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OPPY & ROUVROY  
1/10,000.

4TH. CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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Operation Order No. 26.

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1. The Canadian Corps has been ordered to capture and hold the enemy's positions from ACHÉVILLE to ARIMUX-EN-GOMELLE and FRESNOY all inclusive, at the same time as the XIII Corps is attacking GAVREILLE & OPPY. The 1st. Canadian Division will be on the right of the Canadian Corps and will have the 2nd. Canadian Division on its left and the 2nd. British Division on its right.

2. The attack on the 1st. Division front will be made by the 1st. and 2nd. Brigades, the 1st on the right attacking ARLESUX and FRESNOY.

3. BOUNDARIES.

The Southern Brigade boundary is  
S.E. Corner of WIEBERVAL, Road Jct. B.11.b.7.5.  
Corner of Wood C.I.a.3.1. Quarry U.25.b.8.7.  
The Northern Brigade Boundary is  
Trench Junction T.29.c.7.0. thence to boundary  
between 1st & 2nd. Division at approximately  
U.25.a.1.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ . CANADIAN  
The Northern Boundary of the 4th. Battalion is the  
Northern Brigade Boundary.  
The Southern boundary of the 4th. Battalion (i.e.  
between the 3rd. & 4th. Battalion) is B.5.c.9.  
(road inclusive to 3rd. Bn.) B.5.b.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
thence along road to cross roads at B.5.b.9.2  
(road and cross roads inclusive to 4th. Bn.)  
thence to junction of hedges at B.6.a.2.4.  
thence due East to a point about 100 yards,  
east of orchard at B.6.b.1.4.  
The boundary between right and left Companies of  
the 4th. Battalion in the village will be,  
B.5.a.5.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., B.5.c.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .3., B.5.b.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
B.6.a.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .7., T.30.c.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .1.

4. OBJECTIVES.

BLACK Objective. ARLESUX I.O.P.F. trench within Brigade  
boundaries and short trench at West edge of  
ARLESUX village running through B.5.a.

RED Objective. ARLESUX village to a line running  
approximately through T.30.c.7.2 $\frac{1}{2}$  & B.5.d.5.6.

BLUE Objective. Trench running along Western  
edge of FRESNOY.

BROWN Objective. Digging in line about 100 yards  
East of FRESNOY.

5. ASSEMBLY POSITION.

BLACK Objective.

A trench to be dug by 3rd. Canadian Brigade  
about 400 yards from German front line.

RED Objective.

A trench about 80 yards west of this to be dug  
by 1st. Brigade.

6. ACTION.

The 3rd. & 4th. Battalions will assault the BLACK  
& RED Objectives, 3rd. Battalion on the right.  
The BLACK objective will be assaulted by B & D  
Companies, 4th. Battalion, (B on left) each on a three  
platoon frontage, followed by a second wave of one platoon  
each. The first wave will assault and mop up ARLESUX I.O.P.F.  
The second wave will pass through the first and assault  
and mop up the short trench in 5.a.  
The Communication trench from B.5.a.5.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . to  
B.5.c.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .3. will be inclusive to D Co'y at the ARLESUX I.O.P.F.  
and D Co'y. will push bombers up this towards the short  
trench to the East. When the second wave passes through the

first this Communication trench will be inclusive to B Co'y. When the first wave of "B" Co'y. reaches the ARLESUX LOOP bombers will be pushed through to cover trench junction B.5.b.3.62, and a Lewis Gun will be placed so as to enfilade the short trench to the south from about the communication trench B.5.a.7.7. to B.5.b.3.62.

The RED Objective will be assaulted by A & C Companies, A on left. These Companies will follow 100 yards behind the last wave of B & D Companies, and will pass through the BLACK Objective and split into small parties to deal with the village. A Company will attempt to work parties including Lewis Guns around the northern flank of the village. C Company will detail special parties for points B.5.a.H.I.K. on special ARLESUX Map 1/50,000.

As soon as the cleaning up of the BLACK Objective is completed, B & D Companies will follow A & C into the village and assist in the mopping up. A & C Companies will push through the village and dig in on the RED Objective on the Battalion frontage. When the mopping up of the village is completed B & D Companies will return to the BLACK Objective and dig in.

The action of the Scouts, Signallers & M.C. Section will be as detailed individually to their respective Commanders.

After the RED Objective has been captured the 1st. & 2nd. Battalions will pass through to the attack of the BLUE & BROWN Objectives.

#### 7. CONSOLIDATION.

In addition to consolidation of objectives mentioned above a strong point will be constructed under supervision of engineers. Further orders will be issued re this.

The general instructions regarding reorganization, use of German weapons & tools, connecting with flank units, &c. will be as in O.C. 21 for attack on VIMY RIDGE.

#### 8. 1st. C.S.M. Coy.

2 Mortars will be attached to 4th. Battalion.

#### 9. HEADQUARTERS.

Advanced Bn.H.Q. will follow 100 yards behind A Company, until BLACK Objective is captured. They will remain in BLACK Objective about B.5.a.8.52, until further notice.

#### 10. SERO & BARRAGE.

Particulars of Serro & Barrage times will be communicated as soon as received.

