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WAR DIARY

OF

13th BATTALION. A.I.F.

FOR

AUGUST 1918

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WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

13th Australian
Battalion.

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and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SUPPORT	1/8/18		DISPOSITIONS OF Bn. - Ref Sheet 62 D. 1/40.000 Bn HQ + RAP (FORWARD) O.33.C.54. Bn HQ (REAR) + Transport Lines S.12.b.2.8. Nucleus N.2.d.4.2.	
do	2/9/18		Bn. relieved 24 th Bn A.I.F. in front line.	APP. 1
FRONT LINE	3/2/18		DISPOSITIONS OF Bn - Ref Sheet 62 D. 1/40.000 Bn HQ O.35.d.10.40. RAP O.35.C.2.5. RATION DUMP O.35.d.10.40. A' Coy V.1.a.60.30. B' Coy U.5.b.85.30. C' Coy U.6.b.40.20. D' Coy - Support U.5.b.10.70.	
do	4/8/18		Rear H.Q. + Transport moved to LA NEUVILLE - Sheet 62 D. T.33.C.50.70. Bn. Relieved by 50 th Bn A.I.F. - Relief complete 2.15 am 5-8-18.	APP. 2.
RESERVE	5/8/18		DISPOSITIONS OF Bn - Sheet 62 D. Bn HQ J.32.a.05.40. RAP J.25.d.60.10. D' Coy - J.31.b.10.50 - J.31.b.10.95, A' Coy J.25.d.35.30, C' Coy J.25.d.05.05 - J.25.d.40.10, B' Coy J.25.d.50.40.	
do	6/8/18		do do do do Preparation for "Stuart"	
do	7/8/18		do do do do	
do	8/8/18	2.45 AM	Bn. moved forward to attack - See report on operations. Transport Lines moved forward to P.15.a.50.90 (Sheet 62 D). QM's Store moved to P.8.b.00.20. Nucleus joined Rear Bn at LA NEUVILLE.	APP. 3

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRONT LINE	9/8/18		See Report on Operations	APP 3.
do	10/8/18		Preparations for relief by 41 st Bn. A.I.F.	
			Relief complete at midnight 10 ¹¹ /11 ¹¹ /8/18	
Reserve	11/8/18		Leav. Bn. H.Q. + G.M.'s Store joined Bn. Nucleus remaining at LA NEUVILLE Bn. bivouaced near SIALLY-LAURETTE at J.30.C. (---) Sheet 62D.	
			3 off. + 114 O/Rs of 4 th Pioneers also 2 Light Horsemen (attached for operations) reported back to their units.	
do	12/8/18		Bn. resting. Small parties bathed in CANAL. Overhaul of equipment.	
do	13/8/18		Bn. moved to W.16.d. bivouaced in Railway embankment. These bivouacs were recently occupied by the enemy, who was driven out on 8/8/18. Transport for Bn. H.Q. + G.M.'s Store moved to W.2.f. at BAYONVILLERS.	APP. No. 4 (DISPOSITIONS MAP).
do	14/8/18		do do do do	
do	15/8/18		Bn. relieved 9 th Bn. A.I.F. in front line. Relief Complete 11.25 pm 15/16/8/18	APP. No. 6 Bn order No 4.
Front line	16/8/18		Bn. dispositions:- Bn. H.Q. - X.23.b.8.3. R.A.P. X.22.d.4.4. B' Coy H.Q. X.24.a.9.1 D' Coy H.Q. X.24.a.1.5. C' Coy H.Q. X.23.b.9.5. (Support) A' Coy H.Q. X.23.a.70.15. (Reserve) Rear Bn. transport of G.M.'s Store moved forward to W.24.c. + d.	

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FRONT LINE	17/8/18		Bn. moved forward, HQ + R.A.P. remaining as for 16/8/18.	
do	18/8/18		<p>Dispositions as follows:- Bn HQ X 23.6.8.3. R.A.P. X.22.6.8.5</p> <p>"B" Coy - Coy HQ S.19.6.65.20. One Platoon S.20.6.05.30. to S.20.a.50.45. One Platoon S.20.a.50.50. to S.20.a.25.95. (Right line)</p> <p>"D" Coy - Coy HQ S.13.d.65.15. One Platoon S.20.a.39. to S.14.c.05.05. One Platoon S.14.c.05.05. to S.13.d.55.15 (Left line)</p> <p>"A" Coy (SUPPORT) Coy HQ S.19.6.^{70.20.}65.05 to S.19.6.70.30. One Platoon S.19.6.65.05 to S.19.6.70.30. One Platoon S.19.6.90.60. to S.20.a.20.40.</p> <p>"C" Coy (RESERVE) Coy HQ X.24.a.05.50. One Platoon X.24.a.90.10 to X.24.a.45.30. One Platoon X.24.a.45.30. to X.24.a.05.50.</p>	
			<p>at dusk No.10 Platoon of "C" Coy relieved No.5 Platoon of "B" Coy.</p> <p>60 Reinforcements marched in - 50 new men who have not yet seen active service in France, + 10 old men rejoining. The new men appeared to be of a fine type generally, though somewhat young - average age about 22 years.</p> <p>at about midnight 17/18th a 5.9 shell blew out "C" Coy's cooker damaged a water cart + wounded the Sgt. Cook + 2 O/Ranks.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRONT LINE	19/8/18		Inter-Company relief. At dusk No. 9 Platoon + HQ "C" Coy relieved	
			No. 6 Platoon + HQ "B" Coy. Rear Platoon of A Coy ^(No. 2) relieved Right Platoon ^(No. 13) of D Coy.	
do.	20/8/18		Dispositions as for 19 th .	
do.	21/8/18		do	
do.	22/8/18		do	
do.	23/8/18		Bn relieved by 15 th Lancashire Fusiliers - Relief complete 12.45 am ^{24/5/18} Moved to HARBONIERES - BAYONVILLERS RD. EMBUSSED for POULAINVILLE. Q.M's store + Transport moved to POULAINVILLE. NUCLEUS remaining at LA NEUVILLE.	APP. No. 7
POULAINVILLE	24/8/18		7.30 AM Bn arrived and billeted in village. Resting.	
do.	25/8/18		Church parade. On night 24/25 th a fleet of enemy was bombing planes flew over village + bombed the aerodrome on the outskirts. Direct hits were obtained, causing fires on the hangars ^{+ several casualties} troops billeted close at hand, including 13 th Bn. men, rendered valuable assistance.	

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POULAINVILLE	26-8-18		Parade Hours - 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. 1.30 - 3 p.m. Coys carry on at O.C.'s discretion	
- " -	27-8-18		MORNING: 9.30 - 9.45 Coys inspection; 9.45 - 11 a.m. Platoon drill, Saluting drill, Lecture on Saluting; Coy drill. AFTERNOON: Specialists' Parade under Specialist Instructors: Baths "A" + "B" Coys	APP No 7A
- do -	28-8-18		Coy's + Specialists' Training: "A" Coy. on Rifle Range: as per Training Syllabus (APP 7A) Baths "D" Coy. + part of "B" Coy: "B" Coy on Rifle Range 1-30 p.m. "A", "C" + "D" Coys: Bayonet Fighting, Physical Training + Gas helmet drill	
- do -	29-8-18		Coy's + Specialists' Training; "C" Coy on Rifle Range; Baths: "B" Coy H.Q. units:	
- do -	30-8-18		Companies Inspection: Platoon drill H.Q. units, Signallers, Runners, Scouts + Rifle Range Lewis Gunners' practice on Range	
- do -	31-8-18		9.45 - 10.45 a.m. Battalion Parade + March past: 10.45 - 11.30 Kit Inspection AFTERNOON: Rugby Football Match between "Possibles" + "Probables": Result: "Possibles" 9-3.	
			J. Wells Major	
			of B.O. 13th Battalion A.I.F.	5

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Reference Sheet 62.d. 1/40.000

Headquarters,
2nd August, 1918

- (1) The Battalion will relieve the 24th Battalion in the front line on night of 2nd/3rd August, 1918.
- (2) "A" Coy will relieve the Left Coy.
 "C" " " " " Centre "
 "B" " " " " Right "
 "D" " " " " Support"
- (3) Companies will move forward leaving present locations as under:-
- | | | |
|----------|-------|------|
| "A" Coy. | 9.45 | p.m. |
| "C" " " | 10.5 | " |
| "B" " " | 10.15 | a.m. |
| "D" " " | 10.25 | " |
- (4) ROUTE. "A" and "C" Companies - via CACHY - VILLERS BRETONNEUX Road 24th Bn. R.A.P. thence to Bn. H'qrs.
 "B" and Lt "D" Coys - most direct route to Support line.
- (5) GUIDES. Supplied by 24th Bn - will meet "A" and "C" Coys at Bn. H'qrs and "B" Coy at Coy H.Q. in the Support Line and direct them to their respective positions.
- (6) TRENCH STORES. taken over are to be checked and receipts given. Copy to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters before daylight 3-8-18.
- (7) Completion of relief to be immediately notified by /Code message "S.T. noted"
- (8) Password to-night is CHESTER.
- (9) ACKNOWLEDGE

(Sgd) T.B. WEBSTER, Lieut.
 A/Adjt. 13th Battalion, A.I.F.

Distribution

Copies 1 to 4 WarDiary
 5 "A" Coy
 6 "B" "
 7 "C" "
 8 "D" "
 9 24th Bn. A.I.F.
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONSissued in conjunction with S.T. 8.Ref. Sheet 62.D. 1/40.000.Headquarters,
13th Bn., A.I.F.,
2-8-18.

- (1) LOCATIONS.
- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| Bde. (forward) | 0.32.c.8.2. |
| Bn. H.Q. | 0.35.d.10.40. |
| R.A.P. | 0.35.d.2.5. |
| Ration Dump | 0.35.d.10.40. |

- (2) RATIONS. Hot meal and dry rations will be drawn by Coys. at 7 p.m. to-day. Dixies and containers to be returned. Breakfast for 3-8-18 will arrive at new position Bn. H.Q. at 1 a.m. and will be carried forward from there to various Coys by the Support Coy.

Each Coy. will supply two guides for carrying party reporting at Bn. H.Q. at 1 a.m. O.C. "D" Coy. will supply carrying party of 4 N.C.Os. and 40 men, reporting at Bn. H.Q. at 1 a.m.

For the following days rations and water will be supplied at 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. and carrying parties from Support Coy. will report to Dump at these times.

- (3) WATER. All available petrol tins are to be returned to Bn. H.Q. by 7 p.m. to-day in order that sufficient water can be taken to forward position. Water bottles to be filled during the afternoon.
- NOTE.- All empty petrol tins must be returned to the ration dump each night by carrying party. Coys will arrange to have them collected at a Central Coy. Dump by 10 p.m. nightly.

- (4) RETURNS. In addition to returns being furnished at present the following to be rendered:-

	Intelligence Report	5 & 6 a.m. daily
WORKS REPORT (in accordance with pro forms attached)	Disposition Report	6 a.m. "
		5 a.m. 3-8-18

- (5) SOCKS. The number of socks returned for clean exchange is to be shown on Foot Inspection Reports.

(Sgd) T.B. WEBSTER, Lieut.
A/Adjt. 13th Battalion, A.I.F.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

for

Period 31st July, 1918 to 4th August, 1918.

- (1) The Battalion on 31st July was bivouaced in and around QUERRIEU, having spent 16 days resting, training and re-organising after the HAMEL Offensive - 4th July.
Of the above period, the forenoon was devoted to training, musketry, etc., and principles of I.T., the afternoon being devoted to sports.
- (2) On the 29th and 30th July a reconnaissance was made by Officers and senior N.C.O's of the CACHY sector (Support Line) held by the 5th Battalion, 3rd Zouave Regiment, and preliminary arrangements made for their relief by us. (See Map marked "A").
- (3) On the night 30/31st July, 1918, an advance party of One Officer, 1 N.C.O. per Platoon and Nos. 1 of Lewis Gun Sections preceded the Battalion.
- (4) At 7.30 a.m. on the 31st July, 1918, the Battalion moved from QUERRIEU en route for the relief of the 5th Bn., 3rd Zouaves, above mentioned, halting in BOIS L'ABBE WOOD for midday and evening meal.
- (5) At 10 p.m. on night 31st July the relief of the 3rd Zouaves was complete.
The handing over was carried out without a hitch with^t the aid of Interpreters ~~where required~~, and in all cases the French Officers afforded every assistance.
The French were methodical and thorough in their handing over, and the defensive scheme of the area was carefully explained, and also the role of the Battalion in case of penetration of the defences by the enemy.
The condition of the trenches was excellent, and communication with the rear could easily be maintained in daylight by means of the numerous communication trenches.
The defence was assisted by strong belts of wire from 50 to 60 yards in advance of the trenches organised for fire and defensive communication.
- (6) Dispositions of Battalion as follows:-
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|------------------------|--|
| <u>Map 62, D. S.W.</u> | |
| Bn. H.Q. | 0.33.c.50.40. |
| R.A.P. | 0.33.c.50.40. |
| O.P. | U.2.b.90.10 |
| <u>"A" Coy.</u> | Coy. H.Q. U.9.a.10.95.
Coy. from U.9.a.4.7. to U.3.c.50.50. (CACHY SWITCH) |
| <u>"C" Coy.</u> | Coy. H.Q. U.3.a.75.35.
Coy. from U.3.c.70.60. to U.3.b.40.05. |
| <u>"B" Coy.</u> | Coy. H.Q. U.2.b.80.45.
Coy. from U.2.b.70.00. to U.3.a.15.30. |
| <u>"D" Coy.</u> | Coy. H.Q. U.2.b.50.60.
Coy. in dugout and vicinity of U.2.b.50.60. (AUBIGNY ALLEY). |
- (7) The period 31st July to 2/3rd Aug. was uneventful, being exceptionally quiet. (See Map marked "A".)
- (8) On the 1st August, it was known that the Battalion would relieve the 24th Battalion, A.I.F., in the front line on the night 2/3rd August.

Reconnaissance was made at once by Officers and Senior N.C.O's.

An advance party of 1 Officer per Company, 1 Sgt. per Platoon and Nos. 1 of Lewis Gun Sections preceded the Battalion on the night 1/2nd August.

- (9) At 1.50 a.m. on the morning of the 3rd Aug. the relief of the 24th Battalion was complete.
- (10) Dispositions of Battalion 3-8-18:-
 Sheet 62. D. S.W. (Map "A" attached).
 Bn. H.Q. O.35.d. 10.40.
 R.A.P. B.35.c. 10.50.
 O.P. O.35.a. 10.80.
Right Coy ("B") Coy. H.Q. U.5.b. 85.30.
 Coy. in 9 posts U.5.d. 70.55. to U.6.d. 10.80. (SYRIA TRENCH)
Centre Coy. ("C") Coy. H.Q. U.6.b. 40.20.
 Coy. in 8 posts U.6.d. 20.80. to V.1.c. 30.65.
Left Coy. ("A") Coy. H.Q. V.1.a. 60.30.
 Coy. in 10 posts from V.1.c. 35.80. to V.1.b. 60.45.
Support Coy. ("D") Coy. H.Q. U.5.b. 10.70.
 Coy. in trenches from U.5.b. 10.40. to U.5.b. 50.80.
- (11) The line was patrolled vigorously during the short tour. An excellent field of fire extended in front of our sector and our Lewis Gunners and Snipers were active, supported by Vickers Machine Guns as per attached tracing marked "B".
- (12) Enemy working parties were heard improving their trench systems, and enemy transport was heard on road running through V.7.d. These targets were engaged by our field guns.
- (13) Enemy's disposition - alert and on the defensive.
- (14) On the 3rd August a reconnaissance was made by Officers and N.C.O's of 50th Battalion, A.I.F., with a view to our relief on the night 4/5th August.
 Advance parties from 50th Battalion arrived on night 3/4th Aug. and proceeded to the various Companies.
- (15) At 2.15 a.m. on morning of 5-8-18 the relief by 50th Bn. was complete, and the Battalion moved back to Reserve billeting and bivouacing in and around VAIRE-SOUS-CORBIE.

J. P. Mark

C.O. 13th Battalion, A.I.F. Lieut.-Colonel.

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS FOR RELIEF.
(to be burnt when read)

3rd August, 1918

- (1) Advance parties from 50th Bn. come in to-night.
- (2) From midnight to-night O.C. "A" Coy. will take over control of all of "C" Coys. front line posts except Nos. 1 & 2.
- (3) At the same time O.C. "B" Coy will take over control of "C" Coys. Nos. 1 and 2 posts.
- (4) O.C. "C" Coy. remains with Coy. H.Q. and supporting posts as before.
- (5) "B" Coy. 50th (Capt. WILSON) relieves "A" Coy. (plus their "C" Coy. posts)
"B" Coy 50th Bn. (Capt. BERESFORD) relieves "B" Coy. (plus their two "C" Coy. posts.
"A" Coy. 50th relieves "D" Coy. with 1 Platoon and puts 1 platoon in to relieve "C" Coys. H.Q. and supporting posts.
- (6) Guides, etc., report here before dawn 4th as previously arranged.
- (7) 50th Coys will naturally not relieve post for post but each Coy. will take over the area indicated in para. (5) of this memo.
- (8) On relief, hot meal will be served en route to new area of which details later.
- (9) Destroy when read.

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45th Battalion near KATE WOOD (see Map "B").

