

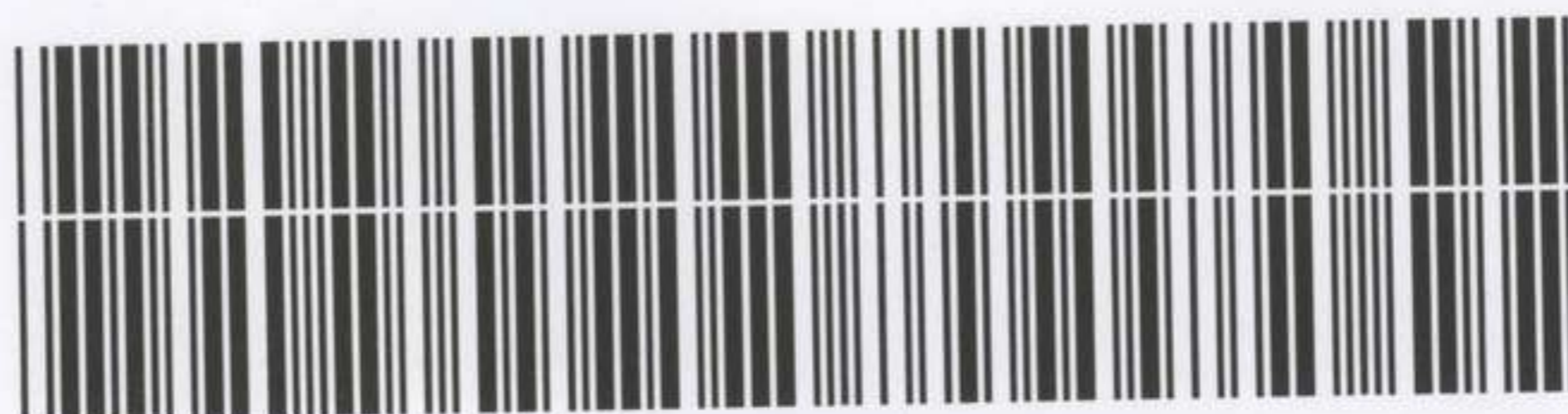
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CAGNY.	1st August 1918.		<p>The Brigade staging in the CAGNY area prior to taking over Reserve Brigade Sector from 37th French Division.</p> <p>Brigade Order No. 219 for move to Reserve Area on 1st/2nd inst. issued to Units. 46th Battalion moved from Cavalry Barracks and took over from 51st Battalion at GLISY. Relief was completed at 11.30 p.m.</p> <p>Conference at Divisional Headquarters to discuss forthcoming Operations.</p> <p>Conference of Battalion Commanders at Brigade Headquarters and general outline of plan discussed. 46th Battalion instructed to vacate trenches North of main WARFUSEE-LONGUEAU Road and as this area was required by the 2nd Australian Division the move had to be completed by 12 noon on the 2nd instant.</p> <p>Weather fine and warm.</p>	APP. No 1
	2nd.		<p>Brigade completed move by 9 a.m. The 46th Battalion vacated the 2nd Australian Divisional Area by 12 noon. XXXXXXXX Brigade was located as follows :-</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Brigade Headquarters .. T 1 a 6 6 45th Battalion Glisy-Nicholas Switch. 46th Battalion Glisy Line, South of Main Road. 48th Battalion Wood M 35 b. 12th A.L.T.M. Battery .. Glisy-Nicholas Switch.</p>	APP. No 2
T 1 a 6 6	3rd		<p>The Brigade was in Divisional Reserve with 4th Brigade in the Line Left and 13th Brigade Line Right.</p> <p>The move to the Reserve Area was carried out under most unfavourable weather conditions, heavy rain falling which made the bivouacs very wet and uncomfortable. The weather was very trying, it being close and muggy, quite tropical weather.</p> <p>General LEANE returned from leave and assumed Command of the Brigade. Lieut. Colonel A.E. Drake BROCKMAN. CMG. DSO., returned to the 16th Battalion.</p> <p>Conference at Divisional Headquarters to discuss the general plan of attack of the forthcoming Operations.</p> <p>Advance parties from the 8th Canadian Brigade arrived to take over our present area.</p> <p>Weather fine and warm, but inclined to be muggy.</p>	

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	4th		<p>Orders were received from Division for the relief of the Brigade by the 8th Canadian Brigade on the night 4th/5th. Brigade Order No.220 was issued to Units for relief and move to area South East of HAMELET. Advance parties sent forward to reconnoitre and to guide Units to their destination.</p> <p>Weather fine and warm.</p>	APP. No 3																																				
O 12 d 0 0 Near HAMELET.	5th		<p>Brigade completed move by about 2.30 a.m., the lateness of the completion was due to the enormous traffic on the roads, vehicles of all descriptions- Tanks down to pack mules - moving forward towards the front. Very few shelters were found in the area and the men were not too comfortable, but by nightfall sufficient material had been salvaged to make the bivouacs comfortable.</p> <p>The Brigade was under the Tactical Command of 3rd Australian Division and the G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division visited Brigade Headquarters.</p> <p>Conference of all Commanders of Units comprising the Brigade Group was called at Brigade Headquarters at 3 p.m. to discuss and finalise as far as possible all details for the forthcoming Operation. The following were present :-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Brigadier General</td> <td>R.L. LEANE. CMG. DSO. MC.,</td> <td>Commanding 12th A.I. Brigade Group.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. Colonel</td> <td>ARCHDALE. DSO.</td> <td>16th Royal Horse Artillery Brigade.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Major</td> <td>BLACKBURN. DSO. MC.</td> <td>"A" Company, 8th Tank Battalion.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Major</td> <td>BENNEWORTH</td> <td>"C" Company, 8th Tank Battalion.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Colonel</td> <td>FAIRFAX</td> <td>Mark 5* Tanks.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut.</td> <td>COOMBES</td> <td>Supply Tanks.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut.</td> <td>JUNNER</td> <td>'A' Coy., 4th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Captain</td> <td>TAYLOR</td> <td>4th Aust. M.G. Company.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Captain</td> <td>CORY.</td> <td>13th M.G. Company (2 Sections)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. Colonel</td> <td>C.M. JOHNSTON. DSO.</td> <td>45th Battalion.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. Colonel</td> <td>J.J. CORRIGAN. DSO.</td> <td>46th Battalion.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. Colonel</td> <td>S.L. PERRY. MC.</td> <td>48th Battalion.</td> </tr> </table> <p>All details and action of the XXXX ^{several} units were thoroughly gone into and special care was taken to co-ordinate all arrangements and arrange for the complete liaison of all Units to ensure as complete a success as possible and orders and Instructions were framed for issue to Units.</p>	Brigadier General	R.L. LEANE. CMG. DSO. MC.,	Commanding 12th A.I. Brigade Group.	Lieut. Colonel	ARCHDALE. DSO.	16th Royal Horse Artillery Brigade.	Major	BLACKBURN. DSO. MC.	"A" Company, 8th Tank Battalion.	Major	BENNEWORTH	"C" Company, 8th Tank Battalion.	Colonel	FAIRFAX	Mark 5* Tanks.	Lieut.	COOMBES	Supply Tanks.	Lieut.	JUNNER	'A' Coy., 4th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.	Captain	TAYLOR	4th Aust. M.G. Company.	Captain	CORY.	13th M.G. Company (2 Sections)	Lieut. Colonel	C.M. JOHNSTON. DSO.	45th Battalion.	Lieut. Colonel	J.J. CORRIGAN. DSO.	46th Battalion.	Lieut. Colonel	S.L. PERRY. MC.	48th Battalion.	
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Near HAMELET	5th		<p>Instructions Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Administrative Instructions were issued to Units.</p> <p>The day passed quietly. The enemy shelled intermittently the area occupied by the Brigade without doing any damage. At night unfortunately the Brigade Transport Lines were heavily shelled and casualties to personnel and horses were sustained.</p> <p>The weather during the day was showery and at times with intervals of sunshine, but by night the rain had cleared and a clear and bright night was experienced which the enemy took advantage of with his bombing planes.</p>	
	6th		<p>Brigade Units busily employed receiving and issuing extra battle stores to the men and establishing liaison with attached Units - Tanks, Machine Guns, etc. The obtaining of material for the loading of Supply Tanks and issue to Battalions proceeded smoothly. Material for the Tanks was delivered direct to the Tanks and loading parties detailed. Material for the Battalions was delivered to the Brigade Dump at HAMELET and issued to Battalions.</p> <p>G.O.C. 4th Australian Division and G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division visited Brigade Headquarters.</p> <p>News of the attack North of the SOMME by the Bosche was received and the amount of ground taken from the British was learnt. Information was received that they intended to carry out a counter-attack to regain the ground lost. The result of the counter-attack was waited for with anxiety.</p> <p>Instructions Nos 5, 6, 7 and 8 were issued to Units of the Brigade Group.</p> <p>Advance parties from 1st A.I. Brigade visited Brigade Headquarters to arrange details for their taking over the job allotted to the 13th A.I. Brigade.</p> <p>The day passed comparatively calmly, the usual shelling by the enemy and bombing at night. The weather was warm and clear.</p>	
	7th		<p>All Administrative Arrangements were completed and Units were correct in all details. Battalion Commanders visited Brigade Headquarters and went over their proposals for the attack. Instructions No. 9, Administrative Instructions No. 2, Medical Arrangements and Special Instructions Nos. 1 and 2 and Brigade Order No. 221 were issued to Units by 6.45 p.m. At 8 p.m. all Units reported all correct, every detail being finalised and ready for ZERO hour.</p> <p>The day passed quietly. Enemy artillery was rather active in the vicinity of Brigade H.Q. Otherwise quiet excepting bombing at night at which the enemy was very active.</p>	

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J 28 Near SAILLY- le-SEC.	7th		The weather was fine and promised for a fine and cool day for the attack and everybody was in the highest form, confident and in great spirits. The news that the counter-attack North of the SOMME by the British being satisfactory everything possible to ensure success on the 8th appeared to have been arranged for. Copies of all Instructions, Orders, Maps and Objectives, Boundaries, etc., are attached herewith.	APP. No 5
	8th		Operations in accordance with Report attached.	APP. No 6
	9th		Brigade Order No. 222 for the Relief of the Brigade on night 10th/11th is attached.	APP. No 7
	10th			
	11th		Orders from Division re the forming of a Liaison Course North of the SOMME under the Command of General WISDOM. CB. DSO. were received. This force consisted of 13th A.I. Brigade. 131st American Regiment. Brigade on Relief from Front Line concentrated in Valley North of SAILLY LAURETTE. Brigade after a very tiring march arrived and bivouaced. Last Unit was in about 5.30 a.m. Men bathed in the SOMME during the day, which was very healthful after a good sleep, and bucked them up. The weather was very warm during the day and clear at night. Enemy planes very active during the night bombing back areas. Brigade Headquarters was established at J 28 at 5.30 a.m. The Valley which previously had been a joint Battalion Headquarters and which was left in a clean and sanitary condition when the Brigade held the Sector was absolutely disgraceful, filth and rubbish being in great quantities inside and outside the dugouts and shelters. The sanitation of the Units who preceded us was the absolute limit and speaks well for the discipline of such Units. G.O.C. 4th Australian Division, A.A. & Q.M.G., visited Brigade Headquarters and advised the G.O.C. Brigade of the situation as far as was known.	
J 33 c Near VAUX.	12th		Brigade resting and re-organising, bathing etc Brigade Headquarters moved South of the SOMME. Weather clear and warm. Enemy planes active bombing back areas. Warning Order from Division received. The Brigade will move South to-morrow 13th, route	

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	12th		probably via WARFUSEE to area South of MARCELCAVE- WIENCOURT. Passed to Units. Battalions instructed advanced parties to meet Staff Captain at Cemetery W 12 c at 10 a.m. 13th to reconnoitre new area and routes.	
	13th		<p>Brigade bathing and resting.</p> <p>Divisional Order No. 141 for move of Division to HARBONNIERES area received. Conference of Commanding Officers of Battalions at Brigade Headquarters to discuss probable future action. Brigade Order No. 222A. for move issued. Advanced parties sent forward to reconnoitre areas allotted. G.O.C. went to Divisional Conference and received Order No. 142 for the attack on the 15th inst.</p> <p>Brigade moving to HARBONNIERES Area. Enemy shelled BAYONVILLERS and bombed roads during the move but did no damage to our troops. Brigade Headquarters established at W 18 d 9 4.</p> <p>Instructions were received from 4th Australian Division that all moves under Divisional Order No. 141 which are not already in progress are hereby postponed 24 hours. This message was received too late to postpone the move of the Brigade. Communications to the rear very bad. A line was to have been through at W 16 d from Division but on arrival at this location no such line was available and that the line would not be through until next morning. The Brigade Signals Officer, however, managed to get a line through 1st Australian Divisional Advance Station, thence to 4th Australian Division.</p>	APP. No 8
W 18 d 9 4 Near HARBONNIERES.	14th		<p>Conference at Brigade Headquarters to discuss plan of action for the attack on the 16th. Commanding Officers of Battalions and 12th Australian M.G. Company, 12th A.L.T.M. Battery, Major Blackburn, 8th Tank Battalion, Engineer Officer 12th Field Company A.E. were present. Divisional Order No. 142 was discussed. Units were issued Maps of Objectives, Boundaries etc., and all necessary details were gone into and orders were in course of preparation. 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Instructions No. 1 for Artillery Support during the attack received. G.O.C. Division and A.A. & Q.M.G. visited Brigade Headquarters also O.C. 8th Tank Battalion and O.C. 4th Australian M.G. Battalion. Divisional Order No. 143 was received for relief of 1st A.I. Brigade on night 15th/16th. Instructions Nos. 2 and 3 for attack were received from Division. Verbal message from G.S.O. 1, Division, informing that operations to take place 16th were indefinitely postponed and that relief would be carried out on night 15th/16th and that the Right Divisional Boundary would be as far South as CHAUKNES Railway. Confirmed by message at 8 p.m.</p>	

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	14th		<p>Battalions who were well on with preparations for the attack were notified. Reconnaissances of Assembly Areas and routes thereto has been carried out.</p> <p>Move of the Brigade from SAILLY LAURETTE to HARBONNIERES area was completed at 1.45 a.m.</p> <p><u>Communications.</u> 4th Australian Divisional Advance Report centre managed to get through to Divisional Headquarters at 12.35 p.m. although the line was reported to have been through early on the night of the 13th. This line when it was eventually through was very weak and difficult to speak over.</p> <p>Weather fine and warm. Usual artillery activity. Enemy aeroplanes active at night bombing back areas.</p>	
W 18 d 9 4 Near HARBONNIERES.	15th		<p>Divisional Order No. 144 which cancelled Divisional Order No. 143 was received. Order No. 144 provided for relief of 1st A.I. Brigade on night 15th/16th. The Right Brigade Boundary being the CHAULNES Railway and the Left Brigade Boundary being the Line through S.E. Corner of AUGER WOOD.</p> <p>G.O.C. Brigade visited G.O.C. 1st A.I. Brigade and arranged details of relief and visited Battalion Headquarters holding the Line and reconnoitred the area. Instructions were issued to 45th Battalion, 46th Battalion and 48th Battalion to send forward reconnoitring parties and arrange for relief. Brigade Order No. 223 for relief was issued to Units. Instructions received from Division that 8th Tank Battalion was rallying in CERISY VALLEY under Orders from Corps. G.S.O. 2 and 3, 4th Australian Division, visited Brigade Headquarters. Advance parties from 132nd American Regiment arrived to take over area occupied by the Brigade on our vacating. The move of the 132nd Regiment was carried out far too early and only owing to bad visibility and dust which was very thick did they manage to get into their position without being observed by the Boche. They arrived about 2000 yards in rear of the front line by 7 p.m. From our experiences in moving Battalions the most careful use of visibility is absolutely essential also the greatest distance and intervals between Sections pays. This method of movement perhaps takes longer but undoubtedly casualties are prevented.</p> <p>Light scattered enemy shelling, village of HARBONNIERES shelled at intervals throughout the day and night. Weather cool with light winds, clear sky, visibility fair to good, dust plentiful.</p> <p>12 m/n. Relief in progress.</p>	APP. NO 9
W 24 b Near HARBONNIERES.			<p>Brigade Headquarters established at W 24 b 8 6 at 8.30 p.m. Headquarters vacated vacated handed over to Regimental Headquarters 132nd American Regiment.</p>	

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W 24 b Near HARBONNIERES.	16th		<p>Relief of 1st A.I. Brigade was completed by 3.30 a.m. Some delay was caused owing to the 46th Battalion having to relieve portion of 2 Battalions. The relief was successfully carried out with only one casualty.</p> <p>The 45th Battalion on the right, the 46th Battalion on the Left, 48th Battalion in Brigade Reserve, 4 Trench Mortars were emplaced in the Brigade Sector, 2 to each Battalion and 12th Aust. M.G. Company covered the Sector with 8 Guns xxxx with 24th Aust. M.G. Company in Support.</p> <p>The Sector taken over is a portion of the old system of trenches held and occupied in 1916 and the forward area is amaze of trenches in a dilapidated state overgrown with weeds, revetments broken down and the present front line has a Communication Trench into the enemy front line every 100 yards or so. Practically no wire is visible in the area and much work will be necessary to put the place in a state of defence. The enemy is close on the Right Battalion front about 50 yards away, but on the left in some distance out, anything up to 600 yards. A map showing the disposition of Units, Boundaries, etc., is attached. It is anticipated that on the Right Battalion front bombing encounters will take place at frequent intervals and the troops opposed to the Brigade are a fair material and appear to be very alert. Intelligence Summary for period ending 6 a.m. is attached.</p> <p>The day passed quietly. Enemy aetillery normal. Vicinity of CREPEY WOOD X 30, and AUGER WOOD shelled throughout the period. Our artillery was active shelling back areas. Both our own and enemy aeroplanes active. Weather fine, warm and clear, with good visibility. Night clear.</p> <p>Divisional Conference of Brigade Commanders at 4th Brigade Headquarters to discuss policy in present area.</p>	<p>APP NO 12</p>
	17th		<p>Divisional Order No. 143 for relief of Brigade by 132nd American Regiment received. Regimental Commander visited Brigade Headquarters and arranged details of relief. Advance parties reconnoitred areas and made all arrangements for the relief. Throughout the period the enemy a rtilleary was active shelling LIHONS, AUGER WOOD, X 30 a, F 6. Enemy planes were fairly active. During the afternoon 45th Battalion rushed enemy post and bombed out the occupants whom they wounded. Whilst searching for identification the enemy returned to the attack and compelled our post to withdraw to our lines. About 7.30 p.m. enemy attempted four determined bombing attacks on our post at A 8 b 6 5 but each time was driven back to his lines after suffering casualties.</p> <p>The weather still remains fine and warm with bright nights. Intelligence Summary attached.</p>	

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	18th		<p>Intelligence Summary for period ending 6 a.m. attached.</p> <p>Information was received from Division that the 152nd American Regiment would not relieve the Brigade as previously arranged. Usual enemy artillery fire and aerial activity. Our artillery and aircraft very active during the period. During the evening our artillery fired 1000 rounds 4.5" and 6" Gas shells into A 4. Weather fine and warm. Visibility good. One of our observation balloons in vicinity of Brigade Headquarters was brought down in flames by enemy aircraft.</p>	
	19th		<p>Intelligence Summary for period ending 6 a.m. attached.</p> <p>Enemy activity increased considerably. At 3.30 a.m. he placed a barrage in rear of our front line. At 10 a.m. a heavy barrage was placed on 45th and 46th Battalion fronts and spread along North Brigade Area. The barrage was in connection with his operation on the British Division North of 4th A.I. Brigade. During the morning and afternoon intermittent shelling of back areas with H.E. and shrapnel. 11th Canadian Brigade carried out a minor operation on our immediate front^{RIGHT} under cover of a 30 minute barrage. The object of the operation was to advance their line to conform to our right which was about 500 yards ahead of their line. Enemy replied vigorously to this Barrage by placing a barrage down on the 45th Battalion. The enemy artillery fire to-day has been very heavy and responsible for many casualties. The 46th Battalion got it particularly hot.</p> <p>Brigade Order No. 224 for relief of 45th Battalion by 48th Battalion in the Right Battalion Sector issued. Relief was carried out without incident and completed by 11.45 p.m. The weather still remains fine and warm with good visibility.</p>	APP. No 12
	20th		<p>Intelligence Summary for period ending 6 a.m. attached.</p> <p>On relief 45th Battalion moved back and occupied the Reserve Battalion area. The day was spent in bathing and resting. Orders from Division were received giving the policy during the holding of this Sector. The Sector is to be organised defensively in depth. The system consisting of Front Line System, Support and Reserve Systems, which are to be protected with wire. A Company of Pioneers is allotted to the Brigade to assist in this work.</p> <p>Attached instructions for the carrying out of this work by Units.</p> <p>The enemy artillery during the period was generally quiet. Enemy snipers were very active forward and their shooting was very accurate, 2 casualties being caused in the 48th Battalion. Steps were taken to silence enemy snipers. Enemy aeroplanes active during the hours of daylight patrolling our lines. At night, which was ideal for bombing, enemy planes were inactive.</p>	APP. No 11

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	20th		G.O.C. Division visited Brigade Headquarters. Weather fine and warm. Visibility good.	
	21st		Intelligence Summary for period ending 6 a.m. attached. Situation normal. Enemy shelling intermittently throughout the day. Our artillery active shelling forward areas, likewise our artillery active on low flying planes. Our aircraft active on low flying reconnaissances. Information of Operation by 3rd Australian Division North of the SOMME received. Weather fine but warm.	
	22nd		Intelligence Summary for period ending 6 a.m. attached. Situation unchanged. Enemy and our own artillery active shelling forward areas. Usual air activity on both sides. 2 enemy planes and one balloon opposite Brigade Front observed to have been destroyed. A special shoot on enemy post on Railway and Trenches in vicinity of A 9 c arranged for 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. This shoot had to be cancelled owing to pending operation. Information regarding Operation to be carried out by 1st Australian Division, 32nd British Division and 4th A.I. Brigade received from Division, and passed to Units of the Brigade. G.O.C. Division visited Brigade and informed Brigadier of Operations and pending relief of the Division. Staff Officers from 34th French Division visited Brigade Headquarters to obtain information concerning Brigade Sector. Relief of Brigade probable night 24/25th, but not definite. 45th Battalion instructed to carry out reconnaissance of 46th Battalion Sector with a view to relieving night 23/24th. The weather to-day has been extraordinary hot and very trying, with hot winds, which, with the dust, made things very uncomfortable. The night, however, was much cooler and the wind dropped. Night very bright. Full moon. Enemy aeroplanes not taking advantage of the a most suitable night for bombing. Evidently their planes are fully employed elsewhere.	

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	23rd		<p>Intelligence Summary for period ending 6 a.m. attached.</p> <p>Advance party of 83rd French Regiment arrived at Brigade Headquarters and arranged all details of relief as far as was possible. The Regiment was bivouaced some distance in rear and would not arrive at CAIX until late on 23rd/24th.</p> <p>The Colonel of the 83rd Regiment was to call on the afternoon of the 24th to finally arrange details.</p> <p>Divisional Order No. 147 for relief of the Brigade by 83rd French Regiment received. To facilitate relief 2 Companies of 46th Battalion North of Road running East and West South of CAIN COPSE were placed under orders of 4th A.I. Brigade, and the 50th Battalion, 13th A.I. Brigade was placed under the Command of G.O.C. 12th A.I. Brigade.</p> <p>During the period enemy has been very quiet. His artillery was practically nil, only an occasional machine gun fired a burst now and again. Flares were below normal at night. The only activity on the part of the enemy was the night bombing by aeroplanes.</p> <p>Work of wiring the systems pushed on.</p> <p>Information was received that the attack of the 1st Australian Division, 32nd British Division, 4th A.I. Brigade had progressed well and all objectives taken. The following are the approximate captures :-</p> <table> <tr> <td>1st Australian Division</td> <td>33 Officers</td> <td>1700</td> <td>other ranks.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>32nd British Division</td> <td></td> <td>200</td> <td>" "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4th Aust. Infantry Brigade</td> <td></td> <td>50</td> <td>" "</td> </tr> </table>	1st Australian Division	33 Officers	1700	other ranks.	32nd British Division		200	" "	4th Aust. Infantry Brigade		50	" "	
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	24th		<p>Weather fine, warm and dusty. Visibility good.</p> <p>Intelligence Summary for period ending 6 a.m. attached.</p> <p>Advance Parties from 59th French Regiment reported to Brigade Headquarters throughout the day to look over the area. The 59th Regiment was taking over from 4th A.I. Brigade and was occupying Brigade Headquarters as their P.C.</p> <p>Owing to the 83rd Regiment arranging to visit Brigade Headquarters by 3 p.m. at the latest Orders of the relief were not issued until late and the embussing table was not yet to hand from Division. The French failed to arrive, only 1 Battalion Commander arrived, i.e., the Line Battalion, and he was sent forward to 46th and 48th Battalions. There were no troops for the relief of the 50th Battalion. 83rd French Regimental Headquarters was discovered at ROSIERES and Brigade Major visited their Headquarters to arrange the relief and handing over</p>	APP. NO 14												

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	24th		of maps etc. The relief generally was most unsatisfactory owing mainly to the fact that the French Regimental Headquarters did not carry out their reconnaissance and arrange matters. Fortunately the Line Battalion had been located and guides etc. arranged, and the Support Battalion managed to get in touch with 45th Battalion. How they did this I do not know. Guides were arranged for 9.30 p.m. but the incoming troops did not put in an appearance until 11 p.m.											
	25th		<p>The relief was completed at 1.20 a.m. The enemy shelled vicinity of LIHONS heavily with Mustard Gas from 11.45 p.m. to 3.30 a.m. and made the relief very difficult and caused quite a number of casualties. The bombardment was to be expected for the French who roamed about the area mostly artillerymen in their blue uniforms gave the Bosche the whole show and in addition they registered with their 75 m/m guns prior to the Infantry Relief and consequently gave the relief away. On relief the Brigade moved back in busses to LONGPRE AREA and were situated as follows:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Brigade Headquarters</td> <td>LONGPRE.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>45th Battalion</td> <td>VAUX-en-AMIENOIS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>46th Battalion</td> <td>LONGPRE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>48th Battalion</td> <td>St.VAST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12th A.L.T.M.Battery</td> <td>VAUX-en-AMIENOIS</td> </tr> </table>	Brigade Headquarters	LONGPRE.	45th Battalion	VAUX-en-AMIENOIS	46th Battalion	LONGPRE	48th Battalion	St.VAST	12th A.L.T.M.Battery	VAUX-en-AMIENOIS	
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12th A.L.T.M.Battery	VAUX-en-AMIENOIS													
	26th		<p>Brigade bathing and generally cleaning up and re-organising. To-day the 46th Battalion has had to evacuate quite a number of men from Gas poisoning, mostly eye cases. A Court of Enquiry has been ordered to investigate. In all about 5 Officers and 150 Other Ranks are gassed. A heavy shower fell early in the night.</p>											
	27th		Weather fine and warm.											
	28th		Training as per Syllabus carried out. Very light training is being done and the men rested as much as possible.											
	28th													
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	29th		Owing to Brigade Headquarters billets in LONGPRE being very uncomfortable a suitable Headquarters was reconnoitred and located at ARGOEUVES. Authority was asked for to move accordingly.											
	30th		G.O.C. inspected the 48th Battalion on Battalion route march (with Transport). Turn-out was very good. Authority having been received from Divisional Headquarters, Brigade											

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ARGOEUVES.

