

Battles of Bullecourt

1st Bullecourt – 11th April 1917

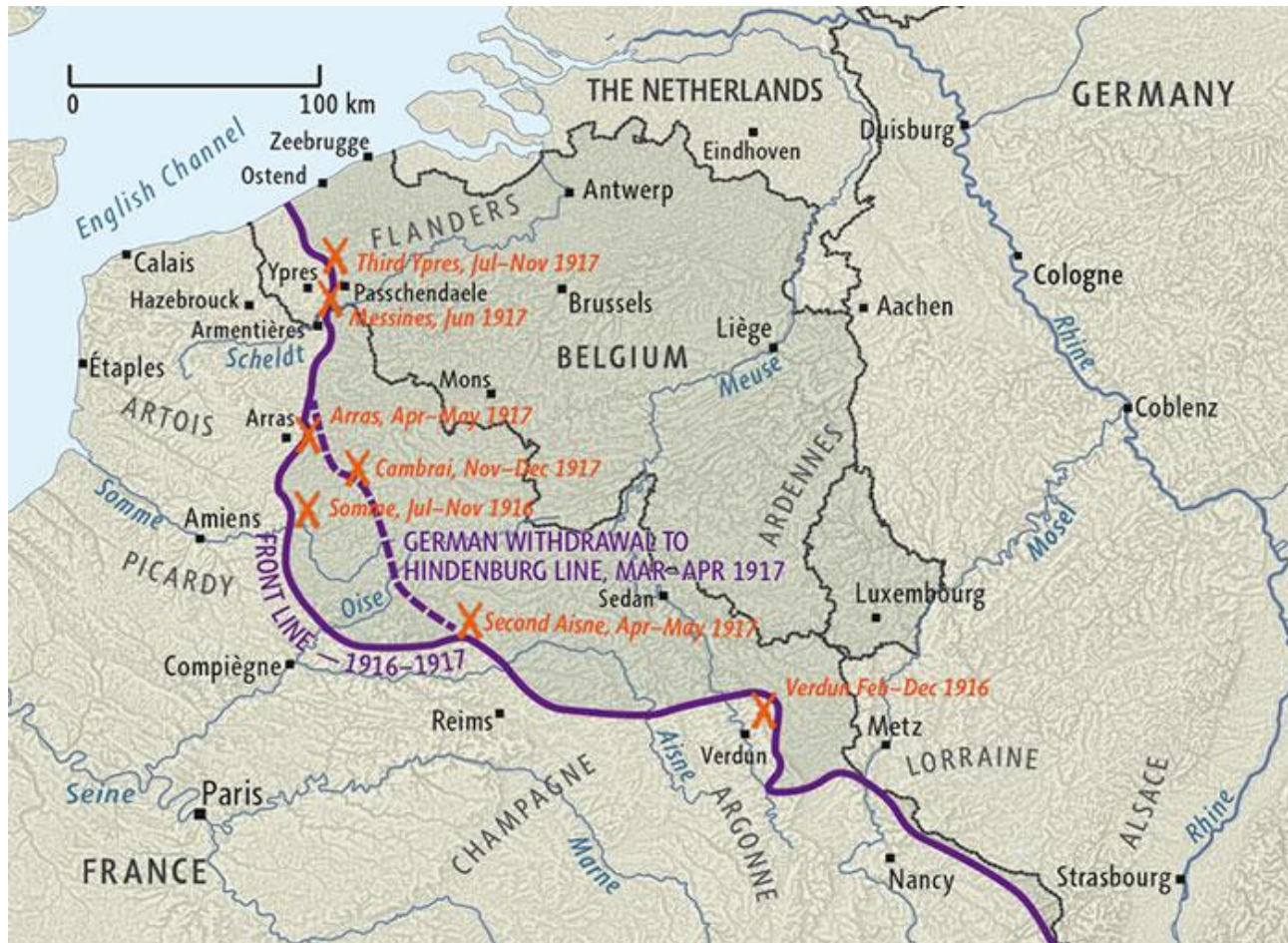
2nd Bullecourt – 3rd May 1917

The Objective of the Bullecourt Battles

British 5th Army Commander General Hubert Gough was a 'Cavalry Thruster' in the Haig camp.

