

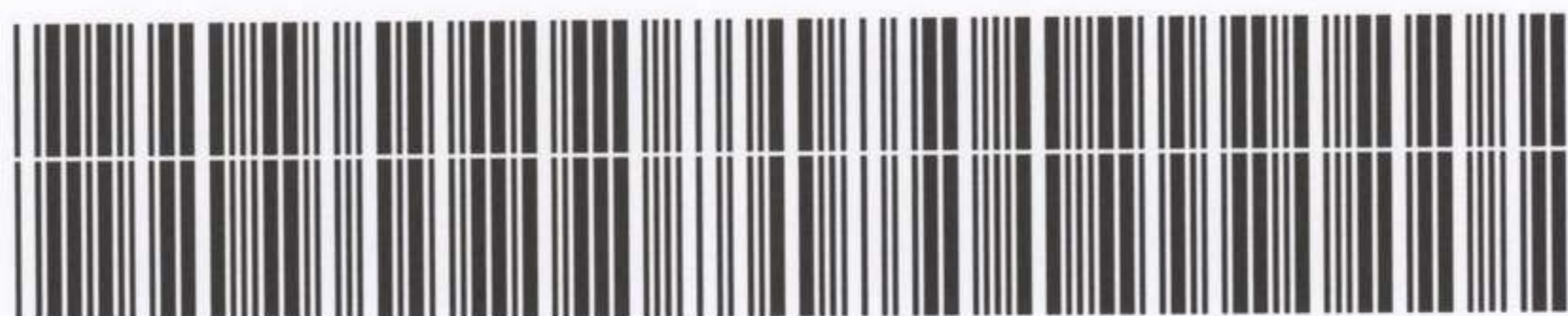
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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N.M. 3/28

Reference Map, 62c N.W. 1/20,000

1. The 4th A.F.A. Brigade has been attached to 5th A.I. Bde. The front has therefore been divided between 5th Brigade R.H.A. and 4th A.F.A. Brigade. 5th Brigade R.H.A. will cover right battalions (19th and 17th Bns), 4th A.F.A. Brigade left battalions (18th and 20th Battalions).

Above will be operative from morning of 30th instant.

2. Night firing is being carried out on squares I 13 a and b I.l.c., I.7.a., H.6.d. PARK WOOD and HALLE until 11 pm tonight.

3. During the night 19th and 18th Battalions will effect crossings at I.19.c. and OMMNIECOURT les CLERY respectively and will form bridge-head guards on east bank of the river. 17th and 20th Bns. will pass through them and occupy high ground in I.9, I.10, Q.15., I.16.

Inter battalion boundary for this purpose will be east and west grid line separating I.10. and I.16.

4. 19th Battalion will mop up HALLE. 18th Battalion will guard left flank of 21st Battalion moving later to occupy FEUILLEAUCOURT.

19th Battalion will be prepared to cover right flank of 17th Bn and will arrange to mop up HALLE.

18th Battalion will be prepared to cover left flank of 20th Battalion and to occupy ~~FEUILLEAUCOURT~~. FEUILLEAUCOURT.

5. 6th A.I. Bde. is in close support and ready to exploit any success gained east of the river or to counter any determined attack by the enemy.

L.P. MacCallum

Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

17th Bn, 18th Bn, 19th Bn, 20th Bn.
5th A.L.T.M. Bty., 6th A.M.G. Coy.,
6th, 7th and 10th A.I. Bdes.
2nd Aust. Division.
5th Brigade R.H.A., 4th Bde. A.F.A.
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War Diary
File.

Add para 6. Footbridges exist at I 19 c 3 0 and H 17 a 8 9. Alternative bridge will be constructed at H 24 b 9 0 if necessary. Bridge for 1st line transport will be constructed at H 17 a 9 9.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,
August 30th 1918.

Reference Map:
Sheet 620 1/40,000

ORDER No. 151.



1. INFORMATION.

The enemy is holding the East bank of the River SOMME as far North as CLERY (exclusive).

2. INTENTION.

It is intended :-

(a) To attack within present boundaries at 5 a.m August 30th to capture the following :-

7th A.I.Bde. :- DOINGT and trenches South East of PERONNE.

(b) 5th A.I.Bde. :- MONT ST.QUENTIN.

On completion of the capture of the above positions the 5th Aust.Division is to take over the 7th A.I.Bde. front. Later, at a time to be notified, the 5th Aust.Infantry Bde. is to advance in conjunction with the 5th Aust.Division on the right, and the 3rd Aust.Division on the left, within the Divisional Boundary as shown on map herewith.

3.(a) In connection with para 2 (a) the Field Artillery of the 2nd Aust.Div. and 128th Heavy Battery R.G.A. will remain as grouped at present and will support the attack under arrangements made direct with respective G.O.C's. Infantry Brigades.

(b) For the operations as in para 2 (b) the Artillery supporting the 5th A.I.Bde. will be as follows :-

	COMMANDED BY	COMPOSITION.
4th A.F.A.Bde.Group.	Lt-Col. C.A. CALLAGHAN, D.S.O.	4th A.F.A.Bde. 5th A.F.A.Bde. Sub-Group. 5th Army Bde.R.H.A.Sub-Group.

(c) When the 7th A.I.Bde.front has been taken over, the 16th Army Bde.R.H.A. and the 298th Army Bde.R.F.A. will remain in action in positions then occupied, becoming Divisional Reserve. Both Brigades will cover S.O.S. Lines on the whole of the new Divisional front, but remain silent except in case of S.O.S. before the attack as in 2 (b) commences.

4. The bridge North of FEULLERES is now passable for traffic up to 60-pounders inclusive. Bridges for Field Artillery are being established to-night August 29th/30th at H.17.a.8.7. and H.24.b.65.00.

5. Acknowledge.

Noted
A. Jones

Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Issued at 1.30 a.m to

	No.	1) By Special D.R.		
x 4th A.F.A.Bde.		2) do.	R.A.Aust.Corps.	13
x 5th A.F.A.Bde.		3) do.	H.A.Aust.Corps.	14
x 5th Army Bde.R.H.A.		4) do.	5th Aust.D.A.	15
x 16th Army Bde.R.H.A.		5) do.	3rd Aust.D.A.	16
x 298th " " R.F.A.		6) do.	File	17
x 9th Bde.R.G.A.		7) do.	War Diary	18-20
x 128th Heavy Bty.R.G.A.		8	Spares	21-25
x 2nd Aust.D.A.C.		9		
2nd Aust.Div.		10		
5th A.I.Bde.		11		
6th A.I.Bde.		12		
7th A.I.Bde.				

x Maps herewith.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 315Reference Map
Sheet 52c, 1/20,000Headquarters,
30th August 1918.

1. Attack will be continued tomorrow 31st instant.
2. General objective will be ANVIL WOOD - Mt. ST. QUENTIN - FEUILLAUCOURT.
3. 3rd Aust. Div. is attacking on left of 5th A.I.Bde. by bounds. First bound will be to C.20.d. - C.21.a. and c. by 9th A.I.Bde. 10th A.I.Bde. will then swing forward left flank and take up line I.2.c. - I.2.a. - C.26.a.. Further move of 10th A.I.Bde. will be governed by rate of advance of 5th A.I.Bde.
4. The attack will be made by 19th Bn right, 17th Bn centre, 20th Bn left. 18th Bn will be in reserve.
5. Objectives will be 19th Bn - UBER ALLES and GOTT MIT UNS TRENCH to I.15.d.9.8.
17th Bn. - I.15.d.9.8. - I.9.c.5.4. - high ground and Mt. ST. QUENTIN.
20th Bn - I.9.c.9.4. - FEUILLAUCOURT inclusive to I.5.c.0.0.
6. Bns will be in the following areas for jumping off by ZERO -
17th Bn - I.13.a.
20th Bn - I.7.c.
19th Bn - On east bank of SOMME in H.12.b. and d.
No troops to be East of line I.14.c.0.0. - I.8.a.0.0.
18th Bn will stand by from ZERO onwards, ready to move under Brigade instructions.
7. Brigade boundaries - On south I.27.central - I.23.central. On north H.12.central along road through I.7.a. and c. - I.8.a. - I.2.d. - I.3.c. and d. - I.4.a.0.0.
Inter battalion boundary - Between 19th and 17th Bns - I.15.d.9.8. - AGRAM ALLEY.
Between 17th and 20th Battalion - I.9.c.5.4. - MOINVILLE ALLEY - BRASSO REDOUBT.
8. ZERO hour will be 5 a.m.
9. Advance is being covered by 5 Field Artillery Brigade. Start line I.20.a.0.0. - I.14.d.0.0. along GOTLIEB Trench to I.8.central. Barrage remains there from ZERO to ZERO plus 30 minutes, then lifts to line ANVIL WOOD - UBER ALLES TRENCH - Mt. ST. QUENTIN - FEUILLAUCOURT where it remains from ZERO plus 30 minutes to ZERO plus 60 minutes, then lifts to protective line ANVIL WOOD - Sugar Factory (Q.22.a.) Mt. ST. QUENTIN WOOD (I.16.a.) - trench system I.10.a. and c. - I.4.a.0.0. from ZERO plus 60 minutes onwards. Heavy artillery will fire on selected targets.
10. One section 6th A.M.G.Coy. will be attached to and move with each battalion.
11. Troop 13th A.L.H. will arrange to collect prisoners at bridges H.12.central, and QUARRY H.11.a. from ZERO plus 1 hour onwards. Prisoners will be brought to Brigade Headquarters at H.19.a.7.1.
12. 5th Field Coy. is bridging causeway at H.12.central which will take infantry in single file. Bridge will be completed at 3 a.m. when 19th Bn will cross.
13. Arrangements for S.A.A., Grenades, water and rations, and evacuation of wounded are being issued separately.
14. Advanced Brigade Report Centre will be established at H.17.a.3.9. Line will be run by Brigade Forward party from H.17.a.3.9. to embankment along railway at I.7.a.0.0.
Visual signal station is situated at H.16.d.3.3.
Every means of communication possible will be utilised.

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15. 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. will detail 6 Mortars to move across river in rear of 19th Battalion and take up positions in trenches I.7.a.0.0. (approx).

2 Mortars will be at the disposal of each of 17th, 19th and 20th Bn C.O's.

16. Brigade Headquarters will remain in present position.

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

Noted Comd P. MacCallum

Issued at 1.30 am 31st through Signalr.

Major, Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

- Copy No. 1 17th Bn
- 2 18th Bn
- 3 19th Bn
- 4 20th Bn
- 5 5th A.L.T.M.Bty.
- 6 6th A.L.G.Coy.
- 7 5th Field Amb.
- 8 5th Field Coy.
- 9 5th A.I.Bde.
- 10 7th A.I.Bde.
- 11 10th A.I.Bde.
- 12 2nd Aust. Div.
- 13 15th A.I.Bde.
- 14-15th A.A.S.C.
- 15 4th A.F.A.Bde.
- 16 5th A.F.A.Bde.
- 17 5th R.H.A.Bde.
- 18 16th R.H.A.Bde.
- 19 295th Army Bde.R.F.A.
- 20/22 War Diary
- 23 File
- 24/27 Spare.

Brigade Headquarters
31st. August, 1918.

- 1* The Third Australian Division at 9 p.m. hold the general line C.20.b.4.0. - C.20.d.8.8. - C.26.d.7.7. - C.26.d.0.0. - I.2.a. Central - I.2.c. Central - thence to River SOMME.
- 2* The 5th. Australian Brigade holds general line FLORINA TRENCH (I.20.a.) - KHOLM TRENCH (I.14.c. and A.) to I.7. Central.
- 3* 175th. Infantry Brigade (58th. Division) hold general line C.20.a.0.2. - C.14.a.3.8. - B.6. Central.
- 4* On our right flank the 10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will prior to 2 a.m. on 1st. September endeavour to establish a general line of POINOT TRENCH in I.5.c., I.5.a. - TENSVAR Trench in C.26.d.
- 5* Prior to 2 a.m. on 1st. September 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve 10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade (right) and 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade (left) on general line 300 yards West of Main Road running S.E. to N.W. from FEULLAUCOURT to West of BOUCHAVESNES with patrols to East of this up to limit of present 9th. and 10th. A.I. Brigade troops.
- 6* If line as per para. 4 has not been made by 10th. A.I. Brigade prior to attack at 5 a.m. on 1st. September our ~~line~~ ^{attack} will take place and 43rd. Battalion will form required Southern flank.
- 7* Frontages of 11th. A.I. Brigade relief ~~will~~ as per para. 5 will be 42nd. Battalion 500 yards on North, 41st. Battalion 1000 yards in Centre, 43rd. Battalion in South, 44th. Battalion in Reserve in B.30.a., b., c. and d.
- 8* 35th. Battalion will be under 11th. A.I. Brigade in Reserve in H.6.b* and I.1.a.
(43rd. Bn. Right - 41st. Bn. Centre - 42nd. Bn. Left)
- 9* At 5 a.m. 11th. A.I. Brigade will attack with 6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade on right and 173rd. Inf. Brigade on left.
- 10* Artillery start line will be 300 yards EAST of Main Road running S.E. to N.W. from FEULLAUCOURT to West of BOUCHAVESNES.
- 11* Right flank of Artillery barrage will be BOESLER Trench (I.3.a. and b.) inclusive*
- 12* Left flank of Artillery barrage will be through C.21. Central - C.22. Central.
- 13* Artillery will remain for 5 minutes on Artillery start line and then advance at 100 yards in 5 minutes.
- 13a. The Artillery start line of 173rd. Brigade (on our left) will be 500 yards WEST of our Artillery start line and will remain on that line for 10 minutes.

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- 14. 3rd. Machine Gun Battalion will give covering fire in conformity to Artillery barrage.
- 15. Trench Mortar Battery will employ 4 Mortars with 41st - 2 with 42nd, and 1 with 43rd. Battalion.
- 16. Objective of 11th. A.I. Brigade will be general line FIUME Trench I.4.a. - SCUTARI Trench (C.23.c. and C.23.a.) thence C.31. Central.
- 17. 11th. Brigade Boundaries are CANAL DU NORD to C.29.a.6.0., thence C.29. Central - C.30. Central, thence North to C.24. Central - C.18. Central, thence C.16.d.0.0.
- 18. When objective as per para. 16 above has been gained our Artillery will search and sweep East of their halt line for 15 minutes - it will then cease.
- 19. 11th. A.I. Brigade troops will, when objective in para. 16 has been secured, exploit success in co-operation with 6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade on right and 173rd. Brigade on left to limit of our boundary as per para. 17 above, first bound being spur in C.22.a. - C.22.b. and C.23. Central.
- 20. 6th. A.I. Brigade propose to exploit to D.19. Central - AIZECOURT - J.7. Central.
- 21. 173rd. Brigade objective is ANGORA Trench in C.16.c. - C.16.b. and GERMAIN WOOD TRENCH in C.10.d. and C.10.b. and they will exploit Eastwards towards MOISLAINS.
- 22. Headquarters will be :-
 Brigade Headquarters. ... H.3.b.3.6.
 41st., 42nd. and 35th. Bns. ... B.30.c. Central.
 43rd. Battalion. ... H.6.b.3.6.
 44th. Battalion. ... B.30.b.2.2.
 Brigade Forward Station. ... B.30.b.2.2.
 (Signals).
- 23. One troop of 13th. A.L.H. will report to C.O. 42nd. Battalion at 4.30 a.m. for Liaison patrol work and as gallopers.
- 24. 44th. Battalion will send one Platoon to C.20.a.5.0. to follow attack of Right Coy. of 173rd. Inf. Brigade and to act as liaison to 11th. A.I. Brigade.

A. Jackson

A/Brigade Major, 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade. Captain.

Distribution:

- 41st. Battalion. 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 42nd. Battalion. 10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 43rd. Battalion. 6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 44th. Battalion. 35th. Battalion.
- 173rd. Inf. Brigade. 3rd. Aust. Division.

14th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 176.

REFERENCE:

1/40,000. 62.C.

Headquarters,
31st. August, 1918.

1. The 2nd. Australian Division is to attack and capture the line running approximately through I.17.central at 6 a.m. 1st. September. Southern Divisional boundary southern E. and W. grid of I.14.
2. The 14th. Aust. Infantry Brigade is to clear up the ground between that boundary and PERONNE, establishing a line approximately on the grid between I.23 and I.24 and subsequently to capture the high ground in I.35 and O.5, making a defensive flank to the SOMME in O.4.
3. (a). The 54th. Battalion and 53rd. Battalion will take over the trench line I.19.d.O.O. to I.14.d.O.O. from the 23rd. Battalion before ZERO (6 a.m.). Inter-Battalion boundary read at I.20.a.2.1.
(b). The 54th. Battalion (line right) and 53rd. Battalion (line left) are to carry out the first stage of the attack, clearing the areas indicated in Conference. One company 55th. Battalion will act under orders of C.O. 53rd. Battalion until 55th. Battalion pass through the area cleared by 53rd. Battalion, when the company will revert to command of C.O. 55th. Battalion.
(c). The 56th. Battalion will follow 53rd. Battalion to I.22 and will then turn south and attack the high ground in I.35 and O.5, establishing the line mentioned in (2).
(d). The 55th. Battalion will follow 56th. Battalion, mop up I.28 and then take up a support position south or south east of PERONNE in readiness to assist 56th. Battalion.
4. ARTILLERY. Supporting artillery program is as shewn on map submitted to C.O.'s.
5. A Brigade advance Report centre will be established in I.7.a.4.9 (present 53rd. Bn. H.Q.) and will move later to vicinity of QUARRY at I.13.central. Units will be notified of change.
6. Prisoners will be sent under escort to Brigade Report Centre via I.13.central and I.7.a.4.9.
7. Brigade Headquarters will remain in present location.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature] Major,
Brigade Major,
14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Issued through Signals to:-

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53rd. Battalion	1.		
54th. Battalion	2.		
55th. Battalion	3.		
56th. Battalion	4.		
14th. L.T.M.B.	5.	War Diary	17-18
<u>Copies to:-</u>		File	20.
14th. M.G. Company	6.		
14th. Field Ambulance	7.		
5th. Australian Division	8.		
5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade	9.		
6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade	10.		
7th. Aust. Inf. Brigade	11.		
15th. Aust. Inf. Brigade	12.		
8th. Aust. Inf. Brigade	13.		
14th. Field Company A.E.	14.		
G.O.C.	15.		
Staff Captain	16.		

