

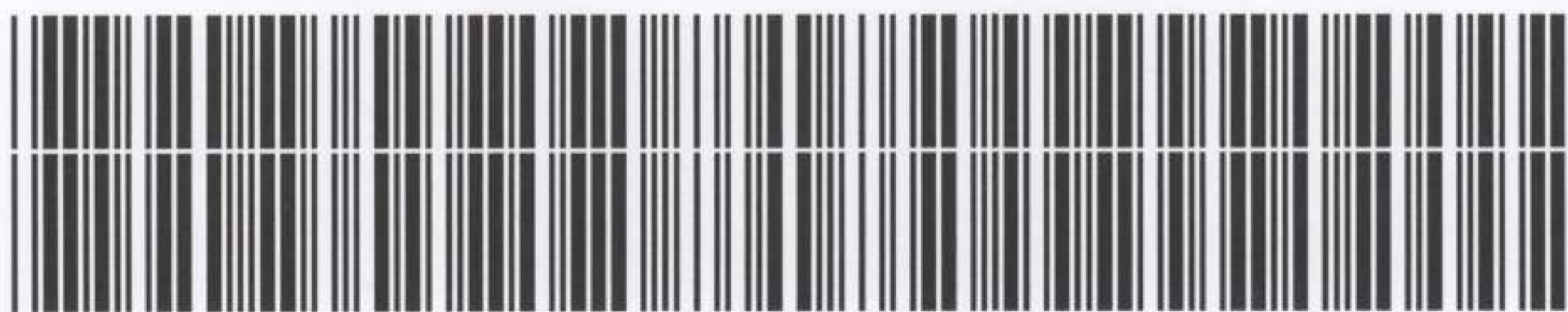
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Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
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Infantry

Item number: 23/6/38 PART 2

Title: 6th Infantry Brigade

October 1918 Appendices



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TO *A38*

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<i>AA 51</i>	<i>2</i>		<i>AAA</i>

Following from 4th Army
through Aust Corps. Begins
AAA Controller of Mines.
State Electric plant in
BELLINGLISE tunnel discovered to
be connected with Mine.
aaa Mine blown if
certain wires connected up
with Electric plant AAA.
German Engineer ordered to
drive plant. Confessed this
and Mine was discovered
Now disconnected and all
safe. AAA All tunnels
possibly mined in same
way. hence if lighted
by electricity Electric plant

FROM

TIME & PLACE

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254	2		

Ref order no 224 aam 15
 Wing RAF is arranging to drop
 smoke bombs as under aam from
 zero to zero plus 25 mins on
 squares B13 B 4 B14 A aam from
 zero to zero plus 50 mins on
 B30 A C and D and B23 C
 and D and on squares B15 B
 and B9 and B10 and on
 B1 A and B and B2 A and B
 aam zero plus 135 mins to
 zero plus 175 mins on squares
 C7C and C13 A + C and C19 A
 and in B6 A and on T22 D +
 T23 C and on T30 B and T21 A
 aam Acknowledge aam

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2 hrs Div 11/1/18

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 And passed by security.
 A.A.A. ends. A.A.A.

Repeated All Bm
 @ 0145 3/10/18

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Sefa
 1730

SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
3rd October, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO No. 55

Ref. Map WIANCOURT 1/20,000 and 62.B. 1/40,000

1. AMMUNITION.-- The Brigade Mobile Echelon is located at G.16.a.central.
All demands for ammunition will be sent direct to Bde. Hdqrs. and guides supplied.
Battalions will also demand Stokes Mortar Ammunition for use of the guns attached to them.
2. WATER.-- (a) A water point consisting of three stand pipes, Dixie and Bottle Filler and 100 feet Horse Troughing has been opened at F.26.d.4.6.
(b) Pump, tanks and sterilizing plant is now being installed at G.16.a.8.6.
(c) At the Brigade Mobile Echelon a reserve of water is held.--
1 Motor Water Lorry
1 G.S. Water Cart
1 G.S. Water Wagon
(d) Wells as per 2nd Aust. Div. Admin. Memo. 13.
3. SUPPLIES.-- Railhead ROISEL
Commencing 3rd inst. supplies will be sent by Light Railway to HARGICOURT and thence by A.A.S.C. Wagons to Q.M.Stores.
4. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS
A.D.S. ... QUARRY G.16.d.6.0.
M.D.S. ... TEMPLEUX LE GUERARD G.17.d.8.7.
Main Loading Post G.17.d.8.7.
Forward Loading Post G.18.d.5.3.
" " " G.10.b.9.2.
" " " G.12.a.7.4.
Walking wounded overland or via WATLING STREET to A.D.S.
Battalions will notify Bde. H.Q. of location of R.A.P.'s.
5. PRISONERS OF WAR All prisoners will be sent to Brigade H.Q. where they will be taken over by M.M.P. and escorted to P.O.W. Cage F.27.c.8.4. (Sheet 62.C.).

A c k n o w l e d g e .--

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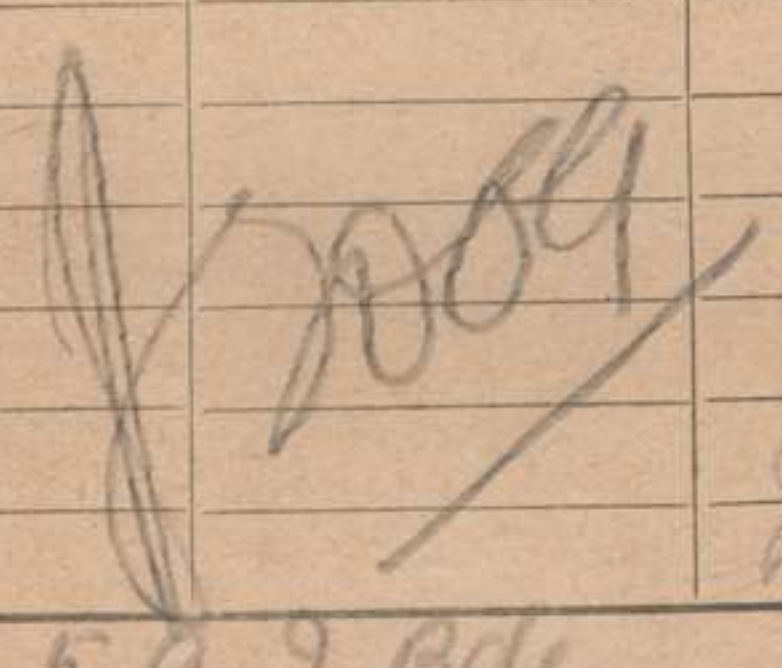
1. 21st Bn.
2. 22nd "
3. 23rd "
4. 24th "
5. 6th T.M.Bty.
6. 6th M.G.Coy.
7. 6th Fld. Engrs.
8. 6th Fld. Amb.
9. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
10. G.O.C.
11. Bde. Major
12. Staff Captain
13. 2nd Aust. Divn.
14. 5th A.I.Bde.
15. 7th A.I.Bde.
16. 16th A.A.S.C.
17. Bde. Bomb. Offr.

A. G. Brown
Captain,
Staff Captain 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

18. Bde. Transport Offr.
19. " Sig. Officer
20. Q.M., 21st Bn.
21. " 22nd "
22. " 23rd "
23. " 24th "
24. " Bde. H.Q.

*Miscellaneous
appendices*



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		56	By <i>DR</i>	At <i>WJ</i>	<i>3.X.13</i>
Charges to Collect			By <i>DR</i>	To	
Service Instructions			By		
Handed in at <i>Agg</i>			Office	m.	Received <i>20.05</i> m
TO <i>6 A Bde</i>					
* Sender's Number		Day of Month.	In reply to Number		AAA
<i>BIM 232</i>		<i>31</i>			
<i>20th Bn report begins</i> <i>22nd reports moving off</i> <i>to time in I looked</i> <i>with 23 on right and</i> <i>24 on left observed to</i> <i>be going well aaa</i> <i>message I turned 1910</i> <i>ends of aaa Report preserved</i> <i>1940 23rd oil objective</i> <i>aaa added 6th A I Bde</i> <i>7th A I Bde</i>					
					
FROM		<i>5 A I Bde</i>			
PLACE & TIME		<i>1955</i>			

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Prefix <u>DM</u>	Code <u>1545</u>	Words <u>41</u>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect			From <u>AYB</u>	At <u>WUG</u> m.	Office Stamp. <u>WUG</u> <u>3.XL13</u> <u>SIGNALS</u>
Service Instructions			By <u>WUG</u>	To <u>SIGNALS</u>	
Handed in at <u>AYB</u>			Office <u>1545</u> m.	Received <u>1605</u> m.	
TO <u>6th Bde</u>					
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A		
<u>CA 1543</u>	<u>3</u>				
following from Corps at 3.30 PM					
aaa 46 Div are evacuating					
civilians from MONT BREHAIN					
aaa 5 Cav Bde have captured					
MERICOURT and are operating					
N and NE followed by remainder					
of Cav CORPS aaa					
<u>16-05</u>					
FROM <u>2nd Aust Div</u>					
PLACE & TIME					

Prefix <u>DM</u>	Code <u>1630</u>	Words <u>38</u>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect			From <u>7th Bde</u>	At <u>WUG</u> m.	Office Stamp. <u>WUG</u> <u>3.XL13</u> <u>SIGNALS</u>
Service Instructions			By <u>WUG</u>	To <u>SIGNALS</u>	
Handed in at <u>WUG</u>			Office <u>WUG</u> m.	Received <u>5.10</u> m.	
TO <u>6th A.G. Bde</u>					
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A		
<u>TM 20</u>	<u>3</u>				
7th Bde line as before reported					
with strong posts at					
B 2 A 90 B 2 C 55 B 2 D 32					
Prospect Hill surrounded by					
50th Division on North and					
South and 7th Bde on					
East aaa					
<u>4.15</u>					
FROM <u>7th A.G. Bde</u>					
PLACE & TIME <u>1635</u>					

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.			No. of Message	
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		133	ayb	
Charges to Collect		£ s. d.	From	At
			ayb	
Service Instructions			By	To
Handed in at		Office	m.	Received
				1539
TO				
		6th A. I. Bde		
*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A	
4188	3rd			
Further identifications 8th and 9th Cops 88 RIR. 21st Res Div stated to have come from CAMBRAI area two days ago. 4th and 5th Cops pioneer Bn 11 also identified. 172nd Regt stated to be south of 80th IR which was east of VONCOURT. 46th IR was west of LEAUVREVOIR. attack stated fairly generally to have been expected. all Bns. 87 RIR now identified also of 46th IR. Prisoner 1st Coy 473rd IR 241 Div state Loo Div came in 4 days ago from 4th Akes rest after leaving SOISSONS. He states prisoners 472nd and 474th have also been taken. 21st and 21st Res Divs are both in line. 1st and 5th Cops pioneers Bn 21 identified.				
FROM	2 Aust Div			
PLACE & TIME	1145 20/11/45			

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Charges to Collect		£ s. d.	From	At
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Service Instructions			By	To
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				1730
TO				
		6 A I Bde		
*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A	
4291	3			
unwounded prisoners through Div POW page to 1630 aaa 21 officers 636 ORs aaa Added and Corps reptd all covered				
FROM	2 Aust Div			
PLACE & TIME	1700			

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Service Instructions				

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TO _____

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in the centre aaa Heavy fighting followed & line now runs from B2 cent along the trench to B8 cent to B9 C 97 to B15 A06 B14 cent B20 B28 thence along the canal to B21 B28 acc situation at la motte fm is not clear but line then runs from B22 C 32 along the road to B28 B11 thence to H5 A24 aaa Prisoners through Bw saga up to 5 pm 21 offrs and 1652 other ranks aaa added 4 Army regts all covered

FROM _____
PLACE & TIME _____

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The 25th Div will relieve that portion of the 2nd Div from present northern boundary to TORRENS CANAL tonight aaa 7th Bde (Butch) Bde will relieve 7th A I Bde and that portion of 5th A I Bde north of TORRENS CANAL under arrangement made between Brigadier aaa 6th A I Bde will take over from 5th A I Bde command of Remainder of Div front at time to be arranged between Brigadiers when all Bns 6th A I Bde will return to command

FROM _____
PLACE & TIME _____

Charges to Collect		By <i>WUG</i>		To <i>WUG 3.X.13.</i>	
Service Instructions					
Handed in at <i>4/13/32</i>		Office <i>2012</i>		Received <i>2032</i> m	
TO <i>6 A I Bde</i>					
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number		A A A	
<i>Bm 100</i>	<i>3rd</i>				
<p><i>7 (Imp) I Bde of 25" Dwi is taking over tonight the front from Divisional left flank to Toren canal</i></p> <p><i>aaa 6" A I Bde is taking over remainder of Divisional front with HQ at 17 B 55.65</i></p> <p><i>aaa left group will cover front from present left boundary to line B 26 A 07</i></p> <p><i>B 11 B 05 under 7 (Imp) I Bde temporarily gaa Right group with cover front above boundary line to present right boundary under 6. A I Bde aaa</i></p> <p><i>Inter-group boundary will be altered as above at 2200</i></p> <p><i>x present</i></p>					
FROM					
PLACE & TIME					

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9310—W.14832—200,000—2/17—E.P.Co.—(E830.)

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Service Instructions						By		To	
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<p><i>of 600 6" A I Bde aaa</i></p> <p><i>on being relieved</i></p> <p><i>7 A I Bde with the concentra</i></p> <p><i>ted in trenches in</i></p> <p><i>6 and H1 and in</i></p> <p><i>LE CATELETTE - NAUROU line</i></p> <p><i>in 5 aaa 5" A I Bde will</i></p> <p><i>be concentrated in H7 & H13</i></p> <p><i>H14 behind MILL RIDGE</i></p> <p><i>aaa ack aaa added</i></p> <p><i>5 6 7" A I Bde repld</i></p> <p><i>25" Dwi and all coned</i></p> <p><i>x H13</i></p> <p><i>2nd Aug 32</i></p> <p><i>1830</i></p>									
FROM									
PLACE & TIME									

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B233	3rd		
Report recd 22nd Bn right coy on objective and in touch with left coy and 23rd Bn 3rd coy at la motte farm aaaa over 50 prisoners aaaa strong opposition aaaa number of casualties one coy commander killed HQ at B27C 66 23rd Bn report right coy on objective and in touch with left coy not yet in touch on right aaaa no opposition but fairly heavy barrage at night off aaaa 3rd coy believed to be in sunken road in B28B and B29C 1 or 2 wounded no captures aaaa added 2nd Aas Bn rptd 6th 17th aade 5th A I Bde 2045			
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TO					
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B233	3rd				
Command of battle front passes to LOC 6 A I Bde at 2230 aaaa 22nd 23rd 24th Bns will then move under 6th Bde to whom all reports will be added after that hour aaaa when ordered to withdraw 17th 18th 19th & 20th Bns will move to locations already allotted by staff captain aaaa Vm Co will remain in present locations aaaa Bn Ack					
FROM					
PLACE & TIME					

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Code <u>2432</u>	Words <u>94</u>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
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Service Instructions			By	


Handed in at QYBR Office 2132 m. Received 2225 m.

TO 6 Q I Bole

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
<u>Bm 234</u>	<u>3rd</u>		<u>AAA</u>

24 Bn reports on objective and in touch on night aaaa situation satisfactory aaaa Left flank in front of mill at B15/B27, intend pushing down sunken road in B15A to get in touch with 6 Q I Bole HQ at B26A95 aaaa casualties 1 killed 41 added aaaa Passed through fair arty barrage but no infantry opposition aaaa 30 to 30 prisoners taken from dugouts also 1 m & aaaa 23/9 report 16 to 20 prisoners 80 IR 1st Alexander Grenadier guards adjut of a Bn not yet

FROM QYBR
PLACE & TIME

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in touch on night

2240

FROM 5 Q I Bole
PLACE & TIME 1735

Prefix PO Code 9305 Words 60 Received. Sent or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From WUCB At WUCB m.
 By WUCB To WUCB m.
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions WUCB
 Handed in at WUCB Office 2305 m. Received 2309 m.

TO 6 A 9 Bde.

* Sender's Number Day of Month. In reply to Number A A A
GA 101 31 A A A

25 Dn is attacking BEAUREVOIR tomorrow morning 0600 6 A 9 Bde will conform by pushing out to approximate line of B30 A central - B18 C12. AAA Attack will be carried out under barrage arranged by B30 A & group coping plan. AAA zero hour has been notified to Brigade AAA acknowledge of AAA added to Bde Rept 25 Dn

FROM 2 Am Bn
 PLACE & TIME 2305

Prefix PO Code 9305 Words 31 Received. Sent or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From WUCB At WUCB m.
 By WUCB To WUCB m.
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions WUCB
 Handed in at WUCB Office 2230 m. Received 2319 m.

TO 6 A 9 Bde.

* Sender's Number Day of Month. In reply to Number A A A
Bm 91 31 A A A

After relief HQ of units will be bde hq 25 Bn G6 D46 26 Bn G10 B62 27 Bn G11 A48 28 Bn G6 A64 7 Tm Bty G3 D54 7 Tm G Coy G3 C98 17 Hld Coy G9 B26

[Large handwritten signature]

FROM 7 A 9 Bde
 PLACE & TIME 2230

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on each of lines B10 C4.1 to B10 D15.70 and B9D6.9 to B10A60.65 aag Right flank of barrage will be road NE through B23A0.4 left flank as on barrage map aag inter group boundary will be line B16A00 to B1180.5 aag Rates of fire as follows aag zero to plus 10 minutes 18 pdrs 3 rounds 4.5 hows 2 pds per gun per minute aag Plus 10 minutes onwards 18 pdrs 1 round 4.5 hows 1 round per gun per minute aag Ammunition aag 18 pdrs 45 per cent a 45 0/0 A/10

FROM	0/0 A S as available
PLACE & TIME	

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aaa 4.5 hows in creeping barrage 10 o/s BS as available otherwise no restriction aag in barrages on BEAUREVOIR non instantaneous fuses aag Heavy artillery are firing on selected localities and bombarding BEAUREVOIR till plus 120 minutes aag ACKNOWLEDGE by wire aag added right & left groups reptd 2nd Aus Div 25 Div 25 Div RA and HA Aus Corps 6th A S Bde 7th (Imp) Inf Bde

FROM	2 Aus Div Arty
PLACE & TIME	

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To				By.....
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")		
TO { 6 A 1 Bde				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
F 2	3			
Right Bn in BEAUREVOIR				
LINE can 2 officers wounded				
100 Prisoners at				
Rt Bn now coming in freely				
aaa Further identified				
80.81. 116 IR taken in				
H 3 a ob, B 27 d aaa				
some desultory artillery				
fire on front				
Sent over phone 7.20 am				
From				
Place				
Time 7.20 am				
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) C. J. H. H.				
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By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")		
TO { 6 A 1 Bde				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
F 3	3			
18 Bn report centre Coy				
unable to get through wire				
held up by very heavy mg				
fire from H 3 a 3.8. aaa				
no tanks seen near this				
point aaa				
Phoned 7.40 am				
From				
Place				
Time 7.40 am				
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By	(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO { 6.01 Bde

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74	3		

19th Bn Objective taken

From

Place

Time 7.45

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P 511. 27/2 H. & K., Ltd. (E. 2634).

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TO { 6.01 Bde

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75	3		

Capt Baker Tank Coy

report 7.45 four tanks

started 1 mech. trouble

over ridge aam

19th Bn report 7.30 aam

wounded men state

everything going well aam

Casualties light aam

when men state reached

deep trench aam line thro'

to objective everything going

well aam

From

Place

Time 7.45 aam

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.....		By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....
TO { <i>6 A 1 Bde</i>					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
• F 6		3			
<p>0735 19th Bm report- by battered orderly continued states phone message back from front line all going well and 20th Bm have passed thru to high ground in front and 2 tanks in action on left front base Prisoners coming back.</p> <p>Phoned <i>Sam</i> <i>CH</i> <i>PH</i></p>					
From					
Place					
Time					
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To...				
By...			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { 6th Brigade

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

* 26th 8.55 am AAA
 27th Battalion reorganising in
 left flank AAA
 28th Battalion reorganising in
 B13 d & 14th AAA
 26th & 28th Battalions passed
 through ambush AAA
 Heavy barrage 77 & 4.2 HE
 on A24 & B19 AAA
 Casualties light AAA
 British on left appear to be
 going over the top. Large
 numbers have moved into
 our area AAA
 Heavy Barrage B14 & 16
 & 15th AAA
 About 100 prisoners here AAA

From
 Place
 Time 9.55 am

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

TO { 6th Bde.