30th

Headquarters moved to ARGOEUVES.

31st

G.O.C. inspected 45th Battalion on route march (with Transport). The turn-out was very good. Later at 10.30 a.m. he inspected the 46th Battalion on parade with Transport. The turn-out of the men and Transport was exceptionally good, especially noticeable on account of the short period which the Brigade has been out of the line. The G.O.C. addressed the Battalion and complimented them on their turn-out, and later inspected billets.

Billets in the whole of the Brigade Area are good and clean.

The Brigade Pierrots opened at VAUX-en-AMIENOIS on 26th and showed nightly to a large appreciative audience. A change of programme was given on 29th. The Troupe has improved greatly and when they are supplied with new costumes they will be very hard to beat.

A Branch of the Brigade Canteen, Wet and Dry, has been established in each Village and stocks have been kept up.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 219.

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

1st August 1918.

1. The 12th A.I. Brigade will move by March Route from present billets and bivouacs on 1st and 2nd August 1918 in accordance with attached March Table.
2. Completion of moves to be wired to Brigade Headquarters.
3. Brigade Headquarters will close at M 33 a 9 9 at 9 a.m. 2nd August and re-open at T 1 a 6 6 on arrival.
4. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major.
 Brigade Major.
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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 - 13th Fld. Coy. A.E.
 - 28th Coy. A.A.S.C.

MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 219.

Date.	Unit.	From	To	Route	Remarks.
1st August	48th Battn.	Barracks, CAGNY.	GLISY Line, Taking over from 51st Battalion.	CAGNY. Cross Roads M 36 c 5 5	Pass Unit S.P. 7 p.m.
2nd August	45th Battn.	Bivouac S 4 c.	GLISY-NICOLAS Switch.	BOVES.	Pass Unit S.P. 7.30 a.m. Move to be complete by 9 a.m.
-do-	12th A.E.M.B.	-do-	-do-	-do-	Pass Unit S.P. 7.45 a.m. Move to be complete by 9 a.m.
-do-	48th Battn.	Billets M 21 c	Wood M 35 b.	LONGEAU.	Pass Unit S.P. 8 a.m. Move to be complete by 9 a.m.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 220.

Map. Ref. Sheet 62D.

4th August 1918-

1. The 12th A.I. Brigade will be replaced by the 8th Canadian Brigade in the present area on the night 4/5th August 1918. In accordance with attached Table the Brigade will move by march route to Unit areas S.E. of HAMELET allotted this morning by Lieut. G.K. HENDERSON. MM.
2. On arrival in the area South East of HAMELET the Brigade will come under the Tactical Command of the G.O.C., 3rd Australian Division.
3. The Brigade Nucleus under Command of Major D.V. HANNAY, 45th Battalion, will remain at CAMON.
4. Brigade Headquarters will close at T 1 a 4 and re-open at O 12 d 0 0 on arrival.
5. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.

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N. D. Hannay
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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MOVE TABLE.

DATE.	UNIT.	UNIT REPLACING.	MOVE TO.	STARTING POINT.	PASS S.P.	ROUTE.	REMARKS.
4th Aug.	12th Bde.H.Q.	8th Can.Bde.	0 12 d 0 0	X Roads H 26 c 6 3	in rear of 46th Bn.	Fork Road. N 29 d 65 40 Southern Edge of FOUILLOY.	Distances to be maintained 50 yards between platoons 100 yards between Companies.
-do-	12th ALTMB.	8th CTMB.	Area allotted by Lt. Henderson this morning.	X Roads T 2 d 75 30	in rear of 45th Bn.		
-do-	45th Bn.	52nd Can.Bn.	-do-	-do-	9.45 p.m.		
-do-	46th Bn.	2nd C.M.R.Bn.	-do-	X Road N 26 c 6 3	10.15 p.m.		
-do-	48th Bn.	1st C.M.R.Bn.	-do-	X Road N 26 c 6 3	10.45 p.m.		

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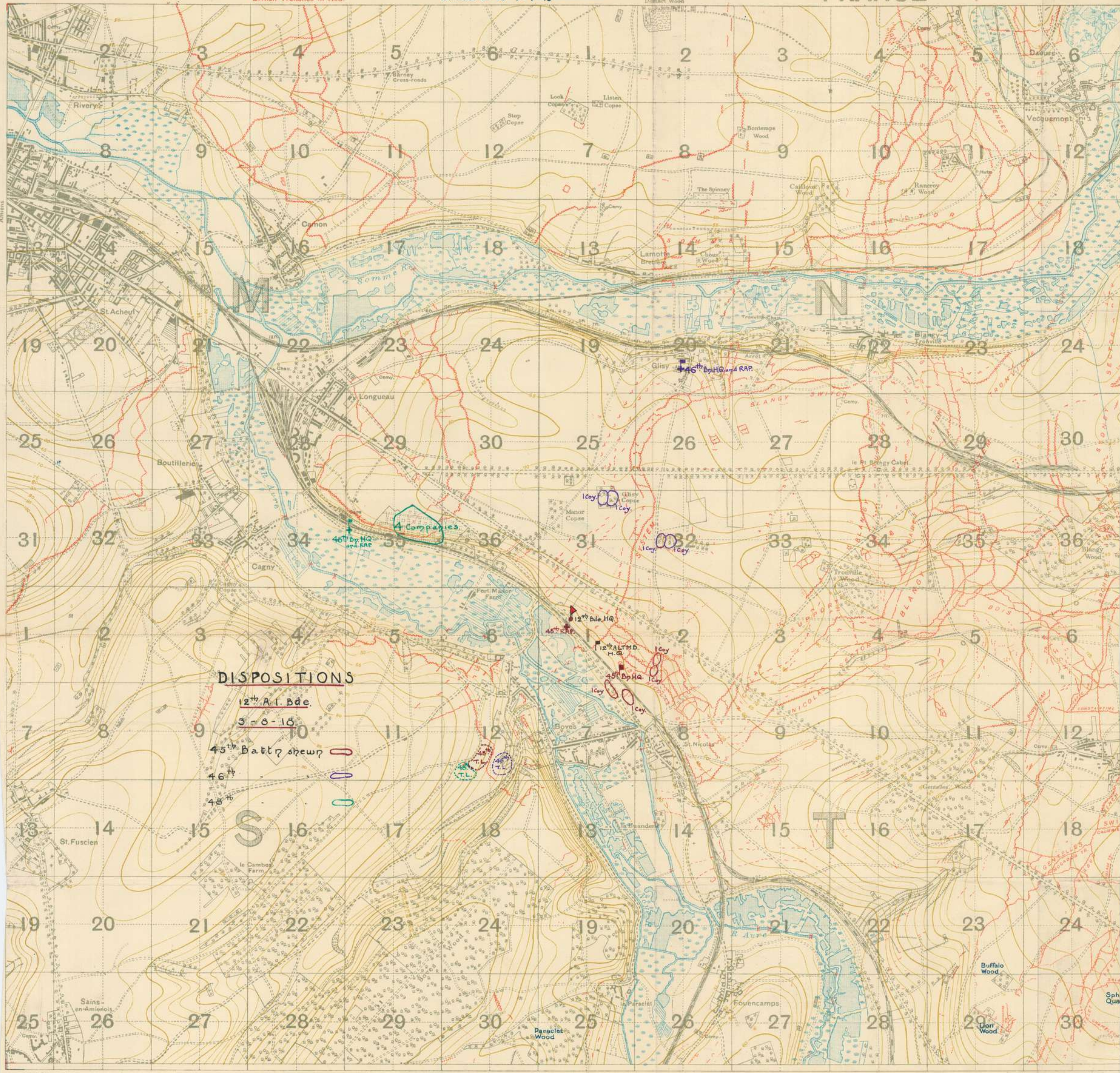
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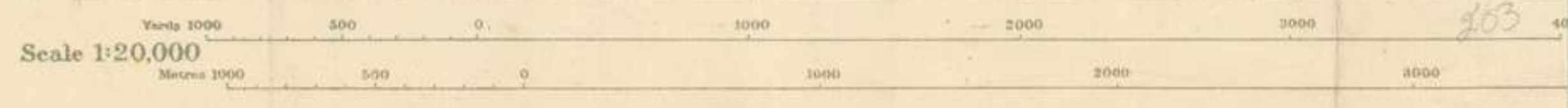
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DISPOSITIONS

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- 5-8-18
- 45th Battr sherp
- 46th
- 48th

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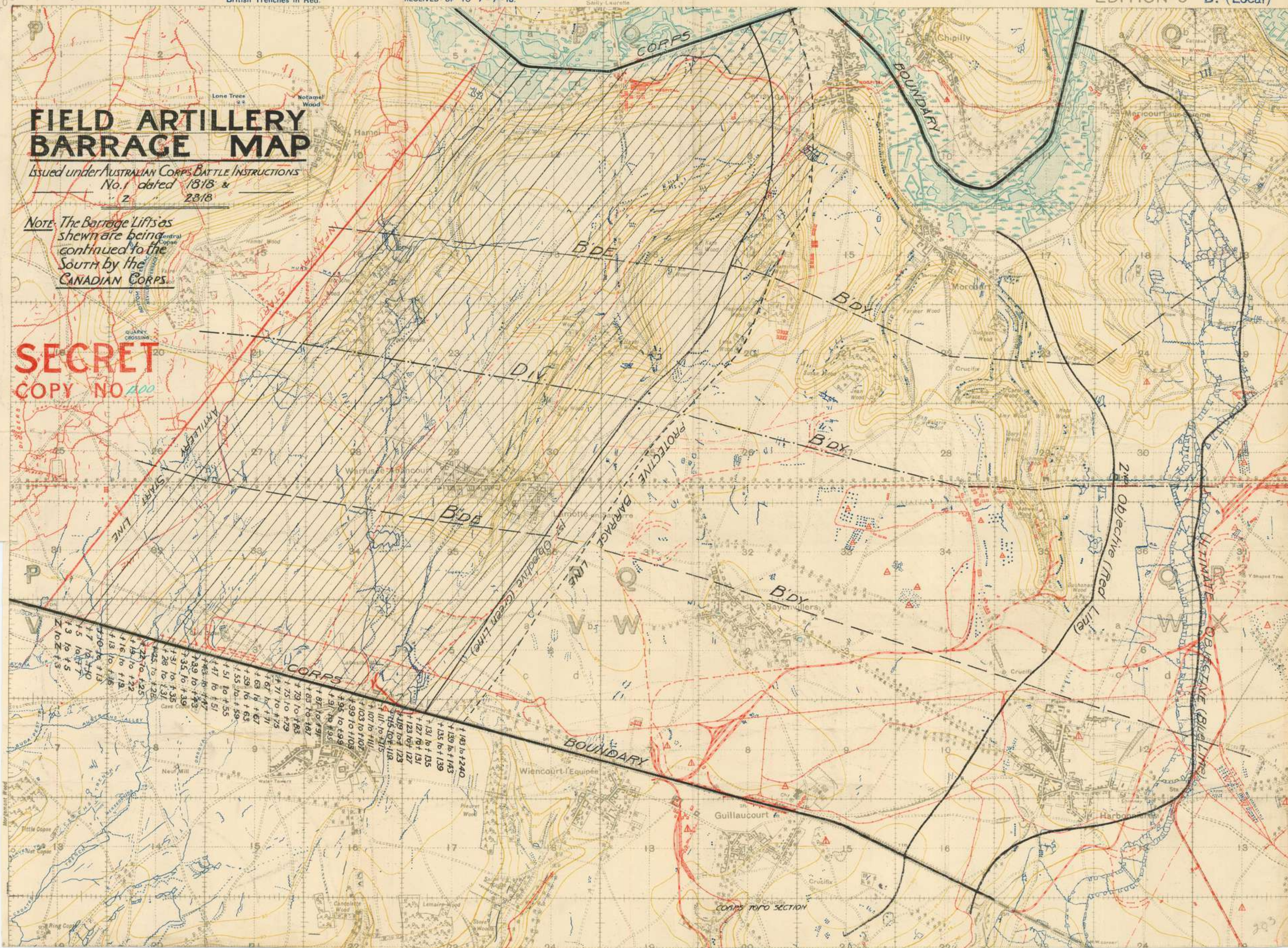
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FIELD ARTILLERY BARRAGE MAP

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continued to the
South by the
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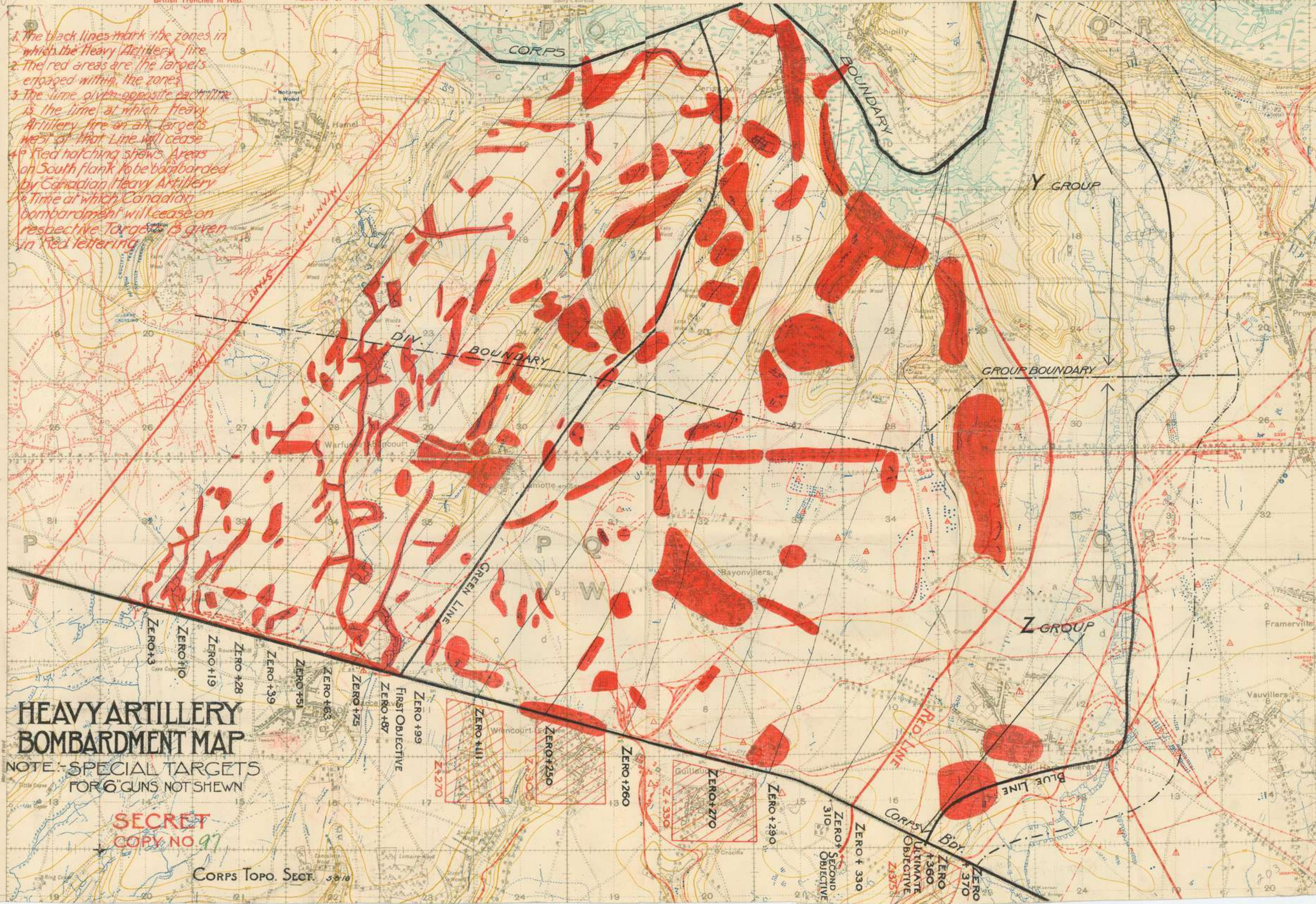
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- 1 The black lines mark the zones in which the Heavy Artillery fire
- 2 The red areas are the targets engaged within the zones
- 3 The time given opposite each line is the time at which heavy Artillery fire on all targets west of that line will cease
- 4 Red hatching shows Areas on South flank to be bombarded by Canadian Heavy Artillery
- 5 Time at which Canadian bombardment will cease on respective Targets is given in Red lettering



HEAVY ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT MAP

NOTE: - SPECIAL TARGETS FOR 6" GUNS NOT SHEWN

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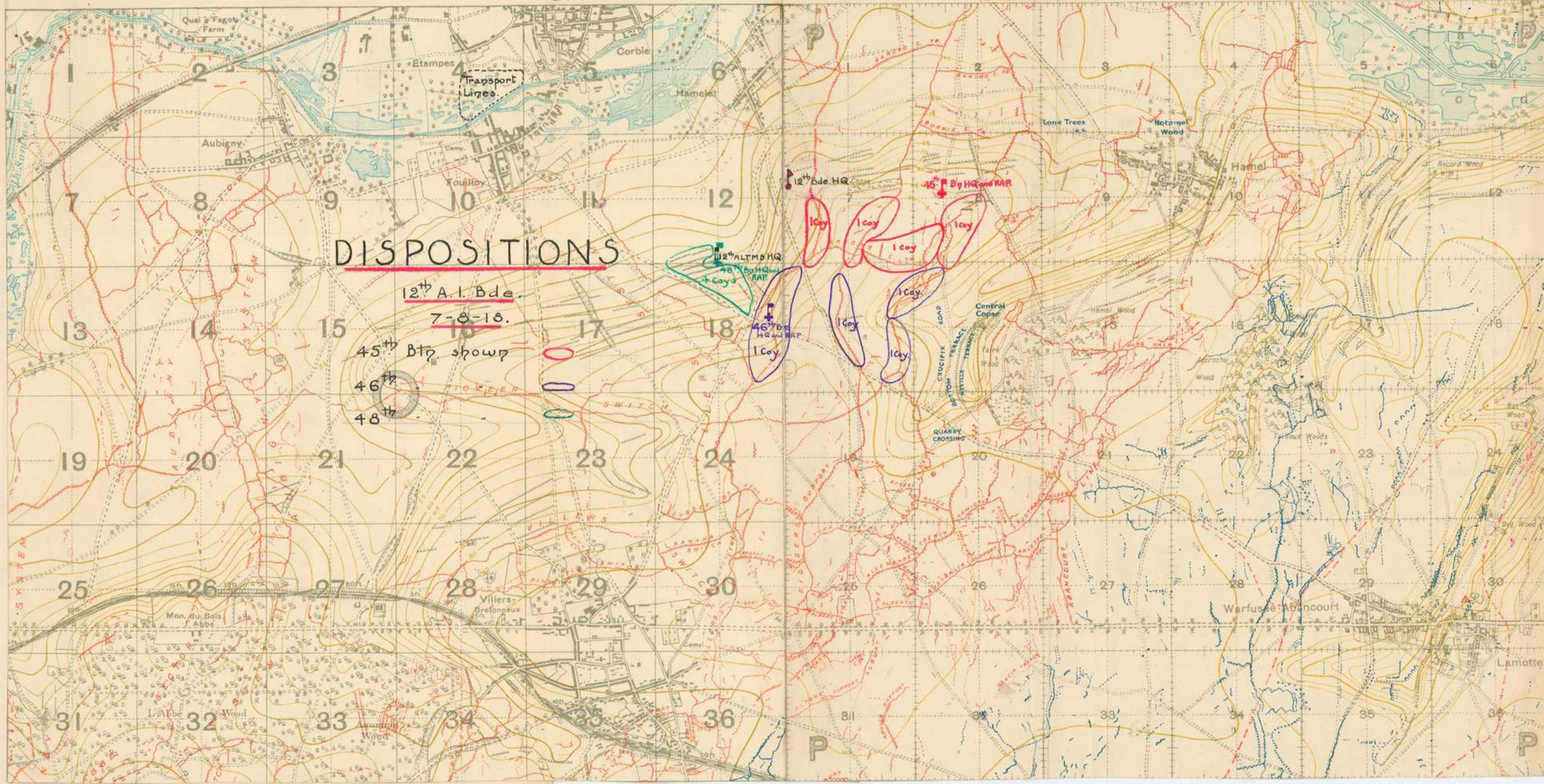
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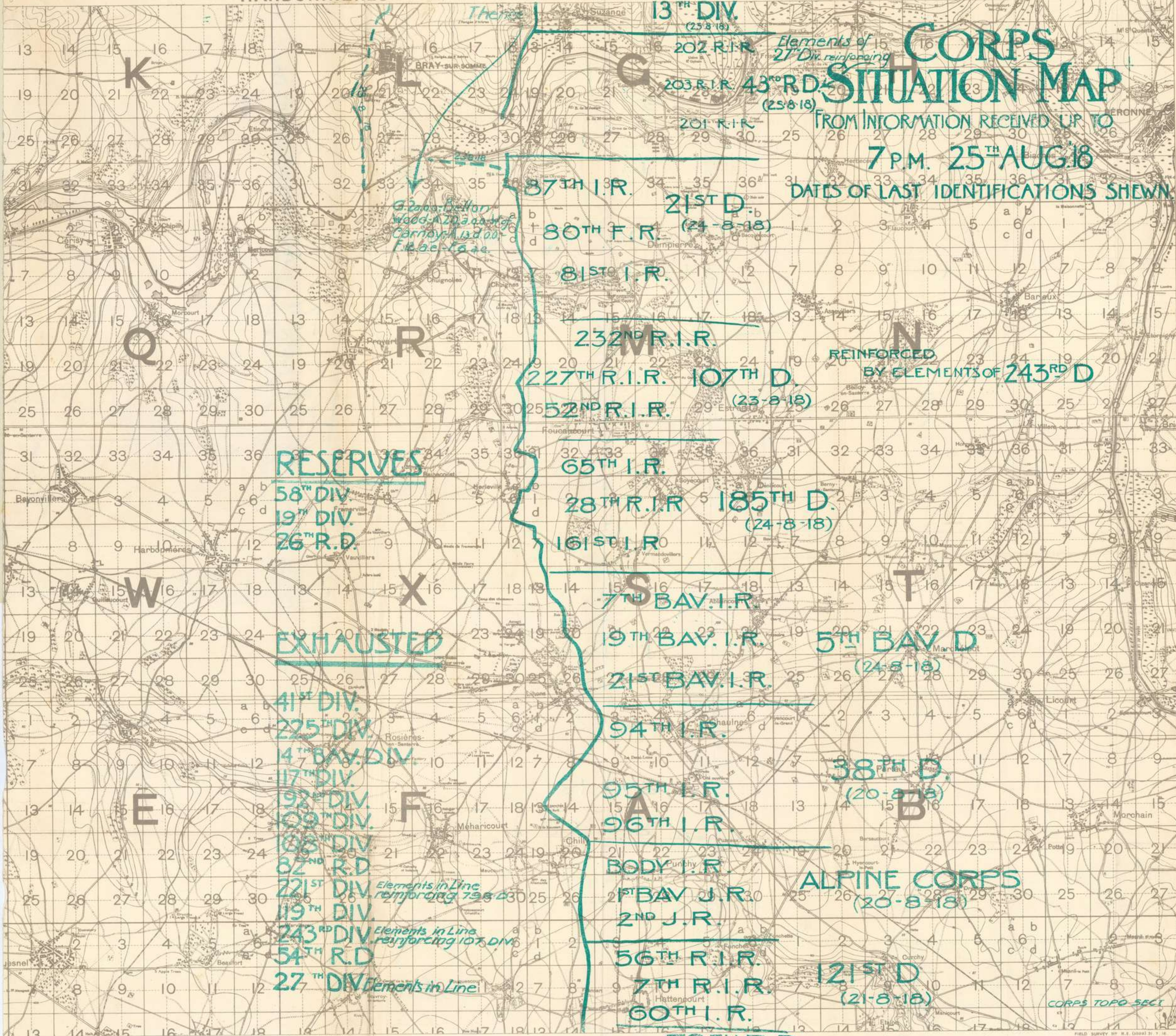
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CORPS SITUATION MAP

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7 P.M. 25th AUG. 18

DATES OF LAST IDENTIFICATIONS SHOWN

RESERVES

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79th R.D. (18-8-18)

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 221.Reference Map 'A' Attached.7th August 1918.

1. (a) The 4th Australian Division in co-operation with Divisions on the Flanks will attack the enemy positions on a date and hour to be notified later.
- (b) The 4th Australian Infantry Brigade on the Left and the 12th Australian Infantry Brigade on the Right with the 1st Australian Infantry Brigade in Divisional Reserve will carry out the attack on the 4th Divisional Sector.
- (c) The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade Group will attack the enemy positions in co-operation with the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade on the Left, and the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade on the Right.

(d) Positions of assembly, Boundaries and Objectives are as shown on attached Map 'A' issued to Units.

2. ASSEMBLY.

The Brigade will be assembled in the trenches at present occupied by Zero minus half an hour, in the following order :-

45th Battalion and 1 Section 13th Aust.M.G.Coy. - Left.
 46th Battalion and 1 Section 13th Aust.M.G.Coy. - Right.
 48th Battalion and 6 Guns 12th Aust.M.G.Coy. - in Rear 45th and 46th Battalions.

3. ACTION OF INFANTRY.

(a) From First Forming Up Position, Battalions will move forward so as to arrive at Second Forming Up Position by Zero plus 3 hours.

On arrival at the Second Forming Up Position, Battalions will ensure they connect with their tanks in accordance with Instructions No. 2. From Second Forming Up Position Units will move forward to the Jumping Off Tapes approximately along the line of the Road running South East through KATE - THIN - HAZEL WOODS, so as to arrive and reorganise to pass through the GREEN Line (9th A.I.Bde) at Zero plus 4 hours.

All movements from the First and Second Forming Up Positions to the Jumping Off Tapes will be carried out entirely at the discretion of Battalion Commanders, in order to take advantage of the local situation and ground.

ATTACK ON RED LINE.

(b) At Zero plus 4 hours 45th Battalion with 2 Sections "A" Company Tanks, 1 Section 13th M.G.Company on the Left, 46th Battalion with 2 Sections "A" Company Tanks, 1 Section 13th M.G.Company on the Right in co-operation with 13th Battalion, 4th A.I.Brigade, on Left, and 30th Battalion, 8th A.I.Brigade on Right, will attack, capture and consolidate the RED Line.

The 48th Battalion, in Brigade Reserve, with 9 Mark 5* Tanks and 6 Vickers Guns, 12th M.G.Company, will move in rear of the 45th and 46th Battalions at a distance of approximately 500 yards.

The Battalions will move forward to the attack in open warfare formation.

On the capture of the RED Line this position will be consolidated, special care being taken to connect with flank Battalions.

As soon as the consolidation is completed 45th and 46th Battalions will arrange for RED Line to be organised defensively in depth.

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ATTACK ON BLUE LINE.

(c) At Zero plus 6 hours the 48th Battalion with 9 Mark 5* Tanks and 6 Vickers Guns, 12th M.G. Company, after reorganising and reforming in the rear of the RED Line will pass through the 45th and 46th Battalions to the attack on the BLUE Line.

On the capture of the BLUE Line this position will be consolidated and will be held as a main defensive system.

The consolidation will be covered by the 48th Battalion pushing forward strong fighting patrols. Full advantage is to be taken of Tactical features on which posts will be established.

On 48th Battalion moving through RED Line, 45th Battalion will be prepared to support 48th Battalion in their attack on the BLUE Line. When the situation permits 45th Battalion will move forward to the BLUE Line and take over positions of 48th Battalion front.