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6th
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. *628*
Date *31/8/18*

SECOND AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

2ND AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
BATTALION. **SECRET.**

No. *F/320*
Copy No. *6*
Headquarters,
31st August, 1918.

Machine Gun Instructions in accordance with Divl. Instructions
No. 5 Series "D".

1. On 5th. A. I. Bde. passing into support, 5th. A. M. G. Coy. will pass into Divl. Reserve under orders of C. O. 2nd. A. M. G. Bn. and will be prepared to move in support of 6th. A. I. Bde. or 7th. A. I. Bde. if required.
2. 6th. A. M. G. Coy. will remain attached to 5th. A. I. Bde.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Chas. ...
..... Capt.
Adj. 2nd. A. M. G. Battalion.

Distribution issued through
Signals at *31. 8. 18.*

- Copy No.
1. 5th. Coy.
 2. 6th. Coy.
 3. 7th. Coy.
 4. 22nd. Coy.
 5. 5th. A. I. Bde.
 6. 6th. A. I. Bde.
 7. 7th. A. I. Bde.
 8. 2nd. Aust. Divn.
 9. Sig. Officer.
 10. File.
 - 11/13. War Diary.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,
August 31st 1918.

Reference Map:
Sheet 820 1/40,000.



ORDER No. 158

1. INFORMATION.

The 5th A.I.Bde. is now holding the Divisional front on the general line I.21.central - I.16.a.central - I.10.c.central - FEUILLAUCOURT (inclusive).

The 5th Aust.Div. is crossing the river at FEUILLERES and moving round North of PERONNE with the object of taking the high ground about I.19. and I.25. The 3rd Aust.Div. has reached the general line of the PERONNE - BAPAUME road, North of FEUILLAUCOURT and is moving in a North-Easterly direction to reach the high ground about G.18. and G.22.

2. INTENTION.

The 6th A.I.Bde. is to move to a position of support in I.14. and I.20. and mop up the ground in I.14, I.20., and I.26, afterwards passing through the 5th A.I.Bde. in its battle position and advancing in a North-Easterly direction within the Divisional boundaries with the general line D.19.central - D.26.c.0.0. - J.8.central as objective.

3. ARTILLERY PLAN.

(a) The Artillery to support the advance of the 6th A.I. Bde. will be the 4th A.F.A.Bde. and 16th Army Bde.R.H.A. under the O.C. 4th A.F.A.Bde.

(b) These F.A.Bdes. will move in succession, 16th Army Bde.R.H.A. first, into forward positions East of CLERY, in order to be able to give close support to the 6th A.I.Bde. when the advance commences.

(c) 5th A.F.A.Bde., 5th Army Bde. R.H.A., and 298th Army Bde.R.F.A. will, until the 6th A.I.Bde. advance commences remain covering the 5th A.I.Bde. battle position. When the 6th A.I.Bde. passes through, these F.A.Bdes. will become Divisional Reserve, remaining in present positions.

4. HEADQUARTERS.

Headquarters 6th A.I.Bde. will be in Quarry at H.15.c.3.3.

2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. remains at G.25.d.3.4.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. A. Clowes
Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Issued at 1.30 p.m to

4th A.F.A.Bde.	1.	2nd Aust.D.T.M.O.	8		
5th " "	2	2nd Aust.Div.	9	H.A.Aust.Corps	14-15
5th Army Bde.RHA.	3	5th A.I.Bde.	10	5th Aust.D.A.	16
16th " " "	4	6th A.I.Bde.	11	3rd Aust.D.A.	17
298th Army Bde.RFA.	5	7th A.I.Bde.	12	File	18
9th Bde.R.G.A.	6	R.A.Aust.Corps.	13	War Diary	19-21
2nd Aust.D.A.C.	7			Spares	22-27

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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7th
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADEHeadquarters,
August 31st 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62 C. S.W.

1. (a) The 5th A.I. Brigade is taking up a position - ST.DENIS in I.22.b.central - Mt. ST. QUENTIN, and FOUILLAUCOURT, with the intention of pushing forward to I.24.central.
(b) The 6th A.I. Brigade is proceeding to clear up situation in I.14, I.20, and I.26.
(c) The 14th A.I. Brigade is to seize the high ground in I.35, O.5, and O.11.
2. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move to Squares I.7 and I.13 today as under :-
- | | | |
|----------------|----|-------------|
| 25th Battalion | to | I.13.a. |
| 26th " | to | I.13.c.& d. |
| 27th " | to | I.7.a.& b. |
| 28th " | to | I.7.c. |
| 7th T.H.Bty | to | I.7.a. |
| 22nd H.G.Coy | to | I.7.c. |
| 7th Field Coy | to | I.7.c. |
| 7th Bde H.Q. | | H.15.a.3.2. |
- 7th Brigade Forward Signal Station - Railway Station
H.12.b.7.3.
3. The 25th and 27th Battalions will cross the SOMME at the bridge at OMMIECOURT les CLERY. The remainder of the Brigade Group will cross the SOMME RIVER at FEUILLEURES.
All transport of the brigade group will cross at FEUILLEURES.
4. The 14th A.I. Brigade will cross the river at OMMIECOURT les-CLERY.
The 6th A.I. Brigade will cross the river at FEUILLEURES.
5. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will not cross the river until the 6th and 14th A.I. Brigades are across. It will probably move from present location about 12.30 p.m. today. The time at which the river is to be crossed will be notified to units by wire. There is a traffic bridge at H.17.a.3.9., and a foot bridge for infantry in single file at H.12.b.3.6.
6. Units on arrival in new positions will notify locations to Brigade H.Q. by wire, connecting up with the Brigade Forward Station at Railway Station H.12.b.7.3.
7. Acknowledge.

Issued through Sigs at noon.

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|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. 25th Bn. | 9. 5th A.I.Bde. | |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 10. 15th A.I.Bde. | |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 11. 14th A.I.Bde. | |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 12. G.O.C. | |
| 5. 7th T.H.B. | 13. B.H. | 17. Bde Sig.Officer. |
| 6. 7th F.Coy | 14. S.C. | 18. File. |
| 7. 22nd H.G.Coy | 15. B.T.O. | 19/21. War Diary. |
| 8. 6th A.I.Bde. | 16. B.I.O. | 22/24. Spares. |

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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14th Aust Inf Bde Order 75

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1. The 2nd Aust Inf Bde have established live firing east on the MT ST QUENTIN - FOULIRUCOURT ROAD and are endeavouring to clear squares I 21 and 22 with the object of advancing their line to the HAIT ALLAINES - BUISSIE ROAD.

The attack is to be carried out by the 6th Bde.

2. It is not known whether the enemy will still be in possession of PERONNE when the attack is launched or whether the waterways on the northern outskirts of the town are passable.

3. The 14th A I Bn has been ordered to clear the high ground in I 35 and O 5 + 11 and to maintain touch with the 6th A I Bde at I 24.

4. (a) The final objective (from N to S) is to be approximately line - Road through I 24 b + c - I 30 a + c, thence I 35 d 2.2, thence south along road to O 11 a 8 7.

(b) The inter-battalion boundary on the final objective will be the COLOGNE R inclusive to left battalion.

5. METHOD OF ATTACK - (a) The attack will be carried out by the 54th Bn (line right), 53rd Bn (line left), 56th Bn right support, 55th Bn left support.

(b) The 53rd Bn are to have the 23rd Bn (assembling in I 20 b) in their left during the attack. The 53rd Bn will therefore arrange to get touch with 23rd Bn and to occupy before zero, a position from which they can move (in conformity with the 23rd Bn attack) to the vicinity of I 22 and thence attack S E towards their objective protecting their own right flank during the move.

(c) The 54th Bn will follow 53rd Bn as far as I 22 and will then move south under cover of 53rd attacks, and secure high ground in I 34 + 35, thence exploring to the limits of their objective.

(d) The 56th Bn will mop up PERONNE and will carry out the task from both flanks and by infiltration where possible. After completion of task they will move into support of 54th Bn and maintain touch.

(e) The 55th Bn will move (after the 54th Bn have passed N of PERONNE) to a position in support of 53rd Bn, maintaining close liaison with that unit.

6. Further instructions as to communications will be issued later.

7. Reports to GOC for H Q H 17 central.

8. Acknowledgements

5th A I Bn - 9
6th A I Bn - 10
7th A I Bn - 11
8th Aust Bn - 8

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Lieutenant Colonel
14th Aust Inf Bde

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
-----SECRET
-----ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS
To accompany Brigade Order 215 -Headquarters,
31st August 1918.

AMMUNITION - 2 Limbers of Mobile Echelon and plus 6 pack animals will move to bank at H.12.b.9.4. by ZERO plus 2 hours and requirements will be drawn from this dump. The remaining 6 limbers will move forward to approx. H.10.b. Former part of Echelon will be refilled from latter.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTSNERBECOURT

A.D.S. is now in Motor ambulances will move along road MONACU - CLERY - thence along main road to PERONNE to pick up wounded.

SUPPLIES -

Will be brought up to battalions by bridge at PHILLIPPE thence along road to CLERY until more convenient bridges have been established.

15th A.A.S.C. now at G.28.a.6.4.

J. H. Brown
A/Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Captain,

90 6th
 AUSTRALIAN
 SECRET FANTASY BRIGADE.
 No. 851
 Date 1/16

4th. AUSTR. F. A. BRIGADE.

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ORDER No. 112.

Group Headquarters,
 Sept. 1st. 1918.

Ref. Map: 1/20,000 Sheet 620.N.F.

1. The 6th. Aust. Infantry Brigade having attained the objectives as set out for today's operation, S.O.S. Lines from receipt of this order will be as follows:-

10th. Battery	I.4.a.80.00.	to	I.4.c.93.29.
11th. Battery	I.4.c.93.29.	to	I.10.b.63.55.
12th. Battery	I.10.b.63.55.	to	I.11.c.28.80.
104th. Battery	Road I.11.c.20.00.	to	I.12.a.40.30.

16th. Army Brigade, R.H.A.
 "U" Battery I.11.c.28.80. to I.11.c.90.10. to I.11.c.93.00.
 "Q" Battery I.11.c.93.00. to I.17.b.10.60. to I.17.b.20.00.
 "A" Battery I.17.b.20.00. to I.17.d.30.00.

2. The 5th. R.H.A. Brigade and 298th. Brigade, R.F.A. are super-
 imposed on these S.O.S. lines.

3. Harassing fire will be carried out by Batteries of the Group east of their respective S.O.S. lines, 75% of ammunition to be expended just prior to dawn; - 200 rounds per battery to be expended.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut.
 for Adjutant, 4th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

Distribution:-

- Copy No. 1. 10th. Battery
 2. 11th. Battery
 3. 12th. Battery
 4. 104th. Battery
 5/8. 16th. Army Bde. R.H.A.
 9. 6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade
 10. 2nd. Aust. D.A.H.C.
 11. File.
 12. War Diary.

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11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 137.Brigade Headquarters.
1st. September, 1918.

1. The III Corps boundary is from night 1/2 September being adjusted to line West-East through C.26. Central, C.27. Central, C.28. Central and C.29. Central.
2. The Boundary of the 2nd. Australian Division is CANAL/DU/NORD (inclusive to 2nd. Australian Division).
3. To give effect to para.1 the 74th. Division will relieve the 58th. Division and also 41st. and 42nd. Battalions of 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade, 3rd. Australian Division.
4. Troops of 74th. Division will be guided into our present front line under arrangements to be made by C.Os. concerned; each stage of the relief and hourly reports will be furnished as the responsibility of command of line is involved.
5. 43rd. Battalion will hold 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade front from East-West grid C.27., C.28. and C.29. to CANAL/DU/NORD until operations of 74th. Division on Left and 2nd. Australian Division on Right squeeze out Third Australian Division.
6. 44th. Battalion will remain in Reserve in present location - the one Coy. at present with 42nd. Battalion will rejoin 44th. Battalion at 9 p.m. to-night.
7. 35th. Battalion will move at 11 p.m. to vicinity of G.2. Central.
8. On relief 41st. Battalion will move to H.2. and 42nd. Battalion to H.1.
9. Two Trench Mortars will remain with the 43rd. Battalion and balance will move out with 41st. and 42nd. Battalions.
10. Machine Guns will be relieved under orders of C.O. 3rd. Machine Gun Battalion.
11. Brigade Headquarters will remain at H.3.b.3.6.

ACKNOWLEDGED

AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE

Distribution:

- Copy No.
1. 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
 2. 3rd. Aust. Division.
 3. 41st. Battalion.
 4. 42nd. Battalion.
 5. 43rd. Battalion.
 6. 44th. Battalion.
 7. 11th. T.M. Battery.
 8. 35th. Battalion.
 9. 173rd. Infantry Brigade.
 10. 6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
 - 11/13. War Diary.
 14. File.

A/Brigade Major, 11th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Captain

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30 SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS

8th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
No. 794
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APPENDIX
CORPS, DIVISIONAL Copy No. 278
SECTION No. 58
2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Reference Map 620 N.W. 1/20,000.

1. The 7th Field Coy. will repair road from H.12.b.2.4. CLERY-sur-SOMME-I.7.a. and b.-I.8.a.-I.8.d.-I.8.c. to HAUT ALLAINES as soon as situation permits.
2. The 6th Field Coy. will repair road from I.19.b.3.2.-I.20.a. and C. thence N.E. to I.27.a.-I.21.central-I.15.d. to I.16.a., and also road from I.22.b.3.3. to I.11.d.9.9. as soon as situation permits.
3. The 5th Field Coy. will be in reserve and will carry out the following ~~xxx~~ works:-
Erection of Horse Trough~~ax~~ near Lock at G.24.c.central.
Erect canvas troughing (to be replaced later by permanent structure) on North side of SOMME as soon as situation permits.
They will also be available for providing accommodation of D.H.Q. on north side of SOMME and will make early reconnaissance for same.
4. The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will take over and maintain the following bridges on completion.
H.8.d.9.5. at FEULLIERES and pontoon bridge at H.24.d.7.9.
Repair and maintain the following bridges across the SOMME River and CANAL -

Infantry in File ax bridge	H.24.d.65.95.	to I.19.a.30.65.
" " " "	I.19.c.25.05.	to I.19.d.0.9.
" " " "	I.19.c.25.05.	to I.19.a.35.05.
" " " "	H.15.b.95.70.	
Horse transport bridge	H.12.b.2.7.	
" " "	H.17.a.50.95.	
" " "	H.24.d.7.9.	to HALLE.

The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn will also repair and maintain road across River SOMME at H.24.a. through HALLE to Mt.St.QUENTIN, also road from FEULLECOURT -I.19.a. and c.-I.15.b.-I.16.c. to I.22.d.5.3. as soon as situation permits.

5. WATER SUPPLY A water detail will be allotted to each Field Coy. who will test all water samples obtained from wells by the Field Coys. to whom they are attached.
2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will test all wells that are likely to be used by Div. Troops.
Field Coys. and Pioneers will post up notices at wells as soon as x) tested and immediately notify this office, giving full particulars.
6. Field Coys will render every assistance to Brigades to whom they are affiliated where engineer advice and work is necessary.
7. This programme of work will come into operation by 6 p.m. on 2nd instant.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE. (Field Coys and Pioneer only).

1/9/18.
DISTRIBUTION

H. W. ... Lt. & Adjt.
Second Australian Divisional Engineers.

1. C.E. Aust. Corps.
2. "G" 2nd Aust. Division.
3. "q" " " "
4. 5th Field Coy.
5. 6th " " "
6. 7th " " "
7. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
8. 5th A.I.Bde
9. 6th " " "
10. 7th " " "
11. File
- 12-13-14. War Diary.

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 Report of Operations on 1-9-18
 No 1 Section attached to 2nd Batty
 Ref Map 62° N.W.
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I took charge of No 1 Section at 11 am on 2.9.18. relieving Lieut Langton who had taken charge when Lieut Ferguson was wounded.

The following is the report from Capt Munroe who was in charge of two guns after Lieut Ferguson was wounded. No 1 Section, attached to 2nd Batty was in Reserve to 23rd Batty.

When 23rd Batty were held up at 11 am the 2nd Batty attacked at 1.30 pm. Two guns under Lieut Ferguson advanced with this Batty.

Crews consisted of 5 men with 1 N.C.O. (Cpt. Munroe)

Guns were brought in timber to LOST RAVINE I Ba

From here, Guns
 Tripods
 Spaw Parts
 7 Boxes Ammun. per gun.
 1 tin water
 were carried forward by hand to
 J. O. T.

The 2nd Bn. attacked at 1.30pm. The two guns advanced, each team in single file, with the first wave and kept up with them to the village. About 15^{ft} from village Lieut Ferguson was shot in the stomach. Cpl Munro took charge of guns and went straight through the right of MT ST QUENTIN.