- (12) At 8.20 a.m., the 13th Battalion, moving in conjunction with the 45th Battalion, crossed the GREEN line in formation as shown in Diagram "B".
A good deal of Machine gun fire was heard from the direction of CERISY and, possibly by reason of this, the 14th Battalion were a few minutes late in starting.
- (13) Of the three Tanks of No. 8 Section one had failed to appear but the remaining two were now in front of the Battalion. One fouled a stump in HAMILTON WOOD and thereafter remained, the third continued right to the final objective. Nothing was seen of the three Tanks detailed for liaison duty, though they may have done good work with the 14th Battalion.
- (14) At 8.25 a.m. Battalion Headquarters was established in HAMILTON WOOD Valley, and Tanks and Infantry were moving unopposed over the ridge through Q. 15. A few prisoners were taken by moppers-up in HAMILTON WOOD Valley and thereafter followed a continuous stream.
- (15) The two Light Horse Troopers were utilised as despatch riders to Brigade H'qrs, which had then established at old German H'qrs Q. 7.c.1.2. In addition, the Light Horsemen escorted several batches of prisoners, one batch comprising 387 Officers and O/Ranks.
- (16) After crossing SUSAN WOOD Valley at about 9 a.m., the attaching troops came under the fire of field guns (we have learned later there were 16) from the vicinity of CHIPILLY. No casualties were occasioned to the 13th Battalion, however, from the first forming-up position until DUDGEON WOOD Valley had been crossed at 9.50 a.m.
- (17) The 14th Battalion cleared MORCOURT without any trouble, but on a report that they had sent two Companies to assist the 15th Battalion at CERISY, "C" Company, 13th Bn., was moved up to fill a gap between "D" Coy 13th Bn. and the right of the 14th Battalion.
- (18) At 10 a.m. the RED Line was being consolidated by "B" Company on the right and "D" Company on the left. "C" Company was withdrawn to Support in the vicinity of Q. 23.a.5.5., and "D" Company Pioneers were moved up to assist in the consolidation of the RED Line.
H.Q. established at Q. 16.d.7.4. but moved soon after to Q. 23.a.4.5.
- (19) About 57 casualties, including Captains PATTRICK and GEARY killed, were occasioned immediately prior to and during consolidation. The vicinity of the RED line was the only spot where opposition was met with by the Battalion, a few of the casualties being by Machine Gun fire but the greater majority being occasioned by field guns from CHIPILLY. The two mobile 18 pounders came into action against the CHIPILLY guns at about 10.15 a.m. and though unable to silence them drew a certain amount of fire from the Infantry.
- (20) Over 400 prisoners were taken from shelters in the vicinity of DUDGEON WOOD. - Total captures made by the Battalion as follows:-
Between 600 and 700 prisoners of 55 and 13th Infantry Regiments of various Artillery regiments and wireless operators;

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2, 4.2 Howitzers
7, 77 M.M. Guns
20 Machine Guns
2 Trench Mortars

Over 40 Horses and the complete transport of a Machine Gun Company, and complete Wireless installation.

- (21) At 2 p.m., in answer to an urgent request from the 16th Battalion, the relief of the Right half of the BLUE Line was commenced - "C" Company going in on the Right, "A" and "D" Coys. on the Left in that order. "B" Company remained in reserve on the Right of the Red line.

It was found that the line held by 16th Bn. and taken over by us ran as follows:-

R.13.a.7.1. - 4.5. - 1.3. - Q.18.b.7.9. - Q.12.d.2.1.

- (22) On the night 9/10th/8/18, the line was advanced and re-adjusted as follows:-

Bn. H'qrs moved to Q.24.a.4.5.

"B" Company dug in in vicinity of Copse Q.18.c.

"C" Company from R.13.a.7.1. along old trench system to R.7.c.5.0.

"A" and "D" Companies combined from R.7.c.5.0. to R.7.c.3.7., with one Platoon in vicinity of Q.12.d.7.4.

"D" Company Pioneers Q.18.b.7.8. to 2.8.

In touch with 48th Battalion on Right, and 16th Battalion in touch with "D" Coy. H'qrs at Q.12.d.6.7. (approx).

- (23) At midnight on the night 10/11th/8/18 the Battalion was relieved by 41st Battalion and moved via SAILLY-LAURETTE to bivouacs in the vicinity of P.30.

Le Marquis

C.O. 13th Battalion, Lieut.-Colonel.
A.I.F.

APPENDIX No. 3

SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.OPERATIONS - 8th August, 1918.

Two hours after ZERO, Battalion H'qrs moved from second forming-up position in front of HAMEL and called at proposed Brigade H'qrs in P.12.d.9.2. to pick up the Brigade forward party. After waiting there for about a quarter of an hour the forward party had not turned up. We then decided to push on to the GREEN Line and try and pick them up there. By this time (Zero + 4 hours) the mist which had been very thick all the morning had cleared up. From the top of the ridge we searched for the Brigade forward party with glasses also Lucas Lamps but were unsuccessful. When the Battalion advanced from GREEN Line, communication was kept up by Runner and mounted Orderly only, circumstances not necessitating the use of pigeons or message rockets. (Had the Brigade forward party been up to time on the Green line it was our intention to run a telephone wire forward to our proposed Headquarters in Q.16.c. When the RED LINE was taken we were to move to vicinity of Q.23.a. and Brigade party were to establish themselves in old Headquarters in Q.16.c.)

When we arrived at Q.16.c. I was met by a lineman of 16th Battalion who ran a wire forward to Q.23.a. at 10.30 a.m. - Up to this time we had not ~~seen~~ seen nor heard of Brigade forward party. The country being very hilly it was not suitable for visual without the employment of a chain of stations. Visual to the Companies was attempted but without success. W

When the RED LINE was taken, Headquarters moved to Q.23.a. leaving a telephonist to await the Brigade forward party in case they should turn up.

From there we ran out the Company lines, being connected about 2.30 p.m..

At 3.30 p.m. in company with Cpl. Tallents I visited our rear Headquarters with the intention of searching for Brigade forward party. There I met Sgt. RYAN of that party and he told me that they had been lost. I gave him the location of both H'qrs and instructions to connect up with all possible speed. I then returned to Q.23.a. On arrival there I met the 14th Sig. Sgt who told me to tee on to their Coy. line. This would enable me to get Brigade. I did so, and got through about 6.30 p.m..

We did not get a direct line to Brigade until 7.30 p.m. - 13½ hours after I had asked for it.

With the exception of a few breaks, communication was kept up with Brigade by 'phone and Runner.

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Signal Communications (Contd)

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The following day we moved our Headquarters nearer the line to Q.24.a.4.5. This only necessitated the joining of Brigade line to the Company lines and moving the Switch board. A lateral was also run to a Company of 16th Battalion on our left, also to 48th Battalion H'qrs on our right.

The Divisional Visual Station in J.28.b.2.2. was worse than useless as I have not yet met anyone who got a message back via them, although several including myself gave them a call. They would be better employed as transmitting stations immediately behind the Infantry. I saw stations of Artillery Signallers working from ridge to ridge with great success.

Also Brigade Linemen are very slow in getting off the mark when the lines are dis. In several instances I sent linemen along the line and the fault was very near Brigade Headquarters.

(Sgd.) G.F. FALKINER, Lieut.
Sig. Officer, 13th Battalion, A.I.F.

APPENDIX.

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TABLE "A"
CASUALTIES.

Total casualties from 7th to 10th August, inclusive:-

	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O/Ranks</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Killed:	2	11	13
Wounded:	.	61	61
Missing:	.	.	.
	<u>2</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>74</u>

TABLE "B"

(1)	STRENGTH of Battalion as on night 7-8-18 including attached, excluding detached.-			
		<u>Officers</u>	<u>O/Ranks</u>	
		32	731	
(2)	Included in above but left at Transport Lines:			
		3 Off.	72 O/Ranks.	
(3)	Included in above but left as 33% Nucleus:-			
		1 Off.	69 O/Ranks.	
(4)	STRENGTH actually engaged:-			
	"A" Coy.	4 Off.	102 O/Ranks	
	"B" "	4 "	88 "	
	"C" "	5 "	102 "	
	"D" "	4 "	89 "	
	4th Pioneers	3 "	114 "	
	H.Q.	8 "	95 "	
	Total	<u>28 Off.</u>	<u>590 O/Ranks</u>	

TABLE "C"

(a)	STRENGTH of Battalion coming out of line on night 10/11th Aug including attached, excluding detached:-			
		<u>Officers</u>	<u>O/Ranks</u>	
		28	548	
(b)	Included in above but left at Transport Lines:-			
		4 Off.	75 O/Ranks	
(c)	Included in above but left as 33% nucleus:			
		3 Off.	76 O/Ranks	
(d)	STRENGTH of Bn. coming out of line night 10/11th Aug.-			
	"A" Coy :	3 Off.	77 O/Ranks	
	"B" "	4	68 "	
	"C" "	4	90 "	
	"D" "	3	72 "	
	H.Q.	7	90 "	
		<u>21 Off.</u>	<u>397 O/Ranks.</u>	

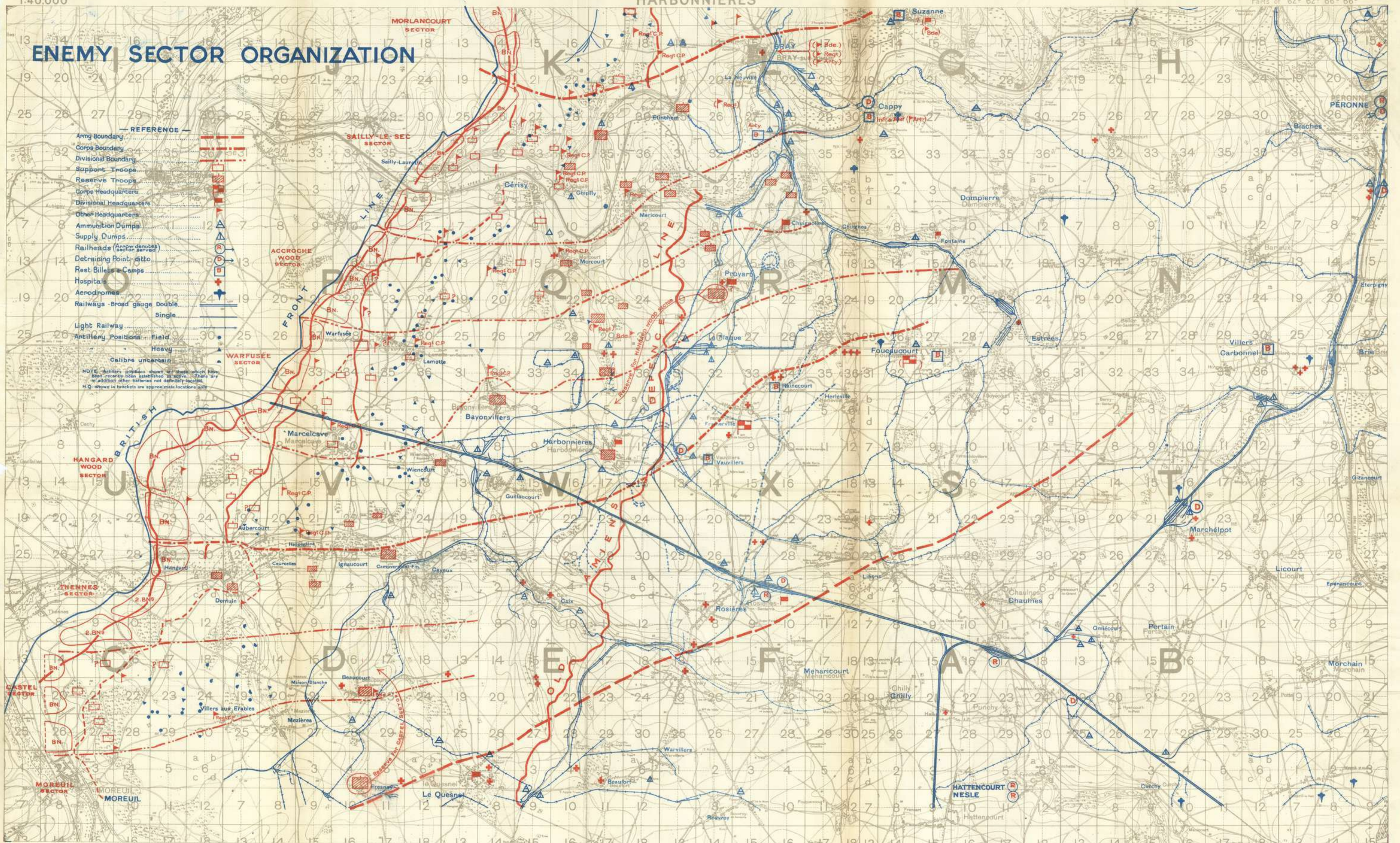
REPORT ON OPERATIONS.8th August, 1918

- (1) On the morning of the 5th August, 1918, the Battalion was billeted in the vicinity of VAIRE-sous-CORBIE, having been relieved the previous night in the front line South of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX.
- (2) At 2 p.m. on the 5th August, 1918, the G.O.C. Brigade held a conference at his Headquarters VAIRE-sous-CORBIE at which the final details of the impending operations were discussed.
- (3) As a result of this, the following troops were allotted to assist the 13th Battalion in the task as shown on attached Map "B":-
- (a) Three Mark 5 Tanks (No. 8 Section Lieut. GLANVILLE).
 - (b) Three Mark 5 Tanks common to 13th and 14th Bns.
 - (c) One Section of 37th Battery A.F.A. (Lieut. SMITH). Guns to be released from barrage work for 3rd Division at Zero plus one hour 43 minutes.
 - (d) Two guns 24th A.M.G. Company (Lieut. RICHARDS).
 - (e) Two Stokes Mortars 4th A.L.T.M.B. (Lieut. WATERFORD).
 - (f) "D" Company 4th Pioneer Battalion, less one Platoon working under C.R.A. (Capt. BINBLE).
 - (g) Two Troopers A.L.H.
- (4) On the afternoon of the 5th/8/18 at 4 p.m. the Battalion had a conference of all Officers and objectives and formations for attack (as per Diagrams 1 and 2) were explained.
- (5) Two Machine Guns of 24th A.M.G. and two Light Horse Troopers reported on the afternoon of the 7th, and 16 Stretcher Bearers reported to the R.M.O. from 4th Field Ambulance.
- (6) It was originally intended that four (4) Supply Tanks would carry for the 4th Brigade but all except one of these were destroyed by fire on the morning of the 5/7th.
- (7) On the morning of the 7th tapes were laid and notice boards erected on the first assembly position.
- (8) At 2.45 a.m. on the 8th the Battalion moved out of VAIRE-sous-CORBIE and at 3.40 a.m. were formed up on the 1st assembly position.
Morning very quiet.
Weather fine.
- (9) At 4.20 a.m. (Zero hour) the barrage opened for the assault troops of the 3rd Australian Division and flanking troops. At this time the ground was covered with a fog of moderate intensity which gradually thickened with the smoke from bursting shells. There was little or no retaliation, but one or two chance 77 M.M. shells caused the Battalion 4 casualties on this first forming-up position.
- (10) At 5.50 a.m., with all tanks in position in rear, the Brigade moved forward to the 2nd forming up position. Much difficulty was experienced owing to the density of the fog, but the Brigade quickly readjusted itself on the second position near RECORD WOOD.
- (11) At 7.20 a.m. the advance continued, and at 7.50 a.m. the Brigade halted in rear of the GREEN Line, the 13th Battalion having junctioned ~~with~~ on its right with the left of the

ENEMY SECTOR ORGANIZATION

- REFERENCE**
- Army Boundary
 - Corps Boundary
 - Divisional Boundary
 - Support Troops
 - Reserve Troops
 - Corps Headquarters
 - Divisional Headquarters
 - Other Headquarters
 - Ammunition Dumps
 - Supply Dumps
 - Railheads (Army danotes)
 - Detraining Point- ditto
 - Rest Billees & Camps
 - Hospitals
 - Aerodromes
 - Railways - Broad gauge Double
 - Single
 - Light Railway
 - Antillery Positions - Field
 - Heavy
 - Calibre uncertain

NOTE: Artillery positions shown are those which have been recently established as active. There are in addition other batteries not definitely located. H.Q. shown in brackets are approximate locations only.



