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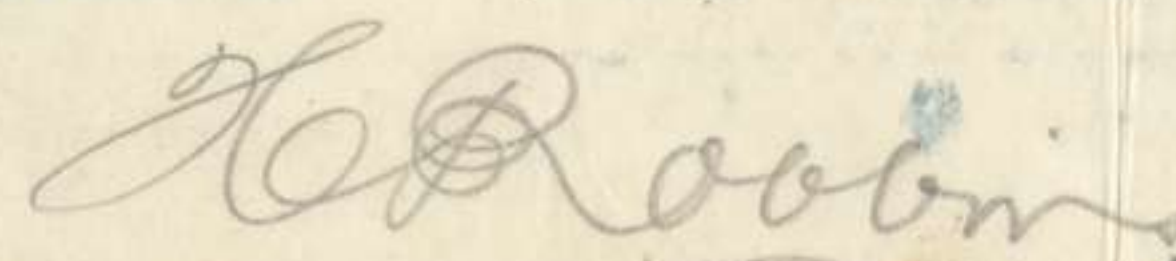


38th BATTALION A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING for Week Ending September 22nd 1918.

	9 - 9.30.	9.30 - 9.55.	10.5 - 10.30	10.30 - 11.30.	11.35 - 12.	12 - 12.30.
MONDAY.	Fall in & Inspection.	Rifle Exercises.	Fire position & Manipulation of mechanism.	L.G. Stripping & Assembling.	Close Order Drill.	Gas Drill.
TUESDAY.	Do.	Do.	Fire Discipline.	L.G. Loading Aiming & Fire Orders.	Do.	Do.
WEDNESDAY.	Do.	Close Order Drill.	Ground Cover Use of.	L.G. Gun Drill.	Bayonet Fighting.	Close Order Drill in Gas Masks.
THURSDAY.	Do.	Extended Order Drill.	Use of Ground and Cover.	L.G. Loading Aiming & Fire Orders.	Muscle exercises in Gas Masks.	Rifle Exercises.
FRIDAY.	Do.	Indication & Recognition of Targets.	Fire Orders.	Use of L.G. in offence in relation to ground.	Bayonet Fighting.	Close Order Drill.
SATURDAY.	Do.	Bayonet Fighting.	Fire Control.	Mutual support L.G. & Rifles Suitability of Targets etc.	Muscle exercises in Gas Masks.	Guards and Sentries.
SUNDAY:	Church Parade and Hut Inspection.					
AFTERNOON 2 - 4.	1 N.C.O. and 3 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc. Other N.C.O.'s. Special Syllabus with Lieut WHITEHEAD. L.G. Teams - Special Syllabus. Remainder - Games.					

15/9/18.

  
 Lieutenant.  
 @/Adjutant, 38th Battalion A.I.F.



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22ND

MONDAY	9.30 - 10.30	10.30 - 11.30	11.30 - 12.30	12.30 - 1.30	1.30 - 2.30	2.30 - 3.30	3.30 - 4.30	4.30 - 5.30	5.30 - 6.30	6.30 - 7.30	7.30 - 8.30	8.30 - 9.30	9.30 - 10.30	10.30 - 11.30	11.30 - 12.30	12.30 - 1.30
	Drill in & Inspection	Drill in & Inspection	Drill in & Inspection	Drill in & Inspection	Drill in & Inspection	Drill in & Inspection	Drill in & Inspection	Drill in & Inspection	Drill in & Inspection	Drill in & Inspection	Drill in & Inspection	Drill in & Inspection	Drill in & Inspection	Drill in & Inspection	Drill in & Inspection	Drill in & Inspection
TUESDAY	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
WEDNESDAY	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
THURSDAY	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
FRIDAY	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
SATURDAY	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
SUNDAY	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
AFTERNOON	1 N.G.O. and 2 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc.	1 N.G.O. and 2 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc.	1 N.G.O. and 2 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc.	1 N.G.O. and 2 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc.	1 N.G.O. and 2 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc.	1 N.G.O. and 2 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc.	1 N.G.O. and 2 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc.	1 N.G.O. and 2 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc.	1 N.G.O. and 2 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc.	1 N.G.O. and 2 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc.	1 N.G.O. and 2 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc.	1 N.G.O. and 2 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc.	1 N.G.O. and 2 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc.	1 N.G.O. and 2 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc.	1 N.G.O. and 2 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc.	1 N.G.O. and 2 men per Platoon. Training in Scouting etc.

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*War Diary*

*Wk ends 22nd*

*[Signature]*

Adjutant, South Battalion A.I.F.

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SYLLABUS of TRAINING for Week ending 27th September 1918.

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	9 - 9.30 a.m.	9.30 - 9.55 a.m.	10.5 - 10.30 a.m.	10.30 - 11.30	11.35 - 12 a.m.	12 - 12.30p.m.
MONDAY.	Fall in and insptn by Coy Commanders.	Close Order Drill inc rifle exercises.	Physical Training & Bayonet Fighting.	Theoretical Musketry & manipulation of belt.	Gas Drill.	L.G. Mechanism.
TUESDAY.	do.	do.	Gas Drill.	Lewis Gun & Stoppages.	Extended Order Drill.	Bayonet Fighting
WEDNESDAY.	Do. in Full Marching Order.	9.30 a.m. - - - to - - - Battalion Muster Parade in Full Marching Order. Inspection by C.O.	11a.m.	11a.m. - 11.30	11.30 - 12noon	Fire Control & Rifle Exercises Fire Orders.
THURSDAY.	9 - 9.30 a.m. Fall in and insptn (D.G.)	9.30 - 9.55 a.m. L.G. Aiming, firing and fire orders.	10.5 - 10.30 a.m. Extended Order. <i>drill</i>	10.30 - 11.30 Use of ground and cover and indication & recognition of targets.	11.35 - 12noon Gas Drill.	12 - 12.30p.m. Close Order including Platoon Drill.
FRIDAY.	do.	Fire discipline and fire Orders.	Theoretical Musketry recapitulation.	Lewis Gun - Stoppages Loading Aiming & Fire Orders.	Rifle Exercises.	Physical Training & Bayonet Fighting.
SATURDAY.	do.	Muscle Exercises in Gas Masks.	Use of ground & cover (a) for Lewis Guns (b) Riflemen.	Lewis Gun recapitulation (General)	Platoon Drill.	Company Drill.
SUNDAY.	Church Parade. Inspection of huts and lines by C.O. / Os.C. Coys will arrange for 1 L/Cpl or Cpl and 3 men per platoon to be instructed in Scouting between 11 and 12.30 daily.					

AFTERNOONS. Range practices for both riflemen and Lewis Gunners. Live bombing with both rifle grenades and hand grenades Monday Afternoon "B" & "C" Coys. Thursday Afternoon "D" & "C" Coys. Tuesday " " "A" & "D" Coys. Friday " " "A" & "B" " " Bombing range is quite close to the Rifle Range, Targets ac. will be arranged for daily by the A/Adjutant.

Those Companies not engaged at the ranges will take part in organised games - cricket - football &c.

*J.P. Robbins*

Lieutenant.  
A/Adjutant, 38th Battalion A.I.F.

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK ENDING 27th SEPTEMBER 1918

Headquarters  
1st Battalion A.I.F.  
1918

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Day	Time	Activity
MONDAY	0 - 0.30 a.m.	Roll in and march by Coy Commanders.
TUESDAY	0.30 - 0.45 a.m.	Roll in and march by Coy Commanders.
WEDNESDAY	0.30 - 0.45 a.m.	Roll in and march by Coy Commanders.
THURSDAY	0.30 - 0.45 a.m.	Roll in and march by Coy Commanders.
FRIDAY	0.30 - 0.45 a.m.	Roll in and march by Coy Commanders.
SATURDAY	0.30 - 0.45 a.m.	Roll in and march by Coy Commanders.
SUNDAY	0.30 - 0.45 a.m.	Roll in and march by Coy Commanders.

*Work ending 27th*

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Adjutant, 1st Bn A.I.F.  
Lieutenant



Battalion Headquarters.  
September 23rd 1918.

To Co.C. Companies.

The Following amendments to the Training Syllabus already issued will come into force at once:

MONDAY

Each Company marches to Baths and back. March to be carried out in Fighting Order and strictest march discipline to be maintained - duration about 1½ hours.

TUESDAY. 9.30 a.m.  
11 a.m.

Route March in complete Fighting Order, by Companies to J.14.c & d. and J.14.a.

to  
12.30 p.m.

Practice attack with aeroplanes near BUSSU - further particulars later.

WEDNESDAY 11.30 a.m.  
to

Route March by each Company in full Marching Order (less blankets) on completion of C.O.'s. inspection. Distance 3 kilos cross country in direction of BOUGRAVESNES and return.

12.30 p.m.

THURSDAY. 9.30 a.m.  
to

Route March in Full Marching Order (less blankets) over a distance of 10 kilos (5 kilos cross country to G.9.d. and return.)

11.30 a.m.

FRIDAY. 9 a.m.


Route March by Companies in Full Marching Order (less blankets) over a distance of 10 Miles cross country in direction of MOISLANS - TEMPLEUX BRIENCOURT ALZECOURT. Mid-day meal to be carried, Hot tea will be provided at mid-day from Company Cookers. As per Syllabus.

SATURDAY.

AFTERNOONS. 2 p.m.  
to  
4 p.m.

Each Company Commander will arrange for all Officers and Senior N.C.O.'s. not employed at the range to be instructed in Map Reading, Message Writing, and Sending Reports.

At conclusion of each Route March proper foot inspection will be carried out by all Platoon Commanders

  
Lieutenant.  
A/Adjutant, 38th Battalion A.I.F.



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*War diary*

The following arrangements to the training of the company will come into force at once.

Each company marches to battle and to be carried out in fighting order and earliest march distances to be determined by the company commander and 1st Lt.

Practice attack with companies near 1000 - 1500 yards.

How - March by each company in full marching order (last platoon) on completion of 10 miles cross country in direction of 1000 yards.

Route march in full marching order (last platoon) over a distance of 10 miles (10 miles cross country to 1000 yards and return).

Route march by companies in full marching order (last platoon) over a distance of 10 miles cross country in direction of 1000 yards - 1000 yards return.

Mid-day meal to be carried, and will be provided at mid-day from company cookers.

