



BRANDHOEK 22 Oct 1917

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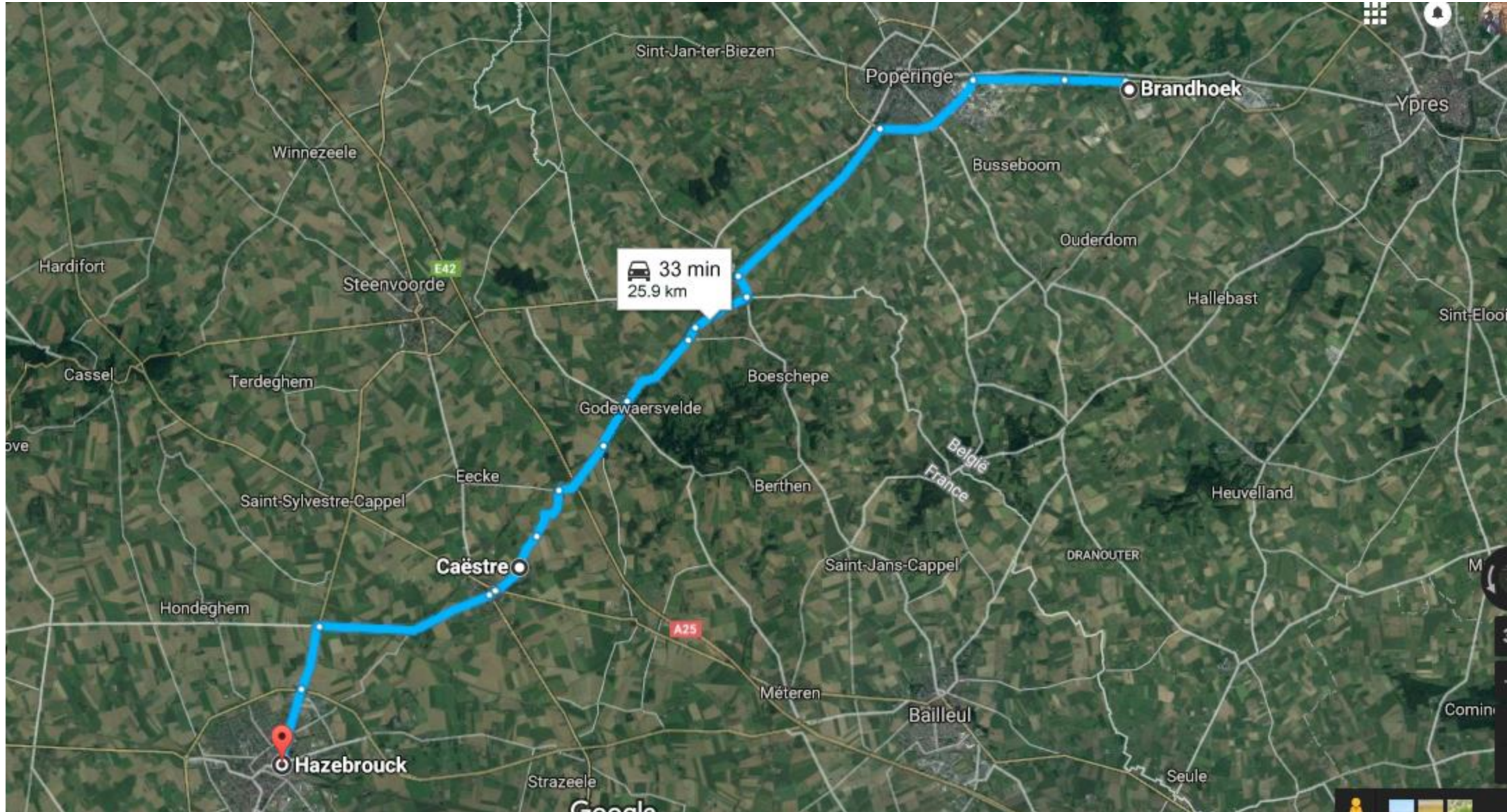
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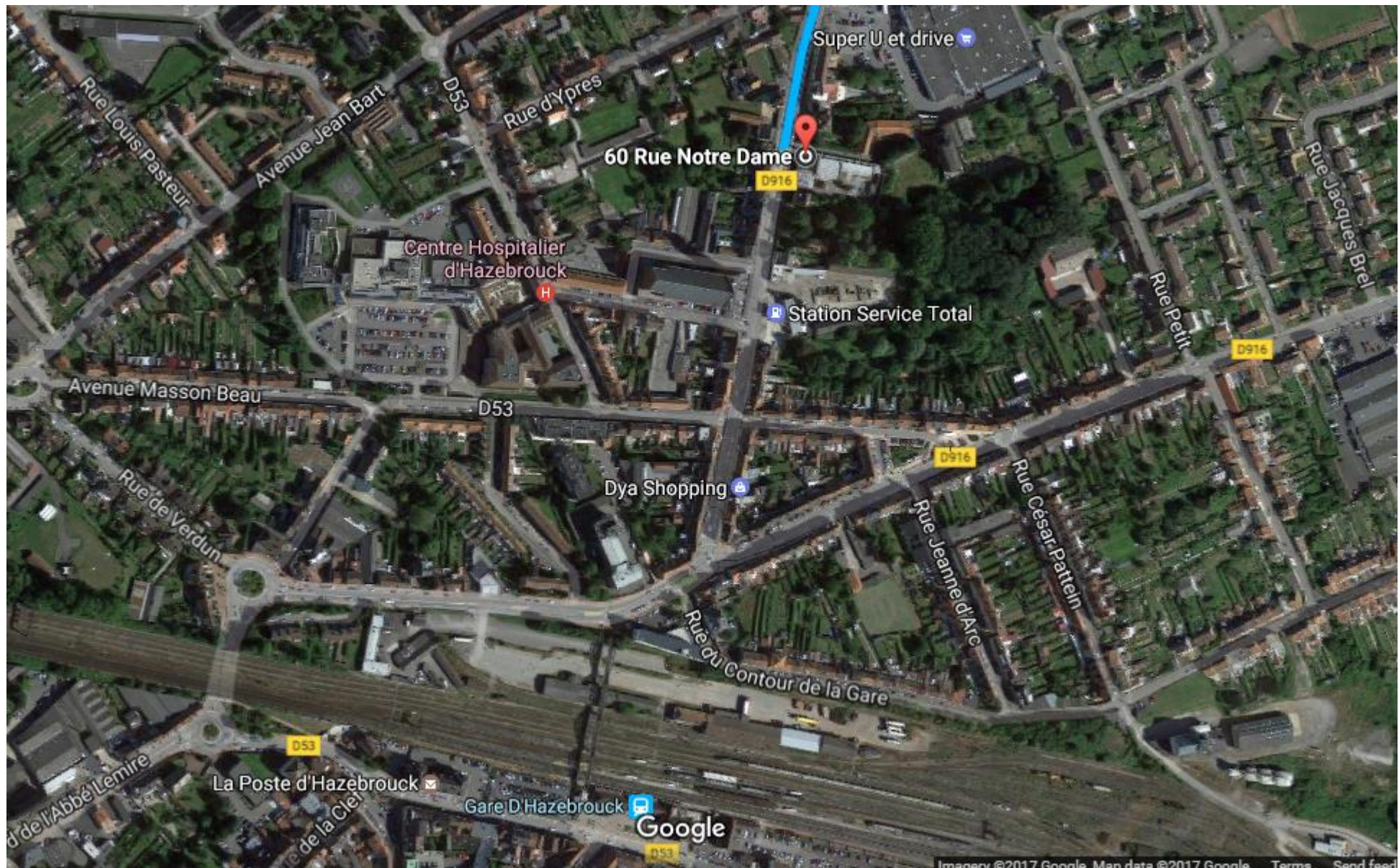


