

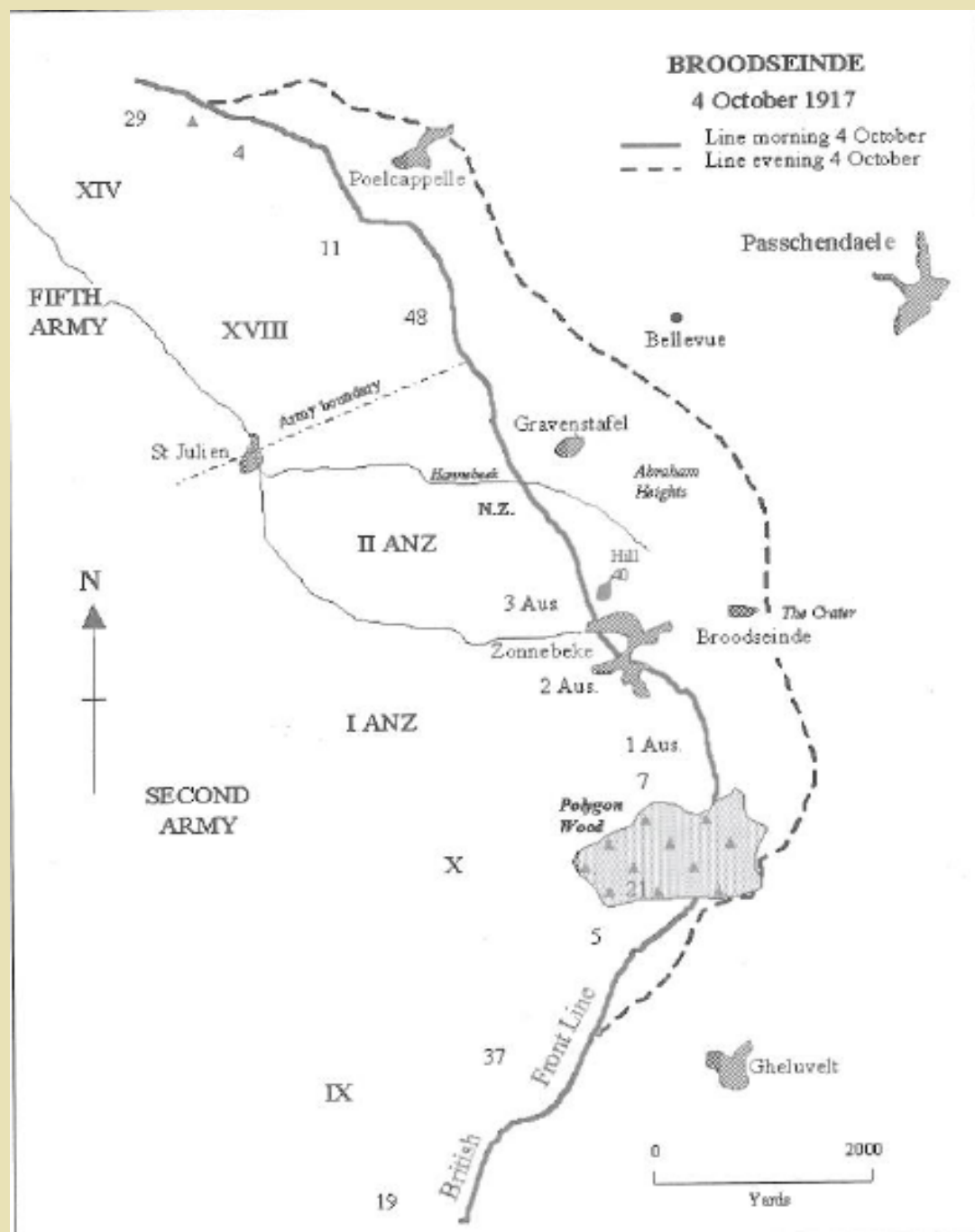
A collection of military medals and a compass are arranged on a light-colored, textured surface. In the top left, a red ribbon medal with a circular emblem is visible. Below it is a blue ribbon medal with a circular emblem. To the right of these is a silver star-shaped medal with a central emblem. In the bottom left, a circular compass with a white face and black markings is partially visible. A pair of thin, gold-rimmed glasses lies diagonally across the lower half of the image. The background is a light beige or cream color with a subtle texture.

