

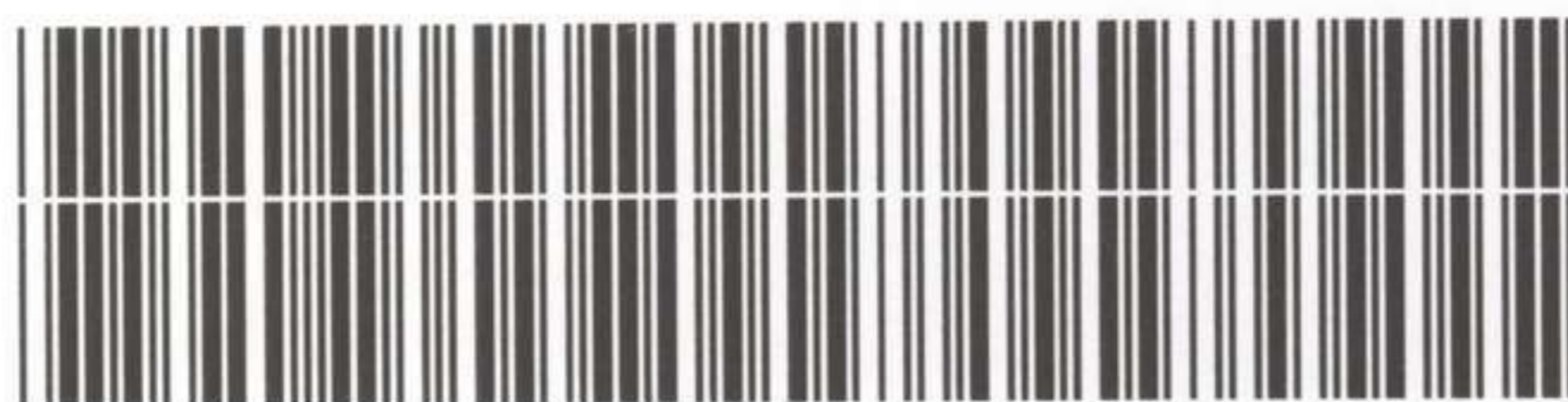
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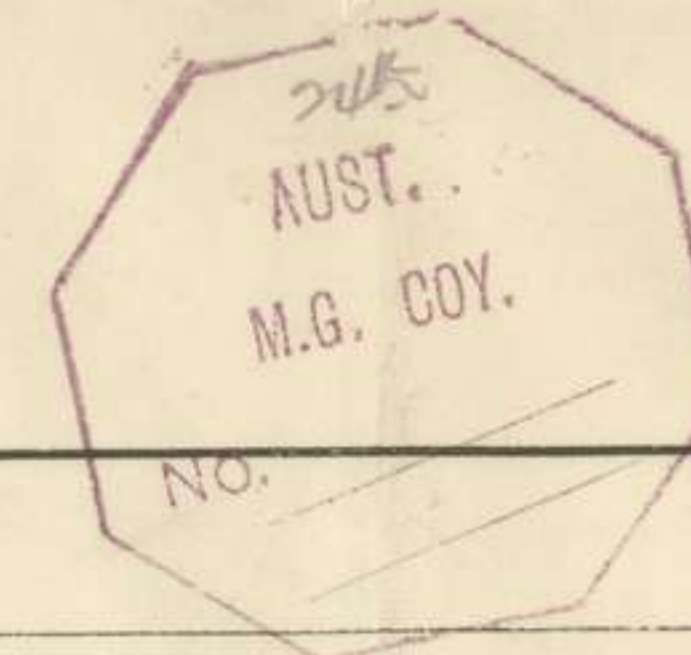
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BOVES AREA	1:8:1918.		<p>The 4th Aust. Div. relieved the 37th French Div., in supports on the night 31st July-1st Aug. The location of 24th Aust. M. G. Coy. H.Q. was T 12 a 4.7 and the guns located in close support, distributed in depth as follows- T 24 a 90.15, T 24 b 05.50, T 24 b 00.60, T 24b 00.90, T 18 b 25.40, T 18 b 35.60, T 12 b 60.05, T 12 b 55.65, U 7 a 50.15, U 7 a 50.60, U 1 d 15.15, U 1 d 35.35, U 2 c 25.80, U 2 c 45.95, U 1 b 50.85, U 1 b 60.95, (16 Guns). The Nucleus of Coy. camped in BOVES Wood, digging in and making the necessary bomb-proof shelters for Horse-lines.</p> <p>A conference of Officers was held at Forward H.Q. at 11 a.m. and administrative and tactical arrangements decided.</p> <p>Our Artillery was quiet throughout the day. Enemy Artillery active. Our Aircraft active, many Planes flying over Enemy Lines. Enemy Aircraft active between midday and 3 p.m. 4 of our Balloons were destroyed by a fast flying enemy Plane which was afterwards brought down by our aircraft near VILLERS BRETONNEAUX. Enemy Planes during the night bombed the AMIENS road and GENTELLES. Rations and water were delivered by Limber at 9 p.m. daily from Nucleus. Weather cloudy with occasional shower. Strength 9 Offs. 215 O/Ranks.</p>	
"	2:8:1918		<p>Little activity by either side as weather unfavorable for observation. Enemy artillery firing 5.9s and 4.2s on T 24 a & d and AMIENS Road from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. A number of Gas shells were fired on left of Left Sector. A few enemy planes were observed flying across our Lines at 6 a.m. 3 Balloons belonging to the enemy were in sight at 5.15 a.m. Weather very cloudy and showery throughout the day. Casualties nil, Ammunition expended nil. The Nucleus continued erecting bomb-proof shelters.</p>	
	3:8:1918		<p>Enemy artillery quiet until 3 a.m. when our front line was heavily shelled with 77s, 88s, 4.2s. Map ref. U5 7.10 & 21. A few gas shells fell in GENTELLES wood at T 10 about 5.40 p.m., also in T c & U 1. 2 gun positions were taken over from the 4th A. M. G. Coy., in front of CACHY. Our artillery was quiet but aircraft active in afternoon and evening, patrolling and spotting. Enemy aircraft was inactive. Casualties nil. Ammunition expended nil. Weather still cloudy. Strength 9 Offs. 214 O/Ranks.</p>	
	4:8:1918		<p>Our artillery very quiet, except for a few registering shots. The weather being fine, many of our planes were observed over enemy lines. Enemy artillery was quiet, except for a few shells on AMIENS Road at 7.30 p.m. and 4.2s about 11.30 p.m. in all about 30 shells on the Right Sector. There was slight shelling on T 5, U 7, U 2, & U 3 with 9.5s, 77s & 88s, between 12.30 & 1.15 p.m.</p>	

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	5:8:1918.		<p>Several Canadian Officers reconnoitred the positions held by this Coy. Cooking for the Sections was done at Coy. H.Q. and the food carried by runner to the gun positions twice daily.</p> <p>Artillery quiet, on both sides with the exception that the enemy fired 12 rounds on O 33 at 12.25 a.m., 16 rounds on T 5, 14 rds. on U 7, 20 rds. on U 2 & 3. 5.9s, 21 cm. 77s & 88s being used. Our aircraft was very active throughout the day notwithstanding the uncertain weather. Ammunition expended nil. Casualties nil.</p> <p>The Coy. was relieved by No. 3 Coy. 2nd Canadian M.G.C. on night 5th inst., relief commencing at 10 p.m. and being completed by 1.30 p.m. without incident. The Nucleus marched out from BOVES wood at 7 p.m. arriving at LA NEUVILLE at 1 p.m. 6 inst., where it was billeted. The Coy. in the Line marched to LA NEUVILLE arriving at 9.30 a.m.</p>	
LA NEU-VILLE AREA	6:8:1918.		<p>The day was devoted to cleaning Gun-gear and limbers. Throughout the night 5th-6th very heavy continuous rain. Strength 9 Offs. 214 O/Ranks.</p>	
	7:8:1918		<p>The Coy. marched into the Line without casualties, Nucleus remaining at LA NEUVILLE (see report on Operations 8th - 9th inst. Weather fine.</p>	
	8:8:1918		<p>See report on Operations 8th - 9th inst. The following casualties were sustained during this period:- No. 614 Pte. BROOMFIELD W.J.S., 2710 Pte LEDWICH, H.A., 634A Pte. HARRIS G., 3400 Pte MCPHERSON J., 432c L/CPL. CAPERN J.C. killed. Lt. F.R. WATTS, 2345 Pte. HATHERLEY W., 5217 Pte SMITH A.T., 1177 Pte CUSACK J., 544 Pte HILL E.I.W., 813 Pte. STARRS F.L.P., 6865 Pte. OAKES A.T. 2685A L/Cpl. GARRICK, S. McD., 5996, Pte. DOYLE, M.T., 7495 Pte HOWLETT A.R., 4110 Pte STRANG D., 6854 Pte. MUFFORD J. Wounded. 2043 Pte. STUMER A.C. Shell-shock.</p>	
	9:8:1918		<p>The dispositions of the guns were:- Q 17 d 25.00, Q 17 d 35.55, Q 23 b 30.70, Q 23 b 4.60, Q 16.c 8.3, Q 16 c 8.4, Q 9 d 9.3 (2 guns) Q 9 d 9.6, Q 9 b 0.5, Q 3 a 7.8, Q 8 b 7.4, (2 guns), Q 8 b 55.20, (2 guns). All guns were specially sited with the object of protecting the left flank of the Division. Coy. H.Q. was at Q 9 Central. (See report Operations 8th - 9th inst. Strength 8 Offs. 197 O/Ranks. Weather fine and warm.</p>	
	10:8:1918		<p>The disposition of the Coy's guns was as follows:- Q Q 17 d 25.00, Q 17 d 35.55 Q 23 b 3.7, Q 23 b 4.6 (under command Lieut. PEUT), Q 16 d 1.4, Q 16 d 1.5, Sgt. BOTTEN in charge, Q 9 d 9.3, (2 guns) Q 9 d 9.6 (2 guns) (Lieut. SHERIDAN in command) Q 9 b 0.5, Q 3 a 7.8, (Lieut. SHELLEY MM in command) Q 5 a 7.4, to command Q 5 a 7.7 (4 guns) Lieut. RITCHARD in charge. All guns had 16 belts boxes each & 5000 bulk. Total 9000 rds. per gun.</p>	

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	11:8:1918.		Our planes were flying very low over enemy lines and three of their dumps observed to blow up due to bombs from our planes. Our artillery was very active during the night around CHIPILLY. Enemy artillery quiet during the night. Weather fine.	
			During past 24 hours our artillery was very active doing harassing fire. Aircraft on both sides active. Enemy artillery quiet. Rations good, health of troops good.	
			The Coy. marched out of the line and bivouaced at J 22 c 95.50. (Sheet 62D N.E)	
			The Nucleus marched from LA NEUVILLE and joined the Coy at this point at 5 p.m.	
			Dug-outs and shelters were cleaned out, all Gun-gear sorted and limbers re-packed. Weather fine and warm.	
SAILLY-LE-SEC AREA	12:8:1918		The day was devoted to cleaning up the camp, equipment, etc. The Coy. marched to the Canal for a swim. Strength 8 Offs. 194 O/Ranks.	
	13:8:1918		The Coy., marched out at 2 p.m. and proceeded to HARBONNIERES arriving at 7 p.m. A cold meal with hot tea was provided on the march. Billets were immediately occupied.	
HARBONNIERES AREA			Major HINTON MC (O.C. Coy) proceeded to Senior Officers' School U.K. and Lieut. SHERIDAN assumed command of the Coy.	
			The village was lightly shelled by the enemy but very little damage done, while enemy planes, during the nights, bombed various portions of the villages with similar result. Weather hot. Strength 8 Offs. 195 O/Ranks.	
	14:8:1918		The Coy. thoroughly examined all gun-gear, etc., and got same ready for the line. Enemy planes bombed the villages through the night, but no material damage done. Weather warm.	
	15:8:1918		The Coy. Marched into the line at 8 p.m. Nucleus remaining at HARBONNIERES. The	
	16:8:1918		The disposition of the Coy's guns were as per Report on Operations to 22nd Aug.	
			Our artillery was very active continuous harassing fire being carried out on enemy positions during the night. Our Aircraft very active. Enemy artillery active cross roads in X 20 b being shelled with 5.9s, but no damage done. The Coy's gun positions shelled with 4.2s and gas shells, but no casualties. Enemy Machine Guns quiet. Enemy aircraft active in the vicinity of roads in the area for the greater part of the night, considerable number of bombs being dropped, but no material damage done. Guns in trench F 5 b 4.6 and F 5 b 2.4 were shelled with Blue cross gas at 10.45 p.m., approximately 40 shells falling in the vicinity of guns. No. 412 Cpl. BUCHANAN C.H. "MM" wounded. S.A.A. expended nil. Weather fine and warm. Strength 8 Offs. 193 O/Ranks.	