They were held up twice going through. There was no chance to use the guns. * Guns were mounted in trenches at Southern end of MT ST QUENTIN, approx I 16. c 05.90 and fired 1000 rounds into retreating Germans causing many casualties. Cpl Munro then reported to Coy Commander of 2nd Bn. who required two guns further over on left, so these two guns moved to QUARRY at I 16 a 40.00. The two remaining guns, under Sgt Mann, were ordered by CO, 2nd Bn. to move forward at 2pm. on right of MT ST QUENTIN and cover flat ground in front of village. These guns moved to I 15. d. 50.15. Their direction of fire was towards Sugar Factory I 16 c.

Casualties. While advancing
 Lieut Ferguson Thg 3rd
 In Objective
 N 116, St Paul and Rosa 3rd

HOC Hunter

Lieut

* These guns put out of action two enemy machine guns that were holding up the attack.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Order No. 221.Headquarters,
September 2nd 1918Reference Maps, Sheets 62 C. N.W. & N.E., 1/20,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade will consolidate for the night on line as follows :-
 (a) 26th Battalion. From road at I.16.c.1.3., along KOROS ALLEY to I.17.a.30.65.
 (b) 25th Battalion. From I.17.a.30.65. to I.11.c.25.20 along RUPPECHT TRENCH to where it joins road, thence to trench I.11.b.8.3., along trench to grid line at I.6.c.4.0.
 (c) 27th Battalion. From I.6.c.4.0. through I.6.central to HEPA ALLEY at I.6.a.4.2. along trench to road about C.29.d.6.0., thence along road to boundary.
2. (a) 26th Battalion will establish a post at I.10.central.
 (b) 25th Battalion will establish blocks in DANISTADT TRENCH I.17.a.7.5. and I.17.a.80.65.
 (c) 27th Battalion will retain post at G.30.c.5.0.
 (d) 22nd Battalion will place two Companies in support in ~~BRUNN TRENCH~~ *TORTILLA* TRENCH, with one Company in KOVERLA TRENCH in I.10.a.
 (e) 27th Battalion will utilize any men of the Suffolk or Sussex Regiments to connect the left flank with the troops of the 74th Division.
 (f) The remaining Company of the 22nd Battalion will remain in GOTT MIT UNS TRENCH.
3. (a) Battalion Commanders will dispose their Vickers Machine Guns for the defence of the line in their sectors.
 (b) Eight guns of the 5th Machine Gun Coy will be disposed in positions to be selected by the Machine Gun Group Commander for the defence of the positions.

4. Headquarters of Battalions are :-

25th Bn.	I.11.a.0.1.
26th Bn.	I.13.b.3.6.
27th Bn.	I.11.a.3.7.
28th Bn.	I.11.a.1.4.
22nd Bn.	I.8.d.5.0.

Brigade Forward Station	I.13.b.4.2.
Brigade Relay Station	I.13.central.

5. Acknowledge.

[Signature]
 Major, Brigade Major,
 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 4.15 p.m.

Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.	11. 6th A.I. Bde.
2. 26th Bn.	12. 2nd Aust. Div.
3. 27th Bn.	13. 22nd M.G. Coy,
4. 28th Bn.	14. War Diary,
5. 22nd Bn.	15/17. "
6. 7th T.L.B.	18. File.
7. 7th Field Coy	
8. 5th M.G. Coy	
9. 14th A.I. Bde.	
10. 229th Bde.	

Order No. 220.

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Headquarters,
September 2nd 1918.

Reference Maps Sheets 62 C. N.W.)
62 C. N.E.) 1/20,000

1. (a) The 7th A.I. Brigade will carry out an attack on the morning of September 2nd 1918, in conjunction with the 14th A.I. Brigade on the Right and the 229th Bri. Co on the left.
(b) Zero hour is 5.30 a.m.
(c) The 7th A.I. Brigade will form up on the start line already indicated, and pass through in its battle formations through the 6th A.I. Brigade.
2. (a) The objective of the 7th A.I. Brigade is a defensive flank, the line of which runs from I.13.a.2.2. - KOROS ALLEY - RUPPELCHT TRENCH - ST. DENIS-AZICOURT LA HAUTE Road to AZICOURT LA HAUTE inclusive.
All ground between the southern boundary of the 229th Brigade and the line of the defensive flank will be mopped up by the 7th A.I. Brigade.
(b) As the 14th A.I. Brigade advances to the grid line between I.23 and I.24, the 26th Battalion will swing its right flank in conformity with this advance.
Zero hour of 14th A.I. Brigade will be 6 a.m.
(c) Any subsequent opportunities will be exploited to the full.
3. (a) The southern boundary of the 7th A.I. Brigade is an east and west grid line between I.13. and I.22.
(b) The northern boundary is an east and west line through C.28, central.
(c) Interbattalion boundaries are :-
Between 26th and 25th Battalions, an east and west grid line between I.10 and I.13.
Between 25th and 27th Battalions, an east and west grid line to I.5, central, through
4. The attack will be made by three battalions, 26th Battalion on the Right, 25th Battalion in the Centre, 27th Battalion on the Left.
28th Battalion will follow 1,000 yards behind the rear of the attacking battalions, two companies following the 26th Battalion, and two companies following 27th Battalion. These companies will form flank liaison forces, and also local reserves for the 26th and 27th Battalions.
5. The 22nd A.M.G. Coy will detail one section to be attached to each of the four battalions. Details to be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
The 5th A.M.G. Coy will remain in mobile reserve in vicinity of I.15, central.
6. Two mortars of the 7th A.L.T.M. Bty will be attached to each of the three attacking battalions, the remaining sub-section will be held in reserve at Battery Headquarters in vicinity of I.15, central.
7. The advance will be supported by six brigades of horse and field artillery firing on selected targets. The artillery start line will be as already indicated.
Heavy artillery will co-operate.
The initial barrage, which will be 100 yards in five minutes, will remain on the start line for ten minutes. It will then advance, being regulated by the rate of barrage of 74th Division on the Left.

The artillery barrage for the 14th A.I. Brigade travels at the rate of 100 yards in three minutes.

One artillery brigade will be held as a mobile brigade.

One section of artillery will advance behind each of the three attacking battalions.

8. The 7th Field Coy A.E. will co-operate, constructing foot bridges across the CANAL DU NORD, and detailing parties for inspection of wells and dugouts.
9. One troop of 15th Aust. Light Horse will be used for mounted orderly and escort work.
10. Aeroplane contact patrol will fly over the spur from MONT ST. QUENTIN to AZICOURT at 7.30 a.m. and 9 a.m. Flares will be lit and discs exposed on plane calling on Klaxon horn.
11. All necessary arrangements for the evacuation of casualties have been made.
12. Signalling arrangements. Brigade Forward Signal Station is established at I.15.central. A line will be laid forward to Cross Roads I.16.c.0.9. where a Relay Station will be established. A line will then be laid along road through I.16.a. & b. to main PERONNE - NURLU Road at Cross Roads I.12.a.central, where forward station will be established. Units will maintain communication by telephone visual, and mounted orderlies.
13. Mobile Echelon will be situated in vicinity of I.15.central.
14. Prisoners of war will be sent to mounted escort firstly, at Relay Station I.15.central, and afterwards to Relay Station at I.16.c.0.9. They will then be brought by mounted escort to Brigade H.Q.
15. Headquarters of 7th A.I. Bde will remain at H.16.a.2.4. Headquarters of battalions will move behind the attacking infantry, and will be established as soon as final objective is reached. Headquarters of 7th A.L.T.M. Bty will be at I.15.central. " " Machine Gun Coys " " I.15.central.
16. Flank liaison will be maintained by all units.
17. Acknowledge.

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Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Copies to :-

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| 1, 25th Bn. | 13, 5th A.I. Bde. | 22, G.O.C. |
| 2, 26th Bn. | 14, 6th " | 23, B.H. |
| 3, 27th Bn. | 15, 2nd Aust. Div. | 24, S.C. |
| 4, 28th Bn. | 16, 2nd Div. Arty | 25, File. |
| 5, 7th A.L.T.M. B. | 17/18, Liaison Officers | 26/28, War diary. |
| 6, 22nd H.G. Coy | 19, B.T.O. | |
| 7, 5th H.G. Coy | 20, Bde Sig. Officer. | |
| 8, 7th Field Coy | 21, B.I.O. | |
| 9, 5th F. Amb. | | |
| 10, 17th A.A.S.C. | | |
| 11, 14th A.I. Bde. | | |
| 12, 15th Bde. | | |

APPENDIX

See Intel. Summaries Brigade Headquarters,
1st August, 1918.

Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 31.7.18 to 9 a.m. 1.8.18.

1. OUR OPERATIONS:-

(a) Artillery:- Throughout the night harassing fire was carried out on enemy support areas, especially P.33. Cross Roads at V.2.b.95.75. P.34.a.15.00., M.G. positions at V.3.a.3.3., V.3.a.2.9., embankment at V.2.b.1.2. and trenches in V.3.a., V.8.b., movement centres at V.4.d., M.W. positions at U.12.a.9.8. and V.7.a.2.8., & earthwork at V.7.b.3.8. were also strafed. Working party at P.33.d.25.95. was fired on at 9 p.m. with good result, & party heard at V.2.a. at midnight was shelled with shrapnel.

(b) T.M.:- The 37 mm. gun platoon of the 129th U.S. Regt. was established without incident in trenches at O.26.d. Our L.T.M. were inactive. H.T.M. fired 5 rds. on U.6.c.45.27. at 5 a.m. for registration. M.T.M. fired as follows:-

24	"	"	M.G. emplacement at U.6.c.45.30.,
24	"	"	M.W. position at U.12.a.85.85.
25	"	"	M.G. " " U.5.d.2.0.
20	"	"	post at U.5.d.4.4.
30	"	"	trench V.7.a.9.7.
14	"	"	registration.

TOTAL 137 rds.

(c) M.G.:- Very active. Harassing fire was maintained on the under-mentioned targets during the night:-

Suspected H.Q. & tracks P.35.c.60.82., Road U.18.a. to U.18.central, road near WOOD V.7.c., BUDA-PESTH trench and enfiladed road U.12.b., roads & tracks P.33.a., road & tracks near WOOD U.12.d., areas around V.7.a.5.9. & U.5.c.80.28., U.6.c.6.0., U.11.d.8.2. and road from BASILDE ALLEY to U.11.d.8.2. Total rounds expended 31,000.

(d) Lewis Guns:- Fired on working party in P.32.central, enemy M.G. and flare posts. Working parties in V.9.b.&d. were fired on.

(e) Aerial Activity:- Normal activity was maintained.

(f) Patrols:- Left Bn. patrols were fired on from JAFFA TR. from 3 guns. Working party heard in vicinity of P.32.c.2.4. & P.32.c.8.9. No enemy encountered. Right Bn. report. patrol moved S.E. along road to V.1.c. 8.9. Enemy working party was seen ahead and spot was fired on by our L.G's. Another patrol reports a working party at approx. U.6.c.4.5. Lewis Guns fired on this spot also.

(g) Snipers:- 17 shots were fired, 1 certain hit being obtained. Enemy is now very careful how he exposes himself owing to our sniping activity.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY:- Enemy artillery very active from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. after which the shelling eased off. Areas particularly shelled were

MONUMENT WOOD between 9.25 and 9.35 p.m., when 60 rds. of 77 and 105 mm. fell, O.33 with 15 rds. H.E. 105 and 150 mixed, with 20 rds. 150 mm. gas (unidentified) and U.5.b. between 9.45 & 10 p.m. when 65 rds. of 77 & 105 mm fell, all coming from S. of MARCELCAVE. Area O.36. was fairly heavily shelled at following times 9.25 to 9.30 p.m., 10.30 to 10.35 p.m. 11 to 11.15 p.m. 12.50 to 1 a.m. and 4.15 to 4.40 a.m. mostly 105 mm. O.28. and O.35 were shelled (80 rds) from 12.10 to 12.30 a.m. (150 rds) from 1.5 to 1.25 a.m. (70 rds) from 4.15 to 6 a.m., with mixed 105 and 150 mm coming from S. of MARCELCAVE. O.25 & O.31 were shelled at intervals during the night by 150 mm. From 4.15 to 4.40 heavy shelling on sector N. of main WARFUSEE road. An H.V. gun of 150 cm. has fired several times on to rear of our sector.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE:- More alert and aggressive.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES:- (a) Work and wire:- Fresh earth is visible at U.5.d.7.4.

Post located at P.32.c.10.35.

(b) T.M.:- L.T.M. at P.32.b.00.15. and V.1.b.85.45. M.T.M. at V.2.b.-D.2. An unlocated T.M. fired on V.1.b. from direction of V.1.d.4.4.

(c) M.G.:- Enemy is reported to be using a Lewis gun at V.1.b.9.7. M.G. at U.6.c.4.3. was very active P.31. was actively swept during night from an M.G. firing from the South.

(d) Flares:- Whites very plentiful. Red & greens were also seen.

(e) Snipers:- Active spasmodically.

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT:- More active than usual. Four approached our lines at 8.45 p.m. Others crossed our lines at 10.45 p.m. 2.40 a.m. & 3.10 a.m. and dropped bombs on artillery positions in O.25 and vicinity. Flares were dropped before bombs in some cases.

6. MOVEMENT etc.- Very limited amount of movement in front area. Limber heard on road near JAFFA TR. at 10 p.m. At 4 a.m. a party of 20 was seen S.E. or mound. L.G. opened fire and caused some casualties.

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No. 14.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SECRET.Brigade Headquarters,
2nd August, 1918.Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 1.8.18. to 9 a.m. 2.8.18.1. OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery:- Harassing fire during night was carried out on enemy tracks, roads, and trenches, also on known areas of activity. P.33., P.34., and CARD COPSE received special attention.
- (b) T.M.:- 6" Newtons fired 94 rds. on BASILIDE ALLEY, Cross roads at U.6.c.4.3., and CRAFT TRENCH. L.T.M. fired 10 rds. on to JAFFA Tr.
- (c) M.G.:- Active harassing enemy centres of activity. Road and tracks in V.7.c., U.18.a. to U.18.central from BASILIDE ALLEY to WOOD, BUDAPESTH Trench, areas P.33.central, U.6.c.20.28., U.6.c.5.0., suspected H.Q. at P.33.c.60.82. Total rounds expended 25,500.
- (d) Lewis Guns:- Of Left Bn. fired 400 rds. against enemy M.G. positions. Right Bn. fired bursts on working party near U.6.c.5.2.
- (e) Aerial Activity:- Our planes were very active. It is reported they dropped four bombs in our line on Right Bn. sector at 7 p.m.
- (f) Snipers:- 21 shots fired and one hit claimed at V.1.b.9.8.
- (g) Bombing:- 66 rifle grenades used on flare and M.G. posts in JAFFA TRENCH. and few fired on working party at U.6.c.5.2.
- (h) Patrols :- (i) Patrol of one N.C.O. and four O.Rs, moved out from U.6.d.1.8. Heard enemy working party at approx. U.6.c.60.35. who appeared to be building posts. M.G. fire came from this locality.
- (ii) 1 Off. & 4 O.Rs. moved out from P.32.c.25.95. They were fired on by enemy M.G. (iii) One N.C.O and 4 O.Rs. left our line at P.32.c.0.6. No enemy was encountered.
2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY:- Was active throughout the night until 3 a.m. on back areas, O.31., O.32., U.2., U.3., being shelled intermittently with 105, 150, and 210 mm. coming from S. of MARCELCAVE. From 8.30 to 7 p.m. and from 9.30 to 10 p.m. light harassing fire by 105 mm. from S. of WARFUSEE on O.30.c. Between 8.30 and 11.30 p.m. normal shelling of VILLERS BRETONNEUX mostly 105 mm. Between 11.30 and midnight, about 300 gas shells (green and yellow cross) fell around O.35.c. coming from direction of S. of MARCELCAVE.
3. ENEMY ATTITUDE:- Nervous.
4. ENEMY DEFENCES:- (a) Work and wire:- Working parties again observed near U.6.c.60.35.
- (b) T.M.:- Active on V.1.b. during night. Positions of guns not located.
- (c) M.G.:- Normal activity throughout period. A.A. M.G. at V.7.b.80.05.
- (d) Flares:- Normal.
- (e) Snipers:- A sniper was active from approx. P.32.c.1.2.
- (f) Bombing:- About 100 rifle grenades fired from JAFFA TR. in retaliation to our grenading.
5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT:- Active after 10.45 p.m. bombing our rear areas. U.1., O.31., and O.25.
6. MOVEMENT etc:- Considerable movement of individuals in rear in V.14., and V.9.c., some on bicycles, some apparently wiring and others carrying. Some glimpses of heads at U.6.d.70.05., U.6.d.2.2., V.2.c.3.9., JAFFA TR.
7. MISCELLANEOUS:- Searchlight at 95° from V.1.b.4.8. A fire started at 96° from V.1.b.4.8. at 2.45 a.m.

Ch. F. Fetherston
Lieut

for Brigadier-General.
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Brigade Headquarters,
3rd August, 1918.

Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 2.8.18. to 9 a.m. 3.8.18.

