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H.Q. 13th Aust  
Inf Bde.

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Ref Map 1/40,000 FOUILLOY Chateau.	62.D.	1	<p>The Brigade in Right Sub-sector of the Divisional front South of the SOMME. Training Tracing shewing disposition of Division and of 13th. Brigade attached. (1 copy only). Append I O.C. round the Battalions with the B.M. to discuss the small raid by each Battalion to try and obtain identification which is urgently required <sup>from</sup> on this front. The last identifications had been got on the 16th. June by the 4th. A.I.Bde. The Bosche has been very shy and the long crops now beginning to turn yellow make it difficult to move about without being seen or heard. Summary of Intelligence attached. Append. II. A great deal of movement over the whole area during the day. Americans, Tank Officers, Artillery people, in fact every one co-operating in the coming attack seemed to be making a reconnaissance. Word definitely received that portions of the 4th. and 11th. A.I.Bdes. would relieve this Brigade on XY night well known to everyone as the 2nd/3rd. July. Brigade Order No. 133-attached append III. The weather is beautifully fine and if no rain falls the going on Z day should be excellent. The soil in this sector is clayey with a hard chalk sub-soil which make it practically impossible to hide any works or trenches, but on the other hand allows of vehicular traffic almost anywhere at this time of the year, and it appears to be ideal country for the manoeuvring of tanks.</p>	I
I.32.b.2.8. Headquarters.3		2.	<p>No luck with small raids and patrols, the enemy clearing out in all cases. Very little work on trenches or wire could be done during this short tour in the line, all our men available have concentrated on carrying on the dugouts being made for machine gunners and Battalion Headquarters for the stunt. Copy of Signal communications for the Brigade is attached (1 copy) append. IV. A difficulty of relief these times is the few hours of darkness one has; practically only from 10.30 p.m. to 2.45 a.m., and as the enemy has good observation of our back country from the back of HAMEL very little movement can be made before dusk. Relief of the Brigade complete by 3 a.m. and Brigade disposed as shewn in append. V. To comply with the wishes of the C in C American Army the greater proportion of the Americans attached to the 4th. and 11th. A.I.Bdes. are being withdrawn. Instructed by Div. we have spent most of the day collecting these men, who had to be taken out of the front line in some cases, and sending them back to ALLONVILLE. The Americans are bitterly disappointed as were also our men, as the spirit of competition was running high. The whole affair seems regrettable and the change of plan or policy at the last moment shews that organisation in rear is not yet perfect. Append. VI. and VII shews artillery and machine gun dispositions during our tour in the line. O.C., to 50th. and 52st. Battalions in afternoon and B.M. to Nucleus. Verbal warning by G.S.O.1 Div. to be ready to take over line 48 hours after attack. A good deal of enemy bombing during the night.</p>	II III IV V. VI VII

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Ref. Map Sheet I.32.b.2.8.4	62.D. 1/40,000.	8. 4	G.O.C. and B.M. round Battalions and Nucleus. Weather beautifully fine but forecast indicates change, and chance of some drizzle. 50th. and 51st. Bns. bathing in DAOURS.	
		5	The attack by the 4th. 11th. and 6th. A.I. Bdes. under the orders of G.O.C. 4th. Aust. Div. was a complete success. Some 15,00 prisoners were taken besides many Machine guns and much material. The result of the attack has been to straighten our line, besides giving us a very commanding position. The enemy has still some good observation from the high ridge in front of SAILLY LAURETTE, but the advancing of our line North of the SOMME and the swinging up of our left flank South of the SOMME must be operations of the near future. A feature of the attack was the success of the tanks. Every tank got to the taped forming up line to time, and all worked splendidly. This was indeed a pleasing feature as all ranks of the Division since the days of BULLECOURT have had little faith in tanks, but this attack has completely retrieved their lost reputation. Orders received very late from Division that one Battalion 13th. A.I. Bde. would relieve one Battalion 4th. A.I. Bde. tonight, and later Div. Order received for the relief of parts of 4th. A.I. Bde. and 11th. A.I. Bde. by 13th. A.I. Bde. on night of 6th/7th. July. Message B.405 attached append. VIII. Append. IX. Bde. Order 134. Brigade Routine Order No. 261 attached as Append. X.	VIII IX X
QUARRY	O.12.b.9.4.7	6	Relief by 13th. Bde. complete by 2.30 a.m. Quiet night occasional shelling of left sector in front of HAMEL. Append. XI. disposition of units. Append. XII Summary of Intelligence.	XI XII
		7	Append. XIII. Daily Strength Return. The 12th. Bde. with the 14th. Bde. co-operating on the North and the 50th. Bn. on the South, are straightening their line tonight. Append. XIV letter to 50th. Bn. re. operations. Our line not as well adjusted on the left flank as might have been owing to our protective barrage falling short. O.C., 50th. Bn. to Bde. H.Qrs. and after discussion decided to complete adjustment tonight. In the meantime to arrange a trial S.O.S.W. by each battery to try and find out the cause of short shooting. Append. XV. disposition report	XIII XIV.
		8	G.O.C., B.M. and I.O. round the line on the Left. Bn. Sector. Very quiet except a slow barrage of heavies on our trenches in front of HAMEE. More complaints of short shooting by the Infantry. Append. XVI. Summary of Intelligence. Append. XVII. Works report for week ending 2nd. July.	XV.
		9	Quiet day. G.O.C. and B.M. around Battalions. Visit by G.S.O.II Corps. Major CASEY and also numerous advance parties of 3rd. Aust. Div. Append. XVIII Disposition as at 8 a.m. 3/7/19 attached.	XVI XVII.
		10	Append. XIX. Disposition at 8th. inst. Append. XX Summary of Intelligence to 9th. Summary of Intelligence to 10th. inst. append. XXI. Append. XXII Disposition of Units 10th. inst. Append. XXIII Bde. Routine Orders. Definite Orders received for relief of Brigade by 10th. Bde.	XVIII. XIX XX XXI XXII XXIII.

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Ref. Map Sheet 62.D. 1/40,000.				
QUARRY.	12.b.9.4.		Append. XXIV. Bde. Order 135.	XXIV.
	10		Append. XXV. Summary of Intelligence. Append. XXVI. The principals of Defence and action in case of attack. Relief complete by 3.10 a.m. - We have had a very quiet and uneventful tour	XXV XXVI.
I.32.b.2.8.	11		few casualties except in the line in front of HAMEL. We have obtained identification on three separate occasions. The men are in good heart but undoubtedly getting tired with the constant strain. Append. XXVII. Dispositions of units 12th. July. G.O.C. and B.M. round Bns. in afternoon.	XXVII.
	12		A visit from the Acting Div. Commander General BRAND and arrangements made for a football match against the French Division. Brigade to move to RIVERY area tomorrow 13th. inst.	
RIVERY.	13		Brigade moved to RIVERY area by road. Dispositions as in Append. XXX. Major. R. MORELL D.S.O.	XXX
near AMIENS.			Brigade Major proceeded to Machine Gun School, CAMIERS, and Captain T.S. LOUCH M.C. 51st. Bn. took over duties temporarily as Brigade Major.	
	14/17		Units rested. Bathing re-organising and refitting. Appendices - Casualty return 1st to 15th. July. XXXI. Strength return 15th. XXXII.	XXXI XXXII
	18		Conference of C.O.'s at Bde. H.Q. Subjects discussed - Re-organisation, Training, Selection of Nucleus for next tour in the line. G.O.C. announced that probable movements of Brigade would be as follows, Stay in present area till 25th. inst. - Relieve reserve Brigade of "C" Division in FRECHENCOURT area on 26th. - Move into line relieving right Brigade "C" Division on 27th. (Sector South of BRAY - CORBIE Road) - During tour in line we should have an American Battalion attached but exact method of its employment not yet decided. Re-organisation. The new establishment of Battalion (900) discussed. In view of low numbers in Battalions it was decided that the principle to be adopted in re-organising should be 4 companies in each Battalion of three Platoons each increasing to four as numbers permit. Training. Work to be confined at first chiefly to elementary work and to getting the men fit after their long tour in the forward area. Nucleus. To be cut down to the minimum except in case of 49th. Bn. and to include men at or going to Schools and men at Army Rest Camp. In afternoon under Div. Instructions G.O.C. and B.M. visited Headquarters 5th. Tank Brigade to arrange for attack practices with tanks for each Bn. 49th. to go through tomorrow and other Bns. next week. The time given is much too short to get the full benefit out of the practice as there can be no preliminary training.	
	19.		49th. Bn. carried out attack scheme with tanks at VAUX-en-AMIENOIS. A demonstration was given beforehand by the 15th. Bde. Nucleus Bn. but was not of very much value as it was too mechanical as far as the Infantry was concerned. The 49th. Bn. then did the same practice, Append XXXIII which was framed by the Tank Staff to suit the ground, but is not altogether satisfactory from an Infantry point of view. Arrangements have now been made for 50th.	XXXIII

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Ref. Map. Sheet RIVERY. Near AMIENS.	19	62.D.	1/40,000. Battalion to do the same scheme next Wednesday but on account of the distance and also because they are the garrison of the Army Line the 51st. Bn. will not be able to do it. The C.O. and Company Commanders were however, present today when the 49th. Bn. did their practice.	
	20		G.O.C. and B.M. to 14th. A.I. Bde. H.Q. HEILLY, to arrange relief next week. Nothing much could be done as a small advance is now being prepared and will be carried out before the relief takes place. 49th. Bn. swimming sports in afternoon. Syllabus of Training Append. XXXIV.	XXXIV.
	21.		Church Parades - G.O.C. attended 49th. Bn. 50th. Bn. swimming sports in afternoon.	
	22.		Divisional Race Meeting at ALLONVILLE, Lorries were provided to transport men there and the meeting was a splendid success and enjoyed by all. This was probably the first race meeting in the world at which there was an aeroplane stand for A.F.C. Visitors (At one time there were fourteen planes parked there).	
	23/24		Training. On 24th. 50th. Bn. did attack practice.	
	24.		Reconnoitring parties from 49th. and 51st. Bns, proceeded to 14th. Bde. sector to complete arrangements for taking over. Div. Order for relief received last night. Wire from Div. at 8 p.m. that relief cancelled but no further information.	
	25.		Div. Commander called and stated that Div. would be out of the line for some time and that training was to be proceeded with. Instructions issued to units. Append. XXXV.	XXXV.
	26		Training.	
	27		49th. Bn. to gas demonstration at Corps Gas Training Ground, See Append. XXXVI (Original only)	XXXVI
	28		Demonstration spoiled by rain which poured down continuously all morning. G.S.O.II called in afternoon to say we were taking over from the French in the HANGARD sector in 2 days time. Conference at Div. in evening when arrangements discussed more fully. 4th. Bde. to take over HANGARD WOOD inclusive to present Southern boundary of Corps (about MONUMENT WOOD). on night 31st/1st. and this Brigade South of HANGARD WOOD to a point about 500 yards South of DOMART - sur la - LUCE on 1st/2nd. Lorry arranged to take reconnoitring parties forward tomorrow.	
	29.		Reconnoitring parties to new sector. G.O.C. and B.M. to 73rd. French Brigade near BOVES where guides were provided to take C.O.'s etc. forward to respective sectors. The Sector we are to take over is held at present partly by 37th. French <del>Brigade</del> <sup>Division</sup> and partly by 74th. French Division but it has been arranged that prior to the night of relief the French will adjust their dispositions so that the whole of our front will be held by the 2nd. Regt. Tirailleurs (73rd. Bde). who are at present holding the Northern portion of what will be our sector.	

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REF. Map Sheet RIVERY near AMIENS.	29	62.D	1/40,000. It was arranged with 73rd. Bde. therefore that we would in future deal only with the 2nd. Regt. Tirailleurs in order to simplify matters. G.O.C., B.M. and Commandant 2nd. Regt. Tirailleurs over Bde. area in the morning. The area slopes away from the GENTELLES Plateau to the River LUCE and up on the other side to the BOIS de DODU so that the whole forward area, both our own and the enemy, can be overlooked in detail by both sides. This necessarily prohibits movement but fortunately today was misty and the reconnoitring parties were able to move about un-restricted. The French are holding the line on the principals of Defence which they found so successful in the RHEIMS fighting i.e. Four small sentry groups in the foremost line (ligne de surveillance) furnished by the two companies of the outpost line (who are in four half company posts) and the remainder of the Regiment in the battle position (ligne de resistance) 2,500 yards back. We shall have to put some more men forward for as was explained to the Regt. Commander we have not yet reached that stage in Military Art when we are to prepared to leave a few men unsupported right out in front and sacrifice them in order that the main attack may be broken in front of our battle positions.	
	30		Lorry arranged to take reconnoitring parties forward. Conference at Bde. H.Q. in afternoon to discuss arrangements for relief in detail. Agenda attached append. XXXVI.	XXXVI.
	31		B.M. to 2nd. Regt. Tirailleurs to explain details of our relief, and complete final arrangements. 49th. Bn. moved to NICHOLAS area near BOVES and bivouaced for the night. Casualty return attached append. XXXVII.	XXXVII
			<u>General.</u> To sum up; the stay in the RIVERY area has been a very pleasant rest, the weather has been for the most part ideal and the men have been able to swim which is a very important advantage in a Rest Area. The first fortnight was devoted almost entirely towards their own sports and entertainments and in addition there was the Divisional Race Meeting and also the Divisional Concert Party and the 5th. Bde. Concert Party gave performances at the Hospice, RIVERY. Leave to the villages and towns in the back areas was generously given and the Division allowed two motor lorries per day to take parties back. The objections to the area were that (a) the units were too scattered and (b) the training facilities were poor. A start was made with more strenuous training in the last few days but the hastened relief of the French interfered with this.	
			getting the men fit and entertaining them - all Bns arranged	

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RIVERY.	31		<p>The defensive role of the Brigade in the RIVERY area is set out in append XXXVIII. During the last week however instructions were received that detailed reconnaissances were to be made of the whole Corps Area and plans, march tables, administrative arrangements, signal schemes &amp;c. to be prepared to meet any possible contingency that might arise. To do this work adequately would have employed the whole Brigade Staff for a week at the least, when they should have been employed in the assistance and supervision of training. Furthermore a definite role was to be allotted to each Battalion who in its turn was to make out orders to meet each contingency. It would be interesting to know if anyone has even yet found a use for these voluminous paper defence schemes that seem to owe their existence solely to the desire of everyone to put something down on paper that will throw the responsibility on to the next lower formation. Detailed plans to meet all probable and improbable situations may be necessary for high formations, but to a Brigade - and more especially a Brigade in Corps Reserve - they are worthless. What <u>is</u> necessary is reconnaissance, and this should be carried out by all units, but paper preparations should be reduced to a minimum. Brigade Routine Orders 263 to 273 are attached append. XXXIX.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Johnston</i> Brigadier-General,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Commanding 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.</p>	<p>XXXVIII</p> <p>XXXIX.</p>

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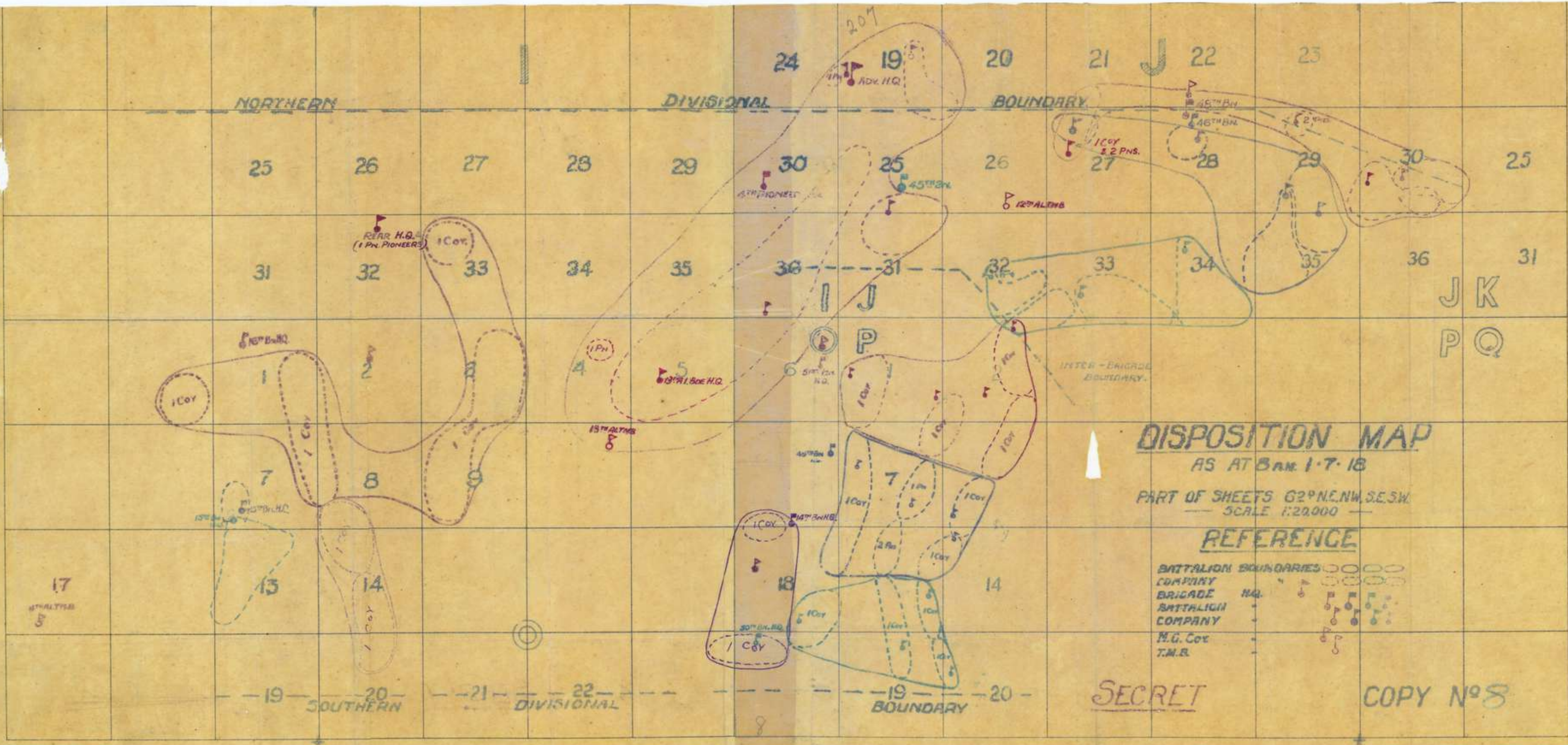
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Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.

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### DISPOSITION MAP

AS AT B.M. 1.7.18  
 PART OF SHEETS G2°N.E.N.W.S.E.S.W.  
 SCALE 1:20,000

### REFERENCE

BATTALION BOUNDARIES	○ ○ ○ ○
COMPANY	○ ○ ○ ○
BRIGADE H.Q.	♣
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COMPANY	♣
M.G. Coy	♣
T.M.B.	♣

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 (2). The squares on this trace are 100 yards in length on the 1:10,000 scale, 1,000 yards in length on the 1:20,000 scale, and 2,000 yards in length on the 1:40,000 scale.  
 (3). The squares on the trace are fitted to the squares of the map showing the targets, which are then drawn on the trace. Sufficient letters and numbers must also be added to enable the recipient to place the trace in the correct position on his own map. A little detail may also be traced, but this is not essential. The name and scale of the map to which the trace refers must be always given. The trace can be used for the 1:10,000, 1:20,000, or 1:40,000 scale.

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## SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 a.m. 1st. July to 6 a.m. 2nd. July 1918.

## OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Active on enemy forward positions and back areas. Areas P.11.a. and c., P.10.b., P.9.d., P.10.d., P.4.a. and c., P.19.b., P.21.a., P.27.a. and c. and P.21.c. were consistently shelled. HAMEL and HAMEL WD received attention. C.T. in VAIRE WD and ARQUAIRE WD were intermittently shelled with heavies during the period.

Machine Guns. HAMEL and roads in P.10.a. and b. were fired upon.

Occasional long traversing bursts were fired over enemy's parapets.

Trench Mortars. Stokes mortars fired 104 rds. on the following targets in co-operation with infantry raids. At 11 p.m. fire opened on enemy trench in P.20.a.80.65 for 2 minutes lifting to trench between P.20.a.85.70 to P.20.a.81.8. At 11.15 pm. enemy M.G. in P.8.d.25.70 and trench system in vicinity were shelled for 18 mins. Heavy mortars fired 3 rds. on positions in front of VAIRE WD.

Aircraft. Again very active reconnoitring the enemy's lines especially at dusk and dawn. At 7.10 p.m. one of our planes fell in flames behind ridge in rear of HAMEL. VAIRE WD was bombed during the day and night.

Patrols. Liaison patrols kept touch with units on either flank during the hours of darkness. Protective and reconnaissance patrols as under :-

Strength.	Time Out.	Time In.	Route Taken.	Remarks.
1 Off & 10	10.30 pm.	12.30 am.	P.20.a.2.0. to P.20.a.6.4. to P.20.b.5.0. to P.20.b.2.1. to P.20.a.2.0.	4 enemy were seen on road in P.20.b. No break could be found in wire from P.20.b. 5.0. to P.20.a.8.5.
1 Off & 4.	12.30 am.	2.35 am.	P.13.b.6.1. to P.14.c.7.7. to P.14.c.6.0. to P.13.d.9.1.	Working party could be heard at P.14.d.0.9. Enemy work-party seen at P.14.l.2.5.
1 Off & 11.	10.30 pm.	1.10 am.	P.13.b.9.2. to P.14.c.5.8. to P.14.c.8.5. to P.13.b.9.2.	On 3 of patrol attempting to rush post at P.14.c.9.5. they were fired on by rifles. About 12 men appeared to be in post. Patrol was forced to retire.
1 Off & 10.	10.30 pm.	1 am.	P.14.a.3.9. to P.14.b.5.8. to P.14.b.4.6. to P.14.a.3.9.	Enemy posts at P.14.b.4.6. and P.14.b.5.8. examined and found unoccupied. All flares and M.G. appeared to be fired from his front line. Digging could be heard at P.14.b.9.2.
1 NCO & 3.		2.30 am.	P.8. Cent. to P.8.d.3.8. to P.8.d.1.4. to P.14.a.3.9.	No enemy seen or heard. Wire in front of enemy posts very thick.
1 NCO & 2	10.30 pm.	11.45 pm.	P.2.d.4.5. to P.9.a.0.8. to P.8.b.3.4.	No enemy seen or heard.
1 Off & 7.	10.30 pm.	3 am.	P.2.d.6.2. to P.9.a.4.7. to P.9.a.4.5. to P.2.d.8.2.	When at P.9.a.4.7. patrol was fired on with rifles and bombs by enemy patrol. Much talking was heard in enemy lines.
1 Off & 8.	10.20 pm.	1.20 am.	P.2.d.8.7. to P.3.c.1.7. to P.3.c.4.2. to P.3.c.75.15. to P.2.d.8.7.	At P.3.c.40.15 post manned by two huns was seen. Enemy retired to his lines on approach of patrol. At P.3.c.75.15 patrol was challenged and about 9 bombs thrown at them causing 4 casualties and forcing them to retire. Enemy appeared to have been warned of patrols approach and had pushed out a screen in front of posts.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY Light scattered shelling during the day HAMELT, VAIRT, FOUILLOY and the VAIRT - HAMELT Road were lightly shelled between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. Areas O.24.8. and front line in P.13.d. were shelled with 4.2

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. Fairly active throughout the night with indirect fire on Pioneer Switch. Guns located at approx. P.14.b. Cent. and P.20.a.9.4.