As per syllabus.

Each company commander will arrange for all officers and Sergeants to be employed at the range to be instructed in map reading, message writing, and banding reports.

At conclusion of each route march proper cost inspection will be carried out by all platoon commanders.

*[Signature]*  
Adjutant, 28th Battalion A.I.F.

To C.A.E. Companies.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

AFTERNOON

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Headquarters,  
88th Battalion A.I.F.  
26th Sept 1918.

To Co. Q. Companies.

The amended syllabus is again amended as under:-  
 THURSDAY. Ordinary Syllabus as originally issued will be carried out till 11 a.m. in Drill Order. Companies will then be dismissed and call in again on the General Parade ground in Full Marching Order (less blankets) at 11.30 a.m.. March off at 11.30 a.m. for distance of 5 miles through DOINGS (avoiding road as far as possible).

Mid-day meal to be carried. Each Company's Cooker will accompany it. Lunch near DOINGS from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Parade will proceed to the COOKS' ground at 2 p.m. and on conclusion of the performance will route march back to Camp.

*J. P. Robbins*

Lieutenant.  
A/Adjutant, 88th Battalion A.I.F.



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Reference Map 62 C N.E.

1. A practice attack with aeroplane co-operation will be carried out tomorrow Tuesday 24th September 1918 East of BUSSU by the 58th and 40th Battalions A.I.F.
  2. Zero hour will be 11 a.m.
  3. The Battalion will parade at 9-15 a.m. tomorrow on the general parade ground in fighting order (steel hats to be worn)  
Markers to report to R.S.M. at 9-10 a.m. - 1 per Coy and 1 per H.Q. details.
  4. The march to BUSSU will be by Coys at 100 yards interval via the track through squares I.13.a.&b., I.17.a.&b., I.18.a.&b. to a position of assembly in ~~square~~ J.14.d.
  5. The attack will be carried out by the 40th Battalion on the right and the 58th Battalion on the left under open warfare conditions without artillery support.
  6. Boundaries will be - Brigade right boundary J.15.a.3.5. to ~~square~~ J.3.a.2.3. Inter-Battalion boundary J.14.d.5.9. to J.7.d.1.9. Brigade left boundary J.14.c.7.2. to J.7.c.3.3.
  7. The 58th Battalion will attack with 'A' Coy on the right with its right flank on the inter-Battalion boundary at J.14.d.5.9. and 'C' Coy on its left with its left flank on Brigade left boundary at J.14.c.7.2. Inter-Coy boundary will be J.14.d.0.6. to J.7.c.7.7. 'D' Coy will be in close support.
  8. Jumping off line will be approximately line of road J.15.a.3.5. to J.14.d.5.9. thence to J.14.c.7.2.
  9. Objectives - FIRST OBJECTIVE BUSSU TEMPLEUX Road in J.13.b. and J.14.a. SECOND OBJECTIVE HUGTOR TRENCH SYSTEM J.7.c.&d.
- The order for the advance beyond the First Objective will be given by Battalion H.Q. on receipt of orders from Brigade.
10. Flares already issued to Coys will be distributed equally between platoons.  
Small flags (flanellette) to be carried inside S.B.Rs. issued to 'A' Coy will be distributed equally between its platoons.  
The tin discs issued to 'C' & 'D' Coys and H.Q. Details will also be carried inside the S.B.Rs but will be attached to them by string
  11. Contact planes will call for flares on the forward objective when front line Coys will (1) Light flares (2) 'C' Coy will expose its tin discs on the front of the S.B.Rs. and 'A' Coy will wave its flags (3) 'C' Coy will lay its rifles in groups (by platoons) on the parapet (4) 'A' Coy will (by platoons) wave its helmets on rifles. All these various methods of gaining contact <sup>will be carried out</sup> systematically on the order of the Coy Commander concerned. The R.A.F. will afterwards be asked to report on the relative visibility of the methods employed.
  12. The Signal Officer will arrange for either telephonic or visual communication to be established between Coys and H.Q. and between Bn. H.Q. and Brigade H.Q.  
Popham panels will also be used.
  13. Battalion H.Q. will be established at Zero at J.14.c.9.4. and will later move to J.14.c.80.99. on capture of First Objective.
  14. No live ammunition of any sort will be carried but in all other respects the operation will be carried out as in an actual attack.  
Os.C. will render certificates to Battalion H.Q. that they have personally examined the pouches of their men and all Lewis Gun magazines and that they are minus ammunition.
  15. Certain strong points will be manned by fatigues supplied with gas rattles to represent machine guns - 59th Battalion will supply these fatigues.
  16. States showing actual fighting strength to be employed in the operation will be rendered to Battalion H.Q. by 9 a.m.
  17. Each Coy's Lewis Guns will be carried to the point of assembly (or as near thereto as possible) on the Coy limbers. - Limbers will report to Coys (A, C & D) at 9 a.m.
  18. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*H. Robbins*  
Lieut.  
A/Adjutant 58th Battalion A. I. F.

Distribution on back



DISTRIBUTION

Copy No 1. H.Q. 10th A.I.B.

2. C.O.

3. C.O. Coy

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5. C.O. Coy

6. C.O. 40th Battalion A.I.F.

7. C.O. 30th Battalion A.I.F.

8. Signal Officer

9-11. War Diary

12. File

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Adjutant General A.I.F.

Distribution on back



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Officers Commanding Companies.  
Signalling Officer.  
Bombing Officer.

Headquarters; APPENDIX  
40th Battalion A.I.F.  
23/9/1918

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1. A practice attack with aeroplanes co-operation will be carried out on Tuesday 24th September 1918 East of BUSSU.
2. Zero hour will be 11 A.M.
3. The attack will be carried out by 40th Battalion on the right, 38th Battalion on the left, under open warfare conditions, without artillery barrages.  
The 40th Battalion will attack on a 3<sup>rd</sup> company frontage, each company having 1 Platoon in 1st wave, and 1 Platoon in support.

DISPOSITIONS: "A" Company on right from J.15.a.3.5.- J.8.a.2.3. to J.15.a.1.3.-J.7.b.9.2.  
"B" Company from J.15.a.1.3.- J.7.b.9.2. to J.14.b.8.6. - J.7.b.5.0.  
"C" Company from J.14.b.8.0.- J.7.b.5.0. to J.14.d.5.9. - J.7.d.1.9.  
"D" Company in support.

4. JUMPING OFF LINE: The jumping off line will be approximately line of road J.15.a.3.5. to J.14.d.5.9. Battalion will be in position by 10.45 A.M.
5. OBJECTIVES: 1st Wave will take BUSSU-TEMPLEUX road in J.14.a.9- J.8.d.

2nd Objective. HECTOR TRENCH SYSTEM

The order for advance beyond 1st Objective will be given by Battalion Headquarters.

6. Contact planes will call for signals on the forward objective when the following signals will be used:-  
"A" Company - Ground Flares  
"B" Company - Metal Discs  
"C" Company - Hats waved on rifles  
"D" Company - Rifles laid in groups on parapet or ground.  
Signalling Officer will arrange for use of Papham panels.
7. DRESS: Fighting Order, Felt Hats.  
No live ammunition will be carried but in all other respects the operation will be carried out as an actual attack.  
During the practice special steps will be taken by companies to exercise to the utmost, all ranks in passing on of orders and information.
8. REPORTS: Reports to Battalion Headquarters at J.15.a.0.1. Command Post will be later established at J.8.d.1.2.

*L. J. Barnes*

.....Lieut.  
Adjutant.  
40th Battalion A. I. F.

A.D/9/25



Prefix **SM** Code **17** Words **17**

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From **WUNU** At \_\_\_\_\_ m. **Dist**

By **Hills** To \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at **WUNU** Office \_\_\_\_\_ m. Received \_\_\_\_\_ m.

TO **38 M**

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<b>B do</b>	<b>H Q</b>	<b>for scheme</b>	
<b>will</b>	<b>open</b>	<b>7.15 AM</b>	<b>at</b>
<b>10.45 am</b>			

FROM **10<sup>th</sup> AIB**

PLACE & TIME **9.15 am**

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Code **WUNU**

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions **WUNU**

From \_\_\_\_\_ At \_\_\_\_\_ m.

By **Sands** To \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Handed in at \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_ m. Received \_\_\_\_\_ m.

TO **DISI**

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<b>B M 1</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>AAA</b>

**advance to second**

**objection will commence**

**11.35 AM**

**at knowledge**

FROM **10 AIB**

TIME & PLACE **11.35 AM**

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Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of : .....Service.	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
.....	At.....m.	.....	From.....	.....
.....	To.....	.....	By.....	.....
.....	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....

TO { DISI

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

Some well Mt 5  
 captured at 14092  
 Casualties nil

From A DISI  
 Place  
 Time 10 10 AM

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of : .....Service.	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
.....	At.....m.	.....	From.....	.....
.....	To.....	.....	By.....	.....
.....	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....

TO { DISI

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

Team reached 1st Objective  
 and consolidating. Patrols  
 are being pushed out.  
 No enemy in sight  
 Casualties Nil

From 10 20 AM  
 Place  
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

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D.I.S.I.

CHP 16 | Twentyfourth | — | AAA

C Coy in position.

Line J14 d 00 60 to  
J14 c 70-20.

Coy H.Q. J14 c 80-50.

Patrols starting out.

10.45 am  
Runner  
Hartley

Peter Capt  
o/c C.R.

D.I.S.I.

C.H.P 17 | Twentyfourth | — | AAA

Advance progressing  
satisfactorily.

Line now about J14 C 10.80  
to J14 a 50-10.

Coy H.Q. moving to  
J14 c 30 90.

Landmark 3<sup>rd</sup> Telegraph  
Poll.

11.7 am

Peter Capt  
o/c C.R.