3 Nov 54<sup>th</sup> Bn is at Hazebrouck V22c85 Dep Brandhoek 445 pm 2 Nov 1917 – in place 11 pm 3 Nov 1917

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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

11th Cdn. Inf. Brigade War Diary  
for month of Nov., 1917

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HONDEGHEM Sheet 27 1/40,000	Nov. 5th	9:30 a.m.	Weather fair, cloudy. Division advise that Corps Commander desires to inspect the Brigade at 3 p.m. today.	
		10:30 a.m.	Instructions re Brigade parade issued to all concerned. (Appendix 4)	App'x. 4.
		3:00 p.m.	Inspection of 11th C.I.B. by Lieut-General Sir Arthur CURRIE, K.C.M.G., Commanding Canadian Corps. Addressing the parade General CURRIE told of the many congratulations he had received on behalf of the Corps for the good work that they were carrying out. Our task was to take PASSCHENDAELE and it was already half accomplished by the efforts of the 3rd and 4th Divisions. Later, when our task at YPRES had been accomplished <del>we</del> we would return to the front we had recently left at LENS and that when the proper time came the Corps would undertake the operation that was in contemplation before orders were received to move north.	
		6:15 p.m.	75th Battalion ordered to relieve 47th Battalion at POTIJZE on November 6th. (Appendix 5)	App'x. 5.
HONDEGHEM	6th	6:00 a.m.	Weather fair, intermittent showers. Brigade Major proceeds to ENGLAND on leave.	
		"	Offensive east of YPRES was resumed early this morning by the 1st and 2nd Cdn. Divisions with the object of capturing the village of PASSCHENDAELE.	
		8:30 a.m.	Captain F.R. PHELAN, M.C., proceeded to 11th Corps Headquarters to give a demonstration on the use of the Tumpine.	
		9:30 a.m.	G.O.C. visited Divisional Headquarters at CAESTRE. Captain M.A. POPE inspected "A" Company 54th Battalion.	
		12 noon	75th battalion proceed by train to POTIJZE to relieve 47th battalion at that point. This move is for working party purposes.	

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11<sup>th</sup> Bde back at Potijze on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 1917

