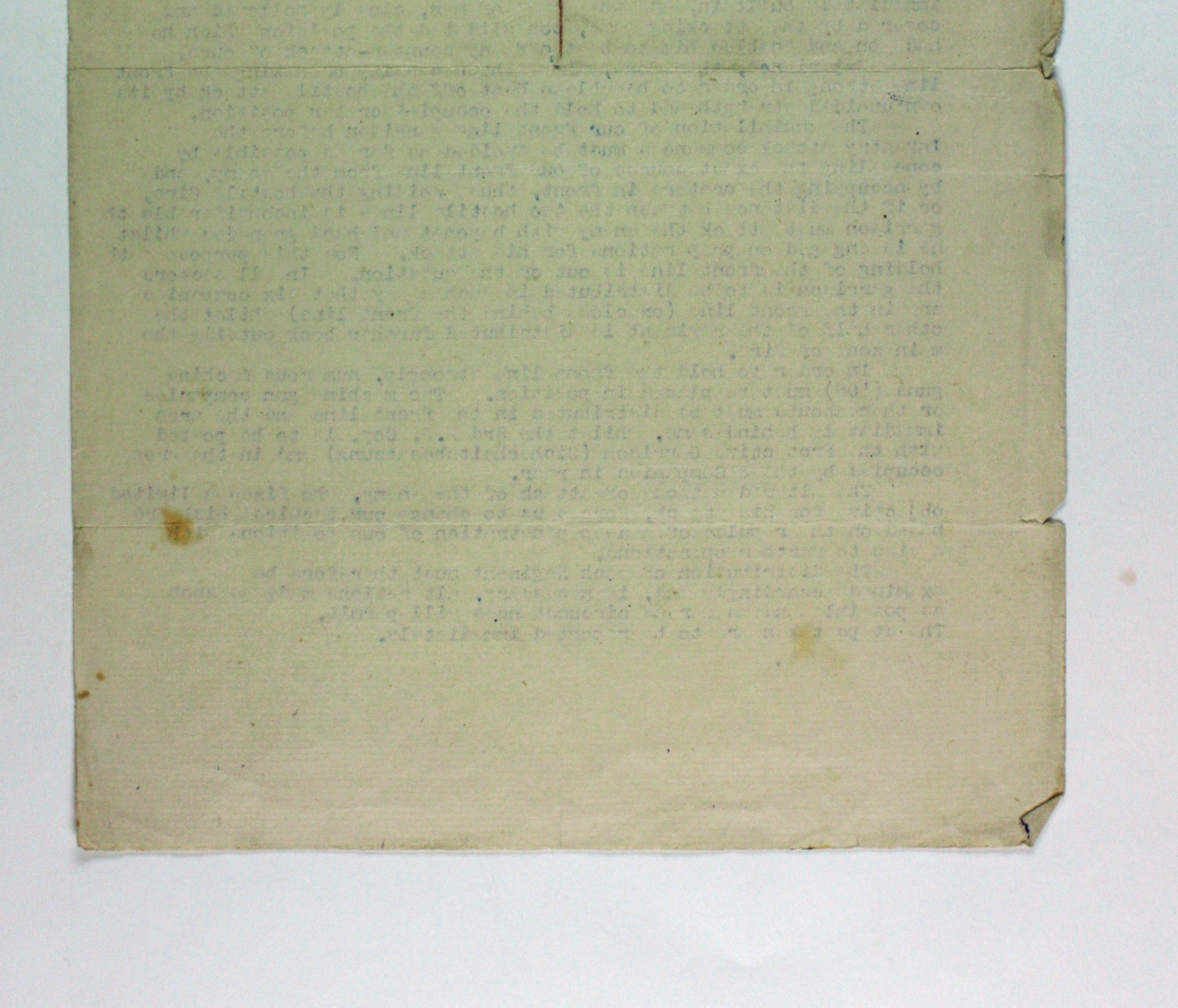
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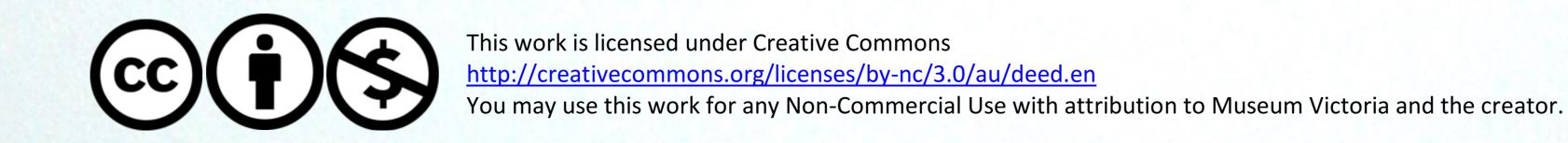
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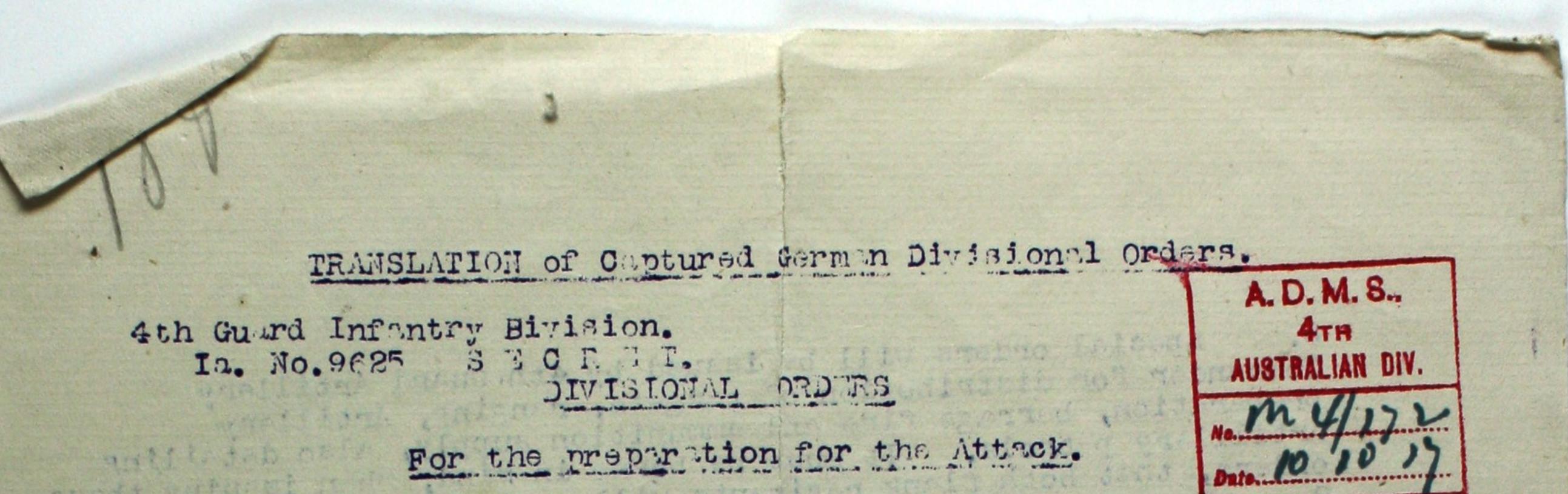
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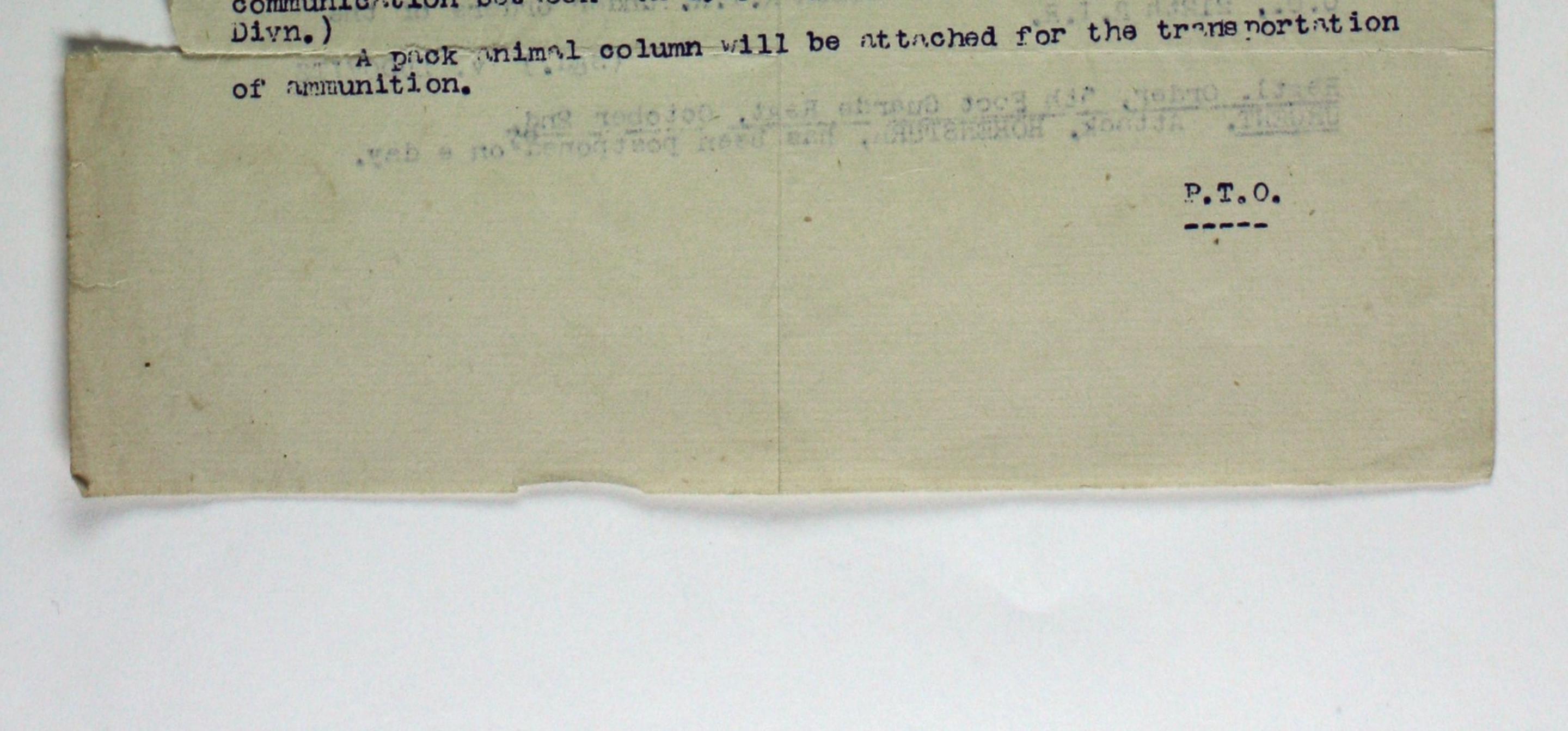






"HOHEMSTURI!"

OBMECTIVE is the Southern portion of ZOFFEBEKE and the Ridge due South of ZONNEBEKE as for as the Western exit of HOLEFAARELST-HOEK. Day of attack is 3rd October. The attack jll be commanded by Major-General Graf FIRKENSTEIN of the 4th Guard Divn. TROOPS. (a) Infantry. 212th R. I.R. - 2nd Bn., 211th R.T.R. - P assult sections of 4th Assault Battalion. (b) Artillery. Of the 4th Guard Divn. and neighbouring Divisions (In conformity ith special orders) (c) <u>dinencerfer</u>. 4th Guird Coy., - 265th M. ". Coy.