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Prefix *SM* Code *21* Words *31* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
*l s d* From *CR* At *DISI*  
 Charges to Collect By *W. J. P. 17* To *DISI*  
 Service Instructions By *W. J. P. 17* By *W. J. P. 17*  
 Handed in at *DISI* Office *11.18 A.M.* Received *24/9/18*

TO *DISI*

\* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
*JHP 17 24TH*

<i>Required</i>	<i>3000</i>	<i>rounds</i>	<i>3 a a</i>
<i>for</i>	<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Guns</i>	<i>in</i>
<i>magazines</i>	<i>if</i>	<i>possible</i>	<i>an</i>
<i>in</i>	<i>touch</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>Corps</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>any</i>	<i>left</i>
<i>their</i>	<i>line</i>	<i>conforms</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>ours</i>			

FROM *C. R.*  
 PLACE & TIME *11.18 a.m.*

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Prefix *SM* Code *21* Words *21* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
*l s d* From *CR* At *DISI*  
 Charges to Collect By *W. J. P. 17* To *DISI*  
 Service Instructions By *W. J. P. 17* By *W. J. P. 17*  
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TO *DISI*

\* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
*JHP 19 24*

<i>First</i>	<i>objective</i>	<i>captured</i>	<i>slight</i>
<i>opposition</i>	<i>two</i>	<i>mg</i>	<i>port</i>
<i>captured</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>prisoners</i>	<i>casualties</i>
<i>three</i>	<i>slight</i>		

FROM *O. C. C. R.*  
 PLACE & TIME *11.25 A.M.*

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

TO { DISI

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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In position in touch with both flanks

From	H. DISI
Place	
Time	10.50 am
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			Service.....
	At .....m.		From .....
	To .....		By.....
	By .....	(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO { DISI

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
WJ.C.1	24		

COY	in	Position	in
perchant	in	J14a.	COY
Hqs	approximately	J-14 a	4015
A.A.	Itane	new	C. Coy
message	to	DISI	

From	D.R.
Place	J14a4015
Time	11.40 AM
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)	
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D.I.S. 1

CMP 20 / Twentyfourth - AAA

Can H.Q. now at  
C/15 to 70.40.

Boats in front of first  
objective held by enemy  
Patrols have gone  
out to capture same

12:45 Meters Capt  
Lt Col Orderly  
of CR

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"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121  
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Sent			.....Service.
.....		At.....m.		From.....	
.....		To.....		By.....	
.....		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO

DIST

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

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all going well

From A

Place 12 Nov

Time 12:45

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

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Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of :	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions				
Sent			.....Service.	Date.....
At.....m.				From.....
To.....				By.....
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO DISI

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

W.C. 24th  
 Am  
 Coy  
 Sent  
 approx  
 J 1468040

Grid area for message content (mostly blank).

From DR  
 Place J 1468040  
 Time 12.10 PM  
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"A" Form  
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Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of :	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions				
Sent			.....Service.	Date.....
At.....m.				From.....
To.....				By.....
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO DISI

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

Have reached you  
 Consolidating  
 HECTOR FRENCH  
 No enemy in sight  
 Casualties nil

From H  
 Place  
 Time 12.10 PM  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

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APP 23/24/1/AAA

Hector Trench gained  
 & consolidated  
 Patrols have pushed out  
 800y no enemy in  
 sight  
 Am short of water  
 2000 Rds Dist  
 received  
 In touch with 7th Corps  
 on left who are on objective  
 C.R.

12:21  
 mtd and

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In the Field,

.....191.....

Received at 12:29 PM  
 By [Signature]

DISI  
 24/1/18

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SM {MFPM} 15

CR To DISI

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APP 22 / 24 / AAA

HECTOR TRENCH reached

am consolidating Coy

HQ J7C8080

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From CR

12:20 PM

Recd 12:40 PM [Signature]



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Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of: .....Service.	Reed. at.....m.
	Sent			Date.....
	At.....m.			From.....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....

TO 10151

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 WSC 4 24

Am was occupying bank  
 in road ~~at~~ J7D  
 Coy Hqs above J7D 1015  
 AAA in touch with  
 A and C Coys  
 by radio

From O.P.  
 Place J7D 1015  
 Time 12:40 PM

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

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

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of: .....Service.	Reed. at.....m.
	Sent			Date.....
	At.....m.			From.....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....

TO 104 AIB

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 AA246 24

In position

From 38 10/15  
 Place 10:35 AM  
 Time 10:35 AM

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

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

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Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c. /:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions				
Sent			Service.	Date.....
At.....m.				
To.....			From.....	
By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer")		By.....	

TO DUNU

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<u>AA 247</u>	<u>24</u>		

In touch with 40<sup>th</sup>  
 on right AAA Patrol  
 pushing forward.

From DISI

Place

Time 10.55 AM

The above may be forwarded as now correct. (Z)

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Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c. /:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions				
Sent			Service.	Date.....
At.....m.				
To.....			From.....	
By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer")		By.....	

TO DUNU

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<u>AA 248</u>	<u>24</u>		

Left Coy reports timed  
 11.7 AM. advance proceeding  
 satisfactory, AAA line  
 now about T14 C1-8  
 to T14 C51 AAA Night  
 Coy reports timed 11.10 AM  
 going well AAA McCarter  
 at T14 C92 AAA  
 Casualties NIL  
 38th Bn

From 38th Bn

Place

Time 11.11 AM

The above may be forwarded as now correct. (Z)

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Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c.....	Reed. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
	At.....m.		Service.....	From.....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....

TO DUNU

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
AA249	24		

Left Coy reports timed  
 11.18 AM in touch with  
 X Corps on left AAA on  
 1st objective AAA Right  
 Coy reports timed 11.20 AM  
 on first objective AAA Is  
 consolidating and has  
 pushed out patrols now  
 no enemy in sight AAA  
 has no active threat  
 3rd B

From 3rd B  
 Place 11.34 AM  
 Time 11.34 AM

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

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name  
 \* This line should be erased if not required.

Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c.....	Reed. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
	At.....m.		Service.....	From.....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....

TO DUNU

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
AA250	24	AM/1	

ACK now lodged

From DISI  
 Place 11.34 AM  
 Time 11.34 AM

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

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name  
 \* This line should be erased if not required.

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Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c : .....Service.	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
.....	At.....m.	.....	.....	From.....
.....	To.....	.....	.....	By.....
.....	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer")	.....	.....

TO all boys

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
AA 251	24		

Advance to 2nd Chapter  
will commence at 1135  
AM AAA Br H. G. L. now  
moving to T 14 C 60.99  
AAA Act.

DISI

From	Place	Time
	1135 AM	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected (Z)		
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name	

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Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c : .....Service.	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
.....	At.....m.	.....	.....	From.....
.....	To.....	.....	.....	By.....
.....	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer")	.....	.....

TO DUNN

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
AA 252	24		

These H. G. L. now moving  
to T 14 C 60.99

DISI

From	Place	Time
	1140 AM	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected (Z)		
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name	

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Prefix.....Code.....m.	words	Charge.	This message is on a/c : Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent		
	At .....m.	.....Service.	Date.....
	To .....		From .....
	By .....	(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....

TO *CR*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>AA253</i>	<i>24</i>		

*Continue advance to  
2nd Objective at once*

From *DISI*

Place *1147AM*

Time *1147AM*

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

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

Prefix.....Code.....m.	words	Charge.	This message is on a/c : Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent		
	At .....m.	.....Service.	Date.....
	To .....		From .....
	By .....	(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....

TO *WUNN*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>AA253</i>	<i>24</i>		

*Left Coy reports timed  
11.25 AM having captured  
2 MG posts AAA NO prisoners  
AAA Casualties 3 slight.  
AAA Timed 11.45 AM Posts  
in front of first objective  
held by enemy AAA are  
being dealt with*

From *DISI*

Place *1150AM*

Time *1150AM*

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

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Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c : .....Service.	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
At.....m.			From.....	
To.....			By.....	
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO DR

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
AA254	24		

More forward to first objective at once

From DISI		
Place		
Time 11:59 AM		
The above may be forwarded as now correct.	(Z)	AR Robinson Lt
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name	

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Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c : .....Service.	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
At.....m.			From.....	
To.....			By.....	
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO DUNN

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
AA255	24		

Right company reports all going well at 12 noon

From DISI		
Place		
Time 12:8 pm		
The above may be forwarded as now correct.	(Z)	AR Robinson Lt
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name	

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Prefix.....Code.....m.	words	Charge.	This message is on a/c : .....Service.	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
.....	At.....m.	.....	From.....	.....
.....	To.....	.....	By.....	.....
.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer")		By.....	.....

TO DUNN

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
114256	24		

Right Company reports  
has reached and is  
Consolidating HECTOR  
TRENCH AAA No enemy  
in sight AAA Casualties  
nil AAA Timed 12.10 pm  
No reports left Company  
some time AAA Have sent  
officer to ascertain position

From DISI

Place 12.20 pm

Time 12.20 pm

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

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

\* This line should be erased if not required.

Prefix.....Code.....m.	words	Charge.	This message is on a/c : .....Service.	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
.....	At.....m.	.....	From.....	.....
.....	To.....	.....	By.....	.....
.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer")		By.....	.....

TO DUNN

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
119257	24		

Three HB's now moving  
to J 13 to 5.7

From DISI

Place 12.25 pm

Time 12.25 pm

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

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

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Prefix.....Code.....m. Words Charge.  
Office of Origin and Service Instructions  
This message is on a/c. : Recd. at.....m.  
Sent Date.....  
At .....m. Service.  
To ..... From .....  
By ..... (Signature of "Franking Officer") By.....

TO DUNN

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
AA258 24 AAA

Left Company reports - timed  
12:21 pm - HECTOR TRENCH  
gained and being consolidated  
AAA is in touch with X  
CORPS on left which has  
also reached objective AAA  
In touch with right Company  
AAA. Patrols of left Company  
pushed out 800 yds. AAA  
No enemy seen

From DISI  
Place 12:35 pm  
Time  
The above may be forwarded as now corrected (Z)  
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

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Prefix.....Code.....m. Words Charge.  
Office of Origin and Service Instructions  
This message is on a/c. : Recd. at.....m.  
Sent Date.....  
At .....m. Service.  
To ..... From .....  
By ..... (Signature of "Franking Officer") By.....

TO DUNN

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
AA259 24 AAA

Reconnoitring Officer reports  
both right and left Companies  
on <sup>2nd</sup> objective and in touch  
with each other AAA Right  
Company in touch with  
40th B. left Coy. with  
X CORPS AAA Reorganisation  
and consolidation practically  
complete. AAA Timed 12:32 pm

DISI  
From  
Place 12:45 pm  
Time  
The above may be forwarded as now corrected (Z)  
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

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Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c : .....Service.	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
At .....m.			From .....	
To .....			By.....	
By .....			(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO

DUNN

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

AA 260

24

AAA

RAP now established  
at J 13 to 5.7. AAA  
Please inform FA.