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

* T.M. 17 3
 26th Batta in trench
 running from B12 to 73
 to B9 Central AAA
 Enemy counter attacking
 from division of
 Beaumont AAA
 25th Batta forming
 defensive flank from
 B9 Central down
 KUKRI VALLEY. AAA

From
 Place
 Time 10.40 am

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Prefix <i>Sm</i>	Code <i>0800</i>	Words <i>1</i>	Received	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
From <i>asst</i>			At <i>3.11.13</i>		
Charges to Collect			By <i>Le</i>		
Service Instructions			By		
Handed in at <i>asst</i>			Office <i>0800</i>	m.	Received <i>10</i>

TO

* Sender's Number

Day of Month.

In reply to Number

A A A

right Bae report timed 0715
aaa right Bae BEAUAIRVOIR WIVE
aaa 100 prisoners at night Bae
now coming in freely aaa
identification unconfirmed 807ms.
Regt. and 811A 21 Div 1151R
116 IR 25 Div also 101 117 and 118
1R aaa contact messages dropped
6.50am tanks moving NE at
B13 B98 east at B20 A8.6 aaa
6.45 am tank stationary B19C12
aaa 6.50 am tank stationary H3C32
added Aust Corps reptd 46th
and 50th Divs 6th and 5th
Bae

FROM

PLACE & TIME

Ind Aust Divs
0745

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

TO { B 6th Bde

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **A A A**

* JM 18 3

Enemy counter attacked before
25th Bde had formed
defensive flank from B9 comb. **AAA**
16th Bde had then to fall
back on line running from
B8 C 28 to B15 a. 28 **AAA**
Believed to be connected up
with 5th Bde on Right **AAA**
Position on left somewhat
obscure but British troops
seen in vicinity of
PROSPECT HILL - in B1 a & b
AAA

From
Place
Time 11.30 am
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.			No. of Message	
Prefix <i>Am</i>	Code <i>0605</i>	Words <i>25</i>	Received	Sent, or sent out.
<p>Charges to Collect</p> <p>Service Instructions</p>			From <i>Am</i>	At <i>12.10</i>
<p>Handed in at <i>Am</i></p> <p>Office <i>0605</i></p>			By <i>Am</i>	Received <i>12.10</i>
TO <i>Am</i>				
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A	
<i>244</i>	<i>1st</i>			
<p>Morning report aaa</p> <p>Situation quiet aaa</p> <p>Moderate artillery activity</p> <p>between 0200 and 0500</p> <p>NARROY intermittently shelled</p> <p>with 59 aaa 115 fire VII</p> <p>aaa repta all concerned</p>				
FROM <i>Am</i>				
PLACE & TIME <i>Am Corps</i>				

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.			No. of Message	
Prefix <i>Am</i>	Code <i>1013</i>	Words <i>49</i>	Received	Sent, or sent out.
<p>Charges to Collect</p> <p>Service Instructions</p>			From <i>Am</i>	At <i>12.10</i>
<p>Handed in at <i>Am</i></p> <p>Office <i>1015</i></p>			By <i>Am</i>	Received <i>12.10</i>
TO <i>Am</i>				
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A	
<i>244</i>	<i>3</i>			
<p>Left Baa reports 7.50 am aaa</p> <p>numerous prisoners coming</p> <p>back 2 offrs and 80 at</p> <p>advance report Centre aaa</p> <p>casualties light on left heavier</p> <p>on right aaa identification</p> <p>58 IR 119 Div aaaa aaaa</p> <p>repta Blank Owen</p>				
FROM <i>Am</i>				
PLACE & TIME <i>2nd Aus Div</i>				
<i>0945</i>				

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message *1054*

Prefix *Lo* Code *1054* Words *56*

Received.

Sent or sent out.

Office Stamp.

From *ayb*

At *11.06*

Charges to Collect

By *Lo*

To

Service Instructions

By

Handed in at *ayb*

Office *1054*

Received *11.36*

TO

6 A Bde

* Sender's Number

Day of Month.

In reply to Number

A A A

*move one Bn to vicinity
FOLEMPRAISE FARM and this
Bn will be at call of
7th Bde if required and
when 23rd Bn is moved
forward by 5th Bde another
Bn will be sent to replace
it and ack and add
6th Bde report 5th and 7th
Bde*

FROM

2nd Aust Div

PLACE & TIME

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Prefix.....	Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of :Service.	Recd. at.....m.
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.....		Atm.		From	
.....		To		By.....	
.....		By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....

TO {	6 a.i. Bde		

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
F7	3		

Wounded man states right
 Coy were held up by
 wire and 2 m.g.s still
 in BEAUREVOIR LINE on
 right of left Bn. being
 mopped up and whippets
 have gone through and
 shelling old front
 line and 18m seems to
 be doing pretty well but
 seem to have had some
 trouble with m.g.s and later
 and m.g. post now
 mopped up

From	Phoned 8.20 am		
Place			
Time	8.20 am		
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No. of Message 7

Prefix 50	Code 1020	Words 25	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£	s.	d.	From	At	
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions			By	To	
Handed in at			Office	m.	Received 11 50 a.m.

TO

*Sender's Number

Day of Month.

In reply to Number

A A A

5th and 7th Bde will exploit to line GENEVE - C Central - T30 B Central - PETIT VERCER FARM - GUISANC - O UAT FARM and dividing line between Bdes T29 Central - T24 Central and essential high ground in T30 B and T22 D be seized to deny observation and added 5th and 7th Bdes repta 6th Bde

FROM

PLACE & TIME

2nd Aust Div

1020

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 10

Prefix 50	Code 1116	Words 99	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£	s.	d.	From	At	
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions			By	To	
Handed in at			Office	m.	Received 11 16 m.

TO

*Sender's Number

Day of Month.

In reply to Number

A A A

23rd Bn will be employed by 5th Bde to close gap between 20th and 17th 100 5th and 7th Bdes will establish line B30 A Central B22 Central B15 Central B6 Central and push forward as far as possible towards objective 100 Bn 6th Bde moving to FOLEMORISE FARM will remain at disposal 7th Bde AAA Remaining two Bns 6th Bde as placed under 5th Bde to establish above line Caa Pioneer Bn will be concentrated south of MAUROY as div reserve under 6th AAA Bde acknowledge Caa added 5th 6th 7th Bdes Pioneer Bn

FROM

PLACE & TIME

2nd Aust Div

1210

90

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ALS. No. of Message 44

Prefix SM Code 0750 Words 31 Received. AYB Sent, or sent out WUCE Office Stamp. WUCE 3.XLIS

Charges to Collect 19 From AYB At 133 m. By 19 To WUCE By 19

Service Instructions

Handed in at Muba Office 133 m. Received 133 m.

TO 6th Bde

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<u>TM 19</u>	<u>3rd</u>		<u>AAA</u>
Reported that 2 coys of 50th			
Dion on PROSPECT HILL and all			
objectives gained AAA This report is			
doubted by 7th Bde officers in			
the line AAA Line now			
Approximately runs BID20 along			
sunken road to B2C22 to			
sunken road B8C21 along			
sunken road to B8C93 to B14C95			
to B20C36 AAA			
<u>Mulligan</u>			
<u>135 Pm</u>			

FROM Mulligan

PLACE & TIME 135 Pm

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message 20

Prefix SM Code 0750 Words 31 Received. AYB Sent, or sent out WUCE Office Stamp. WUCE 3.XLIS

Charges to Collect 19 From AYB At 133 m. By 19 To WUCE By 19

Service Instructions

Handed in at ayB Office 0750 m. Received 1406 m.

TO Wugl

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<u>GA 72</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>AAA</u>
5th Bde report timed 0700			
reads AAA Report received			
one our tanks seen well			
past WIANCOURT also party 10			
men beyond WIANCOURT on			
left.			
<u>2/10/19</u>			
<u>Sufa</u>			

FROM Sufa

PLACE & TIME

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Form. (In books of 100.)

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Prefix Am Code 1953 Words 25 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

Charges to Collect From Am At 3.11.13

Service Instructions By Am To Am

By Am

Handed in at Am Office 1953 m. Received 2002 m.

TO 6 A J Bde

* Sender's Number Day of Month. In reply to Number A A A

9945 3rd

Command of 21st Bn
will pass to GOC 6th Bde
forthwith GOC added
6th and 7th A J Bdes

FROM 54 Am Bn

PLACE & TIME 1950

* This line should be erased if not required.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

Prefix Am Code 1953 Words 25 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

Charges to Collect From Am At 3.11.13

Service Instructions By Am To Am

By Am

Handed in at Am Office 1953 m. Received 1508 m.

TO 6 A J Bde

* Sender's Number Day of Month. In reply to Number A A A

9945 3rd

Further identifications 1st
and 4th guard gren. Regts 34th
M G S Detachment 504th
independent 7th A.A. guards
state they are now counter
attack div and corps ident-
ified (5 and 8th from Alex-
ander and 2nd and 3rd
August (moved forward
yesterday but did not
counter attack and 504th
7 A.A. stated to have been
here four days and guards
were last night ESTREES -
GENEVE Road and prisoners
by M G S. were captured
at MILL in B 15 B area all

FROM

PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.

9310-W.14832-200,000-2/17-E.P.Co.-(E930.)

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Code _____ Words _____		From _____		At _____ m.	
Charges to Collect _____		By _____		To _____	
Service Instructions _____				By _____	
Handed in at _____		Office _____		Received _____ m.	
TO _____					
* Sender's Number _____		Day of Month _____		In reply to Number _____	
				A A A	
<p>Arrangements to be made direct with GOC 6th A.I. Bde Aaa creeping barrage will be carried out with lifts in accordance with barrage map but START LINE will be aba B23A4045 along 118 to 122 line to B16 B1.1 thence to B16C 55.55 and along 102 to 106 line to B15B7.40 thence to B16A1.8 and along 114 to 118 line to B9D35.60 thence to B9D00.35 and along 116 to 110 line to B9A00.35 and along 106 to 110 line to B9A00.35 thence to B9A6.9 and along 122 to 126 line to B2D85.60 thence to B3A35.30</p>					
FROM _____					
PLACE & TIME _____					

"A" Form MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121
(In pads of 100)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Charge.....
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Sent		Recd. at.....m.	
At.....m.		Date.....	
To.....		From.....	
By.....		By.....	

TO	Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
	5085	3		

Map dropped by contact
shows a/c flares called
for 0935 to 1140
troops repositioned as follows
a/c H 06 B15 H5 B96 B30 C13
B29 D18 B28 D19 B28 D27 B27 B88
B27 A16 B26 B69 B21 A69 B20 B85
B14 D68 B14 B53 B14 B99 B8 C98
B8 A92 B8 B38 B7 B59 A6 D95
F6 D98 a/c Owl m. advancing
at B15 C60 a/c LA MOTTE
FAIRM drafted a/c many seen
returning from B22 C10 a/c
Enemy holds trench B2 a
B1B fairly strong with MG +
rifles added antitanks installed

From	2 Aust Div
Place	1215
Time	
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Sent			Service.	Date.....
At.....m.			From.....	
To.....			By.....	
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....

TO	6th Brigade		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
5085	3		

Situation at present is as
follows a/c situation in B27
central cleared up a/c 2 Coys of
19th on left of 20th in 15 C + in
touch with 25th 1 Coy 19th
moving to support of 20th a/c
18th B. moving to position
in B28 to connect 17th
+ 20th a/c 20th proceeding
to mop up LA MOTTE FM
a/c Fresh identification
21st Pioneer Bn a/c

From	
Place	
Time	1230 pm
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24th Aus. Inf. Bn.

Secret.

Operation Order No 117 Copy No. 5

Ref. sheet WIANCOURT 1/20000

- 1 At a zero hour to be specified the 24th A.I. Bn. acting in co-operation with the 21st A.I. Bn. and the 2nd Pioneer Bn. will with the assistance of tanks attack the village of MONTBREHAIN.
- 2 The J.O.T. will be laid by Major N. C. HARRIS D.S.O. M.C. assisted by Lt. R. J. NICHOLLS M.M. and will run from H 12 central to H 5 to O.6.
- 3 The Brigade boundaries will be on the left from H 5 to O.6 to B 30 to 2.6 via B 30 a 9.0 and on the right from H 12 d 7.3. to I 2 c 9.0 and the inter-battalion boundary from H 6 c. O.5. to H 6 d 4.6. thence up main street of village exclusive to C 15 d 7.9.
- 4 The 24th A.I. Bn. will attack on a 3-Coy. front with A on the right, D on the left and B in the centre.
- 5 The attack will be in one wave of one line with two platoons of each Coy. in this wave. The 3rd and 4th platoons of each Coy. will follow at 50 yards' distance in line of sections in single file.

- 6 Each man will carry 220 rds. of S.A.A. and four bombs and every third man in the first wave will carry a pick or a shovel down the centre of his back - A Coy carrying 6 picks and 20 shovels, B ~~12~~ and D each 12 picks and 30 shovels.
- 7 Three tanks will advance with the first wave and one tank with the 3rd and 4th platoons.
- 8 The battalion will assemble on the J.O.T. at zero minus thirty.
- 9 The artillery will put a barrage at zero 300 yards in front of the J.O.T. Here it will rest for 4 minutes after which it will advance at the rate of 100 yards over 4 minutes. It will rest in front of the final objective for half an hour and then harassing fire will continue for another half an hour.
- 10 Two Vickers guns will be attached to the battalion for the operation. They will follow the 3rd and 4th platoons and will take up a position on the left of the objective suit able for providing defensive fire.
- 11 A T.M. with two crews will move with B Coy and be used at the discretion of the Coy. Commander.

3.

12. The R.A.P. is situated at SWISS COTTAGE from 9 p.m. 4th Inst. at H 10 to 2.8.

13. Prisoners of war will be escorted to Road Junction JONCOURT H 9 to 4.1 or H 9 to 6.2. where they will be handed over to the light Horsemen who will be stationed there for the purpose.

14. On reaching the objective success signals will be fired and the position consolidated.

15. Bn. H.Q. will be situated on JONCOURT-WIANCOURT Road at H 10 to 2.4.

16. Acknowledge.

Distribution:

- 1 C.O.
- 2 OC A Coy
- 3 B Coy
- 4 D Coy
- 5 6th A.I. Bde

- 6 2nd Bn
- 7 2nd Pioneer Bn
- 8 War Diary
- 9 File
- 10 Spare

A.E. Middleton Lt
Adjutant
24th Bn

4. 10. 18



Copy No. 9

4th Infantry Brigade Order No. 8.

1/10,000 MONTBREHAN

4/10/18.

1. The 4th Infantry Brigade will attack to win on October 5th and capture the line GENEVE (B.18. a 0.2) - PONCHAUX - B.11 central - track junction B.5 central

2. The 6th A.I. Brigade will link up with the right of the 4th Infy Bde at GENEVE.

4th Infantry Brigade will conform with the attack on the left of the 4th Infantry Brigade and will capture the line LA SABLONNIERE - High ground T28 to 24. - GUIVANCOURT FARM

3. The attack will be carried out by the 21st MANCHESTER Regt. Boundaries as follows.

RIGHT the inter Brigade boundary
LEFT. Road LORMISSET - B.10 C 14 - B10 C 26 - B10 d 19 (Road inclusive to 21st MANCHESTER Regt.) and thence line to track junction at B5 d 19

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4. The attack will be carried out under an artillery barrage as follows:-

From ZERO to ZERO plus 10 a barrage will be played on the line of the PONCHEAUX BEAUREVOIR Road from B11d 84 to B10d 49. Simultaneously there will be a crash of heavies on PONCHEAUX. At ZERO plus 10 the barrage will lift onto the line B12C 44 to B5d 21 - ~~thence~~ to B10d 19, where it will remain until ZERO plus 100 at which hour it will again lift and form a protective 300 yards beyond the final objective (B6C00 to T29d00).

The village of BEAUREVOIR will be bombarded from ZERO to ZERO plus 80 minutes, when fire will cease and mopping up parties will enter the village.

5. 21st Manchester Regt will move from its present position, and will be formed up as follows by ZERO minus half an hour.

Two Companies on the line of the railway from B11d 89 to ~~B11a 54~~ B17a 54.

One company in the vicinity of B16a 72
One company in Battalion Reserve at a place to be fixed by the Commanding Officer

3.

At ZERO the two Companies on the railway line will move forward as close under the barrage as possible and when the lift takes place at ZERO plus 10 they will attack and take the village of PONCHEAUX and the system of trenches at B11C Central.

Special arrangements will be made to deal with the buildings of GENEVE.

At ZERO plus 100 these two Companies will move forward to the final objective.

The Company at B16a 72 will move forward at ZERO plus 80 and mop up the portion of BEAUREVOIR which lies in the Battalion Area.

20th Manchester Regt will withdraw all men north of the Railway line running from B11d 89 to the Station B16b 28 by ZERO minus one hour.

9th Devon Regt will remain in its present position until the 74th Infantry Brigade has passed through it, when it will be withdrawn to a position about B15d Central. O.C. 9th Devon Regt. will report arrival and the location of his Headquarters to Brigade Headquarters.

6. (A) Any section of four Tanks will co-operate in the attack of the Brigade

These will assemble during the night
in the KUKRI VALLEY (B.14d) and they
will advance at ZERO north westwards
along the valley of TORRENS CANAL and,
on the bombardment ceasing, will enter
BEAUREVOIR from the south.

(B) O.C. TANKS will establish his Head-
Qrs at MUSHROOM QUARRY B20A59
and will remain there all night.

Lieut N. WALKER, M.C. Brigade Intelligence
Officer will meet O.C. Tanks at his H.Qrs.
He will take a copy of these orders
with him and will explain the plan
of attack.

(C) Although co operating, the tanks
will be acting entirely independently
of the infantry who will therefore
not wait for the tanks. In the
event of the tanks not arriving, the
infantry will carry out the operation
without their assistance.

7. A contact aeroplane will call for
flares at ZERO plus 2 1/2 (two + a half)
hours.

8. O.C. "B" Coy, 100th Bn. M.G. Coys will
assist the attack by bringing indirect
fire to bear on BEAUREVOIR during the
period of the bombardment.

When the final objective has been
reached he will move up two sections
to take up defensive positions covering
that line.

9. Consolidation will be commenced as
soon as the final objective is reached,
and touch obtained on either flank.

10. Liaison officers will be exchanged
with units on either flank and Officers
Commanding 9th Divn + 20th Manchester
will keep themselves acquainted with
the situation.

11. Regular reports will be forwarded to
Brigade Headquarters by telephone,
visual or runner.

A visual station for the receipt of
messages will be established by the
Brigade Signal Officer in the vicinity
of the Relay Station north east of
BELLICOURT. All units will
endeavour to get into touch with this
station.

12. Arrangements will be made by the
Staff Captain to send up P.A. and
other stores by pack transport as soon

As the situation permits

13. ZERO will be 0600 hrs. //

14. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE
~~IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT.~~

Issued through
signals 2230

R. M. Burnham
Brigade Major 4th Inf Bde

Copies to:-

- 1 9th Devons
- 2 20th Manchester
- 3 21st Manchester
- 4 B Coy 100th NCC
- 5 2nd A Coy ASC
- 6 7th Field Coy
- 7 25th Div. (B)
- 8 7th Inf Bde
- 9 6th A & Bde
- 10 Bde Signal Officer
- 11 C. G. Parker
- 12 H. C.
- 13 War Diary
- 14

Prefix *Inc* Code *0128* Words *71* Received. *24/12* Sent, or sent out. *4X13* Office Stamp. *4X13*

Charges to Collect *£ s. d.* From *24/12* At *300M*

Service Instructions *10/300* By *AK* To *Wuge*

By *AK* By *AK*

Handed in at *Waba* Office *0128* m. Received *0312* m.

TO *Wuge*

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>Bn 73</i>	<i>11</i>		<i>AAA</i>
Officers patrol from 26 th Bn went up sunken road towards windmill in B15 D though at first fired on from enemy and this place captured by 6 th A Bde with whom our patrol later got in touch at windmill by patrol aaa 26 th Bn patrol discovered enemy digging in in trench in B3 C aaa 28 th Bn patrol saw patrol moving in vicinity of GUISEAN COURT farm another 28 th Bn patrol patrolled B2 A report not yet received 7 th A Bde			

FROM *7th A Bde*

PLACE & TIME

Prefix *Inc* Code *0030* Words *34* Received. *24/12* Sent, or sent out. *4X13* Office Stamp. *4X13*

Charges to Collect *£ s. d.* From *24/12* At *300M*

Service Instructions *10/300* By *AK* To *Wuge*

By *AK* By *AK*

Handed in at *Waba* Office *0030* m. Received *0107* m.

