

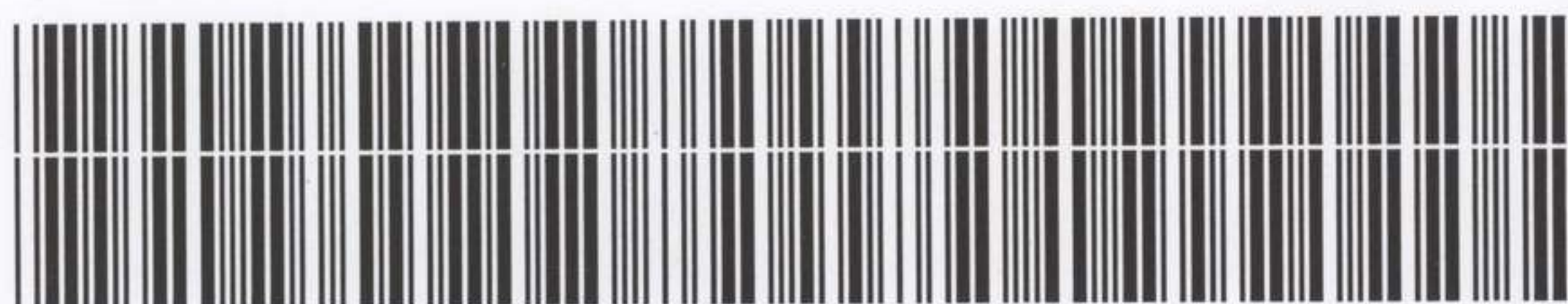
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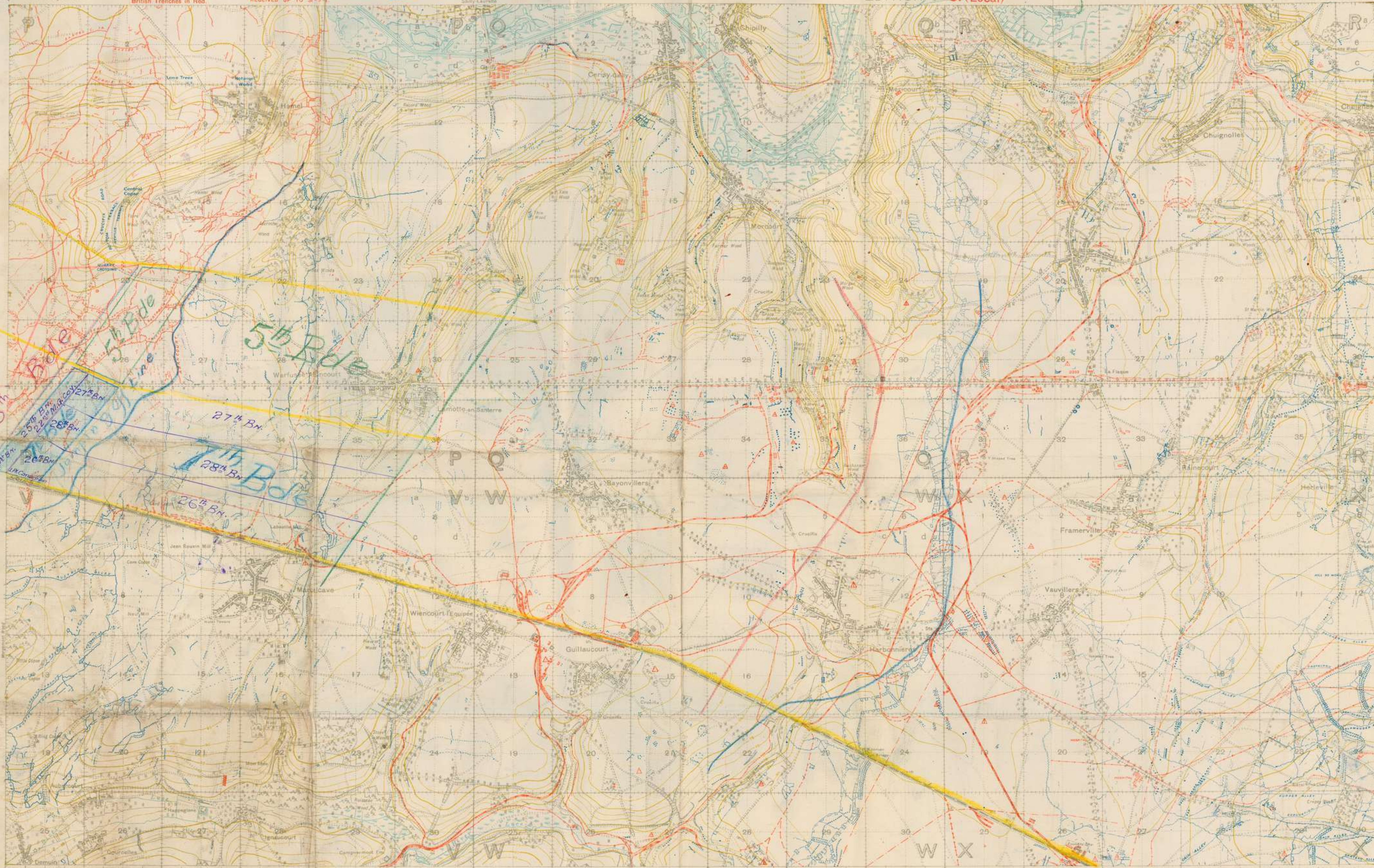
NOTE CHANGE OF COLOUR.
Enemy Trenches in Blue.
British Trenches in Red.

TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION
RECEIVED UP TO 12-1-1918

SECRET FRANCE

Assemble Areas
Objectives & Boundaries
EDITION 3 C. (Local)

Appendix 42
SHEET 62^D S.E.



REFERENCE
Any trench apparently organ-
ized for fire
Other Trenches
(Important ones are shown by thick
line, thin or dashed by dotted line)
British Trenches
Wire Entanglement or Other Obstacle
Enemy's Tracks

Buried Pipeline or Gate
Airline
Supply Dumps
Ammunition
Earthworks
Dug-outs
Holes
Works reinforced by concrete

Observation Posts
Listening Posts
Mine Craters
Fortified
Organized Shell Holes

Hedge, Fence or Ditch
Ditch with Permanent Water
Conspicuous Points
(Position of point in centre of circle, dot
shows that point is trigonometrically fixed)

Railways
Permanent
Temporary
Normal Gauge, Double
Single
Light
Trench Tramways
Metre Gauge Railways - 60cm

Scale 1:20,000

255
CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 METRES.

ALL HEIGHTS IN METRES

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HARBONNIERES

Thence E. 22 a. 2.2 - E. 22 c. 3.5 -
E. 22 c. 2.0 - E. 28 a. 3.2 - E. 28 c. 8.8 -
E. 28 c. 9.5 - Post at E. 28 d. 5.3 -
K. 5. Cent. - K. 6 c. 4.0 - K. 12 d. 9.0
Thence along AMIENS DEFENCES

27TH DIV
119TH R.I.R. (26TH R.D.)
ELEMENTS OF
243RD DIV
ELEMENTS OF
108TH DIV
&
43RD R.D.

CORPS
SITUATION MAP
FROM INFORMATION
RECEIVED UP TO
9.30 P.M. 11.8.18

ELEMENTS OF
107TH DIV
ELEMENTS OF
109TH DIV

RESERVES
21ST DIV
19TH "
87TH "
14TH " (PROB)
26TH R.D. (2 Regts. only)
5TH BAV. R.D.
185TH DIV

5TH BAV. DIV

EXHAUSTED
13TH DIV.
41ST "
225TH "
14TH BAV. R.D.
192ND DIV.
117TH "

38TH DIV

119TH DIV

79TH R.D.

1ST R.D.

82ND R.D.

Thence W. of DAMERY, E. of ANDECHY, ARMANCOURT,
POPINCOURT, TILLOLOY, W. of CANNY SOUS MATZ,
E. of MAREUIL-Lamotte, SAMSON, ANTOVAL,
thence old Line.

Corps Topo. Sect.

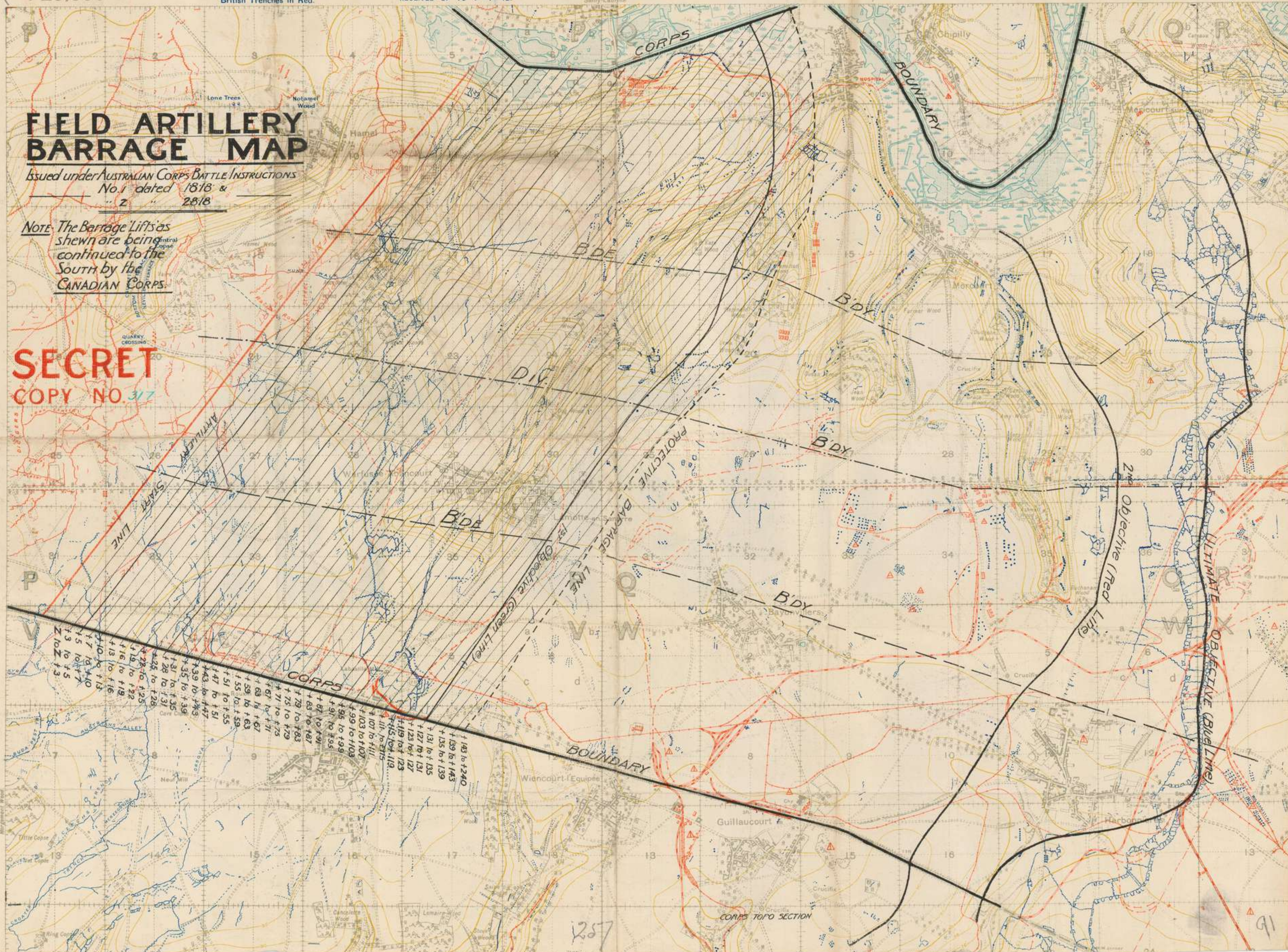
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FIELD ARTILLERY BARRAGE MAP

Issued under AUSTRALIAN CORPS BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS
No. 1 dated 18/18 &
" 2 " 28/18

NOTE The Barrage Lifts as shown are being continued to the South by the CANADIAN CORPS.

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CORPS TOPO SECTION

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C.O.

Secret

"BARRAGE"

APPENDIX NO. XLIII.

1/27

This message is on file of:

Sent	At	m.	Service.	Date
To	48			
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			

APPENDIX NO. XLIV.

TO: 26 BN 21 BN

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
1061	7		

The CO of the 19th Canadian Bn is Lt Col MILNE

Battle HQ 2 Canadian 19th Bn is 036 d/s. 1

all Coy / [Signature]

From	7 BN Bde
Place	
Time	

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

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

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Sent	At	m.	Service.	Date
To				
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			

TO: 24 BN 22 BN 23 BN 24 BN

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
131123	7		

Batteries are so close to our concentration area that it will not be safe for anyone to stand up outside a trench from zero to +15 minutes

AAA Please warn all concerned

[Signature]

From	6 BN Bde
Place	
Time	7:10 PM

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Platoon Commanders

- 942 Sgt Oliver W.E. accidentally
wounded in ~~head~~ knee by
bayonet. - He jumped into
trench on top of Bayonet.
- 1890 Lpl Bonette D. Bullet
through knee.
- 4390 Pte Booth T.J. wounded in
leg & head.
- 6906 Pte Williams J.A. wounded
in leg by shell fire.
- 680v - Gardener D.H.
- 7212 Pte Cleary T. Wounded in
arm by shell fire.
- 6786 Pte Daniel J.L. Bullet
wound in Stomach.
- 192 Lpl Johnson R.J.S. Shell
wound in right side.
- 2257 Pte Rockliff V.J. Shell wound
on left side.
- 8/8/18. *Sullivan*

Unaccounted for:-

- 2408 ~~#~~ Sgt Niblett R.W. last seen
leaving with boy at T.O.T.
- 680v Pte Gardener B.H.
- 48 - O'Neill J.
- 6930A - McDowell A.H.

