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From 1st September

To 30th September 1918.

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GENERAL STAFF. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BERTANGLES	June 29th		Few gas shells J.21. and 22. 20. Green Cross in C.21.c. Enemy art was active during night on right bde sector centre division. Projectors were successfully discharged on K.25.d. Area North of RIBEMONt and North of VILLERS BRETONNEUX intermittenely shelled during day. E.A. active before noon. Captures nil.	
			3rd Australian Division relieved in 'A' Divisional Sector by 2nd Aust Div. Command passed 10 a.m.	
			Australian Corps Order No. 122 for move of artillery 87 Bde 78th Bde RGA + 17th Div. artillery to join Aust Corps	App ~~47~~.
			Alteration in Dispositions of H.Q. formations 6 a.m. 29th. copy pls 93	" ~~48~~.
	30th		At 9.25. p.m. a three minutes heavy barrage light calibre rear of front line south of VILLE sur ANCRE together with heavy concentration on VILLE sur ANCRE. Two gas shells near BOUZINCOURT. M.Gs. and T.Ms. were active more than usual. 6 bombs dropped on HEILLY. A prisoner strayed into our lines during the night, also fourth P.of W. escaped to our lines. Quiet day. Little shelling of area north of SAILLY le SEC, also north of BUIRE. 66 projectors discharged on K.25.d. E.A. inactive.	
			Instructions for the Defensive No. 54. - Garrison of Army System. copy pls 94. 95. 96	" ~~49~~.
			General Staff Circular No. 30. - S.O.S. Signals. copy pls 97	" ~~50~~.
			Gas Reports - copy pls 98 [redacted]	

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~~BERTANGLES~~	July	1st	~~Left Division raided~~ enemy line in E.19.b. killing several enemy and capturing 2 O.Rs. Party of same Division rushed post at K.13.d.95.25. capturing 2 Light M.Guns, but all garrison escaped. One wounded prisoner taken by the centre division in P.4.b. Slight shelling of area N. of SAILLY LE SEC, also S. of VILLE SUR ANCRE. M.Gs and T.Ms and rifle grenade more active than usual on centre division front. Weather fine and warm.	
"	"	2nd	Very quiet night. One enemy plane brought down in flames at 9 p.m., also a second driven down out of control, both behind enemy's line. During the day SAILLY LE SEC and VILLE SUR ANCRE lightly ~~xii~~ shelled with 77 mms . ~~Captures Nil.~~ Weather fine, N to N.E. wind, 10 m.p.h. Mr HUGHES and Mr COOK spent the day with the Corps.	
"	"	3rd	Gas projectors into MORLANCOURT. Light shelling West of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Forward area centre division intermittently shelled . Area N.W. SAILLY LE SEC shelled with H.E. and green cross gas. Enemy plane shot down in flames in W.11 at 7.25 p.m.	
			~~Australian Corps Order No. 120~~ add page 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20	App. 1
			Australian Corps Order No. 123	" 2
"	"	4th	At 3.10 a.m. 4th Aust. Division attacked HAMEL and the ridge to East and S.E. At the same time 5th Aust. Division carried out the following :- (a) Dummy attack at Square K.25.central (b) A raid on enemy trenches at Square K.13.b.5.8. (c) An operation to capture the enemy's position from K.1.b. 9.2. to River ANCRE. The 2nd Aust. Division advanced their front to join up with the right of the objectiveof the main operation. The troops under the 4th Aust. Division who carried out thr attack were from right to left 6th Bde, 4th Bde, 11th Bde . The 14th Bde carried out raid at K.13.b.5.8. The 15th Bde captured enemy position from K.1.b.9.2. to the ANCRE. The 7th Brigade were concerned in advancing the 2nd Aust. Divn front. In the main attack we advanced our position to an average depth of 1½ miles on a front of 4 miles. 4½ Coys of Tanks (54 tanks) of 5th Tank Bde, Special Coy R.E. 5th Bde R.A.F., and 4 coys of the 33rd American Division co-operated in the attacks. The whole of the operations were entirely successful and resulted in capture to date of prisoners unwounded 34 officers and 1191 O.Rs, wounded 2 officers, 78 O.Rs, M.Guns 103 , trench mortars 12 ,1 77mm gun. Our casualties slight. Enemy arty retaliation slight owing to our good counter battery work . Weather fine.	
			Australian Corps Order No.124	App. 3
			Australian Corps Order No.121	" 4
			Australian Corps Order No. 122	" 5
			Australian Corps Order No. 125	" 6
			add page 21, 16, 23.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BERTANGLES	July	5	Enemy reaction to our operation yesterday so far has been as follows .On right Division, Artillery and M.Gs were active chiefly against our ~~own~~ old front line . On centre div. at about 10.20 p.m. hostile infantry action commencedon right near junction of right and centre Divs, but failed to develop. Later the right Battalion of the left Bde was counterattacked by enemy in considerable force. Enemy succeeded in establishing himself near our front line but our troops drove him out capturing 50 prisoners 10 M.Gs, and 1 anti tank rifle, as well as killing many Huns. On left Division considerable arty activity but no infantry action. Two prisoners were taken by ~~left~~ Left Division. Total captures for operation of 4th as follows . Passed through Corps Cage 36 Off. 1126 O.Rs. Admitted C.C.S. 4 off. 288 O.Rs, Total 40 off. 1467 O.Rs. Congratulatoty messages received from :- Prime Ministers of Great Britian, Canada, New Zealand, Newfoundland, through the Prime Minister of Australia; The Right Hon. W.M. HUGHES, Prime Minister of Australia , General Birdwood, General Plumer, Lt-Gen. GODLEY, 1st Aust. Division. Weather remains fine. Wind N. to N.W.	
"	"	6	During the night the right Division advanced its line without opposition to an average depth of 200 yards on a 2,000 yds front. Hostile arty active on forward areas of centre Divn. Concentration of blue cross gas mixed with H.E. N.E. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. 196 gas cylinders successfully discharged S. of DERNANCOURT. At 11.30 a.m. post at P.26.b.8.2. was engaged by rifle grenades from our post at P.26.b.8.4. Immediately afterwards one man of 21st Bn went out to examine enemy post and returned with one officer and 12 O.Rs prisoners. During the afternoon enemy post at P.16.b. was rushed, 3 enemy including 1 officer killed and 2 O.Rs and 1 M.G. taken . Total captures 1 off. 15 ~~pr~~ O.Rs prisoners, 1 M.G. Weather - fine wind W. to N.W.	
"	"	7	~~Australian~~ Corps Order No.126. add page 26. 4th Aust.Division took prisoner in P.16.b. during night. 160 gas projectors successfully discharged in K.25.d. Slight retaliation to our counter preparation at 3.15 a.m. At 6 a.m. prisoner wandered into 2nd Aust. Division lines at O.36.b. During the day slight shelling of HAMEL and BOIS DE VAIRE. Captures 2 O.Rs. Weather fine. ~~Daily Table of Letters and Colours~~ ~~Battle Stations Practice- First addendum~~ ~~General Staff Circular No.31~~ ~~Australian Corps Order No.127~~ Dispositions Headquarters of Formations add page 30, 32, 34	App.7 App. 8 " 9 " 10 " 11 " 12

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BERTANGLES	July	8th	Successful operation carried out by the left Bde centre Division in conjunction with right battalion of Left Division . As a result our line was advanced to a depth of 800 yds on a frontage of 3000 yds. Line now runs J.30.d.5.0.- J.3.6.b.1.3. -J.36.c.0.0. P.5.d.0.0.-P.11.a.4.6. -P.1..a.4.0. . 1 Officer and 21 O.Rs were captured by the centre Division in this operation. At 10 a.m. a patrol of right Division captured enemy trench from P.31.b.3.9. - P.31.b.15.45. 0.36.d.95.95. - thence along N. side of road and joins our front line at 0.36.b.53.15. Captures 13 O.Rs 1 M.G. Our casualties nil. Later the enemy trench from 0.36.d.95.95. down to railway at 0.36.d.5.2. was captured with 4 prisoners . Posts were established on line P.26.b. 61.35. -P.26.b.85.4.5., P.27.a.0.6.- P.27.a.25.80.- P.21.c.4.0.- P.21.c.5.2.- P.21.c.6.4. - P.21.c.7.7. P.21.c.80.85. During the afternoon the right Bde right Division were compelled to evacuate post forward of front line in P.16.c. owing to M.W. fire. Total captures 1 off. 38 O.Rs. Practice in Manning Battle Stations carried out during the night. ~~Instructions for the Defensive No. 55.~~	App.13
"	"	9th	Enemy arty was active on forward systems in newly captured area during the night. Counter preparation in anticipation of enemy relief put down from 10.15 p.m. to 10.35 p.m. The right division captured 5 O.Rs during the night as result of minor operation in 0.36.d. , right division also established posts at P.25.d.85.45. P.26.c.80.45.- P.26,d.20.45. - P.26.d. 4.7. P.26.d.8.8. and occupied continuous trench from latter post to our line at P.26.b.55.50. 1 M.W. , 2 M.Gs, and 1 range finder captured in this operation. During the day patrol entered enemy trench in V.6.a.85.90. and now captured enemy trench from railway to U.5.b.8.3. Patrols also reconnoitred MONUMENT WOOD . Enemy resistance was vigorous and 10 were killed, 2 M.Gs, 2 granatenwerfer, 1 large periscope were captured. A patrol of centre division rushed enemy post in W.3.b. capturing 8 prisoners; 1 wounded prisoner was also captured in P.10.d. Departures 23rd Bde R.G.A. transferred to III Corps. Arrivals "N" Battery 5th R.H.A. From III Corps. 98th Bde R.G.A. transferred from III Corps. Weather fine. ~~General Staff. Circular No. 52~~ App.14 ~~Instructions for the Defensive No.56~~ " 15 ~~Australian Corps Order No. 128~~ " 16 Corrigenda Instructions for the Defensive No. 56. " 17	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BERTANGLES	July	10th	Slight shelling of front during night. Enemy M.Gs fairly active. Right Division occupied enemy trench from P.31.b.85.50. to P.31.b.5.2. A large party approached our lines at P.31.c.1.9. but was dispersed. Right Division captured wounded German at U.5.b.9.0. Enemy trench running from P.27.a.3.7. to P.27.a.3.0. - P.27.c.5.4. was rushed and occupied . Centre division captured 1 O.R. Enemy arty quiet throughout the day. HEILLY shelled with 5.9s. Weather- little rain towards night.	
"	"	11	Right Division established strong posts at P.31.b.55.30. P.31.b.8.6. P32.a.2.8. during the night. Patrols reported enemy strongly holding position V.1.b.1.9.- P.31.d.1.4. - P.31.d.4.4. Two British soldiers escaped through lines of centre Division. Light scattered shelling throughout the night. Relief. 10th A.I. Bde relieved 13th and 14th A.I.Bde in right sub-sector of centre Division. Weather Wet throughout afternoon and evening.	
"	"	12th	Left Brigade, Left Division carried out raid on enemy trench E.26.a.25.90. but the enemy had vacated the post when our barrage fell. Quiet day. Light scattered shelling of areas S. of MERICOURT and S. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. 9th Bde relieved the 12th during the night. Captures nil. Occasional showers during the day. ~~Australian Corps Order No. 129.~~ add page 5a	App. 18

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G.

Australian Corps.
29th June, 1918.

Reference Dispositions Headquarters of Formations as at 6 a.m., 29th June, 1918, forwarded under Aust.Corps G.630 dated 28th June, 1918, :-

For	14th Aust. Inf. Bde	HEILLY	LINE LEFT.
read	14th Aust. Inf. Bde	HEILLY	LINE RIGHT.
For	15th Aust. Inf. Bde	HEILLY	LINE RIGHT
read	15th Aust. Inf. Bde	HEILLY	LINE LEFT.

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G.

HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS. G 117

SECRET

Australian Corps.
7th July, 1918.

DISPOSITIONS HEADQUARTERS OF FORMATIONS

AS AT 6 a.m., 8th July, 1918.

Australian Corps		BERTANGLES
B.G.H.A.	G.24.b.2.6.	
1st Aust. Division	DETACHED.	
2nd Aust. Division	GLISY	LINE RIGHT
5th Aust. Inf. Bde	0.25.c.5.3.	LINE LEFT
6th " " "	GLISY	RESERVE
7th " " "	0.25.c.5.3.	LINE RIGHT.
3rd Aust. Division	COISY	RESERVE.
9th Aust. Inf. Bde	RIVERY	
10th " " "	QUERRIEU	
11th " " "	ALLONVILLE	
4th Aust. Division	BUSSY	LINE CENTRE.
4th Aust. Inf. Bde	CORBIE	LINE RIGHT
12th " " "	J.19.c.4.4.	LINE LEFT.
13th " " "	0.12.b.9.4.	LINE CENTRE
5th Aust. Division.	ST GRATIEN	LINE LEFT.
8th Aust. Inf. Bde	FRECHENCOURT	RESERVE.
14th " " "	HEILLY	LINE RIGHT
15th " " "	HEILLY	LINE LEFT.

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HEADQUARTERS.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS
26/1/46

G.
Australian Corps,
29th June 1918.

Fourth Army.

LIGHT MORTAR BLUE RINGS AND CARTRIDGES.

In continuation of this office G.26/1/46 of 3rd and 19th May.

It is again most strongly urged that some propellant for the Stokes Mortar be made available, other than the BLUE cartridges and rings now in use.

Reports are constantly being received from divisions relative to the very unsatisfactory nature of the BLUE propellants.

It is reported from several sources that the rate of fire with blue propellants is reduced to not more than 10 rounds per minute, thus doing away with one of the main characteristics of the gun, the surprise effect of the "hurricane" bombardment.

It is further reported that when firing 10 rounds per minute, the fumes given off by the burnt and partially burnt propellant affect the crew considerably.

The other defects reported in previous letters on the subject are fully substantiated by subsequent additional reports from divisions.

The WHITE rings and green cartridges previously in use gave very satisfactory results and it is urged that supplies of these propellants be again made available.

It is considered that the use of the Stokes Mortar will tend to discontinue with the present propellants as the personnel of the batteries, as well as the infantry, are losing confidence in the Mortar, which has in the past been a weapon of great value.

Lieutenant-General,
Commanding Australian Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
178/549

CHIEF ENGINEER.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
S 1582
60/178/17

Australian Corps.
29th June, 1918.

C.E.

Sites for dugouts have been chosen in the following places :-

I.19.b.0.7.	Champayne Type.	M.G. Dugout.
I.13.b.6.1.	"	"
I.7.b.5.7.	Accommodation dugout for 100 men.	
I.1.a.8.0.	Accommodation dugout for 100 men.	

The above have been pointed out on the ground to Capt. COHEN, 2nd Aust. Tunnelling Coy.

May these be put in hand please.

for Brigadier-General
General Staff
Australian Corps.

O.C. 2nd.Aust.Tunn.Coy.AE.

Please put in hand.

Capt.AE.

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J. G. B

for C.E.AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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HEADQUARTERS.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

G.
Australian Corps,
30th June, 1918.

140/67

3rd Australian Division.
4th Australian Division.

POPHAM SIGNALLING PANEL.

Reference this office 140/67 of 9th June, please submit report on the practices carried out during June.

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

G.

Australian Corps.
30th June, 1918.

26/332

2nd Aust. Division
3rd Aust. Division
4th Aust. Division
5th Aust. Division.

In view of the reduction in establishment of Infantry Battalions set forth in D.A.G. Circ.Memo. 21/213 dated 22nd June, 1918, it is proposed to reduce the number of rifle grenade Dischargers per Battalion from 96 to 64. This provides for 2 Discharger cups per platoon, in place of 4. It is proposed that the original Battalion reserve of 32 be retained.

Will you please submit your remarks on this proposed reduction at an early date.

Brigadier-General
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN CORPS. 43/335

HEADQUARTERS THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION 30 JUN. 1918 No. G15/109

G.

Australian Corps
3 0th June, 1918.

2nd Aust. Division
3rd Aust. Division
4th Aust. Division
5th Aust. Division

With reference to Aust. Corps No.43/334 dated 28th June, 1918, the fourth series of Code Calls will be taken into use at midnight, July 4th/5th.

Please acknowledge.

J.D.Rogers Capt

Brigadier-General
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

R10PM
achgd.

HEADQUARTERS 30 JUN. 1918 No. G5/193 THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

G.

Australian Corps,
30th June,1918. 13/525

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2nd Australian Division.
3rd Australian Division.
4th Australian Division.
5th Australian Division.
G.O.C.,R.A.

Demands for changing the sites selected for the emplacement of heavy artillery, owing to the vicinity of Dressing Stations and Headquarters, are frequent.

In order to obviate this the G.O.C.,R.A. will consult with Divisional Commanders when it is desired to emplace heavy artillery in divisional areas.

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Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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G.
Australian Corps,
30th June, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
178/542.

CHIEF ENGINEER,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
60/178/16

2nd Australian Division.
3rd Australian Division.
4th Australian Division.
5th Australian Division.
C.E. ✓

M. G. Dugouts.

After approval has been given for construction of a M.G. dugout, no alteration in the plan or type must be made without previous reference to Corps Headquarters.

Of
JGB

for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
60/178/18

G.

Australian Corps.
30th June, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
172/55'd

C.E. ✓

The following positions have been selected for concrete Machine Gun emplacements.

1. N,23,a.40.10. ×
2. N.22.b.20.15. ×
3. N.22.d.30.25. ✓
4. T.4.b.16.90. ✓
5. T.5.a.70.30. ✓

These positions have been pointed out on the ground to Lieut. HEALLY.

May these be, put in hand please.

Brigadier-General
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

Approved, BUT
Nos 1 & 2 to be concrete
Nos 3. 4. 5 to be ordinary champagne type d/o

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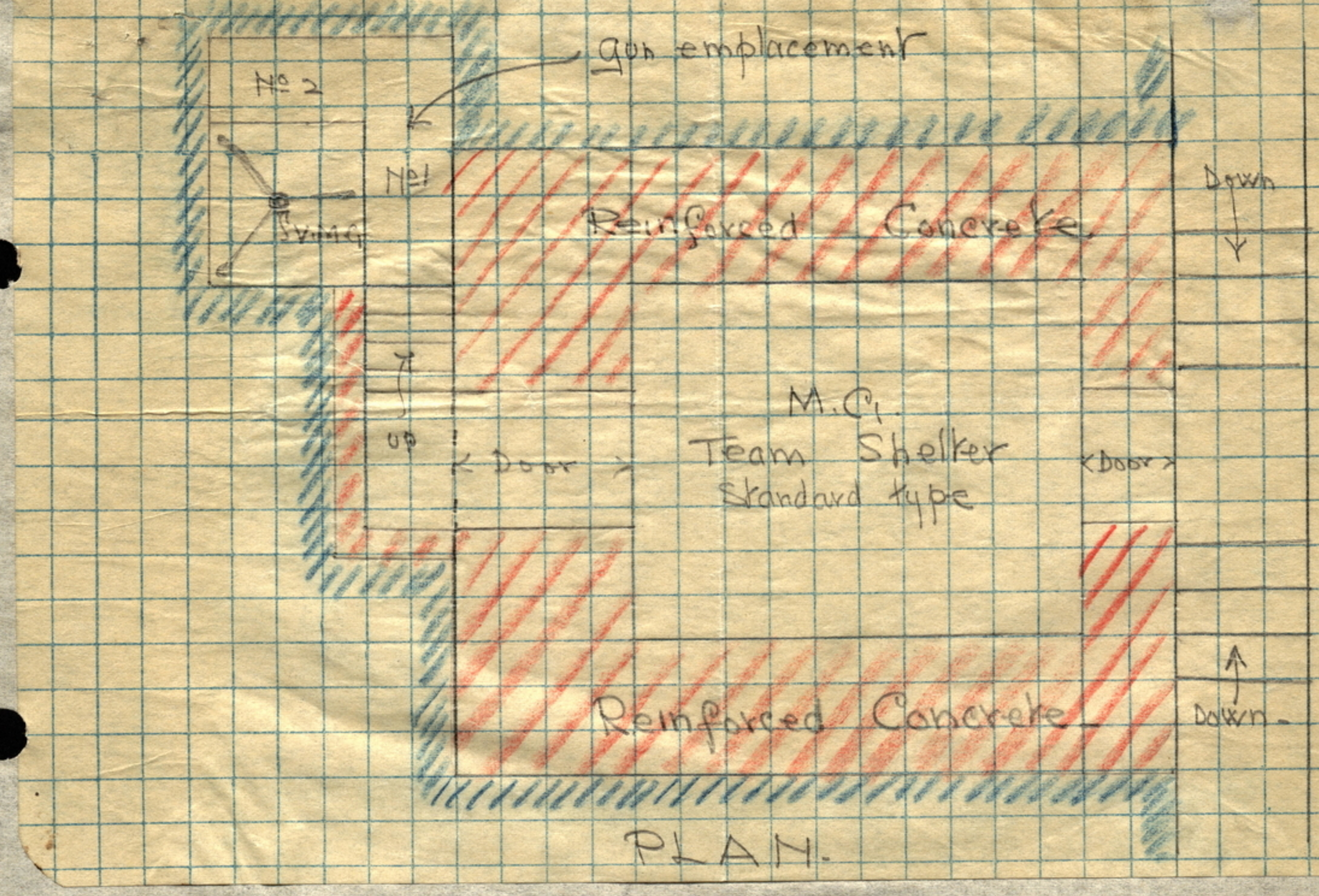
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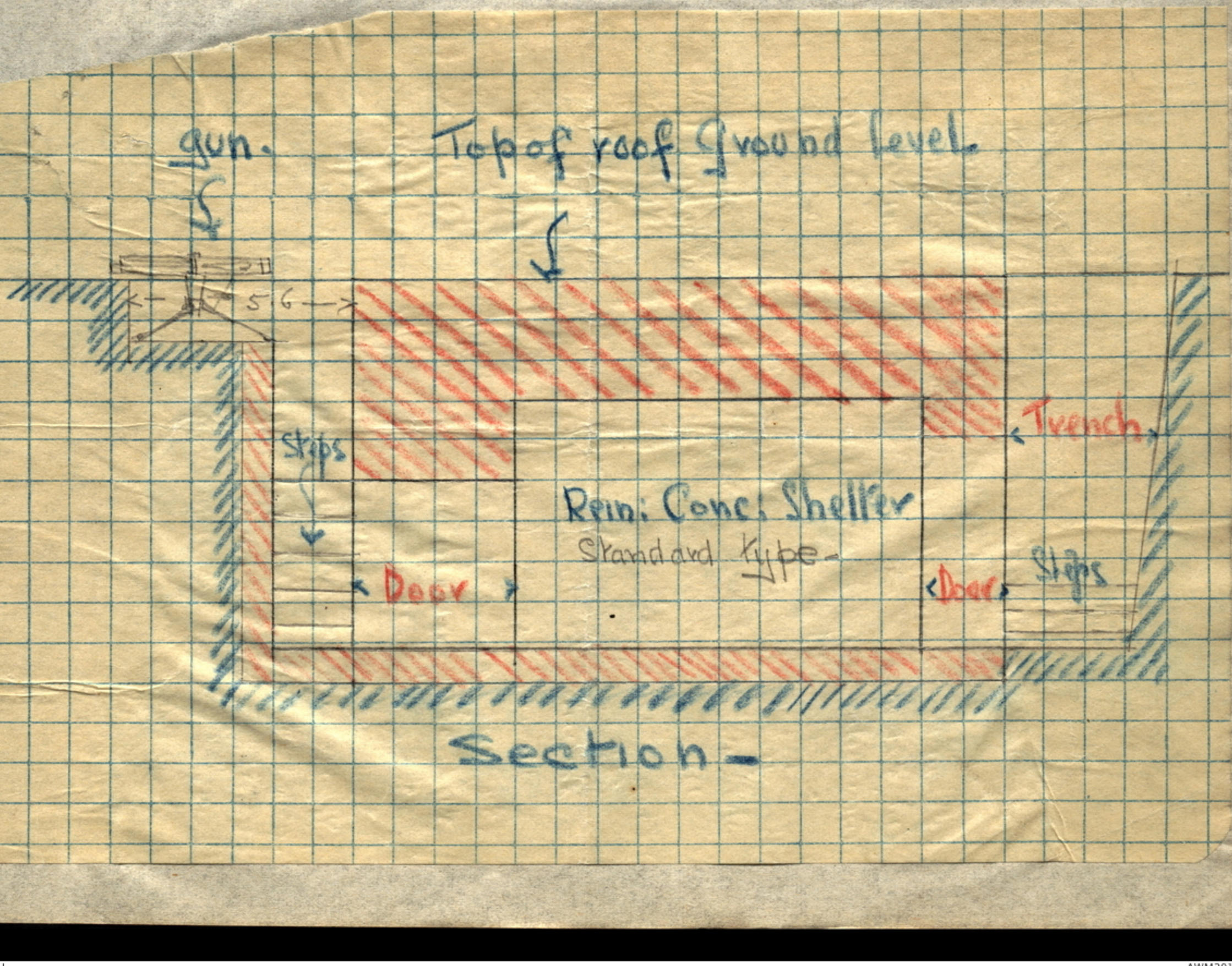
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HEADQUARTERS.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
Date 1/4713/4

G.
Australian Corps,
30th June 1918.

G.O.C., 4th Australian Division.

In continuation of S/4713/3 dated 29th instant.

1.- Three additional infantry companies of 33rd American Division will be attached to the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade and three additional companies will be attached to the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade.

2.- A battalion headquarters will also be attached to each of the 4th and 11th Australian Infantry Brigades.

3.- These additional troops will be distributed and employed as required by the G.O.C., 4th Australian Division.

4.- The troops will march in on the afternoon of 30th instant.

5.- They will be rationed for 24 hours and will carry iron rations also.

6.- They will be administered by 4th Australian Division.

(sd) T.A. BLAMEY.
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

Copy to 33rd American Division (for information).
" " AQ. (for information.

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S E C R E T

G. S/ 4715.

Australian Corps.
30th June, 1918.

4th Aust. Division
2nd Aust. Division
3rd Aust. Division
5th Tank Bde.
15th Wing R.A.F.
3rd Squadron A.F.C.
No.1 Coy Spec. Bde R.E.
G.O.C., R.A.

1. A conference to consider certain projected operations will be held at Corps Headquarters ,BERTANGLES, at 2.30 p.m. today, 30th June.

2. The following will attend:-

G.O.C.	4th Aust.	Division
G.S.O.I	" "	"
C.R.A.	" "	"
A.A.&.Q.M.G.	" "	"
G.O.C.	4th Aust.	Inf. Bde
G.O.C.	6th "	" "
G.O.C.	11th "	" "
C.O.	4th A.M.G.	Battalion.
G.O.C.	5th Tank	Bde.
Tank Battalion Commanders or other Tank Commanders detailed for the operation.		
O.C.	15th Wing,	R.A.F.
O.C.	3rd Squadron	A.F.C.
O.C.	No.1 Coy Special	Bde R.E.
G.O.C.R.A.		
S.O.R.A.		

3. Responsible Commanders will be prepared, with drafts of their orders, maps and diagrams to explain their proposed plans and dispositions to the Conference.

Brigadier-General
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
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Australian Corps.
30th June, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 30

Subject. - " S.O.S." SIGNALS

1. Beginning at 12 noon, 2nd July the "S.O.S." Signal on the Fourth Army front will be a Rifle Grenade bursting into three green lights, one over another.

2. Australian Corps "Q" will arrange to issue to each of the Divisions in the line 300 of the above signals.

3. All "S.O.S." Signals now in use will be collected for return by the 2nd, 4th and 5th Aust. Divisions, after the 2nd July. Divisions will inform the Ammunition Officer, Australian Corps M.T. Column where to collect.

4. Acknowledge.

A. Melvill Major
Brigadier-General
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

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Australian Corps.
30th June 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No 1025
Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 54.

GARRISONS FOR ARMY SYSTEM.

1.- The dispositions of certain R.E. Units and American M.G. Battalions detailed, if required, to garrison the ARMY SYSTEM are set out in Appendix 'A' to these Instructions.

2.- For the purpose of organisation, the Army SYSTEM in the Australian Corps Area has been divided into a right and a left sub-section known as the BLANGY SYSTEM and LA HOUSSOYE SYSTEM respectively.
For the purpose of command each of the above sub-sections has been placed temporarily under the command of a Senior Officer R.E. as shown in Appendix.

3.- The necessary reconnaissances are to be carried out forthwith by each unit detailed to a sector; a sketch showing their dispositions should be prepared and sent to the O.C. each sub-section, who will submit the dispositions of the sub-section on a 1/20,000 map to Corps Headquarters.
Mutual supporting posts should be selected, each to accommodate a minimum garrison of 20 rifles.
A reserve of S.A.A. equal to 80 rounds per rifle and 4000 rounds per M.G. at each M.G. position will be maintained in each Company Sector.

4.- Should it be necessary to garrison the ARMY SYSTEM the order "MAN BATTLE STATIONS ARMY SYSTEM" will be sent by Australian Corps direct to the Os.C. sub-sections; to the various units detailed in the Appendix; and repeated to C.E. Australian Corps.

5.- On the order "MAN BATTLE STATIONS ARMY SYSTEM" the following procedure will be carried out:-

1. By Os.C. Companies (or Battalion in the case of M.G. Battalion).
   (i) Recall detachments on works.
   (ii) Send a bicycle orderly to the O.C. Sub-section.
   (iii) Occupy allotted positions in ARMY SYSTEM with available troops, arrangements being made for detachments (if any) to join later.
   (iv) Bring up reserve of 1 day's water and 1 day's rations for garrison.
   (v) Report occupation to O.C. Sub-section.

2. By O.C. Sub-section.

Report by wire to Australian Corps and repeat to C.E. when occupation of SYSTEM is complete.

6.- For practice manning of battle stations, the above procedure as regards reports and orderly will take place; but nucleus garrisons consisting of 1 officer per Company and 1 N.C.O. per post only will be employed, and reserve rations and water will not be moved forward.

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7.- . On relief, the Machine Gun Battalion and Companies will hand over to the incoming unit their disposition sketches, ammunition etc.

8.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. T. McCay Major G.I.
Brigadier-General,
q.v. General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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A P P E N D I X 'A'.

Issued with Instructions for the Defensive No.54.

GARRISONS FOR ARMY SYSTEM.

Australian Corps Area.

Right Sub-section.	Troops	Sector.
BLANGY SYSTEM from Corps S. boundary to BUSSY les DAOURS (exclusive). O.C:Major LAMONBY. D.S.O., R.E. Location:N.31.a.	567 A.T.Coy R.E. (F.Coy U.S.Engineers attd)	CABARET.
	182 Tunnelling Coy R.E.	do.
	'Z' Special Coy R.E.	do.
	172 Tunnelling Coy R.E.	SOMME.
	'H' Special Coy R.E.	do.
	1 Section No.1 Special Coy RE.	do.
	254 Tunnelling Coy R.E.	MAOURS.
	131st Regt M.G.Coy U.S.Army.	Disposed over whole system. H.Q. N.22.a.80. 40.