OUR OPERATIONS:-

- (a) Artillery:- Was active during the night on enemy T.M. positions at V.2.b.4.2., P.28.c.7.1., P.34.a.3.8., V.4.c.c.0., M.G.'s. at V.3.s.a.3.3., V.3.a.2.9., Trenches in P.33.d., P.34.d., P.28.c., P.34.a.&.b.3. CARD COPSE was harassed at intervals. Transport heard in direction of MARCELCAVE, at 9.45 p.m. was harassed, also heavy transport reported in P.27.d. at 11 p.m. Active M.W. at P.28.c.6.5. was silenced by our fire.
- (b) T.M.:- Quiet.
- (c) M.G.:- A total of 20,000 rds. were fired on to following targets:- P.33.central (reported ration dump) & road in P.33.a. Suspected H.Q. at P.33.c. and V.3.a., Cross Roads P.27.d.5.4., Road at P.23a5.4. main road from P.28.d. to P.29.c.60.35. Junction at P.29.a., and roads in P.28.b., P.29.c., P.33.a., V.3.b.
- (d) Lewis Guns:- Right Bn. fired on active enemy M.G. and neutralised them effectively.
- (e) Aerial Activity:- Below normal, owing to bad weather.
- (f) Patrols:- Left Bn. sent our covering patrols while reliefs were in progress. Nothing to report. Right Bn. patrol left our line at P.32.c.25.95. at 11 p.m. and went S.E. for 100 yds. Enemy flares from about P.32.c.central ceased on approach of patrol and M.G. opened fire from P.32.c.60.65. Patrol moved to within 50 yds. of this post and laid quiet. Enemy was heard talking. Patrol returned at 1 a.m. No.2 patrol left P.32.c.00.60. at 1 a.m. and moved S.E. for 120 yds. Patrol returned without seeing anything to report.
- (g) Snipers:- 17 shots fired. 1 Hun sniped at approx. P.32.c.8.9. He was carried away by S.B. who were fired on until white flag was raised. A periscope is claimed to have been smashed at U.5.d.7.3.
- (h) Bombing:- About 50 rifle grenades were fired into enemy posts along Right Bn. front.
2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY:- Light scattered shelling during the night. At 4.30 p.m. (2nd inst) and 10 p.m. light shelling of O.30.d. & O.36.b. with 77 mm shrapnel coming from direction of 112° from O.30.c.9.3. At 6 p.m. a little lachrymatory gas fell on O.28. & O.29. P.20.d. was shelled with heavies at 8 p.m. from 90 degrees T.B. from P.20.a.-B.5. and at same time some 150 mm. fell at P.25.b.&.c. along road. DIGGER SUPPORT received scattered shelling throughout night with 77 and 105 mm H.E. P.26.a.&.b. was harassed between 10 p.m. and midnight, and 1 to 3 a.m. Battery of 105 mm in direction of CANCELETTE WOOD (V.22.) was active at 10 p.m. on P.25.d. A H.V. gun was clearly seen firing in early morning from 102° T.B. from P.26.c.50.15.
3. ENEMY ATTITUDE:- Quiet but alert.
4. ENEMY DEFENCES:-
- (a) Posts:- Shell holes from P.32.c.10.25 to P.32.central are occupied.
- (b) T.M.:- Located at V.2.c.85.50., V.1.d.95.40. active from P.28.c.6.5 at 10 p.m.
- (c) M.G.:- Reported at V.1.b.9.5., P.32.c.9.0., P.32.c.10.25. P.32.c.-3.4. Only moderately active through night. Bursts were fired from a gun in vicinity of P.27.c.8.7.
- (d) Snipers:- Slow and inactive.
- (e) Bombing:- Some stick bombs were thrown towards our block at V.1.b.75.80. but without effect.
- (f) Flares:- Greens were fired when M.W. fell short, otherwise normal number of whites.
5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT:- Quiet. 6 E.A. over our lines at 5.30 and 6 a.m.
6. MOVEMENT etc:- Very limited in forward areas. Limbers heard at 9.45 and 11 p.m. on forward roads. Harvesting in V.8. was observed at 5.45 a.m.
7. MISCELLANEOUS:- A good dummy figure was exposed at V.1.b.9.6. several times in evening to draw our fire. Searchlight burnt steadily through night on 88° T.B. from P.26.c.50.15.

W. Fetherly
for
Brigadier-General.
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.

BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER

by

Brigadier-General J.C. ROBERTSON, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 6th A.I. Brigade.

3rd August, 1918.

F.O.C.M.

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Detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at 6th A.I. Bde. Nucleus Bn. (N. 14.d.4.7.) at 10 a.m. on Monday 5th August, 1918, for the purpose of trying by F.O.C.M. --

8945	Pte.	E.A. MENLEY,	22nd Bn. A.I.F.
8457	"	J.B. PAYNE,	22nd Bn. A.I.F.
8486	"	C.E. BARTON	22nd Bn. A.I.F.
8813	"	A. BENNETTS	22nd Bn. A.I.F.
18	"	R. BLOORE	22nd Bn. A.I.F.
1818A	"	J. HOCKEY	22nd Bn. A.I.F.
8868A	"	M.K. HAYES	23rd Bn. A.I.F.
8848	"	H.J. MORRISON	24th Bn. A.I.F.

and such other person or persons as may be brought before them :-

PRESIDENT.

Major D. BRITH, 23rd Bn. A.I.F.

MEMBERS.

Captain M.B. KELLY 21st Bn. A.I.F.
Lieut. A. BASTON 23rd Bn. A.I.F.
Australian Corps Courts Martial Officer.

The accused will be warned and all witnesses required to attend.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

Necessary accommodation will be provided and all other arrangements made by C.O., 6th A.I. Bde. Nucleus Bn., for holding this Court.

LIGHTS.

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Divisional memo 92/42 of 1.8.18. is republished for information and necessary action :-

"Attention is drawn to the fact that lights are insufficiently screened in billets at night, and that lights are still burning as late as 12 midnight.

Not only is this the case but it is a common practice for men on duty in horse lines to have small fires burning out in the open.

Officers commanding units are to take steps to ensure the efficient screening of lights and to cause the discontinuance of any open fires at night.

Reports from our night flying aircraft have been made to the effect that our bivouac lines are plainly visible at night owing to the numerous lights.

(SGD) A.G. BROWN Captain.
Staff Captain, 6th Aust. Infantry Bde.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
4th August, 1918.

Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 3.8.18. to 9 a.m. 4.8.18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery:- M.W. positions at P.32.d.8.3., P.34.b.3.4., P.34.a.3.8., P.28.c.7.1., roads in P.28.c.&d., P.29.c., P.34, V.3.a., areas in P.33.c.&d., CARD COPSE, and railway embankment in V.2.b. were harassed at intervals during the night.
 - (b) T.M.:- 30 rds. were fired by L.T.M.B. on to enemy posts at P.27.c.6.5..
 - (c) M.G.:- Actively harassed enemy positions, and tracks especially in the half hour before day break. Total rds. fired 20,000.
 - (d) Aerial Activity:- Normal activity was maintained, and enemy A.A. fire encountered.
 - (e) Patrols:- Strong patrols (1 off. & 10 D.Rs. with L.G.) were sent out from both line Bns. to gain touch with enemy and secure identification and prisoner if possible. Heavy M.G. fire was encountered however and patrols were unable to obtain the information desired. Enemy post located at P.27.c.6.7. with wire about 15 yds. in front. Another post is suspected at P.27.c.6.6. Enemy was seen working at about P.32.c.15.30. The enemy proved to be alert and watchful and his M.G. fire opened on our patrols when they approached his posts.
 - (f) Snipers:- Fired 12 shots at heads appearing in JAFFA TR. but no definite hits can be claimed.
 - (g) Left Bn. relieved last night by Left Support Bn.
2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY:- Shelling on our sector has been normal with the exception of the left between 7 and 8 p.m. on O.29.a. & O.30.b.c.&d., between 9.30 & 10.30 p.m. on P.26.a.&c. and P.20.c., and between 1.15 & 3.15 a.m. on O.28., O.29., O.30., when 300 rds. of 77 and 105 mm fell, and between 3.45 & 5.45 a.m. on O.29, O.35., & O.36. when 200 rds. of 77, 105, & 150 mm. fell. Majority of this was coming from between WARFUSEE and MARCELCAVE. Sneezing gas shells were interspersed in areas P.26.b. and P.20.c.
3. ENEMY ATTITUDE:- Alert.
4. ENEMY DEFENCES:-
- (a) Work & Wire:- Enemy seen working at P.32.c.15.30
 - (b) T.M.:- About 4 a.m. a few L.T.M. fell on P.25.d. T.Ms. were also firing from P.33.c.85.80., P.33.c.9.7., V.2.c.85.55., V.1.d.95.40.
 - (c) M.G.:- Indirect gun fired from approx P.21.d.9.1. M.G. active from V.1.b.9.5., V.1.b.9.6., P.32.c.1.4., P.32.c.7.8.
 - (d) Flares:- Normal.
 - (e) Snipers:- More active. Loophole at V.1.b.9.5. Position at P.32.c.0.0.
5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT:- Inactive.
6. MOVEMENT, etc.- Caps with red bands visible in trench at P.27.c.6.7. Caps with white bands reported seen at JAFFA TRENCH. Considerable movement of individuals in P.22. & 23. Harvesting parties seen at work S. of WARFUSEE. Touring car seen travelling towards GUILLAUCOURT at 6.25 p.m. Wagons on same road (W.10) at 8 p.m.
7. MISCELLANEOUS:- Signal lamp seen on a true bearing of 75° from P.27.a.3.3.

W. F. Others
for Brigadier-General.
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Brigade Headquarters,
5th August, 1918.

Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 4.8.18. to 9 a.m. 5.8.18.

1. OUR OPERATIONS:-

(a) Artillery:- Programme of harassing fire was carried out. CAVE COPSE, Railway embankment, and copse in V.3.d.central, T.M. positions at V.2.c.85.50., V.1.a.95.40., V.2.b.4.2., P.34.a.3.8., P.28.c.6.5., P.28.c.7.1., CARD COPSE, Suspected battery position at V.4.d.6.5. M.G. position at V.3.a.2.9., V.3.a.3.3., and areas in P.28.c.&.d. Roads and trenches in P.28.c.&.d., P.34.d., V.3.b., V.4.a., were fired on at intervals during the night.

(b) T.M.:- Heavy T.M. fired 4 rds. on to T.M. at V.2.b.7.8. at 7.45 p.m.

(c) M.G.:- Harassing fire was maintained through the night on enemy roads, centres of activity, trenches, H.Q. and communicating tracks, a total of 25,000 rds. being expended.

(d) L.G.:- Right Bn. fired 1500 rds. against enemy M.G. and flare post, thus considerably restricting enemy activity.

(e) Aerial Activity:- Our planes remained active. A plane is reported to have been brought down in pieces behind WARFUSEE at 8.30 a.m. (4.8.18.) unidentified.

(f) Patrols:- Two patrols from Right Bn. sector reconnoitred N.M.L. but had no encounter with enemy. Flares were fired from approx. P.32.-b.7.7. Patrol from Left Bn. left line at P.21.c.8.3. at 9.45 p.m. Four men were seen to go from trench P.21.c.8.5. to a position at P.21.c.8.4. Numerous flares were fired from P.21.c.90.55. and a M.G. was very active from this post. Flares were being fired from well behind enemy lines. N.M.L. is fairly dry. Enemy constantly fired a light field gun from a position close to his front line. Patrol No. 2 reports enemy posts in P.27.a.8.7. to be wired and occupied. Posts in P.27.a.4.4. were also occupied, M.G. and flares being fired from there. A number of flares sent up from well behind enemy lines was very noticeable. A M.G. was very active enfilading N.M.L. from P.27.c.-central in a N. direction.

(g) Snipers:- Very few targets offering but ten shots were fired and one hit is claimed.

(h) Bombing :- Rifle grenades fired at JAFFA TR. N. of railway and into post at P.32.a.9.1.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY:- Normal amount of activity until daylight when artillery became quiet. VILLERS BRETONNEUX, O.30., B.36., and P.25.c., received attention. 105 mm. battery was observed firing on 114° G.B. from O.30.c.90.28. P.31.d. received 70 rds. of 105 mm. between 7 p.m. and 1 a.m. from direction of MARCELCAVE. From 3.30 a.m. to 3.50 a.m. 100 rds. of 105 and 150 mm. fell in P.26.b.&.d. Some green cross gas was mixed with the H.E. at midnight and at 3 a.m.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE:- Quiet but alert.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES:-

(a) Work and wire:- Fresh earth thrown up at P.34.d. Concertina wire has been erected in front of JAFFA TR. North of Railway. Posts (shell holes) located P.32.c.1.3., P.32.c.80.95.

(b) T.M.:- Active at intervals just north of railway. A L.T.M. is suspected at P.27.c.8.8.

(c) M.G.:- Active throughout from P.21.c.90.55., P.27.c.7.6. and from JAFFA TR. but quieter on left Bn. front last night.

(d) Snipers:- Not alert.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

6. MOVEMENT:- Considerable movement observed. At 5.15 p.m. wagon on road W.7.b. disappeared into WIENCOURT. At 6.30 p.m. 15 men carrying from W.1.d. to V.5.b. Considerable movement of individuals in rear of TAILLOUX WOOD. Since daybreak 50 men seen working along Warfusse road in P.28.d. Dispersed by our artillery. Frequent movement of individuals in and out of trenches in V.2.b. and on roads in V.4.b. and V.5.a.

7. MISCELLANEOUS:- At 2.15 a.m. large flare in MARCELCAVE and several other red glares seen opposite our sector.

W. F. others etc
7th Brigadier-General.
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX

Brigade Headquarters
6th August, 1918.Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 5.8.18 to 9 a.m. 6.8.181. OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery.— The usual harassing fire programme was carried out. Areas in V.3 and P.34 were given special attention.
- (b) T.M. Heavies fired 10 rds. in copse at V.3.a. at 7.45 p.m. which threw up a lot of timber. L.T.M's were quiet.
- (c) M.G. Active throughout the night on following targets.— Roads in P.34.a.&c., P.28.a.8.8., V.3.a., U.12.a.&b., U.6.c.&d., Centres of activity in P.33.c. and P.33.central. Total rounds expended 11,000.
- (d) Aerial Activity. Our planes continued active in spite of less favourable weather.
- (e) Patrols. Liaison patrols kept touch between posts and flanks of Right Bn. Left Bn. sent out a patrol of 1 Offr. & 3 O.R's from P.27.c.4.6. at 9.45 p.m. Enemy flares and M.G. fire was normal. Three M.G's were seen firing from approx. P.27.c.8.4. and another from P.27.c.8.8. and also P.27.c.85.95. Branch Trench running W. from P.27.c.8.6. does not appear to be occupied.
- (f) Snipers. Fired over 40 shots and claim two certain hits at P.27.a.5.5. and P.27.a.6.5. One was carried away by Stretcher Bearers and the other left lying in the crop. Much movement (morning 5th) in P.21.d. and P.27.b. which continued in spite of energetic sniping. Enemy were doubling and darting about. They were not carrying but appeared to be doing something which had to be done in spite of our shooting.
- (g) Bombing. Several rifle grenades were fired into JAFFA TR. and S.P. at P.32.a.9.1. during night.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY.— Fairly active. At 8.15 p.m., 9.30, and 10.30, area P.25.d. and P.26.c. was shelled by about 30 rds. of 105 and 150 mm. each time coming from WARFUSSE direction. VILLERS BRETONNEUX was shelled at intervals during the night from MARCELCAVE. From 4.15 to 6 a.m. heavy shelling took place on O.23., O.29., O.35., & O.36. by 105, 150 and 210 mm. with some mixed GREEN & BLUE Cross gas shells. Some scattered gas shells also fell on P.19. area from 9.15 to 10 p.m. (BLUE Cross) P.27.a.&c. received 200 shells (77 & 105 mm.) between 4.30 & 5 a.m. from LA BASTILE MILL with which a little gas was mixed.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Nervous.4. ENEMY DEFENCES

- (a) Work & Wire. At V.1.b.9.4. 20 yds. of trench with concertina wire in front can be seen. On E. end of MOUND, there is a steel loophole plate for sniper.
- (b) T.M. Active on P.27.c. at 6.30 p.m. (40 rds.). At 5.10 a.m. 6 small H.W. fell on V.1.b.6.6. from V.2. 80 rds. M.T.M. from 12³⁰ T.B. from P.26.b.9.5. fell during yesterday afternoon on P.26.d. and P.27.c.
- (c) M.G. Fired at aircraft from P.21.d.8.1. Active from P.27.c. (see Patrols.)
- (d) Flares. Normal. Green flares fired when enemy shells fell short.
- (e) Snipers. Post on E. end of MOUND with loophole plate. Enemy was more active in sniping yesterday.

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. Inactive. One E.A. crossed our lines at 9.5 a.m. and was engaged by A.A. and M.G. fire.

6. MOVEMENT. ETC. Considerable movement of individuals in back areas, in rear of TAILLOUX WOOD, P.23. and P.28.b.&d. At 7.30 p.m. a wagon on road W.6. going towards GUILLAUCOURT. At 8.5 p.m. a wagon on road P.34.c. At 8.5 p.m. 3 parties of 10 men each in W.2. going towards WIENCOURT. At 5.45 a.m., enemy loading hay into wagon at V.2.b. which went to BAYONVILLERS. At 6 a.m. 3 wagons on road W.2.c. going to WIENCOURT. At 7.45 a.m. train seen S.E. of HARBONNIERES. From 8.20 to 8.50 train at W.7.d. then went to GUILLAUCOURT.