Gough's plan at Bullecourt was simply to attack the highly fortified Hindenburg Line to *'see what happened'*

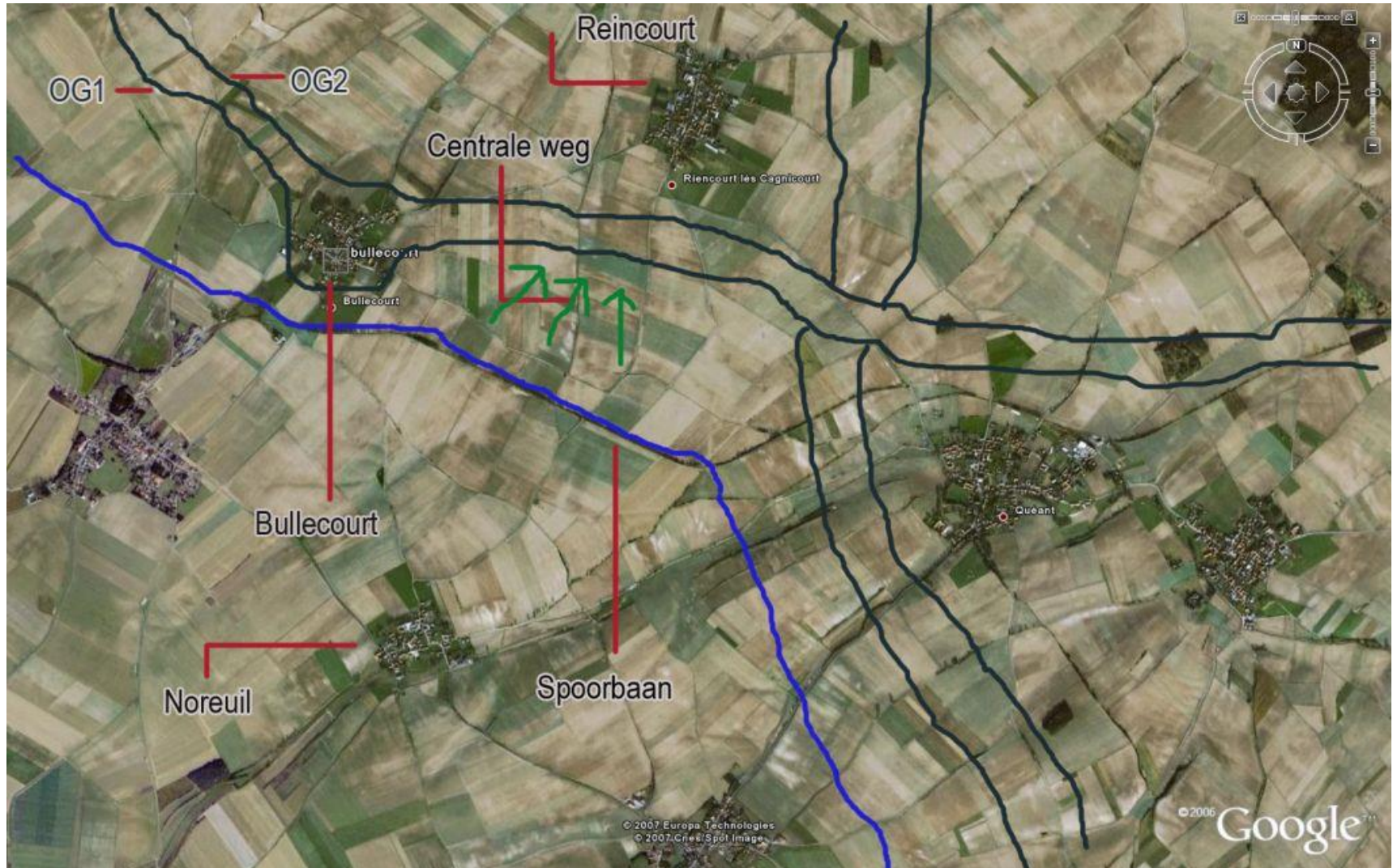
Location of Bullecourt on the Western Front