From DISI

Place

Time 1246 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected (Z)

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

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Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c : .....Service.	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
At .....m.			From .....	
To .....			By.....	
By .....			(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO

DUNN

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

AA 261

24

AAA

Up to 1245 pm no  
contact. plane had  
appeared.

From DISI

Place

Time 1259 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected (Z)

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Prefix:.....Code.....m.	words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of: .....Service.	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
.....	At .....		.....	From .....
.....	To .....		.....	By.....
.....	By .....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	.....
TO				
All Boys				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
AA262	24			
Batter will assemble on road from Bussu to HANT ALLAINES. Return to Camp at once				
From	DISI			
Place	Hant			
Time	1pm			
The voice may be forwarded as now corrected			(Z)	
Censor.			Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name	
* This line should be erased if not required.				
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## 150 SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS: APPENDIX 4

The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will be organised on a 3 Battalion basis as from 12 noon 21st September 1918. The withdrawal of the 37th Battalion A.I.F. will be completed at that hour. *(and its amalgamation with the 38th, 39th and 40th Battalions.)*

2. The withdrawal and reorganisation will be carried out as under: -

(a) Battalion Headquarters.

The personnel of the 37th Battalion Headquarters (less Asst. Adjutant, Quartermaster and Orderly Room Staff) will be transferred (including band) to 38th and 39th Battalions, but certain personnel may be attached to 40th Battalion pending absorption in 38th 39th Battalions.

(b) "A" and "C" Companies 37th Battalion will be transferred to 38th Battalion as one Company and will from 12 noon 21/9/18 be known as "B" Company 38th Battalion A.I.F., under Captain J.W. ALLEN.

(c) Officers of the 37th Battalion will be transferred to the 38th and 39th Battalions, those allotted to 38th Battalion are as follows:-

Major W.F.H. ROBERTSON.

Lieut A.W. SMITH.

" J.W. BOYLAND. (to be attached temporarily to 3rd Div. Train)

Captain W.L. ALLEN.

Lieut H.E. BEAN.

" J.H. CHAPMAN.

" F.R. KENLEY.

2/Lieut E.F. NARIK.

" F.S. RENNICK.

Captain F.H.W. COOPER.

Lieut A.M. MURDOCK. M.C. (att. 3rd Div. Headquarters.)

2/Lieut J.H. WRIGHT.

2/ " A.L. BOOL.

Seconded or absent from Unit.

Captain J.A. CLARKEBROUGH. (absent wounded)

" F. De C. MANN. ( " sick)

Lieut G.C. TODD. M.C. (seconded as Adjutant 9th Tr. Bn.)

" W. HUNTER M.C. (absent sick)

" W.S. PHILIP. M.C. (seconded as I.O. 10th A.I.B.)

" L.P. LITTLE. M.C. seconded with A. Flying Corps)

" N.G. McNICOL. M.C. (seconded wounded)

" G.J. TAYLOR. D.C.H. (seconded as B.O. 10th A.I.B.)

" R.J. SMITH. M.C. (seconded wounded)

" V.V.K. CLACK. (absent sick) wounded)

" R. MACKAY. (absent sick)

" L. ORBUCK. (seconded injured)

" W. BRYDIE. (seconded with 10th A.L.T.M. Bty)

" A. STEWART. (seconded wounded)

2/Lieut J.A. SPALDING. (absent sick) wounded)

3. Hereafter the designation "37th Battalion" A.I.F. will apply to training unit of the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

4. Transport personnel of the 37th Battalion will be transferred equally between 38th and 39th Battalions.

5. The regimental funds of the 37th Battalion will after audited be distributed by a Regimental Board pro rata to the Battalions amongst which the Battalion is divided.

6. Consequent upon the above amalgamation and transfers "B" Coy 38th Battalion will as from 10 a.m. 21/9/18 merge and become part of "C" and "D" Companies 38th Battalion as under:-

No. 5 Platoon (2/Lieut WILSON W.G.) will be transferred to "C" Company 38th Battalion.

No. 6 Platoon (Lieut R.W.J. SANDIFORD) and Company Headquarters (including Lieut W.F. BOGLE) less C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. will be transferred to "D" Company 38th Battalion A.I.F.

Each Platoon will retain its identity as a platoon. C.S.M. SHARP

J.H. will be transferred to "C" Coy as its C.S.M. from 10 a.m.

21/9/18. C.Q.M.S. I.P. MILLER will be transferred to HQtrs. (super and act as understudy to R.Q.M.S.)

All "B" Coy (38th Bn) Cooks will be transferred to "D" Coy.



with Company Headquarters while their cooker will be taken over by the incoming Company of the 37th Battalion. Lewis Gun Teams of "B" Coy 38th Bn will take with them to "C" and "D" Coys respectively the Lewis Guns they are at present manning and Os.C. "C" and "D" Coys will arrange for an equivalent number of guns (which are at present on L.G. Waggon unmaned) to be handed over to the O.C. of the incoming Company.

Nos 1 of all L.G. Teams being transferred to "C" and "D" Coys will take with them their revolvers etc.

8. Lieut BOGLE will arrange for the ~~sum~~ whole of the lines at present occupied by his Coy to be evacuated before 10 a.m.

Os.C. "C" and "D" Coys will arrange to draw sufficient trench shelters from the Q.M. to provide accomodation for those men being transferred to them from "B" Company.

O.C. "D" Coy will arrange to withdraw his men from the hut allotted for the accomodation of the Battalion extra Officers, and will obtain trench shelters from the Q.M. in lieu.

New areas will be allotted to Coys by 2nd in Command before 10 a.m. 21/9/18.

9. The following will be the allotment of Officers (pro tem) to H.Qrs and Coys as from noon 21/9/18:-

Battalion Headquarters.

Lieut-Colonel HURRY G. D.S.O.

Major ROBERTSON W.F.F.

Captain FRASER A. M.C.

Lieut ROBBINS W.

" BULT R.B.

" DUNN T.H.

" CHURCHILL J.A.B. M.C.

" SMITH A.W.

" LANGLEY F.B.

" BOYLAND W.J.

" TELEER P.J.

Signal Officer.

Scout Officer.

Lewis Gun Officer.

Transport Officer.

(Det. Div. Train.)

Q.M.

"A" Company.

Captain FAIRWEATHER F.E. M.C. O.C.

Lieut J.L. WHITEHEAD.

" D. McG. ADDISON.

" C.J. CALLAN.

" A.M. MURDOCK.

1 other Officer from 37th Battalion.

"B" Company.

This Company will be Officered throughout by its present 37th Battalion Officers.

"C" Company.

Captain PETERS G.H. M.C. O.C.

Lieut O'DONNELL J.E.

S/Lieut HALLOCH P.,

" " WILSON W.G.

" " FAIRWEATHER H.A.

1 Officer from 37th Battalion.

"D" Company.

Captain COLLINS W.J. O.C.

Lieut BOGLE W.L.

" SANDIFORD N.W.W.

" DAVIS J.C.

" POTTER E.

1 Officer from 37th Battalion.

10. Os.C. Coys will immediately forward complete lists of all personnel received into their Coys (whether from 37th or 38th Bn.) giving in case of 37th Bn. personnel the usual full history of each individual and in the case of inter-company transfers of 38th Bn. men No. Rank and Name only. All these lists must be at Bn.H.Qrs. by 3 p.m. 21/9/18. at latest.

*W.R. Robbins*

Lieutenant.

A/Adjutant, 38th Battalion A.I.F.

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NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY 38<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION

FROM

19.00 27/9/18 to 17.30 2/10/18.

Reference Maps. 62<sup>c</sup> N.E. 1/20,000. + WIANCOURT 1/20,000 Edition 1<sup>st</sup>

The Battalion left the bivouac area HAUT-ALLAINES (I.D. 6. Sheet. 62<sup>c</sup> N.W) at 19.00 27.9.18 proceeding by route march via BUSSU, TEMPLEUX-LA-FOSSE, LONGAYESNES, VILLERS-FAUCON, STEMILIE to area west of RONSSOY WOOD (F.20+21) where bivouacs were made in the wood and trenches in close vicinity. Battalion Headquarters were established at F.21.a.3.6. The following officers marched out with the battalion :-

H.Qs	Le. Col. HURRY, D.S.O.	A Coy	Capt. FAIRWEATHER, F.E., M.C.	C Coy	Capt. PETERS, C.H.
	Capt. FRASER, M.C.		Sunt. WHITEHEAD, J.L.		Sunt. BOWMAN, G.G.
	Sunt. ROBBINS, H.		" CALLAN, C.J.		" MALLOCH, P.
	" DUNN, T.H.	B Coy	Sunt. O'DONNELL, J.B.	D Coy	Capt. COLLINS, W.J.
	" BULT, R.B.		" WILSON, W.G.		Sunt. POTTER, E.
	" TELFER, (QM)				" EASON, J.F.
	Padre FREER, D.L.				

On arrival at the new area in F.20+21 at about 02.00 on 28/9/18 hot tea was provided by Q.M. Comfortable bivouacs were soon made by the boys and the remainder of the morning and all the following day they were allowed to rest as much as possible. Whilst in this area enemy artillery was active, particularly with gas. During the night of 28/29<sup>th</sup> respirators had to be worn on numerous occasions.

Reveille was arranged for at 0530 on 29/9/18 and preparations for move forward in accordance with operations orders were at once commenced. At 05.50 the barrage for the stunt opened and the enemy immediately replied with gas shells of which the battalion got a fair share.

At 07.15 the Battalion moved off in artillery formation in the following order :- A Coy, BN H.Qs, C Coy, B Coy and D Coy. The route towards the brown lines to be taken was as follows :- South of the village of RONSSOY to cross roads in F.21.d. thence through ORCHARD POST, thence to ~~Road~~ Rm road of BELLICOURT ROAD thence North Easterly to GUILLEMONT FARM where it had been arranged that the tanks to co-operate with this battalion would be met.