8/8/18.

Sullivan
O.C. AG

Absentee

- 1588 Pte Bray H from midnight
7/8th August

No 6927 A Pte Harman W.J. reported
to M.O. on afternoon of 7th inst but
did not report back to boy. Can
you let me know please whether he
was evacuated.

Sullivan
O.C. AG

Appendix

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Dispositions

No. 1 Post Sgt Eaton + 7 privs
with LG (V3 d 402.5)

No. 2 Post Sgt Doyle + 7 privs
with LG (V3 d 4.3)

No. 3 Post Sgt Lyon + 8 privs
with LG (V3 d 8.4)

No. 4 Post Lt Dickson + 16 privs
with 2 L.G.s ~~(V3 d 4.0)~~
(V4 c 0.4)

Company HQs = 1 Officer + 8 privs
(V3 d 3.5)

8/8/18 7:30 AM. Sullivan Lt
O'Brien

To. L.O. NO. 1
21st Bn. 8/8/18.

26th Bn report holding a
line through V3-a and c.
approx N 85° E.

Casualties fairly heavy.
Good number of prisoners
estimated.

5th Div have gone through
and to carry the short
supply tanks but at 4.30 PM.

Our shelling very short in
many places. 1
reloading O.K. otherwise
20 for.

P.T.O. at 11 PM.
21st Bn.

26th are in touch
with Banashan or
Flat at 20th 30
left

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10 day. Have withdrawn
from position reported in
Message map and have
now established a line of
posts from V. 3. C. 3. 8. to
V. 3. D. 5. 6. having thus
linked up with Lepe and
Blencowe.

Casualties 6 wounded
~~lost~~ Unaccounted for 2
Wounded 8

6012 Pte McMurtrie, T.
7340 " Williams F.W.
826 " Gwynn, C.
895 " Haines G.
6141 " Tate S.E.
885 Pte Johnson S.A.P.

Unaccounted for

2834 Pte Swenson J.
5012 " Edsell G.

A.W.L 2049 Taylor R. from May 7/8/18

E.B. Mason

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Service.		From	
By		By	
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			
TO			
DOON			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	
* FS215		8th	
In reply to Number.		AAA	
please report immediately			
strength at present with			
you aaa report as			
soon as possible when			
move to "B" position			
is completed			
Received 10 PM			
From		Place	
		RUDA	
Time		9.15 am	
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/P/111. 500,0 0 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)			

[illegible]

Charges to Collect		By <i>W. J. ...</i>	At ... m
Service Instructions		To	By
Handed in at <i>RUDA</i>		Office <i>7:25 P</i> m.	Received <i>8:30 P</i> m.
TO		<i>DOQA</i>	
* Sender's Number <i>FBI</i>	Day of Month. <i>8th</i>	In reply to Number	<i>AAA</i>
<i>17 Armoured</i>	<i>cars</i>	<i>advise</i>	
<i>timed</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>1:10 PM</i>	<i>gaa</i>
<i>Infantry</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>objective</i>
<i>wish</i>	<i>wished</i>	<i>could</i>	<i>go</i>
<i>further</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>clear</i>	<i>gaa</i>
<i>Bochs</i>	<i>surrendering freely</i>	<i>have</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>sent</i>	<i>scores</i>	<i>back</i>	<i>have</i>
<i>killed</i>	<i>scores</i>	<i>others</i>	<i>transport</i>
<i>upset</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>their</i>	<i>on</i>
<i>etc</i>	<i>Australian flag</i>	<i>FRAMERVILLE</i>	
<i>German</i>	<i>Corps</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>artillery</i>
<i>11. 15 Am</i>	<i>adi</i>		
<i>nil</i>			
FROM	<i>RUDA</i>		
PLACE & TIME			

* This line should be erased if not required.

9310—W. 14832—100,000—2/17—E.P.Co.—(E930.)

Charges to Collect
Service Instructions

Handed in at Ruda Office 21st Bn m. Received. 21st Bn m.

TO

*Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

Have guide at Davis
House by 3pm today to
guide your cooks and
water carts to you

FROM

PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.

27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C./2123.

Prefix Code Words Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
£ s. d. From At m.
By To m.
By

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at Ruda Office 21st Bn m. Received. 21st Bn m.

TO

*Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

5th & 7th Bdes are moving
and bivouacking between
green line and the front line
as it was yesterday AM
Therefore do not build
bivouacs for your men
forward of the old front
line

FROM

PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.

27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] - 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C./2123.

SM BAPM 38

RUDA

DOOR

FS216

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aaa

6 Bde Group consisting of
 all Bth T.M.B Fifth M B
 7 field Coy be prepared act
 reserve 1st Aust Div aaa
 Group be prepared to move
 1 hours notice after 4 Pm aaa
 not anticipated more before 5 Pm
 9 inst and acknowledge

PUDA

1.55 Pm

Prefix <i>116</i> Code <i>AL</i> Words <i>37</i>		Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£ s. d.		From	At	m.
Charges to Collect		By	To	By
Service Instructions		Handed in at <i>Ruda</i> Office <i>21st Bn</i> m. Received. <i>11.13</i> m.		
TO				
Sender's Number <i>Bm130</i>	Day of Month <i>8</i>	In reply to Number <i>—</i>	AAA	
then can best be employed on making hoo-mac accommodation for themselves in their concentration areas on east or west of them AAA this will not spread North or South of them B Areas				
FROM <i>6th H Bde</i>				
PLACE & TIME				

*This line should be erased if not required.

27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C./2123.

Prefix <i>116</i> Code <i>AL</i> Words <i>37</i>		Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£ s. d.		From	At	m.
Charges to Collect		By	To	By
Service Instructions		Handed in at <i>Ruda</i> Office <i>21st Bn</i> m. Received. <i>11.13</i> m.		
TO				
Sender's Number <i>Bm126</i>	Day of Month <i>8</i>	In reply to Number <i>—</i>	AAA	
Bde Agis closer White Chateau 8.30 am opens Dolls House 9 am AAA Addressed all convinced				
FROM <i>6th H Bde</i>				
PLACE & TIME <i>8.30 am</i>				

*This line should be erased if not required.

27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C./2123.

91	Prefix	Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp
			61	From	At	
				By	To	
	Charges to Collect			Office Stamp		
	Service Instructions			Office Stamp		
	Handed in at			Office	m.	Received
	TO			31 st Bn		
	*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA		
	5 th & 7 th Bdes have consolidated					
	their objectives & taken over 100					
	specimens 1000 boundary & 5 th Bde has					
	passed through 1000 Allow 1st line					
	transport has been ordered to come					
	up to new lines in vicinity					
	railway N of WHITE CHATEAU AAA					
	Location & time of arrival will be					
	notified later					
	FROM	6 th At Bde				
	PLACE & TIME	7.45 am				

*This line should be erased if not required.

27802) Wt. W14822/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C./2123.

SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Forward P. O. W. Collecting Post No.....

Received from 21..... Battalion the following Prisoners
of War.

Officers

Other Ranks 7.....

Date 7/8/18.....

No..... O.C.,
Collecting Post

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

G.346

3 p.m.

METEOR predicts present fair interval will last 24 to 36 hours possibly longer but there is risk of local thunder showers. Visibility generally very fair.

G. P. Bentley

Lieut Colonel.

General Staff.

Second Australian Division.

RCDIG1003859

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

August 8th 1918.

Headquarters,
21st, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.
7th A.L.T.M.Bty
22nd M.G.Coy.

HEADQUARTERS.
7th AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.
Date *Pym 4/10*

Units must not tap in on signal lines without authority from Brigade. Commanding Officers will be held personally responsible for infringement of this order.

Ho Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

SECRET**7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE**

Headquarters,
 21st, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.
 7th A.L.T.M.Bty
 22nd M.G.Coy.

August 7th 1918.

HEADQUARTERS
 7TH AUSTRALIAN
 INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. *Pmb 9*
 Date.

Herewith list of Code Calls of 15th A.I. Brigade. please ensure that these are taken forward so that they are available if required -

15th A.I. Brigade	RUZO
57th Bn.	GOPE
58th Bn.	GOQE
59th Bn.	GODE
60th Bn.	GOBE
15th A.L.T.M.B.	HIBI

25/11/18

7 18
 259 9

Res Major, Brigade Major,
 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

SECRET**6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.**

C.O.,

21st Bn.
 23rd Bn.
 24th Bn.



Brigade Headquarters,
 3rd August, 1918.

It is essential that while movements of troops are going on, no risk should be run of losing a prisoner to the enemy.

Please arrange therefore that your patrols shall move with caution and never be in a position in which they cannot be covered by fire from support troops detailed for the purpose.

W. F. N. Bridges
 Major.
 Brigade Major, 6th A.I. Brigade.

SECRET

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 167

Date

Brigade Headquarters
7th August, 1918.C.O.,
21st Bn.Herewith list of Daily Letters and Colours used by
Allied Aircraft.-

From Noon 8th August to Noon 9th August	X. Red & White
" " 9th " " 10th "	H. White & Green
" " 10th " " 11th "	F. Red & Green
" " 11th " " 12th "	D. Green & Red
" " 12th " " 13th "	G. White & Green

W. F. N. Bridges

Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.Copies to.-
All Units.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 258

Brigade Headquarters
6th August, 1918.C.O.,
21st Bn.If Battalion aeroplane signalling gear is not at
present with Battalion Hdqrs. please have it there by 12 noon 10 pm.
tomorrow 7. 8. 18.

List of Code Calls have already been forwarded.

W. F. N. Bridges

Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.Copies to.-
All Bns.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

21st Bn.
22nd "
23rd "
24th "
Bde. T.O.



Brigade Headquarters
7th August, 1918.

1. The whole 1st Line Transport is to be ready to move forward from Zero plus 4 hours at a quarter of an hours notice.
2. If ordered forward it will move by cross country tracks and not by the main WARFUSEE Road.
3. Bde. T.O. will make arrangements to enable him to distribute orders rapidly to transport sections. He will keep in close touch with his telephone at GLISY.

W. F. M. Bridges

Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Adapt. status copy sent to Bean
MB

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

C.O.,
21st Bn.



Brigade Headquarters
6th August, 1918.

Some doubt exists as to what is required by this office in connection with Unit War Diaries.

From this date forward, units will not send original copies of Diaries to Bde. Hdqrs. but forward on 3rd of each month the triplicate copy for preceding month.

Al Brown

Captain,
for Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Copies to.-
All Bns.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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21st Bn.
 22nd Bn.
 23rd Bn.
 24th Bn.
 3rd Bn. 129th U.S.A. Regt.
 6th A.L.T.M. Bty.



Brigade Headquarters,
 3rd August, 1918.

Herewith list of Daily Letters and Colours used by
 Allied Aircraft :-

From Noon 4th August to Noon 5th August	O.	Green and White
" " 5th " " 6th "	L.	White and Green
" " 6th " " 7th "	I.	Green and Red
" " 7th " " 8th "	M.	White and Red.

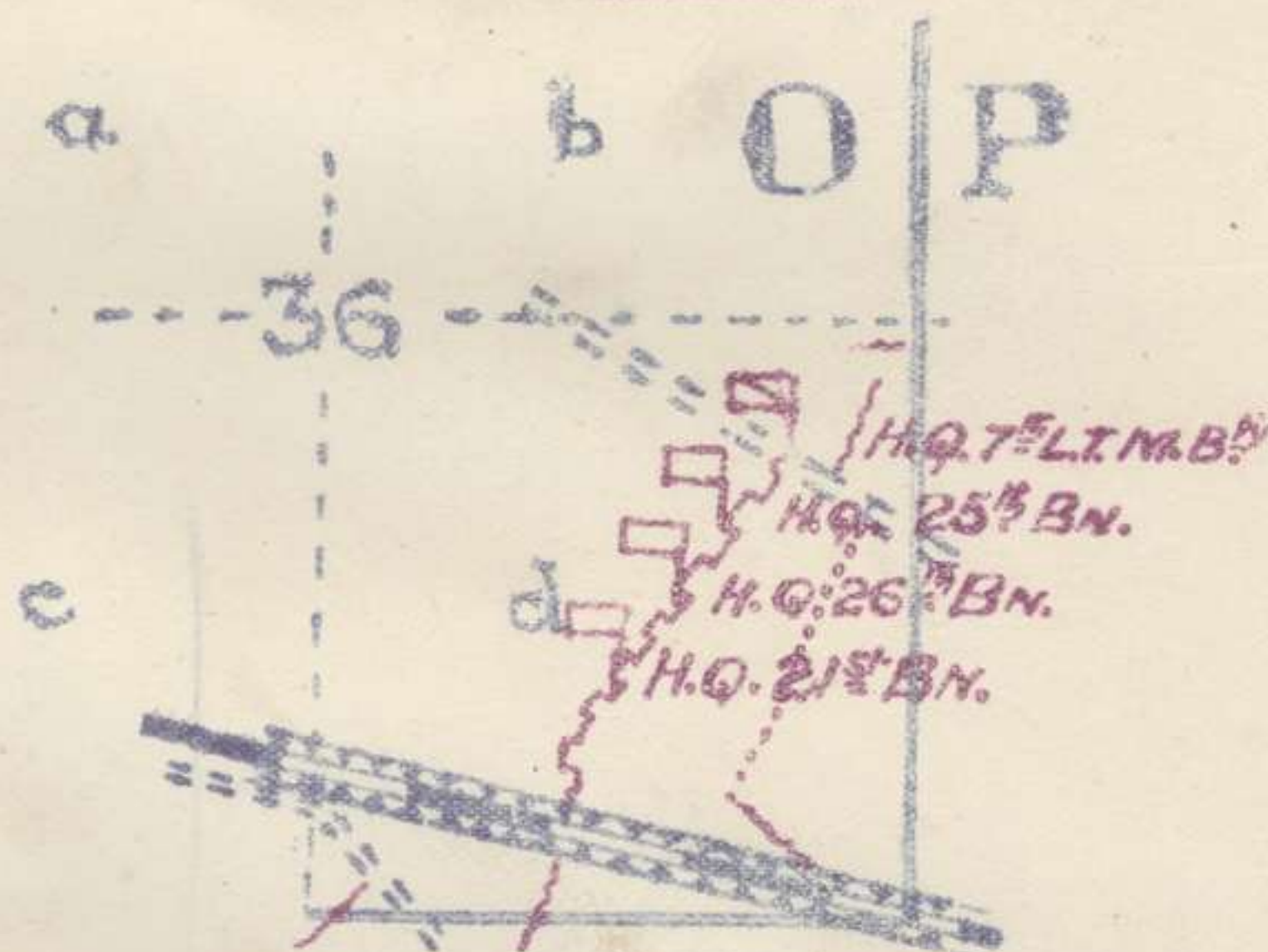
W. R. N. Bridges

Major.
 Brigade Major, 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

To 21st Bn



SECRET.