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				<small>Remarks and references to Appendices</small>	
Brandhoek Sheet 28 1/40,000.	10th	9 a.m.	11th C.I.B. Headquarters closes HONDEGHEM.		
		11 a.m.	Capt. F.R. Phelan, M.C., Actg. Brigade-Major, goes to forward area to arrange details of relief. 11th C.I.B. Headquarters opens at Brandhoek.		
		6 p.m.	Dispositions of 11th Cdn. Inf. Brigade.  Brigade Headquarters - Brandhoek. 54th Battalion - Brandhoek 75th Battalion - Potijze 87th Battalion - Brandhoek 102nd Battalion - Potijze		
Ypres Sheet 28 1/40,000.	11th	11:50 p.m.	11th C.I.B. O.O. 100 concerning details of move forward, issued to all concerned (Appx. 9)	App'x. 9.	
			Weather, fair - intermittent showers.		
		6 a.m.	Lt-Col. O'Donahoe, D.S.O., and Staff-Captain "I" reconnoitre new front.		
		12:30 p.m.	11th C.I.B. Headquarters close at Brandhoek.		
		3 p.m.	11th C.I.B. Headquarters open at Ypres. (I.S.a.7.7.)		
	6 p.m.	11th Cdn. Inf. Brigade dispositions.  Brigade Headquarters - Ypres (I.S.a.7.7.) 54th Battalion - Potijze 75th Battalion - Potijze 87th Battalion - Abraham Heights (D.15.b.) 102nd Battalion - Potijze			
			Brigadier-General Odlum, C.M.G., D.S.O., assumes Command of the 4th Canadian Division during the absence of the Divisional Commander who proceeds to England on leave. Lt-Col. O'Donahoe, D.S.O., 87th Battalion, assumes Command of 11th C.I.B. vice Gen. Odlum.		

4 pm 11 Nov 1917 – 11 Bde and 54<sup>th</sup> Bn goes forward to the Battle Area

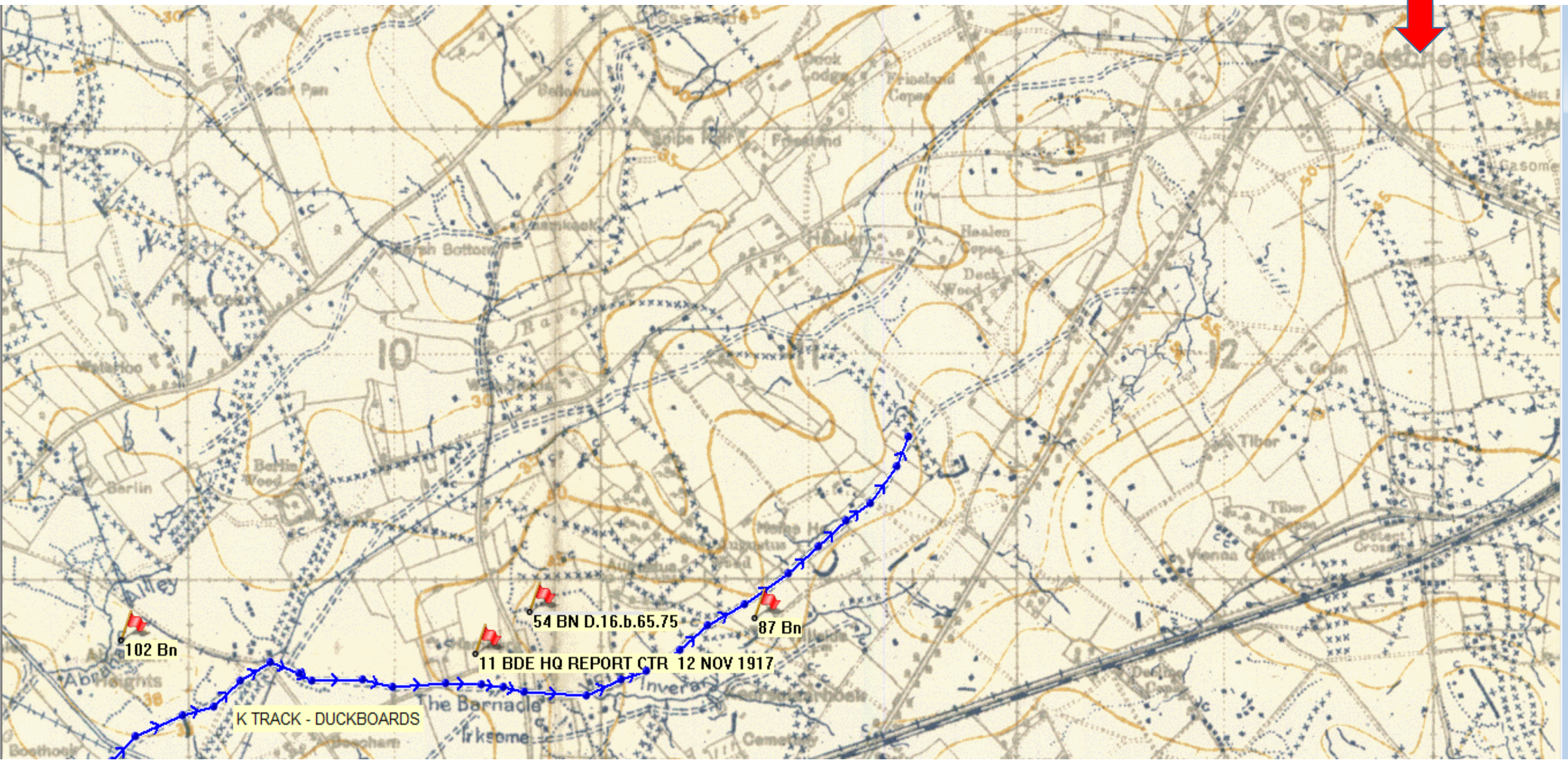
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Ypres Sheet 28 1/40,000	11th <i>MP</i>	11:55 p.m.	11th C.I.B. O.O. 101 - Relief of 4th C.I.B. by 11th C.I.B. on night of 12th/13th instant - issued to all concerned. (Appendix 10)		App'x.10
Rear H.Q. Ypres Sheet 28 1/40,000	12th	4 p.m.	Weather, fair. Administrative instructions (11th C.I.B. 16/100) in connection with 11th C.I.B. O.O. 101 (Relief Order) issued.		
Adv. H.Q. Levi Cottages Trench Map Zonnebeke 28 N.E. 1. 1/10,000.			11th C.I.B. moves forward to relieve the 4th C.I.B. in the Passchendaele Sector and takes up positions as follows:  Brigade Headquarters - Levi Cottages, - Report Centre-Hamburg. 54th Battalion - in line, right. Hamburg (D.16.b.65.75) 75th Battalion - in support, Seine (D.16.d.) 87th Battalion - in line, left. Hillside Farm (D.17.a.75.80) 102nd Battalion, in support. Abraham Heights (D.16.b.) (See disposition map attached) Appendix 11.		App'x.11.
do	13th <i>MP</i>	6 a.m. 10 a.m.	Weather, fine and mild. 75th and 102nd Battalions each supply one complete Company for work on communication trench towards Hillside Farm in extension of "K" track. 11th C.I.B. reports relief complete to 4th Cdn. Division. The unrelieved Company (21st Battalion attached to 18th Battalion) is attached to the 87th Battalion for the day.		