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	17:8:1918		Our artillery very active, harassing fire being carried out on enemy communications and works. Our aircraft active, many machine being seen to cross enemy lines during the day. Enemy artillery--a number of shells fell in X 29 & 30 S 25 & F 5. The number of shells is estimated at 100 and calibre chiefly 4.2s and 5.9s. Enemy Aircraft -- during daylight 38 planes were seen flying at a great height and well out of range of M.Gs. Enemy Gas -- about 20 green cross gas shells were dropped on squares X 29 and F 5. Enemy Machine Guns were heard engaging our planes, but no machines were seen to fall. Weather warm, health of troops good. The Nucleus marched from HARBONNIERES to billets at BAYONVILLERS at 2 p.m. arriving at 3 p.m. (A great increase in the amount of fire from our artillery. Heavy batteries were firing chiefly in the direction of CHAULNES and the lighter guns were engaged on enemy defences and communications. Our Machine Guns chiefly engaged on enemy Aircraft. Enemy artillery less active than yesterday. The Nucleus devoted the day to building bomb-proof shelters at Transport lines. Weather cloudy, strength 8 Offs. 193 O/Ranks.	
	18:8:1918		Our active still very active artillery still very active guns of all calibres being in engaged in harassing fire on enemy communications. Our Aircraft -- visibility low, but several flights passed over enemy lines at 7 p.m. 7.40 and 7.50 p.m. Our Machine Guns engaged enemy Aircraft during the day. 1000 rds. expended. Enemy artillery particularly active on back areas, squares X 20 & 21 b & d & X 22.a, all heavily shelled by shells of heavy calibre. Enemy aircraft active. During the period 20 planes were observed over our lines, one of which succeeded in destroying one of our Observation Balloons. Weather cloudy. Nucleus continued to build Bomb-proof shelters at Transport lines.	
	19:8:1918		The usual program of harassing fire carried out by our artillery. At 9.30 our S.O.S. was fired and all calibres were engaged for about 20 minutes. A large number of our Aircraft were seen over enemy lines during daylight. Visibility was good only fair, but a good deal of work was carried out in conjunction with artillery. Our Machine Guns engaged enemy planes but with no appreciable result. Guns in F 5 b 4.6 (Lt. BRADBURY MM) fired 1500 rds. on S.O.S. line at 9.30 p.m. Enemy artillery more active than usual in back areas. Only 8 enemy planes were observed during the day, and these did not come past our front line S.A.A. expended 2600 rds. Strength 8 Offs. 191 O/Ranks. Weather cloudy.	
	20:8:1918			

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	21:8:1918		The usual program carried out by our artillery. Our aircraft very active during evening, large flights crossing enemy lines. Several air combats took place but no machines were seen to fall. Our Machine guns were principally engaged on enemy planes. The inactivity of enemy artillery was remarkable in the area occupied by this Coy. scarcely a shell falling in the vicinity. Several large flights of enemy planes came over our lines, but were soon dispersed by our planes. S.A.A. expended 3000rds. Weather warm. Strength 8 Offs. 189 O/Ranks	
	22:8:1918		Heavy barrages were put down on enemy line in reply to enemy shelling. Harassing fire was carried out continuously during the 24 hours. Our aircraft less active than previously, but a good deal of work was carried out in conjunction with our artillery. The Coy. relieved 4 th A.M.G. Coy. in the Front Line, the relief being effected without incident. Weather fine and warm. Strength 8 Offs. 189.	
	23:8:1918		See Report on Operations 23rd inst. Weather fine.	
	24:8:1918		The Coy., was relieved on night of 24th-25th. The Nucleus marched out from BAYONVILLERS at 11.45 p.m. to Rendezvous W 10 b 55 and awaited the Company in the Line. Hot tea was served to the Sections as they arrived at the Rendezvous and the Coy., rested at this point awaiting the busses which were to convey it from this point. While the Coy., was being relieved, the enemy heavily shelled the area in the line with Gas shells, and 3 Offs. 12 O/Ranks were slightly effected, only.	
	25:8:1918		The Coy., embussed at 3 a.m. and proceeded to LONGUEAU arriving 6 a.m. They Coy was billeted and rested throughout the day.	
	26:8:1918		No training was done, the Coy., spending the day in generally cleaning up. Strength 8 Offs. 183 O/Ranks.	
	27:8:1918		Training as per Syllabus. Strength 8 Offs. 200 O/Ranks.	
	29:8:1918		" " "	
	30:8:1918		" " "	
	31:8:1918		Battalion Parade held at M 28 c 50.50. Strength 8 Offs. 198 O/Ranks. The 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion was inspected on the Parade ground M 28 c 5.5 by Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O..	

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from 3 a.m. 8:8:18 to 3 a.m. 9:8:18.

Ref. Map. 62D S.E.

For the purpose of this Report I will divide the guns of this Coy., into two parts, and call them respectively, the Barrage guns and the assault guns.

(1) Barrage guns:- These guns were placed under the control of Lieut. SHERIDAN with Lieut. SINCLAIR to assist, the former thus becoming a Battery Commander under the group which was being commanded by Capt. CORY. The latter was in turn under the control during the first phase, at any rate - of the 3rd M. G. Bn. The task of Lieut. SHERIDAN's Battery, which, at Zero hour, was situated at P 4 d 4.4 was to barrage the two bridges in P 6 d and Q 1 c. These targets were fired on for 31 minutes. A lift of 100 yds. every three minutes for the next 9 minutes was made. This finished the barrage tasks. These 8 guns immediately became part of the Divisional Machine Gun Reserve and reported to the 3rd ~~Inf. Bn.~~ Inf. Bn., at P 1 7 Central. From this position orders were received from G.O.C. 1st. Bde., to proceed to CERISY Plateau at Q 9 Central and to get into position with a view to assisting and guarding the left flank. This half of the Coy., now became part of the Coy. under my command and positions were sited and guns placed in position as follows:- 4 in Q 9 b & d and 4 in Q 8 b. These guns have all a good field of fire to the left.

(2) Assault guns:- These guns I commanded myself. In accordance with the desire of the Bde. Commander, 4th A.I. Bde., to whom I had been attached for the stunt, I detailed 2 guns each to the 13th, 14th & 15th Battalions. These were the battalions who were to take the red line. The remaining two guns of my half Coy., I kept under my hand to be used as the situation demanded and as ordered by the Brigadier. Lieut. RITCHARD I attached to the 13th Battalion, Lieut. PEUT to the 14th and Lieut. WATTS to the 15th Bn., while Lieut. SHELLEY MM commanded the reserve guns.

Each Officer and his guns, and gun teams reported to their respective Battalions during the afternoon of Y day, and received definite instructions as to the plan of attack from the Battalion Commanders. They had previously, and their men, been given a very good grounding in the broad outline of the stunt by myself. All internal economy was arranged by me for these sections, thus leaving them attached to Battalions for tactical handling only.

Zero hour was at 4.20 a.m. and at 3.45 a.m. I visited all the assault guns at the forming up point No. 1., and found everything satisfactory. I also visited all Battalion Commanders and they expressed satisfaction.

At 5.25 a.m. the Bde. Group moved off in the direction of P 12 a which was the Bde. forming up Point No. 2. The order of advance was, 15th Battalion on left, 14th in centre, 13th on right, with 16th Battalion in close support. In rear of the 16th Battalion I brought my two reserve guns and my Coy. H.Qs. From 3.30 a.m. to about 7 a.m. almost consistently, a heavy fog prevailed and it was somewhat difficult to maintain touch laterally as well as from front to rear. A small amount of confusion did exist but not enough to hinder the operation. After resting some little time at the forming up point No. 2 the Bde. again moved off. Time 6.25 a.m. The Battalions now spread out and covered the frontage which was to be their's after crossing the green line.

All guns except the reserve guns unpacked their limbers during the last halt and the gun gear was carried by the gunners. Apart from the actual gun gear itself, only 10 belt boxes per gun were carried. Each gun team comprised one officer or N.C.O. and 8 gunners.

The green line was crossed on time and the Bde. at once ran into a good deal of hostile machine gun fire. The tanks dealt effectively with this trouble. Many good targets presented themselves to my guns - one gun attached to the 15th Battalion obtained some very good targets and did some very valuable work by bringing direct overhead fire to bear on the ridge running South from about Q 9 b 4.0 -

from a position at Q 8 b 5.6.

From subsequent reports received, it seems that all guns obtained opportunities of killing, and took them.

Prior to Zero day, I had decided on a report collecting centre at Q 8 c 8.3, but on reaching the ground I found it unsuitable and I established my H.Q. at Q 9 Central.- warning Battalion H.Q. (forward) and Sections by runner and Bde. H.Q. by visual signalling. Battalion received my location report at 11 a.m.

Reports received from my Section Officers show that the objective - the red line ~~x~~ was in our hands by 10 a.m.- and the village of CERISY had been completely mopped up a little later.

During the operations in CERISY Lieut. WATTS was wounded and I at once replaced him with Lieut. SHELLEY MM., leaving the reserve guns under Sgt. BOTTEN.

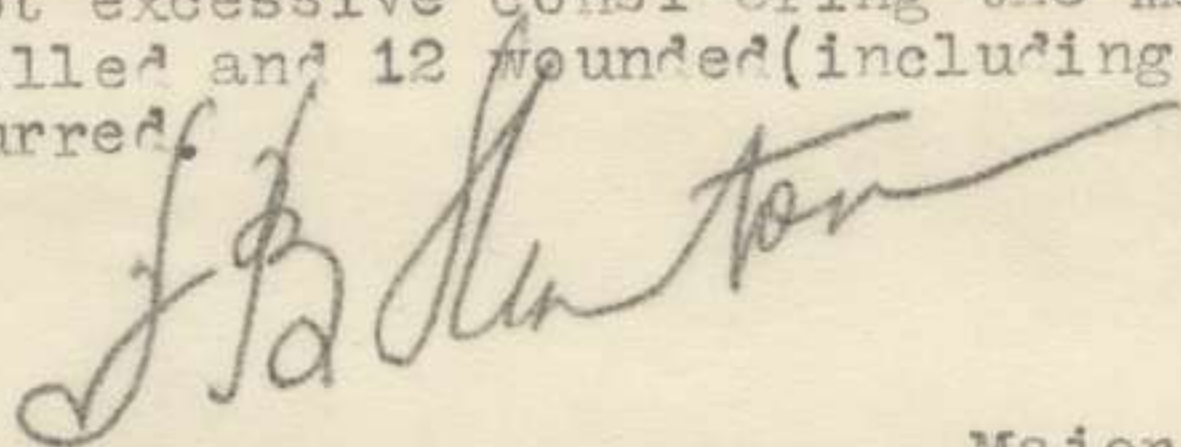
At about 11.30 a.m., the right gun of the 15th Battalion which was in position at Q 9 b 0.4 obtained some good shooting on to a Battery north of the SOMME which was causing the Infantry a good deal of trouble. The range was extreme and fire could not easily be observed but the Infantry reported good shooting.

All guns were now consolidated and I sent the two reserve guns into position at Q 23 b 4.5 to assist in the consolidation in depth.

By 4 p.m. then, the disposition of my assault guns stood as follows:- 4 guns in red line, 2 in close support thereto, and 2 around CERISY guarding the crossings from CHIPILLY.

All internal arrangements worked without hitch. Ammunition came forward freely and by 6 p.m. on Zero day, each gun under my command had 16 full belts and 5000 rds. bulk Ammunition.

Casualties were not excessive considering the magnitude of the operation - amounting to 5 killed and 12 wounded (including one Officer). No gun casualties occurred.



Major.
O.C. 24th Aust. M. G. Coy.



REPORT ON OPERATIONS of the

24th AUST. MACHINE GUN COMPANY to 22:8:'18.

Ref. ROSIERES, 1/40,000.

The Coy., took over the reserve positions in the Line on the 15th Aug., with Coy., H.Q. at X 20 b 8.2. Eight guns were disposed behind the 4th Infantry Bde. and 8 behind the 12th Bde. A. Section under Lt. RITCHARD was disposed as follows:-

X 22 b 1. 8
 X 22 b 1. 9
 X 16 d 10.05
 X 16 d 10.15

"D" Section (Lieut. Campbell) was in the following locations:-

X 21 d 55.90
 X 21 d 55.95
 X 21 b 5. 0
 X 21 b 55:10

"C" Section (Lieut. BRADBURY) in a trench running from F 5 b 4.6 to F 5 b 4.8.

"B" Section (Lieut. SHELLEY MM) in a trench running from F 5 b 2.4 to F 5 b 2.6.

Each Section had 4 guns and 16 belt boxes per gun, besides a certain amount of bulk S.A.A.

The relief was carried out without incident. One casualty only, CP1. BUCHANAN MM was wounded in leg by Bomb splinter.

The Coy. remained in the above mentioned positions until the night of the 21-22nd Aug., when it relieved the 4th M.G. Coy.

This relief was also carried out without incident. No casualties occurred.

The dispositions of the various sections as per accompanying trace.

Health of troops generally good. Rations were well handled by Coy. Q.M.S. and no hitch occurred in any of the transport arrangements.

The weather during the period was fine.

H. S. Sheridan Lieut.
 O.C. 24th Aust. M. G. Coy.



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No. 1 Section S7, 8, 11, 12.
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No. 4 Section R. 13, 14, 15, 16

No. 1 H.Q. at C.H.Q.
No. 2 H.Q. at C.H.Q.
No. 3 H.Q. at C.H.Q.
No. 4 H.Q. at C.H.Q.
Rations for Reserve
See C.H.Q. to C.H.Q.
in daylight

Disposition of ZOKA
Guns as at 6 pm 19-8-18

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NOTE.—(1). These traces are intended to facilitate the communication of information as to the position of targets, which have been located on a squared map.
(2). The squares on this trace are 500 yards in length on the 1/10,000 scale, 1,000 yards in length on the 1/20,000 scale, and 2,000 yards in length on the 1/40,000 scale.
(3). The squares on the trace are fitted to the squares of the map showing the targets, which are then drawn on the trace. Sufficient letters and numbers must also be added to enable the recipient to place the trace in the correct position on his own map. A little detail may also be traced, but this is not essential. The name and scale of the map to which the trace refers must be always given. The trace can be used for the 1/10,000, 1/20,000, or 1/40,000 scale.

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xx 23:8:1918. xx

The Guns of B and C Sections co-operated with the 16th & 13th Battalions respectively.

These were placed temporarily under the control of the Battalion Commanders.

Lieut. SHELLEY MM, B Section, advanced at ZERO with the 16th Battalion taking one gun and the necessary crew, ammunition, etc.

A good deal of opposition was encountered and the gun got some good targets of which all advantage was taken.

At one point, about 200 of the enemy appeared, and 500 rds. were expended on them with good results.

A large number of the enemy were killed, and reports tend to show that the enemy casualties were very heavy.

This gun is now located at S 13 d 9.9.

Lieut. BRADBURY, C. Section, did not take part in the advance, but one gun was moved to S 20 a 3.8 where a better field of fire was obtainable. Casualties nil.

S.A.A. expended unknown at present.

10 a.m.
23:8:18.

HaShendean Lieut.
O.C. 24th Aust. M.G. Coy.