TO *Wuge*

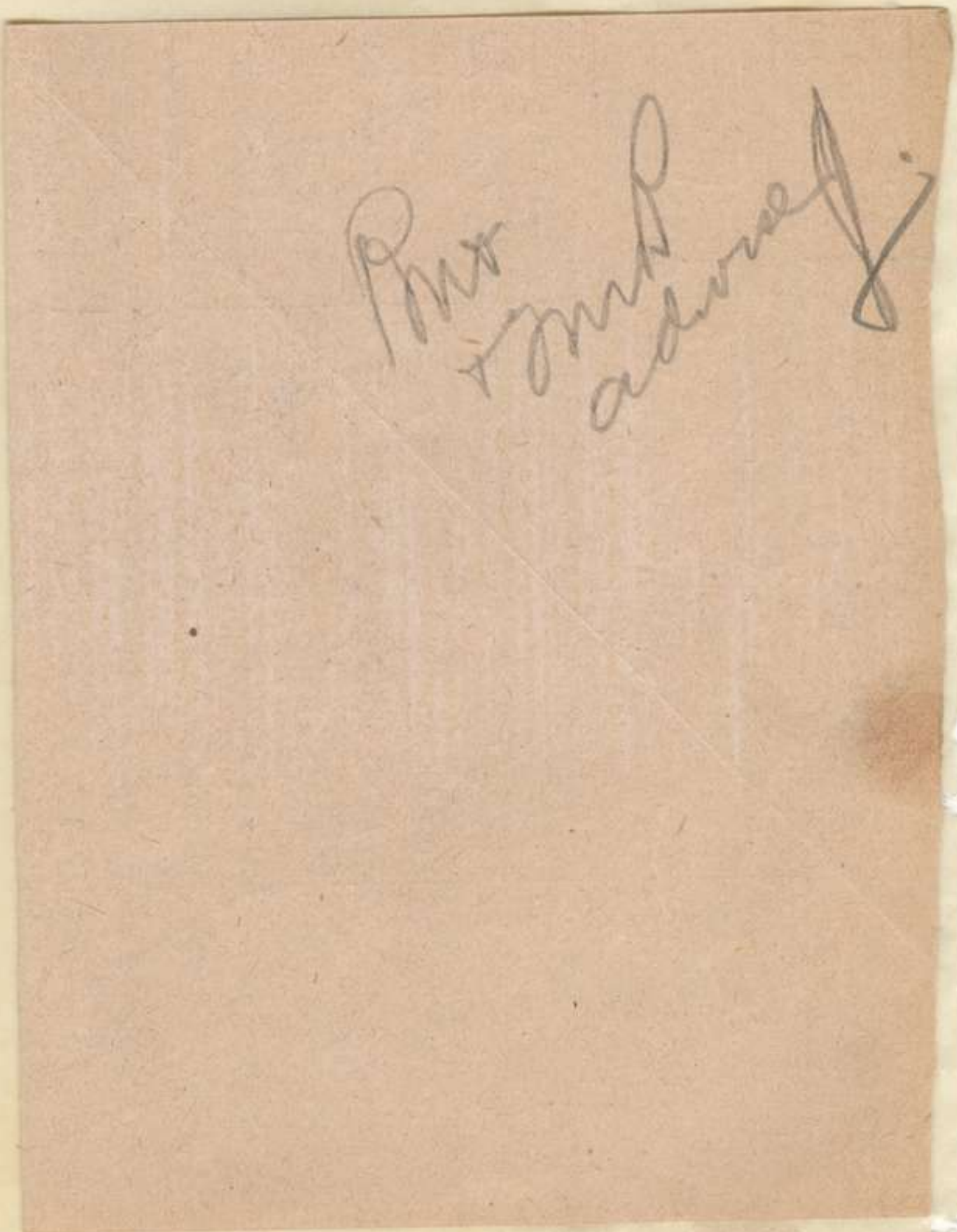
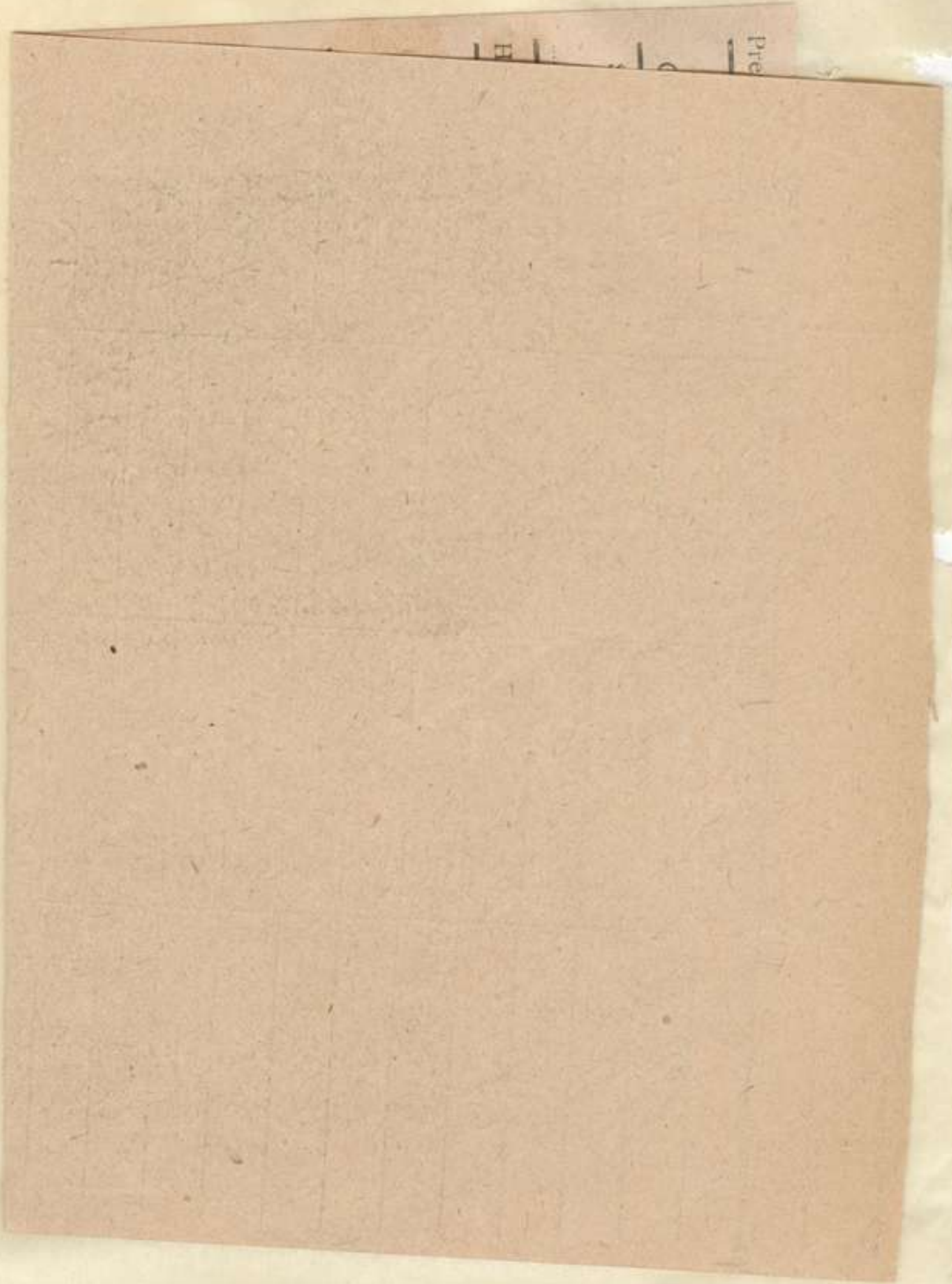
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>GA 106</i>	<i>4</i>		<i>AAA</i>
Prisoner captured near BEAUREVOIR states anti tank mines are being laid by means of small holes dug in ground and small boxes of explosives placed in the holes and covered with artificial grass aaa Holes are already dug in B13 B03 - B13 B35 but boxes have not been emplaced			

FROM *2nd Ave Bn*

PLACE & TIME *0032*

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Box
+ card
address

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Prefix 1 Code 0707 Words 00 Received 0707 Sent, or sent out, 0707 m. At 0707 m. To 0707 m. By 0707 m.

Charges to Collect 1 of 2000

Service Instructions urgent Opn Pky

Handed in at 0720 m. Office 0720 m. Received 0720 m.

TO Wuge

* Sender's Number BM/01 Day of Month 4/10 In reply to Number AAA

Reference barrage map issued with
2nd Aus DA order 157 aaaa 4" (Imp)
Inf Bde and 6" A I Bde are
attacking at 0600 October 4" with
GREEN line plus PONCRAUX
inclusive as objective aaaa BEAUREU
-OIR is being mopped up after
GREEN line is reached aaaa
Attack will be supported with creeping
barrage by right & left group
right group with two Bdes left
group with all available aaaa
South of the road NE through
B23 A0.4 advance of 6" A I Bde
will be supported by remaining
artillery of right group under

FROM Wuge

PLACE & TIME Wuge

* This line should be erased if not required.

Prefix 1 Code 0707 Words 00 Received 0707 Sent, or sent out, 0707 m. At 0707 m. To 0707 m. By 0707 m.

Charges to Collect 1 of 2000

Service Instructions urgent Opn Pky

Handed in at 0720 m. Office 0720 m. Received 0720 m.

TO Wuge

* Sender's Number BM/01 Day of Month 4/10 In reply to Number AAA

morning report aaaa Quiet night
aaa Enemy shell fire nil
aaa Heavy enemy m g fire
from direction MONT BREHAIN
and PONCHAUX aaaa result
of operation carried out during
last night our line now runs
B30 A east B16 C 02 B15 B37
- B15 A east B2 B50 - B2 B25
aaa Command of sector N of
TORRENS CANAL passed to
13 Corps added 14 Army
Sept all coned

FROM Wuge

PLACE & TIME Wuge

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of message

Prefix	Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp
			From	At	
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions				By	

Handed in at _____ Office _____ m. Received _____ m.

TO

* Sender's Number Day of Month. In reply to Number A A A

Three corps stated to be
in line under command
of 18th Div. 2nd
10th and 11th Corps & 6
AIA also identified by
prisoners. 2nd Div
56th Corps (P) kept
56th Div 4 Bde 5 Aust
Div 25 Div 4 6 Div

FROM
PLACE & TIME

2nd Aust Div
14/13

* This line should be erased if not required.

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No. of message

Prefix	Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp
			From	At	
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions				By	

Handed in at _____ Office _____ m. Received _____ m.

TO

* Sender's Number Day of Month. In reply to Number A A A

move complete and
hq 20th H 2 A 51
17 H 13 A 3.1 others
unchanged

FROM
PLACE & TIME

Wuvi

12.00

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix	Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
LIV	0310	14	From	At	m.
			By	To	
			By		
Charges to Collect					
Service Instructions					
Delayed line down LIV					
Handed in at		Office		Received	
		0310 m.		0680	
TO	Huge				
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.		In reply to Number	A A A	
H 13	4			A A A	
HE	now	at	B27 H84		
AAA	Situation ✓	quiet			
		(2)			
FROM	LIVI				
PLACE & TIME	0310				

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Messrs.

Prefix <u>fm</u>	Code <u>180</u>	Words <u>31</u>	Received.	Sent or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect			From <u>STA</u>	At _____ m.	
Service Instructions <u>STA</u>			By <u>Clarke</u>	To _____	
				By _____	
Handed in at _____ Office _____ m. Received <u>D845</u> m.					
TO	<u>G.A.I. Bde</u>				
* Sender's Number <u>WZ</u>	Day of Month. <u>4</u>	In reply to Number	<u>AAA</u>		
Digging in on road B 17 89 to B 17 D 90 aaa Heavy mg. fire from GENEVE and other opposition aaan Companies report have not seen the English					
✓					
Q 30 km					
OM	22 ^m Bon 8:10 am				
ACE & TIME					

* This line should be erased if not required.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. (In books of 100.)

No. of Message 121234

Prefix *SB* Code *121234* Words *31*

Received. From *SB* At *1212* m. Office Stamp. *1212*

Charges to Collect By *SB* To *1212* m.

Service Instructions

Handed in at *ask* Office *1212* m. Received *1212* m.

TO *6 Bde*

* Sender's Number *GA109* Day of Month *4th* In reply to Number *AAA*

Prisoners passed through
Adw how cage and
m D S from 0600 3rd
inst to 0600 4th
aaa 28 off 1041. OLS
aaa more coming
iv

CHT

WMS

FROM *2nd and 2nd*
PLACE & TIME *1200*

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. (In books of 100.)

No. of Message 33

Prefix *SB* Code *121234* Words *31*

Received. From *SB* At *1212* m. Office Stamp. *1212*

Charges to Collect By *SB* To *1212* m.

Service Instructions

Handed in at *ask* Office *1212* m. Received *1212* m.

TO *6A & Bde - 2nd and 2nd Pioneer Bn*

* Sender's Number *GA120* Day of Month *4th* In reply to Number *AAA*

The *2nd and 2nd Pioneer*
Bn is placed under
orders of *64L Bde*
for operations tomorrow *AAA*
acknowledge *AAA* added *Pioneer*
reptd *6 Bde CRE*

WMS

FROM *2nd and 2nd*
PLACE & TIME *1415*

* This line should be erased if not required.

"C" Form

Army Form C
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix <i>Pr</i>	Code <i>0500</i>	Words <i>33</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£ s. d.			From <i>Wing</i>	At _____ m.	
Charges to Collect			By <i>Wing</i>	To _____	
Service Instructions			By _____		

Handed in at *ZMH* Office *0500* m. Received *0615* m.

TO *6 a 3 Bde*

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>BM 37</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>BM 49</i>	

Have instructed our people
to get in touch with
you at B30 A94 aaa
Instructions quoted by you
as to retirement were
cancelled aaa

FROM *138 Inf Bde*
PLACE & TIME *0500*

* This line should be erased if not required.

Prefix <i>Pr</i>	Code <i>0535</i>	Words <i>6</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£ s. d.			From <i>Wing</i>	At _____ m.	
Charges to Collect			By <i>Wing</i>	To _____	
Service Instructions			By _____		

Handed in at *Wing* Office *0535* m. Received *0606* m.

TO *Wing*

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>BM 74</i>	<i>4</i>		

Relief complete

FROM *Wing*
PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.

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A Form MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words	Charge.	No. of Message.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions			This message is on a/c of:		Reed. at.....m.
Sent			At.....m.		Date.....
To.....			By.....		From.....
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer")		By.....

TO

Sender's Number. BM 75	Day of Month. 4	In reply to Number.	AAA
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An operation will be carried out by 6th A1 Bde on morning 5th inst and a BN from 4th A1 Bde & 5th A1 Bde will receive orders of G.O.C. 6th A1 Bde as reserve AAA 27th Bn has been selected and you will personally report to G.O.C. 6th A1 Bde forthwith for instructions. AAA 6th A1 Bde. Hqn. G17 B 66. Acknowledge with Cde's CO. 27th Bn. ref 1st 6th A1 Bde.

From	Place	Time
6 th A1 Bde		

... above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

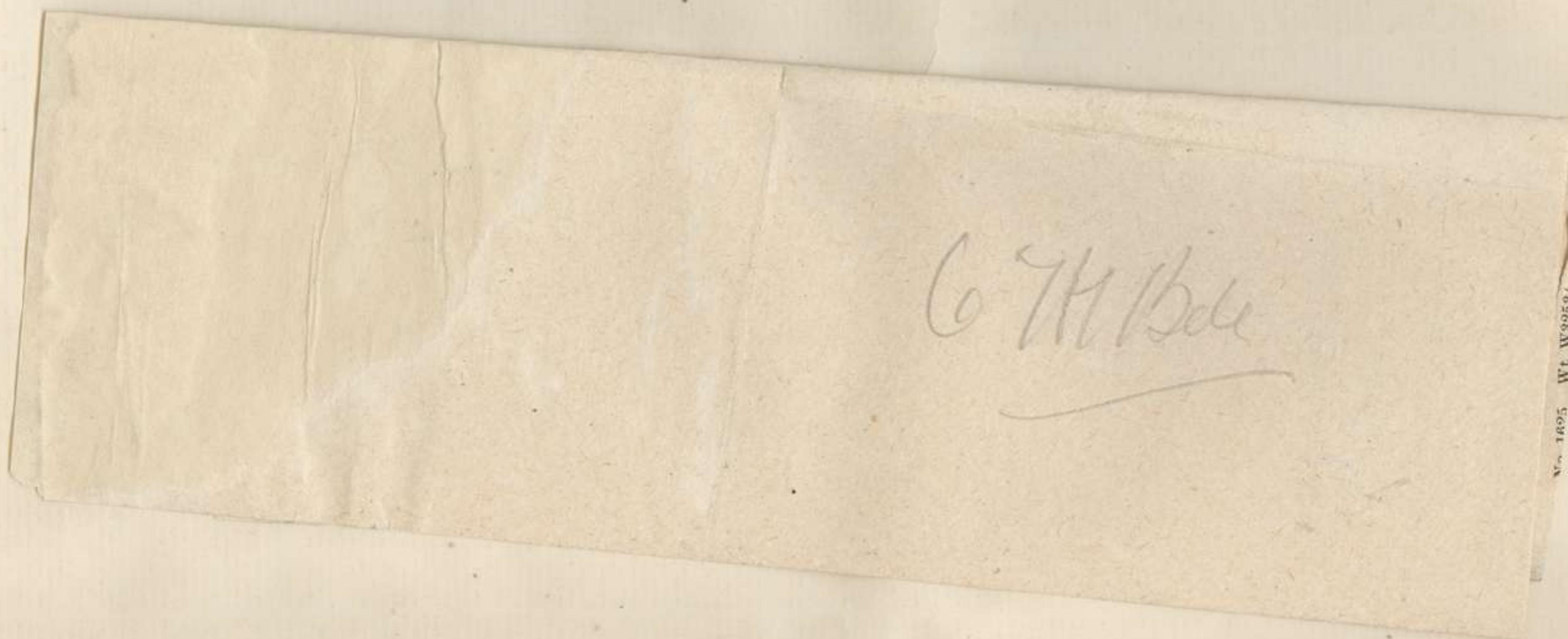
Signature of Addressor or person authorized to telegraph in his name

* This line should be erased if not required.

No. 1825 Wt. W3253/

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C. H. Bode

No. 1495 W. W. 3253/

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

(In books of 100.)
No. of Message _____

Prefix _____	Code _____	Words <u>24</u>	Received _____	Sent, or sent out. _____	Office Stamp _____
Charges to Collect _____			From _____	At _____ m.	
Service Instructions _____			By _____	To _____	
			By _____		
Handed in at _____		Office <u>550</u>	m.	Received <u>1600</u>	m.

TO

TO <u>6112 Bde - 2nd Aust Div</u>			
* Sender's Number <u>GA 123</u>	Day of Month. <u>4/12</u>	In reply to Number _____	A A A

The following received from
Aust Corps 1st Aust Div Turkey
has ceased hostilities and
no further precautions to
be taken.

Units assigned 1600 CST

FROM
PLACE & TIME

2nd Aust Div
1525

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Prefix _____	Code _____	Words <u>33</u>	Received _____	Sent, or sent out. _____	Office Stamp _____
Charges to Collect _____			From _____	At _____ m.	
Service Instructions _____			By _____	To _____	
			By _____		
Handed in at _____		Office <u>1632</u>	m.	Received _____	m.

TO

TO <u>1st Aust Div</u>			
* Sender's Number <u>GA 125</u>	Day of Month. <u>4/12</u>	In reply to Number _____	A A A

Reference my GA 122 of
even date contact patrol
will be over line
at 0730 and 0830
AAA acknowledge AAA added
6 Bde reptd. 3
Squadron AFC

1600 1650

FROM
PLACE & TIME

2nd Aust Div
1615

* This line should be erased if not required.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix <u>SM</u>	Code	Words <u>30</u>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect			From	At	
Service Instructions			By	To	
Handed in at			Office	m.	Received
TO					
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A		

In accordance with 2nd
 Aust Bn 9A122 18th
 Bn is placed at
 disposal of 6th AD.
 Bde ADH Resent Ag
 of 18th H8076
 1650
 5th AD Bde
 1620

FROM
 PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.

Prefix	Code	Words <u>39</u>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect			From	At	
Service Instructions			By	To	
Handed in at			Office	m.	Received
TO					
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A		
18th	Bn	will move			
to	hundred	in	H10B		
on	the	night	4/5		
but	ANA	move	to		
be	complete	by	zero		
Low	tomorrow	ANA	completion		
of	move	will	be		
notified	to	6 AD	Bde		
under	whose	command	the 18th		
FROM	is now placed				
PLACE & TIME	5A-2 Bde 1713				

* This line should be erased if not required.

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"C" Form.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix SB Code 43 Words 43
 Received. 4/3 Sent, or sent out. 4/3 Office Stamp. 4.13
 From 4/3 At 4/3 m.
 By 4/3 To 4/3
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at 4/3 Office 1800 m. Received 1800 m.

TO

*Sender's Number

Day of Month.

In reply to Number

A A A

Ref my GA 122 of
 even date 6 and
 24 na mly copy
 are allotted to 16
 Bde for relief of
 mly copy in new
 sector and for operations
 AAA Acknowledged and
 added mly Bde reptd
 6 Bde
 2nd Aust Div
 1745

FROM

PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.