Left Sub-section.	Troops.	Sector.
LA HOUSSOYE SYSTEM from BUSSY les DAOURS (inclusive) to Corps N. boundary. O.C:Lt.Col.HEARN, D.S.O.,R.E. Location:B.21. ST.GRATIEN.	146 Tunnelling Coy R.E. (with 'E' Coy 108 U.S. Engineers).	VIEW.
	2nd Aust.Tunnelling Coy AE.	CARD.
	283 A.T.Coy R.E. (with 'D' Coy U.S.Engineers attd).	FRAN.
	1st Aust. A.T.Coy A.E.	CREST.
	132 Regt.M.G.Coy U.S.Army.	Disposed over whole system. H.Q.QUERRIEU WOOD.

IN RESERVE:- H.Q. and 1 Coy 122nd M.G.Battalion,U.S.Army, at Wood S.W. of QUERRIEU, H.20.a.

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A. I. F.
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Commanding Officer
Lt Col Yarwood

SECRET

Australian Corps,
1st July, 1918.

The following decisions of the Corps Commander in connection with the HAMEL Offensive, which were announced at the Conference at Headquarters, Australian Corps, on the 30th June, are forwarded for information :-

1.-ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROMULGATION OF ZERO.

(a) This will be carried out as laid down in Australian Corps Order No. 120, except that the officer will leave Corps Headquarters at 1.p.m. and 7.p.m. instead of at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

(b) Zero hour will be promulgated from Australian Corps Headquarters by the despatch run leaving Corps Headquarters at 11 a.m. on 'Y' day.

2.-MOVEMENT.

The greatest care is to be taken to ensure that there is no abnormal movement by day. This particularly refers to the possibility of movement of guns and ammunition lorries and transport vehicles. Definite orders are to be issued to prevent abnormal movement.

3.-ORGANISATION.

The new Infantry Platoon organisation will not be adopted.

4.-SUCCESS SIGNALS.

Success signals will not be used. This decision may be varied at the discretion of G.O.C. 4th Aust. Division.

5.-ARTILLERY.

(a) Barrage rate during halt.

The full rate of 3 rounds per minute will be fired by the artillery barrage covering the village of HAMEL and the portion of HAMEL WOOD which is under fire during the halt. On the remainder of the front the rate will drop to one round per minute. Two minutes before the barrage moves forward again the rate of 3 rounds a minute will be resumed.

(b) Enemy C.P.

In the event of the enemy placing a counter preparation bombardment on our positions just prior to zero, the Corps Heavy Artillery will at once undertake intense counter-battery work. The infantry, tank and field artillery programme as laid down for the attack will be carried out.

(c) The artillery barrage will continue beyond the final objective for 30 minutes. After this it will be called for by the S.O.S. Signal if required.

(d) The M.P.I. for 4.5" How barrage will be placed 200 yards in advance of the M.P.I. of the 18-pdr barrage.

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6.-TANKS.

(a) The infantry commander on the spot is responsible for the decision as to the joint action of tanks and infantry. He will give such orders to the Tank Section Commander as the situation demands. His orders should not interfere with the general plan of the operation as laid down in the orders of higher authority.

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7.-AIRCRAFT.

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(b) Ammunition carrying planes will start at zero plus 3 hours unless the order is countermanded before that time.

T.A. Blamey
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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G.
Australian Corps,
1st July, 1918.

109/119

5th Australian Division.

Appended please find a copy of correspondence re the "HOBBS" casemate.

"Fourth Army.

With reference to the HOBBS cupola, vide Australian Corps 109/119 dated 6th May, 1918, it is anticipated that the first hundred of these machine gun casemates will be available about the 18th July.

In view of the fact that the inventor is a Commander of a Division of this Corps it is considered that it would be advantageous if a considerable proportion of these cupolas could be made available for trial in the Corps. This would allow the inventor full opportunity of seeing his invention started on right lines.

(sd) John Monash,
Lieutenant-General,
Commanding Australian Corps.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

"Australian Corps.

Reference Australian Corps No. 109/119 dated 24th June.

It has been decided that the allotment of the HOBBS cupola will be 70 to Australian Corps".

(sd) H.Priestman, Major
for Major-General,
General Staff, Fourth Army."

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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4th Australian Division.
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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
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8 DIV HQ
A. I. F. Australian Corps.
Q 126 2nd July. 1918.

ADDENDUM TO S/4730.

The following decision is forwarded in continuation of Australian Corps S/4730 dated 1st July, 1918:-

Paragraph 6 - TANKS:

(e) Tanks will move forward from the forming up line at zero minus 8 minutes.

The movement of the tanks will be covered by artillery harassing fire.

J.A. Blamey
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

G. 43/338.
Australian Corps.
2nd July, 1918.

FOUR LETTER CODES.

With reference to this office G.43/299 of 15th May, 1918 and subsequent correspondence, the current lists of Four Letter Codes issued on the 15th June, 1918 will cease to be used at midnight, 4th/5th July, at which hour the new lists attached hereto will be taken into use.

All copies of the lists of four letter codes at present in use will be destroyed by fire on receipt of the new lists.

Please ACKNOWLEDGE and certify that the above action has been taken.

J.D. Rogers Capt
for Brigadier-General
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

NOTE. :- Code calls of Divisional troops are being issued by the respective Divisions.

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Copy of Aust. Corps Letter 94/3/26 of 3-7-18 to 2nd Aust. Div.

ANTI-TANK MINES.

A Demonstration in the use of the 2" Trench Mortar bomb as an anti-tank mine was carried out at ERIN on the 27th June and the following is a copy of the report rendered - viz:-

" The demonstration consisted of moving tanks over a portion of ground that had been systematically covered with these mines in the principle of submarine mining. The ground was divided into three sections, the first was crossed by an ordinary tank which exploded 3 fuses of the dummy bombs, the second was a Whippet tank which managed to cross with only exploding one, the third was an old tank drawn by another which was absolutely put out of action by the first mine she struck. I am of the opinion that a section of the front that is mined in this way should have no fear of hostile tanks reaching their front line. The fuses used are the 107.

" With the Percussion Igniter the Mark II has been discarded in favour of the Mark I on account of the shearing wire being stronger and will stand the weight of a man on it without going off.

" The bombs are placed in the ground flush with the surface, the fuze only protruding, and this is covered with a rubber cap to protect it from the weather. The fuse is then covered with grass and rubbish so that nothing is visible."

Will you please say if you desire any of these mines, giving an estimate of the numbers required."

5th Aust. Inf. Bde.
6th do
7th do

5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS. No 4/287 Date 5/7/18

HEADQUARTERS, 2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. (GENERAL STAFF.) G.32/719.

Forwarded.

Will you please give your opinion re the above suggestion.

C Gellibrand

Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

D.H.Q.
4-7-18.

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G.
Australian Corps,
3rd July, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
94/1/238

2nd Aust. Division.
3rd Aust. Division.
4th Aust. Division.

The following has been received from 5th Aust. Division. Will you please state your views re this matter as early as possible?

" Reference Provisional W.E. for Machine Gun Bns.

The present War Establishment provides for 28 men, Category "B", on the Headquarters of a Machine Gun Bn.

This "B" Class personnel have proved absolutely useless, and unfit for the duties laid down for them in the War Establishment.

Twenty of them were unable to march a greater distance than two miles, and none of them could carry a pack. Consequently when the battalion moved from place to place, the question of transport became serious.

The abovementioned men have been classified as "unfit" by the A.D.M.S., 5th Aust. Division, and returned to the Base.

It is strongly recommended that the duties laid down for "B" Class personnel be performed by "A" Class personnel or young soldiers under 19 years of age, and that the War Establishment be amended accordingly."

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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G.
Australian Corps,
3rd July, 1918.

The Chief of the General Staff,

First French Army.

With reference to the arrangements made by Major-General BUDWORTH, G.O.C.,R.A.,Fourth Army, for the co-operation of the artillery First French Army with the Artillery Australian Corps, the zero hour will be 3.10 a.m. on July 4th

Please acknowledge receipt

FB

Lieutenant-General,
Commanding Australian Corps.

By Special D.R. Lab

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No. S/1477/2
Date.....

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Corps HQ
Q.164

Corps Headquarters,

4th July, 1918.

Maj.-Gen. Sir J.J.TALBOT HOBBS, KCB.,VD.,
Commanding 5th Australian Division.

Maj.-Gen. E.G.SINCLAIR-MACLAGAN,CB.,DSO.,
Commanding 4th Australian Division.

AUSTRALIAN WAR RECORDS SECTION
CLASSIFICATION B589/2/9 SUB-SECTION

I should like you to take into immediate consideration the question of getting rid of the re-entrant at present existing in our Front Line across the Valley of the SOMME.

The attached Map shows in black our approximate Front Line, while the green line shows,approximately, a desirable method of straightening our front, gaining ground, and disposing of this re-entrant.

I am opposed, at the present juncture, to undertaking any organised operation to achieve this purpose, but I am convinced that it will be comparatively easy to do so by a process of "nibbling" or sneaking ground.- A precedent for such a procedure is furnished by the gradual advances achieved between MARETT WOOD and the village of VILLE sur ANCRE with practically no loss to us.

In view of the disorganised state of the enemy forces South of the SOMME, it is quite probable that the ground in

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Square P.5. could be taken, occupied by standing patrols, and denied to the enemy, without any fighting at all,- provided we act vigorously, and seize the opportunity before the enemy can re-establish himself in this vicinity.

If the spur in P.11 and P.5 thus comes under our control, it should not be a difficult matter, by a process of offensive patrolling by night or in the early dawn, to gradually force the enemy out of any trenches or shell-hole defences which he may be occupying in Squares K.35.d. and K.36.- The use of converging machine gun fire, from the South of the SOMME as well as from the direction of SAILLY LE SEC, and also the use of light trench mortars, should succeed in rooting out any machine gun positions which he may have established in this neighbourhood.- This process, so far as concerns the ground North of the SOMME, could be a gradual one and spread over a series of successive nights.

In the present definitely known very weak condition of the enemy division now astride of the SOMME Valley, it is quite safe to speculate upon the probability that it is impossible for him to undertake anything like a determined attack down the valley in the early future. - Consequently, there would seem to be very little risk in slightly weakening those battalions which are holding our ground astride of the SOMME, in order to provide the necessary patrols and small offensive parties, which would be requisite to

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carry out these operations on the lines indicated.

At, or near the new inter-divisional boundary, it will be necessary for the "B" and the "C" Divisions to confer and work in collaboration.

Lieut.-General,
Commanding Australian Corps.

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To Accompany Aust. Corps No.

HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS. No. S/H7H2 Date

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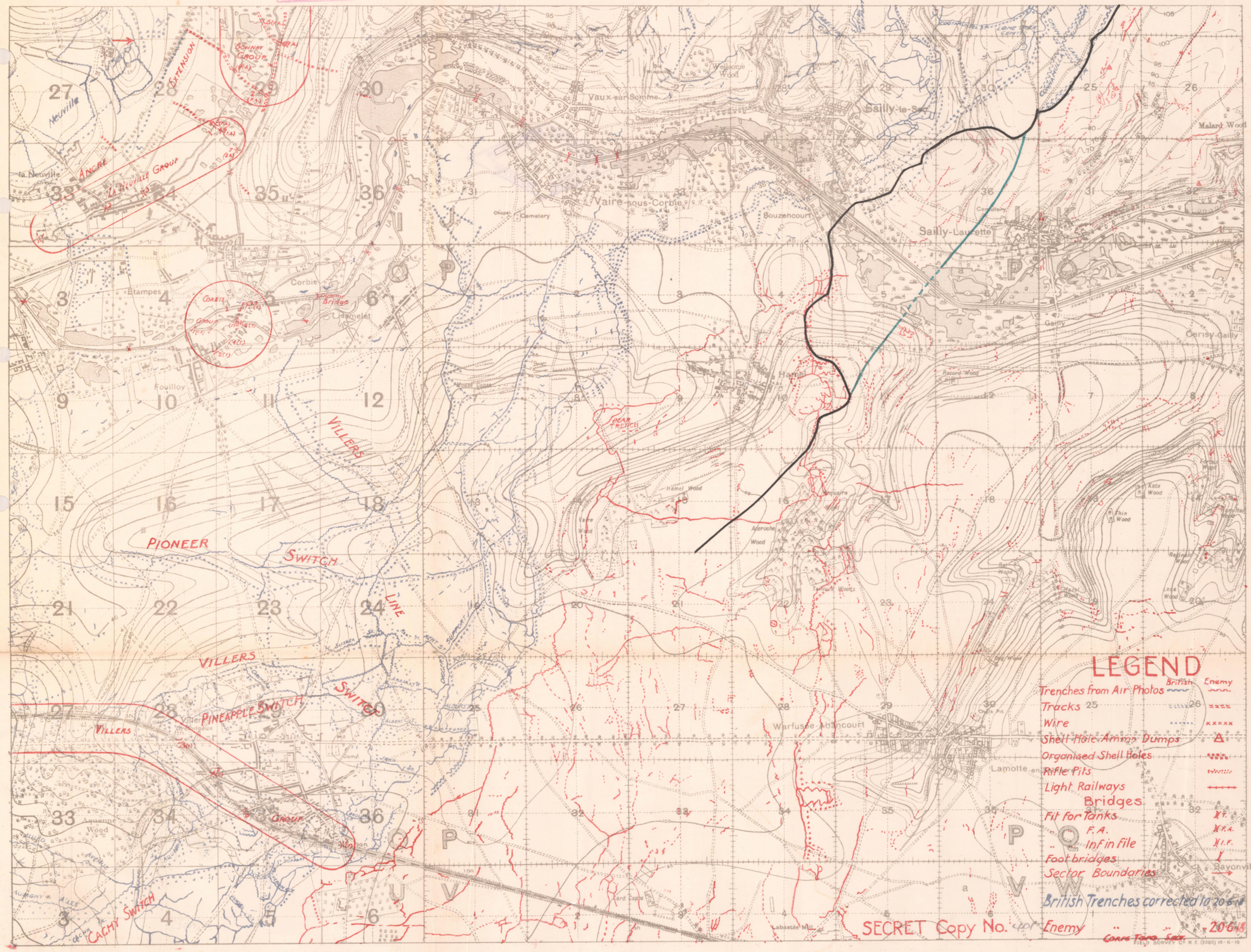

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HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Australian Corps.
5th July, 1918. 130/265.

Major-General. J.GELLIBRAND. C.B.,D.S.O.

Will you please say if copy No. 3 of Note No. 1454 dated 16th June 1918 by General FOCH (forwarded under this office 130/265 of 29th June.) has been received.

Brigadier-General
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

Not addressed personally. dl
{Obsvns acked on 30/6/18. dl
G.204.
10-5 pm

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G.
Australian Corps,
6th July, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS. 8/2/110

HEADQUARTERS, 2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. (GENERAL STAFF.) G321/28

2nd Australian Division.
3rd Australian Division.
4th Australian Division.
5th Australian Division.

The following, received from G.H.Q., is forwarded for information and action :-

" Attention is called to the fact that the British Armour piercing bullet will not pierce the plates of a German Tank and that consequently fire with Armour piercing bullets has little effe ct against them.

On the other hand, concentrated fire with ordinary S.A.A. has a very good chance of putting a German Tank out of action owing to the fact that the machine gun, gun and loop-hole shields fit very badly and allow the lead 'splash' of ordinary bullets to enter the Tank freely.

Cases have occurred in which fire has been brought to bear on hostile Tanks with a mixture of A.P. and ordinary bullets with good effect. This effect has generally been attributed to the Armour piercing bullets.

Experience proves conclusively, however, that the effe ct is rearly obtained by the 'splash' of the ordinary bullets.

In one case which has been reported, it is stated that the strike of the bullets was marked by long sheets of flame. This is the common appearance of 'splash'.

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J. m. Coll major
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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Australian Corps.
6th July, 1918.

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2nd Australian Division.
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B.G.H.A.

HEADQUARTERS,
16/307

The following is a summary showing the number of enemy aeroplanes destroyed and damaged by A.A. gun fire and E.A's brought down by A.A. and Infantry fire during June 1918 :-

Army.	A.A. Gun Fire. Damaged	A.A. Gun Fire. Destroyed.	Brought down by A.A.S.A. and Infantry Fire.	Total.
First.	3	1	2	6
Second.	6	2	-	8
Third	3	1	1	5
Fourth	2	1	-	3
L. of C.	-	1	-	1
Totals.	14	6	3	23

Note: The above includes 1 E.A. damaged by Second Army during May.

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General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
6 JUL 1918
No.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
SG 15/109
42/348

G.

Australian Corps.
6th July, 1918.

2nd Aust. Division
3rd Aust. Division
4th Aust. Division
5th Aust. Division
A.D. Signals.

FOUR LETTER CODE CALLS

1. The following is the suggested distribution of Corps and Divisional lists within the Corps. :-

(i) From Corps to Divisions.

5 copies of Corps List of Code Calls.

(ii) From Divisions to Corps.

12 copies of Divisional Lists of Code Calls.

Distribution.:-	
G.	1
AQ	1
G.O.C.R.A.	1
A.D. Signals.	9
	12

(iii) From Divisions to other Divisions of the Corps and Flanking Divisions.

20 copies of Divisional Lists of code calls.

Distribution.

G.	1
AQ	1
Signals	7 (1 copy for H.Q. and 1 copy for each section and subsection.)
C.R.A.	3 (1 copy for H.Q. and 1 for each group.)
Brigades	3
M.G. Bn	1
C.R.E.	1
Spares	3
	20

2. Will you please forward your views on the above distribution to Australian Corps Headquarters by 6 p.m. 7th July.

J.D. Roger Capt
for

Brigadier- General
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

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G.

Australian Corps.
6th July, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
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AUST CORPS HQ
987

2nd Australian Division.

The following copy of a letter received from XXXI French Corps is forwarded for information and action.

" Execution des prescriptions de la Note du G.Q.C. No. 23. 132 du 20 Juin et 52/Ch du 22 Juin 1918 du G.A.R. - Chiffre.

Le Signal " I P T Z Char d' Assaut ami en ....." qui figure sur le TABLEAU 1 est supprime et remplace par les deux signaux suivants :

I S N Q " Char d' Assaut ami on mouvement en ..."

I O M Z " Char d' Assaut ami immobile en ....."

Cette modification entre en vigueur le 25 Juin a Zero heure. "

J Rosabrouse Captain
for Brigadier-General
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No. S/4743/2.
Date

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S E C R E T.

G.
Australian Corps,
6th July, 1918.

BATTLE STATIONS PRACTICE.

1.- It is intended at an early date, and by night, to carry out the manning of battle stations on the Army front for practice purposes.

2.- (a) On the evening of date selected the following telegrams will be sent by Australian Corps to Divisions and units allotted for garrisons in ARMY SYSTEM:-

"Battle stations practice acknowledge".

(b) Recipients will acknowledge receipt by wire to Australian Corps:-

"Acknowledged Practice".

(c) As soon as all troops are in their allotted positions Divisions and Os.C. Sub-Sections Army System will wire Australian Corps:-

"Position Practice".

3.- No movement in connection with the practice will take place before 8.30.p.m.; in the forward areas no movement will take place until after dark.

4.- On receipt of wire from Australian Corps to Divisions and Os.C. Sub-Sections :-

"Normal dispositions".

normal dispositions will be resumed; when this has been completed Divisions and Os.C. Sub-Sections will wire to Australian Corps:-

"Normal practice".

5.- (i) ARMY SYSTEM.

Full strength garrisons of troops allotted to the ARMY SYSTEM under Australian Corps Instructions for the Defensive No. 54, will be employed; paragraph 6 of above Instructions will not apply in this practice.

(ii) 2nd or CORPS ZONE.

All troops definitely allotted as garrisons in Divisional Schemes for Defence will man their stations, and counter-attack troops will fall in on their alarm posts.
The above will not affect reliefs, or troops who normally stand to in the morning and evening.

(iii) FORWARD ZONES.

No troops in Forward Zone will be affected.

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6.- The artillery will not fire any special programme in connection with the exercise.

7.- Every opportunity will be taken during the exercise to discover any points in connection with existing orders and arrangements which require adjustment, and all Staff Officers of formations concerned that can be spared from other duties must be employed throughout the practice for this purpose.

8.- Communications will be tested during this practice; reports will be rendered later by units concerned giving the time taken from receipt of wire "Battle Stations practice acknowledge" to the completion of the manning.

9.- It is essential that no orders should be issued which can in any way be interpreted to indicate that an actual hostile attack is anticipated.

Care must therefore be exercised that all orders issued signify clearly that they are only concerned with a practice operation.

10.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Melvin Maps
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.

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5th Brigade R.A.F.
15th Wing R.A.F.
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31st French Corps 2me Bureau.
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B.G.H.A.
Corps Mounted Troops.
5th Tank Brigade.
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Lt.Col. HEARN. (B.21. St GRATIEN).
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'H' Special Coy R.E.
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7 JUL 1918
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

G.

Australian Corps.
7th July, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
90/209

2nd Aust. Division
3rd Aust. Division
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5th Aust. Division
G.O.C.R.A. Aust. Corps.
B.G.H.A. Aust. Corps.
Chemical Adviser, Aust. Corps.

The following which has been received from G.H.Q. through Fourth Army is forwarded for information and action.

" In future all questions in connection with the employment of artillery gas shell will be dealt with in the same manner and through the same channels as questions in connection with other natures of shell. The original copies of technical reports by officers of the Gas Service in connection with enemy gas bombardments will be submitted to Australian Corps Headquarters in the usual manner, duplicate copies of these reports being sumitted direct to the Director of Gas Services as heretofore."

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J.O. Rogers Capt
for
Brigadier-General,
General Staff.
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G.H.Q. No. O.B./407/E.

G.
Australian Corps,
7th July, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
Pol/1242

2nd Australian Division.
3rd Australian Division.
4th Australian Division.
5th Australian Division.

The following has been received from G.H.Q. and is forwarded for information and necessary action:-

" It has been decided to issue one Vickers Machine Gun to each Machine Gun Battalion for the training of personnel kept out of the line, in accordance with para 3, Section XXX, S.S. 135.

The guns for this issue should be taken from the stocks at Gun Parks, the number of this letter being quoted on the Gun Park statement as the authority for issue. "

for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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Aust Corps 943.

G.
Australian Corps,
7th July, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No. G/4715/2
Date

5th Australian Division.

With reference to your SG 16/306 of the 4th instant.

The Corps Commander directs me to say that the resources asked for are not at the moment available. It might however, be possible to carry out an operation on a much more restricted front than that proposed, and the Corps Commander would be glad if you would examine various alternatives which would not involve demanding any resources in artillery beyond those at present available within the Corps.

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No. G.4753
Date.....

G.
Australian Corps,
7th July, 1918.

Fourth Army.

I.B.O.
943

1.- The present frontages of the Fourth Army Area held by respective Corps are as follows :-

		Direct Line North & South.		Trench frontage.	
III Corps. (two divisions).		5,500 yds.		6,600 yds.	
Australian Corps (three divisions)	Left Divn.	5,500 yds	14,000 yds.	7,500 yds	18,000 yds.
	Centre "	5,500 yds		5,600 yds	
	Right "	3,000 yds		4,900 yds	

2.- On May 6th, when the Australian Corps first assumed responsibility for its present sector, the total Infantry of the Corps was 33,378 of all ranks. This represented 1.85 men per yard of trench as available for the defence of the sector.

At the present date the Infantry of the Corps totals 29,534 of all ranks, or at the rate of 1.64 men per yard of trench as available for the defence of the sector.

In order to restore the former density a reduction of the trench frontage by rather more than 2,000 yards would be necessary.

3.- It is also pointed out that, apart from the security of the defence, further offensive activity on this Corps front is now largely contingent upon a reduction of frontage, and the release thereby, for offensive action, of a proportion of troops now disposed for the defence of the forward zone. There are under consideration several tempting proposals for exerting further pressure upon the enemy and for the improvement of our own position, but these cannot be seriously entertained with the present extended frontage and the reduced defensive density.

4.- It is therefore submitted that the northern inter-corps boundary should be amended, to run along the grid line through K.1.d.0.0., J.6.c.0.0. westwards.

Lt.

Lieutenant-General,
Commanding Australian Corps.

Qa - Staff

PA.
25/7/18

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HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
S/4743/3
Date.

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G.

Australian Corps.
8th July, 1918.

BATTLE STATIONS PRACTICE.

First Addendum to Australian Corps S/4743/2 of 6th July.

The instructions issued under Australian Corps S/4743/2 of 6th July for the manning of battle stations on the Army Front for practice purposes will not apply to Heavy or Field Artillery.

J.D. Rogers Capt
for Brigadier-General
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

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Issued to all recipients of
Aust. Corps S/4743/2 of 6th July.

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G.
Australian Corps,
8th July, 1918.

2nd Aust. Division.
3rd Aust. Division.
4th Aust. Division.
5th Aust. Division.

The following extract from a letter from G.H.Q. to Fourth Army, regarding BLUE rings and cartridges for the Stokes Mortar, is repeated for your information :-

"The defects in the BLUE rings and cartridges used with the 3-inch Trench Mortar are fully realised. The reports forwarded with your letters G.S.21/3 of the 6th May, 21st May, and 3rd July have all been forwarded to the Home authorities, who have been informed of the state of affairs and who have been requested to treat the provision of a satisfactory charge for the 3-inch Stokes Mortar as an urgent matter.

"The Home authorities have been told that unless an improved charge materialises in the near future, it will be necessary to revert to the use of the WHITE rings and green cartridges."

H Cavenagh

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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BGGS.

I have undertaken, to the Army Commander, to select & hold in readiness, 25 good patrol leaders from this Corps, to exchange with a similar number from the III Corps, whose patrolling is below the mark. —

The idea is for our men to go to III Corps & to organize, lead & teach patrolling activities to them; & for their men to come to us & to take part in our patrolling under our guidance. —

The party had better be found all by one Division & preferably the 5th, as being nearest, & conditions being most similar to those of III Corps. — The party should consist of 1 Offr (scout offr) to organize & superintend the instruction; 3 or 4 N.C.Os' & the rest privates of good patrolling ability. —

I consider that a definite period should be stipulated for, — say 3 or 4 weeks; so as to ensure that these men are not retained indefinitely.

For necessary detailed action, which please report to me. —

GHQ.
8/7/18

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HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No 140/69
Date

G.
Australian Corps,
8th July, 1918.

5th Australian Division. G/3/1959 8.7.18 5.30 pm

Please select and hold in readiness a party of 25 good patrol leaders consisting of 1 Officer (scout officer), 4 N.C.Os. and 20 men.

It is proposed to exchange this party with a party of similar strength from the III Corps.

The party will be employed by the III Corps to organise, train, and lead patrols. The object in view is to assist the III Corps Units, which consist in a great measure of men who have had very little experience in France, to raise the standard of patrolling.

It is essential, therefore, that men of experience and knowledge in patrolling and leading patrols should be selected. They should be withdrawn as soon as possible and put into training pending further detailed instructions.

A definite time limit to their absence from their units will be arranged by Australian Corps with the III Corps.

The party from III Corps will be attached to your Division for training in patrol work. They will be distributed amongst units in the line and will take part in patrols.

C.A.Blamey
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

Suggested
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Total 1 4 20

8/7/18 In addition please fill

Letter at 18 Brigade School under extra arrangements

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128/92.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Headquarters,
8th July, 1918.

Maps, Fourth Army.

LOCAL NAMES.
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According to a "Rectificatif" Map attached from XXXI French Corps, names of
Manor Copse)
Glisy Copse) Sheet 62 D, S.W.,
are given the French names:

Bois de la Legion, and
Bois de la Marocaine

respectively.

As having the two names may lead to confusion, will you please say whether we will retain the English names or adopt the French ones. I presume the other French names will be adopted.

(Sgd.) S.A. Harris,
Major, G.S.,
for Lieutenant-General,
Commanding AUSTRALIAN Corps.

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Captain Renondeau.

The attached letter has been received from Australian Corps with a "Rectificatif" from the XXXI French Corps.

Both British and French maps exist of this area, and there is liable to be confusion if we each adopt new names for features or trenches in the adjoining Army area, without any reference to the other.

In the present case, all the woods North of the 53 Grid line are in the British zone, and names are already published on our maps for two of them, as follows:

Names adopted by XXXI Corps.	Names published on British maps.
Bs. de la LEGION	MANOR COPSE
Bs. de la MAROCAINE	GLISY COPSE

I would suggest that if, it is desired by the French to give new names to features in the zone of the British Army, they should be first of all submitted to me to ensure that duplicate names are not given for the same feature. We always adopt names from the French maps for features in French area.

P.T.O.

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There is no objection to the following names, and I propose to adopt them:-

DAUGAN WOOD
TADLA WOOD
CASABLANCA WOOD
RABAL WOOD
NOUBA WOOD
MADAGASCAR WOOD

I think the names FORT MANOIR WOOD is liable to be confused with MANOIR COPSE and would suggest MAURICE WOOD in lieu.

I am adopting the following names for woods in French Army Zone.

BOQUETEAU DU COUSOUS 1 and 2
BOUQETEAU DE LA CRETE

(Sgd.) F.B. Legh,
Lieut-Colonel, R.E.,
11/7/1918. Commanding 5th Field Survey Battn., R.E.

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B.6688.

Headquarters,
Australian Corps.

Your 128/92, dated 8/7/18.

I am glad to have information of these French names which I had not heard of. As this area is in the British Zone, the names shown on British maps should be retained: I am taking up the question with the French.

(Sgd.) F.B. Legh,
Lieut-Colonel, R.E.,
11/7/18. Commanding 5th Field Survey Battalion, R.E.

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4 ARMÉE BRITANNIQUE.

L'Officier de Liaison.

Q.G., le 12 Juillet 1918.

No.563/E.M.

Le Capitaine RENONDEAU
Agent de Liaison
auprès de la 4 Armée Britannique.

A Monsieur le General
Cdt. la Ière Armée.

J'ai l'honneur de vous soumettre la demande suivante du Directeur du Service des "MAPS" de la 4 Armée Britannique.

Chacune des Ière Armée Française et 4 Armée Britannique publie des plans directeurs qui se recouvrent mutuellement, de part et d'autre de la limite commune aux deux Armées.

Or, si la 4 Armée Brit. à pris comme règle d'adopter pour la zône francaise les noms donnés par les Francais, la Ière Armée Francaise - ou au moins le 31 C.A. - donne a des points en zône britannique des noms différents de ceux qui sont déjà donnés par les anglais. De la peuvent résulter des confusions fâcheuses pour les troupes en secteur.

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Le Directeur des "MAPS" de la 4 Armée Brit:

1. désirérait qu'il y eut toujours entente entre les Services français et britanniques corréspondants (C.A. ou Armées) quand l'un d'eux désire donner un nom à un point situé dans la zône de l'autre et non encore dénommé;

2. adopte les noms suivants donnés par le 31 C.A. à des boqueteaux en zône britannique: BOIS DAUGAN, du TADLA, de CASABLANCA, de RABAT, de la NOUBA, de MADAGASCAR.
3. n'adopte pas les noms de BOIS de la MAROCAINE, dénommé antèrieurement GLISY COPSE, et BOIS de la LEGION, dénommé antèrieurement MANOR COPSE.