Ref. Map. 62 P.S.W. Scale 1:10000.

At		Service		Date	
To		From		By	
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")		By	
TO: <i>6th Bde 5th Army</i>					
<i>7 Field Coy AF</i>					

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>10</i>	<i>9</i>		

Situation is that 2nd Bde have reached red line from Whyn boundary as far as X 29A. Hence line bends back to F&A. Conforming with Canadians who were held up - Only 2 Bns 2nd Bde used so far. Attack will be carried on to Blue line by 2nd & 3rd Bdes in the morning. All tanks with 2nd Bde knocked out. Similarly with Canadian Bde on right. AAA. Unconfirmed report that Cavalry has passed through Canadian's now 5th & 7th Bdes on their objectives with slight loss.

all Cops for 6th Bde information

From	<i>6th Bde</i>
Place	
Time	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)	
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At		From	
To		By	
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	
TO: <i>21 22 23 24 1 Bns</i>			
<i>6 ALT MB</i>		<i>Bde Supers</i>	

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>		

Canadian liaison officer with 15th Alt Bde states prisoner states enemy has division in reserve with tanks and all units.

From	<i>6 Bde</i>
Place	
Time	<i>2 am</i>
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)	
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		Se.	
		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO {	21 st Bn		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* BM15	10		
<p>Following message received from Des. Des. 11.15 pm of 21st Canadian Corps report of front line front line slightly BOUVERON identified - POWS include WARWICKS included - VIKERS included TOBIES included - and troops believed to be entering BOUVERON also grounds of 21st Bn of 21st Bn and infantry line 100 yds E. of MEA 11.15 pm 21st Bn report of 21st Bn attack going with 21st Bn reported following - K 5 11.19 E 272 E 284 and 21st Bn reported K 212 and C and 21st Bn reported 21st Bn signals from CHIFFIN 21st Bn and 21st Bn.</p>			
From	KOD 9		
Place	1 1/2 miles		
Time			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)	
Censor.		Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.	
* This line should be erased if not required.			
(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187.)			

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

August 6th 1918.

Headquarters,
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 21st Bns.
7th A.L.T.M.Bty
'C' Coy, 2nd Tank Bn.

Herewith maps showing Assembly Areas, Objectives and
Boundaries. Also hektograph showing positions for rear and
forward Barrage Guns.

Harry C. Fox
Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.



21st Bn. —
 22nd "
 23rd "
 24th "
 T.M.Bty.
 Bde. Snipers



Brigade Headquarters
 12th August, 1918

The enemy fired a small number of gas shells in FRAMERVILLE this afternoon. Take necessary precautions in anticipation of further bombardment with gas shells.

Edmund Sab Captain,
 A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Copies to.—

5th A.I.Bde.
 7th " "

} For Information.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
 11th August, 1918.

21st Bn.
 22nd "
 6th T.M.Bty.
 5th A.M.G.Coy.
 7th Field Coy.
 Capt. NEWING
 Bde. Snipers

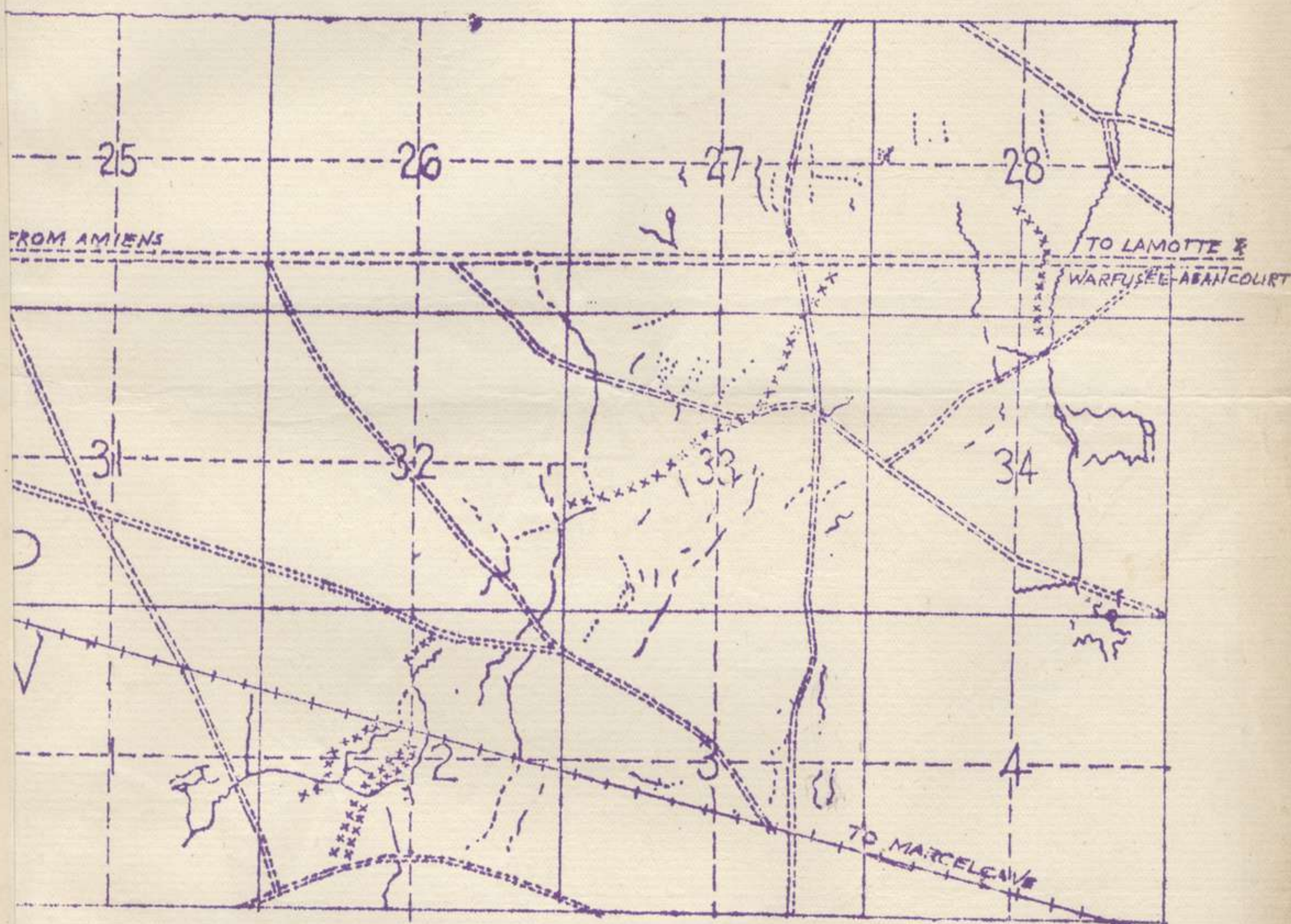
The 5th and 7th Bdes. reached their objectives and took over 300 prisoners.

LIHONS is being shelled by the enemy.

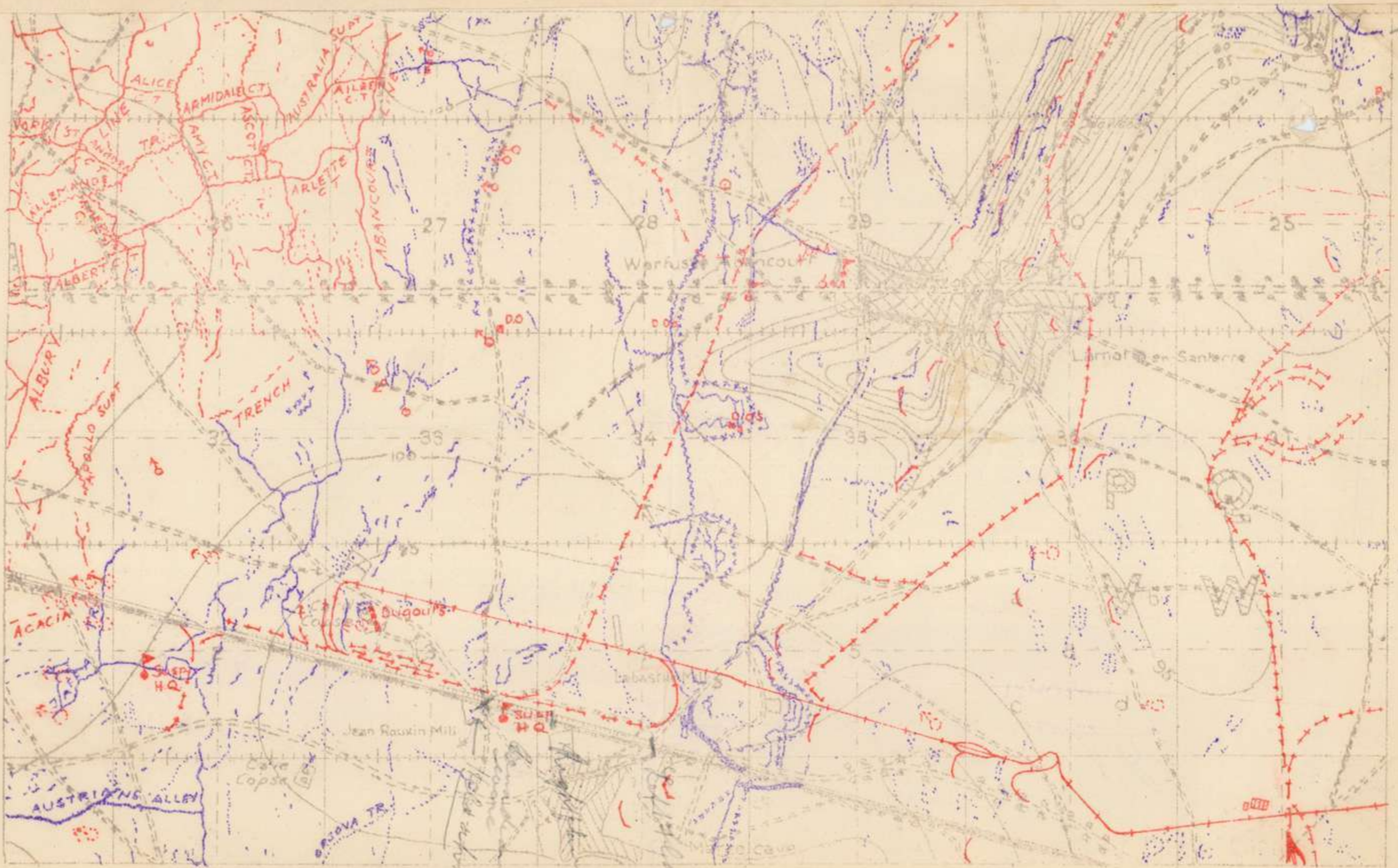
Situation on 3rd Div. front obscure but the objectives were not reached.

Major,
 Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

BELTS OF WIRE RECENTLY REPORTED FROM
AIR PHOTOGRAPHS OF 31.7.18 & 1.8.18



REFERENCE MAP 62P S.E., SCALE 1/20000
Wire shown thus : - x x x x x x -



MESSAGE MAP No 11

Scale - 1:20,000

250 500 1000 2000 YARDS

LEGEND

BRITISH		ENEMY	
Trenches		Battery Positions	
Rifle Pits		Head Quarters	
Wire		Light Railways-Used	
M.G.'s		" " -Unused	
T.M.'s		Mortars	

(Information Corrected to 1.8.18.)