APPENDIX No. 3
MAP A

Map A

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ENEMY SECTOR ORGANIZATION

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

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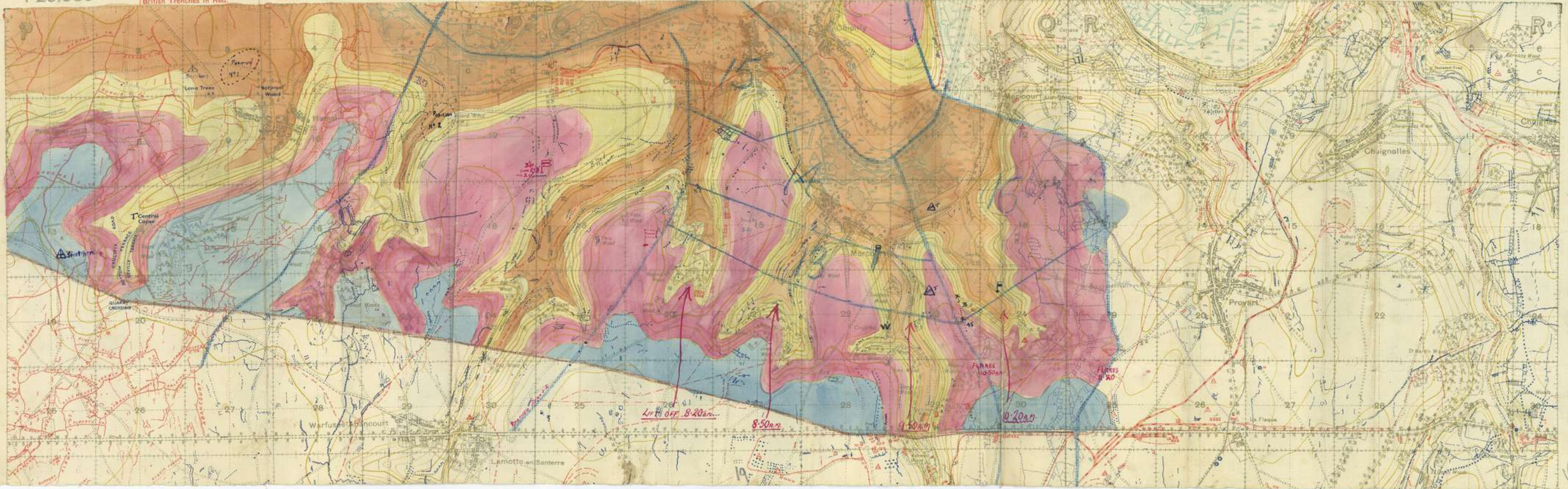
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APPENDIX No 3
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TABLE I TANK SIGNALSAPPENDIX No. 3GREEN + WHITE :

"COME ON"

RED + YELLOW :

"BROKEN DOWN"

RED WHITE + BLUE :

"COMING OUT"

(ALL TANKS AND ALL ARMoured CARS ARE MARKED
WHITE RED WHITE)INFANTRY TO TANK

"TANK WANTED"

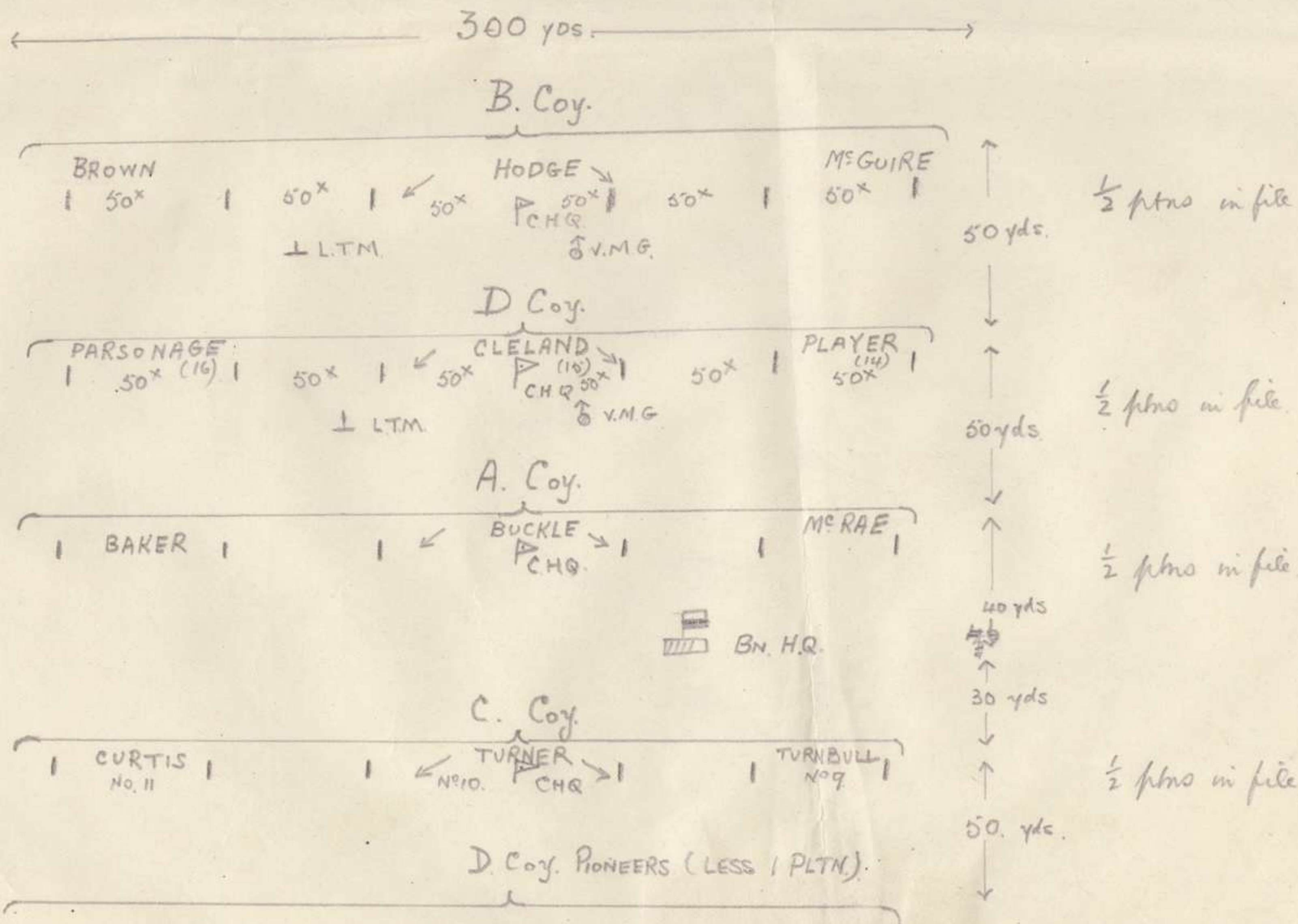
PLACE HELMET ON BAYONET AND
FIRE SMOKE BOMB IN DIRECTION
OF TROUBLEALL OUR TANKS ARE MARKED N IN WHITE AND
CARRY RED AND BLUE FLAGTANK SEMAPHORETABLE II

LETTER

L	↖	=	ENEMY IN SIGHT
R	T	=	EXTEND
B	└	=	RIGHT WHEEL
F	┌	=	LEFT "
U	Y	=	ATTACK
N	↑	=	BROKEN DOWN.
D	↓	=	FOLLOW ME

DIAGRAM I

FROM FORMING UP POSITION N^o 1.



Following
 3 Tanks.
 1 Sect. 37th Bty. A.F.A.

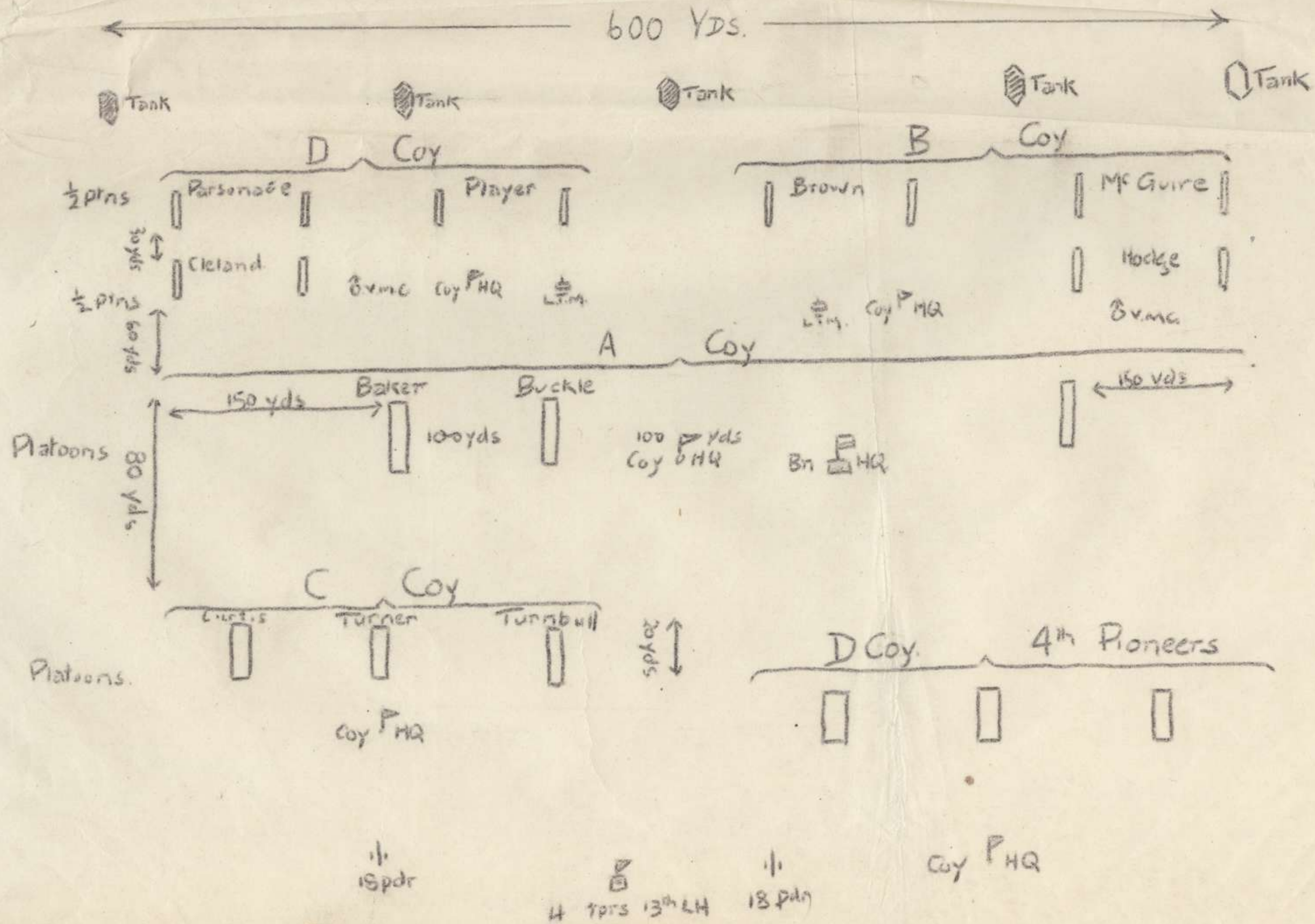
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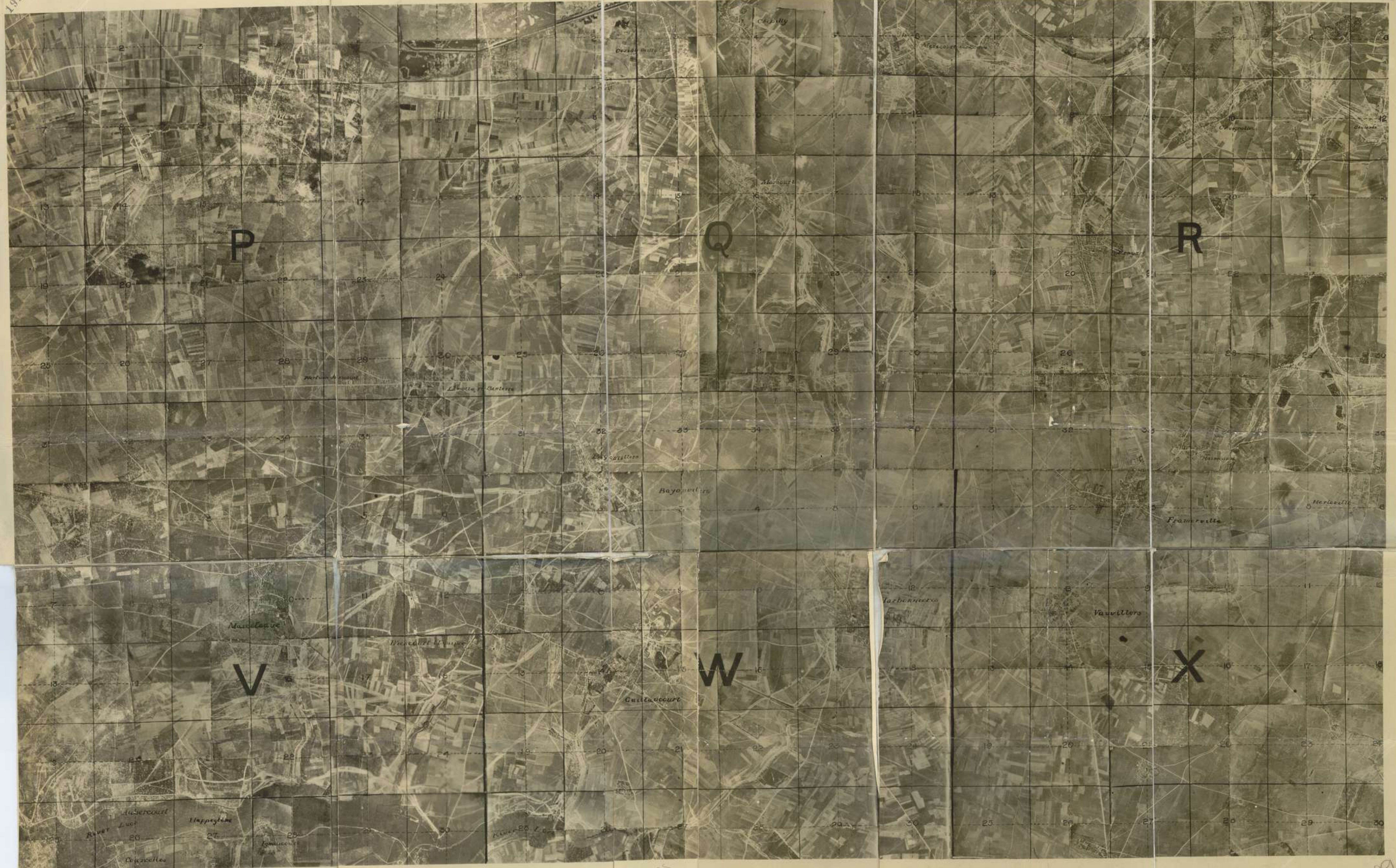
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FROM FORMING UP POSITION No 2.

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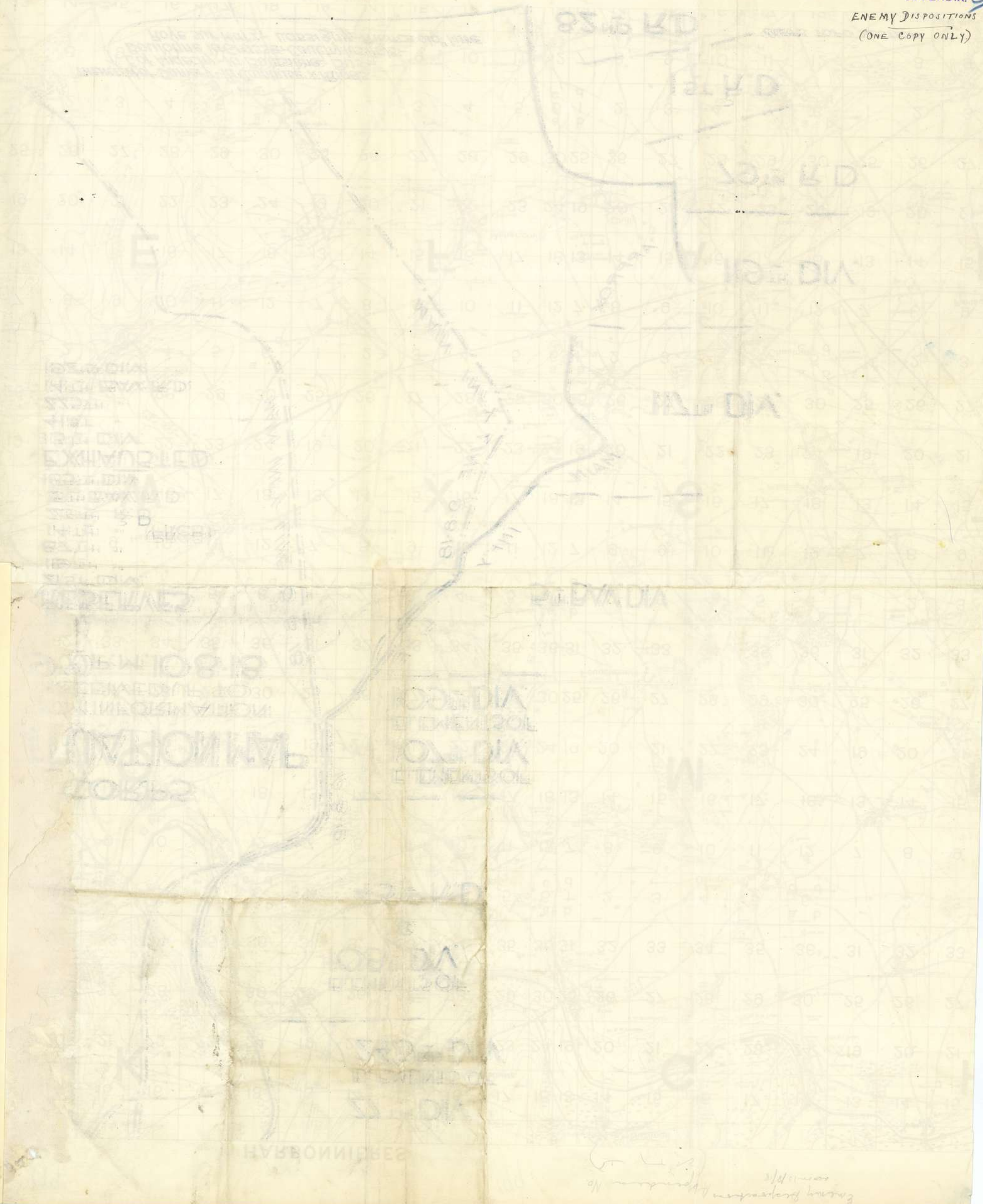
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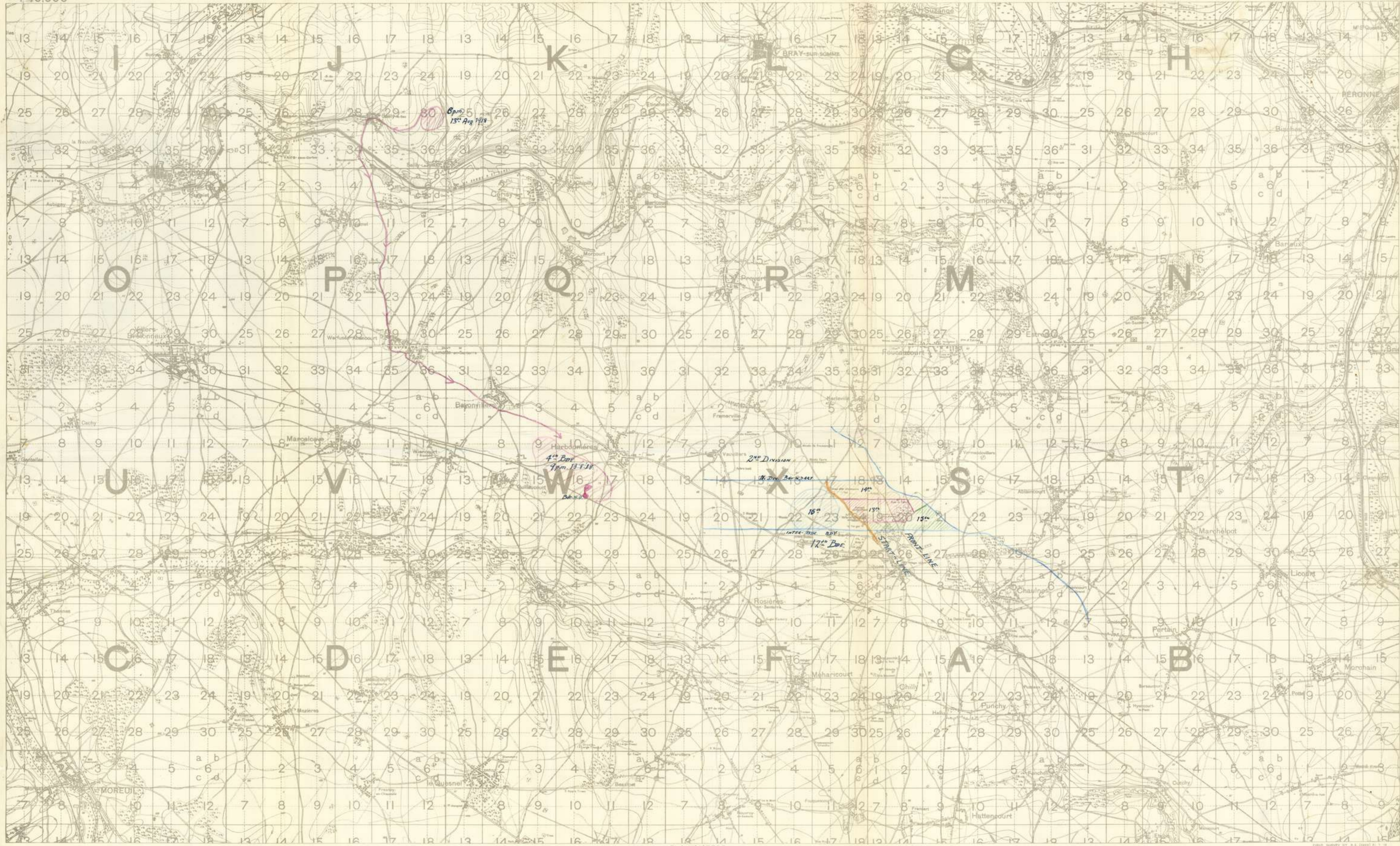