4°. suggère de changer le nom de BOIS de FORT MANOIR, qui prête à confusion avec le MANOIR COPSE, par exemple en BOIS MAURICE.

(Sd.) G. RENONDEAU.

lre ARMÉE.

ÉTAT-MAJOR.

Q.G., le 13 Juillet, 1918.

GROUPE des CANEVAS de TIR.

Le COMMANDANT RICARD, Chef du Groupe des Canevas de Tir.

a Monsieur le Capitaine RENONDEAU, Agent de liaison auprès de la 4ème Armée Britannique.

Secteur Postal 160.

No. 604.

J'ai téléphoné au Lieutenant COURTET, Chef de la S.T.C.A./31 après la réception de votre lettre No. 563/E.M. du 12 Juillet 1918.

Les rectificatifs ou tirages effectuées par la S.T.C.A./31 seront corrigés conformément aux desidérata du Colonel LEGH, en ce qui concerne les appéllations de bois faisant l'objet du rectificatif de la S.T.C.A./31 en date du 5 Juillet 1918. A L'avenir, la S.T.C.A./31 n'adoptera sur les documents publiés par ses soins, aucune dénomination nouvelle - dans la zône Britannique - avant d'en avoir référé au Corps Australien pour qu'il ne puisse y avoir de double dénomination.

Sur les plans directeurs français, le Groupe des Canevas de Tir de la lère Armée qui reçoit les éditions de plans directeurs publiés par le Field Survey de la IV° Armée Britannique adoptera-dans la zône britannique - les noms qui figurent sur les plans Anglais en y adjoignant ceux qui auront été donnés après entente entre le Corps Australien et le 31° C.A.

(Signé) L. Ricard.

To: Lt-Colonel Legh,

Dear Colonel,

Herewith I send you a letter that G.C.T.A., 1st F. Army addressed to me in reply to my remarks.
I hope there will be no confusion in the future about names of features.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) G. Renondeau, Capt.,
Liaison Officer.

14/7/18.

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S E C R E T.

Copy of letter from Aust. Corps No. 8/2/110 of 8/7/18 to Second Australian Division.

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The following, received from G.H.Q., is forwarded for information and action :-

"Attention is called to the fact that the British Armour piercing bullet will not pierce the plates of a German Tank and that consequently fire with Armour piercing bullets has little effect against them.

On the other hand, concentrated fire with ordinary S.A.A. has a very good chance of putting a German Tank out of action owing to the faft that the machine gun, gun and loop-hole shields fit very badly and allow the lead 'splash' of ordinary bullets to enter the Tank freely.

Cases have occurred in which fire has been brought to bear on hostile Tanks with a mixture of A.P. and ordinary bullets with good effect. This effect has generally been attributed to the Armour piercing bullets.

Experience proves conclusively, however, that the effect is really obtained by the 'splash' of the ordinary bullets.

In one case which has been reported, it is stated that the strike of the bullets was marked by long sheets of flame. This is the common appearance of 'splash'.

Hostile Tanks, therefore, should be engaged by concentrated bursts of fire from machine guns, Lewis guns and rifles, using ordinary S.A.A., particular attention being paid to the loop-holes. Armour piercing ammunition should not be used."

HEADQUARTERS.
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.
217/235
No.....
Date.....

Headquarters,
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.
7th T.M.Bty.

For information and action.

Major, Brigade Major.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Bde.H.Q.,
8/7/18.

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HEADQUARTERS
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
130/273.

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Copy No.....96

Australian Corps.
8th July, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No.31

1. An incident occurred on the 6th instant, on the Corps Front, which aptly illustrates the many opportunities which occur for the exploitation of a successful battle.

2. A hostile post south of VAIRE WOOD was observed to be occupied, and was engaged by our troops in the front line with rifle grenades. One of our men went forward to examine the post. He was seen and, although the enemy showed a little fight, they were quickly disposed of. With the aid of a few hand grenades, our man subdued the post and personally took prisoner the whole garrison, consisting of one officer and 12 other ranks and brought them back to our lines. On examination of these prisoners, they shewed to a striking degree, the state of utter demoralisation to which the enemy troops had been brought as the result of our operation. It was difficult to imagine men exhibiting greater dejection and a poorer morale than those prisoners. They had been sent forward aimlessly to assist in forming an outpost line to cover the remainder of their Battalion. They had been left without food or water and utterly cut off, not knowing either our situation or that of their own troops. They were indeed quite helpless and fell an easy prey to our enterprise and pressue.

3. Examination of other prisoners disclosed how hopelessly mixed the enemy units became as the result of our attack, small posts being cut off and left without rations or means of communication, owing to the harassing fire of our artillery. This confusion was not confined to the immediate area where the battle was fought, but extended to a considerable distance behind the enemy's most forward troops.

4. The Corps Commander desires that these occurrences should be brought to the notice of regimental officers, in order to stimulate them to spare no effort, immediately after a battle, to exploit our successes to the utmost by the incessant harassing of the enemy and the mopping up of small posts. By judiciously seizing opportunities, by energy and enterprise, and by bold action, the fruits of a victory such as that of July 4th can almost always be largely extended without appreciable cost to ourselves. The Corps Commander hopes that, under similiar circumstances in the future, all front line Commanders will be animated with this spirit of enterprise.

5. The only safeguard which must, however, at all times, be insisted on upon, is that the artillery covering the sector must be kept fully advised as to any such patrolling enterprises, so that no unnecessary risks are taken as regards our own men.

J.W. Rogers Capt
for Brigadier-General
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

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G.O.C.R.A.
B.G.H.A.
Chemical Adviser, Aust. Corps. (For information.)

With reference to this office 90/ 309 of the 7th instant, the reports referred to will be submitted to Australian Corps Headquarters in the usual way.

This cancels the instructions contained in the above letter that duplicate copies of these reports will be submitted direct to the of Gas Services. ?

AUSTRALIAN WAR RECORDS SECTION
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J.D. Rogers Capt
for Brigadier-General
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Australian Corps.
7th July, 1918.

2nd Aust. Division
3rd Aust. Division
4th Aust. Division
5th Aust. Division
G.O.C.R.A. Aust. Corps.
D.G.M.A. Aust. Corps.
Chemical Adviser, Aust. Corps.

The following which has been received from G.H.Q. through Fourth Army is forwarded for information and action.

" In future all questions in connection with the employment of artillery gas shell will be dealt with in the same manner and through the same channels as questions in connection with other natures of shell. The original copies of technical reports by officers of the Gas Service in connection with enemy gas bombardments will be submitted [redacted] in the usual manner, duplicate copies of these reports being sumitted direct to the Director of Gas Services as heretofore."

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
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Headquarters,
Australian Corps,
8th July, 1918.

A. CORPS H.Q.
No. 965

Dear General Orth,

I forward herewith, in reply to your letter of the 30th June, a tracing showing the Machine Gun barrages employed by the Australian Corps at PASCHENDAELE on the 20th September 1917.

The tracing fits over a HOOGE 1/10,000 map. The forward Machine guns were emplaced along the WESTHOEK RIDGE and the rear guns just in front of CHATEAU WOOD, all being North of the MENIN Road.

I regret that I am unable to forward you maps as none of the maps of this area have been retained. You will have no difficulty, probably, in obtaining these at G.H.Q.

Yours sincerely,

Lieutenant-General,
Commanding Australian Corps.

Lieut-General A. Orth, K.C.M.G.,
Chief of Belgian Mission,
G.H.Q.

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HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
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Australian Corps.
8th July, 1918.

2nd Aust. Division.

The following list of pass words received from 31st French Corps is forwarded for your information.

11	Juillet	- a partir de Midi -		BALZAC	- BACCARAT
12	"	"	"	BRAZZA	- BEAUNE
13	"	"	"	ARAGO	- ALGER
14	"	"	"	COLIGNY	- CANNES
15	"	"	"	GAMBETTA	- GRENOBLE
16	"	"	"	DUPLEIX	- DAX
17	"	"	"	DUMOURIEZ	- DIXMUDE
18	"	"	"	LANNES	- LYON.
19	"	"	"	LITTRE	- LANNION
20	"	"	"	MUSSET	- MONTARGIS

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Brigadier-General
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS,
2ND
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION,
(GENERAL STAFF.)

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HEADQUARTERS,
2ND
AUSTRALIAN DIV.
No.
Date 8.7.18

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Australian Corps,
8th July, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

175/457

2nd Aust. Division
3rd Aust. Division
4th Aust. Division
5th Aust. Division.

VISUAL SIGNALLING.

1. With reference to the reports forwarded by Divisions in reply to Australian Corps G. 175/457 of the 16th June, it would appear that the visual signalling tests carried out have proved successful on the whole.

In some cases however, the reports tend to show that the advantages and the possibilities of this means of communication have not been fully developed.

2. The Corps Commander desires that further practices be carried out on the following lines.

(i) Messages will be sent daily by visual throughout the whole of the Divisional System.
This will ensure that the signallers on the stations maintain constantly a sharp lookout.

(ii) When visual signalling can be performed unseen by the enemy, telephonic communication will cease altogether for certain hours and visual will be the only means of communication.

3. Will you please forward a further report on tests carried out as above by 15th instant.

The Corps Commander would also be glad of any additional suggestions that you may care to make that would lead to the more efficient working of communication by visual signalling.

J.D. Rogers Capt
for Brigadier-General
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

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D.A.A.G.,
Australian Corps. Admin

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
92/513

Re fatigue parties at CORBIE, could you please arrange for 40 pioneers to be detailed permanentlyfor dismounting and removal of machinery, as previously :
and 10 men for loading parties.
This work will take about 3 weeks.
Town Major has arranged for their billeting and rationing.

Could the same number of lorries as previously be detailed again for CORBIE (i.e. 6 lorries) ?.

8-7-18.

M. 1090.

F. Shuman
Lieut.
O.C. French Mission,
att. Australian Corps.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS SCHOOLS

Chief Instructors,
All Wings & Schools.

General Staff Circular No.31 is republished herewith for information:-

1. "An incident occurred on the 6th.instant,on the Corps Front,which aptly illustrates the many opportunities which occur for the exploitation of a successful battle.

2. A hostile post south of VAIRE WOOD was observed to be occupied and was engaged by our troops in the front line with rifle grenades. One of our men went forward to examine the post. He was seen and,although the enemy showed a little fight,they were quickly disposed of. With the aid of a few hand grenades,our man subdued the post & personally took prisoner the whole garrison,consisting of one Officer and 12 other ranks and brought them back to our lines. On examination of these prisoners,they shewed to a striking degree, the state of utter demoralisation to which the enemy troops had been brought as the result of our operation. It was difficult to imagine men exhibiting greater dejection and a poorer morale than these prisoners. They had been sent forward aimlessly to assist in forming an outpost line to cover the remainder of their Battalion. They had been left without food or water & utterly cut off,not knowing either our situation or that of their own troops. They were indeed quite helpless and fell an easy prey to our enterprise & pressure.

3. Examination of other prisoners disclosed how hopelessly mixed the enemy units became as the result of our attack,small posts being cut off & left without rations or means of communication,owing to the harassing fire of our Artillery. This confusion was not confined to the immediate area where the battle was fought,but extended to a considerable distance behind the enemy's most forward troops.

4. The Corps Commander desires that these occurrences should be brought to the notice of regimental officers,in order to stimulate them to spare no effort,immediately after a battle,to exploit our successes to the utmost by the incessant harassing of the enemy and the mopping up of small posts. By judiciously seizing opportunities,by energy & enterprise,& by bold action, the fruits of a victory such as that of July 4th. can almost always be largely extended without appreciable cost to ourselves. The Corps Commander hopes that,under similar circumstances in the future,all front line Commanders will be animated with this spirit of enterprise.

5. The only safeguard which must,however,at all times be insisted upon is that the Artillery covering the sector must be kept fully advised as to any such patrolling enterprises, so that no unnecessary risks are taken as regards our own men."

(Sgd) J.D.Rogers. Capt.
for Brigadier-Genl.
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

8th.July.1918.

Capt.& Adjt.
for Lt-Col,
Commandant.

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Australian Corps.
9th July, 1918.

ADMS
4 Div Sig Coy

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
182/399

4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
No. G.S. 163

1.- In view of the possibility of the D.A.N. (9th French Army) being required to operate in the Fourth Army area in case of eventualities, the Staff of that formation has been ordered to carry out the necessary reconnaissances.

2.- Will you please ensure that every facility is afforded to Staff Officers of the 9th French Army.

A. Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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Lieut Col
G.S. Canad Div G.S.

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Australian Corps,
8th July, 1918.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
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Date .....

D.F. - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.55.

DEMOLITIONS.

Reference Map, April 1918. 1/20,000. 62D. and 57E.

1.- Instructions for the Defensive Nos. 45 and 46 dated 4th June 1918 are cancelled.

Responsibility for the guarding and demolition of the road mines and bridges will continue with the 2nd Australian Tunnelling Coy and the technical personnel (Engineers and Pioneers) of the Divisions.

2.- Particulars respecting these bridges and road mines and responsibility for their demolition are shown in attached tables as follows :-

TABLE "A". - Road Mines.

TABLE "B". - Bridges in the Corps area showing responsibility for demolition and carrying capacities of bridges.

TABLE "C". - Bridges of Tank carrying capacity.

TABLE "D". - Certain Railway Carrying Bridges.

TABLE "E". - Bridges and Road Mines in and West of AMIENS.

Table "C" is for information only.

Demolition maps will be brought up to date accordingly.

3 .- Responsibility for the actual demolition of railway bridges shown in Table 'D' will remain with the 263 Railway Coy R.E.

Orders for the destruction of these bridges will be given to the demolition party by the Divisions concerned. The order for demolition will be repeated to R.C.E. 4.

4.- A separate list of certain bridges of tank carrying capacity is given in Table 'C' for convenienco. These bridges are all included in Table 'B'.

The tanks, which will normally be amongst the last to cross these bridges, have orders to cover, firstly from the Eastern Bank, and then from the western bank of the river HALLUE, both the actual process of the demolition of the bridges and the withdrawal of the bridge head defending troops.

Orders have been issued for a Tank Officer to be posted at each bridge-head to control the withdrawal of tanks and advise demolition parties.

5.- Table 'B'. Charges will be placed in the abutments, fitted and left in place on the girders, or removed and stored, as specified in the Table.

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6.- The bridges known as VILLERS 2, 3, and D in VILLERS-BRETONNEUX will be prepared for demolition to the extent that charges will be put in place without leads and fuses. These bridges are not to be destroyed in the event of a successful local attack on VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, but only under definite orders from Australian Corps.

7.- (a) In all cases units in charge of demolitions will be given definite written instructions as to their duties.

(b) Officers in charge of bridge demolition parties will get into touch with the infantry brigades and arrange that officers commanding rear guards will inform bridge head parties when the rear guards are clear of the bridges.

(c) Divisional Artillery Commanders will inform the Cs.R.E. of the number of guns they propose to bring over each bridge.

(d) Cs.R.A. of Divisions and B.G.H.A. will each arrange for an officer to supervise the crossing of field and heavy artillery respectively at each bridge. These officers will be provided with complete information as to what guns are allotted to the bridge to which each is detailed. They will inform the bridge guards when all the artillery for which they are responsible has crossed.

Failing receipt of definite information and on the close approach of the enemy, officers and N.C.Os. in charge of demolitions will give the orders for actual demolition at their own discretion.

8.- Lieut.J.A.BOLTON,A.E.,has been detailed by the C.E. as field engineer for demolitions and all formations and units will give him everyfacility to keep in touch with the work and arrangements.

9.- Separate Engineer Instructions regarding handing over of stores and of particulars respecting charges will be issued by the C.E. of the Corps.

10.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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for Brigadier-General,
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

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TABLE 'A' - ROAD CRATERS.

Serial No.	Location.	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Orders Dem.
G.	N.6.a.4.5.	Reserve Division.	
H.	N.6.a.5.6.	ditto.	
I.	I.27.c.3.1.	'B' Division.	
J.	I.33.a.C.0.	ditto.	
L.	I.2.d.7.3.	'C' Division.	
M.	I.3.c.5.0.	ditto.	
N.	C.28.d.9.9.	ditto.	
O.	C.29.d.7.0	ditto.	
P.	C.29.d.7.8.	ditto.	
T.	N.24.a.8.3.	'A' Division.	
Tl.	N.24.a.7.2.	ditto.	
V.	M.32.b.central.	Reserve Division.	
XA.	M.33.b.2.9.	ditto.	
XB.	N.19.d.8.6.	'A' Division.	
XF.	O.27.c.0.3.	ditto.	
XG.	O.34.d.3.7.	ditto.	
XH.	I.7.b.6.5.	Reserve Division.	
6.	M.33.d.4.2.	ditto.	

Amended 16/7/18

TABLE 'B' - Bridges. (see Footnote).

The following conventional terms have been used:- T. - Tanks : XT - All traffic except Tanks FA - Field Artillery: I.F.- Infantry in file : Abt C - Abutment charge in place : C.R. & S.- Girder charges removed and stored: G.C. - Girder charges in place: N.C - Not charged: A.C.- All charges in place.

Location.	Name.	Description.	Charges.	To carry	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Orders Dem.
		TREUX GROUP.				
J.5.b.7.6.	TREUX 1.	Road over River (existing).	N.C.		'C' Division.	
J.5.b.5.9.	" 2.	" " " " Masonry arch bridge 15" ring 15' span.	A.C.		"	"
D.29.d.5.0.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing) 6 I beams 9" x 4".	A.C.		"	"
D.30.a.5.6.	" 4.	Road over river (existing).	C.R.&S.	60 pdrs.	"	"
		MERICOURT GROUP.				
J.4.b.9.3.	MERICOURT 1.	Railway over river (existing).	A.C.		"	"
J.4.c.7.9.	" 2.	Road over river (existing) steel girder bridge 18' span x 18' wide.	A.C.	T.	"	"
J.4.a.4.2.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing) brick arch bridge 8' span 20' wide arch ring 12".	A.C.	T.	"	"
J.3.c.9.7.	" 4.	Road over river (existing). Brick arch 20' span x 18' wide. 22" ring.	A.C.	T.	"	"
		HEILLY GROUP.				
J.2.c.5.1.	HEILLY 1.	Track over river (new) 2 small trestle bridges and track connecting MERICOURT and HEILLY.	A.C.	FA.	"	"
J.7.b.3.5.	" 2.	Road over river (existing) Masonry arch 8' span by 18' wide.	A.C.	T.	"	"
J.7.b.2.7.	" 3.	Road over river (existing) 8' span steel and concrete 20' wide.	A.C.	T.	"	"
J.7. central.	" 4.	Track over river (new) 2 small timber bridges and track.	A.C.	FA.	"	"

TABLE 'B' continued - Bridges.

Location	Name.	Description.	Charges.	To carry.	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Responsibility for Orders Dem.
		BONNAY GROUP.				
I.29.a.	BONNAY 1.	Track over river (new) small timber and pontoon bridge and track.	G.C.	FA.	'B' Division.	
" "	" 2.	" " " " " "	G.C.	FA.	'B' Division.	
I.23.c.	" 3.	Track over river (new) small timber bridge, track.	G.C.	FA.	'C' Division.	
" "	" 4.	" " " " " "	N.C.	FA.	'C' Division.	
" "	" 5.	" " " " " "	G.C.	FA.	"	"
" "	" 6.	" " " " " "	N.C.	FA.	"	"
I.23.d.6.6.	" 7.	Road over railway (existing) brick and masonry arch.	A.C.	T.	"	"
I.23.b.6.4.	" 8.	Road over river (existing) reinforced concrete bridge 4 girders 12" x 12".	A.C.	T.	"	"
I.23.b.3.7.	" 9.	Road over stream (existing). 2 small masonry arches and central pier 15' roadway.	A.C.	T.	"	"
I.18.c.	" 10.	Track over river (new) small timber bridge	N.C.	FA.	"	"
" "	" 11.	" " " " " "	G.C.	FA	"	"
" "	" 12	" " " " " "	N.C.	FA	"	"
" "	" 13	" " " " " "	G.C.	FA	"	"
" "	" 14.	" " " " " "	N.C.	FA	"	"
		LA NEUVILLE GROUP.				
I.33.c.6.1.	LA NEUVILLE 1.	Track over stream (existing) 4/9" x 3" RSJ. 14' span 12' wide.	C.R,& S.	FA	'B' Division.	
I.33.d.9.7.	" 2.	Road over stream (existing) 3 girders and Jack arches 21'6" span.	(Abt.C.			
I.34.a.6.0.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing).	(C.R.& S. C.R.& S.)		"	"
I.35.a.3.4.	" 4.	Railway over river (existing).	& Abt.C.)		"	"
			Abt.C.		"	"

TABLE 'B' (continued) - Bridges.

Location.	Name.		Description.	Charges.	To carry.	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Orders Dem.
			LA NEUVILLE GROUP (continued).				
I.28.c.& d.	LA NEUVILLE	5.	Track over river (new) small timber bridge.	C.R.& S.	FA.	'B' Division.	
" " "	"	6.	" " " " " " "	N.C.	FA.	"	"
" " "	"	7.	" " " " " " "	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
I.35.c.3.8.	"	8.	Road over stream (existing).	C.R.& S.	MT.	"	"
			CORBIE GROUP.				
0.4.d.6.4.	CORBIE	1.	Towpath over stream (existing).				
0.11.a.0.9.	"	2.	Road over stream (existing) Masonry arch bridge 12' span.	C.R.& S.	IF.	"	"
0.5.c.2.0.	"	4.	Road over stream (existing). Brick arch bridge 20' span by 16'3" roadway.	Abt.C.	T.	"	"
0.5.c.4.5.	"	6.	Road over stream (existing) Steel girder bridge 50' span by 16'6".	Abt.C.	T.	"	"
0.5.c.4.5.	"	7.	Road over stream (new) 60' Mark II.	C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
0.5.c.7.8.	"	8.	Road over river (new) 21'6" class 'A' 10' wide, replacing bridge destroyed by shell fire.	C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
0.5.c.7.8.	"	9.	Road over river (new) 21'6" Mark II.	C.R.& S.	XT.	"	"
				C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
			DAOURS GROUP.				
0.1.d.3.0.	DAOURS	1.	Road over Railway (existing) Masonry arch bridge over railway.	Abt.C.	T.	"	"
0.1.c.2.3.	"	3.	Road over river (new) 60' Mark II.	C.R.& S.	XT.	"	"
0.1.c.2.5.	"	4.	Road over river (existing) Steel girder bridge 22' span by 20' wide.	Abt.C.			
0.1.a.2.1.	"	5.	Road over river. Heavy type Inglis.	C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
0.1.a.1.1.	"	6.	" " " " " "	C.R.&.S.	16 ton axle.	"	"
				C.R.& S.	"	"	"

Location.	Name.		Description.	Charges.	To carry.	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Responsibility for Orders Dem.
			DAOURS GROUP (continued).				
N.6.d.8.3.	DAOURS	7.	Road over river (new) 90' Hopkins.	C.R.& S.	T.	'B' Division.	
N.6.d.8.5.	"	8.	Road over river (existing) 72' span steel trusses 20' wide on masonry abutments.	(Abt.C. (C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
N.6.d.3.1.	"	9.	Culvert over stream 3'.	N.C.	T.	"	"
N.6.c.8.1.	"	10.	" " " 2'.	N.C.	T.	"	"
N.5.d.8.6.	"	11.	Track over river.	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
N.6.d.0.5.	"	12.	Road over stream. Masonry (existing).	C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
N.6.d.8.8.	"	13.	Road over stream, Heavy Girder (existing).	C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
			GLISY GROUP.				
N.14.d.3.3.	GLISY	1.	Towpath river (existing).	N.C.	FA.	'A' Division.	
N.14.c.8.3.	"	2.	Road over river. 84' trestle girder bridge.	C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
N.13.c.8.3.	"	3.	Road over river tresle bridges.	C.R.& S.	FA & 60 pdrs.	"	"
N.14.d.0.3.	"	4.	Road over river. Trestle bridges.	C.R.& S.	" "	"	"
			CAMON GROUP.				
M.16.d.5.5.	CAMON	1.	Road over river (new) 60' steel trusses on masonry abutments.	Abt.C. C.R.& S.	XT.	Reserve Division.	
M.15.b.2.2.	"	2.	Road over river (existing) continuous girder bridge with centre pier.	C.R.& S.	8 tons, 5 on 1 axle.	"	"
M.16.a.1.1.	"	4.	Road over stream (existing) small steel bridge.	C.R.& S.	ditto.	"	"
			LONGUEAU GROUP.				
M.22.b.6.1.	LONGUEAU	1.	Road over stream (new) 19' span girder bridge on masonry abutments.	(C.R.& S. (Abt.C.	XT.	"	"
M.22.c.3.4.	"	2.	Road over river (new) 'A' Heavy Bridge.	C.R.& S.	XT.	"	"

TABLE 'B' (continued) - Bridges.

Location.	Name.	. Description.	Charges.	To Carry	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Orders Dem.
		LONGUEAU GROUP (continued).				
M.22.c.4.5.	LONGUEAU 3.	Road over river (existing) Masonry arch 30' span.	Abt.C.	T.	Reserve Division.	
M.21.b.3.2.	" 4.	Road over stream (existing) 2/20' masonry arches.	Abt.C.	T.	"	"
		CAGNY GROUP.				
M.34.a.9.2.	CAGNY 1.	Road over river (new) 60' 'A'.	C.R.& S.	XT.	"	"
M.34.a.8.4.	" 2.	Road over river (new) 60' 'A'.	C.R.& S.	XT.	"	"
M.28.d.2.4.	" 3.	Road over railway (existing).		XT.	"	"
		VILLERS GROUP.				
0.36.c.4.3.	VILLERS 1.	Road over rail (existing).	C.R.& S.	T.	'A' Division.	
0.34.b.9.8.	" 2.	" " " "	"	T.	"	"
0.28.d.3.4.	" 3.	" " " "	"	T.	"	"
0.25.c.7.4.	" 4.		(C.R.& S. (Abt.C.	XT.	"	"
0.35.a.5.1.	" D.	Rail over road,.	C.R.&.S.		"	"
		BUSSY GROUP.				
N.5.b.4.1.	BUSSY 1.	2 steel and timber bridges at old railway crossing, over stream.	C.R.&.S.	FA.	Reserve Division.	
N.5.b.1.9.	" 2.	Track over river. Bridge for F.A. Mud road only.	C.R.&.S.	FA.	"	"
H.35.d.1.1.	" 3.	Footbridge.	C.R.&.S.	IF.	"	"
H.29.c.4.2.	" 4.	Track over river, small timber bridge.	C.R.&.S.	FA.	"	"

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TABLE 'B' (continued) - Bridges.

Serial No.	Name.		Description.	Charges.	To carry	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Responsibility for Orders Dem.
			QUERRIEU GROUP.				
H.23.b.1.2.	QUERRIEU	2.)	Small bridge.	N.C.	FA.	Reserve Division.	
H.23.a.8.2.	"	3.)	Track over river, 30' span with centre trestle.	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
H.17.d.0.6.	"	4.	Track over river. 8' span brickwork in nad condition.	Abt.C.	FA.	"	"
H.17.b.0.1.	"	5.	Road over river. 21' span masonry arch bridge.	Abt.C.	T.	"	"
H.17.b.3.7.	"	6.	Road over river. 21'6" span heavy bridge.	C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
H.17.b.5.9.	"	7.	" " " " " " "	C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
H.11.b.7.2.	"	9.	Track over river, small timber bridge.	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
H.5.d.8.4.	"	10.	" " " 50' span by 8'6" wide centre trestle.	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
H.23.a.7.0.	"	11.	Track over river 30' span with centre trestle.	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
H.11.b.5.0.	"	12.	Timber bridge over river centre trestle.	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
H.23.a.8.2.	"	13.	Querrieu avoiding road south. 7. 10"x5" RSJ.	C.R.& S.	XT.	"	"
H.23.b.1.2.	"	14.	" " " " " " " "	"	"	"	"
			FRECHENCOURT GROUP.				
B.30.a.0.2.	FRECHENCOURT	1.	Track over river timber bridge and centre trestle.	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
B.30.a.8.7.	"	2.	Road over river, brick arch 9' span.	Abt.C.	XT.	"	"
B.30.a.9.7.	"	3.	Small girder bridge.	C.R.& S.	XT.	"	"
B.24.c.5.9.	"	4.	Track over river, 30' span with centre trestle	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
" " "	"	5.	Track over stream, small timber bridge.	N.C.	FA.	"	"
" " "	"	6.	" " " " " "	N.C.	DA.	"	"
			BLANGY GROUP.				
N.17.c.6.3.	BLANGY	1.	Trestle bridge and track over river.	G.C.	FA.	'A' Division.	
N.16.c.6.2.	"	2.	" " " " " "	G.C.	FA.	"	"
N.15.c.8.4.	"	5	Towpath over spillway (existing) 3 small spans	G.C.	FA.	"	"
N.15.c.7.4.	"	6.	Trestle over lock (now).	G.C.	FA.	"	"

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Location.	Name.	Description.	Charges. To Carry	Actual Dem.	Responsibility for Orders Dem.
		BLANGY GROUP. (continued).			
N.15.c.5.4.	BLANGY 7.	Towpath over stream (existing) light reinforced concrete bridge.(150' long carrying towpath).	G.C.	FA.	'A' Division.
N.15.c.2.4.	" 8.	Road over river (new) 2/16' Mark II 2/ 21'6" Mark II.	C.R.& S.	T.	" "

NOTE:- Table 'B' includes for clearness several bridges which it is not considered necessary to prepare for demolition.

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TABLE 'C'. (11).

List of Bridges in Australian Corps Area capable of carrying Tanks.

Reference Map 62D.

QUERRIEU.	5.	H.17.b.0.1.
	6.	H.17.b.3.7.
	7.	H.17.b.5.9.
DAOURS.	1.	O.1d.3.0.
	4.	O.1c.2.5.
	7.	N.6.d.8.3.
	8.	N.6.d.8.5.
	9.	N.6.d.3.1.
	10.	N.6.c.8.1.
	12.	N.6.d.0.5.
	13.	N.6.d.8.8.
LA NEUVILLE.	2.	I.33.d.9.7.
CORBIE.	2.	O.11.a.0.9.
	4.	O.5.c.2.0.
	6.	O.5.c.4.5.
	7.	O.5.c.4.5.
	9.	O.5.c.7.8.
HEILLY.	2.	J.7.b.3.5.
	3.	J.7.b.2.7.
	5.	J.7.d.4.6.
MERICOURT.	2.	J.4.c.7.9.
	3.	J.4.a.4.2.
	4.	J.3.c.9.7.
BONNAY.	7.	I.23.d.6.6.
	8.	I.23.b.6.4.
	9.	I.23.b.3.7.
GLISY.	2.	N.14.c.8.3.
LONGUEAU.	3.	M.22.c.4.5.
	4.	M.21.b.2.2.
BLANGY.	8.	N.15.c.2.4.
VILLERS.	1.	O.36.c.4.2.
	2.	O.34.b.9.8.
	3.	O.28.d.3.4.