"C" Form.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix SM Code 87 Words 87
 Received. 4/3 Sent, or sent out. 4/3 Office Stamp. 4.13
 From 4/3 At 4/3 m.
 By 4/3 To 4/3
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at 4/3 Office 1922 m. Received 1930 m.

TO

*Sender's Number

Day of Month.

In reply to Number

A A A

contact plane dropped message timed
 1825 giving points as follows AAA
 H6C34 H6C19 H6A13 H5B97 H5B89
 B9QD82 B30A26 B30A58 B30A59 B24C34
 B24C37 B24A10 B24A01 B23B89 B17D82
 B17D75 B17D69 B17D39 B17A70 B17A33
 B17A26 B16D86 B15D39 B15D58 B15C20
 B14D58 B14A57 B14A09 along road
 B13A and B B8C75 B8C29 B7B53 B7A49
 Rifle fire from Pouchaux and 169 fire
 T25 and B1A and Balso No of Montbrun
 Guns seen behind rly in B16A and
 B9B added and 169 fire
 all concerned

FROM

PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Repeat
2nd Out-Post
22-12-18
23-12-18

[Signature]

2100
4/10/18
[Signature]

cut 22
23
2nd Out-Post
[Signature]

4
4

24
192

Prefix <i>SM</i> Code <i>1745</i> Words <i>13</i>		Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect		From <i>Liba</i>	At <i>1745</i> m.	Office Stamp.
Service Instructions		By <i>W. J. B. 1800</i>	To <i>W. J. B. 1800</i>	
Handed in at <i>Liba</i>		Office <i>1745</i> m.		Received <i>1800</i> m.
TO <i>W. J. B. 1800</i>				
* Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	A A A	
<i>Enemy guns seen at</i> <i>C13B 0095 C13A 8595</i> <i>and C13A 7090</i> <i>W. J. B. 1800</i>				
FROM <i>700</i>		PLACE & TIME <i>Liba</i>		

Prefix <i>SM</i> Code <i>1745</i> Words <i>13</i>		Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect		From <i>Liba</i>	At <i>1745</i> m.	Office Stamp.
Service Instructions		By <i>W. J. B. 1800</i>	To <i>W. J. B. 1800</i>	
Handed in at <i>Liba</i>		Office <i>1745</i> m.		Received <i>1800</i> m.
TO <i>W. J. B. 1800</i>				
* Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	A A A	
<i>6 Aust Bde will relieve 138 Inf.</i> <i>Bde in LEFT sector tonight to a</i> <i>grid line H21Cent. I3Cent</i> <i>Under arrangements between Brigadiers</i> <i>138 Hq at MAGNY LA FOSSE 6 Aust Bde</i> <i>at G17B57 AAA 46 Div Tr. Bns</i> <i>Remain in line pending information</i> <i>as to aust relief AAA Command</i> <i>to pass at a time to be</i> <i>arranged between Bdes but</i> <i>relief to be completed by</i> <i>0600 added 138 6 Aust Bde</i> <i>Tr. Bns</i> <i>W. J. B. 1800</i>				
FROM <i>46 Div</i>		PLACE & TIME <i>1540</i>		

Prefix	Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp
			From	At	
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions			By		
Handed in at			Office	Received	

TO

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number A A A

Evening report AAA fairly quiet day
 reported AAA 2 Aust 25 improved
 their position during the day
 after local fighting AAA our line now
 runs B30 ASDy. We are in
 touch with Corps on our right front
 systems in B24C-B17183-B17A70
 where we are in touch with 13th Corps
 AAA Prisoners since morning 3rd by
 2nd Aust Div 28 officers and 1123
 other ranks AAA added 4 Army
 kept all concerned

FROM
 PLACE & TIME

Prefix	Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp
			From	At	
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions			By		
Handed in at			Office	Received	

TO

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number A A A

Both a & Bde will take over
 from 139th Bde front from
 present right boundary
 to line A14 central I & J Central
 tonight under direct arrange-
 ments to be made between
 Brigadiers and both a & Bde
 will attack and capture
 MONT BREHAIN tomorrow
 assisted by tanks and
 artillery and one company
 tank assisted detailed arrange-
 ment between Brigade and
 tank commander and
 C&A will arrange baggage
 and pioneers are placed
 under both a & Bde for

FROM
 PLACE & TIME

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Prefix		Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£		s.	d.	From	At	m.
Charges to Collect				By	To	
Service Instructions				By	To	
Handed in at		Office		m.		Received
TO						
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A			
operation add 5th and 7th						
a 1 Bde will each place						
one Bde under 6th						
a 1 Bde as reserve for						
counter attack add						
acknowledge ago add						
5th 6th 7th a 1 Bde pioneers						
sepd 4 6 Div and all						
concerned						
FROM 2nd Div Down						
PLACE & TIME 1870						

Prefix		Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£		s.	d.	From	At	m.
Charges to Collect				By	To	
Service Instructions				By	To	
Handed in at		Office		m.		Received
TO						
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A			
Following from GHQ AAA						
Our line now runs 3 miles						
E of LABASSEE - E of FOURNES						
2 miles E of ARMENTIERES -						
E of LENS AAA on YPRES front						
HOOGLIDE has been captured						
FROM 2nd Div Down						
PLACE & TIME 1870						

SM (835) 31
6th A/Bde. STA

N 2

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208
to WUGL
8.45 am

Digging in on road B 17 8.9. to

B 17 d 9.0. AAA. Heavy machine
gun fire from GENEVE and
other opposition. Companies report
AAA have not
seen the English.

at 8.45 am
phone to WUGL
from STA
22nd Bn

8.10 am

AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE

1500 4/10/18

from 6th Bde
to 6th Bde

4/10/18
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE
No. 1500 4/10/18

In confirmation
of my phone message
of this morning.
The line held by this
Batt at present is from
B 20 a 5.5 through system
of trenches thence back
to 3rd class road along
this to EAST-WEST grid
line between B 17 8.9,
where we have connection
with 22nd Bn.

After some difficulty we
got in touch with the
English troops on our right.
They were some distance
behind us, but are now
occupying a line in
continuation of our own

2
along the broken road
in B30a.

Due to machine gun
fire it was impossible to get
beyond the 3rd class road on
their objective on the left
of Patton front.

Machine gunning is still
bad. Some 77's also firing
point blank.

Trucks in B2 & C are
quite clear of Huns.

Observers are doing good
work. Much movement
towards rear can be seen
on Hun side. This is
being reported from time
to time.

13.30

L. Reich
Capt
2/60 23rd Bn

from CO. 23rd Bn 3/10/18
Co 5th Pde

On receipt
of your verbal message
at 15.50 re. status I
got Coy. Commander
explained scheme
to them so that on
receipt of message at
18.10 they were able to get
to work at once.

Troops left trench
system on time &
got through to objective
with very little opposition
& few casualties.

They are now on the
objectives laid down
& are in touch on left.
Have told them where
to get in touch with
right Patton.
Prisoners captu

about 16 mostly wounded
found in Cops in
B23 C central.

Have one officer who
is ~~in charge~~ under
charge of this orderly
everything now quiet.

A. G. Smith
Major
2/60 23rd

22.30 pm



22nd Battalion

Sheet WIANCOURT 1/20,000

Operations on 3/4 October



3^{1/2} At noon the Battalion received instructions to leave the trenches in G24 A and move through ETRICOURT to trenches in H13 C. At 15.00 instructions had been received to move into assembly trenches of the BEAUREVOIR System: B27 A and C. As the front line was only spitlocked the Battalion got into the rear line. One Company was on the right of the main ESTREES - GENEVE road and two on the left. Whilst waiting here two hostile planes, flying low, came over and apparently as a result of their observations shelling by 5.9 guns followed - casualties were 3 O/R wounded.

At 6.30 the Battalion moved forward to the attack - D Company Right, B Company Left, and C Company behind A Coy. The barrage came down in front and rested on its initial line for 6 minutes.

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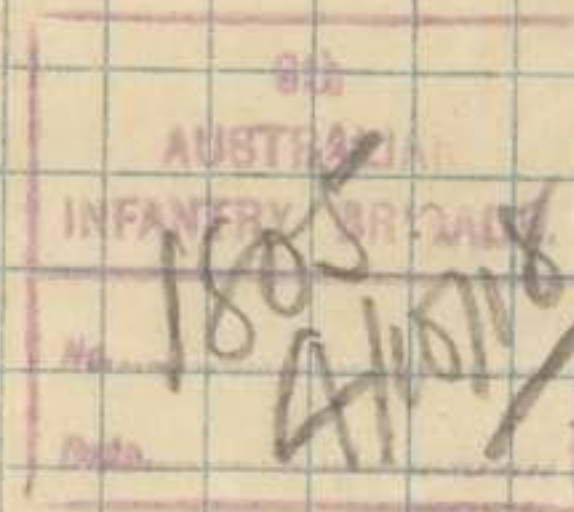
A Company obtained their objective - a line through LA MOTTE FARM and passing through them. C & D got their objectives and pushed out to the line of trench B23A and B22b. The copse in H23 Central was exclusive to 22 Pz but Canal at H16c inclusive - hence the front was 1400 yards in extent.

The estimated prisoners were about 100.

3 machine guns, 3-77 mm guns and 1-5.9 Howitzer guns were ^{captured} ~~captured~~.

Casualties were approximately 7 killed (including O.C. "D" Company, Lieut. E.E. Patterson, MC) and 10 wounded, including Lieut G. J. Burrage, Transport Officer.

Maxwell
Lieut. Colonel
Co. 22nd Battalion, A.I.F.



Ch. A. L. Bugeade

Enclosed please find duplicate of 5th Army Corps report to days date.

Chas. J. ...
for Lt. Colonel
Burrage, Transport Officer

PA

2nd
Dis. 2nd Coy. Bn.

5th M.G. Coy—
4 Oct.
15.30.

Re dispositions & operations

Long. Headquarters: at
G 6. d. 7.8.

No. 1 Section (Mark in Personnel)
at H 9 C 1.5.

No. 2 Section (4 guns) is fired
at B 23. a 3.1.

The 7 guns of
this section that were to
go to B 17 d 8.0. could not get
there owing to heavy barrage
& M.G. fire, but have good
positions where they are &
have had several good
targets (direct) this morning.

No. 3 Section 2 guns moving
up from B 27 d. 1.3. to B 30 c 7.9
today.

No. 4 Section 2 guns at B 70 d 40.95

No. 4 Section 2 guns at
B 70 d 4.80 covering valley of
TORRENS CANAL & KUKRI VALLEY

At 1 p.m. today the Doole
occupation BEAUREVOIR & has
advanced to the S.W. outskirts
of that village.

Lieut. R. Hamilton Cap.
O.C. 5th M.G. Coy.

Leuphiati for 6th A. I. Brigade



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

Copy No. 25

Headquarters,
October 4th 1918.ORDER No. 158.Reference Map :
Sheet 62B N.W. 1/20,000.1. INTENTION.

The 6th A.I.Bde. with the assistance of tanks is to attack and establish a line EAST of MONTBREHAIN as shown on the attached diagram in (GREEN).

2. SUPPORTING FIELD ARTILLERY.

Artillery as under will support the operation -

(a) Right Group - Under O.C. 13th Aust.F.A.Bde.

13th Aust.F.A.Bde.

14th " " "

10th " " "

11th " " "

(b) Left Group - Under O.C. 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.

12th Army Bde. A.F.A.

4th Aust.F.A. "

5th " " "

6th " Army " A.F.A.

Group boundaries for the operation will be as shown on the Barrage diagram.

3. F.A. BARRAGE.

The operation will be supported by a creeping barrage in accordance with Barrage diagram herewith.

(a) 18-pdrs.

Open at Zero on START LINE remain there till Zero plus 4 mins. then lift and move forward at a uniform rate of 100 yards per 4 mins. On arriving on the Protective Line fire will be kept on this line until Zero plus 120 minutes.

(b). 4.5" Hows.

4.5" Hows. will conform to the 18-pdr. barrage moving 200 yards East of it. Their fire will be confined to the limits of MONTBREHAIN.

(c). 18-pdrs. will fire one round of Smoke on each of the first six lifts. On the Protective Line 10% Smoke will be used as available.P.T.O.

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2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Order 158 (Continued).

- (d). Two Brigades will be used by the Left Group for the Creeping Barrage. The remaining Brigades will bombard areas, selected by the Group Commander, outside the area of the Creeping Barrage.

4. RATES OF FIRE.

From	To.	Rounds per gun per min.	
		18-pdrs.	4.5" Hows.
Zero.	To arrival on Objective Line.	2.	1.
Arrival on Objective Line.	Zero plus 90.	1.	$\frac{1}{2}$.
plus 90.	Plus 120	$\frac{1}{2}$.	$\frac{1}{2}$.

5. AMMUNITION.

18-pdrs. - 'AS' as in para 3(c), 'AX' through the village. Remainder 50% 'A', 50% 'AX'.
4.5" Hows. - No restrictions.

6. LIAISON.

Left Group will supply a Liaison Officer to the 6th A.I. Brigade.
Each Group will supply Battalion Liaison Officers to the Battalions they are covering.

7. O.P's. and F.O.O's.

- (a). All normal O.P's. will be manned from Zero Hour onwards.
(b). Each Group Commander will arrange for one F.O.O. to move forward in touch with the Infantry.

8. LIGHT SIGNALS.

- Light Signals are to be employed as follows:-
(a). S.O.S. Signal- No. 32 Rifle Grenade bursting into three RED lights.
(b). Success Signal-No. 32 Rifle Grenade bursting into three WHITE lights.
(c). "Advanced troops of Cavalry are here"-WHITE Star bursting into a RED on a parachute fired from $1\frac{1}{2}$ " Very pistol.

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SECRET.ORDER No.158 (Continued).9. GF and LL CALLS.

Each Group will detail two batteries to answer any GF and LL Calls during the barrage.

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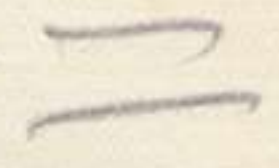
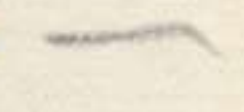
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E. J. Milford
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Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

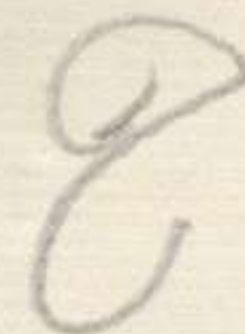
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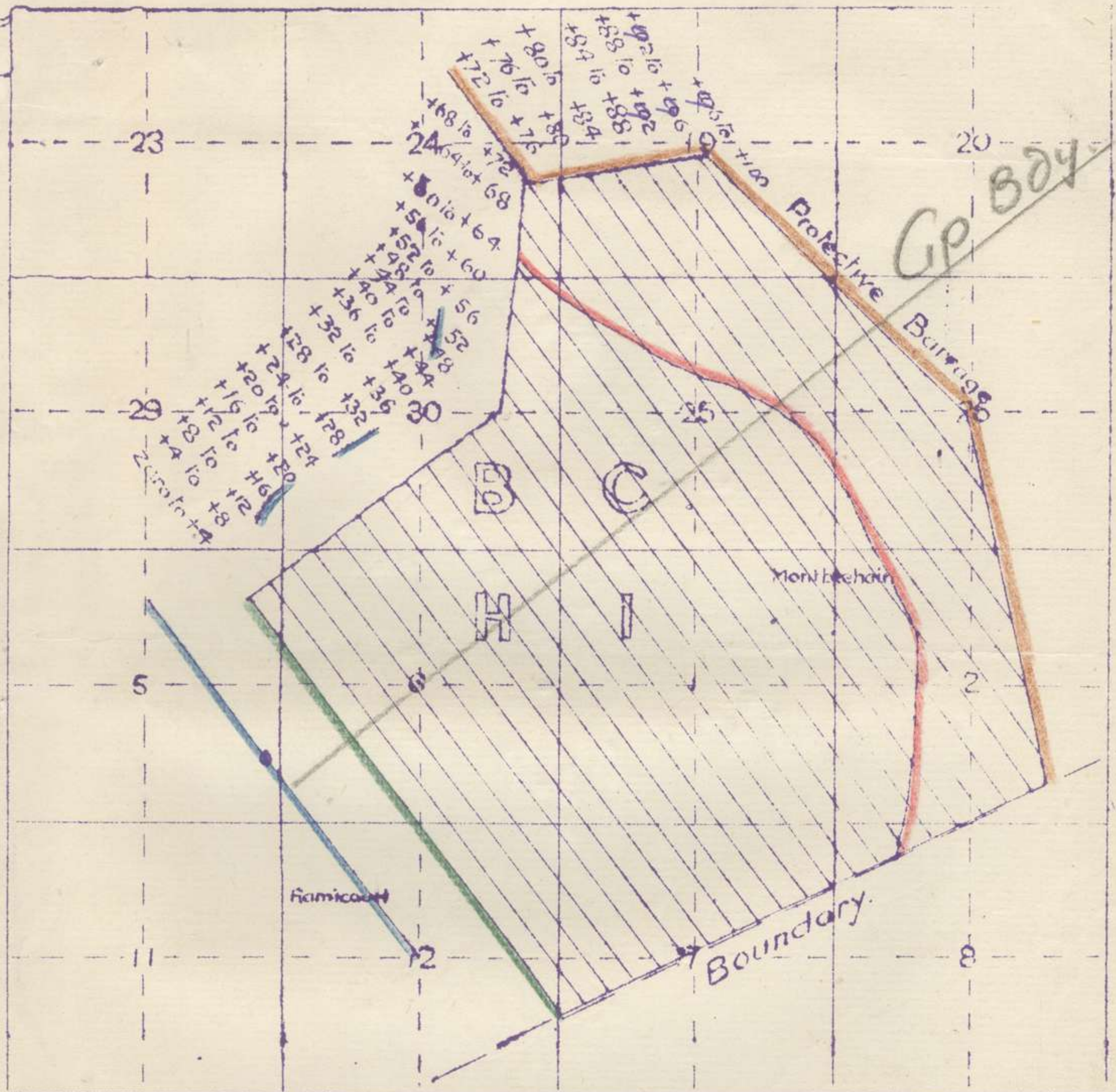
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APPENDIX

SECRET.

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BARRAGE DIAGRAM (To accompany 2nd Aust. D.A. ORDER No. 158.) LEGEND.

Portion of Sheet 62B N.W. Scale 1/20,000.

Infantry Jumping Off Line in	...	BLUE
Artillery Start Line	...	GREEN
Objective	...	RED
Protective Barrage	...	BROWN



goc ✓
gmr

SECRET.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Copy No.....*53*

A.11/165

Headquarters,
October 4th 1918.

TO ALL RECIPIENTS 2nd AUST.DIV.ARTY.ORDER No.158.

Reference 2nd Aust.D.A. ORDER No.158 ZERO HOUR
will be 0605 October 5th 1918.
Acknowledge by wire.

Robert

E. H. Clifford
Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

APPENDIX

Prefix <i>Sm</i>	Code <i>1410</i>	Words <i>70</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
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Service Instructions			By <i>UyB</i>	To	
Handed in at <i>UyB</i>			Office <i>1410</i> m.	Received <i>1458</i> m.	
TO <i>6 A1 Bde</i>					
*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A		
<i>148</i>	<i>5</i>				
<p><i>46 Div reports mined 1315 aaaa</i> <i>Officers Cavalry patrol reports</i> <i>our line 1100 as follows aaaa</i> <i>Sinker road west of MANNEQU</i> <i>IN HILL to T 13 C thence NW</i> <i>to valley H12 D thence along</i> <i>railway to NEVILLE CROSS</i> <i>thence W side DOON MILL</i> <i>which is held by enemy aaaa</i> <i>engaged digging in on original</i> <i>line 18A Cent detachments Welsh</i> <i>reg advancing in H18 B aaaa</i></p>					
<p><i>1500</i></p>					
FROM <i>2nd Aust Div</i>					
PLACE & TIME <i>1410</i>					

Prefix <i>Sm</i>	Code <i>1285</i>	Words <i>154</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
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Handed in at <i>UyB</i>			Office <i>1506</i> m.	Received <i>1448</i> m.	
TO <i>6 A1 Bde</i>					
*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A		
<i>145</i>	<i>5</i>				
<p><i>Identifications from 4 off 88 OR</i> <i>Captured at MONT BREHAIN and</i> <i>passed through Div Cage aaaa 1st</i> <i>2nd 3rd 4th 11th 12th 13th and 3rd</i> <i>mg Coys 30 IR 34th Div aaaa</i> <i>1st 2nd and 1st M G Coys 133</i> <i>IR and 2nd Coy and 1st M G Coy</i> <i>139 IR 24th Div aaaa order of</i> <i>Battle N to S to be 241</i> <i>Div 139 IR 133 IR 30 IR aaaa</i> <i>179 IR stated to be in reserve</i> <i>aaa whereabouts 67th IR and</i> <i>145 IR unknown aaaa 34th Div</i> <i>was in line at St Quentin and</i> <i>has been in this sector five</i> <i>days and two days in line</i> <i>aaa 24th Div was in reserve</i></p>					
FROM					
PLACE & TIME					

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TO

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Day of Month.