Trench Mortars. 5 projectiles fell on our centre Bn. front at 12.15 am. No damage resulted.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Not as active as on previous few days. At 5.30 am., 9.40 am., 10.20 am. and 7.40 pm. planes crossed our lines all flying high.

WORK. Working party as if wiring heard in copse at P.14. cent.

MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES. 4 men at 5.10 p.m. observed crossing from Windy Corner to front line. At 5.20 pm. 6 men observed at P.29.a.8.8. At 9.10 pm. 6 ammunition wagons moved from P.28.b. cent. to P.22.c. Men observed on road at Crucifix Corner at dusk. 5 parties of 5 of the enemy observed observed on Ridge behind HAMELT at P.10.b.9.4. Individual movement observed in trench at P.10.d.55.70 and on roads in P.10.d. and P.22.a.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 3.5 am. enemy sent up 10 single red, 20 double red, 2 single and 2 double green flares in response to which his artillery opened as above signals commenced. 4 stretcherbearers with white flag observed at 11.45 am. carrying a stretcher from about P.20.b.4.6. towards wood. At about 3 a.m. an orange flare is fired from a position in front of HAMELT this may be an O.K. signal for situation report.

*Heidorn Lt*  
7a Major,

Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
1st. July 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62.D.

1. (a) The 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved by portions of 4th. and 11th. Bdes on X/Y night in accordance with table of moves overleaf.
- " (b) On completion of relief the 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. will pass into Divisional Reserve. The 49th. Bn. and L.T.M.B. remaining in the terraces in O.12.c., O.18.a. and Pioneer Switch O.23.a. and b., will be prepared to man the Reserve Line at short notice.
2. Area stores, reserve rations etc. will be handed over and receipts forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as early as possible.
3. Transport will remain as at present.
4. Brigade Headquarters will close at FOUILLOY Chateau at 9 p.m. 2nd. inst. and open at I.32.b.2.8. at the same hour.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

*R. Morell* Major,

Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Issued through Signals at *12* m.

Extra Copies to :-

15. 4th. A.I. Bde.
16. 5th. do.
17. 6th. do.
18. 11th. do.
19. 12th. do.
20. 13th. Field Ambce.
21. 12th. Field Coy. A.E.
22. 27th. A.A.S.C.
23. Bde. Supply Officer.
24. Artillery Liaison Officer.
25. O.C. Nucleus.

*26 Bde Report Officer*

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TABLE OF MOVES TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 133.

Serial No.	Date : Night of	Unit	Relieved by	On relief Move to.	Remarks.
1.	X/Y	50th. Bn.	13th. Bn. South of Com. Trench in this area. Portion of 16th. Bn. North of C.T.	AUBIGNY Line S. of the River H.Q. 0.7.c.5.3.	Any route S. of FOUILLOY.
2.	X/Y	49th. Bn.	Portion of 16th. Bn. S. of C.T. in their area. 15th. Bn. between C.T. and Northern Boundy. of this area.	Torracos in 0.12.c., 0.18.a. and Pioneer Switch 0.23.a. and b. H.Q. 0.12.d.2.1. (At present 14th. Bn. H.Q.)	H.Q. to be established by 6 p.m. <sup>2.</sup> X/Y night
3.	X/Y	51st. Bn.	43rd. and 44th. Bns.	0.7.c. and 0.13.a. H.Q. 0.7.c.3.1.	Any route S of E. to W. grid line through P.8 Central.
4.	X/Y	13th. A.L.T.M.Bty.	4th. A.L.T.M.Bty.	Torracos in 0.12.c., 0.18.a. H.Q. with 49th. Bn. 0.12.d. 2.1.	
5.	X/Y	13th. Bde.H.Q.	4th. Bdo. H.Q.	I.32.b.2.8.	

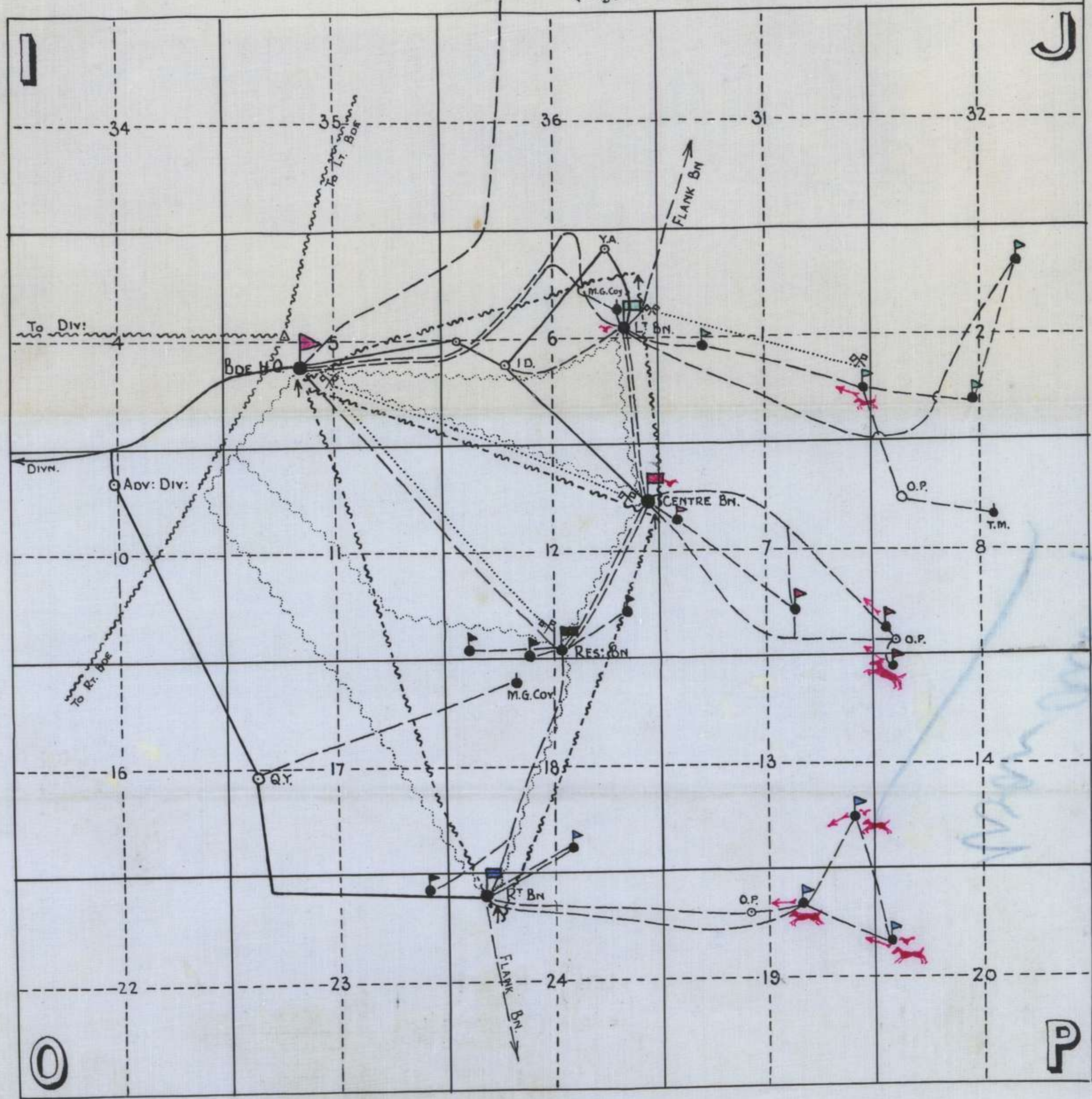
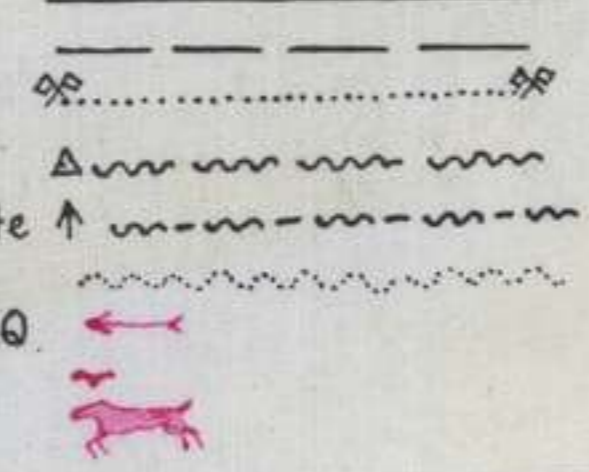
Appendix III

# 13<sup>TH</sup> AUS: INF: BDE

## SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS

### REFERENCE

- Buried Cable
- Ground Line
- Visual Route
- Wireless
- Power Buzzer & Amplifier Route
- Runner
- Rockets to respective Bn. H.Q.
- Pigeons.
- Dogs.



APPENDIX IV 13

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KLH,

13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET:

*WPA*

Disposition of Units:

As at 8 a.m, 3rd July, 1918.

*IV*

13th Brigade Headquarters

I.32.b.2.8.

49th Battalion Headquarters

0.12.d.2.1.

1 Company

Terraces in 0.12.c and 0.13.a.

1 Company

do. 0.12.c and 0.13.a.

1 Company

PIIONEER SWITCH 0.23.a and b.

1 Company

do. do 0.7.c.9.8 to 0.13.a.9.8.

0.23.a and b.

50th Battalion Headquarters

0.7.c.4.1.

1 Company

0.20.b.9.0 to 0.14.d.3.4.

1 do.

0.14.d.3.4 to 0.8.d.5.5.

1 do.

0.8.d.5.5 to 0.9.b.2.9.

1 do.

0.7.c.9.6 to 0.13.a.9.8.

51st Battalion Headquarters

0.13.a.1.2.

Battalion in banks

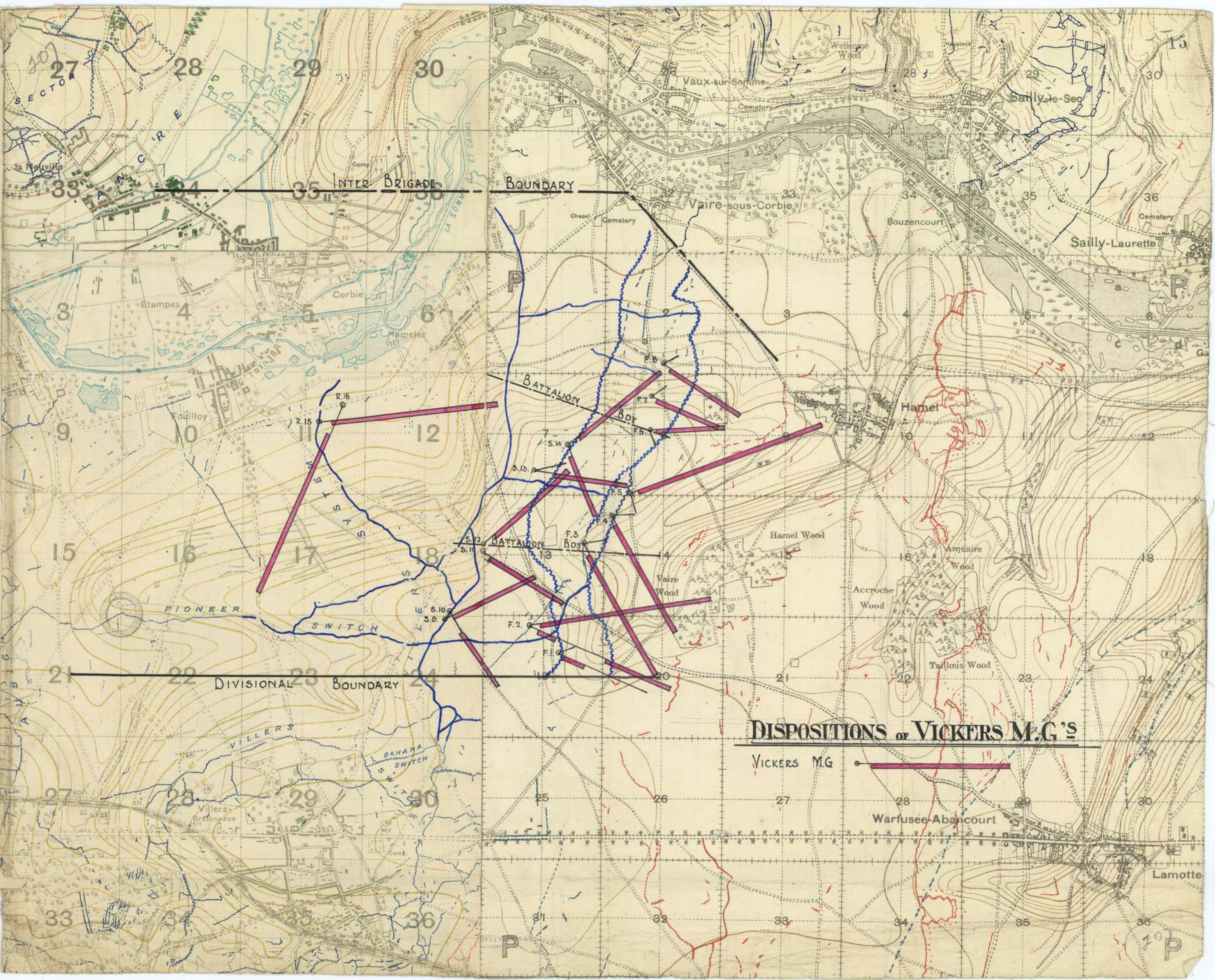
0.7.c and 0.13.a.

13th L.T.M.B. Headquarters

0.12.d.2.1.

*London Lt  
for Major,*

Brigade Major, 13th Australian Infantry Brigade



**DISPOSITIONS OF VICKERS M.G.'S**

VICKERS M.G. 

Warfusee-Abancourt



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APPENDIX VIII

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**"A" Form**  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121  
(in pads of 100.)  
No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Fr.....	Words:	Charge:	This message is on file of:	Read at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions			Sent		W/P	Date.....
			At.....m			From.....
			To.....			By.....
			By.....			Signature of Ranking Officer.....

TO

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B.405	5		

49th. Bn. will relieve 15th. Bn. in left sector of 4th. Bde. front, tonight 5th/6th. AAA Bn will come under command G.O.C. 4th. A.I. Bde. till night of 6th/7th. July. AAA Present H.Q. 4th. A.I. Bde. QUARRY O.12.b.9.4. AAA O.C., 49th. Bn. to report there for any further instructions AAA Addsd. 49th. Bn. 4th. A.I. Bde. Reptd. 4th. Aust. Div. 11th. A.I. Bde. 50th. Bn. 51st. Bn. Bde. Transport.

From **13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.**

Place

Time

*The above may be telegraphed as now corrected.* (Z)

Rennell

Major,

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Copy No.....

13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 134.

Headquarters,  
5th. July 1918.

Ref. Map 1/20,000  
62.D., S.W. & S.E. &  
attached map.

1. (a) The 4th. Divisional area is being reorganised during the nights 5th/6th. and 6th/7th. on a three Brigade front.  
(b) The 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve portions of the 4th. and 11th. Aust. Inf. Bdes in accordance with table over-leaf.
2. Transport will not be moved from present location.
3. Command of the Centre Bde. Sector will pass to O.C. 13th. Bde. on completion of the relief of the Bns. of the 4th. and 11th. Aust. Inf. Bdes on night of 6th/7th. inst.
4. Bde. H.Q. will close at I.32.b.2.8. at 6 p.m. and open at QUARRY O.12.b.9.4. at the same hour.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

*Rhorell.*

Major,

Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Issued through Signals at                      p.m.

Extra Copies to :-

15. 4th. A.I. Bde.
16. 11th. do.
17. 12th. do.
18. 13th. Fld. Ambce.
19. 13th. Fld. Coy. A.F.
20. Bde. Supply Officer.
21. O.C., 13th. Bde. Nucleus.
22. Bde 1                      Transport Officer.

TABLE OF MOVES TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 134-

Serial No.	Date	Unit	From	To	Remarks
1.	July 5/6.	49th. Bn.	PIONEER Switch and Terraces.	Front Line. Relieving 15th. Bn. H.Q. P.8.d.4.6.	Under command of G.O.C. 4th. A.I. Bde till night 6/7th. July.
2	July 5/6	1 Section of L.T.H.B.	do.	Front Line.	Relieving 4th. L.T.M.B. in 49th. Bn. Sector.
3	July 6/7	50th. Bn.	AUBIGNY System.	Front Line. Relieving 44th. Bn. H.Q. P.8.b.3.4.	Route North of Grid Line through P.8. 7., 0.12. 11 Central.
4	July 6/7.	51st. Bn.	0.13.c.	Bde. Reserve. 1 Coy. P.9.a. 1 Coy. P.8.2.a 2 Coys. old front line in P.8.c. and P.14.a, Bn.H.Q. QUARRY 0.12,b.9.4 relieving H.Q. of 16th.Bn.	Head of column not to pass FOUILLOY before 11 p.m. Route south of Grid Line through 0.12, and 11 central.
5	July 6/7.	1 section of L.T.H.B.	PIONEER Switch and Terraces.	Front Line.	Relieving 11th. L.T.M.B. in 50th. Bn. Sector.
6	July 6/7.	13th. Bde.H.Q. and Signal Sec.	I.32.b.2.8	QUARRY 0.12.b.9.4.	Open at 6 p.m.

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RPW.  
13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. *W/P*

Routine Order. No. 261

By

Lieut-Colonel S.C.R. HERRING D.S.O.  
Commanding 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

5th. July 1918.

Administration.

LEAVE TRAIN. 747

Train service for leave men via BOULOGNE has been amended as follows :-

Leaves	AILLY-sur-SOMME	5.23
Arrives	LONGPRE	5.55.
Leaves	LONGPRE	10.30
Arrives	BOULOGNE	19.00

WATCHES.

748.

Ens. will furnish a return to Ede. H.Q. by 6 p.m. 7th. inst. as to the number of watches on charge to them, the existing deficiencies therein and shewing how this deficiency is accounted for.

(sgd) W.H. CONWELL

Lieut.

Actg. Staff Captain, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX XI

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DISPOSITION OF UNITS.  
As at 8 a.m. 7th. July 1918.

13th. Brigade Headquarters.		O.12.b.9.4.
Observation Post.		P.8.c.2.2.
Transport Lines.		H.36.b.4.6.
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<u>49th. Battalion. - Right Front Battalion.</u>		
Battalion Headquarters.		P.8.d.42.60.
R. A. P.		P.8.d.41.60.
Transport Lines.		N.9.a.3.2.
<u>Right Front Company.</u>		
Company Headquarters.		P.16.a.15.00.
Company from	P.16.c.12.50 -	P.16.a.70.05.
<u>Centre Front Company.</u>		
Company Headquarters.		P.16.c.1.9.
Company from	P.16.a.70.05 -	P.16.b.20.67.
2 Sections in close Support at		P.16.b.0.5.
<u>Left Front Company.</u>		
Company Headquarters.		P.16.b.2.8.
Company from	P.16.b.20.67 -	P.10.d.55.40
2 sections close Support at		P.10.d.1.2.
<u>Support Company.</u>		
Company Headquarters.		P.16.a.05.20.
1 Platoon, from	P.16.c.10.65 -	P.16.a.15.23.
1 Platoon from	P.16.a.23.30 -	P.16.a.65.70.
1 Platoon from	P.16.a.15.65 -	P.10.d.35.35.
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<u>50th. Battalion. - Left Front Battalion.</u>		
Battalion Headquarters.		P.9.a.3.4.
R. A. P.		P.9.a.3.4.
Transport Lines.		N.9.a.3.2.
<u>Right Front Company.</u>		
Company Headquarters.		P.10.d.8.8.
Company from	P.10.d.65.35 -	P.10.d.80.85.
<u>Centre Front Company.</u>		
Company Headquarters.		P.10.d.80.85.
Company from	P.10.d.7.7. -	P.11.a.1.6.
<u>Left Front Company.</u>		
Company Headquarters.		P.11.a.0.6.
Company from	P.11.a.1.6. -	P.4.d.7.1.
<u>Support Company.</u>		
Company Headquarters.		P.4.c.9.1.
1 Platoon		P.4.c.9.1.
1 Platoon from	P.10.b.2.3. -	P.10.b.2.7.
1 Platoon from	P.4.c.9.4. -	P.4.c.9.7.
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<u>51st. Battalion. - Reserve Battalion.</u>		
Battalion Headquarters.		P.12.b.9.1.
R. A. P.		P.12.b.9.1.
Transport Lines.		H.32.d.2.2.
1 Company from	P.8.d.35.65 -	P.8.d.95.85 - P.8.d.7.7.
Company Headquarters		P.8.b.85.00.
1 Company from	P.9.c.5.9. -	P.9.a.95.40.
Company Headquarters.		P.9.a.35.35.
1 Company from	P.8.c.4.0. -	P.8.c.8.8.
Company Headquarters.		P.8.c.3.4.
1 Company from	P.8.c.9.9. -	P.2.b.5.1.
Company Headquarters.		P.8.b.3.4.
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<u>13th. A.L.T.M.B. Headquarters</u>		P.7.b.4.2.
Transport lines		N.16.d. Central.
Forward Headquarters.		P.16.c.1.2.
1 detachment P.16.a.2.3.	1 detachment	P.16.a.2.2.
1 detachment P.10.b.8.0.	1 detachment	P.11.a.2.1.
1 sub-section.		P.9.c.35.35.