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Recd 7.5 am

To _____

1. I am at V.4.C.10.30 2. I have reached the limits of my objective.

3. My ~~Platoon~~ Company is at V.4.C.10.30 to V.4.D.10.10 4. ~~is consolidating~~ has consolidated

5. Am held up by ~~M.G.~~ Wire at _____ 6. Enemy holding S.P. _____

7. I ~~am~~ ~~am not~~ in touch with ~~Canadians~~ on ~~right~~ ~~left~~ at _____

8. Am shelled from _____ 9. Am in need of _____

10. Counter attack forming at _____ 11. Hostile ~~Bary~~ ~~M.G.~~ ~~T.M.~~ active at _____

12. Reinforcements wanted at _____

13. Estimate my present strength at _____ rifles

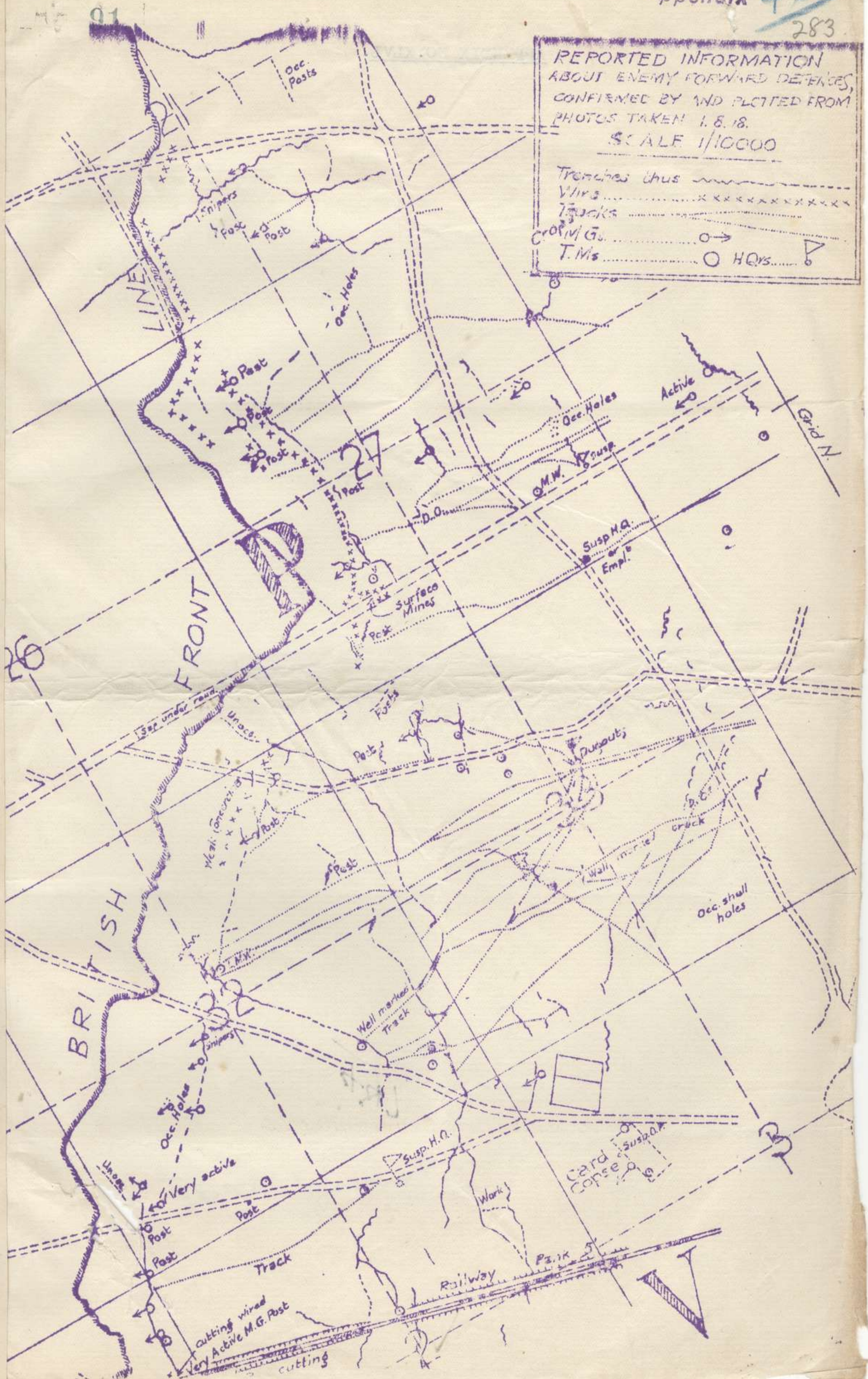
14. Add any other useful information _____

Name E.B. Macdonald Platoon D Company _____

Battalion 21st Bn Time 6.40 am m. Date 9/8/18 1918.

Canadians were held up at V.3.D.50.50
 & asked for assistance. We cleared a strong
 point there and I then went ahead to present
 position & formed defensive flank.
 Canadians have now gone ahead. 7th Bde
 on right of line on a long way ahead. Have
 about 30 men. Rest are mixed up with
 other units. E.B. Macdonald

N.B. Sullivan is on my right



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21st Battalion Headquarters,
9th August 1918.

REPORT 21st BATTALION IN OPERATION NEAR MARCHLCAVE 8th AUGUST 1918.

Ref. Map. Sheet 62D.8.E. 1/20,000.

For the purposes of this Operation the 21st Battalion (less two Companies) came under the command of the G.O.C., 7th Brigade, the orders received being to follow the right flank of the rear wave of the 26th Battalion (who were on Right of 7th Brigade Sector), and move on North side of Railway; to be responsible for liaison with the 19th Canadian Battalion, and to protect the Right Flank of the 7th Brigade. The orders issued (copies of which were forwarded to 7th Brigade Headquarters) were based on these instructions.

Under the supervision of Lieut. R. K. Hazley M.C., Jumping Off Tapes were laid on the night of 7th/8th in rear of the right flank of the rear wave of the 26th Battalion. The formation adopted was two waves - one Coy to a wave in artillery formation of line of half-platoons in file. Each Company was between sixty and seventy strong and was organised into three Platoons; "B" Company, under Lieut. E. B. Mason M.C., forming the first wave, and "A" Company, under Lieut. J. Sullivan M.C., the second wave. For the purpose of closer co-operation and better supervision Battalion Headquarters formed an extra wave in rear of "A" Company and left the J.O.T. with the Companies.

Zero Hour had been notified as 4.20 a.m. and by Zero minus seventy minutes Companies were in position on the J.O.T.

At Zero minus forty five minutes the enemy put down a barrage which included the position covered by the J.O.T. The men were at once divided into small parties and placed in convenient pot-holes and sections of trench for protection. Ten minutes before Zero Companies were re-assembled on J.O.T., but four casualties were sustained before the move forward commenced.

At Zero our barrage opened and, in a dense fog, the waves moved forward. The greatest difficulty was experienced in keeping touch owing to the impossibility of distinguishing anything more than five yards away. The enemy artillery still continued an erratic and gradually diminishing fire but great annoyance was caused by enemy machine guns firing from in front of the Canadians which enfiladed our line of advance.

Shortly after starting Bn Hqrs encountered the liaison platoon of the 19th Canadian Battalion. They had lost their way and were put on the track again.

To better enable Companies to maintain direction and keep touch they were closed to the right and moved along the railway.

On reaching the point V.2.a.7.4. it was discovered that the majority of the enemy machine-gun fire, which was harassing us from the right flank, was coming from an enemy Strong Point in ISOB TRENCH, South of the Railway Line at V.2.a.5.0. The fire of this Post was holding up the advance of the 19th Canadians. Lewis Guns were immediately brought into action and after a vigorous machine gun duel of some minutes duration the enemy guns were silenced and ten prisoners were captured when the post was taken. Receipt for these prisoners is attached. The advance was then continued.

A 19th Canadian man and some 26th Bn men who had lost their way were met with and were attached to "A" Company. A number of other hostile machine guns were still firing from the South of the Railway Line but we were successful in silencing several with Lewis Gun fire, and progress was maintained though it was slow.

In spite of strenuous efforts to keep touch half of "B" Company under two Officers became detached but reached their objective and consolidated. The remainder of "B" Company under Lieut. E. B. Mason M.C., finding the Canadians held up, crossed to the South of the Railway to ascertain the cause and discovered an enemy Strong Point in an orchard at V.3.d.35.35. At this moment a message was received from an Officer on the left of the 19th Canadians asking for assistance to clear up this strong point and a short halt was made to organise an attack on it. For this purpose a few

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stragglers from 7th Bde were attached to our party who attacked from the North side while the Canadians attacked from the West. The fight developed into a vigorous bombing duel which lasted for about five minutes, but in the end the enemy were driven from the orchard. Two of the attached men from the 7th Bde were killed in this fight, three of the 21st Bn were wounded, and the Canadians suffered some casualties.

At this moment portion of "A" Company, under Lieut. J. Sullivan M.M., arrived on the scene and proceeded to mop up a dug-out in a cellar in the orchard. From this five prisoners were captured, who are included in the seven for whom a receipt is attached.

Our party then pushed on in line with the Canadians South of Railway for about 200 Yards, when the Officer in charge of the Canadian Left stated that he could not advance further until his Right Flank came up. As these numerous minor engagements had occupied a considerable time, during which the 25th Bn in front of us was pushing steadily ahead, a gap had occurred between the Canadian Left and the 7th Bde Right. A party was therefore pushed forward to pick up touch again to protect the Right flank of the 7th Bde. They established three Posts along the Railway Line to the North of MARCELCAVE and at the same time "A" Company consolidated in the vicinity of the captured German Strong Point where Coy Hqs were established. The portion of "B" Company which had previously consolidated in the vicinity of V.2.b.8.0. on their objective were then brought forward to strengthen our present position. The Canadians then pushed ahead.

The dugout captured at V.3.d.4.4. had apparently been a Regimental Headquarters and in it files of orders and documents of all kinds were discovered. Realising the possible value of the information they might contain, a mounted orderly of an Officer, who happened to be otherwise engaged for a few minutes, was pressed into service and galloped off with a bundle of these papers to 7th Bde Hqs.

Owing to the slowness of the advance and the great difficulty of maintaining touch with Companies, a Bn Hqs was not established until nearly 6.30 a.m. when a position in a trench at P.32.d.9.1. was selected.

At this moment touch with Companies had been lost, but was soon re-established and maintained from then onwards. An inspection of the positions taken up by the Companies satisfied me that they were quite suitable for dealing with any possible counter-attack that might develop and I instructed Company Commanders to remain where they were and strengthen their posts. Shortly afterwards the 5th Division commenced passing through us and at about 11 a.m. I withdrew the Companies to a position in P.31.d. where they reverted once more to the command of G.O.C., 5th A.I. Bde.

Communication was difficult to maintain, because, although a line was run to Forward Bn Hqs the noise of the Artillery Barrage made it impossible to hear on the 'phone before 8.30 a.m. After that hour communication was fairly good. Previously it was all by Runner.

Casualties during the engagement were as under:-
Killed - 1 O.R. Wounded - 17 O.R. Wounded, remaining on duty - 2 Officers (Lts. E.B. Mason M.C. & 2/Lt. F.W. Blencowe M.M.).

Prisoners taken numbered seventeen, for whom receipts were obtained from the escorts, and numerous others who were despatched to rear and for whom no receipts could be got.

Captured material includes 4 Medium Minenwerfers, 2 Heavy Machine Guns, 6 Light Machine Guns, 5 Mauser Anti-Tank Rifles, a small Wireless Set, and numerous other miscellaneous articles.

Splendid work was done on the J.O.T. and during the advance by Lieuts. R.K. Bazley M.C. & R.H. Farndon, and the performance of Lt. E.B. Mason M.C. was beyond all praise. Recommendations for decorations for these Officers are respectfully submitted for your approval.

21st AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN.	
No.	
Date	

9th August 1918.

Acting
Major,
Commanding (Temp.) 21st Battalion A.I.F.

21st Battalion Headquarters,
9th August 1918.

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT ON THE
OPERATIONS OF 8th AUGUST 1918.-

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All preliminary preparations having been completed, the J.O.T. laid, the attacking troops were in position by Zero minus two hours.

Whilst the men were lying out on the J.O.T., the enemy put down a heavy barrage at about 2.45 a.m. This barrage consisted of 5.9., 4.2., and high velocity shells and "whizz bangs," and extended from the outpost to the support line. A number of casualties were caused by this counter preparation barrage, which continued, with but slight cessation, until Zero.

The 7th A.I. Bde on the Right, with the 5th A.I. Bde on the Left, and the 6th A.I. Bde in support formed the 2nd Aust. Divisional frontage for the assault. The Railway Line formed the flank on the Right, South of which the Canadian troops were operating, with their left flank in close touch with the 7th A.I. Bde. The 5th Aust. Divn. were in rear of the 2nd Aust. Divn., and, after the first objectives had been reached, passed through the 2nd Divn and carried on the attack. The 4th Aust. Divn. acted in a similar manner in conjunction with the 3rd Aust. Divn., who were on the left of the 2nd Aust. Divn. The 1st Aust. Divn were in Corps Reserve.

Two Companies of the 21st Bn, under Major A.R. MacNeil M.C., came under the orders of the 7th A.I. Brigade and formed a defensive flank along the Railway Line from V.2.b. central to a line between V.3. & V.4. running North and South.

An exceptionally heavy ground mist prevented any object from being visible for a distance of more than ten yards.

At 4 a.m. (Zero minus 20 minutes) the 21st Bn Hqrs under command of Major A.E. Reed D.S.O. moved forward in the rear of the 5th wave (21st Bn) who were following in rear of the 26th Bn, 7th A.I. Bde.

At 4.20 a.m. (Zero) our guns opened with a volume of fire which has seldom, if ever, been equalled by our Artillery. Owing to the flatness of the country and the low trajectory of the 18 Pdrs, firing at 1500 Yards, the shells were exceptionally low. From this time until about 6.20 a.m. no part of the attack was visible from any other part, owing to the thickness of the mist.

At Zero plus 30 minutes prisoners commenced to come in. They appeared to be of a very poor stamp, and the majority were terrified by our barrage, of which everybody speaks in the highest terms of admiration.

At Zero plus 1 Hour the 26th Bn Hqrs moved forward, and, on crossing the old German Line, traces of the effectiveness of our artillery were everywhere visible. Through the mist forms were moving - stretcher bearers at work, walking wounded, linesmen, prisoners, - but all were half-hidden by the enveloping fog which threatened for a period to make the attack only a partial success.

Forward through CARD COPSE and on to MARCELCAVE we passed, where the 5th Aust. Divn. were moving up in lines of sections in file.

Between CARD COPSE and MARCELCAVE were his first Field Guns - 77 mm. sunk level with the ground in gun-pits, well-roofed over.

Pushing on to LA BASTILLE MILL the 26th Bn established their Hqrs. The mist now commenced to disappear rapidly and a clearer conception of the situation could be gained. The 5th & 7th Bdes had reached their objectives and the 5th Divn were through them in splendid alignment, extending, and carrying on the attack. Behind them came the Cavalry. It was a wonderful sight. The last Companies of the 5th Divn were just pushing through, whilst the whole district between MARCELCAVE and VILLERS BRETONNEUX was alive with movement. Every road was crowded with cavalry, whilst Supply Tanks rumbled forward over rough country, and along the main road streams of motor transport were moving. One realised what the organisation of an Army must be to perfectly adjust the many details of this gigantic movement.