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APPENDIX No. 4
(CONCEPT ONLY)
DISPOSITIONS MAP
13-8-1918

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Brigadier's Notes

for

Conference to be held 4th Brigade Headquarters 5th August, 1918.

5/8/1918.

ROUGH NOTES.

1. Your present position is known as "position of readiness".
2. On "Y"/"Z" night $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour before ZERO -
 - (a) 4th Brigade Group will be on its "First forming up Line" as shown on attached sketch. The 11th Brigade will pass through us.
 - (b) The 12 Mark V Tanks to work with the 4th Brigade will be in square P.2.
 - (c) The 9 Mark V Tanks allotted to 4th Brigade to exploit Blue Line will be in C.12.b. 10 (not 15) Vickers guns also 16 Lewis Guns with crews will assemble with these Tanks.
 - (d) 4th Brigade H.Qrs. at the Quarry p.7.a.
3. The remaining six guns of 4th M. G. Company will be attached to the Reserve Battalion the 16th Battalion.
4. Two Sections of 24th M. G. Company will be allotted as follows - 2 guns to each of the 13th, 14th and 15th Bns. and 2 in Brigade Reserve. All to be with respective units at First forming up position.
5. Of the 12 Mark V Tanks referred to in 1 (b) 3 are allotted to 15th Bn. in addition to which it is expected 3 will be available out of the 3rd Div. Tanks when Green Line is secure. The other 9 will be allotted as arranged.
6. Apart from the above mentioned Tanks 4 Infantry Supply Tanks are allotted the 4th Brigade. Loads to be assorted. Trench Mortar Ammunition.
7. The 4th Field Coy. chiefly employed with the CERISY Battalion, 15th Bn. - bridges crossings, water, &c. 2 Sappers from 12th Field Coy. go with Tank of CERISY Bn. to remove enemy charges in bridges between CERISY and CHIPILLY. A small party from Aust. Tunnelling Coy. will be attached to Battalions to make dugout reconnaissance.
8. "D" Company (less 1 platoon) 4th pioneers work under orders from Brigade.
9. At Zero plus 2 hours under a barrage the same as for HAMEL offensive the 3rd Division will reach their objective (the GREEN Line) a protective barrage being put down about 400 yards beyond until Zero plus 4 hours.

I.O. to meet Bde I.O. 10 am 6/8/18. V. Church Boards for head to 4th Brigade. Purified Petrol Tins.

on Road in P.1 Central.

Tom B^d on afternoon of "Y" day Colours & H.

JEVONS	} Tank	} 6 boxes SAA in each Tank.
DRAPER		
Sgt BROWN	} Cndrs.	} 1 N.C.O + 3 G Supply Tank to WOOLLEN MILLS - 200 YDS. Refill X Roads P.49. (C.I.C.14)
M. GLANVILLE	= O.C. Sect.	
(M.I.F., I.C.)		

100 coils B.W.
200 Short pickets
100 long pickets
150 stiches
50 2 gall tins
150 grenades
20 cases SAA.

Guides + SAA Y day

P.T.O.

10. At Zero plus 3 hours the Brigade must move from the Second Forming up position vide attached sketch. Time of leaving First forming up positions to be left to Brigade. All Tanks (Total 19) to be with Units here and move with them.

Tanks in P.2. move Hq HAMILTON with Infantry.
Road to be kept clear. C.E. on Road.

11. The Brigade will be steadied before reaching the Green Line (3rd Div. objective) and will cross the Green Line at Zero plus 4 hours in small columns with Mark V Tanks as advanced guard.

12. The artillery arrangements from Zero plus 4 hours until Blue Line is reached is as follows :-

Williams finishes with 3rd Div at 2+1-43'

Counter Battery work on suspected hostile batteries.

- (a) Zero plus 4 hours lift off HAMILTON WOOD Valley.
- (b) Zero plus 4½ hours lift off SUSAN WOOD Valley.
- (c) Zero plus 5½ hours lift off DUDGEON WOOD Valley.
- (d) Zero plus 6 hours lift off Q.17 and Q.24. Valley.

= 100 yds in 3

Field Artillery. 10th A.F.A. Brigade allotted as a Mobile Brigade - another Brigade under orders of 4th Div. can be called upon. Ultimate position of 10th Brigade will be FARMER WOOD Q.22.a. Other Batteries will follow and eventually put down an S.O.S. line beyond the Blue Line.

1 Sect (2 guns) allotted to 10th Bn
Finish when Red line consolidated.
1 Sect of 37" Bty - Smith
1 " " 38" " with 14"
1 Bty " " 16"
10 guns to Novos with Bde.

13. Airmen will drop smoke bombs on specified localities from Zero plus 4 onwards.

14. The Red Line which ought to be reached about Zero plus 6 hours will be consolidated by the 13th and 14th Bns. and become the Reserve Line of the Front Line system.

15. Sufficient time only to be allowed at the Red Line to permit of the Blue Line Bn. (the 16th Bn.) establishing liaison etc. with the 9 Mark V @ Tanks and moving with them. Blue Line to be limit of the advance.

16. The Mark V Tanks will, when their Red Line job is done, assemble near DUDGEON WOOD to be used as emergency arises. They will be withdrawn when ordered by the Brigadier.

1 Company of Tanks

17. The Mark V @ Tanks are under the orders of the C.O., 16th Battalion, and will be sent back when the situation warrants.

18. The Blue Line will on "Z" night be held by 2 Battalions the 16th on Left and 13th on Right - boundary X Roads in R.7.c. distributed in depth. 13th Bn. to become acquainted with the country before dark.

Times 18c

(18a) 3rd Div. 11th Bde on left

54th Bde on left of 4th

Liaison with 45th Bn

2 or 3 Bde of 13th Bde dig in CERISY SPUR.

P.T.O.

19. It is of vital importance that liaison be established with the British by the CERISY Bn. and Blue Line Bn.

20. Information is as usual urgently required. Negative information essential.

21. Headquarters. The 4th and 12th Bde. Headquarters will be established as follows -

- (a) 9 p.m. on "Y"/"Z" night QUARRY (HAMEL offensive).
- (b) Zero plus 3 hours present British Front Line about P.10.d.?
- (c) Zero plus 6 hours in GREEN line. Cable buried only to P.9. The 13th and 14th Bn. Headquarters to work together and eventually the 13th and 16th Bn. together.

22. Zero minus 15 the S.O.S. will be in-operative.

23. Enemy lateral cables to be cut.

24. A limited number of small sketches will be issued, also sketch showing known and suspected enemy gun positions.

25. Medical. Up to "Y" day the A.D.S. will be at O.15.a.5.7. with motor relay post at J.32.c.2.9. Bearer Squads from 4th Field Coy. will join Battalions at present positions of Readiness.

m.o. at 10.30am 6/4.

On "Y"/"Z" night Bearers will be increased to 16 with an M.O. attached to Bde. H.Qrs. to co-ordinate medical arrangements.

3rd Div. Bearers responsible for evacuating from the Green Line, no 4th Div. Bearers to carry until after Zero plus 4 hours. Bearers to keep with their Battalions until Battalions have reached their respective objectives.

then only to GREEN LINE.

A.D.S. eventually will be near HAMEL

26. On "Z" day Nucleus will move to Area occupied by 9th Brigade near LA NEUVILLE.

WELLS to re-adjust

27. A limited number of pigeons are available.

28. Tin Discs attached to Box Respirators to be used for signalling to aeroplanes.

To be issued.

29. Synchronization of watches on "Y" day.

30. 4th Field Coy. to supply guides for the 4th Infantry Supply Tanks which will dump at about Q.23.a.8.5. and Q.17.c.8.5.

B. Sathwin. Captain.
Asst/Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

5/8/1918.

- 31. against Batteries - Tank advances under M.G. Fire
- 32. No 8 Sect in old place BLANGY-wood

SECRET.

Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.
HEADQUARTERS.
7th August, 1918.

C. O.,

4.20 am
8th

13 Bn

With reference to 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 22
Zero day will be 8th August. Zero Hour will be communicated later.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

AUSTRALIAN
IMPERIAL FORCE
28/2/10
AUG 7 1918
4th Infantry Brigade

*Recd 7.15 am
7/8/18*

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McNeill

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

Recd. 9.50 pm
6/8/18

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 22

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

Brigade Headquarters.
6th August, 1918.

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

Gun Crews with Guns &c. complete will report to their respective Battalions on afternoon of "Y" day.

P.T.O.

7. Tanks. The following Tanks have been allotted to the Brigade -
 Mark V 12.
 Mark V @ 9.
 Supply Tanks 4.

These will be sub-allotted as under :-

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

} *all mark V.* } plus all Tanks which took part in phase 1 which can be reorganised

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

Battalion Commanders will be responsible for maintaining liaison with the Tanks allotted to them and for guiding them to their respective Forming Up places.

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

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

10. Operation and Administrative instructions will be issued separately.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G.A. 43

A.W. Howell

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

Issued at 8.p.m. through Signals.

Distribution -

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

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Bde
H.Q.
at Zero

BDE HQ
@ Zero + 4 hours

4th BDE GROUP
FORMING UP
POSITION No 1

12th BDE
GROUP



FORMING UP
POSITION No 2
14th BDE
12th BDE

AUST. DIV.

CENISY-CALLEY

BRITISH

15th BN

14th BN

16th BN

13th BN

12th BDE

2nd AUST. DIV.

BOUNDARY

5th AUST. DIV.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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

Brigade Headquarters.
7th August, 1918.

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

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6. (a) MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS (Contd.)
 (b) The R.M.O's. will not evacuate any casualties during the advance from GREEN LINE until their R.A.P's. are established.
 (c) R.A.P's. 14th Battalion at Hospital at Q.16.a.2.5. Remaining Battalion R.A.P's. will be established at or near their respective Battalion Headquarters.. From R.A.P's. the Ambulance bearers ~~comes~~ attached to R.M.O's. ~~will~~ will evacuate to rear.
 (d) Major D.M.STEEL, M.C., 13th Field Ambulance, will be located with Brigade Headquarters and will be responsible for the evacuations of the Brigade Sector. R.M.O's. will at once notify the above Officer through Brigade and by any other means, the locations of R.A.P's. and any requirements.
 (e) The A.D.M.S., 3rd Aust. Division, has arranged for supplies of dressings, drugs and medical comforts to be available at A.D.S. O.15. a.5.7. Dumps of stretchers and Blankets are at P.13.d.1.3. and P.3.c.2.8.
 (f) All sick not likely to be fit for duty in 24 hours will be evacuated on "X" day. No sick to be sent to Transport Lines.
 (g) Evacuation scheme after capture of GREEN LINE i.e. after commencement of attack by 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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

Evacuation scheme after capture of RED Line :-

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

7. RAILHEAD. AILLY-SUR-SOMME.
8. REFILLING POINTS. H.34.b.
9. REINFORCEMENTS AND NUCLEUS. Reinforcement Staging Depot at Hospice RIVERY will move on "Z" morning to ALLONVILLE. Nucleus, under instructions from Division, will move to LA NEUVILLE Area.
10. SURPLUS KITS AND GEAR. Kits to remain at present dump. Transport Surplus gear to be dumped in LA NEUVILLE at a site to be selected by Brigade Transport Officer.
11. ORDNANCE. D.A.D.O.S. will remain at present location H.19.d.0.0.
12. R.E.STORES. Divisional R.E. Dump at N.5.a. VACQUEMONT.
13. VETERINARY. The mobile veterinary Section is located at H.27.d.0.0.
14. BURIALS. Disposal of Dead } The 3rd Aust. Divisional Burials Officer
CEMETERIES. } assisted by the 4th Division Burials
 Officer will be responsible for burials of the Left Sector.
 Cemeteries will be established at approx. Q.8.c.0.0. and
 Q.19.central.
15. BRIGADE F.P.O. Established at Refilling Point.
16. BATTLE STRAGGLERS POSTS. Established as under :-
- | | |
|-------|-------------|
| No. 1 | J.26.a.0.0. |
| No. 2 | J.32.c.8.5. |
| No. 3 | O.12.b.8.8. |
| No. 4 | O.18.b.5.3. |

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16. BATTLE STRAGGLERS POSTS (Contd).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

R. St. Actman

Captain.
 Staff-Captain.

4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Issued at 8.a.m. through signals.

Distribution -

As for Brigade Order No. 22.

APPENDIX "A"

AMMUNITION.

	<u>S.A.A.</u>	<u>Grenades No.</u>				<u>Wobloy</u>	<u>Pistol Ammun:</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>V.L.D.I.</u>	<u>Messago</u>	<u>S.O.S.</u>	<u>S.R.</u>	<u>P.B.</u>
		39.	25 & 5s	27.	34.			<u>Ground</u>		<u>Rockets.</u>			
		<u>MIXED</u>											
13th Bn.	35,000.	300.	250.	250.	115	1,000.	125	115	5	32	35		
14th Bn.	35,000	300	250	250	115	1,000	125	110	4	32	35		
15th Bn.	40,000	350	270	270	135	1,100	131	110	4	32	35		
16th Bn.	40,000	350	270	270	135	1,110	131	115	5	32	35		

APPENDIX "B"

ORDNANCE SUPPLIES.

	<u>Water Bottles.</u>	<u>Water Carriers.</u>	<u>Pack Saddles.</u>	<u>Wire Cutters.</u>
13th Bn.	450	6	8	6
14th Bn.	450	6	8	6
15th Bn.	500	6	8	6
16th Bn.	500	6	8	6
Signallers	30	-	-	-
T.M. Battery	30	-	-	-
Pioneers	100	-	-	-

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

APPENDIX "C"

	<u>SUPPLIES.</u>		<u>Remarks.</u>	<u>R. E. STORES.</u>		
	<u>Iron Rations.</u>	<u>Water Tins.</u>		<u>Sandbags.</u>		
13th Bn.	450	60	Solidified Alcohol	Water Tins,	2,250	Picks and Shovels
14th Bn.	450	60	pea soup, and oxo in	S.A.A. and pea	2,250	will be notified later.
15th Bn.	500	60	proportion of feeding	soup to be	2,500	
16th Bn.	500	60	of men who go over the	delivered at	2,500	P.T.O. / Transport

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SUPPLIES.

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

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.

HEADQUARTERS.

6th August, 1918.

C. O., *B. L.*1st AMENDMENT to OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1.Para. 3. CONTACT AEROPLANES.

Sub-para. (c) 2nd line -

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

*P. H. Russell*Major.
Brigade-Major.

4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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SECRET.FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1.Brigade Headquarters.
6th August, 1918.1. LIGHT SIGNALS.

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

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

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

2. SCREENING BEYOND THE FIRST OBJECTIVE.

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

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

(ii) At Zero plus 4 hours smoke bomb screen along a line running W. of BAYONVILLERS - along Spur through Q.25. and Q.15. - along CHIPILLY Spur.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) A contact aeroplane will fly along the line of the third objective (Blue Line) at Zero plus ~~8 hours 30 minutes~~ ^{7 Hours} when the procedure laid down in sub-para. (b) will be repeated until the flares are shown. } *amend*

(2) Other means of identifying the position of the Infantry.