*Louison* Major,

Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX XII 21

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.  
From 6 a.m. 6th. July to 6 a.m. 7th. July 1918  
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OPERATIONS.

Relief. The 13th. A.I. Bde. assumed command of the Centre Bde. sector last night. The 50th. Bn. relieved the 44th. Bn. in the sector P.10.d. 6.3. - P.4.c.5.0. and the 51st. Bn. relieved the 16th. Bn. in reserve. The relief was completed by 3.40 am.

Minor Operation. At about 2 pm. a party of 1 NCO and 5 men rushed an enemy post in P.16.b. capturing 2 prisoners and 1 H.G. and accounting for 3 others of the garrison one of which is believed to be an NCO.

Artillery. Harrassing and destructive fire has been carried out by our artillery throughout the day and night. The heavies were constantly shelling the enemy rear defences, whilst the 18 pdrs. were active on the enemy forward positions during the day and carried out harrassing shoots during the night. At 3.15 am. a counter preparation barrage was put down by our artillery. This died down about 3.40 am.

Trench Mortars. At 3.15 am. Stokes mortars fired 20 rds. on enemy trench system in P.16.b.6.2. and suspected H.G. position at P.16.d.1.3.

Snipers. Sniping has been actively carried out against enemy movement. Good results were obtained.

Aircraft. At various times throughout the day our planes were active reconnoitring the enemy lines. They were engaged by A.A. fire.

Patrols. Liaison patrols operated throughout the hours of darkness, maintaining touch with units on either flanks. Protective and reconnaissance patrols as under :-

Strength.	Time Out.	Time In.	Route Taken.	Remarks.
1 NCO & 4.	10.30 pm.	1 am.	P.16.c.1.8. to P.16.c.8.5. to P.16.a.8.5.	No enemy located. Numerous flares fired from ACCROCHE WD. Several H.G.'s active from ARQUAIRE WD.
1 NCO & 4.	1 am.	3 am.	P.16.b.2.7. to P.16.b.8.7. to P.16.c.1.7.	No enemy seen., but talking could be heard in ACCROCHE WD.
1 Off & 4.	10.30 pm.	12.30 am.	P.16.b.3.7. to P.16.b.4.5. to P.10.d.7.4.	Enemy located holding line from approx P.16.b.3.3. to P.16.b.5.5.

Left Battalion front was patrolled by 44th. Bn. during relief.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Hostile artillery has been active throughout the day between the front line in P.10.b. and HAMEL with 5.9. and 4.2. H.E. combined with a little Phosgene and Yellow Cross Gas. At 7.20 p.m. areas P.8.d. and P.14.b. were shelled for 10 mins at 1 min. intervals with 15 cm. H.E. and gas combined. At 1.30 am. area P.10.c. and d. received attention from 77 mm. At 3.17 am. light retaliation to our barrage was commenced, the area around HAMEL receiving the heaviest shelling.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. Used indirect fire on area P.14.b. when our barrage opened.  
H.G. firing from P.16.b. fired on our front line in P.10.d.  
Patrols. No enemy patrols were met.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. About 6.45 pm. 3 hostile planes flew fairly low over our forward positions dropping flares. Material was also observed to be dropped into ARQUAIRE WD.

IDENTIFICATIONS. 2 prisoners of the 55th. Regt. 13th. Division captured in P.16.b. One soldier of 55th. Regt. 13th. Division who wandered into our lines was captured in VAIRE WD.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Alert, not aggressive.

MISCELLANEOUS. When our barrage opened flares bursting into 2 reds followed by single greens were fired. These signals were answered by enemy artillery fire.

*W. J. ...* Major,  
Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN.  
5th. July 1918.

*10/12*  
~~XIII~~

Unit.	: Actually with		: Transport.		: With Details.		: Total.	
	: Unit.	: O.R	: Off	: O.R	: Off	: O.R	: Off	: O.R
49th. Bn.	: 21	: 574	: 3	: 95	: 15	: 172	: 39	: 841
50th. Bn.	: 22	: 555	: 3	: 83	: 12	: 115	: 37	: 753
51st. Bn.	: 23	: 442	: 3	: 87	: 3	: 102	: 29	: 631
L.T.M.B.	: 4	: 29	: -	: 8	: -	: 7	: 4	: 44
	: 70	: 1600	: 9	: 273	: 30	: 396	: 109	: 2269

With 13th. A.I. Bde. Nucleus Reserve.

4th. Pioneer. Bn.	4 Off.	74 O/Ranks.
13th. Field. Ambce.	1	2
Bde. Canteen.	-	2
Y.M.C.A.	-	1
Bde. Dump Guard.	-	8





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SECRET.  
No. G.I/11.

Headquarters,  
18th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
7th. July 1918.

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*XIV*

O. C.,

50th. Battalion,  
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The 18th. Aust. Inf. Bde. are advancing their line tonight as shown on sketch attached.

The 50th. Battalion will, at the same time, advance their left flank and dig in to conform with 45th. Battalion.

O.C., 50th. Battalion will get in touch with O.C., 45th. Battalion and arrange to construct a composite post on inter-battalion boundary.

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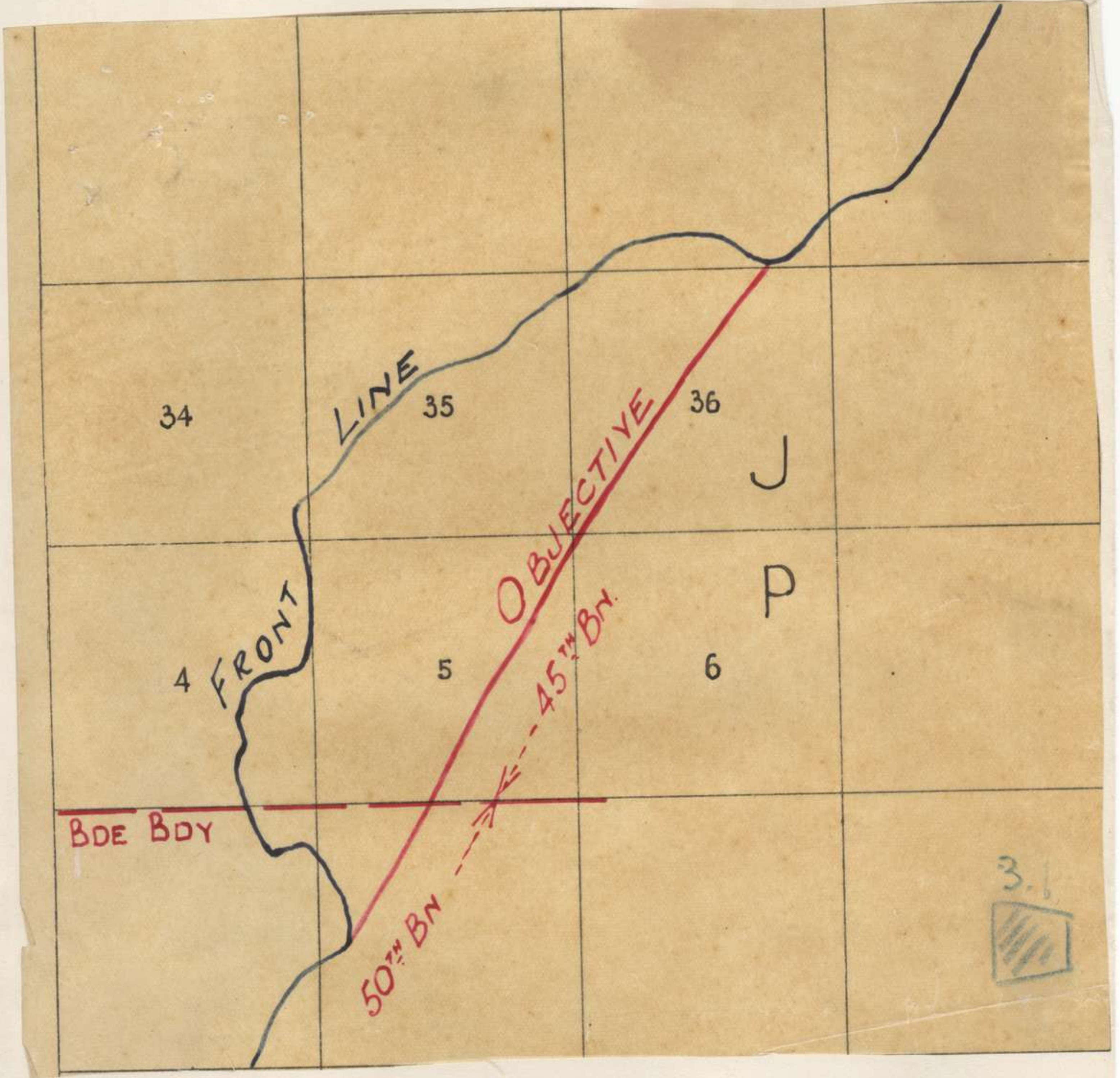
Major.

Brigade Major, 18th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Copy to :-

- 18th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 45th. Battalion.
- 49th. Battalion.
- 51st. Battalion.
- O.C., 18th. M.G. Coy.
- 4th. Field Coy. A.R.





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## 13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Amendment to Disposition Report of 7th July, 1918.

APPENDIX XV

Reference Sheet 62.D. S.F.

8th July, 1918.

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50th Battalion Headquarters and R.A.P.	P.9.a.3.4.
50th " Transport	N.9.a.3.2.
<u>Right Front Company.</u>	
Company Headquarters	P.10.d.8.8.
Right Platoon	P.10.d.65.35 to P.10.d.70.55.
Left "	P.10.d.70.55 to P.10.d.80.85.
<u>Centre Front Company.</u>	
Company Headquarters	P.10.d.85.80.
Right Platoon	P.10.d.80.75 to P.10.d.95.15.
Left "	P.10.b.95.35 to P.11.a.00.50.
<u>Left Front Company.</u>	
Right Platoon	P.11.a.3.6 to P.11.a.30.45
Centre "	P.11.a.40.75 to P.11.a.3.6.
Support "	P.11.a.05.60 to P.11.a.05.70.
Company Headquarters	P.11.a.0.6.
<u>Support Company.</u>	
Company Headquarters	P.4.c.9.1.
1 Platoon	P.4.c.9.4 to P.4.c.9.7.
1 "	P.4.c.9.1.
1 "	P.4.c.5.0 to P.4.c.7.3.

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51st Battalion Headquarters and R.A.P.	P.1.a.0.1.
Left Rear Company from P.8.c.9.9 to P.2.d.10.15.	
Company Headquarters	P.8.b.3.4.

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*Yorick*  
Major,

Brigade Major, 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

OPERATIONS.

Minor Operation. The left Coy. of the Left Battalion pushed forward during the night and took up a position from P.11.a.3.4. to P.11.a.4.7.

Artillery. Active throughout the day and night shelling ARQUAIRE WD. P.17. cent. and areas to the rear of enemy lines. At 12.15 am. a barrage was put down on the whole of the sector which lasted for half an hour. The usual harrassing fire was also carried out enemy communications and likely concentration points.

Machine Guns. Active throughout the period.

Trench Mortars. At 12.15 am. 15 rds. were fired on enemy trench at P.16.b.55.45. At 3 am. 10 rds. on the same target. During the day 15 rds. were fired on enemy trench system from P.16.b.55.45. to P.16.b.6.2.

Snipers. Sniping at movement in the woods was continued during the day with good results.

Aircraft. Our planes patrolled enemy forward areas throughout the day. The machine were heavily engaged by .A.M.G. fire from ARQUAIRE WD. One of our planes was shot down at 11 am. as the result of an air fight. The plane crashed in P.10.d.2.6. 4 bombs were dropped by one of our planes on ARQUAIRE WD.

Patrols. Liaison patrols kept touch with units on either flank during the night. Reconnaissance and protective patrols as under :-

Strength	Time Out	Time In	Route Taken	Remarks
1 NCO & 3	10.30 pm	3 am	P.16.c.1.7. to P.16.c.8.7. to P.16.b.2.8.	No enemy seen. Talking and limbers heard in rear of ARQUAIRE WD. at 10.30 pm. and 2 am.
1 Off & 4.	10.30 pm	Midnt. 1.30 am	3 am. P.16.b.2.5. to P.11.c.0.0. to P.10.d.7.4.	No enemy seen or heard.
1 NCO & 6.	10.30 pm	12.30 am. 12.30	P.10.d.7.5. to P.11.c.2.2. to P.10.d.6.3.	No enemy movement seen or heard.
1 NCO & 10.	10.30 pm	12.30 am.	P.10.d.7.6. to P.11.c.5.6. to P.10.d.9.7.	No enemy movement seen or heard

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Very active during the period, shelling areas P.9.b. and d. and P.10.a. and c. with 4.2. and 5.9. Retaliation to our barrage at 12.15 am. was carried out at 12.20 am. by shelling the front line and areas back to and including HAMEL with 5.9., 4.2. and 77 mm. accompanied by a little phosgene and lachrymatory gas. At 2 am. and 3.20 am. heavy shelling of forward areas was again carried out. Other areas shelled were HAMEL and VAIRE WOODS, P.8.c. and P.14.a. with 4.2. and 77 mm.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. At night machine guns were active firing along our front line. Particularly active at 12.15 am and again at 3.15 am. 3 guns appeared to be firing from trenches at P.16.b.8.1. - P.16.b.6.5. and 1 from approx P.11.b.5.5. 1 gun firing from P.16.c.1.1.

Snipers. Slightly active on right Battalion front.

Patrols. No enemy patrols were seen or heard.

Work. Wiring parties were heard in ARQUAIRE WD. Carrying parties in pairs observed near P.17.b.3.8. moving timber.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 9.50 am. 1 enemy plane patrolled our lines. At dawn an enemy plane flew low over front line for about an hour and was heavily engaged by our A.A.L.G's.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Nervous and jumpy. Responds to any movement on our part with artillery.

MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES. Limbers were heard behind ARQUAIRE WD at 10.30 pm. and 2 am. Slight individual movement observed in the Woods. One man on horseback on road Q.14.c.5.7. travelling N.E. At 7.35 pm. party of 20 men observed at Q.14.c.5.7. These disappeared at Q.14.b.5.1. A horse transport was also observed moving along the road 5 mins. later.

MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy barrage came down on 2 reds and 1 green being fired.

*Howard*  
Major,  
Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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WORKS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 2nd. July 1918.

Map ref. Sheet 62.D.

Location.	Description of work.	Amount of work completed from 27/6/18 to 2/7/18.
O.10.b.85.85	Dump guard and loading party.	Party lived on job and worked as required.
do.	1 Blacksmith, 1 Striker shortening and lengthening pickets.	do.
O.18.b.8.1.	Carrying spoil from Dugout (asst 4th. Pion.)	15 men (in 3 shifts of 4 and 1 shift of 3) working 20 hrs each day.
O.18.d.4.0.	do.	do. to 1/7/18 when work completed.
P.1.c.4.1.	do.	8 men in shifts of 2 working 20 hrs. each day to 1/7/18 - in progress
P.1.a.4.1.	do.	24 men (in shifts of 6) working 20 hrs. each day to 1/7/18 - in progress
P.7.d.3.7.	do.	8 men (in shifts of 2) working 20 hrs. each day.
do.	do.	6 men from 10.30 pm. to 3 am. each day - in progress.
P.7.a.	Assisting 4th. Fld. Coy. A.E. making dugouts.	4 NCO's & 32 men (in shifts of 1 NCO and 8 men) working continuously - in progress.
O.12.b.9.3.	Assisting 4th. Fld. Coy A.E. making dygouts.	4 NCO's & 40 men (in shifts of 1 NCO and 10 men) working continuously - in progress.
P.7.a.2.4. to P.7.d.4.3.	Carrying (to a dump)	40 O/R. carried sandbags, bundles 25 coils of wire, 225 screw pickets bundles 257.
O.12.d.9.8. to P.8.b.2.1.	do.	50 O/R. carried as above approx. (exact number unavailable).
P.8.c.5.6. P.13.d.2.3.	Establishing two dumps.	Dumps containing in aggregate Bombs, S.A.A. rds. 200,000 and water tins water tins 150 established at this point. All carried from pack mules and bombs afterwards detonated.
P.2.b. and d.	Wiring.	About 250 yds. new wire erected. Wire improved and strengthened in small patches - in the whole about 75 yds.
P.20.a.1.7. P.8.c.5.6.	Lewis Gun Posts.	Making posts for L.G. at these points

WORKS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 22 July 1918

P.2.d.5.9. to P.8. sent. P.7.c. and d. P.8.c., P.14.a. P.15.b. P.13.d. and P.20.a. P.13.d. and P.20.a.

**Improving Trench.** 300 yds. deepened to 4' revetting and firestepping 150 yds.

**Improving C.T.** 350 yds. deepened to 7' - fire stepped for 150 yds.

**Improving front line trench and switch.** Improving in places - aggregating - Deepening to 4' - 200 yds, revetting 150 yds, - firestepping 120 yds. shelters improved.

**Improving trenches.** Aggregating - 5 shelters constructed. 20 fire bays excavated and revetted. Widening and deepening trench at 150 yds to 4'6"

8 men in shifts of 2 working 20 hrs. each day to 1/7/18 - in progress

14 men (in shifts of 2) working 20 hrs. each day to 1/7/18 - in progress

8 men (in shifts of 2) working 20 hrs. each day.

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Lieut-Colonel,

Commanding 13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Assisting 4th Coy. A.E. making dugouts. - in progress.

Assisting 4th Coy. A.E. making dugouts. - in progress.

Carrying (to a dump) 40 O/R. carried as above approx. (exact number unavailable).

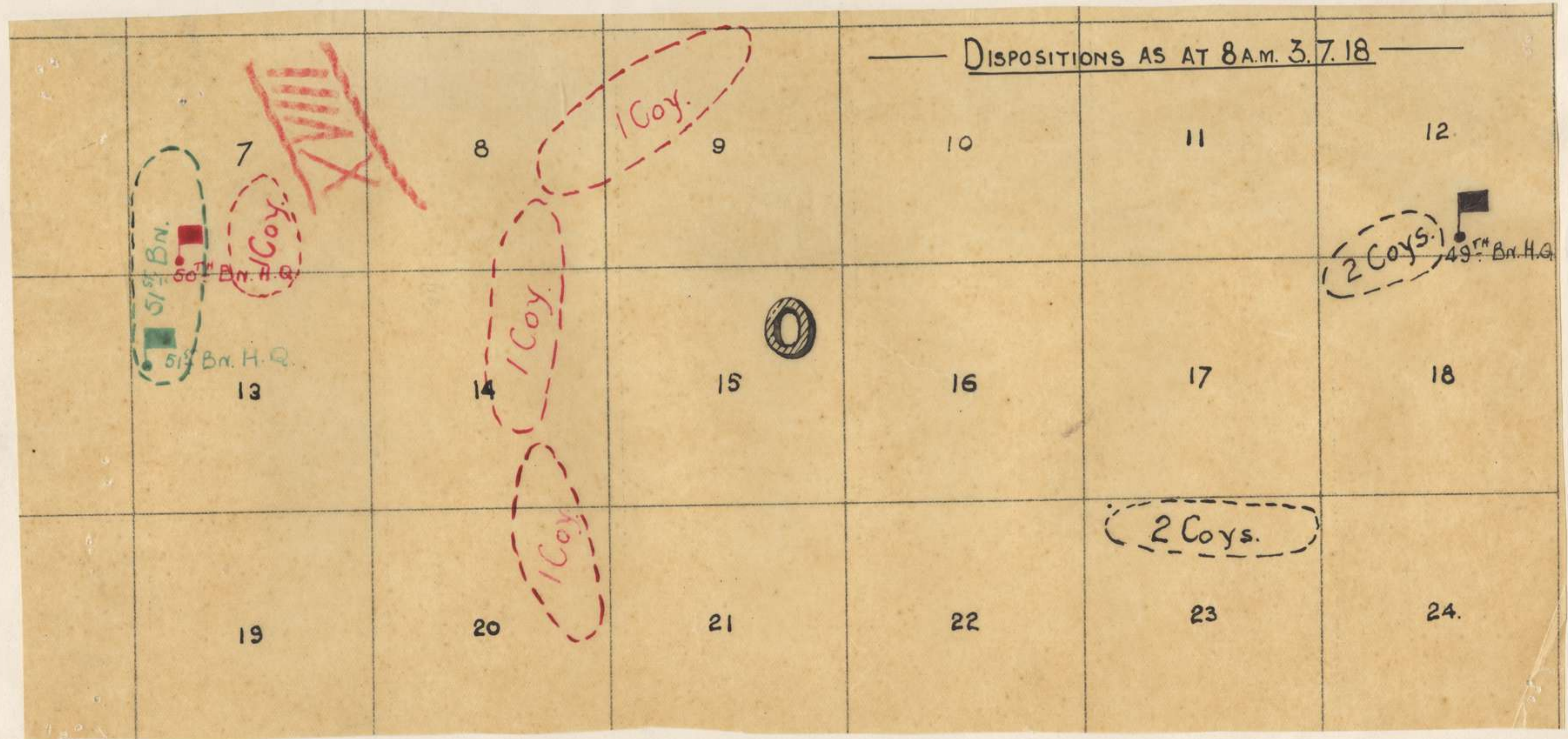
Dumps containing in aggregate Bombs, S.A.A. rds. 200,000 and water tins water tins 150 established at this point. All carried from pack. Mines and bombs afterwards detonated. About 250 yds. new wire erected. Wire improved and strengthened in small patches - in the whole about 75 yds.