Bullecourt's Topography



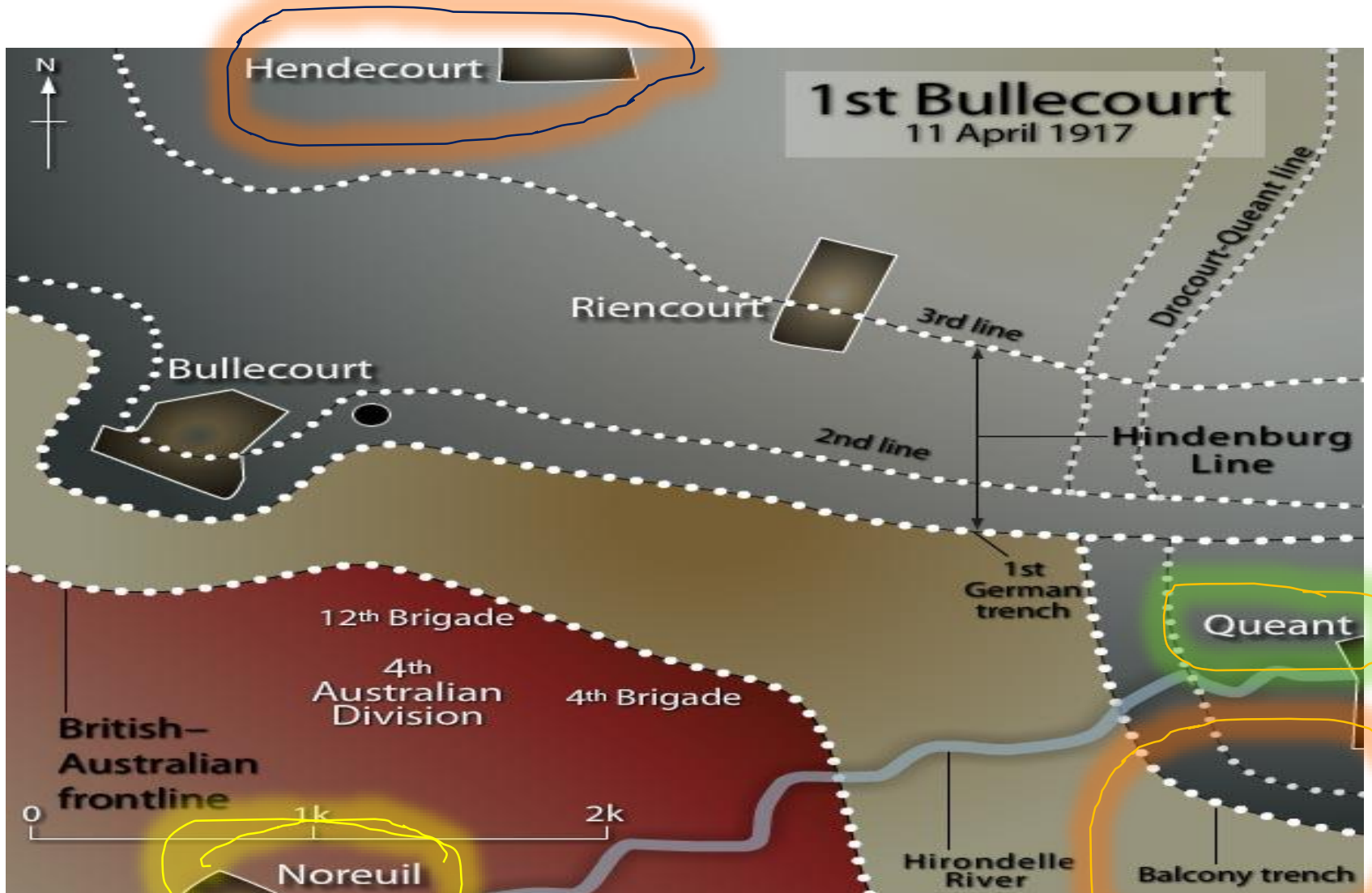
A Helicopter View