In reply to Number

A A A

at SEBONCOURT and
moved into line two days
aaa our attack was expected
but prisoners state they
received no particulars and
aaa by strengths vary from
30 to 60 OR aaa more
prisoners are coming in

1455

FROM

PLACE & TIME

2 Aus Div

1340

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TO

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Day of Month.

In reply to Number

A A A

18 And 27 Bn are placed
under 400 6 Bde to
be used to clear up
situation if required aaa
When moved forward another
Bn will be sent forward
to replace aaa remainder
5 & 7 Bdes will be
held at 2 hrs notice aaa
acknowledge aaa added
5 6 7 Bdes

ack 5

1455

Notes

FROM

PLACE & TIME

2 Aus Div

1010

APPENDIX

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182

Charges to Collect		From	At	m.
Service Instructions		By	To	
Handed in at		Office	Received	m.
TO				
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A	
TEJO	5	BM 66		
Acknowledged				
1835				
TEJO				
FROM				
PLACE & TIME				

* This line should be erased if not required.

9310—W.14832—200,000—2/17—E.P.Co.—(E930)

Charges to Collect		From	At	m.
Service Instructions		By	To	
Handed in at		Office	Received	m.
TO				
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A	
BM 70	5			
Reference warning order				
27 Bn will move back				
to vicinity of Bde HQ				
using BLACK road				
where it is no longer				
required by 6 A & Bde				
added 27 Bn reptd				
6 A & Bde				
7 A & Bde				
1030				
FROM				
PLACE & TIME				

* This line should be erased if not required.

9310—W.14832—200,000—2/17—E.P.Co.—(E930)

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Prefix <u>10</u>	Code <u>10</u>	Words <u>10</u>	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£ <u>1</u> s. <u>0</u> d.	From <u>AYBR</u>	At <u>10</u> m.		
Charges to Collect	By <u>(Signature)</u>	To		
Service Instructions		By		
Handed in at <u>Waba</u>		Office <u>1051</u> m.	Received <u>1117</u> m.	
TO <u>Wuge</u>				
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A	
<u>BNA 72</u>	<u>5</u>			
<p>27 Bn are played under 600 6 Bde to be used if necessary aga when 27 Bn are moved forward 28 Bn will move forward and replace them aaa 28 Bn will get into touch with 27 Bn at once aaa Remainder of the Bde will be held at two hours notice to be used to support 6 Bde if necessary aaa acknowledge aaa added all Bn 4 Bde reptd 6 4 Bde</p>				
<p>1170 <u>(Signature)</u></p>				
FROM	4 4 Bde			
PLACE & TIME	1045			

* This line should be

Prefix Am Code 0912 Words 58 Received. WUC Sent, or sent out. WUC Office Stamp. WUC
 Charges to Collect £ s. d. From WUC At WUC m. WUC
 By WUC To WUC By WUC
 Service Instructions 2 add
 Handed in at WUC Office 1035 m. Received 1045 m.

TO

* Sender's Number BM 263 Day of Month. 5 In reply to Number AAA

20 Bn is placed at the disposal of 6" A & Bde aaa. It will move from present position at 1030 this morning to trenches in H10B and D.

AAA on arrival there 60 will report to HQ 2nd Pioneer Bn at B10 A13 aaa. This confirm. phone message aaa added 20" ren reptd 6 A3 Bde.

FROM WUC 5th & 1st Bde
 PLACE & TIME 1030

Prefix Am Code 0912 Words 58 Received. WUC Sent, or sent out. WUC Office Stamp. WUC
 Charges to Collect £ s. d. From WUC At WUC m. WUC
 By WUC To WUC By WUC
 Service Instructions from Aeroplane
 Handed in at WUC Office 0912 m. Received 1002 m.

TO

* Sender's Number BM 263 Day of Month. 5 In reply to Number AAA

Tank in action in H6B46 has moving back out of C25-6 but are holding out in trenches in B24C south of MONTREHAIN our infantry along line I2C44 to I8A46 tank working along road I7.6. 87 other infantry in village has infantry in open in I14D spo not tank out of action.

FROM WUC

PLACE & TIME 1030

10100
1 B Takes 6 flight

all side
 got back 2+4 R
 Can't be sure

1850
 1/10/70

Prefix	Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
818	1505		From 9 th Bde Rly A	At 1511 m.	
Charges to Collect			By Clarke	To	
Service Instructions			By	By	
Handed in at			Office	m.	Received 1511 m.
TO			BM 6 th A 9. Bde		
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A		
C 38	5				
<p>3.5 pm 4 Bdes are firing 10 minutes RAPID followed by 20 minutes SLOW on C 19 D and 25 B and B 30. B and D as requested and if you would like any more after that please let me know</p> <p>20/1515</p>					
FROM			9 th Bde Rly A		
PLACE & TIME					

Prefix	Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
818	1644	187	From 6 th A 9. Bde	At 1811 m.	
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions			By	By	
Handed in at			Office	m.	Received 1811 m.
TO			6 th A 9. Bde		
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A		
2A150	21				
<p>Identifications are 1st 2nd 3rd Bns 30 SR 3rd Bn 64 SR 1st Bn 133 SR 1st Bn 133 SR 1st Bn 443 SR 8th Bty 48 FAR 344 Pioneer Coy signal from regt headquarters 4.54 SR which is stated to have been 200 yards S of EXIT of MONT BRE HAIN and a signaller states regt. HQ was warned to expect an attack at 0600 and the reserves expected did not arrive and prisoners 8th Bty 48 FAR was with forward gun for tank defence</p>					
FROM					
PLACE & TIME					

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.			No. of Message	
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Service Instructions				
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TO				
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A	
<p>near MONT BAREHAIN church aaa prisoner 199th new Coy states 24th new Coy has been disbanded aaa prisoners through Coy 9 officers 311 R.R. aaa were coming in aaa and d and corps reptd all concerned</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>				
FROM	dud - New Show			
PLACE & TIME	150			

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.			No. of Message	
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Charges to Collect				
Service Instructions				
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TO				
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A	
<p>at 1800 today 13th and 14th A.D.A. Bde will withdraw to wagon lines coming under 5th A.D.A. from that now a 6 army Bde A.D.A. will pass to right group or becoming group command and right group then consisting of 6th 10th and 11th A.D.A. Bde aaa left group will consist of 4th 5th and 12 th A.D.A. Bde under OC 5th from 1800 today aaa each group will maintain senior officer at HQ 6th A.D.A. Bde for liaison aaa group boundaries remain as at present aaa added right and left groups 6th A.D.A. Bde 5 A.D.A. Bde rep Ad 2nd and Div 6 A.D.A. Bde</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>				
FROM	5 A.D.A. 150			
PLACE & TIME	150			

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.			No. of Message	
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Charges to Collect			From <i>ayb</i>	At <i>1059</i>
Service Instructions			By <i>1059</i>	To
Handed in at <i>ayb</i>			Office <i>1420</i>	Received <i>1502</i>
TO <i>6 A1 Bae</i>				
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A	
<i>GA 149</i>	<i>8</i>			
<p>following phone msge from 4 Army timed 1300 aad huns evacuating HINDENBURG line from E of BANTONVILLE southwards aad 3rd Army have crossed CANAL on this front and their right has reached LAPANNERIE aad above refd by NBS and confirmed by 5 Corps aad</p> <p><i>MSGS</i></p>				
FROM <i>2nd Aust Div</i>				
PLACE & TIME <i>1790</i>				

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.			No. of Message	
Prefix <i>Sm</i>	Code <i>1478</i>	Words <i>134</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.
Charges to Collect			From <i>ayb</i>	At <i>1728</i>
Service Instructions			By <i>1728</i>	To
Handed in at <i>ayb</i>			Office <i>1728</i>	Received <i>1918</i>
TO <i>ka Bae</i>				
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A	
<i>GA 151</i>	<i>5</i>			
<p>Further identifications 24th Signal section 2nd MGK 442 IR aad latter regts stated to have been relieved by 444 IR aad 2nd MGK 442 IR was only 20 strong and had no guns and no food for three days aad a captured div order of 29/9 states 21st Riv Div relieved Jager Div 29/30 sept and order of battle N to S 88 RIR 80 RIR 84 RIR aad regt shown at BOHAVIS VOGELHOLZ and Quarry SE of LEBOSQUET</p>				
FROM				
PLACE & TIME				

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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Service Instructions				By	

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TO

* Sender's Number

Day of Month.

In reply to Number

A A A

aaa Yager Div hole
is counter attack Div
with 1/3 EAST of LEPAVE
remainder at LESDAINS
and east of it aaa
201 Div as counter
attack. Div in area
CATTENIERES- BEAUVOIS
- FONTAINE - PIRE aaa
aaad Aust Corps
I reptd 46 Div and
25 Div 6a 1 Rde

per 19/

FROM

2nd Div. 20

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APPENDIX

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Hq 59th Inf Bde
NAUROY Oct 5/18

MESSAGE 11.30 AM

BY WIRE TO AREA COMMANDANT
TINCOURT. PLEASE REQUEST
to transport officers 117th
118th American Regiments and
114th Machine Gun Battalion.

As soon as arrangements can
be completed push your
transport on to BELLICOURT.

117th to area occupied
by 7th A.D. Bde.
118th to area G. 16. b. and
G. 17, G. 23.
114th M.G. Battalion
same as 118th.

SIGNED
TYSON

Copy to
SIGNALS 6 Aust
Bde,

TO { Area Command T. V. CONNET			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
1009	3		
<p><i>Advise</i></p> <p><i>Transfere</i></p> <p>117th 118th Amer Regt 114</p> <p>115th R. p. n. transport to</p> <p>Bellucourt soon as possible AAA</p> <p>117th to 7th ARB area</p> <p>118th to area GIB B G. G. B</p> <p>119th M. R. same as 118th</p> <p>AAA TYSON</p> <p><i>6 ARB</i></p>			
From			
Place			
Time			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)			
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name			
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Order No. 1625 Wt. W3253/ P 511. 27/2. H. & K., Ltd. (E. 2634).			

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Sent		At m.		Date
To		Service.		From
By		(Signature of Franking Officer.)		By
TO { 41 st Heavy Bty (forward)				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA	
<p>21st Bn is holding Eastern</p> <p>edge Mont 9 Brechain then</p> <p>down to Novillea then</p> <p>sunken Road in H 12 C and</p> <p>D had to give ground slightly</p> <p>in I 7 report many enemy</p> <p>14th in Doon Co. Doon Hill</p> <p>planned evening Hill in I 19</p> <p>I 14 I 19 also on Beauregard</p> <p>10.20</p>				
From				
Place				
Time				
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)				
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Service Instructions			By <u>Amph</u>	To <u>110</u>	
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TO <u>6 A1 Bde</u>					
Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A		
<u>147</u>	<u>5th</u>				
<p>5th 6th and 7th Bdes will each detail one Bw Commandr to be attached for two days to Bw of *118 Amer Inf Regt and these officers will join Amer Bde under arrangement made by 6th Bde with OC 118 Amer Inf Regt and 6th Bde will leave Bde major or trained with Amer Regt HQ and ACK and addd 5th 6th 7th Bdes</p>					
<p>Wetland Sale</p> <p><u>147</u></p> <p><u>* 118</u></p> <p><u>1430</u></p>					
FROM <u>2 Amst Div</u>					
PLACE & TIME <u>1305</u>					

Prefix <u>Sm</u>	Code <u>1255</u>	Words <u>66</u>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
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Service Instructions			By <u>Amph</u>	To <u>110</u>	
Handed in at <u>Amph</u>			Office <u>1455</u> m.	Received <u>1538</u> m.	
TO <u>6 A1 Bde</u>					
Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A		
<u>146</u>	<u>5th</u>				
<p>reference warning order of 4th inst para 3 and unit of 7th A1 Bde at present attached to and engaged with 6th A1 Bde will be relieved in line tonight with 6th A1 Bde group and units not attached will move out this afternoon on relief by 117th American regt and ACKNOWLEDGE addd 6th and 7th A1 Bdes and</p>					
<p><u>146</u></p> <p><u>1340</u></p>					
FROM <u>2 Amst Div</u>					
PLACE & TIME <u>1240</u>					

SECRET
 AUSTRALIAN
 INFANTRY BRIGADE
 No. 1380
 Date 18/10/18

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

8th. Aust. Field Amb.
 8th. do
 7th. do
 5th. A.I. Brigade
 6th. do
 7th. do

A. D. M. S.
 2nd AUSTRALIAN
 DIVISION
 Headquarters
 5th. October 1918.
 No. 18/1/14

WARNING ORDER.

1. The 2nd. Aust. Div. is being relieved in the line on the night 5/6th. October by 30th. American Division.
2. On relief by Ambulances of 30th. American Division 8th., 6th. and 7th. Aust. Field Amb. will move with their respective Brigades Groups to HERVILLY area on 6th. October.
3. Packs and surplus kits will be collected from PERONNE whilst in HERVILLY area.
4. On 7th. October Ambulances will move by rail to YZEVILLE area under Brigade arrangements, the transport moving by road.
5. Field Ambulances ACKNOWLEDGE.

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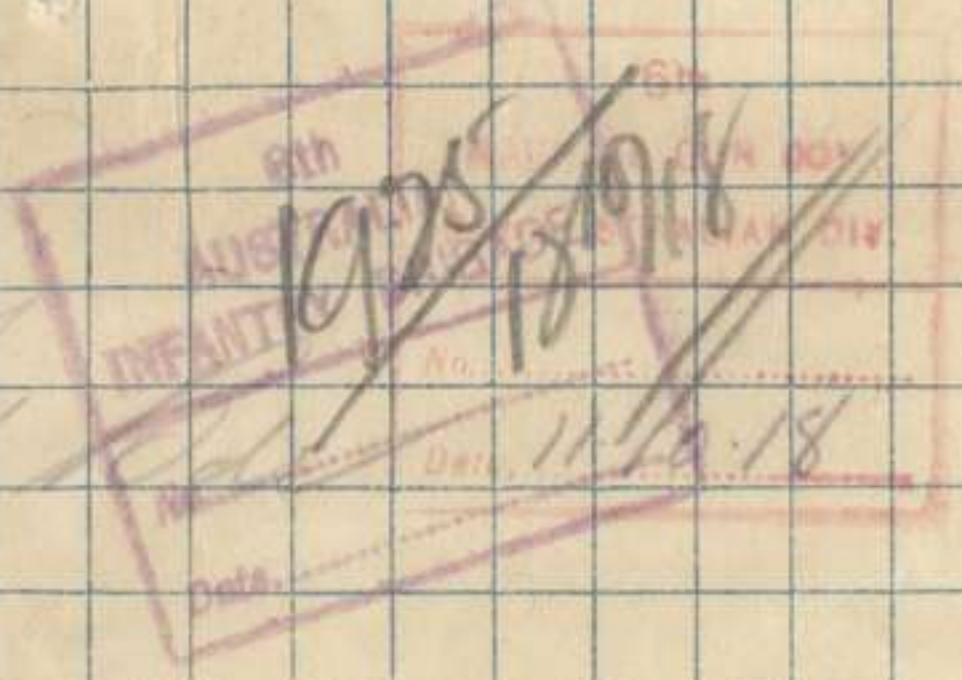
W. Shephard
 Colonel,
 A. D. M. S.
2nd. Australian Division.

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TO											
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46204			2th								
<p>Divisional - Commander</p> <p>will see Brigadiers and</p> <p>Battalions Commanders</p> <p>at HESBECOURT CHURCH</p> <p>at 1700 on sixth</p> <p>6pm</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>											
FROM			Ind Ans Dis								
PLACE & TIME			25,30								

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APPENDIX

6th Coy



Sketch of the 5th Coy's operation on the 5th inst

R. Ballister, Lieut.
O. C. 6th A.M.G. Coy.

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6th Coy's Commander's report on operation on the 5th October 1918.

At 1 PM on the 4th I received verbal orders from CO Battus to report to the 6th A.M.G. which I did forthwith.

The Brigade General explained the scheme of the attack to me, and attached 2 guns to each of the 3 attacking Battus, remaining 10 guns to be in reserve.

The officers in charge of the attacking sections interviewed the Battus Commanders and were told exactly what to do.

The attached reports from Section A CO's give the operation in detail.

There is no report from the 4th Section which remained in support at H/O 418 throughout the operation.

Coy H/Os were at H/O 1-3 with the 3 Battus operating.

Casualties Killed 2 officers
Wounded 3 do
Wounded 18 do

The Americans relieved us at 12.30 am C. H. G. (Signed) J. H. Drummond Capt
O.C. 6th A.M.G.

T 4 Section's Report

T 4 Sect moved off from rear camp at 3.30 on the morning of 5th Oct under orders to occupy positions in sector in H 10 b. Verbal orders were received there to move forward and take up positions on right of village (Northcham) to give additional protection to infantry. Guns were moved forward at 8.30 am and moved to left of Ramicourt to H 5 d 10.10 and then through the village and took shelter from heavy enemy barrage in railway cutting at H 6 c 5 d.

Section officer reported to 21st Battr Hqs as to situation forward and decided to move guns to H 12 b 99 in railway cutting. Crews of two guns became casualties so only two guns could be moved to H 12 b 99 in position with the 21st Battr.

From this position scattered groups of retiring enemy were engaged along ridge and roads through T 7 a + B and the road out of village T 1 d to 17 b. Two belts were fired and refilled. Actual effect of fire was to cause the enemy to attempt to dig in and then retire behind

rising ground.

At 2.30 pm a gun was mounted in conjunction with a Lewis gun of 18th Battr in T 1 d 8.3. 90

Due to infantry withdrawing from ridge and the uncertainty whether enemy occupied gap north of Northcham in difficult terrain experienced in selecting positions to strengthen infantry consolidation. Reserve guns were liable to suffer more casualties moving forward from the rear to occupy positions in the new line than if they were in position to move forward soon after the infantry.

(Signed) 843 W. Carnick, Sgt.

No 3 & 4 guns of A.O. 1 Section

Before moving off from camp at 6.16.44 the Section officer explained operation to W.C. The gun teams moved out from 6.16.44 at 8.00 am on 4th inst. & marched to trench at H.10.35 to. Guns ammunition rations etc. Guns carried in limbers. Limber was taken off at trench. Teams remained there until 4 am 5th inst when they moved forward to a sunken road in rear of J.C. T.H.P.E. At 5.40 teams took up a position at H.5.4. On Barrage lifting they moved off with 1st wave of infantry to sunken road at 9.5 to 9.5 at which point they remained 6 mins to allow Inf to move on. They then moved on about 150 yds behind Inf to B.30 c 5.4 where shelter was taken in shell hole from heavy M.C. fire. On fire moving off No 3 gun dug in at B.30 c 6.2. No 4 gun occupied Horn Trench at B.30 c 7.35

at 9 am suffering no casualties. Teams moved to objective in single file at 25 yds interval & made use of all available cover.

Objective successfully reached.

Platoon well kept with Inf throughout. No 4 gun occupying trench with Inf. No 3 gun did no shooting acting only as a covering gun.

No 4 gun engaged small parties of Inf moving towards Montbrechain at B.25.6 to. Shooting highly successful at 12.00 p.m. & controlled by Inf officer with glasses. No difficulties were encountered.

Signed W. Kennedy, Capt
No 3 Section

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2 guns of No 2 Section

2 guns were ordered to attack with the Pioneer Batt. & cover the right flank of the main attack to reach Devil's Cross or thereabouts & help in the consolidation. We left Larroy at 5.30 pm on the 4th & reached trenches at H 10 d 4.8 at 7.30 pm.

At 9 pm we went forward with the pioneers and took over the front line at H 6 b 61.

At 4.45 am on the 5th we withdrew about 300 yds with the Pioneers. Again went forward at 6.10 am & reached Devil's Cross, after having put 14 enemy machine guns out of action at I 7a 7.4 & I 7a 4.3.

Objectives reached without difficulty. The 14 enemy machine guns were encountered at I 7a 4.3 along the railway, and our teams immediately engaged them. About 100 runners endeav-

oured to get away. 30 of these were killed & 50 wounded; 4 bullets being fired at between 400 & 200 yds range. Guns also came into action on right flank causing heavy casualties amongst the enemy who appeared to be massing.

(Signed) J. J. Adam Capt
No 2 Section

Report on 2 Guns of No 1 Section.

We had orders to attack with the 21st Battalion, advancing round to the right of MONTEBREHAN and to establish ourselves somewhere near C25d 97 (2 guns).

We left NAUROV at 5.30 PM on the 4th, reached H10d 4.8 at 7.30 PM. At 11.30 AM Sub Sept we moved forward to the pumping off Lake at H12a 82 (manhandling gear) reaching position at 5.25 AM.

On pumping off, the Officer and all men except 2 and myself were wounded.