On turning to the Right and looking South East across MARCELCAVE the Canadians could be seen carrying on with the attack - line after line moving forward in splendid order. A wood in front of them suddenly spurted fire from many hidden machine guns, which swept their ranks. The men parted and moved forward in small sections, working to the flanks of the guns, and finally rushing them. The Canadians in the face of heavy opposition fought throughout with splendid courage and vigour.

And now to the North the Australians were out of sight. A few Tanks could be seen spitting fire in the distance, others could be seen coming up from the rear, whilst cavalry were moving at the gallop across the open country. Then came the Artillery - gunlimber after gunlimber - in a never-ending stream. Aeroplanes were circling overhead in swarms, whilst through the air at intervals could be heard the scream of German long range shells fired at random.

Near the 1st Objective were the German Field Guns. Our counter-battery fire had played exceptional havoc amongst them. Here lay a 5.9 with the wheel blown off, there a 4.2 with a shell hole right under the trail. Everywhere the debris of war lay scattered around. Dead and wounded men and horses, guns, shells, rifles, equipments, and all the other accessories of battle were strewn amongst the heaps of bricks and masonry that had once been houses.

A Canadian Officer ^{spoke} in the highest terms of admiration for the work done by this Unit, which was of great service to his Battalion at a critical juncture. To all troops in the attack nothing but the highest praise can be given. The manner in which they performed their difficult task of keeping direction and touch, and pushing forward in the face of all obstacles - surmounting each in turn - during those first few hours when the heavy mist rendered their task so hard, speaks for itself.

Within a few hours of the commencement of the advance, looking back along the MARCELCAVE - VILLERS BRETONNEUX Road, streams of transport of all descriptions could be seen following up in the rear of a victorious and advancing army.

This was the first occasion on which all the Australian Divisions have been engaged together on the same day in the same battle. It was one of the biggest operations they have ever been called upon to perform, and the success which attended their efforts from the start only tends to add lustre to the already high record of the A.I.F.

After all the hardships of three years of war, to take part in such a successful operation, to see the cavalry streaming through, and to know that we actually had the enemy on the run, were fitting compensation for the many discomforts we have been called upon to endure.

9th August 1918.

(Signed.) A. PECK, Lieutenant,
21st Battalion A.I.F.

(Liaison Officer with)
(26th Bn A.I.F. 8.8.18.).

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

21st Battalion Headquarters,
9th August 1918.The G.O.C.,
6th A.I. Brigade.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring before your notice the under-mentioned Officers for good and gallant service during the operations on 8th August 1918 against MARCELCAVE.

Lt.R.K.Bazley M.C.
Lt.R.H.Farndon.
Lt.E.B.Mason M.C.

Major,
Commanding (Temp.) 21st Bn., A.I.F.

H/7.

6th Aust. Infantry

2nd Australian

AUSTRALIAN

21st
Battalion,
A.I.F.

- Lieutenant Robert Kenneth BAZLEY M.C. On the 8th August 1918 during the operations against MARCELCAVE the enemy put down an artillery barrage on the Jumping-Off Tape.
(Awarded M.C. A.I.F. When the time came to assemble on the J.O.T. this List 264.27.11.17. Officer skilfully led his men by a covered route Awarded Bar to M.C. to a point near the J.O.T. and then overland through A.C.H.O. 169. No. 31. the barrage to the Tape.
18.6.18.). He then walked continually up and down the taps, talking to and encouraging the men, though enemy machine-gun fire was very severe in addition to the artillery.
His example of coolness and disregard of danger was of inestimable value in keeping the men in position until the advance commenced, after which he showed an extraordinarily good knowledge of direction and successfully guided the wave through the fog.
As a result of his splendid example of coolness and his skilful guidance, not a man went astray during the entire advance to the objective.

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Bar to
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21st
Battalion,
A.I.F.

-- Lieutenant Reginald
Howard FARNDON.

"On the 8th August 1918 during the operations
against MARCELCAVE the enemy put down a barrage
on the J.O.T.

While moving a party of troops into position, the
trench was found blocked by a party from another
Battalion, who were without an Officer, and had
come back from the J.O.T. for shelter. They had very
little idea of where they were or where the J.O.T.
was, and, as the time for the commencement of the
barrage was getting close, it was imperative that
they should move forward.

Regardless of the enemy barrage and severe machine
gun fire, this Officer jumped on to the parapet,
organised the party and led them forward through
the barrage to their own tape.

He then returned, took charge of a party from his
own Battalion, and led them also under similar
conditions to their positions on the J.O.T.
Machine-gun fire was very hot at this time, but
heedless of it and the barrage, he walked up and
down the tape several times and personally saw
that every man was in position. After the advance
commenced he showed the same splendid disregard
of personal danger, going continually between the
various parties (who were in artillery formation)
assisting them to keep direction, in the dense fog,
and to maintain touch with each other.

The effect of his absolutely fearless behaviour
and his constant care for his men at the risk of
his own life made a most powerful impression on
all ranks and was a splendid stimulant under
trying conditions."

M.C.

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2nd Australian

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Battalion,
A.I.F.

-- Lieutenant Ernest
Bointon MASON M.C.

(Awarded M.C. A.C.R.)
(O.210.No.40.)
(31.7.18.).

"On the 8th August 1918 during the operations against MARCELCAVE this Officer was in command of a Company. The advance from the J.O.T. commenced under enemy artillery fire and through a dense fog. Lieut. Mason showed great skill in the handling of his men under these conditions. At one stage in the advance it was found that a Strong Point in an orchard was holding up the advance of other troops on our right. They appealed to him for assistance and, after hurriedly organising a party, he skillfully organised an attack from two sides. He personally led one party and a fierce bombing engagement ensued lasting for five minutes. Two of his party were killed and three wounded, and the other party also sustained casualties. Eventually the enemy were driven out and a dugout in the orchard was mopped up and five prisoners taken. Shortly afterwards Lt. Mason sat down for a moment alone to look at his map. A party of six Germans rushed at him and threw a bomb which wounded him in his face and arm. Calling to a few men who were near by, he led a rush against the party who fled precipitately, leaving two prisoners in our hands. Lieut. Mason then led a party into the Village and secured the flank of the troops on our right sufficiently to enable them to continue their advance. His dash and fine leadership, were of inestimable value in a difficult situation."

Bar to
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Date Recommendation passed forward.

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6th Aust. Infantry Brigade. 2nd Australian Division. AUSTRALIAN Corps.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	21st Battalion., A.I.F.	863	Lance Corporal Frank Ernest HAYDEN.	"On the 8th August 1918 East of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX this N.C.O. was in charge of a Section. Whilst on the J.O.T. the enemy put down a barrage, causing casualties to the Section and getting the men rattled. B/Cpl HAYDEN quickly rallied them again by his own cheerfulness and got them away when the attack moved forward. On two occasions during the attack he rushed enemy posts, at the head of his Section, capturing the garrisons. Throughout the operation he displayed remarkable coolness and disregard of personal danger."		M.M.	
	21st Battalion., A.I.F.	5406	Lance Corporal Ernest George SAVIGE.	"In the attack East of VILLERS BRETONNEUX on the 8th August 1918 this N.C.O. was in charge of a Lewis Gun Team. During the barrage put down by the enemy whilst on the J.O.T. he kept his team well under control. Later on the attackers on our Right were held up by a machine gun nest. This N.C.O. immediately engaged them with his gun in so skilful a manner that the post was able to be rushed. The attack then continued. He next handed his gun to another man, rushed into the post, and turned one of the enemy guns on to the retreating Huns, thus inflicting severe casualties."		M.M.	

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
10th August, 1918.

21st Bn.
22nd "
23rd "
24th "
O.C. Party.
O.C., Nucleus

1. His Majesty the King will visit the Australian Corps Hdqrs., BERTANGLES CHATEAU at 2 p.m. on 12th August.

2. Each Division will be represented by 3 Offrs. and 100 O.R's, the proportion of this Brigade being 1 Offr. and 15 O.R's made up as follows:-

21st Bn.	... 1 Off.	6 O.R's
Other Bns.	... 3 O.R's each.	

3. This party will move out to Nucleus Camp tonight and get their packs from the Battalion dumps.

4. 21st Bn. Officer will be in charge and will report with the party at VECQUEMONT CHURCH at 11 a.m. on 11th inst. reporting to Capt. A.V. GALLASCH, 27th Bn. DRESS Full marching order with unexpended portion of days rations.
Blankets will not be carried.

5. In addition O.C. Nucleus will detail Lieut. MARTIN, 24th Bn. to act as Adjutant to a Senior Major of the 1st Aust. Divn. who will be in charge of the whole Corps party.

Lieut. MARTIN will report to the Area Commandants Office POULAINVILLE at 10 a.m. on 11th inst. to make all billeting arrangements and will be in COISY ready to meet the troops at 4 p.m.

6. Further O.C. Nucleus will detail 1 Cook and Cooking utensils for 50 men to accompany the party.

R. Brown
Captain,
Staff Captain 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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TO All Coys. & H.Q.

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Personnel for King's Review will report to Lt. Mason at H.Q. H.Q. at 6-30 p.m. ready to move back to H.Q. - 24 Rations to be carried.

From	5-50 p.m.	Signature of Addressor or person authorized to telegraph in his name.
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TO 21st BN. 10/8/18

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There is a review by the KING close at hand. Please detail 1 officer (Capt or Lieut) and five opangs to the recent operation to represent your BN. aaa Parky to report to the nucleus BN. nominal roll to accompany them and a copy to the Bide H.Q. 48 his rations. Parky will move to nucleus on receipt of order from Bide.

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C. A. B.
The following is a list of the names of the persons who were killed in the war, and who were buried in the cemetery at the time of the war.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Ref. Maps. AMIENS Sheet 17.Headquarters,
10th August, 1918.

Operations. The operations carried out by the Australians, Canadians, French and British on 8th August and succeeding operations on 9th and 10th instant have advanced our line on a front of 30 miles to a depth of 13½ miles at the deepest point.

Approximate line now runs from north to south :

E. of DERNANCOURT - E. of MORLANCOURT - BRAY-COTBIE Road - W. of BRAY - ETINHEM - MERICOURT - W. of PROYART - W. of RAINECOURT - FRAMMERVILLE - E. of VAUVILLERS, Western outskirts of LIHONS - CHILLY - FOUQUESCOURT - LA CHAVETTE - W. of FESNOY - W. of DAMERY - LA CAMBUSE Cross Roads - ANDECHY - GUERBIGNY - LABOISSIERE - FESCAMPS - BOULOGNE-la-Grasse - CONCHY les Pote - MORTEMER - RESSONS-sur-MATZ - ELINCOURT.

Captures. Captures by 2nd Aust. Div. on 8th Aug. were :-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.r.</u>
Unwounded	37	1463
Wounded	7	95
Total	44	1558

Captures by 2nd Aust. Div. on 9th inst. were : -

Unwounded.	9.	296.
Approx. estimate of Wounded.	1.	40.
Total.	10.	336.
GRAND TOTAL.	54. Off.	1894. O.Rs.

Army reports total capture of prisoners to 6 p.m. 10th inst as -
19,000.

Material.

Captured by 2nd Aust. Div. on 8th inst -

77 mm guns.	-	27.
10.5 cm Hows.-	-	7.
15 cm Hows.	-	8.
		42.
T.Ms.	-	26.
M.Gs.	-	102.

Accurate estimates of material captured on 9th inst. are not yet to hand.

In addition large quantities of artillery ammunition, S.A.A., equipment, stores, and documents, have fallen into our hands.

Enemy Divisions.

The following divisions have been engaged opposite the Corps front, and have suffered heavily during the operations -

41st Div.	13th Div.	108th Div.	} 7 Divs.
43rd Res. Div.	117th Div.	109th Div. 198th Div.	

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The Corps on our right has identified the following Divs. -

14th Bav.Div. 225th Div. 192nd Div. -- 3 Divs.
in addition to the 117th and 109th Divs. already mentioned.

The Corps on our left have, in addition to those Divs. already mentioned, identified the following -

have Res.
27th Div. 54th/Div. 233rd Div. --- 3 Divs.

In addition to these Divs. the 5th Bav. Div., 82nd Res.Div., 119th Div., and 1st Res.Div. have been identified on the Army front making a total of 17 Divs. identified on the Army front up to the 10th inst.

Reserves. - Reported by prisoners -

14th Div. (improbable). 19th Div. (possible)
87th Div. (do)
21st Div. (do)

It is probable that a fresh division from the neighbourhood of LE TRANSLOY, and another from the direction of NESLE or ROYE, will appear on the Army front on the 10th or 11th inst.

Two Coys. of the 18th I.R., 41st Div. and 227 R.I.R., and 252 R.I.R. of the 107th Div. were identified on the Div. front during our operations on the 9th inst. The last 2 Coys. of the 18th I.R. retreated from WARFUSEE on the 8th inst. and took up a line along the PROYART Road. The 107th Div., which was near PERONNE in rest, was rushed up in motor lorries on the 8th and 9th insts. to hold the line. There appeared to be considerable confusion behind the enemy lines on the 8th and 9th insts. Prisoners were told nothing about our attack and were merely sent up and told to take up certain defensive positions.

Movement and Organisation behind enemy lines.

There has been very considerable motor lorry traffic on the ESTREES-VILLERS-CARBONNEL Road during the day, also on the BRAY-HERBECOURT Road. Numerous fires have been started in villages and dumps behind the enemy lines. F UCAUCOURT AERODROME was in flames at 7 a.m. Fires were burning during the day at OMIECOURT. BRIE Bridge is still passable, CAPPY and PERONNE Bridges are still intact

M. S. Dering
for Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
Second Australian Division.

SECRETCOPY NO. 1SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 171

Ref. Map HARBONNIERES 1/40,000

10th August, 1918.