(a) Rifles. Three or four rifles laid parallel across the top of the trench.

(b) Metal Discs. Metal Discs will be used as reflectors by flashing in the sun. This method has been successful even on days which have not been particularly bright. The disc is most easily carried sewn to the Small Box Respirator, and can be used in this way without inconvenience.

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4. COUNTER ATTACK PLANES.

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

5. LOW FLYING SCOUTS.

The low flying scouts of the 22nd Wing will operate in two phases, viz :-

- (a) From Zero to Zero plus 4 hours Eastwards from the GREEN Line.
- (b) From Zero plus 4 hours onwards Eastwards from the RED Line.

In each phase very favourable targets will be engaged in addition to the targets marked by the GREEN and RED lines.

6. AMMUNITION CARRYING AEROPLANES.

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

7. MARKINGS ON PLANES.

In addition to those mentioned in para. 5 (c) the following will be the special markings of machines allotted to special duties :-

- (a) Contact patrol machine - Rectangular panels 2 feet by 1 foot on both lower planes about three feet from the fuselage.
- (b) Machines working with Tanks - Black band on middle of right side of tail.
- (c) Ammunition aeroplanes will have the underside of the lower planes painted black for a distance of 2½ feet from the tips.

8. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.

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

9. SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Separate instructions issued herewith. *later*

10. ARTILLERY.

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

OFFENSIVE F.A. BRIGADES.

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

DEFENSIVE F.A. BRIGADES.

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

OFFENSIVE HEAVY BATTERY.

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

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10. ARTILLERY (Contd.)

(i) The OFFENSIVE FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADES :-

These Brigades will fire in the barrage up to the GREEN PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE ordered by "D" Divisional Artillery.

At ZERO plus 143 minutes, Brigades will cease firing, hook in, and advance to support the attack of "B" Division Infantry, with direct observation.

These Brigades are allotted as follows :-

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

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

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

11. TANKS.

Instructions No. 1 issued herewith, to Battalions.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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R. Lovell

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

Issued at 1.30.p.m. through Signals.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

INSTRUCTIONS NO. 13 ISSUED UNDER DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 136.

SIGNALLING ARRANGEMENTS.

The following will be the signalling arrangements at Zero plus 4 hours :-

- 1. (a) Between Divisional Headquarters, CORBIE, and 4th and 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. Headquarters at 0.12.0.5.

Canal Cable as far as FOUILLOY HOSPICE thence Buried Cable.
Wireless.
Visual.
D.R.L.S.

- (b) Between Divisional H.Q. and Artillery Brigades.

Canal Cable to FOUILLOY HOSPICE, buried cable to H.M. (HAMEL) thence ground cable.
Wireless.
D.R.L.S.

- 2. Forward of 4th and 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. Headquarters communication will be as follows :-

- (a) Three pairs of ground cable per Brigade will be run forward to the first position of each Forward Station, in the GREEN Line, or, as near as possible to it, before ZERO plus 4. One of these pairs will be definitely allotted to F.O.O.

- (b) When the advance is continued to the RED Line three pairs per Brigade will be continued to the second position of the Forward Station. As Battalion H.Q.s. move forward of the GREEN Line the Forward Stations will move with them. Battalions must connect up to the Forward Stations, which will, if possible be at or near Battalion H.Q. On no account will Battalions run their own lines forward from Brigade Headquarters. Battalions will not run lines to Companies until consolidation has progressed satisfactorily.

- 3. WIRELESS.

A complete Wireless Station will go forward with each Brigade Forward Party. (80 metre Loop Set with Left Bde. and Trench Set with Right Bde.)

Power Buzzer and Amplifier. One complete Station for "Up and Down" work between Forward Station and Battalion H.Q. will be attached to the Right Brigade Forward Party, and move with it.

- 4. PIGEONS.

Sixteen Pigeons will be allotted to each of 4th and 12th Aust. Inf. Bdes. They will be distributed both to Battalion and Company Headquarters before 8 p.m. "Y" day.

The greater proportion is to be allotted to the Battalions detailed to exploit the BLUE Line. Eight Pigeons will be allotted to C.R.A. for F.O.O.'s. Pigeons will be issued in "assault baskets", two in each, in the baskets are also placed 1 small Message book, 2 clips and 1 pencil.

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5. VISUAL.

- (a) The Divisional Visual Station (Call - G.D.K.) will be located at J.20.B.2.2, where messages from any part of the captured territory will be received and transmitted to its destination. This Station will be connected by telephone to nearest Bde. H.Q.
- (b) All Signallers must be thoroughly acquainted with the position of this Station.
- (c) All Visual messages sent back will be sent "DD" three times over unless RD is sent by receiving Station. The message will be sent through before being repeated.
- (d) Visual Stations will be established at or near each Brigade Forward Station and Visual Communication with them from the RED and BLUE Lines will be established and maintained.
- (e) Positions of Brigade Visual Stations will be as follows :-

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	-	P.10.E.9.4	-	Call	QA.
12th " " "				"	QC.
4th " " "		Forward Station		"	QAR.
12th " " "		" "		"	QCR.

- (f) The 50th Division on the left is establishing visual stations during its advance West of MALARD WOOD and West of CHIPILLY Spur. The left Brigade Forward Station will get into touch successively with these stations in anticipation of traffic.

6. AIRCRAFT.

Ordinary Rules regarding communication with Aircraft by the Popham Panel will be carried out.

For purposes of more readily identifying Units, Brigade and Battalion Headquarters will display the following figures of white calico, with the top of the figure pointing in the direction of the enemy.

15th Battalion.	.....	Figure 1.
13th " "	.....	" 2.
14th " "	.....	" 3.
16th " "	.....	" 4.
45th " "	.....	" 5.
46th " "	.....	" 6.
48th " "	.....	" 7.
4th A.I. Bde.	.....	" 8.
12th " "	.....	" 9.

7. GENERAL.

It is most important that communication should be maintained with the attacking Battalions during the time they are deploying to cross the GREEN Line. During this period communication will be transmitted through the Brigade Forward Stations. Attacking Battalions will send forward runners to report to their Bde. Forward Stations to bring back messages, and when the Battalions advance the runners will rejoin their Units.

- 8. Extra Personnel for carrying parties, Divisional Visual Station and checks other than already supplied for Brigade Forward Parties, will be provided by Pioneer Bn. as requested by O.C., Div. Sig. Coy. direct. Personnel to furnish these parties will be selected immediately, so that they may be thoroughly instructed in their duties. Close co-operation between Officers Commanding Brigade Forward Parties, Battalion Commanders and Battalion Signal Officers, also a thorough understanding beforehand of what each proposes to do is essential to ensure smooth working.

9. Headquarters

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9. Headquarters of 4th and 12th Brigades will be established about
P. 17. Central before ZERO plus 4.

J. L. Lavarack

Headquarters,
5th August, 1918.

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

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

1st AMENDMENT TO INSTRUCTIONS NO. 12 ISSUED UNDER DIV. ORDER NO. 138.

SIGNALLING ARRANGEMENTS.

Cancel Para. 6 and substitute the following :-

The following Brigade and Battalion Code calls will come into operation in the 4th Australian Division from 12 Noon 7th August, for communicating between infantry and aeroplanes.

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>CALL LETTERS.</u>	<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>CALL LETTERS.</u>
1st A. I. Bde. H. Q.	A.	12th A. I. Bde. H. Q.	L.
1st Battalion.	A. W.	45th Battalion.	L. W.
2nd "	A. X.	46th "	L. X.
3rd "	A. Y.	47th "	L. Y.
4th "	A. Z.		
4th A. I. Bde. H. Q.	K.	13th A. I. Bde. H. Q.	M.
13th Battalion.	K. W.	49th Battalion.	M. W.
14th "	K. X.	50th "	M. X.
15th "	K. Y.	51st "	M. Y.
16th "	K. Z.		

Brigade and Battalion H. Q. indicate their position by means of ground signal sheets laid on ground near the Headquarters concerned, whilst their identity is disclosed by the above code letters made by ground signal strips laid alongside the sheet.

Headquarters,
6th August, 1918.

Robert Wainwright
Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution as for Order No. 138.

25 Extra copies to 4th Div. Signal Coy.

4th Field Coy. A.E.Sheet 62^D

6/8/18 In the Field

I Capt. A.H. Dow. M.C. will act as Brigade Liaison Officer

II Lt A.G. Maclean. M.C. & section will construct Bde. H.Q. at P. 10.d. ^{or 97c} to be ready for occupation by Zero plus 4 hrs. The section will then proceed to the GREEN LINE & commence constructing Bde. H.Q. in Q. 8.5. or Q. 14. aIII OVERLAND TRACKS. Lieut. A.J. Buckler. M.C. & section will clear B track through Q. 14, 15, 21, 22, 23 to RED line, then proceed to clear D track to the rear from Q 17.c. through Q 16, 15, 3, 8 to GREEN lineOn completion of above, if time permits, the party will clear C ~~tracks~~ tracks as shown on plan. These tracks will be marked with direction boards & lengths of tracing tape.IV WATER SUPPLY.

Lieut. D.R. Walker & section will reconnoitre for a well in CERISY & send back samples on water for testing. Whilst waiting result of analysis, party will erect chain PUMP; notice & direction boards, then proceed to MORCOURT & do likewise

V LIASON WITH III CORPS. Lieut. H.G.A. Lewis & party will accompany 15th Inf. Bde as liaison Officer between that unit & 12th Field Coy. A.E. in connection with the establishing of bridges & ferries across the River SOMME.At ZERO plus 6 hrs Lt Lewis will report to 16th Inf. Bde to carry out similar duty with that Unit.
VI STORES Four N.C.O's & four Sappers will act as guides to 4 Supply Tanks, two of which will dump stores at Q. 23. a. 2.5. & two at Q. 17.c. 8.5. they will then return to refilling point at P. 4.c. 2.3. reload & return to Q. 18. b. 4.9. (approx) & dump stores in sunken road. The following stores will be carried on each tank:-

60 coils barbed Wire	50. 2 gallon, tins Water	750 hand grenades
120 long screw-pickets	20 cases of S.A.A.	
240 short " "	150 Stokes-motor bombs	

The sappers will erect large signboards at the point where stores are dumped.

VII RECONNAISSANCE.

All parties will note anything of value & send reports to C.R.E. through Engineer Liaison Officer at Bde. H.Q. Major. H.G. Tolley. D.S.O. will make a special reconnaissance & assist in laying out RED LINE.

Parties of Aust. Tunnelers will make a thorough reconnaissance of all dugouts in captured area, sending ~~the~~ reports to C.R.E. through the Engr. Liaison Officer at Bde. H.Q.VIII GENERAL.

Lieut. J.P. Minton. M.C. with the reserve section & camp details will move forward & establish camp in Q. 8.d. All parties will report at this point on completion of work.

Bde. H.Q. will be at P. 7. a. at 9.P.M. on Y/Z night, at P 10.d. at Z plus three hours at P. 12.d. at Z plus ~~four~~ ^{four} hours.

COPIES TO:-

C.R.E. 4th A.D.
 12th Fld. Coy. A.E.
 4th Inf. Bde. H.Q.
 13th Inf. Bde. ✓
 14th " "
 15th " "
 16th " "
 1st Aust. Tunneling Coy.
 4 Section Officers
 O.C. 4th Fld. Coy. A.E.
 Engr. Liaison Officer.
 T.O.
 War Diary

O.C. 4th Field Company. A.E.

(SECRET)

Acknowledge

9.29

Rec'd. 11.30 am
6/8/18

Engineer Instruction No 3
is amended as under;

In para II line 1 for "P 10 d" read
"P 12 d or Q 7 C".

In line 2 for "3 hours" read "4 hours"
delete remainder of line 2 from
words "the section" to "Q 14 a"

In para III line 3 delete words "V A".

In para VII line 4 delete word "hourly".

In para VIII line 3 delete from words "at
"P 10 d" to words "three hours"

In line 4 for "Q 14 a" insert
"P 12 d or Q 7 C".
for "six hours" read "four hours".

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Molly Mays
O.C.
4th Field Coy A.C.

B. Coy. 8th Tank Batt. I
Operation Order No 1 SECRET
Copy 1013

1. DISPOSITION. - 8th Tank Batt. will
attach with Aust. Corps.
B. Company allotted to
4th Aust. I Bde.

2. ALLOTMENT. - B. Coy Sections
are allotted as under:-
No 5 Section to 15th B.A.I.F.
in capture of CERISY. QUILLY.
No 6 Section to 14th A.I.F.
and assist in capture of
MORCOURT. to Red Line Q. 17. a - c
No 8 Section to 15th A.I.F.
and assist in capture of
Red Line Q. 17. c. - Q. 23. d.
No 7 Section will
operate to Red Line along
boundaries of 14th & 15th A.I.F.
and assist in reducing all
Strong Points.

3. BOUNDARIES. - Boundaries
and Objectives as per
attached map.

4. ^{B. - 2 -} On Section of 15th Bu. will operate on immediate ~~left~~ ^{right} of CERISY - GAILLY.

5. MOVEMENT. On Y.2. night Company will move from present position O. 13. a to P. 2. c. 3. 5.

6. ROUTES. Route of Approach March will be same as for HOMER Offensive. ^{Unit of} Kennedy will be responsible for guiding Tanks to P. 2. e. 3. 5

7. SUPPLIES. All Tanks will refuel and grease up on arriving at P. 2. c. 3. 5. from Dump. This will only be drawn from portion labeled "B"

8. After refueling and greasing Coy. will move forward from Infantry forming-up position no. 1. to Infantry forming-up position no 2 with the Infantry. Infantry will be responsible

³⁻ for guides to. After position Company will remain at P. 2. c. 3. 5. until after 2100

9. RALLYING POINT. B. Coy. Tanks will rally at ^{DUDGEON} WOOD in Q. 23. a. ^{and refuel from} ^{Supply Tank} 15th Batt. attached Section will rally at KATE WOOD Q. 13. b.

10. On Red line being captured 15th Tank Batt will pass through 8th Tank Batt and expect BLUE LINE.

11. FLAGS - All Tanks will carry a Red - Blue flag denoting 8th Tank Batt.

12. COMMUNICATION - Signals will arrange with Infantry for communication between Infantry and Tanks.

GREEN - WHITE = "Come On"
RED - YELLOW = "Tank broken down"
RED, WHITE - BLUE = "Rallying"
Section of Coy. H.Q. - Training

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13. HEADQUARTERS - At P. 2. c. 3. 4. until departure of Tanks afterwards to be denoted by Coy HQ. Coy HQ will move forward according to situation.

DUDDEON WOOD after capture of RED line 8th Tank Batt. H.Q. will nominally be at Q. 5. c. 6. 9. 1/2. light at Quarry P. 7. a. o. s. 8th Tank Batt. Report Centre will eventually be at Q. 19. Central.

14. RATIONS - Rations will be arranged direct by Batt. C.O. Sections will arrange to take a container of hot stew to P. 2. c. 3. 5. Having container with Road.

15. ARTILLERY - Will attach beyond GREEN line Flare will be no creeping Barrage. Counter Battery work will

Lift from HAMILTON WOOD Valley at 0 + 4 hrs. from SUSAN WOOD at 0 + 1/2 hrs. " Grace " 0 + 5/2 hrs. " RED line at 0 + 6 hrs.

16. MEDICAL - Some casualties at R.A.P.s. Slightly wounded will rally with Tanks.

17. AEROPLANES - Aeroplanes will drop smoke bombs on specified co-ordinates to be notified later.

18. Section Commands will arrange with Infantry Batt. Companies for 6 smoke bombs per Tank for masking purposes.

19. Section Commands will personally interview Inf. Bn. Commands on their mode of operandi.

20. Section Commands will arrange to carry 6 boxes of S.A.A. per Tank which will be supplied by Infantry.

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21. Two Sappers from 12th Field Coy. will go with the 5 Section Tanks to remove enemy charges from Bridges between CERISY and CHIFFRY.

22. Tank Corps Standing Order for Operations will be strictly adhered to.

23. SYNCHRONIZATION - Watches will be Synchronised on Y. Day.

6. 8. 18.

J. Abrams Major

O.C. B. Company
8th Tank Battⁿ

Copies to:-

1	Retained
2-3	War Diary
4-7	O.C. No 5, 6, 7, 8 Sections
8	Capt. J. C. Reilly
9	B. Coy. R.C.
10	" Engineer
11	O.C. 8 th Tank Batt ⁿ
12	4 th A.I.F. Bde
13	13 th A.I.F. Batt ⁿ
14	14 th " "
15	15 th " "
16	13 th Batt ⁿ at. Centre

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PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTION No. 1.ACTION OF TANKS.

1. In the prospective attack by the Australian Corps, the action of Tanks will be as follows :-
2. Tank Companies are allotted as under :-

ALLOTMENT.

- "B" Company 8th Tank Battalion to Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade,
- "A" Company 8th Tank Battalion to Twelfth Australian Infantry Brigade.
- "C" Company 8th Tank Battalion to form the connecting link between the Fourth and Fifth Divisions and operate with the liaising units.
- Company Commanders will arrange details with the Infantry Brigadiers concerned.
- C.C. "C" Company will confer with the G.C.C., Twelfth Australian Brigade and Eighth Australian Brigade.