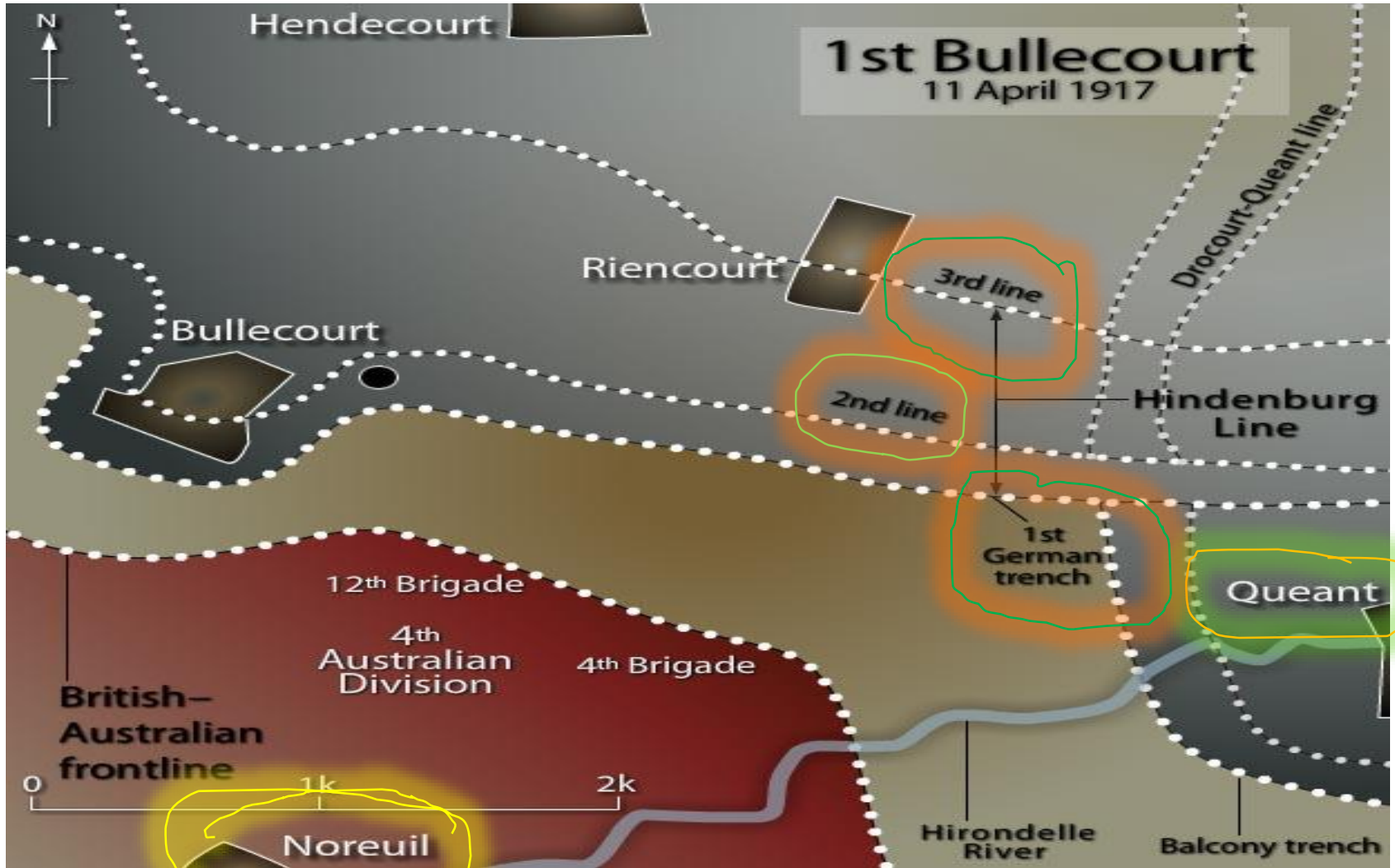
The Hindenburg Line at Bullecourt



Attacking into a 'Re-entrant'



