

1/6th Bn. Gloucestershire Regiment.

Battalion Operation Order No. 38.

22nd August, 1917.

Ref. Sheet 28 N.W.

1. In conjunction with troops on our Right and Left the Battalion will attack and capture the line WINNIPEG - POLECAPELLE Road from SPRINGFIELD exclusive to road junction C.6.central where a post will be established to connect with 33rd Infantry Brigade who will also have a post at cross roads C.6.b.1.4.
2. The attack will be made by tanks supported by Infantry who will, after capture of line, consolidate and hold it.
On the Brigade front, tanks will take VANCOUVER which will be included in our line. If tanks do not arrive no Infantry attack will be made on VANCOUVER, but wave, moving behind creeping barrage will occupy and hold any advantageous positions they may discover.
Should enemy evacuate VANCOUVER owing to barrage, it will be occupied at once.
3. The attack will be carried out by "B" & "D" Companies in accordance with orders already issued.
4. Zego for Tanks will be 4-45 am.
5. BARRAGE.
An Artillery barrage will open at Zero plus 10 minutes, starting 300 yards East of Road KEERSEJARE - ST. JULIEN, and creeping forward at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes.
From Zero plus 1 hour 6 minutes to Zero plus 3 hours 6 minutes, barrage will fire on LANGHEARCK LINE.
At Zero plus 3 hours 6 minutes barrage ceases.
6. A Smoke Barrage will also be put down on our Left.
7. CONTACT AEROPLANE.
Contact Aeroplane will fly over objectives at Zero plus 1 hour and at Zero plus 2 hours, at which times Infantry will light red flares whether called on or not.
At other times, flares will only be lit when called for by the aeroplane.

9-30 pm.
21/8/17.*A. D. Ruffman* Lieut. & Adjt.

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Appendix to Battalion Operation Order No. 28. 21st August, 1917.

Ref. Map POELCAPELLE

1. The Battalion will attack line C.6.c.8.7. - VANCOUVER - SPRINGFIELD exclusive on the morning of 22nd instant, in conjunction with Tanks.

Right Boundary of Battalion : HILLOCK FARM inclusive - SPRINGFIELD exclusive.

Left Boundary of Battalion : MON DU BIBOU inclusive - road junction C.6.c.8.7. inclusive.

"D" Company will attack on the Right.

"B" Coy. will attack on the Left.

"D" Company will follow up behind barrage keeping touch with 1/7th Warwickshire Regt. on their Right and will establish post at Dugouts N.W. of SPRINGFIELD and cross roads at C.6.u.3.4.

"B" Company will occupy VANCOUVER Farm and will establish a post at C.6.central to connect with 33rd Brigade on the Left.

2 platoons of "C" Company will be in support at MON DU BIBOU and 2 platoons of "C" Coy. at C.11.b.3.5.

"A" Company will be in reserve at ALBERTA.

2. Barrage Table will be issued to Companies.

3. Battalion Headquarters and Regimental Aid post will be at ALBERTA.

4. Forward Battalion Headquarters will be at MON DU BIBOU.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

21/8/17.

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