3. On $\frac{1}{2}$ night Companies and Supply Section will move from C. 13. a., up to P. 2. c. 3. 5.
Route of Approach March will be the same as for the HANEL Offensive.
No taping or triangular pegs will be needed.
4. At P. 2. c. 3. 5. there will be a Battalion Dump of 12 fills, where all Tanks will immediately refill on arrival. This Dump will be divided into 3 portions, labelled "A", "B" and "C".
5. Companies will remain at P. 2. c. 3. 5. until after ZERO, when they will move up to the Infantry forming up positions. Time of moving forward will depend on light and intensity or otherwise of enemy shelling.
6. The Infantry Forming up positions are roughly in squares P. 23. 17. and 12, and Tanks will arrive on this line not later than ZERO plus 2 hours, and get into their Battle positions with the Infantry, in accordance with arrangements made with the Brigadiers concerned.
7. At ZERO plus 3 hours Infantry and Tanks will move to a line roughly 500 yards W. of the GREEN line which will be the "Jumping off" line, ready to continue the attack at ZERO plus 4 hours. They will pass through the Third Australian Infantry Division and 13th Tank Battalion.
8. The 8th Tank Battalion will act as a skirmishing line in front of the Infantry, and the remnants of the 13th Tank Battalion will move forward also, working directly with them - up to the RED line.
9. C.C., 13th Tank Battalion is detailing 1 Section for the express purpose of assisting in the capture and mopping up of CERISY and will if necessary proceed with the Section of "B" Company as soon as advisable to assist in the capture of MORCOURT.
This Section will come under the command of C.C., "B" Coy.

10. On the RED line being captured, the 15th Tank Battalion will almost immediately pass through the 8th Tank Battalion and exploit the BLUE line - the 8th Tank Battalion rallying as follows :-
- "A" Company in DUDGEON Wood Q.23,a,1,6,
"B" and "C" Companies in HAZEL Wood Q.19,a,
11. The Supply Section under Captain Westbrook, V.C., will follow close up in rear of the Infantry attacking waves, and will halt for further instruction at Q.19,a. 1 Sub-Section will be detailed to be in readiness to proceed to DUDGEON Wood to refill "A" Company. In the event of the BLUE line not being captured and held, "A" Company will rally at SUSAN Wood in Q.21,b.
12. Every Tank will carry a Red and Blue Flag denoting the 8th Tank Battalion.
13. Artillery. With the attack beyond the GREEN line there will be no creeping barrage, only engagements of distant targets and known battery positions. This counter battery work will lift
- from HAMILTON Wood Valley at 0 + 4 hours,
" SUSAN Wood at 0 + 4½ hours,
" GRACE Wood Valley at 0 + 5½ hours,
RED line Valley at 0 + 6 hours.
14. After the capture of the RED line, Artillery Brigades will occupy the following positions :-
Two Brigades in PARKER Wood Valley S.7, of MRCOURT,
One Brigade SUSAN Wood Valley Q.21,d,
Three Brigades in HAMILTON Wood Valley.
15. Headquarters at ZERO hour.
- Fourth Australian Infantry Division H.Q., will be at C,5,c,6,9.
Fourth) Australian Infantry Brigades H.Q., will be at Quarry
Twelfth) P.7,a,c,3,
Thirteenth Australian Infantry Brigade H.Q., will be at
J,25,c,
Eighth Australian Infantry Brigade H.Q., will be at C,24,c.
- 8th Tank Battalion will nominally be at C,5,c,6,9,, but Y/Z night will actually be at Quarry P.7,a,c,3,
8th Tank Battalion Advanced Report Centre will eventually be about Q.19, central.
16. Arrangements for supply etc., on Z day will be issued later.

17. ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. Kingham

Lieut. Colonel,

5th August 1918.

Commanding 8th TANK BATTALION.

DISTRIBUTION:-

Copy No	1. C.C. "A" Coy, 8th Tank Bttn.	9. 2nd Tank Battalion,
	2. C.C. "B" Coy, -do-	10. 13th Tank Battalion.
	3. C.C. "C" Coy, -do-	11. 15th Tank Battalion.
	4. Battalion Engineer.	12. to 17. HQ 4th Austrn Inf. Bgde.
	5. Bttn Recomm. Officer.	13 to 23. HQ 12th -do-
	6. Equipment Officer.	24. HQ 4th Austrn Division.
	7. Capt. NESTBROCK, MC.	25. Retained.
	4th Tank Supply Coy.	26. War Diary.
	8. HQ 5th Tank Brigade.	

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Reference Map.

1. On Z day at zero hour the Aust. Corps will advance the line in three stages as per attached map.
 1. Third Aus. Div. will capture and consolidate the GREEN line.
 2. The 4th Aus. Div. - 12th Bde right and 4th Bde left - will capture and consolidate RED & BLUE lines in two stages.
2. The 45th Bn. will be in readiness to move at zero minus 1 hour and will be at assembly area P.17.c. by zero plus 3 hours, and on JIRPIM3 OFF line (line of thin wood - Kate wood) by zero plus 3 1/2.
3. The Bn. with 6 "mark 5" tanks and Bn. scouts as screen will cross the GREEN line at zero plus 4 hours, and advancing in artillery formation "A" Coy on right, "B" Coy on left, "D" Coy right support, "C" Coy left support will capture and consolidate the RED line. The two supporting coys being about 300 yards in rear of leading coys.
4. The 45th Bn will attack on the right and 15th Bn. on the left. The leading Coys will detail an officers party to maintain touch with the above units and to keep direction.
5. One V.G. of No. 3 section, 15th M.G. Coy., will be allotted to each coy. On arrival at RED line two guns of 12th A.L.T.M. Bty will come under control of Bn. H.Q.
6. At zero plus 6 hours the 45th Bn will cross the RED line and capture the blue line.
7. Dress. Fighting order without greatcoat or blanket; 200 rounds S.A.A.; 2 bombs; extra water bottle & 5 sandbags - 48 hours rations plus unconsumed portion of days ration - pick or shovel - Tin disc oxygen helmet flap - Flares.
8. S.O.S. Signal is rifle grenade, green over green over green. Success signal white over white over white. On reaching objective the signal will be fired due south i.e. parallel to RED line.
9. Lt. Sinclair will meet tanks allotted to 45th Bn at square P.1. On Y/Z night and guide them to P.17.c. by zero plus 2 hours.
10. Prisoners will be disarmed and sent to Bn. H.Q.
11. Watches will be synchronized at Bn H.Q. on Y/Z day at 2.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.

F. J. O'Connell
Lieut.
Adj. 45th Bn. A.I.F.

Reference Sheet 62 D. S.E. 1/20,000.

1. On ZERO Day at an hour to be notified later the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will capture the portion of the BLUE LINE as shown on attached sketch.
2. Dispositions of attacking troops, positions of assembly and objectives as on attached sketch.
3. Battalion will be on FORMING-UP Position No.1 by ZERO minus $\frac{1}{2}$ hour; will move from F.U.P. No.2 by ZERO plus 3 hours; and cross GREEN LINE at ZERO plus 4 hours.
4. Companies will cross GREEN LINE and advance in small columns covered by a screen, with the Tanks as Advanced Guard; "A" Company on Right; "C" Company centre; "B" Company left; "D" Company in Support.
"A" and "C" Companies will move direct to RED LINE and consolidate. Inter-Company boundaries are, in Village the main road; and on Objective a point approximately Q.17.c.3.3.
"D" Company will move in Support to "A" and "C"; be responsible for the mopping-up of MORGOURT; and later assist in consolidation.
"B" Company will move with its left flank on the sunken road to the cross-roads in Q.9.d., and then make good Bank in Q.9.d. and Q.10.ac. This Company is responsible for clearing the marshy ground and making good the tow-path till junction is effected with RED LINE patrols. On completion of task, "B" Company becomes Battalion Reserve Company. Headquarters move in rear of "D" Company and establish at Q.16.a.3.4.
5. No.6 Section 8th Tank Battalion will move with one tank in advance of each of the three leading companies.
No.7 Section 8th Tank Battalion will move on the right flank in formation. Signals to and from Tanks must be carefully impressed on all ranks.
On capture of RED LINE, Tanks will patrol forward and cover consolidation.
6. Heavy Artillery programme after GREEN LINE is:-

ZERO plus 4;	lift off HAMILTON WOOD valley.
" " 4 $\frac{1}{2}$;	" " SUSAN WOOD valley.
" " 5 $\frac{1}{2}$;	" " DUDGON WOOD valley.
" " 6	" " Q.17 and Q.24 valley.

A.F.A. Brigades will follow up and eventually put down an S.O.S. beyond BLUE LINE.
One section 38th Battery will move with Battalion Headquarters.
7. Two guns of 24th M.G. Company will move with Battalion Headquarters and establish in RED LINE.
8. One L.T.M. will be attached to "A" Company and one to "C" Company for use during the advance. Each Company will supply 3 o/ranks to assist in carrying.
9. Aeroplane Co-operation.
 - (a). Smoke bombs will be dropped on successive ridges to screen advance of Infantry.
 - (b). Red ground flares will be used to indicate position of Infantry to planes.
The most-advanced troops only will use these flares.
A Contact plane will fly along RED LINE at ZERO plus 6 hours 30 minutes and call for these flares. If plane fails to mark line accurately it will repeat its call 10 minutes later. The plane will return at half-hour intervals until flares are shown.
Other means of identifying position of Infantry is by placing three or four rifles on top of trench, or flashing of metal discs.
 - (c). In case of counter-attack actually developing, a WHITE Parachute flare will be fired by aeroplane in the direction from which counter-attack is approaching.
 - (d). Ammunition-carrying planes will co-operate.

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10. Following Light signals will be used:-
SUCCESS, Rocket bursting into 3 whites;
S.O.S. " " " 3 greens.
Contact planes, Red ground flares.
Tin discs flashing.
11. Communications as usual. Regular information, whether negative or not, is essential.
12. Supply Tanks will establish dumps at approx. Q.23.a.85 and Q.17.c.85.
13. Dress - Fighting Order. Waterproof sheet to be carried; no blankets nor overcoats to be taken.
14. Watches will be synchronised twice on "Y" day by an officer from Battalion Headquarters.
15. R.A.P. with Battalion Headquarters.
16. Prisoners to be sent back under escort and if possible a receipt obtained. Captured material to be marked.
17. Transport Line after operation will be behind VAIRE WOOD.
18. Acknowledge.

APPENDIX. 5

Henry A. Rowther
.....Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding 14th Battalion A.I.F.

- Distribution - Copy No.
1. C.O.
 2. File.
 3. War Diary.
 4. 4th A.I.Bde.
 5. "A"
 6. "B"
 7. "C"
 8. "D"
 9. T.O.
 10. Q.M.
 11. 13th Bn.
 12. 15th Bn.
 13. 4th M.G.Coy.
 14. 4th T.M.B.
 15. 4th Field Coy. Engrs.
 16. 2nd in Command.
 - 17/18. Spare copies.
 - 19/20. Extra War Diary.

BATTALION ORDER No. 4.Secret.

- (1) The Battalion ^{will} relieve the 9th Battalion on the night of 15/16th August, 1918 in the front line.
- (2) B. Coy. relieve the Right Coy.
 D. " " " Left "
 C. " " " Support "
 A. " " " Reserve "
- (3) Route: Along railway line to bridge W.23 b thence by overland route through 24 - 19 to cabaret X 21 d 9.0
- (4) Guides will meet Companies at cabaret X 21 d 9.0.
- (5) Companies will move forward as under:-
 B. Coy at 7.30 p.m.
 D. "
 C. "
 A. "
 All movements by Platoons at 100 yards interval.
- (6) Lewis guns will be dumped at Battn. H.Qrs. (present location) by 6.30 p.m. and will be loaded under supervision of Cpl EASTEY and taken to and unloaded at cabaret X 21 d 9.0 where they will be picked up by respective Companies. One Lewis gun N.C.O. per Company to accompany limber.
- (7) Water bottles to be filled from cart arriving here at 6 p.m.
- (8) A.Coy. will supply ration parties of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men for each Company to report at Battn. H.Qrs. at 1 a.m. on 16th. inst. and for days following at 10 p.m. and 1 a.m.
- (9) Taking over. All Trench stores will be taken over and receipts given. Copies to reach Bn.H. Q. by 6 a.m.
- (10) The following Returns will be furnished:-
 Intelligence..5 a.m. daily.
 Casualty)
 Daily State)
 Foot inspection)
 Works)
- (11) Relief complete by code message "G.A. 17 Noted".
- (12) Acknowledge.

Password to-night "Vice Regal".

(Sgd) T. B. WEBSTER, Lieut.
 Adjutant, 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS .

13th to 24th August, 1918.

1. The Battalion, (being part of Corps Reserve) was billeted in the vicinity of J.30.c.7.7. on the 13th of August 1918 (see Map marked "C"), having been relieved in the front line two days previously by the 41st Battalion. A.I.F.
2. At 6 p.m. on 13th August the Battalion moved to bivouacs at W.16.d. S.W. of HARBONNIERES.
3. On the 14th of August it was verbally advised that the Battalion would relieve the 9th Battalion A.I.F. in the front line on night 15th/16th August, the front line having been taken over by that Battalion from the 10th Battalion the previous night.
4. During the morning of the 14th inst. a reconnaissance was made by all Company Commanders and Company scouts, of the trenches to be taken over. During the evening an advance party of one Officer, three Platoon Sergeants, and Nos. 11 of each Lewis gun section, also H.Q. scouts moved to the line. -
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| "B" | " | to relieve the right line Coy. |
| "D" | " | left " " |
| "C" | " | Support. |
| "A" | " | Reserve. |
5. On the night 15th/16th August at 8 p.m. the Battalion passed the starting point (Railway bridge in W.23.a.40.75.) en route to front line.
Relief complete 11.25 p.m. on 15th August, 1918.
Nothing of note occurred during the relief, which was carried out in good order.
6. Dispositions as follows:-
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| Battalion H.Qrs. | X.23.b.8.3. |
| R.A.P. | X.22.d.4.4. |
| Right line Coy. ("B" Coy.) | - H.Q. X.24.a.9.1. |
| Coy. from S.19.b.7.1. to S.19.b.4.5. | |
| Left line Coy ("D" Coy) | - H.Q. X.24.a.1.5. |
| Coy. from S.19.b.2.7. to X.18.c.6.2. | |
| Support Coy. ("C" Coy) | - H.Q. X.23.b.9.5. |
| Coy. from X.23.b.75.60. to X.24.a.45.25. | |
| Reserve Coy. ("A" Coy) | - H.Q. X.23.a.70.15. |
| Coy. from X.23.a.50.20. to X.23.c.8.8. | |
7. On the night of 17th August our patrols reported that the system of trenches on our immediate front were unoccupied, but they showed signs of recent occupation by the enemy. It was then decided that the Brigade would occupy the old front line system of 1916 in order to give sufficient ground to hold the tactical feature of LIHONS, and the operation was to be carried out by peaceful penetration. During the 17th the enemy artillery was extremely active on our front, Support and Reserve lines, particular attention being paid to AUGER and CREPEY WOODS, also the vicinity of X23.a.
8. At dusk on 17th/18th August, our front line Companies ("B" & "D") moved forward and occupied LIHU FARM and VERGER Trench. The 15th Battalion on the right and the 14th Bn. on the left also conformed to our movement. This operation was carried out without a casualty.

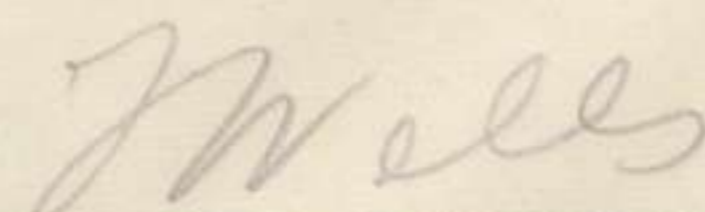
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9. Dispositions at 6 a.m. on 18th August, as follows:-
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| Battalion H.Qrs. | X.23.b.8.3. | |
| R.A.P. | X.23.b.8.5. | |
| "B" Coy H.Q. | S.19.b.65.20. | |
| One platoon. | S.20.b.05.30. | to S.20.a.50.45. |
| One " | S.20.a.50.50. | to S.20.a.25.95. |
| "D" Coy H.Q. | S.13.d.65.15. | |
| One platoon. | S.20.a.3.9. | to S.14.c.05.05. |
| One " | S.14.c.05.05. | to S.13.d.55.15. |
| "A" Coy (support) | | |
| Coy. H.Q. | S.19.b.70.20. | |
| One platoon | S.19.b.65.05. | to S.19.b.70.30. |
| One platoon | S.19.b.90.60. | to S.20.a.20.40. |
| "C" Coy. (reserve) | | |
| Coy. H.Q. | X.24.a.05.50. | |
| one platoon | X.24.a.90.10. | to X.24.a.45.30 |
| one platoon | X.24.a.45.30 | to X.24.a.65.50. |
10. At dusk on 18th August, one platoon of "C" Coy. relieved one platoon of "B" Coy. The platoon of "C" Coy. came under orders of O.C. "B" Coy and likewise the platoon of "B" Coy. came under the orders of O.C. "C" Coy. - Platoon relief complete by 10.30 p.m.
11. During the 19th enemy artillery was active and a heavy barrage was put down by him at 4.15 a.m.
Enemy aircraft was active throughout the day and crossed our lines at frequent intervals.
12. On the night 19th/20th August an inter-Company relief was carried out. "C" Coy H.Q. and the remaining platoons relieved "B" Coy. H.Q. and remainder of the Company in the front line, and the rear platoon of "A" Coy. relieved the right platoon of "D" Coy in the front line.
"B" Coy. H.Qrs. and the remaining platoon moved to reserve, and one platoon of "D" Coy. moved to supports.
The relief was complete by 10.30 p.m.
13. On the same night a strong patrol of one Officer and fifteen other ranks reconnoitred SATRAPE ALLEY in the vicinity of S.14.c.1.3. also searched the country in the vicinity of S.20.b. central and old 1916 front line running through S.14 c. The Officer in charge of patrol reported that the trenches showed traces of recent occupation by the enemy and he was of the opinion that the enemy was holding his own old 1916 front line system by means of a number of posts in CHAURRIOU ALLEY.
It was decided to wait until the Division on our left conformed to our movement before the old front line could be occupied.
On the night 20th/21st August, "A" Coy. H.Q. and the remaining platoon relieved "D" Coy H.Q. and the remaining platoon in the front line (left Coy). This relief was carried out by 10.20 p.m.
14. Enemy artillery was active from 16th to 20th August, and a considerable quantity of Blue Cross Gas shells were used on 23rd in the vicinity of X.23.b.9.6.
15. On the 23rd August at 4.45 a.m., in conjunction with an operation by the Division on our left flank, "C" Coy. occupied the old 1916 trench front line system, moving forward without opposition.
16. The dispositions of the Battalion at 6 a.m. 23rd August, were as follows:-

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Battalion H.Q. X.23.b.8.3.
 R.A.P. X.23.b.8.5.
 Front line Coy ("C" Coy) H.Q. S.20.a.95.75.
 One platoon S.20.b.20.20. to S.20.b.09.
 One platoon S.20.b.09 to S.14.c.65.36.
 Support Coy. ("A" Coy) H.Q. S.13.d.65.15.
 One platoon S.20.a.55.40. to S.14.c.20.00.
 One platoon S.14.c.20. to S.14.d.02.
 Close Reserve ("D" Coy) H.Q. - S.19.b.80.65.
 One platoon S.19.b.65.30 to S.19.b.65.65.
 One platoon S.19.b.65.65. to S.19.b.65.85.
 Reserve Coy. ("B" Coy) H.Q. - X.24.a.05.50.
 One platoon X.24.a.90.10. to X.24.a.45.30.
 One platoon X.24.a.45.30. to X.24.a.05.50.
 (see MAP marked "A")

17. The nature of the country provided an excellent field of fire for Lewis guns and Vickers M.G's. The dispositions of the latter as shown on tracing marked "B".
18. Two Stokes Mortars were allotted to the Battalion. Their dispositions on 23rd August were S.20.a.9.3. and S.14.c.15.15.
19. Enemy's attitude - On the defensive and alert.
20. At 7 a.m. on 23rd August a verbal message was received that the Battalion would be relieved on the night of the 23rd/24th Aug. by the 15th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers.
 The C.O. of the Lancashire Fusiliers visited the Battalion during the morning and arrangements were made for the relief.
 The advance party of the ~~leading~~ relieving Battalion moved into the line at 7 p.m. 23rd August.
 The relief was complete at 12.45 a.m. on 24th August.
21. Each Coy. moved independently to an assembly point on the HARBONNIERES Road BAYONVILLERS Road - W.10.b.9.1., where a hot meal was served. Motor lorries awaited at this point and the Battalion embussed for POULAINVILLE arriving there at 7.30 a.m.


