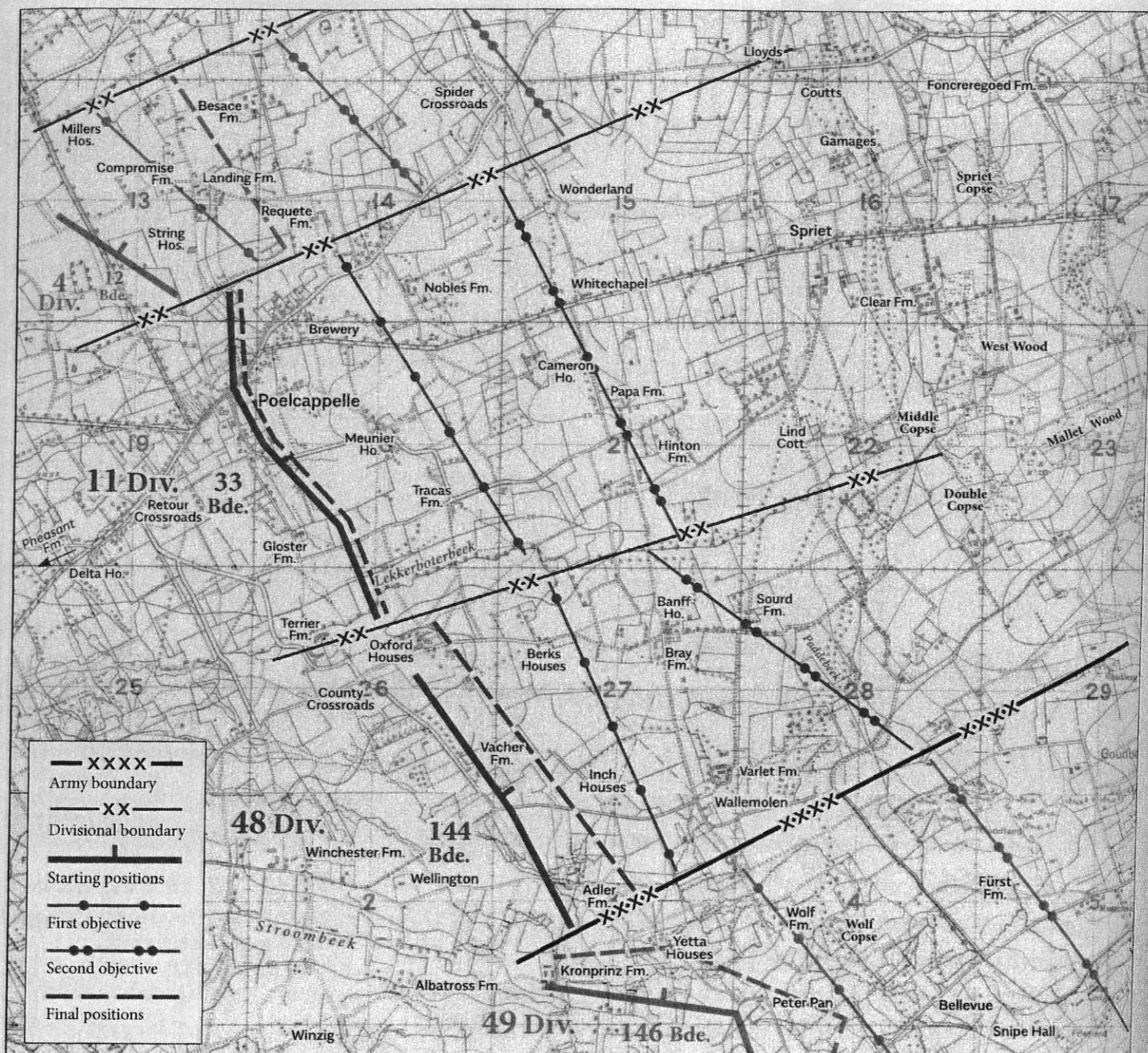


## BATTLE OF POELCAPPELLE, 9 OCTOBER 1917, FIFTH ARMY



### FIFTH ARMY XVIII CORPS 48th Division



The Division attacked at 5.20 a.m., zero hour, with one Brigade.

144 *Brigade* attacked with the 7th Worcesters and the 4th and 6th Gloucesters. The 8th Worcesters were in reserve. The Brigade came under machine-

gun fire from the start, allowing the barrage to get away from the troops.

The 4th Gloucesters, facing fire from Oxford House and Berks Houses, were held up 150 yards east of County Crossroads, while the 7th Worcesters attacked Adler Farm and took the trenches in front of it. Two companies unsuccessfully attacked Inch

Farm. The 6th Gloucesters cleared the cemetery and the advance carried on beyond Vacher Farm, and Adler Farm was taken.

At 2.45 p.m., a company of the 8th Worcesters made another attack on Inch Farm, but came under fire from British guns as a barrage was put down to protect the 6th Gloucesters from a German counter-attack.