Reference Map 62E.	AMIENS AND WEST OF AMIENS.	1.	M.7.b.4.6.
		2.	M.7.b.2.1.
		4.	R.12.a.3.4.
		6.	R.5.d.8.7.
		10.	R.11.b.0.9.
		E.	L.3.b.6.4.
		F.	R.4.a.1.1.
		G.	R.4.c.9.6.
		B.3.	R.10.a.1.0.
		B12.	R.19.d.8.6.

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TABLE 'D'.

Railway Bridges.

Serial No.	Location.		Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Orders Dem.
A.	Sheet 62 D.	O.2.b.8.2.	263 Railway Coy R.E.	'B' Div.
B.	"	N.16.d.8.8.	"	"
C.	"	N.13.d.9.1.	"	'A' Div.
H.	"	N.20.central.	"	"

TABLE 'E' - Bridges and Road Mines prepared for demolition in or W. of AMIENS.

Location	Name.		DESCRIPTION.	Charges.	To carry.	Responsibility for Actual Dem	Orders Dem.
SHEET 62E and 62D.							
M.7.b.4.6.	AMIENS	1.	Road over river. Bvde de BEAUVILLE. 7 girders 80' span.	C.R.&S.	T.	2nd Aust Tunn Coy	C.E. Aust Corps.
M.7.b.2.1.	"	2.	Road over Canal. " " " 30' span with arch.	Abt.C.	T.	"	"
R.12.a.6.3.	"	3.	Road over canal. Port d'Amont.3/20' span masonry arches.	Abt.C.	XT.	"	"
R.12.a.3.4.	"	4.	Road over Canal. Rue des Majots.4 girders 30'span.	Abt.C) C.R.&S)	T.	"	"
R.6.c.2.6.	"	5.	Road over Canal. Bvde BARABAN. 3 girders 40' span with jack arches.	"		"	"
R.5.d.8.7.	"	6.	Road over canal. Rue St. Leu.5 girdors 30' span.	"	T.	"	"
R.5.d.2.7.	"	7.	Road over canal. Rue du Jardin des Plantes 30'span.	"	MT.	"	"
R.5.d.0.7.	"	8.	Road over Lock. Qui St. Maurice.	C.R.&S.	FA	"	"
R.4.b.7.1.	"	9.	Road over Canal. Rue du Chateau Milan. 2 lattice girders 80' span.	Abt.C.) C.R.&S).	MT.	"	"
R.11.b.0.9.	"	10.	Road over Canal. Pont St.Michel.30'span brick arch.	Abt.C.	T.	"	"
L.34.c.3.6.	A.		Road over SOMME Canal.22' span girder bridge 11'wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
L.3.b.6.5.	E.		Road over R.Celle.26'span girder bridge 26'wide.	N.C.	T.	"	"
R.4.a.1.1.	F.		" " " 24' span girder bridge 30' wide.	N.C.	T.	"	"
R.4.c.9.6.	G.		" " " Masonry arch,2 spans,26' wide.	N.C.	T.	"	"
R.3.d. central.	H.		" " " 26' girder bridge,16' wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
R.9.b.1.8.	B.1.		" " " 30' timber bridge,23' wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
R.3.d.6.4.	I.		" " " 26' span CI girders,17' wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
R.10.a.1.0.	B.3.		" " " 30' span girder bridge,27' wide.	N.C.	T.	"	"
R.14.b.8.5.	B.7.		" " " 11' span timbers,24' wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
R.14.c.2.1.	B.10.		" " " 26' span girder bridge,15' wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
R.19.d.8.6.	B.12.		" " " 27' span masonry arch,19'6"wide.	N.C.	T.	"	"
R.25.a.9.1.	B.14.		" " " 20'6" span reinforced concrete, 14' wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
R.31.a.3.8.	B.15.		" " " 21' span girder bridge,12' wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
R.31.a.4.8.	B.17.		" " " 21'3" span girder bridge,19'4"wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
Q.36.d8.2.	B.19.		" " " 28' span reinforced concrete, 21'6" wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
62E/W.6.b.5.7.	No.1.		Road Mine.	N.C.		"	"
" X.1.b.6.3.	No.2.		" "	N.C.		"	"
" R.21.c.2.2.	No.3.		" "	N.C.		"	"
" R.15.a.4.7.	No.4.		" "	N.C.		"	"
				N.C.		"	"

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DEMOLITION MAP

"B" DIVISION AREA

— REFERENCE —

BRIDGES PREPARED FOR DEMOLITION.
RAILWAY BRIDGES.
ROAD CRATERS.
FOOT BRIDGES.
BRIDGES CAPABLE OF CARRYING
TANKS T. ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT TANKS XT.
FIELD ARTILLERY F.A. INFANTRY IN FILE I.F.

BONNAY GROUP.
2(F.A.) 1(F.A.)

LA NEUVILLE GROUP.
1 (F.A.) 1(F.A.) 1(F.A.)
1(F.A.) 3 4 1(M.T.)

DAOURS GROUP.
5 (16 TON AXLE) 6 (16 TON AXLE)
1(F.A.) 4(T.) 3(KT.) 1(T.) 4
1(T.) 3(KT.)

CORBIE GROUP.
1(F.A.) 3(T.) 1(T.) 4(T.) 2(T.)

Rainneville · Behencourt · Coisy · St Gratien · Fréchencourt · Franvillers · Ribemont · Cardonnette · Poulainville · Querrieu · Pont Noyelles · Bonnay · Heilly · Mericourt-l'Abbé · Bussy-les-Daours · Daours · Vecquemont · Aubigny · la Neuville · Corbie · Fouilloy · Hamelet · Vaire-sous-Corbie · Bouzancourt · Rivery · Camon · St Acheul · Glisy · Blangy-Tronville · Longueau · Boutillerie · Cagny · Villers-Bretonneux · Warfusée-Abancourt

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RESERVE DIVISIONAL AREA

REFERENCE

BRIDGES PREPARED FOR DEMOLITION
RAILWAY BRIDGES
ROAD CRATERS
FOOT BRIDGES
BRIDGES CAPABLE OF CARRYING :-
TANKS (T.) ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT TANKS (X.T.)
FIELD ARTILLERY (FA.) INFANTRY IN FILE (I.F.)

FRECHENCOURT GROUP
4 (FA.)
6 (FA.)
3 (X.T.)
2 (X.T.)
1 (FA.)
5 (FA.)

QUERRIEU GROUP
10 (FA.)
9 (F.A.)
9m (F.A.)
12 (FA.)
12m (F.A.)
7 (T.)
6 (T.)
5 (T.)
4 (FA.)
3 (FA.)
13 (X.T.)
2 (FA.)
10 (X.T.)
11 (FA.)

BUSSY GROUP
4 (F.A.)
2 (F.A.)
3 (I.F.)
1 (F.A.)

CAMON GROUP
2 (8 TONS (5 on 1 Axle))
2 (8 TONS (5 on 1 Axle))
1 (X.T.)

LONGUEAU GROUP
4 (T.)
3 (T.)
2 (X.T.)
1 (X.T.)

CAGNY GROUP
3 (X.T.)
2 (X.T.)
1 (X.T.)

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Australian Corps,
9th July, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
I. ANZAC CORPS.
No. 4965
Date.....

D.F. - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 56.

Distribution of Artillery.

1.- Owing to the reduction in the number of brigades of artillery on the corps front, the following will be the distribution of the field artillery of the corps:-

"A" Divisional Sector	...	5 Brigades.
"B" " "	...	6 Brigades.
"C" " "	...	6 Brigades.
Total		17 Brigade F.A.

This will be brought into operation forthwith.
Owing to the extent of the front it is not possible to withdraw any brigades to the Army Rest Area.

2.- The principle of employment of the brigades in each divisional sector will be as follows :-

	In Line.	Superimposed.	Divnl Mobile Reserve.
"A" Divnl Sector.	~~4~~ 3	1	1
"B" " "	4	1	1
"C" " "	~~5~~ 4	1	1

3.- Brigades in the Line.

The batteries of these brigades will occupy positions as far forward as possible, and should be able to cover the S.O.S. line at a range of 4,000 yards or less.

4.- Brigades in superimposed positions.

In order to give depth in the disposition of the field artillery one brigade will be in superimposed positions in each division.

The batteries of these brigades should occupy positions from which they can cover the S.O.S. line, and 1,000 yards beyond, within the limit of their effective range.

They will be employed for S.O.S. fire and for counter-preparation, but not for the ordinary daily artillery tasks.

In order to practise officers in coming into action in positions which have not been reseoted, and to engage targets rapidly and accurately from such positions with observation from the vicinity of the battery position, Brigade Commanders of the super-imposed brigades will dotail roving sections of guns from time to time to carry out certain daily tasks under divisional arrangements.

5.- Divisional Mobile Reserve Brigades.

These brigades will not be employed in the usual daily tasks but will devote their period whilst in mobile reserve to training and general setting up and smartening of the personnel, and overhaul of equipment.

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During the period of training arrangements will be made whereby each battery will be exercised against the enemy under moving warfare conditions. The Sections may be brought up in daylight or at night, but in all cases conditions such as might hold for moving warfare should be considered, particularly the rapid development of fire from unexpected positions. The targets should be selected sufficiently far back to obviate the danger of shell falling into our own lines and the fire should be capable of being observed from the ground adjacent to the battery position.

These shoots will be supervised by the Brigade Commander, and at the conclusion of the period, a report on the officers conducting the shoot will be furnished by them to the C.R.A.

6.- Period in each role.

Brigades will change round within the divisional sector approximately every fourteen days, i.e., the mobile brigade going into the Line, a brigade from the Line to superimposed position and the superimposed brigade to mobile reserve position.

Heavy Artillery.

Ten Brigades will be employed in the line. One brigade will be withdrawn from the line and undergo training in the Corps Rest Area under orders to be issued from time to time.

7.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

One

T.A. Blamey

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.

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HEADQUARTERS.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

G.
Australian Corps, 94/3/26
10th July, 1918.

Fourth Army.

Anti-Tank Mine Fields.

Reference your 43/17 (G) of 25th June, the demonstration with the 2" T.M. bomb proved satisfactory.

In our present situation however, where it is possible for tanks to manoeuvre over practically all parts of our front system it is not considered advisable to put down any mine fields, and therefore no mines will be required.

Lieutenant-General,
Commanding Australian Corps.

HEADQUARTERS.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
26/332

G.
Australian Corps,
10th July, 1918.

Fourth Army.

Dischargers Rifle Grenade.

With reference to your G.S. 19 of 28th June it is considered that the number of rifle grenade dischargers should be reduced to 64 per battalion and also that the battalion reserve be reduced to 16 in place of 32.

Lieutenant-General,
Commanding Australian Corps.

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Copy of Aust. Corps letter 106/980 of 10:7:18 to 2nd Aust. Div.

The following which has been received from Fourth Army is forwarded for your information :-

" 1. The Army Commander has instructed me to inform you that he considers the large numbers of German maps and documents collected on the battlefield, as the result of the fighting on the 4th inst., reflects great credit on the manner in which "Intelligence" was organised at Corps Headquarters, and within the Division and the Brigades which took part in the operation.
2. Will you please notify all concerned as to the Army Commander's appreciation. "

5th Aust. Inf. Bde.
6th do
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2nd Aust. M. G. Bn.

HEADQUARTERS, 7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. No. 211 Date 16

HEADQUARTERS, 2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. (GENERAL STAFF.) G.16/1/85.

Forwarded for your information.

Lieut-Colonel,
for General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

HEADQUARTERS
No. G.G. 421
THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Corps Headquarters,

10th July, 1918.

My dear General,

In anticipation of formal orders on the subject, will you please arrange with Brig.-Gen. McNICOLL to detail Lt.Col. LORD to report to G.O.C., 5th Division, for the purpose of taking over the temporary command of the 15th Brigade during the absence on leave for one month of Brig.-Gen. ELLIOTT.

This arrangement is in pursuance of my desire to continue the application of the principle that senior Lieut.-Colonels, who have been definitely recommended for Brigade Command, should be given an opportunity of exercising such command for a substantial period, with a view of demonstrating their ability to do so, and with a view to giving them experience.

As, however, many considerations enter into the final selection of a Lieut.-Colonel to command a Brigade, it would be desirable to give Lt.Col.LORD to understand that he must regard his selection for this month's experience as in no way giving him any prior claim to a permanent appointment as a Brigadier when a vacancy should arise.- Lt.Col.LORD has been selected for this service because he is the senior of those officers who have been recommended and are, at the moment, available.

Yours faithfully,

G.O.C. Seen

J Gellibrand

Maj.-Gen. J.GELLIBRAND, CB., DSO.,
Commanding 3rd Aust. Division.

G.S.

(Copy to Maj.-Gen. HOBBS for information.)

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CHIEF ENGINEER.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
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HEADQUARTERS.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
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G.

Australian Corps.
10th July, 1918.

A. CORPS HQ
NO 365

C.E.

The following positions have been selected for Machine Gun Sites in the BAIZIEUX System.

J.2.a.15.25.	Champagne emplacement	Double type.
J.7.d.80.25.	"	"	"
J.13.b.40.15.	"	"	"

for Brigadier-General
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

O.C. 2nd Aust. Tunn. Coy. A.E.

Please put in hand.

COPY TO. "G" Aust. Corps.

John G. Burnett Capt. A.E.
for Chief Engineer Aust. Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS
ROYAL ARTILLERY,
No. X/54/1
Date 10/5/18

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G.
Australian Corps.
10th May, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No. 94/3/12
Date

3rd Aust. Division
4th Aust. Division
5th Aust. Division
R. G. H. A.

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TANKS - Action to be Taken by Aeroplanes.

The following extract from instructions issued by 15th Wing R.A.F. to squadrons operating within this Corps, is forwarded for your information:-

"The following information concerning British tanks will be included in all contact patrol pilots' reports:

(a) Their position
(b) Whether stationary or moving.
(c) If moving, the direction of movement.
(d) If stationary, derelict of otherwise.

With regard to hostile tanks, counterattack patrol pilots will report the information contained in (a), (b) & (c) above by G.F. calls.

Every effort must be made to locate anti-tank guns, which will be located well forward - these will be reported by N.F. calls with the abbreviation T N K immediately following N.F., e.g.:

N F T N K 22 b 7 9 NI.

Hostile tanks will be bombed if no other vulnerable targets can be located, but it must be realised that, with a small bomb, nothing but a direct hit on the top of an enemy tank is likely to damage it, therefore it will normally be more profitable to call for artillery fire."

Lieutenant Col.
for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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GOCRA.
2nd Aust. Division
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10th July 1918.

B.G., G.S.

Reinforcements for Div. Wireless Sections - as regards trained Power Buzzer & Amplifier & Loop Set personnel - are at present got as follows.

Infantry Battalions are asked to send trained regimental signallers of a high standard to a P.B. & A & Loop Set School (either Corps, Army or G.H.Q. Schools). If Bns. send good men, they do well and are noted by O's.C.Div. Sig. Coy. They then (thro8 the General Staff of Divs.) order Bdes. to detail these men to report to the Div. Sig. Coy. to be transferred to Div. Wireless Section, to complete establishment, in which deficiencies had been caused by casualties.

It is hard under normal conditions for Bns. to train the requisite number of good buzzer men and few Bns. have their establishment of 54 signallers - in any efficient state of training.

The withdrawal of their best men to feed Div. Sig, Coys. is an added hardship.

The actual result is that, after having been caught once in this way, they either do <u>not</u> send their best men to P.B. & A. classes or else they make them Lance Corporals on their return, as the Div. Sig. Coys. will not take them as N.C.Os.

The principle of Div. Sig. Coys. having to draw their trained reinforcements from front line troops seems to be a bad one.

The suggested remedy is for the calculated monthly requirements of the Corps in P.B. & A. reinforcements to be drawn by A.D. Signals from the pool of regimental signallers, either in ENGLAND, or at once on arrival in FRANCE, before they are posted to a unit, and for him to train them from their then state of knowledge to whatever state he requires, and for them then to be posted to Div. Sig. Cys.

I understand, after conversation with A.D. Signals, that he is willing and agreeable to the above.

H.C.

Major.
General Staff.

If has anything come in from A.Dos re this?

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G 162/472
Australian Corps.
10th July 1918.

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5th Australian Division.

1. Nucleus personnel of the 15th Infantry Brigade moves on the 11th July from PERNOIS to VAUX en AMIENOIS.

2. The object of the move is to train a demonstration company for the purpose of illustrating the co-operation of infantry and tanks. One complete company of approximately 200 will be organised under Lieut-Col. C.A. DENEHY, D.S.O., C.O. 57th Battalion and instruction will be commenced as soon as arrangements can be made.

3. It is intended in the future training with tanks, that the demonstration company should first carry out the exercises in the presence of the troops who have been taken over for training and the latter will then follow on and carry out the exercises.

4. The G.O.C. 5th Australian Division will make arrangements to continue the training of the whole of the nucleus personnel of the Brigade, except during the time when the portion already detailed is required to carry out training or demonstration with the tanks.

5. The G.O.C. 5th Australian Division will carry out such reliefs of personnel between the units and the nucleus from time to time as he may consider fit.

6. The question of training the whole of the nucleus with tanks in two companies for demonstration purposes will be considered later. The object of training two companies would be to ensure that the normal infantry training is interfered with as little as possible.

(Sgd) T.A. BLAMEY
Brigadier-General,
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

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8th Infantry Brigade
14th Infantry Brigade
15th Infantry Brigade

Forwarded for information. You will be notified when arrangements have been made in accordance with para. 4 above.

Lieut-Colonel, G.S.
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

13th July 1918.

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SECRET. Fourth Army No.212 (G).

Notes on Conference held at Australian Corps Hd.Qrs., Bertangles, 11th July 1918.

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1. The following officers were present:-

From A.H.Q. - Army Commander, M.G.G.S., G.O.C.R.A., G.S.O.1. (O).

" Aus,Corps) H.Q.) - G.O.C., B.G.G.S., G.O.C.R.A.

" 2nd Aus.Div.- G.O.C. G.S.O.1.

" 5th Bde.R.A.F.G.O.C.

" 5th Tank Bde. G.O.C.

2. The Army Commander impressed on all the importance of secrecy.

3. The operations proposed by the G.O.C. Australian Corps in his letter dated July 7th were briefly described, the intention being to enclose the objective in a box barrage in which 10% of smoke shell would be used, and then for the tanks, accompanied by infantry, to mop up the objective.

The work of the tanks in the operations of July 4th having given all ranks in the Corps full confidence in their reliability, the Corps Commander felt justified in placing the chief responsibility for the success of the proposed operations on them, and in giving the infantry a more subordinate role.

4. The Corps Commander pointed out that, since the operation was first proposed by him, about 25% of the objective had already been gained by peaceful penetration, and that, on the north, the objective had even been passed. This had caused an awkward salient to be formed in P.27.c, which would necessitate an alteration being made in the objective in order to rectify it.

5. Various changes in the objective were discussed. It was felt that, owing to the poor fighting quality of the hostile divisions opposed to the Corps, an opportunity was presented for a more ambitious scheme than that originally proposed. The main factors affecting the decision were, firstly, the length of front that would be held by the Corps after the objective had been gained, and, secondly, the extent to which the First French Army would be able to undertake operations. Owing to the strength of the Australian Corps having fallen considerably, it is of the greatest importance that the line should be shortened. If it were otherwise, the value of the operation would be largely negatived. While an advance as far as the old French line west of WARFUSEE would give a good line to hold, it is improbable that the First French Army would be able to come up into line, at any rate for the present. The Army Commander therefore decided that preparations should be put in hand for the following objective:-

"From present front line about P.27.c.4.4. - P.33.c.0.7. - V.2.b.6.0. - along SYRIA TRENCH - to present front line about U.5.d.2.8.". and that the Australian Corps would be prepared to

undertake/

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undertake the operation on or after the 17th July on three days' notice being given. In the meantime, the Australian Corps should exploit their recent successes, but should not get involved in a general engagement. The Army Commander, in the meantime, would see General Debeney as to the proposed objectives of the First French Army.

6. The G.O.C. Australian Corps pointed out that there was no necessity for the proposed operation to be discussed with anyone not present at the Conference.

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PROPOSED OUTLINE OF PLAN OF OPERATIONS.

MONUMENT WOOD OFFENSIVE.

1. OBJECTIVE.

The attached map shows in BLACK the present front line south east of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. The proposed objective of the operation is shown in BLUE. The total frontage at the present date (11th July) is 2750 yards. The average depth of the proposed advance is between 500 and 600 yards.

This is rather less than the present situation but it is probable that it will be about the line when the operation takes place.

2. TROOPS REQUIRED.

Infantry:

The total number of Infantry required for the operation is estimated at 2 battalions. It is proposed to employ the 5th A.I.Brigade for the operation.

Artillery:

Total Artillery required will be 7 Artillery Brigades. These are available from present Corps resources.

Tanks:

The total number of tanks required will be 2 or 3 Sections (8 to 12 Tanks).

3. NATURE OF THE OPERATION.

The general method of attack will be to place an artillery smoke barrage covering the whole objective. An artillery creeping barrage will be employed to move through the depth of the area of advance rapidly and establish itself on an S.O.S. line beyond the line of the proposed objective. Under cover of this the tanks allotted for the operation will move out along pre-determined routes and clean up MONUMENT WOOD, SYRIA Trench and remaining portion of the enemy's defensive system.

The total number of infantry actually employed in the advance will be reduced to what is considered the necessary minimum.

In the southern portion of the operation each party of troops detailed to the objective will move with its own tanks. It remains to be determined whether any tanks will move out direct against the northern portion of the objective. As this presents difficulties in finding concealed positions in which tanks can lie up during the day and which are near enough to the infantry bases of departure.

It is proposed to carry out the operation in the early evening at such an hour as will give the infantry every facility for determining their position and consolidating the posts which will be established before dark. It is anticipated by doing this the infantry will have the whole night to consolidate and the enemy will be unable to determine where to place his barrage.

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This involves the necessity of placing the infantry in their start positions on the night prior to zero and retaining them in these positions throughout the day. It is essential that there shall be absolutely no movement on this portion of the front throughout the whole of the day prior to zero hour.

4. ARTILLERY.

Artillery positions will be selected in advance and careful registration carried out under cover of the normal harassing fire.

As soon as details of the attack are determined it is desirable that there shall be a complete cessation of the present nibbling tactics on this part of the front in order to give the enemy a feeling of security and lull his suspicions.

A complete counter-battery scheme must be employed similar to that employed on the 4th July. This counter - battery scheme must commence at zero hour.

5. TANKS.

A careful reconnaissance must be made of the eastern portion of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and definite places selected for each tank which is to co-operate in the operation where it can lie up through the whole of the day prior to zero hour. These places must be selected in accordance with the detailed plan of action for each individual tank.

6. PRECAUTIONS ON OTHER PARTS OF THE FRONT.

It is proposed to use a dense smoke screen on MORLANCOURT and SAILLY LAURETTE with the idea of inducing the enemy to believe that an attempt is being made to capture these places. Smoke mortars will be used for this and details will be worked out.

A barrage will be placed as far as possible upon the whole of the remainder of the corps front and the III Corps will be asked to place a similar barrage on their front. In this barrage it is proposed to use a large proportion of smoke shell. The object of the barrage is more to raise the enemy's suspicions than to inflict casualties or damage material.

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G.
Australian Corps,
11th July, 1918.

H.Q.
4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. G30/2176.

2nd Aust Div.
3rd Aust Div.
4th Aust Div.
5th Aust Div.
AQ.
C.E.
G.C.C.,R.A.
D.D.M.S.

D.F. - Wireless Station Calls.

The attached copy of schedule of Wireless Station Calls issued in continuation of Signal Instructions No. 9, Series No. 9, which have been approved by the Corps Commander, is forwarded for your information and guidance.

This schedule will, after action, be filed with the Corps Instructions for the Defensive.

J Rapkins-Cox
for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No. 4/4769/1
Date

AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Headquarters,
11th July, 1918.

Headquarters,
33rd American Division.
Area Commandant,
QUERRIEU.

Reference Fourth Army 10/52 (G) of 11-7-18.

QUARTERS.

Headquarters and 3 Coys 123rd American Machine Gun Battalion will occupy the accommodation at present occupied by 132nd American Machine Gun Battalion and 132nd American Machine Gun Company to whom advance parties will report on 14th.

Fourth Company will occupy camp site in QUERRIEU Wood to be selected and marked off by Area Commandant QUERRIEU, to whom advance party will report on 14th. Area Commandant QUERRIEU will obtain authority from Corps for any additional accommodation required for the officers.

RATIONS.

123rd American Machine Gun Battalion will continue to be rationed by 33rd American Division.

Brigadier-General,
D. A. & Q. M. G.,
AUSTRALIAN Corps.

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III Corps.
II American Corps.
Fourth Army.
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Australian Corps.
12th July, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS. No. 4766/1. Date

2nd Australian Division. ✓

AUSTRALIAN DIV. No. G32/733 Date 13.7.18

With reference to your G.32/733 of the 9th instant, your proposals are approved and the necessary alterations in dispositions may be made forthwith.

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for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

Fourth Army No. 66/G.

A. CORPS H.Q. No. 955

G.O.C., R.A.
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Australian Corps.
12th July, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS. No. 26/1/62 Date

AUSTRALIAN WAR RECORDS SECTION SUB-SECTION 23/3/15 C

The following has been received from Fourth Army:-

"1. The existing allotment of 6-inch Newton Trench Mortar "Ammunition is abolished.

"2. Weekly allotments of this type of Ammunition will be "made to Corps as under :-

"III Corps.....1,500.
"Aust Corps.....2,000.

"These allotments come into force for week commencing "July 7th.".

for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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Australian Corps.
12th July, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
90/3/99

4th Aust. Division.

COLLECTIVE GAS TRAINING.

Reference this office G.90/3/99 of 23rd June.

1.- A Gas Training ground has been constructed at G.10.d.2.5. (a mile West of ALLONVILLE) at which an Infantry Battalion at a time can be put through gas practice. Store and caretakers tents have been erected and a gasproof dugout is in course of construction.

2.- The gas ground will be taken over by the 4th Aust. Division on their becoming the Division in Corps Reserve.

Please ensure that the gasproof dugout is completed without delay.

Five projectors are being installed under arrangements to be made between the Corps Chemical Adviser and 4th Aust. Division.

3.- Please forward a programme of the gas training to be carried out while your Division is out of the line, giving the daily times at which practices will take place.

H.Q.,
4TH AUSTRALIAN
DIVISION.
G11/3x3

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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12. Inf. Bde Q222.

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Copy of letter AN o. 119/299 dated 12th July, 1918 received from Australian Corps.

In order to ensure uniformity in the titles and styles of large scale maps produced mainly for artillery purposes, the following decisions have been made :

(a) TITLES. Only two kinds of maps will be produced, these to be known as :

(i) HOSTILE BATTERY POSITIONS.
These will include Battery Positions, suspected areas, zone squares and letters, and all references and written information applying particularly to enemy batteries.

(ii) ENEMY ORGANIZATION.
The maps will show such information as roads, tracks, and railways chiefly used, centres of activity, Headquarters, O.P's., dumps, etc., and also topographical information.

Note. If desired both the above may be printed on the same sheet. No definite scale is laid down, but they will as a rule be 1/20,000.

(b) COLOURS. Hostile Battery Positions : BLACK.

Enemy Organization : BLUE.

Roads may be shown in another colour (generally brown), if such is necessary for clearness.

(c) CONVENTIONAL SIGNS. The authorised conventional signs for use on trench maps, together with certain additional signs as shown on the attached sheet, will be used.

(d) TRENCH MAPS. When the change to conform with the French is brought into use, enemy trenches will be shown in blue, and enemy organization will therefore be printed in red.

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(2). No.G. 2/515/1

4th Aust.Inf.Bde.
12th " " "
13th " " "
4th Aust.Div.Artillery.
C.R.E.
4th Aust. M.G.Bn.
4th Aust.Pioneer Bn.

A.Q.
12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
No. 3746/18
Date 19.7.18
8.20 am

The above copy of letter from Australian Corps is forwarded for information and action.

Headquarters,
17th July, 1918.

Lieut-Colonel,
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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G.188/1848
Australian Corps.
12th July, 1918.

2nd Aust. Division.
4th Aust. Division.
3rd Aust. Division.
5th Aust. Division.

1.- A satisfactory practice was carried out near VAUX-en-AMIENOIS on 10th instant, by units of 3rd Aust. Division, to demonstrate the co-operation of Tanks with Infantry in the attack.

2.- The normal formation for the attack was adopted and the five Tanks started at zero some distance behind the "jumping off line", and passed through the infantry at the first halt of the barrage.

3.- No. 27 phosphorous rifle grenades were satisfactorily used by the Infantry as a signal to the Tanks to indicate hostile points of resistance which were holding up the Infantry advance.

The new Stokes Mortar flare bomb was also successfully used for this purpose by a section of a Stokes Mortar battery which was supporting the attack.

The Tanks responded well to both the above signals and in all cases at least two Tanks turned on seeing the signal and dealt with the opposition. As soon as the Tanks considered they had dealt with a hostile strong point, they flew a green and white flag (signal to the Infantry to "come on") and waited in the vicinity until the strong point was "taken over" by the Infantry.

4.- The simple flag signals from Tanks to Infantry do not appear to be universally known and quickly recognised by Infantry Officers and N.C.O's. There was obvious hesitation on the part of the Infantry on a Tank flying a flag of any sort.

5.- The experiment was tried of having a trained Infantry scout or observer in the turret of each Tank to act as liaison between the Tank and the Infantry Company which it was supporting. His duty was to watch closely the movements of the Infantry, to watch for signals from them and to look out for hostile points of resistance. The experiment worked well.

His presence in the Tank does not unduly crowd the Tank crew.

6.- The steel helmet raised on the top of a rifle proved a useful general signal from the Infantry to indicate "we want a Tank to help us". The signal is not yet fully understood by platoon and section commanders.

(Sgd) T.A. BLAMEY Brig-General,
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

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5TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

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8th Infantry Brigade.
14th Infantry Brigade.
15th Infantry Brigade.
8th Infantry Bde. School)
14th Infantry " ") Through Brigades.
15th Infantry " ")
5th Divisional Artillery.
2nd Divisional Artillery.
5th Machine Gun Battalion.
5th Pioneer Battalion.
5th Divisional Engineers.
5th Divisional Signal Coy.
Cyclists Platoon. (attd. 5th Aust.Div.).
No. 1 troop, "B" Sqdn, 13th A.L.H.
O.C., Div. Reinf. Camp.
A.P.M.
8th Brigade nucleus.)
14th Brigade nucleus.)Through Div. Reinf. Wing.
15th Brigade nucleus.)