 MAJOR.
 A/C.O., 13th BATTALION. A.I.F.

Headquarters,
13th Battalion. A.I.F.
23rd August, 1918.

O's C.

ALL COMPANIES.

1. Battalion will em-buss at W.11 a.2.1 on HARBONIERE-BAYONVILLERS Road sometime after midnight. Companies will move to this locality by shortest route.
2. Lewis guns, picks and shovels will be dumped in vicinity of roads X.22 d.9.7. just past orchard and NOT in quarry as heretofore stated. 1 M.C.O. per Company will remain with guns and see them loaded.
3. 2 platoons "A" Coy. and 1 platoon "B" Coy. may push off at dusk without being relieved. (The Coy Lewis Gun N.C.O. referred to will accompany any early party).
4. Evening meal will be in food containers at embussing point.
5. All cooking utensils - Food containers to be loaded on busses for next day meal.
Password to-night is "AUCKLAND".
6. Relief complete. Code message, "G.A. 197 Noted."
7. A c k n o w l e d g e.

(Sgd) T.B. WEBSTER. Lieut.
A/Adjutant, 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

TRAINING PROGRAMME.

For period 26th August, 1918 - 1st Sept. 1918.

Headquarters,
26th August, 1918.

1. During the present period out of the line Companies and H.Q. Units will take immediate steps to effect a thorough reorganisation.
- (a) Reorganisation of personnel within the Company, platoons, sections.
 - (b) Careful and complete overhaul of arms, equipment, clothing boots, vehicles, etc.
 - (c) All possible action as regards repairs and the replacement of deficiencies.

2. Training hours will be:-

FORENOON....9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
AFTERNOON...1.30 p.m. to 3. p.m.

3. Training will be systematic and progressive and must be carried out in such a manner as to ensure the full and detailed training of the platoon under the platoon commander and the platoon Sergeant.
4. Working parties, guards, etc. must be detailed by complete units (sections, platoons etc.) under their own commanders and NOT by numbers of men)

P R O G R A M M E.

MONDAY
26.8.18.

Reorganisation, general clean up etc.

TUESDAY
27.8.18

9.30 a.m. - 9.45 a.m. Company inspection.
9.45 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Platoon drill.
10.30 a.m. - 10.40 a.m. Smoko and Talk by Platoon Commanders on past actions of the Bn. and lessons to be drawn therefrom.
10.40 a.m. - 11 a.m. Saluting drill and lecturette on saluting and the payment of compliments generally (including the attention which should be paid to flagged cars and the meaning of various flags.
11. a.m. - 11.30 a.m. Company drill.
1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m. (a) Lewis gunners and bombers to report to Bn. Orderly Room.
(b) Remainder of Coy.-
1.30-2.15 p.m. - Bayonet fighting.
2.15 - 2-25 p.m. - Smoko.
2.25 - 3 p.m. - Gas helmet drill.

WEDNESDAY
28.8.18.

"B", "C" and "D" Companies
9.30 a.m. - 9.45 a.m. Company inspection.
9.45 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Platoon drill.
10.30 a.m. - 10.40 a.m. Smoko.
10.40 a.m. - 11.0 a.m. Gas helmet drill.
11. a.m. - 11.30 a.m. Company drill.

"A" Company.
9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. - Rifle Range.
1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. "B" Coy. - Rifle Range.

"A", "C" and "D" Coys.
(a) Lewis Gunners, bombers, and Coy. Stretcher bearers to report to Bn. Orderly Room.

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(B) Remainder of APPENDIX.
 1.30 - 2.15 p.m. - Bayonet Fighting & Physical training.
 2.15 - 3 p.m. - Gas helmet drill.

THURSDAY. 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
 28.8.18.

"C" Coy. on Rifle Range.
 "A", "B" and "D" Coys:-
 9.30 a.m. Coy Inspections.
 9.45 - 10.30 a.m. Platoon drill
 10.30 a.m. - 10.40 Smoke.
 10.40 a.m. - 11.30. Firing.

1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m. "D" Coys. - Rifle Range
 "A", "B" & "C" Coys:-

1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 (a) Specialists Training - Lewis gun & hand bombing.
 (b) Remainder - Bayonet Fg. & Saluting drill.

FRIDAY 9.30 - 9.45 a.m. -
 30.8.18. 9.45 - 10.45 a.m.
 10.45 - 11. a.m.
 11 - 11.30 a.m.

Coy Inspections.
 Platoon drill
 Smoke and lecturette on "March Discipline".
 Company drill.
 H.Q. UNITS. Signallers, Runners, Scouts, Batmen etc. - Rifle Range
 (a) Lewis gun and bombing.
 (b) Remainder -
 1.30 - 2.30 p.m. Bay. Fighting.
 2.30 - 3. p.m. Judging distance, fire direction and control.

1.30 - 3 p.m.

SATURDAY
 31.8.18. 9.45 - 10.45 a.m.
 10.45 - 11.30 a.m.

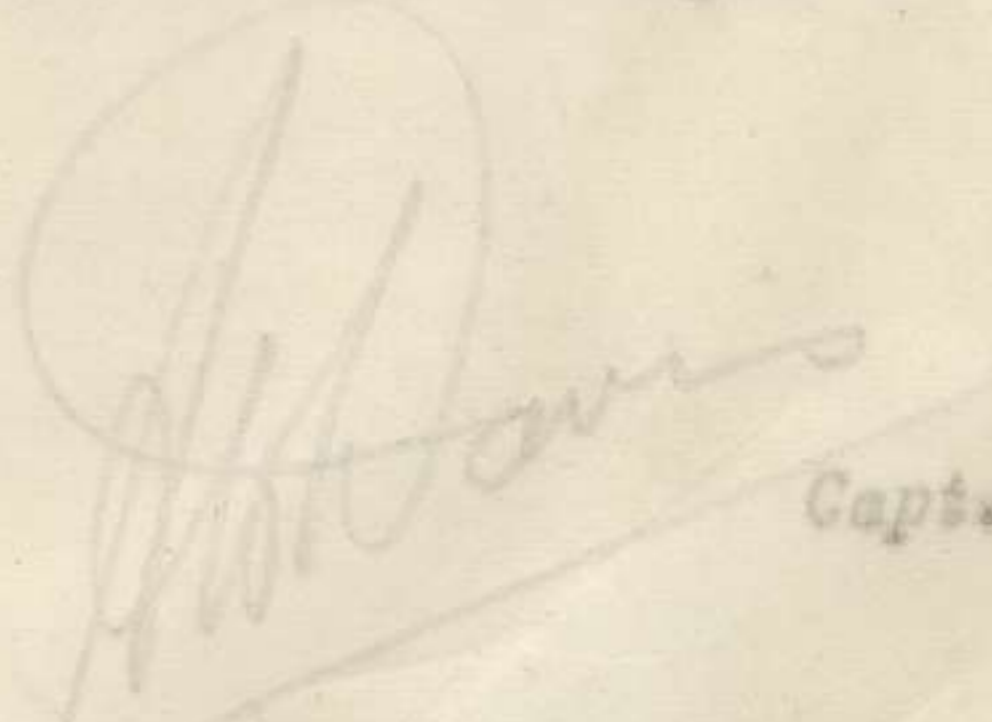
Battalion Parade and March past.
 Kit inspection.

AFTERNOON. Cricket Matches.

SUNDAY
 1.9.18.

CHURCH PARADE.

5. H.Q. Sigs and Runners, Scouts and Observers, Regtl Stretcher bearers will parade daily at 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. for training under respective Specialist Officers. Syllabus of Training to be submitted to Bn, Orderly Room by 8. p.m. to-day.
6. Company Commanders will meet at Bn. H.Q. daily at 4 p.m.
7. All Lewis Gunners and Coy. Stretcher bearers will report daily at 1.20 p.m. at B.O.R. when Company is NOT on Rifle Range.



Capt.

Week ending 26.8.18.

- Front Line. Front Line from S.20b.2.5. to S.20.b.1.7.
A. Deepening of existing trenches. 300 yards deepened from 3'6" to 5'0" and 2' wide at the bottom.
- Support Line. VERGER trench.
Work. 400 yards deepened from a depth of 3'6" to 5'10" from S.20.a.7.4. to S.20.a.4.075.
- Close Reserve. Work (A) . Defensive wiring. Double apron wire 150 yards from S.19.d.8.9. to S.19.b.7.1.
(B) Deepening and fire stepping of JENA AVENUE 350 yards of traverse trench deepened from depth of 2'6" to 5'0" and fire steps.
- Reserve Trench. Suggested name HOSPITAL trench 400 yards of trench made passable by clearance of old huts and obstacles placed there by the enemy.
- Communications. DAYLIGHT trench. 250 yards deepened from depth of 4'0" to 5'9" and 1'6" bottom from S.13.d.95.25. to S.13.d.6.0.
- SALAMANDER ALLEY. Work. 350 yards of defensive C.T. deepened from a depth of 3'6" to 5'0" from S.19.a.5.5. to X.24.a.95.70.
- SYDNEY COMMUNICATION TRENCH (renamed). 200 yards of traverse trench deepened from a depth of 4'0" to 4'9" from X.24.a.4.025. to X.24.a.60.60.
- General
(A) Bunking of dugouts, reserve line. Work. 30 bunks erected in dugouts at X.23.b.95.60. Five dugouts at X.23.b.95.60, also cleaned out.
(B) Notice Boards . 20 Notice boards erected at suitable places.
- Salvage return forwarded separately.

27-8-18.

(Sgd) E. STRUMEY, 2/Lieut
Works Officer 13th Bn. A. I. F.

Personal experiences of the attack on 8th August, 1918,
and arrangements for same.

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Two days preceding the attack Capt. BINGLE (4th Pioneers) Lieut. N.J. McGuire, M.M., and myself went to 45th Battalion Headquarters to find out what Company would be on the left flank. It was "B" Company of the 45th Battalion, under Capt. Ferguson. Arrangements were made with him as to how we would work.

The Maps being issued were shown to the N.C.O's and men, and they were told boundaries and different points which we would pass.

The following day, all the necessaries for the "stunt" were issued, bombs, water bottles, sand bags, etc.

At 2.35 a.m. on the morning of the 8th the Battalion started to move to first forming up position, with "B" Company leading. The weather was fine and no trouble in forming up. The barrage opened at 4.20 a.m. and five minutes after the enemy put about eight shells very close to the Company wounding one man. Shortly after this, a very heavy mist came up, and at 5.50 a.m. it was impossible to see more than 5 yards away. We managed to get to the second forming up position without much trouble but we lost the 14th Battalion on the way.

After getting into position the mist lifted and at 7.20 a.m. we were able to go forward, just in rear of the "Green Line". The Tanks were not with us here, but were seen to be moving up some distance in the rear.

The Tanks were just able to get up on time, and we moved through the 3rd Aust. Division at 8.20 a.m.

From here on to the "Red Line" no opposition was met with, the enemy surrendering in large numbers without showing fight.

On the ridge after SUSAN WOOD Valley a machine gun was holding up the 45th Battalion, Lieut. McGuire went round the flank threw a bomb and captured the crew. M.G.

After reaching the "Red Line" a little fire was coming from the gully in front but the Tanks soon put these guns out of action.

A field gun, firing from the ~~so~~ left bank of the SOMME RIVER, inflicted some casualties on the Company, which up to this point, had only one casualty.

During the advance, the Company never lost their formation and the direction was excellent. The performance was like a practice stunt miles behind the line.

19-8-18.

(Sgd) R.S. SWINBOURNE, Lieut.
O.C. "B" Company.

SITUATION MAP

6 pm 29-7-18

DATES SHOWN ARE THOSE OF LAST IDENTIFICATIONS

Legend

Divl Bdy
Battalions

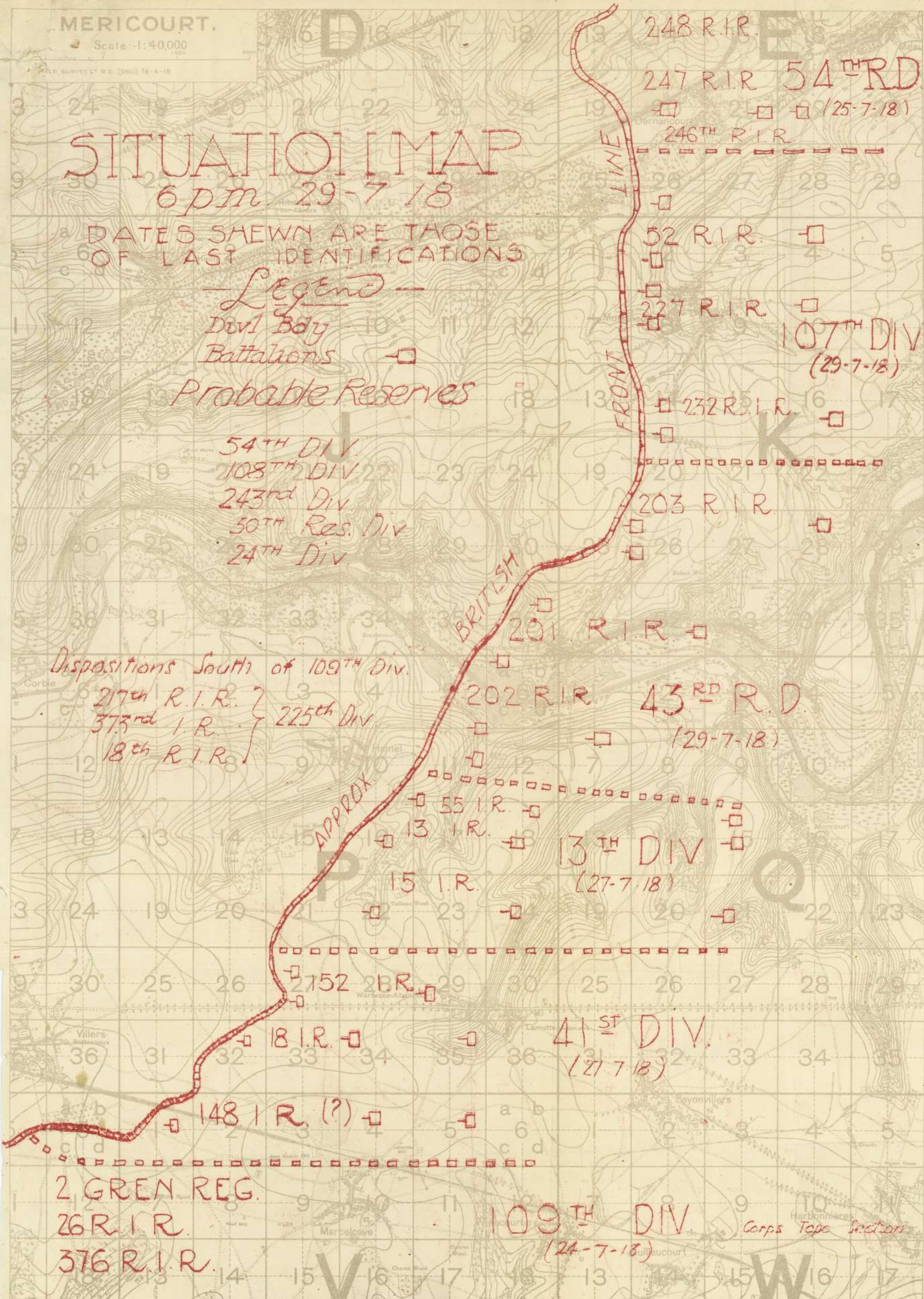
Probable Reserves

54th DIV.
108th DIV.
243rd Div.
50th Res. Div.
24th Div.