Definite Orders for this move will be issued later.

4. ACTION OF ARTILLERY.

The progress of the attack will be governed by the counter-battery fire on the following Valleys and Areas:-

Counter-batteries will lift off the following targets at the following times :-

- HAMILTON Wood Valley - Zero plus 4 hours.
- SUSAN Valley - - Zero plus 4 1/2 hours.
- GRACE Valley - - Zero plus 5 1/2 hours.
- Valley Q 17, Q 24 - Zero plus 6 hours.

Covering the attack of the Brigade excepting the standing barrage in front of the GREEN Line which will lift at Zero plus 4 hours the only Artillery support will be counter-battery fire mentioned above, and the fire from the 16th Royal Horse Artillery which will pull out and hook in at Zero plus 145 minutes, and take up their First position about P 23 and P 18.

10th Australian Field Artillery Brigade is covering the 4th A.I. Brigade and the 11th Australian F.A. Brigade is co-operating under Divisional control.

In addition to the above Field Artillery, 3 Brigades of Field Artillery will pull out at Zero plus 4 hours and advance to positions to bring fire to bear on a line 400 yards East of the BLUE Line in defense of the captured Area.

As the attack progresses the 16th Royal Horse Artillery Brigade will move forward under orders of Infantry Brigade Commander and will eventually take up a position in Q 22 approx.

ARTILLERY SMOKE.

(a) Artillery smoke will be as follows :-

- (i) 3 rounds per gun will be fired during the first 3 minutes of the Artillery barrage.
- (ii) 3 rounds per gun will be fired in quick succession on the arrival of the Field Artillery barrage at the Artillery halt line covering First Objective.

(b) 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 West of BAYONVILLIERS - Along spur through Q 26, Q 15, along CHIBILLY Spur.
- (iii) At Zero plus 5 hours Smoke screens 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.

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(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.

5. ACTION OF TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY.

The 12th A.L.T.M. Battery will place their Mortars on the Infantry Supply Tanks, for carriage to the RED and BLUE line respectively :

- 4 Mortars to 48th Battalion.
- 2 Mortars to 45th Battalion.
- 2 Mortars to 46th Battalion.

On arrival of the Supply Tanks these Mortars will be employed by the Battalion Commanders to whom they are allotted.

Crews of these Mortars will accompany Supply Tanks and O.C. 12th A.L.T.M. Battery will arrange for necessary details to accompany Battalions in the advance, who will select and prepare positions for immediate occupation on arrival of Supply Tanks.

6. LIAISON.

Liaison Officers as under will be detailed and will report at their respective Headquarters on Y/2 night:-

- With 8th A.I. Brigade - Lieut. TLF. ARNOLD, MC, DCM, MM, 48th Battn.
- At 12th A.I. Bde H.Q. - An Officer from 12th Field Ambulance.
An Officer from 16th Royal Horse Artillery Brigade.
- 45th Battalion - An Officer with Flank Battalion H.Q.
- 46th Battalion - -do-
- 48th Battalion - -do-
- With each Battn. H.Q. - An Officer from 16th Royal Horse Artillery Brigade.

A Liaison patrol will be detailed by Battalions to connect with Flank Battalions. This patrol will ensure touch being maintained and will be responsible for direction. The strength of this patrol will be 1 Officer and 1 Lewis Gun Section.

7. ACTION OF PIONEER COMPANY.

At Zero plus 1 hour 1 Platoon will report to Lt. Col. ARCHDALE, 16th Royal Horse Artillery Brigade, at P 4 a central.

3 Platoons less 1 N.C.O. and 15 o/r will construct and overland track as shown on Map 'A' attached. This track will be clearly marked with pickets and tape. Wire and other obstacles are to be removed and trenches filled in.

In addition to the construction of the above track a track from Forward Brigade Headquarters to Battalion Headquarters will be marked out and Notice Boards erected.

The party of 1 N.C.O. and 15 o/r will accompany the Brigade Forward party and tunnellers to assist in the construction of Forward Brigade Headquarters.

This party will carry necessary tools and will report to Brigade Headquarters at Zero minus 2 hours.

8. SYNCHRONISATION.

(i) Zero ^{day} hour will be notified in writing from Brigade Headquarters by 5 p.m. on Y day :

(ii) Watches will be synchronised at Brigade Headquarters, QUARRY, P 7 a 0 3, at the following times on Y day :-

- First synchronisation - 4 p.m.
- Second synchronisation - 10 p.m.

An Officer from all Units of the Brigade Group excepting the 16th Royal Horse Artillery Brigade will report at the above hours.

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9. HEADQUARTERS.

Brigade Headquarters will remain at QUARRY P 7 a 0 5 until such time as communication is established Forward.

It is anticipated that Brigade Headquarters will be established in vicinity of Q 13, Q 19 or P 24. Exact location of new Brigade Headquarters and time of moving will be notified later.

10. Instructions Nos. 1 to 9 have been issued from time to time to Units dealing with action to be undertaken during the attack. These Instructions are to be read in conjunction with this Order.

- Instruction No. 1 - General Plan of Attack.
- 2.- Action of Tanks.
- 3.- Intelligence Arrangements.
- 4.- Distribution of Orders.
- 5.- Action of Machine Guns.
- 6.- Roads and Tracks.
- 7.- Aircraft.
- 8.- Light Signals.
- 9.- Communications.

Administrative Instructions.
Medical Arrangements.

M. H. ...
Major.
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12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

7/8/1918.

First synchronization - 4 p.m.
Second synchronization - 10 p.m.
An Officer from all units of the Brigade Group exceeding the 12th Royal Australian Artillery Brigade will report at the above hours.

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To all Ranks of the 12th A.I. Brigade.

To-day is the Anniversary of our first great fight at POZIERES in 1916. For 48 hours you held bravely the ground in front of POZIERES, despite the great concentration of Artillery the enemy used against you. He attacked at dawn on the 7th August and was driven back with great loss by this Brigade, despite the fact, through heavy casualties, you were greatly outnumbered. We lost many of our comrades during that great fight but their memory has lived with us through the past two years.

Our record is one we may well be proud of.

We now are about to engage in the greatest battle of our History. It is going to be a great test of endurance but I know you will succeed. Your success will inflict a great blow to the enemy and hasten the time to a victorious peace.

I wish you all the best of good fortune.

Raymond L. Hoag

Brigadier General.

Commanding 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

7/8/1918.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.APPENDIX 5Corps Headquarters,
August 7th 1918.To the Soldiers of the Australian Army Corps. -

For the first time in the history of this Corps all five Australian Divisions will tomorrow engage in the largest and most important battle operation ever undertaken by the Corps.

They will be supported by an exceptionally powerful Artillery, and by Tanks and Aeroplanes on a scale never previously attempted. The full resources of our Sister Dominion, the Canadian Corps, will also operate on our right, while two British Divisions will guard our left flank.

The many successful offensives which the Brigades and Battalions of this Corps have so brilliantly executed during the past four months have been but the prelude to, and the preparation for, this greatest and culminating effort.

Because of the completeness of our plans and dispositions, of the magnitude of the operations, of the number of troops employed, and of the depth to which we intend to overrun the enemy's positions, this battle will be one of the most memorable of the whole War; and there can be no doubt that, by capturing our objectives, we shall inflict blows upon the enemy which will make him stagger, and will bring the end appreciably nearer.

I entertain no sort of doubt that every Australian Soldier will worthily rise to so great an occasion, and that every man, imbued with the spirit of Victory, will, in spite of every difficulty that may confront him, be animated by no other resolve than a grim determination to see through, to a clean finish, whatever his task may be.

The work to be done tomorrow will perhaps make heavy demands upon the endurance and staying powers of many of you; but I am confident that, in spite of excitement, fatigue, and physical strain, every man will carry on to the utmost of his powers until his goal is won; for the sake of AUSTRALIA, the Empire, and our Cause.

I earnestly wish every Soldier of the Corps the best of good fortune and a glorious and decisive Victory, the Story of which will re-echo throughout the World, and will live for ever in the history of our home land.

(Signed) JOHN MONASH.
Lieut-General.
Commanding AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
7th August 1918.

To All Ranks 4th Australian Division.

Whilst endorsing the message of the Corps Commander to you, I wish to add a few words.

First to thank you most heartily for your fine work hitherto under all circumstances.

Secondly to say how much I appreciate the difficulties of the task now set us; at the same time I know you will, if it is possible for Soldiers to do it, carry it out to a successful termination.

The effect of such success on the Enemy will be tremendous, and it will add to your already long list of fine achievements on the Battlefield, one of the most glorious of the War.

I wish you one and all the best of Luck.

E. G. Sinclair-Matlay

Major-General.
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

ALL UNITS.

Please ensure that the Message of G.O.C., Australian Army Corps and my message to the Division is read to the Troops by Company or lower formation commanders on the afternoon of August 7th.

E. G. Sinclair-Matlay

HEADQUARTERS,
4th Aust. Div.
7th August 1918.

Major-General.
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

S E C R E T.

Copy No. 2.....

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.ADDITION TO SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONSISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH BRIGADE ORDER No. 221.CAVALRY AND WHIPPET TANKS.

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-CHAULNES railway in conjunction with the 5th Australian Division, moving via the Southern side of the BOIS L'ABBE and crossing to the North side of the railway East of VILLIERS-BRETONNEUX. After crossing the railway it is to march roughly parallel to it, keeping in touch with the 8th and 15th Australian Infantry Brigades and the remainder of the first Cavalry Division on the Right.

If a break in the enemy's resistance on the Corps Front occurs the remainder of the 1st 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.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Issued to Signals at 6-45 PM

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Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTIONS No. 1.Reference Map 'A'.General Plan of Attack.

1. (a) The Australian Corps is to attack the enemy from the VILLERS BRETONNEUX-CHAULNES railway (exclusive) to the River SOMME, (inclusive) at a date and hour to be notified.

(b) The attack of the Australian Corps is to be carried out on a two Divisional front in three phases, as follows :-

1st Phase. (i) The 2nd and 3rd Aust. Divs. will form up on a taped line prior to Zero and will attack with Tanks under a creeping barrage. Their objective is shown by a GREEN line on the attached map. On arrival there they are to consolidate.

2nd Phase. (ii) The 5th and 4th Australian Divisions organised in Brigade Groups will advance in open warfare formation, from the first objective, (GREEN Line) passing through 2nd and 3rd Aust. Divs. respectively. Their objective is shown in RED on the map.

3rd Phase. (iii) The 5th and 4th Aust. Divs. will exploit their success and seize the old British line of defence marked BLUE on the map and establish themselves defensively on this line.

(c) The 1st Aust. Div. is to be in Corps Reserve.

(d) The Canadian Corps is to co-operate on the right, South of the railway, (inclusive) and the 3rd Corps on the Left, North of the SOMME (exclusive).

2. The 12th A.I. Brigade Group under command of Brigadier General R.L. LEANE. CMG. DSO. MC., is composed of the following troops:-

12th A.I. Brigade.
 12th Machine Gun Company.
 Nos. 1 and 3 Sections 13th M.G. Company.
 16th Royal Horse Artillery Brigade.
 "A" Company 4th Pioneer Battalion.
 "A" Company 8th Tank Battalion.
 9 Mark 5* Tanks.
 2 Sections of Infantry Supply Tanks.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Troop 13th Aust. Light Horse.

and will carry out the attack on the Right of the 4th Australian Divisional Sector in co-operation with the 4th A.I. Brigade on the Left and the 8th A.I. Brigade on the Right. Brigade and Battalion Boundaries and Objectives are as shown on attached map 'A'.

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R. L. Leane
 Major.
 Brigade Major.
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
FIRST AMENDMENT TO INSTRUCTIONS No. 2.
ACTION OF TANKS.

Para. 14 is amended as follows :-

For "C" Company 8th Tank Battalion (12 Mark 5* Tanks) read

"C" Company 8th Tank Battalion (12 Mark 5 Tanks)

After last line add :-

"6 Tanks of "C" Company will accompany 4th Battalion and this Battalion will detail a Special Liaison party to work in co-operation with these Tanks.

These Tanks will form up in the 2nd Assembly Position at Zero plus 2 hours on the Right of 'A' Company Tanks.

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Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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MAP "A."

3rd Div. Mule Tracks -----
4th -----

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EDITION 3 C. (Local)

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SHEET 62nd SE.

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

TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION
RECEIVED UP TO 31-7-18.

1st Assembly Position

2nd Assembly Position

3rd AUST. DIV.

4th AUST. DIV.

2nd AUST. DIV.

5th AUST. DIV.

48th Bn

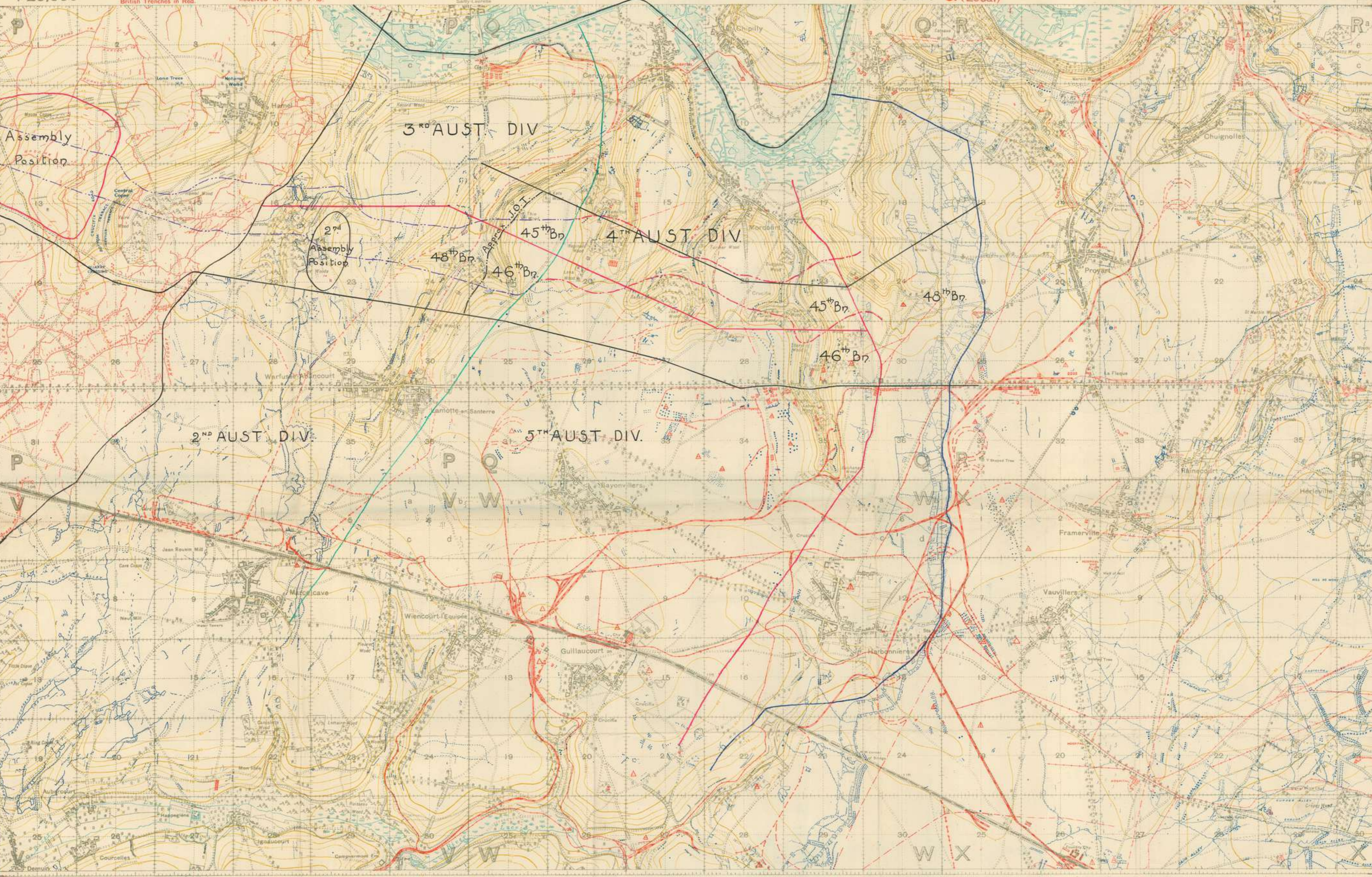
46th Bn

45th Bn

45th Bn

48th Bn

46th Bn



REFERENCE

Any trench apparently organized for fire Other Trenches (Important ones are shown by thick line. Old or disused by dotted line)	Enemy Trenches British Trenches Wire Entanglement or Other Obstacle Enemy's Tracks	Buried Pipeline or Cable Airline Supply Dumps Ammunition Earthworks Dig-outs Hut Works reinforced by concrete	Gun Emplacements Machine Gun Trench Mortar A-A Gun Observation Posts Listening Posts Mine Craters Fortified Organized Shell Holes	Hedges, Fences or Ditch Ditch with Permanent Water Conspicuous Points (Position of point is centre of circle. Dot shows that point is trigonometrical station.) Houses Shrine	Railways Permanent Temporary Normal Gauge, Double Single Light Trench Tramways Metre Gauge Railways or 60 cm.
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Scale 1:20,000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 METRES. ALL HEIGHTS IN METRES

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MAP 'A'

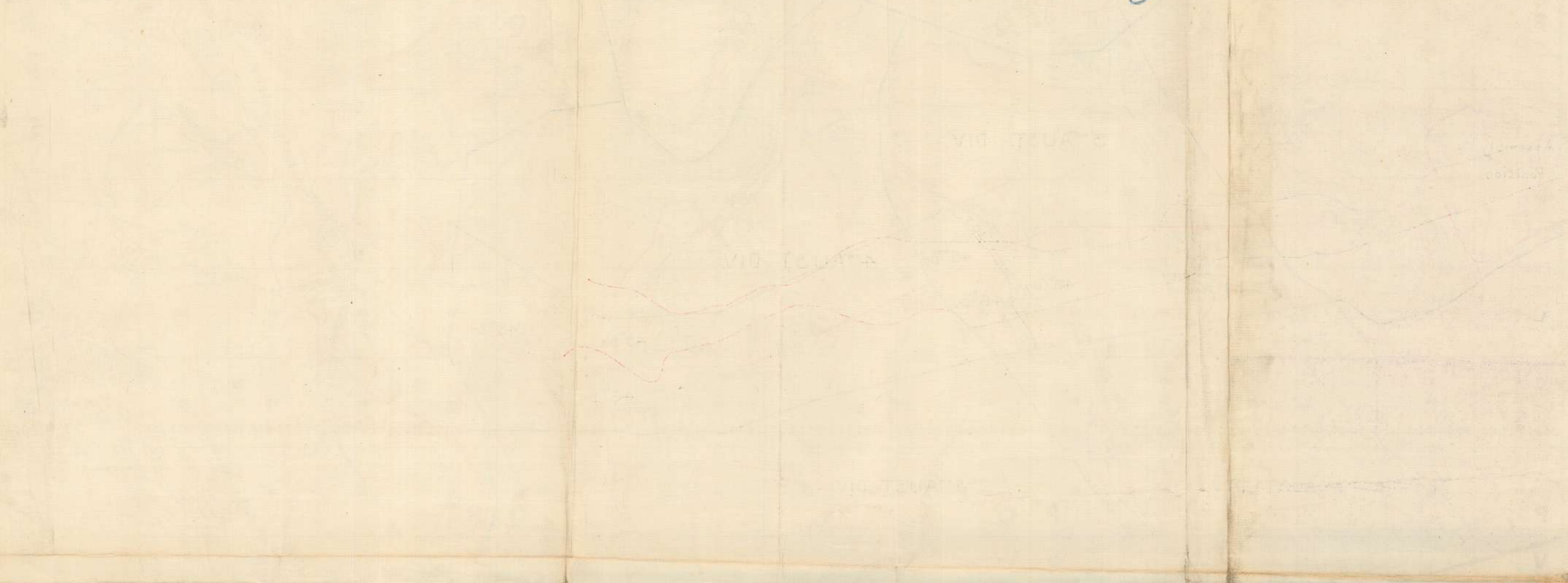
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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEINSTRUCTIONS No.2Action of Tanks.

1. "A" Company 8th Tank Battalion (Major BLACKBURN.DSO.MC) consisting of 4 Sections is allotted to the Brigade for the capture of the RED Line.
No.1 and 2 Section = 8 Tanks under Command of Captain SCOTT and Captain ROGERSON respectively are allotted to the 46th Battalion. No.3 and 4 Sections under command of 2/Lt.PRENTIS and Captain McFARLANE respectively are allotted to the 45th Battalion.
2. These Tanks will assemble on Y/Z night prior to Zero hour in about Square P 1. From this point Tanks will move to refilling point at P 2 c 2 5 where 45th and 46th Battalions will send a guide to meet their respective Tanks.
3. From refilling point Tanks will move forward at such time after Zero hour to permit their reaching and forming up on the second Forming Up Lines in P 23 a and P 17 c by Zero plus 2 hours.
4. From second Forming Up Lines they will move with Battalions at Zero plus 3 hours to the "Jumping Off Tape" approximately along the line of the road running South West through Western Edge of Kate Wood, Thin Wood, Hazel Wood.
5. On arrival at the "Jumping Off Tape" Battalions and Tanks reorganise for the continuance of the advance to RED Line which will be timed to cross the GREEN Line at Zero plus 4 hours.
6. Tanks used for the capture of the GREEN Line which still remain in action will, after capture and consolidation of the GREEN Line, reorganise in two groups and reform so as to move forward to assist the attack of the 4th and 12th Brigades to the RED Line, and will automatically come under the orders of the Infantry Brigade Commanders in whose Sectors they advance.
7. On reaching the RED Line "A" Company Tanks will move beyond the line to protect consolidation and reorganisation of the Reserve Battalion and Mark 5* Tanks for attack on the BLUE Line. These Tanks will remain out in front of the RED Line until such time as orders from Brigade Headquarters for their return are received. On receipt of orders to return they will reassemble in the vicinity of DUDGEON Wood Valley.
8. 45th and 46th Battalions will detail a scout to ride in each of the Tanks allotted them for observation duties.
9. Nine Mark 5* Tanks, (Lt.Col.FAIRFAX) are allotted to the 48th Battalion for the capture of the BLUE Line.
These Tanks will assemble prior to Zero hour about Squares O 12 b.
The Garrisons of these Tanks consist of:-
10 Vickers Guns (12th M.G.Company)
14 Lewis Guns (48th Battalion)
Crews to accompany the above guns are as follows:-
5 Officers 70 o/ranks for Vickers Guns,
4 Officers 56 o/ranks for Lewis Guns.
The above personnel, guns, ammunition and spare parts will assemble at Brigade Headquarters at the Quarry P 7 a O 3 on afternoon of Y day, at a time to be fixed by O.C. 4th Machine Gun Battalion who will be responsible that they connect with the Mark 5* Tanks in O 12 b.

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On picking up Garrisons the Mark 5* Tanks will get in touch with the 48th Battalion and move to their allotted Forming Up places about Squares P 22 b by Zero plus 2½ hours.

10. 48th Battalion will detail an Officer to meet these Tanks at O 12 b and guide them to allotted Forming Up places of 48th Battalion about P 22 b, and for touch between the Tanks and 48th Battalion during the advance and for their reorganisation and assembly on reaching the RED Line prior to continuing the advance to the BLUE Line.
11. Should the Reserve Battalion of Brigade become engaged before reaching the RED Line the Mark 5* Tanks and their Garrison are not to be involved in the fighting except in case of extreme urgency.
Subject to the above conditions the Mark 5* Tanks will choose their own route to the vicinity of the RED Line.
12. On reaching the RED Line the Mark 5* Tanks will be rapidly organised with the 48th Battalion for the continuation of the advance to the BLUE Line. For this operation they will come under the orders of the C.O. 48th Battalion.
13. The Mark 5* Tanks will be released under orders of the Infantry Brigade Commander when the situation allows. C.O. 48th Battalion will advise Brigade Headquarters when he considers the work of these Tanks is completed.
On these Tanks being released they will return to their Tankdromes.
14. "C" Company 8th Tank Battalion (12 Mk.5* Tanks) Major BENNEWITH, will be employed in Support. The special duty of this Company is the maintenance of the attack at the junction of the 4th and 5th Divisions throughout the advance as far as the RED Line.
15. Signals between Tanks and Infantry. Should the Infantry require the assistance of Tanks to deal with enemy strong points or Machine gun nests Tanks will answer a smoke Grenade fired in the direction of the suspected locality or by placing their steel helmets on their bayonets and pointing in the direction of the strong point.
16. Battalions will prepare boards with their Regimental Colours to be placed on all Tanks.
17. The 12 Tanks of "A" Company will each carry 3,000 rounds of S.A.A. which will be dumped on reaching the RED Line.
The Mark 5* Tanks will carry:-
 - 4 Tanks 12,000 rounds S.A.A.
 - 5 Tanks 20 boxes No. 36 Grenades.
 - 10 boxes No. 37 or 27 Grenades.
18. Infantry Carrier Tanks four (4) are allotted to the Brigade for transport of Light Trench Mortars, ammunition, Engineers Material, Water, etc.
Details of loads and dumping is given in Administrative Instructions.

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INSTRUCTIONS No. 3.

INTELLIGENCE ARRANGEMENTS.

1. PRISONERS.

(a) All prisoners will be disarmed and sent to Brigade Headquarters under escorts where they will be handed over to escorts provided by A.P.M.

(b) A Divisional collecting cage will be established at O 5 d 1 8.

(c) One Intelligence Officer will be stationed at this cage and an Intelligence Officer will be at Advanced Brigade Headquarters for the purpose of extracting from prisoners information of immediate tactical importance only.

(d) The Divisional cage will be connected by telephone to Divisional H.Q. and important information will be transmitted as quickly to Div. and Brigade Headquarters.

(e) It is essential that prisoners are not detained any longer than is absolutely necessary. When a number of prisoners are taken only one or two of each Regiment will be detained and the remainder sent on to Div. cage as speedily as possible.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Identifications will be passed to Brigade Headquarters as speedily as possible stating locality in which obtained.

3. SEARCHING OF PRISONERS.

(a) Officers and N.C.Os will be searched, as soon as possible after capture, by a responsible officer or N.C.O. and all documents taken from them sent back with the escort to the Intelligence Officer at the Div. cage.

(b) Other ranks will not be searched until they arrive at Corps cage.

(c) Pay-books, identity discs and personal belongings will not be taken from prisoners.

(d) Escorts and guards should be warned to take special precautions to prevent prisoners from destroying papers.

4. SEPARATION OF OFFICERS, N.C.Os., and MEN.

Care will be taken that Officers, N.C.Os and Privates are all separated at once and no communication allowed to pass between the groups.

5. LOCALITY OF CAPTURE.

When prisoners are sent back information will be sent back showing where they were captured. Information as to the Battalion which made the capture is a useful indication when definite localities are not known.

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6. **APPENDIX** It is most important that no Officer or N.C.O., except those duly authorised, be allowed to converse with, or interrogate prisoners.

7. **BATTALION INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL.**

(a) **German Speaker.** Battalions will make use of their German Interpreters for the following purposes:-

- (i) To secure immediate identifications quickly, so that identifications will reach Corps H.Q. as speedily as possible.
- (ii) To secure immediate information required by the Battalion Commander as regards enemy dispositions, assembly positions, orders for counter-attack etc.
- (iii) To be in charge of the two searchers and separate important documents, orders, maps, etc., translate and convey information of movement to the Commander on the spot.