D. Fetherly
for *Lieut.*
Brigadier-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
7th August, 1918.

Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 6.8.18 to 9 a.m. 7. 8.18

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery. Carried out shoots on roads, tracks, trenches and new work in P.28, P.29., P.22.d., P.23.c.&d., firing in short but frequent bursts.
M.W. positions at V.2.b.4.2., P.34.a.3.8., M.G. at V.3.a.2.9., V.3.a.3.3., suspected battery position at V.4.d.6.5. and areas P.33., Roads in P.34.d.
- (b) T.M. H.T.M. fired 4 rds. on to tramway and railway in V.3.a. and 4 rds. on to T.M. & M.G. position at U.6.c.5.0. L.T.M. were inactive.
- (c) M.G. 14,000 rds. were fired during the night in harassing enemy positions, tracks and roads.
- (d) Aerial Activity. Our planes actively patrolled the line, and were active in rear of enemy lines during the night.
- (e) Patrols. Standing patrols covered Inter-Bn. relief on right. Left Bn. sent out a patrol from P.21.c.6.4. which moved S. in N.M.L. returning through P.27.a.4.8. No sign of enemy. Flares were numerous. N.M.L. is in good condition. Patrol which went out in P.27.a. &c. report enemy M.G.'s active, N.M.L. in a fairly solid condition, not many shell holes. No obstacles or enemy met with.
- (e) Snipers. We fired over 50 shots, the majority at over 1,500 yds. range. No certain hits claimed. 3 rds. of A.P. were fired at enemy loophole plate reported yesterday on MOUND. No shots were fired from this loophole afterwards.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Quieter last night. Only light scattered shelling reported. O.29.d. received 30 rds. of 105 and 150 mm. between 7.15 and 8 p.m. O.30.a. 25 rds 105 mm between 9.5 and 9.15 p.m. O.35.a.&b., 27 rds. 105 mm. between 2.40 & 2.50 a.m. Gas shelling nil.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Nervous but quieter.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES

- (a) Work & Wire. S.P. suspected at approx. P.22.c.1.4.
- (b) T.M. Intermittently active on outposts. L.T.M. fell in P.32.a., & H.T.M. in P.31.d. and P.32.c., coming from direction of WARFUSEE. Active also on left Bn. front but position of mortars were not located.
- (c) M.G. Normal.
- (d) Sniping. Inactive. A sniping 77 mm. gun was firing yesterday from direction of MARCELCAVE on to movement in P.26.
- (e) Flares. Normal.

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. At 11.15 p.m. 4 bombs were dropped near HANGARS in P.25.c. & O.30.d.

6. MOVEMENT. Amount of individual movement seen was normal. At 10.7 p.m. 6 men in pairs were seen carrying packs or food containers in P.22.c. At 8.40 p.m. 12 men working in P.22.c.

7. MISCELLANEOUS. At 10 a.m. (^{6.}7.8.18) a dump went up in WARFUSEE, a loud explosion was heard, and much yellow smoke seen to rise.

C. D. Fetherly
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Brigadier-General,
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade

Brigade Headquarters
12th August, 1918.

Summary of Intelligence from 8 p.m. 11th Aug. to 9 a.m. 12th Aug.

1. OUR OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Active from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

(b) Patrols. Liaison patrol kept touch with Brigades on Right and Left.

(c) Aerial Activity. Our planes were active at 5 a.m. over enemy lines. Bombing planes were active over enemy lines. A.A. fire moderate.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Prisoner taken by Centre Bn. He belonged to 7th Coy., 2nd Bn., 52nd R.I.R. 107th Div. and is Landsturm Class.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Showed much activity between 2.45 and 4 a.m. on area in X.10., some hundreds of rounds 77 and 105 mm. shells. Few 77 mm. sneezing gas in X.15.b. at 4.30 a.m. Villages in forward area were strongly shelled at intervals, VAUVILLERS, FRAMERVILLE and RAINECOURT. Some scattered rounds of Blue Cross in vicinity of X.9.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) M.G. Active between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. over area X.16. from direction of X.18., on Centre Bn. front from direction of PROYART and along Valley from R.35.a. None located definitely.

(b) Flares. Normal. They appeared to come from not less than 500 yds. in front of our Right Bn. line of posts.

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. Intense activity, bombing support and reserve areas at night. At dawn E.A. patrolled line, 4 a.m., 6.30 a.m. and 7.30 a.m.

6. MOVEMENT ETC. Individual movement about dawn at X.11.d.8.3.

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Brigade Headquarters
15th August, 1918.

Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. to 9 a.m. 15th August 1918

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Active. Fired on active 77 mm. Battery at R.35.b.8.6. on request of infantry at 3 a.m. and effectively silenced it. Also fired on enemy transport heard on roads leading S. into HENLEVILLE at 5 p.m. (13th) on our request.

(b) M.G. Fired 10,000 rds. on Woods in R.34b. and R.35a.

(c) Aerial Activity. Very active patrolling by day and bombing by night.

(d) Patrols. Standing patrols sent out on right of Right Bn. On left of Right Bn. a patrol of 1 Off. & 8 O.R.'s with L.G. proceeded from X.5.c.1.4. towards village HENLEVILLE. Patrol passed trees on road X.5.c.9.7. and saw no signs of enemy until X.5.d.2.8. was reached when flares were fired from approx. X.5.b.2.0. M.G.'s opened fire. From X.5.c.7.7. the road is sunken to a depth of 8' (where flares were first fired on patrol. Voices heard from village, no movement seen. Centre Bn. patrol went out at 5 p.m. from X.4.b.3.8. but sniping made progress impossible. Similarly when an attempt was made to move out from X.4.b.3.4. At 10 p.m. a patrol of 1 Offr. and 10 O.R.'s moved out from X.4.b.3.9. and went to road at R.35.c.0.0. thence East. Belts of broken wire were passed through. At 150 yds. from post of exit an unoccupied trench runs approx. parallel to our line. At X.5.a.1.8. is another trench, very shallow and unoccupied. Further E. is a third line which is in good condition but also unoccupied. No enemy posts found in a distance of 500 yds. E. of our post. Patrol of Left Bn. moved along Road from R.34.d.9.6. to R.35.a.5.2. and encountered no enemy.

(e) L.G. Fired on party of enemy on main road 100 strong at 5.45 p.m. Active and vigilant.

(f) Infantry Action. Right Bn. pushed out its line of posts which now run X.11.d.00.05, 35.50., 75.50., X.11.b.6.2., 3.3., X.11.a.6.6., X.5.c.35.00., X.5.c.0.5. Centre Bn. line now runs from X.4.d.8.4., X.4.b.4.4., R.34.d.3.0. Left Bn. line continues to R.34.d.5.0., R.34.d.7.4., R.34.b.3.2., R.28.c.5.4. where it is in touch with flank unit.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 3 Prisoners of 576 I.R. captured in X.11. 1 Prisoner 52nd M.I.M. captured by Left Bn. Prisoner was found hiding in our Coy. H.Q. dugout.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Increased activity shown during night. 77 mm. Gun was firing into FRAMERVILLE from S.E. of 58° from X.10.b.9.3. Character of shelling was vigorous bursts of harassing fire over villages and roads in X.10.d. and X.15.b., Gully in X.10.c. received special attention. Gully in X.4.d. and Quarry X.4.a. were also heavily shelled at intervals. Some Blue Cross gas shells were mixed with H.E. on left Bn. Sector. X.2. and X.3. were much strafed areas, also R.34.c. (RAINECOURT).

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Alert and resisting.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) M.G. Active from approx. X.5.b.9.8., X.6.c.4.9. also from Left flank firing down gully in X.4.a. and X.4.c. Reported positions X.5. central, ST DENIS WOOD X.35.a.4.6.

6. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. Active patrolling over lines at intervals and in bombing front lines and rear areas all night.

7. MOVEMENT. At 5.30 p.m. approx. 100 men seen moving towards front line along road R.28.d. They extended to the right. Little other movement observed.

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Brigade Headquarters
14th August, 1918.Summary of Intelligence from 6.30 p.m. 13.8.18 to 9 a.m. 14.8.181. OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery. Were very active in harassing fire on enemy centres of activity and roads.
- (b) T.M. 84 rds. fired at 8 a.m. (13th) on to trenches in X.12.a.d.c. Inactive during night.
- (c) M.G. 5,000 rds. were fired on WOOD at R.35.a.d.8.
- (d) Aerial Activity. Active patrolling by day and bombing by night.
- (e) Patrols. 1 Off. & 3 O.R.'s moved N. from X.8.d.0.7. along road to X.8.central (approx.) No touch with enemy. Standing patrols on Right Bn. front only owing to infantry change of position. Nothing to report. A patrol of 1 Off. & 3 O.R.'s moved out to R.35.a.3.8. Much movement was seen in R.32.c. and R.34.b. including 2 men on bicycles. Patrol fired on two men who were afterwards carried away on stretchers. Another patrol moved out to R.34.b.5.4. and report considerable movement in trenches W. of ST DENIS WOOD and many German dead in gully R.34.b. A patrol attempted to go out at noon (13th) in a N.W. direction from R.34.b.4.3. but were forced to return by snipers.
- (f) Snipers Active and alert. A hit is claimed in X.12.a.
- (g) Infantry. Adjustments in line were carried out as ordered without trouble from enemy.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Very active from 9.30 p.m. onwards. Areas principally strafed were X.10.central to X.16.b.7.8. from N.E. direction, VAVILLERS, FRANKVILLE, HAINCOURT, X.3., X.4., X.5., X.8. A considerable amount of Blue and Green Cross shells were included in last night's shelling especially between 3.15 and 4.30 a.m. on front area of Left Bn.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Active defence policy especially in harassing artillery fire at short and frequent intervals.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) Posts. A camouflaged post is reported at R.34.b.40.78.
- (b) M.G. Active from HENLEVILLE towards X.11.a.
- (c) M.G. Less active than previously.
- (d) Flares. Less numerous. GOLDEN Clusters, twin REDS and twin GREENS were noticed, the two former being followed by more or less intense artillery. Flares appeared to be a considerable distance from our lines 500 - 600 yards.

5. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Active bombing rear areas. At 4 a.m. an E.A. flew across our lines W. of HENLEVILLE. A hostile plane is reported to have crashed in vicinity of LIMONS at 6.55 a.m. Cause unknown. E.A. over our lines also at 8.15 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

6. MOVEMENT. Considerable amount along road in S.6.d. and in X.12.a. and S.7.d. Movement in trench S. of CRUCIFIX TREE. Horse transport heard N. of HENLEVILLE at daybreak, and in R.32. Groups of 2 and 3 were seen at 7.35 p.m. moving in R.32.d. towards BOUCACOURT.

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Brigade Headquarters
18th August, 1918Summary of Intelligence from 6.30 p.m. 14.8.18 to 9 a.m. 15.8.181. OUR OPERATIONS

(a) Infantry. Our line was pushed forward last night without opposition at "Hill 90 work" where the enemy put up strong resistance. Our Right Bn. forced the Hun back at this point by means of energetic bombing and close co-operation of I.M. and Artillery. A local counter-attack developed at 8.30 a.m. against our post here but was repulsed with loss to the enemy. We estimate 15 to 20 casualties against one of our own. Our line now runs R.34.b.8.0., R.34.b.9.2., R.35.c.0.2., X.8.a.1.9., X.8.d.25.95., X.11.b.25.20., X.12.a.15.45., X.12.a.10.25., X.11.d.7.9., X.11.d.25.75., S. along E. side of road to FAIRMERE ALLEY thence E. to X.17.b.25.95., thence S. to X.17.b.3.1.

(b) Artillery. Harassing fire on enemy posts, tracks and approaches, and sniping of movement and forward activity. Co-operation with infantry was given on request.

(c) I.M. Fired 152 rds. L.T.M. on Maze & other trenches in X.12.a. in co-operation with Infantry action. Communication with advancing infantry party was continuously maintained by telephone.

(d) M.G. 5,000 rds. on WOOD in R.34.b., 5,000 rds. on WOOD in R.35.a., 5,000 rds. on MADAM WOOD and 5,000 rds. on Cross Roads & trenches in R.35.c. were fired during the night.

(e) Patrols. See Infantry action. Patrol of 1 Offr. & 1 O.N. investigated trenches in R.35.c. between 6 and 8 p.m. and found them unoccupied. 2 Offrs. & 9 O.N.'s with M.G.'s reconnoitred road and trench line from X.8.b.3.0. to R.35.c.0.0. Found it unoccupied but heard enemy in front of HERLEVILLE.

(f) Snipers. Active. One hit is claimed.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Prisoner 7th Coy. 375th I.R., 109th Division.

3. ORDER OF BATTLE. From N. to S. 2nd Gren. B. 375th I.R., 28th R.I.R. Prisoner states his Coy. is 40 strong and some disorganization still exists in Coys.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Fairly active throughout night. Gun flashes observed on T.S. of 100° and 105° from X.17.b.3.8. firing on sector on our right at 8 p.m. Front area was harassed all night at approx 15 min. intervals. Area R.34. & X.4., X.8., X.10. received special attention. Gas. BLUE & YELLOW Cross was mixed with the shelling. Shelling was most active between 1.15 and 3.15 a.m.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Work & Wire. Few earth is visible at S.13.d.1.8. Suspected Snipers position. Movement noticed in trench system near Road S.7.b. to S.8.c.

(b) A L.T.M. is reported at X.8.c.40.25.

(c) M.G. Quiet during night, except from direction of MADAM WOOD. Two guns were firing from this direction during our infantry action. Gun at R.25.d.5.4. was active at intervals.

(d) Flares. Normal and some distance from our line. Many GREENS observed without apparent action following. RED brought down light artillery.

6. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. Fairly active bombing at night and reconnoitring from dawn to 6 a.m.

7. MOVEMENT. Individual movement seen at X.8.c. and X.12.a.3.5. & X.17.d.7.0. 5 men seen in trench at R.35.c., (one sniped). Individuals seen near ST DENIS WOOD.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy sniper in trees at X.8.c.0.0. fired on our movement at X.11.central and hit steel hat without wounding. Fire seen for 15 minutes on T.S. 85° from X.8.b.9.6. at 10.30 p.m., and at 10.55 p.m. a fire seen on T.S. of 90° which lasted 30 minutes. Enemy observer descended from balloon in parachute at 6.5 p.m. on T.S. 85° from X.17.b.3.8. Balloon was drawn down.

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APPENDIX

Brigade Headquarters
16th August, 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE FROM 5.30 p.m. 15.8.18 to 9 a.m. 16.8.18

OUR OPERATIONS

(a) Infantry. Right Bn. pushed their line out and established posts as follows.-- X.18.a.80.35., X.18.a.75.55., X.18.a.70.85., X.12.c.3.3., X.12.c.15.70., X.12.c.22.92., X.12.a.18.00., X.12.a.25.30., X.12.a.15.35. Touch was gained with Bde. on right.

(b) Artillery. Was active. Special harassing shoot on enemy forward area in R.35.c. and X.5.b. was carried out in retaliation to enemy activity. Movement was also engaged in S.8.a. and S.13.d.2.8. A direct hit on enemy suspected O.P. at CRUCIFIX in X.6.c. was obtained. Transport on roads R.36.a.&c. and valley in R.34.b. were engaged during night.

(b) M.G. 22,000 rds. were fired on WOODS in R.34.b., R.35.a., Roads in X.6.c. and trench running E. of that point, Cross Rds. at S.8.c.6.6. to S.8.c.2.8., MADAM WOOD in S.13.b.&d.

(d) Patrols (1) At 5 p.m. 2 O.R.'s proceeded E. from X.12.a.2.3. across Road. Enemy post encountered 50 yds. out, bombs being exchanged. Patrol withdrew. (2) 2 O.R.'s went out to X.12.a.3.2. in daylight and covered our occupation of that point. No enemy encountered. (3) 1 Off. & 6 O.R.'s moved out from X.18.a.8.3. at 10.45 p.m. and worked to left of MADAM WOOD & towards road in rear. A party of 4 enemy were seen to leave the WOOD and disappear into a post. Flares and open nature of ground rendered movement of patrol difficult. (4) Patrol of 1 Off. & 6 O.R.'s moved out to X.5.a.4.3. and found unoccupied gun pits and dugouts. Moving to Sunken Road an enemy covering party was seen at about X.5.a.50.05. No action taken. (5) 1 Off. & 6 O.R.'s went out to approx X.5.d.9.2. No enemy encountered. (6) 1 Off. & 10 O.R.'s went out from R.34.d.8.5. to R.35.c.0.5. thence to R.35.c.2.7., thence S. along old track to R.35.c.7.4. No enemy encountered, but posts were located (^{see} enemy defences). Picking and hammering and the plucking of grass was heard. (7) 1 N.C.O. & 10 men worked down FOCH ALLEY to approx. R.35.c.7.1. This patrol also heard similar noises to No.6 patrol at about R.35.c.9.4. (8) 1 N.C.O. & 2 O.R.'s left X.5.d.3.9. and moved along road. Report line of enemy posts parallel to ours, location undecided.

(e) Snipers. About 40 shots were fired and a kill claimed at X.5.b.7.8. Also 3 very probable hits in X.12.a.

(f) Aircraft. Active.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Considerable activity. Counter-preparation commenced at 9.30 p.m. and was heaviest on X.3., X.4., X.10., & X.11., at short intervals until midnight. X.16.a. was subjected to heavy fire at intervals throughout the night. The predominating calibres were 10.5 & 15 cm. General line of shelling seems to be on road S.E. through X.3.d. & X.10.a. & d. Front line on right shelled only lightly. A very light gun is reported to have shelled our outpost line in X.5.d. & X.11.b. from a position just in rear of CRUCIFIX.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Nervous and inquisitive.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Posts. Located by patrol at R.35.c.7.6., R.35.c.4.8., R.35.c.9.4. Post is also suspected at X.12.c.6.6. Enemy talking & movement was heard at our advanced post from approx. S.13.b.0.8. Movement appeared to extend towards MADAME WOOD. At 5 a.m. further movement was heard at approx. X.12.c.9.0. Road in this direction is not under observation. FAIDHERBE ALLEY in front of our post has a lot of tangled wire in it.