I could not go forward with the gear, so I moved the 2 guns at H12a 82 from where I commanded all the ground to the SE of the village. I then sent a message to Capt Drummond, telling him what I had done. Receiving no reply I again sent a message at 3.30 PM.

At 6 PM I was ordered to withdraw to previous positions at H10d 4.8.

(Signed) J. H. Hagen Sgt

6th A.I. BRIGADE.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS BY 22nd BATTALION A.I.F. FROM 3.10.18.
TO 5.10.18., NEAR ESTREES (SHEET WAINCOURT, 1/20,000)

I beg to report as follows.-

PART I

ATTACK ON 3.10.18.

PRELIMINARY. At noon on October 3rd, the Battalion received orders to move from trenches G.24.a. through ETRICOURT to trenches in H.13.c

ASSEMBLY. At 15.00 instructions were received to move into Assembly trenches in BEAUREVOIR system, B.27.a & c. Finding the Front Line only partly dug, the Battalion assembled in the rear trench, with "D" Company on Right of main ESTREES-GENEVE Road and "C" & "A" Companies on the Left of the road. Whilst waiting here two hostile planes flying low spotted the troops and as a result of their reconnaissance, shelling by 5.9's followed. Casualties were 3 O.R's wounded.

ATTACK. Punctually at 15.30 the barrage came down and rested on its initial line for 6 minutes. The Battalion, with 23rd Battn on Right and 24th Battn on Left, at once moved to the attack, pressing through the 18th Battalion - "D" Company on Right, "A" Company on left, with "C" Company behind "A" Company. "A" Company obtained their objective - a line through LAMOTTE FARM - and "C" Coy passing through them got their objective, and pushed out to the line of trench B.23.c., along trench in B.22.b.7.2., and thence in line to B.15.d.9.1. The copse in B.23.c. was inclusive to 23rd Battalion, but CANAL at B.16.c. was inclusive to the Battalion, hence the front was 1400 yards in extent. The enemy appeared taken by surprise to some extent, but on the whole fought fairly well. There were several instances where determined resistance was offered by small groups of Machine Gunners, and an examination of the ground after the attack evidenced the fact that the bayonets had been used by our men to a greater extent than usual. On the high ground in B.23.c. a 4-gun battery of 77 m.m. Guns was found, and the enemy made determined efforts to prevent them falling into our hands. The adjacent posts were mopped up by "D" Company, and the battery captured. 45 prisoners were secured in the vicinity of these guns. On the main road in B.28.a., a 5.9. Howitzer was found, being still in good order. A reliable estimate of the number of enemy killed is hard to arrive at, but I consider that at least 50/60 were killed out in the open on the Battalion front. Several pill-boxes and deep dugouts were bombed, and had dead in them, but I am unable to say how many.

PRISONERS. 3 Officers and 102 O.R's were captured.

BOOTY.

1	5.9 Howitzer.
4	77 m.m. Field Guns.
1	3" Minenwerfer.
8	Heavy Machine Guns.
20	Light " "

CASUALTIES. KILLED.- 2 Officers. (Capt. W.McC. BRAITHWAITE, M.C.
Lieut. E.E. PATERSON, M.C.)
4 O.R's.

WOUNDED.- 1 Officer (Lieut. G.T. BURRAGE)

12 O.R's.

TOTAL. 19

PRELIMINARY.

During the night 3rd/4th October, consolidation of the newly-gained ground was pushed on with, some difficulty being experienced about B.22.b.7.2., where a gap existed in our line. This gap was caused by casualties and slight loss of direction, and the enemy had pushed in and established Machine Gun posts. A local thrust by one Platoon of "C" Company at about 21.00 mopped up the posts, and joined up our line. Companies were now disposed.-

FIRING LINE.- "D" Company (Right) "C" Company (Left)
"A" Company, Support (LAMOTTE FARM)

ORDERS.

At 23.00, 3.10.18., orders were received to continue the attack at dawn, and capture the X-roads B.18.a. to B.18.c.3.0. in conjunction with 23rd Battalion on the Right and 7th British Brigade on the Left.

The enemy was barraging the ridge in B.28.b.- B.21.d. and the continuous shelling rendered telephonic communication with the forward Companies impracticable. In view of this I decided to go forward to the firing line myself and issue the attack orders to the officers concerned. By 02.00 I had discussed the plans with the Company Commanders on the ground, and allotted objectives as follows.-

OBJECTIVES.

"A" COMPANY.- Line from X-roads in B.18.a. to B.18.c.3.0.
"D" " CANAL B.17.a.7.0., along road to B.17.d.8.2.
"C" " CANAL B.6.d.8.7. along road to Y-roads at B.23.a.
"C" Coy constituted the Battalion reserve, and was allotted the special task of safeguarding the left flank in case of the Unit on the left not reaching its final objective.

ATTACK.

At 06.00 the barrage opened on the start line and remained for 25 minutes, afterwards moving forward at the rate of 100 yards every 4 minutes. At 06.25 the Battalion moved to the assault, "C" Company gaining its objective without serious opposition, and becoming my reserve. As soon as "D" Coy passed "C" Coy's objective, heavy Machine Gun fire was encountered from the direction of GENEVE and FACTORY in B.17.d. An enemy Machine Gun was also firing from the enclosure B.17.d.1.5. Vigorous action with Lewis Guns against this point covered the mopping up of this post, and enabled the advance to proceed after a slight check.

"D" Coy then pushed on to its objective and consolidated. "A" Coy (who were to take the final objective) struck serious opposition from Machine Guns firing from FACTORY B.17.d. and Railway embankment B.17.b. but the advance was maintained under cover of two Lewis Guns, which from the embankment on road in B.23.a. engaged the enemy, and forced him to withdraw. The above information was received by lamp signals from an advanced report centre at B.23.c.1.4., but no news of the left flank was obtainable from our Coys, although at 10 a.m. a telephone message from the Brigade Major stated that the British had taken PONTCHAUX. In order to obtain first-hand information I pushed forward myself, and found that the casualties of the two leading Coys had been severe, and that the left flank of the Battalion was in the air.

Severe enfilade fire was causing more casualties, and the report that PONTCHAUX was captured was found to be incorrect. The situation regarding this exposed flank appeared critical, and the following action was decided on and carried out.-

"A" Coy pushed on by short rushes and gained the line of the road B.17.d.8.1. to B.17.d.7.7., thence refusing the flank towards B.17.central, where touch was gained with the Support Coy ("D" Coy). This movement was difficult, and was carried out under very intense frontal and enfilade Machine Gun fire, but the men responded splendidly to what was required of them. One Platoon of the Reserve Coy ("C" Coy) was placed in the CANAL at B.17.c.00.80, to further secure our exposed flank. At about this time, touch was obtained with elements of the 7th British Brigade at B.17.c.60.95., beyond which point they could not advance.

ATTACK (CONTD) The above was the situation at noon when I returned to Battalion H.Q., and reported to the G.O.C. by phone.

The firing line was maintained in this exposed position throughout the remainder of the day, though subjected to converging fire from all directions - more especially from the exposed left flank, where the enemy had pushed Machine Guns close in against our small posts.

Nightfall permitted minor adjustments of the line to be made, and although the flank remained exposed all the succeeding day, the position was handed over intact to the 3rd Battalion, 117th American Regiment, on the night of 5th/6th October.

I regard this operation as one of the most difficult in which the Battalion has yet been engaged, and only the determined spirit animating this Company enabled this exposed salient to be retained.

Many enemy were killed by Lewis Gun and sniping fire, and in posts mopped up during the advance.

BOOTY.

2 Heavy Machine Guns.
13 Light " "
21 Prisoners.

CASUALTIES.

KILLED.- 1 Officer. (2/Lt. P.J. DAWSETT)
19 O.R's.

WOUNDED.- 1 Officer. (Lieut. L.R. SPEAK.)
64 O.R's.

MISSING.- 2 O.R's. (Believed killed)

TOTAL.- 2 Officers, 85 O.R's.

S U M M A R YTOTAL CASUALTIES - OPERATIONS 3rd/6th OCTOBER 1918.

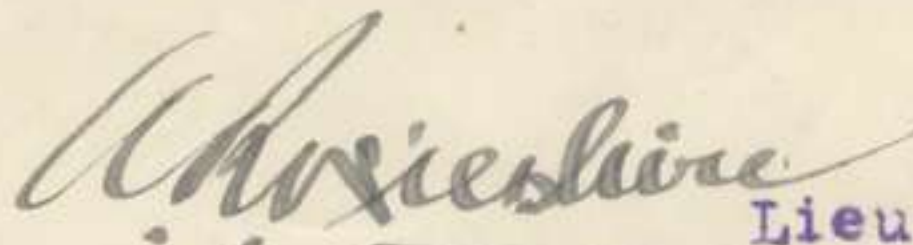
KILLED.-	3 Officers,	23 O.R's	-	26.
WOUNDED.-	2 "	76 "		78.
MISSING (BEL K.I.A.)		2 "		2
TOTALS.	5	101		106

TOTAL CAPTURES

PRISONERS.- 3 Officers, 123 O.R's.

TROPHIES.-
1 5.9 Howitzer.
4 77 m.m. Field Guns.
1 3" Minenwerfer.
10 Heavy Machine Guns.
33 Light " "

8.10.18.



Lieut.-Colonel,
C.O., 22nd Battn., A.I.F.

23rd Battalion - 6th Infantry Brigade.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS - 3rd and 4th OCTOBER, 1918.

Ref. Map.- WIANCOURT Ed.1. 1/20,000.

In accordance with Brigade Order No. 181 the Battalion moved by Route March from CAPPY (Where it had been in Rest) to LE MESNIL on the night 27th/28th September, 1918.

During Night of 28th/29th September, 1918, a move from LE MESNIL to TINCOURT was carried out.

After two days at TINCOURT, the Battalion again moved forward to vicinity of VILLERET on the morning of 1st October, 1918. Here the Battalion was to bivouac in Trenches in approx. G.14. but at 17.30 message was received by 'Phone that the Battalion would go into Reserve to the 5th A.I. Brigade which was to take over the Line JONCOURT - ESTREES, and that consequently we would move up to vicinity of ETRICOURT in H.13.a. and d. Move was commenced at 18.30.

Transport and Q.M's. Store and all Details were left at this point on the 1st October, 1918, but moved forward to CANAL at G.22.b.2.5. on the 3rd October, 1918. BLANKETS were also dumped on the 1st October, 1918.

On arrival at H.13. it was found that a Company of the 30th A.I. Battalion were occupying this position as Reserve to the 31st Battalion, A.I.F., and after consulting with C.O., 31st Bn., it was agreed that the 23rd A.I. Battalion should relieve the Company of the 30th A.I. Battalion.

This was completed about 23.00. The Disposition of the Battalion then was:-

H'qrs.- H.13.c.7.9.

"A" and "B" Coys.- In SUNKEN ROAD, G.18.b., c. and d.

"D" Coy.- SUNKEN ROAD, G.18.a., c. and d.

These Dispositions were sent to 5th A.I. Brigade at 23.15.

On the 3rd October, 1918, at 10.05 a.m., verbal instructions were received from the 5th A.I. Brigade to send one Company up to Close Support and to take up their position along SUNKEN ROAD running through H.2.d. and H.9.b., notifying C.O., 18th A.I. Battn. that they were in this locality. They were, however, to work solely under orders of G.O.C., 5th A.I. Brigade.

At 11.30 verbal orders were received from 5th A.I. Brigade that the balance of the Battalion was to move forward and take up position in BEAUREVOIR - FONSOMME LINE from B.27.d.0.4. to H.4.c.8.6. This move was commenced at 12.30.

Battalion H'qrs. remained in vicinity of 18th A.I. Battn. H'qrs. at H.8.c.9.5. in order to be in touch with 5th A.I. Brigade.

At 15.50 on the 3rd October, 1918, verbal instructions were received by 'Phone that the Battalion would attack at 16.15 in conjunction with 22nd and 24th A.I. Battalions.

The order of Battle arranged was 23rd A.I. Battalion on Right, 22nd A.I. Battn. in the Centre, and 24th A.I. Battn. on Left.

Boundaries were:-

RIGHT.- A line from H.4.c.8.6. through to B.30.a.central.

LEFT.- B.20.central through B.9.central.

Between 23rd and 22nd Bns.- H.3.b.6.8. to COPSE in B.23.c.central (approx.) inclusive.

Between 22nd and 24th Bns.- B.27.a.7.6. to B.16.c.0.2.

23rd A.I. Battalion Objective Line running from COPSE in B.23.c. central (approx.) inclusive to B.30.a.central.

The Barrage Line arranged was a line running through B.15.central and B.29.central where it played for 6 minutes.

A Conference of Coy. Commanders was held at "A" Coy. H'qrs. in SUNKEN ROAD, when verbal instructions as to dispositions for attack, etc., were given them.

At about 16.10 verbal message was received that the Stunt was postponed.

At 18.10 I received verbal instructions from G.O.C., 5th A.I. Brigade, that ZERO Hour would be 18.30 and that the Barrage

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would open at 18.40. This was conveyed to Coys. by 'Phone immediately.

Battalion H'qrs. opened at H.3.b.4.6. in BEAUREVOIR LINE at 18.30.

The Order of Battle for this Battalion was.-

"B" Coy. - RIGHT - First Wave.
 "D" " - LEFT - First Wave.
 "A" Coy.- Second Wave.

At 18.30 Coys. moved forward from their respective positions - "B" and "D" Coys. in BEAUREVOIR LINE, and "A" Coy. in SUNKEN ROAD.

The pace at first had to be rather FAST to enable Coys. to get up behind our Barrage.

At 19.50 Telephone Message was received from the Front Coys. that Objective had been reached all through and that opposition had been slight. This information was immediately passed back to 5th A.I. Brigade H'qrs.

The Dispositions of Coys. then was.-

"B" Coy. - On RIGHT Half of Objective.
 "D" " - On LEFT Half of Objective.
 Each had a Platoon from "A" Coy. in CLOSE SUPPORT.
 The balance of "A" Coy., with Coy. H'qrs., was in SUNKEN ROAD running through B.28.b. and B.29.d.

Some trouble was experienced in getting touch with the Troops on RIGHT of this Battalion and until they were located, the SUPPORT Platoon in Rear of "B" Coy. was utilised to form a Defensive Flank. A second Platoon from "A" Coy., in the SUNKEN ROAD, was pushed forward to a position overlooking the Right Flank.

At about 03.00 on the 4th October, 1918, word was received from O.C., "A" Coy., that he had located the 6th SMERWOODS (The RIGHT Flank people) in RAILWAY CUTTING in B.29.d., but that they had instructions to withdraw from that position. This information was passed on to 6th A.I. Brigade (who had taken over control of the Front at 22.30 on the 3rd October, 1918.) at 03.05. At NO time was my RIGHT FLANK actually in close touch with the people on the Right.

Up to this point our Casualties had been light and the Prisoners captured amounted to 17, including 1 Officer, most of whom were Wounded.

At 22.30 on the 3rd October, 1918, I received a message stating that the 23rd A.I. Battalion would attack again at 06.00 on the 4th October, 1918, in conjunction with the 22nd A.I. Battn. on LEFT. The Operation involved a change of direction to the RIGHT with this Battalion's RIGHT FLANK as the Pivot.

The Artillery Barrage for this operation was to start as follows.-

B.30.a.5.7. to B.23.a.1.6., and B.22.b.8.2. to B.16.d.6.4. where it rested from ZERO to ZERO plus 25, lifting at rate of 100 yards every 4 minutes till it reached Final Protective Barrage Line B.24.d.9.8., B.24.a.9.9., B.18.d.7.5., B.18.a.6.5., where it rested for 30 minutes gradually easing off.

The Start Line of this Barrage necessitated the Front Line being withdrawn about 300 yards to be clear of danger.

This information was conveyed to Coy. Commanders at 02.35 in writing.

The Order of Battle for this Operation was same as before, "B" Coy. on RIGHT, and "D" Coy. on LEFT.

The OBJECTIVE in this instance was a line running from B.30.a.5.5. to Cross-Roads at B.18.a.2.2. inclusive. The Inter-Battalion Boundary was EAST-WEST GRID Line running between B.18. and B.24.

At 06.00 the Barrage opened.

At 07.35 word was received from Front that the RIGHT Coy. had gained its Objective and was occupying the system of Trenches in B.24.c., but that the LEFT Coy. had been stopped by Machine Gun Fire in SUNKEN ROAD running through B.17.b. and B.24.a. and c. This information was immediately transmitted to 6th A.I. Brigade.

At 08.30 this information was again confirmed and it was ascertained that the LEFT Battalion had also been held up in continuation of this SUNKEN ROAD. Machine Gun Fire was extremely heavy

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and Enemy Field Guns were seen firing at Point Blank Range.

When darkness set in on night of 4th October, 1918, the LEFT Coy. pushed forward to its original Objective and established itself there for the rest of the Tour in the Sector.

During the 4th and 5th October, 1918, much valuable information was obtained as to Enemy movement in Rear and this was telephoned to 6th A.I. Brigade as received.

The absence of Artillery Liaison or F.O.O. during the whole operation was very much felt. It was not until late on Afternoon of 4th October, 1918, that a Forward ~~HERE~~ Observation Post for Artillery was established and many Targets were missed owing to having to transmit all information back through Brigade H'qrs., which on several occasions was cut off from us owing to wires being broken.

During Night of 4th/5th October, 1918, the 2nd Aust. Div. Pioneers took over the RIGHT Sector from 138th British Infantry Bde. and a Warning Order was received that the 21st and 24th Bns. of the 6th A.I. Brigade were attacking the Village of MOMBREHAIN on Morning of 5th October, 1918.

We were instructed to Patrol the RAILWAY CUTTINGS in B.30.c. and B.29.d. and see that they were kept clear up till within half an hour of ZERO time on the 5th October, 1918.

Patrols were sent out and reported that Enemy had established a Machine Gun Post in CUTTING in B.29.d. It was arranged to put Stokes Mortars on to this position and have a Platoon ready to occupy it when Mortars ceased fire. Before this was actually carried out another Patrol reported Enemy Post at LEVEL CROSSING in B.30.c.

After consultation with 6th A.I. Brigade it was arranged to leave these places till ZERO Hour, when Barrage would be put on them in addition to original Barrage Line.

Both these Cuttings were clear at 16.00 on the 4th October, so that Enemy must have just occupied them prior to our Patrols getting out.

Early on Evening of 5th October, 1918, I was advised by 6th A.I. Brigade that the Battalion on my ~~RIGHT~~ had not reached its Objective during the Stunt, but was holding a system of Posts along the Dotted Trench in B.30.d., and that I was to push down SUNKEN ROAD from my RIGHT Post at B.30.a.5.5. and establish at LEVEL CROSSING in B.30.c. or even further along SUNKEN ROAD in B.30.c., if necessary, and that the Battalion on my RIGHT would push forward and link up. This was accomplished without opposition.

Battalion was relieved by portions of the 2nd and 3rd Battns. of 117th American Regiment on night 5th/6th October, 1918.

Our Casualties for the whole tour amounted to.-

Killed.- 4 O.Ranks.

Wounded.- 26 O.Ranks.

2 Officers were Wounded but remained at Duty.

Most of these Casualties were caused in the early Morning Stunt on the 4th October, 1918, or in holding the Line afterwards.

BOOTY.- 9 German Machine Guns were captured.

List of recommendations for reward is being sent under separate cover.

The feeding of the Troops throughout the Operations was satisfactorily carried out.

TRANSPORT Arrangements were satisfactory, except that on two occasions during the move forward, the new Mules which were obtained recently, in place of horses, were unable to keep up, thus causing some delay to progress of Transport Column.

Coy. Commanders were.-

"A" Coy. - Captain. R.L. LINEKER.

"B" " - Captain. W.A. MARTIN.

"D" " - Lieut. L.S. MADDRELL, M.C.

9th October, 1918.

D. Keith Major.
T/Commanding, 23rd Battalion.

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REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE
34TH BATTALION DURING PERIOD OCTOBER END TO
OCTOBER 6TH 1918.

PART I.

At 1800 on October 2nd the Battalion was located in the HINDENBURG LINE with Battalion H.Q. at B.16.d.2.8.

Attachment to 5th A.I. Brigade.

At 1400 on the 3rd inst. I received instructions from the G.O.C., 5th A.I.Bde. that the 34th Battalion had been placed under the orders of the G.O.C., 5th A.I. Brigade.

At 1430 I reported to the G.O.C., 5th A.I.Bde. who explained to me the limits of the advance effected by the 5th A.I.Bde., and informed me that my Battalion would probably be called upon to attack in order to establish the high ground South of BEAUREVOIR. The G.O.C. stated that my objective would probably run between the Mill in B.15.d.3.7. and the Canal at B.16.c.8.8. In anticipation of this the Battalion was ordered to move to a point of readiness in the BEAUREVOIR System, Between B.20.central and B.26.b.7.9. I immediately despatched a Party consisting of an Officer and 6 scouts to reconnoitre this position and having called a conference of Company Commanders briefly explained to them the position and the probable objectives for the attack.