1. The 3rd and 4th Aust. Divns. are carrying the line R.28.c.5.4. CHUIGNOLLES L.33.c.0.7. tonight.
The attack commences at 9.30 p.m.
2. The 5th & 7th A.I.Bdes. are going forward to approximately the line X.11.c.0.0., R.33.c.0.0., R.28.c.5.4. later in the night.
This attack will be supported by an Artillery barrage.
3. (a) The 23rd Bn. will from 5 a.m. 11th Aug. be under the tactical command of the G.O.C. 7th A.I.Bde. and will be in position approx. on the line of the grid between X.7. and X.8. by that hour.
(b) Bn. Hdqrs. will be established at X.13.b.9.9.
(c) The Bde. Sig. Offr. will connect this Hdqrs. with the 7th Bde. forward exchange by 4 a.m. and will maintain this line.
4. The 24th Bn. will from 5 a.m. 11th August be under the tactical command of the G.O.C. 5th A.I.Bde.
By this hour the 24th Bn. will be in position in the old French line within the 5th Bde. Boundaries with Hdqrs. at W.6.a.3.3.
5. The 6th A.I.Bde. will probably take over the line from the 5th and 7th Bdes on the night 11th/12th August.
6. Liaison Officer with the 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes.--
Capt. F. SALE, M.C. 21st Bn.

A c k n o w l e d g e .-

Issued to Signals at.....

Distribution.-

1. 21st Bn.
2. 22nd "
3. 23rd "
4. 24th "
5. 6th T.M.Bty.
7. 5th A.M.G.Coy.
8. 7th Field Coy.
9. Capt. NEWING.
10. Bde. Snipers
11. 5th A.I.Bde.
12. 7th A.I.Bde.
13. 2nd Aust. Divn.
14. G.O.C.
15. Bde. Major
16. Staff Capt.
17. Bde. T.O.
18. Bde. Sig. Offr.
19. File
20. War Diary
21. " "
22. - 25. Spares

W. F. N. Bridges
Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

All Bde Group units

Warning Order.

The 6th AIDe is to relieve the 5th AIDe tomorrow - All Bns will probably be in the line with 2 Coys in front line & 2 Coys in support. Further detail will follow.

9/11/18

Medunich Capt
Cyphus AIDe

#9521

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306.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions		This message is on a/c of:		Recd. at.....m.
Sent	Service.		Date.....
At		To		From
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")		By
TO {		Bde Group		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA	
1757	10			
It is not yet certain that 6th Bde will go into the line tonight				
6th AIDe				
From	Place	Time		
1P				
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Bde Group 798

8th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

2051 h

The 6th A1 Bde will not take over the front from the 5th + 7th Bdes. tonight

108/18.

W. F. N. Smith

Pm 6 A1 Bde Major

At m.
To
By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")
From
By

TO all Cops

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
* A 11 10

Advance Parties will not be required tonight

6/12/18
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Appendix

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URGENT		Service.		Date.
At		APPENDIX No. IIII.		From
To		(Signature of "Franking Officer")		By
all units of Bde Group				
TO				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
BM 25	11			
<p>Warning order AAA The</p> <p>Cops will continue to advance</p> <p>to the SOMME AAA The 6th Bde</p> <p>will advance on the Duv front</p> <p>AAA 2nd Bn will move</p> <p>immediately to French line</p> <p>W 12 and 2nd Bn E</p> <p>French line W 6 AAA</p> <p>5th MC Coy to move with 2nd Bn</p> <p>7th Field Coy with 2nd Bn AAA</p> <p>Bde Hqs moving at 10.40 AM</p> <p>TO PIGEON HOUSE HARBORNIERES</p> <p>AAA CO's all units report</p> <p>GOC There at 11.15 AM</p> <p>AAA addressed all units of</p> <p>Bde group reported 2nd and 3rd Bn</p>				
From	6 th AT Bde			
Place				
Time				
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Appendix 53. 307

A		To		By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By	
TO		All Coys & H.Q.							
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		A A A			
* H 15		11							
Order of March H.Q. B D A C									
Coys - Platoons at 50									
yds distance - Starting									
Point Bn H.Q. - Coys									
will move on signal									
from C.O.									
From		10-115 am				J. M. A. B.			
Plac						J. M. A. B.			
Time						J. M. A. B.			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z)					
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More Table to Accompany CA 1 Bde 0172				In Relief of
Unit	Move to	In Relief of	new HQ	
23 rd Bn	Line Regt	26 Bn + part of 28 th Bn	X 15 B 96	HQ 26 Bn
22 nd Bn	Line Centre	Part of 28 th Bn + part of 19 th Bn	X 3 A 51	19 th Bn HQ
24 th Bn	Line Left	Part of 19 th Bn 20 th Bn	X 3 A 51	19 th Bn HQ
21 st Bn	Support Position	—	X 8 B 88	21 st Bn HQ

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COPY NO. 1

SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 172

Ref. Map Sheet 62.D. S.E. 1/20,000

11th August, 1918.

1. The 6th A.I.Bde. will take over the Divisional Front from the 5th & 7th A.I.Bdes. tonight - The relief will be carried out in accordance with the attached table.
2. The Inter-Battalion Boundaries on completion of relief will be.-
Between 23rd & 22nd Bns. .. Road from X.5.b.7.0. to X.10.a.1.7.
" 22nd & 24th " .. Grid line between R. and X Squares.
3. 6th A.L.T.M.Bty. will relieve the 7th A.L.T.M.Bty. and in addition emplace two guns in forward positions in the left Bn. sector. The positions are to be selected by O.C., 6th A.L.T.M.Bty. in consultation with C.O., 24th Bn.
4. The 21st Bn. will relieve the 18th Bn. with one Coy. The remaining three Coys. will be disposed in X.8.a. and X.1.d.
5. Details of the relief will be arranged mutually between C.O's.
6. S.O.S. Signals and other trench stores will be taken over from outgoing units.
7. Disposition Reports are to reach Bde. Hdqrs. by noon on 12th inst.

Acknowledge.-

Issued to Signals at 7.30 p.m.

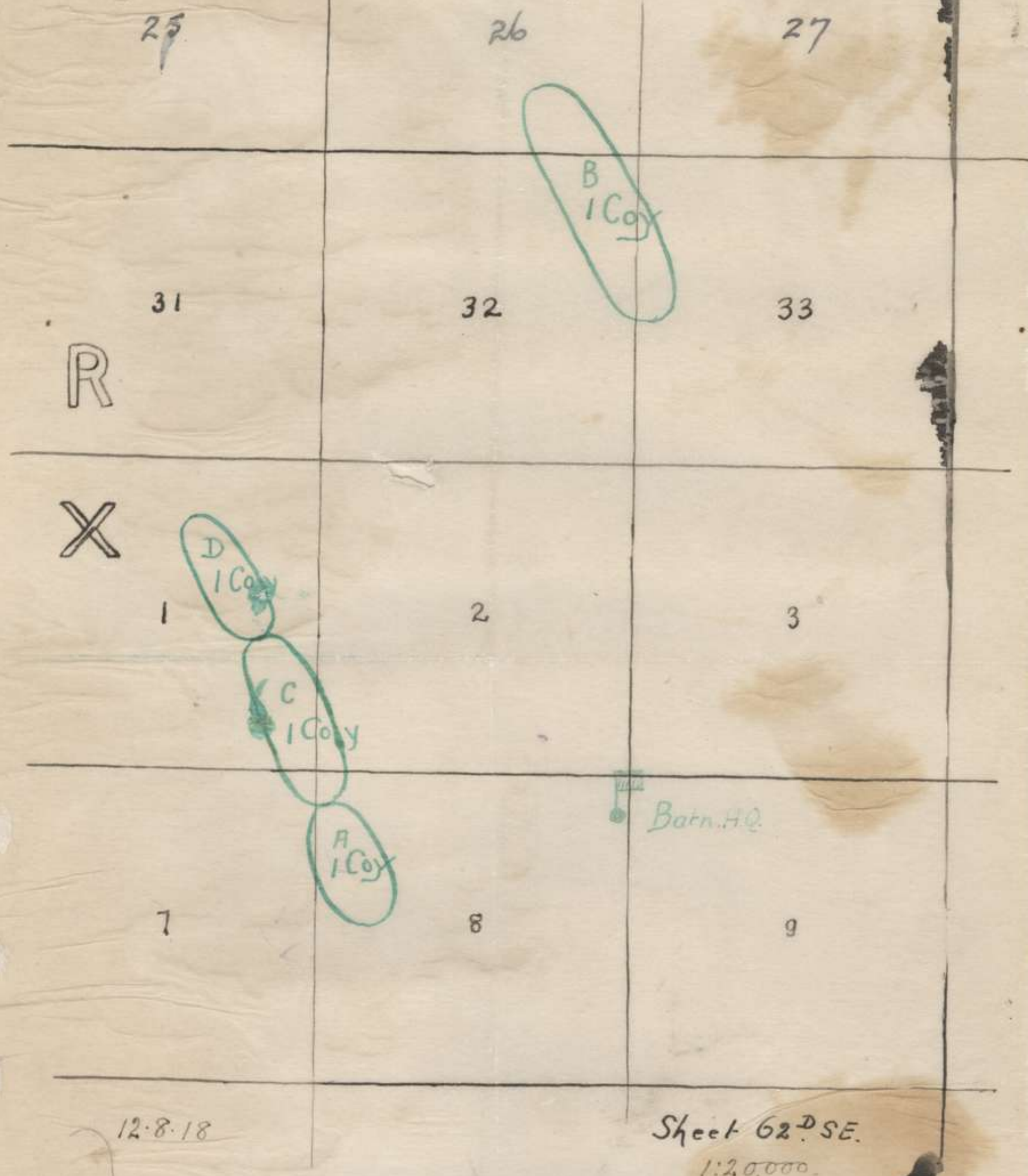
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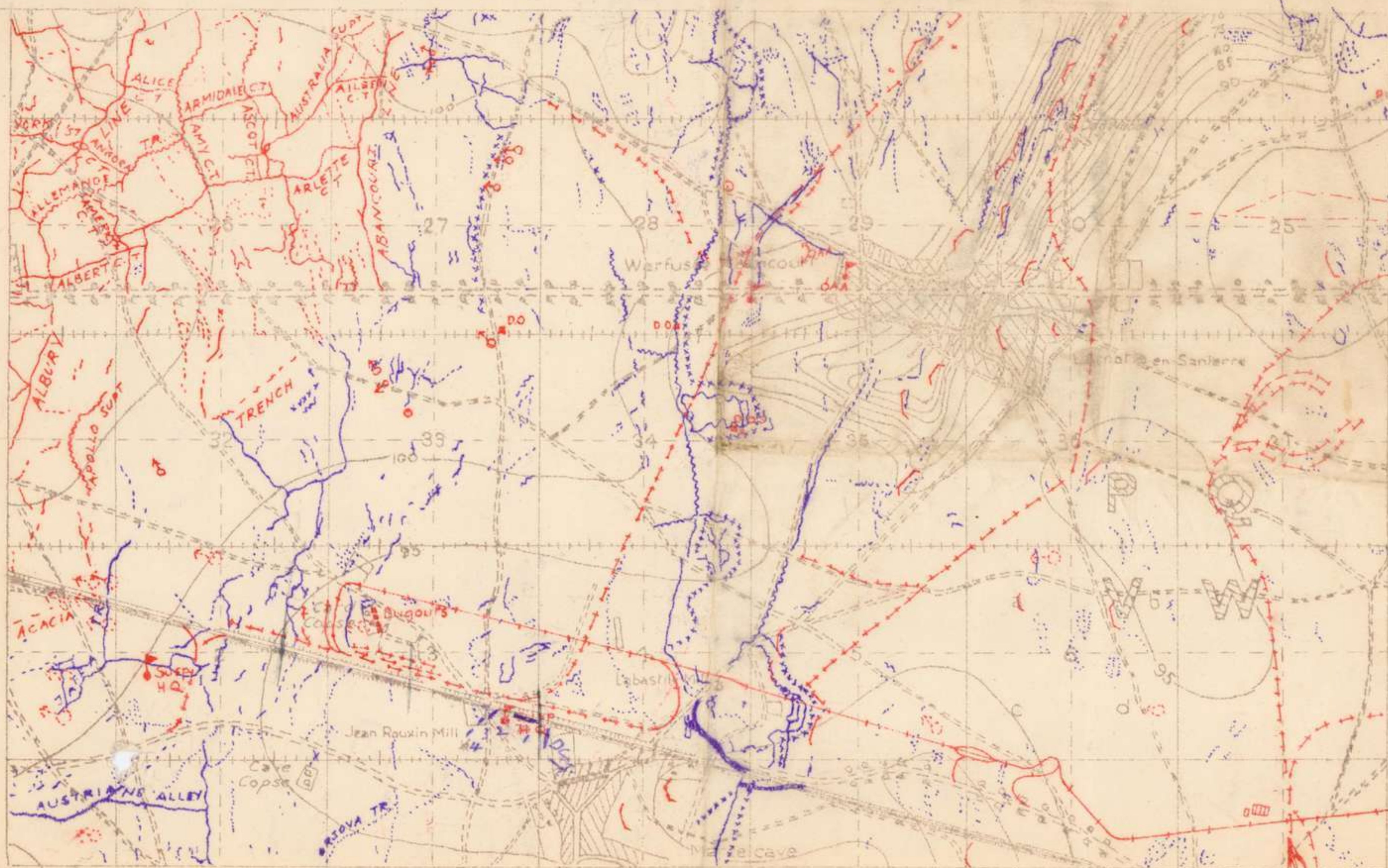
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6. "
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8. 7th Fld. Coy. A.E.
9. Fld. Amb.
10. M.G.Group
11. 2nd Aust. Divn.
12. 2nd Aust. M.G.Bn.
13. Right Group Arty.
14. Left " "
15. 10th A.I.Bde.
16. 3rd A.I.Bde.
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W. F. N. Bridges
Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

APPENDIX No. LV.