W. Harry
SECRET.All Coys.

M.G. 1/68

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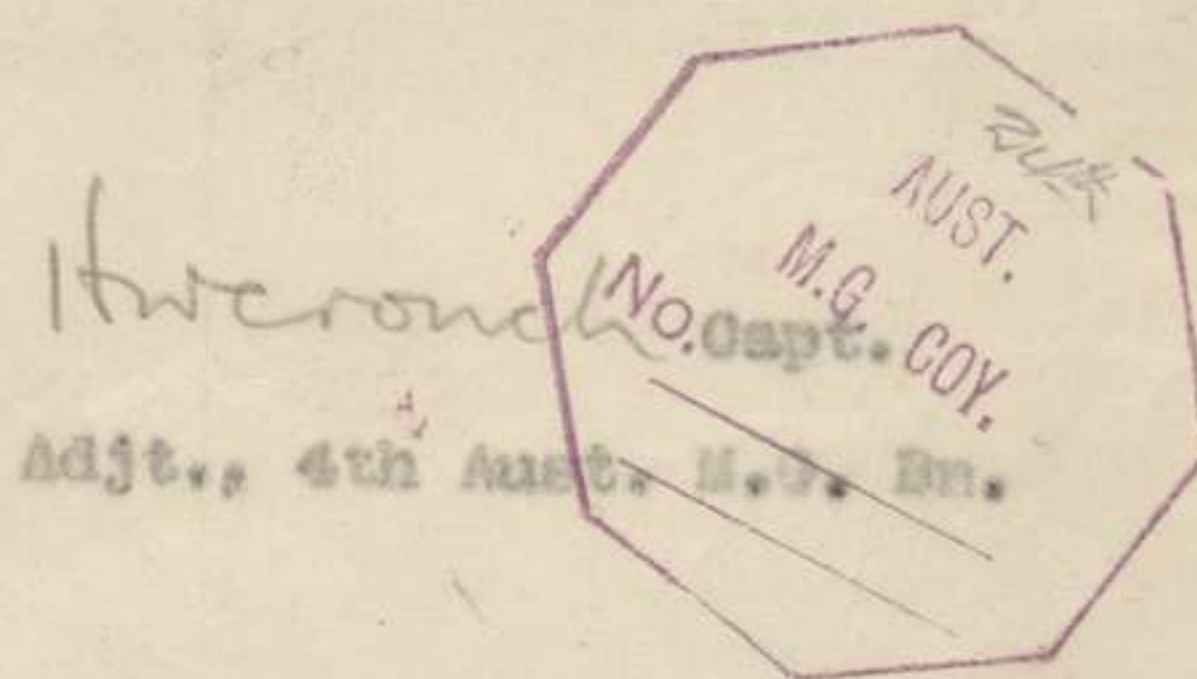
WARNING ORDER.

It is anticipated that moves as under will be carried out and preliminary arrangements will be made accordingly:-

1. On night 3rd/4th August. Right Battalion, 13th A.I. Bde. will extend its front to the left so as to occupy the full frontage which will be allotted it when 13th A.I. Bde. assumes responsibility for the full Divisional front.
2. On night 4th/5th August. 13th A.I. Bde. will take over the front line now held by the 4th A.I. Bde. as far North and including the Railway line at V.I.b.5.6., in addition to present frontage.
4th A.I. Bde. and 12th A.I. Bde. will be withdrawn from present positions and will move by route march to sites to be selected in support 3rd Aust. Div. Area. These Bdes. will be replaced by two Brigades from the Canadian Corps who will be in support to 13th A.I. Bde.
3. On night 5th/6th August. 13th A.I. Bde. will be relieved and will be conveyed by busses to position to be selected in 3rd Aust. Div. Area. Embussing point will be X roads at S.17.d.3.4.
4. Selected personnel from 4th and 12th A.M.G. Companies will move to VAUX for tank training on 4th August. The remaining two Companies will be withdrawn from the area with 13th A.I. Bde. on night 5/6th August after relief by Canadian M.G. Corps.

3-8-18.

*Copy to O.C. Nucleus for information
Please notify all at nucleus
HWC*



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G.S.G.S. 3025.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Таблица 1. — Средние значения коэффициентов корреляции между показателями качества продукции и факторами производства

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A U G U S T . 1 9 1 8 .

Rations for the month were good, averaging:- Bread 75%, Biscuits 25%, Fresh Meat, 60%, Preserved meat 40%, Bacon 75%, Meat & Vegetables Ration 25%. Vegetable ration very good, which included a good supply of green stuff.

Milk, Tea, Sugar, Jam, Butter & all groceries very good. Cooking for men in the Line was done at Advanced H.Q., hot meals being sent to all gun teams in food containers.

Comforts were sent up as under:-

3rd Aug.,	Playing Cards & Games, Milk.
7th "	Cigarettes, Playing Cards.
8th "	Canned Fruit, Biscuits.
9th "	Tobacco Fruit, Biscuits.
10th "	Canned Fruits, Biscuits.
11th "	Cigarettes Coffee & Milk.
12th "	Chocolate, Matches.
14th "	Cocoa & Milk.
15th "	Coffee & Milk.
20th "	" "
21st "	Cocoa & Milk.

Diet sheet as under while the Company was in Rest Billets. The cooking was done by:-

Pte. H. H. Champion.
" R. F. Monument.
" W. H. Frost.

25:8:'18.

D I E T S H E E T .

<u>SUNDAY.</u>	Oatmeal, Fried Bacon, Tea.	Fresh Meat, Tea.	Stew & Tea.
<u>MONDAY.</u>	Boiled Bacon, Tea Porridge.	Fresh Meat stew, Tea.	Soup. Tea.
<u>TUESDAY.</u>	Oatmeal, Curry Stew, Tea.	Boiled Meat, Potatoes, Tea.	Soup, Tea.
<u>WEDNESDAY.</u>	Oatmeal, Fried Bacon, Tea.	Boiled Meat, Tea.	Boiled Rice, Tea.
<u>THURSDAY.</u>	Boiled Bacon, Tea.	Fresh meat Stew, Tea.	Biscuit Pudding, Tea.
<u>FRIDAY.</u>	Oatmeal. Risssoles Tea.	Boiled Meat, Potatoes, Tea.	Soup, Tea.
<u>SATURDAY.</u>	Oatmeal, Fried Bacon. Tea.	Fresh meat stew Tea.	M. & V. Stew Tea.

J. Parker C.Q.M.S.
24th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.

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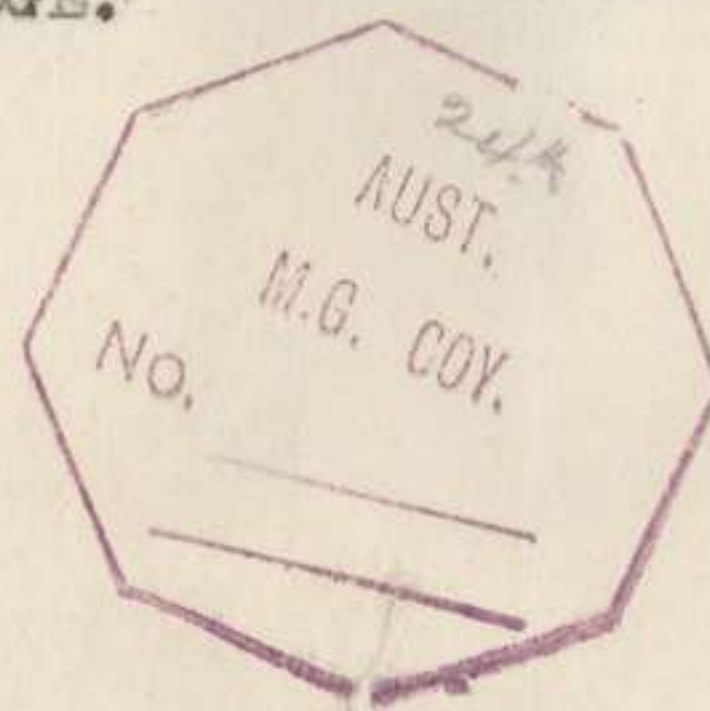
4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

WARNING ORDER.

Ref. Map. 1 : 40,000. Sheet 62D.

4th August, 1918.

1. The 4th Aust. M.G.Bn. (including attached Americans) will be relieved by M.G.Coys. of the 2nd and 3rd Canadian Divisions on the night 5/6th August. The 2nd Canadian Division will be on the left and the 3rd Canadian Division on the right.
2. On completion of relief the Battalion will move to the LA NEUVILLE Area.
 - a. The 13th and 24th Coys. in the line will move by bus. Busses will be lined up from Cross Roads T.2.d.8.5. to TRONVILLE WOOD. Further particulars as to embussing will be notified later.
 - b. The 4th Coy. in the line will move direct by route march to the new area.
 - c. The 12th Coy. Bn. H.Q. and Nuclei will move by route march on the 5th inst. and will leave present location at 8 p.m.
 - d. Advanced parties will leave at 8.0 a.m. on 5th inst. and report to Capt. DUCHATEL, M.C. at 1.33.8.0.
3. Relief of Coys. in the line to be arranged between Coy. Commanders and opposite Nos. direct.
4. All daylight movement will be reduced to a minimum.
5. On completion of relief Americans in the line will move to present transport lines and from there to 3rd Corps, B.E.F., DERNANCOURT Sector (full particulars later)
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.



E. H. Langford
Capt., Adjt.

4th Aust. M.G. Bn.

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Ref. maps.
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 Sheet 62, D S.W.

2nd. BATTALION. CANADIAN MACHINE GUN CORPS. C.M.G.C.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 102.

Copy No. 19.

August 4th 1918

1. In accordance with 2nd. Canadian Division O.O. No. 220 the 2nd. Bn. C.M.G.C. will commence to relieve the 4th. Batt. Australian M.G.C., night 5th/6th August 1918.
2. No. 3 Company 2nd. Bn. C.M.G.C., will relieve 32 guns of the 4th and 24th. Australian M.G. Companies and "C" Company of the 123rd American M.G. Bn.
3. Maps, Aeroplane photos, S.O.S. Lines, Harassing Fire Programme, and all particulars of the positions will be taken over.
4. Company Commanders concerned will make their own detail arrangements for relief.
5. An advance party of 2 Officers and one man per Gun will meet guides at 9.30 p.m., 4th inst at cross-roads immediately N.E. of the last S in. ST NICHOLAS, and will be detailed to gun positions.
6. An advance party will be sent to 4th Australian M.G. Bn H.Q. at DOES de BOVES directly N.E. of the S in BOVES to take over bivvies etc., but Transport lines will remain at LONGUEAU.
7. No. 1 Company will send forward reconnoitring parties on afternoon of 5th inst., and be prepared to move into support on the night of 6th/7th inst. Batteries to be concentrated so that they will be mobile
8. Tracing attached shows dispositions of Australian Machine Guns.
9. No. movement to take place before dusk.
10. Disposition States and Trench Store State to be sent to Battalion H.Q. as soon as possible after relief.
11. Relief complete to be reported.- Your A-1 received at _____

Issued at 11.55 p.m.

Copies to:-

1. 2nd. Canadian Division "G"
2. 2nd. Canadian Division "H"
3. Headquarters C.M.G.C. Canadian Corps.
4. Provost, 2nd. Canadian Division.
5. H.Q. 4th. Canadian Infantry Brigade.
6. H.Q. 5th. Canadian Infantry Brigade.
7. H.Q. 6th. Canadian Infantry Brigade.

8. O.C. No. 1 Company.
9. O.C. No. 2 Company.
10. O.C. No. 3 Company.
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18. 4th. Australian M.G. Company.
19. 24th. Australian. M.G. Company.
20. 123rd. American M.G. Company.



J. H. Wain

Lieut-Col.
 Commandg. 2nd. Battalion.
 Canadian Machine Gun Corps.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 22

Reference Sheet 62.D. S.E. & S.W. 1/20,000.
Special Sketch attached 1/40,000.

Brigade Headquarters.
6th August, 1918.

1. On a day and hour to be notified later the 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade in conjunction with other troops will attack and capture the enemy position opposite the present Australian Corps front.
The day of the attack will be known as "Z" day, that preceding it will be "Y" day, and that succeeding it will be "A" day.
The hour of the attack will be known as ZERO hour.
2. Concentration areas, Forming up areas, boundaries and limits of respective operations, will be as personally communicated to Commanding Officers in conference held at Brigade Headquarters on 5/8/1918 and as shown on attached sketch "A".
3. Dispositions of troops participating in operation will be as follows :-
Canadian Corps on right of Australian Corps.
Australian Corps { Right - 2nd and 5th Aust. Divisions.
 Left - 3rd and 4th Aust. Divisions.
 Reserve 1st Aust. Division.
3rd Corps on Left of Australian Corps.
4. The operation on the Australian Corps Front will be carried out in three phases as follows :-
Phase 1. 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade on right and 11th Aust. Inf. Brigade on Left under cover of an artillery barrage and accompanied by Tanks will capture and consolidate the enemy positions on the GREEN LINE.
Phase 2. 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade on Right and 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade on Left will capture and consolidate the RED LINE passing through the 9th and 11th Aust. Inf. Brigades respectively.
Phase 3. One Battalion each of 12th and 4th Aust. Inf. Brigades will exploit the successes of the troops operating in phases 1 and 2 and will consolidate on the BLUE LINE passing through the troops on the RED LINE.
With regard to 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade -
Phase 2 will be carried out by three Battalions viz. -
13th Battalion on Right.
14th Battalion in Centre.
15th Battalion on Left, having the mopping up of CERICY VILLAGE as its task.
Phase 3 will be carried out by 16th Battalion.
6. Machine Guns. The 4th Machine Gun Company plus 2 Sections of 24th Machine Gun Company will operate with the Brigade. These will be allotted as follows :-
10 guns of 4th M.G. Company with the Mark V @ Tanks.
6 " " " " " " Reserve Battalion (16th Bn.)
2 " " 24th M.G. Company with 13th Battalion.
2 " " " " " " 14th Battalion.
2 " " " " " " 15th Battalion.
2 " " " " " " in Brigade Reserve
Gun Crews with Guns &c. complete will report to their respective Battalions on afternoon of "Y" day.

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7. Tanks. The following Tanks have been allotted to the Brigade -

Mark V 12.
Mark V @ 9.
Supply Tanks 4.

These will be sub-allotted as under :-

Phase 2. 13th Bn. 5
14th Bn. 3
15th Bn. 3

} plus all Tanks
which took part
in Phase 1 which
can be reorganised

Phase 3. All mark V @ to 16th Battalion. In addition
to their Crews these Tanks will carry forward 10 Vickers
Guns and 16 Lewis Guns complete with Crews, Ammunition,
etc.

Battalion Commanders will be responsible for main-
taining liaison with the Tanks allotted to them and for guiding them
to their respective forming up places.

8. "D" Company, 4th Pioneer Battalion, has been allotted to
the Brigade and will be attached to 13th Battalion for the operation.

9. At ZERO plus 4 hours Brigade Headquarters will be established
at P.12.d.9.1.

10. Operation and Administrative Instructions will be issued
separately.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. W. Howell

Major.
Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Issued at 8.p.m. through Signals.

