

Dear John,

Enclosed is the result of my research on your Grandfather. If I manage to find out any more information I will update by means of addenda rather than by re-writing.

It remains for me to assemble a map which shows the disposition of his battalion at 0600 hours on Thursday, 4th October 1917, the day on which he died.

It would be most useful to see the letter written by his friend. It just might contain a clue about exactly when he was killed. I would like to read the correspondence from the man himself, too.

When we meet I will pass over to you the photocopies of the documents which I found at The National Archives. I will need to explain about how to interpret the military map references found in the War Diaries.

The report is 'to the best of my knowledge', of course.

I hope that it is of value to yourself and your family,


My best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

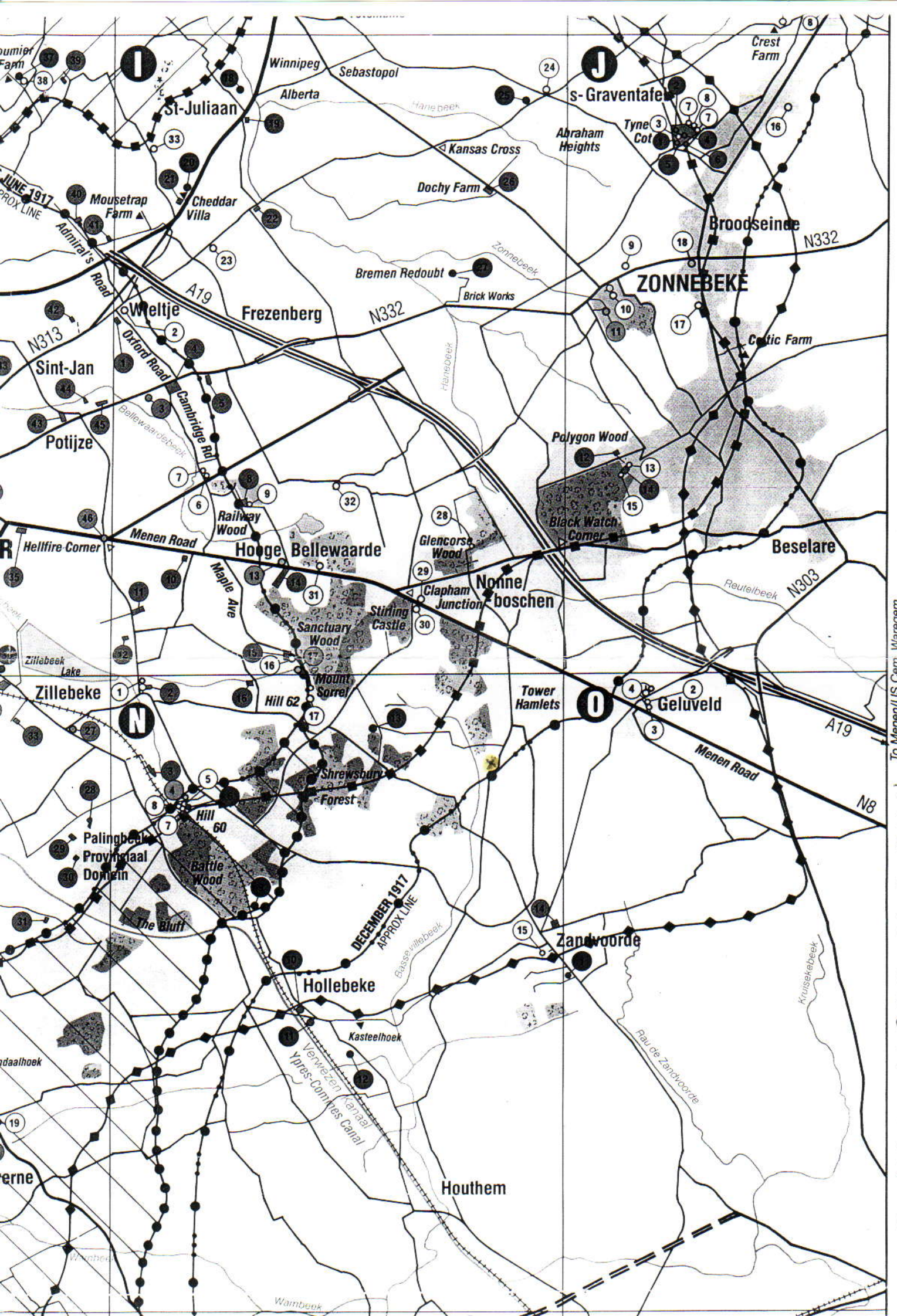
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David Jackman

PS I have assembled the large map. I enclose a section of a modern tourist map of the Ypres Salient which shows the location where your Grandfather died. I will send you two more copies of the report in due course.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "David Jackman".

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From: 'Major & Mrs. Holt's Battle Map of the Ypres Salient', published by T. & V. Holt Associates, 2002. X = position of 8th Somerset L.I., 04 OCT 1917.