21st Bn Dispositions











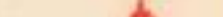
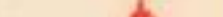


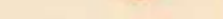
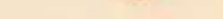






MESSAGE MAP N° 11

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LEGEND

	BRITISH	ENEMY		BRITISH	ENEMY
Trenches			Battery Positions		
Rifle Pits			Head Quarters		
Wire			Light Railways - Used		
M.G's			" " - Unused		
T.M's			Hutments		

(Information Corrected to 1.8.18)

P.T.O.

APPENDIX

To 300

1. I am at my objective 2. I have reached the limits of my objective

3. My ^(Platoon) ~~Company~~ is at V 3 d in 4 posts 4. ^(is consolidating) ~~has consolidated~~

5. Am held up by ^(M.G.) ~~Wire~~ at _____ 6. Enemy holding S.P. _____

7. I ^(am) ~~am not~~ in touch with 19th Candus on (right) at who have passed on

8. Am shelled from to Marcel cave 9. Am in need of _____

10. Counter attack forming at _____ 11. Hostile ^(Bary) ~~M.G.~~ active at _____

12. Reinforcement's wanted at _____

13. Estimate my present strength at about 30 rifles

14. Add any other useful information see attached memo.

Name Bullman Platoon A Company 213rd Bn

Battalion _____ Time 6:30 A.M. Date 7/8/18 1918

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 196.

From 6.0 p.m., 11th, to 6.0 p.m., 12th August, 1918.NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery. Every opportunity was taken of engaging movement and 18-pdrs. inflicted a number of casualties on parties in the enemy forward areas. Observed shoots were carried out by 4.5" Hows. and 18-pdrs. on hostile M.Gs. and two are reported destroyed. German observers were fired on and chased from their posts. Enemy trenches and areas were harassed during the night.
- (b) Aerial Activity. Our 'planes continued to be extremely active, reconnaissance, contact and bombing 'planes operating throughout the period.
- (c) Patrols. Liaison patrols kept touch with flank brigades.
- (d) Captures. Prisoners, 3 O.Rs. Material, one motor ambulance, now in use by us.

IDENTIFICATIONS. 227 R.I.R., (Bn. H.Q., 2nd Bn. and 3rd Coy.).
52 R.I.R., 7th Coy.

3. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS. No new formations have been identified opposite the divisional front during the period. Owing to the disorganisation of German units, it is impossible to obtain information as to dispositions. Units appear to be considerably mixed up within Regts. and Divisions.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Active, particularly on area in X.10., where several hundred rounds of 77 mm. and 10.5 cm. fell between 2.45 a.m. and 4 a.m. Some sneezing gas shells fell in X.15.b. at 4.30 a.m. VAUVILLERS, FRAMEVILLE and RAINECOURT were heavily shelled at intervals. BAYONVILLERS, HARBONNIERES and WARFUSEE - LAMOTTE received some attention from heavy calibre guns. VILLERS BRETONNEUX received a few rounds from an H.V. gun.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. A general stiffening in his defence is apparent, and more artillery has come into action. No further counter attacks are reported on the Corps front.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) Machine Guns. Active between 10pm. and 1am. over X.16. from the direction of X.18., and on the centre battalion front from the direction of PROYART. No M.G's. were definitely located.
- (b) Flares. Normal. They appear to come from not less than 500 yards from our line of outposts.

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Extremely active during the night, bombing forward and rear areas. E.A. patrolled our line at 4am., 6.30am. and 7.30 a.m.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES. There was considerable horse transport during the morning in M.25. and M.28. going to the gully behind CHUIGNOLLES; otherwise there has been little abnormal movement during the day. The CAPPY - CHUIGNOLLES - FOUCAUCOURT - CHAULNES area was kept under air observation during the afternoon, but there was no signs of concentration.

[Signature]
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES. ... P.T.O.

SITUATION AUGUST 11TH AND NIGHT 11TH/12TH INSTANT. As the result of our operations north of the SOMME, ETINEHEM was captured, and ground gained towards BRAY, which village we command from the high ground immediately west of it. The enemy, strengthened by the arrival of the 26th Res. Div. made a counter-attack west of BRAY which was repulsed. The enemy attempted no further action last night.

North of DERNANCOURT, our patrols have been active, and encounters with the enemy took place. No enemy were seen in MEAULTE. South of the SOMME, RAINECOURT was captured, and the situation at LIHONS cleared up. In the latter area, fighting was very heavy, the 5th Bav. Division being strengthened by the newly arrived 38th Division.

At HALLU, strong counter-attacks were made, probably by the 119th Div. our troops being forced to evacuate the village.

PRISONERS. The number of prisoners captured by the Fourth Army since the 8th instant, who have passed through Cages or C.C.S. now amounts to 19,953, of which 490 are officers.

DIVISIONS IDENTIFIED AND POSSIBLE RESERVES.

(a) The following divisions from reserve have so far been identified since the beginning of operations:-

1st day, 8th inst. - Nil.
2nd Day, 9th inst. - 119th Res. Div., 243rd Div., 107th Div.
 *1st Res. Div., 233rd Div. (milked).
3rd Day, 10th inst. - 5th Bav. Div., 79th Res. Div.,
 *221st Div.
4th Day, 11th inst. - *82nd Res. Div.
 26th Res. Div., 38th Div.,
 *204th Div.
5th day, 12th inst. - 121st Div.

*Also engaged by the French.

Total of 24 divisions identified by the Army since the 8th instant, of which 7 have also been engaged by the French.

The total number of divisions engaged by the Army and the 1st and 3rd French Armies, since the commencement of operations, is 33.

(b) Most probable reinforcements are as under:-

185th Div. - North of SOMME.

19th Div. }
84th Div. } - South of SOMME.
223rd Div. }

Jager Div. }
6th Bav. Div. } - Either front.
208th Div. }

In addition, Prince RUPPRECHT has 9 fresh divisions available for the battle front.

BOMBING RAIDS AND DESTRUCTION OF GOTHAS.

(a) Ours.

(i) By day. - 54 112-lb. and 459 25lb. bombs were dropped on various targets including PERONNE station. Bursts were seen on the station, sidings and village.

(ii) By night. - 5 112-lb. and 174 25-lb. bombs were dropped on various targets, including transport on the HAM - NESLE road on which a direct hit was claimed.

(b) Enemy.

During the night 10th/11th Aug. a giant "Gotha" over the north of the Army area was engaged by A.A. fire, and later by our 'planes. It was seen to crash 500 yards south of TALMAS, 7 bodies being found near the debris.

ENEMY REAR ORGANISATIONS

- 3 -

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES (Continued).ENEMY REAR ORGANISATIONS.

Bridges and Railways. Photographs of 11th show both the road and railway bridges at PERONNE still intact. Rolling stock for 5 trains is shown in PERONNE station at 8 a.m. on 11th. Rolling stock for about a dozen trains is shown in PERONNE and PERONNE Sud stations at 8 a.m. on 9th and 7 trains at 6 p.m. on 10th August. (I.S. No. 237).

INFORMATION REGARDING THE 34TH INF. BATTERY.

It is now established that the personnel are drawn from artillerymen. The strength of the battery is 133 or 134 all ranks, including 5 officers. There are 4 horse-drawn Austrian 75 mm. guns (pattern Gotha Gebirges Kanone 15) which have an extreme range of 6,500 yards with a fourth charge, but normally fire between 700 and 1,500 yards with 3 charges. Only H.E. and shrapnel are fired, no armour piercing ammunition, though tanks are engaged. The chief tactical use of these guns is to destroy machine guns in the enemy's front line, and to engage tanks. Open sights are used. The battery is only put into the line in offensive or defensive operations; during ordinary trench warfare it is withdrawn to the back areas for training. Previous to coming into line the battery underwent 14 days' training in the LILLE area. It entrained at LILLE last Thursday and arrived at PERONNE the same night, arriving in the line at 3 p.m. Friday afternoon. The whole battery came down, but the whereabouts of the other guns is unknown. The men were all trained in the school at ROISIN between 25th May and 9th July. (I.S. No. 237).

ANTI-TANK MINES.

A captured document, issued by the XI Corps and dated 31:7:18, makes mention of accidents having occurred with anti-tank mines (Tankminen) when carrying out practices with them.

The document gives no details of the construction of these mines. Specimens are required for examination. (I.S. No. 237).

SITUATION WIRE.

Following from 3rd Aust. Division, timed 6.5 p.m., 12:8:18:-

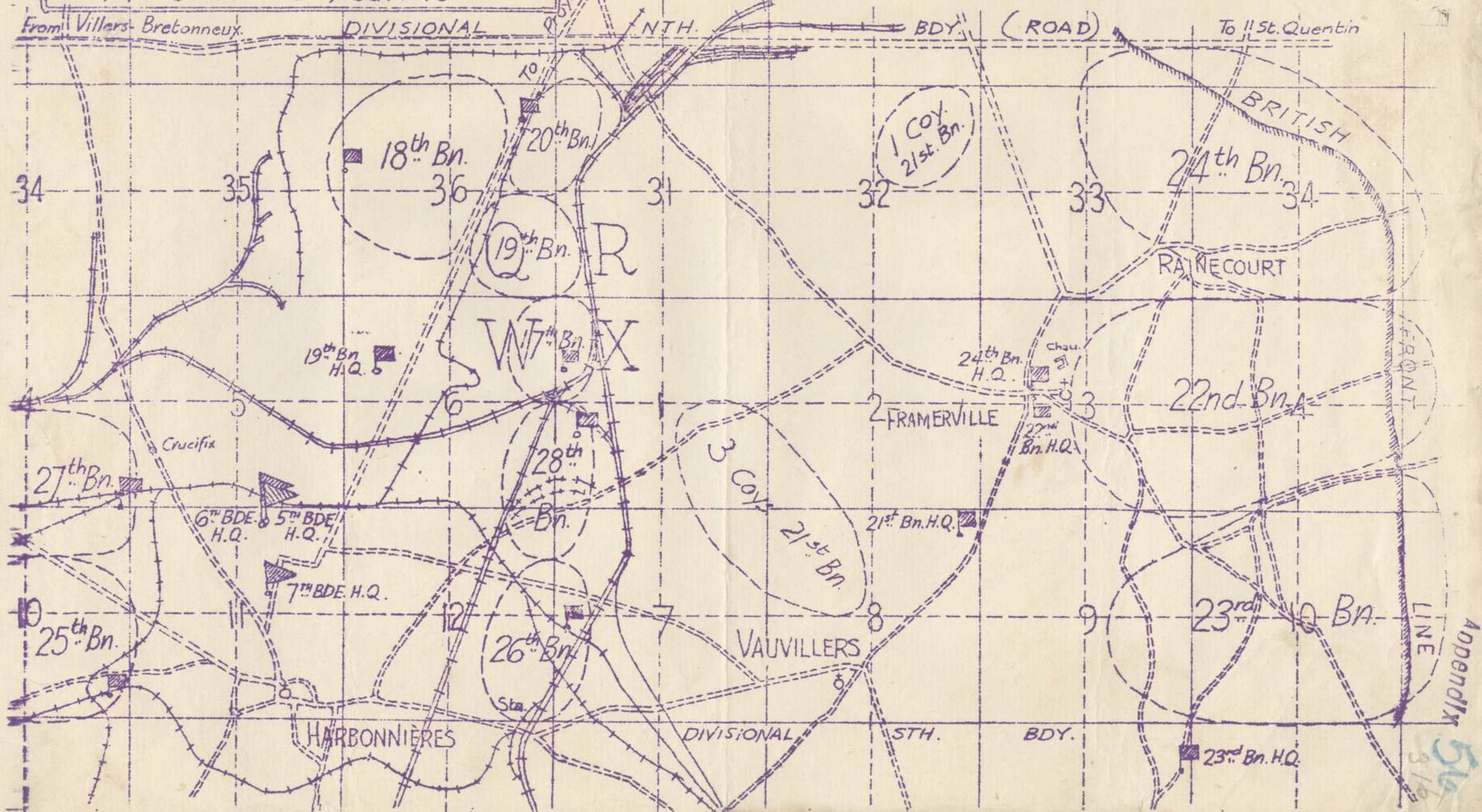
Our line now runs AVENUE CROSS - R.28.a.3.2. - R.21.d.4.2. - then along BOCHE Trenches to junction of railway and road in R.21.a., then along L.15.d. up to 15.central, 9.central. North of 9.central obscure but believe hold trench to R.3.c.0.0. Captures about 300 prisoners and some machine guns.

DISPOSITION OF BATTALIONS AT 8.A.M. 13th AUG. 1918

Ref. Sheet 62d.S.E.
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APPENDIX No. LVII. 13/8/18

DEFENCE POLICY.

- (1) Line Bns. will hold the line of most forward post as their line of resistance.
- (2) Each BN is keeping 1 Coy in reserve.
- (3) B. Coy. 21st BN occupies supporting positions on the extreme left flank of the BDE. Its duties include the protection of this flank.
In case of enemy attack this Coy Cmr. will act on his own initiative either counter-attacking or forming a defensive flank according to the demands of the situation.
- (4) The 21st BN (less 1 Coy) at present in support is the BDE RESERVE and will be prepared to reinforce or counter-attack on any part of the Bde front.

- (5) All Officers and as many NCOs as possible will make reconnoissances of Line BN H.Q. and approaches thereto as soon as possible.

1 Officer and 2 NCOs per coy at a time.

- (6) Dispositions of Line Battns are:-

LINE RIGHT	23 rd BN. HQ. X15696
" CENTRE	22 nd BN HQ X4445
" LEFT	24 th BN HQ X4446

Issued to

All Coy
6th A Bde
File
War diary
H.Q.

W. H. H.
Lt + Adj
21st BN

Appendix

57 517.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

211/17.

Headquarters,
August 12th 1918.

6th A.I. Brigade.

The Brigade Commander desires to say how well the 21st Battalion carried out their job and more as Right flank liaison with the Canadians on the morning of August 8th.