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- 1,2,3 War Diary.
- 4 4th Aust. Division.
- 5 13th Battalion.
- 6 14th "
- 7 15th "
- 8 16th "
- 9 4th T.M. Battery.
- 10 4th M.G. Company.
- 11 24th " "
- 12 4th Field Coy. A.E.
- 13 4th Field Ambulance.
- 14 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 15 1st " " "
- 16 9th " " "
- 17 11th " " "
- 18 173rd Brigade
- 19 8th Tank Battalion.
- 20 4th Pioneer Bn. ("D" Company).
- 21 C.R.A., 4th Aust. Division.
- 22 C.R.E., " " "
- 23 - 26 Spars.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Brigade Headquarters.
6th August, 1918.

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- (a) While Brigade is in Forming UP Position No. 1, communication will be by Runner.
- (b) When Brigade is in Forming UP position No. 2, the Forward Party under Lieut. CLIMPSON will be ready at Brigade Headquarters at P.12.d.9.1. to run 3 pairs of cable forward following 13th Battalion. Until lines are through communication will be by Runner.
- (c) The Brigade Forward Station will drop a relay station of Runners and Lineman at approximately Q.14.a.5.9.
- (d) From here 13th, 14th and 15th Battalions will connect up by
(1) Cable.
(2) Runners.
- (e) At Zero plus 6 hours Brigade Forward Party will move to 13th Battalion Headquarters so as to pick up 16th Battalion line as they move through.
- (f) A forward loop set will move with 16th Battalion and work to a rear set at Brigade Forward Station.
- (g) 16th Battalion will then have the following means at its disposal :-
(1) Cable.
(2) Wireless.
(3) Runners.
(4) Pigeons.
(5) Visual (if possible).
(6) Rockets.
- (h) Battalions must endeavour to get in touch by visual to either -
(1) Brigade Visual Station at P.12.d.9.1.
(2) Divisional " " " J.28.b.2.2.
(3) Brigade Forward Station.
- (i) When Brigade Forward Station is finally established they will run a lateral line to 14th Battalion, and 14th and 15th Battalions will endeavour to get in lateral touch by cable.
- (j) A complete loop set will go with Brigade Forward Station.
- (k) 4 Runners are required from each Battalion, and visual signallers as follows :-
13th Battalion 1.
14th " 2.
15th " 2.
16th " 1.
These men will report to Brigade Signal Officer as soon as possible for instructions.
- (l) Although every effort will be made to keep in touch by cable, Signal Officers must use every means available to get information to its destination when the cable is dis.

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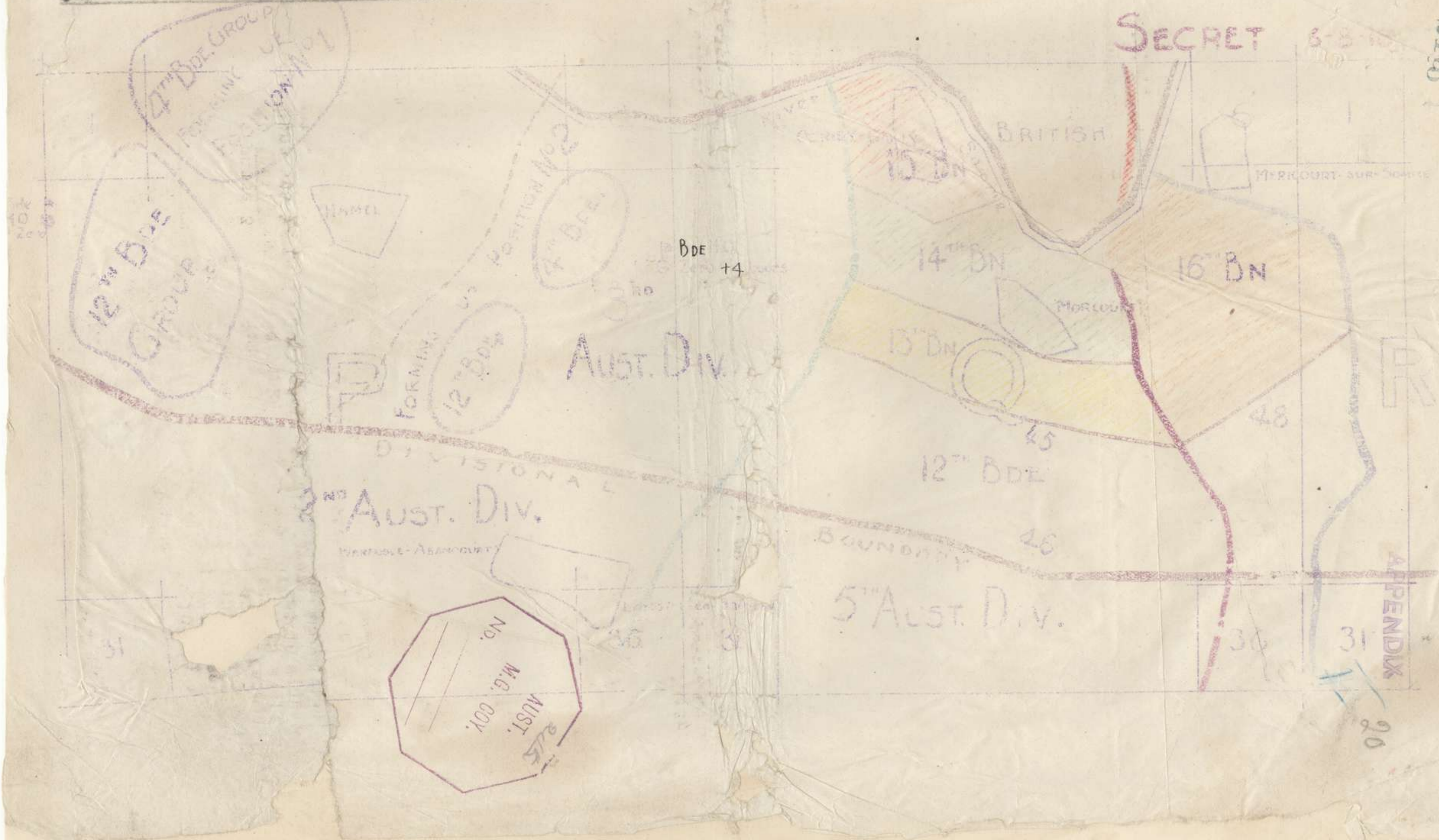
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Major.
Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Map "A". Issued with Brigade Order No. 22.

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.
HEADQUARTERS.
6th August, 1918.

1st AMENDMENT to OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1.Para. 3. CONTACT AEROPLANES.

Sub-para. (c) 2nd line -

For "Zero plus 8 hours 30 minutes"
Read "Zero plus 7 hours".



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1.

Brigade Headquarters.
6th August, 1918.1. LIGHT SIGNALS.

The following light signals will be employed on the Australian Corps :-

S.O.S. Signal. No 32 grenade showing green over green over green. Allotment - 150 per Brigade.

Success Signal No 32 grenade showing white over white over white. Allotment - 150 per Brigade.

2. SCREENING BEYOND THE FIRST OBJECTIVE.

15th Wing R.A.F. will arrange -

(i) To screen the advance of the Tanks and Infantry from special localities in advance of their first objective by dropping phosphorous bombs.

(ii) At Zero plus 4 hours smoke bomb screen along a line running W. of BAYONVILLERS - along Spur through Q.23. and Q.15. - along CHIPILLY Spur.

(iii) A Zero plus 5 hours smoke screen along the Spur just West of the Red Line.

(iv) At Zero plus 6 hours a smoke screen along the high ground just West of the Blue Line.

(v) At Zero plus 7 hours and again at Zero plus 8 hours a smoke screen along the line through Cross Roads R.28.c. - Cross Roads R.16.c. - high ground R.15.b. and 16.a. - Cross Roads R.9.b.

3. CONTACT AEROPLANES.(1) Indication of position by Flares.

(a) Red ground flares will be used to indicate the infantry positions to contact aeroplanes. The flares will be lit by infantry in the most advanced positions only.

(b) A contact aeroplane will fly along the line of the second objective (Red Line) at Zero plus 6 hours 30 minutes. Flares will be called for by the aeroplane sounding a succession of "A's" on the Klaxon Horn and by firing a White Very Light. If the aeroplane fails to mark the line accurately it will repeat its call ten minutes later. Should the infantry not have reached the line of the objective at the time laid down above, the contact plane will return at half hour intervals until flares are shown.

(c) A contact aeroplane will fly along the line of the third objective (Blue Line) at Zero plus 8 hours 30 minutes when the procedure laid down in sub-para. (b) will be repeated until the flares are shown.

(2) Other means of identifying the position of the Infantry.(a) Rifles. Three or four rifles laid parallel across the top of the trench.(b) Metal Discs. Metal Discs will be used as reflectors by flashing in the sun. This method has been successful even on days which have not been particularly bright. The disc is most easily carried sewn to the Small Box Respirator, and can be used in this way without inconvenience.

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4. COUNTER ATTACK PLANES.

- (a) From Zero Hour, counter-attack planes will be constantly in the air with the object of observing hostile concentrations or abnormal movement.
- (b) In the event of an enemy concentration indicating a counter-attack, the counter-attack aeroplane will signal this information to the Artillery by wireless. In the case of a counter-attack actually developing a white parachute flare will be fired by the aeroplane in the direction of the troops moving for the impending counter-attack, for the information of the infantry.

5. LOW FLYING SCOUTS.

- The low flying Scouts of the 22nd Wing will operate in two phases, viz :-
- (a) From Zero to Zero plus 4 hours Eastwards from the GREEN Line.
 - (b) From Zero plus 4 hours onwards Eastwards from the RED Line.
- In each phase very favourable targets will be engaged in addition to the targets marked by the GREEN and RED lines.

6. AMMUNITION CARRYING AEROPLANES.

- (a) Aeroplanes will be detailed to transport Ammunition from Zero plus 7 hours for the RED and BLUE lines wherever the "V" is displayed.
- (b) Vickers Guns will display a white "V" at the point where ammunition is to be dropped. The arms of the "V" to be 6 feet in length and 1 foot in width. The apex of the "V" to point towards the enemy.

7. MARKINGS ON PLANES.

- In addition to those mentioned in para. 5 (c) the following will be the special markings of machines allotted to special duties :-
- (a) Contact patrol machine - Rectangular panels 2 feet by 1 foot on both lower planes about three feet from the fuselage.
 - (b) Machines working with Tanks - Black band on middle of right side of tail.
 - (c) Ammunition aeroplanes will have the underside of the lower planes painted black for a distance of 2½ feet from the tips.

8. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.

Watches will be synchronised by an Officer detailed by all units concerned who will visit Brigade Headquarters on "Y" day at 2.30.p.m. and 8.30.p.m.

9. SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Separate instructions issued herewith.

10. ARTILLERY.

With the commencement of the advance from the GREEN LINE at ZERO plus 4 hours, the following artillery will come under the orders of the C.R.A. 4th Australian Division and will become OFFENSIVE and DEFENSIVE Brigades as shown :-

OFFENSIVE F.A. BRIGADES.

16th R.H.A. Brigade
10th Aust. F.A. Brigade
11th Aust. F.A. Brigade

DEFENSIVE F.A. BRIGADES.

3rd ARMY Brigade, Aust. F.A.
7th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
8th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

OFFENSIVE HEAVY BATTERY.

128th Battery H.A. (4 60-pdr. guns).

P.T.O.

10. ARTILLERY (Contd.)

(i) The OFFENSIVE FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADES :-

These Brigades will fire in the barrage up to the GREEN PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE ordered by "D" Divisional Artillery. At ZERO plus 143 minutes, Brigades will cease firing, hook in, and advance to support the attack of "B" Division Infantry, with direct observation.

These Brigades are allotted as follows :-

16th R.H.A. Brigade	to the 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
10th Aust. F.A. Bde.	" " 4th " " "
11th Aust. F.A. Bde.	" " 1st " " "

(ii) The DEFENSIVE F.A. Brigades :-

Will continue firing upon Tasks as ordered by "D" Divisional Artillery until ZERO plus 4 hours, then cease firing, hook in, and advance to positions in captured area, and be prepared to bring fire to bear on a line 400 yards East of the BLUE LINE in defence of the captured area.

11. TANKS.

Instructions No. 1 issued herewith, to Battalions.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. H. Sovell

Major.
Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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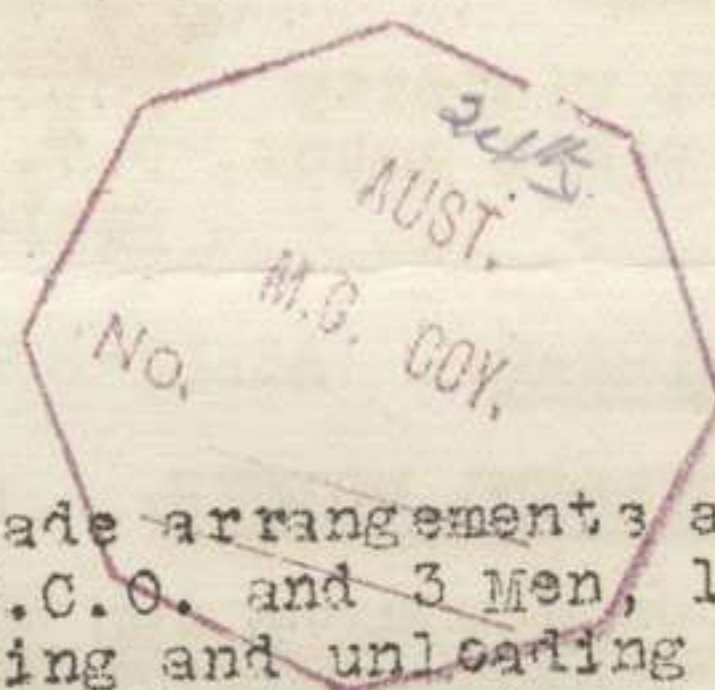
FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX I

Administrative Instructions issued in connection with 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 22.

Brigade Headquarters.
7th August, 1918.