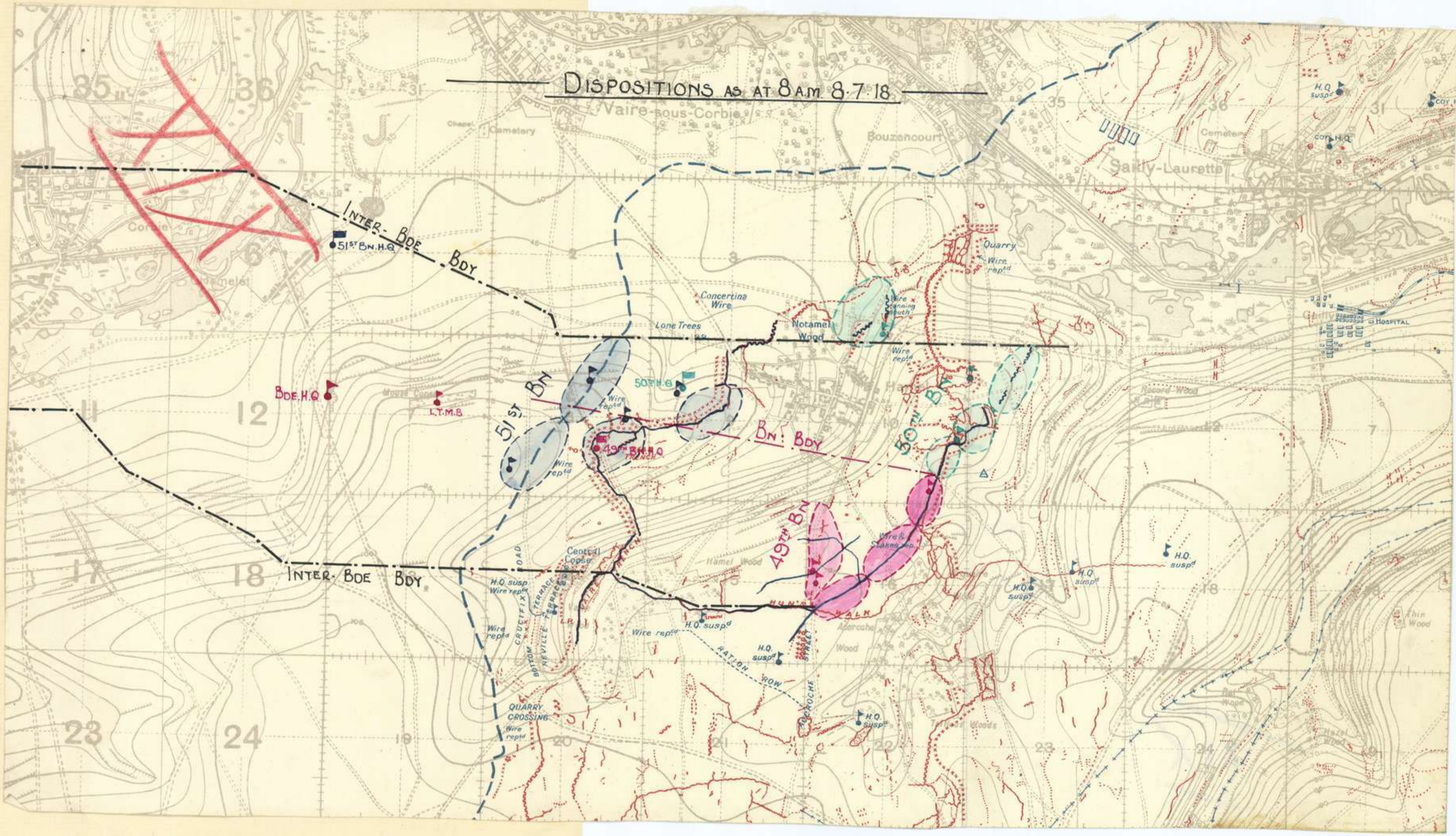
Making posts for L.G. at these points.

Establishing two dumps.

Wiring.

Lewis gun posts.







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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE  
From 6 a.m. 8th. July to 6 a.m. 9th. July 1918.  
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OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Very active throughout the period. Field Guns fired on enemy's front line and communications and heavies were engaged with counter-battery and searching fire. Concentrated shoots were carried out 8.30 p.m. and midnight. Barrage at 10.15 p.m. was excellent and no shorts were reported.

Machine Guns. Only occasional bursts fired.

Trench Mortars. At 3.15 am. 15 rds. on enemy track in banks at P.11.d. 15.90. During the day 10 rds. expended in harrasing enemy sniper at P.16.b.65.45. Bursts were fired on enemy M.G. at P.16.d.15.95 at 8.30 and 9.30 p.m.

Snipers. Active from our right Battalion frontage. Good results were obtained.

Aircraft. Fairly active throughout the day patrolling enemy forward areas and engaging the enemy with machine gun fire. At 5.30 pm. 1 plane dropped 4 bombs on enemy front line.

Patrols. Liaison patrols kept touch with units on either flank during the hours of darkness. Protective and reconnaissance patrols as under.

Strength.	Time Out.	Time In.	Route Taken.	Remarks.
1 NCO & 7	10.45 p.m.	1 am.	P.16.c.1.8. to P.16.c.8.6.	Working parties heard in ACCROCHE WD. Party seen in Huns and back same route. Walk P.16.d. this party retired on hearing patrol.
1 Off & 4.	10.30 pm.	11.45 am.	P.10.d.55.40. to P.11.e.0.0. to P.16.b.20.67.	No enemy seen or heard.
1 NCO & 2.	2.30 am.	3.15 am.	P.11.a.3.6. to P.11.a.8.8. to P.11.a.7.1. to P.11.a.3.6.	No enemy movement seen or heard.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Very active for the 24 hours. Front line, Supports, and vicinity of Battalion H.Q. were shelled with 4.2. and 5.9. At 11.30 am. and again at 2.45 pm. enemy used Chloro-picron in conjunction with H.E. HAMEL was also heavily shelled.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. Active throughout the night and early morning. M.G. posts located at P.17.a.3.4. and P.22.a.2.8. Enemy appears to have thickened up his frontage with extra M.G.'s.

Heavy Trench Mortars. Emplacement observed in P.17.c.

Work. New enemy earth work observed in P.11.b. and d. Enemy observed digging on ridge P.16.a.

ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY. Inactive.

IDENTIFICATIONS. One wounded prisoner captured at P.10.d.7.3. last night. He belongs to 2nd. Company 1st. Battalion 201st. Infantry Regt.

MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES. Towards dusk transport observed on road at R.19.a.2.7. travelling in a S.E. direction, disappearing at R.19.a. At 6.10 pm. party of 7 men observed at P.18.c.3.7. Party of 6 men observed at P.18.a.3.7. at 3.45 pm.

*London* Major,

Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
 SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.  
 From 6 a.m. 9th. July to 6 a.m. 10th. July 1918.

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Artillery. Active firing on targets in P.18. and Q.7. Short shoots as arranged by Artillery were carried out at various times on enemy positions in P.12. Artillery was put onto target at P.17.c.4.2. but shells appeared to burst 200 yds. to the left of this target.

Machine Guns. Between 10 pm. and 3 am. 4 guns fired indirect fire on various targets. Hostile planes were engaged at 3 pm.

Trench Mortars. Throughout the night enemy M.G. at P.16.b.55.45 was subjected to occasional short bursts of fire. Enemy sniper in P.16.b.65.45. was harrassed throughout the day. 25 rds. were expended on these targets and 10 rds. on enemy post at P.11.d.2.2.

Snipers. During the afternoon snipers were active from our right Bn. front.

Aircraft. Our planes fairly active patrolling the front but were heavily engaged by A.A. and A.A.M.G. fire.

Patrols. Liaison patrols kept touch with units on either flank during the hours of darkness. Protective and reconnaissance as under:-

Strength.	Time Out.	Time In.	Route Taken.	Remarks.
1 Off & 4.	midnt.	2.30 am.	P.16.a.8.5. to P.16.b.4.5. to P.10.d.7.3.	Enemy party heard working in ARQUAIRE WD.
1 NCO & 5.	10.45 pm.	1 am.	P.16.c.6.6. to P.16.c.8.5. to P.16.c.9.9. to P.16.c.1.7.	Working parties heard in ACCROCHER WD. M.Gs active from P.16.d. 2.8. and P.16.b.3.1.
1 Off & 6.	12.30 am.	2.55 am.	P.10.d.6.3. to P.17.a.3.7. to P.11.c.8.3. to P.10.d.9.7.	Camouflaged dugout found unoccupied at P.17.a.2.8. Voices heard at P.16.b.7.5. Sandbagged shell holes found unoccupied at P.11.d. 0.0. Shell dump found at P.11.c.3.4.
1 Off & 6.	12.30 am.	3.30 am.	P.11.c.2.9. to P.11.c.7.4. to P.11.b.1.1. to P.11.a.4.4.	Patrol fired on by sniper from P.11.d.0.1. and M.G. from P.17. Central.
1 NCO & 6.	12.45 am.	2.40 am.	P.11.a.4.4. to P.11.b.2.0. to P.11.b.3.5. to P.11.a.9.9.	Enemy dugout at P.11.b.7.7.3.5. was rushed by patrol. 2 enemy were killed and 1 captured. 1 member of patrol was wounded.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Much quieter during the period. Shelled front line of Left Bn. at 4 pm. with 4.2 and mustard gas. Support area and HAMEL was shelled for periods of 5 mins. and at 1.30, 4, and 6.30 pm. During the night shelling was scattered at irregular intervals. Front line shelled at 2.30 am. with 77 mm. Most of the shelling throughout the period has been confined to HAMEL Valley and VAIRE WD. At 11 pm. a number of H.E. shells fell in vicinity of QUARRY O.12.b.9.3. These shells appeared to contain a certain amount of gas.

## ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. Active from approx P.17.c.8.8. Guns located at P.16.b.65.45.

Snipers. Located at approx P.11.d. and P.17.b.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Inactive. E.A. flew along our lines at 6.40 am. and 1.50 pm.

IDENTIFICATIONS. 1 prisoner captured at P.11.b.3.5. at 1 am. belongs to 2nd. Coy. 1st. Bn. 201st. Infantry Regt.

MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES. At 5.30 am. what appeared to be a mule train travelled East from P.16.d.8.0. disappearing over sky-line. At dawn considerable movement observed in trench between P.16.b.8.1. and P.17.a.10.15 About 25 men appeared to be standing to. Trench between P.17.a.2.0. and P.17. Central appears to be well occupied. At 6 am. 4 men observed repairing telephone wire from WOOD at P.17.c.3.1. Eastward over ridge. At 1.15 pm. party of 6 observed on road at R.19.a.6.6. At 6.15 pm. 1 horse transport observed at same place.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 5.55 am. 2 pigeons observed to fly over our lines at about P.16.c.7.9. flying in the direction of ARQUAIRE WD. When first observed they came from direction of P.8. Cent. During the last two or three days a considerable number of 'dud' A.A. shells have been fired by enemy.

London L. For Major,  
 Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
DISPOSITION OF UNITS as at 8 a.m. 10th. July 1918.

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<u>13th. Brigade Headquarters.</u>		O.12.b.9.4.	
Observation Post.		P.8.c.2.2.	
Transport Lines.		H.36.b.4.6.	
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<u>49th. Battalion. - Right Front Battalion.</u>			
Battalion Headquarters; and R. A. P.		P.8.d.42.60.	
Transport Lines.		N.9.a.3.2.	
<u>Right Front Company.</u>			
Company Headquarters.		P.16.a.15.00.	
Company from		P.16.c.12.50.	- P.16.a.70.05.
<u>Centre Front Company.</u>			
Company Headquarters.		P.16.c.1.9.	
Company from		P.16.a.70.05.	- P.16.b.20.67.
2 Sections in Close Support at		P.16.b.0.5.	
<u>Left Front Company.</u>			
Company Headquarters.		P.16.b.2.8.	
Company from		P.16.b.20.67.	- P.10.d.55.40.
2 Sections Close Support at		P.10.d.1.2.	
<u>Support Company.</u>			
Company Headquarters.		P.16.a.05.20.	
1 Platoon from		P.16.c.10.65.	- P.16.a.15.23.
1 Platoon from		P.16.a.23.30.	- P.16.a.65.70.
1 platoon from		P.16.a.15.65.	- P.10.d.35.35.
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<u>50th. Battalion. - Left Front Battalion.</u>			
Battalion Headquarters and R. A. P.		P.9.a.3.4.	
Transport Lines.		N.9.a.3.2.	
<u>Right Front Company.</u>			
Company Headquarters.		P.10.d.7.8.	
Company in posts.		No. 1. P.10.d.65.35	4. P.10.d.85.65.
		2. P.10.d.70.45	5. P.10.d.95.75.
		3. P.10.d.80.55.	6. P.11.c.05.80.
<u>Centre Front Company.</u>			
Company Headquarters.		P.10.b.95.05.	
Right Platoon Posts at		P.11.c.25.75. &	P.11.c.3.8.
Left Platoon posts at		P.11.s.35.05, P.11.a.35.10. & P.11.a.40.25.	
<u>Left Company Headquarters.</u>			
Company Headquarters.		P.11.a.0.6.	
Right Platoon		P.11.a.40.35.	- P.11.a.5.5.
Centre Platoon.		P.11.a.55.60.	- P.11.a.65.65.
Left Platoon.		P.11.a.7.7.	- P.11.a.85.90.
<u>Support Company.</u>			
Company Headquarters.		P.4.c.9.1.	
1 platoon		P.4.c.9.1.	
1 Platoon from		P.10.b.2.3.	- P.10.b.2.7.
1 Platoon from		P.4.c.9.4.	- P.4.c.9.7.
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<u>51st. Battalion. - Reserve Battalion.</u>			
Battalion Headquarters and R. A. P.		P.1.a.0.1.	
Transport Lines.		H.32.d.2.2.	
1 Company from		P.8.d.35.65 - P.8.d.95.85	- P.8.d.7.7.
Company Headquarters.		P.8.b.85.00.	
1 Company from		P.9.c.5.9.	- P.9.a.95.40.
Company Headquarters.		P.9.a.35.35.	
1 Company from		P.8.c.4.0.	- P.8.c.8.8.
Company Headquarters.		P.8.c.3.4.	
1 Company from		P.8.c.9.9.	- P.2.d.10.15.
Company Headquarters.		P.8.b.3.4.	
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<u>13th. A.I.T.M.B.</u>			
Headquarters.		P.7.b.4.2.	
Transport Lines.		N.16.d. Central.	
Forward Headquarters (Right)		P.16.a.1.2.	
Detachments at		P.16.a.2.2., P.16.a.2.3.,	P.16.a.6.3.
Forward Headquarters (Left)		P.10.b.9.3.	
Detachments at		P.10.b.7.0., P.10.b.8.0.,	P.11.a.2.1.

*R. Morell* Major,

Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Routine

Order N 262.

By

Brigadier-General, S.C.F. HERRING D.S.O.  
Commanding 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

9th. July 1918.

Administration.

SALVAGE OF  
AEROPLANES.

749. All aeroplanes (both enemy and our own) which crash in the Brigade area are to be immediately reported to Brigade Headquarters and the following information furnished.

1. Location of aeroplane.
2. If able to be salvaged.
3. Identification of airman killed and where buried.

INDIVIDUAL  
PAYMENTS.  
ORDERS.

750. Attention is called to D.R.O. 2130.

751. Attention is directed to various orders quoted in D.R.O. of 7th. July

(sgd) W.H. CONWELL

Lieutenant,

Acting Staff Captain, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 135.Headquarters,  
10th. July 1918.  
-----Reference Map 62.D. 1/40,000.  
& BAYONVILLERS 1/20,000.  
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1. (a) The 4th. Aust. Div. (less Artillery) is being relieved by the 3rd. Aust. Div. (less Artillery) in "B" Div. Sector and area on the nights 11th/12th. and 12th/13th. July.
- (b) The 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved by the 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. (less 1 Battn.) in accordance with table of moves overleaf.
2. All maps, documents, and photographs etc. relating to the sector will be handed over and receipts obtained.
3. Separate Administrative Instructions will be issued later.

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*R. Morell*

Major,

Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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16. 10th. " " "
17. 13th. Fld. Ambce.
18. 4th. Fld. Coy. A.I.
19. 13th. " " "
20. O.C., 13th. A.I. Bde. Nucleus.
21. Bde. Transport Officer.
22. 27th. A.A.S.C.
23. Bde. Supply Officer.
24. Bde. Liaison Officer.

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TABLE OF MOVES TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 135.

Serial: No.	Date	Unit	Relieved by	On relief move to	Remarks
1	11/12th July.	49th Battalion.	37th Battalion.	0.7.c.	H.Q. 0.7.a.5.3
2	do. do.	51st. do.	38th do.	0.7.c.	H.Q. 0.7.a.5.1
3	do. do.	50th. do.	40th. do.	AUBIGNY Line.	H.Q. Factory 0.7.a.5 Central.
4	do. do.	13th.L.T.M.B.	10th. L.T.M.B.	0.7.c.	H.Q. 0.7.a.5.3.
5	do. do.	13th.A.I.Bde.HQ.	10th.A.I.Bde.H.Q.	I.32.b.2.8.	Open on completion of relief.

Serial: No.	Date	Unit	Starting Point	Time to Pass.	Remarks
6	13th. July.	51st Battalion.	Junction of road & Railway H.11.b.9.1.	6.00 a.m.	Destination RIVERY, via VICQUEMONT-RIVERY Road.
7	do. do.	49th. do.	do. do.	6.30 a.m.	do. do.
8	do. do.	50th. do.	do. do.	7.00 a.m.	do. do.
9	do. do.	13th.L.T.M.B.	do. do.	7.30 a.m.	do. do.
10	do. do.	13th.Bde.H.Q. & Signal Sect.)	I.32.b.2.4	7.00 a.m.	Open at RIVERY at 9 a.m.

MOVEMENT - As per Army Routine Order No. 2039.

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Reference Map Sheet 62.D.

1. Railhead - ALLY-sur-SOMME.
2. H.Q. Div. Train H.25.d.1.9. Supplies will be delivered to units by Train Wagons.
3. Refilling Point - M.3.c.0.4.
4. All tents and trench shelters and stores to be handed over to incoming Units (gun covers to D.A.D.O.S.) and receipts obtained. All receipts will be sent to Brigade H.Q. as soon as possible.
5. Advanced parties for billeting from each Batta. and 13th. A.L.T.M.B. will report as follows and remain until units arrive.-
  - 49th. Bn. to M.2.d.1.2. by 11 am. on 11/7/18 taking over from 40th. Bn.
  - 50th. Bn. to M.9.d.9.1. by 11 am. on 11/7/18 taking over from 39th. Bn.
  - 51st. Bn. to N.20.c.9.4. by 9 pm. on 11/7/18 taking over from 35th. Bn.
  - 13th. A.L.T.M.B. to M.2.d.3.1. by 9 pm. on 11/7/18 taking over from 9th. A.L.T.M.B.
- 48 hours rations will be carried. A return of all trench shelters and tents taken over will be sent to Bde. H.Q. as soon as possible.
6. Baths. - A party of 1 NCO and 2 O/Ranks will be detailed by 49th. Bn. to proceed and take over baths from NCO i/c Baths at Hospice RIVERY at 10 am. on 13/7/18.
7. Water point - G.32.c.9.1. and at GLISY.
8. Pack Transport Troop - will disperse on 11/7/18 and sections will return to units.
9. Detached parties - will rejoin units as under on 12/7/18.
  - Nucleus 6 O/Ranks from Ammunition Dump.
  - do. 2 O/Ranks from DAOURS.
  - 49th. Bn. " Gas Guard, Bde. H.Q.
  - do. 10 O/Ranks " Dump (FOUILLOY).
10. Food containers - To be handed over to incoming units. 51st. Bn. will hand in all food containers - not less than 5 - to D.A.D.O.S. and obtain receipts for same.
11. Packs &c.- will be conveyed by lorry. Nucleus will detail 1 NCO and 3 men to report at 9 am. on 12/7/18 to pack dump at MILL at O.l.s.5.4. to act as loading party. Packs will be dumped at CAMON for 49th. and 50th. Bns. and at GLISY for 51st. Bn. The advanced party of 51st. Bn. will arrange to meet lorries with packs at the Church GLISY on the morning of the 12th. inst. between 9 am. and noon, and to then store and guard the packs. Packs will be drawn by Units on the afternoon of 13/7/18.
12. Dumps and stores in possession of 51st. Bn. will be handed over to a party from 11th. Bde. on 11/7/18.
13. Picquet. - O.C., Nucleus will detail 4 Officers and 100 O/Ranks of the 49th. and 50th. Battalions to report to A.P.M. AMIENS on 12/7/18 at 1 pm. for picquet duty. 24 hours rations to be carried. Tour of duty to 11 pm. on 13/7/18. Billets will be arranged by O.C., Picquet with A.P.M. AMIENS.
14. The Nucleus personnel will move to RIVERY area by VECQUEMONT-AMIENS Road arriving at RIVERY at 10 am. 13/7/18 and will at once report to respective units. All stores etc. at Nucleus Camp will be handed over to 11th. Bde. Nucleus at 10 am. on 13/7/18 and receipts obtained.
15. Bands will rejoin units on 12/7/18.
16. Brigade Working Parties will be discontinued as from 2 pm. 11/7/18.
17. O.C. Nucleus will leave party behind to hand over and obtain receipts mentioned in 14.

*W. H. Cowell* Lieut,

A/Staff Captain, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Distribution.

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- 50th. Battalion.
- 51st. Battalion.
- 13th. ALTMbty.
- 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 9th. " " "
- 13th. A.I. Bde Nucleus.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.  
From 6 a.m. 10th. July to 6 a.m. 11th. July 1918.

APPENDIX XXV

## OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Shelled enemy lines continuously. Heavies engaged enemy defences and hostile batteries. 18 pdrs. fired on enemy works at P.17.d.3.2. 60 Pdrs. engaged a M.G. position at P.11.b.5.5. during the night. M.G. fire and falres ceased after the shoot. Patrol report first shell bursting in M.G. position when enemy were heard shouting P.24. Central was shelled by heavies for 10 mins. at 7.35 pm. At 12 and 1.10 am, and 3 am, our 18 pdrs. shelled enemy front line with H.E. and Shrap. Usual harrassing fire on enemy tracks C.Ts and concentration areas was carried out.

Machine Guns. Harrassing fire on enemy forward positions and approaches. Cross Roads at P.17.a. and c. engaged. 6,000 rds. expended.

Trench Mortars. At 3.15 am. 10 rds. fired on enemy post at P.11.d.0.2. 15 rds. on enemy S.P. in P.16.d.2.8. at 11.30 pm. and again at 3 am. 12 rds. in harrassing enemy sniper in P.16.b.

Heavies (Trench Mortars) 15 rds. on enemy positions in ACCROCHE WD.

L.G's. and Snipers. L.G's. fired at dawn on enemy party apparently mending wire in P.17.a.3.2. At 1 pm. on party carrying ammunition boxes at same spot. Snipers active with good results.

Aircraft. Not as active as usual. Reconnaissance of enemy positions carried out throughout the day. Observing planes dropped 12 bombs on works N. of ACCROCHE WD.

Patrols. Liaison patrols kept touch with units on either flank during the hours of darkness. Reconnaissance and protective patrols as under.