NOTE. The German speaker must be used purely as Interpreter and must not be allowed to interrogate prisoners except under the direction of a responsible officer.

(b) **Searchers.** Each Battalion will detail 2 searchers who, under the German speaker, will systematically search the battlefield, enemy positions, H.Q., dead, etc., for papers, documents, maps, etc., - have them packed in sandbags and forwarded as quickly as possible to the Div. canteen. This personnel should be armed with handy weapons and carry torches.

8. **MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.**

The following maps are being issued:-

- (i) A large issue of 1/20,000 S.E. regular series for distribution to all Officers.
- (ii) 1/20,000 map message form, for distribution down to N.C.Os.
- (iii) A small issue of 1/10,000 maps of forward area only.
- (iv) 1/40,000 organisation map together with note on the enemy.

The following special photographs are being issued:-

- (a) A Mosaic of the Divisional Front, squared and contoured and freely annotated for distribution down to N.C.Os.
- (b) Oblique photographs of the Divisional Front for distribution to all Officers.

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Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Information will be sent to the Battalion showing where they were captured. Information as to the Battalion which made the capture is a useful indication when definite localities are not known.

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INSTRUCTIONS No. 4.

The following will be the Normal distribution of Orders and Instructions :-

- No. 1 - File.
- 2/4- War Diary.
- 5 - 45th Battalion.
- 6 - 46th Battalion.
- 7 - 48th Battalion.
- 8 - 12th A.L.T.M.B.
- 9 - 16th R.H.A. Brigade.
- 10 - "A" Coy. 4th Aust. Pnr. Battn.
- 11 - "A" Coy. 8th Tank Battalion.
- 12/13- O.C. Mark 5* Tanks.
- 14 - Supply Tanks.
- 15 - 12th Aust. M.G. Company.
- 16 - 13th Aust. M.G. Company.
- 17 - 4th Aust. Division.
- 18 - 4th A.I. Brigade.
- 19 - 8th A.I. Brigade.
- 20 - 13th A.I. Brigade.
- 21 - 9th A.I. Brigade.
- 22 - 10th A.F.A. Brigade.
- 23 - 11th A.F.A. Brigade.
- 24/30- Spare.

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 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INSTRUCTIONS No. 5.

ACTION OF MACHINE GUNS.

1. For the capture of the RED Line No.1 Section (2/Lt.BANKS) 13th M.G.Company, is allotted to 46th Battalion and No.3 Section (2/Lt.JOHNSON) 13th M.G.Company is allotted to 45th Battalion.
2. O.C. 45th and 46th Battalions will issue orders direct to Sections Commanders for the employment of these guns in the attack. These Sections, after the capture of the RED Line, will be employed in the consolidation of the captured ground in depth as far back as Crucifix Spur, about Q 28 and Q 29.
3. Battalions will arrange direct with the O.C. of their respective Sections as to places of assembly, and times prior to Zero.
4. For the capture of the BLUE Line 10 Guns of 12th M.G.Company with crews consisting of 5 Officers 70 other ranks will Garrison the 9 Mark 5* Tanks together with 16 Lewis Guns of 48th Battalion. These crews and guns will ride in the Mark 5* Tanks until they reach the BLUE Line where they will be offloaded and occupy suitable positions to cover the advance of the 48th Battalion, and consolidation of the BLUE Line. These Tanks will precede the 48th Battalion on passing through the RED Line.
5. Major J.E.MOTT, 48th Battalion, will Command the Machine Gun and Lewis Gun personnel.
6. In addition to the 10 Vickers Guns with Mark 5* Tank, 6 Guns 12th M.G.Company are allotted and will accompany the 48th Battalion. These 6 Guns will assist in the capture of the BLUE Line. C.O. 48th Battalion will arrange direct with O.C. 12th M.G.Company place and time of assembly of Guns and Crews prior to Zero.
7. On capture of BLUE Line Vickers Guns will be employed in the consolidation of the captured ground in depth.

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J. E. Mott
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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INSTRUCTIONS No. 6.

ROADS AND TRACKS.

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1. Map 'A' shows the Organisation of Road System in captured areas.
 2. Wherever possible light transport which is capable of moving across country will do so and avoid main Roads.
 3. Engineers are responsible for marking of mule tracks. All mule tracks will be marked by white stakes. The approved routes are shown on map 'A'.
 4. The Artillery are carrying forward bridges and positions of these bridges over any obstacle will be marked by a small white flag on a 6 foot pole and every advantage is to be taken of these bridges by all horse transport.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO INSTRUCTIONS No. 7.

AIRCRAFT.

Para. 2. Contact aeroplanes.

Sub. para (c) second line. For "Zero plus 8 hours 30 minutes"
Read "Zero plus 7 hours."

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Brigade Major.
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INSTRUCTIONS No. 7.

AIRCRAFT.

1. The Air Forces which will operate on the Australian Corps Front during the battle will be as follows :-

- (a) Corps Squadron - 3rd Australian Squadron.
- (b) 6th Tank Brigade - 8th Squadron.
- (c) Working under Army Orders.- The 22nd Wing (8th Scout Squadron) will be exclusively employed in engaging ground targets by bombing and machine gunning along the whole Army Front.
- (d) One night bombing Squadron - 101st Bombing Squadron.
- (e) One reconnaissance Squadron - 48th Squadron.

Four additional day bombing squadrons and three additional night bombing Squadrons are being obtained from other Wings for co-operation.

2. 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 2 hours 30'. Flares will be called for by the aeroplane sounding a succession of "A's" on the Klaxon horn and by firing a white Verrey light. If the aeroplane fails to mark the line accurately it will repeat its call 10 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' when the procedure laid down in sub-para (b) will be repeated until the flares are shown.
- (d) It is essential that definite Instructions be issued to all ranks that on the call of a contact plane for flares that only a proportion of the flares are ignited, otherwise should all flares be ignited on the first call and the plane is unable to locate the line it will be impossible for the Infantry to indicate their positions on the plane calling again for flares.
- (e) Divisional Dropping Station will be established at 0 11 b 5 5.

(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

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bright. The disc is most easily carried sewn to the small box respirator, and can be used in this way without inconvenience.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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" ~~xxx~~ 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.

6. AEROPLANE SMOKE SCREENS.

The aeroplanes detailed for carrying S.A.A. will, in addition be employed to drop phosphorous smoke bombs to obstruct the enemy's view.

The areas to be screened and the time ^{at} which the screening in each case shall cease, in order not to interfere with the advance of the Infantry will be shown on a map to be issued later.

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 panel 2 feet by 1 foot on both lower planes about 3 feet from the fuselage.
- (b) Machines working with Tanks - black band on middle of right side of tail.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTIONS No. 8.LIGHT SIGNALS.

1. The following Light Signals will be employed on the Australian Corps Front :-

- S.O.S. Signal - Rifle Grenade GREEN over GREEN over GREEN.
 Success Signal - Rifle Grenade WHITE over WHITE over WHITE.

These Signals have been issued to Units.

Success Signals will be fired by Units on gaining their Objectives as follows :-

On reaching RED Line - Single Grenades fired due South (parallel with the RED Line)

On reaching the BLUE Line - Success Signals (fired in pairs) due North (parallel with BLUE Line)

2. Brigade and Battalions will establish O.Ps. which will be on the lookout for Success Signals.

These Signals will not be repeated to the rear in order to avoid confusion on the flanks owing to all Units using the same Success Signal.

The means available for communicating the Success Signal to the rear will be - Telephone - Visual - Runner, etc.

3. Other Formations.

Light Signals of other formations are as follows :-

	Signal	Meaning
(i) Cavalry Corps	- White star turning to RED on parachute fired from $\frac{1}{2}$ inch Very pistol.	Advanced troops of Cavalry are here.
(ii) 3rd Corps	- No.32 Grenade GREEN over GREEN over GREEN.	"S.O.S."
	- No.32 Grenade WHITE over WHITE over WHITE.	"Success Signal, i.e., We have reached objective."
	- 1 WHITE Very light	"Barrage is about to lift."

ACKNOWLEDGE.

6/8/1918.

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 Major.
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 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTIONS No. 9.COMMUNICATIONS.

The following will be the Signal Arrangements from Zero minus half hour.

1. Between Brigade Headquarters and Units by Telephone and Runners, D.R.L.S. with a line at Cable Head at P 9 a 4 4, which is through to Brigade Headquarters at P 7 a 0 3.
2. On Battalions moving forward to 2nd Assembly Positions, traffic for Brigade will be via Cable Head.
3. Brigade Forward Party comprised of 1 Officer and 12 other ranks accompanied by 1 Officer and 15 other ranks 1st Australian Tunnelling Company will leave vicinity of Cable Head at Zero plus one hour to reconnoitre and select positions and establish advance Brigade Headquarters about RAT WOOD, P 24 b, Q 19 or Q 17 c. Actual location of Advance Brigade Headquarters will be notified to all concerned.
As soon as Brigade Headquarters is established in vicinity of RAT WOOD, Forward Brigade Headquarters will be established about Q 28 a.
4. Brigade Visual Station will be established approximately Q 13 d which will be in touch with Divisional Station at J 28 b 2 2. Battalions will arrange for Visual Stations to be established for communication between Companies, Battalions, and Brigade H.Q.
5. Lines from Cable Head will be run to Forward Brigade Headquarters as selected and from Forward Headquarters to Battalions.
6. PIGEONS.

Sixteen birds will be issued to the Brigade in 8 Assault baskets. These will be issued to Battalions as follows:-

48th Battalion	-	8 birds.
46th Battalion	-	4 birds.
45th Battalion	-	4 birds.

This means of communication is to be used only when every other available means fail.

Time and date must be stated on all Pigeon Messages.

7. ROCKETS.

Rockets have been issued as follows :-

48th Battalion	-	10
46th Battalion	-	5
45th Battalion	-	5

8. EXTRA PIGEONS AND ROCKETS.

Arrangements have been made with the 3rd Australian Division to collect and dump at Cross Roads Q 13 c all unused Pigeons and Message Rockets. These will be collected by 48th Battalion and carried forward to augment their supplies.

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9. WIRELESS.

Trench Sets will be established at Brigade Headquarters and Forward Brigade Headquarters which will be in touch with Division (i.e. the Station at Brigade Headquarters.)

10. POWER BUZZER AND AMPLIFIER will be installed at 45th and 46th Battalion Headquarters and at Forward Brigade Headquarters.

11. AIRCRAFT.

Battalions will arrange to communicate to aeroplanes with Popham Panels.

To enable aeroplanes to distinguish Units Brigades and Battalions will display the following Code letters with the top of the letters pointing towards the enemy :-

- 12th A.I. Brigade - "L"
- 45th Battalion - "L W"
- 46th Battalion - "L X"
- 48th Battalion - "L Y"

These letters of White calico are being provided and the figures issued to-day will on no account be used.

12. RUNNERS.

Relay Posts will be established at Brigade Headquarters and Forward Brigade Headquarters as established.

13. REPORTS, etc.

It is of the utmost importance that frequent reports are sent to Brigade Headquarters from time to time regarding the situation. Negative information is of the utmost value.

Unit Commanders will ensure that all means of communication available are used as the information sent back will be one of the directing factors for the employment of further troops for exploitation of the attack.

Scouts and Observation Posts will be made the utmost use of for obtaining information.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

48th Battalion - 8 birds
 46th Battalion - 4 birds
 45th Battalion - 4 birds

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Major,
Brigade Major,
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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48th Battalion - 10
 46th Battalion - 5
 45th Battalion - 5

EXTRA PIGEONS AND ROCKETS.

Arrangements have been made with the 7th Australian Division to collect and dump at Green Road 9 1/2 all unused Pigeons and Message Rockets. These will be collected by 48th Battalion and carried forward to augment their supplies.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.REFERENCE TO BRIGADE ORDER No. 221.
-----Enemy Telephone Lines.

Battalions will detail special parties to ensure that all enemy telephone lines found in the captured area are cut. Special care is to be taken to ensure that lateral wires are destroyed.

HEADQUARTERS OF UNITS.

The following will be the method of distinguishing the several Headquarters:-

Brigade Headquarters	-	RED Flag.
16th R.H.A. Brigade	-	BLUE Flag.
Batteries 16th R.H.A.	-	BLUE Flags.
45th Battalion	-	Discs Regimental Colours.
46th Battalion	-	BLUE Flag.
48th Battalion	-	BLUE and WHITE Flag.

ARMoured CARS.

The 17th Armoured Car Battalion will co-operate with the 5th Australian Division in the attack.

The roles allotted to this Battalion may carry the Cars forward for a considerable distance into enemy territory, and may necessitate their returning through other Divisional Areas other than the 5th Divisional Area.

Cars of 17th Armoured Car Battalion can be recognised by the RED and WHITE Band Markings which are similar to those of the British Tanks.

All ranks will be carefully warned of the possibility of our Armoured Cars coming into our own Sector.

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A. J. J. J.
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to be ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH
BRIGADE ORDER No. 221.

1. Trench Shelters will not be issued in this area unless climatic conditions demand. If issued a rear party under an officer will be left to dismantle and collect the shelters and remain in charge until arrangements have been made for return to a central dump. Nucleus personnel can be used for this purpose.
2. Roads. Horse Transport will not use main roads but must keep to roads allotted. Roads are marked M.T. on square boards and H.T. on triangular boards.
3. Supplies. Railhead AILLY-SUR-SOMME.
Refilling Point - N 1 a.
Train waggons will deliver to Transport Lines.
4. Divisional Ammunition Dump O 10 a 1 1.
S.A.A. Section will be located at O 7 c 4 4.
All demands will be made direct to Brigade or to Captain PAYNE, Brigade Transport Officer who will arrange with D.A.C. to replenish echelons. Joint Divisional Dumps are being formed by 3rd Australian Division at O 9 b and O 10 a.
5. Reinforcement Staging Depot will move on Z morning to ALLONVILLE.
6. Brigade Nucleus will move on Z morning to shelters in LA NEUVILLE Sector. Move will be arranged and areas and shelters allotted by Division direct with C.O. Nucleus
7. D.A.D.O.S. will remain at H 19 d 0 0.
8. Mobile Vet. Section location later.
9. R.E. Stores to be demanded through Brigade.
Divisional R.E. Dump N 5 a (VECQUEMONT).
10. Water. Stand Pipes and dixie fillers exist at O 7 b 9 5, O 15 b 8 0, and O 17 a 1 9. In addition 50 petrol tins will be sent forward on each Tank on each of two trips. Battalions will arrange for the filling of the first 50 tins which will be delivered to Tanks at O 1 c 0 5 to-day. Remaining 50 tins for second trip will be filled and dumped at P 20 b 1 1 (with other material) by 3rd Australian Division. Also 200 water tins will be delivered to Brigade Dump (O 6 d 6 3) to-day for distribution to Brigade Units. These will be filled under unit arrangements. (Stoppers may also be required)
One 125 gallon water lorry and four 300 gallon G.S. waggons are available at Division to cart water forward from above water points. Units will apply for allotment of lorry or waggons stating where same is required.
Wells in captured territory will be examined by R.M.Os before use.
11. Salvage to be returned to refilling point by empty limbers and tram waggons etc.
12. Pack Transport under Battalion arrangements 8 extra pack saddles per Battalion will be delivered to Battalion Transport Lines.
13. Water bottles, extra S.A.A., picks, shovels, sandbags etc., as demanded by Units will be issued later from Brigade Dump (O 6 d 6 3) Hot food containers, wire cutters, pea soup, and solidified alcohol will also be issued.

General

Staff Captain

3rd Australian Infantry Brigade

14. Supply Tanks are allotted as under:-

45th Battalion	1 Tank.
46th "	1 "
48th "	2 Tanks.

15. (A) Loads as per attached schedule marked 'A' will be carried forward in each supply Tank. These loads will be dumped at locations finally selected by Battalion Commanders.

(B) A permanent loading and unloading party of one N.C.O. and three men per Tank has been detailed. These will remain with the Tanks throughout the operations. This party will also act as guides if necessary.

(C) A forward dump is being established by 3rd Australian Division at P 20 b 1 1 from which 'supply' Tanks will make their second trips.

(D) Units will arrange to mark their own Tanks with discs of Battalion colours. This includes all Tanks allotted for the operation.

16. Brigade Field Post Office has been established at Refilling Point

17. Sanitation. Immediate attention will be given to the provision of latrines in the new areas.

18. Tin discs for attachment to respirators for signalling to aeroplanes will be issued later from Brigade Dump.

19. Battle Stragglers Posts are located as under:-

No. 1.	J 26 a 0 0
2.	J 32 c 8 5
3.	O 12 b 8 5
4.	O 18 b 5 3

As situation demands posts will be established at 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 5.

During first phase of attack the Stragglers Collecting Station will be established at O 5 d 1 8. In the second phase HAMEL.

20. Prisoners of War. An attachment of M.M.P. will be stationed at Brigade Headquarters to receive all prisoners.

Divisional P.O.W. Cage located at O 5 d 1 8. When situation permits a P.O.W. Cage will be established in HAMEL.

21. Traffic Posts are established throughout the area.

22. Should any civilians be found they should be sent back to Brigade Headquarters and handed over to M.M.P.

23. Medical arrangements later.

Schedule "A". Loads on Tanks.

First trip to be loaded at O 1 c 0 5. Each Tank S.A.A. 15,000 rounds, barbed wire 120 coils, long screw pickets 120, short screw pickets 240, 3" Stokes Mortars Amm. 150 rounds, petrol tins full 50, Grenades No.36 500, sandbags 1,000.

Second trip to be loaded at P 20 b 1 1, dumps being arranged by 3rd Australian Division. Each Tank as above plus 52 sheets corrugated iron. If necessary barbed wire and pickets will be lessened accordingly.

A. H. Harty
Captain.
Staff Captain.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

5/8/1918.

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 2 ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH BRIGADE
ORDER No. 221.1. Supply Tanks Second Trip.

Owing to allotment of Tanks for 2nd trip being reduced to 3 distribution will now be

48th Battalion	-	2
46th Battalion	-	1

2. Material for 2nd trip will be dumped by C.R.E. and S.A.A. Section at P 20 b 1 1 before 10 a.m. Zero day, and Tanks will collect from this dump. A party of 1 Officer (from 46th Battalion Nucleus) and 12 men from 46th Battalion party at present at Brigade Dump at O 6 d 6 5 will be detailed by Brigade to report to and take charge of this dump at 8 a.m. on Zero morning. Officer will be responsible for the loading of Tanks. Loads as per attached Schedule 'A'.

3. (a) Water Tins (60 only) will be delivered to Brigade Transport Lines and allotted equally between Battalions. These will be filled and used by Battalions and the 50 tins per Tank to be dumped at P 20 b 1 1 mentioned in Administrative Instructions Para. 10 will not now be dumped as shown.

(b) One 300 gallon G.S. waggon has now been allotted to Brigade and is now being held as Brigade Reserve. Allotment of same will be made to Units on application to Brigade or Brigade Transport Officer. Units to state where same is required to report.

4. Chloride of Lime.

A dump exists at rear of Billet No. 8 CORBIE. Units will draw as required (for Gas protection purposes) on application to dump.

5. Socks can be exchanged at Clothing Exchange, VECQUEMONT.

6. Mobile Vet. Section is located at H 27 d 0 0.

7. Burials.

Cemeteries will be established approximately at Q 7 d 0 0, Q 8 c 0 0, and Q 19 central.

8. Medical Arrangements issued herewith (separately).

SCHEDULE 'A'.

Barbed Wire, coils	-	-	-	-	120
Long screw pickets	-	-	-	-	120
Short screw pickets	-	-	-	-	240
Corrugated iron, sheets	-	-	-	-	35
S.A.A., rounds	-	-	-	-	15,000
3" Stokes Ammunition, rounds,	-	-	-	-	150
Grenades, No. 36	-	-	-	-	500
Sandbags	-	-	-	-	1,000

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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A. J. Kelly
Captain.
Staff Captain.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH BRIGADE ORDER No. 221.

1. For operation up to and including capture of GREEN Line as under.

R.A.Ps.	RELAY POSTS.	M.L.POSTS.	A.D.S.	M.D.S.	D.C.S.
P 21 a 9 2 P 16 c 1 9 P 16 a 1 3	P 14 c 9 5 P 9 a 3 4	P 13 d 1 5 P 8 b 2 3	O 15 a 5 7 9th Field Ambulance	N 4 c 9 2 11th Field Ambulance.	Les ALENCONS. 10th Field Ambulance

REMARKS.

As soon as possible after Zero a Walking Wounded Dressing Station will be opened at Hospice FOUILLOY, O 10 a 9 7, by 13th Field Ambulance, W.W. being evacuated by busses direct to C.C.S. This W.W. Dressing Station will also become the A.D.S. for Stretcher Cases as soon as circumstances allow.

The 4th Field Ambulance Tent Sub-divisions are at O 10 b 7 9 ready to push forward and establish an A.D.S. in HAMEL vicinity.

- O.C. 9th Field Ambulance is responsible for evacuations back to M.D.S.
- R.A.Ps. will advance as soon as possible and Motor Ambulances push forward along HAMEL - WARFUSEE and FOUILLOY - WARFUSEE Roads.
- The 3rd Australian Division Stretcher Bearers will evacuate cases from GREEN Line back to A.D.S.
- The 4th Australian Division Stretcher Bearers will advance with Brigade but will not evacuate any casualties.
- Evacuation Scheme after commencement of attack by 4th Aust. Division.

A.D.S.	M.D.S.	D.C.S.	REMARKS.
Hospice FOUILLOY O 10 a 9 7 13th Field Ambulance, also W.W. Dressing Station.	N 4 c 9 2 12th and 11th Field Ambu- lances.	Les ALENCONS.	As soon as circumstances allow an A.D.S. will be established in the vicinity of HAMEL by 4th Field Ambulance. When this is established the FOUILLOY A.D.S. becomes the M.D.S.- N 4 c 9 2 becomes D.C.S.

7. O.C. 4th Field Ambulance is now responsible for evacuations back to M.D.S. 4th Australian Division Stretcher Bearers being employed to evacuate back to GREEN Line.

R.A.Ps. Bearer Relays and M.L.Posts will be pushed forward as far as possible.

Gas Centre and blood transfusion centre St.ACHEUL.

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8. Evacuation Scheme after capture of RED Line.

A.D.S.	M.D.S. & W.W.D.S.	D.C.S.	IN RESERVE.
HAMEL vicinity. 4th Field Ambulance.	FOUJILLOY 0 10 a 9 7 13th and 10th Field Ambulances.	N 4 o 9 2 12th Field Ambulance.	2 Tent sub-divisions of 12th Field Ambulance, 3 of 11th Field Amb., and 3 of 9th Field Ambulance.

9. 4th Australian Division Stretcher Bearers evacuate from RED to GREEN Line.

10. 3rd Australian Division Stretcher Bearers evacuate from GREEN Line to A.D.S.

11. Casualty Wires and Returns required by A.D.M.S. at 6 a.m., 12 noon, 6 p.m., 12 midnight daily.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Captain.
Staff Captain.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Evacuation Scheme after commencement of attack by 4th Aust. Division.

REMARKS.	D.C.S.	M.D.S.	A.D.S.
As soon as circumstances allow an A.D.S. will be established in the vicinity of HAMEL by 4th Field Ambulance. When this is established the FOUJILLOY A.D.S. becomes the M.D.S. - N 4 o 9 2 becomes D.C.S.	12th and 11th Ambulances.	Hospice FOUJILLOY N 4 o 9 2 12th and 11th Ambulances.	W.W. Dressing Station.

4th Field Ambulance is now responsible for evacuation back to M.D.S. 4th Australian Division Stretcher Bearers being employed to evacuate back to GREEN Line. R.A.P. Bearer Relay and M.L. Posts will be pushed forward as far as possible. Gas Centre and blood transfusion centre at A.D.S.

P.T.O.

The following are the Units of the Group under Command of the G.O.C., 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade, and their locations:-

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>LOCATION.</u>
12th A.I. Brigade H.Q.	P 7 a 0 3
45th Battalion (Lt.Colonel C.M. JOHNSTON.DSO)	P 8 a 5 0
46th Battalion (Lt.Colonel J.J. CORRIGAN.DSO)	O 18 b 9 3
48th Battalion (Lt.Colonel S.L. PERRY.MC.)	O 12 d 0 0
12th A.L.T.M. Battery (Lt.H.K. COWARD.MC.DCM.)	O 12 d 85 00
12th Aust.M.G. Company (Capt.A.F. TAYLOR.)	I 34 a 2 3
No. 1 Section, 13th M.G. Company (2/Lt.BANKS)	
No. 3 Section, 13th M.G. Company (2/Lt. JOHNSON)	
12th R.H.A. Brigade (Lt.Col. ARCHDALE)	I 30 a 8 7
"A" Company 4th Aust. Pioneer Battalion (Lt.JENNER)	P 7 a 05 40
$\frac{1}{2}$ Troop 13th A.L.H. (Sgt. CALLER)	P 7 a 0 3
"A" Company 8th Tank Battalion. (Major BLACKBURN.DSO.MC.)	O 13 a 1 2
Mark 5* Tanks (Lt.Col. FAIRFAX)	O 4 d 4 2
1 Section Supply Tanks (Lt. COOMBS)	O 1 c 0 5
1 Section Supply Tanks (Lt. BIRCH)	O 1 c 0 5
"C" Company 8th Tank Battalion. (Major BENNEWITH)	O 13 a 1 2

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A. M. ...
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Headquarters,
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

7th August 1918.

- 1. Reference to Brigade Order No. 221, para. 8 -
Z E R O H O U R will be *H. 7.00 am* on the *9th* instant.