(d) Aircroft. 19th Flying Detachment (as Infontry wirmen). Several pursuit echelons (in conformity ith Group orders). (NOTE: Already appeared in another translation). The execution of the att ck to be prepared for as follo's :-4. Deletad.) The ortillery fire and H. ". begin simultaneoulsy (a) (b) Attack. The artillery fire and H.W. begin simultan at 5.35.a.m. At the same time, 212th R.I.R. advances ith waves closely follo ing, and ill ork itself as near to the shemy as our oin barrage permits. At 6.a.m. the artillery and H.W's ill increase their range; and the infantry will advance to their objective .ithout interruption, (The objective is marked in green on the sketch). (c) Arter the objective has been reached, the 212th R.T.R. will dispose itself in depth in a proarranged manner and in such a manner that they may, "ith the wid of their light machine guns, linen erfer and Granatan erfer, confidently face the enemy counter-attack. (d) It is important to make known to the airmen as early as possible, the position of the objective reached. For this purpose the Gerial squadron ill send infantry planes out at 7.30. The 212th R.I.R. Will signal to the sirmen by means of ground flares, white cloths and white stor rockets. The ground flores 111 be distributed by Pioneer Commander of 4th Guard Divn. The employment of these to be practised (burning them on the floors of shell-holes). Reports on the new line to be dropped by infantry planes at Divisional H.Q. The Division will immediately transmit the information to all 6. Five assault sections will be attached to the first Bn., 212th R.I.R. Three to Srd Bn., 212th R.I.R. They dill report to Battalion. concerned on 1/10/17 in the afternoon. 245th H. W. Coy. will go into position to-night and to-morrow night, so as to be able to bring effective fire to bear on the central 643 and southern portions of ZOMJEBEKE. Not less than 8 light M. "'s of thr 5th G.G. Regt. will be & - detailed for this duty. Direct communication between 5th G.G. Regt. and 245th M.W. Coy. (45th Res.