1. The above copy of Australian Corps G.188/1848 for information and necessary action with regard to paras. 4 and 6.

2. The following extracts from 5th Division G.2/3012 of 19th June and G.2/3336 of 22nd June are repeated for information :-
(a)"All British Tanks will fly a Tri-color flag when returning to our lines after being in action. By this means it is hoped that there will be no danger of our troops mistaking our Tanks for hostile ones".

(b)"The following flag signals from Tanks to Infantry will be used :-
(i) GREEN and WHITE indicates COME ON
(ii) RED and YELLOW indicates I AM BROKEN DOWN GO ON.
When used these flags will be waved out of the top of the front cab".

Geo. A. Chapman Major
for Lieut-Colonel, G.S.
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

13th July, 1918.

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Australian Corps,
29th June, 1918

4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. No 37/2048 Date

HEADQUARTERS. AUSTRALIAN CORPS. No G/47/3/2 Date

G.O.C., 4th Australian Division.
G.O.C., 5th Brigade R.A.F.

With reference to Australian Corps Order No. 120, the following arrangements have been made with G.O.C., 5th Brigade R.A.F.

(i) PREPARATORY. (a). One F.E. aeroplane is out all night along the whole corps front working on defensive lines, i.e. it remains over the enemy area and drops flares as though trying to discover enemy movement.

(b) Two aeroplanes patrol the front at dawn.

(c) It has become the habit of the enemy to send up a plane immediately after our dawn reconnaissance is completed. To deal with this a scout plane is to be sent up daily.

(d) A plane of 3rd Squadron A.F.C. will watch the Corps Area daily to note the extent to which our preparations can be ascertained from the air.

(ii) DURING THE ACTION. (a). The action described in (i) (a) and (b) will be continued up to zero hour to hide the movement of the tanks.

(b) From zero hour counter attack planes will be constantly in the air.

(c) Contact plane details will be arranged direct between 4th Australian Division and 3rd Squadron A.F.C.

(d) Special Squadrons will be told off to bomb enemy centres. Attention will be directed to centres of assembly and horse lines. Maps giving targets for these will be prepared by Australian Corps and furnished to 5th Brigade R.A.F. by 1st instant.

(e) One Squadron will be told off to transport ammunition. A maximum total of 150 boxes will be carried on the day of the battle. Ammunition will be dropped for infantry at predetermined points. 4th Australian Division will fix these points and decide the amount to be dropped at each. The points should be specially marked if possible. 4th Australian Division will inform Australian Corps who will pass this on to 5th Brigade R.A.F. as soon as possible. Vickers guns will display a white 'V' at the point where ammunition is to be dropped. The Arms of the 'V' to be 6' in length and 1' in width. Ammunition planes will have the underside of the lower planes painted black for a distance of 2½ feet from the tips.

The ammunition to be carried is to be provided by Australian Corps at the aerodrome of 3rd Squadron A.F.C.

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29/6/1918
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C.A.B. Blamey
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No G/4713/3.
Date

G.
Australian Corps,
29th June 1918.

4th Australian Division.
AQ.
33rd American Division.
66th Division.

Reference Aust.Corps Order No. 120.

Two Companies of 131st U.S. Infantry Regiment will be attached to the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Two Companies of 132nd U.S. Infantry Regiment will be attached to the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade.

They will report to Brigade Headquarters in each case to-day. 24 hours rations will be brought.

They will be administered by units to which they are attached.

J Rosadonne Captain
for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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Australian Corps.
29th June, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No 6/4722
Date

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 122

1. The undermentioned Artillery Units will join the Australian Corps in accordance with the Movement Table overleaf.

87th Brigade R.G.A. (Mobile.)
78th Brigade R.G.A. (8" Hows.)
17th Divisional Artillery less Headquarters,
(with 1 Section D.A.C. only.)

2. All moves will take place between 10 p.m. and 3.30 a.m.
3. The following minimum distances will be maintained on the march :-

Between Batteries of Artillery	100 yds
" Sections of D.A.C.	100 yds
" Artillery Brigades	500 yds
" each section of six vehicles	25 yds.

4. (i) Advanced parties of the 87th Brigade R.G.A. and 78th Brigade R.G.A. will report by midday, 30th June to Headquarters, Australian Corps Heavy Artillery (Sheet 62D/ G.24.b.2.6.) who will allot wagon line positions, to which the incoming units will move.

Guides from these advanced parties will meet their respective units at MONTIGNY.

(ii) Advanced parties of the 17th Divisional Artillery will report by midday 30th June to Headquarters 4th Australian Divisional Artillery (BUSSY-les-DAOURS) who will allot wagon line positions to which incoming units will move.

5. the 17th Divisional Artillery will continue to be administered by Third Army, except for rations.

6. SUPPLIES. The 87th Brigade R.G.A. and the 78th Brigade R.G.A. will be rationed by Australian Corps Troops M.T. Coy at POULAINVILLE dump, and will draw for the first time from the Railhead on the 1st July.

17th Divisional Artillery will be rationed from the 3rd Australian Divisional Pack at POULAINVILLE Railhead, drawing for the first time on the 1st July.

6. Receipt of copies No. 1 to 8 will be ACKNOWLEDGED.

J.D.Rogers Capt
for Brigadier-General
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

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TABLE ISSUED WITH AUST. CORPS ORDER NO. 122 - 29-6-18.

Ser. No.	DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
1	Night June 30/1st July	87th Bde. R.G.A. (Mobile)	CONTAY	Wagon Lines in rear of "B" Div. Sector	MONTIGNY - PONT NOYELLES - DAOURS	To be clear of MONTIGNY by 11 p.m.
2	-do-	78th Bde. R.G.A. (8" How.)	LA VICOGNE	-do-	VILLERS BOCAGE - MOLLIENS au BOIS - PONT NOYELLES - DAOURS	Head of column to pass church at MONTIGNY at 11.15 p.m.
3	-do-	17th Div. Arty. (less D.A.C.)	LEALVILLERS	Wagon Lines N.18.	TOUTENCOURT - CONTAY - BEHENCOURT - FRECHENCOURT - QUERRIEU - VECQUEMONT	To march at 10 p.m.
4	Night 1/2 July	Serial No.1	Wagon Lines	Line	Under orders of B. G. H. A., Australian Corps.	
5	-do-	Serial No.2	-do-	Line	- d o -	
6	-do-	Serial No.3	-do-	Line	Under orders of 4th Australian Division.	

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Appendix 1

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No. S/H 73/6
Date

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INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED UNDER AUSTRALIAN CORPS

ORDER NO. 120.

SUBSIDIARY OPERATIONS.

With reference to Australian Corps Order No. 120, the attached map shows the location of the main and subsidiary operations. (Map with Diary)

These are as follows :-

1. ON THE RIGHT - 2nd Australian Division.

(a) Fifty per cent of the guns remaining under the command of G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division will prolong to the South the barrage of the main operation, moving in co-operation with this barrage, the remainder will open at zero on the artillery start line and remain there.

(b) 7th Australian Infantry Brigade will advance the front line from P.25.c.7.0. through P.25.d.2.4. to join up with the right of the objective of the main operation at P.25.b.2.0. approximately (marked green on the attached map.)

(c) A detachment of No. 1 Special Coy R.E. will fire inflammable bombs into MONUMENT WOOD and if the wind is favourable will form a smoke screen in the vicinity of the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - WARFUSEE ROAD to hide the main advance. (marked in red hachuring on the attached map).

2. IN THE CENTRE - 4th Australian Division.

The main operation for the capture of HAMEL and HAMEL RIDGE. (Final objective marked in blue on the attached map).

3. ON THE LEFT - 5th Australian Division (marked in brown on the attached map).

(a) A dummy attack at Square K.25. central.

(b) A raid on the enemy trenches at Square K.13.b.5.8.

(c) An operation to capture the enemy's position from Square K.1.b.9.2. to River ANCRE.

(d) A creeping artillery barrage timed to co-operate with the main artillery barrage and including the same proportion of smoke.

(e) No. 1 Special Coy R.E. will arrange a smoke screen to obscure the view from the high ground north of the River SOMME. This will be so arranged in steps and by air bursts as to ensure that the height of the screen at each point is sufficient to obscure the view from

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approximately Square K.31.c. to Square . J.36.d. (approximate positions marked in red hachuring on the attached map).

4. RIGHT FLANK CORPS.

The heavy artillery of First French Army is dealing with all guns south of a line running east and west through BAYONVILLERS, and is bringing a powerful concentration of artillery fire on the MARCELCAVE and WIENCOURT groups of batteries.

5. LEFT FLANK CORPS.

(a) III Corps is arranging a rolling barrage which will move at the same rates as the barrage on the left division front for the operation in Squares K.1 and 2 and K.26.

(b) A dummy attack is being carried out on the front of the left division of III Corps.

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J.A.Blamey

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

Headquarters,
2nd July, 1918.

Issued to:--

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To accompany Amy Corps 3/1736

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5th Aus Div Front

British

4th Aus Div

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Date

Australian Corps,
2nd July, 1918.

H.Q.
4TH AUSTRALIAN
DIVISION.
No. G 32/2137
Date

INSTRUCTIONS issued under Australian Corps

Order No. 120.

S.O.S. Fire prior to Zero hour.

With reference to Australian Corps Order No. 120 and Artillery Instructions issued under this order, in the event of an enemy attack taking place on 'Y/Z' night, S.O.S. arrangements will be as follows :-

(a) Up to 2 a.m. a call for S.O.S. fire will be answered by placing the artillery barrage fire on the present S.O.S. lines.

(b) After 2 a.m. a call for S.O.S. fire will be answered by placing the artillery barrage fire on the 'start line' laid down for artillery for the operation.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Australian Corps.
2nd July, 1918.

With reference to Australian Corps Order No. 120 dated 28th June, 1918. Zero hour will be 3.10 a.m. on 4th July.

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Australian Corps,
3rd July, 1918.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 123.

1.- The boundary between the 'B' and 'C' Divisions will be adjusted during the night 4th/5th July as follows:-

From West to East, present boundary to J.22.d.0.0., thence a line through J.30.c.0.0.

2.- Necessary reliefs will be arranged by Divisions concerned; command of the section affected will pass from 'B' Division to 'C' Division on completion of relief .

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Australian Corps.
5th July, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 124

1. The 17th Divisional Artillery (less Headquarters) with one section of the D.A.C. only will move by march route from Australian Corps Area to V Corps Area as follows :-

Date	FROM	TO	REMARKS
Night 5/6th July.	LINE	WAGON LINES	Under orders of 4th Australian Division.
Night 6/7th July.	WAGON LINES	V Corps Area.	Under orders of V Corps. Route :- PONT NOYELLES, BEHENCOURT, CONTAY.

2. All movement will be carried out between 10 p.m. and 3.30 a.m.

3. The following minimum distances will be maintained on the march. :-

Between	Batteries	100 yds
"	Sections of D.A.C.	100 yds
"	Brigades	500 yds
"	each section of six vehicles	25 yds.

4. SUPPLIES.

17th Divisional Artillery will draw from 3rd Australian Divisional Pack for the last time on 6th July, and will draw commencing on the 7th July from the 17th Division in Third Army Area.

5. Receipt of copies 1 to 3 will be ACKNOWLEDGED.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 125

1. The undermentioned Artillery Units will move from Australian Corps Area to Second Army commencing on the night 5th/6th July in accordance with the attached movement table.

87th Brigade R.G.A. (Mobile.)
78th Brigade R.G.A. (8-in. How.)
150th Army Brigade R.F.A. } Each accompanied by one
179th Army Brigade R.F.A. } park Section.

2. All movement will take place between 10 p.m. and 3.30 a.m.

3. The following minimum distances will be maintained on the march.

Between Batteries	100 yards.
Between Brigades	100 yards
Between each section of six vehicles	25 yards.

4. Advanced parties will report as follows :-
(i) 87th and 78th Brigades R.G.A. on the 5th July to Area Commandant RENANCOURT, and on the 6th July to the Area Commandants BELLOY-sur- SOMME and LONGPRÉ respectively.
(ii) 150th and 179th Army Brigades R.F.A. on the 5th July to Area Commandant, ST SAUVEUR.

5. (a) Entrainment will take place, commencing on the afternoon of July 7th, under arrangements to be made with TRAFFIC, LONGPRÉ by R.A. Australian Corps and B.G.H.A. Australian Corps for Field and Heavy Artillery Units respectively.
(b) Detrainment will take place under arrangements being made by Second Army as follows :-
179th Brigade R.F.A. at ST OMER
Remainder at ARNEKE and CASSEL.

6. Mechanical transport will move by road under orders to be issued later .
Route. - DOULLENS - ST POL- FRUGES - FAUQUEMBERGUES - ARQUES - CASSEL

7. SUPPLIES
All units will entrain with rations for 9th July (inclusive) 78th Brigade R.G.A. and 87th Brigade R.G.A. will draw from Australian Corps Troops M.T. Coy for the last time on 7th July for consumption on 9th July.
150th Army Brigade R.F.A. and 179th Army Brigade R.F.A. will draw from packs of 5th Australian Division and 2nd Australian Division respectively for the last time on 7th July for consumption on 9th July.

8. ACCOMMODATION
All tents and trench shelters in use by outgoing units will be handed over to Area Commandants under arrangements to be made by G.O.C.R.A. and B.G.H.A. Australian Corps for Field and Heavy Artillery units respectively.

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Serial No.	Date.	UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
1	Night 5/6 July	78th Bde R.G.A.	LINE	RENANCOURT Area	No restrictions	Under orders of B.G.H.A. Aust. Corps.
2	do	87th Bde R.G.A.	LINE	do	do	do
3	do	150th Army Bde R.F.A.	LINE	ST SAUVEUR R.A. Sub-Area	QUERRIEU-ALLONVILLE -POULAINVILLE-LONGPRÉ	Under orddrs of 4th Aust. Division.
4	do	179th Army Bde R.F.A.	LINE	do	CAMON -RIVERY - MONTIERES -DREUIL ARGOEUVES	Under orders of 2nd Aust. Divn.
5	Night 6/7th July	Serial No.2	RENANCOURT Area	ST OUEN Area. (BELLOY Sub-Area)	DREUIL - PICQUIGNY	Head of Column to pass cross roads MONTIERES at 11 p.m.
6	do	Serial No.1	do	HANGEST	do	Head of column to pass cross roads MONTIERES at 10.30 p.m.
7	7th	Serial No.3	ST SAUVEUR R.A. Area	HANGEST Station	LA CHAUSSEE PICQUIGNY	Entraining at HANGEST during afternoon of 7th July under orders of R.A. Australian Corps.
8	do	Serial No.4	do	do	do	do To move in rear of 150th Army Bde R.F.A.
9	do	Serial No.2	BELLOY Sub-A Area	LONGPRÉ Station	FLIXECOURT L'ETOILE CONDE	Not to enter L'ETOILE before 1 p.m. Entraining at LONGPRE under orders of B.G.H.A. Australian Corps.
10	do	Serial No.1	HANGEST	PONT REMY Station	CONDÉ-L'ETOILE PONT REMY	To be clear of E'ETOILE by 1 p.m. Entraining at PONT REMY under orders of B.G.H.A. Aust. Corps.

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Australian Corps,
6th July, 1918.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No.126.

1.- (i) The 3rd Australian Division (less artillery) will relieve the 4th Australian Division (less artillery) in 'B' Divisional Sector and Area on the nights 11th/12th and 12th/13th July.

The relief will be carried out under the orders of the G.O.C. 4th Australian Division.

(ii) Command will pass at 10 a.m. on the 13th July.

On completion of relief Hoadquarters of the 3rd and 4th Australian Divisions will be established at BUSSY and COISY respectively.

(iii) On completion of relief the following artillery will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division :-

4th Australian Divisional Artillery.
189th Army Brigade R.F.A.
236th Brigade R.F.A.
298th Army Brigade R.F.A.
4th Brigade R.H.A.
235th Brigade R.F.A.

(a) The C.R.A. 4th Australian Division will continue to officiate in command of the Divisional Artillery of 'B' Divisional Sector.

(b) The following Heavy Artillery Brigade, now affiliated to the 4th Australian Division, will, on completion of relief, become affiliated to the 3rd Australian Division :-

69th Heavy Brigade.

2.- On relief the 4th Australian Division will move into Corps Reserve, Brigade Groups occupying areas vacated by Brigade Groups of the 3rd Australian Division with nucleus garrison battalions disposed as laid down in Instructions for the Defensive No. 38 of 15th May 1918.

3.- G.O.C. 4th Australian Division will take over from the G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division the orders and responsibilities allotted to the Division in Corps Reserve (Instructions for the Defensive Nos. 38, 43, and 49 paragraph 4 (ii).)

4.- (i) Defence Schemes, Defence works policy and programme, and all Divisional details of the 2nd Zone Defences will be handed over by the 4th Australian Division to the 3rd Australian Division.

(ii) The responsibility for the demolition of roads and bridges will be handed over in accordance with the tables issued under Instructions for the Defensive No. 46 of the 4th June.

5.- Administrative, Engineer and Medical Instructions are being issued separately.

6.- Subject to the terms of this order arrangements for the relief will be made direct between Divisional Commanders concerned.

The G.O.C. 4th Australian Division will assume command of all relieving troops in 'B' Divisional Area until command passes.

7.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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	14	189th Army Brigade R.F.A.)Thro' G.O.C.,
	15	258th " " ") R.A.
	16	B.G.H.A.
	17	Aust Corps Mounted Troops.
	18	Aust Corps Cyclist Battalion.
	19	3rd Squadron A.F.C.
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	21	Branch Intelligence Section.
	22	5th Tank Brigade.
	23	4th Army A.A.Defence Commander.
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	25	AQ.
	26	A.
	27	Q.
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HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No A/49544/1 G.
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Australian Corps.
7th July, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 127.

1. The 235th and 236th Brigades of the 47th Divisional Artillery and the 4th Brigade R.H.A. will be withdrawn from the line and will be transferred from Australian Corps to III Corps in accordance with the march table overleaf.
2. All movemant will take place between 10 p.m. and 3.30 a.m.
3. On the arrival of the 235th and 236th Brigades in ST SAUVEUR R.A. Area they will come under the orders of C.R.A. 47th Division, and III Corps takes over command of the 47th Divisional Artillery.
4. Attention is drawn to Fourth Army Routine Order No. 2039 dated 15th May, re march discipline and traffic control.
5. Billets in the ST SAUVEUR R.A. Area and POULAINVILLE Area will be obtained from the Sub-Area Commandant, ST SAUVEUR and Area Commandant, POULAINVILLE respectively.
6. Supply arrangements will be notified direct to all concerned by Australian Corps "Q".
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TABLE ISSUED WITH AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 127

Serial No.	Date.	UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS.
1	Night. 8/9th July.	235th Bde R.F.A. 236th Bde R.F.A.	LINE	Wagon Lines	-	Under orders of 4th Aust. Division.
2	do	4th Bde R.H.A.	LINE	POULAINVILLE Area	QUERRIEU - ALLONVILLE	-do-
3	Night 9/10th July.	Serial No.1	Wagon Lines	ST SAUVEUR R.A. Area.	RIVERY - Switch Road N. of AMIENS,- LONGPRE	-do-
4	do	Serial No. 2	POULAINVILLE Area	III Corps Area	-	Under orders of III Corps.

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Australian Corps.
9th July, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
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Date

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 128

1. The 23rd Brigade R.G.A. will be transferred from the Australian Corps to the III Corps at noon on the 10th July, when it will be taken over in situ and will come under the command of the B.G.H.A. III Corps.

2. The 98th Brigade R.G.A. will be transferred on the 11th July from the III Corps to Australian Corps under order of III Corps. On arrival in Australian Corps Area the 98th Brigade R.G.A. will become G.H.Q. Reserve and will occupy Reserve positions in the QUERRIEU-FRECHEMCOURT Area with Headquarters at ST GRATIEN (B.26.b.4.8.) and will be administered by B.G.H.A. Australian Corps.

3. SUPPLIES
(i) The 23rd Brigade R.G.A. will be rationed for consumption 12th July by Australian Corps M.T. Coy. Rations for consumption 13th July and subsequently will be drawn from III Corps M.T. Coy, to whom ration strength will be wired direct by Australian Corps Heavy Artillery.
(ii) The 98th Brigade R.G.A. will be rationed by Australian Corps M.T. Coy from POULAINVILLE dump for consumption on and after 13th July.

4. AMMUNITION.
Australian Corps Heavy Artillery will wire to Australian Corps "Q" figures of guns and ammunition as follows :-
(i) Amount transferred with 23rd Brigade R.G.A.
(ii) Amount brought in by 98th Brigade R.G.A.

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Australian Corps.
12th July, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 129

1. The distribution of the Field Artillery of the Corps will be adjusted to complete the organisation of divisions between 13th and 17th July. Moves will take place as detailed in the attached table.

2. (a) Except in Serial No.1, no movement of Field Artillery guns will take place; guns will be taken over in situ in accordance with G.R.O. 3202 as amended by G.R.O. 3771.
(b) Movement of wagon lines will be carried out in all instances between 9.30 and 3.30 a.m.
(c) Arrangements re advanced parties and other details will be made mutually between C's R.A. concerned.

3. Units will move with full echelons.

4. On completion of all reliefs detailed, the Field Artillery in the Corps will be distributed as follows :-

(a) "A" Divisional Sector

C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division.
2nd Aust. Div. Artillery (less D.T.M.O. and M.T.M. Batteries.)
14th Army Brigade R.F.A.
23rd " " "
86th " " "
D.T.M.O. and M.T.M. Batteries ,4th Aust. Division.

(b) "B" Divisional Sector

C.R.A. 3rd Australian Division
3rd Aust. Div. Artillery
3rd Army Brigade A.F.A.
189th " " R.F.A.
298th " " "
16th " " R.H.A.

(c) "C" Divisional Sector.

C.R.A. 5th Australian Division.
5th Aust. Div. Artillery
4th Aust. Div. Artillery (less D.T.M.O. and M.T.M. Batteries)
5th Army Brigade R.H.A.
6th Army Brigade A.F.A.

(d) In Reserve.

C.R.A. 4th Aust. Div. Artillery
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1	Night 13/14 July	13th A.F.A. Bde	LINE "B" Divl.Sector	Superimposed "C" Divl.Sector	3 a.m. July 14th	Withdrawing guns from "B" Divl.Sector.
2	Night 13/14th	4th A.F.A. Bde (1 section per Bty)	LINE "C" Divl.Sector	LINE "A" Divl.Sector	11 p.m. July 13th	Relieving 8th A.F.A. Bde
	Night 14/15	4th A.F.A.Bde (2 sections per Bty)	"	"	11 p.m. July 14th	"
	do	H.Q. 4th A.F.A. Bde	"	"	12 midnight 14/15th July	"
3	Night 13/14	8th A.F.A.Bde (1 section per Bty)	LINE "A" Divl. Sector	LINE "B" Divl.Sector.	11 p.m. July 13th	Relieving 14th A.F.A. Bde
	Night 14/15	8th A.F.A.Bde (2 sections per Bty)	"	"	11 p.m. July 14th	"
	do	H.Q. 8th A.F.A. Bde	"	"	12 midnight 14/15th July	"
4	Night 13/14	14th A.F.A.Bde (1 section per Bty)	LINE "B" Divl.Sector	LINE "C" Divl.Sector.	11 p.m. July 13th	Relieving 4th A.F.A. Bde
	Night 14/15	14th A.F.A.Bde (2 sections per Bty)	"	"	11 p.m. July 14th	"
	do	H.Q. 14th A.F.A. Bde	"	"	12 midnight 14/15th July	"
5	Night 13/14	D.T.M.O. & M.T.M. Batteries, 5th Aust. Divn Arty	Reserve	LINE "C" Divl.sector	12 noon 14th July	Relieving D.T.M.O. and M.T.M.Btys 2nd Aust. Divn which on relief moves into Reserve at RENANCOURT Trench Mortars will be taken over in the line in situ in exchange for an equivalent number handed over by 5th D.T.M.O.
6	Night 14/15	D.T.M.O. & M.T.M. Batteries, 3rd Aust. Divn Arty.	LINE "A" Divl. Sector	LINE "B" Divl Sector	12 noon. July 15th	Exchanging with D.T.M.O. and M.T.M.Btys 4th A.D.A. Trench mortars to be taken over in the line in situ in exchange for a similiar number handed over to 4th D.T.M.O.

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7	Night 14/15	D.M.T.O. & M.T.M. Batteries 4th Aust.D.A.	LINE "B" Divl.Sector	LINE "A" Divl.Sector	12 noon 15th July.	Exchanging with D.M.T.O. & M.T.M. Btys 3rd A.D.A. Trench mortars to be taken over in the line in situ in exchange for a similiar Number handed over to 3rd D.T.M.O.
8	Night 15/16	5th A.F.A. Brigade (one sector per Bty)	LINE "C" Div.Sector	LINE "A" Div.Sector	11 p.m. July 15th	Relieving 7th A.F.A. Bde
	Night 16/17	5th A.F.A. Brigade (2 Sections per Bty)	"	"	11 p.m. July 16th	"
	do	H.Q. 5th A.F.A.Bde	"	"	12 midnight 16/17th July.	"
9	Night 15/16th	7th A.F.A. Brigade (1 section per Bty)	LINE "A" Divl. Sector	LINE "B" Divl. Sector	11 p.m. 15th July	Relieving 10th A.F.A. Bde
	Night 16th/17th	7th A.F.A. Brigade. (2 Sections per Bty)	"	"	11 p.m. 16th July	"
	do	H.Q. 7th A.F.A.Bde	"	"	12 midnight 16/17th July.	"
10	Night 15/16	10th A.F.A. Brigade (1 section per Bty)	LINE "B" Divl. Sector.	LINE "C" Divl. Sector.	11 p.m. July 15th	Relieving 5th A.F.A. Bde
	Night 16/17	10th A.F.A. Brigade (2 Sections per Bty)	"	"	11 p.m. July 16th	"
	do	H.Q. 10th A.F.A.Bde	"	"	12 midnight 16/17th July.	"
11	Night 15/16th	11th A.F.A. Brigade (1 section per Bty)	LINE "B" Divl. Sector	LINE "C" Divl. Sector	11 p.m. July 15th	Relieving 3rd Army Bde A.F.A.
	Night 16/17th	11th A.F.A. Brigade (2 sections per Bty)	"	"	11 p.m. July 16th	"
	do	H.Q. 11th A.F.A.Bde	"	"	12 midnight 16/17th July.	"
12	Night 15/16	3rd Army Bde A.F.A. (1 section per Bty)	LINE "C" Divl. Sector	LINE "B" Divl. Sector.	11 p.m. July 15th	Relieving 11th A.F.A. Bde

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Serial No.	Date	UNIT	FROM	TO	To be completed by	REMARKS
12 Contd.	Night 16/17	3rd Army Bde A.F.A. (2 sections per Bty)	LINE "C" Divl. Sector	LINE "B" Divl. Sector	11 p.m. July 16th	Relieving 11th A.F.A.Bde
	do	H.Q. 3rd Army Bde A.F.A.			12 midnight 16/17th July.	"
13	Night 13/14	1 Section 5th D.A.C.	LINE "B" Divl. Sector	LINE "C" Divl.Sector	12 midnight 13/14th July	
	Night 14/15	do	"	"	12 midnight 14/15th July	
14	Night 14/15	1 Section 2nd D.A.C.	LINE "C" Divl. Sector	LINE "A" Divl. Sector.	12 midnight 14/15th July	Relieving 3rd D.A.C. Relief of D.A.C. to be completed by 12 midnight 15/16th July.
	Night 15/16	do	"	"	12 midnight 15/16th July	"
15	Night 14/15	1 Section 3rd D.A.C.	LINE "A" Divl. Sector	LINE "B" Divl. Sector.	12 midnight 14/15th July	Relieving 4th D.A.C. Relief of D.A.C. to be completed by 12 midnight, 15/16th July
	Night 15/16	do	"	"	12 midnight 15/16th July	"
16	Night 14/15	1 Section 4th D.A.C.	LINE "B" Divl. Sector.	LINE "C" Divl. Sector.	12 midnight 14/15th July	Relieving 2nd D.A.C. Relief of D.A.C. to be completed by 12 midnight 15/16th July
	Night 15/16th	do	"	"	12 midnight 15/16th July	"
17	July 15	C.R.A. 5th Aust.Div.	Reserve D.A.H.Q.	LINE "C" Divl. Sector	9 a.m. 15th July	Relieving C.R.A. 2nd Aust.Div.
18	do	C.R.A. 2nd Aust.Div.	LINE "C" Div. Sector	LINE "A" Divl. Sector	2 p.m. July 15th	Relieving C.R.A. 3rd Aust.Div.
19	do	C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Divn.	LINE "A" Divl.Sector	LINE "B" Divl Sector.	8 pm. July 15th	Relieving C.R.A. 4th Aust.Divn. C.R.A. 4th Aust.Divn on relief proceeding to reserve D.A.H.Q. at RENANCOURT

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PRELIMINARY REPORT

CAPTURE OF HAMEL AND HAMEL RIDGE BY 4TH AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

4 July 18

1.-CONSIDERATIONS AFFECTING THE OPERATION.

A series of advances in the northern divisional sector between the SOMME and the ANCRE undertaken by the Australian Corps had resulted in placing the centre division of the Corps in deep echelon to the west and south of the left division. It was not possible to bring forward the batteries into the forward valleys north of the SOMME in the left division sector. The enemy possessed complete observation from the high ground east and south east of HAMEL as far north as the main VILLERS BRETONNEUX - WARFUSEE road. The situation of the Corps on the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - HILL 104 plateau was such as to render our hold on this high ground which is of very great importance for the defence of AMIENS, somewhat precarious. It was very desirable to give additional depth to our position in this sector.

At the same time the situation in the Australian Corps as regards reinforcements was such that it was felt that a large operation undertaken for the improvement of our position might result in a great number of casualties which could ill be spared at the present juncture. A means was sought, therefore, of carrying out the operation in such a manner as to ensure, as far as possible, a minimum of loss to the infantry.

In order to employ a minimum of infantry it was decided to make use of a considerable body of Tanks. The preparations for the operation were undertaken in accordance with this.

The total frontage of the main operation was to be approximately 6000 yards. It was decided that with the tanks, two and a half infantry brigades would be sufficient.

2.- MEANS ADOPTED TO EFFECT SURPRISE.

The first essential was to ensure by every possible means that the operation should be a complete surprise to the enemy and it was considered at the same time that every effort should be made to mystify and mislead him as to the point of the attack and the scope of the operation when it should take place. To ensure this the co-operation of the right and left divisions of the Corps, and of the III Corps, was arranged for. The right division of the Corps was to carry the flank of the operation to the south, chiefly by continuing the artillery barrage. The left division prepared to seize a portion of the enemy's defensive organisation on a front of 1200 yards near the river ANCRE, to carry out a dummy attack near its right, and to carry out a raid about the centre of the divisional sector. The III Corps prepared to assist by a rolling barrage along its whole front in which a proportion of smoke was mixed.