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A. D. Brown
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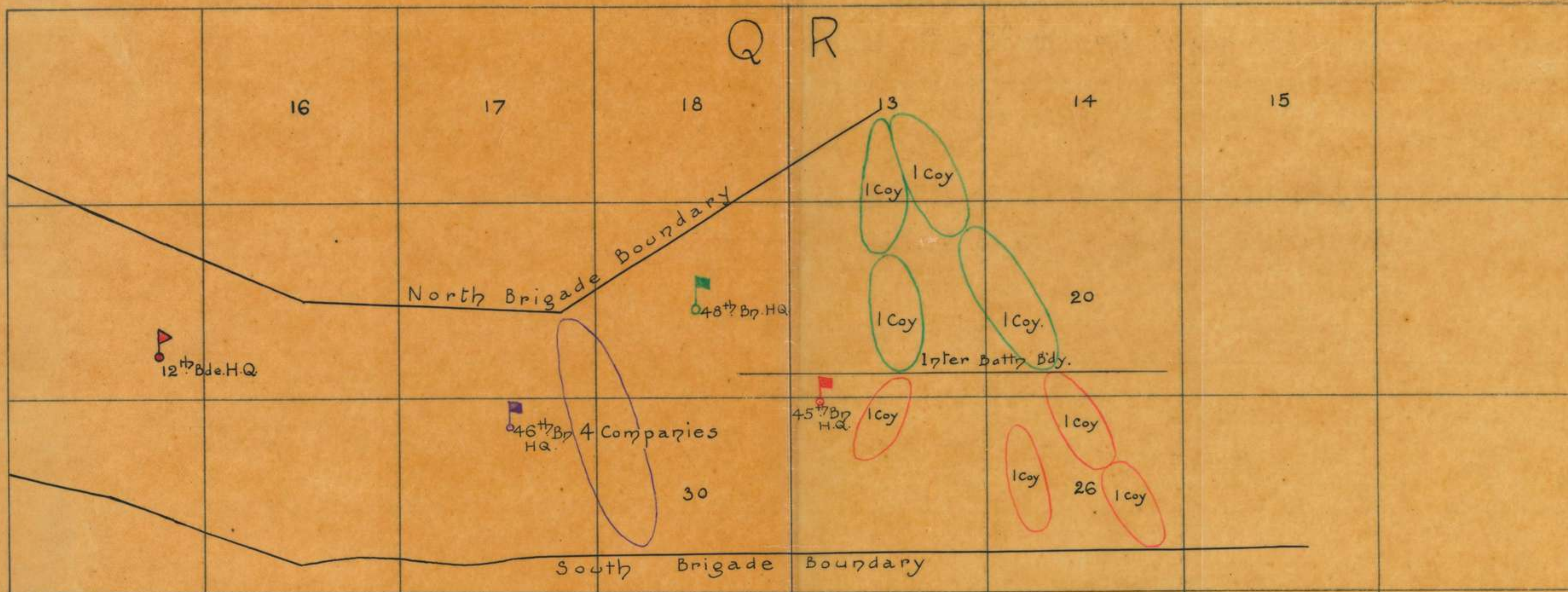
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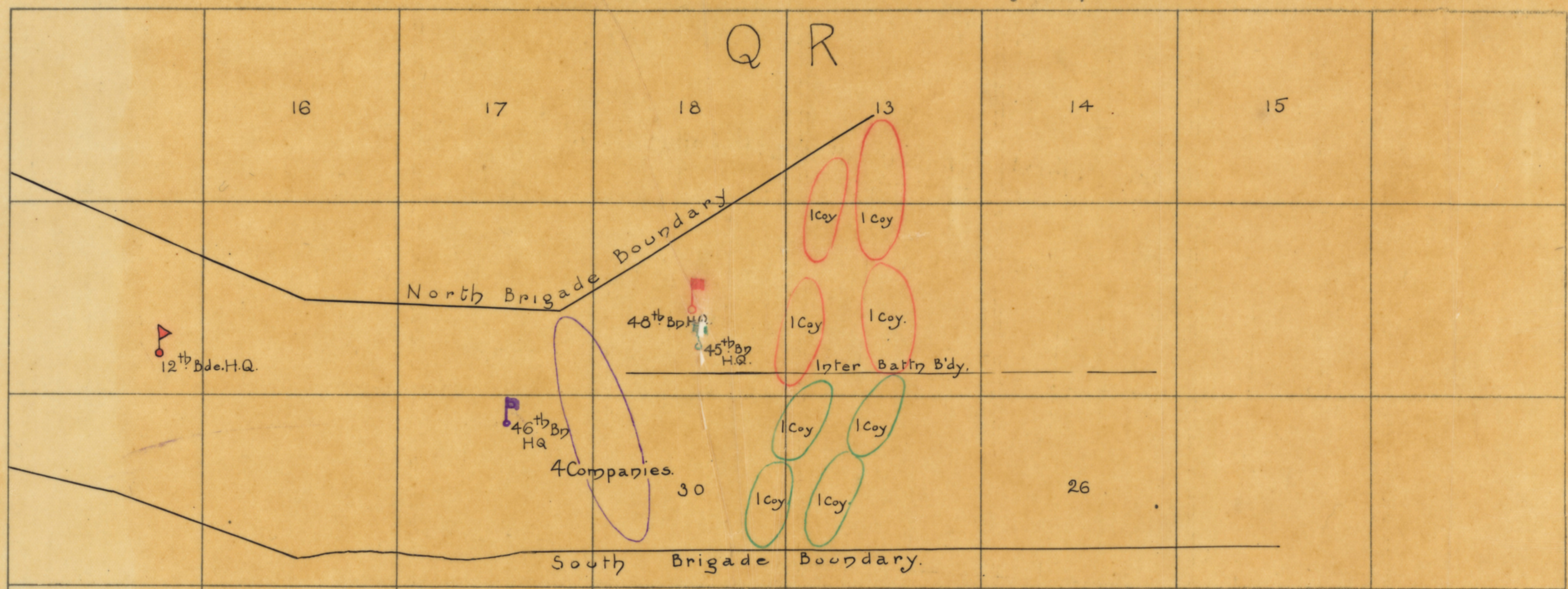
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- 48th . . . ○

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS EAST OF HAMEL8th/10th AUGUST 1918.Map Reference - 1/40,000 - 62D.18th August 1918.

The Brigade on relief in the Reserve Area (GLISY-LONGEAU) by the 8th Canadian Brigade moved to and occupied the area South East of HAMELET on the night 4th/5th August, the move being completed about 2.30 a.m. on the 5th, with Brigade Headquarters at O 12 d 9 9.

A conference was called on the afternoon of the 6th instant at Brigade Headquarters at which Oe.C. of all Units of the Brigade Group were present to discuss and finalise all arrangements for the attack on the 8th instant.

Instructions Nos. 1 - 9 and Brigade Order No. 221 were issued to Units between the 6th and 7th inst., and all details were completed by 6 p.m. on the 7th instant.

Battalions were issued extra S.A.A., Bombs, Water Bottles, etc., and Supply Tanks were loaded by the 6th inst., in accordance with Appendix 'A'.

The dawn broke with a very heavy fog which was almost impenetrable and somewhat hampered the movement forward from the 1st Position of Assembly to the 2nd Position of Assembly, and to the Jumping Off Tape. Reports from Battalions and Tanks advising their movements after moving forward from 1st Position of Assembly were very difficult to get to the rear owing to runners losing their way in the fog and arriving late. However, as the situation North of the River was obscure, the fog was a 'Godsend' to the attacking Infantry and Tanks, and was mainly responsible for the very few casualties sustained by the Brigade prior to moving forward through the GREEN Line.

The Brigade was in position in the 1st Position of Assembly by Zero minus half an hour.

Battalions moved forward to the 2nd Position of Assembly as follows :-

45th Battalion	5.30 a.m.
46th Battalion	5.20 a.m.
48th Battalion	5.25 a.m.

The Mark 5* and Mark 5 Tanks moved to 2nd Position of Assembly at 4.30 a.m.

Battalions moved forward in Artillery Formation and reported in position at 2nd Position of Assembly as follows :-

45th Battalion	7 a.m.
46th Battalion	6.45 a.m.
48th Battalion	6.45 a.m.

with their Tanks.

From the 2nd Position of Assembly Battalions moved to the Jumping Off Tape and were in position with the 45th Battalion on the Left and the 46th Battalion on the Right, and the 48th Battalion in Reserve about 500 yards in rear.

The moving forward from the 1st Position of Assembly to the Jumping Off Tape, owing to the fog and smoke barrage, caused Battalions slight anxiety concerning the eventual forming up on the Jumping Off Tape; but owing to the thorough organisation and extreme keenness of Intelligence Officers and Scouts detailed for the guiding of Battalions, very little trouble was experienced, and Battalions arrived at the 2nd Position of Assembly and on the Jumping Off Tape in good order and in ample time.

The advance to the Jumping Off Tape was carried out under slight enemy Artillery fire, and the troops were formed up on the Tape ready to advance with approximately 10 casualties.

At Zero plus 4 hours, 45th and 46th Battalions crossed the GREEN Line and advanced to the attack in close touch with flank Battalions, the 48th Battalion moving forward in support in Artillery Formation.

The advance of the 45th and 46th Battalions went well and according to Time-table, the RED Line being captured at 10.19 a.m.

ACTION OF 46th BATTALION MOVING FORWARD TO THE CAPTURE OF THE RED LINE.

At Zero plus 3 hours 40 minutes 46th Battalion was in position on the Taped Line in rear of the GREEN Line ready to move at Zero plus 4 hours. Whilst here the Battalion shook out into Artillery Formation and the Tanks moved up into position. During this period shelling was very slight and the Battalion suffered no casualties. Connection was established with flank Battalions, 30th Battalion being on the Right, and 45th Battalion on the Left.

At Zero plus 4 hours the Battalion crossed the GREEN Line and advanced to the attack. Attack advanced well, direction and connection being maintained. Slight resistance was offered from LENA WOOD and the Copse in rear of it, but this was speedily overcome and 4 Light Field Guns captured. Captain SYMONS, O.C. "D" Company, was slightly wounded in taking LENA WOOD. Lieut. W. HOOD, M.C. then took charge of "D" Company.

The first batch of prisoners, 32 in number, was taken at Q 19 a 7 5. Unfortunately, owing to the keenness of the men to push forward, the men detailed as escort did not accompany the prisoners back.

At this stage of the attack it was necessary to halt for about 5 minutes and wait for heavy artillery barrage to lift forward. The advance was then resumed, troops were moving well, going forward in grand style, with Tanks doing good work well in front.

JEAN WOOD was passed through and two Field Guns were captured at Q 27 b 8 7. Crossing road in Q 28 a & c "A" and "C" Companies pushed through the leading Companies and took up the attack. This change was splendidly carried out and the attack proceeded without delay. Opposition was met at VALERIE WOOD and 9 prisoners including a Regimental Headquarters and Observation Post were captured. After passing VALERIE WOOD stiffer opposition was met and Anti-tank Guns were firing from Q 29 b, and heavy Machine Gun and Rifle fire was encountered from Eastern slope of Valley in Q 29. The attack now progressed more slowly and troops on the Right were temporarily held up. It was necessary here to reinforce the Right as very stiff opposition was met with from RICHMOND WOOD and house in Q 29 d 0 5. Country was very difficult here and for a time the Tanks were not able to give much assistance. Lewis Guns were brought into action and lines began to advance under their covering fire. Guns were pushed forward on the Right flank, and greatly assisted the advance on our Right.

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On the Left flank enemy had lined the terraces in Q 23 c and Q 29 a & b, and was putting up a stiff resistance. Captain SYME, M.C. led his Company forward against this position, capturing it, and taking over 90 prisoners. On the Right the troops had got well forward and were crossing a valley and advancing on house in Q 29 d 0 5 from which heavy machine gun fire was coming. Tanks were now down the gully and climbing the Eastern slope. One of the Tanks was knocked out in this gully Q 29. During the charge against this position Lieut. HALL, Commanding "O" Company, was killed, and Lieut. KEMP took charge. The position was taken and about 30 prisoners secured. The advance continued up the hill, stiff opposition still being met with. It was found necessary to again reinforce the line, and "B" Company under Major NORTH moved forward. The attack now progressed well, RICHMOND WOOD being cleared of the enemy and about 50 prisoners were passed through. Meanwhile Captain SYME on the Left was making good progress. HOPE WOOD was reached and passed through after stiff fighting, and 40 prisoners taken.

The advance was maintained and our final objective was reached, when the work of consolidation was commenced. During the early stages of the consolidation Field Guns firing over open sights greatly worried us, but Vickers and Lewis Guns coming into action quickly, soon forced the Field Guns to withdraw. It was here one of the Tanks was knocked out by a direct hit.

ACTION OF 45th BATTALION DURING THE ATTACK ON THE RED LINE.

At 8 a.m. the Battalion was formed up in Battle Order on the Jumping Off Line as follows :- Tanks (which had been guided into position by the Intelligence Officer), Battalion Scouts, and the 4 Companies on a 2 Company Front, distributed as follows:-

- Right "A" Company.
- Left "B" Company.
- Right Support "D" Company.
- Left Support "C" Company.

The Companies passed the GREEN Line at 8.30 a.m. in Artillery Formation with a light screen in front. The advance from the GREEN Line to the RED Line went according to Timetable. Here and there machine guns put up a fight, but they were either dealt with by the Tanks or speedily outflanked and rushed. Throughout the advance the leading Companies flanked the WOODS as much as possible, and the two rear Companies mopped them up. This later necessitated portions of both "C" and "D" Companies being thrown into the Front to maintain touch. This Battalion was in direct touch with the 46th Battalion on the Right and 13th Battalion on the Left throughout the operation. The objective was captured by 10.19 a.m. and over 400 prisoners had been taken, excluding 30 wounded who passed through the R.A.P.

Twenty nine Guns were taken including 8" and 6", and about 18 Machine Guns and 8 Minenwerfers.

ACTION OF 48th BATTALION DURING THE ATTACK ON THE BLUE LINE.

The advance to the 3rd Forming Up Area in the vicinity of RAT WOOD was carried out in Lines of Platoons in Artillery Formation with 8 Mark 5* Tanks following close behind the Battalion. The direction and distance maintained throughout was most highly complimentary to all ranks. On approaching the LAMOTTE-GAILLY road it was noticed the enemy was shelling the road at approximately P 18 c 70 70, and to avoid this the Battalion eased over to the Right. Again it was noticed the keen interest displayed by all ranks and the change of direction did not in the least effect the formation.

At 7.50 a.m. the Battalion had reached the Gully near RAT WOOD, reorganised and rested for 30 minutes.

During the period the Battalion remained at RAT WOOD advantage was taken of the rest to go forward and get in close touch with the front. Shelling was very light. An enemy aeroplane flew over and

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fired at the troops, but did not inflict any casualties.

At 8.10 a.m. it was decided to again move forward keeping approximately 400 yards in rear of the 45th and 46th Battalions, in the same formation as previously adopted, there not being sufficient shelling or Machine Gun fire to warrant a more scattered formation. From here Lieut. T.T. MORLEY with one Officer and one N.C.O. from each Company moved ahead with the 45th Battalion to select positions and set out 'Jumping Off' Tapes for the attack on the BLUE LINE. On reaching the vicinity of SUSAN WOOD the Battalion having closed up on the 45th Battalion waited for 15 minutes to allow the leading Battalion to get further ahead. Up to this time Machine Gun and shell fire had been very light. While waiting here advantage was taken of the halt to view the high ground forming the final objective.

At 9.25 a.m. everything was again clear in front and the Battalion moved ahead. On reaching the high ground at Q 28 a, the Battalion came under heavy Machine Gun and shell fire. It here became necessary to break into a more scattered formation. As the fire did not slacken it was decided to push ahead with all possible haste to the RICHMOND WOOD GULLY.

While crossing this spur 3 Tanks were put out of action. On reaching RICHMOND WOOD GULLY Companies reconnoitred 'Jumping Off' Positions and reorganised for the attack on the BLUE LINE. Flank Companies got in touch with attacking troops on their flanks and found that the Right flank was up and preparing 'Jumping Off' Positions in readiness for the Tanks. The Left flank was also moving up. At 10.40 a.m. the Battalion moved to 'Jumping Off' Positions.

At 10.55 a.m., although only 3 Tanks had arrived, it was decided to move through the RED Line and attack the final Objective (BLUE Line). The dispositions were as previously arranged:- "A" Company on the Right, "C" Company in the Centre, and "D" Company on the Left, with "B" Company in Reserve. From this on the Centre and Left Companies moved hurriedly across the high ground in Q 30 to avoid the heavy machine gun fire from the direction of PROYART and reorganise in MORSE WOOD Gully. "A" Company on the Right skirmished through to the BLUE Line, and captured their Objective by 12 noon. Two Mark 5* Tanks covered this Company. Opposition was comparatively light in their sector and the Trench System was taken with only 10 casualties. In the meantime the Centre and Left Companies experienced very stubborn resistance in the Trench System in R 9 a and R 13 c. One Mark 5* Tank "ORPHEUS" rendered very valuable assistance but unfortunately caught fire and was unable to use its Garrison to effect. In spite of this heavy machine gun and rifle fire these two Companies still pushed ahead, and it is here that I would like to mention the magnificent work done by these Officers and Men. Unassisted by Tanks or Artillery they forged ahead. I am sure the greatest tribute is due to the Officers and N.C.Os. for the skill and daring shown in using folds in the ground, old trenches, or the cover of crops to work around Machine Gun positions and finally establish themselves on the BLUE Line. At 12.10 p.m. the whole front allotted to the Battalion was captured.

Strong fighting patrols were sent out to afford protection and take advantage of any opportunity that might be offered. A number of isolated Strong Points were still holding out and it was not until 1.15 p.m. that these were finally cleared and mopped up. The work of consolidation and reorganisation for the defensive was immediately gone into and by 2 p.m. everything was straightened out.

ARTILLERY.

The 16th Royal Horse Artillery Brigade allotted to the Brigade rendered invaluable services to the attacking Infantry, their Guns moving forward as arranged and following the attack closely, being able to engage Machine Guns holding up the advance, and targets over open sights.

During the consolidation of the RED and BLUE Lines their covering fire was excellent, and their fire greatly assisted the Infantry in digging in.

MACHINE GUNS.

The 2 Sections of 13th Aust. Machine Gun Company allotted to the 45th and 46th Battalions for the capture of the RED Line assisted materially in the attack and in the consolidation.

Likewise the 12th Aust. Machine Gun Company allotted to the 48th Battalion for the capture of the BLUE Line. Owing to only 4 of the Mark 5* Tanks arriving on the BLUE Line the majority of the Vickers Guns arrived at the BLUE Line late, and were employed in assisting the consolidation.

The Guns which arrived on the BLUE Line with the Tanks were off-loaded and took up their positions and engaged targets and protected the advancing Infantry.

TANKS.

The Mark 5 Tanks were of great assistance to the attacking Infantry, preceding them and engaging enemy Machine Guns which held out, and thereby not only increased the pace of the advance, but were also responsible for keeping our casualties at a minimum. The closest touch possible was maintained by the Tanks with the Infantry.

The Mark 5* Tanks that arrived on the BLUE Line were responsible for the covering of the main body of Infantry and did great execution to the retreating enemy, and the Machine Guns and Lewis Guns which they carried were off-loaded and emplaced. These Guns were able to come into action and cover the advance of the Infantry to the BLUE Line.

These Tanks, however, I consider too slow and cumbersome, and the majority failed to arrive on the BLUE Line owing to engine trouble.

STOKES MORTARS.

These were placed on the Supply Tanks which were destroyed and 8 new Mortars were issued. These Mortars went forward in a limber but arrived too late to be of assistance in the actual attack, and were employed in the RED and BLUE Lines for defence.

COMMUNICATION.

Communication forward of Brigade was satisfactory, the Brigade Signallers running lines forward to Battalions who were in touch with Advance Brigade Headquarters by telephone almost at the same time as the RED and GREEN Lines were captured.

The laying of the Cable from Cable Head to Advance Brigade Headquarters at RAT WOOD took longer than was anticipated, the delay being caused mainly by the fog.

Communication to the rear was very difficult at times, lines being out for long periods owing to these being ground cables and being cut by traffic; but this difficulty was overcome with Wireless which worked well.

Pigeons were liberated by Battalions but none of these messages were received at Brigade Headquarters.

The following Headquarters were occupied by the Brigade during the Operations on the 8th inst. :- QUARRY P 7 a 0 3, CABLE HEAD, RAT WOOD, JEAN WOOD.

SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS.

On account of the Supply Tanks and all the material which they carried being destroyed at VILLERS BRETONNEUX on the afternoon of the 7th inst., a Conference of Staff Captains was held at Divisional Headquarters late on the evening of the 7th inst., to arrange for the replacement of Mortars, S.A.A., Bombs, Water, etc. Trench Mortars were replaced and delivered to the 12th A.L.T.M. Battery at 4 a.m. on the 8th inst., and were sent forward into action by limber, following as closely as possible to the attacking Infantry.

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AMMUNITION, GRENADES, etc.

The following ammunition was sent forward on 'J' Sub-section 4th D.A.C. wagons immediately the GREEN Line was captured by the 3rd Australian Division. These wagons were met by an Officer and guide from each Battalion at Q 25 d 7 4 and equally divided between Battalions, Battalion guides taking same forward and forming Battalion Dumps.

S.A.A., rounds	150,000
Grenades, No. 36	3,500
Grenades, Nos. 27 & 37	500
Stokes Ammunition	1,050

ENGINEERS MATERIAL.

The undermentioned material dumped at P 13 Central, which was to have been picked up by Tanks on Second trip, was collected by 4th Aust. Div. Train wagons at 7 a.m. and proceeded to Q 25 d 7 4 Cross Roads, where it was met by guides from each Battalion, equally distributed, and guided forward to Battalion Dumps.

Barb wire, coils	360
Long screw pickets	360
Short screw pickets	720

At 10 a.m. on 8th inst. 5 Motor Lorries each containing

Barb wire, coils	150
Long screw pickets	150
Short screw pickets	300

left CORBIE and proceeded along main WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT Road as far as Q 29 (Gully) where Dumps were formed.

WATER.

160 Petrol tins of water were brought forward under Divisional arrangements and dumped at P 13 o 8 8 by 10 a.m. 8th inst. Each Battalion sent a limber to pick up same (50 each for 45th and 46th Battalions and 60 for 48th Battalion) and carted same to Battalion Headquarters.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The collection and evacuation of the wounded was carried out as arranged for. Battalion Stretcher Bearers rendered first aid to all wounded, the walking cases being sent to the rear. Stretcher cases were attended to and made as comfortable as possible, and their position was marked with the man's rifle with a piece of white rag attached.

The cases were collected and carried to central localities by Ambulance Bearers and evacuated by Motor Ambulance Cars which eventually were able to go as far forward as 48th Battalion Headquarters at Q 24 Central.

CASUALTIES.

The following casualties were sustained by the Brigade :-

On account of the supply tanks and all the material which they carried being destroyed at VILLERS BRITONNEUX on the afternoon of the 7th inst., a Conference of Staff Captains was held at Divisional Headquarters late on the evening of the 7th inst., to arrange for the replacement of horses, S.A.A., Bombs, etc. Trench mortars were replaced and delivered to the 12th A.L.H. Battery at 4 a.m. on the 8th inst., and were sent forward into action by limber, following as closely as possible to the attacking Infantry.

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SUMMARY

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Casualties.

45th BATTALION.

DATE.	<u>Killed.</u>		<u>Wounded.</u>		<u>TOTAL.</u>	
	Officers.	O/ranks.	Officers.	O/ranks.	Officers.	O/rs.
8-8-18)	-	4	-	44	-	48
9-8-18)	-	-	-	6	-	6
10-8-18	-	-	-	19	-	19
11-8-18	-	-	-	9	-	9
12-8-18	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL.</u>	-	4	-	78	-	82

46th BATTALION.

DATE.	<u>Killed.</u>		<u>Wounded.</u>		<u>TOTAL.</u>	
	Officers.	O/ranks.	Officers.	O/ranks.	Officers.	O/rs.
8-8-18)	-	10	1	61	2	71
9-8-18)	1	-	-	-	-	-
10-8-18	-	-	-	3	-	3
<u>TOTAL.</u>	1	10	1	64	2	74

48th BATTALION.

DATE.	<u>Killed.</u>		<u>Wounded.</u>		<u>TOTAL.</u>	
	Officers.	O/ranks.	Officers.	O/ranks.	Officers.	O/rs.
8-8-18)	1	9	4	45	5	54
9-8-18)	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-8-18	-	1	-	1	-	2
11-8-18	-	-	-	2	-	2
<u>TOTAL.</u>	1	10	4	48	5	58

12th A.L.T.M. BATTERY.

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Casualties.

SUMMARY.

DATE.	Killed.		Wounded.		TOTAL.	
	Officers.	O/ranks.	Officers.	O/ranks.	Officers.	O/rs.
8-8-18)	2	23	5	150	7	173
9-8-18)						
10-8-18	-	1	-	10	-	11
11-8-18	-	-	-	21	-	21
12-8-18	-	-	-	9	-	9
TOTAL.	2	24	5	190	7	214

OFFICERS.

46th Battalion.

Lieut. J.K. HALL	Killed	8-8-18	
Captain C.A. SYMONS	Wounded	8-8-18	
Lieut.Col. J.J. CORRIGAN. D.S.O.	"	8-8-18	(Remained at Duty)
Lieut. E.A. LEITH	"	8-8-18	(-do-)

48th Battalion.

Sec.Lieut. J.G. O'NEILL	Killed	8-8-18	
Lieut. L.L. CARTER. M.M.	Wounded	"	
Lieut. W.B. CARR. M.C., D.C.M.	"	"	
Lieut. B.A. JONES.	"	"	
Lieut. C.W. STOERKEL. M.C.	"	"	
Lieut.Col. S.L. PERRY. M.C.	"	"	(Remained at Duty)

CAPTURES.

The following prisoners and War Material were captured:-

890 prisoners.

GUNS.

45th Battalion.

8" Howitzers	3
6" Long-range Guns	5
5.9" Howitzers	5
4.2" Howitzers	5
77 m/m Field Guns	7
3" Minenwerfers	8
Machine Guns	8

46th Battalion.

4.2" Howitzers	1
77 m/m Field Guns	6
3" Minenwerfers	1
Machine Guns	3

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In forwarding the above Report I-9-1 to express my deep appreciation for the valuable service rendered by the Brigade Group.

Captures.

Guns.

48th Battalion.

- Anti-tank Guns 1
- Machine Guns 19

MATERIAL.

- Large Ammunition Dump.
- Complete Searchlight Apparatus.
- Complete Wireless Apparatus.
- Wagon load of Telephone Equipment.
- 1 Cooker.
- 15 Horses.
- 1 Aeroplane.
- Large quantity of other War Material.

On the night 8th/9th inst. the 45th Battalion took over portion of the 48th Battalion Front and the BLUE Line was held with 45th and 48th Battalions on a two Company Front with 2 Companies in Support, the 46th Battalion holding the RED Line in Brigade Reserve.

The night passed calmly, patrols being pushed well out, and touch with the enemy was gained in the Eastern outskirts of PROYART. The work of consolidation and wiring of the BLUE Line was pushed on, and by morning a good defensive line had been established and Battalions reorganised. During the day the enemy gradually recovered and owing to the CHIPILLY SPUR not being taken the forward area was subjected to heavy shelling from 5.9's and 77 m/m's, which was responsible for a number of casualties.

At 7 p.m. on the 9th inst. information was received that the 2nd Australian Division had moved forward and that their Left rested about R 26 c 2 4, and orders were received for our Right to move forward and connect with their Left.

45th Battalion was instructed to gain touch and advance its line to conform. Touch with the 18th Battalion, 5th Australian Infantry Brigade, was established at R 26 d 9 4, and, to conform to the forward movement of the 2nd Australian Division, the whole of the Brigade Front was advanced to the Line R 13 Central, R 20 c 3 7, R 26 d 9 4.

Covered by patrols the Line was advanced and consolidation was proceeded with, and by morning the line was well established. During the forward movement of the Line the enemy was very active with his Machine Guns, sweeping the Front, and a few casualties were sustained.

On the night 10th/11th inst. the Brigade was relieved by the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade, relief being completed by 1.30 a.m. when the Brigade moved to the vicinity of SAILLY LAURETTE.

From dusk until dawn the enemy was extremely active bombing the main WARFUSEE Road and back areas, doing a great amount of damage to horse lines and artillery.

Fortunately the casualties suffered by the Brigade from Bombs were only 3 o/ranks wounded and 5 horses killed and wounded.

Brigadier General,
 Commanding 1st Army Infantry Brigade.

In forwarding the above Report I would like to express my deep appreciation for the valuable service rendered by all Units operating in the Brigade Group.

Every effort was made prior to the attack by means of Conferences and close liaison between Units to secure co-operation and ensure that all engaged were in close touch and were fully aware of the part they had to play in the Operation.

Officers and N.C.Os thoroughly reconnoitred the ground and consequently, despite the heavy fog, marched to the Positions of Assembly in good order and on time.

Every effort was made by Brigade and Battalions to ensure that every detail was arranged and thoroughly well organised. Nothing was left to chance. Methods of assisting one another in the advance were discussed and agreed to and the splendid co-operation between all Units during the advance of 11,000 yards to just West of PROYART speaks well for the care and preparation made.