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An incapacitated MKIV Tank



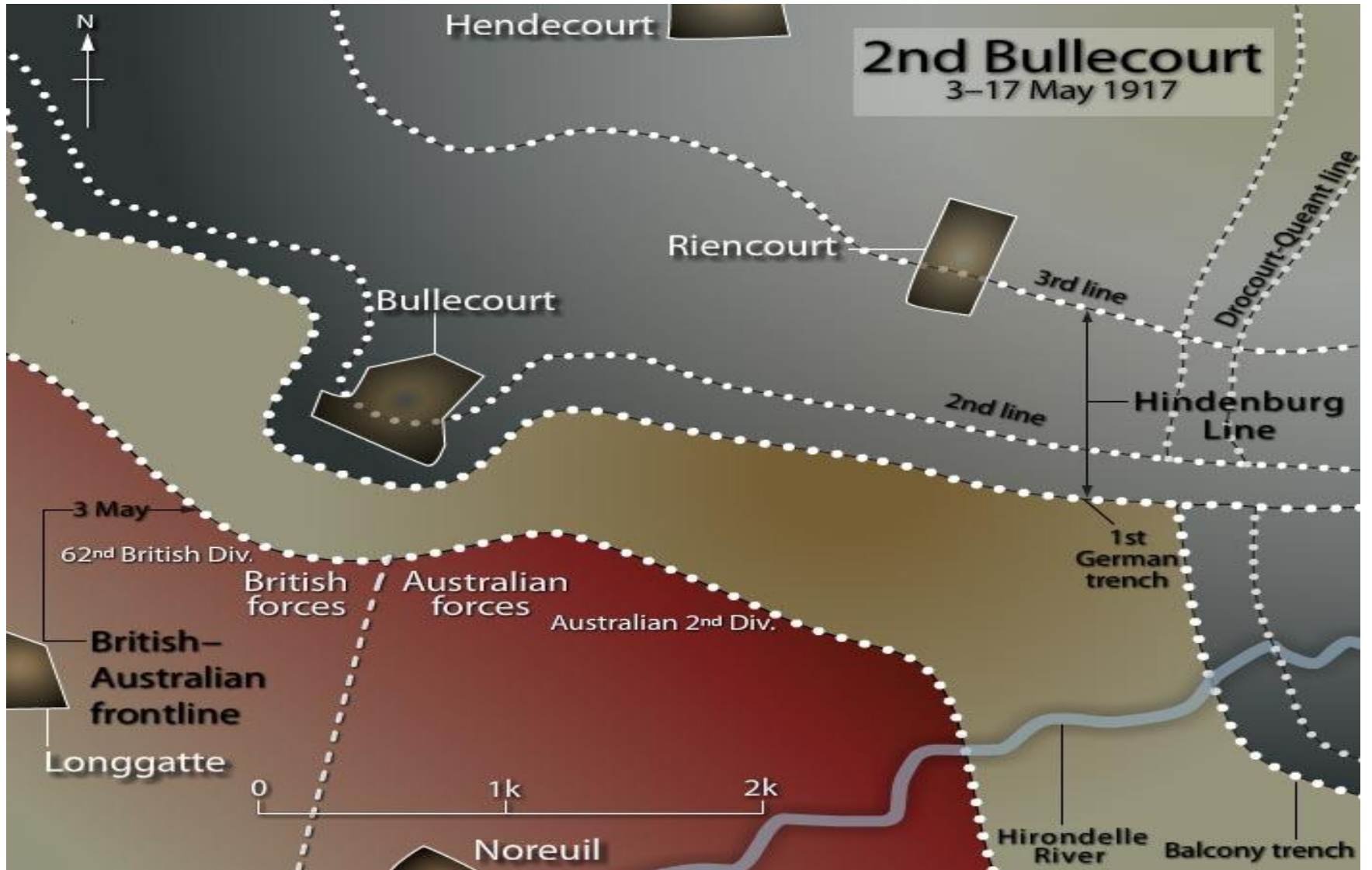
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'Such success as the (Australians) achieved had been won by troops persisting through the sheer quality of their mettle, in the face of errors'.