No. 1 Special Coy R.E. prepared smoke screens with two objects. First to conceal the main operation from view, and second to deceive the enemy as to the real points of attack. A smoke screen was prepared to cover the right flank of the infantry advance. A smoke screen was prepared in three layers to block the view of the enemy occupying the high ground north of the SOMME. This was secured by grouping the mortars in three groups and by raising the height of the smoke screen by a series of high air bursts. With the second object in view one section of the Company carried out a demonstration on a large scale on the extreme left of the III Corps.

The localities of all actions are shown in Map 'A'.

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It was necessary for the operation to bring in 7 Field Artillery Brigades from sources outside the Australian Corps. In order to ensure that the movement of this artillery into the Corps area should not disclose the nature of the operation, Fourth Army, in issuing instructions for the move, laid down that information had been received of an intended hostile attack and that the guns were being brought up to meet this. All movement of this artillery was ordered to take place by night.

The troops selected for the operation were relieved in the line and brought into the reserve areas to ensure that no information should reach the enemy through captures of men on patrol or by raids. Information as to the fact of the operation was kept from the front line troops as far as could be done until the last moment.

3.- CONFERENCES.

As little as possible with reference to the operation was committed to paper in the early stages. A series of conferences were held at which all points were brought up and decided. At the first conference only those immediately responsible for the main plan attended. This was presided over by the Army Commander who enjoined secrecy on all and directed that only those who were then present should be given any information at that stage. At a later conference other officers, from whom action was necessary in the further development of the plan, attended. This system of conferences was continued, bringing in at each later one, various officers as the plan developed to such an extent as to make their action necessary. A final conference was held at Australian Corps Headquarters three clear days prior to the operation. At this conference a detailed agenda paper was drawn up and all points which had not been clearly laid down or upon which any further information was desired were set out, and the final details were completely determined, leaving sufficient time in hand to ensure that all arrangements could be completed.

4.- ISSUE OF ORDERS.

The 4th of July was fixed as the date of the operation definitely in the early days of preparation, and it was determined that no postponement should be allowed. The first order for the operation was issued by the Australian Corps on June 28th. Only 10 copies of this order were issued on this date. As action under the order became necessary the order was issued to further authorities. The total number of copies issued was 14.

5.- ZERO HOUR.

Zero hour was to be dawn. The actual hour was not finally determined until the day prior to the operation.

6.- PREPARATIONS.

Training of Tanks and Infantry:

It was necessary, in order to ensure that proper confidence existed between the troops employed in the operation and the tanks, that there should be a certain amount of training together of both arms.

A very cordial liaison was established between the troops and the tanks during the course of the training.

Prevention of movement.

Instructions were given to ensure that no movement of lorries carrying ammunition or divisional stores should take place

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in the forward areas by day. To ensure that this was done arrangements were made for the 3rd Squadron A.F.C. to have a plane in the air daily prior to the operation in order to see if any undue movement took place.

Arrangements to conceal the noise of Tank engines.

It was thought that the noise of the tank engines might easily be overheard moving to their forming up places, and moving forward to reach the starting line of the infantry. To counteract this aeroplanes were to fly up and down the whole Army front during the hours when tanks would be in movement to their start line, and also during the few minutes prior to zero when it was necessary for the tanks to move from their forming up line to the infantry base of departure. This action of the aeroplanes was carried out nightly for some days prior to zero day.

The enemy's front line troops looked up a gentle slope to the crest of the ridge over which the tanks were required to pass just prior to zero hour, and it was thought that the tanks might become visible in sufficient time to allow the hostile infantry to put up their S.O.S. Signal and bring the barrage down on our troops before they left their base of departure. With the object of overcoming this the enemy was steadily drilled for 8 days prior to zero day into expecting a morning preparation of harassing fire mixed with gas and smoke. It was hoped that this would lead the enemy to put on his gas mask whenever smoke came down. I t was decided on zero day that this would be continued except that smoke only would be used and no gas. It was also intended that the harassing fire placed down before zero hour should assist in drowning the noise of the tank movement forward.

7.- ARTILLERY.

The maximum depth of advance in the vicinity of HAMEL was to be 2700 yards. The normal location of the artillery covering the front selected for attack was not sufficiently far forward to ensure that the artillery barrage could be continued from the start line to the final objective. It was therefore necessary to move almost the whole of the field guns covering the operation, and a considerable proportion of the heavy guns, into more forward positions, and to ensure that these were properly registered. The execution of this task was facilitated by the fact that roving sections had been continuously employed which had moved into forward positions daily and carried out brief shoots. In this way a number of positions had been resected and registered from and it was possible to develop this considerably. These positions were all kept carefully camouflaged and the ammunition placed in carefully camouflaged dumps. The artillery carried out the normal harassing programme daily from its old positions, but a steady forward movement of batteries was maintained each night and these were all registered on a very carefully worked out time table under cover of the normal harassing fire. On the night prior to zero hour it only remained to move forward the last of the guns to pre-arranged positions in which registration had already been carried out.

One brigade of R.H.A. was detailed to move by night to selected positions on the high ground between the ANCRE and SOMME to shoot over open sights, to take advantage of any opportunities of dealing with the retiring enemy or any available targets which might present themselves.

8.- INTELLIGENCE.

In order to meet the requirements of the battle in reconnaissance arrangements were made with the 5th Brigade R.A.F. and the 3rd Squadron A.F.C. to maintain normal aerial activity by day.

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The usual contact and counter-attack patrols from dawn to dusk were carried out. Photographs, both oblique and vertical were taken frequently up to the 29th June of the selected sector as well as the remainder of the corps front and suitable plates were selected for reprinting and distribution. After the 29th June no more photographs were permitted.

As soon as the preparation had advanced to a sufficient stage to render it necessary to send out information, a conference was held under the G.S.O. II Intelligence of the Corps, at which G.S.Os. III of divisions, and brigade Intelligence officers concerned, and the artillery reconnaissance officers were present. At this conference all matters dealing with the intelligence, disposal of prisoners of war, organisation of searching parties, and similar matters, were dealt with. Instructions for intelligence were issued on the 1st July and notes on the enemy units which were to be fought were issued on a scale sufficient to distribute down to Companies. A special operations map was prepared on the scale of 1/20,000 and copies were issued to all officers taking part in the operation. A small message map covering the front was prepared on the scale of 1/20,000 and issued down to all N.C.Os. taking part in the operation. Artillery target map on the scale of 1/20,000 was issued to all batteries and battalions. Field Artillery barrage maps were issued on a scale to provide a copy to each Company and Battery Commander.

A map showing the detailed distribution of the enemy forces on the scale of 1/40,000 was issued on a scale to allow one map to each Company Commander.

The following photographs were prepared :-

(a) Mosaic, squared and contoured and freely annotated was issued on a scale which allowed one copy to each N.C.O. taking part in the operation.

(b) Vertical photographs of the area were issued to allow of two copies to each Company and Battery.

(c) Oblique photographs of the area to be captured were issued on a scale to allow of a copy to each N.C.O. taking part in the operation.

Certain other maps and photographs were issued for special purposes. The object aimed at was to ensure that every leader was supplied with sufficient information to allow him to carry out his task intelligently and to identify his position on the ground.

9.- <u>PLAN</u>.

The operation was entrusted to G.O.C. 4th Australian Division. This division was holding the front opposite HAMEL. To enable fresh troops to be employed it was arranged that the 12th and 13th A.I. Brigades of the 4th Australian Division should remain in the line until the night prior to zero night. This left the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade available in the division. The 11th A.I.Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division was placed at the disposal of the G.O.C. 4th Australian Division and The 6th A.I. Brigade of the 2nd Australian Division which was detailed to attack on the right flank with two battalions, was placed under the command of G.O.C. 4th Australian Division for the operation (vide Map 'B' attached).

The 5th Tank Brigade supplied a total of 54 tanks for the operation. These were allotted by sections to Infantry units (vide Plan No.1).

Four Companies of Infantry of 33rd American Division were incorporated by platoons in the attacking battalions.

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In view of the decision to employ a considerable number of tanks it was considered essential that the plan should be as simple as possible. It was decided therefore to carry out the operation as a direct advance under cover of a field artillery barrage with the heavy artillery barrage in depth moving ahead. The field artillery ~~was~~ barrage was followed closely by tanks and infantry.

Definite bodies of tanks were allotted to definite bodies of infantry. The principle was laid down that the tactical command of the tanks should be exercised by the officers commanding the infantry units to which they were attached.

The troops detailed for the final objective were to pass around the localities of VAIRE WOOD and HAMEL and move straight to their allotted places.

One battalion in each case was detailed to the clearing up of VAIRE WOOD and HAMEL each with its own body of tanks.

In view of the distance of the advance and the possibility of some slight disorganisation through unexpected opposition in HAMEL and VAIRE WOOD, definite bodies of infantry were allotted on the flanks of each Brigade to maintain liaison. To these bodies sections of tanks were allotted in a greater proportion of tanks to infantry than on other parts of the front. This was to ensure that no gaps should be left undealt with on the portion of the final objective covered by these two localities.

Map 'B' attached shows the Distribution of infantry.
" 'C' " " " Field artillery barrage.
" 'D' " " " Heavy artillery barrage.
" 'E' " " " Distribution of tanks to areas and objectives.

Plan No. 1 shows the organisation of the infantry and tank attack.

10.-EXECUTION OF THE OPERATION.

Zero hour was fixed for 3.10.a.m. on 4th July. The infantry detailed for the operation relieved the troops in the line on the night 2nd/3rd July. On this night a line was selected on the ground on which the infantry was to form up. A tape line was laid along the line on the night 3rd/4th July. This line is shown in Map 'B'.

The tanks were brought up into the vicinity of HAMELET on the night 2nd/3rd July to ensure that they should arrive at their forming up line in time. They were carefully camouflaged in selected spots and were hidden away amongst the ruined houses of the village so that the enemy should not observe them throughout the day prior to the operation.

The officer in command of each tank reconnoitred his position on the tank forming up line, and the route forward from this to the point where he crossed the infantry start line, two nights prior to zero. This allowed time to correct any errors in location and direction.

At 10.30.p.m. on the night 3rd/4th July the tanks commenced to move up to their assembly positions and were completely in position by about 1 a.m. Their move was covered by the noise of the engines of aeroplanes which patrolled the front.

The final move up of the remaining guns to their position for the operation was completed on the night 3rd/4th July.

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At zero minus 20 minutes the aeroplanes were again in the air to cover the winding up and starting of the tank engines.

At zero minus 6 minutes the normal morning harassing fire was put down using a proportion of smoke but no gas. At the same time the tanks began to move forward to the infantry line. This move was carried out successfully and at zero the barrage opened on the artillery start line (vide Map 'C'). It remained on this line for four minutes to ensure that the tanks got into place before the infantry moved.

At zero hour all known enemy batteries were engaged with a terrific weight of heavy artillery. The guns of the French Army on our right also opened on all enemy guns likely to fire on the British front from south of the line E. and W. through BAYONVILLERS with powerful concentrations on the MARCELCAVE and WIENCOURT groups of batteries.

The Australian Corps Heavy Artillery and the III Corps Heavy Artillery, working in co-operation, brought their full fire effect to bear on all enemy batteries north of this.

The infantry and tanks got well away under cover of the artillery barrage. The enemy had no suspicion that any operation was intended, and was quite outwitted.

At zero plus 7 the first sign of enemy retaliation was seen in the form of light shelling in the vicinity of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. This did not increase to any very considerable extent for some time.

The operations of the 5th Australian Division appear to have caused the enemy to believe that this was the main attack and a heavy barrage was put down along the whole front of this division. The exact time at which this barrage was put down is not known, but it was reported at zero plus 53 minutes.

From zero hour the operation proceeded steadily forward in accordance with the timed programme. At 5 a.m. a Staff Officer who had been established at a previously arranged Corps observation post with a direct line to the General Staff of the Corps, reported that the infantry were digging in on the whole line.

11.- ENEMY REACTION.

There was practically no enemy reaction for some days. The main cause of this was that the whole hostile defensive system on the front of the attack was thoroughly disorganised. Before any proper retaliatory measures could be made, the enemy battalions, which were very severely handled, had to be relieved, and the field artillery defences reorganised.

12.- ACTION OF AIRCRAFT.

The most cordial assistance was rendered by 5th Brigade R.A.F. In addition to the activities described above, the brigade rendered great assistance in two other directions. The first was in bombing, from zero plus 30 minutes onward, enemy headquarters and horse lines. The second was in transporting S.A. ammunition to the infantry and machine guns.

All machine gun sections carried a V made of white cloth with arms six feet in length. When ammunition was needed this was put out with the apex towards the enemy and an aeroplane dropped two boxes of S.A. ammunition nearby.

S.A. ammunition was also dropped for the infantry at pre-arranged points. In all 112,000 rounds were carried forward in this way.

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One squadron was detailed to the task and commenced operations at zero plus 3 hours. Each plane carried two boxes and dropped them from its bomb dropping attachment using specially prepared parachutes. As far as reports received to date indicate, the experiment was very satisfactory.

13.- INCIDENTAL USES OF TANKS.

In addition to their fighting tasks the tanks took forward engineering stores required for consolidation. This was a tremendous saving of labour and it is reported that there was an abundance of material

A large number of walking wounded were carried back by the tanks on their return journey.

14- TROPHIES AND PRISONERS.

The total of trophies and prisoners captured on the 4th July was as shown in (a) below. The addition in (b) below were captured during the succeeding days in exploiting the victory.

	.77 Guns.	T.Ms.	M.Gs.	Anti-tank rifles.	Officers.	Others.
(a)	2	26	171	2	41	1431.
(b)	-	6	6	-	2	131.
Total	2	32	177	2	43	1562

15.- CASUALTIES. The total casualties for the operation were as follows:-

	Killed.		Wounded.		Missing.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
Australians	12	109	47	729	-	-
Americans	-	21	7	97	-	8
Total.	12	130	54	826	-	8.

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TIME TABLE OF EVENTS.

Time.	Event.
3. 2. a.m.	Tanks start. Artillery harassing fire starts.
3.10.a.m.	Barrage opens.
3.17 a.m.	Infantry reach PEAR trench.
3.28 a.m.	Infantry reach Halt Line. Capture of VAIRE and HAMEL WOODS completed.
3.51.a.m.	Barrage moves forward.
4.03.a.m.	Infantry reach Final Objectives on left.
4.15 a.m.	Capture of HAMEL VILLAGE completed.
4.35 am.	Infantry reach Final Objectives everywhere.
4.43 a.m.	Protective barrage reached by artillery everywhere.
5.13 a.m.	Protective barrage stops.
6.10 a.m.	Ammunition dropping planes leave aerodrome.

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4TH AUST DIVN

DIAGRAM "A"

ISSUED WITH DIVISIONAL ORDER No 128.

To accompany preliminary reports Australian Corps Operations 4th July 1918.

SECRET.

PLAN No 1.

FINAL OBJECTIVE

LEGEND

EXPECTED MAIN CENTRES OF RESISTANCE.

O OR O } SINGLE TANKS

RED. Troops & Tanks detailed for reduction of main centres of resistance.

Blue. Troops detailed for capture of final objective

Green. Reserves.

IN BLUE CIRCLE. Liasion units moving up to Blue Line.

HAMEL

HAMEL WOOD

VAIRE WOOD

INTER-BDE BOUNDARY

INTER-BDE BOUNDARY.

PEAR SHAPED TRENCH

1st WAVE

2nd WAVE

42nd A.I. BN.

½ 44th A.I. BN.

43rd A.I. BN.

½ 44th A.I. BN.

15th A.I. BN.

16th A.I. BN.

13th A.I. BN.

21st A.I. BN.

23rd A.I. BN.

41st A.I. BN.

14th A.I. BN.

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To Accompany Preliminary Report Aust Corps Operations 4th July 1918 MAP. A.

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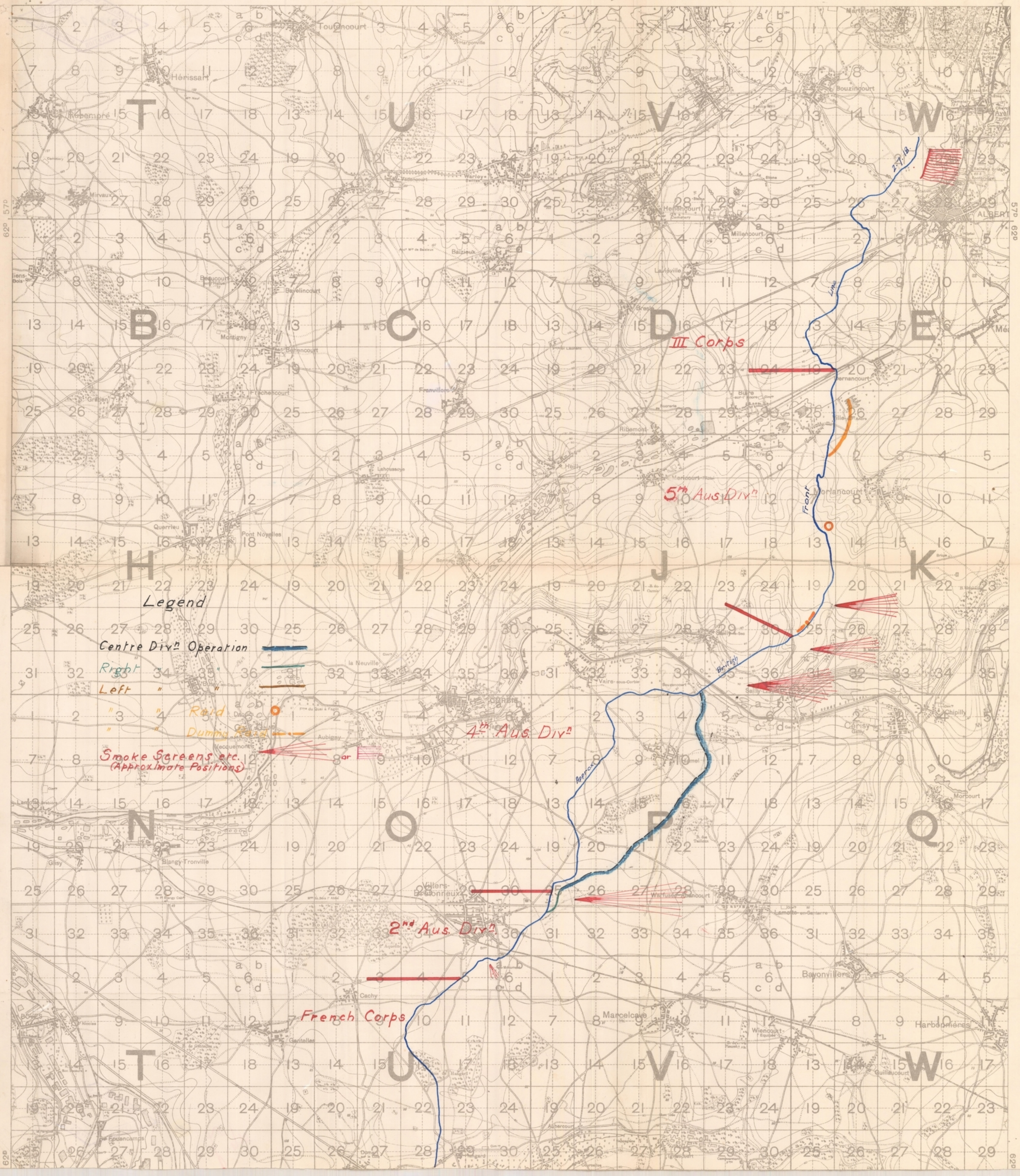
ADMINISTRATIVE MAP, CORBIE.



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MAP. B

AUSTRALIAN WAR RECORDS SECTION
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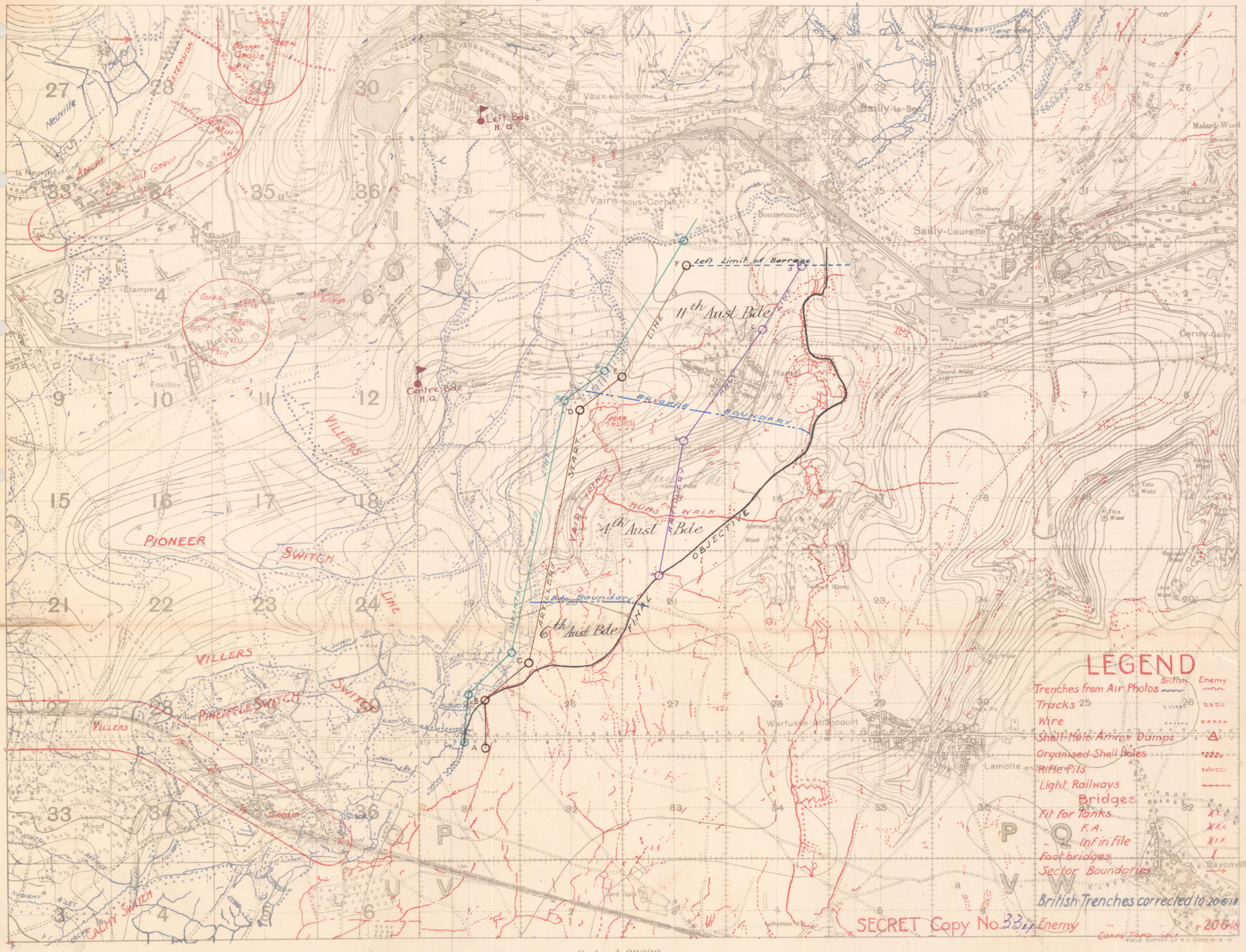
1:20,000 LA NEUVILLE Parts of 62D N.W., 62D N.E., 62D S.W. & 62D S.E. EDITION 1.



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To accompany Preliminary Report
AUSTRALIAN CORPS OPERATIONS
4th July 1918
MAP "C"

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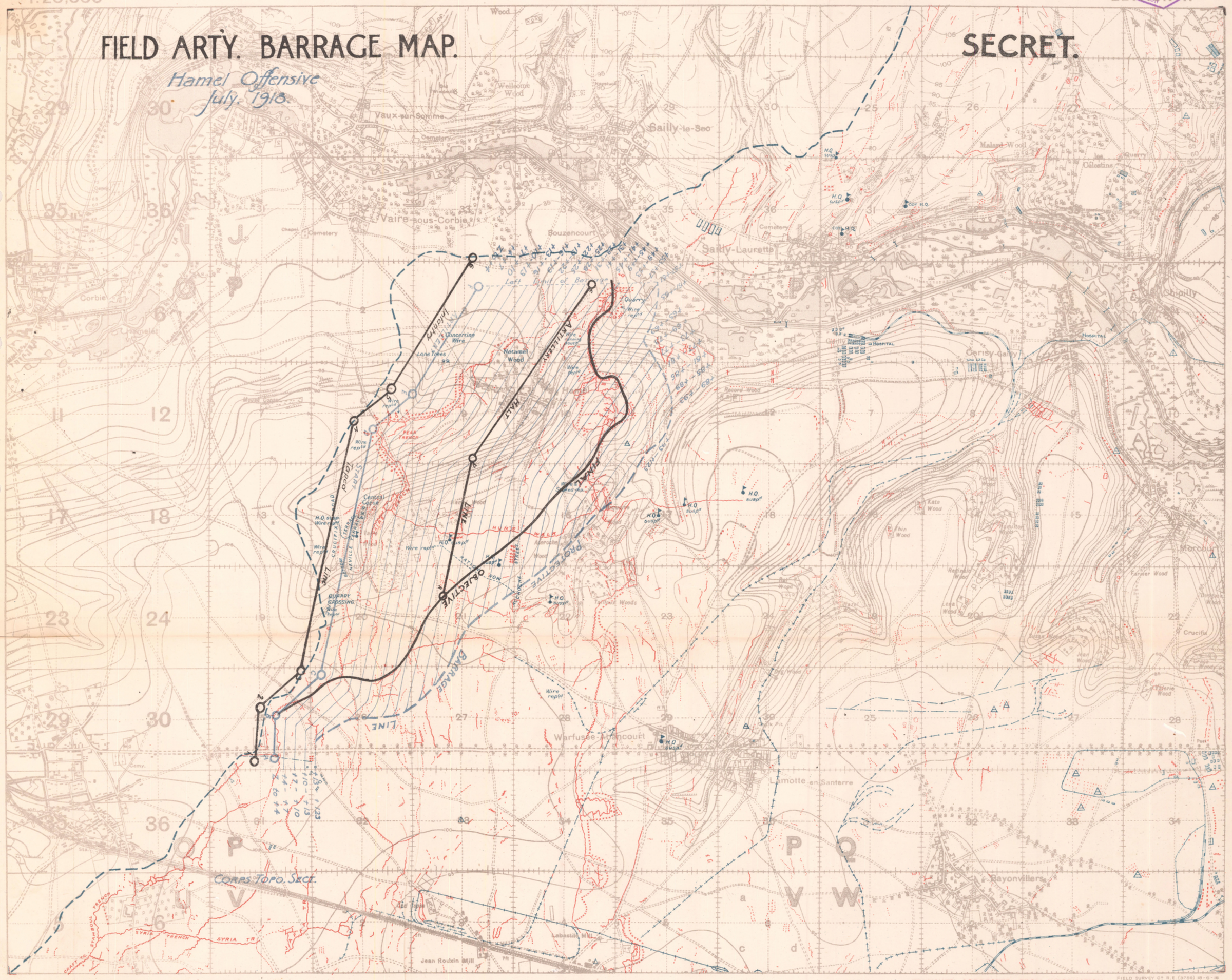
1:20,000 BAYONVILLERS Parts of 62° N.W., 62° N.E., 62° S.W. & 62° S.E. EDITION 1.

FIELD ARTY. BARRAGE MAP.

SECRET.

Hamel Offensive
July. 1918.



Approximate British Front Line — — — — 22-6-18

Scale :- 1: 20,000

TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 24-6-18.

FIELD SURVEY Co. R.E. (3789) 18-6-18

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TO ACCOMPANY PRELIMINARY REPORTS AUST. CORPS OPERATIONS JULY 4, 1918. MAP D.

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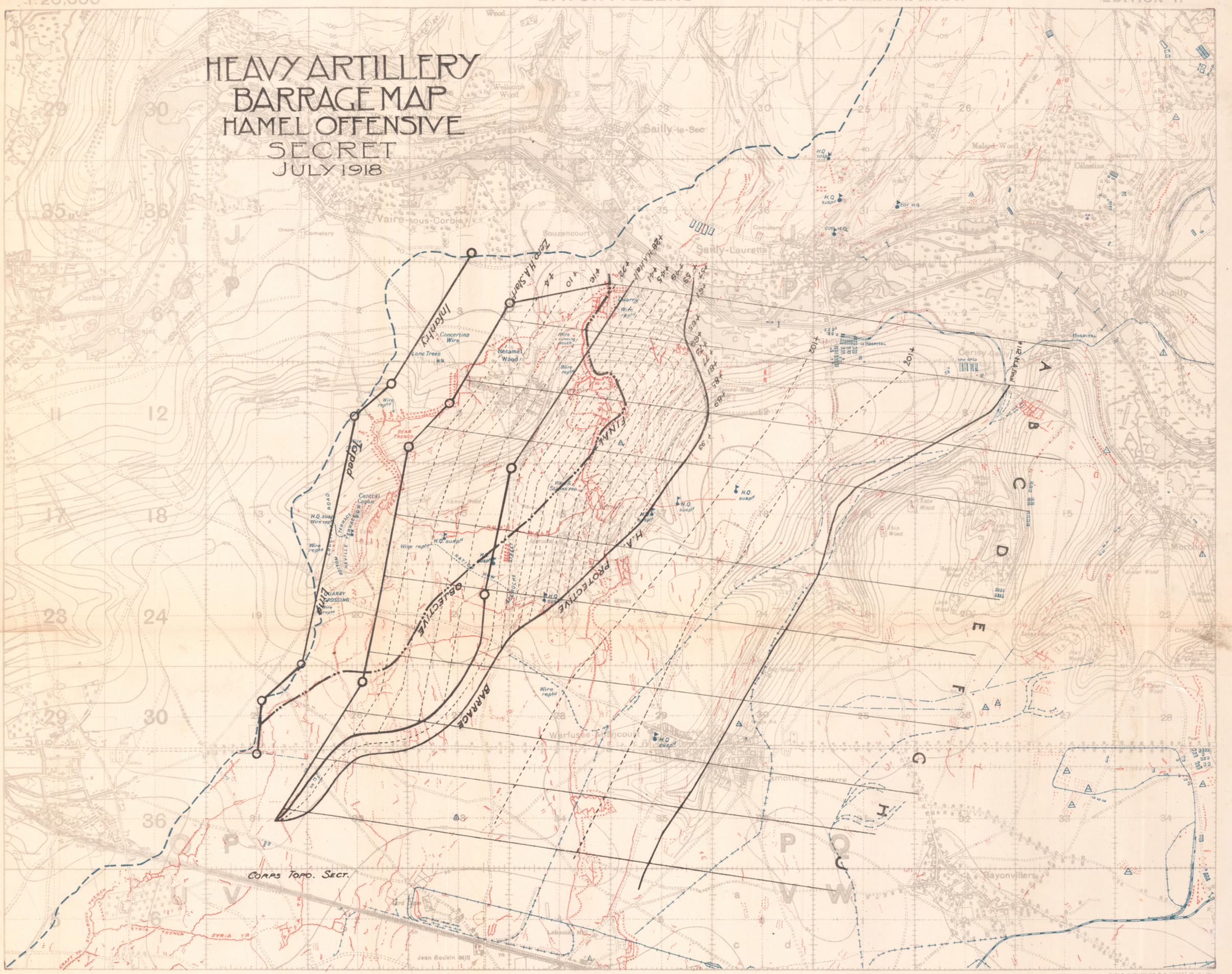

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To Accompany Preliminary Report, Australian Corps Operations, July 4th 1918, MAP "E."