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#### Administration

#### 11. OFFICERS & C.P. TO BE LEFT OUT.

Officers will be detailed separately.  
Other ranks will be left out as in O.C. 21 as far as possible.

#### 12. DRESS & EQUIPMENT.

As in O.C. 21 except that the waterproof sheet will be carried rolled round the greatcoat.  
Very Pistols will not be carried but will be turned into Bn.H.Q. on receipt of this order.

#### 13. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The Aid Post will remain in the trenches occupied by the Battalion prior to the attack until it is possible to remove it to ARLESUX ~~whom~~ Units will be advised.  
Stretcher Bearers will be detailed to Companies and to the Aid Post as in O.C. 21.  
Wounded will be removed by special bearer party as in O.C. 21.

14. PRISONERS OF WAR. As in G.O. No. 21.

15. SAVAGE. As in G.O. No. 21.

16. WATER. Every effort must be made to collect and return all empty petrol tins. All men must understand that their water supply depends on the manner in which this order is carried out.

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In view of the possible poisoning by enemy, water from wells in captured areas must not be drunk.

17. SUPPLY. The position of the Brigade Camp will be communicated as soon as received.

18. DOCUMENTS & MAPS. All ranks are forbidden to carry with them any orders, letters, papers, sketches or maps which would give any information to the enemy in the event of their capture, with the exception of the ones authorized for use in this operation. These will be advised later.

19. REPORTS. Frequent reports and sketches must be sent in as in G.O. 21.

20. CONTACT AEROPHONES. Will be advised when received from Brigade.

21. S.O.S. do. do.

22. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES. do. do.

23. SANITATION. Proper sanitary precautions must be taken as soon as possible.

24. EMERY RUBBER. All ranks must take every precaution against enemy ruses in dugouts, etc. as advised in recent orders circulated on this subject.

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- 10 - 1st. Cdn. Inf. Bde.
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1. ACTION.

Para. 6. of O.C. 26 is amended as follows:-

The three platoons of B & D Companies which assault the first line of the ARLEUX LOOP will advance and assault the general line of the support line through S.A. on approximately the same frontage as the original line. The one platoon each of B & D Companies originally detailed to assault the short trench will now advance only as far as the first line, and will remain in this line as mopping up parties. When they have cleared up this first line they will remain in it and form part of the battalion reserve.

When the three platoons each of B & D Companies have captured the German second line, the right platoon of B Co'y. and the left platoon of D Co'y. will remain in this second line and form part of the Battalion Reserve.

The two platoons each of B & D Companies remaining in the first and second lines of the BLACK Objective as above will form the Battalion Reserve.

The two platoons each of B & D Companies remaining in the first and second lines of the BLACK objective as above will form the Battalion Reserve and will not move further forward except on orders from the Battalion Commander.

The remaining two platoons each of B & D Companies will advance into the village after they have mopped up the German second line following A & C Companies and assisting these two Companies in clearing the village. When this has been completed the remainder of B & D Companies will return to the BLACK objective, leaving A & C Companies to dig in on the RED Line.

The barrage will be as per barrage maps issued. It will be noted that the assault on the first line of the ARLEUX LOOP must take place at zero plus 6 minutes. It is of the utmost importance that this assault takes place exactly on time. If any part of the line should be held up by wire the men cutting this must be covered by a barrage of rifle fire and rifle grenades on the German trench.

2. CONSOLIDATION.

The 4th. Bn. may be called on for parties to construct a strong point in T.25.c.4.7. also to assist in digging support trenches in C.1.a. and U.25.c.

At the jumping off trench touch must be maintained with the 3rd. Battalion on the right, and the 10th. Bn. on the left.

Companies must be prepared to form defensive flank should units on right or left fail to attain their objectives and Companies on Red Line may be required to assist 1st. & 3rd. Battalions in maintaining defensive flanks should these Units be unable to meet the situation by themselves.

3. ASSEMBLY AREA.

The Battalion will assemble in an area in 4.b.2d. to be indicated separately to Unit Commanders. Preparations are being made to mark this out by string and pickets.

The assembling of the Battalion will be covered by patrols, and no talking, noise, lights or smoking, is on any account to be permitted. Men must be cautioned that one man's carelessness may cause disaster to the whole Battalion.

4. SUPPLY.

The advanced ~~Bridge~~ Dump is at D.6.b.5.8. There is also a Divisional Dump at BOIS CARNE.

5. MAPS.

WILLEBRVAL MAP 1/20,000.  
Disposition sketches 1/20,000 as issued.  
ARLEUX Maps 1/5,000.

6. S.O.S.

Red Very Lights in rapid succession or rapid rifle or M.G. Fire.

7. HEADQUARTERS.

Bn. Battle H.Q. will be along with 3rd. Bn. in WILHELMVAL, and after the capture of ALLENUX will move up to B.5.c.

Brigade H.Q., will move up on Y/2 night to B.8.c.7.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , in FARBUS WOOD and as soon as the situation permits to B.5.c.8.6.

Reports will be sent to Bde. H.Q. at FOSSEN HAUS until 2 hours before zero, afterwards to FARBUS WOOD as above until advanced H.Q. at B.5.c.8.6. are established.

8. GENERAL.

All dugouts are to be searched for papers &c. but men must be again warned about enemy mines and not to drink water for any wells.

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