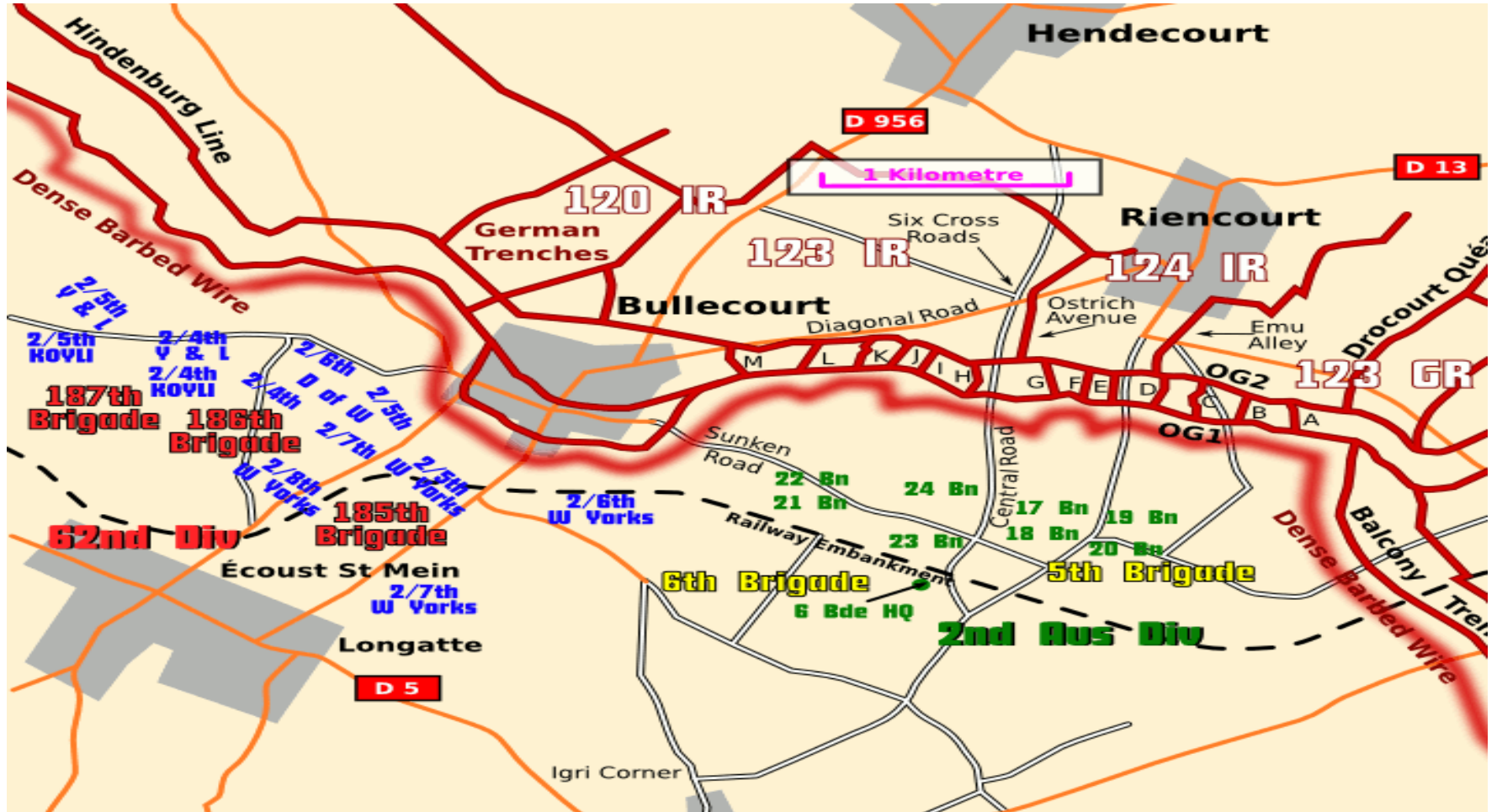
Charles Bean, official historian - First Bullecourt (April)



2nd Bullecourt



2nd Bullecourt – May 3rd 1917



Bullecourt

'Bullecourt, more than any other battle, shook the confidence of Australian soldiers in the capacity of the British command; the errors, especially on April 10th and 11th, were obvious to almost everyone'.

Charles Bean, Official Historian.