1. TRANSPORT. On the morning of "Z" day transport will move under the direction of the Brigade Transport Officer to the Valley running South West from HAMEL to VAIRE WOOD and will be located about P.14.b.
2. AMMUNITION. Divisional Dump at O.10.a.1.1.
S.A.A. Section at O.3.c.4.4.
On "Z" day ammunition etc. will be delivered by Brigade Transport as under :-
15th Bn. - 1 L.G.S. Wagon of S.A.A.
1 " " " Mixed Bombs.
to be delivered on afternoon of "Z" day.
13th, 14th & 16th Bns. each 1 L.G.S. Wagon of S.A.A. and 1 L.G.S. wagon of Mixed bombs to be delivered at respective Battalion Headquarters on night of "Z" day.
Map showing road tracks to be issued to Transport Officers later.
3. TANKS. 4 Supply Tanks will move forward and will dump loads, as shown below, at approx. Q.23.a.8.5. and Q.17.a.8.5. 3 Tanks will make a second trip and will refill at P.4.c.3.3.
Approx. loads for each Tank -
100 coils barbed wire.
200 screw pickets short.
100 " " long.
150 3-inch stokes.
50 2-gallon tins of water.
750 Grenades.
20 Cases S.A.A.
These Tanks will be loaded under Brigade arrangements at O.1.c.0.5. 13th Battalion will detail 1 N.C.O. and 3 Men, 14th Battalion 1 N.C.O. and 5 men to act as loading and unloading party. These men to report by 8.a.m. on the 5th instant and to remain with Tanks until operation is completed. The 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade colours will be painted on each Tank as a distinguishing mark.
The 12 Mark 5 Tanks will each carry 6 boxes of S.A.A. and the 9 Mark 5 @ Tanks will carry additional supply of S.A.A. and Grenades. Supplies will be dumped at consolidating points.
4. SUPPLIES. To be drawn on the 5th instant as per appendices attached.
5. WATER SUPPLY. Standpipes and dixie fillers exist at O.7.b.9.5., O.15.b.8.0. and O.17.a.1.9. One 300 gallon G.S. Wagon is allotted the Brigade and one 125 gallon water lorry is held in Reserve by Division. 5 50-gallon and 5 100-gallon tanks are available and will be erected by the 4th Field Company Engineers. Water supplies will be labelled giving nature and location of source of supply
- 6a. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. No evacuations will be made by the 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade this side of the GREEN LINE. Casualties during the 1st phase will be attended to on the spot and then left to be evacuated by the 3rd Aust. Division.



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6. (a) MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS (Contd.)

(b) The R.M.O's. will not evacuate any casualties during the advance from GREEN LINE until their R.A.P's. are established.

(c) R.A.P's. 14th Battalion at Hospital at Q.16.a.2.5. Remaining Battalion R.A.P's. will be established at or near their respective Battalion Headquarters.. From R.A.P's. the Ambulance becomes attached to R.M.O's. who will evacuate to rear.

(d) Major D.M. STEEL, M.C., 13th Field Ambulance, will be located with Brigade Headquarters and will be responsible for the evacuations of the Brigade Sector. R.M.O's. will at once notify the above Officer through Brigade and by any other means, the locations of R.A.P's. and any requirements.

(e) The A.D.M.S., 3rd Aust. Division, has arranged for supplies of dressings, drugs and medical comforts to be available at A.D.S. O.15. a.5.7. Dumps of stretchers and Blankets are at P.13.d.1.3. and P.3.c.2.8.

(f) All sick not likely to be fit for duty in 24 hours will be evacuated on "X" day. No sick to be sent to Transport Lines.

(g) Evacuation scheme after capture of GREEN LINE i.e. after commencement of attack by 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

<u>A.D.S.</u>	<u>M.D.S.</u>	<u>D.C.S.</u>
Hospice FOUILLOY O.10.a.	N.4.c.9.2. 11th &	Les Alcones.
9.7. 13th Field Ambce.	12th Field Ambce.	
Also Walking Wounded		
Dressing Station.		

Evacuation scheme after capture of RED Line :-

<u>A.D.S.</u>	<u>M.D.S. &</u> <u>W.W.D.A.</u>	<u>D.C.S.</u>
Hamel Vicinity	FOUILLOY. O.10.a.	N.4.c.9.2. 12th Field
4th Field Ambce.	9.7. 13th & 10th	Ambulance.
	Field Ambulance.	

7. RAILHEAD. AILLY-SUR-SOMME.

8. REFILLING POINTS. H.34.b.

9. REINFORCEMENTS AND NUCLEUS. Reinforcement Staging Depot at Hospice RIVIERY will move on "Z" morning to ALLONVILLE. Nucleus, under instructions from Division, will move to LA NEUVILLE Area.

10. SURPLUS KITS AND GEAR. Kits to remain at present dump. Transport Surplus gear to be dumped in LA NEUVILLE at a site to be selected by Brigade Transport Officer.

11. ORDNANCE. D.A.D.O.S. will remain at present location H.19.d.0.0.

12. R.E.STORES. Divisional R.E. Dump at N.5.a. VACQUEMONT.

13. VETERINARY. The Mobile Veterinary Section is located at H.27.d.0.0.

14. BURIALS. Disposal of Dead } The 3rd Aust. Divisional Burials Officer
CEMETERIES. } assisted by the 4th Division Burials
Officer will be responsible for burials of the Left Sector.
Cemeteries will be established at approx. Q.8.c.0.0. and
Q.19.central.

15. BRIGADE F.P.O. Established at Refilling point.

16. BATTLE STRAGGLERS POSTS. Established as under :-

No. 1	J.26.a.0.0.
No. 2	J.32.c.8.5.
No. 3	O.12.b.8.8.
No. 4	O.18.b.5.3.

P.T.O.

16. BATTLE STRAGGLERS POSTS (Contd).

As soon as the GREEN LINE is captured posts will move forward as follows :-

No. 1 J.34.b.5.3.
 No. 2 J.34.d.5.1.
 No. 3 P.4.d.3.0.
 No. 4 P.9.b.0.8.
 No. 5 P.14.b.9.3.
 No. 6 P.20.a.3.6.

Rear posts will be maintained at I.33.b.3.5., O.9.a.7.4. and O.1.c.3.8.

Straggler collecting stations. At O.5.d.1.8. in the 1st phase and at HAMEL in the 2nd phase.

17. PRISONERS OF WAR. Units will endeavour as far as possible to keep a record of prisoners of war, receipts to be obtained from M.M.P's. who will be stationed at Advanced Brigade Headquarters. Cavalry should they take prisoners will hand them to nearest Battalion who will give receipts. Civilians. Should any civilians be found during the advance they will be sent to Brigade Headquarters.

18. SOCKS. Socks can be exchanged at clothing Exchange VACQUEMONT.

19. CHLORIDE OF LIME. Dump of 1 Ton exists at rear of No. 8 Billet CORBIE, obtainable on application.

20. SHELTERS. All tents and shelters to be struck on "Y"/"Z" night and stacked in Battalion Area. Guard to remain in charge until collected by Transport.

R. S. Lachman

Captain.
 Staff-Captain.
 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Issued at 8.a.m. through signals.

Distribution -

As for Brigade Order No. 22.



APPENDIX "A"

AMMUNITION.

<u>S.A.A.</u>	<u>Grenades No.</u>	<u>33. : 23 & 5s : 37. : 34.</u>	<u>Wobloy</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>7.L.D.I.</u>	<u>Message</u>	<u>S.O.S.</u>	<u>S.R.</u>	<u>P.E.</u>		
			<u>Pistol 'Ammun:</u>	<u>ground</u>		<u>Rockets.</u>					
				<u>Flares.</u>							
13th Bn.	35.000.	600.	230.	230.	115	1.000.	125	115	5	32	35
14th Bn.	35.000	600	230	230	115	1.000	125	110	4	32	35
15th Bn.	40.000	650	270	270	135	1.100	131	110	4	32	35
16th Bn.	40.000	650	270	270	135	1.110	131	115	5	32	35

APPENDIX "B"

ORDNANCE SUPPLIES.

Water Bottles.	Water Carriers.	Pack Saddles.	Wire Cutters.
13th Bn.	450	6	8
14th Bn.	450	6	8
15th Bn.	500	6	8
16th Bn.	500	6	8
Signallers	30	1	1
T.B. Battery	30	1	1
Pioneers	100	1	1

Water Bottles and Wire Cutters to be drawn from P.I.a. central at once.
Pack Saddles and Water Carriers are being delivered to Transport Lines.

APPENDIX "C"

SUPPLIES.

R. E. STORES.

Iron Rations.	Water Tins.	Remarks.	Sandbags.	Picks and Shovels
13th Bn.	450	Solidified Alcohol	2.250	will be notified later.
14th Bn.	450	pea soup, and oxe in	2.250	
15th Bn.	500	proportion of feeding	2.500	
16th Bn.	500	of men who go over the	2.500	

P.T.O./Transport.

APPENDIX "C" (contd.)

SUPPLIES.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Iron Rations. :</u>	<u>Water Tins. :</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>	<u>R. E. STORES.</u> <u>Sandbags.</u>
Signallers.	30	-	Transport Lines.	500
T.M. Battery.	30	-	Iron Rations to be drawn	
Pioneers.	100	-	from Brigade at once.	

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top.

4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.
Headquarters,
7th August, 1918.

All Coys.

1. S.O.S. PRIOR TO ZERO.

With reference to the action of the artillery prior to and on Y/Z night the following has been received from Australian Corps and will govern the action of the artillery.

- (a) "Previous to Zero night no circumstances less than an actual attack in force by the enemy would justify a development of Artillery fire on our part disclosing concentration of guns. On Zero night the same holds good, with this all important exception. -
- (b) "At any time during Zero night should the enemy develop a heavy artillery bombardment, whether consisting of gas shells or not, such as is likely to interfere with the forming up of the attacking troops, the fire of every available gun, without any reservation, detailed for counter-battery work on ZERO day, will direct its fire onto the enemy artillery. The concealment of the plan of action will become of secondary importance to that of silencing the hostile artillery as quickly as possible.
- (c) "The decision for the development of this abnormal artillery activity will rest with the Corps whose front is bombarded by the enemy. Should the hostile fire come from groups of guns outside the counter-battery area of the Corps concerned this Corps will request the neighbouring Corps in whose counter-battery area the offending groups of guns lie to take the necessary action and this request will be complied with.

2. The 1st Cavalry Brigade is coming under the command of the Australian Corps together with one company of Whippet Tanks. The role allotted to it is to seize any opportunity that may offer to push through on the Corps front.

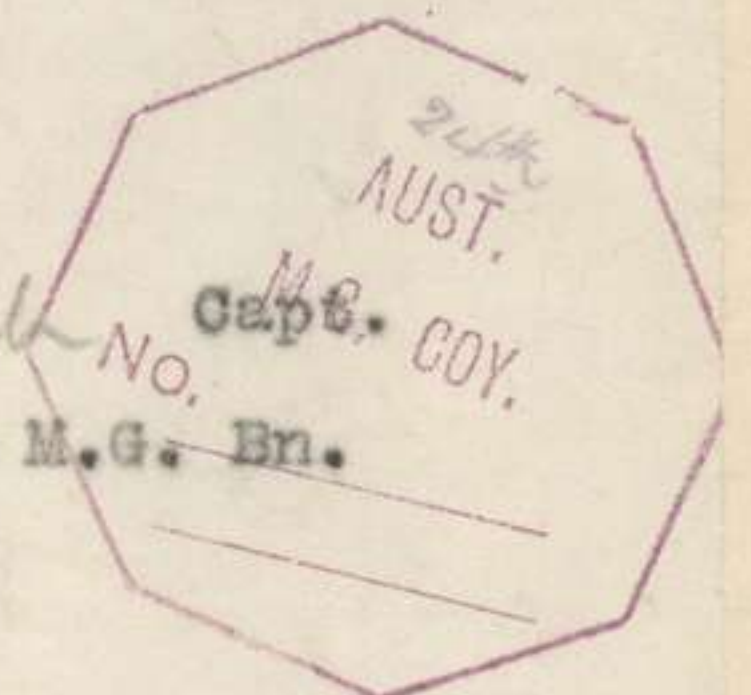
For this purpose it is to operate north of the AMIENS-CHAULANES Railway in conjunction with the 5th Aust. Division, moving via the southern side of the BOIS L'ABBE and crossing to the north side of the railway east of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. After crossing the railway it is to march roughly parallel to it, keeping in touch with the 8th and 15th Aust. Inf. Bdes. and the remainder of the 1st Cavalry Division on the right.

If a break in the enemy's resistance on the corps front occurs the remainder of the first Cavalry Division may be employed in support of the 1st Cavalry Brigade.

The command of the 1st Cavalry Brigade passes to 1st Cavalry Division when the infantry reaches the RED line unless the brigade is required south of the Australian Corps to exploit success before that hour.



Adj't., 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.





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4th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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Battalion Order No. 16.

Ref. Maps 62D & 66E.

30th July, 1918.

- 1(a). The 4th Aust. Div. will relieve the 37th FRENCH Division in the line on nights 31 July/1 Aug. and 1/2 August. Boundaries are shown on the attached map.
- (b) The 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. will take over the left brigade sector on night 31 July/1 Aug. with H.Q. at N.35.c.2.2, and 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. with H.Q. at T.18.a.3.5. the right sector on night 1/2 August, with 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the reserve brigade sector (area now in course of reconnaissance).
2. Machine Gun Companies will be disposed as follows :-
- (a) 4th Aust. M. G. Coy. 16 guns and Company C, 123rd M. G. Btn., U. S. Troops, 12 guns, are allotted to left brigade sector.
Total - 28 guns.
- (b) 13th Aust. M. G. Coy., 16 guns, and 130th M. G. Coy., U. S. Troops, 12 guns, are allotted to right brigade sector.
Total - 28 guns.
- (c) 24th Aust. M. G. Coy. in the Support Area with boundaries as shown in attached map 16 guns.
Total 72 guns.
- (d) 12th Aust. M. G. Coy. in Divisional Reserve at BOVES and grouped with the Reserve Brigade (12th Aust. Inf. Bde.).
- 3(a) Machine Gun Company Commanders will make their own dispositions. Dispositions of U. S. Companies will be mutually arranged with 4th Aust. M. G. Btn. Companies, and disposed alternatively with one H. Q.
- (b) One section each from 4th Coy. (4 guns) and 24th Coy. (4 guns) will take over the role of the FRENCH M. G. Battery disposed in Square U.2.a to supplement the Field Artillery barrage East of CACHY on night 1/2 August.
- (c) Relief of FRENCH M. Gs. in the right brigade sector will be carried out on night 31 July/1 Aug., and of those in left brigade sector on night 1/2 August.
4. No movement in the forward area will be made by daylight.
5. Administrative arrangements are :-
- (a) SUPPLIES. The two American M. G. Coys. will draw their supplies on indents made out by Aust. Coy. Q.M.Ss. and signed by Os.C. American Coys. from 7th A.A.S.C. and 27th A.A.S.C.
- (b) TRANSPORT of all companies (American Companies included) will be at under Btn. T.O. (Capt. S.H. CARROLL, M.C.).
- (c) S.A.A. DUMP will be at S.4.b. Transport Officer will arrange to deliver S.A.A. to Companies on request through Btn. H.Q.
- (d) WATER POINTS exist at CAGNY, BOVES, S.13.a.7.8, N.34.c.2.4 and T.11.d.5.8.
- (e) SURPLUS KITS and packs will be dumped at ALLONVILLE.
- (f) BATHS are established at HOSPICE, RIVERY, at CAGNY, and later at BOVES.
- (g) D.A.D.O.S. will be at M.27.c.6.2, BOUTILLERIE.
- (h) ALL TENTS and Trench Shelters of 12th and 24th Coys. will be struck on 31st inst. and stacked ready for Area Commandant to collect. 13th Coy. camp will be struck by 12th Coy. on 1st prox. and tents, etc, forwarded to Area Commandant, ALLONVILLE. 4th Coy. tents, etc, will be handed over to relieving unit, if there is no incoming unit, they will be struck and handed over to Area Commandant. Receipts will be obtained and forwarded to Btn. H.Q. by 6.0 p.m. 1st prox.
6. Battalion H.Q. will close at ALLONVILLE at 1.0 p.m. 31st and open at same time at BOVES.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 2 p.m.
through Signals.