(b) T.M. A L.T.M. was seen to fire from vicinity of CRUCIFIX.

(c) M.G. Slight activity only on right and from guns placed well in rear. A.A. M.G. fire from trench in S.7.c. M.G. fired also from approx. X.13.a. 2.4. and X.13.c.2.8. M.G.'s located by patrol at R.35.c.4.8. and R.35.c. 9.4. 12 M.G.'s are reported from S.7.c. and S.13.a. firing at our planes.

(d) Flares. Quiet.

(e) Snipers. Active from R.34.b.7.8.

(f) Infantry Action. At 10.30 p.m. a heavy M.G. & 77 mm. Barrage was placed on our posts at R.34.d.7.5. and vicinity. A party of Huns about 12 came down valley under cover of this until they sighted our post R.34.d. 7.5.

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(f) Infantry Action Contd.

A single green flare was then fired and the barrage lengthened. The party attacked our post with bombs but were driven off with loss by Lewis Gun and rifle fire. Our casualties nil.

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT

Bombing activity was less on front area but fairly constant over rear areas. At 5 a.m. 2 E.A. made a low flying tour of our lines to X.16. central.

6. MOVEMENT.

Increase in amount of individual movement seen. In S.13.a. and S.7.c. individuals were seen. A man was seen climbing a tree in W. edge MADAM WOOD. He was shot. At dusk a party of 10 was seen in GULLY N. of HERLEVILLE in R.36.c. 2 parties of 15 each seen moving at R.35.d. 9.2. At 4.30 a.m. Red X Flag at R.34.b.8.8. Movement seen around ST DENIS Wood. Stretcher party with white flag here at 6.30 a.m.

7. GAS. About 200 rds. YELLOW CROSS on X.8. and X.9. during night. Some GREEN CROSS also mixed with H.E. shelling on left Bn. sector during night.

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Brigade Headquarters
17th August, 1918.

Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 16. 8. 18 to 9 a.m. 17.8.18

1. OUR OPERATIONS
 - (a) Infantry. Posts were established at R.35.c.20.15., R.35.c.4.1., R.35.c.4.0., X.5.a.40.85.
 - (b) Artillery. Usual harassing fire over enemy lines, shrapnel over HERLEVILLE and CRUCIFIX at intervals. Heavies fired on S.8.a.
 - (c) T.M.'s Registered on CRUCIFIX and fired 50 rds. on this point later.
 - (d) M.G.'s. Fired 21,500 rds. on following targets.- X Roads in R.36.c.05.70. and roads searched for 200 yds., Sunken Road in R.35.d.5.2., WOODS in R.34.b. & R.35.a., Roads in S.8.b., S.W. Corner of STARRY WOOD.
 - (e) Aerial Activity. Our machines were active bombing enemy areas at night.
 - (f) Patrols. (1) Two Offrs. moved out from FAIDHERBE ALLEY Post X.18.a.7.8. to Road X.18.a.9.9. No enemy were encountered. Flares were fired from S.13.b.2.5. M.G.'s fired from 200 to 300 yds. from this point. FAIDHERBE ALLEY from forward post to road is in good order, no obstructions. (2) 3 Offrs. went forward from CASTELNAU TR. S.13.b.1.3. Trenches in bad order to within 40 yds. of road and filled with wire. Enemy has had a post about 50 yds. up trench from Rd. which appears to have been evacuated during the last 24 hours. An M.G. was firing from approx. S.13.b.8.3. (3) 1 Off. & 3 O.R.'s moved out from X.12.c.20.95. proceeding direct east and patrolled trench from X.12.c.4.7. to X.12.c.45.95. Trench was found very shallow & in bad condition. Signs were seen of recent occupation. (4) Patrol proceeded to Gun Pits about 175 yds. in front of X.5.d.3.7. and reconnoitred Gun Pits and found them empty. Whilst here the enemy could be heard talking from approx. X.5.d.75.80. Patrol then entered trench at X.5.d.5.4. worked up about 25 yds. Trench was about 3' deep and looked as though it had not been used lately. Enemy movement was observed near SUNKEN RD. (5) Patrol moved along both sides of old C.T. to approx. X.11.b.95.80. Patrol was sniped at from Trench System in X.6.c. Position at X.11.b.95.80. was maintained until midnight. No signs of enemy movement was seen or heard. An active M.G. some distance on the right could not be accurately located. Bombing was going on Right Bn. Sector and RED & GREEN flares were put up there. WHITE flares were put up in front of patrol at approx. X.12.a.3.8.
 - (g) Sniping. Active. Fired 26 shots and report 4 probable hits.
2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Generally much quieter. A 15 cm. gun fired on area X.10.a. from 95° True from X.10.a.7.2. X.16.a. also received attention. Fire from 77mm. came from S. of STARRY WOOD and also N. of HERLEVILLE.
3. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Marked change to passivity.
4. ENEMY DEFENCES. (a) T.M.'s Spasmodically active.
(b) M.G.'s. Active during night on Support Line Posts in X.4.b.&d. and along valley in X.4.a.&c. An active M.G. from CRUCIFIX swept track at X.11.c.0.5. Others appeared to be firing from VERMANDOVILLERS TR. in S.7.b. Four active M.G.'s firing on our planes from approx. R.35.d.8.4. to X.5.b.9.3. all in dead ground. One active against planes from X.12.c.5.8.
(c) Flares. Very quiet until midnight, after which the usual number were fired.
(d) Sniping. Active from R.34.b.5.7. A fixed rifle is suspected here as Sniper only fires at the one spot R.34.d.4.1.
5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. Some bombs dropped on rear areas at 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. No reconnoitring patrols reported.
6. MOVEMENT. Occasional Huns seen in R.28.d. and R.24.a.3.3. Much crawling between posts in R.35.b.&d. Isolated transport on roads in R.36.c. A considerable amount of movement was observed all day to the S.W. of HERLEVILLE WOODS in vicinity of R.35.b.central. Enemy occupy a system of scattered pieces of trenches here and occasionally crawled from one to another. Frequently seen standing in these pieces of trenches, also at two posts at R.35.c.7.4. and 9.3. Enemy also seen at R.35.c.8.6., S.7.b.5.5. and S.13.b.2.3. to 2.6.
7. MISCELLANEOUS. Five large RED flashes seen at 1120 T.B. from X.8.b.9.6. at 9.5 p.m.
8. GAS. Between 10 p.m. & Midnight a few shells (BLUE CROSS) fell in valley X.10.a.

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Brigade Headquarters
18th August, 1918.

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Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 17.8.18 to 9 a.m. 18.8.18

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Infantry. Action taken by Right Bn. yesterday afternoon, Patrol moved up trench running N. & S. through S.7.b.2.0. to a point S.7.d.35.40. Some opposition was encountered and we were forced to withdraw to S.7.d.3.1. after a bombing fight. At 4.15 a.m. our Right & Centre Bns. attacked enemy front posts under an Artillery barrage. Strong opposition was met with but our objective was gained on the right. Position yet obscure on left but post is established at X.8.c.25.15. 1 Offr. & 10 O.R.'s have been taken prisoners and identifications of a new Division established.
- (b) Artillery. Usual harassing fire during night and 4.15 a.m. a barrage was placed on enemy front line in accordance with plans. Further Artillery was requested and obtained in connection with this operation to cover our consolidation.
- (c) T.M.'s. Co-operated with Infantry operation.
- (d) M.G. Also co-operated by barrage fire on W. side of HERLEVILLE & trenches on S.7.b. & S.8.a. & 58.c. Two guns moved forward with attacking Infantry. Harassing fire was also carried out during the night. Total number of rounds fired 31,000.
- (e) Patrols. Nothing to report.
- (f) Sniping. Over 200 shots fired yesterday during bombing operation on Right Bn. front. Shooting was so rapid that casualties caused could not be recorded, but it is considered that several were caused.
- (g) Aerial Activity. Our planes were active and predominant.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Prisoners of 28th R.I.R. 185th Div. were taken last night.
3. ORDER OF BATTLE. From N. to S. 65th I.R., 28th R.I.R., 161st I.R. of 28th R.I.R. one Bn. (2nd) in line, two being in support close together near a Cross Road about 500 metres in rear. (P.S.)
4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Heavy shelling of X.4 and X.10. between 6 and 7.25 pm. consisting of 77 and 105 mm. and again on same area from 7.55 to 8.10 pm. Heavy on X.2., X.3., and X.4., X.9. & X.10 at intervals between 1.15 a.m. and 6.10 a.m. Mostly 77 and 10.5 mm. Yellow Cross Gas shells on X.4. at 10.45 p.m. Retaliation on our fire at 4.15 a.m. was fairly heavy and consisted of all calibres up to 15 cm. and L.T.M.
5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Resisting.
6. AERIAL ACTIVITY. An E.A. over our lines at 5.45 a.m. otherwise inactive.
7. MOVEMENT. Individual movement constant to N. & W. of SOYECOURT. Very little movement in forward area except during infantry operations.
8. MISCELLANEOUS. Balloons up on T.B. 80°, 110° from X.8.b.9.6. Enemy snipers active. One at R.34.b.6.7. is very keen and accurate.

Copies to.-

1. 2nd Aust. Divn.
2. 21st Bn.
3. 22nd "
4. 23rd "
5. 24th "
6. 6th T.M.Bty.
7. Bde. Snipers
8. War Diary
9. " "
10. Right Flank Bde.
11. Left " "
12. File.

W. G. ...
Brigadier-General,
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade

SECRET.

90th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX

Brigade Headquarters,
27th August, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE FROM 8.30 p.m. 26.8.18 to 9 a.m. 27.8.18.

1. OUR OPERATIONS:— On night of 26th/27th August the 6th A.I. Bde. relieved the 3rd A.I. Bde., the Southern Boundary being a E.W. grid line through M.8.c.8.0. The Northern Boundary being SOMME CANAL (inclusive) 31st bn. taking over sector running approx. from G.21.b.8.0. to G.21.d.8.0. to G.27.d.4.0. to G.35.central. 22nd bn. taking over central sector of 1,000 yds. the line running approximately from G.35.central to M.8.central, the 24th bn. taking over Left Sector of line running approximately from M.8.c.8.0. to M.8.central. 23rd bn. in reserve.
- Relief was completed without incident.
- The line was pushed forward by means of silent penetration and now runs approximately from G.21.b.8.0. to G.23.a.8.8. to G.25.d.7.0. taking in SALMON WOOD, HANLESS WOOD, and VIRGIN WOOD, from thence to G.24.central to G.24.c.8.0. thence to M.8.b.8.0. to M.8.d.8.0.
- (a) Artillery:— Intermittent activity on enemy back areas during night.
- (b) Aerial Activity:— Our planes were active patrolling and reconnoitring.
- (c) Patrols:— Night bn. sent out patrol which proceeded to vicinity of house at M.8.b.7.8. and were fired on from left by rifle and M.G.'s. Our patrol retaliated and enemy evacuated. Patrol then pushed on for about 120 yds. from Factory when strong opposition with M.G. and Mills Bombs was encountered. Patrol opened fire with L.G. and rifles during which enemy sent up three flares of two reds. Fire appeared to come from both sides of factory, and opinion of O.C. Patrol the factory was strongly manned.
- Centre bn. Considerable opposition was met with in G.26.c. with result that casualties were inflicted on both sides. A good deal of M.G. fire was brought to bear on our patrols from about M.4.a.8.c. Limbers that were making towards back areas of roads and across country were fired on by our riflemen and L.Gunners and the horses either killed or wounded. At 8 a.m. when the barrage opened on our left Bde. Sector a battery of 4.2. H.M. were galloping into position in H.31.c. L.G's. were brought to bear on them with the result that the number of casualties inflicted prevented them from coming into action.
2. IDENTIFICATION:— By two prisoners. 148th I.R. 41st Bn. 1st bn. I.R. 41st Bn.
3. MOBILE ARTLY. ACTIVITY:— From 12 midnight until 2.30 a.m. intermittently active in VALLEY M.7.d. and M.8.c. mainly 4.2. and 5.9. missing gas.
4. ENEMY ACTIVITIES:— Keen and alert. Apparently advanced posts evacuated to stronger line if any pressure brought to bear.
5. ENEMY DEFENCES:—
- Barbed:— Few and well back.

J. D. Milligan R.
for

Brigadier-General.
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX

Brigade Headquarters,
28th August, 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE from 4.30 p.m. 27.8.18. to 9 a.m. 28.8.18.

1. OUR OPERATIONS:- The line was advanced during the period and now runs approximately from G.24.b.9.7., H.19.c.0.5., following SOPHIE TRENCH to G.30.d.7.4., G.38.b.8.4., G.38.d.3.5., M.8.central, M.12.d.0.5.
 - (a) Artillery:- Liaison maintained with covering field artillery who successfully engaged several targets asked for. Shooting was good in trenches G.30 and BULLS WOOD, and targets North of Wood. Harassing fire on WISE, HERSCOTT, MIREAN COURT WOOD, and areas H.19, H.25, during night.
 - (b) L.M.'s. 15 rds. were fired.
 - (c) M.G.'s. Active over the front. L.G.'s. fired on hostile M.G.'s and movement. Three enemy hit at G.30.a.3.3.
 - (d) Aerial Activity:- Our planes were active reconnoitring and patrolling.
 - (e) Patrols:- During the night liaison patrols kept touch with flank Sns. Forward patrols state that contact with enemy in front cannot be made, also report fires in rear of enemy lines.
 - (f) Snipers:- Snipers were active and claim two hits.
2. IDENTIFICATIONS:- By two prisoners. One 148th Regt. 41st Divn. (wounded) One 478th Regt. 1st M.G. Coy., 243rd Divn.
3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY:- Very active towards evening. Principal areas shelled H.7.d., H.8.c., H.8.d., H.9., H.3.c.8.d., G.27, G.35, G.28.a.2.c., G.34.a.2.c., BULLS WOOD and OVAL WOOD. All calibres were used, and fire for greater part of time was very intense, a large number of sneezing gas shells being mixed with H.E.
4. ENEMY ATTITUDE:- Rearguard action showing a determined attempt to arrest our advance at good defensive positions.
5. ENEMY DEFENCES:-
 - (a) M.G.s. Active particularly from G.35.c., H.4.d., G.29.b.2.d., G.35.d.
 - (b) Flares:- Fairly numerous until midnight. Probably about this time enemy continued to withdraw.
6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Very active. Several large flights of about a dozen over our lines during the day. At 8.10 p.m. 7 enemy planes crossed our lines about H.9.d. but were driven back by A.A. and M.G. fire. Balloon on T.B. 72nd from H.8.d.3.5.
7. MOVEMENT:- Much movement observed about BULLS WOOD. This was successfully engaged by artillery.
8. MISCELLANEOUS:- Enemy snipers were active against all movement overland and took advantage of targets whenever they presented themselves.

J. J. Milligan Lt
for
Brigadier-General.
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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SECRET.6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters,
29th August, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE FROM 4.30 p.m. 28.8.18. to 9 a.m. 29.8.18.1. OUR OPERATIONS.

The 23rd Bn. relieved the 21st Bn. in Line Left. Relief was completed by 9 p.m. without incident.

During period village of HENNECOURT was occupied by our troops and trench system running from H.20.d.6.0. East of HENNECOURT to H.8.c.0.0. Further exploitation is being carried out and patrols report that the country is clear of the enemy for a considerable distance.

(a) Artillery:— Liaison was maintained with covering artillery.

(b) I.M.:— 80 rds. Stokes fired on selected targets. Fire on system of trenches in H.13.c. was very effective, over dozen enemy being found dead. The enemy was also forced to leave trench system and in their attempt to reach HENNECOURT WOOD were cut off, 48 being taken prisoners.

(c) M.G.:— Were employed in covering ground that could not be covered by the rifles of the Infantry.

(d) Patrols:— Constant patrols to establish touch with the enemy.

(e) Snipers were active and availed themselves of every opportunity.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. By prisoners Queen Augusta Guard Grenadier Regt. 4th I.R., 2nd Guards Division - 27th I.R., 6th Coy, 21st Divn., - 28th I.R., 1st M.G. Coy, 14th Div. (Bavarian)

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY:— Fairly heavy up to 9 p.m. particularly on HOMPENNE, H.24.c., H.36.c.d.d., H.1.c., and H.8., all calibres being used. Enemy appears to be firing at long range.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE:— Not so determined in rearguard action as previously.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES:—

(a) M.G.:— Fairly active until 11 p.m.

(b) Flares:— Not a great number fired, and these were from a good distance in rear. DOUBLE REDS were fired. These brought down intense barrage on our Rear Bn. Sector.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY:— Inactive.

[Signature]
for Brigadier-General.
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Received from 6th Brigade HQ
One prisoner

Mr B. Allen
Mr J. P.
2nd Lt. ...

28/8/15

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Received from 6th Brigade HQ
44 prisoners

At Mr Stewart's
Mr M. P.
2nd Lt. ...

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29/8/18
 Received 1 prisoner from 6th
 Brigade H. Quarter
 7th T. Curran
 13 D. T. A.
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Received from 6th Brigade H. Q.
 3 prisoners
 of Stewart's Coy
 4th B. Coy
 2nd Div Det
 28/8/18

Received from 6th Brigade HQ

2 prisoners

29/8/18

A M Stewart
M M P
2nd Lt J. J. J.