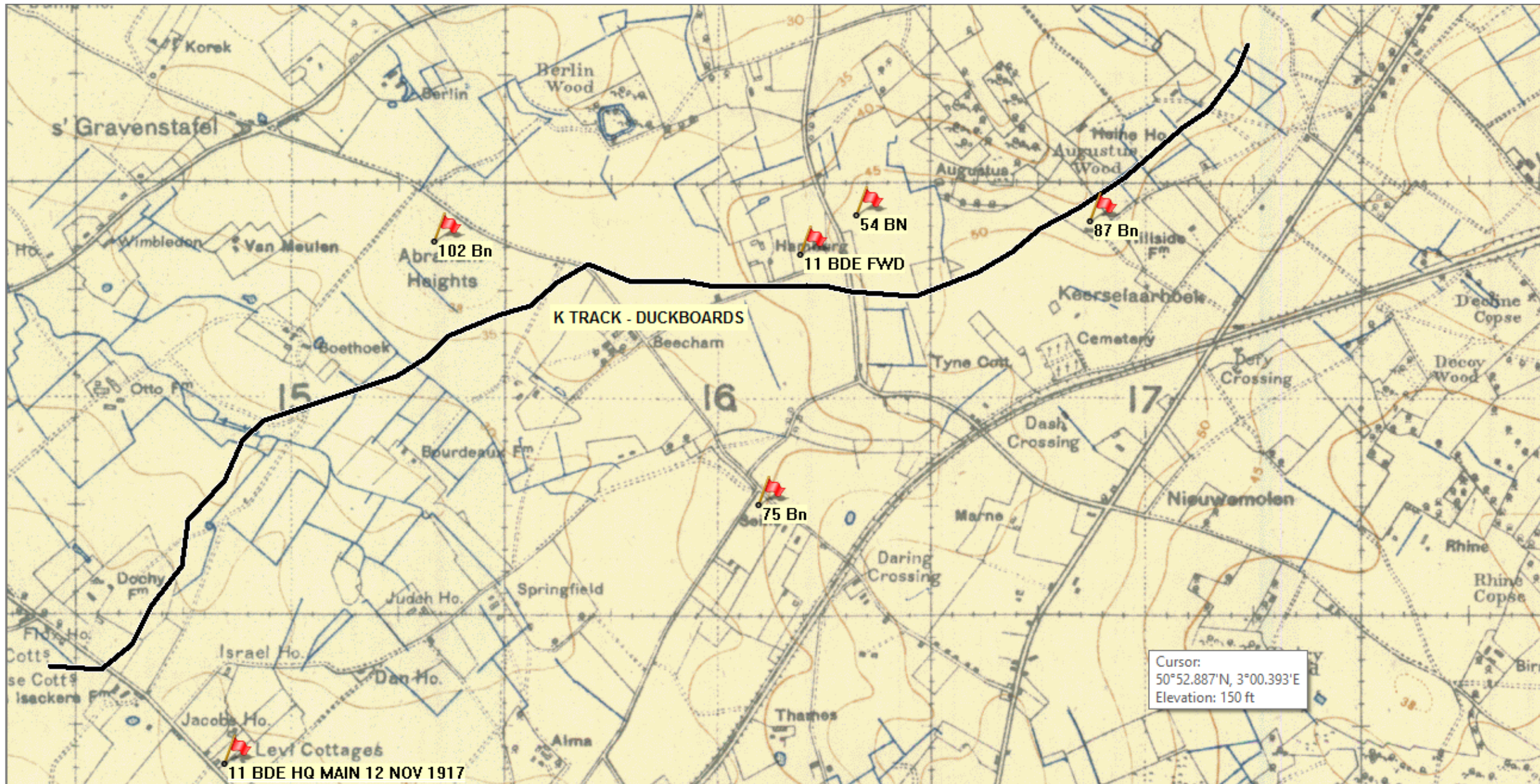


12 NOV 1917 --- 54<sup>th</sup> Bn is at 50°53.352'N, 2°59.852'E

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Paschendaele





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50°52.887'N, 3°00.393'E  
Elevation: 150 ft

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10 PM – 13 NOV 1917

The inky blackness of the night makes it very difficult to find one's way. The C.T. does not extend further than Hillside Farm and runs about 75 yards to the north of it. Between Hillside Farm and the Zonnebeker-Passchendaele road the high ground is dotted with small parties, stretcher, ration parties, etc., who have lost their way and are shouting for direction. The mist is heavy and visual signalling is impossible. The enemy's harassing fire is heavy and very troublesome. That runners are able to deliver their messages and that rations are safely delivered to the various Companies, is due only to the magnificent perseverance and splendid courage of the rank and file.