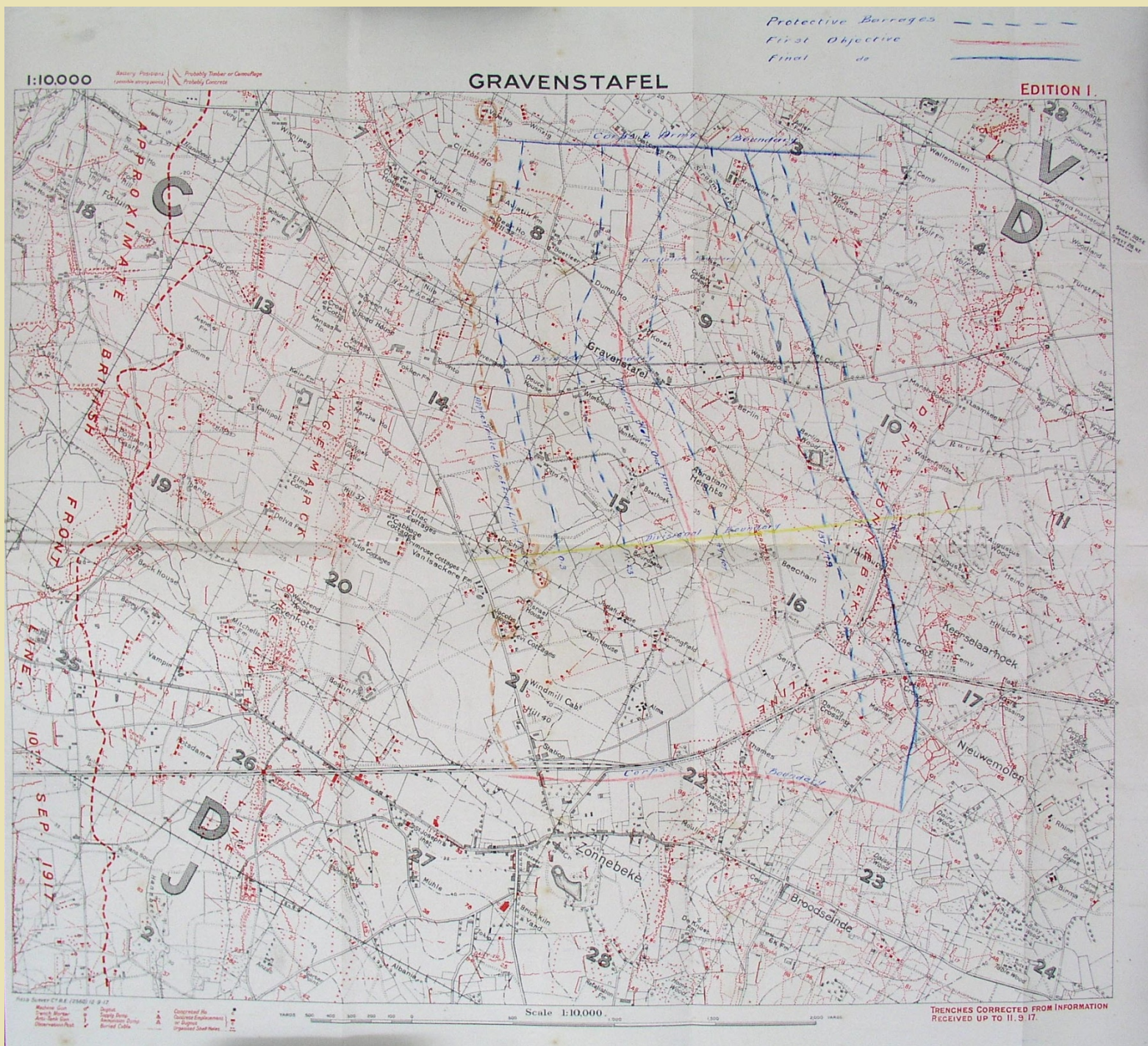
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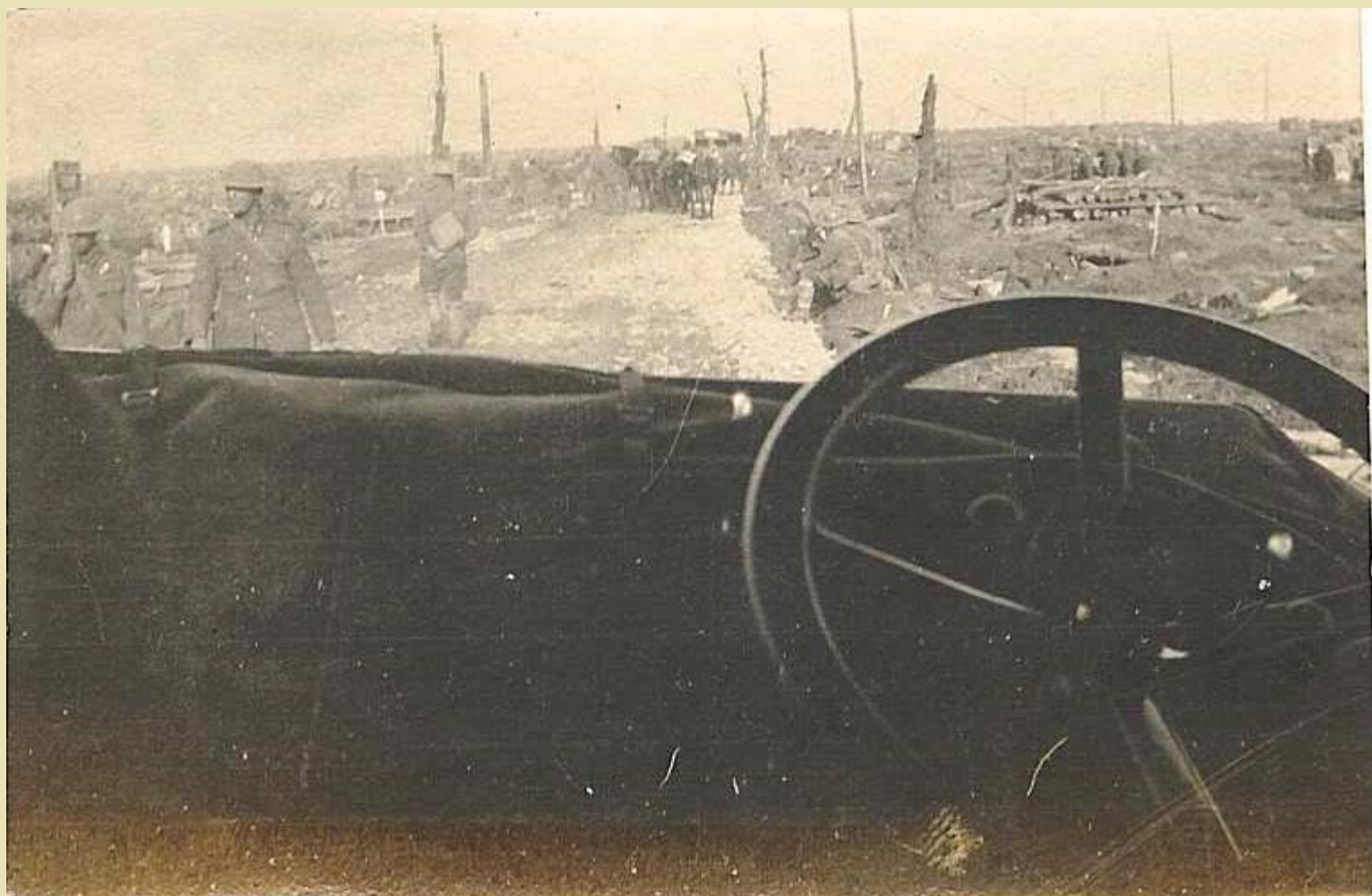
*THE NEW ZEALAND DIVISION
AT PASSCHENDAELE
OCTOBER 1917*