Their initiative in appreciating the situation, and prompt action, helped the Canadians considerably in their advance, as well as protecting our Right Flank.

Will you please forward to Major REED a copy of this letter.

(Sgd.) Geo. F. Murphy, Lieut.-Colonel,
Temp. Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

21st Bn.

Please hand to Major REED.

(Sgd.) A. G. Brown, Captain,
Staff Captain, 6th A.I. Brigade.

319.

12.8.18.

SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 172

Ref. Map Sheet 62.D. S.E. 1/40,000

13th Aug., 1918

1. The Bde. Boundaries are to be altered to-night 13th/14th inst. as follows.-
 Southern Boundary E. & W. Grid line through X.18.a.0.0.
 Northern " E. & W. " " " R.35.a.0.0.
2. The Inter-Bn. Boundary will be altered at the same time as under.-
 (a) Between 23rd & 22nd Bns. E. & W. line through X.11.b.1.e.
 (b) Between 22nd & 24th " E. & W. line through X.4.central.
3. (a) That portion of the line between old and new Bde. Southern Boundaries will be taken over under mutual arrangements between C.O., 23rd Bn. and Left Bn. of 3rd A.I.Bde.
 (b) That portion of the line between old and new Bde. Northern Boundaries will be handed over under mutual arrangements between C.O., 24th Bn. and Right Bn. of 50th English Bde.
 (c) Other adjustments of Inter-Bn. boundaries will be made under mutual arrangements between C.O.'s of 23rd, 22nd, and 24th Bns.
4. The Coy. of the 21st Bn. at present in R.32.a. will be withdrawn and will rejoin its Battalion in Support.
5. No change will be made in Hdqrs.
6. C.O., 6th A.L.T.M.Bty. will arrange to take over any guns of the 3rd A.L.T.M.Bty. in the area between new and old Southern Bde. Boundary.
7. All marked maps, local intelligence, trench stores etc. will be taken over on relief.
8. Completion of relief will be wired to Bde. Hdqrs. in code.

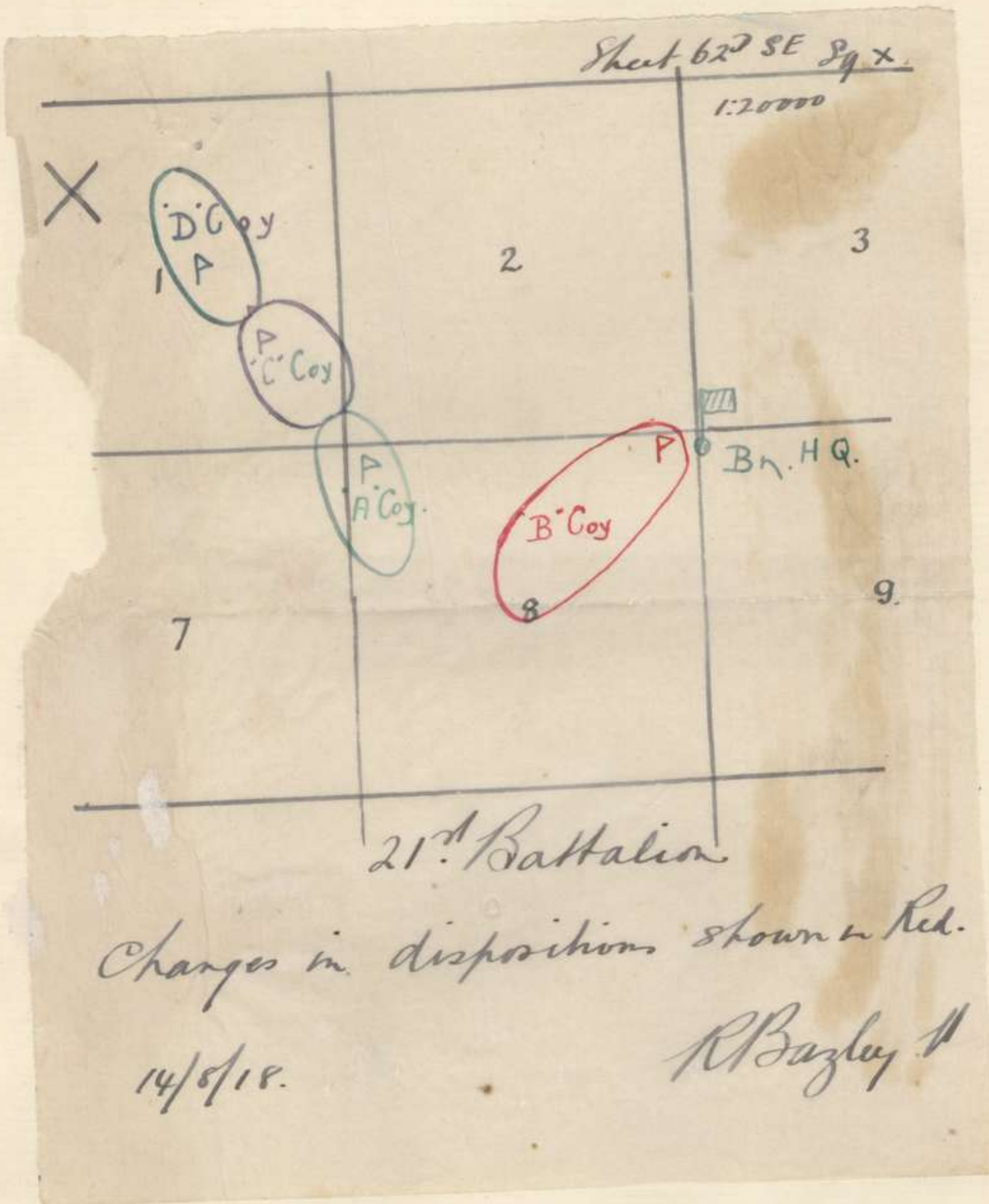
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Issued to Signals at...2:30 p.m.

Distribution.-

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4. 24th "
5. 6th T.M.Bty.
6. 7th Fld. Coy. A.E.
7. 5th A.I.Bde.
8. 7th A.I.Bde.
9. 50th Eng. Bde.
10. 3rd A.I.Bde.
11. 2nd Aust. Divn.
12. M.G.Group
13. Right Group Arty.
14. Left " "
15. 2nd M.G.Bn.
16. 8th Tank Bn.
17. G.O.C.
18. Bde. Major
19. Staff Capt.
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21. " "
22. Spares

W. J. K. Kelly Captain,
 A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.



SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 174

Ref. Map Sheets 62.D. S.E. 1/20,000
62.C. S.W. 1/20,000

17th August, 1918.

1. Under cover of creeping Artillery Barrages, the Bde. will establish posts on the general lines shown on attached sketch at 4.15 a.m. on the 18th inst.
At the same time the 4th A.I. Bde. on our right is carrying out a bombing operation to capture MADAM WOOD.
2. The method of the advance will take the form of a series of bombing and mopping up teams, who will penetrate the enemy defences at the points A, B, C, D, E, and F, and then link up to right and left along the line shown to form a continuous chain of posts.
3. The Inter-Bn. boundaries for the operation are shown on attached sketch.
4. At Zero an intense barrage will be placed down on sections of the enemy defences corresponding to the points of entry. At Zero plus 2 minutes it will lift at the rate of 50 yards every minute until it reaches the protective line where it will remain for 5 minutes, when it gradually ceases.
The 4.5 Hows. are bombarding selected points from Zero to plus 15 minutes.
5. Jumping-off Tapes, if necessary will be laid under arrangements to be made direct between Bns. and 7th Field Coy. A.E.
6. The Bde. M.G. Group are providing barrages at selected points and in addition 2 guns are allotted to each Battalion C.O. to move forward behind the storming parties and take up positions for assisting consolidation.
7. The 6th A.L.T.M.Bty. are available to assist in barrage work and may move forward as C.O.'s desire to take up S.O.S. positions.
8. Three ^{WHITE} Very Lights will be fired in quick succession by storming parties on reaching objectives.
9. One Coy. each of the 21st Bn. will be allotted to the 22nd and 23rd Bns. They will come under the Command of the Line Bns. at 6 p.m. on day prior to operation.
They are available for use as Nucleus Garrisons, Counter-attack Coys. or for Ration and Ammunition carrying.
Arrangements for their accommodation etc. will be made direct with C.O. 21st Bn.
10. An Officer from Bde. Hdqrs. will synchronize watches with Line Bns. before 8 p.m. on night prior to operation.

A c k n o w l e d g e . -

Issued to Signals at.....

Distribution.-

1. * 21st Bn.
2. * 22nd "
3. * 23rd "
4. * 24th "
5. * 6th T.M.Bty.
6. * M.G. Group
7. * Right Group Arty.
8. * Left " "
9. * Right Flank Bde.
10. Left " "
11. * 2nd Aust. Divn.
12. * 7th Field Coy. A.E.

13. " Bde. Snipers
14. * Bde. Sig. Offr.
15. * Staff Capt.
16. * Bde. I.O.
17. * Bde. Gas Offr.
18. Liaison Offrs.
19. * War Diary
20. * " "
21. * File
- 22.- 26. Spares.

Fredrick Sale Captain,
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

* Sketch Attached.

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5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET

21st Bn.
22nd " "
23rd " "
24th " "
T.M.Bty.
H.Q. Group
Art. groups
Snipers.

Brigade Headquarters
17th August 1945.

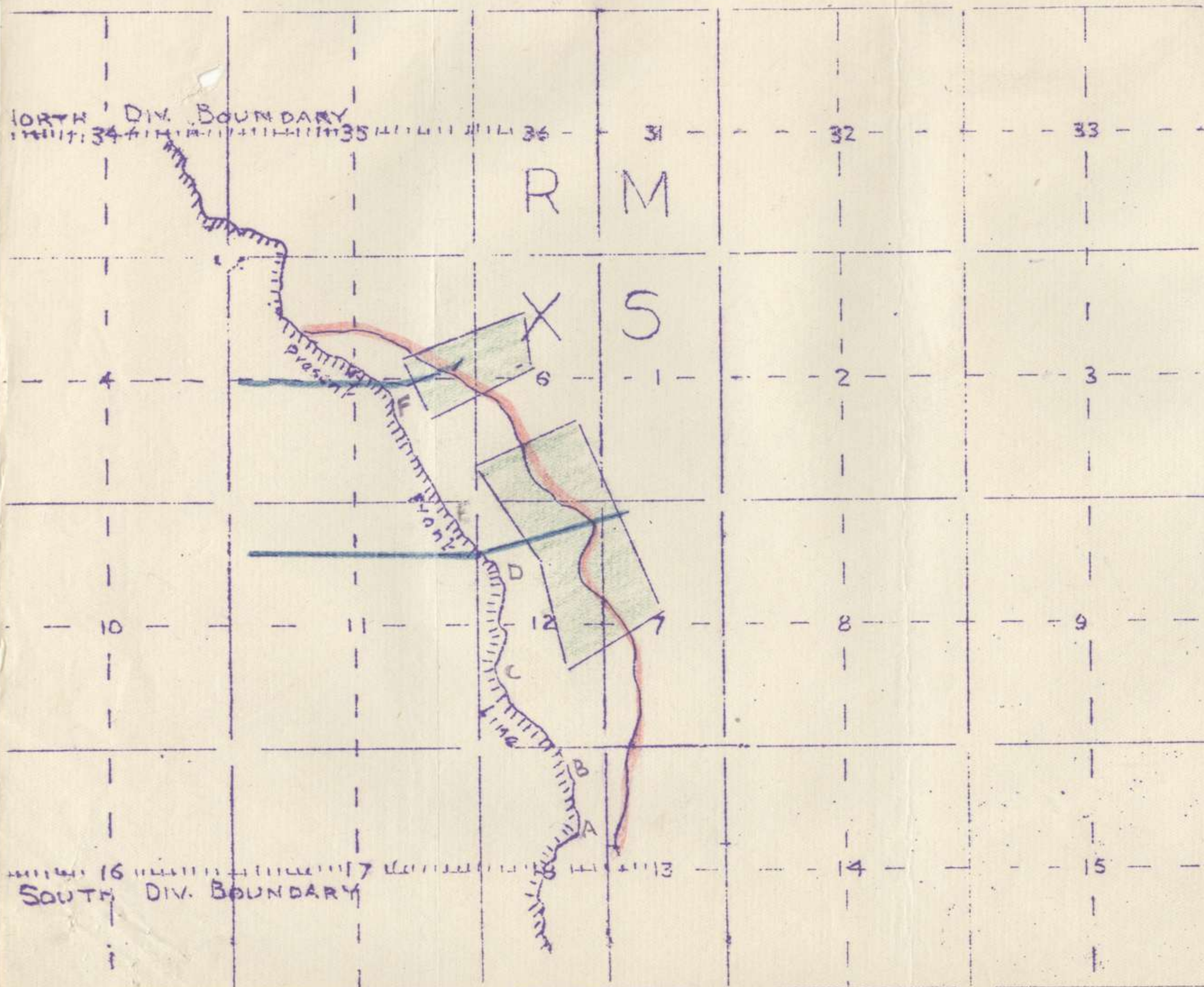
FIRST ADDENDUM TO BRIGADE ORDER 174

If it is found necessary to continue the Artillery fire on the protective line after the time scheduled for it to cease or to recommence firing on the protective line after it has ceased one RED and one GREEN Very light will be fired by the storming parties.

Battalions will arrange repeating stations back to their H.Q.'s for this purpose.

On receipt of this signal 5 minutes intense fire on the protective line will be put down when it will cease unless signals are repeated.

Edmund Lab Captain,
A/Brigade Major 5th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.



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Sketch shewing Present Line
Objective, and Barrage

Ref Mobs 62d SE & 62 C ^S_{SW}
1-20.000

Ref Operation Order No. 17 ¹⁷⁴

6th A.I. Brigade

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