Strength.	Time Out.	Time In.	Route Taken.	Remarks.
1 NCO & 5.	10.30 pm.	1 am.	P.16.b.2.8. to P.16.b.3.4. to P.16.c.6.6.	No enemy seen or heard.
1 Off & 4.	Midnt.	3 am.	P.16.b.2.5. to P.16.b.5.9. to P.10.d.6.4.	No enemy seen or heard.
1 Off & 6.	10.45 pm.	1 am.	P.10.d.6.3. to P.17.a.6.9. to P.11.c.6.8. to P.11.c.3.9.	Enemy movement seen at P.17.a.9.5. Unoccupied dugout found at P.11.c.5.
1 NCO & 6.	10.30 pm.	12.30 am	P.11.a.3.4. to P.11.b. Cent. to enemy M.G. position at approx P.11.b. P.11.d.3.7. to Central. M.G. fire ceased and shouts P.11.c.2.8. were heard.	A 60 Pd. shell seen to burst on enemy M.G. position at approx P.11.b.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Quiet during the morning. At 1 pm. HAMEL WD. was heavily shelled for 15 mins. with 4.2 and 5.9. At 9.45 pm. Valley in P.9.c. and d. and high ground in P.15.a. and b. was shelled with 4.2. from direction of TAILLOUX WD. At 1.45 am. and 3.10 am. a scattered bombardment on our front line., and Support areas lasting 10 to 15 mins. HAMEL and P.10.b. and d. were occasionally shelled with 4.2. and 77 mm. P.7.a. and c., 0.12.b. were shelled at intervals during the night, with 5.9.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. Indirect fire during night on Support Lines and roads in P.16.a., P.8.d. and P.9.c.

Work. Digging heard at approx. P.11.d.4.4. Digging seen at 0.7.d.3.5.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 2 planes crossed our lines at 11.30 am. but were driven off by M.G. fire. 2 again crossed at 1.30 pm. and proceeded in direction of CORBIE. Balloons were up at following T.B's.

From P.8.c.2.2. - 98° - 129° - 101°. From P.10.d.3.4. - 61° - 136° - 87°.

MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES. Much movement noticed in P.18.c. of individuals walking towards WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT. Party of 60 men seen moving in same direction at 9.20 am. Following movement observed at R.19.a.6.6. 2 Motor Transports at 9.10 am. 3 Horse Transports at 12.35 am. 5 parties of 6 men and 3 horse transports at 2.20 pm. 1 Horseman and 1 H.T. at 8.45 pm. travelling N.W. 1 cyclist at 9 pm. also much individual movement at various times during the day.

MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy seen using red signal lamps at P.17.b.5.8. and SAILLY-LAURETTE also from two positions on true bearing of 85° and 111° from P.8.c.2.2. At 1.15 pm. 1 enemy proceeded to a tripod at P.18.c.3.6. remained a few seconds and then returned towards P.18.a.9.9. and appeared to be following wire. Tripod appears to be 4 to 5 feet high.

London, 11th July 1918  
Major,  
Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.



Headquarters,  
11th. July, 1918.

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PRINCIPLES OF DEFENCE & ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK. APPENDIX. XXVI

1. The following principles will be adopted in holding the line.-
  - (a) Troops will NOT fall back from one line to any other line. All ground must be defended as long as possible, whether the flanks are turned or not.
  - (b) There <sup>are</sup> 3 kinds of attack which may be anticipated :-
    - (i) A raid.
    - (ii) An attack on a minor scale, accompanied by a bombardment, to capture some locality.
    - (iii) An attack on a large scale, preceded by a heavy bombardment.
  
2. As regards (b) (i). A good system of patrolling and of listening posts should give warning of the enemy's intentions.
 

As regards (b) (ii). Should the enemy succeed in establishing himself in our trenches, he should be counter-attacked at once from both flanks and from the Support trenches where such are in sufficiently close proximity.

The extent and intensity of the hostile bombardment should give an indication of the objective, and enable preparations for counter-attack to be made early. The essential is to deny him time in which to consolidate.

Should the counter-attack fail, flanks must hold firmly until more deliberate preparations can be made.

As regards (b) (iii). It is unlikely that such an attack will come as a surprise, and Commanders will have time to make suitable dispositions.

Each line of defences will be defended to the last.
  
3. (a) With regard to para. 2 above. The Coy. of the 51st. Bn. in P.9.a. is placed at the tactical disposal of O.C. Left Bn. and may be used without authority from Bde.H.Q., but in the event of its employment, Bde.H.Q. and O.C. 51st. Bn. should be informed as early as possible.
- (b) The Right Support Coy. of the 51st. Bn. in O.8.d. will NOT be used by O.C. Right Bn. without permission from Bde.H.Q.
- (c) 2 Coys. 51st. Bn. in P.8.b. and c. will be held as a Bde. Reserve and used at the discretion of the Brigade Commander.
  
4. Working parties in the Area will, in case of attack, man the nearest defences, the O.C. party reporting to the Officer in command of the defences in that area the number of men he has and their location.
  
5. All officers must consider the action to be taken by the troops under their command in the event of an attack on any portion of the front in which they may be located.
  
6. Plans must be made out beforehand, and the action to be taken known to all.

*R. Morell*

Bde. Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. Major,

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All Battalions.  
13th. A.L.T.M.B.  
War Diary (3).  
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13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SECRET

DISPOSITION OF UNITS.

W/A

As at 8 a.m, 12th July, 1918.

Rcf. Sheet 62. D.

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13th Brigade Headquarters	I.32.b.2.8.
13th Brigade Headquarters Transport	H.36.b.4.6.
49th Battalion Headquarters	O.7.c.4.1.
Battalion situated in banks in	O.7.c.
Battalion Transport	N.9.a.3.2.
50th Battalion Headquarters	O.1.a central.
Battalion distributed in AUBIGNY LENT	O.7.c.9.6 to O.20;b.9.c.
Battalion Transport	N.9.a.3.2.
51st Battalion Headquarters	O.13.a.40.45.
Battalion situated in banks in	O.13.a and O.13.c.
Battalion Transport	H.32.d.2.2.
13th A.L.T.M.B.	O.7.c.

*London W. Major,*  
 Brigade Major, 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.



# 13<sup>TH</sup> AUST. INF. BDE.

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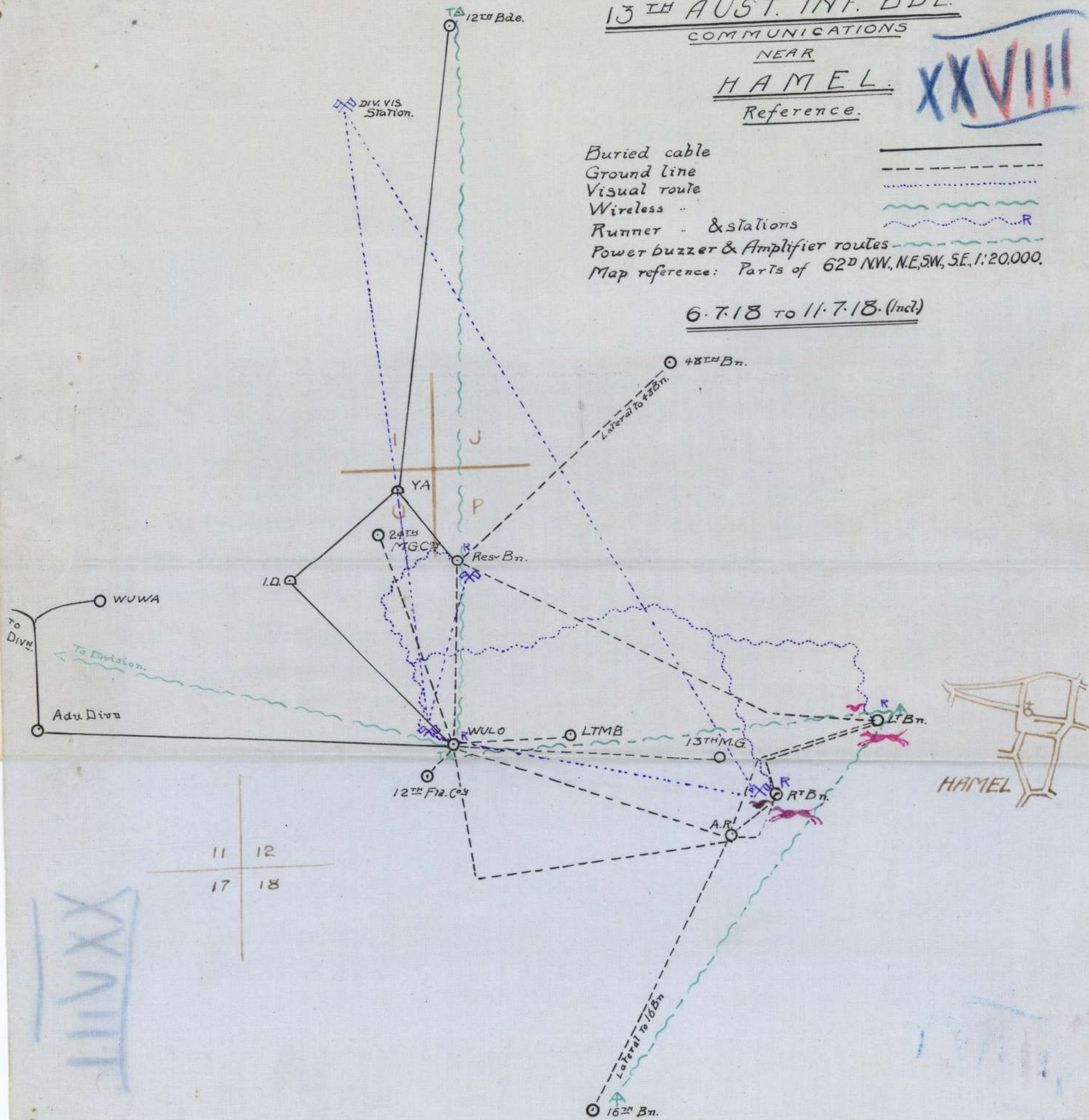
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- Buried cable
- Ground line
- Visual route
- Wireless
- Runner & stations
- Power buzzer & Amplifier routes

Map reference: Parts of 62<sup>ND</sup> NW, NE, SW, SE. 1:20,000.

6.7.18 to 11.7.18. (incl)



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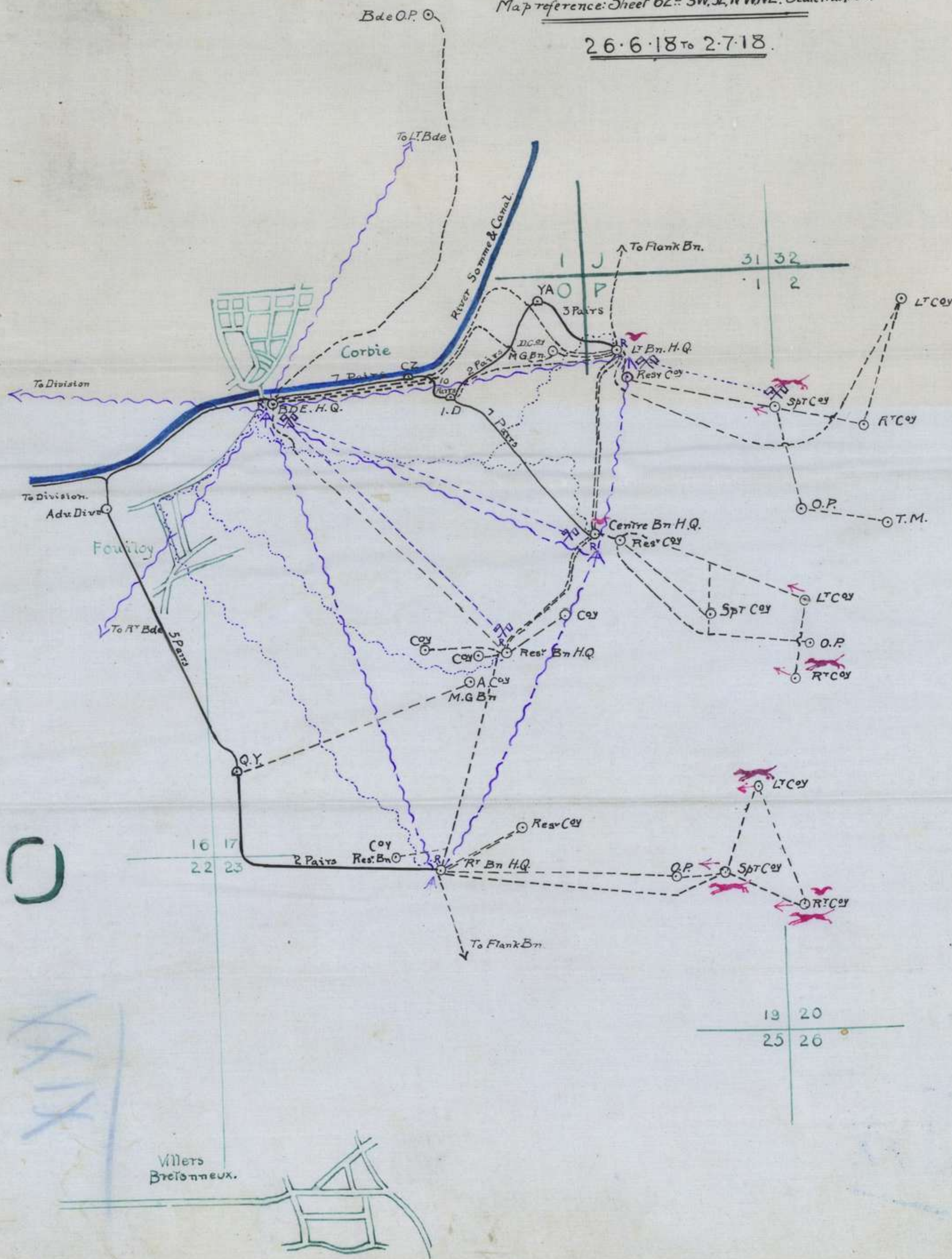
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Ground line  
 Buried Cable  
 Visual Route  
 Wireless ..  
 Runner ..  
 Power Buzzer & Amplifier Route  
 Rockets back to respective Bn H.Q.<sup>s</sup>

Map reference: Sheet 62<sup>ND</sup> SW, SE, N WNE. Scale: 20000.

26.6.18 to 2.7.18.



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13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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DISPOSITION OF UNITS.

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As at 8 a.m, 14th July, 1918.Ref. Sheet 62.D. S.W 1/20,000.

W/D.

13th Brigade Headquarters	RIVERY.	Hospice.
13th Brigade Headquarters Transport	RIVERY.	"
49th Battalion Headquarters	M.2.d.10.20.	
49th Battalion Transport	M.2.d.10.60.	
1 Company in billets	M.2.d.20.35 to M.2.d.30.70.	
1 Company in hut	M.2.d.80.25.	
1 Company in bivouacs	M.3.c.80.80.	
1 Company in bivouacs	M.3.b.40.30.	
50th Battalion Headquarters	M.10.c.15.00.	
50th Battalion Transport	RIVERY	Hospice.
1 Company	M.16.a.10.99 to M.16.a.15.75.	
1 Company	M.16.a.15.99 to M.16.a.22.75.	
1 Company in Wood	M.10.b central.	
1 Company	M.9.d.70.80.	
51st Battalion Headquarters	N.20.c.9.4.	GLISY.
51st Battalion Transport	M.17.b.9.5.	
2 Companies in Copse in	N.20.d.	
2 Companies in Copse in	N.31.b.	
13th A.L.T.M.B.	M.2.d.2.1.	

*London* Major,  
Brigade Major, 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

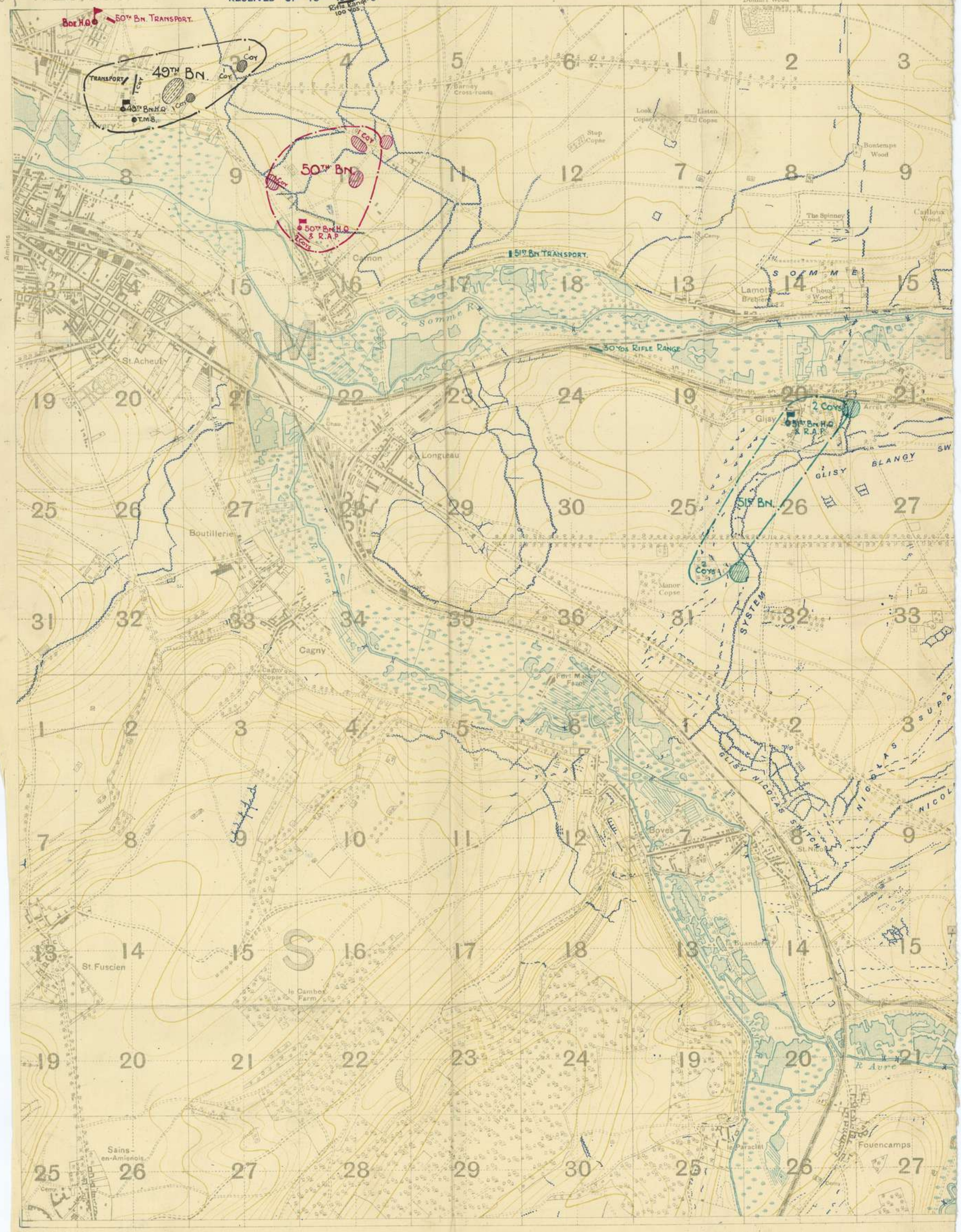


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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Casualties and Sick Evacuations from 1st. to 15th. July, 1918.

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UNIT	KILLED		WOUNDED		GASSED		HOSPITAL EVACUATIONS		TOTAL	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
49th. BATTALION	-	1	1	24	-	-	-	12	1	37
50th. BATTALION	-	7	2	18	-	15	-	43	2	83
51st. BATTALION	-	1	-	16	-	2	1	19	1	38
13th. A.L.T.M.B	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
TOTALS	-	9	3	59	-	17	1	75	* 4	160

OFFICERS

Major R.F. FITZGERALD; D.S.O., 51st Battn. Evac. Acc. Inj. 4/7/18.  
 2/Lt. H. FRASER, 50th. Battn. Wounded 1/7/18.  
 " J. CLAUGHTON, 49th. Battn. Wounded (At duty) 1/7/18.  
 Lieut A.C. DUNHILL, 50th. Battn. Wounded 10/7/18.

16/7/18.

*H. Conwell*  
 Lieutenant,  
 A/Staff Captain, 13th, Australian Infantry Brigade.



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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

15th. JULY, 1918.

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DAILY STRENGTH RETURN.

	Actually		: Attached		: Hospital		Temporarily Detached.				: Brigade		: Other		: Total Strength.	
	: with		: Attached		: Hospital		: Leave		: Schools		: Duties		: Duties			
	: Off.	: O/Rs	: Off.	: O/Rs	: Off.	: O/Rs	: Off.	: O/Rs	: Off.	: O/Rs	: Off.	: O/Rs	: Off.	: O/Rs	: Off.	: O/Rs
49th. Bn.	37	861	2	-	3	8	3	6	8	22	2	19	2	48	57	964
50th. Bn.	35	635	1	-	1	14	1	5	4	16	2	13	1	49	45	732
51st. Bn.	29	641	1	7	7	21	1	6	3	17	-	17	-	29	41	738
13th.L.T.M.B.	4	41	-	6	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	-	4	55
<b>TOTALS:-</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>2178</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>2489</b>

(sgd) W.H.CONWELL, Lieut.  
A/Staff Captain for G.O.C., 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX XXXII

Headquarters,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
17th July, 1918.

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
12th " " "  
13th " " "

13th Australian Infantry Brigade		
No.	D1	Reply No.
Date	8/7/18	

Reference attached Aust. Corps G.188/1/1106 dated 17th inst.

1. (a) 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. will arrange to carry out their demonstration on the 19th inst. - one Battalion in the morning and one in the afternoon.
- (b) 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. will continue with these demonstrations on 20th and 23rd insts. - one Battalion each day.
- (c) 12th and 13th Aust. Inf. Bdes will prepare plans for the relief of the Battalions at FRECHENCOURT and GLISY and arrangements will be made for them to attend similar demonstrations on the 24th inst. - 12th Bde. in the morning, 13th Bde. during the afternoon.
2. Details will be arranged as per Aust. Corps letter.
3. 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. will send two officers per Battalion to each demonstration, under arrangements to be made with 12th and 13th Brigades.
4. Copies of the training programmes will be forwarded to this office by 12 noon the day before the demonstrations take place.

*J. D. D. D.*

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

Copies to Aust. Corps.  
5th Tank Bde.

*recd. 9.45 am*

18 JUL 1918

13th Australian Infantry Brigade	
No.	Reply No.
4th Aust. Division.	