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530 pm 14 NOV 1917

The pronounced salient in which we lie allows the enemy to concentrate his artillery fire very effectively on the brigade area. Our men have not as yet been called upon to withstand a counter-attack but the density of the hostile artillery fire (greater than has ever been experienced by our men save perhaps that of St. Eloi and Zillebeke in April and June, 1916, respectively), makes hanging on no easy task. On our particular front we hold the high ground. The eastern slopes of the ridge are for the most part very wet and swampy, affording an excellent obstacle to any hostile infantry attack. Due to the lack of communication forward of Battalion Headquarters, and to the fact that it is impossible to maintain surface lines, our gunners have not as yet been able to take advantage of the observation given by our forward positions. It is impossible for them to register their guns although forward observers have spotted a number of enemy batteries in action (around Moorslede) on which we have direct observation.

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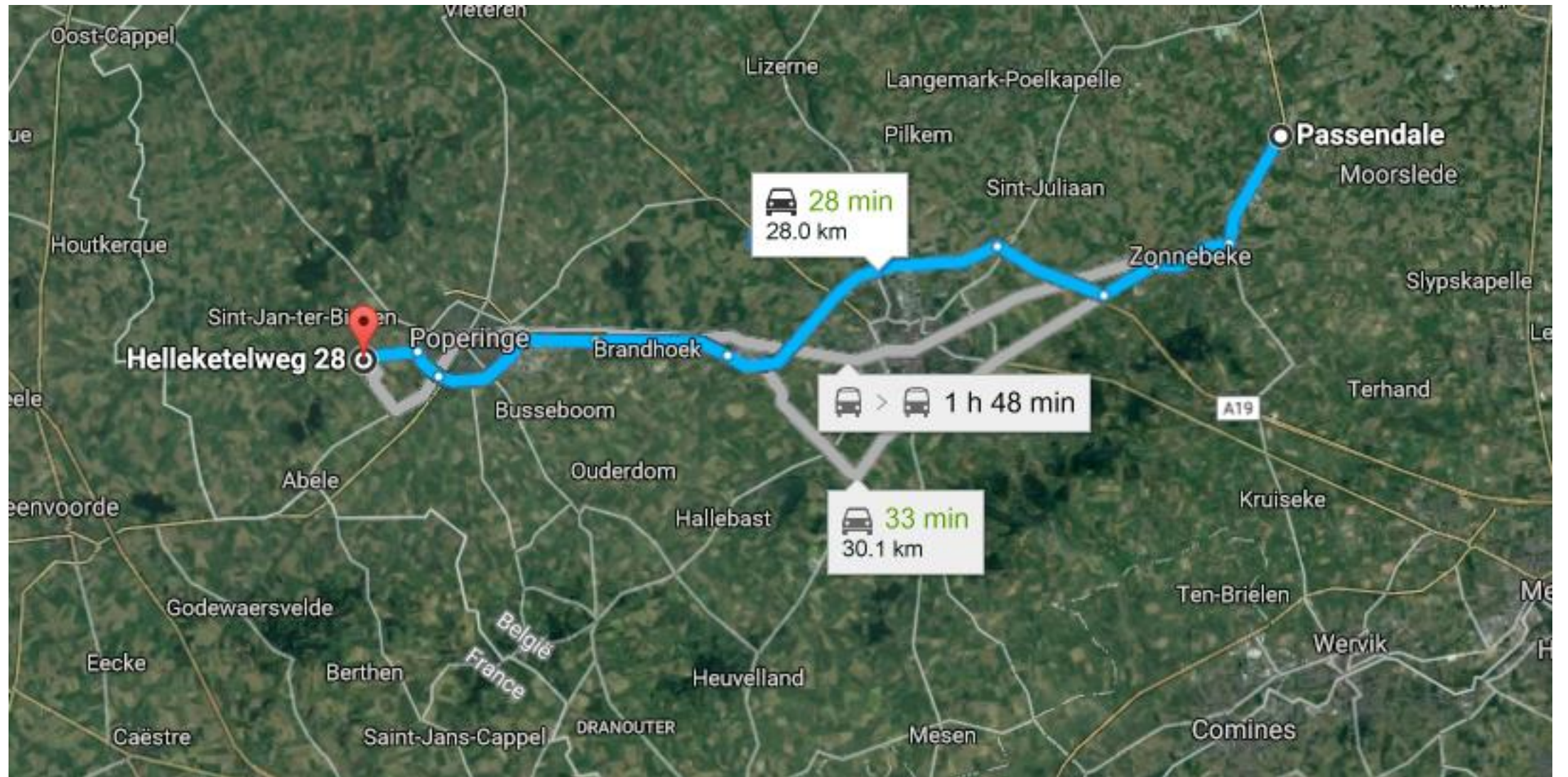
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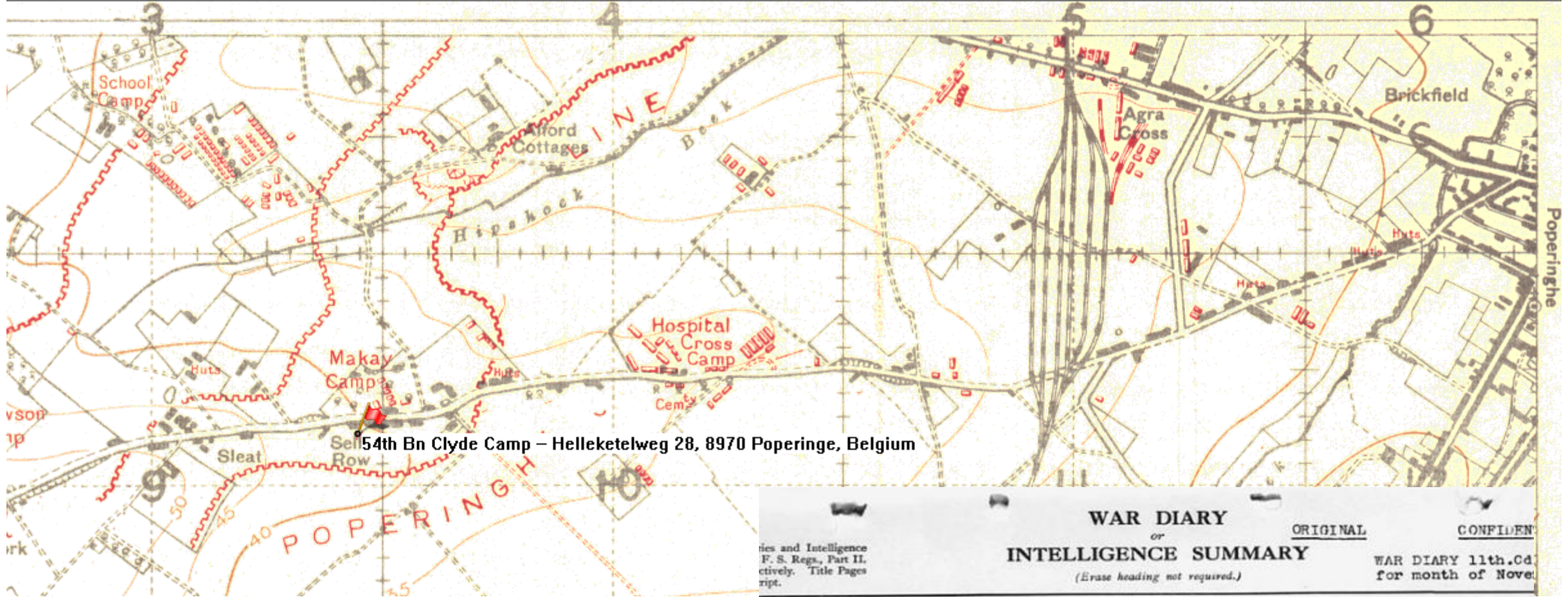