Distribution Normal plus
65th American Bde.
130th M.G. Coy., U.S. Troops.
Company C, 123rd M.G. Btn., U.S. Troops.

H. W. Crounch Capt for Lieut. Col.
C.O., 4th Aust. M. G.



4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION. ORDER NO. 18.

Ref. Map : Sheet 62D, 1:40,000.

Headquarters,
6th August, 1918.

- 1(a) The Australian Corps will attack the enemy and take the objectives shown in the attached map.
- (b) The 3rd and 4th Aust. Divisions will attack on the same front on the left and the 2nd and 5th similarly on the same front on the right with the 4th Brigade on the left and 12th Brigade on the right.
- (c) The 1st Aust. Division will be in Corps reserve.
- (d) The Canadian Corps will co-operate on the right, south of the railway line inclusive, and the 3rd British Corps on the left north of the SOMME (exclusive).

2. ALLOTMENT OF MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns are allotted as follows:-

(a)	Assault Guns.		guns
	The 4th M.G. Coy. and 8 guns of 24th M.G. Coy. to 4th Bde.	=	24
	The 12th M.G. Coy. and 8 guns of 13th M.G. Coy. to 12th Bde.	=	24
		Total	48
(b)	Barrage Guns.		
	The 24th M.G. Coy. 8 guns and 13th M.G. Coy. 8 guns to 3rd M.G. Battalion.	=	16
		Grand total	64

3. EMPLOYMENT IN THE ATTACK.

- (a) 10 guns each from 4th M.G. Coy. and 12th M.G. Coy. = 20 will go forward in Mark V Stan. Tanks to final blue line to exploit success and form strong points. Each tank will carry 2 guns one Officer and 5 O.R. with two infantry bombers attached to each gun besides other personnel.
- (b) 6 guns each from 4th M.G. Coy. and 12th M.G. Coy. = 12 in reserve moving with the reserve Battalion of the 4th and 12th Bdes. respectively. The role of these 12 guns will be to dispose themselves in depth for the defence of the ground between blue and red lines.
- (c) 8 guns each from 24th M.G. Coy. and 13th M.G. Coy. = 16 will move forward with 4th and 12th Bdes. respectively in the attack for the red line.
- (d) 8 guns each from 24th M.G. Coy. and 13th M.G. Coy. = 16 allotted as above for barrage will on completion of their task with 3rd Aust. Div. (orders for which are issued separately) viz. at ZERO plus 40 minutes, disengage and join reserve Brigade. (the 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.) in the second forming up position in ACCROCHE WOOD valley about square P.17. by ZERO plus 3 hours. The group Commander of these 16 guns (Capt. CORY, M.G.) will get in touch with G.O.C. 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. to ensure junction at this position. These 16 guns will subsequently conform to the movements of the 1st Brigade and be employed as directed by G.O.C. 4th Aust. Division.

4. EMPLOYMENT IN DEFENCE.

- (a) Guns in para "2.a" - total 48 guns - will be employed in the consolidation of the captured ground in depth as far back as CRUCIFIX SPUR about Q.28. and 22.
- (b) Guns in para "3.d." - total 16 guns - will be distributed defensively about squares Q.21., 15., 9. and 8. so as to cover the approaches to this area from east and north east.

- 5(a) The O.Cs. 24th and 4th Coys. will make their H.Q. in close touch with 4th Bde. H.Q.
- (b) The O.C. 12th Coy. and Lieut. TUCKETT will make their H.Q. with 12th Bde. H.Q.
- (c) The O.C. Barrage Group will, after completion of barrage task make his H.Q. in close touch with 1st Bde. H.Q.

6. ROADS AND BRIDGES.

SOMME CROSSINGS.

Bridges to carry 1st line transport will be constructed, if existing bridges are damaged beyond immediate repair, at -
a. Q.2.b.80.95. provided a suitable approach exists on the north side of the river. Failing this, a bridge to carry

infantry will be constructed.

b. Q.3.d.95.55.

Bridges to carry infantry will be constructed at a suitable place, should existing bridges be damaged beyond immediate repair:

a. In Q.3.b. or d.

b. As near to Q.10.central as possible.

The maximum loads to be placed on bridges will be clearly shown at each approach.

4th Aust. Divisional Artillery will carry forward a proportion of bridges. Positions of these bridges over any obstacle will be marked by a small white flag on a five or six foot pole. Every advantage is to be taken of these bridges by all horse transport.

7. LIGHT SIGNALS.

(a) Australian Corps.

The following light signals will be employed in the Australian Corps:-

S.O.S. Signal. -

No. 32 grenade showing green over green over green. Allotment - 150 per Bde.

Success Signal -

No. 32 grenade showing white over white over white. Allotment - 150 per Bde.

(b) Other Formations.

Light signals of other formations are as follows:-

	Signal.	Meaning.
(1) Cavalry Corps -	White star turning to red on a parachute fired from 1½" Verrey pistol.	"Advanced troops of cavalry are here."
(ii) III Corps. -	No. 32 grenade green over green over green.	"S.O.S."
	No. 32 grenade white over white over white.	"Success signal. 190. We have reached objective."
	One white Verrey light.	"Barrage is about to lift."

8. COUNTER ATTACK PLANES.

(a) From Zero hour, counter attack planes will be constantly in the air with the object of observing hostile concentrations or abnormal movement.

(b) In the event of an enemy concentration indicating a counter attack, the counter attack aeroplane will signal this information to the artillery by wireless. In the case of a counter attack actually developing a white parachute flare will be fired by the aeroplane in the direction of the troops moving for the impending counter attack, for the information of the infantry.

9. AMMUNITION CARRYING AEROPLANES.

(a) Aeroplanes will be detailed to transport ammunition from Zero plus 7 hours for the RED and BLUE lines wherever the "V" is displayed.

(b) Vickers guns will display a white "V" at the point where ammunition is to be dropped. The arms of the "V" to be 6 feet in length and 1 foot in width. The apex of the "V" is to point towards the enemy.

(c) Ammunition aeroplanes will have the underside of the lower planes painted black for a distance of 2½ feet from the tips.

10. SIGNALLING ARRANGEMENTS.

VISUAL.

(a) The Divisional Visual Station (Call - G.D.K.) will be located at J.28.b.2.2., where messages from any part of the captured territory will be received and transmitted to its destination. This station will be connected by telephone to nearest Bde. H.Q.

(b) All Signallers must be thoroughly acquainted with the position of this station.

(c) Positions of Brigade Visual Stations will be as follows :-

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	- P.10.b.9.4.	-	Call QA.
12th " " "	" " "	"	QO.
4th " " "	Forward Station	"	QAR.
12th " " "	" " "	"	QOR.

11. DIVISIONAL PLAN OF ATTACK.

The advance from the Green line will commence at Zero plus 4 hours and it is anticipated that the Red line will be taken by Zero plus 6 hours.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

Supplies:- Refilling Points 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.34.b., 12th A.I. Bde. N.1.a., 13th A.I. Bde. S.5.d.7.9. Train wagons will deliver to transport lines.

S.A.A.

Battalion Dump of S.A.A. will be established on Zero day at P.12.a. 6.5. approximately.

D.A.D.O.S. will remain in present location H.19.d.0.0.

Water. One 125 gallon water lorry and 4 300 gallon G.S. wagons will convey water forward for the Division.

Salvage. Every effort will be made to carry back in ration limbers all military material as salvage.

Water Bottles. One extra water bottle per man will be issued.

Supply Tanks. Stores for second trip of tanks will be loaded for 4th A.I. Bde. at P.4.d.1.2., 12th A.I. Bde. P.20.b.1.1.

13. H.Q. of 4th and 12th A.I. Bdes. will be established about P.17.Central., Before Zero plus 4 hours.

14.(a) Watches will be synchronised by an Officer from each Company after 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Y day.

(b) Zero hour will be notified later.

15. All Companies will acknowledge.

H. W. Cronch Capt. Lieut-Col.

C.O., 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.

Issued at 9 p.m. through signals.



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APPENDIX

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4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.
Order No. 19.Headquarters,
12th August, 1918.Reference Map : 62D.

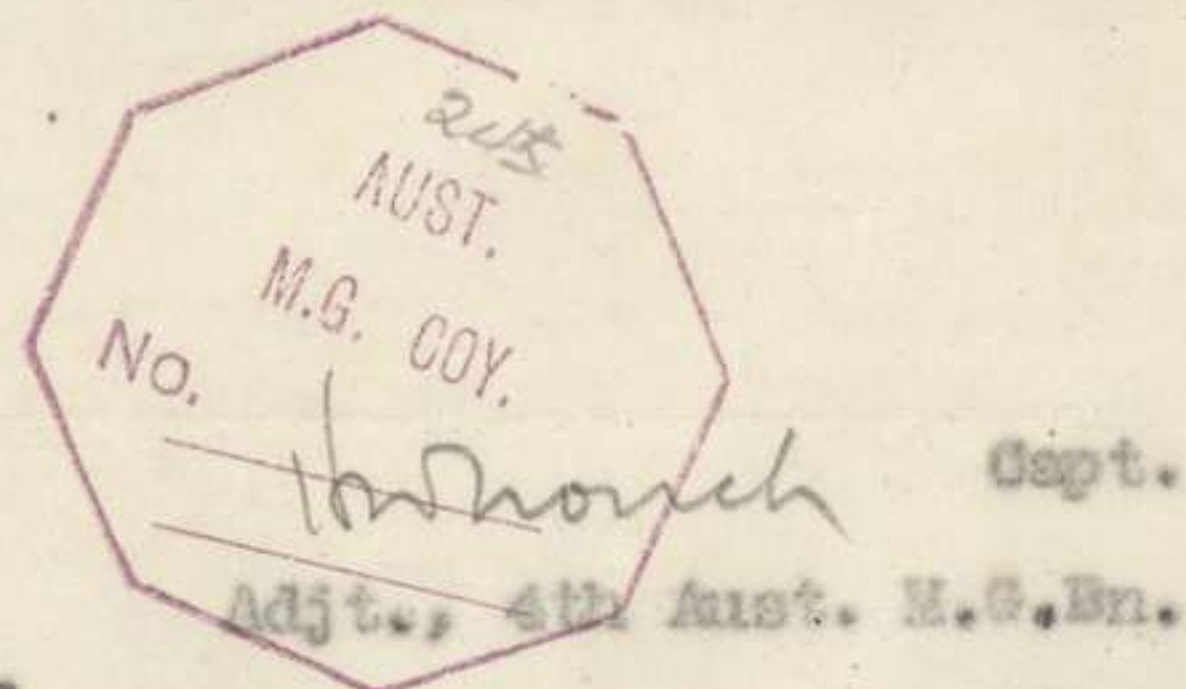
- 1.(a) A force to be known as the "Liaison Force" is being organised with the object of carrying on the Battle North of the River SOMME and effecting a liaison between AUST. Corps, South of the River, and the III Corps.
- (b) This force is to be Commanded by Brigadier-General E.A. WISDOM C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., with H.Q. at J.23.d.1.2..

2. The force is to be composed as follows:-
- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| <u>Light Horse.</u> | 1 Troop 13th Aust. Light Horse. |
| <u>Artillery.</u> (Under the Command of C.R.A., 53th Division). | |
| 53th Divisional Artillery. |) Now North of the SOMME under |
| 16th Brigade R.H.A. |) 4th Australian Division. |
| <u>Infantry.</u> | 13th Aust. Infantry Bde. |
| | 131th American Regt. |
| <u>Machine Gun Units.</u> | 13th Aust. M.G. Coy. |
| | 124th American M.G. Bn. |

The following auxiliary troops will be detailed by the 4th Aust. Division.

13th Aust. Field Company.
87th Coy. A.A.S.C.
Medical Units in accordance with further instructions, which will be issued by the A.D.M.S.

3. The 132nd American Regiment will replace the 13th A.I. Bde. in the 4th Aust. Division with H.Q. in J.22.d.1.w.
4. The G.O.C. Liaison force assumed command of the Corps Battle Front North of the SOMME (exclusive) and the point of junction with 3rd Corps to day, 12th inst.
5. The 4th Aust. Division (less 13th Bde. and 13th M.G. Coy) has now passed into Corps Reserve with H.Q. at CORBIE and will remain at present locations till further orders.
6. The 13th M.G. Coy. will deal direct with 4th M.G. Bn. in all questions connected with personnel except discipline and honours and awards. The Company usually will work with the 13th A.I. Bde. and all orders issued by G.O.C. Liaison Force through the 13th A.I. Bde. will be acted on.
7. Supplies for 13th M.G. Coy. will be drawn from the Supply Company of the 13th A.I. Bde.

Issued through Signals at 4.30 p.m.

Copy No. 1 4th Aust. M.G. Coy.

2	12th	"	"	"
3	13th	"	"	"
4	24th	"	"	"
5	13th Aust. I. Bde.			
6	G.O.C. Liaison Force.			
7	File			
8	War Diary			
9	"	"		
10	"	"		

4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.
Order No. 20.

Reference Map, 62B.

Headquarters,
15th August, 1918.