The loss of Supply Tanks just prior to the attack appeared serious for a time, but arrangements were promptly made to replace the loss and send forward fresh material. Captain A.L. VARLEY, M.C. STAFF CAPTAIN of the Brigade, deserves very special mention for the energy he displayed in this matter.

The attack went well and according to plan. Stiff opposition was met with in several places, but soon overcome. Brave leaders fell but their places were immediately filled and the advance continued.

From the GREEN Line the advance had to be made without an Artillery Barrage, the only Artillery assistance being heavy Artillery doing Special Area Shoots, and Royal Horse Artillery firing on fleeting targets.

Many Tanks were out of action before the RED Line was reached at 10.19 a.m. Here the 48th Battalion passed through and continued the advance to the BLUE Line just West of PROYART which was reached at 12.10 p.m.

Out of the 9 Mark 5* Tanks allotted to this Battalion only three remained to assist the advance. The ground was very difficult to advance over on account of the Woods and deep ravines.

Great credit is due to Battalions for the excellent methods employed in the advance, for, despite strong opposition in many places, the casualties were extremely light. 890 prisoners were secured and passed through to the Divisional Cage, and many Heavy Guns, Machine Guns, and other material captured.

The pleasing feature of the Operation was the keenness of all ranks, and the way it was executed speaks well for the efficiency of the troops engaged.

The RED and BLUE Lines were immediately consolidated and double apron wire placed out in front. Everyone worked with a will to make the position quite secure. Communication between forward troops and Brigade was excellent and left little to be desired. The Brigade Staff kept in close touch with the Units engaged throughout the action.

I wish to especially mention Major R.H. NORMAN, M.C., BRIGADE MAJOR, for the zeal he displayed and the great assistance he rendered to the Brigade to ensure that every detail was complete.

I am forwarding for your consideration a list of Officers and Other Ranks for gallantry in the Field.

Raymond A. C. Henry

Brigadier General.
Commanding 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Copy No.....

----- 12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.222. -----

Reference Map - Sheet 62D., 1/40,000.

10th August 1918

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1. The 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade will be relieved in the present Sector by the 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade on the night 10th/11th August 1918 in accordance with B.M. 78.
 2. On completion of relief Brigade will concentrate in Squares K 19 - K 25 - K 31, and re-organise.
 3. Units will move via JEAN WOOD - Crossing Q 1 c 3 8. Crossing for Infantry Only.
 4. Brigade Headquarters location later.
 5. Completion of relief to be notified and location of new Unit Headquarters on arrival.

ACKNOWLEDGE. -----

Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 222^A

Reference Map - 62D, 1/40,000.

13th August 1918.

1. The 12th A.I. Brigade Group composed as under will march South to positions in vicinity of HARBONNIERES allotted to Units by Staff Captain, to-day, 13th August 1918, in accordance with table overleaf.

2. Composition of Group :

- 12th A.I. Brigade H.Q.
- 45th Battalion
- 46th Battalion.
- 48th Battalion.
- 12th A.L.T.M.B.
- 12th Aust.M.G.Coy.
- 1 Section 12th Fld.Coy.A.E.

3. Completion of moves and locations of Headquarters to be notified to Brigade Headquarters immediately on arrival.

4. Brigade Headquarters will be established at

ACKNOWLEDGE.

M.W.N. [Signature]

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M O V E T A B L E.

DATE.	UNIT.	FROM	TO	ROUTE.	STARTING POINT.	PASS S.P.	REMARKS.
13/8/18	48th Bn.	K 31	Area allotted by Staff Captain	Shown on attached Map.	Cross Roads Q 1 c 3 4	7.45 p.m.	Head of Column not to pass HARBONNIERES before 9.50 p.m.
-do-	45th Bn.	K 25	-do-	-do-	-do-	8.15 p.m.	-do-
-do-	12th ALTB.	K 25	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	46th Battn.	K 19	-do-	-do-	-do-	8.45 p.m.	-do-
-do-	12th M.G. Coy.	K 25	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	Bde. H.Q.	J 33 c	-do-	-do-	-do-	8.45 p.m.	-do-
-do-	1 Section 12th Fld. Coy. A.E.	J 33 c	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-

Units are not to move in formed bodies larger than Platoons with a minimum distance of 100 yards between each and 500 yards between Battalions.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 225.

Ref. Map, 1/40,000 HARBONNIERES.

15th August 1918.

1. The 4th Australian Division will relieve the 1st Australian Division on the night 15th/16th August 1918, with 12th A.I. Brigade on the Right, and 4th A.I. Brigade on the Left of Divisional Sector, with 132nd United States Regiment in Reserve.
2. The 12th A.I. Brigade will relieve the 1st A.I. Brigade from the Railway (A 8 b 4 0) to AUGER WOOD at S 26 a 4 7.
3. The 45th Battalion on the Right relieves portion of the 3rd Battalion from A 8 b 4 0, to the grid lines running East and West between A 2 Cent. and A 3 Cent. Battalion Headquarters at F 6 c 0 4.
The 46th Battalion on the Left relieves portions of the 2nd and 3rd Battalions between grid lines running East and West through A 2 Cent. and A 3 Cent. on the South to a line drawn East and West through the South-east corner of Auger Wood (S 26 a 4 7) on the North. Battalion Headquarters at X 28 b 5 7.
The 48th Battalion in Reserve will occupy area Square F 5, F 6 a & c, X 29, X 30, with Battalion Headquarters at F 5 c 5 5 which is at present occupied by the 1st Battalion.
The 12th A.L.T.M.B. will relieve Mortars of 1st A.L.T.M.B. emplaced in the Brigade Sector.
4. All details of the Relief, Guides, etc., will be arranged direct between Unit Commanders concerned.
5. Details of the M.G. Company relief are being arranged between C.Os. of M.G. Battalions concerned.
6. Relief complete will be wired to Brigade Headquarters by the Code word "BRONKO".
7. Brigade Report Centre will be established at X 28 b 25 60. Brigade Headquarters will close at W 18 d 9 4 at 8 p.m. and open at W 24 b 8 7 at the same hour

ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. H. ...
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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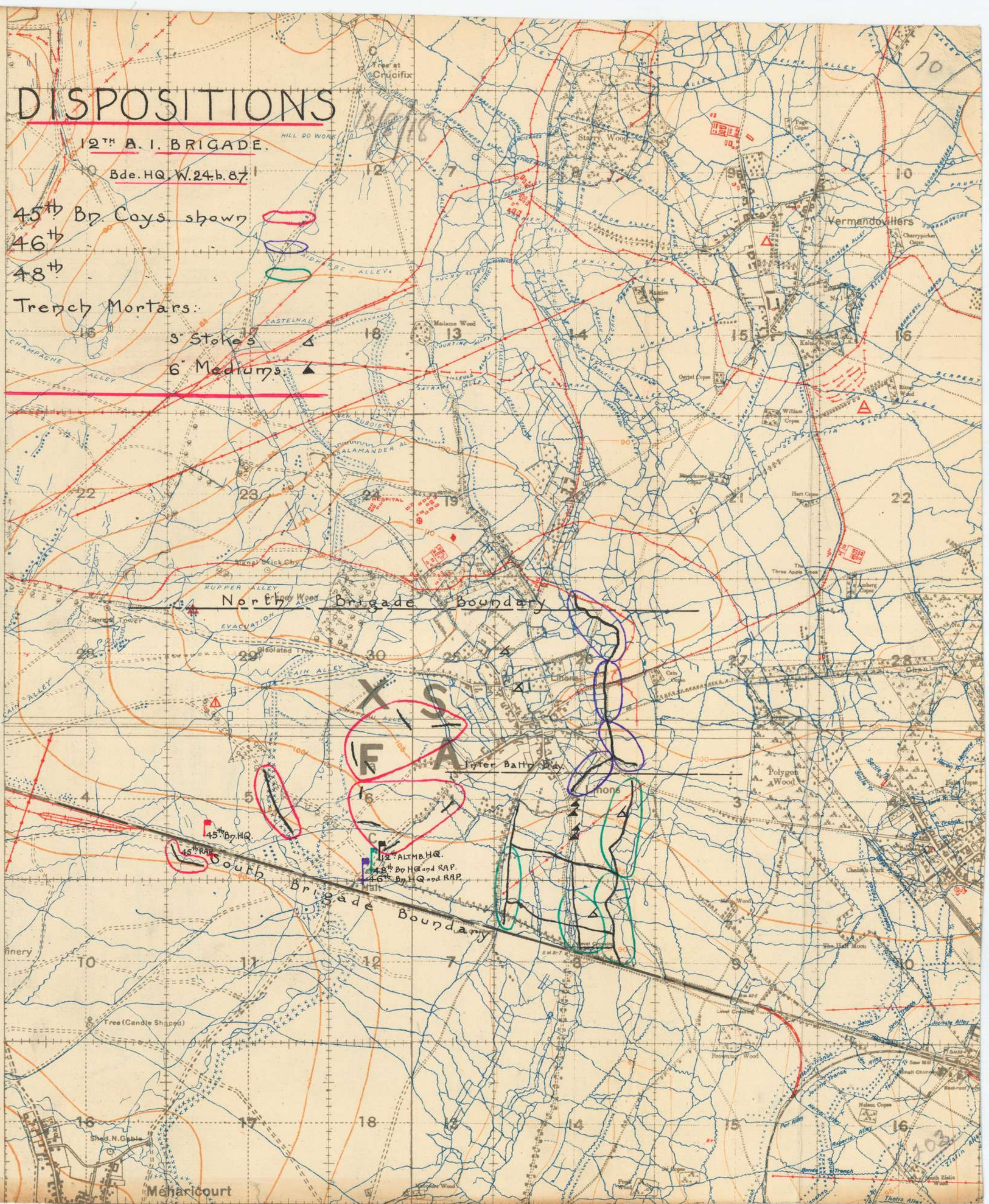
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- 45th Bp. Coys shown
- 46th
- 48th

Trench Mortars:

- 3 Stokes
- 6 Mediums



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All Battalions.
12th A.L.T.M.B.

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The following policy will be observed whilst the Brigade is in the present Sector.

The general policy of the Army is Offensive, and although a short halt in the advance has been called, every opportunity of harassing and delaying the enemy in the preparation of his defences must be taken.

Battalions will arrange for the following :-

Active and daring patrols which must be organised with a view to obtaining identifications.

Harassing fire by Machine Guns and Snipers.

Battalions will select and establish in their Sectors O.P. which must be in touch with Battalion Headquarters.

Targets observed from O.P. will be passed to the Artillery for action, and all enemy movement will be notified to Brigade.

Battalions will arrange for the establishing of A.A. Lewis Gun positions; locations of guns to be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters. Units will report early all hostile aerial activity.

GAS.

It is to be expected that the enemy will freely use gas at every favourable opportunity, and the work of making dugouts gas proof, posting of gas sentries, and a system of alarm must be put in hand forthwith.

DEFENCES.

The present front line is to be held as the Main Line of Defence, and work of consolidation, improving and wiring, will be commenced.

Communication Trench leading from our front line towards the enemy lines will be provided with bombs, stops, and with the necessary bombing personnel to prevent the enemy using the C.T. and establishing in our front line.

The old trench system running due North from A 8 Central to A 2 d 19 is to be consolidated and improved.

Assistance from 12th Field Company A.E. will be given Battalions in all work on the Defences in their areas.

SALVAGE.

All units will organise parties to salvage all material in their areas. Salvage will be sent to the rear in ration waggons. Separate Instructions have been issued by the Staff Captain for disposal of salvage.

BURIAL OF DEAD AND HORSES.

Steps are to be taken by units to bury the enemy dead and horses forthwith.

17/8/18.

H.Q.	
12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE	
No.	4195/18
Date	17/8/18

[Signature]
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

All Battalions.
 "B" Coy. 4th Aust. Pnr. Battn.
 12th Field Coy. A.E.

H.Q.	
12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE	
No.	4232/18
Date	22/8/18

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Reference this office 4195/18 of 17/8/18 - Policy whilst Holding Present Sector.

1. In view of the fact that the Divisional Sector is to be held defensively, at any rate for a period, the Brigade Sector will be organised as follows :-

Front Line System.
 Support System.
 Reserve System.

These defences to be constructed and improved are as shown on Map attached.

2. The maintenance, improving and wiring of the Front Line System will be undertaken by Units holding the Line and will be assisted by Sappers detailed by 12th Field Company A.E.
 Work on the Brown Line or Reserve System will be undertaken by the Reserve Battalion assisted by 12th Field Company A.E.
 Work on Support System, Communication Trenches and Switches will be undertaken by "B" Company 4th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.

3. Work of improving, construction and wiring of these defences will be commenced at once, and work on the defences in the following order will be carried out.

The wiring of each System with 3 belts of double apron wire.
 Tactical wiring to break up any hostile penetration.
 Construction of Trenches to connect with present Trenches to form a continuous line.
 Improvement of Fire Trenches, Communication Trenches, and Living Trenches.
 Wiring and improving of Switches.
 Clearing, cleaning and disinfecting of Bunkers.
 Gas proofing (this has already been commenced.)
 Improvement of horse lines and provision of bomb shelters.
 Salvage of all articles in the Area. All tools will be salvaged and re-issued to Units to complete echelons.

4. Concealment of New Work. Special care will be taken that all new work is concealed. Earth taken from trenches is to be covered with grass.

Undercutting of trenches is to be prohibited, and living accommodation will be provided by the construction of 'T' Heads off the Trenches.

5. Arrangements are being made to erect a complete system of Notice Boards in all Trenches by the Engineers.

6. Units will submit by 9 a.m. daily Works Report showing strength of parties employed and amount of work completed.

21/8/18.

A. A. Thomas
 Major.
 Brigade Major.
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 224.Map Reference - HATTENCOURT, 1/20,000.19th August 1918

1. The 48th Battalion will relieve the 45th Battalion in the Right Battalion Sector on the night 19th/20th August 1918. On relief 45th Battalion will move back and occupy Positions vacated by 48th Battalion and become Brigade Reserve.
2. Relief will be carried out as soon as the light permits.
3. All details as to relief will be arranged between C.Os. of Battalions.
4. Relief complete to be wired to Brigade Headquarters by Code word "OSCAR".

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12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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All Battalions.
12th A.L.T.M.B.
"B" Coy. 4th Pnr. Bn.

An Operation extending from Left of the Divisional Sector to the SOMME will be carried out to-morrow with a view to advancing and straightening the present front Line along the old British Line S 20 b - S 14 a, thence North to the SOMME.

The 4th Australian Division will co-operate with barrage fire as under:-

At ZERO HOUR the 18 pdra. of "A" Divisional Artillery will open fire on the following START LINE -

A 9 c 40 80 - A 3 a 2 0 - A 3 a 40 70 - S 27 a 20 00 -
S 20 d 6 3 - S 20 b 85 35 - S 14 a 55 10

and will remain on this line for 3 minutes.

At ZERO plus 3 minutes the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in three minutes until the ZERO plus 15 minutes line is reached.

The barrage will then remain on this line until ZERO plus 30 minutes.

From ZERO plus 30 minutes to ZERO plus 60 minutes 50% of guns will continue on this line and 50% of guns will search Eastward, searching all communication trenches.

4.5" Hows. and 6" NEWTON Trench Mortars will be distributed over selected communication trenches and Trench junctions 200 yards East of the final S.O.S. line.

From ZERO plus 60 minutes the S.O.S. line covering "A" Division front will be the START LINE as shown above from RIGHT to LEFT to S 20 b 85 35 ; from this point the S.O.S. line will run to S 14 a 65 10.

RATES OF FIRE PER MINUTE.

	18-pr per gun.	4.5 Hows per How.	6" T.M. per M.
ZERO to ZERO plus 3 min.	4	2	
ZERO to ZERO plus 5 min.			1
ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 15	3	2	
ZERO plus 5 to ZERO plus 15			$\frac{1}{2}$
ZERO plus 15 to ZERO plus 60	1	1	STOP
ZERO plus 60	STOP	STOP	

AMMUNITION.

	A	AX	A Smoke	BX
18-pr. 4.5" H. 6" T.Ms.	45%	45%	10%	100% (106 fuzes)

A.X. with delay fuzes up to 4000; non-delay above 4000 yds.

COUNTER PREPARATION.

LANES will be bounded by E. and W. grid lines and numbered from RIGHT to LEFT as follows :-

No. 1 LANE bounded by grid lines through A 9 cent. and A 3 d 0 0.

No. 2 LANE " " " " " A 3 d 0 0 and A 3 Central.

No. 3 LANE " " " " " S 15 d 0 0 and S 15 Central.

ZERO HOUR will be 4.45 a.m. on 23rd instant.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 225.

Map Reference - HATTENCOURT, 1/20,000.

24th August 1918.

1. The 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade, less 1 Company of the 46th Battalion, will be relieved by the 83rd French Regiment from the present Right Brigade Boundary to the Road (exclusive) running along N.W. edge of CAIN COPSE.

The relief will be carried out in accordance with Table of Relief attached.

On relief the Brigade will move by 'bus to VAUX-en-AMIENOIS Area in accordance with embussing Table attached.

2. To facilitate relief, the Company of 46th Battalion occupying the area North of Road running along N.W. edge of CAIN COPSE to the old Brigade Boundary, will be attached to the 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade. Likewise the 50th Battalion, 13th A.I. Brigade, will be attached to the 12th A.I. Brigade.

Immediately on completion of relief the 50th Battalion and the Company of the 46th Battalion, will rejoin their Units and embuss under Orders of 13th A.I. Brigade and 46th Battalion.

3. All air photographs, maps, etc., will be handed over to the incoming Units.
Dumps of S.A.A., grenades, lights, etc., as far as possible, will be collected and removed under orders issued by Staff Captain.

4. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters by Code word "WILDE".

5. Command of the Brigade Sector will pass to the O.C. 83rd French Regiment on completion of relief.

6. On completion of relief Brigade Headquarters will close at W 24 d and re-open on arrival at VAUX-en-AMIENOIS.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. W. W. W. W.
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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59th French Regt.

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ADDENDA TO BRIGADE ORDER No. 225.

Para. 1, sub-para. 1 is cancelled and the following substituted :-

- 1. The 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade less 2 Companies 46th Battalion will be relieved on the night 24th/25th August 1918 by the 83rd French Regiment, from the present Southern Brigade Boundary to the new Northern Brigade Boundary which is the Road running N.E. through S 26 d 40 20, the road exclusive to the Brigade.

Para. 2 from "To facilitate ---- Copse" is cancelled and the following substituted :-

- 2. To facilitate relief the 2 Companies 46th Battalion occupying the Area North of Road running N.E. through S 26 d 40 20,

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24/8/18. Major. 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade. Brigade Major.

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 83rd French Regt.
 50th French Regt.

TABLE OF RELIEF TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 225.

Date.	Unit to be Relieved.	Location.	Unit Relieving.	On Relief move to	Guides to be at	Time.	Remarks.
August 24/25th night.	48th Battn.	Line Right	3rd Battn.	Embussing	Railway Crossing	9.30 p.m.	9th & 10th Coys. take over from 48th Bn. 11th Coy. from 46th Bn.
	46th Battn.	Line Left.	83rd Regt.	Point.	F 3 b 2 5		
-do-	45th Battn.	Support	2 Coys. 1st Battn. 83rd Regt.	-do-	-do-	9.30 p.m.	
-do-	50th Battn.	Reserve	2nd Battn. 83rd Regt.	Under Orders 13th A.I. Bde.	-do-	9.30 p.m.	
-do-	12th ALTMB.	Line.	No relief	Embussing Point.	Mortars and personnel will be withdrawn at dusk.		
-do-	12th A.I. Bde H.Q.		83rd Regt. H.Q.	-do-			

Guides as follows will be provided :-

5 per incoming Company
1 " Battalion H.Q.
1 " Battn. Observation Post.

Battalion guides will be in charge of an Officer.

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EMBUSSING TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 225.

Date.	Unit.	Strength.	Off. O/rs.	Time.	Embussing Point Head of Column facing S.E.	Debussing Point.	Destination.
Night 24th/25th August.	45th Bn.	20	419	2 a.m.	W 11 a 2 1	L 1 a 1 4	Vaux-en-AMIENOIS.
-do-	12th ALTMB.	4	50	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	46th Bn.	19	374	-do-	-do-	L 20 d 5 6	LONGPRE.
-do-	Bde.H.Q. & Sig.Sec.	3	60	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	48th Bn.	21	450	-do-	-do-	E 22 b 5 5	St. VAST.

Busses will accommodate 25 all ranks and will be loaded accordingly.

Lieut.T.F. ARNOLD.MC.DCM.MM. will act as Brigade Embussing Officer.

All Units will detail an Officer to supervise the embussing of the Unit. This Officer will precede the Unit and make all necessary arrangements for a speedy embussment, in consultation with the Brigade Embussing Officer and O.C. Bus Column.

A debussing Officer will be detailed by Units to supervise the debussing. This Officer detailed will travel by the first bus of each Battalion.

24/8/18.

A.H. W. May
 Major.
 Brigade Major.
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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All Units.TRAINING.

During the short period of rest from the trenches Units of the Brigade will carry out Training that will tend to improve that already splendid offensive spirit possessed by the Australian soldier. The full benefit can only be realised by securing his whole-hearted co-operation, consequently the training must be of a bright, varied and interesting type. Instil, into it the spirit of competition, Section against Section, Platoon against Platoon, Company against Company.

During the hours of training smart work will be insisted upon. Rests will be given for 10 minutes before each clock hour.

Hours of training will be strictly adhered to.

All Officers will be present with their commands during hours of training.

All Officers who are not required with Companies will be formed into a Class and carry out training during Parade hours.

Special attention is to be paid to the following points :-

Uniform dress of Officers and men as laid down in Divisional Orders.

Sanitation, cleanliness of Billets and a uniform system of placing kits.

Repairing of boots, cutting hair, fitting of equipment and clothing.

Instruction will be given in Rifle exercises, Saluting, Guards and Sentries, Bayonet fighting, Gas drill, Night gas alarm, Musketry Instruction, Rapid loading.

Smart Platoon and Company Drill.

Open Warfare.

Platoon, Company and Battalion in the attack.

Battalion Route Marches, March Discipline, special attention being given to Communication.

Training in use of Hand and Rifle Grenades.

Tactical handling of the Lewis Gun.

Musketry and Lewis Gun practice.

Battalion and Unit Commanders will hold each evening discussions on the work carried out during the day and what is to be done the following day.

Ensure that everything is thoroughly organised and each Officer acquainted with the work to be done.

At these discussions matters of common interest can be gone into.

All Battalion and Unit Commanders will ensure that every available man is on parade. Duties to be cut down to the lowest possible number.

Parade States will be rendered by 10.30 a.m. daily showing men on Parade. Other duties will be shown in detail.

Battalion Quarter Guards will be instructed in their duties prior to mounting.

Monday, 26th inst., will be used for cleaning up, re-organising and seeing to the comfort of the men.

Battalion and Unit Commanders will see that Transport is clean and in a satisfactory condition.

Brigade Inspection of Battalions and Transport will be carried out at a date to be notified later.

Special Schools. Lewis Gunners, 10 days Course. Each Battalion should train 40 men during this period. These men will not be employed on other duties during duration of School.

Special training will be carried out for Signallers, Scouts, Snipers and Runners.

All batmen will train for 2 hours daily.

Hours of Training. 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

In the afternoon Organised Games and Recreation in which all Officers and men take part.

ROUTINE.

Reveille	6.50 a.m.	Roll call and cleaning of Billets.
Breakfast	7.50 a.m.	
Parade	9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	
Afternoon	-	Organised Sports.
Retreat	6 p.m.	
First Post	9 p.m.	
Last Post	9.30 p.m.	
Lights Out	10 p.m.	

Officer's Picquets will mount at Retreat.

Battalion Commanders will be responsible for their own area and ensure that Town Standing Orders are obeyed.

Men may not leave their Billeting Area without a pass signed by Battalion Headquarters.

Men given leave must be inspected before the pass is issued by Officer detailed by Battalion Commander.

25/8/18.

A. Brown
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 1.For 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 16th August 1918.1. OUR OPERATIONS.

During the night 15th/16th August 1918 the 12th A.I. Brigade relieved the 1st A.I. Brigade on the right of Divisional Sector, relief being complete at 3.30 a.m.

(a) Artillery.

Fairly quiet throughout the night, occasional salvos being fired.

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(c) Machine Guns. V.M.Gs quiet, but L.Gs were active concentrating on all active enemy M.Gs and ~~xxxxx~~ engaging enemy aircraft.

(d) Patrols. Liaison patrols active after completion of relief.

(e) Aircraft. Active throughout the night bombing in rear of enemy's lines. At 4 a.m. 2 low flying planes flew along our front.

(f) Gas. Nil.(g) Sniping & Bombing. Nil.2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.3. HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Active with 77 mm. and 4.2 s on Left of Brigade Sector. LIHONS and roads in A 1 b, A 2 a & b, received special attention.

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(c) Machine Guns. Very active during the night, guns on our right flank firing at close range.

(d) Patrols. Nil.

(e) Aircraft. Active during the night, bombs being dropped in the vicinity of ROSIERES dump and the Railway crossing at F 3 b 2 5.

(f) Gas. A few blue cross shells fell in X 29 d, the gas drifting back to the enemy's lines.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. A few rifle grenades were fired at our left post at A 2 b 7 0, no damage being done.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. From information handed over enemy has posts at A 3 c 25 85, A 3 c 50 80, M.G. at A 3 c 15 10, A 8 b 7 8, and M.Gs at A 8 b 75 50, A 8 b 70 25, and A 8 b 95 10.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Alert and nervy. Constant M.G. and rifle fire being maintained and many flares fired.

6. MISCELLANEOUS. The line at present held in the enemy's old front line of 1918, is very wide and in many places is reinforced with concrete. On the right flank the enemy appears to be very close. A C.T. joins our front line with the enemy's and the enemy has twice worked along this trench in the day-time and thrown stick bombs.

GKHenderson
Brigadier General.
Commanding 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 2.

For 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 17th August 1918.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Active during the period, chiefly the heavies on enemy back areas. CHAULNES and A 9 a & c receiving special attention. At 4.15 p.m. and at 7.35 p.m. barrages lasting 15 minutes were laid down on our right flank, smoke shells being used mixed with H.E.

(b) Trench Mortars. 22 rounds expended on M.G. and Infantry Posts.

(c) Machine Guns. Active during the day firing at enemy low flying planes and occasional bursts being fired at night.

(d) Patrols. As per attached.

(e) Aircraft. Active throughout the period flying low over enemy lines. During the morning 3 enemy aeroplanes were brought down, 1 over CHAULNES at 11 a.m.

(f) Gas. Nil.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. Our observer fired on enemy infantry machine gun position at S 27 b 8 4. Enemy disappeared.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.3. HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Very active, LIHONS and AUGER WOOD being shelled at intervals all day with 4.2 and 77 mm. Other areas to receive attention were F 6 c 4 0, A 2 b 7 9, Wood at X 30, S 25, X 29 d, A 7 d.

(b) Trench Mortars. M.W. were active during the night firing from S 28 c and Northern edge of wood in S 27 d. Shells fell at A 8 b 65 00, A 8 b 45 95, no damage being done.

(c) Machine Guns. Very active during the day firing at our aeroplanes and again active at night, especially until midnight when fire gradually slackened for remainder of the night. One M.G. located at S 27 b 8 4.

(d) Patrols. Enemy patrol was seen from A 2 d 90 85 moving South.