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Rear H.Q. 17th  
Ypres  
Sheet 28  
1/40,000  
MP  
Adv. H.Q.  
Levi Cott.

The activity of enemy aircraft has been much less during the past two days due to the almost constant patrolling of formations of our fighting planes. During the first four days of the tour, unmolested enemy planes flew at will over our forward positions, often descending to within two or three hundred feet from the ground, and sprinkling our troops with machine gun fire. The material damage done was negligible but from the point of view of morale, the bad effect is considerable.





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WAR DIARY 11th.Cdn.  
for month of Nov

Summary of Events and Information

**Dispositions of 11th.Cdn.Inf.Brigade as follows:-**

11th.C.I. Brigade.	WATOU Area	L.9.b.9.5.	
54th. Battalion	" "	L.9.b.9.3.	CLYDE Camp
75th. Battalion	" "	L.9.b.2.2.	ESK Camp
87th. Battalion	" "	L.15.b.4.6.	TAY Camp
102nd. Battalion	" "	L.15.b.9.1.	FORTH Camp.
11th.C.L.T.M.B.	" "	L.15.b.9.8.	LORMITTE FARM
124th. Pioneer Bn.	WATOU Area	L.14.b.8.4.	SHRINE Camp
11th. Field Coy. C.E.	" "	L.15.	CYCLING Camp
12th. Field Coy. C.E.	" "	L.13.d.2.4.	MAXIM Camp
10th. C.M.G. Coy.	" "	L.15.b.9.1.	FORTH Camp
16th. C.M.G. Coy.	" "	L.15.b.4.6.	TAY Camp
No. 3 Coy. 4th. Div'l Train	" "	L.14.b.8.4.	LEE Camp
11th. F.A. & San. Sec.	Sheet 28	G.5.d.7.8.	RED FARM
Tumpline Coy.	WATOU Area	L.15.b.9.1.	FORTH Camp

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Sheet 36A Nov.  
1/40,000. 21st

Weather, rain.

7 a.m. Brigade Headquarters closes WATOU Area (L.9.b.9.5.)