Prisoners

Date	N ^o	Brigade	Div
27	1	Da	41 st +
"	1	Da	41 st ✓
28	1	22	243 ✓
"	1	capt Sale	2 nd Guards
"	2	24	243 ✓
"	1	24	21 st ✓
"	48	21	21 st ✓
"	3	24	2 nd Guards
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1 wounded not reported by Bde

William

Received from 6th Bde

4 P.O.W.

P. at Webb Cpt

7000 P. 2nd Aust. Div.

9/18

Total prisoners for
operation on 1/9/18

304 382 0/20

Received from 6th Bde
Head Quarters 10 Prisoners.

at M. Stewart Cpt
M. J. P.
2 Bde.

1/9/18

4/9/18
 Received from 6th Brigade HQ
 10 Prisoners
 A M Stewart Lfc
 M M P
 2nd Div

Received from 6th Brigade HQ
 9 Prisoners
 A M Stewart Lfc
 M M P
 2nd Div

Received from 6th Brigade HQ
 26 Prisoners
 1/9/18 A M Stewart Lfc
 M M P
 2 Officers
 24 O. Banks.
 2nd Div

1/9/18
 Received from 6th Brigade HQ
 37 Prisoners
 A M Stewart Lfc
 M M P
 2nd Div

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1/9/18
 Received from 6th Brig H Leaker
 15 Prisoners
 A M Stewart Lfr
 M M P
 2nd Aust Div

Received from 6th Brig
 27 POWs
 P. A. Webb Capt
 M M P & Co

1/9/18

1/9/18
 Received from 6th Brigade H Leaker
 165 Prisoners
 A M Stewart Lfr
 M M P
 2nd Aust Div

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Report on Operations carried out
by 23rd Coy. on 28th/29th August 1918
1st Phase

At 2.0 pm on 28th inst the
23rd Coy was moved into forward
positions in G.34 B & D. At
Burgade conference at 5.0 pm
orders were received that the
18th Bns would take over portion
of the front E & W grid H.19.C.
North to River Somme, and continue
the movement forward, and
that the 23rd Coy would relieve
the 21st Bns from E & W grid
through H.35 & H.36 central to
E & W grid in H.19.C. At
6.0 pm orders were issued to
Coy. Commanders at Conference
by me, and B C & D Coys
moved forward in Artillery
formations. Daylight Relief
being completed by 9.0 pm.

Dispositions as follows:-

Right 2 Coy. Trench system E & W
grid through H.36 C. to
road in G.30. d. b. 4

(over)

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Dispositions (Contd.)

banter A Coy. from Road G 30. d. b. 4
to WOLF ALLEY in G. 30 B. 9. 6

LEFT B Coy. WOLF ALLEY G. 30 B. 9. 6
to South edge Boucher Wood

Strong Patrols were
pushed forward from each Coy.
and expecting few slight enemy
machine gun fire no opposition
from the enemy was encountered.
One Patrol reached as far as
H. 26. C. 0. 7.

At 11.30pm orders were
issued that HERSECOURT was to
be captured before dawn, when
the 4th Bde. would continue
the attack towards the River
SOMME. Artillery fire was
directed on to the village of
HERSECOURT for a short period
at 12 midnight.

At 1.0 am. The Battalion
less one Company moved forward
in Artillery ^{protected by strong patrols} formation
the frontage through E & W
grid from H. 31 and H. 32 (cont'd)
(over)

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to Lt Col. Gird at H. 19. C. O. O.
By this time enemy M.G. and
shell fire had completely ceased,
indicating further withdrawal
by him. The advance con-
tinued without hindrance.

The Right Company
entered the Western edge of the
village at 2.25 am and
passing South occupied trench
systems in H. 32. C. At 1.30 am
Centre Coy. passed through
village & reported same clear
of all enemy. Left Coy. then
established in trenches in
H. 26 B. all Coys. being in
communication.

At 4.45 am orders
were issued that Coys. were to
move forward and occupy
the trench system in H. 28. C
and that Right Coy. would
patrol to NORTH edge of
FLONCOURT and Left Coy. to
H. 27. C. This movement
was carried out without any
opposition, and Coys. were
established in their objectives

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by 6.30 am 3 Prisoners were
 taken without any casualties.
 The Patrol from road
 continued to move forward
 to N. edge of Flaucourt and
 proceeded EAST to EMBANKMENT
 in H. 34. C. 5.7. Centre Coy
 pushing forward to crest of
 Hill in H. 29 C. 5.6. This
 country was absolutely clear
 of all Enemy.

At 8 am 7th Bde
 passed through in continuation
 of the advance and Corp with
 them established in trench
 systems running from H. 34 A. 4.3
 to H. 26. B. 9.8. A. Coy
 having completed its task
 with the 21st Bn. passed to
 my command at 12 midnight +
 was held in reserve at Pan HQ
 in G. 30 A. 1.2. This Coy.
 was then moved forward to
 Support in H. 26. C. 4.2.

Identifications

2nd Prussian Regt.

27th Field Artillery

(over)

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Identifications (contd)

2nd 5th Bavarians Regt.

Our Casualties NIL

W. B. ... Lieut - Col.
Commanding 2nd 5th30th August 1918.

~~Report on Operations~~ ^{copy} APP C

~~Report~~ Aug 31st to Sep 4th 1918

On the 31st Aug I received orders to move forward with the 24th A.I. Bn. I was then stationed at BOIS de MEREAUCOURT.

The 5th A.I. Bn. that morning attacking on the left of CLERY SUR SOMME. After crossing the SOMME chape came under heavy shell fire on the road.

My section halted in CHALK PIT. E of CLERY.

At about 3 PM I received orders from Bn to move forward with the infantry to occupy trenches W of MT ST QUENTIN.

I decided to leave my timber in the QUARRY & carry guns & gear forward from the point

My guns were placed in
 defensive position for the
 night in the trench
 system.
 At 4.30 A.M. left post. I
 received operation orders
 from 24th AP Bn (~~attached~~)
 that we were to attack
 at 6 A.M. & capture MT St
 QUENTIN & that I was to
 attack two (2) gun - B.
 "C" Coy & two (2) gun - A
 "D" Coy (Vide operation order
 attached). These two companies
 were not then in the
 line with me but in
 rear about 1 mile & I
 was not able to get
 in touch with them
 until ZERO hour when I
 saw them going over the
 top. At 6 A.M. the barrage
 opened up. My four guns
 moving behind it &
 under heavy MG fire from
 the night we employed
 forward to the east of
 MT St QUENTIN before
 encountering opposition.

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Strong opposition was then
 encountered. All were
 poured down from the
 hillside from every point.
 Just about here I had
 (5) men hit with
 M4 Bullets & was also
 hit in the head myself.
 At this point we went
 ahead of the attacking
 infantry on the left who
 worked from the JOT.
 Captain FEUILAUCOURT & the
 rest of the MOUNT here we
 cut off a party of 30 of
 the enemy who were
 prepared to retire in the
 face of the infantry
 advance of the left one
 who was carrying a light
 M.C. They fought well
 supported them all the
 time. When the enemy
 saw the position they
 threw down their arms
 & surrendered.
 The infantry caught
 their way up the
 hillside while I worked

to the left flank with
 my two guns mounting
 them whenever each
 target presented.
 Meanwhile I would
 eventually dig a
 SUNKEN R.D. on the left
 slope on the ~~MAINT~~
 got into action
 The resistance in front
 just then became too
 strong for the infantry
 & they had to fall back
 down the slope when they
 got to the road & saw
 every two guns in
 action on their left.
 They formed up on
 their & reorganised
 In the meantime the
 other pair of guns which
 had attached to the Coy
 had moved from the
 T.O.T. & got as far as
 Myriam RATHCOURT - PERONNE
 ROAD in my left rear
 about 500'. The road
 here crossing a valley

and gave them excellent
 cover. The leading waves
 of D Coy had managed
 to advance forward across
 his road & had occupied
 a scrubby road about
 100^m in front. The
 area between these
 two roads was swept
 with heavy M.G. fire from
 the MOUNT & while the
 attack on MOUNT ST JUE main
 was held up no further
 progress could be made
 here.

We (the officers concerned) in
 the attack) discussed the
 situation & decided we
 would require a
 heavy mortar battery
 on the MOUNT before we
 could possibly take it.
 I also managed to get in
 touch with Lt Col Bth by
 radio & explained situation
 to him.

Second Phase 6

Orders were issued that a Barrage would be put down at 1 PM. & at 1.30 PM. & that at 1.30 PM. A+B Coys. 24th Btn would attack. I decided to assist them with fire from a flank. At 1.30 PM. the attack began & the infantry started scrambling their way up the sap. I engaged enemy MGs whenever they appeared on the parapet putting several out of action. I was able to observe the fight with my field glasses. The position I occupied on the flank being excellent for both firing & observing.

In our instance I was trying to find a particular gun which was playing havoc with our infantry when it ceased fire for a moment & I saw him left his cover he

apparently had a staff
I immediately got my
guns on to the target
positions the gun also
action the enemy did
not go near the gun
a gain
While this was going on
the infantry continued
to hunt up the gaps
the enemy mistaking
all at once the resistance
appeared to break & a
general retirement
followed
We got splendid M.G.
shots as the enemy
moved back, enveloping
them at one point
a bay (the enemy) ran
up the steep gulch
the infantry followed
them successively
& when they got well
forward & it became
impossible for me to
further support them
I dismounted my guns
and moved forward to

a point when they started
 the second phase of the
 attack down, then
 went back & got
 Sgt Wakeley's sub-section
 & pushed them forward
 to this point.
 It would have been
 unexpected for him
 to have moved ~~forward~~
 to his front as the area
 was under complete
 observation & B.G. fire
 the time being about
 2.30 PM & very clear.
 We then all moved
 forward together in
 the rear of the infantry
 & took up definite
 positions on the new
 positions captured.
 I used the guns up
 pairs to fill up the
 gaps in the infantry
 Sgt Wakeley going to the
 left side of the MOUNT in
 a gap of 500'. The infantry
 were now well being
 suffered heavy casualties

lost most of their
 officers.
 I placed four German
 guns and the position
 I was occupying
 was being a heavy
 gun
 Our crew called
 many German shells
 and they placed
 on the position.
 We settled down here
 for the night the
 fighting was
 subject to heavy
 artillery fire during
 the night.
 In the morning of
 12th Sept. the 1st Pz
 moved through
 us & attacked
 During this attack
 my gun dispersed
 a party of about 500
 of the enemy who were
 preparing to defend
 their position near
 ALLAINES at a range
 of 2000 x

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We were able to engage
them at this night's
advance to our
commanding position
to the west of Pula flow

Signed C. J. Lawrence Lt.
of No 3 Section

4/9/18

Report on Operations ^{app D (copy)} 29/8/18 - 4/9/18.
No 4. Section 7th M Gun Coy.
Ref. Map 62c.

29. 8. 18. At 2pm. detachment of
1 officer
2 Sergeants
3 Corporals + 1 Actg. Corp.
21 Men including Signaller
and Runner

with Fighting Limbers reported to
22nd Batta. at H26 c. 9. 7.
This Batta was then Reserve Batta.
to 5th Bde. operating N. of Somme
but was not required, and on 30. 8. 18.
passed back to normal Bde.

31. 8. 18. At midday Batta moved to H12. d. 8. 8.
M Gun Section moved with Batta also.

1- 9. 18. Casualties - 8 wounded sustained by
shell fire. These were replaced before
dawn had to move.
Reconnaissance was made in
afternoon of area in rear of Mt. St.
QUENTIN, which has been attacked
at 1.30pm and captured.
A. B and C. Corp. of Batta. then
moved to MOINEVILLE ALLEY Trench

in Reserve for counter attack. No
move was made during night
Guns were put in position with
A and B. Coy., two with each, at
I 8. d. 65. 15.
I 8. d. 65. 10.
I 14. b. 85. 90.
I 9. c. 00.00.

Section 23sqrs with A Coy 23sqrs.

2. 9. 18. 7th Bde attacked at 5.30 am. and
line was advanced to NERA ALLEY
Trench in I 6.
A, B and C. Coy then moved to
TORTELLE Trench in I 3. I 4. and
I 10 Squares in support to 7th Bde.
During pm. C. Coy was pushed
forward to trench in I 4. b. and
two guns were sited here at I 4. b. 00.00
These guns moved into position
after dark to avoid movement being
noticed.
3. 9. 18. Part of 1 platoon had been pushed
forward to C. 28. a. 45. 05. and guns
were put in position here at 1 am.
Remaining gun was left in
position with B. Coy at I 10 a. b. 7.
covering R. flank of ALLAINES. and
able to fire in enfilade along trench

(TORTELLE) held by A and B Coy
Two German Heavy M.Guns
were also got into action at
14 a. 9. 7.

d. 9. 18. This disposition of Infy and
M.Guns was maintained until
withdrawal on night of 4th/5th
at 11pm

Cooperation with Battr.

All information as to situation, movement
and operations orders were given to M.G.
officer, as to Coy Commanders.

Guns were not attached to definite Coy
but used as situation demanded.

While Battr was in Reserve Section
Hogs remained at Battr Hogs

When Battr was in Support and
guns in position Section Hogs was
with Coy.

Rations! Excellent arrangements were
made by Battr and rations were cooked
by 22nd Battr and sent up with rations
for Coy with which M.Guns were working
It would have been extremely difficult
on account of moves to have been

rationed direct in ordinary way by
 M. Gun Coy
Use of Limbers and Pack Horses No.
 opportunity was found to make use of
 these as moves were made in daylight
 under direct enemy observation.
Strength of Teams required Strong teams,
 say 8, are required when pack horses etc
 cannot be used, and tail end of team
 need not be good gunners, as over
 in position these men could act as
 bombers etc, escort on flank of gun as
 in case of guns on opposite side of
 canal is to infantry, when it was
 necessary to put guns to obtain fields of
 fire.

W. Chapman Lieut

No. 4. Section

Operation by 6th ALT ^{6th} Bn
 from 26/8/18 to 4/9/18
 Relieved 3rd ALT ^{3rd} Bn
 afternoon of 26/8/18. 3 guns were
 taken over & 3 additional
 guns were put on the Sde front,
 2 guns being allotted to each
 line Bn, & under direct control
 of Bn C/O.

On night 27/28 Aug 15th Zds
 fired on MG position the MG
 being silenced.

80 rds were fired on afternoon
 of 28 Aug, 70 rds being expended
 on trench system which was
 occupied immediately after
 the shoot by the 21st Bn. The
 results of the shoot were excellent
 a dozen dead huns were found
 in the system & 50 others who
 were forced to leave the trenches
 were captured by 21st Bn.
 On the morning of 29th the
 Bn moved to the vicinity
 of 3 rige.



On 30/8/18, 2 gun crews were sent to each (4) Pn to come under direct control of the Pn Coy. The remainder of the Coy was held in reserve, within vicinity of Bde HQ.

On afternoon 31st an anti tank gun was engaged & silenced, a trench occupied by enemy was cleared, our Inf sniping at enemy as he retreated. Numbers of MGs were silenced & 2 direct hits were observed. During night 31st/1st 85 rds were expended.

On afternoon of 1st 100 rds expended, Snipers' post & MG positions on Mt St Quentin being engaged just previous to the attack by the Inf.

No guns were able to advance with Inf as all available ammunition had been expended.

50 rds were fired on Koro Trench during attack by 7th Bde on morning of 3rd inst.

The crews attached to 21st Pn (Lt Scholfield) fired 50 rds from LMW, 30 on Darmstadt trench

on afternoon of 3rd & 20 on
small copes in vicinity
of same trench (M.G. positions)
on the afternoon of 4th,

During the period 330 rds
of Stokes & 50 rds L.M.W. were
expended.

Great difficulty was exper-
ienced in keeping up the
ammun supply owing to
the scarcity of men for
carrying same.

6/9/18

R. B. Rep
Lieut.
6ALTB.

2nd Phase

26th Batt. Report on operations from
31 August - 1st Sept. inclusive.

The 2nd Aust Div was to continue the advance East of the Somme River. The 5th Brigade attacked on the morning of the 31st August and the 6th Bgde were to go through them and continue the advance in a N.E. direction. The position on the afternoon was very obscure. The enemy was shelling heavily & M.G.'s were very active. At a conference with the G.O.C. it was decided that the 6th Bgde attack from support benches through the 5th Bgde on the morning of 1st Sept. 23rd Bde on the right 21st in centre & 24th on left. This was altered later & the 23rd & 24th were to attack in an Easterly direction while the 14th Bgde attacked South-Easterly towards PERONNE. The 21st Bde who had one Coy in FRONT LINE facing ~~per~~ PERONNE and 3 Coys in benches aim H. 13a were to be in support. Very strong opposition was met with and little progress was made. The Batt^e Commanders held a conference at about 7^{am} and decided that M^t S^t Quentin could not be taken unless it was staffed heavily by artillery. This information was passed on to G.O.C. and it was arranged that the heavy artillery harass the Village until 1 p.m. and then an intense bombardment until 1.30 p.m.

when the attack was to be continued.
At 8.35 A.M. B.C. & D Coy were ordered to move up into
A GRAM ALLEY and ODER TRENCH to support the
23rd & 24th Batt^{ns} & to attack with them at 1.30 P.M.
A Coy was ordered to move into SAVETRENCH as a
support & to be ready to move forward if required.
D Coy was on the left and was to go to the left
of the village. C Coy was to go through the left of the
village and B Coy through the centre, the 23rd B^{ty} being
on the right.

Prior to A Coy moving Lt Dickson was killed by
shell fire.