1. (a) The 4th Aust. Division (less present 13th A.I. Bde Group) will move to bivouacs in the HANSONNIERES - BAYONVILLERS area on 13th and 14th August.
- (b) The 4th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion (less 13th Coy) will move to day to above area and bivouac to night as follows:-
 The 12 Coy. in 13th Bde Area in squares 18 and 24 as arranged by 13th A.I. Bde.
 The 4th Coy. along and North of the railway line in square 23 as arranged by 4th A.I. Bde.
 The 24th Coy. in square 18.a., site to be chosen by Lieut. PEUT.
 Bn. H.Q. to billets in east side of HANSONNIERES.
 Bn. Transport lines in BAYONVILLERS area.
2. Advance parties will proceed by 11 a.m. to select sites for bivouacs etc.
3. Transport will move under Bn. T.O. (Capt. CARROLL, M.C.) separately from Companies and will be located near BAYONVILLERS.
4. Locations to be sent to Bn. H.Q. on arrival in new area.

W. H. Houch Dept.
Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.

Issued through signals at p.m.

Copy. No. 1	4th A.M.G. Coy.
2	13th "
3	13th "
4	24th "
5	4th A.I. Bde.
6	13th "
7	13th "
8	War Diary
9	"
10	"
11	File.



4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.
Order No. 22.

Ref. Map, HANNOVER. 1:40,000.

Headquarters,
15th August, 1918.

1. (a) The 4th Aust. Division (less Artillery) will relieve the 1st Aust. Division (less Artillery) in the line between 15th and 17th inst.
- (b) The Divisional boundaries on completion of relief will be as follows:-
South Boundary- Grid line running E. and W. through A.S. Central as far as the VILLERS BRISTOL - CHAMBERS railway at about A.S. 4.9. thence back along the railway.
North Boundary - Grid line running E. and W. through X. 17. central.
- The inter brigade boundary will be as follows:-
A line drawn E. and W. through the S.E. corner of ASHER WOOD (S. 23-a. 4. 9.)
2. Machine Guns in the sector will be relieved as follows:-
(a) Right 15/16th. 2 Sections of 12th A.M.G. Coy. to relieve 1st A.M.G. Coy. (2 Sections) Line Right.
2 Sections of 4th A.M.G. Coy. to relieve 3rd A.M.G. Coy. (2 Sections) Line Right-Left.
- (b) 15th and right 15/16th 24th A.M.G. Coy. to relieve 2nd A.M.G. Coy. in Support area.
- (c) Right 15/17th 12th A.M.G. Coy. (less 2 sections) and 4th A.M.G. Coy. (less 2 sections) to relieve remainder of 1st and 3rd A.M.G. Coys.
3. After relief guns will be distributed over the front:-
(a) By 4th and 12th Coys as follows:- 8 in front line and 10 distributed in depth to approximately 1800 yards back from front line.
- (b) By 24th Coy. 8 guns on each Sde. front distributed in depth approximately from 1,800 to 2,800 yards back.
4. Companies will acknowledge.

Howe Capt.
Adjt., 4th Aust.M.G. Battalion.

Issued through Signals at p.m.
Distribution.

Copy No.	1	to	4th Aust.M.G. Coy.
	2	"	12th " "
	3	"	24th " "
	4	"	4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
	5	"	12th " "
	6	"	4th Aust. Div.
	7	"	" "
	8	"	War Diary.
	9	"	" "
	10	"	" "
	11	"	File
	12	"	" "



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4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.
Order No 23.

APPENDIX
 Headquarters

17th August 1918.

Reference Map 1 in 40,000.

1. Reliefs will be carried out within the Divisional sector between the 18th and 21st inst.
 - (a) On night 18/19th one Battalion 132nd American Regt. will relieve one Battn 12th Aust. Inf. Bde in line right Centre.
 - (b) On night 19/20th one Battalion 132nd American Regt will relieve one Battn 12th Aust Inf Bde in line Right.
 H.Q. of 132nd Regt will relieve H.Q. 12th Aust Inf. Bde.
 - (c) On night 20/21st one Battalion 132nd American Regt will relieve one Battn 4th Aust. Inf. Bde line left Centre.
 - (d) On completion of relief in para (c) the Inter-brigade boundary will be the east and west grid line through S.19. Central.
2. MACHINE GUN RELIEFS.
 - (a) On night 18/19th the No 1 gunners of the 12 guns of 132nd American M.G. Coy will report to O.C. 12th M.G. Coy and remain with 12 forward Guns of the 12th M.G. Coy.
 - (b) On night 19/20th the 132nd American M.G. Coy will relieve 12 ^{forward} Guns of 12th M.G. Coy, the Australian No 1 Gunners remaining in after relief for night 20/21st or until such time as C.O. of 132nd American Inf. Regt desires. On relief 12 Guns of 12th M.G. Coy will move to reserve Camp at W.25.N. The remainder of 12th Coy Guns (4) will remain in the line under O.C. 132nd American M.G. Coy and will be rationed by the 4th M.G. Coy.
3. Details of relief will be arranged mutually by O's C. Coys concerned
4. 132nd American M.G. Coy and 12th M.G. Coy will acknowledge.

Hutchinson

Capt & Adjt.

4th Australian M.G. Battalion.

Issued through Signals at 10.30P.M.



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.
Order No. 24.Headquarters,
18th August, 1918.Ref. Map 1/40,000.

1. Inter-Battalion Reliefs will be carried out in the Divisional Sector on nights 19/20th and 20/21st.
2. The 4th Aust. M.G. Coy, Line Left, will be relieved by the 24th Aust. M.G. Coy, Support Area, on night 21/22nd.
3. On relief the 4th Aust. M.G. Coy will move into Support Area now occupied by the 24th Aust. M.G. Coy.
4. Details of Relief will be arranged mutually by Company Commanders concerned.
5. 4th and 24th Coys will acknowledge.

W. Cronch Capt for Lieut-Col.
C.O., 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.

Issued through Signals at 9.30 p.m.

SECRETCopy No *4*4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.Order No 25Headquarters,
18th Aug. 1918Reference Map 1/40,000

1. The 13th Aust.M.G.Coy will be relieved in the sector opposite BRAY to-morrow 19th inst., and on relief will move with the 13th Aust.Inf.Bde to rejoin the 4th Aust.Div. at present in the LIHONS Sector.
2. On relief the 13th Aust.M.G.Coy will move by Bus under orders from the 13th Aust.Inf.Bde, and de-bus west of BAYONVILLERS.
3. Guides from the 4th Aust.M.G.Battn will meet busses at the de-bussing point and guide the 13th M.G.Coy to camp, at present occupied by the 132nd Amer.M.G.Coy at W.23.a. Transport will move by road to join Battn Transport at BAYONVILLERS. Fighting limbers and cooker will be parked with the Company, but all horses will remain with the Battn Transport. After de-bussing, main roads will be avoided as much as possible, as a safeguard against enemy bombs.
4. The 132nd Amer.M.G.Coy will move under orders from the 132nd Amer.Inf.Reg. and embus in the same busses which will convey the 13th Aust.M.G.Coy.

It is now Capt for Lieut-Col.

C.O. 4th Aust.M.G.Battn.

Issued through Signals at 11p.m.





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APPENDIX J 41



Interpretation of Captured Document in W. 24., Sheet 68D.

Examination of 1 Sergeant and 5 Privates of "A" Coy., 51st Battalion, 13th Aust. Inf. Bde., 4th Aust. Division, taken prisoners at 4 a.m. in HORGES.

<u>War Organisation.</u>	<u>13th Bde.</u>	<u>12th Bde.</u>	<u>4th Bde.</u>
	49th Bn.	45th Bn.	13th Bn.
	50th Bn.	46th Bn.	14th Bn.
	51st Bn.	48th Bn.	15th Bn.
			16th Bn.

Attached to formation 4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.; other attached details unknown. The breaking up of the 4th Battalion of the 13th and 12th Brigades took place 2 months ago. The 4th Bde. has 4 Battalions. The 4th M.G. Coy. are absorbed in the 4th M.G. Bn.

Commanders. 4th Australian Division :- Major-General McLACHLAN
13th Aust. Brigade :- Brig. Genl. GLASGOW
4th Aust. Brigade :- Brig. Genl. BRAND
51st Battalion :- Lieut-Col. CRISTY.

Employment. The Brigade has been in this sector since 31st July, 1918, as also has the 51st Battalion.

Relief. They relieved the French - possible the 532nd Inf. Regt.

Flanks. One of the prisoners had heard that French troops are on each flank, the other prisoners could not say.

Other Troops. On the night they came into the line, 31/7/18, one prisoner saw a detachment of Americans about 500 strong, one to two kilometres west of HORGES, marching towards the front. Whether they went in and where is unknown. Another prisoner heard that an American M.G. Coy. was in support or reserve to the 13th Inf. Bde.

Class. Average men up to 30 years, only a small percentage between 30 and 40 years.

Losses. Numbers could not be given by prisoners but they were light. The prisoner know nothing of the casualties in the attack.

Depot. The last big draft (140) men came to the Battalion at the end of April; latterly only a few returned sick.

Weapons. Lee-Enfield rifle; three platoons have two Lewis guns and the fourth platoon on the other hand one Lewis gun.

Gas Protection. Not much could be gleaned.

Rations. Very good and sufficient.

Position. The forward trenches are in good condition; no dugouts are in them only shelters. Wire defences are very weak. About the reserve and support trenches, mortar and machine gun positions, they could say nothing as up till now they have been only in the forward line. There are endless defences in the rear well wired.

Route to front. AMIENS - ROYE Road.

Attack intentions. Were denied. Neither attack practised nor preparations are in progress.

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History. The Battalion was relieved about 17th June in the SAILLY Sector by the 12th Brigade and came back near DAOURS for about 8 days, there they did light work. From June 26th to August 6th they were in the HAMEL Sector in Support and in Reserve. After the attack on HAMEL, they were sent forward for some days to bury the dead and do salvage work. From here the 2nd Battalion of the Brigade went to RIVERY near AMIENS and the 1st Battalion of the Brigade to GLISY: where the Brigade remained until July 31st.

Method of capture. After a short German artillery preparation they were attacked in rear by German Infantry: resistance appeared useless so they surrendered to superior numbers.

Disposition in Sector. The prisoners' platoon No. 2 lay on both sides of the AMIENS - ROYE Road, north from there lay a third platoon and further north "C" Company of their Battalion. On the South they were connected with the 1st Platoon. "B" and "D" Companies were in Support and Reserve. The 50th Battalion was Brigade Reserve.

Headquarters, Brigade Staff. Position unknown.

Prisoners. Prisoners are young men 21 - 31 years of age. They give one a good soldierly impression although their military knowledge is limited. The Sergeant who was the only one who has served a long unbroken period with the troops refused to make any military statement and could not be shaken in his resolve by any means employed. The remainder were, some a short while with the Battalion, others on account of wounds, a long time in hospital and convalescent. Whether their statements are pretence or truth there is no means of proving; all were reticent and only after a lot of talking to did their tongues become loose.

General Feeling. Confident - they speak a great deal of the American assistance.

The number sick with Gripes is small - no reports could be got from them about lights, air service meteorological service, very lights, dirigible balloons, captive balloons, firing butt for Lewis gun, long range shooting, spanning of artillery to mechanical launchers, bombing of back areas, and defence against Yellow Cross gas. Strength: 4 platoons of 26 to 28 men per Coy. - 110 Men 4 Officers. 4th Platoon consists of Specialists, Signallers, clerks, runners, officers' servants - ration strength of this unknown.

(sgd) SCHACHT.

Lieut. & Liaison Officer.
Imperial Headquarters,
5/8/18.

Visit of French Prime Minister to the Australian Troops.

It will interest members of the AUSTRALIAN Corps to know how it was that the Prime Minister of France came up to visit us the other day and what he said.

When the Supreme Council of the Allies was sitting at Versailles the other day, and the Prime Ministers of France, Italy, and England were present around the table, and all the Prime Ministers of the Dominions, it so happened that there came in, while they were deliberating there, the news of the battle of Hamel, and of the success that the Australian Troops had gained. All those present asked the Secretary to telegraph at once their congratulations to the Australians. But when it came to M. Clemenceau, the venerable Prime Minister of France, after starting to instruct the Secretary to telegraph his congratulations also, he said: "No, I will go and tell them myself."

M. Clemenceau is 78 years of age. Every Sunday he drives to some division of the French Army, goes to see them close up to the line, travelling hundreds of miles through the country in spite of his age. This Sunday he determined to come to an Australian Division. As the 4th Australian Division had been directing the operations at Hamel, he came to that. After chatting and laughing with the Officers and men who could be got together at short notice at Headquarters—as much at home amongst them as if he were a boy again—he said he would like to say a word or two to them on behalf of the French people. A number of the men were gathered into a rough semicircle, and the little Premier, "The Tiger," as he is known by the French, standing in front of them simply, without any attempt to flatter or over-do his praise of them, made them in English the following speech:—

"Gentlemen," he said, "I hope you will be kind enough to excuse my faulty English. I know only a little, but I find it very useful at this moment, this English, because it enables me to tell you what all the French people think of you. When the Australians came to France we expected a great deal of you. First, because we had heard of what you had done in war in Gallipoli; secondly, because we had heard a great deal of what you had accomplished in peace in your own country. The French people expected that when you came to France to fight in this great struggle, which, after all, is the same for the French, the English, the Australians and all those who have fought this great war out in the cause of freedom, which is the same for all, they expected a good deal of you; and I should not like to say that they have been surprised that you have fulfilled that expectation. They admired most the fact that you were capable of doing what they expected of you. The more they expected of you, the more they held it in admiration.

"Hamel—after all, that is not such a very great battle; but I am ready to hold that in a comparatively small battle the man, the fighting man, who goes in to give all he has—his home, his hopes, his life itself—in a small battle his qualities show in all the brighter light, the action of each individual man having more influence in the final result. In a very big action it is not possible to notice so well the qualities of particular men. Well, in this battle the Germans saw that they had before them men who came from far away to attest that wherever free people lived, in England, in France, in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and all free countries, these were not ready to give way to the Boche who has acted with such barbarity—who wounded and killed not only men in battle, but women and old men and little children—who ruined and destroyed our country, our houses, our fruit trees, even our gardens.

"We have all been fighting beside each other here. It is such a wonderful thing that this should happen in history on these old fields of battle which you had read of in books, hearing of wars which you had not seen and the consequences of which you had never expected to see. It is a wonderful thing that you should be fighting beside us on these old battlefields of history. Still, it has come true. The work of our fathers, which we wanted to leave unharmed to our children, they tried to rob us of. They tried to take from us all that was dearest in modern society. But the free nations of the world said that the Boche should not do this so long as they were there to come and prevent it. Men were the same in England, in France, in Italy, and all the countries which are proud of being the home of a free people. And that is what you did. And that is what made us greet you when you came. We knew that you would fight a real fight. But we did not know that from the very beginning you would astonish the whole continent.