M O V E.

The Battalion moved in Artillery formation from the HINDENBURG LINE at 1545 passing South of NAUROX and North of ESTREES. In front of ESTREES I was met by the Officer whom I had sent forward to reconnoitre, who stated that there was no shelter in the BEAUREVOIR LINE, and the men would be under direct observation. Having satisfied myself by personal reconnaissance that this was the case, I decided to place the Battalion in the Sunken Road running along the GRID LINE between B.20c. and d. This afforded reasonably good cover and was a suitable Assembly point. While moving into this position we were observed by 5 low flying enemy planes, which fired on the troops continuously, and brought down a heavy enemy barrage, but I succeeded in getting the troops placed along the Sunken Road with only two casualties.

ORDERS FOR ATTACK.

At 1715 I received instructions to report to 20th Bn.H.Q. at H.2.c.2.9 and there had a conversation with the G.O.C., 5th A.I.Bde. from whom I received orders to attack at 1830, the objectives to be as previously stated. An order which had been sent, had not arrived, so I decided to adhere to the objective laid down in my previous conversation i.e. from Road junction immediately North of Mill at B.15.b.3.8. to TORRENS Canal at B.16.c.8.8. Touch was to be effected here with the 22nd Bn. who were attacking on my right. ~~Thaxatxaxxaxxaxxaxxaxxaxxaxx~~. The attack if successful would give possession of the summit of the hill overlooking BEAUREVOIR and would furnish a good jumping off place for an attack on the village.

ARTILLERY.

The attack was to be supported by an Artillery bombardment commencing at 1840, resting for six minutes in front of the TORRENS Canal in B.20b. and B.21.a., and then moving forward to the objective at the rate of 100 yards every four minutes.

ORDERS TO COMPANIES.

I reached my Battalion Headquarters at 1820, and briefly explained the scheme to my Company Commanders, who were awaiting instructions, impressing upon them the necessity for moving quickly as the TORRENS Canal 1000 yards in front must be reached before the barrage opened. I decided to entrust the attack to "A" and "B" Companies and held "D" Company in reserve in the Sunken Road running through B.20. central.

THE ATTACK.

Companies moved quickly to the line of the Canal, "A" Company on the



right by way of the Sunken Road running North through B.90.b. and d. and "B" Company on the left by way of the Sunken Road running North through B.90.central. Junction between the Companies was effected on the line of the Canal where each Company deployed into two waves, and Passed through the 90th Battalion. The left Company was longer in getting to the Canal Line and was left behind by the barrage, but they doubled for about 200 yards and came level with the right Coy. during the progress of the attack.

ENEMY RESISTANCE.

Enemy resistance was slight. A Party of enemy attempted to run away in front of the right Company but was driven down a deep dugout at B.16.a.3.2. by our Lewis Gun fire and 24 men captured. The right Coy. then occupied the objective and established touch with the 88th Bn. on the right.

The left Company met with more opposition and killed 16 of the enemy in two posts North of the Mill. An enemy post of six and a machine gun were also captured at B.15.b.0.8. by a Patrol moving to gain touch with the left Bde.

Patrols were sent out as far as BELLEVUE FARM to establish touch with the 7th Bde., but no trace of them could be found, so I sent a Party of 1 Officer and four Scouts from Bn. H.Q., who established touch with them at B.14.b.8.8. at about 2100.

CAPTURES.

The total captures in this operation were IXX one 77 mm Gun, seven Machine guns, 33 prisoners, 4 messenger pigeons.

The enemy Battalion Commander was fired at but escaped.

CASUALTIES.

Our casualties in the operation were two killed and four wounded.

ENEMY LOSSES.

Subsequent to the attack a German Battalion runner walked into the right Company Hqrs. and was captured. A German Patrol seeking to re-establish the line in front of our left Company was routed. Six of the enemy were killed and two captured. At least 25 of the enemy were killed in the operation.

W. H. Ellwood Major
T.C.O. 24th Batt.

PART II.

At 2230 on October 3rd the Battalion again came under the orders of the G.O.C., 8th A.I.Bde. and the relief by the 20th Manchester Regiment had already begun. The relief however was not complete until about 0200 on 4th inst., when the Battalion moved to a position in B.28.a. and b. Here the Battalion spent the day and though subject to intermittent enemy shell fire suffered slight casualties, one man being killed and one wounded.

At about 1400 I received orders for an attack on MONTBREHAIN which was to take place on the morning of October 5th.

Report of the attack on MONTBREHAIN by the 24th A.I.Bn. on the morning of October 5th 1918.

Ref. Map WIANCOURT, 1/20,000.

The Battalion assembled at the J.O.T. at 0530 in accordance with Operation Order 117 with "A" Coy. on the right, "B" Coy. in the centre and "D" Coy. on the left.

At 0605 the barrage came down as arranged and the troops moved off with the two leading platoons of each Coy. in extended order and the third and fourth platoons in lines of sections in single file. The Tanks had not arrived and the attack was launched without them. "B" Coy. in the centre was the first to meet with opposition. They had scarcely passed the Railway cutting in H.6.a. when four enemy strong posts at about H.6.a.2.2. were encountered. These posts were rushed and several prisoners captured.

Resistance came almost immediately after from the trench system in H.6.a. and b. An enemy strong post at H.6.b.1.5. contained numerous machine guns and 42 Germans, and a desperate struggle ensued, the enemy fighting fiercely until our troops were within three yards of their guns. They were however eventually overcome and the garrison killed to a man. At the same time two Minenwerfers and a machine gun were silenced and captured at H.6.b.2.6.

"D" Coy. on the left and "A" Coy. on the right had in the meantime made good progress, and met with little resistance, but heavy casualties had been already inflicted by the enemy artillery, which was very severe throughout, and followed the advance with deadly accuracy.

A Tank now appeared on the right and did excellent work in reducing a series of four enemy posts at about H.6.a.3.5.

The advance continued, and again "B" Coy. met determined opposition, but having overcome a series of organised groups of riflemen, who took shelter in shell holes, they pushed on to the Quarry in H.6.b.2.2. This obstacle presented almost insuperable difficulties, but they were overcome by the magnificent initiative and daring of S/Lieut. INGRAM and Sgt. Witherden. Together they rushed two of the German posts, and shot the crews, with the exception of those whom they sent to the rear as prisoners. Sgt. Witherden then turned one of the captured guns on the enemy, and fired with such deadly effect as to enable the whole post to be rushed, and captured. In this quarry were 40 machine guns and considerably more than 100 Germans. In one dugout alone 62 prisoners were taken.

Again and again the enemy resisted fiercely. At B.30.d.1.1. four machine guns were captured. Two more were captured in the corner of the Cemetery at H.6.b.70.25., and on the left of the Cemetery three more posts were mopped up.

By this time the Coy. had become isolated and heavy machine gun fire was encountered from the direction of B.30.central, and so it was determined to dig in here. Accordingly a line of strong posts was established from B.30.d.0.3. to B.30.d.7.0. and efforts were made to regain touch with "A" and "D" Coys. The nature of the shelling was mainly responsible for the loss of connection between "A" and "B" Coys. The enemy placed a terrific barrage along the line from H.6.central to C.25.central, which in addition to inflicting heavy casualties caused "A" and "B" Coys. to diverge - "A" going to the right and "B" to the left.

"D" Coy. had by now reached a line running from B.30.C.4.5. to B.30.c.9.0., where they experienced heavy M.G. fire from B.30.a.7.4. and from the direction of B.30d. and C.19.c. The artillery, which covered

the advance of "D" Coy. had been very ragged throughout, and on the left ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~, whence so much fire was coming, no artillery fire at all. A Tank came to their assistance but it was disabled, and two Officers were killed and another wounded in their efforts to advance. The fourth Officer of the Coy. had already been killed so the C.S.M. deciding that further advance was impossible decided to dig in here. "B" Coy. soon got into touch with them and Lieut. Calvert came across and took charge of the Coy. After some trouble he established touch with the 93rd Bn. on the left.

Meantime "A" Coy. had continued its advance through the village, mopped up two machine guns and a minenwerfer at I.1.b.1.3. and reached C.25.b.7.2. Heavy casualties from shell and M.G. fire had reduced the strength of the Coy. very considerably, and had caused a gap between "A" and "B" Coys., "A" Coy. therefore halted on a line from C.25.b.7.2. to C.25.d.5.3. the right being in touch with the 91st Bn. A strong post was established at C.25.b.7.2. to protect the left, and Lt. Clough went out with five men to get into touch with their Company on his left. He reached the enemy system about B.30.d.9.5., but in so doing four of his five men were killed by M.G. fire and so he was forced to return without having established connection. Leaving this post to protect the flank "A" Coy. pushed on to its objective, which it reached with but twelve men. Meantime the enemy had worked his way down to about C.25.c.4.0. and he also appeared in large numbers on the right flank threatening to cut "A" Coy. off. The remnants of the Coy. therefore with a party of the 91st Bn. withdrew from the village, and moved across to join up with "B" Coy.

Our casualties had by this time been very heavy, and it was decided to ask for the help of two Coys. of the 97th Bn. Meantime "A" Coy. and a Platoon of the 91st Bn. which was in support, moved forward and joined up with "B" Coy. establishing three posts at H.6.b.2.9., B.30.d.6.0. and B.30.d.8.0.

Lieut. Clough of "A" Coy. and Lieut. Reid of the 97th Bn. with two runners now went out towards the village to reconnoitre, and get into touch with the 91st Bn. Meanwhile the posts furnished by the 91st Bn. were relieved by our men, who also established another post at I.1.a.4.7. and the men so relieved were sent over to Lt. Roberts 91st Bn. for it was decided to close the gap by working back from C.25.d.9.7. where Lt. Roberts was established. This was done and the 91st Bn. established posts at C.25.d.3.4., C.25.d.0.0. and I.1.a.7.7.

The men of the 97th Bn. were not called upon except to carry up some ammunition. The dispositions of the Coys. at the conclusion of the operation was as follows:- from left to right.

- "D" Coy. strong posts from B.30.c.8.3. to B.30.a.3.2. with three Vickers Guns at B.30.c.7.9., B.30.c.4.7. and B.30.c.7.4.
- "B" Coy. from B.30.d.0.3. to B.30.d.7.0. At nightfall an additional post was established at B.30.d.5.2. and here five prisoners were taken.
- "A" Coy. Four strong posts at B.30.d.6.0., B.30.d.8.0. I.1.a.1.8. and I.1.a.4.8.

It is impossible to estimate the number of enemy killed by my Bn., but never before has it inflicted such heavy casualties. Vickers Gun, Lewis Gun, Rifle and Revolver ran out of ammunition repeatedly, extras supplies were sent forward and much was salvaged from casualties. German guns were freely used on the enemy, and the battlefield was littered with German dead.

"B" Coy. alone, whose strength at the beginning of the operation was but 90 men claims to have killed 200 Hungs and to have captured 200 prisoners, 100 machine guns, 2 minenwerfers and a Field gun. Our prisoners were no fewer than 350, but as men were few, and the Pioneer Bn. was known to be mopping up in rear, they were sent back uncounted.

Our casualties were.-

<u>Killed.</u>	4 Officers and 43 O/ranks.
<u>Wounded.</u>	5 Officers and 75 O/ranks.
<u>Missing.</u>	8 O/ranks.
<u>D.O.W.</u>	3 O/ranks.

The following observations appear to me to be worthy of note.-

1. Wherever Tanks appeared the enemy fired a double green flare, which brought down a heavy barrage.
 2. In many cases before the enemy ran away, he destroyed the machine gun he was leaving behind.
 3. The enemy barrage followed our troops throughout, moving back with them as they advanced.
 4. Great benefit would be derived from the establishment of an observation post in the front line as soon as possible after the objective is taken. The fire of our artillery often fell short, and large groups of enemy frequently offered excellent targets for our guns. In such cases early information is all important.
 5. A Lucas lamp post was established at D Coy's position and proved invaluable in maintaining communication with Bn H.Q.
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H. H. Wood Major
T.C.O. 24th Batt.

BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

By

1g.-Genl. J.C. Robertson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.
10th October, 1918.

APPENDIX

PROMOTION-- 619 G.O.C. approves of the following promotion--
23rd Bn. No. 8314, Sgt. W.P. CAMERON to be T/C.S.M.
(Temp. W.O. Class II) vice No. 988, C.S.M. P.L.J. FOLEY
dated 19th July, 1918.

SPECIALISTS 620 Lieut. W.T. WEST appointed Bn. Musketry Officer 24th
Bn. vice Lieut. E.W. MARTIN - 24th Sept., 1918.

SALVAGE-- 621 Value of Salvage collected during week ending 28th
Sept., as follows--

22nd Battalion	£	75.	5.	0.
23rd "		2488.	8.	10.
24th "		2577.	1.	10.
6th T.M.Bty.		52.	15.	0.
Total--	£	3195.	8.	8

	Week Ending	S.	10.	18
21st Battalion		120.	0.	8
22nd "		180.	8.	9
23rd "		238.	10.	0
24th "		91.	18.	0
Total--	£	619.	18.	8

SENTENCES BY 622 The undermentioned men tried by F.S.C.M. on 28th
F.S.C.M.-- Sept. were found guilty and sentenced as under--

Unit--	No., Rank and Name--	Offence--	Finding and Award
23rd Bn.	8800a, Pte. L.S. GARR	A.W.L.	Guilty - 1 Year I.M.L.
" "	5942, " J.B. WATKINS	"	" - 2 " "
24th Bn.	2264, Pte. A. LINDSAY	"	" - 1 " I.M.L.
" "	4011, " R.M. MILLER	"	" - 1 " "
2nd Pioneer Bn.	257, " A.M. LANGE	Desertion	" - 5 Years P.S.

FIRE 623 Each unit will republish in orders G.O.C.'s in regard
to Fire Precautions and have them read to a full
Parade.

PICQUETS 624 In LACHAUSSHE and ST VAST a picquet of 1 Officer &
12 O.S.'s will be detailed daily - tour of duty 17.30
to 21.00 p.m. The 21st and 22nd Battalions will supply
the picquets on 11th inst. and the 23rd and 24th Bns.
on 12th inst. and repeated in that order whilst
Brigade is in the area.

ORDERS. 625 Attention is drawn to the following Orders--

IV Army Routine Orders
2427 .. 20. 8. 18 .. Sanitation

Divisional Routine Orders
1343 .. 24. 9. 18 .. Christmas Gifts.

General Routine Orders
6098 .. 24. 9. 18 .. Censorship
5100 .. " .. Gas Respirators
5103 .. 25. 9. 18 .. Winter Clothing
5104 .. 26. 9. 18 .. Continental Time
5123 .. 27. 9. 18 .. Clipping of Horses.

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ORDERS (Contd.) 685General Routine Orders

5124 .. 27. 9. 18 .. Horse & Mule Shoes
 5119 .. " .. Contagious Diseases
 5155 .. 30. 9. 18 .. Pistols Signal
 5159 .. 2.10. 18 .. Recommendations for V.C.

(Signed) A. G. BROWN, CAPTAIN,
 STAFF CAPTAIN.

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21st Battalion Headquarters,
10th October 1918.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT ON
RECENT OPERATIONS.--

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6th
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.
1610
10th Oct 1918

P A R T I.

Period 06.00. 2.10.18. to 22.30. 3.10.18.

At 06.00 on 2nd October the Battalion was in a trench system at G.17.b. just South of NAUROY.

At 11.45 orders were received to move at once to a trench system at B.25.c. The C.O. was also informed that the Unit would then come under the orders of the G.O.C., 7th A.I. Brigade.

After a hasty lunch the Battalion moved off at 12.15 and was disposed in the trench system at B.27.c.

This area was spasmodically shelled and at times an amount of "blue cross" gas shells were fired which necessitated the wearing of S.B. Respirators by troops in the vicinity.

Casualties.- Nil.
Captures.- Nil.
Enemy casualties.- Nil.

P A R T II.

Period 22.30 3.10.18. to 06.00. 6.10.18.

At 22.30 on 3rd inst., the Battalion moved from trenches at B.27.c. - where it had been supporting the 7th A.I. Brigade - to the BEAUREVOIR Line at B.27. The night was exceptionally dark, and, owing to the lateness in the arrival of orders, it was impossible to make a daylight reconnaissance.

Lieut. A. PECK and 1 N.C.O. per Company and Bn Hqrs left an hour previously to arrange billeting. The route taken was via FOLEMPRISE FARM, thence by compass bearing across country to the trenches allotted.

This movement was successfully accomplished without casualties although the outskirts of the Village near which we passed were subjected to continuous heavy shelling.

On arrival the troops were placed in shelters in the trenches and Bn Hqrs were established in a dugout near by. Telephone communication was established with Brigade at NAUROY. A guide was sent to the cookers and a hot meal was brought up to the troops at 4 a.m.

The Battalion remained here until 03.00 on 5th inst. Although the position was shelled frequently, we sustained only two casualties - 2 O.R. being evacuated wounded.

At a conference held at Bde Hqrs at 15.00 on 4th inst., instructions were received for an attack to be made, in conjunction with the 24th A.I. Bn and the 2nd Pioneer Bn, assisted by Tanks and the necessary artillery. The objective was to capture and secure the Village of MONTBREHAIN. The capture of the Village was entrusted to the 21st & 24th Bns, while the 2nd Pioneer Bn were ordered to establish themselves on the Right Flank facing South.

On the night of 4th/5th October the 2nd Pioneer Bn took over the line from the English troops and at 3 a.m. the 21st Bn moved from its position in the trenches at B.27.a.&c. to an assembly position in trenches at H.10.d., arriving there at 04.15.

At 04.30 the Companies moved from the assembly position on to the J.O.T. where they arrived and were in position without casualties by 05.30.

All the surrounding valleys were continually being shelled with gas although the concentration was not sufficient to warrant the wearing of the S.B.R., the use of which, on account of the darkness, would have seriously hampered the move.

The J.O.T. had been laid by the 6th Field Company, Australian Engineers, earlier in the night. Two guides per Company with the Intelligence Officer had reconnoitred the J.O.T. and one guide per Company remained there while the other met his Company at the Assembly Position and guided the troops into position on the J.O.T. The assembly position had been similarly reconnoitred and a guide had met each Company before moving from B.27.a.&c.

The 2nd Pioneer Bn was withdrawn behind the J.O.T. 15 minutes before Zero. Bn Hqrs was established at B.10.a.1.3. and a forward Report Centre at H.6.c.2.2. on the J.O.T. before Zero. This was moved to the Railway Cutting as soon as possible after Zero.

The R.A.P. was established at SWISS COTTAGE, but on account of the distance from the front the R.M.O. moved forward about two kilometres and established his Post in the Railway Cutting where he did exceptionally fine work, though continually under heavy enemy artillery fire, for over ten hours.

At Zero (06.05) the barrage opened rather weakly and as soon as its fringe was discerned the troops moved up to it, taking cover behind a Railway Embankment.

While here the barrage increased considerably and came down on our own troops, causing considerable casualties.

The enemy barrage came down very quickly and was fairly heavy. This is accounted for by the statement of a prisoner who stated that an attack was expected and extra artillery had been brought up especially to deal with it.

The attack was made by "A" Company, plus 1 Platoon of "D" Company, on the Right, and "B" Company, plus 1 Platoon of "D" Company, on the Left. "D" Company, less 2 Platoons, occupied the old front line as soon as possible after Zero.

For the first time in the experience of the Battalion the enemy barrage shortened, as our attack progressed, irrespective of where his own troops were. This continued until our men were well into the Village, when the barrage again lengthened to the old front line, which, until 15.17.00, was subjected to continual bombardment with 5.9 and 4.2 shells.

Exceptionally strong enemy machine gun fire was encountered from the Village, but this ceased when our men entered the western outskirts. From then onwards the opposition gradually weakened.

The tanks allotted to the Battalion were late in getting on to the J.O.T. and one, as it advanced behind our men, inflicted a number of casualties with its fire. Another, moving through the Village, fired into houses that had been mopped up and in some cases were occupied by our men. The tanks seemed unable to catch up to the barrage and were of no assistance in the attack.

On emerging from the Village, the troops could see the enemy running away over the high ground, but, when he realised that the advance had stopped and we were in such few numbers, he apparently reorganised and returned in formed parties to get in touch with our outposts.

Considerable machine gun fire was directed on our right flank troops from DOON MILL and on our left flank from a Northerly direction.

Also a Field Gun fired point blank at a distance of 500 Yards until silenced by our artillery and machine gun fire.

A battery of 77 mm fired from BRANCOURT at a distance of approximately 1000 Yards on to the Posts of the Centre Company.