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BAYONVILLERS

Parts of 62°N.W. 62°N.E. 62°S.W. & 62°S.E.

EDITION

"C" Coy. 8th Bn + 11 & 12 Secs. "C" Coy 13th Bn

"A" Coy. 8th Bn

"B" Coy. 8th Bn +3 & 10 Secs. "C" Coy. 13th Bn

8th Bn Report Centre

S.P.

S.P.

2 Sections Reserve "B" Coy 13th Bn

S.P.

13th Bn 2 Sections 1 Bn of Inf.

2 Sections Reserve "B" Coy 13th Bn

8th Bn 1 Section (No 9) "C" Coy. ½ Bn of Inf.

8th Bn 2 Sections (Nos 10 & 11) "C" Coy. 1 Bn of Inf.

½ Bn of Inf.

8th Bn 1 Section (No 12) "C" Coy.

8th Bn 3 Sections (+ 1 Sect. in Reserve) "A" Coy. 2 Coys. of Inf.

8th Bn 1 Sect. (Nos 5) "B" Coy. 1 Bn of Inf.

8th Bn 2 Sects (Nos 6 & 7) 1 Bn of Inf.

Quarry Crossing 8th Bn 1 Sect. (No 8) "B" Coy. 1 Bn of Inf.

13th Bn 2 Sections 1 Bn of Inf.

Vaux-sur-Somme

Vaire-sous-Corbie

Bouzencourt

Sailly-le-Sec

Sailly-Laurette

Warfusée-Abancourt

Lamotte-en-Santerre

Cerisy-Gailly

Shirley

Morcourt

Corbie

Hamel

Wellcome Wood

Malard Wood

Célestins

Concertina Wire

Long trees

Wire & Stakes rep.

Wire rep.

Wire rep.

Wire rep.

Wire rep.

Wire rep.

Wire rep.

Wire rep.

Wire & Stakes rep.

Wire rep.

Wire rep.

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B
CLASSIFICATION SUB-SECTION

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This chart shews, in different colors, the successive attacks carried out by the Australian Corps on the AMIENS Front, from March 27th, 1918 to the present date, viz:-

Pale Green	10th & 11th Bdes.	28 & 29.3.18.	
Cobalt Blue	10th Brigade.	30.4.18	
Mauve	9th Brigade.	3.5.18	
Yellow	9th Brigade.	6.5.18	
Dark Green	9th & 10th Bdes.	7.5.18	
Pink	2nd Aust. Div.	19.5.18	to 8.6.18.
Burnt Sienna	~~4th, 6th, 11th.~~ 1st Bdes	4.7.18	

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~~21/3/1918~~
3RD Aust Div. G.S.

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B 581 7 299

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS
SIGNAL COY.
No.
Date.

SPECIAL ORDERS

By Lieut.-Gen. Sir JOHN MONASH,

K.C.B., V.D.,

Commanding AUSTRALIAN Corps.

HEADQUARTERS,

4th July, 1918.

CONGRATULATORY—

I feel the greatest pleasure in promulgating to all the troops of the Corps, and to those Arms and Services which co-operated, the messages of congratulation received by me.

I wish also, on my own behalf, to express my heartiest appreciation and thanks to all Commanders, Staffs and Troops who took part in this day's brilliant victory. Their fine success was due as much to the fine spirit of co-operation which animated all concerned, as to the gallantry of the troops. The operation is a striking example of the success which invariably results from careful preparation and co-ordinated action, and will serve as a model and standard of the fighting efficiency of the Australian Corps.

On behalf of the Artillery, Engineers and Infantry of the Corps I desire to convey our thanks to the Royal Air Force, Tank Corps, and the Special Brigade R.E. for their most valuable assistance, and especially to the United States Infantry, whose participation for the first time in battle, shoulder to shoulder, with Australians, has made of this day an occasion of rare historic significance.

JOHN MONASH,
Lieut.-General,
Commanding AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

On behalf of the PRIME MINISTER of GREAT BRITAIN and PRIME MINISTERS of CANADA, NEW ZEALAND and NEWFOUNDLAND, through the PRIME MINISTER of Australia—

"On behalf of Prime Minister of Britain, and also of Prime Minister of Canada, New Zealand and Newfoundland, attending VERSAILLES Council, I am commissioned to offer you warmest congratulations upon brilliant success of Australian Forces under your command, and to say that the victory achieved by your Troops is worthy to rank with greatest achievements of Australian Armies."

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From the Right Honorable W. M. HUGHES, Prime Minister of Australia—

"My personal congratulations and those of the Government of Commonwealth on brilliant success of battle. Please convey to Officers and Men participating in attack warmest admiration of their valour and dash and manner in which they have maintained highest traditions of Australian Army. I am sure that achievement will have most considerable military and political effect upon Allies and neutrals, and will heighten morale of all Imperial Forces."

From General SIR WILLIAM BIRDWOOD, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., G.O.C., A.I.F., and Commanding FIFTH ARMY—

"Please accept my heartiest congratulations, and I shall be grateful if you will convey same as a personal request from me to Divisional and Brigade Commanders concerned and also to Battalion and Company Commanders and their Officers and Men. The whole operation was most admirably conceived, and evidently carried out in true A.I.F. style by all ranks, and the greatest credit is due to all. When I receive more details I will send special wire to Melbourne regarding your first and very successful operation as Corps Commander."

From General SIR HERBERT PLUMER, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., A.D.C., Commanding SECOND ARMY—

"Very many congratulations on the success of your operations."

From Lieutenant-General SIR ALEXANDER GODLEY, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Commanding XXII. CORPS—

"Very many congratulations from us all."

A.I.F. P.S.—662—7-18.

APPENDIX 4

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SPECIAL ORDER

By Lieut.-Gen. Sir JOHN MONASH,

K.C.B., V.D.,

Commanding AUSTRALIAN Corps.

HEADQUARTERS,

5th July, 1918.

Congratulatory. The following messages received from the Field-Marshal Commander-in-Chief British Armies in France and from G.O.C. Fourth Army are published for information :—

"Will you please convey to Lieutenant-General Sir John MONASH and all Ranks under his command including the Tanks and the detachment of 33rd American Division my warm congratulations on the success which attended the operation carried out this morning, and on the skill and gallantry with which it was conducted."

"In forwarding this message the Army Commander desires most heartily to congratulate the Australian Corps, and especially on the way in which the scheme was drawn up and the gallantry with which the operation was carried out. The part played by the tanks and the artillery was a prominent factor in bringing about success and reflects great credit on them."

KEITH OFFICER, Major,
D.A.A.G.,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

A.I.F. P.S.—663—7-18.

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G.
Australian Corps,
10th July, 1918.

Following cable received from Defence Melbourne
[illegible] Commonwealth of Australia desire to
congratulate Monash and all ranks in his command on the
splendid success attending the recent operations at HAMEL
and VILLE WOODS AAA That the casualties sustained were slight
in character is especially pleasing and adds to the gratifica-
tion with which the news has been received AAA Ends. D.A.G., A.I.F.

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.

To all concerned.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix Am H Ra Code Words 55 s. d.

Received. From Auo By 6000

Sent, or sent out. At m. To By

Office Stamp. AYE 29.VI.18 TELEGRAPHS

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at Auo Office 6.10 a m. Received 6.18 a m.

TO 5 Aus Corps

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
G 650	29		

morning	report	aaa	situation
quiet	aaa	few	blue
cross	gas	shells	J21
and	J22	and	in
O12	and	P13	aaa
20	green	cross	gas
shells	in	O21C	aaa
Enemy	arty	active	on
right	Bde	front	Centre
Div	aaa	projectors	
successfully		discharged	in
K23d	aaa	addsd	if
Army	reptd	all	concerned

1926/1924
29 JUN 1918
4.15 a.m.

FROM Aust Corps

PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required

9310 W 528—100,000 10/6 17—E P Co—(6 ...)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix Code m. Words. Charges. Service Instructions.

Sent At m. To By

This message is on a/c of: Service. (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at m. Date From By

TO 5th Corps B.G.H.A., Aust. Corps.

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
G 668	29	16/18	

Instruct advanced parties of 78th Bde. R.G.A. to report H.Q. Aust. Corps H.A. by midday 30th June to be allotted wagon lines to which their unit will move night 30th June/1st July AAA Addsd 5th Corps reptd B.G.H.A., Aust. Corps.

Copy to Q.
" " R.A.

From AUST. CORPS.

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. Censor.

(Z) J D Rogers Capt

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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Prefix ..... Code ..... m.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Words.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: ..... Service.

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date ..... From ..... By .....

TO 5th Corps: 4th Aust Div: 4th Aust Div.Arty:

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G. 671	29 6 18		

Instruct advance parties of 17th D.A. to report H.Q. 4th Aust D.A. by midday 30th June to be allotted wagon lines to which their unit will move night 30th June 1st July AAA Addsd 5th Corps reptd 4th Aust Div and 4th Aust D.A.

Q Q

Aust Corps HQ

852.

Copy to.-

Q.

G.O.C., R.A.

From Aust Corps. GS

Place

Time

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message .....

Prefix SM Code 7 Words 30

Received. From Aug By [illegible]

Sent, or sent out. At ..... m. To ..... By .....

Office Stamp. 29 JUN 18

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at Aug Office 6.30 pm Received 6.30 pm

TO Aus Div

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
G 674	29		

Evening report aaa situation quiet aaa forward area centre div lights shelled during morning aaa ~~[illegible]~~ area N of Ripemont and area N of Villers Bretonneux intermittently shelled aaa Gas shelling Nil aaa Ia active forenoon aaa Captures Nil aaa addsd 4 arm Repts all conc

AUSTRALIAN DIVISION No. IG 26/57 29 JUN 1918 6.30 pm

FROM Aust Corps

PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.

[illegible]—W 528—100,000—10/5/17—E.P.Co.—(E1218).

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Prefix ..... Code ..... Words 32

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Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Received. From HUO By Fort

Sent, or sent out. At ..... m. To ..... By .....

Office Stamp. AYD 29.VI.18

Handed in at Auo Office 1245 m. Received 7.6 m.

TO 2 Aust Div GS+

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
G 677	29/V/18		

Ref Aust Corps GS/4715
of 28th para 2
line eleven before Battalion
read TANK and before
Second word Commanders
read TANK aaa addd
all recipients of S/4715

R 29-6-18

FROM PLACE & TIME Aust Corps SS

* This line should be erased if not required.

(19629) Wt528/M1970. 300,000 Pads. 4/17. McC. & Co., Ltd. (E1213).

By .....

Handed in at Auo Office 11.20 m. Received 11.39 m.

TO 3rd Aust Div

3 DIV HQ 30 JUN 1918 A. I. F. 126 THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
G 687	29/6/18		

Lorries for demonstration at
VAUX EN AMIENOIS will
report tomorrow for 4th
6th and 11th Bdes
at same places and
times as today aaa
Addsd 4th 3rd and
2nd Aust Divs reptd
AQ

R 11.40

FROM PLACE & TIME Aust Corps GS

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

(In pads of 100.)

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

at once

Words. Charge.

Sent At..... m. To..... By.....

This message is on a/c of: ..... Service.

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date..... From..... By.....

TO 66th Div 4th Army

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G 696	29		

Ref 4th Army GI 790 M one officer and 8 OR to Bde HQ of 2nd Div M one officer & 17 OR to Bus of 2nd Div M 2 Offs 25 OR to Bus of 5th Div M Send personnel for 2nd Div to Hdqrs GLISY and for 5th Div to Hdqrs ST GRATIEN M wire time of arrival M addst 66 Div repeat 4th Army

From Aust Corps

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [signature]

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix..... Code..... m.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Words. Charge.

Sent At..... m. To..... By.....

This message is on a/c of: ..... Service.

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at..... m. Date..... From..... By.....

TO 5th Aust Div

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G 697	30		

American Intelligence personnel will report at your Div Hdqrs on 1st July for attachment until 8th July as under M Two officers & 25 OR to go to Bus in line

From Aust Corps

Place

Time 6 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [signature]

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix..... Code..... m

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Words.

Sent At..... m. To..... By.....

This message is on a/c of: ..... Service.

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at..... m. Date..... From..... By.....

TO 2 Aust DW

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G 698	30 ~~29~~		

American Intelligence personnel will report at your Div. Hdqs on 1st in July for attachment until 8th July as under AA one officer & 8 OR to go to a Bde Hdqs and one officer and 17 OR to go to Bus AA time of arrival later

From Aust Corps

Place

Time 6 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

Censor.

(Z) A H Casermajor

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MES[illegible]

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Prefix..... Code.....

Office of Origin and Service In[illegible]

Sent At..... m. To..... By.....

This message is on a/c of: AUSTRALIAN CORPS Service. 188/1836

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at..... m. Date..... From..... By.....

TO 5 Aust DW

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G 722	30		

Ref this office G 697 AA Two officers and 28 OR to go to Bus and not as previously stated AA should arrive between one and two pm

From Aust Corps

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

Censor.

(Z) A H Casermajor

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message .....

Prefix ..... Code ..... m.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Words ... Charge.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: ..... Service.

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... Date ..... From ..... By .....

TO 2nd Aust Div

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G 723	30		

ref. this office G698 AA one off +8 OR to go to Bde Hdqs and one off and 14 OR to go to Bns and not as stated in G698 AA should arrive ~~[illegible]~~ between one and two pm tomorrow

From Aust Corps

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

Censor.

(Z) [illegible]

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message .....

Prefix ..... Code ..... Words ..... £ s d

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions.

Received From ..... By .....

Sent, or sent out. At ..... m. To ..... By .....

Office Stamp

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received ..... m.

TO 2nd Aust Div

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
	30		

Morning report aaa Situation Quiet aaa at 9.25 pm 3 minute Heavy barrage light calibre rear of front line S. of VILLE SUR ANCRE aaa Barrage opened after succession of double green flares aaa at same time Heavy concentration on VILLE SUR ANCRE aaa Forward areas centre div slightly shelled during night aaa Few gas shells near BOUZINCOURT aaa Mgs and TMs more active than usual aaa

FROM

TIME & PLACE

*This line should be erased if not required.

(7750.) W523/M1979 100,000 Pads. 5/17 C. & R. Ltd. (E. 1215.)

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix ..... Code ..... Words .....

Charges to Collect

Received From Aus By WS

Sent, or sent out. At ..... To ..... By .....

Office Stamp AYE -30 1 8

Service Instructions

Handed in at ..... Office 6.14 m. Received ..... m

TO Sheet (2)

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
11	30		

Bombs dropped on HEILLY
1.30 am aaa HEILLY
shelled with 4.2s during
night aaa captures Nil
aaa addsd 4th Army
reptd all concerned

(15)

FROM Aust Corps

TIME & PLACE

*This line should be erased if not required.

(7750.) W528/M1070 100,000 Pads. 5/17 C. & B. Ltd. (E. 1213.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix SM Code EBS Words 46

Charges to Collect

Received From Aus By HGS

Sent, or sent out. At ..... m. To ..... By .....

Office Stamp AYE -30 1 8

Service Instructions

Handed in at Aug Aus Office 6.12 m. Received 6.24 m

TO 5 Aust Div

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
G726	30.		

Evening report aaa Quiet
day aaa slight shelling
of area N of
SAILLY LE SEC also
N. of BUIRE aaa
66 projectors discharged
on E25D last night
aaa captures 1 OR
aaa 4th inactive aaa
addsd 4th army Repto
all concerned

Lg 2

Lg 3

AUSTRALIAN DI... No. LG 26/214 30 JUN 1918

6 [illegible]

FROM Aust Corps

TIME & PLACE

*This line should be erased if not required.

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Prefix ..... Code ..... Words .....

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions.

Received. From Aus By

Sent, or sent out. At ..... m. To ..... By .....

Office Stamp.

Handed in at Aus Office 6.10 m. Received 6.29 m.

TO 5 Aust Div

Sg 26/2 39 1/7/18

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
G 741	1		7.30 am

Morning report aaa situation
quiet aaa raid on
enemy front line E19 B
resulted in killing several
enemy and capturing 2
prisoners aaa our casualties
very slight aaa one
wounded prisoner also taken
in P4 B aaa slight
intermittent shelling forward positions
aaa M Gs & Rifle grenades
and TMS reported active
on centre Div aaa
added 4th Army reptd
all concerned

APPENDIX

FROM Aust Corps

TIME & PLACE

Prefix ..... Code ..... Words .....

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

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Sent, or sent out. At ..... m. To ..... By .....

Office Stamp.

Handed in at Aus Office 6.10 m. Received 6.29 m.

TO 5 Aust Div

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
G 792	1st		

Evening report aaa Quiet
day aaa slight shelling
N of Sailly le
Tec also S of
VILLE SUR ANCRE aaa
Enemy post S of
MORLANCOURT pushed last night
aaa 1 Mg captured
but garrison escaped aaa
Captured 3 or 1
Mg aaa Added
Army reptd all concerned

Sg 26/3 68 1-7-18 9 pm

FROM Aust Corps

TIME & PLACE

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Sent At..... m. To..... By.....
..... Service.
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")
Date.....
From.....
By.....

TO { G.O.C., Aust Corps. 2nd 3rd 4th and 5th Aust Div: 5th Tank Bde: 3rd Corps.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G.	2		

Ref Arty Instructions 244 para 6 AAA 3rd para for 2nd Aust Div Arty read 3rd Aust Div Arty AAA Addsd all concd.

G 61/460
2.7.18
12.20pm

From Aust Corps.
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Major G.S.
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DRLS.
Sent At..... m. To..... By.....
C77 Service.
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")
Date 1/9
From.....
By.....

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TO { 66th Div.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G. 188/1836.	2	G.876/6	

of 30th AAA Distribution of American Intelligence personnel of 130th Inf. Regt. for attachment 8th to 15th July will be same as for current attachment i.e. 1 off. & 8 o.rs. to go to a Bde. of 2nd Aust.Div. and 1 off. & 14 o.rs. to go to Bns. of 2nd Aust.Div AAA 2 offs. & 28 o.rs. to go to Bns. of 5th Aust.Div. AAA Ref. 4th Army G.T.5/7 of 16th June may British Officer accompany parties to each Div. AAA Please notify early as possible probable time of arrival of parties at respective Div. H.Q., on 8th inst in order that personnel now attached may be collected at Div. H.Q. for return on same lorries AAA Please confirm above arrangements

BF 5th inst

From AUST. CORPS:
Place
Time

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No. of Message

Prefix ... Code ... Words 30

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Charges to Collect

Service Instructions.

Handed in at ANO Office ... m. Received ... m.

Received From Anc. By Sykes

Sent, or sent out ... At ... m. To ... By ...

Office Stamp

AYC 25 VII 18 SIGNALS

3 JUL 1918 Div. Ex 01/36/62 THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

TO 3 Aust

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	
G811	2/7		AAA

3rd	Pioneer	Bn	is
placed	at	the	disposal
of	GOC	3rd	Div
from	today	inclusive	aaa
added	3rd	Div	and
4th	Div		

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message [illegible]

Prefix SA Code FBa Words 32

£ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Received. From Auo By LCG

Sent, or sent out. At ___ m. To ___ By ___

Office Stamp.

Service Instructions

Handed in at Auo Office 6.10 a m. Received 6.25 a m.

TO 5 Aust Div

*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
G832	3		

Morning report aaa Situation
quiet aaa Gas projectors
Successfully discharged S.W. Morlancourt
aaa EA activity below
normal aaa addressed 4th
Army repeated all concerned

FROM PLACE & TIME Aust Corps

* This line should be erased if not required.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message [illegible]

Prefix SM Code FE Words 59

£ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Received. From auo By HGS

Sent, or sent out. At ___ m. To ___ By ___

Office Stamp.

Service Instructions

Handed in at Auo Office 6.25 m. Received 6.30 m.

TO 5 Aust Div

*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
G848	3.		

To
Evening report aaa situation
quiet aaa light shelling
W. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX
with 77 mm HE
aaa forward area centre
Div intermittently shelled
with 77 mm and
4.2 aaa area NW
SAILLY LE.SEC shelled with HE
and Green Cross Gas
aaa captures NIL aaa
addsd 4th Army Reptd
all concerned

FROM PLACE & TIME Aust Corps

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: AUS CORPS HQ

L 7 I S Service.

(Sig. of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date ..... From ..... By .....

TO { 4th Army: 3rd Corps: 31st French Corps: 2,3,4,5 Aust Divs: 3rd Sqn AFC: 13th Ball Coy: 8th Tank Bn:

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	
G. 876	4		AAA

Operation successfully launched tanks were seen to cross the line at zero hour AAA Prisoners of 55th Regt 18th Div capt red in VAIRE WOOD Sector AAA 5th Div reports 3.55.am minor operation of 15th Bde in squares K.E. and E.C. completely successful AAA Addad 4th Army reptd all concd.

From Aust Corps. 45

Place

Time

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Prefix ..... Code ..... m. | Words. | Charge.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. URGENT OPERATION PRIORITY

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: AUS CORPS HQ

L 7 I S Service.

(Sig. of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date ..... From ..... By .....

TO { 4th Army: 3rd Corps: 31st French Corps: 2,3,4,5 Aust Divs: B.G.H.A: 3rd Sqn AFC: 13th Ball Coy: 8th Tank Bn:

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	
*G. 877	4		AAA

2nd Aust Div reports left Coy of bde on right reached objective at 3.40 a.m. and is in touch with bde on its left in objective AAA 4th Aust Div reports 6th Bde on right report 12 prisoners of 15th I.B. AAA All tanks except one got away on time everything going well AAA 6 British tanks reported N. of HAMEL at 3.42 a.m. AAA Tanks reported to have reached objective in P.10.b. East of HAMEL AAA 4th A.I. Bde reports that they are through VAIRE WOOD and mopping up of wood is proceeding AAA Addad 4th Army reptd all concd.

From Aust Corps. 45

Place

Time 4.30 am

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. URGENT OPERATION PRIORITY		Sent At m. To By		Service. (Sig. of "Franking Officer.")	Date From By

TO 4th Army:3rd Corps:31st French Corps: 2,3,4,5 Aust Divs: R.C.H.A. 3rd Sqn AFC: 13th Bail Coy: 6th Tank Bn. 5th Bde RAF.

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	
*G. 878	4/7/18		AAA

Staff Officer Corps C.P. reports 5 a.m. our troops have gained final objective along the whole front and are digging in AAA Addsd 4th Army reptd all concd.

From Aust Corps. GS

Place

Time 5.2 a.m.

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TO 4th Army:3rd Corps:31st French Corps: 2,3,4,5 Aust Divs: R.C.H.A: 3rd Sqn AFC: 13th Bail Coy: 6th Tank Bn: 5th Bde RAF.

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	
G. 879	4/7/18		AAA

Reports that whole objective gained in main operation are confirmed by contact aeroplanes and by Corps observers AAA Tanks reported to be withdrawing AAA Addsd 4th Army reptd all concd.

From Aust Corps. GS

Place

Time 5.30 a.m.

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Prefix ..... Code ..... m | Words. | Charge.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
URGENT OPERATION
PRIORITY
W. Clement
B.G.G.S.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: L716 Service.

(Sig. of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date ..... From ..... By .....

TO { 4th Army. / 5th Army. / 1st Aust Div.

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	
G. 880	4		AAA

We attacked at 3.10. this morning and captured HAMEL village also VAIRE and HAMEL WOODS AAA We are consolidating a new line east of those localities representing an advance immediately south of the SOMME averaging ~~and and a half miles on a frontage of over~~ one 4 miles AAA We also attacked at same hour just south of the ANCRE and captured enemy defences on a frontage of 1200 yards and a depth of 400 yards AAA Prisoners already counted 450 AAA Addsd 4th Army reptd 5th Army and 1st Aust Div.

From Aust Corps. 45
Place
Time 6.15. a.m.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) W. Clement B.G.G.S.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
URGENT OPERATION
PRIORITY
W. Clement
B.G.G.S.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: L716 Service.

(Sig. of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date ..... From ..... By .....

TO { 33rd American Div. / 66th Div.

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	
* G. 881	4		AAA

Operations carried out this morning completely successful AAA All objectives captured in main operation between SOMME and VILLERS BRETONNEUX and some hundreds of prisoners AAA In minor operation and raid by left div several prisoners and M.Gs. captured AAA Addsd 33rd American Div and 66th Div.

From Aust Corps. 45
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) W. Clement B.G.G.S.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
URGENT OPERATION
AUTOPITY
[signature]
B.G.G.S.

Sent
At ..... m.
To .....
By .....

This message is on a/c of: AUS CORPS
L 7 16 Service.
(Sig. of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m.
Date .....
From .....
By .....

TO: 4th Army: 3rd Corps: 31st French Corps: 2,3,4,5 Aust Divs: B.G.E.A: 3rd Sqn AFC: 13th Bell Coy: 8th Tank Bn: 5th Bde RAF: 33rd American Div: 66th Div.

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
*G. 882	4/7/18		

In addition to operations already reported 14th A.I.Bde carried out successful raid in Sq. K.19.d. AAA Three prisoners and two M.Gs. captured AAA Addsd 4th Army reptd all concd.

From Aust Corps. GS
Place
Time 6.40 a.m.

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Charges to Collect
Service Instructions

Received. From Amo By 4
Sent, or sent out. At ..... m. To ..... By .....
Office Stamp. [stamp]

Handed in at Amo Office 10 30 m. Received 10 55 m.

TO 5 Aus Dn

*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
A DC 31	5		

Please accept my Congratulations and thanks and convey same to Brigadiers and troops employed for their brilliantly executed subsidiary operations which have contributed so admirably to the complete success of our main attack aaa Genl Birdwood also telegraphs his admiration of the true aif style in which the corps has acquitted itself aaa General Monash

FROM
PLACE & TIME
Aust Corps 10 30 m

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No. of Message

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
URGENT OPERATION
PRIORITY
[signature]
R.G.G.S.

Sent
At ..... m.
To .....
By .....

This message is on a/c of: AUS CORPS
L 7 1 8
Service.
(Sig. of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m.
Date .....
From .....
By .....

TO: 4th Army: 3rd Corps: 31st French Corps: 2,3,4,5 Aust Divs: B.G.E.A: 3rd Sqn AFC: 13th Bell Coy: 8th Tank Bn: 8th Bde RAF: 33rd American Div: 66th Div.

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
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From Aust Corps. GS
Place
Time 8.40 a.m.

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£ s. d.
Charges to Collect
Service Instructions

Handed in at Amo Office 10 30 m. Received 10 55 m.

TO 5 Aus Dn

*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
A DC 31	5		

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FROM
PLACE & TIME
Aust Corps 6 30 m

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Sent At ... m. To ... By ...

This message is on a/c of: AUS CORPS FC L716 Service.

(Sig. of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ... m. Date ... From ... By ...

TO 4th,5th Army, 1st,2nd,3rd,4th,5th Aust.Divs, 3Ist French Corps,3rd Corps, B.G.H.A.,3rd Sqn A.F.C. 8th Bn Tanks, 5th Bde R.F.A. 33rd Amer.Div. G.O.C.R.A.,66th Div. "B" Echelon,13th Balloon Coy

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	
G. 942	4/7/18		AAA

Reference todays operation prisoners counted so far are as follows AAA Unwounded 34 off. 1191 others AA Wounded passed through main dressing stations up to 3 p.m. 2 off. 78 others AAA Total 36 off. 1269 others AAA Trophies 103 machine guns 12 trench mortars and 1 77mm gun. AAA Our casualties light.AAA Five tanks out of action but all can be salved except possibly one AAA Addsd 4th Army reptd all concerned.

Not seen 4/7/18 X

From Aust. Corps GS

Place

Time

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Sent At ... m. To ... By ...

This message is on a/c of: Aust Corps X 119 Service.

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ... m. Date ... From 2/15 By ...

TO 4th Army, 3rd Corps, 31st French Corps B.G.H.A.,2nd,3rd,4th,5th Aust.Divs, 3rd Sqdn A.F.C.,13th Balloon Coy, 8th Bn Tanks, "B" Echelon, Day of Month R.A.

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	
G. 943	4/7/18		AAA

Evening report. AAA. Situation quiet.AAA Scattered shelling of forward area centre div. and of BUIRE and VILLE SUR ANCRE. AAA E.A. very active. AAA Considerable enemy movement in rear of MORLANCOURT engaged by our arty. AAA Prisoners and material captured has been wired. AAA Addsd 4th Army, reptd all concerned.

From

Place Aust. Corps GS

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) J.D.Rogers Capt. G.S.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

D.R.L.S.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: ..... Service.

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date ..... From ..... By .....

HEADQUARTERS 2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION (GENERAL STAFF)

TO: 2nd & 5th Aust. Divs.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G. 948	4/7/18		

American Intelligence personnel of 130th Regt. will be attached to 2nd & 5th Aust. Divs. from 8th to 15th July both inclusive AAA 1 officer & 8 o.rs. to be attached to bde. H.Q., of 2nd Aust. Div. and 1 officer & 14 o.rs. to be attached to bns. of 2nd Aust. Div AAA 2 officers & 28 o.rs. to be attached to bns. of 5th Aust. Div AAA Parties should arrive at Div. H.Q. about 1 pm on 8th AAA British officer will accompany each party AAA Personnel now attached 2nd & 5th Aust. Divs. will rendezvous at respective ~~div. H.Q. at 1 p.m.~~ and will return to their units in lorries bringing new parties AAA Addsd 2nd & 5th Aust. Divs

From Aust. Corps.

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) H McCay Maj. G. S.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: ..... Service.

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date ..... From ..... By .....

TO: 2 Aust Div 4 Aust Div

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G 952	4/7/18		

Front held by 6th Bde will be taken over by 2nd Aust Div from 4th Aust Div Tonight at an hour to be arranged between Divisional Commds aaa Hour of taking over to be reported to Aust Corps aaa Addsd 2nd & 4th Aust Divs

From Aust Corps

Place

Time

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Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

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Office Stamp.

Handed in at Aus Office ..... m. Received ..... m.

TO Gene Hoffe
Aus Div

*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
ADC 19	4		

I deeply appreciate your kind message and Gene Monast

FROM Aus Corps

PLACE & TIME 6 pm

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Words. Charge.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: ..... Service. (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date ..... From ..... By .....

TO 4 Aust Div
5 Aust Div

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
G 953	4/7		

Reference Aust Corps Order No 123 dated July 5th Artillery arrangements for covering front handed over to 5th Aust Div by 4th Aust Div will continue in operation as they were prior to that order being issued are Addsd 4th & 5th Aust Div

HAMEL FILE

From Aust Corps

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. Censor.