The advance was carried on as above until POT TRENCH was reached where the battalion was held up by M.G. fire coming from direction of BONY. A Company took up a position in long trench DOG TRENCH, the remaining companies and battalion H.Qs disposing themselves in shellholes west of this trench. From information gained it was apparent that the mopping up parties of the tanks had not done their work properly. A Coy were then ordered to push forward and attempt to clear up the situation. A Company advanced in half sectional rushes from shell hole to shell hole. The M.G. fire became exceptionally heavy and heavy casualties were suffered.

At 0950 C Coy moved forward and occupied DOG TRENCH. B Coy occupied position in front of CAT POST (F.24.a.3.8.) with D Coy on their left.

All this time the enemy had been constantly shelling the area. C Coy suffering heavy casualties. Very little information could be obtained as to the progress of H Coy. A patrol was sent forward from C Coy but because casualties almost immediately. Capt. PETERS, M.C. later went out with a small patrol and located H Coy H.Qs in a shell hole about a 100' east of DOG TRENCH, the remainder of the Coy were consolidating positions in shell holes within about 50' of the wire in front of South Guillemont Trench. At 11.00 it was reported that Capt FAIRWEATHER had been badly wounded in the neck, and Sunt CALLAN had been killed. It was later reported that Capt. FAIRWEATHER died about 10 minutes after he was hit. Sunt. WHITEHEAD was now in charge of H Coy.

At 12.30 information was received that the Americans were everywhere on the GREEN LINE and that the M.G.s holding us up were a few that they had failed to mop up. The battalion together with 59<sup>th</sup> & 40<sup>th</sup> Bns was therefore to push forward and get in touch with the Americans in front of us. At 15.00 the advance was continued, C Coy moving out of DOG TRENCH and pushing forward from shell hole to shell hole under exceptionally heavy M.G. fire. Sunt MALLOCH was wounded. The Company moved forward to shell hole positions in the vicinity of the wire west of South Guillemont trench where advance was definitely held up at 1600.

At 1705 smoke barrage was put down and the wind drifted the smoke down CLHYMORE VALLEY, the brigade on our right were thus enabled to push forward and A & C Coys were also enabled to push forward to South Guillemont trench where posts were established.



Right post 'C' Coy was established at H.19.C.30.70 where they gained touch with 41st Bn. Left post 'A' Coy at H.13.d.33. (approx). This Coy failed to gain touch with 37th Bn. During the night patrols were sent out but could not get in touch with 39th Bn. Whilst holding this trench a party of 30 Americans under Lieut DONNACKER, 10th I.R.U.S.A. were incorporated in the posts held by our troops.

All this time heavy T.M. fire from direction of BONY AVENUE and shell fire were directed on DOG TRENCH in which battn HQ had been established at F.P.C.4.5. Battalions HQ later moved to F.24.a.2.3.

At 04.30 30/9/18 orders were received that the 11th Bde with 3 battalions of 9th Bde would attack at 06.00 approx squares H.26\*27 on a battn frontage in a northerly direction and take up a line through H.8 cent to the KNOB inclusive. 10th Bde was to clear up the ground in H.14 and H.8.C.+d. as the attack progressed northwards. Barrage opened at 06.00 and 'B' Coy pushed forward passing through 'A' and 'C' Coys and took up positions in CLAYMORE TRENCH col headquarters being at H.14.C.0.3. During this operation 'B' Coy captured 5 heavy machine guns, 4 light M.G.s and recaptured 4 Hotchkiss guns taken by the enemy from a disabled tank.

At 08.30 'A' Coy moved forward up BREAD LANE and established itself in CLAYMORE TRENCH on the left of 'B' Coy, their frontage extending approximately from BREAD LANE to VICK LANE. New liaison was established with 37th Bn on the left. 'C' Coy likewise pushed forward to CLAYMORE TRENCH. The position is now as follows: 'B', 'C' & 'A' Coys in CLAYMORE TRENCH flank at H.14.C.10.15 and left flank at VICK LANE. 'D' Coy in support in DOG TRENCH. At 09.50 'C' Coy pushed forward one platoon up BONY AVENUE and established post at H.14.C.5.3. from which BONY was under observation. A patrol was pushed along this trench to about H.14.d.4.34. where it came under M.G. fire from village and had to withdraw. At 14.30 orders were received per phone from Bde that Coys were to push forward small patrols as far as possible. Posts have been established in CLAYMORE TRENCH and BONY AVENUE as above. 'D' Coy have moved forward from DOG TRENCH to South Guillemont trench. 'D' Coy HQs established at H.19.C.70.30. At 18.00 it was reported from Bde HQs per phone that tomorrow morning this brigade in cooperation with 9th Bde on night would push forward possibly as far as the KNOB. Definite orders would follow later. Post in BONY AVENUE was to be withdrawn to CLAYMORE TRENCH. At 20.30 orders were received per phone, that proposed stunt for tomorrow mentioned above had been cancelled.

During the night 30/9/18 patrols were pushed forward but no definite information was obtained.

At dawn on 1st Oct advanced post in BONY AVENUE was re-established at H.14.C.30.25.

At 08.35 'C' Coy commenced to push forward up BONY AVENUE towards the village of BONY, no resistance was met with and the Coy entered the village at 09.45. At 10.00 'B' Coy moved up the village while 'C' Coy continued to push on towards LE CATLET TUNNELL. POSTS were established and touch gained with 39th at H.15.C.30.10.

At about 14.30 orders received that the 37th Bn would push forward and occupy the KNOB with left flank on CANAL TUNNELL end on H.9.C.6 facing N and N.E. along 120 contour and right flank about H.10.C.2.2. 40th Bn would push out and occupy BONY POINT in touch with 37th Bn on left, and right flank on brigade right boundary. 37th & 38th Bns would be disposed in main HINDENBURG system as support to 37th and 40th Bns respectively. 38th in H.15.C.

At 14.00 positions as above were established with the exception that the 39th carried out the task of 40th Bn and vice versa. Disposition of battn at this time was as follows: 'B' & 'C' Coys in that portion of HINDENBURG LINE in H.15.C. 'D' Coy in support in that portion of HINDENBURG LINE in H.15.C. 'A' Coy in reserve in BONY AVENUE. Battn HQs moved to CLAYMORE TRENCH at H.15.C.95.35.



While taking up new position, as above Capt. COLLINS O.C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Coy was wounded.

During the remainder of the day, with the exception of intermittent shelling, nothing else of importance took place.

The above positions were maintained throughout the following day. Enemy artillery was moderately active, particularly in the vicinity of BONY.

At 12:15 warning orders were received that the Brigade would be relieved on night of 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> August instant by 151<sup>st</sup> Brigade.

In accordance with orders from Brigade the battalions commenced to withdraw from positions at 16:30 to bivouac areas in rear of RONSSOY WOOD. Withdrawal was complete by 17:45 and battalions in positions in bivouacs mentioned above by 19:55.

Phonograph

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APPENDICES.Signal Service.

The co-operations of the Battalion Signal Service with the companies was perfect. Telephonic communication was throughout maintained with all Coys and Brigade. This line was also used by many other units in the vicinity and proved extremely valuable for intelligence purposes. The system employed was by reinforcing the directing company with Co. Ops Sigs and supplying them with wire to run out as they moved forward. Other Coys T'd in along this line.

Rations & Supplies.

These were received with unflinching regularity. Rations were received in excellent quality and sufficient quantity. Sufficient supplies of bombs & S.B.A. were delivered to the most forward companies, and reserve dumps established.

Casualties

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29 11 Ch.

The casualties for the operations were :-

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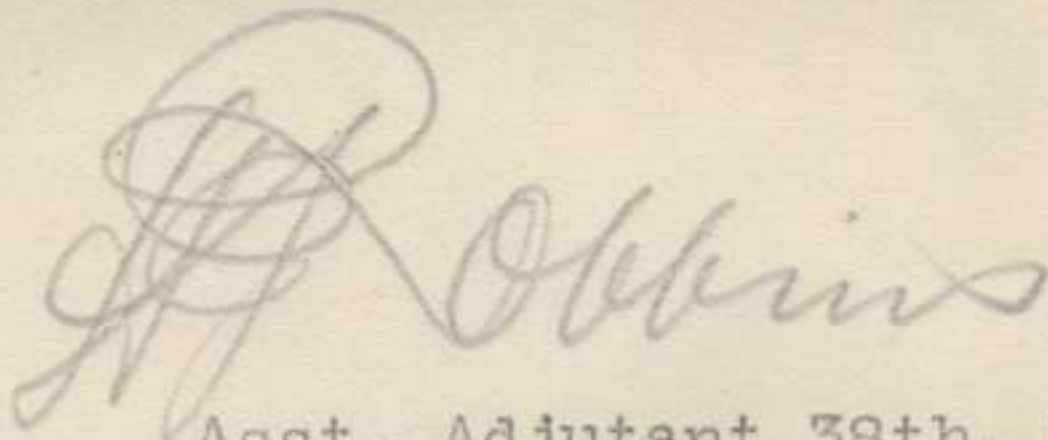
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SECRET38th. BATTALION ~~ORDER~~ A.I.F. ORDER NO. 94- Copy No \_\_\_\_\_

1. The 38th. Battalion will move to Bivouac area No. 7 near RONSSOY on Night 27/28th. September 1918.
2. DRESS:- Fighting Order, with Greatcoats and Waterproof Capets
3. Movement will be by Companies in fours: 50 yards distance between Companies. Head of Column to pass S.P. (Road junction J.9.c.cent) at 8.20 p.m. thence le FOSSÉ - D.29.d., D.30.c. & d.,
4. Tanks ("C" Coy. 16th. Battn less 1 section) and 1 Troop Squadron 13th. Light Horse will join Brigade Group on morning "Z" Day.
5. All movement of Troops and Transport must be off the Roads except where absolutely necessary.
6. Fires and movement in Bivouac area must be reduced to a minimum. If necessary bivouac sheets should be taken down during daylight
7. On completion of move situation of Companies must be notified to Battalion Headquarters
8. Watches will be synchronized at 6 p.m.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE



Lieut,  
Asst. Adjutant 38th. Battalion A.I.F.