HEADQUARTERS, G. AUSTRALIAN CORPS. Australian Corps, 17th July, 1918. Date 18 July 1918.
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Training in Co-operation between Infantry  
and Tanks.

- 1.- The 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. nucleus (strength about one company, under command of Lt-Col. C.A. DENEHY, D.S.O., 57th Bn.) has been moved to VAUX-en-AMIENOIS and has been carrying out daily exercises with Tanks, with the object of providing a demonstration company for the benefit of units of the Corps who will subsequently be sent to VAUX for similar training.
- 2.- 4th Aust. Division will draw up a programme of training in co-operation with Tanks for the 12th and 13th Aust. Inf. Bdes. commencing on 19th instant.  
In accordance with this programme the commanders of the Bdes. will get into touch, as early as possible, with the Bde. Commander 5th Tank Bde. and Lt-Col. DENEHY at VAUX-en-AMIENOIS and will make the detailed arrangements for battalions to march to VAUX and carry out the practices on and after the 19th inst.  
Battalions will march to VAUX, carry out the practice and return to billets on the same day.
- 3.- The demonstration company of the 15th Inf. Bde. nucleus will carry out a demonstration attack with Tanks each day prior to units of the 12th and 13th Bdes. carrying out the practice and with these units as spectators.  
Details will be arranged direct between Bde. Commanders of 12th and 13th Bdes. and 5th Tank Bde. and Lt-Col. DENEHY.
- 4.- 4th Aust. Division will arrange for officers of the 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. who took part in the HAMMEL offensive to be present at the practices to be carried out by 12th and 13th Inf. Bdes.
- 5.- 250 copies of notes on the Co-operation of Tanks and Infantry together with a similar number of large scale maps of the training area will be forwarded to you during tomorrow 18th instant, for issue to all officers and senior N.C.Os. carrying out the practices.
- 6.- Copies of both the Divisional and Brigade programmes for the above training will be forwarded to Corps Headquarters.

*McCaskey*  
Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
Australian Corps.

Copies to -  
5th Tank Bde.  
Lt-Col. DENEHY, O.C., <sup>15</sup>15th Inf. Bde. Nucleus.  
5th Aust. Div.

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HEADQUARTERS, <b>APPENDIX.</b>	
TANK BRIGADE.	
No.	G.O/101.
Date.	18-7-18.

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TRAINING BETWEEN TANKS AND INFANTRY.

Attack Training between Tanks and Infantry from the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade, will take place tomorrow, on 5th Tank Brigade Training Ground at VAUX.

The programme will be as follows :

- 10 a.m. Explanation of Scheme to Officers, and men of the Infantry.
- 11 a.m. Demonstration Attack by 4 Tanks and Demonstration Company of 58th Australian Infantry Brigade, for benefit of Infantry of 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.
- 1-30 p.m. Attack carried out by 2 Coys of a Battalion from 13th Australian Infantry Brigade with 4 Tanks.
- 2-30 p.m. Ditto.

H.Q. 5th Tank Bde.  
18th July, 1918.  
SVC.

*J.M. Stewart*  
 Brigadier General,  
 Commanding 5th Tank Brigade.

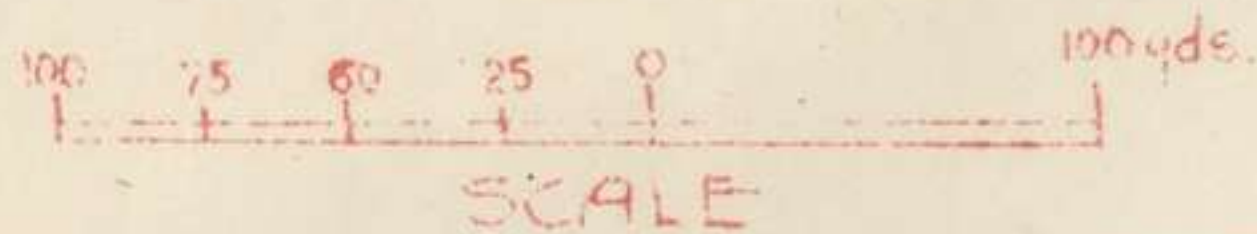
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  - III Corps.
  - Australian Corps.
  - 4th Australian Division.
  - 13th Australian Infy. Bde.
- } For information.

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# TANK EXERCISE MAP



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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { 5th Tank Bde.

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900 13th Aust Inf.
Bde. will call
at 5.15 pm
today at your HQ
to discuss machine
tanks tomorrow vide Aust
trips G. 188/1/1106

From 13th and Inf Bde
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Time

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Headquarters,  
13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
18th. July, 1918.

APPENDIX

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O. C.

..... Bn.

1. A Demonstration and Practice Attack with Tanks will be carried out by the 49th. Battalion at VAUX-en-AMIENOIS tomorrow 19th instant.

2. Programme for 49th. Battalion for the day will be as follows :-

Arrive on ground/ <sup>half mile</sup> West of VAUX-en-AMIENOIS.	9.45 A.M.
Explanation of Scheme to be carried out.	10.00 A.M.
Demonstration by 15th. Brigade Nucleus Coy.	11.00 A.M.
Lunch.	12 Noon.
Attack Practice by 2 Coys. 49th Battalion.	1.30 P.M.
Attack Practice by remaining 2 Coys. 49th. Battalion.	2.30 P.M.
March home.	3.30 P.M.

3. The two Schemes to be carried out by the 15th. A.I.Bde. are explained in the attached Instructions. The 49th. Bn. will carry out the practices on exactly the same lines, except that 2 Coys. will be used for the attack each time instead of one.

4. Similar practices will probably be carried out by the 50th. and 51st. Battalions at a later date, and the Commanding Officers of these Battalions will therefore be present tomorrow.

*Shaw*  
A/Bde. Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. Capt.



Headquarters,  
5th  
Tank Brigade.  
G.9/107.  
21 July 1918.

TRAINING BETWEEN TANKS AND INFANTRY.

Attack Training between Tanks and Infantry will be held on the 5th Tank Brigade Training Ground at VAUX on July 23rd and 24th.

The programme will be as follows :-

July 23rd.

- 10 a.m. One Battalion from 13th Australian Infantry Brigade arrive and are explained the Scheme.
- 11 a.m. Demonstration attack by 4 Tanks and special demonstration Coy. of 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.
- 1.30 p.m. Attack by 4 Tanks and 2 Coys of Battalion from 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.
- 2.30 p.m. Ditto.

July 24th.

- 9.15 a.m. 2 Coys. from 13th Australian Infantry Brigade arrive and are explained the Scheme.
- 10.15 a.m. Demonstration attack by 4 Tanks and special demonstration Coy. of 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.
- 11.15 a.m. Attack by 4 Tanks and 2 Coys. of Infantry from 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.
- 12 noon. 1 Battalion from 13th Australian Infantry Brigade arrives, and are explained the Scheme.
- 1.30 p.m. Attack by 2 Coys. of above Battalion and 4 Tanks.
- 2.30 p.m. Ditto.

There is room for any number of spectators.

A limited number of copies of the Scheme are available for spectators on the ground.

21st JULY '18.  
SVC.

*For J.M. Stewart (Capt.)*  
Brig.-General.  
Commanding 5th Tank Brigade.

Copies for information to:-

Fourth Army. 'G'  
Australian Corps.  
IIIrd Corps.  
4th Australian Div.  
13th Australian Bde.  
13th Australian Bde.

Lt.-Col. Donohy, D.S.O.  
H.Q. Tank Corps.  
2nd Tank Battalion.  
8th Tank Battalion.  
13th Tank Battalion.  
5th Tank Bde. Driving School.

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Headquarters,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
21st July, 1918.

- 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. (5 copies)
- 12th " " " (4 copies)
- 13th " " " (1 copy).
- 4th Aust. M.G. Bn. (1 copy)
- 4th Aust. Pioneer Bn. (1 copy).

Herewith / <sup>y</sup>copies of Aust. Corps G.94/3/30 for distribution down to Battalion Commanders.

13th Australian Infantry Brigade		
No.	<i>405</i>	Reply No.
Date	21 JUL 19 18	

*H. Gray*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



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Australian Corps,  
27<sup>th</sup> July, 1918.

The following notes are issued to Battalion Commanders attending the demonstration of Co-operation between Infantry and Tanks, in order to facilitate the arrangements and to ensure that officers and N.C.Os. get full benefit from the demonstration.

1.- On arrival at the Tank Training ground, Battalions will halt in mass where indicated by the Officer Commanding 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. Demonstration Company.

2.- Officers and Senior N.C.Os. fall out and report to officers of demonstration company, as under :-

- (a) Company Commanders to Company Commander.
- (b) Platoon Commanders & Platoon Sgts. of Nos. 1, 5, 9 & 13 Platoons to No. 1 Platoon Commander.
- Platoon Commanders & Platoon Sgts. of Nos. 2, 6, 10 & 14 Platoons to No. 2 Platoon Commander.
- Platoon Commanders & Platoon Sgts. of Nos. 3, 7, 11 & 15 Platoons to No. 3 Platoon Commander.
- Platoon Commanders & Platoon Sgts. of Nos. 4, 8, 12 & 16 Platoons to No. 4 Platoon Commander.

3.- Short explanation will be given of operation about to be carried out.

4.- The Battalion will be formed up in line on Southern side of ground, in two ranks facing the course.

5.- Officers and N.C.Os. rejoin units and demonstration begins.

6.- Battalions attending demonstration will subsequently carry out the same exercise.

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*M* Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
Australian Corps.

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13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,  
22nd July, 1918.O. C.  
.....Battalion.

Further to this office G.2/3 - The 50th Battalion will carry out a practice attack with tanks on Wednesday 24th instant on the Tank training ground at VAUX-EN-AMIENOIS.

The first attack by two companies will take place at 1.30 p.m. and the second at 2.30 p.m. Four tanks will be available for each practice.

Owing to the length of the march there and back, time will not allow of a demonstration beforehand.

50th Battalion will arrive on the ground by 12 noon and have lunch there.

*Shank*  
A/Brigade Major, 13th AUST. INF. BDE. Captain.

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5th TANK BRIGADE.  
Lieut-Col. DENEHY (c/o 5th Tank Bde.)

ATTACK ON TRENCH SYSTEM.preliminary Remarks.

1. Owing to the restricted area available certain allowance must be made for a degree of unreality in the siting of the trench lines, distances between systems, and assembly positions of waves.
2. Four Tanks are employed, three in first line, one in second. The attack is a straight-through Operation. Two trench systems, each composed of firing line and supports, and three strong points, denoted by RED Flags, are the objects of attack.
3. Platoons of Infantry are organised in 3 sections, 2 rifle sections, One Lewis Gun Section (2 Guns).
4. Creeping Barrage is shrapnel only with H.E. doing counter-battery work. Tanks can travel right up under shrapnel.

Creeping Barrage is indicated by successive lines of Flags.

Barrage Lifts :-

ZERO to ZERO plus 4 mins.	on front line.
ZERO + 4 mins. to ZERO + 6 mins.	lift 100 yards.
ZERO + 6 mins. to ZERO + 9 mins.	lift 100 yards.
ZERO + 9 mins. to ZERO + 12 mins.	lift 100 yards.
ZERO + 12 mins. to ZERO + 15 mins.	lift 100 yards.
ZERO + 15 mins. to ZERO + 18 mins.	lift 100 yards.
ZERO + 18 mins. to ZERO + 21 mins.	lift 100 yards.
ZERO + 21 mins. to ZERO + 24 mins.	lift 100 yards.

5. Bolt of wire is represented by tapes on corkscrew pickets.
6. It is assumed that the flanks are adequately protected by Troops operating on either side.
7. Signals employed between Tanks and Infantry :-

(a) Tanks to Infantry.

Green and White Flag	denotes	-	"Come On".
Rod and Yellow Flag	denotes	-	"Out of Action".
Tricolour Flag	denotes	-	"Coming back".

(b) Infantry to Tanks.

Helmets raised on Rifles indicates - Tank assistance required.

Phosphorous (smoke) Grenades fired into the Strong Point gives direction to Tanks.

FIRST EXERCISE.

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FIRST EXERCISE.

Attack by one Company in two Waves, first Wave capturing two Trench Systems with Strong Points.

STAGES.	
No.	DESCRIPTION.
POINTS TO NOTE.	
1.	<p>Assombly Formation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is just light enough for Tank Drivers to see when the Barrage falls. The Barrage remains on front line for four minutes.</li> <li>2. Each Wave consists of 2 Platoons, and is disposed in Lines of Sections in single file (S.S.135. Soc. XVI).</li> <li>3. The Tanks are in position in the rear under cover.</li> </ol>
2.	<p>Advance of 1st Echolon of Tanks and of 1st Wave.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Tanks cross the wire, each flattening two narrow paths. The Tanks do not cross at distances apart less than 50 yards. (S.S.204 Soc.IV para 15).</li> <li>2. Tanks move along between the wire and trench, then cross the Trench.</li> <li>3. The Infantry push forward, L.G. Sections on the flanks (S.S.197 Soc.IV. A.).</li> <li>4. The Sections cover each other by fire to assist in the passage through defiles made in wire.</li> <li>5. The Sections do not crowd on the tail of the Tank during the passage through the wire, but double forward when the Tank is clear.</li> <li>6. The Infantry stop over the crushed wire (S.S.204. Soc.IV para.15).</li> </ol>
3.	<p>Capturing first line of Trench.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tanks zig-zag across the front giving covering fire.</li> <li>2. Tanks search for Strong Points, and deal with them by fire or by crushing.</li> <li>3. The Infantry send Lewis Gun Sections over parapets to form protective Screen while rifle sections clear and mop up the trenches and make steps where necessary.</li> </ol>
4.	<p>Moving on to 2nd Trench, signalling to Tank for help.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Infantry cannot advance in places. Signal with Holmet on Rifle to attract Tank. Fire a No.27 Grenade at the Strong Point holding them up. The Tank deals with the Strong Point.</li> <li>2. The Infantry take immediate advantage of the Tank masking fire of Strong Point and make progress. Tank flies GREEN and WHITE Signal, "COME ON". The Infantry lose no time in taking over the Strong Point from the Tank.</li> <li>3. In action, Flag-waving may be impracticable, so Infantry must watch closely the action of the Tank, and must themselves judge the moment when the Tank has made it possible for them to advance.</li> </ol>

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STAGES.		POINTS TO NOTE.
No.	DESCRIPTION.	
4.	Moving on to 2nd Trench, signalling to Tank for help. (Contd).	4. The Infantry must not regard themselves as relieved from responsibility of covering with fire their own advance. It is not advisable to always call on Tanks to help when held up, as this may delay the Tanks and the protection of Creeping Barrage, may be lost (S.S.155 Sec.XVI para.10).
5.	First System captured. Second Echelons moving.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The first Wave of Tanks and Infantry keep as close as possible to the Creeping Barrage.</li> <li>2. The Infantry of second wave cross the wire as described in Stage 2.</li> <li>3. Role of 2nd Echelon of Tanks is to assist in mopping up of the area captured, to cover the work of the Infantry, and to replace casualties in the 1st Echelon of Tanks.</li> </ol>
6.	Attack on Second Objective.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Platoons on Left again held up - they signal to Tanks for assistance.</li> <li>2. Platoons on Right make progress, sections giving mutual help, and Tanks always assisting.</li> </ol>
7.	Pursuit by fire consolidation reinforcing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tanks patrol in front of the captured position during consolidation.</li> <li>2. The Infantry send out additional protective screens.</li> <li>3. Owing to casualties in first wave of Infantry, the second wave sends reinforcements.</li> <li>4. On completion of consolidation the Tanks withdraw flying the Tricolour as signal "COMING BACK".</li> </ol>
	All Stages.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If a Tank breaks down in the first Echelon it flies RED and YELLOW Flag. The Infantry go on without it, as their security depends on their so doing (S.S. 204 Sec. IV para 14).</li> <li>2. The Infantry may at times outstrip the Tanks, but normally the Tanks resume the lead.</li> </ol>

ATTACK /

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ATTACK ON SERIES OF STRONG POINTS WITHOUT BARRAGE.PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

1. Owing to restricted area available certain allowance must be made for a degree of unreality in siting of Strong Points, and positions of assembly.
2. It is assumed that, on the opening of the exercise, the Infantry is held up along the first line of trench. They are then disposed as follows :-
  - (a) Two Platoons extended.
  - (b) Two Platoons in support in lines of sections in single file.
3. It is assumed that the Barrage has gone too far ahead to be of service, or that it has been dispensed with.
4. It is assumed that the flanks are adequately protected by Troops operating on either side.
5. Strong Points are indicated by RED Flags.
6. All trenches are assumed to have been so shelled as to be almost obliterated, only a series of Posts being hold.

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SECOND EXERCISE. /



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SECOND EXERCISE.

Attack by One Company of Infantry on two Systems of Strong Points, the barrage having been lost or dispensed with.

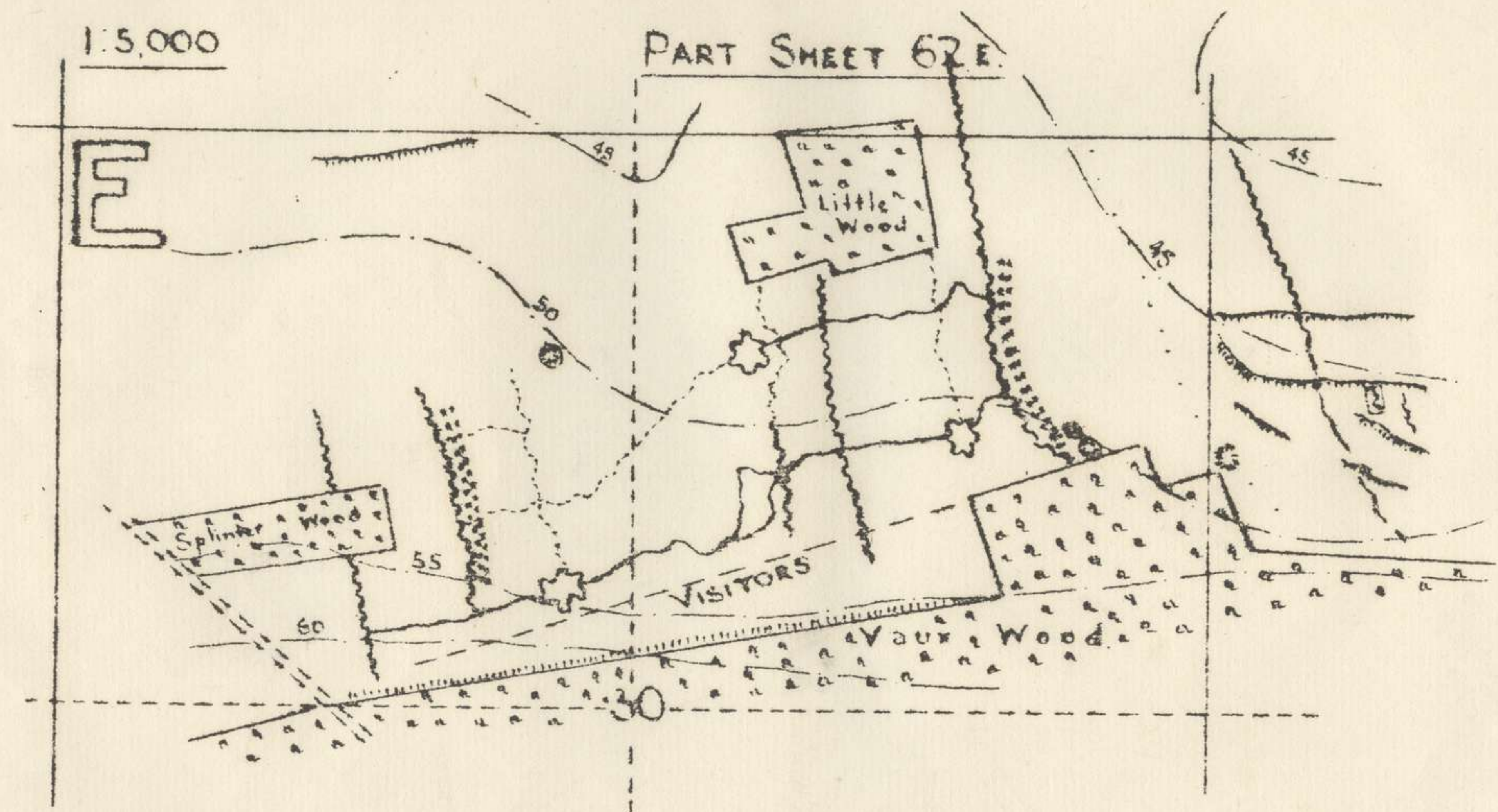
STAGES.		POINTS TO NOTE.
No.	DESCRIPTION.	
1.	Assembly Formation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is assumed that Infantry have been held up. The 1st Wave has been advancing with Scouts out and Tanks in close co-operation. A firing line is formed and Tanks move through.</li> <li>2. Second Wave is formed up in rear in two lines of Sections in file.</li> </ol>
2.	Resuming Attack on Strong Points.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Left Platoon advancing under their own covering fire, assisted by presence of Tanks.</li> <li>2. Right Platoon signals for assistance with Helmets and Smoke Bombs.</li> <li>3. Infantry is prompt in taking advantage of assistance of Tanks, and does not necessarily wait for the "Come On" Signal.</li> <li>4. Infantry sections allotted usual duties, i.e. Covering Party, Trench or Strong Point clearers.</li> </ol>
3.	Action of Tanks.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tanks are 4 in number, disposed as follows :-               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) One Advance Tank.</li> <li>(b) Two Tanks close ahead of Infantry.</li> <li>(c) One Tank in Support.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
4.	Progress of Advance.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sections on Right overcome resistance with help of Tanks and move on.</li> <li>2. Sections on Left overcome initial resistance, but are held up by Strong Point.</li> <li>3. Sections on Left signal to Tanks for assistance (Helmets and Grenades).</li> <li>4. Tanks overcome Strong Point on Left, and Infantry proceed.</li> </ol>
5.	Further resistance encountered.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Right sections again held up by Strong Point.</li> <li>2. Tanks signalled for, and come to the rescue.</li> <li>3. Resistance on the Right overcome except for two Machine Gun Posts, which the Infantry attack, sections giving mutual help.</li> <li>4. On the Left, sections giving mutual help overcome resistance, and arrive at final objective - the belt of wire.</li> </ol>

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STAGES.	POINTS TO NOTE.
No. DESCRIPTION.	
6. Pursuit with fire consolidation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Tanks zig-zag across front to cover consolidation.</li><li>2. Infantry also supply own local protection.</li><li>3. Infantry consolidate and prepare to meet counter-attack.</li><li>4. Tanks fly Tricolour Flag denoting "Coming Back", and return to Rallying Point.</li></ol>

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Date	Hour	Nature of Work	Remarks.
July 15th.	9.00-10.30 am.	General Smartening up drill.	
	10.30-11.55 am.	Section and platoon drill.	
	2.00- 3.00 pm.	Officers and N.C.O's. Classes.	
16th.	9.00-11.55 am.	Route March - fighting order - "A" Coy. to supply Advanced Guard.	
	Afternoon.	Organised Games.	
17th.	9.00-10.30 am.	Lewis Gun instruction & Musketry. "A" Coy. on Range.	
	10.30-11.55 am.	Elementary and Range. "B" Coy. on Range.	
18th.	9.00-10.30 am.	Lewis Gun instruction & Musketry, "C" Coy. on Range.	
	10.30-11.55 am.	Bayonet fighting and Gas drill.	
	Afternoon.	Short gas drills (brisk games to be interspersed throughout instructions.	
19th.	9.00-11.55 am.	Platoon Scheme.	
20th.	9.00-10.30 am.	Musketry. "D" Coy. on Range.	
	10.30-11.55 am.	Ceremonial.	