*Dead Reckoning
Passchendaele 1917
Conference*













DAVE GALLAHER

AUCKLAND

wing forward

29

6ft

13st





I believe that if the weather had only held over another two or three weeks we would have Fritz well on the run in Flanders ... Now I fear that it must be a wash-out for the year – tough luck, but we take things as they are and keep plugging away.

Lt C.F. Sharland





I am of the opinion that the operations of the 49th and 66th Divisions, carried out today under great difficulties of assembly, will afford the II Anzac Corps a sufficiently good jumping off line for operations on October 12th, on which date I hope that the II Anzac Corps will capture Passchendaele.

[Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig]













Through some blunder our artillery barrage opened up about two hundred yards short of the specified range and thus opened right in the midst of us. It was a truly awful time – our men getting cut to pieces in dozens by our own guns. Immediate disorganization followed.

[Leonard Hart, 1 Otago Battalion]



Attack a failure on account of wire encountered. Casualties extremely heavy. Hun machine guns and snipers play havoc. Absolute hell. ... Brigade practically wiped out.

[Ernest Langford, 2 Otago Battalion]







Piko nei te Matenga



‘In short it [the First World War] shaped not just Europe but the world in the twentieth century. It was emphatically not a war without meaning or purpose.’

Professor Hew Strachan