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APPENDIX  
28th. Sept. 18

1. At a day and time to be known as "Z" DAY and ZERO HOUR the 27th American Division will attack the Hindenberg Line and will capture enemy territory up to GREEN LINE shown on Map issued to Company Commanders. On completion of this operation the 3rd Australian Division on the right will exploit success from GREEN LINE up to RED LINE on special Map
2. The 3rd. Australian Division attack with assistance of Tanks Will be carried out by 11th Australian I. Brigade on right and 10th. Australian Inf. Brigade on left with 9th Australian Inf Brigade in Reserve.
3. 10th. Australian Inf. Brigade will attack with 3 Battalions The 38th. Battalion on right, the 39th. Battalion in centre, 40th. Battalion on left with 37th. Battalion as Brigade Reserve.
4. TANKS Allotted to 38th. Battalion will be 3 Tanks which will join up with Battalion at the BROWN LINE at 9 a.m. on "Z" DAY
5. ARTILLERY One section 7th. A.F. Artillery will be allotted to 38th. Battalion for dealing with opportunity targets.
6. Companies will move from Bivovac Areas by 7 a.m. and will reach the BROWN LINE by 9 a.m. and must be in open warfare formations.

Frontages on BROWN LINE WILL BE

38th. Battalion BONY A V TO BERWAN Trench  
37th. Battalion will move in rear of the 38th. Battalion Roads will not be used & routes forward must be reconnoitred as far forward as possible. Only Pack Transport will be used The move will be ~~combined~~ continued so that the GREEN LINE is reached at 11 a.m.  
38th. Battalion will move South of GOUY  
The Main Line to be occupied by this Brigade will be as follows:-

Post "A" - B4, C.O.9 = where combined post of 1 Platoon of 38th. Battalion will be made with 11th. A.I. Bde

Post "B" B3 Central

Post "C" B3 A, 6, 7,

Post "D" T27 C.O.-6-

Post "E" B2b 4-8-

Post "F" B2a 5.6.

Post "G" B1b 5.8.

Post "H" T25 C 9, 4.

Post "J" T25a 3.0.

Post "K" S30.b.7.6. where combined Post will be made with 107th. American Brigade.

This will be organized as the Main Line of resistance Out-Posts will also be established

A1 - B4.A.7.0. BEANNECK

C1 - T27b 6.1 VICTORIA CROSS

E1 - T26b 5.1.

J1 - T25a 9.6. VAUXHALL QUARRY

Posts will be established as under:-

A.B.C.D. A1, C1 - by 38th. Battalion

7. The 10th. Machine Gun Company, 10th. A.L.T.M. Battery, 3 Tanks and one half section of Light Horse Armoured Cars and Whippet Tanks will co-operate and smoke bombs will be dropped as detailed verbally to Company Commanders to day. Special mention must be made to the Troops of Whippet Tanks so that they will not be mistaken for enemy Tanks.
8. Tank Protection Companies will detail Scout & Lewis Gunners to precede the advance of Tanks ~~men~~ when crossing the Sky Line, anywhere near suspected Anti Tank Guns. Tank Signals will be as follows:-

Section Leader flies GREEN FLAG

(A) Red, White, Blue Flags means Tank returning to refill

(B) Diagonal Flag Yellow and Red Tank Broken Down Armoured Cars and Tanks will be marked "Red, White Red, White on sides,



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9. Aeroplanes will fly as detailed verbally to Company Commanders. Every possible use will be made of Flares, Tin Discs, Grouping of Rifles etc. to indicate line to to Planes and gain contact whenever calls are sounded on Klaxon Horns or White Vary Light fired, at Zero plus 10 hours contact planes will call for Flares etc. along the whole of RED LINE.
10. Companies will carry remainder of Days Rations the extra biscuits which were issued this afternoon to C.Q.M.S. Men will travel as lightly laden as possible, all shaving gear and other surplus articles will be dumped with the Great Coats at their respective Cookers. Breakfast is to be not later than 6 a.m. on "Z" Day as many Picks and Shovels as possible will be carried forward by each Company.
11. Watches will be synchronised by an Officer per Company coming to Battalion H'Qrs at 9-30 p.m. tonight 28/9/18
12. Battalion H'Qrs will move to BROWN LINE with Troops at 9 a.m. and will later be established at approx. B2 central probably in conjunction with the 39th Battalion H'Qrs. 40th. Battalion H'Qrs will probably be at A6a 9 8 and 37th. Battalion H'Qrs at A12b 22

ACKNOWLEDGE

(Signed) A. Fraser Captain  
Adjutant 38th. Battalion A.I.F.

The main line to be occupied by this Brigade will be as follows:-

Post "A" - B4, G.O. 9 = where combined post of 1 Platoon of 38th. Battalion will be made with 11th. A.I.F. 8th Coy

Post "B" B2 Central

Post "C" B2 A. 6.7

Post "D" T27 G.O. 8

Post "E" B2p 4-8

Post "F" B2a 5.6

Post "G" B1p 5.8

Post "H" T25 G.O. 4

Post "I" T28a 3.0

Post "J" B2O p. 7.6. where combined Post will be made with 10th. American Brigade.

This will be organized as the main line of resistance. Out-Posts will also be established

A1 - B4, A. 7.0. BAWNECK  
 O1 - T27p 8.1 VICTORIA CROSS  
 E1 - T28p 8.1 VAUGHAN QUARRY  
 J1 - T28a 9.6

Posts will be established as under:-

A.B.S.D. A1, O1 - by 38th. Battalion

7. The 10th. Machine Gun Company, 12th. A.I.F. Battery, 5 Tanks and one half section of Light Horse Armoured Cars and Whippet Tanks will co-operate and smoke bombs will be dropped as detailed verbally to Company Commanders to day.

Special mention must be made to the troops of Whippet Tanks so that they will not be mistaken for enemy Tanks.

8. Tank Protection Companies will detail Scout Lewis Gunners to precede the advance of Tanks when crossing the sky line, anywhere near suspected Anti Tank Guns. Tank Signals will be as follows:-

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10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 137

REF. MAPS:- Special WIANCOURT Sheet 1/20,000  
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1. At a day and time to be known as 'Z' DAY and ZERO HOUR the 27th American Division will attack the Hindenburg Line and will capture enemy territory up to GREEN LINE shown on map issued to <sup>Coy</sup> Battalion Commanders.

On completion of this operation 3rd Australian Division on left with 5th Australian Division on the right will exploit success from the GREEN Line up to RED Line on special map.

2. The 3rd Australian Division attack, with assistance of Tanks will be carried out by 11th Aust. A.I. Brigade on right and 10th Aust. Inf. Brigade on the left with 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade in reserve.

3. 10th A.I. Bde. Group consists of :-

37th Battn  
38th Battn  
39th Battn  
40th Battn  
10th A.L.T.M. Battery  
10th A.M.G. Coy.  
10th Fld. Coy. Engrs  
10th Fld. Amb. (less Tent Subdivision)  
One Troop Light Horse  
7th Aust. F. A. Bde.  
"C" Coy. (less 1 Sect) 16th Tank Battn

4. 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. will attack with 3 Battalions - 38th Battn on right, 39th Battn in centre, 40th Battn on left, with 37th Battn as Brigade reserve.

5. Tanks allotted to 38th Battn will be 3 Tanks.  
" " 39th " " " 2 "  
" " 40th " " " 3 "

which will join up with Battalions at the BROWN Line at 9 a. m. on 'Z' DAY.

6. Artillery 1 Section 7th A. F. Arty will be allotted to each of 38th and 40th Battns for dealing with opportunity targets.

The remainder will be in the hands of Infantry Brigade Commander.

7. General outlines of the scheme.

Units will move from bivouac areas in sufficient time to reach the BROWN Line by 9 a. m. and must be in open warfare formations before crossing the line of the Canal TRENCH Tunnel.

Frontages on BROWN Line will be:-

38th Battn. BONY Av. to BEHMAN Trench  
39th " BEHMAN Trench to Rd. in A.8.c.0.1.  
40th " thence to A.7.a.8.2.

37th Battn will move in rear of 39th Battn.

Roads will not be used and routes forward must be reconnoitred as far forward as possible by units at once and taped where necessary. Only pack transport may be used.

The move will be continued so that GREEN Line is reached at 11 a. m.

38th Battn will move south of GOUY.  
39th " " " through GOUY.  
40th " " " North of GOUY.



The main line to be occupied by this Brigade will follow:-

140 Post 'A' -- B.4.c.0.9. -- where combined post of 1 Platoon 38th Bn will be made with 11th A.I.Bde.

Post 'B' -- B.3.Cent.

Post 'C' -- B.3.a.6.7.

Post 'D' -- T.27.c.0.6.

Post 'E' -- B.2.b.4.8.

Post 'F' -- B.2.a.5.6.

Post 'G' -- B.1.b.5.8.

Post 'H' -- T.25.c.9.4.

Post 'J' -- T.25.a.3.0.

Post 'K' -- S.30.b.7.3. -- where combined post will be made with 107th American Brigade.

This will be organised as the main line of resistance: outposts will also be established.

A.1. -- B.4.a.7.0. BROWN NECK  
C.1. -- T.27.b.6.1. VICTORIA CROSS  
E.1. -- T.26.b.5.1  
J.1. -- T.25.a.9.6. VAUXHALL Quarry.

Posts will be established as under:-

A, B, C, D; A1, C1 -- by 38th Battalion.

E, F, E.1 -- " 39th Battalion

G, H, J, K, J1 -- " 40th Battalion.

37th Battalion will be in readiness in banks in A.12.b.

The advance from the GREEN Line will be preceded by whippet tanks in lieu of bargages.

8. Machine guns. The 10th A.L.G. Coy. will dispose 12 Vickers guns about PROSPECT Hill to cover this Brigade front. 4 guns will be kept as Brigade reserve.

9. French Mortars 2 Light T.Ms of 10th A.L.E.M. Battery will be attached to each of 38th and 39th Battns. *1 each to A & C Co.*

10. Tank Protection. Scouts and Lewis Gunners must be detailed by attacking Battalions in advance, to precede tanks crossing a skyline or topping a rise in vicinity of suspected anti-tank guns.

11. Light Horse. One <sup>half</sup> section Light Horse as gallopers will be allotted to each of 38th, 39th, 40th Battns reporting on BROWN Line.

12. Communications. One main signal route will be maintained from FONSSOY - BLUE Rd - BONY - YELLOW Rd - Mt. ST. MARTIN - RUE NEUVE - BELLEVUE Valley - B.8.c.Cent. Units will make all possible use of runners, visual, gallopers.