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Date	Hour	Nature of Work	Remarks
July 15th.	9.00-12. noon.	Physical Training. Musketry, less Machine Gun Sections. Bombing, less do. do.	2.00-4.00 pm. daily. - Recreational Parade. Lewis Gun Sections to check off and clean all L.G.gear last 2 hours.
16th.	do.	Bayonet Fighting. Gas drill and Inspection of Respirators. Musketry, less L.G. Sections.	Lewis Gun Sections to Gun instruction during last hour.
17th.	do.	Route March.	
18th.	do.	Physical training, less L.G.Sections. Rifle Grenade Instruction & Bombing less L.G.Sections. Platoon Attack Formations.	Lewis Gun Sections, for first 2 hours, to gun instruction.
19th.	do.	Bayonet fighting, less L.G.Sections. Musketry do. do. Platoon & Coy. Attack Formations.	do. do.
20th.	do.	Route March.	H.Q.& Coy.Sigs.under Sig.Off. daily. Intelligence Sect.under I.O. "
			Musketry to include rapid loading, aiming fire discipline, bolt drill, use of ground & cover, fire orders, fire direction and indication of targets.

51st. Battalion. SYLLABUS of TRAINING - Week ending 20th. JULY, 1918.

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Date	Hour	Nature of Work	Remarks
July 15th.	9.00-10.00 am.	Close order drill.	2.00-3.00 pm. daily. - Recreational parade. Coy. Signallers and Scouts with Sig. Officer and Scout Officer daily. Lewis Gunners and Bombers to be trained by Platoon Comdrs., Lewis Gun and Bombing Officers assisting.
	10.00-11.00 am.	Musketry, Rapid Loading, Indication and recognition of Targets.	
	11.00-12. noon.	Platoon Training. Instruction of Lewis Gunners, Rifle Grenadiers and Bombers.	
16th.	9.00-12. noon.	Route March by Companies.	Route Marches will not be less than 5 miles. Dress - Fighting order with Felt Hats.  Special attention to be paid to saluting, smart turn-out, etc.  Practice on Range when allotted.
17th.	9.00-12. noon.	Close order drill. Gas Drill. Musketry, Rapid Loading, Fire Direction & control. Platoon training, Instruction of L. Gunners, R. Bombers and Bombers.	
18th.	9.00-12. noon.	Route March by Companies.	
19th.	9.00-10.00 am.	Close order drill. Guards & Sentries.	
	10.00-11.00 am.	Musketry, Rapid Loading, Fire direction and control.	
	11.00-12. noon.	Platoon training, Instruction of Lewis Gunners, Rifle Bombers and Bombers.	
20th.	9.00-10.00 am.	Gas drill combined with Close order drill.	
	10.00-11.00 am.	Same as for previous days.	
	11.00-12. noon.	Same as for previous day.	

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX. ~~XXXV~~

Headquarters,  
26th. July 1918.

O. C.,

All Battalions,

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TRAINING.

1. The projected relief of the 14th. A.I. Bde. has been cancelled and arrangements will therefore be made to carry on with training. Now that the men have had a certain amount of rest the drill and discipline should be tightened up, and every endeavour made to train specialists up to the full number, and improve the standard of work in every way.
2. All units will do at least three hours work in the mornings and one hour in the afternoon, apart from recreational training. The hour in the afternoon will be devoted to the training of N.C.O's and specialists, and during this time every man should be trained either as a Lewis Gunner, Signaller, Bomber or Scout.
3. The Brigadier wishes particular attention to be given to Platoon and Company Tactical Schemes, which should be set by Battalion Commanders and carried out by Platoons and Companies in turn.
4. Two route marches of at least 8 miles will be carried out. One of these marches will be to the Corps Gas Training Ground as mentioned in para. 6 hereunder. On the other, Transport (less Cookers) will accompany units.
5. The Citadel Ranges are allotted as follows :-  

49th. Battalion.	29th. and 31st. July and 2nd. August.
50th. Battalion.	30th. July and 1st. and 3rd. of August.
6. Gas practices at the Corps Training Ground under the same arrangements as outlined in this Office G.15/17 of today's date will be carried out by the 50th. Battalion on Monday and by the 51st. Battalion on Wednesday.  
 In addition the Brigade Gas Officer will be at the disposal of -  

49th. Battalion.	Tuesday.
50th. Battalion.	Wednesday.
51st. Battalion.	Friday.

and will consult with the C.O's as to the best method of combining anti-gas with other training. Capsicum bombs are available and these can be used to represent enemy gas shelling and can be very effectively introduced during simple tactical schemes.
7. The G.O.C. wishes instruction to be given to Junior Officers in map reading, the writing of messages and reports, and other similar subjects. This should where possible be practical and not confined to lectures.
8. Training programmes framed on the above lines will be forwarded by 6 p.m. tomorrow 27th. inst.

Captain,

A/Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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G.15/17.

Headquarters,  
13th. Australian Infantry Brigade,  
26th. July, 1918.

O. C.

49th. Bn.  
-----Reference Sheet 62.D. 1/40000.

The 49th. Battalion will undergo a special course of anti-gas training, consisting of a short lecture, Instructions on Trench Gas Discipline, a small Cloud Gas Attack, and a British Gas Projector demonstration, lasting about 1½ hours, tomorrow 27th. instant, commencing at 10.15 a.m.

The training ground is situated at G.10.d.8.2 west of ALLONVILLE.

A Guide will be on road at G.17.a.2.8 at 10 a.m. and will lead column across country to training ground.

DRESS: Fighting order, with Shrapnel Helmets.

Each man must be in possession of a Small Box Respirator in perfect condition.

A similar practice will be arranged next week for 50th. Battalion. + 51 Bn.

*Shaw*  
A/Bde. Major, 13th. Australian Infantry Bde. Captain,

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51st. Bn.  
Div. Gas Offr.



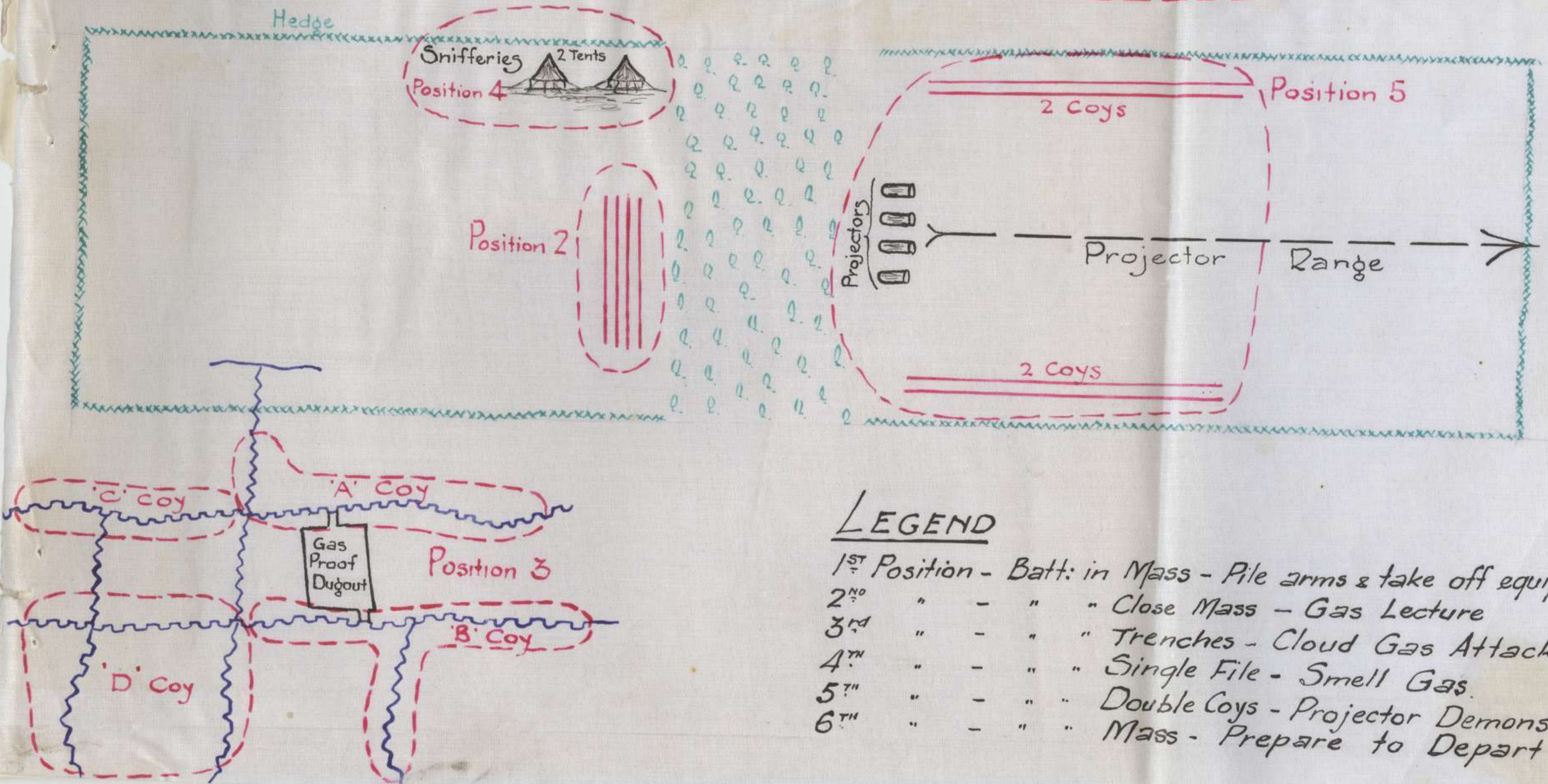
# PLAN of GAS COURSE GROUND.

Issued in Conjunction with G.15/17 - 26.7.18

REF: SHEET 62.D. 1/40,000

Map Ref: G.10.d.8.2.

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## LEGEND

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Position - Batt: in Mass - Pile arms & take off equipment
- 2<sup>ND</sup> " - " " Close Mass - Gas Lecture
- 3<sup>RD</sup> " - " " Trenches - Cloud Gas Attack.
- 4<sup>TH</sup> " - " " Single File - Smell Gas.
- 5<sup>TH</sup> " - " " Double Coys - Projector Demonstration
- 6<sup>TH</sup> " - " " Mass - Prepare to Depart

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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CASUALTIES AND SICK EVACUATIONS FROM 16th to 31st JULY, 1918.

UNIT	: KILLED		: WOUNDED		: GASED		: Hospital		: T O T A L	
							: Evacuations:			
	: Off.:	: O.R:	: Off.:	: O.R:	: Off.:	: O.R:	: Off.:	: O.Rs.:	: Off.:	: O.Rs.
49th. Battalion.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	11	1	11
50th. Battalion.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	1	12
51st. Battalion.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	28	-	29
13th. A.L.T.M.B.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
T o t a l s :-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	54	2	55

Officers :- Lieut. J.E. CLAUGHTON, 49th. Bn. 23/7/18  
 " E.R. NOBLET, MC. 50th. Bn. 27/7/18

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*W H Connell*

A/Staff Captain, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. Lieut.

31st. July, 1918.



13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Copy No.

Headquarters,  
19th July, 1918.Role of the Brigade in RIVERY-CAMON Area.Reference Sheet 62D. 1/40,000.  
and attached Special Map 1/20,000.  
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1. (a) The Division in Corps Reserve is located in Brigade Groups as under :-
- |     |               |    |            |       |
|-----|---------------|----|------------|-------|
| 'A' | Brigade Group | -- | ALLOWVILLE | Area. |
| 'B' | do.           | -- | QUERRIEU   | "     |
| 'C' | do.           | -- | RIVERY     | "     |
- (b) Dispositions of 'C' Brigade Group are shown on attached map.
- (c) 'C' Battalion will be regarded as the Nucleus Garrison for the BLANGY System, but only wardens and guides need actually live there.
2. (a) The Division is so disposed in order to provide for the three following contingencies :-
- (i) An enemy attack south of the SOMME.
  - (ii) A threat to the left flank of the Corps.
  - (iii) Loss of ground to the north of the Corps Sector.
- (b) In the event of (ii) and (iii) contingencies, the forming of a defensive flank would, in the first instance, be carried out by 'A' and 'B' Brigades.
3. (a) In the event of an enemy attack south of the River SOMME, the Division would be called upon to reinforce the Right of the Corps front with a view to maintaining the present positions, or to secure the junction with the XXXI French Corps on the Right.
- The general position of readiness for this Brigade would be N.34.b. and d.
- (b) The Scheme for Defence of the CACHY-GENTELLES plateau is as follows :-
- (i) All trench systems and lines would be held and fought in turn by the French.
  - (ii) A French Regiment at present located in and about NICHOLAS Support (T.3.c. and d. and T.9.a.) would be used to counter-attack - in which case 'C' Brigade would move into the NICHOLAS Area, being disposed as follows:-
 

'A'	Battalion	NICHOLAS Support.
'B'	do.	GLISY NICHOLAS Switch.
'C'	do. and	} GLISY System.
L. T. M. B.		
- Instructions to other units of the Brigade Group would be issued at the time.
- (iii) If the counter-attack by the French Reserve Regiment failed, 'C' Brigade would act defensively in the NICHOLAS Sector until a Divisional counter-attack could be arranged, when it would probably be on

P.T.O.

the right flank of the attack.

(c) (i) In the event of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX falling temporarily into enemy hands, it would be counter-attacked by the Reserve Division.

(ii) Assembly positions for this Brigade would then be either :-

(i) O.21. and 27. for an attack from the N.E.

(ii) CACHY-FOUILLE road for an attack in an easterly direction.

(iii) O.33. and U.3. for an attack from the S.W.

4. Reconnaissances of the assembly positions and routes thereto will be made by officers who are not already familiar with the ground.

5. (a) In the event of a move to the position of readiness, units will dump packs and blankets in their present positions, and move forward in fighting order.

(b) Nucleus personnel will remain behind and concentrate under orders that will be issued at the time.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

A/Eds. Major, 15th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. Captain,

Distribution. -

49th. Battalion.  
 50th. do.  
 51st. do.  
 15th. A.L.T.M.B.  
 15th. M.G. Coy.  
 15th. Fld. Coy. Engrs.  
 15th. Fld. Ambce.  
 27th. A. A. S. C.  
 4th. Aust. Div.  
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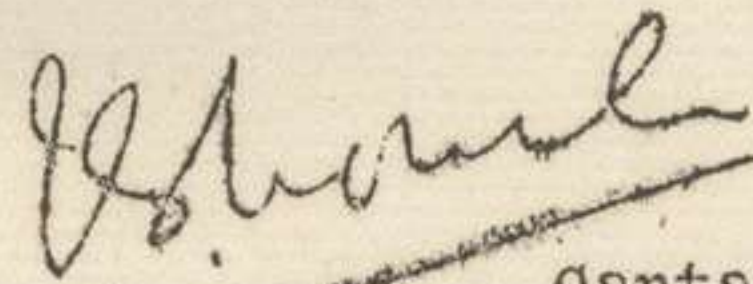
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G. 1/15.13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,  
20th July, 1918.O. C.  
.....Battalion.

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Forwarding herewith Instructions with regard to the role of the Brigade while in this present area, which consolidate and supersede the Schemes handed over by previous Units. 4th AUST. DIVISIONAL Instructions for the Defensive, No. 17, on the subject of demolitions is also forwarded (to Battalions only). These two Instructions will be handed over when the Brigade moves out.

Unit Commanders will destroy any other Schemes or instructions on this subject, which are now out of date, except the 5th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE Scheme, which being on exactly the same lines as the one now issued, except in so far as it is framed for a Brigade of 4 Battalions, will, therefore, be handed over in addition.



Captain.  
A/Brigade Major, 13th AUST. INF. BDE.

Copies to :-

49th Battalion.  
50th       "  
51st       "  
13th A.L.T.M.B.  
13th M.G.Coy.  
12th Fld. Coy. Engrs.  
13th Aust. Fld. Ambce.  
4th Aust. Division.  
4th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
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Routine

Order N o. 263.

By

Brigadier-General, S.C.E. HERRING D.S.O.  
Commanding 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

12th. July 1918.

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Administration.

- DISCIPLINE. 762. 1. The French area is ' Out of Bounds ' to all troops except those on duty who will be in possession of a pass. The French area is bounded on the East by the line of the Road RUBEMPRE - RAINNEVILLE - AMIENS and on the West by the Road HALLOY - VIGNACOURT - La CHAUSSEE.
2. No man is to leave the billeting area of his Battalion without a pass.
3. Passes mentioned above must be signed by the Adjutant and bear the impression of the Units stamp.
4. Tattoo roll call will be held not later than 9.30 p.m.
5. Boating in the RIVERY area or on the River SOMME is prohibited.
6. The following towns and villages are ' Out of Bounds ' - AMIENS - AILLY-sur-SOMME - ARGOEVES - POULAINVILLE - RAINNEVILLE - RUBEMPRE - PIERREGOT.

(sgd) W.H. CONWELL Lieutenant,  
Acting Staff Captain, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Routine Order No. 264.

APPENDIX XXXIX

By

Brigadier-General S.C.E. HERRING D.S.O.  
Commanding 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

13th. July, 1918.

Training &c.

- Defence Schemes. 763. Units will report by 12 noon 14th July if the following papers outlining the probable action of 'A' Bde. Reserve Division in event of an enemy attack were handed over to them by out-going units. -  
"5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. - Instructions for the Defensive Nos. 18, 19, 20 and 21" issued between 17th. and 20th. June, 1918.
- Training Bn. 764. Notification has been received that the following men are at present at the 12th. Tng. Bn.  
49th. Battalion. 209  
50th. " 164  
51st. " 158
- Honours and Rewards. 765. His Majesty The King has approved of the award of the VICTORIA CROSS to the undermentioned Officer. The Corps Commander and the Divisional Commander desire their congratulations conveyed to the Recipient.  
Lieut. C.W.K. SADLER, 51st. Bn.
- The Brigade Commander also wishes to add his congratulations.
766. Recommendations for awards in connection with recent operations will be forwarded to reach Bde.H.Q. by noon on 16th July. One copy only of A.F.W.3121 need be submitted. A certificate that the Regtl. Nos. and Names have been checked and verified will accompany the recommendation.

(sgd). T. S. LOUCH, Capt.  
for Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Administration.

- Baths. 767. Baths at the HOSPICE, RIVERY, are allotted as under. -  
49th. Bn. Afternoon of 13/7/18 and morning of 14/7/18.  
50th. Bn. 2-5 pm. 14/7/18. 8-12 noon and 1-5 pm. 15/7/18.  
51st. Bn. 14/7/18 (at LAHOTTE).  
Bde.H.Q. Morning of 16/7/18.
- Bounds. 768. Vegetable gardens are out of bounds.

P. T. O.  
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Administration (Contd).Daily Duties. 769. ALIENS PICQUET.

49th. Bn. will supply 2 Officers and 50 O.Rs. to report to Bde.H.Q. at 1 p.m. on 14/7/18. Tour of duty to 6 p.m.

50th. Bn. will supply 2 Officers and 50 O.Rs. to report to Bde.H.Q. at 6 p.m. on 14/7/18. Tour of duty to 10 p.m.

These duties will be supplied daily, and the 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. tour of duty will be taken alternately by the 49th. Bn. and 50th. Bn.

DRESS - Drill order without rifles.

CANON PICQUET.

50th. Bn. will supply 1 Officer and 20 O.Rs. to report to Area Commandant, CANON, daily at 6 p.m. as from 14/7/18.

BDE.H.Q.

49th. Bn. will supply a Guard of 1 Cpl. and 3 O.Rs. to report daily to Bde.H.Q. at 9 a.m. Tour of duty - 24 hours.

49th. and 50th. Bns. will alternately supply a daily duty - full limber to report to Area Comdt. Hospice, RIVERY, at 9 a.m.

49th. Bn. will supply the first limber on 15/7/18.

Pay. Cost  
of Cables,  
&c.

270.

The following extracts from Divisional Paymaster's Office are forwarded for information. -

"SPECIAL CREDITS. It must be impressed on all men on whose account cash credits are accepted that only one payment of same will be made in the Field. If a soldier desires to draw only a portion of the amount he must clearly understand that the balance must remain on his pay book until he can produce a leave warrant. Unless soldiers are prepared to abide by these conditions, cash credits will not be accepted. In order to draw on any special credit, soldiers must produce the official receipt or credit advice and an authority bearing the Orderly Room Stamp and the signature of either the Commanding Officer or the Adjutant.

RETURN OF OLD PAYBOOKS. The Chief Paymaster advises that old Pay Books are now available for return to their owners. Owing to risk of loss and the fact that present whereabouts of soldiers are so difficult to ascertain the books will not be sent through the post, but anybody who happens to be in LONDON may make personal application at the Chief Pay Office and obtain same.

COST OF CABLES RE ALLOTMENTS. It has been decided that the cost of cables to AUSTRALIA regarding allotment matters which need a reply is to be THIRTY SHILLINGS (30/-) and those which do not need a reply FIFTEEN SHILLINGS (15/-). These reduced rates will take effect from 1st. July 1918. This intimation cancels previous instructions with regard to the old rates of £2/10/- and £1/15/- respectively. "

(sgd). W.H. CONWELL, Lieut.  
A/Staff Captain, 13th. AUST. INF. BDE.