(e) Aircraft. Occasionally active during the day flying fairly low, planes being very gaudily painted, the majority having a Red nose, black body, and white tail. At 7.10 p.m. 19 enemy planes patrolled our front line and at 8.25 p.m. 25 E.A. were overhead. Between 6.50 a.m. and 7 p.m. enemy planes were over our lines 10 times, the number of planes in each flight ranging from 2 to 7.

(f) Gas. Nil.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. 12 rifle grenades were fired at our left flank during the day, falling about 20 yards short.

(h) Movement. Individual movement observed near S 27 b 8 4 and in Valley S 21 d. At 3.15 a.m. Transport was heard in A 9 a.

(i) Balloons. True bearings of 5 balloons taken from F 6 c 5 3 read :- 101, 91, 42, 94 and 108 degrees.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES New earth works are visible at S 27 b 8 4.
5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Very nervy but very alert. Fewer flares were fired than on the previous night, but his artillery was more active.

6.

OUR PATROLS.

During the day 1 Off. (Lt. Paterson) worked along C.T. running from A 8 a 55 10 towards the enemy's lines. An enemy block was located 30 yards from our trench. He tried to proceed further but was fired on from very close range.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
Right Bn. 1 Off. (Lt. Potts) 3 o/ranks.	7.30 p.m. to 8.45 p.m.	A 8 b 45 95 returning A 2 d 6 8	Patrol worked along C.T. for about 100 yards, then turned left along an old trench and worked along parallel with our lines to our left flank. No enemy movement was seen or heard. Trench has evidently not been used.
1 Off. (Lt. Bowden) 6 o/ranks.	10.30 a.m. to 1 a.m.	A 8 b 65 00 returning A 2 d 6 8	Patrol proceeded to Canadian left flank at approx. A 8 d 5 8 then moved forward along C.T. for about 100 yards and then along front to our left flank. No enemy movement was seen. An enemy M.G. was firing from about 300 yards in front of right flank.
1 Off. (Lt. Hughes) 4 o/ranks.	12 m/n to 12.45 a.m.	A 2 d 4 6 returning A 8 b 45 95	Patrol proceeded along old trench about 130 yards and then turned right. A flare was fired from about 30 yds. in front but no enemy could be found. Enemy appears to have a flare party with a rdving commission
1 Sgt. 4 men.	11.15 p.m. to 1.15 a.m.	A 8 b 55 60 returning A 8 b 65 20	Patrol worked along old C.T. for about 80 yards from where talking could be heard a short distance in front. A deep trench ran from here to the right which showed signs of recent occupation. About 300 yards along an enemy party about 10 strong was heard digging or wiring.
1 Off. (Lt. Lozelle) 2 o/ranks.	1.30 a.m. to 2.45 a.m.	A 8 b 40 95 returning A 8 b 5 3	Patrol pushed about 100 yards on edge of road. From this point talking and digging could be heard. Patrol then turned right and moved parallel with our line for about 300 yards. No Man's Land is a maze of trenches, a few of which show signs of recent occupation.

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Patrols (continued).

Left Bn.

1 Off. (Lt. McAllister)	10.30 p.m. to	A 2 b 6 4 XXXXXXXXXX	No enemy seen or heard. Enemy M.G. located at A 3 a 1 1. No Man's Land is very uneven and much broken up.
3 o/ranks.	12.30 a.m.	A 2 d 90 85 A 2 cent.	
1 Off. (Lt. McKenzie)	12.30 a.m. to	A 2 b 6 4 returning	Patrol went out about 200 yards from our front line but no enemy seen or heard. Trenches were in a bad state of repair.
3 o/ranks.	2.30 a.m.	A 2 b 6 4	
1 N.C.O.			Patrol left S 26 d 10 15 and moved East for approx. 200 yards. Posts showing signs of recent occupation were seen, but no enemy were encountered.
3 o/ranks.			
XX			
1 Off. (Lt. Hatfield)	5.45 p.m. to	S 26 b 50 15 returning	Patrol moved N.E. in a trench for 100 yards and then went along a trench running N. Trenches did not appear to have been recently used. A stick with a piece of cloth attached was found set in concrete and from here several tracks led in different directions. Enemy M.Gs firing at our planes were noticed at S 27 b 6 2 and S 27 b 8 4. Trenches were in bad repair and several dugouts damaged by shell fire were seen.
6 o/ranks.	7.35 p.m.	S 26 b 1 3	
1 Off. (Lt. Dickinson)	12 noon to	S 26 a 8 8 S 21 d 5 4 S 27 a 6 8 S 26 a 8 8	Patrol saw no enemy. Signs of enemy occupation could be seen in S 27 b and S 28 a in the shape of fresh earth works.
4 o/ranks.	2.30 p.m.		
1 Off. (Lt. Carter)	9.15 p.m. to		From S 27 a 4 8 patrol saw a small enemy party who retired hurriedly and were lost to sight in the trench system.
4 o/ranks.	10 p.m.		
1 Off. (Lt. Carter)	12 m/n to		The whole of the left Company front was patrolled to a depth of 600 yards and no posts or patrols were encountered. Flares were being fired from about 400 yards further out or about 1000 yards from our own front line.
20 p/ranks.	2.30 a.m.		

G.K. Henderson Lt

Brigadier General.
Commanding 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX 1612th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEINTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 3.For 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 18th August 1918.1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Active throughout the period, principal targets being huts in Valley at S 22 c and HART Copse in S 29 d, S 27 b & d, S 22 c 3 4, WOOD in A 9 d, and PUNCHY.

(b) Trench Mortars. Infantry Posts at A 9 a 1 7 and A 2 b 9 3 were engaged and hits observed. Ammunition expended 11 rounds.

(c) Machine Guns. Quiet.

(d) Patrols. As per attached.

(e) Aircraft. The day was poor for aerial observation and consequently there was very little activity.

(f) Gas. Nil.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. A few long range targets were offered our snipers during the early morning. The only results observed was that movement ceased immediately.

Our Bombers were active defending our post at A 8 b 6 5 against four determined attempts by the enemy to capture it.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.3. HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Active during the whole period, principal targets being LIONS, AUGER WOOD, Wood in X 30 a, F 6 a 7 & c and A 2 a. Attention was also paid to Fork Road at X 30 c 50 80 and level crossing at F 3 b 3 5. Two batteries of 4.2's were observed firing from A 4 a 5 9 and S 17 c 4 9 respectively.

(b) Trench Mortars. A few M.W. were fired from approx. S 27 b 2 0 in the direction of our centre Company of our Left Battalion.

(c) Machine Guns. Active against our planes during the day. 2 new guns were in position firing from A 7 a 5 5 approx. One gun fired on our trenches in A 8 a during the day. During the night guns were not quite as active as of preceding nights. M.G. position was located at A 3 c 1 2.

(d) Patrols. Enemy patrol of 3 men was noticed at 3 p.m. on left of left Company sector. L.Gs engaged the party and a search party sent out but no further trace of the enemy was seen.

(e) Aircraft. Inactive. A few planes painted as described in yesterday's report were over our lines during the morning flying at a high altitude.

(f) Gas. Nil.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. Enemy snipers were active during the day firing from concealed positions which have not yet been located. They are excellent shots.

Enemy is very active with his bombs, one of our posts being attacked four times during the period. Stick bombs, egg bombs, and disc bombs were used and the throwing was good, especially with the disc bombs which fell in our front line trench. Our post attacked was at A 8 b 6 5, and each time the enemy was successfully driven off. No identification was secured by either side. Enemy party was fairly strong - about 16. Men were big, and wore cloth caps but badges were missing.

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(h) Movement. Individual movement was seen in the fields S 9 and S 15., and vehicles and troops were moving North along road in S 4 c & d. 6 Transport waggons each drawn by 6 horses entered ABLAINCOURT at 2.15 p.m. Considerable movement was seen in POLYGON WOOD during the day and at 7 p.m. men were noticed on road at A 3 c 8 8. At dawn 12 men were seen to run into huts at S 22 c 5 4.

(i) Balloons. One enemy balloon was destroyed by our aircraft at 6.50 p.m. The true bearing taken from F 6 c 5 3 of 5 balloons read : 12, 44, 84, 105 and 111 degrees.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. No new enemy work has been reported.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Aggressive.

6. MISCELLANEOUS. The troops opposed to us are of good quality and very alert. After the enemy bombing attacks and attempt was made to reconnoitre the C.T. down which he had come to ascertain amount of damage done, but the enemy was on the alert and his sniping was too accurate. During an enemy artillery shoot at night green flares were fired from his lines.

Weather. Fine. Visibility. Fair.

OUR PATROLS.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
Right Bn. (1) Off. (Lt. Paterson) 6 o/ranks.	10.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.	A 8 b 5 8 returning A 8 b 50 65	Patrol went forward about 80 yards when it was fired on by an enemy M.G. from close range, and then proceeded to the right along an old trench which was empty the previous night and found trench occupied by a post.
1 Off. (Lt. Hopgood) 6 o/ranks.	11 p.m. to 1 a.m.	A 8 b 0 2 A 8 d 4 6 A 9 c 2 7 A 8 b 6 1	M.G. was firing from approx. A 9 c 5 6 and enemy fired 2 rifle grenades from the same vicinity.
1 Off. (Lt. Kerr) 5 o/ranks.	11.30 p.m. to 2 a.m.	A 2 d 65 00 returning A 2 d 4 6	Patrol worked along old trenches in N.M.L. Sniping and M.G. fire came from about A 3 c 1 9. No movement was seen or heard.
1 Off. (Lt. Lisle) 6 o/ranks.	1.15 a.m. to 2.30 a.m.	A 8 b 6 1 returning A 8 b 6 2	Enemy voices were heard about A 8 b 80 10 and an enemy post was run into in vicinity of A 8 b 80 30, but strength of post was not ascertained.
1 Off. (Lt. Bowden) 6 o/ranks.	1.30 a.m. to 3.30 a.m.	A 8 b 2 3 A 8 d 4 6 A 8 b 4 3	M.G. was firing from "Wood" in A 9 a and also from BROWNING WOOD. No enemy movement was seen or heard.
1 Off. (Lt. Hughes) 6 o/ranks.	2.30 a.m. to 3.30 a.m.	A 2 d 6 9 A 2 b 6 0	No enemy movement was seen or heard. Only a few flares were fired.
Left Bn. 1 Off. (Lt. Hall) 3 o/ranks.	11 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.	A 2 b 8 0 A 2 b 75 30	Enemy M.G. located at A 2 d 98 88. A little wire has been erected in front of this M.G.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 4.For 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 19th August 1918.1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Not very active during the day but activity increased during the night. 18 pdrs. fired a number of rounds at suspected M.G. positions in MIEGG WOOD and BROWNING WOOD. Other targets engaged were in S 17 a, and S 9 b, ABLINCOURT and CHAULNES, POLYGON WOOD and huts in S 22 c.

(b) Trench Mortars. Active. Infantry postvat A 8 b 5, A 2 d 7 5 and M.G. position at A 3 c 2 9 and A 3 c 1 5 were engaged, 45 rounds being expended.

(c) Machine Guns. Active during the day engaging enemy aircraft. During the night activity was limited owing to our patrols and working parties.

(d) Patrols. As per attached.

(e) Aircraft. Owing to unfavourable weather conditions our aircraft was not very active. No airfights occurred during the period.

(f) Gas. POLYGON WOOD was shelled with gas during the night.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. A few hand grenades were thrown at enemy post in C.T. on right Battalion sector during the day. Rifle grenades were also used and shooting was good. On left Battalion front postvat A 3 c 1 9 was briskly engaged with rifle grenades in answer to 5 grenades fired by the enemy.

On our right flank snipers had a busy time during the day and at least 2 of the enemy were killed.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.3. HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Quiet on our left sector but increased activity shown on our right special attention being paid to LIHONS, A 2 d (front line) A 2 a & c, X 30 a & c.

(b) Trench Mortars. Spasmodically active. 2 guns seen to be firing from S 27 c 6 6 and A 3 d 4 8.

(c) Machine Guns. Quiet, only occasional bursts being fired. 1 gun was seen to be firing from A 3 a 1 1.

(d) Patrols. Nil.

(e) Aircraft. Active, planes flying low over our lines at 8 a.m. 8.10 a.m., 8.20 a.m., 11.55 a.m., 12.15 p.m., 2.15 p.m., 3.25 p.m., 3.45 p.m., 5.15 p.m., 5.55 p.m. Between 12 midnight and 1 a.m. bombing planes were active on our battery positions.

(f) Gas. Nil.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. 1 sniper was occasionally active but his position was not located. A few stick bombs were thrown at our post in C.T. at A 8 b 5. Rifle grenades were also fired, range being good. Enemy fired 31 rifle grenades at our post at A 2 b 7 2, 6 of them landing in our trench. His fire was eventually silenced by ours.

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(h) Movement. At 9.50 a.m. 2 motor cars and 3 lorries were seen on road M 27 going East. At 10.15 thirty to forty men on road in S 4 c & d. At 1.15 p.m. 3 limbers and 2 lorries were seen on road in S 4 d entering SOYECOURT and 15 horses were seen at 4.50 grazing in S 5 b. At 7 p.m. considerable movement of transport was seen along road running from ABLAINCOURT to SOYECOURT. Limbers were heard during the night at A 9 b 1 5.

(i) Balloons. M.B. of 4 balloons taken from A 2 b 7 2 read : 43, 149, 123, 100 degrees.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. There appears to be a line of posts from S 27 c 7 9 to S 27 a 6 8.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Alert and active.

6. MISCELLANEOUS. Flares were normal on our front during the night. A few coloured flares were fired on our right but no action followed. A fire was observed at 5 p.m. in the direction of HATTENCOURT.

OUR PATROLS.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
Right Bn.	11 p.m.	A 8 b 0 3	No enemy movement seen
1 Off.	1 a.m.	A 8 d 1 8	or heard. M.G. was firing
(Lt. Hopgood)		A 8 d 8 8	from A 8 d 9 7.
6 o/ranks.		A 8 b 7 0	
1 Off.	11.30 p.m.	A 8 b 7 0	M.G. fired from approx.
(Lt. Lisle)	12.45 a.m.	A 8 b 8 0	A 8 b 9 0. No enemy seen
4 o/ranks.		A 8 b 8 2	but voices were heard.
		A 8 b 6 4	
1 Off.		A 2 b 7 0	An enemy post was located
(Lt. Kerr)		A 2 d 6 7	but was not engaged on
5 o/ranks.			account of our working
			party being in immediate vicinity.
1 Off.	1 a.m.	A 8 b 5 3	No enemy seen but M.Gs
(Lt. Bowden)	2.30 a.m.	A 8 d 1 8	fired from approx. A 9 c
6 o/ranks.		A 8 d 6 6	10 85 and A 8 b 90 45.
		A 8 d 8 9	
		A 8 b 7 0	
1 Off.	1.15 a.m.	A 8 b 50 85	M.G. was firing from
(Lt. Paterson)	2.30 a.m.	A 8 b 60 85	approx. A 8 b 70 85 and
4 o/ranks.		A 2 d 60 00	a sniper was also active
		A 2 d 8 2	from the same position.
			No enemy movement seen.
Left Bn.			
1 Off.	9.30 p.m.	S 26 d 4 7	No enemys seen or heard.
(Lt. Dickinson)	to	S 26 d 8 9	Flares were fired from
4 o/ranks.	midnight.	S 26 b 8 3	S 27 a 2 2.
		S 26 b 1 4	
1 Off.	9.30 p.m.	S 26 d 40 25 - S 26 d 9 3	No enemy seen or
(Lt. Eddy)	11.50 p.m.	S 26 d 85 70 - S 26 d 4 7	heard. Country
4 o/ranks.			very rough with water in large shell holes.
1 N.C.O.	Midnight to	S 26 d 35 35 - S 26 d 95 50	Enemy M.G.
4 men.	2.45 a.m.	S 26 d 85 00 - S 26 d 45 00	firing from
			A 3 a 5 0. A
			lot of scattered broken wire was seen.
Lt. McKenzie	Midnight	A 2 b 45 55 - A 2 b 95 40	No enemy seen.
4 o/ranks.	to 3.15 a.m.	A 3 a 7 0 - A 2 b 4 8	M.Gs were quiet.

Liaison patrols were out at regular intervals throughout the night.

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The 48th Battalion relieved the 45th Battalion in the front line on the Right sub-sector on the night 19th/20th August 1918, relief being complete by 11.15 p.m. without casualties.

(a) Artillery. Active during the day doing counter-battery work on S 17 c and S 15 d. Targets were engaged in S 22 b and S 23 a and S 16 a ABLINCOURT and CHALUNES WERE also shelled. At 8.30 p.m. a barrage was put down in answer to an S.O.S. on our right. Shooting was excellent and no shorts were reported, shells falling about 100 yards in front of our trench.

(b) Trench Mortars. Infantry post at A 2 d 70 55 and movement at A 3 c 2 7 were engaged. In retaliation to enemy barrage at 8.45 p.m. Stokes engaged C.Ts and trenches in vicinity of A 8 b 70 56 and A 3 c 1 8. Ammunition expended 98 rounds.

(c) Machine Guns. Active on enemy planes during the day. During barrage 8.55 p.m. Vickers Guns opened heavy fire but were quiet during the remainder of the night.

(d) Patrols. As per attached.

(e) Aircraft. Active during the morning on reconnaissance work being engaged by A.A. and M.G. fire.

(f) Gas. Nil.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. During the Canadian advance at 4 p.m. our snipers killed 2 of the enemy, and wounding others.

A large number of rifle grenades were fired at enemy posts, shooting being accurate. Post at A 3 c 20 95 received several direct hits.

2. IDENTIFICATION. Identification obtained from an overcoat found in No Man's Land was found to be 94th I.R. 58th Division (Normal).

3. HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Increased activity shown during the period, barrages being put down on our lines at 10 a.m., 4.10 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. shooting being well placed. Between 10 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. heavy fire was maintained on our Left Battalion and LIHONS was shelled throughout the day. The 4.10 pm. barrage lasted 30 minutes and extended from S 26 b to A 8 a. At 8.30 pm the barrage fell right across our front and support lines, extending South over the Canadians. Two 4.2 guns were observed in HART COPSE at S 21 d 9 9.

(b) Trench Mortars. Active throughout the period firing from S 27 d 10 85, S 27 d 30 80, and A 15 a 43 97.

(c) Machine Guns. Active, firing on our front line during our barrage. Otherwise quiet. X5 Enemy M.G.s appear to have been moved further forward.

(d) Patrols. At 3.15 p.m. enemy patrol bombed our post at S 26 b 5 5. Retaliation followed immediately and enemy party withdrew, no damage being done on either side.

(e) Aircraft. At 7.10 a.m. 38 planes were over our lines flying parallel with the front. Inactive for the remainder of the day.

(f) Gas. Nil.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. A little sniping was done but sniper was not located.

One post was bombed as reported in S (d).

(h) Movement. 9.35 a.m. 5 men were seen on road in S 27 c. At 2.30 p.m. 20 horses were observed grazing in S 6 b. At 4.15 p.m. 3 limbers were seen moving North West along road in S 11 d & a.

(i) Balloons. True bearing of 5 balloons from W 6 c 5 3 read :- 88, 123, 103, 92 and 43 degrees.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. No new works have been observed.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Aggressive.

6. MISCELLANEOUS. At 8.35 p.m. our Right Company noticed parties of 4 marching down the Railwayline towards our trenches. They were engaged by our L.Gs. and a large number of casualties were caused. A large number of flares bursting into 2 reds were fired and artillery action followed. At 6.25 p.m. an enemy dump was fired and another one at midnight in the vicinity of CHAULNES.

OUR PATROLS.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Route.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Right Bn.			
1 N.F.C.O.	12.30 p.m.	A 2 b 70 20	Enemy party was heard at approx A 2 b 95 20,
4 o/rs.	3 a.m.	A 2 b 90 20	apparently digging a post.
		A 2 b 70 30	The only wire encountered was very old and much damaged by artillery fire.
1 N.C.O.	2.15 a.m.	A 8 b 70 10	An enemy patrol was observed at A 8 b 95 50
4 o/rs.	3.30 a.m.	A 8 b 80 45	but strength could not be ascertained.
		A 8 b 80 65	
Left Bn.	11.30 a.m.	S 26 b 4 4	Trenches were followed all through and observations made at intervals. Trenches running North and South
Lt. Dickinson	to	S 26 b 6 5	
Lt. Pleasance	1.30 p.m.	S 26 b 9 6	
and		S 27 a 05 60	
1 o/rank.			in S 26 b 75 55 do not appear to be occupied though recent footsteps could be seen. A notice board with the word "BOYAUKUPPER" was found in the C.T. At S 27 a 05 60 a fresh enemy trench block has been built. This was not here two days ago. Patrol was sniped at from the high ground and had to retire.

Three patrols were out at night and our front was patrolled to a depth of from 200 to 300 yards, only negative information being obtained. No enemy was seen or heard.

Liaison patrols were out at regular intervals during the night and during the inter-Battalion relief strong protective patrols denied No Man's Land to the enemy.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.APPENDIX **16**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 6.For 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 21st August 1918.1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Active, engaging ABLAINCOURT, CHAULNES, S 27 d, S 15 d, whilst the 18 pdrs. engaged S 28 b, S 27 d, Trench from S 27 c 5 0 to S 27 a 6 7, and T.M. position at A 15 a 43 97.

(b) Trench Mortars. At 2.30 p.m. enemy positions at A 3 a 5 5 and A 3 d 4 9 were engaged. M.G. at A 2 d 75 60 was fired on and silenced. Ammunition expended 10 rounds.

(c) Machine Guns. Direct and indirect harassing fire brought to bear on A 9 a 20 45, A 9 a 10 95, C&Ts, cross roads and woods.

(d) Patrols. As per overleaf.

(e) Aircraft. Our lines were patrolled by contact planes during the day, and from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. a large number of our planes crossed the enemy's lines flying at a high altitude. Planes were at all times engaged by A.A. and M.G. fire.

(f) Gas. Nil.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. A little was attempted but no hits are claimed.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.3. HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Quieter than preceding 24 hours though still active, LIHONS and forward area received most attention. At 6.30 p.m. enemy put down at 10 minutes barrage on our front line in S 26 d and A 2 b.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our front line was engaged at 11.20 p.m. and 4.35 a.m., T.Ms firing from A 15 a 43 97 and S 27 d 2 8.

(c) Machine Guns. A little indirect fire at intervals during the night otherwise quiet. M.Gs located at A 8 d 70 90, A 9 c 05 95.

(d) Patrols. .. Nil.

(e) Aircraft. Active. Single planes crossed our lines and reconnoitred our back areas during the day, activity increasing towards evening. Between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. 2 enemy formations were overhead, and 1 scout plane was flying low over our forward positions.

(f) Gas. Nil.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. Enemy snipers were active during the day, engaging all movement in the forward area..

(h) Movement. At 9.50 a.m. 8 limbers were seen on road at S 3 d 7 9 and at 11.30 a.m. individual movement was seen on ABLAINCOURT road. At 2.30 p.m. two parties of men (30 in all) came out of wood in S 5 b 80 15 and disappeared at S 5 d 9 1. At 3.15 p.m. two men came from wood at S 6 c 4 8 and disappeared at S 11 d 3 9, a map being frequently referred to. An enemy O.P. is situated in tree at S 6 a 1 1. An enemy dump is located at S 21 b 3 9.

(i) Balloons. An enemy balloon was up for a few minutes at 11.20 am registering the shooting of a 10 c.m. H.V. Gun.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy batteries were located in S 29 a, S 28 b, S 30 a, and ABLAINCOURT. Battery of 4.2's was observed at S 5 d 1 1 and flash from a heavy gun came from S 24 c 38 30.

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5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Alert.

6. MISCELLANEOUS. Trench running N.W. and S.E. along S.W. edge of CHATEAU WOOD in S 5 b and S 6 c is occupied by the enemy. Weather. Bright day with fair visibility.

OUR PATROLS.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
Right Bn. Lt.G.L.Swan 15 o/ranks.	12 m/n 3 a.m.	A 8 b 7 0 A 8 d 80 65 A 8 d 90 85 A 8 b 7 0	Canadian Left flank post was located at A 8 d 90 55. The trench between post and railway line is very narrow and shallow and affords little protection. A 8 b 90 00 and vicinity is strongly held by the enemy with M.Gs and snipers, and on both occasions as patrol crossed the railway line enemy immediately opened fire.
1 N.C.O. 4 o/rs.	12 m/n 3 a.m.	A 2 b 7 2 A 2 d 4 2	Patrol proceeded to A 2 b 90 15 and worked along to A 2 d 70 35. Trench was unoccupied by the enemy and in a bad state of repair. The next trench in front of this line is strongly held voices being plainly audible.
Lt.Blackburn. 1 o/ranks	2.30 a.m. 4.15 a.m.	A 8 b 70 35 A 8 b 75 35 A 8 b 70 20	Two men were observed working at A 8 b 85 25. This work will be dealt with in daylight. M.G. fired from A 9 c 05 95.
Left Bn. 1 Sgt. 3 o/ranks.	12 noon 2.30 p.m.	S 26 b 45 40 S 26 b 70 60 S 27 a 1 6 S 26 b 45 40	No sign of enemy occupation was seen.
Lt.Dickinson. 4 o/ranks.	4.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	S 26 b 45 40 S 26 b 65 60 S 26 d 8 9 S 26 b 45 40	No enemy seen or heard. Trenches have suffered from S.O.S. barrage at 8.30 p.m. on 19th inst. An old snipers position was found but it shows no signs of recent occupation.
1 Sgt. 3 men.	1.25 a.m. 3.20 a.m.	A 2 b 7 4 A 2 b 95 55 A 2 b 7 4	Patrol reports outposts and trench running from A 2 b 9 2 to A 3 a 2 8, and M.G. fired from A 3 a 2 8.

Liaison patrols were out at regular intervals throughout the night and touch was maintained with flanking Units.

Listening posts were out during the night but no enemy patrols were seen or heard.

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for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 22nd August 1918.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Heavies were active during period on counter-battery work. Working party at A 30 c 9 8 was fired on at 9 p.m. by 18 pdrs. and dispersed. Heavy traffic movement behind CHAULNES A 11 a 6 6 was also fired on. Trench running N. & S. from S 27 c 5 5 to S 27 a 6 8 was harassed during the night.

(b) Trench Mortars. M.Gs at A 9 c 1 9, A 2 d 9 6, enemy trench from A 8 b 50 25 to A 9 c 15 85 and work at A 9 c 2 8 were engaged, 35 rounds being expended.

(d) Patrols. As per overleaf.

(e) Aircraft. Active during the day, contact planes patrolling our lines at frequent intervals, whilst at between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. several large patrols crossed enemy's lines.

(f) Gas. Nil.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. Left Battalion snipers engaged movement at long range. Our right Battalion snipers at A 8 b 50 45 killed two of the enemy, wounding a third, one of the killed being a sniper at A 8 b 9 6 who was very much camouflaged.

At 9.45 a.m. enemy post at A 8 b 85 75 was engaged with No. 36 Grenades. Enemy retaliated with pineapple bombs and the strafe continued for an hour, when hostile activity died down, and the last bombs were fired by our post. At 8.30 p.m. grenades were fired at a party entering post at A 2 d 9 8.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Quiet, shelling being chiefly in rear. Attention was paid to F 5 a & b, CREEPY WOOD, and LIHONS. A few rounds were also fired into S 26 a. During the morning ROSIERES was heavily shelled for ^{short} while. At 10.55 a.m. enemy fired a shrapnel shell which burst high over A 2 a, bursting into a large column of white smoke, which remained stationary for nearly 10 minutes. 4.2 batteries were located in S 17 d and S 17 c 9 9.