13. Aeroplanes. Planes as under will fly:-  
(a) 3rd Squadron A. F. C. (rectangular black panels 2' x 1' on both lower planes 3' from fuselage) used as contact patrols, counter-attack patrols, dropping smoke bombs.

(b) 8th Squadron R.A.F. (black band on under side of tail) used in co-operation with tanks, engaging anti-tank guns.

(c) Eight single-seater low flying squadrons (no distinctive markings) to attack enemy troops.

The 3rd Squad. A. F. C. will watch progress of our troops beyond GREEN Line and when Klaxon calls or series of A's are heard, or if plane fires white Very Light, foremost troops will respond by

(a) lighting red ground flares in groups of 2 or 3 at intervals of 100 yards

(b) flashing 10 discs towards planes.

(c) rifles laid in groups of 3 or 4 across trench or on ground placed about a foot apart.



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13(c)td. At ZERO PLUS 10 HOURS contact planes will call for flares ac. along whole of RED Line.

Counter-attack machines will be constantly in the air after ZERO. Should counter-attack troops be seen actually pushing forward the planes will fire a white parachute flares in the direction of the counter-attacking troops.

To cover advance of 3rd Aust. Div. troops smoke bombs will be dropped so as to deny enemy observation from high ground still in his possession.

In the event of enemy planes falling extreme measures must be taken if necessary to prevent anything being removed.

14. Engineers 10th Fld. Coy. will allot 1 section to 10th A.I. Bde. Hdqrs for construction of Hdqrs and locations of mines and water; 1 section for construction of artillery crossings over trenches.

15. Armoured Cars. Armoured cars will operate on YELLOW Road thence E. & N.E. to BOHAIN - ST. QUENTIN Railway System. Cars will be marked ~~Red~~, White, Red White, similar to tanks.

16. Whippet Tanks. will operate against BEAUREVOIR Village - troops must be notified of this so that they may not mistake whippets for enemy tanks. Section leader flies Green flag. Other signals -

- (a) Red, white, blue flag means - Tank returning to refill.
- (b) Diagonal flag yellow and Red - Tank broken down.

17. Brigade Headquarters will move from F.19.c.7.7. successively to Trench W. of BONY, then near Rue NEUVE. Units will be notified of moves.

18. Synchronisation of watches will be made by an Officer from each unit calling at Brigade Hdqrs at 8 p.m. on 28th inst.

19. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*R. Lambie*

Captain  
Brigade Major.

10th Australian Inf. Brigade.

27th Sept. 1918.

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13 10th Fld Coy. Engrs.  
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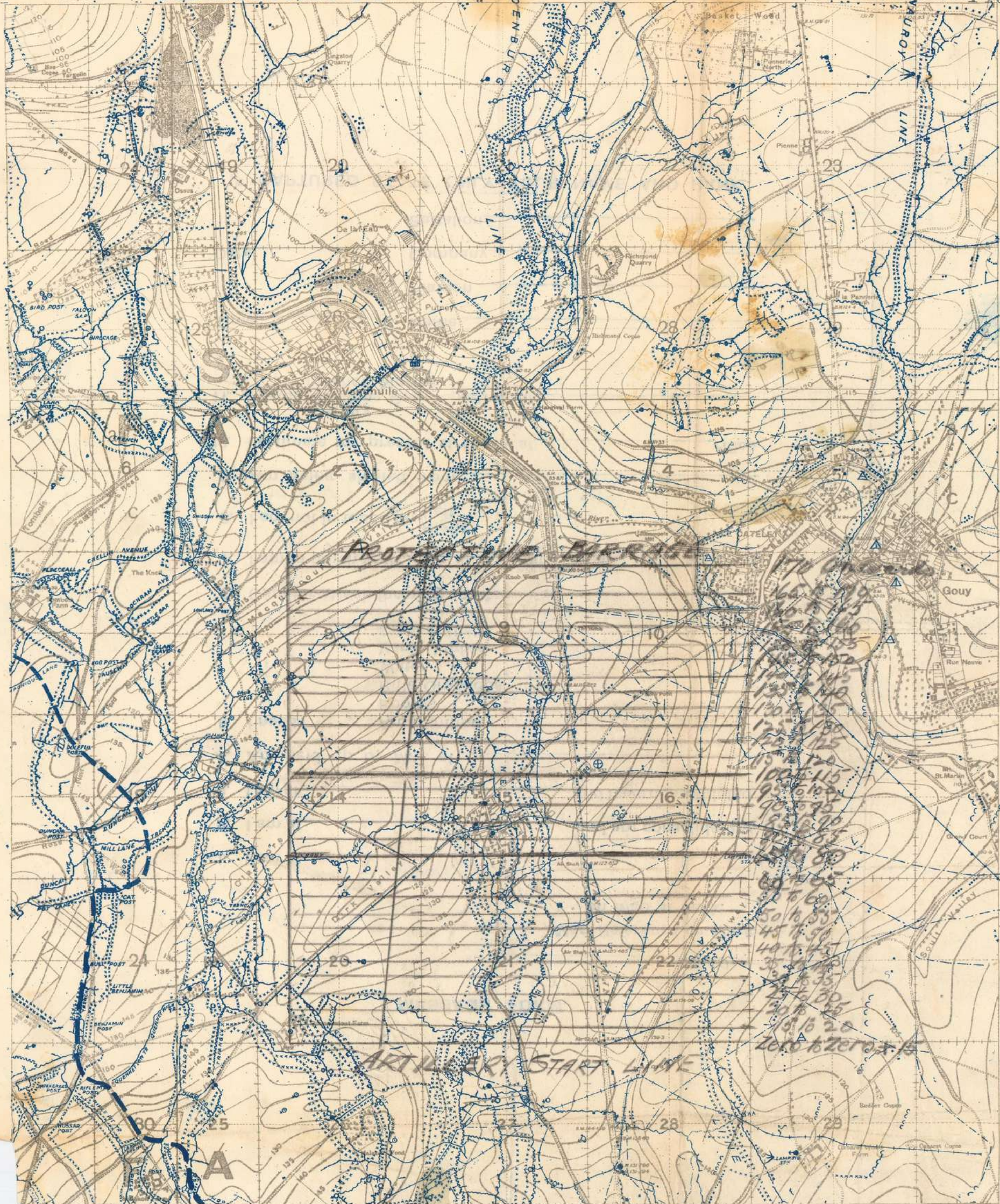
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Herewith map showing  
 Artillery Barrage for  
 operation commencing 6 am



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British Front Line 6 p.m. 24-9-18



FIELD SURVEY BN., R.E. (4363A) 24-9-18.

YARDS 1000

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1000 YARDS



38<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF Appendix  
Medical officer's WAR DIARY 6  
September 1918

1-6 Sept. The morning of 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. found the battalion on the way out from vicinity of Van Vreuch in front of Mt. St. Quentin. After nine days hard fighting the men were somewhat exhausted on our arrival at Curlu & a good number - about 10 - had to be sent to Hospital during the next day or two, several suffering from the effects of gas. During these five days most of the time was devoted to rest, baths &c & the general health of the battalion improved.

6-10 Sept. Another four into the line in the Roisel area. I found the Ad Post of preceding battalion was about 6000 yds behind the line so did not

take over, but followed the <sup>2</sup> battalion to Roisel & established RAP on bank on side of main road till light enough to reconnoitre. Following morning a very fine deep dugout was found on the western part of the town & I remained there for that part in the line. The Field Ambulance sent Talbot car up that morning, so that the stretcher bearers had no carrying from the R.A.P. at all. For the three days only 3 wounded from the battalion & 3 of other units. R.A.P. was about 2000 yds from the line but later on day of relief the line was pushed forward another 1000 yds. I was relieved by Capt Blomfield of 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion about 7 pm of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst & by 1 pm next



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morning the battalion was  
comfortably settled in huts  
- for the most part in Haut  
Allain's area.

11-27 Sept. This period  
covers the best rest the  
battalion had had since March  
& the area is the only one  
occupied in 6 months where  
no casualties had been suffered.  
The health of the men improved  
wonderfully, training was  
light & games, concerts -  
baths added to their good  
spirits. Sick parades were  
light - about 10 per day  
& no prevailing epidemics  
beyond boils. First Aid  
instruction was given to  
stretcher bearers each  
afternoon. The men  
started off on their 18 kils  
march to the line on the

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27<sup>th</sup> very fit considering the  
shortness of the rest period.  
Recent operations.

On arrival at bivouac  
area near Roussoy early on  
28<sup>th</sup> mist shelling was met  
with & besides killed wounded,  
French reports it would be  
of great benefit to units to  
know position of Field Ambulance  
In this case an American  
one was located in Roussoy  
after some difficulty. The  
following night the area  
was heavily passed & several  
had to be evacuated immediately  
while about 12 more were  
rendered unfit for action  
next day.

On morning of 29<sup>th</sup> the  
battalion moved forward  
to push on several kils



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Ame personnel moving with  
BHQ At 8.15 am M.G.  
fire was encountered &  
battalion halted in vicinity  
of Dog & Pot trench. Here  
RAP was established in Pot  
trench where cases were  
evacuated from all day.  
In the early part of the day  
all the battalion were within  
200 or 300 yards so that  
the Regimental Stretcher bearers  
work was much lighter than  
the Field Ambulance bearers,  
who had to set out &  
locate an unknown Field  
Ambulance. In a few hrs  
however we were in touch  
with the 10<sup>th</sup> F.A. & evacuations  
thereafter for that day were  
good, the bearers doing  
very fine work, & suffering  
only 1 casualty.

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The battalion bearers later  
suffered heavily. The Americans  
appeared to have ~~been~~ somewhat  
been somewhat unfortunate  
in their means of evacuation  
& many of their men passed  
through our hands. Especially  
so on the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup>  
when they were carried in  
by volunteers from the battalion  
after lying out in the rain  
& cold for 24 hrs. On night  
29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> I kept about 10  
wounded in a dump as  
the country was impossible  
for stretcher bearing at night  
he finally got the last of  
those in our area away  
by 12 noon on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

7.10.18

W. James Lt  
AMO 38Bn

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SEPTEMBER SIGNALLING 1917

Appendix 1

From 1st to 6th all signallers were checking & cleaning stores and instruments and making up reserve of cable by salvaging discarded lines in the area.