(Z) A. Blamey Bt

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

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Recd. at ..... Date ..... From ..... By .....

TO

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
Genl Blamey	4/7/18		

1. CC wishes you to send information to GHQ of no of prisoners for insertion in tonight's Communique Over 1300 prisoners including 30 Officers

2. Genl Macfagan wishes you to ring him up

From

Place

Time

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Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

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Sent, or sent out. At ..... m. To ..... By .....

Office Stamp.

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received ..... m.

TO 5 Aus. Divn

*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
76	5		

Morning report aaa situation quiet aaa enemy arty active during the night aaa enemy counter attacked our new line in front of HAMEL but was dispersed 2 prisoners captured aaa 1 prisoner captured by patrol N. of VILLERS. BRETONNEUX aaa EA active during night bombs dropped on FRANVILLERS BUSSY QUERRIEU. ALLONVILLE aaa addsd 4th army reptd all concerned

FROM Aust Corps.

PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AWM2018.8.48

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message .....

Prefix ..... Code ..... Words ..... £ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Received. From ..... By .....

Sent, or sent out. At ..... m. To ..... By .....

Office Stamp. AYA -5.VII.18. TELEGRAPHS

Handed in at Aus Office ..... m. Received 1260 m.

TO x/Pt Aus Div x 754

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
2988	5/7/18		

Enemy reaction to our operation yesterday so far has been as follows aaa on right divn arty & Mgs were active chiefly against our old front line aaa on centre Divn at about 10:20 pm Hostile Infty action commenced on right near junction of right & centre Divns but failed to develop aaa later the right bn of the left Bde was counter attacked by enemy in considerable force aaa Enemy succeeded in establishing himself near our front

FROM

PLACE & TIME

(88)

* This line should be erased if not required.

(3366.) Wt. W528/M1970. 100,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1213.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message .....

Prefix ..... Code ..... Words ..... £ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Received. From ..... By .....

Sent, or sent out. At ..... m. To ..... By .....

Office Stamp. AYA -5.VII.18. TELEGRAPHS

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received ..... m.

TO (2)

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA

line aaa our troops counter attacked & drove him out capturing 50 prisoners of 202 Rir 10 Mgs and 1 anti Tank Rifle as well as killing many Germans aaa on our left Divn Enemy attempted to counter attack our new positions about 9 pm aaa attack was crushed by our arty In its initial stages 2 prisoners of 52 R.I.R. were taken addsd 0 Army

FROM

PLACE & TIME

all concerned Aust Corps. Gd

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(3366.) Wt. W528/M1970. 100,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1213.)

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Prefix ..... Code ..... m. | Words | Charge.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: ..... Service.

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date ..... From ..... By .....

TO B.G.H.A. Aust.Corps
Area Commandant, RENANCOURT

Corps HQ 826

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G. 991	5/7/18		

Advanced parties of 78th Bde R.G.A. and 87th Bde R.G.A. will report today 5th inst. to Area Comdt RENANCOURT for billets to which units will move tonight. AAA
Order follows AAA
Addsd B.G.H.A. Aust.Corps reptd
Area Comdt RENANCOURT

Copies to "Q"
G.O.C.R.A.
A.P.M.

From
Place Aust. Corps.
Time

GS

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) J.D. Rogers

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

(11160.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 65,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W.& V., Ld. (E. 1187.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message .....

Prefix ..... Code ..... m. | Words. | Charge.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

By H
D.R.L.S.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: ..... Service.

(Sig. of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date ..... From ..... By .....

SECRET

TO G.O.C.R.A: B.G.R.A:
2, 3, 4, 5 Aust Divs:

3 Dnd Dist

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
G. 992	5/7/18		

Effect counter preparation Phase 1 B as follows AAA Night 5/6 July 10.15 p.m. to 10.35 p.m. AAA 3.5.a.m. to 3.25 a.m. AAA ACK-NOWLEDGE AAA
Addsd G.O.C.,R.A. B.G.R.A. 2,3,4, and 5th Aust Divs:

G.O.C.

R 12.50 pm
ackgd.

From Aust Corps.
Place
Time

4S

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Censor. Major G.S.

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(27964) Wt. W492/M1647. [E 1187]. 130,000 Pads—5/17. M.R.Co.,Ltd. Forms/C.2121.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AWM2018.8.48

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix ..... Code ..... m.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Words. | Charge.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: ..... Service.

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date ..... From ..... By .....

Aust Corps HQ

TO 4th Aust. Div. Sub-Area Comdt ST SAUVEUR

852

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G 2	5/7/18		

Instruct advanced party of 150th Army Bde R.F.A. to report to Sub-Area Comdt ST SAUVEUR for accommodation in ST SAUVEUR R.A. Area where unit will move tonight. AAA Order follows aaa Addsd 4th Aust. Div. reptd Sub-Area Comdt ST SAUVEUR.

Copies to

G.O.C.R.A.
Q
A.P.M.

From Aust. Corps GS

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

Censor.

(Z) J D Rogers

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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(11160.) Wt. W 492 M 1647. 65,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix ..... Code ..... m.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Words. | Charge.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: ..... Service.

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date ..... From ..... By .....

TO 2nd Aust. Div. Sub-Area Comdt ST SAUVEUR

826

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G. 3	5/7/18		

Instruct advanced party of 179th Army Bde R.F.A. to report to Sub-Area Comdt ST SAUVEUR for accommodation in ST SAUVEUR R.A. Area where unit will move tonight. AAA Order follows AAA Addsd 2nd Aust. Divs, reptd Sub-Area Comdt ST SAUVEUR

Copies to G.O.C.R.A.
Q
A.P.M.

GS

From Aust. Corps

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

Censor.

(Z) J D Rogers Capt. G.S.

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(11160.) Wt. W 492 M 1647. 65,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AWM2018.8.48

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix SM	Code	Words 34	Received. From aao	Sent, or sent out. At ___ m.	Office Stamp.
£ s. d.			By	To	
Charges to Collect 1.				By	

Service Instructions

Handed in at aao Office 6.30 m. Received 6.36 m.

TO 5 Aust Div

*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
G18	5.		

Evening report aaa
arty active on enemy
Div front VILLE left
ANCRE shelled with SUR
77 and 5.9s aaa
Rest of corps front
enemy arty quiet aaa
Ea active Ea
brought down by LG
fire in Direction of
P18 aaa addsd 4
army Repts all concerned

FROM
PLACE & TIME Aust Corps.

* This line should be erased if not required.

[18958] W528/M1970 £Cm 4/17 W. & Co. Ltd. E1213

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 173

Prefix SM	Code	Words 62	Received. From aao	Sent, or sent out. At ___ m.	Office Stamp.
£ s. d.			By	To	
Charges to Collect 1.				By	

Service Instructions

Handed in at aao Office 6.45 pm Received 6.43 pm

TO 5 Aust Div

*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
G21	5.		

Total prisoners captured in
operations on 4 July
as follows aaa Passed
through corps cage up
to 8 pm on
4th 36 officers 1126
Others aaa admitted CCS
on 4th July 4
officers 288 Others aaa
captured on Night of
4th July 53 aaa
totals 40 officers and
1467 others aaa addsd
4th army Repts all
concerned

FROM
PLACE & TIME Aust Corps.

* This line should be erased if not required.

[18958] W528/M1970 £Cm 4/17 W. & Co. Ltd. E1213

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AWM2018.8.48

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 117

Prefix ..... Code ..... Words 27

£ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Received. From ..... By .....

Sent, or sent out. At ..... m. To ..... By .....

Office Stamp.

Service Instructions

Handed in at ..... Office 9.15 m. Received ..... m.

TO 5 Aus Div

*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
G31	5th		

Ref my 117/180 of
27th ult [illegible] Conference
of [illegible] Commanders
will be held at
40ST Corps HQs Bertangles
on July at
6.30 am aaa Addsd
all divns

FROM PLACE & TIME Aust Corps

* This line should be erased if not required.

18958] W528/M1970 50m 4/17 W. & Co. Ltd. E1213

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix SM Code LEP Words 74

£ s. d.

Charges to Colleet

Received. From Aus By HL

Sent, or sent out. At ..... m. To G1/9/18 By 34

Office Stamp. 2 Aus Div

Service Instructions Aus

Handed in at ..... Office 11.25 m. Received 11.31 m.

TO 2 Aus Div

* attack order

*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
G39	5/7/18		

Reference Corps Order No.
120* of 28 June
para 2 (A) Three
Bdes FA placed at
the disposal of 4th
Aus Div by 2nd
Aust Div for the
operation will revert to
the Command of 2nd
Aust Div not later
than 4 pm on
6th inst under arrangements
to be made between
Divs aaa Time of
handing over to be
reported aaa Addsd 2nd & 4th
Divs

FROM PLACE & TIME Aust Corps

* This line should be erased if not required.

0310—W.14832—100,000—2/17—E.P.Co.—(E930.)

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AWM2018.8.48

Prefix ... Code ... Words 74

£ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions file

Received. From Aus By ...

Sent or sent out. At ... m. To ... By ...

Office Stamp. 8 JUL 18

Handed in at Aus Office 6.20 a m. Received 6.45 a m.

TO 5 Aust Div

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
G 45	6	–	

Morning report aaa Hostile artillery active on forward area front and support lines aaa about 11 pm concentration of sneezing gas mixed with H E north east of VILLERS BRETONNEUX aaa Front and support line of centre division shelled with H E mustard and phosgene gas aaa 195 projectors discharged south of DERNANCOURT aaa 1 wounded prisoner found behind our lines aaa addressed 4th army ... concerned

FROM Aust Corps No. 1926/948

PLACE & TIME 6 JUL 1918

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

Prefix ... Code ... m. Words. Charge.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

D.R.L.S.

Sent At ... m. To ... By ...

This message is on a/c of: ... Service. (Sig. of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ... m. Date ... From ... By ...

TO 2nd, 4th and 5th Aust Divs:

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
G. 63	6	7/18	

In submitting reports on our recent operations will you please bring out all points of interest in connection with the following:-

(i) Subsidiary Communications - viz:-

Pigeons.

Messenger Dogs.

Visual.

Message carrying rockets.

Contact aeroplanes.

(ii) Ammunition supply by aeroplanes.

(iii) Co-operation of Tanks.

Ga/Gb GT Gb IGA ADS

From Aust Corps.

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Major G.S.

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This line should be erased if not required.

HAMEL FILE Reports

(27964) Wt. W492/M1647. [E1187]. 130,000 Pads—5/17. M.R.Co.,Ltd. Forms/C.2121.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AWM2018.8.48

Prefix [illegible] Code [illegible] Words 78

£ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at [illegible] Office [illegible] m. Received [illegible] m

Received. From [illegible] By [illegible]

Sent, or sent out. At [illegible] m. To [illegible] By [illegible]

Office Stamp. AUS 6 JUL 18

TO 2 Aus Div

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	
G7x	6		AAA

Evening Report aaa Quiet day back from army adviny by degrees and Hostile shelling true rd. to Aus Line aaa Aircraft am Hane aaa about 11.30 am Hu- Nom a enemy post was P.16822 was engaged by Lewis Gun fire from our P.16824 aaa Immediately afterwards one Man was seen to come out to examine enemy position Return & with fire left 13 Crs Recovered aaa Total prisoners left 13 Crs Had Added Army

FROM Pl. Aus Corps

PLACE & TIME [illegible]

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message [illegible]

SECRET

Prefix [illegible] Code [illegible] m Words. Charge.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. D.R.L.S.

Sent At [illegible] m. To [illegible] By [illegible]

This message is on a/c of: [illegible] Service. (Sig. of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at [illegible] m. Date [illegible] From [illegible] By [illegible]

TO { G.O.C.R.A: B.G.H.A: 2, 4, 5th Aust Divs: 3rd Aust Div. Aust Corps HQ

* Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	
G. 76	6/7/18	1363	AAA

Effect counter preparation Phase 1 B as follows AAA Night 6/7 July 3.15. a.m. to 3.35 a.m. AAA ACKNOWLEDGE AAA Addsd G.O.C., R.A. B.G.H.A: 2, 4, 5th Aust Divs: reptd 3rd Aust Div:

Ge

GV

Gd

Gb

From Aust Corps.

Place

Time

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(27964) Wt. W492/M1647. [E 1187]. 130,000 Pads—5/17. M.R.Co.,Ltd. Forms/C.2121.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix ... Code ... m | Words. | Charge.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Sent At ... m. To ... By ...

This message is on a/c of: ... Service.

(Sig. of "Franking Officer.") J. Corpus Hill

Recd. at ... m. Date ... From ... By ...

TO 4th Aust Div

826

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* G 116	7/9/18		

Warning Order ... D.A. ~~UNH~~ of 47th Div. ~~CEDAR~~ and No 4 ~~SUSAN~~ Bde RHA will be withdrawn from line on night 8/9th inst aaa Order follows aaa Added 4th Aust Div

Copies to GOCRH Q

Gb ✓
G B
Ga
Gc

From Aust Corps
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

Censor.

(Z) J. D. Rogers Capt GS

Sig. of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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(27964) Wt. W492/M1647. [E 1187]. 130,000 Pads—5/17. M.R.Co.,Ltd. Forms/C.2121.

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Prefix ... Code ... Words ...

£ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Received. From ... By ...

Sent, or sent out. At ... m. To ... By ...

Office Stamp.

Handed in at ... Office ... m. Received ... m

TO

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
493	7		

Prefix ... Code ... Words ...

£ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Received. From ... By ...

Sent, or sent out. At ... m. To ... By ...

Office Stamp.

Handed in at ... Office ... m. Received ... m

TO

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA

FROM

PLACE & TIME

FROM

PLACE & TIME

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AWM2018.8.48

Prefix Sm Code Words 34
£ s. d.

Received. From Aus By [illegible]

Sent, or sent out. At m. To By

Office Stamp. AY 7 JUL 18

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at Aus Office 6 pm. Received 6.10 pm

TO Aust Div

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
G123	7		

Evening report aaa Quiet
Day aaa slight shelling
HAMEL and BOIS DE
VAIRE aaa prisoners 4
OR 1 & 1 MG aaa
addd 4th Army Repts
all concerned

[illegible] 6/12 73
7/7/18
6.25 pm

FROM Aust Corps
PLACE & TIME

Prefix Sm Code Words 108
£ s. d.

Received. From [illegible] By [illegible]

Sent, or sent out. At m. To By

Office Stamp AY 8 JUL 18 TELEGRAPHS

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at RGB Office 6 am. Received 6.45 am

TO S Austin

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
DSD 4	8		

Contact patrol report aaa
in support of operation
flares were called for
at 4.30 and the
line established as follows
from N to S J36 Cent
J36 C7075 J36 C6064 J36 C4843
P5 d 2540 P5 d0919 P5 d0311
P11 a 9589 P11 a 3946 aaa no
flares seen from J36 C4843
to P5 d2540 and no flares
N of J36 Cent aaa line
generally quiet some shelling
of J35 a aaa Counter
attack patrol dropped
MICHELIN flares on MALARD
WOOD no movements

FROM
PLACE & TIME

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message 57

Prefix ____ Code ____ Words ____ £ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Received. From ____ By ____

Sent, or sent out. At ____ m. To ____ By ____

Office Stamp. AYC - 8.VII.18 TELEGRAPHS

Handed in at ____ Office ____ m. Received ____ m

TO 2

*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
front	and	support	lines
along	the	whole	centre
[illegible]	front	from	about
[illegible]	to	[illegible]	[illegible]
aaa	moderate	enemy	barrage
was	placed	on	portion
of	left	Div	front
aaa	Eastern	edge	of
VILLERS	BRETONNEUX	also	subjected
to	considerable	fire	aaa
addso	11th	Army	repea
all	Concerned		

FROM PLACE & TIME Aust Corps

Prefix ____ Code ____ Words ____ £ s d.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions.

Received. From ____ By ____

Sent, or sent out. At 6.55 m. To ____ By 0

Office Stamp. AYC - 8.VII.18 SIGNALS

Handed in at ____ Office ____ m. Received ____ m

TO 3 Aus Div

Sign 669

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
5138	8	17/18	

Morning	report	aaa	last
night	our	line	was
advanced	[illegible]	of	the
SOMME	an	average	distance
of	600	yards	on
a	front	of	3000
yards	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
the	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SAILLY	LAURETTE	aaa	[illegible]
reported	1	officer	19
ORS	[illegible]	102	RIR
south	of	somme	201
RIR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
of	somme	[illegible]	[illegible]
now	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	P11A45	P5D00	J36C00
J36 [illegible]	[illegible]	J30D50	[illegible]

FROM TIME & PLACE Aust Corps G.S

*This line should be erased if not required.

C. & R. 7330. Wt. W14332/M/1523 100,000. 3/17. (E930). Forms C/2123.

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Prefix.....Code.....Words.....
£ s d.

Charges to Collect

Received.
From.....
By.....

Sent, or sent out.
At.....m.
To.....
By.....

Office Stamp.
ARMY
AYC - 8.VII.18
SIGNALS

Service Instructions,

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA

enemy artillery retaliation
heavy on front and
support lines along the
whole centre div front
from about midnight to
4 am aaa Moderate
enemy barrage was placed
on portion of left
Div front aaa Eastern
edge of VILLERS BRETONNEUX
also subjected to considerable
fire aaa Addsd 4th
Army reptd all concerned

FROM
TIME & PLACE
Aus Corps

*This line should be erased if not required.

C. & R. 7330. Wt. W14332/M/1523 100,000. 3/17. (E930). Forms C/2123.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix..... Code.....m

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

D.R.L.S.

Words. Charge.

Sent
At.....m.
To.....
By.....

This message is on a/c of:
.....Service.
(Sig. of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at.....m.
Date.....
From.....
By.....

TO { G.O.C.R.A., B.G.H.A.
2nd, 4th, 5th Aust. Divs.
3rd Aust. Divn.

L363

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* G 164	8/7/18	Aust Corps	AAA

Effect counter preparation Phase 1 B
as follows AAA Night 8th/9th July.
10.15 p.m. to 10.35 p.m. AAA
ACKNOWLEDGE AAA Addsd G.O.C.R.A.,
B.G.H.A., 2nd, 4th, 5th Aust.Divs,
reptd 3rd Aust. Divn.

C-C ✓
G
Ga
Gb ✓
CMGO

From
Place Aust. Corps.
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.
.....
Censor.

(Z) J. Roydhouse Capt
Major G.S.
Sig. of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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(27964) Wt. W492/M1647. [E 1187]. 130,000 Pads—5/17. M.R.Co.,Ltd. Forms/C.2121.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

Prefix JH Code GR Words 45

Charges to Collect £ s. d.

Received. From AVO By Sykes

Sent, or sent out. At 625 m. To By

Office Stamp. AVC - 8.VII.18. SIGNALS

Service Instructions.

Handed in at AVO Office 3/8 m. Received 6 m.

TO 2nd Aus Divn

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
G170	8/7/18		

Evening expert aaa Situation
quiet aaa Enemy arty
inactive aaa Light shelling
BUIRE VILLE SUR ANCRE
and VILLERS BRETONNEUX aaa
few gas shells on
VILLERS BRETONNEUX aaa Captures
1 off 38 ORs
aaa added 4th army
repts all concerned

GS

FROM Aust Corps

TIME & PLACE

*This line should be erased if not required

C. & R. 7300. Wt. W14832/M1528 100,000 3/17 (E930) Forms C/2123

Charges to Collect £ s. d.

From AVO By McDonald

At m. To By

Service Instructions Priority Aus

Handed in at Office m. Received 6 m.

TO 2nd Aust Divn

*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
G175	8th		

Battle Stations practice
acknowledged
GOC
G ✓
Ga TB
Ig
Iga
DTO

6.45 pm

FROM Aust Corps

PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.

(19629) Wt528/M1970. 300,000 Pads. 4/17. McC. & Co., Ltd. (E1213).

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AWM2018.8.48

Prefix ..... Code ..... Words .....

£ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Received. From ..... By .....

Sent, or sent out. At ..... m. To ..... By .....

Office Stamp.

Service Instructions

wrgt Aus Div

Handed in at Aus Office ..... m. Received ..... m.

TO 2 Aus Div

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
G 197	9		

Normal dispositions

aaa Acknowledge

R ~~[illegible]~~

1. Aus

FROM

PLACE & TIME

Aust Corps

(19629) Wt528/M1970. 300,000

Prefix ..... Code ..... Words .....

£ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Received. From Aus By [illegible]

Sent, or sent out. At ..... m. To ..... By .....

Office Stamp.

9.VIII.18.

TELEGRAPHS

Service Instructions.

Handed in at Aus Office ..... m. Received ..... m.

TO 3rd Aus Div

3 Sep 6 19

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
G 194	9/7/18		

Morning report aaa Enemy
arty very active on
front and support lines
in newly captured area
throughout the night aaa
Centre Div report compelled
to evacuate post forward
of front line in
PNC owing to heavy
mw fire aaa Enemys
attitude on this front
aggressive & his retaliation
to our CP shoot severe
aaa Prisoners captured
13 ORs unwounded 1
wounded aaa Identification
Prisoner captured in

FROM

TIME & PLACE

Aust Corps G.S.

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C. & R. 7330. Wt. W14832/M/1523 100,000. 3/17. (E930). Forms C/2123.

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Charges to Collect £ s. d

From

By

At ATC 9.VIII18 m.

To

By

TELEGRAPHS

Service Instructions. 2nd Sheet

Handed in at Auo Office 6 m. Received m.

TO 3rd Aus Div

Sig 689

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
G194	9		
O36D	97	TR	in
J36D	201	RTR	aaa
added	4th	Army	reptd
all	concerned		

FROM Aust Corps

TIME & PLACE

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

Prefix Code Words s. d.

Received. From Auo By WS

Sent, or sent out. At m. To By

Office Stamp.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions Auo

Handed in at Office 7 10a m. Received 7 15a m

TO Sigmr Auo Hqrs

*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
A17	9		

Correction aaa In Mng report G194 read map location O36D instead of O36D

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FROM Sigmr Auo

PLACE & TIME

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Prefix ..... Code ..... Words ..... £ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Aus 10 ... | ... or sent out. ..... m. | Office Stamp.

By ..... To ..... By ..... 10 ...

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received ..... m.

TO 4 Aus Div

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
G 210	9		

Could a reply now be given to 26/332 of 30th June re Establishment of rifle grenade dischargers

Recd SP

Dep

Ag

FROM Aus Corps

PLACE & TIME

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(19629) Wt528/M1970. 300,000 Pads. 4/17. McC. & Co., Ltd. (E1213).

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message .....

Prefix ..... Code ..... m. Words. Charge.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: ..... Service. (Sig. of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date ..... From ..... By .....

TO 3rd Aus Divn
4th Aus Divn

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* G 210	9		

Could a reply now be given to 26/332 of 30th June re Establishment of Rifle Grenade Dischargers

From Aus Corps

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [signature]

Censor. Sig. of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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(27964) Wt. W492/M1647. [E 1187]. 130,000 Pads—5/17. M.R.Co.,Ltd. Forms/C.2121.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

Prefix ..... Code ..... m | Words. | Charge.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: ..... *Service.* (Sig. of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date ..... From ..... By .....

TO { 2nd Aus Div / 5 Aus Div

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* G 214	9		

Accelerate reply to 94/3/26 of 3rd re ANTI-TANK MINES

From Aus Corps

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [signature] Capt

..... *Censor.* Sig. of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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(27964) Wt. W492/M1647. [E 1187]. 130,000 Pads—5/17. M.R.Co.,Ltd. Forms/C.2121.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

Prefix ..... Code ..... W | Received | Sent, or sent out. | Office Stamp.

Charges to Collect | From Aus Corps By Alfred | At ..... m. To ..... By .....

Service Instructions

Handed in at Aus Office 1035 m. Received 1140 m.

TO 4th Aus Div

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
G 221	9		

Please hasten reply this Office 189/166 of 27th June re transport light trench mortars Bty

FROM PLACE & TIME Aus Corps

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Prefix ..... Code ELP Words 44

£ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions.

Received From Aus. By

Sent, or sent out At 6.7 m. To By

Office Stamp C--9.VIII.18 TELEGRAPHS

Handed in at Aus. Office ..... m. Received ..... m.

8 Sep 1919

TO 3 Aust Div. Copy Ob Sig

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
F 230	9/7/18		

Evening	report	add	Situation
quiet	add	Enemy	arty
slightly	active	on	forward
systems	E.	of	HAMEL
and	S.W.	MORLANCOURT	add
Captures	13	prisoners	7
MGs	1	MW	1
rangefinder	add	Addd	4th
Army	Rptd	concerned	
		*addsd	

FROM Aust Corps G.S.

TIME & PLACE

*This line should be erased if not required

C. & R. 7330. Wt. W14832/M1523 100,000. 3/17. (E980). Forms C/2123.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message .....

Prefix ..... Code ..... m.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

D.R.L.S.

Words. Charge.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: AUS. CORPS. R.A.H.Q. Service. A. I. F. 788 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date ..... From ..... By .....

SECRET

TO 5th Aust. Divn. 4th Aust. Division G.O.C.R.A.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 235			

G. 9

Arrangements will be made between "B" and "C" Divisions for the relief of the "B" Divisional battery at present covering the right of "C" Division, by a battery R.H.A. Brigade which will be transferred to Australian Corps from III Corps at noon 10th inst. AAA

Addsd 5th Aust. Divn, 4th Aust. Divn, G.O.C.R.A.

Copy to "A"

HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS ROYAL ARTILLERY. No. 9/7/18 Date

From Gocra

Place Aust. Corps

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

*This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.

Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

Prefix ... Code ... Words 17

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Received. From Aus By

Sent, or sent out. At ... m. To ... By

Office Stamp.

Handed in at ... Office 1050 m. Received 1159 m.

TO Laus Dev

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
G 243	9		

Ref	my	£ 188/1/1072	
of	2nd	July	aaa
please	expedite		

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CLASSIFICATION SUB-SECTION
C 39/6/102

FROM PLACE & TIME Aust Corps

* This line should be erased if not required.

(19629) Wt528/M1970. 300,000 Pads. 4/17. McC. & Co., Ltd. (E1213).

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

Prefix ... Code ... m. Words. Charge.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

D.R.L.S.

Sent At ... m. To ... By

This message is on a/c of: ... Service. (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ... m. Date ... From ... By

TO C.E.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G. 261	10		

Recipients Instructions for Defensive No. 56 CORRIGENDA - Para 2 Table should be amended as follows :- Opposite "A" Divl Sector for '4' read '3' AAA Opposite "C" Divl Sector for '3' read '4'.

D1349

From Aust Corps.

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Major G.S.

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line, except A A A, should be erased if not required.

Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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Prefix [illegible] Code [illegible] Words 30
£ s. d.

Received. From [illegible] By [illegible]

Sent, or sent out. At ____ m To ____ By ____

Office Stamp. 10 JUL 18

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at Aus Office 4.30 m. Received 5.2 pm

TO 5 Aus Div

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
G270	10		

Following from GHQ 10.25 am
aaa 17 Aust Div
advanced their line to
depth of 250 yds
on front of 1200
yds NW of Merris
and captured 16 prisoners
and a Mg aaa
French attack of ONLES
LOGES and PORTE farms
completely successful aaa
530 prisoners 25 Mgs
and 2 Tms taken
with little loss to
the French aaa Hostile
attack on French new position

FROM
PLACE & TIME

IG39/1659
10.7.18

Prefix [illegible] Code [illegible] Words [illegible]
£ s. d.

Received. From [illegible] By [illegible]

Sent, or sent out. At [illegible] m To ____ By ____

Office Stamp. 10 JUL 18

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at ____ Office ____ m. Received ____ m

TO 21

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA

E of VILLERS COTTERETS
failed aaa Addsbale
concerned

FROM
PLACE & TIME

Aust Corps

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£ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions.

From AUS

By

At ..... m.

To

By

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received ..... m

TO

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
G 280	11		

Morning reports active on vicinity of enemy posts and Outlook reports from all Battalions

reports active on vicinity of enemy posts and Outlook reports from all Battalions

reports active on vicinity of enemy posts and Outlook reports from all Battalions

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix LM Code FKW Words 29

£ s. d.

Charges to Collect T

Received From AUO By Sykes

Sent, or sent out At 6 m. To By

Office Stamp 11 VIII 13 TELEGRAPHS

Service Instructions.

Handed in at AUO Office 3 Sep 69 m. Received 6 7 m.

TO 3rd Aust Div

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
9302	11/7/18		

Evening	report	aaa	Situation
quiet	aaa	light	scattered
shelling	of	front	and
support	lines	aaa	Captures
nil	aaa	addsd	4th
Army	reptd	all	concerned

FROM Aust Corps G.S.

TIME & PLACE

*This line should be erased if not required

C & R. 7300 Wt. W14832/M1523 100,000. 3/17 (E930) Forms C/2123

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No of Message

Prefix LM Code L Words 31

£ s. d.

Charges to Collect A

Received From AUO By Gould

Sent, or sent out At 6 m. To By

Office Stamp AUC-12 VIII 18 TELEGRAPHS

Service Instructions.

Handed in at AUO Office 3 Sep 69 m. Received 2 m.

TO 3rd Aust Div

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
9111	12/7/18		

morning	Report	a	Quiet
night	aaa	[illegible]	raided
evening	position	at	E 26 A 35
but	[illegible]	no	identifications
aaa	addsd	[illegible]	army
reptd	all	concd	

FROM Aust Corps G.S.

TIME & PLACE

*This line should be erased if not required

C. & R. 7330. Wt. W14832/M/1523 100,000. 3/17. (E930). Forms C/2123.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

Prefix ..... Code ..... Words 57

£ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions.

Received From AUO By

Sent, or sent out. At 10.47a m. To By

Office Stamp AUS 12 VII 18

Handed in at AUO Office m. Received m.

TO DOGH: WUTO 10.55a Smith WUBO 10.52a Smith Copy to C Signals

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
G 317	12/7/18		

following an official information
aaa French attacked in
direction of MOREUIL this
morning on front of
1000 to 7000 yards
and attained all objectives
aaa Village of CASTEL
has been captured and
Spur west of MOREUIL
and further south giving
command over valley of
AVRE in that locality
aaa added all concerned

A2D 10.56a Smith

G.S.

FROM Aust Corps

TIME & PLACE

*This line should be erased if not required

C & R. 7800 Wt. W14832/M1523 100,000 3/17 (E930) Forms C/2122

Prefix ..... Code ..... Words 57

£ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Received From AUO By

Sent, or sent out. At m. To AUS 12 VII 18 By

Office Stamp

Handed in at AUO Office 6.25 P m. Received 6.32 P m

TO 5 Aus Div

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
G 327	12		

Evening report aaa situation
quiet aaa areas S
MERICOURT and VILLERS
BRETONNEUX intermittently
shelled aaa at intervals
during morning 9.2 gun
fired from railway W2D87
and then disappeared
beyond BAYONVILLERS aaa
abnormal train movement
in S direction about
noon round BAYONVILLERS
and WIENCOURT aaa
captures ml aaa added
by army reptd all
concerned

19 6/1938

FROM Aust Corps

PLACE & TIME 6.45 pm

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