At 1 P.M. the Art fire increased and the attack was
launched at 1.30 P.M. The 16th R.H.A. did some very
fine shooting. The attackers entered the village
in good formation without much opposition though
as they passed over the crest M.G. fire increased
considerably. Lt Holt was killed by a sniper
just before the attack. Our wounded coming
back told us that the village was cleared but
strong resistance was met with ~~there~~ from
trenches past the village.

At 2 P.M. the enemy heavily strafed the village
& environs.

Owing to no hoops having been seen going through
the scrub on the S.E. edge of the village Capt Sullivan
was ordered to go up with his Coy and clear that
area & strengthen the line on that flank & if
possible to gain touch with the 5th Div on the

right flank.

At 3.45 a message was received from Lt Dearden ^(C Coy) that he had 30 men & were dug in at the wood through the Village & was in touch with 24th on left and B Coy on the right. also that the Hocks seemed to be in large numbers in the trench systems in front.

At 4 p.m. from Lt Quirk ^(B Coy) that he was in position forward of the wood. in touch with A Coy 24th & C Coy on left, & 23rd B Coy on right. Enemy in trenches in I 10.D & I 16.B. in strong force.

At 4.5 pm from Lt Lawler D Coy that the Village & objective was cleared of the enemy. Little opposition in later stages. Lt Ball wounded. light losses. Enemy M.G. in NORD CANAL quietened. Coy H.2. at I 9 d 3.2.

At 6 pm by runner from Capt Sullivan stating that he was at I. 16 a 4.1. that he had got in touch with the right of the 23rd B Coy & that Lt Addison of the 23rd was in the same H.2. as himself.

His Coy extended from the road at I 16 C a 8 to I 16 a 4.4. Lt Addison is on my left & in touch with B Coy 21st B Coy.

There are plenty of Hocks in vicinity of brickworks and an enemy post was located at I 16 a 7.6. in KOROS ALLEY. Enemy M.G. & snipers are particularly active. I have met Lt Hardwick but he has not many men. Lt Sennett is killed.

I estimate my strength at 40.

Owing to M.G. fire & Hocks in Squares I 16 & 22.

I do not think it wise to push ahead but after a look around I may be able to give you more particulars. I do not know who occupies GOTTMITTUNS Trench & would feel much more secure if some troops were in it."

Other reports confirming the previous ones arrived from time to time.

At 8 pm Lt Lawler sent D Coy sent a full report of the position stating that they had occupied PLEVNO & KOVELLA trenches but that the enemy was holding TORTELLE Trench very strongly & had barbed wire blocks in both PLEVNO and KOVELLA trenches. The m.g. & sniping fire was very hot & they were unable to get past the blocks. Lt Cope was killed endeavoring to bomb the enemy behind one of these blocks.

Orders were received from Bgde to reorganise Batt^{no} but before this was done word was received that the 7th A.I. Bgde were to pass through in the morning & that the dispositions would remain as at present.

The Batt^{no} suffered about 30% casualties but the enemy's casualties were extraordinarily heavy & there were a very large number of m.g.'s left behind.

From 2 pm on the 1st Sept until about midnight

on the 2nd. Left the ^{heavily} enemy bombarded the village, wood & environs & the aerodrome continually with ~~4.2 & 5.9~~ 77^{mm} 4.2 & 5.9ⁱⁿ and also kept up a heavy M.G. & sniping fire.

Occasionally a quantity of blue cross gas was fired into the gully in 8 d & 14 b.

It is estimated that about 50 M.G. and were abandoned and the enemy suffered over 200 killed. The position was well protected by barbed wire and was an exceedingly strong one.

Supplies of S.A.A. bombs & rations were sent up & delivered to the troops at 10 pm. These were carried from the dump by the 22nd Battalion.

The enemy were a mixed lot and are said to have volunteered to stop the Australians. The position was an excellent one to defend. Not many prisoners were taken considering the number that were taken the day previously.

Our men were in great spirits but are very tired. On the afternoon of 2nd Sept the Battⁿ by a series of side steps reorganised & occupy a continuous part of the line from about I 16 a 4.3 to about I 9 d 8.8.

One Section of Vickers Guns under Lieut Ferguson was with the unit. Two guns were established at I 16 a 4.3. & 2 at I 15 d 4.2. Lt Ferguson was wounded & relieved by Lt Hunter.

~~The~~ One Section of 6ⁱⁿ L. 7. M. 13 was established at I 16 a 4.3. but after the 7th Bgde passed through

It came back to shelter in Elsa
Trench having had one gun blown out.

The enemy was very congested in
DARMSTADT Trench which was just out
of Stokes range however a 2" Minenwerfer
& 80 rounds were salvaged & this was used
on the Nth end of that trench whenever
a target appeared.

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B. Duggan Lt. Col.

C. O. 21st B. A. I. F.

Operation 31st Aug to 1st Sept.
2nd Bn BATTN.

Orders received at 8 AM for BATTN to be held in readiness to move at short notice as 5th Bde had captured M^r S^t QUENTIN + FEULLACOURT and that the 6th Bde would relieve them.

BATTN moved from position on trench systems in H28 B/C, H34A at 9.20 AM. to BOSCOURT H16A and assembled on the Bank of Canal. Bn then passed over river and formed up in artillery formation in H10A in readiness to move forward. Right to left B. Coy C Coy with A/D in support. At 11.30 AM movement forward commenced passing through CLERY Right Coy followed Canal Bank through PARK WOOD + HALLE encountering heavy machine gun fire from PRAGUE TRENCH. 120A left Coy pushed forward along road T14C + T20B also encountering mg fire from PRAGUE TRENCH. Both Coys reached PRAGUE TRENCH at 5pm finding 4 heavy + 4 light mg gun stands. Right Coy commenced bombing operations along PRAGUE TRENCH.

forcing the enemy to retire to FLORINA
TRENCH being closely followed he withdrew
to Copse I 14 D.0 hence to JOHANNINE TR.
for a distance of 200 yds. Intense
m g and artillery fire caused
our withdrawal to FLORINA + PRAGUE
TRENCHES.

18th Bn had passed through the
systems in I 14 D but were held up
with m g fire.

Right Support Coy fought their way
down FLORINA TR. I 19 D to RADECOUD
E. TR. reach church in H 26 A. Intense
enfilade m g fire from Bld in H 26 A
inflicted casualties and caused
withdrawal to junction of FLORINA
at I 19 D 6.8. FORK. I 1 A. 10 ft + 1000 yds.

Left support Coy moved into KHLONE
TRENCH in I 14 C.

GoC called at these H Qs and
decided after conferring with
Commander to a gain attack. M 15 J
QUENTIN under artillery barrage
were then assembled and
disposed as follows.

D Coy	RIGHT.	FLORINA TRENCH	I 19 D.
C Coy	LEFT	" "	I 20 A

B Coy Support to D. PRAGOETR. I 20A
 A " " " C " " I 19 DTC

Coys commands assembled at Enghien
 and received orders for the operation
 to take place at 6 AM on 2/9/18.

2/9/18.

W. Brazner
 Lt Col 23rd Bn
 Lt Col 23rd Bn

23rd Battalion2nd Phase

Report on Operations carried out by
23rd Battalion on 1st September 1918.
Ref. Map. 62 C N.W. 1/20,000

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE	
No.	110 AM
Date	29/9

Battalion operation order No. 139 was issued, the objective of the Battalion being Mt. St. Quentin, DARMSTAD TRENCH, Right Boundary at I. 17. C. B. O. thence North along enemy system to LOCOS TRENCH I. 10. d. 5. 7.

The Battalion was formed up on two Coy. frontage in GOTTLIB and SAVE TRENCH in I. 14 d. as follows:-

2. Coy. frontage and 3. Coy. for the mopping up. ZERO hour was fixed for 6.0 am. in order to give sufficient time for 14th Bde. to attack on our right from FLORINA TRENCH in I. 20. A.

Companies on attempting to move into GOTTLIB and SAVE TRENCH met with opposition and situation had to be cleared up by Bombing attacks, this was only completed by ZERO hour.

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It was found that the garrison of this trench (18th Bn.) had been overpowered and enemy post was ~~was~~ also cleared in KHLONE TRENCH. On moving into the open M. G. fire was intense, as enemy appeared to be well prepared and held trenches with heavy belts of old wire in front, very strongly. This fire broke up the attack formation and forced the men to take cover of ground and move forward by rushes. Casualties were heavy, and in 2 Companies we quickly lost all the officers and in one of these Companies, all Sergeants excepting one. With grit and determination the Companies pushed on making use of GALATZ and AGRAM alleys in I. 15. A + C. eventually capturing ELSA TRENCH in I. 15. A. X. The left Company of the 14th Bn. were unable to advance though they gallantly persisted 3 times. Part of the Right Coy. and its Supporting Coy. fought their way to the AERODROME at I. 21. A. 7. 4. from this point

X See page 6. Sydney Parsons Unit 15 B.

Elements
of the
14th Bn.
were
near

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They were constantly under enemy machine gun fire and could not proceed further. After consultation with the S.O.C. it was decided to Larass Mt. St. Quentin, with Artillery fire to be intense from 1.0pm to 1.30pm, hence in conjunction with one Coy. of the 21st Bn. to capture the village and push on to the objective. Elements of the Battalion from the AERODROME were withdrawn and sent up to ELSA TRENCH. Co-operation with the other Battalions was arranged and at 1.30pm Mt. St. Quentin was attacked and captured. - Two Companies of the 21st Battalion working through Northern ~~part~~ half of village and 23rd Bn. Battalion consisting of 120 rifles worked through the Southern part of village. Simultaneously with this attack 24th Battalion ~~south~~ of the village advanced on North of the village, and one Coy. 21st Bn. South of the village. Artillery fire of the HEAVIES and R.H.A. 13 pprs. did excellent service

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in their concentrations on the village. Fierce fighting took place in the village and a great number of the enemy were killed, very few prisoners being sent back, and at least 50 machine guns were captured in the whole of village and environs. In view of heavy enemy opposition and the insecure position of our right flank it was decided to establish a strong line on the forward slope about 400 yards east of village, 23rd Battalion occupying sector from Road I. 16. A. 5. 2 along KOROS ALLEY thence North to I. 16. A. 45. 40. Trench was maintained on our right & left flanks with the Companies of 21st Battalion. Blocks were established in KOROS ALLEY at I. 16. A. 55. 30. To protect right flank it was requested that one Coy. of 22nd Battalion establish in GOTT MIT UNS TRENCH I. 15. d. Consolidation in these positions was carried out
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No enemy counter-attack developed and except for heavy shell fire directed toward village night passed without incident.

Supplies of Bombs & S.A.A. + Stokes were quickly sent forward from mobile echelon and a good supply maintained.

Evacuation of wounded from forward area was difficult, owing to the number of casualties it was not possible to supply stretchers from the Battalion, and through lack of stretchers the evacuation was slow. A party supplied by the 28th Bn. soon cleared the field of all casualties.

Morale. Enemy made a determined & spirited resistance in many instances dying at his posts.

Mine was exploded in Aviation ground at about 10:20 am.

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Our Casualties, K.I.A. 1 Officer & 20 OR's
 Wounded 6 " & 87 "
 Wounded remaining at Duty 3 Officers
 Missing 1 Officer & 8 OR's
 (Personnel reported missing not
 believed to be P.O.W. but attached
 to other units).

Prisoners, conservative estimate
 150.

Enemy Casualties, Over 100 Enemy
 dead was seen in the area
 over which this Battalion passed.

Booby-traps none as yet collected.
 All machine guns.

X Coy. proceeded round south
 side of village to KERRS ALLEY as
 far forward as ROAD in I.16.A.1.4
 but owing to their isolated
 position had to withdraw.

General. This operation embracing
 the capture of MT. ST. SEQUENTIN
 ranks in my opinion as one
 of the best the Brigade has
 participated in. The attacks

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was carried out under almost unsurmountable difficulties, the attack took place at 6.0 am (1 hour after dawn) enemy was in great strength and very determined belts of wire work in front of trenches (Codic of old days) MT. ST. QUENTIN proved a veritable fortress and on commanding ground.

The reorganization for the second attack on MT. ST. QUENTIN at 1.30 pm was a particularly bright feature of the operation.

The morale, grit and determination of all ranks was good throughout in spite of heavy casualties.

J. P. Bray, Ensign - Lt. Col.
Commanding 25th Bn

3rd September 1918

Report on communications
for period 26th Aug



LINES Ground lines used as all ~~lines~~ ^{lines} in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~area~~ ^{area}, alternative route being laid where the situation allowed. This was not possible in many instances as ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~lines~~ ^{lines} were continually on the move. Forward Report Centres were established on two occasions thus economising in cable & forming a relay for linemen. Brigade HQs were advanced five times during the operations.

During the operations 31st Aug - 1st Sept 1918 considerable difficulty was experienced in maintaining lines between Forward Report Centre & HQs of Battalions. It was during this period that we sustained casualties in linemen - Killed 10th Wounded 3 ORs. Courage & determination was shown by all linemen throughout. Lines laid

Report on communications (2)
during the whole operations, sixteen miles.

VISUAL Where the nature of the country permitted, visual stations were established & in the operations 31st Aug - 1st Sept 1918 Brigade Visual Station was in communication with Forward Report Centre & direct to HQs of Battalions. The traffic was sent by this means of communication.

RUNNER Runner Relays were established & three runs made daily between Brigade & Battalion HQs. Three Battalion runners were wounded during the operations.

WIRELESS Communication between Brigade & Division, & between Bde. & Forward Report Centre, & ~~the~~ ^{the} Brigades was established by Wireless Telegraphy.

5/9/18.

Mackay's Lt Col
Signal Officer
1st Bde

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Major R. A. M. G. Company Coy HQ
15.9.18

Report on operations
taken part in while attached
to 6th A.I. Bde during period
26th Aug - 11th Sept

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Night 26/27 Aug In accordance with
6th A.I. Bde Order No. 177 the 5th
A.M.G. Coy followed the 3rd B.M.G. Coy
& 1 Section of 7th Coy followed the
Section of 2nd Coy. The 5th Coy
took over positions in sections allotted
to 2nd, 3rd & 4th Bns of the 2nd Coy
of 7th Coy positions as first occupied
by 2nd Bn.
3 Sections (12 guns) of 7th B.M.G.
remained as Bde Mobile Reserve.

27th Aug On 27th Aug the 7th Coy
in Group Commander made
a recommendation to G.O.C. Bde
that the dispositions be as follows
so as to give greater depth to
the MG line.
a) 4 forward guns on each Bn front
to be at disposal of Bn Commanders.

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1. 4 Rear guns in Reserve positions
1000 to 2000 yds rear of above, on
each Bn front but at disposal of
Bde.

(c) 8 Reserve guns on limiters in
vicinity of Bde H-Qu.

The above dispositions were approved
by GOC, instructions issued to Companies
& duly carried out.

28th Aug. No appreciable change in
dispositions made & no operations
by us.

29th Aug. The 2nd AMG Coy attached
to 7th A.I. Bde took over from
5th & 7th Coy's as 7th Bde passing
through the 6th Bde at dawn.

The 6th Bde becoming First Reserve.

The 5th AMG Coy ceased to be
attached to 6th Bde & returned to

2nd AMG Bn control.

30th Aug. In anticipation of a further
advance & future operations, the
GOC Bde decided to attach one
MG Section to each Infy Bn.

This was arranged by the GOC Coy
as follows:-

21st Bn	3	St. Jacques
22nd "	4	" Chapman
23rd "	2	" Haydock
24th "	3	" Tolner

Two fighting line units with Cross
units of I.A.A. personnel accompanied
each section. The Coy, H.Q. &
S.A.A. units remaining in vicinity
of Bde H.Q.

According to the nature of the operation
on hand & the probability of any one
Batt. becoming involved in a more or
less separate action the above
dispositions appeared to be the most
suitable at the time.

The I.C. Company described the
~~own~~ methods of employing the one
Section with the Batt. Commander
& also with the Section Commanders
& their tactical use from this time
onwards was entirely in the hands
of C.O.'s Infantry Bns.

Section officers Reports
on operations 31st Aug - 4th Sept
are attached & contain full
particulars of the action of each
Section.

(Appendices A, B, C, D)

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Summary

1. 4 guns to each Infantry Battalion in an unusual allotment of 70's to make best under the circumstances, as before mentioned it appeared the best disposition that could be made at the time.

2. The work done by the guns attached to 24th Batta in the attack on P.M. St Quentin fully justified their allotment however ^{in the case} of the guns attached to 21st Bn also did valuable work immediately after reaching their position in front of Mt St Quentin.

3. German Machine ^{guns} that were captured were used with effect in keeping off low flying enemy planes by St. Quentin Station on the left & it is suggested that steps be taken to obtain a number of Infantrymen in each battalion to a sufficient extent to enable them to load, fire, & correct ordinary stoppages on German guns.

The strength of Victoria Gun teams do not permit of detaching men to work German Guns under ordinary

Circumstances -

In ~~view~~ light of these operations it is considered that 8 guns to go forward with the 1st Coy Bn (when any guns are allotted) would be a fair proportion under normal circumstances. An Section officer found that 4 guns were more than they could effectively employ.

A proportion of the guns should have been allotted in depth as a precaution against a "hot" break rapid replacement of a gun knocked out, & at times the standard fire direct or indirect.

The 1st Coy Bn is now regarded to be the ordinary front-line gun unit a proportion of which is considered placed at the disposal of the defence of the line by means of fire, & in addition its presence has quite a valuable influence in increasing the feeling of security of the infantry, before the line is fully consolidated.

Casualties

K	W	M
O. DR	O. DR.	O. DR.
4	* 2 25	F. O. DR. Major
(Officers included in count)		and 27 25 25