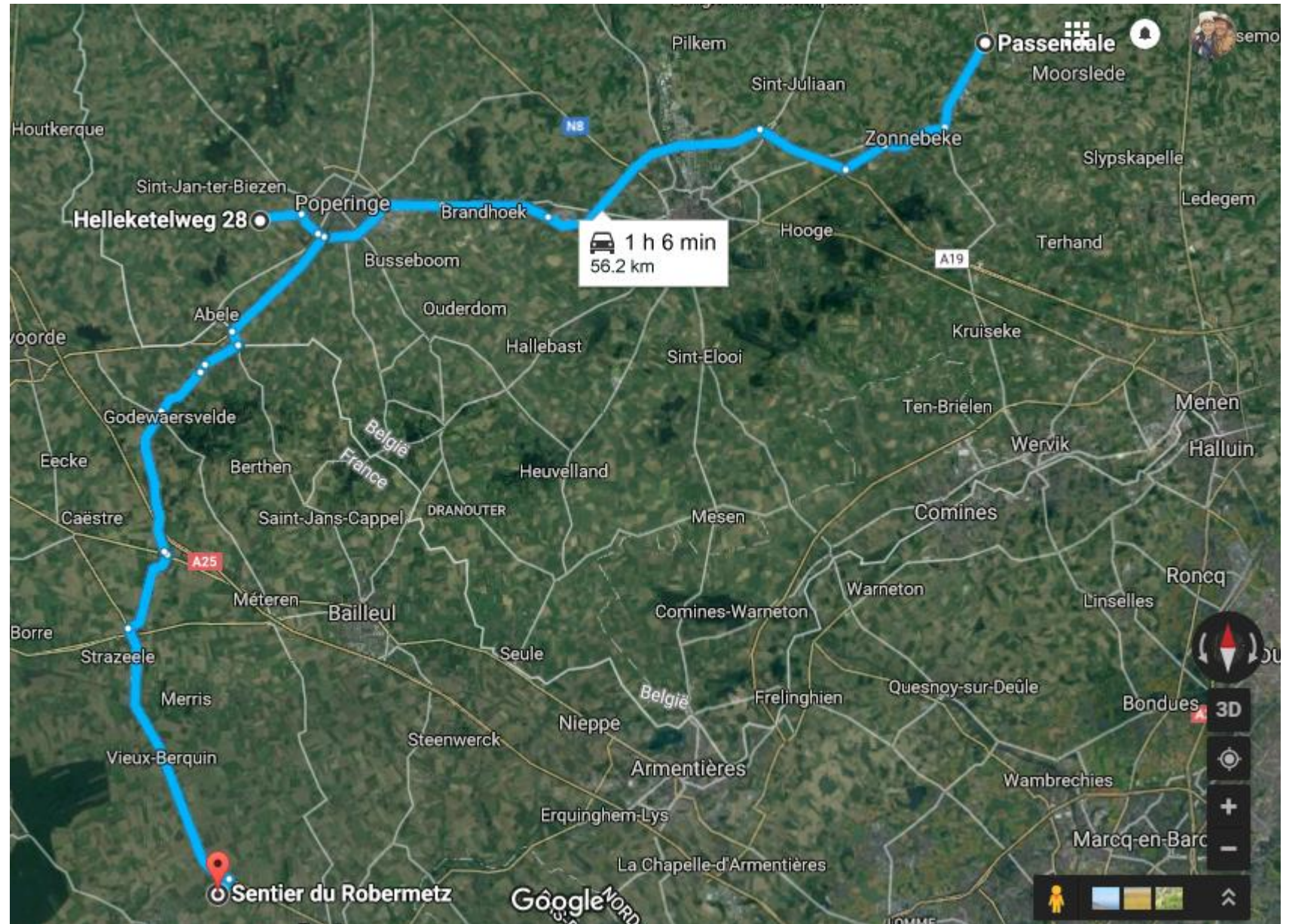
1 p.m. Brigade Headquarters opens Chateau le Laurier.

7:15 p.m. O.O. No. 106 covering move to BUSNES Area issued to all concerned. ( Appendix)