"I have come here just for the very purpose of seeing the Australians. I am going back to-morrow to see my countrymen and tell them: 'I have seen the Australians. I have looked in their eyes. I know that these men who have fought great battles beside us in the cause of freedom will fight alongside us again until the cause of freedom for which we are battling is safe for us and for our children.'"

The Australians who had been listening to this fine speech from the Grand Old Man of France, gave three tremendous cheers for France, which affected him greatly. He then called for three cheers for Australia, and left to go back to Paris.

A.I.F. P.S. 670-7-18.



DISPOSITION APPENDIX

"A" SECTION.
2/Lt. Bradbury MM.

In the Line.

Sgt. Redford, Cpl. Duggan.
L/Cpl. Grant MM, Ptes. Brown, C.C., Weston.
L/Cpl. Brindle, Wingfield, Gower.
Ptes. Green J., Evans, Houghton.
Ptes. Zilles, Cakes, Ryan S.J., Nicholson.
Ptes. Hill F.I.W. (runner) Pearce (Cook).
Pte. Metzenthien (Sig.)

(1 Off. 17 O/Ranks.) Sig. 1.

"B" SECTION.

In the Line.

Lieut. SHELLEY MM.

Sgt. Botten, Cpl. Paterson.
L/Cpl. England, Ptes. Mayall, Bryor.
L/Cpl. Woodman, Ptes. Cusack, McPherson.
Ptes. Watson, Pritzler, Smith A.T. Linney.
Ptes. Liversha, Jenner, Stumer, Harper J.
Ptes. Harris G. (Runner) Tatham (Cook).

(1 Off. 17 O/Ranks.) 1.

"C" SECTION.

In the Line.

Lieut. PRUT.

Sgt. Murphy, Cpl. Foster.
L/Cpl. Stuart, Ptes. Heath W., Smith B.L.W. Risely.
Ptes. Ellis, Parslow, Walden.
L/Cpl. Keneally, Ptes. Murphy G., Mace, Cavanagh.
Ptes. Loudon, Heath S.E., Smith V.L.
Ptes. Crabtree (runner) Holmes (Cook).

(1 Off. 18 O/Ranks.)

"D" SECTION.

In the Line.

Lieut. WATTS.

Sgt. Morris, Cpl. Trevenen.
L/Cpls. Garrick, Cockfield.
Ptes. Parish, Raymond, Knight, French, Bayly, Breen,
Hurren, Stark, Rockliff, Walker C.C. Walker J.E.
Bright, Broomfield (runner) Chorlton (Cook).
Pte. Noble (Sig.)

(1 Off. 18 O/Ranks.) Sig. 1.

HEADQUARTERS.

COMPANY

HEADQUARTERS.

Major F.B. HINTON M.C.

Lieut. L.D. SINCLAIR.

C.S.M. O'Brien, Sigs. Stewart, Hatherly, Baillie.
1 Sgt. and 3 O/Rs. attached Signallers.
Ptes. Houslar, Hukins, Anney, Tucker Foster.
Ptes. Arkle, Elliott.

(2 Offs. 15 O/Ranks.)

"A" SECTION.

T/Sgt. Haywood MM
Cpl. Rose W.L.
L/Cpl. Pill R.
Pte. Joneour C.
" Rout. F.
" Watterson, A.
" Prayton W.
" Wollsten R.L.
" Gray J. TM
" Whalan A. W.
" Ledwich H. A.
" Irvine R. R.
" Tickner J. E.
" Wyatt C. H.
Cpl. Buchanan C. H.
Pte. Dickenson, E.
" ~~Hunter F. Mc.~~
" Strang.

"B" SECTION.

Sgt. Decker.
Cpl. Maple.
" Junior R. J.
L/Cpl. Graham.
Pte. Hunt F. J.
" Mayall.
" Hunt V. M.
" Birmingham
" Starrs
" Worthington
" Harper J. W.
" Catmur
" Raymond
" Robinson
" King
" Peace
" Davies
" Gibson

"C" SECTION.

Sgt. Liddicoat
Cpl. Irwin.
" Passmore
L/Cpl. Napern.
" Johnson
Pte. Glanville
" Dyson
" Richmond
" Henderson
" Morisson
" Bartley
" West
" Johnstone
" Ryan J. W.
" Green H. M.
" Howlett
" Hooper
" Howard
" Nunn J.
" Preese.

"D" SECTION.

Sgt. Wilson.
Cpl. Hutton.
" Watson.
L/Cpl. Twist.
" Treloar.
Pte. Birrell.
" Thornton.
" Murgatroyd.
" Weir.
" Doyle.
" Hart.
" Hoy.
" Baker.
" Greenwood.
" Thompson.
" Lewis.
" ~~Traker.~~

H'Qrs. Section.
Lieut. SHERIDAN.
" RITCHARD.
2/Lt. CAMPBELL.

C.O.M.S. Packer, L/Sgt. Beale, Ptes. Ingles, Champion,
Apple, Hurves, Irving, Simmons, Hutton, Strettles,
Jones, Mufford, Parry, Brown C., Keat, Frost,
Thompson (Bootmaker attached).

(3 Offs. 88 C/Ranks.)

T R A N S P O R T.

Sgt. Corbey, Cpl. Dunbar, L/Cpls. Dvr. Patching, Lynn, Nichol.
Dvrs. Brydon, Gordon, Simms, Woods, Ryan E. J., Cox, Allen, Werrett,
Newson, Pardon, Alsop, Fitzpatrick, McLennan, Cooke, Ryan J. C., *Bennett*
Marshall, ~~Munro~~, Daley, Ptes. Smith J. & Kitley (Brakesmen) Cotterill J.
(feedman) Pateman & Galman (att'd.)

(28 C/Ranks.)

4th ARMY REST CAMP.

Dvrs. Dunbar & *Munro* ~~Bennett~~, Ptes. Cleary,
McDowell, Hannam.

O. Rs.

5.

Bn. REST CAMP.

Blandford, Spratt, Tuson.

3.

HOSPITAL.

H/Cpl. Gordon, Pte. Young.

2.

Schools
A.A.S.C.

Pte. Monument lpl Clarke Sgt Wilson
Pte. Vernon.

1.

Bn. Pack Guard.

Pte. Freeman.

1.

DETENTION.

Pte. Barry.

1.

Strength 9 Offs.

213 C/Ranks.

Copy of G.H.Q. CPC. 1436 dated 5/8/18 received through 4th Army and Australian Corps.

All Coys.

1. It has been reported that the Germans are dropping over our lines pamphlets containing some of the principal speeches of Mr. RAMSEY MACDONALD, M.P.
2. No such pamphlets have been sent to G.H.Q. from any source and it is thought that had any been dropped, some would have reached that Office.

Will you please cause enquiry to be made on the subject.

3. Can steps be taken, please, to forward direct to G.H.Q. two specimens of any new enemy propaganda which may be dropped in the area occupied by the Army."

Forwarded for necessary action.

4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.
No. 512/2
Date 16/8/18.



W. H. H. H. H. Captain
Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

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Headquarters.

v 4th Aust.M.G.Battalion.

20th August 1918.

ALL COYS.

The following has been received from G.H.Q. through the 4th Australian Division:-

" Certain allegations were recently made by the Germans respecting the use by the British of bullets containing a core tipped with paper fibre. The accusations made by the Germans were:-

- (1) That this bullet was a "Dum-Dum" bullet.
- (2) That, in the event of the bullet breaking up in the wound, the paper contained germs which poisoned the wound and prevented it healing, thus causing unnecessary pain and suffering.

In consequence of these allegations, trials have been carried out to determine whether the wound made by a bullet with a paper tipped core is worse than a wound by a bullet with an aluminium tipped core.

These trials were divided into two phases. In the first phase, bullets with paper tipped cores were fired into the bodies of dead mules, and the wounds subsequently examined.

In the second phase, a bacteriological examination was made of the paper tips.

The reports show that there are no possible grounds for any complaints whatever against the use of the small arm ammunition with paper tipped cores as supplied to the British Army.

4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.	
No.	912/1
Date	21/8/18

AUST.	
M.G. COY.	
No.	

Catowles Lieut & Asst Adjt
4th Aust.M.G.Battalion.

S Y L L A B U S.

24th AUST. MACHINE GUN COY.

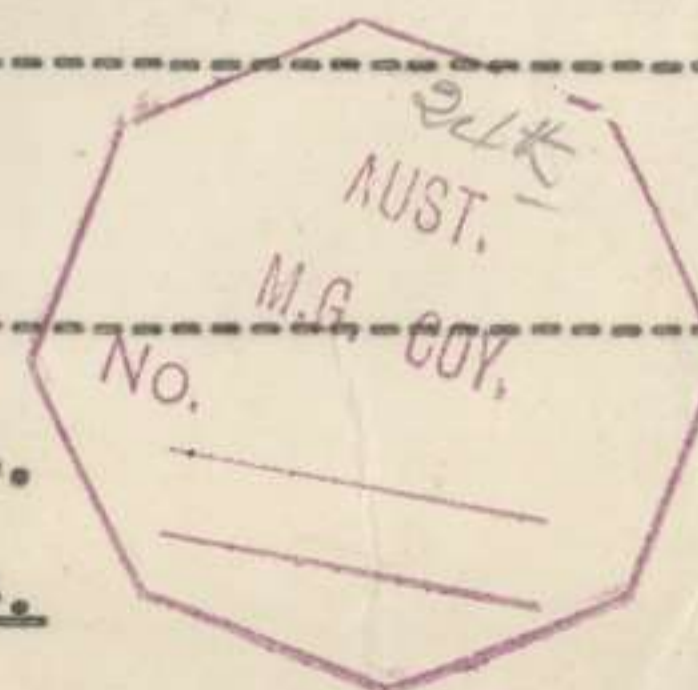
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--- MORNING ---						
DAY.	9 - 9.15.	9.15 - 9.30.	9.30 - 9.45.	9.45 - 10.	10 - 11.	11 - 12.
TUESDAY.	Inspection of Sect- ions by Officers.	Physical Training. (Dress)	Gas Drill.	Saluting.	Company Drill.	Element- ary Training Gun Drill Stopp- ages, etc.
WEDNESDAY.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
THURSDAY.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
FRIDAY.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
SATURDAY.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.

AFTERNOON. (DAILY)

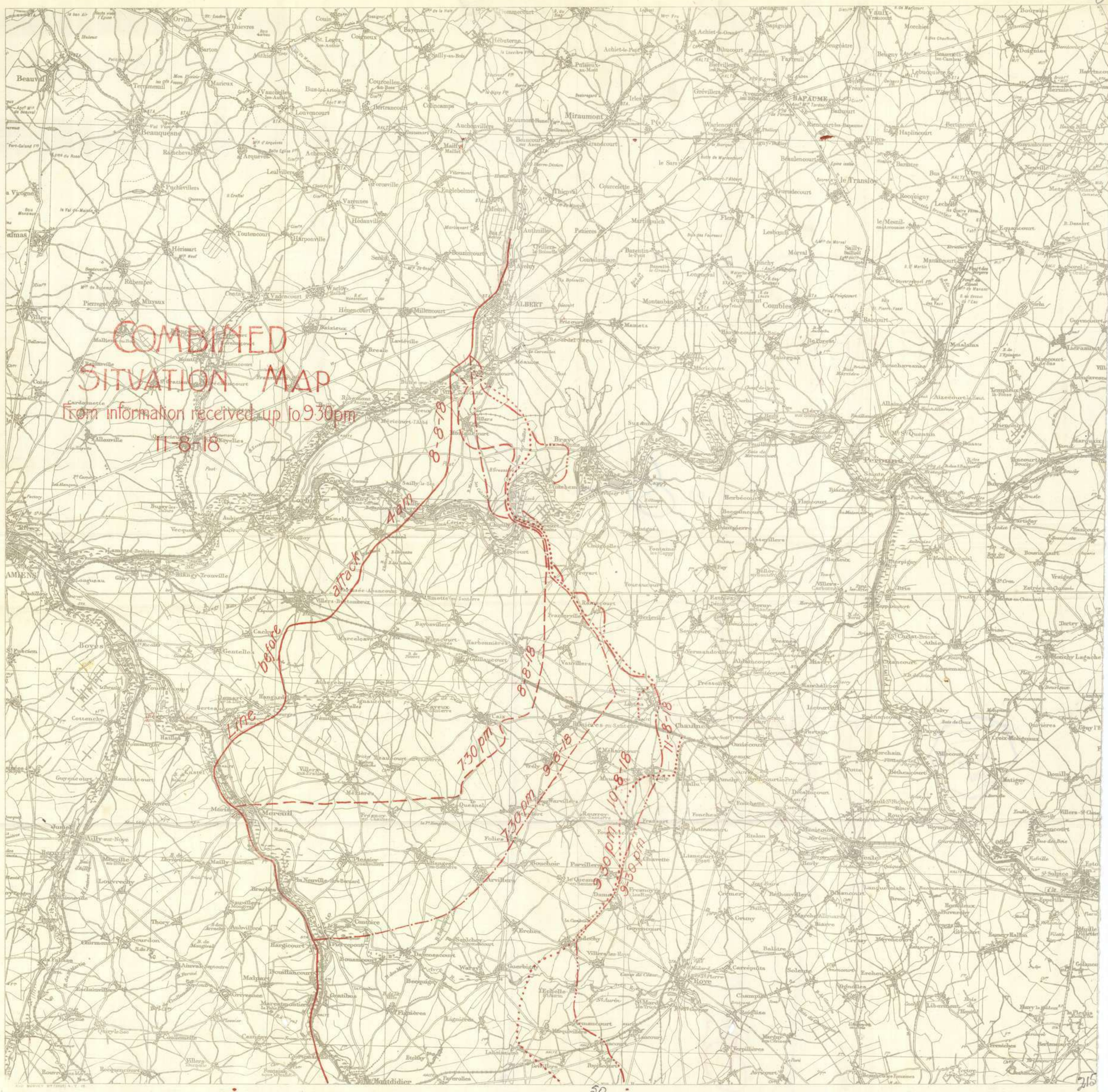
2 p.m. SWIMMING, ORGANISED GAMES, ETC.

2. - 2.30. SECTION N.C.O's. (Subject) COMMUNICATION DRILL.
Drill Order.
Dress: ~~Clean Fatigue~~ with Rifle & Bayonet.



APPENDIX

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COMBINED
SITUATION MAP
from information received up to 930pm
11-8-18

LINE
before

8-8-18

730pm

9-8-18

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