During advance guard operations from 7th to 10th Wgros were through on wire to Bde and to a visual Central Visual Station which worked with all eight companies of Advance Guard. 37th Sigs were co-operating. From 11th to 27th cable salvaging and training were carried out.

During this period an exercise with contact planes was carried out.

Cable & visual work with troops making attack was

successfully maintained through. As no contact planes appeared no co-operation with aircraft was possible.

During the operations from 29th Sept to Oct end, telephonic communication was maintained all the time with all Coys & with Brigade. This line was also used by many other units in the vicinity, and proved extremely valuable for intelligence purposes.

The system used was by reinforcing the directing company with Wgros sigs and supplying them with wire to red out as they moved forward. Other Coys & forward Bn Wgros T in along this line.

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W. D. D. J. G.  
Sg. Off. 30th Bn



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Enemy Trenches in Blue.

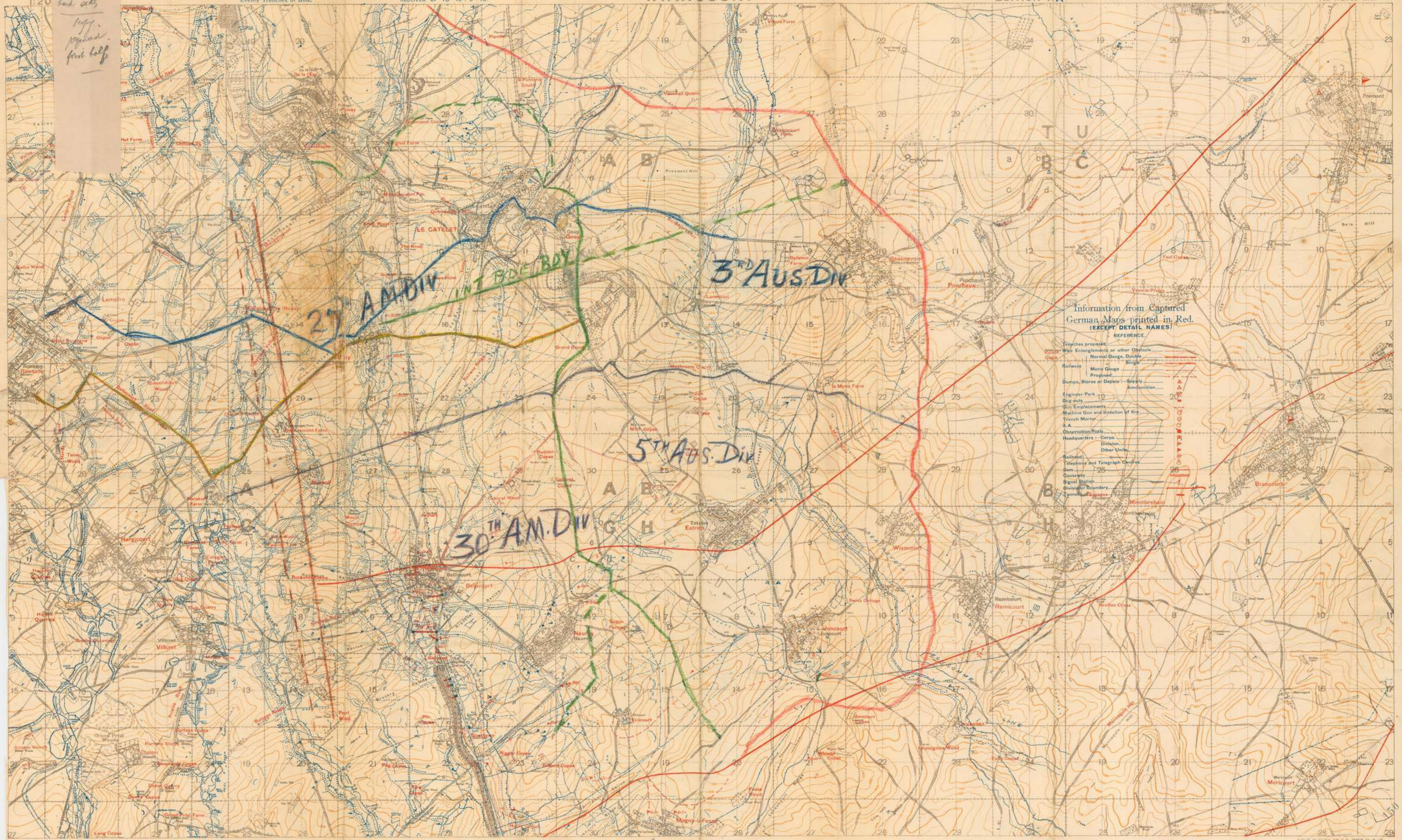
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# WIANCOURT

EDITION 1 A

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has all  
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required  
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Information from Captured  
German Maps printed in Red.  
(EXCEPT DETAIL NAMES)

- REFERENCE
- Trenches proposed
  - Wire Entanglements or other Obstacle
  - Normal Gauge, Double
  - Single
  - Railways
  - Metre Gauge
  - Proposed
  - Dumps, Stores or Depots - Supply
  - Ammunition
  - Engineer Park
  - Dug-outs
  - Gun Emplacements
  - Machine Gun and direction of fire
  - Trench Mortar
  - A.A.
  - Observation Post
  - Headquarters - Corps
  - Division
  - Other Units
  - Railhead
  - Telephone and Telegraph Centre
  - Dam
  - Causeway
  - Signal Station
  - Geographical Boundary
  - Tunnel

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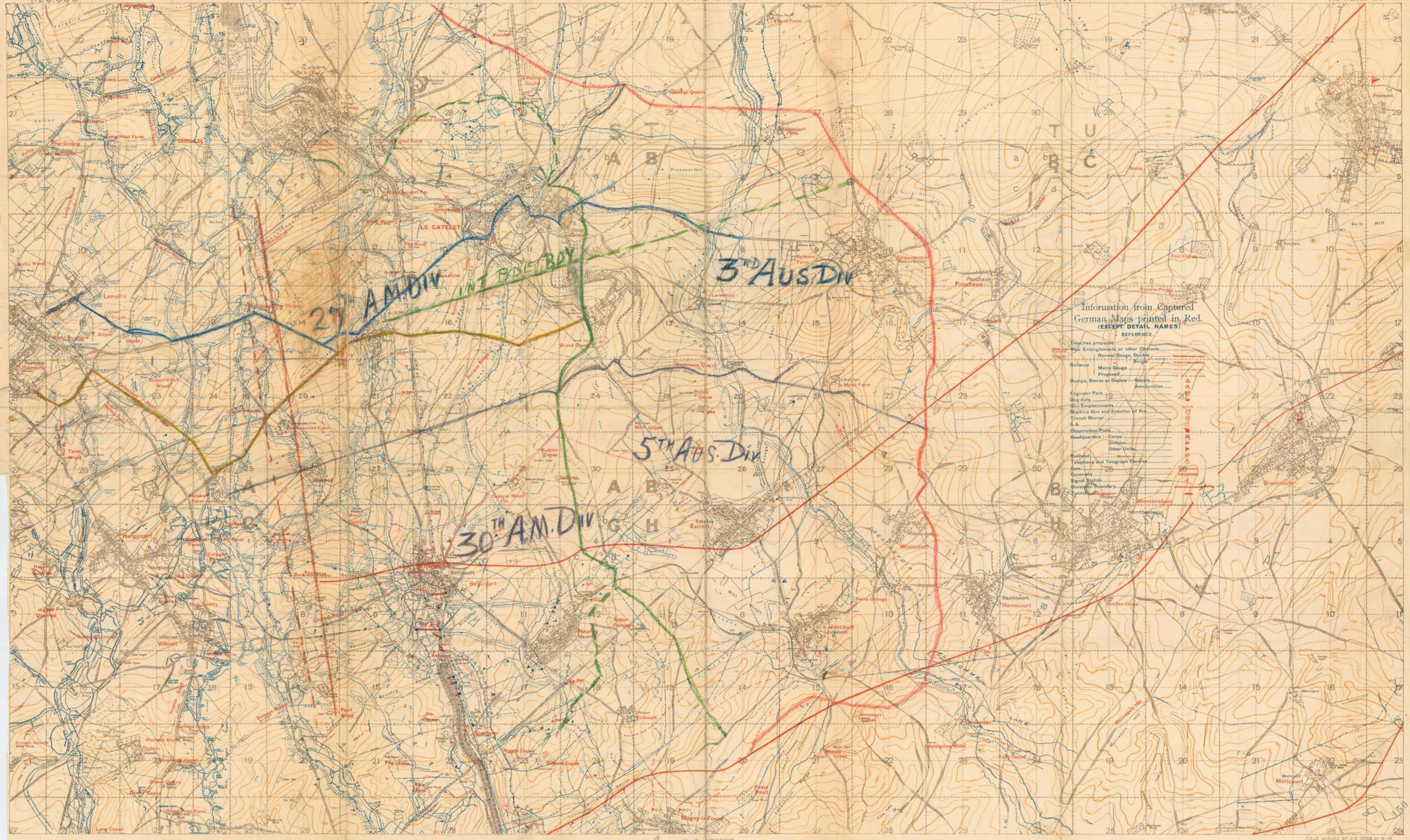
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Enemy Trenches in Blue.

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162° N.E. 62° N.W.



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(EXCEPT DETAIL NAMES)

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- Trenches proposed
  - Wire Entanglements or other Obstacle
  - Normal Gauge, Double
  - Single
  - Railways
  - Metro Gauge
  - Proposed
  - Quays, Stores or Depots - Supply
  - Ammunition
  - Engineer Park
  - Gun Emplacements
  - Machine Gun and direction of fire
  - Trench Mortar
  - A.A.
  - Observation Posts
  - Headquarters - Corps
  - Division
  - Other Units
  - Railhead
  - Telephone and Telegraph Centres
  - Gasworks
  - Signal Station
  - Divisional Boundary
  - Trench

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FIELD SURVEY BY R.E. (4589 21-9-18)



APPENDIX

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

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FRANCE

EDITION 5. A. (Local)

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SHEET 62° N.E.



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FIELD SURVEY BY R.E. ADRIAN, 25.9.16