Brigade dispositions as follows:-

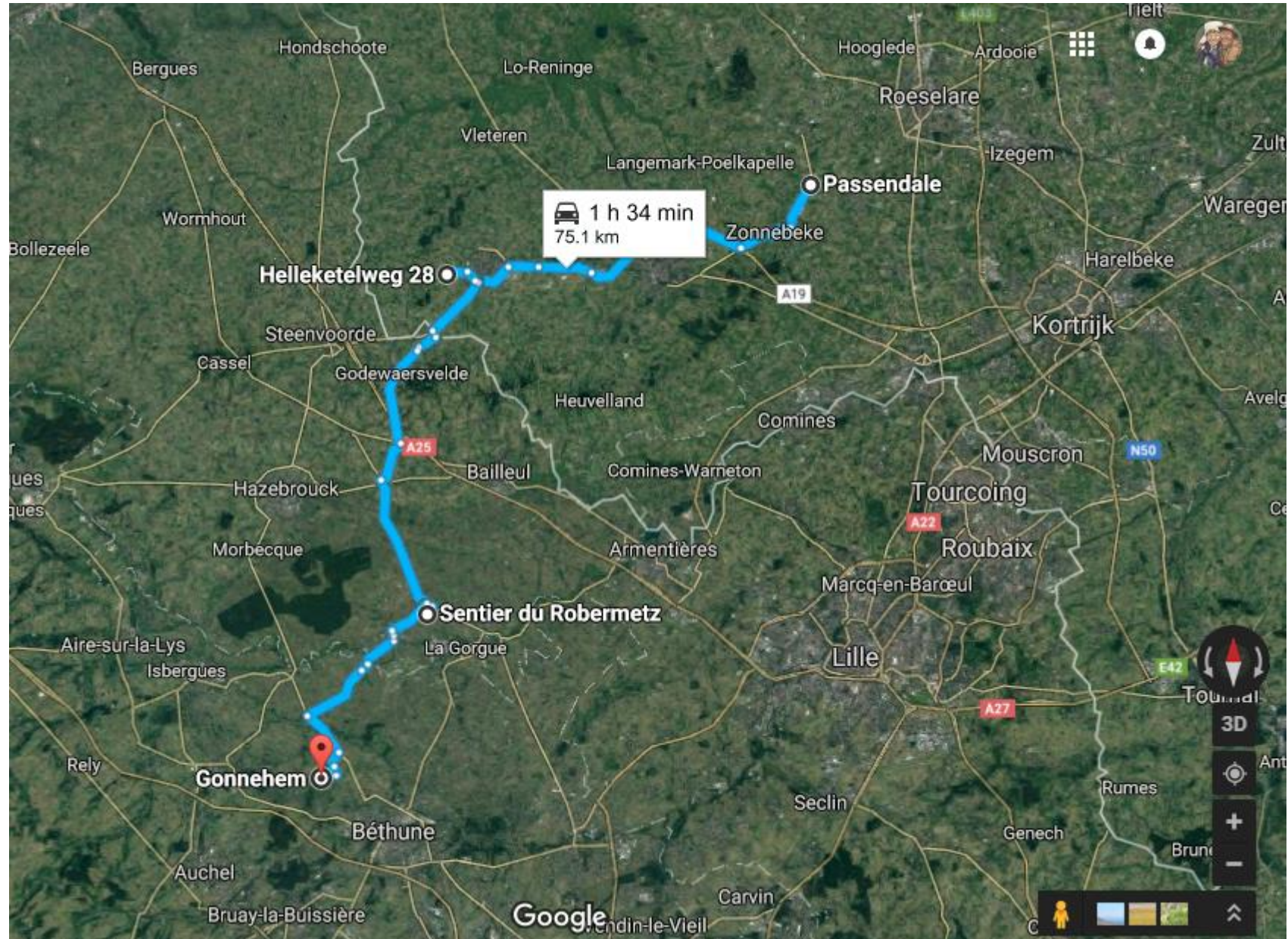
- 11th Brigade Headquarters - MERVILLE Area, (X roads  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile S.S.E. of T in LeSart)
- 54th Battalion - ROBERMETZ.
- 75th Battalion - NEUF BERQUIN.
- 87th Battalion - LE SART.
- 102nd Battalion - MERVILLE.
- 124th Battalion - (Pioneer) NEUF BERQUIN.
- 11th Field Coy., C.E. - CALONNE SUR la LYS.
- 12th Field Coy., C.E. - " " " "
- 11th Field Ambulance - REGNIE.
- 10th C.M.G. Coy. - Les PURESBEQUES.
- 16th " " " "





22 NOV 1917

Nov. 22nd	Weather, fair.
8 a.m.	Brigade Headquarters closed Chateau le La
12 noon	Brigade Headquarters opens BUSNES.
	Brigadier General Odium, C.M.G., D.S.O., enroute BUSNES.
	Owing to the continued dampness in BELGIUM "Trench Feet". Also the men had not received Due to the above reasons many men had dif
6:30 p.m.	O.O. No. 107 covering move to the DIEVAL- Brigade dispositions as follows:-
	11th Brigade Headquarters & Details
	54th Battalion - GONNEHEM.
	75th Battalion - La FERRIERE.
	87th Battalion - CANTRAINNE.
	102nd Battalion - L'ECHEME.
	124th Pioneer Bn. - BELSERIEVE.
	11th Field Coy., C.E., GONNEHEM.
	12th Field Coy., C.E., BUSNES.
	11th Field Ambulance - BUSNES.
	10th C.M.G. Coy. - BUSNES.
	16th C.M.G. Coy. - BUSNES.



Nov. 3 p.m.  
23rd.

Brigade Headquarters opens Chateau TENEX (0.10.b.4.7.).

A good day for marching and troops seemed in much better condit.

Brigade dispositions as follows:-

11th Brigade Headquarters - Chateau TENEX (0.10.b.4.7.).  
54th Battalion - Billet No. 118, CURTON.  
75th Battalion - Billet No. 1, CAMBLAIN-CHATELAIN.  
87th Battalion - La THIEULOYE.  
102nd Battalion - Billet No. 12, DIVION.  
124th Pioneer Battalion - DIEVAL.  
11th C.L.T.M. Battery - 7 Belfast St., CURTON.  
Brigade Tumpine Section - Billet No. 11, CURTON.  
Brigade Salvage Section, Billet No. 146, CURTON.  
Brigade Firing Section, Billet No. 13, CURTON.  
10th C.M.G. Coy. - Billet No. 397, CAMBLAIN-CHATELAIN.  
16th C.M.G. Coy. - DIEVAL. (0.7.b.5.0.)  
11th Field Coy., C.E. - Billet No. 36, DIEVAL.  
12th Field Coy., C.E. - CAMBLAIN-CHATELAIN.  
11th Field Ambulance - CURTON. (1.34.d.4.9.).

23 NOV 1917 – 54<sup>th</sup> BN is at Ourton

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