ROUTINE ORDER No. 265.

By

Brigadier-General S.C.E. HERRING, D. S. O.  
Commanding 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

15th JULY, 1918.

TRAINING &c.

**Anti-Aircraft 771.** Units will forward map references of Lewis Guns posted for anti-aircraft work in this area. In future these will be included in disposition reports rendered after arrival in a new area.

**Enemy Propaganda.**

**772.** Following received from 4th. Aust. Division. -  
"It is reported that the enemy continues to drop propaganda over our lines by means of aeroplanes. Up to the present no definite proof has been secured that this has actually taken place, but the enemy may possibly drop propaganda over the French lines and back areas. It may be therefore that during the time that the Australian Corps are so close to French troops, pamphlets may be dropped over our lines really intended for the French, and not for British troops. Please take steps to ascertain whether there is any case that can be sworn to by an eye-witness of propaganda intended for British troops being dropped by German Aviators, and also if any such case takes place in future can you obtain proof. The ordinary method of dropping propaganda over our lines has been in the past by means of coal gas balloons."

Any instances of the above which may come to notice will at once be reported.

(sgd) T. S. LOUGH, Captain.  
A/Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.  
ADMINISTRATION.

**Special Daily Leave.**

**773.** During the period the Division is in rest, the Corps Commander has sanctioned the use of 2 Lorries per Bde. daily for conveying parties of 25 O.Rs. under an officer to villages in the back areas for recreation purposes, returning the same evening. The privilege will only be granted to selected men of good character and any abuse of it will result in the withdrawal of the sanction. FLENGOUET and AILLY-SUR-SCHEM are out of bounds for this purpose. Each member of a party will carry a pass signed by his C.O. and bearing the unit's office stamp. Officers in charge of parties will notify the Staff Captain of their intended destination, and report on their return. Lorries will leave the HOSPICE, RIVERY, daily at 8 a.m. The allotment is as follows :-

<u>15.7.18.</u>	40th. Bn.	1 Off.	25 O.Rs.
	50th. Bn.	1 "	25 "
<u>16.7.18.</u>	51st. Bn.	2 "	50 "

P. T. O.

<u>17.7.18.</u>	Bde. H.Q. L.F.H.B.	} 1 Off.	12 O.Rs.
	49th. Bn.		25 " 15
<u>18.7.18.</u>	50th. Bn.	3 "	50 "
<u>19.7.18.</u>	49th. Bn.	3 "	50 "
<u>20.7.18.</u>	51st. Bn.	3 "	50 "

(sgt). W.H. CONWELL, Lieut.  
A/Staff Captain, 15th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

AFTER ORDER.

TRAINING.

774. RECONNAISSANCE OF AREA.  
Officers of the XVI French Corps and II French Cavalry Corps will shortly be carrying out reconnaissance of the defensive lines of this area. Every facility is to be offered them.

(Signed) T.S. LOUCH, Captain.  
A/Brigade Major, 15th AUSE. INF. BRD.

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Routine Order No; 266.

By

APPENDIX. XXXIX

Brigadier-General S.C.E. HERRING, D.S.O.  
Commanding 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.

17th July, 1918.

Administration.

LEWIS GUN  
BUTTS.

775. Please inform this Office by 19th instant whether your Unit has experienced any tightness of fit of the Butt and Body of Lewis Gun. If so, please say what steps are taken to remedy this.

LEAVE;

776. Leave to ABBEVILLE, for purchasing clothes etc., will be granted Officers as undermentioned. Each Officer must be in possession of a pass signed by his C.O. and bearing the Unit office stamp. The senior Officer will be in charge of each party and should any irregularity occur will report same immediately on return. Lorries will leave the Hospice RIVERY (13th A.I. Brigade Headquarters) at 8 a.m. and must return by midnight. Attention is drawn to G.R.O. 4071.

	July 18.	July 23.	July 26th.
13th Bde. H.Q.	1	-	-
49th Bn.	11	12	6
50th Bn.	10	11	6
51st Bn:	10	12	6
13th A.L.T.M.B/	2	1	-
12th Aus.F.Coy.Engs.	2	-	2
13th Fld. Ambee.	-	1	-
13th Aus.M.G.Coy.	2	2	-
27th A.A.S.C.	1	1	-
K.Sub-sec.D.A.C.	1	-	-

SICK WASTAGE.

777. Attention is drawn to G.R.O. L95. Blankets should be aired frequently and when possible trench shelters and tents should be thrown back to allow sunlight to enter sleeping places.

BATHS.

778. Baths at Hospice RIVERY are allotted as follows:-

18th inst.	2.00 to	5.00 p.m.	13th A.L.T.M.B.
19th "	8.00 "	Noon	) 49th Bn.
	5.00 "	5.00 p.m.	
20th "	8.00 "	Noon	( 50th Bn.
	2.00 "	5.00 p.m.	

(sgd) W.H. CONWELL, Lieut.  
A/Staff Captain, 13th AUST. INF. BDE.

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Routine Order No. 267.

By  
 Brigadier-General S.C.R. HARRING, D.S.O.  
 Commanding 13th. AUS. INF. BDE.

18th July, 1918.

Administration.

Board of Inquiry.

779. A Board of Inquiry will assemble at H.Q. 49th. Bn.; RIVERSY at 10 a.m. on 20/7/18 for the purpose of inquiring into the alleged loss from BLANGY TRONVILLE of one Riding Horse belonging to the 52nd Bn. A.I.F. The Court will submit a finding stating with regard to the alleged loss :-

- to blame,  
 (1) Was any person/ and if so, who.  
 (2) Was any negligence shown by any person.

The Board will be comprised of :-

President - Major H.F. FITZGERALD, DSO, 51st Bn.

Members - Lieut. H. HODGE, 50th Bn.  
 Lieut. R.F. LANE, 50th Bn.

Baths.

780. Baths at Hospice, RIVERSY, are allotted as follows:-

1st inst. 49th. Bn. 8 a.m. to Noon, 2 pm. to 5 pm.  
 12th. Fld. Coy. 20 men, morning & afternoon

2nd inst. 50th Bn. 8 a.m. to Noon.

254th Tunnelling Coy. )  
 13th Bde; H.Q. & Sig. Sec. ) 2 - 5 p.m.

12th Fld. Coy. 20 men, morning & afternoon

3rd inst. 50th Bn. 8 a.m. to Noon.  
 13th. M.G. Coy. 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

(sgd) W.H. CONWELL, Lieut.  
 A/Staff Captain, 13th AUSTR. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Routine Order No. 268

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By  
Brigadier-General S.C.M. HARRING, D.S.O.  
Commanding 15th AUS. INF. BDR.

19th July, 1918.

Administration.Lewis Gun  
Racks.

781. In order to carry the additional Lewis Guns when the number is made up to 32 per Battalion it is necessary to discontinue the present method of carrying the Lewis Guns in boxes and adopt a system of carrying them in their bags in racks fitted in the limbers.

It is proposed that each Company L.G.S. Wagon should carry three Lewis Guns and spares, 160 magazines and 8 boxes bundle pack ammunition (1248 rounds each).

The following comprises complete set of "Racks wood special for Lewis Guns"

Racks as above	1
Screws looped No. 3 (Seq. 10A)	1
Rope, tarred 1" (whipped each end)	2 yards.

One rack per Battalion can now be drawn from D.A.D.O.S. Please render a report on the rack and the method of packing to reach this office by noon 23rd instant.

Special daily Leave. 782. In continuance of B.M.O. 773 - Lorries are allotted as follows :-

21st July,	50th Bn.	2 offs.	50 O/Ranks.
23rd "	49th Bn.	2 "	50 "
24th "	51st Bn.	2 "	50 "
25th "	50th Bn.	2 "	50 "
26th "	49th Bn.	2 "	50 "

Attention is drawn to G.R.O. 3722 relating to ABBEVILLE Area.

Divisional  
Race  
Meeting.

783. On 22nd July Lorries will run as follows to the Divisional Race Meeting at ALLENVILLE:-

Party.	Rendezvous.	Unit.	No.	Time.
1	H.Q. 49th Bn.	49th Bn. 1	OFF 25 OR.	8.30 a.m.
	RIVERY.	13 LTMB.	1 "	25 "
2	H.Q. 50th Bn.	50th Bn. 2	" 50 "	9.45 "
	CANON.			
3	The Church	51st Bn. 2	" 50 "	11.00 "
	LANOTTE.			
4	The Hospice	49th Bn. 2	" 40 "	12.15 p.m.
	RIVERY.	13th BHC.-	10 "	" "

Embussing Officers will be supplied as follows :-

Parties No. 1 & 4	-	49th Battalion.
Party No. 2	-	50th "
Party No. 3	-	51st "

These Officers will be responsible that the embussing is orderly and that no delay occurs. The Lorries will make no return trips in the afternoon. All Other Ranks attending the Races must be in possession of a pass.

Court of  
Inquiry.

784. A Court of Inquiry will be held at 2.30 p.m. 20th July at the Headquarters 50th Battalion at CANON to inquire into the circumstances surrounding a fire at CANON on the night 17/18th July.

PRESIDENT	Major	A.W. HYMAN,	D.S.O.
MEMBERS	Lieut.	J.L. GRAHAM,	MC. 49th Bn.
	Lieut.	J. WAINR,	MC. 50th Bn.

The Court will record an opinion as to :-

1. The cause of the fire.
2. Whether the fire is attributable to British Troops.

P.T.O.

Court of  
Inquiry.  
(Contd)

784. 3. Whether orders for prevention of fires were correct and properly promulgated.  
4. An estimate of damage done to (a) Civilian (b) Government property.

Ordinary  
Leave.

785. No one will proceed on ordinary leave until in the case of Officers 7 months and in the case of Other ranks 12 months have elapsed since their return from last ordinary leave or since date of last leaving U.K. Vacancies given are to be allotted in the strict proportion of 1 Officer to 13 men.

Special  
Leave.

786. Under special circumstances special leave may be applied for by personnel other than those within the provisions of the last paragraph, such applications should be submitted at least 10 days beforehand to enable the sanction of Corps to be obtained.

Parriers.

787. To ensure uniform shoeing throughout the Brigade 49th and 50th Battalions will send 2 Parriers each to 27th Coy. A.A.S.C. from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on 23rd & 24th instant. All shoeing for the 49th and 50th Battalions on these days will be done by the 27th Coy. A.A.S.C.

(sgd) W.H. CONWELL, Lieut.  
A/Staff Captain, 13th AUST. INF. BDE.

NOTICES.

CHURCH SERVICES, SUNDAY JULY 21st.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARADES.

9.30 A.M. 50th Battalion at CANON.  
11.00 " 49th Bn, 13th LTMB, Bde.H.Q. & 13th Fld & Ambulance at Communal School, RIVERY.

Holy Communion after each Parade.

EVENING SERVICES.

7.00 P.M. 50th Battalion, Y.M.C.A.  
7.30 " Communal School, RIVERY.

O. P. D.

10.00 A.M. 51st Battalion Parade.

SPORTS.

4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

The G.O.C., Officers and men of the 4th A.I.BDE., request the pleasure of the attendance of all Officers and men of the 13th A.I.BDE., at their Sports to be held at QUERRISU CHATEAU on 20th instant. Aquatic Sports commence 10 A.M. Athletic Sports commence 1.30 p.m.

Routine Order No. 269.

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By  
Brigadier-General S.C.E. HERRING, D.S.O.  
Commanding 13th AUST. INF. BDE.

20th July, 1918.

TRAINING.

Message  
Carrying Rockets.

788. Message Carrying Rockets having now been on issue for some time a report is being called for with special reference to the following points :-

- (a) Ease and handling in transport.
- (b) Ease of operating.
- (c) Accuracy.
- (d) Visibility during and after flight, and ease of collection.

In connection with para (a) above, it is to be noted that these rockets will shortly be issued in light canvas carriers complete with trough for firing.

Units will forward by 8 p.m. on 22nd instant a report on the above points, and any other suggestions for the improvement of these rockets.

(sgd) T.S. LOUCH, Captain.  
A/Brigade Major, 13th AUST. INF. BDE.

ADMINISTRATION.

Divisional  
Race  
Meeting.

789. Two additional Lorries having been allotted to the Brigade as conveyances to the Divisional Races on the 22nd instant, the time-table set out in B.R.O. 783 will stand and in addition lorries will run as follows :-

Party.	Rendezvous.	Unit.	No.	Time.
5	The Church)			
	LAMOTTE.	51st Bn.2 Off	50	OR.8.30 a.m.
6	H.Q.50th Bn)			
	CAMON.	50th Bn.2 "	50 "	9.45 a.m.
7	H.Q.49th Bn)			
	RIVERY.	49th Bn.2 "	50 "	11.am
8	do	49th Bn.2 "	50 "	12.15p

Battalions will be responsible for embussing and that no delay occurs.

(sgd) W.H. CONWELL, Lieut.  
A/Staff Captain, 13th AUST. INF. BDE.

## 1st AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 270.

By  
 Brigadier-General S.O.H. HERRING, D.S.O.  
 Commanding 1st AUSTR. INF. BDE.

22nd July, 1918.

TRAINING.

Training. 790. The following are the numbers of men *at*  
 this Brigade in training in 3rd Training  
 Brigade, England, :-

*ANNEX*

49th Battalion	196
50th "	175
51st "	158

Lewis Gun Slings. 791. Re A.R.O. 2518 :- Units in possession of  
 Lewis Guns will forward report to reach  
 Brigade Headquarters by 8 p.m. 24th instant.

*(see also 2157)*  
 (sgd) T.S. LOUGH, Captain.  
 A/Brigade Major, 1st AUSTR. INF. BDE.

ADMINISTRATION:

Orders. 792. Attention is directed to Corps Routine  
 Order 204 of 17th July, 1918.

(sgd) W.H. CONWELL, Lieut.  
 A/Staff Captain, 1st AUSTR. INF. BDE.



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## 13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Routine Order No.271.

By  
 Brigadier-General S.C.E. HERRING, D.S.O.  
 Commanding 13th AUST. INF. BRD.

23rd July, 1918.

Administration.

- Foden Lorry. 793. This lorry will report to 49th Battalion on 24th July, 1918, at 8 a.m. (to be used also by 13th A.L.T.M.B.) and to 50th Battalion on 25th July, 1918, at 8 a.m.
- Sandbags. 794. 1,000 sandbags per Battalion and 250 sandbags for 13th A.L.T.M.B. will be drawn by Units concerned from Brigade Headquarters Transport on the afternoon of 25th July, 1918.
- Reinforcements. 795. Until further notice reinforcements for this Brigade will be sent direct to Brigade Headquarters and thence to Units. Kits will be called for at Corps Staging Depot by Units concerned.

(sgd) W.H. CONWELL, Lieut.  
 A/Staff Captain, 13th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

NOTICE.

The undernoted horse strayed into 13th Brigade Transport Lines on the night of 22/23rd July, 1918.

Light Draught Brown Gelding, Age 10 years,  
 Brands - Blaze, 3/4 band behind, distinct  
 collar marks down both shoulders. ↑ H G,  
 E, U OR.

RRR.

## 13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Routine Order No. 272. 107D

By  
 Brigadier-General S.C.R. HERRING, D.S.O.  
 Commanding 13th AUST. INF. BDE.

24th July, 1918.

TRAINING.Camouflage  
Officer.

796. An Officer not above the rank of Captain is required as understudy to the Corps Camouflage Officer. He must be an artist of some experience, and have inclinations towards camouflage work. Battalions will forward nominations to reach this office by 8 p.m. 25th instant.

(sgd) T.S. LOUCH, Captain.  
 A/Brigade Major, 13th AUST. INF. BDE.

ADMINISTRATION.

Saluting.

797. Attention is drawn to A.O. 211. The salute will be given by all ranks with the right hand. When saluting to the side the head will be turned towards the person saluted.

Australian  
Pattern  
Clothing.

798. Australian Pattern clothing is available today from D.A.D.C.S.

Reinforcements.  
Kits.

799. From and including 25th instant the kits of reinforcements will be conveyed to Brigade Headquarters at RIVERBY, whence Units will arrange to draw respective kits daily.

Target  
Material.

800. 56 lbs. of Wall Paper for improving improvising target material will be drawn by each Battalion from Brigade Transport Lines on morning of 25/7/18.

(sgd) W.H. CONWELL, Lieut.  
 A/Staff Captain, 13th AUST. INF. BDE.

EFW.

13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. *M/S*

Routine Order No. 273

By

Brigadier-General S.C.E. HERRING D.S.O.  
Commanding 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

27th. July 1918.

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Administration.

BOUNDS. 796. It has been brought to notice that B.R.O. 264 para 768 relating to Gardens is not being observed: steps are to be taken to punish offenders in this respect.

(sgd) W.H. CONWELL Lieut,

Acting Staff Captain, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Notice.

Church Parades by Chaplain WALDEN on 27/7/18 as under

49th. Bn.	13th. Field Ambulance	13th. A.L.T.M.B.
(49th. Bn. Transport Lines)	at 9.30 a.m.	

50th. Bn. 10;15 a.m. (CAMON)

51st. Bn. 11.15 a.m. (GLISY)

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Routine Order No.273.4

By

APPENDIX. XXXIX

Brigadier-General S.C.E. HERRING, D.S.O.  
Commanding 13th AUST. INF. BDE.

XXXIX

31st July, 1918.

TRAINING.

GADET  
BATTALIONS.

801. Now that the Army and Corps Schools have re-opened candidates for Infantry Cadet Battalions should attend a course at one of these Schools before their final selection to proceed to England. This will necessitate looking ahead and noting likely officers some months before they are due to go to England.

(sgd) T.S. LOUCH, Captain\*  
A/Brigade Major, 13th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ADMINISTRATION.

LEWIS GUN  
EXTRACTORS.

802. The following is an extract from a letter received from the Quartermaster General with reference to frequent breakages of Lewis Gun extractors :-  
"The trouble is well known, and continuous efforts to overcome it have been made, and are being made. A new pattern of extractor has recently been approved, which it is hoped will overcome the trouble, which is not due to faulty materials, but to the fact that the same material has to perform two functions viz :- to act both as a spring and as an extractor."

DAILY  
STATES.

803. Units will supply parade states daily shewing :-  
(i) Strength in Forward Area, and  
(ii) Strength at Transport Lines.  
The Brigade Nucleus will supply a daily state shewing strength of units comprising Nucleus and nominal roll of Officers.

PROMOTION.

803. No.1529 Sgt. DAVIES, F. (M.M) 49th Bn., is promoted Temporary Company Sergeant Major (T/WMO. Class 2) to date from 30/7/18, vice No.26 C.S.M. (W.O.Class 2) RICHARDSON, A.M. to Officers Cadet Bn.

D.R.O's.

804. Attention is directed to Divisional Routine Order No. 2172.

B.R.O's.

805. Reference Brigade Routine Order No.272 of 27/7/18, para 796 should read 796a.

(sgd) W.H. CONWELL, Lieut.  
A/Staff Captain, 13th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

All arrangements for relief on the night 1/2nd. August stand as regards boundaries and frontages.

49th. Bn. stage in NICHOLAS Sector, arriving there before daylight Aug. 1st.

50th. & 51st. Bns do not stage.

Action after relief. Present French Scheme for Defence does not stand. All troops to fight in present positions.

French S.O.S. signals to be used until 10 a.m. 2nd. August.

French Artillery is being relieved by English Artillery and relief will be complete by 10 a.m. 2nd. August.

Prior to this, only French artillery is firing so as not to arouse suspicions of relief.

English Artillery will register during August 2nd.

Both artilleries will fire S.O.S. if called for.

After relief, troops will clean up if necessary.

Present dispositions will remain for the time being.

All movement to be kept down.

50th. Bn. to picquet main road forward of GENTELLES WOOD.

No definite Works Policy yet.

Guides. One guide each for advance parties of 49th. and 51st. Bns. to meet at Cross Roads at T.9.b.7+0. at 9 p.m. 31st July, party from 51st. Bn. proceeding by road, party from 49th. Bn. will be conveyed by lorry, which brings back reconnoitring party.

On night of relief 4 guides per Company for 2 Front Coys. of 49th. and 51st. Bns. will meet at same place at 9 p.m.

Interpreters. One now with 49th. and 51st. Bns. - arrangements being made for additional interpreters for night of relief.

Dumps. No Dumps in area. 49th. and 51st. Bns. will take extra 100 rds. S.A.A. and 2 bombs per man. This will be collected and stored in boxes on arrival in area. S.A.A. will be used as required, and replaced by boxed S.A.A.

Dumps will be established out of mobile echelon on the night of

207 Relief as follows :-

49th. and 51st. Bns.

At Bn. Dump.	S.A.A. (Bundle-packed)	14000
	Bandoliers	30000
	Grenades	768
	Verrey Lights	1 case.

50th. Battalion.

At Bn. Dump.	S.A.A.	20 boxes.
	Grenades	24 cases.
In GENTELLES Line	S.A.A.	24 boxes.
	Grenades	40 cases.

At least 1 box S.A.A. to be got up to each L.Gun position as soon as possible.

Extra bombs and ammunition for 49th. Bn. will be delivered to to Cross Roads in T.2.d.8.3. on morning of 1st. August.

Extra S.A.A. and bombs for 51st. Bn. will be delivered at GLISY on afternoon of 31st July.

Ration arrangements. - 31st. July. Rations for August 1st. to be delivered to present Transport Lines.

1st. Aug. Rations for 2nd. Aug. to be delivered as follows :-

<u>49th. Bn.</u>	To cross roads T.2.d.8.3.
<u>Other Units.</u>	Present Transport Lines.

Nucleus. To be accommodated at Hospice, RIVERY. Assemble afternoon

31st. July 3 p.m. at Brigade H.Q. Major FITZGERALD in command.  
Lieut. BILSON, Adjutant.

All men under arrest to be sent there.

Bde. Prosecutor will be at Nucleus.

Rations for 1st. August to be brought.

All reinforcements, casuals and men returning from leave etc. will report to Nucleus. Reinforcements and casuals will leave their Packs there and be sent on with guides to Transport Lines. Men returning from leave and schools to remain at Nucleus.

Transport Lines have been pointed out to Transpt. Officers this afternoon.

All in S.12.d.

Dumping. Afternoon 31st August. At HOSPICE, RIVERY. Guard will be furnished by Nucleus.

Handing over. Rear parties to be left in this area to hand over and get receipts for trench shelters etc.