(b) Trench Mortars. M.W's were located at approx. A 9 a 5 8, A 9 d 1 9, A 9 d 00 65, A 3 d 4 8. Activity has decreased due to our 6" Newtons. Several M.W. shells landed at A 2 b 9 4.

(c) Machine Guns. Quiet during the day, activity increasing at night. M.Gs were located at A 2 d 80 80, A 9 c 95 95, A 8 b 85 75, A 2 d 7 2, which were engaged either by T.Ms or No. 36 grenades. Another gun fired occasional bursts from S 27 a 2 4.

(d) Aircraft. Active continually flying low. Our M.G. fire having no effect. At 7.35 p.m. 6 patrolled our front.

(f) Gas. Nil.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. Enemy sniper firing from S 27 a and A 3 c.

(h) Movement. Horses were seen feeding in S 6 b. During the afternoon a considerable amount of movement and traffic was seen on road in S 6 b and Chateau Park. Dump is at E 15 d 8 6, not at S 21 b 3 9 as reported, and many more boxes were visible. 7 p.m. a pigeon flew from KALNER WOOD towards Chateau Park, S 6 a.

(1) Balloons. True bearing of 3 balloons read from A 2 b 7 2 were, 33, 108, 88 degrees.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy is digging at A 3 a 6 2 and A 3 c 8 8.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Alert.

6. MISCELLANEOUS. Observation difficult owing to ground haze. During the night flares were sent up between CHMULNES and ABLAINCOURT. Weather. Hot, calm, with considerable ground haze. Visibility only fair.

OUR PATROLS.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Route.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Right Bn. 4 o/ranks.	12.30 a.m. 1.55 a.m.	A 2 d 5 1 along trench A 8 b 6 6	No enemy wire was encountered. Trench was occupied by enemy and movement was difficult owing to the light and M.G. activity.
1 N.C.O. 4 o/rs.	12.30 a.m. 2.20 a.m.	A 2 b 80 25 A 2 b 9 2 A 8 b 95 95 A 2 d 8 2	Enemy wire was observed in front of trench at A 3 a 3 5. No enemy seen or heard.
1 Officer 4 o/ranks.	2 a.m. 3.30 a.m.	A 2 d 4 2 A 2 d 80 55 A 2 b 6 3	No enemy was seen. Working party heard in vicinity of A 3 a 2 4. M.Gs quiet.
1 Officer 2 o/ranks.	11 p.m. 12.50 a.m.	South side of O.T. running east and west to A 8 d 88 98 returning same way.	Patrol left front line at A 8 b 7 0 and went forward 100 yards. Voices were heard at the far end of the O.T. and a shovel was being used. On attempting to investigate this enemy threw 6 bombs at patrol, and M.G. also opened fire, from A 9 c 05 95.

Left. Bn.

A small patrol reports enemy occupying trench S 26 b 95 90 to S 27 c 20 40. This report was confirmed by O.P. At night owing to our parties wiring in no man's land strong covering patrols only were out, no sign of the enemy being either seen or heard.

Liaison patrols were out at regular intervals throughout the night.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 8.

For 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 23rd August 1918.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our heavies were active on enemy's rear positions. During the night the 18 pdrs. were very active on forward trench systems. Movement in S 27 a 7 0 to S 27 a 65 50 was engaged, shooting being good. At 4.45 a.m. a heavy barrage opened out along our whole front extending North.

(b) Trench Mortars. 6" Newtons fired on movement in A 3 b and A 3 d and engaged T.M. at A 3 b 10 15 and M.Gs at A 3 c 45 85. 20 rounds were fired at sap running East and West through A 9 c which is a strong enemy position. Total expenditure 50 rounds.

Stokes Mortars engaged M.G. positions at A 8 b 7 7, and A 2 d 85'55 and trench between A 9 c 10 95 and A 8 b 85 25 was harassed. Total ammunition expended 35 rounds.

(d) Patrols. As per overleaf.

(e) Aircraft. Active, increasing towards evening, large formations crossing the enemy's lines between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. At 10 a.m. one of our planes brought down an enemy balloon in flames. At 6.20 p.m. 20 of our planes crossed enemy's lines and at 7.15 p.m. 18 of our machines patrolled the enemy's forward area.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. Our right Battalion's sniper at A 8 a Centl is forcing the enemy to keep low, four of the enemy being killed yesterday, ranges being from 100 to 300 yards.

Two of our men came in contact with an enemy patrol in sap at A 8 b 70 55. Bombs were thrown and the enemy withdrew.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.3. HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Active during the early part of day but quiet during the afternoon. From 11 a.m. to 11.10 a.m. enemy barraged our front, support and reserve lines, the performance being again repeated at 2.40 p.m. In reply to our barrage this morning the enemy places a similar barrage on our lines doing very little damage. At 5.40 p.m. enemy artillery fired short. Shooting immediately ceased on double green flares being put up.

(b) Trench Mortars. A few shots were fired, coming from the direction of POLYGON WOOD.

(c) Machine Guns. Active during the night, guns firing from approx. A 8 b 7 7, and A 9 c 05 95. Positions were engaged by T.Ms.

(e) Aircraft. Single enemy planes were active reconnoitring our lines during the day. At 5.35 p.m. 6 E.A. attacked one of our planes which, however, managed to escape.

(f) Gas. Nil.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. Enemy snipers were much quieter owing to the activity and good work of our snipers.

(h) Movement. Considerable individual movement in S 21 a & b throughout the morning. Between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. movement was seen in trenches in S 16 a. At 12.15 p.m. Motor transport was visible on road in S 6 c & d. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Transport was seen on road at S 6 c 8 8.

(i) Balloons. True bearings of 7 balloons from A 2 b 2 6 read :- 33, 71, 130, 147, 157, 163 and 167 degrees.

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4. ENEMY' DEFENCES. Enemy posts located at A 8 d 80 95, A 2 d 80 20, A 3 c 00 80, A 3 a 00 30, A 8 b 80 30, A 8 b 85 25 and a snipers post at A 8 b 70 95.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Alert.

6. MISCELLANEOUS. At 9.30 p.m. a large number of flares were sent up by enemy on our left consisting of reds, greens and whites. No action followed.

OUR PATROLS.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Route.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Right Bn. 1 N.C.O. 4 men.	11.30 p.m. 2 a.m.	A 2 d 50 20 A 2 b 8 2	Enemy wire was located running from A 3 c 00 20 to A 3 c 10 60. 3 posts were located as above. xxxxx . No enemy patrols were seen or heard.
Lt. Lawrence 4 o/ranks.	11.30 p.m. 1.30 a.m.	A 8 d 80 95 A 8 b 70 15 A 9 a 00 15	Patrol approached to vicinity of A 8 b 8 3. Sap was occupied and enemy was firing occasional rifle shots. Posts was located at A 8 b 85 25 but it was not possible to ascertain the strength of same. Enemy dugout in front of our block at A 8 b 7 0 was unoccupied. No enemy wire was encountered.
Lt. Dennis & 2 o/ranks.	10.45 p.m. 12.30 a.m.	A 8 b 1 2 Canadian Coy. H.Q. at A 8 d 65 10 to Outpost A 8 d 90 70 to L.P. A 8 d 90 85	From A 8 d 90 85 patrol went to A 8 d 60 90. Strong enemy post was encountered at A 8 d 70 95 which fired on patrol with M.Gs, bombs being also thrown. Patrol retaliate then returned to Canadian Support Lines thence to our own lines. 1 Canadian Officer and 2 o/ranks accompanied our patrol, the officer being killed.
1 N.C.O. 4 men.	12.30 a.m. 2 a.m.	A 2 d 8 7 A 2 d 85 55 A 2 d 8 7	Enemy block located at A 2 d 85 55 with post in rear, occupied by 2 of the enemy. Wiring party could be heard in rear of outpost line at approx. A 2 d 8 2
Left Bn. Lt. Dickinson. 4 o/ranks.	5 a.m. 7 a.m.	S 26 b 45 40 S 26 b 7 6 S 26 b 95 25	Four of enemy were seen in trench at S 27 a 2 4 were fired on and dispersed.
1 Sgt. 3 men.	7 p.m. 9 p.m.	S 26 b 45 40 S 26 b 7 6 S 26 d 85 95	returning same route. Enemy post located at S 27 a 2 1, otherwise no enemy seen.
1 Sgt. 4 men.	9 p.m. 10.30 p.m.	A 2 b 4 8 A 3 a 0 8 A 2 b 4 8	Wiring party working between A 3 a 35 70 and A 3 a 30 55. No patrols were encountered. Our L.Gs engaged wiring party. Result could not be observed.

Liaison patrols were out at regular intervals throughout the night and strong covering patrols protected our wiring parties. These patrols report no enemy movement visible.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 9.

For 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 24th August 1918.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Active, the following targets being engaged :- CHAULNES, ABLAINCOURT, S 28 a, S 16 d, S 9 b, S 27 d, A 11 a & c, Road A 16 a, Railway A 9 d to A 15 b. Smoke was seen rising from A 9 c 60 65 and was engaged by our 18 pdrs.

(b) Trench Mortars. Medium T.Ms. fired on A 9 c 10 85, MIAG WOOD, in A 9 a, T.M. positions at A 27 c 6 6 and A 3 d 40 85, 30 rounds being fired.

3" Stokes silenced M.G. at A 3 c 2'8 and harassed the following posts:- A 9 c 1 9, A 8 b 7 7, A 3 c 2 8, A 9 a 05 99, 60 rounds being expended.

(c) Machine Guns. Harassing fire was maintained at intervals during the night.

(d) Patrols. As per overleaf.

(e) Aircraft. Our contact and reconnaissance planes were over the enemy's lines at intervals during the day.

(f) Gas. Nil.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. Shooting was difficult due to bad light. Right Battalion claims one enemy killed and another badly wounded. Enemy continually left his post and crawled forward, but shooting was very difficult.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Active on our front line, supports and on Battalion H.Q. at F 6 c 4 0. LIHONS received the usual attention. The following locations were also shelled :- F 6 c & d, X 30 a, and A 1 a. Batteries were located at S 18 c 8 8, S 28 d, S 27 c and KALNER WOOD.

(b) Trench Mortars. 20 rounds were fired from the direction of S 21 c into our position at A 2 b 3 8.

(c) Machine Guns. Active during our barrage at 4.45 a.m. sweeping front line, 8 guns being used. 1 enemy M.G. located at S 21 c 7 8.

(d) Patrols. Nil.

(e) Aircraft. E.A. continued to cross our lines at low altitude. They were actively engaged by our M.Gs. Bombing planes were active at night on our back areas.

(f) Gas. A few BLUE CROSS shells were fired into LIHONS.

(g) Sniping & Bombing. Enemy fired a few shots but shooting was not as accurate as usual due to faulty light.

(h) Movement. Movement of Transport was seen on road at S 6 c 3 8 during the day, also on road on S 16 c & d. Limbers were seen unloading boxes at S 16 c 9 5 and a working party of 10 was visible here. They were engaged by our 60 pdrs. but the resulting dust made observation impossible. Occasional movement in posts in trench from S 27 6 5 0 to S 27 a 6 7. Limbers could be heard moving through CHAULNES at 11 a.m.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Posts at A 3 c 15 80, A 2 d ^{9 4}~~4 9~~, A 2 d 8 2, A 8 b 8 3 and new work is visible on trench in S 21 c 2 1, the trench being consolidated.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Alert.

6. MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy bombing plane dropped bombs on LIHONS at 11 p.m. A red signal lamp was being worked from the vicinity of ABLAINCOURT.

OUR PATROLS.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Route.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Right Battn. 1 N.C.O. 4 men.	11.30 p.m. 1 a.m.	A 2 d 45 40 along C.T. to A 2 d 9 4. A 2 d 45 40	Enemy block was encountered in C.T. at A 2 d 9 4. A wiring party about 40 strong were working about 30 yds to the left. Patrol commenced to cross block when they were halted by a sentry who was apparently waiting on them. The N.C.O. fired at the Sentry who retaliated with rifle and bombs, and superior numbers forced our patrol to return to our lines. 2 of patrol were slightly wounded. Enemy party immediately dispersed.
1 N.C.O. 2 men.	1.45 a.m. 3 a.m.	A 2 d 6 8 A 8 b 60 65 A 8 b 7 9 A 2 d 4 1	No sign of any enemy occupation of trenches or movement seen. M.Gs and flares quiet.
Lt. Black 2 o/ranks.	3.15 a.m. 4.15 a.m.	A 8 b 6 4 A 8 b 85 25 A 8 b 7 0	Owing to quietness of enemy patrol went out to see if posts were still occupied. Talking was heard at A 8 b 85 25 and M.G. fired from A 8 b 9 2.
1 N.C.O. 4 men.	11 p.m. 12.45 a.m.	A 2 d 6 8 A 2 b 70 25 A 2 b 90 15 A 2 b 60 30	Enemy occupying trench from A 3 c 1 5 to A 3 a 2 0 and consolidating same.
Lt. Fletcher 4 o/ranks.	12.30 a.m. 2.30 a.m.	A 2 d 50 25 A 2 d 80 15 A 3 c 15 80 A 2 d 8 6	Enemy found to be in occupation of his posts which were later engaged by T.Ms.
Lt. Dickinson 3 o/ranks.	11.30 p.m. 3 a.m.	S 26 b 45 40 S 26 b 7 6 S 26 b 75 55 S 26 b 45 40	While at S 26 b 8 2 an enemy patrol of 3 was seen which was fired on. Result not observed. Patrol returned to S 26 b 75 55 and waited and enemy patrol was seen and shots fired and bombs thrown, one man being wounded but enemy all managed to escape.
1 N.C.O. 4 men.	11 p.m. 3 a.m.	S 26 d 4 3 S 26 d 9 5 S 26 d 85 65 S 26 d 35 60	No enemy seen or heard. M.Gs and flares nil.

Liaison patrols were out at regular intervals throughout the night. Strong wiring patrols covered our wiring party who were not interfered with by the enemy.

G. H. An
Brigadier General.
Commanding 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O/ranks.</u>
45th Battalion	46	827
46th Battalion	53	981
48th Battalion	48	874
12th A.L.T.M.B.	7	46
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	154	2728

OFFICERS WHO HAVE JOINED FOR WEEK ENDING 2/8/18.

Lieut. L. BYRNE. MC.	46th Battn.	ex Hospital	28/7/18
" E.T. EDDY	"	ex Reinf'ts.	1/8/18
" A.J. HUDSON	"	" "	"
" L.L. CARTER. MM.	48th Battn.	ex Wounded	2/8/18

OFFICERS GONE FOR WEEK ENDING 2/8/18.

Captain A.M. MAXWELL. DSO. MC.	4th Aust. Div. H.Q. attached 12th A.I. Brigade H.Q.	to Hospital	23/7/18.
Lieut. P.D. O'REILLY	45th Battn.,	to 12th Tng. Bn.	30/7/18.
" A.B.R.E. WILLISON	46th Battn.,	to Hospital	26/7/18
" A.R. ALLEN	48th Battn.,	to 12th Tng. Bn.	2/8/18

REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED FOR WEEK ENDING 2/8/18.

45th Battalion	21
46th Battalion	21
48th Battalion	20
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SICK EVACUATIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 2/8/18.

45th Battalion	5
46th Battalion	4
48th Battalion	3
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FIGHTING STRENGTH AS ON 10/8/18.

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	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O/ranks.</u>
45th Battalion	47	770
46th Battalion	51	919
48th Battalion	45	805
12th A.L.T.M.B.	7	46
	<u>150</u>	<u>2540</u>

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OFFICERS WHO HAVE JOINED FOR WEEK ENDING 10/8/18.

Chap. the Rev. W. DEVINE	from England	7/8/18
Brig.General R.L.LEANE.CMG.DSO.MC.	from Special Leave	4/8/18
Lieut. R.J.SCOTT	45th Battn.from Seconded List	6/8/18
Lieut. R. BOWDEN	" " " " "	"
Captain G.A.PAVY	48th Battn.ex wounded	4/8/18
Lieut. C.A.HENDRY	" " ex O.T.B.	8/8/18

OFFICERS WHO HAVE GONE FOR WEEK ENDING 10/8/18.

Lieut.Col.E.A.D.BROCKMAN.CB.DSO.	to 16th Battalion	4/8/18
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REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED FOR WEEK ENDING 10/8/18.

45th Battalion	9
46th Battalion	27
48th Battalion	4
<u>TOTAL.</u>	<u>40</u>

CASUALTIES AND SICK EVACUATIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 10/8/18.

45th BATTALION.

Date.	Killed.		Wounded.		Sick.		Total.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
3/8/18	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
5/8/18	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
6/8/18	-	-	1	5	-	2	1	7
7/8/18	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
8/8/18)	-	4	-	44	-	-	-	48
9/8/18)								
10/8/18	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
<u>TOTAL.</u>	-	10	1	49	-	6	1	65

Officers. Lieut.H.H.NEAVES Wounded 5/8/18.

46th BATTALION.

Date.	Killed.		Wounded.		Wd.at Duty.		Sick.		Total.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
4/8/18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
6/8/18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
7/8/18	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
8/8/18)	1	10	1	60	2	1	-	-	4	71
9/8/18)										
10/8/18	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
<u>TOTAL.</u>	1	10	1	64	2	1	-	4	4	79

Officers. Lieut. J.K. HALL Killed 8/8/18
 Capt. C.A. SYMONS Wounded 8/8/18
 Lt. Col. J.J. CORRIGAN. DSO. Wd. at Duty 8/8/18
 Lieut. E.A. LEITH. " " " 8/8/18

48th BATTALION.

Date.	Killed.		Wounded.		Wd. at Duty.		Sick.		Total.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
4/8/18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
6/8/18	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
7/8/18	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
8/8/18)	1	9	4	45	1	-	-	-	6	54
9/8/18)										
10/8/18	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
<u>TOTAL.</u>	1	11	4	49	1	-	-	2	6	62

Officers.	Name	Rank	Date
	Lieut. J.G. O'NEILL	Killed	8/8/18
	Lieut. B.A. JONES	Wounded	"
	Lieut. L.L. CARTER.MM.	"	"
	Lieut. C.W. STOERKEL.MC.	"	"
	Lieut. W.B. CARR	"	"
	Lt.Col. S.L. PERRY. MC.	Wounded at Duty	"

12th A.I. BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

Wounded _____ 1 o/ranks.
Wounded at duty _____ 2 "
TOTAL. _____ 3 o/ranks.

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	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O/ranks.</u>
45th Battalion	47	747
46th Battalion	51	927
48th Battalion	44	815
12th A.L.T.M.B.	7	46
<u>TOTAL.</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>2535</u>

OFFICERS WHO HAVE JOINED FOR WEEK ENDING 17/8/18.

2/Lieut. E.R. BRAMBLE 46th Battalion ex O.C.B. 6/8/18.

CASUALTIES AND SICK EVACUATIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 17/8/18.

DATE. 45th BATTALION.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Killed.</u>		<u>Wounded.</u>		<u>Sick.</u>		<u>Total.</u>	
	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
11/8/18	-	-	-	19	-	2	-	21
12/8/18	-	-	-	9	-	3	-	12
17/8/18	-	1	-	6	-	2	-	9
<u>TOTAL.</u>	-	1	-	<u>34</u>	-	7	-	42

46th BATTALION.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Killed.</u>		<u>Wounded.</u>		<u>Sick.</u>		<u>Total.</u>	
	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
11/8/18	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
12/8/18	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
14/8/18	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
16/8/18	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
17/8/18	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
<u>TOTAL.</u>	-	-	-	3	1	3	1	6

Officer. Lieut. P. SYME. Sick 17/8/18.

FIGHTING STRENGTH AS ON 24/8/18.

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	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O/ranks.</u>
45th Battalion	43	730
46th Battalion	45	875
48th Battalion	44	863
12th A.L.T.M.B.	7	46
	<u>139</u>	<u>2514</u>

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OFFICERS WHO HAVE JOINED FOR WEEK ENDING 24/8/18.

2/Lieut. H.R. EDWARDS 48th Battn. ex O.C.B. 14/8/18

OFFICERS WHO HAVE GONE FOR WEEK ENDING 24/8/18.

Captain W. CALDWELL. MC. 48th Battn. to Senior Officers' School 16/8/18

REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED FOR WEEK ENDING 24/8/18.

45th Battalion	27
46th Battalion	26
48th Battalion	63
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CASUALTIES AND SICK EVACUATIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 24/8/18.

45th BATTALION.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Killed.</u>		<u>Wounded.</u>		<u>Sick.</u>		<u>Total.</u>	
	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
18/8/18.	-	3	2	12	-	-	2	15
19/8/18	-	-	-	5	-	1	-	6
20/8/18	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	4
21/8/18	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
22/8/18	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	3
24/8/18	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	4
TOTAL	-	6	2	20	-	8	2	34

Officers. Lieut. C.McI.POTTS Wounded 17/8/18
 Lieut. F. LOZELLE " "

46th BATTALION.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Killed</u>		<u>Wounded</u>		<u>Wd.at Duty.</u>		<u>Sick</u>		<u>Total.</u>	
	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
18/8/18	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	1	3
19/8/18	-	3	2	15	-	-	-	-	2	18
20/8/18	-	5	-	28	-	2	-	-	-	35
21/8/18	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	2	1	2
22/8/18	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
23/8/18	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
24/8/18	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTAL	-	8	4	52	-	2	-	3	4	65

Officers. Lieut. K.A.HALL Wounded 18/8/18
 Capt. (T/Major) F.R.NORTH " 19/8/18
 Lieut. C.J.JENNINGS " 19/8/18
 Lieut. A.F.M.McKENZIE " 21/8/18

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CASUALTIES, etc.48th BATTALION.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u> <u>Off. O.R.</u>	<u>Sick.</u> <u>Off. O.R.</u>	<u>Total.</u> <u>Off. O.R.</u>
19/8/18	- 1	- -	- 1
21/8/18	- 3	- 3	- 6
22/8/18	- 1	- -	- 1
23/8/18	- 2	- -	- 2
TOTAL.	- 7	- 3	- 10

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	Officers.	O/ranks.
45th Battalion	46	757
46th Battalion	39	773
48th Battalion	45	859
12th A.L.T.M.B.	8	46
	<u>138</u>	<u>2435</u>

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OFFICERS WHO HAVE JOINED FOR WEEK ENDING 31/8/18.

Lieut. W.J.HORNE	45th Battn.	from Seconded List	27/8/18
Lieut. F.W.FIRFIELD	" "	" "	"
2/Lt. H.T.HINES	" "	" "	"
" A.M.MILLS	" "	" "	"
" J.W.LOWICK	" "	" "	"
Major J.M.EDGLEY.DSO.	46th Battn.	from Supy. List	1/8/18
Lieut. A.B.R.E.WILLISON	" "	Hospital	11/8/18
2/Lt. W.PARRY.MC.	48th Battn.	" O.C.B.	27/8/18

OFFICERS WHO HAVE GONE FOR WEEK ENDING 31/8/18.

Lieut. T.J.MORONEY	45th Battn.	To Hospital, England, ex Leave	8/8/18
Lieut. H.P.GADSLEY	" "	" "	4/8/18

REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED FOR WEEK ENDING 31/8/18.

45th Battalion	44
46th Battalion	51
48th Battalion	<u>16</u>
TOTAL.	111

CASUALTIES AND SICK EVACUATIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 31/8/18.

45th BATTALION. Date.	Wounded.		Sick.		Total.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
25/8/18	-	2	-	1	-	3
26/8/18	-	-	-	1	-	1
29/8/18	-	-	-	3	-	3
30/8/18	-	-	-	3	-	3
31/8/18	-	-1	-	2	-	3
TOTAL.	-	3	-	10	-	13

46th BATTALION.

Date.	Wounded.		Gassed.		Sick.		TOTAL.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
25/8/18	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
26/8/18	-	-	3	76	-	-	3	76
27/8/18	-	-	1	50	-	-	1	50
29/8/18	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
30/8/18	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
TOTAL.	1	1	4	127	-	1	5	129

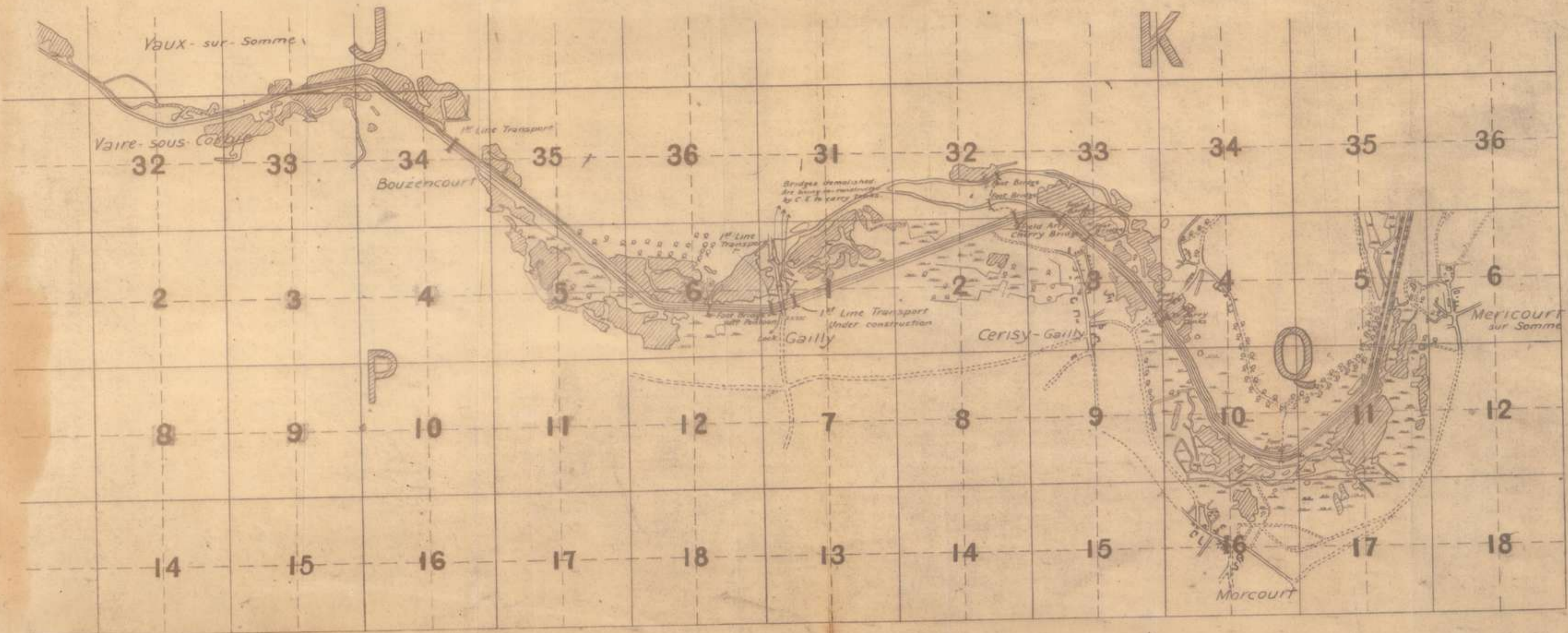
Officers :	Capt. T.V.RILEY	Wounded	25/8/18
	Lieut. A.B.MORTIMER	Gassed	"
	Lieut. A.T.McALLISTER	"	"
	Lieut. E.T.EDDY	"	"
	Lieut. S.A.LATIMER	"	"

48th BATTALION.

Sick 6.

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