Dispositions South of 109th Div.

217th R.I.R. }
373rd I.R. } 225th Div.
18th R.I.R. }

APPROX.



SITUATION MAP

6 Dec. 29-7-18

PLACES SHOWN ARE THOSE
OF LAST IDENTIFICATIONS

Legend

Blue dots
Batteries

Probable reserves

5th Div
6th Div
7th Div
8th Div
9th Div

10th Div
11th Div
12th Div
13th Div
14th Div

15th Div
16th Div
17th Div
18th Div
19th Div

247 R.I.R. (29-7-18)

248 R.I.R. (29-7-18)

249 R.I.R.

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107th Div (29-7-18)

251 R.I.R.

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109th Div (29-7-18)

264 R.I.R.

WENT

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265 R.I.R.

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100 "A" Divisional Sector (Australian Corps Front)

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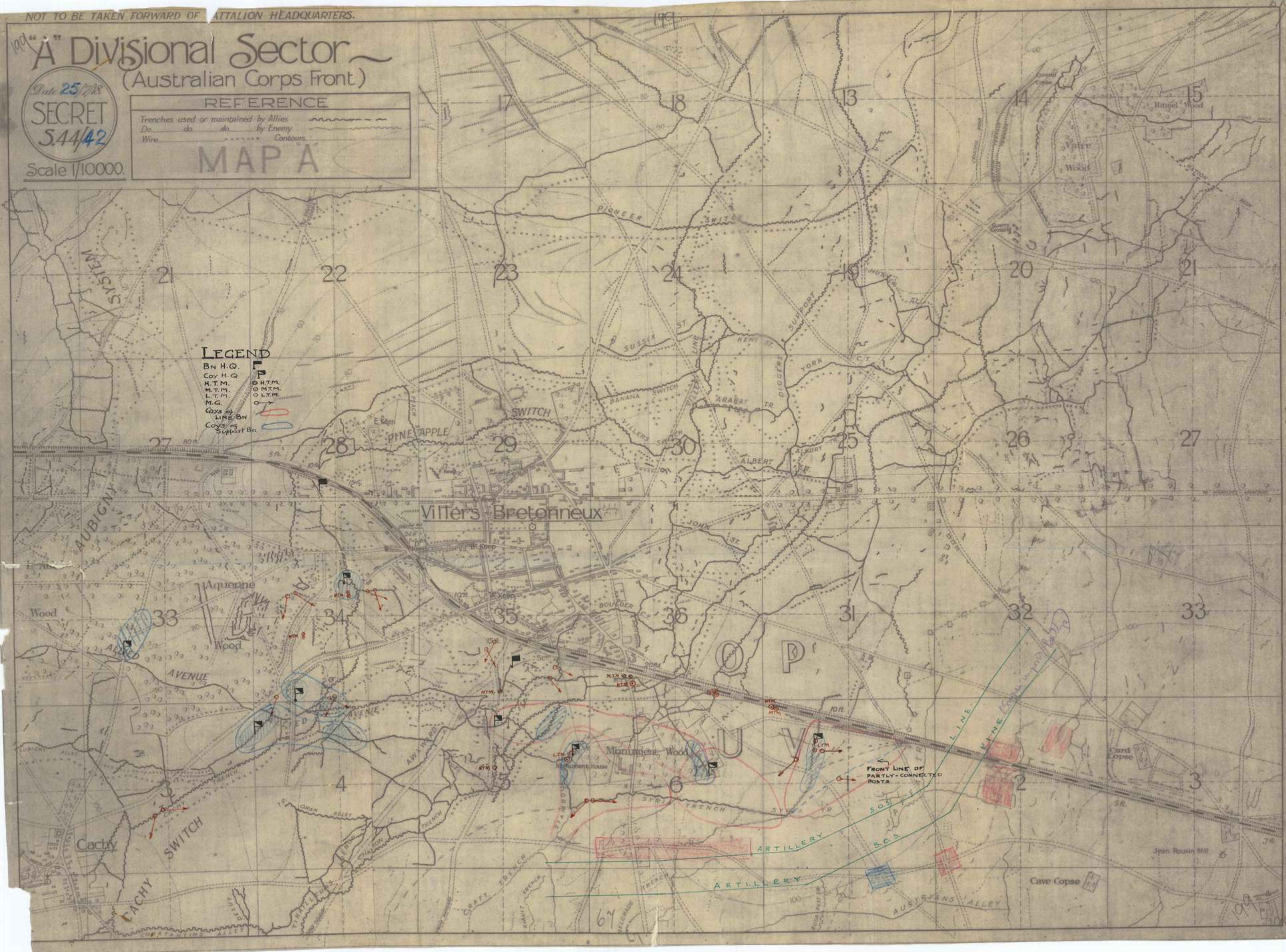
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MAP A

LEGEND

Bn H.Q. 
 Coy H.Q. 
 H.T.M. 
 M.T.M. 
 L.T.M. 
 M.G. 
 Coys in Line Bn 
 Coys in Support Bn 



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APPENDIX No 10
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MASTER MAP

SHOWING COMPANY AREAS OF
24TH BATTALION AIF ON 2-8-1918

6/17/18
AIF
24TH BATTALION

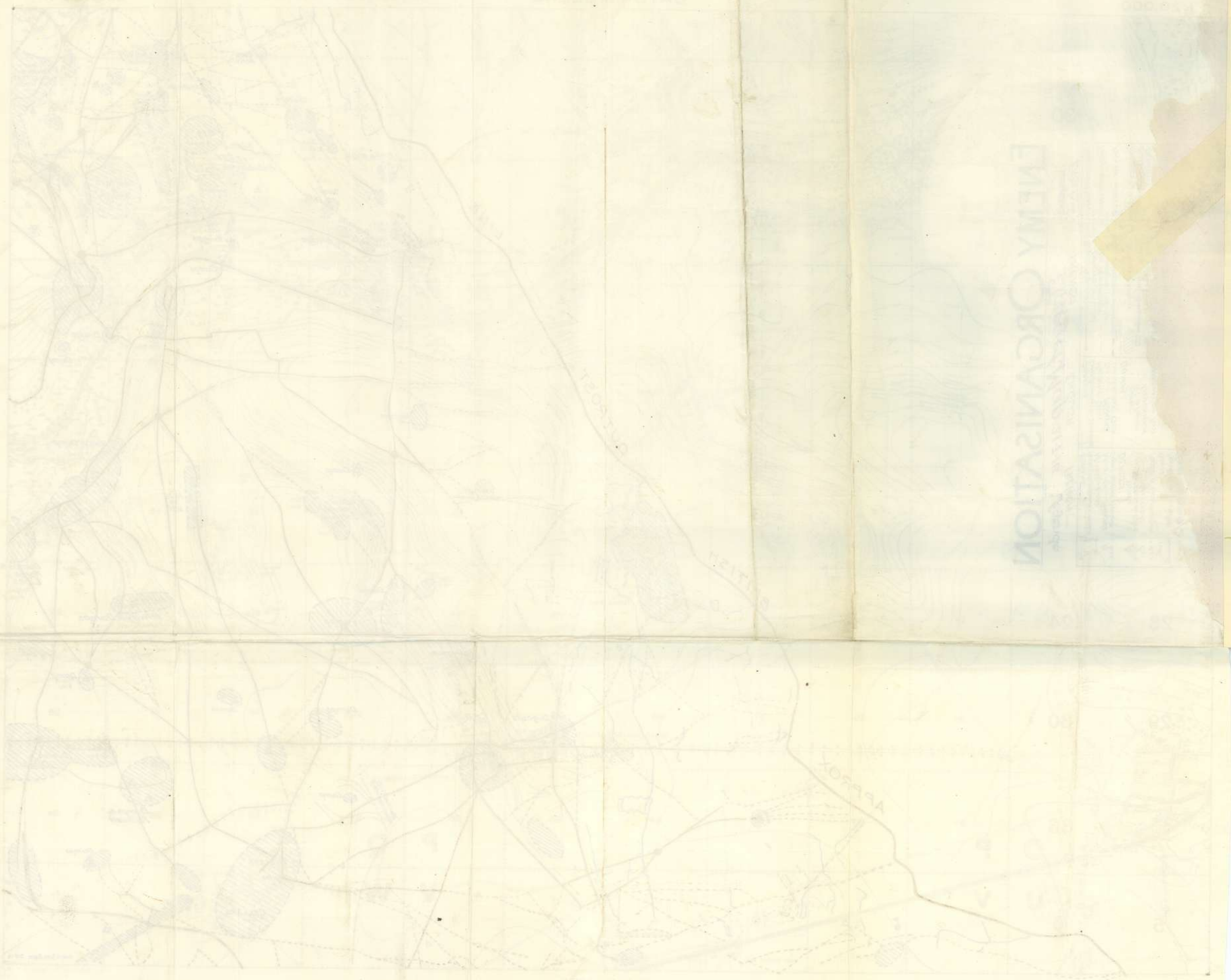
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ENEMY ORGANISATION



13th BATTALION A. I. F.
 Quartermaster's Report for Month 1st August to 31st August, 1918.

1. Activities for the month have taxed the ingenuity of the Staff under my command, but I would venture to report that in all weathers and under all conditions supplies to all troops have been delivered punctually and in good order.
2. The Q.M.'s Store situated at BOVES (Sheet 62D. S.12 b.2.8) on the 1st August, was able to meet the requirements of the Battalion then in support.
3. On the 4th August, the Store moved to LA NEUVILLE (near CORBIE) the Battalion having moved to the front line.
4. When it became known that the Battalion would attack on the 8th inst, and if successful, advance to some considerable extent, all arrangements for eventualities were made with regard to the punctual supply of hot food and sufficient water, and also the transport of ammunition.
 In order to cope with the problem more effectively, on the morning of the 8th of August. the Store moved forward to Quarry near VAIRE WOOD.
 The attack commenced shortly after 3 a.m. on the 8th. and the Battalion continued to advance until after midday. At nightfall hot stew and tea were served to the troops who were then dug in in the front line. The men, prior to the attack, had been issued with a sufficient quantity of iron rations to last them 24 hours, and a second waterbottle full of water was carried by each man.
5. No hitch was experienced in maintaining supplies, and on the 10th August the Q.M. Store, together with the four Company Cookers moved to the vicinity of SAILLY LAURETTE. A hot meal was prepared during the afternoon and sent forward to be served to the Battalion en route to bivouac after relief at midnight 10/11th August.
6. Keeping pace with the Battalion the Store again moved on the 13th inst. bivouacing at BAYONVILLERS. The Battalion was then in reserve preparatory to taking over a sector of the front line. This took place on the 15th inst, and on the 16th inst. the Store moved forward to W.24 c. (Sheet 62D)
 Whilst here, "C" Coy's cooker was blown out by a 5.9 shell, but fortunately the men's hot meal had a few minutes previously been despatched to the line.
7. On the night 23rd/24th August the Store joined the Battalion at POUJAINVILLE.
8. Supplies of fresh meat, vegetables, and bread have been available during the month so that issues could be made daily on the average scale.
 Welcome supplies of cigarettes and matches, so that each man could receive an issue, had emanated from the Australian Comforts Fund.
9. Clothing and equipment have been available in sufficient quantities.
10. Salvage - A list is attached hereto.

(Sgd) E.E. PLUCKNETT, Capt.
 Q.M., 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

S A L V A G E.

8. German scabbards.
 8. Do Waterbottles
 7. Do Mess tins.
 9. Do. Gas helmets.
 10. Do. Refills for same.
 20. Do. Haversacks.
 45. Do. Steel hats.
 4. Do. Brushes.
 1. Do. Oilcan.
 2 Sandbags full of S.A.A. (German)
 11 Blankets.
 30 German feed-bags.
 87 Shell cases, 18 pndr.
 1 wooden reel for wire
 29 German small shovels.
 1 bag of cardboard.
 97 German leather S.A.A. pouches,
 1 large bag of rubber.
 1 limber spanner.
 74 German packs,
 50 towels,
 2 large bags of rags,
 40 German machine Gun blts,
 4 " signal reels,
 6 boxes M.G. Belts, (German)
 25 German ankle and top boots,
 6 " Cap Comforters,
 9 " Cardigan jackets,
 34 " Underpants,
 41 " Shirts,
 4 " M.G. Belt winder
 50 pairs socks,
 2 large bags of German clothing.
 32 German rifles,
 8. British rifles,
 1 coil German telephone wire.
 2 shovels,
 2 large turnkeys.
 6 British steel helmets.
 2 " Box Respirators,
 1 large bag of British web equipment.
 1 case British S.A.A.
 1 case "tracer" do.
 4 Germansaws.
 1 Plane
 1. limber load of British and German saddlery.
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 40 horseshoes.
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13th Battalion. A.I.F.

LEWIS GUN OFFICER'S REPORT

for period 1st to 31st August, 1918.

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1. The month has afforded an unusually good opportunity to prove that the assiduous training of the past few months has not been in vain.
The period has also proved that the Lewis Gun, when adequately handled, has a most demoralising affect on the enemy.
2. The Battalion moved to the front line on the night 2nd/3rd August, being distributed in the vicinity of U.5 and 6.
The tour was short but this sector afforded an excellent field of fire and many good targets such as ration and working parties were engaged with good results.
3. On the night of the 4th/5th August the Battalion moved to Reserve at VAIRE-SOUS-CORBIE, and it became known that the Battalion would participate in an attack on an extensive front at an early date.
Extensive preparations were made in order to meet the occasion. All guns were thoroughly overhauled, magazines cleaned, and equipment generally inspected. Oil and rag were issued in sufficient quantities to meet all emergencies.
4. The attack was timed to take place at dawn on the 8th inst, the guns being man-handled to the forming up position. No opposition was met with nor were there any targets until the Battalion passed the 3rd Division who had cleared the first two objectives. After leapfrogging the 3rd Division many enemy machine gun posts were encountered and engaged very effectively by our Lewis gunners. In most cases Lewis gunners fired from the hip with slings specially improvised for this purpose. The Battalion continued to advance and drive the enemy back beyond MORCOURT, our Lewis Gunners being busily engaged the whole of the time, accounting for numerous casualties.
The Battalion dug in on the night of the 8th August and remained until the night of 10/11 August.
5. The Battalion again moved into the front line on the night of 15/16th August at X.23. and 24.
Lewis Gun posts were established and manned day and night.
An enemy party was observed to be raiding the Regiment on our left flank on the 19th inst. This presented a long distance target and our Gunners, taking advantage of the opportunity, brought harassing and effective fire to bear on the enemy. Whilst in this sector the Lewis Gunners were continually firing on enemy parties.
6. Casualties, considering the month's operations, were remarkably light, but in order to keep L.G. sections up to full strength reinforcements were drawn from the nucleus. Four guns with Instructors were left at the Nucleus for this purpose and beneficial training was carried out.
7. Anti-Aircraft guns were mounted in camps and bivouac areas when necessary.

(Sgd) L.W.H.CLELAND. Lieut.
L.G.O., 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

13th BATTALION, A.I.F.

Report on work of Transport for period 1.8.18 to 31.8.18.

1. Reveille 6.30 a.m.
- 7 - 7.45 a.m. Stables: Drivers water and feed.
Brakesmen clean lines.
- 8 a.m. Breakfast.
- 9 a.m. Grooming. Cleaning harness and wagons.
- 11.15 a.m. Stables: Water and feed.
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch.
- 2 p.m. Grazing Parade.
- 4 p.m. Stables: Groom, water and feed.
- 5 p.m. Hot meal.
- 8 p.m. "Hay up"
- Day Picquet (2 men) mounts 7 a.m.
- Night " (4 men) " 6 p.m.

2. The month has been remarkable for its activity. The Transport Lines on the 1st of August were situated on the outskirts of BOVES S.12.b.2.8. having moved thither the previous day, the Battalion then being in Support. The lines required a good deal of cleaning up as sanitary arrangements appeared to have been overlooked by the previous Unit in possession. The Transport personnel dug themselves in in close proximity to the lines.
Rations and water were delivered punctually and in good order to the Battalion.
3. On the 4th August, the Transport moved to LA NEUVILLE near CORBIE, the Battalion then being in the front line.
4. On the 8th August the Transport again moved forward to P.15.a.50.90. (Sheet 62.D.) near VAIRE WOOD, the Battalion then attacking and driving the enemy back. German horses captured were stabled in the lines prior to being handed over to the 4th Aust. Vet. Section.
5. Remaining at VAIRE WOOD until the 13th August, the Transport were able to cope with all requirements of the Battalion, always delivering water and rations faithfully, regardless of shell fire. Enemy aerial activity was particularly severe in this area, but although bombs were dropped very close to the lines fortunately no casualties occurred amongst personnel or animals.
6. On the 13th August, the Transport lines moved ^{from} VAIRE WOOD forward to BAYONVILLERS, the Battalion then being in Support at W.16.c. (Sheet 62.D.), and on the 16th inst. the lines were again moved forward to W.24.c. and d. the Battalion having moved to the front line. Whilst here three horses were slightly wounded by shell fire.
7. In addition to delivering water and rations a considerable amount of ammunition and engineering material was carried to the forward Battalion, and much booty was carted back.
8. I am pleased to report that although continually under shell fire during the month no casualties occurred amongst the personnel of the Transport.

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Strength of Transport on 31.8.18.

Personnel. Animals. Vehicles. Remarks.

1 Officer	18 Horses.	9 G.S. Wagons.	The only casualties to record are three horses slightly wounded.
43 O/Ranks.	31 Mules.	2 Water Carts.	
		1 Maltese Cart.	
		1 Mess Cart.	
		3 Cookers.	

One Cooker was destroyed by Shell fire on night 17/18th. inst
 One Water cart was damaged by the same shell.

Day
 Night

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