Special orders will be issued by 4th Guard Artillery 8. Commander for distribution of targets, ranging, Artillery preparation, barrage fire and ammunition supply, also detailing artilllery patrols. It must be borne in mind, when issuing these orders, that both flank regiments will assist in the barrage. 9. For the divisional Sector, from 4.a.m. 3/10/17 to 4.a.m. 4/10/17 only red rockets bursting into a double stor will be used as a call for barrage. Regiments will assure a supply of these signals for the front line. Commander, 4th Guard Artillery, will assure that all Batteries are informed of the alteration of signals. 10. Intelligence. Regtl. H.Q. 5th G.G. Regt. will be in the battle H.Q. of R.T.K. HORD from midnight 2nd/3rd to midnight 3rd/4th October in the Gravel pit Southenst of BROODSEINDE. The Regtl. H.Q. of 212th R.I.R. will be in battle H. 2. of Park IN DER STER, from 9. p.m. 2/10/17 to midnight 3rd/4th October. Wireless Communication has not been established!, but will be from K.T.K. NORD, K.T.K. MITTE, K.T.K. SUD to R.T.K. ITTTE. Also from K.T.K. NORD to R.T.K. MORD (Gravel Pit). Also from R.T.K. NORD, and R.T.K. MITTE to Regt1. H.Q. HITTE. Runner posts from K.T.K. NORD, K.T.K. HITTE, W.T.K. SUD to R.T.K. HITTE. Also from K.T.K. NORD to R.T.K. MORD.

Pigeons will be allotted to each Bn. of 212th R.I.R. - A birds; 2nd Bn., 212th R.I.R. - A birds; Regtl. H.Q., 212th R.T.R. and 5th G.G. Regt. - each 4 birds; Commander 4th Gd. Artillery for the use of artillery patrols - 12 birds.

The cards for prisoners are to beused as much as possible. On the evening of 3rd, the attack troops will be relieved 11. from the newly won positions by Batt lions of 4th Guard Divn., and withdrawn to MOORSLEDE Area. The support Battalions of 4th Guard Divn. re then to be brought forward. 12. Ammunition supply and attention to, and care of, wounded of the 45th Res. Divn. will be arranged by 5th Guard Inf. Bde. 13. The Infantry assault will be accompanied by several battle squadrons (of aircraft) which will appear above the infantry precisely at the time of the assault and assist by means of flying in advance of the assaulting troops, assisting them with their machine guns 14. On 1/10/17, 212th R.I.R. and 2nd Bn., 211th R.I.R., will carry out assault practise on a small scale; and on 2/10/17, combined practice on a large scale will be carried out. In the training on forenoon of 2/10/17, exactly the same conditions will be practised as in the actual attack, i.e. with regard to ground conditions and command. Time and place of the practice to be reported to Division as early as possible. (Sgd.) Graf FINKENSTEIN. Wire form 4th Guard Inf. Division, October 2nd, 1917. As the attack yesterday by the 210th R.E.R. failed on the right flank, th attack of 3rd October will not extend southw rds beyond the concrete position 200m North of HAUS KATHE. The line South of this will remain unchanged. Elements of the 3rd Bn., 212th R. I.R. wi/ be thus released, will be launched as 2nd attacking wave behind the 2nd Bn. of the 212th R.I.R. under orders of the 0.0., 212th R. I.R.