A Line of posts was established clear of the village. "A" Company, under Lt. W. McConnochie, established four posts on the South of the BRANCOURT - MONTBREHAIN Road. C.S.M. Trevascus, with a mixed party of 21st & 24th Bns, established three posts on the Left of "A" Company. "B" Company established two posts on the North East edge of the Village. This Company pushed out a post into a sunken road about 300 Yards past the Village at C.26.a.5.6. This post and one at C.25.d.9.7. were under heavy machine gun fire. The former being in danger of being cut off was withdrawn into the Village. Another Post seeing this one coming in also withdrew, but both were reorganised, and, having salvaged a quantity of ammunition, again established a post in the sunken road covering the North-Eastern edge of the Village.

As the position on our immediate left was rather obscure the 2 Platoons of "D" Coy in support were ordered to clear it up and establish posts securing the North-Eastern edge of the Village.

Two posts were established near the Cemetery, and, in conjunction with the 24th Bn, a line of posts securing the Village from attack on the North side were established.

At 10.35 the C.O., 21st Bn, was advised by telephone from Brigade that two Companies of the 18th Bn were in trenches at H.10.b. and at his disposal. On account of the thinness of the front the C.O. decided to send both these Companies forward. The two Company Commanders were sent for and at 10.55 they were given verbal orders where to take their Companies and what they were required to do. One Company was to reinforce the Line astride the MONTBREHAIN - BRANCOURT Road, the other to move up through the Village and to establish connection between the post at I.2.a.0.6. and the Cross Roads at C.25.d.9.7. Each Company was to carry up extra bandoliers and S.A.A. from the dump at the Railway Cutting in H.6.c.4.4.

These Coys were met at the Railway Cutting by Lt. W.E. Hardwick M.C. who gave them their locality and direction.

At 12.40 Lt. Hardwick reported that Lt. F. Gawler M.C. had established four posts on the North side of the Cemetery in B.30.d. extending to I.1. a.5.9. and was under heavy machine gun fire; that Lt. W.H. Roberts was digging in on the Cross Roads on his Right.

Lt. Roberts eventually established these posts (two) on the Cross Roads at C.25.d.6.7. to C.25.d.9.7.

The two Companies of the 18th Bn were in position at about 15.00.

The enemy throughout the day was advancing in organised parties over the high ground that surrounded the village - evidently with the intention of establishing a line as close as he could to us.

Though he never launched an organised counter-attack he at one time almost cut off a post that was established early in the sunken road at C.26.c.5.6. Our Lewis Guns caused great slaughter amongst these parties, continually dispersing them and inflicting heavy casualties. One post at about I.2.c.5.8. and another at H.6.b.9.9. each claim 100 casualties to the enemy.

The section of the 2nd M.G. Bn attached to this Unit were blown out at the start. Another section was sent up and did very good shooting.

The section of the 6th A.L.T.M.B. had no targets but endeavoured to fire on DOON MILL. They had only fired two rounds when they came under heavy artillery fire and the Officer was wounded. Being put out of range they returned to the Quarry at H.12.b. with their gun and ammunition.

Of the four tanks attached to the Battalion only two have been reported on as being in their allotted area and their action was unsatisfactory.

Our artillery was very thick during the barrage but the fringe was extremely ragged and after the first few minutes the fire suddenly increased twofold.

The troops had moved forward as usual at Zero as close to the barrage as safety permitted and, whilst waiting in the shelter of a bank for it to lift, the increased fire came down on them, causing heavy casualties. One Coy Commander was killed and another was wounded.

As the advance continued the irregular fringe was responsible for many more casualties and I estimate that 40% to 50% of our casualties were caused by our own Artillery Fire.

As in all previous battles, once more the liaison between the Infantry and Artillery was very weak, and, though want of time may be put forward as an excuse, there should be no excuse for not having a responsible senior Officer with Bn Hqrs, who could, by runner or 'phone, pass on information direct to the Battery or Group, especially as in a case like the last battle where the ground was undulating a F.O.O. with a wire to Group or the Officer at Bn Hqrs would be able to direct the Artillery fire instead of having to depend upon the observation of an Artillery Officer in the Firing Line, and on the Infantry communications to get the news to Bn Hqrs. Even then the Bn Commander has to send the message on to his Brigade on the Infantry Line. The sending of a junior Artillery Officer to a joint Bn Hqrs from which operations are being directed, and, he having to depend on Infantry Communications to get and despatch his information, is wasting the time of this Officer.

Casualties were quickly cleared. The R.M.O. (Capt. H. Mendelsohn) showed great initiative in establishing his R.A.P. in advance of the J.O.T. as soon as circumstances permitted, and also the manner in which he collected and used the prisoners as stretcher bearers was the means of getting the battlefield cleared, and the early rendering of first aid and prompt despatch of wounded to the rear by prisoners was a very meritorious performance and responsible for the saving of several lives.

At about 3 15.00 on the 5th inst., verbal instructions were received that the 118th Regiment of the American Army would relieve the Brigade Group. The C.O., 21st Bn., was requested to take charge of relief and arrange for the whole front.

On the arrival of the American parties in advance the front was divided between their 2nd & 3rd Bns. The 1st Bn went into trenches in Support at H.10. The necessary guides were provided by the 20th A.I. Bn.

Having halved the front by an approximate line East and West, each Bn Area was divided into three parts - one for each Coy of the incoming Unit. The fourth Company in each case being kept in support in the Railway Cutting and Sunken Road.

Instructions were then sent to Lt. W.E. Hardwick M.C. at the Railway Cutting, & Lt. R.H. Farndon at the Quarry at H.12.b.9.9. Lt. J. Horsburgh D.C.M., M.M. was sent with a short order, and map marked in areas, forward to arrange for the relief with the above mentioned Officers. These were the only Officers with whom the C.O. was in touch at the time. They were instructed to see the senior Officer in each area, show him the map, and give him a copy of the order. Each Officer was held responsible in his own area for the guiding in of the Americans and the handing over to them of their particular area.

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Each area sent out five guides who reported to Lt. Horsburgh at SWISS COTTAGE at 19.00. and, on the arrival of the Americans, they were led in by the area guides.

The relief went well and would have been completed before midnight had not the guides from one area got lost. This party did not reach their proper position until after midnight.

Relief was complete by 02.35. 6.10.18. The Battalion moved out in small parties to the Cookers which were located near NAUROY. Traffic men were posted on the various corners to direct the men as they came out.

Bn Hqrs arrived last at 03.30.

<u>Casualties.-</u>	<u>Killed.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	<u>Missing.</u>
Officers.	3	5	-
Other Ranks.	21	93	6

Captures.- Prisoners. It is not possible to state the number captured as, on account of the few men in the line, the prisoners were usually sent out with stretchers and became mixed with the prisoners of other Units. It is estimated that 150 Prisoners were sent back.

Material. It is also impossible to give an accurate list of material captured but at least 50 machine guns, 6 trench mortars, and a large dump of ammunition and engineers' material fell into our hands.

Enemy Casualties.- It is estimated that 100 enemy were killed in the attack. Two Companies report that after consolidation they each caused over 100 casualties throughout the day. Our artillery also on several occasions dispersed parties of the enemy with great slaughter.

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B. Duggan.....Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding 21st Battalion A.I.F.

By

Brig.-Genl. J.C. Robertson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
11th October, 1918.

FIELD GENERAL
COURT MARTIAL

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Detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble
at 24th Battalion H.Q. LA CHAUSSE at 10 a.m. 12th
inst. for the purpose of trying by Field General
Court Martial.-

No. 5887,	Pte. J.W. READ	21st Bn. A.I.F.
" 5484,	" F.T. WILSON	" " "
" 4280,	" T. LACOR	" " "
" 6071,	" F.W. NOLAN	" " "
" 4417,	" W.J. FLEMING	" " "
" 5836,	" G.J. FITZGERALD	" " "
" 6767a	" G.R. BECKMAN	" " "
" 624,	" A. OGDEN	23rd Bn. "
" 6946,	" H.F.J. SAUNDERS	" " "
" 5870,	" W.R. PYE	" " "
" 4751,	" M.C. PATTISON	" " "

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

President

Major W.H. Ellwood, M.C. 24th Bn.

Members

Capt. R.L. Lineker 23rd Bn.

Lieut. W.R. Calvert 24th "

" G. Fielding 2nd Aust. Div. C.M.O.

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

Proceedings will be forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs.
Necessary accommodation will be provided and all
other arrangements made by C.O., 24th Bn. for
holding this Court.

ESTAMINETS

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Estaminets in this area will be open daily from-
12.00 - 14.00
18.00 - 20.00

LEAVE.-

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N.C.O's and Men are not to leave their billeting
areas unless provided with a pass and should not
be allowed to wander out of their area.

ORDERS

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Attention is drawn to the following Orders.-

IV Army Routine Orders

2556 .. 29. 9. 18 .. Dummy Cartridges

General Routine Orders

5162 .. 1. 10. 18 .. Recovery of Solder.

(Signed) A. G. BROWN, CAPTAIN,
STAFF CAPTAIN.

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BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

By

Brig.-Genl. J.C. Robertson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.
16th October, 1918.

GENERAL COURT
MARTIAL:-

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Detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at 7th A.I. Bde. H.Q., ST QUEN 0900 16th inst. for purpose of trying by General Court Martial the accused person shown in margin and such other person or persons, as may be brought before them.

President

Brig.-Genl. E.A. WISDOM, C.B., D.S.O.

Members

Lt.-Col. W.E.B. McKenzie, D.S.O. Attd. 23rd Bn.

" " A.R.L. Wiltshire, D.S.O., M.C. 22nd Bn.

Major D. Beith 23rd Bn.

Captain A.R. Macneil, M.C. 21st Bn.

Waiting Members

Capt. A. Paine 18th Bn.

" R.J. Dodson 20th "

Officer for Instruction

24th Bn. will detail one Officer to attend for the purpose of instruction.

Judge Advocate

Capt. E.M. Johnson C.C.M.G.

has been appointed Judge Advocate.

Capt. F.B. Menzies, 24th Bn. will act as Prosecutor.

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

FIELD GENERAL
COURT MARTIAL

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Detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at 22nd Bn. Hdqrs. ST VAST at 10 a.m. 16th inst. for the purpose of trying by Field General Court Martial:-

No. 4579, Pte. G. CHRISTIAN, 24th Bn. (late 21st Bn.)

" 6927, " A.J.B. BIGGS 22nd Bn.

" 6374, " H.E. KELLY " "

" 6926, " R.H. JAMIESON " "

" 5778, " H. BATHS " "

" 8023, " W. SHAW " "

" 6832, " H. KNOFF " "

" 3845, " F. HIGGINS " "

" 1837, " G.A. DAVIS " "

" 6232, " J. BENTLEY " "

" 1211, " D.W. BUNWORTH " "

" 7752, " L.A.S. COBURN " "

" 6815, " R.E. GARDNER " "

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

President

Major L.S. Matthews, D.S.O. 22nd Bn.

Members

Lt.-Capt. W.A. Martin 23rd Bn.

Lieut. R. West, M.C. 24th "

" G. Fielding 2nd A.Div. C.M.G.

22nd Bn. Each Battalion will detail 1 Officer as learner.

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

Proceedings will be forwarded to Bde. H.Q.

Necessary accommodation will be provided and all other arrangements made by C.O., 22nd Bn. for holding this Court.

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SALVAGE--

632 Value of Salvage collected during Week Ending
19th inst. as follows--

25th Battalion ..	£	80.	8.	0
34th " ..		30s.	8.	8
Total..	£	330.	14.	8

ORDERS

633 Attention is directed to the following
Orders--

Divisional Routine Orders

1880 .. 19. 10.18 .. Leave
1881 .. " .. Winter Clothing
1847 .. " .. Clipping of Horses

General Routine Orders

8198 .. 4. 10.18 .. Water bottles
8203 .. 6. 10.18 .. Permits to sketch
8228 .. 8. 10.18 .. Storage of Box Respir-
ators.
8232 .. 10. 10.18 .. Greatcoats
8234 .. " .. Telescopic Rifles.
8236 .. " .. Gloves, Anti-Gas.
8254 .. 11. 10.18 .. Metal fittings of
Vehicles.

(signed) F. F. SELLICK, CAPTAIN,
A/STAFF CAPTAIN.

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N O T I C E

Xmas mails (letters) for AUSTRALIA should be posted not
later than 25th October.

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BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

By

1.-Col. A.R.L. Wiltshire, D.S.O., M.C. Commdg. (tempy.) 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
17th October, 1918.

COURT OF INQUIRY

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Detail of Officers mentioned hereunder will assemble at Hdqrs. 6th A.L.T.M.Sty. at 10 a.m. 18th October, 1918 for the purpose of enquiring into and making a declaration upon the circumstances surrounding the loss of certain Canteen Funds.-

President

Lieut. H.C. Pike 6th A.L.T.M.Sty.

Members

Lieut. G.B. Hislop 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q.

" T.H. Scholfield, M.M. 6th A.L.T.M.Sty.

G.O. 6th A.L.T.M.Sty. will provide necessary accommodation for holding this Court and warn all witnesses.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Bde. H.Q. in duplicate.

(Signed) F. P. SELLECK, CAPTAIN,
A/STAFF CAPTAIN.

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RAILWADE MOVING ORDERS

By

Lt.-Col. A.R.L. Wiltshire, D.S.O., M.C., Comdg. (temp.) 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.
21st Oct., 1918.

COMMAND

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Brig.-Genl. J.C. ROBERTSON, C.B.E., D.S.O., G.O.C.
8th A.I. Bde., left to command (temp.) 2nd Aust.
Divn. 18. 19. 18.

Lt.-Col. A.R.L. WILTSHIRE, D.S.O., M.C., 22nd Bn.
Comdg. (temp.) 8th A.I. Bde. (vice Brig.-Genl.
ROBERTSON) 18. 19. 18.

FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL

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(1) Detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble
at 22nd Bn. Hdqrs. ST VAST at 10 a.m. 23rd inst.
for the purpose of trying by Field General Court
Martial:-

1878, Pte.	H. BALL	8th A.M.F.W. Bty.
6818, "	R.E. GARDINER	22nd Bn.
261, "	J.J. THOMAS	" "
7112, "	W. CROWE	" "
3842, "	H. HOUSTON	23rd Bn.
5848, "	W. HUNNO	" "
4384, "	A.H. DICKIE	" "
6918, "	B.J. O'DONOVAN	" "
6047, "	A. RICKINSON	" "
5849, "	G.L. WILLS	" "
6245, "	H.F.J. SAUNDERS	" "
388, "	A. KELLY	2nd Pioneer Bn.
1883, "	A. CROSSLEY	" "
1853, "	W. ANDREWS	" "
2188, "	E. LEE	" "
3847, "	J.F. BILLAN	" "

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

President

Major W.H. Ellwood, M.C. 24th Bn.

Members

Capt. A.R. Macneil, M.C. 24th Bn.

Lieut. E.J. Quirk " "

" G. Fielding 2nd A.Div. C.B.C.

Each Battalion will detail 1 Officer as learner.
The accused will be warned and all witnesses required
to attend.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs.
Necessary accommodation will be provided and all
other arrangements made by G.O. 22nd Bn. for hold-
ing this Court.

(2) Detail of Officers mentioned below will
assemble at 24th Bn. Hdqrs. LA CHAUSSEE at 10 a.m.
24th inst. for the purpose of trying by Field
General Court Martial.

6776, Pte.	L.R. BOYLE	24th Bn.
6142, "	R.J. VIDLER	" "
4980, "	H.J. CANILL	" "
1779, "	H. SHIPSON	" "
4872, "	A.E. STEWART	" "
830, "	J. DONAGHY	21st Bn.
4182, "	A.J.K. LAKE	" "
7385, "	W.J. HEARD	" "
6262, "	W. HESTON	" "
7248, "	A. ROZERY	" "
7232, "	A. GODALL	" "

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

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FIELD GENERAL
COURT MARTIAL

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President

Major D. Beith 23rd Bn.

Members

Capt. L.A. Kennedy 22nd Bn.

Lieut. L.S. Maddrell, M.C. 23rd Bn.

" G. Fielding 2nd A.Divn. C.M.C.

Each Battalion will detail 1 Officer as learner.
The accused will be warned and all witnesses
required to attend.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Hqs. Hdqrs.
Necessary accommodation will be provided and all
other arrangements made by C.O. 24th Bn. for
holding this Court.

ORDERS.--

637 Attention is directed to the following orders.--

Aust. Corps Routine Orders

256 .. 22. 9. 18 .. Instructions re recommend-
ations for Honors &
Awards.

General Routine Orders

6258 .. 13.10. 18 .. Tents & Trench Covers

A.I.F. Orders

1364 .. 6. 9. 18 .. Separation allowance
1365 .. : .. Officers servants
1369 .. 10. 9. 18 .. Inoculation
1395 .. 4.10. 18 .. Leave

(Signed) F. P. SELLECK, CAPTAIN,
A/STAFF CAPTAIN.

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

STRENGTH RETURN AS AT NOON26-10-1918

1. Unit --	2. Actually with Unit.--		3. Sick in Div. Area.--		4. On command leave detached etc.		5. Total Strength		6. War Estab.		7. Required to complete		8. Excess Over Estab.	
	Offrs.	O.R's	Offrs.	O.R.	Offrs.	O.R's	Offrs.	O.R's	Off.	O.R's	Offrs.	O.R's	Offrs.	O.R's
Bde. H.Q.	9	20	-	-	2	9	11	29	11	29	-	-	-	-
6th L.M.Bty.	2	37	-	2	-	7	2	46	4	46	2	-	-	-
21st Bn.	2	6	-	-	1	1	3	7	44	901	41	894	-	-
22nd Bn.	22	460	3	9	10	122	35	591	44	901	9	310	-	-
23rd Bn.	25	525	-	-	9	139	34	664	44	901	10	237	-	-
24th Bn.	30	681	-	4	22	301	52	986	44	901	-	-	8	85
TOTAL	90	1729	3	15	44	579	137	2323	191	3679	62	1441	8	85

.....26-10-1918.

Captain,
Staff Captain for G.O.C. 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

Reconciliation of Bde
H.Q. estab.

4 Chap. 4 Batmen
3 Lpy Clerks
1 R.R.P.C.
4 offrs. 8 O.Rs.

APPENDIX

SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

FIGHTING STRENGTH RETURN MADE UP TO NOON 26.10.1918

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Unit.-	(i) Strength for previous Week		(ii) Increase		(iii) Totals from (i) & (ii)		(iv) Decrease		"A" Strength Excluding Attached		"B" Not present with unit & not at the disposal of C.O. included in Col. "A"		"C" "A" minus "B" Available Fight- ing Strength inc. Personnel of Bn. Tpt. and Q.M.		"D" F.S. Excluding personnel at Transport and Q.M. Stores	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
21st Bn.	3	7	-	-	3	7	-	-	3	7	1	1	2	6	2	6
22nd Bn.	34	565	1	32	35	597	1	9	34	588	12	136	22	452	20	370
23rd Bn.	32	653	1	24	33	677	-	15	33	662	9	139	24	523	21	445
24th Bn.	51	973	-	32	51	1005	-	22	51	983	22	305	29	678	27	604
Total.-	120	2198	2	88	122	2286	1	46	121	2240	44	581	77	1659	70	1425

.....26.10.1918

Captain,
Staff Captain for G.O.C. 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

APPENDIX

SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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ATTACHMENT TO FIGHTING STRENGTH RETURN WEEK ENDING. 26.10.1918

Unit.-	Arrivals.-		Departures.-		Explanation of Column "B"		
	Officers	O.R's	Officers	O.R's		Offrs.	O.R's
21st Bn.	-	-	-	-	(a) Leave	14	207
					(b) Field Amb.	3	13
					(c) Schools	14	78
22nd Bn.	1 from hospital	13 from Base 16 hospital 1 illegal absence 1 from mil prison 1 per 50.5 in error	1 evac C.C.S.	4 evac C.C.S. 2 to O.T.C. 1 evac wounded 1 retnd Aust. 1 to Mil. Prison	(d) Specific duties with other units during active operations	8	201
	1 off	32 ORs	1 off	9 ORs	(e) Extra Regtl. Employment.	5	82
23rd Bn.	1 from Seconded List	21 from hospital 1 mil prison 1 illegal absence 1 repts.		12 evac C.C.S. 2 to O.T.C. 1 Mil. Prison	Total.-	44	581
	1 off	24 ORs		15 ORs	A.W.L. & in F.P. Compound (included in Cols. "A" & "D").		
24th Bn.		23 from Base 2 Mil prison 1 detention 1 Dwi Wing 2 illegal absence 3 hospital		1 wounded & evac. 6 evac C.C.S. 2 to O.T.C. 2 Mil Prison 4 adn Hosp. Eng. 3 to A.A.P.C. 3 A.I.B.D. 1 T.O.S in error			
		32 ORs		22 ORs			

APPENDIX

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BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

By

Lt.-Col. A.R.L. Wiltshire, D.S.O., M.C., Comdgr. (tempy.) 8th Aust. Inf. Bde
30th Oct., 1918.

FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL

638 Detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at 24th Bn. Hdqrs. LA CHAUSSEE at 10 a.m. Thursday 31st inst. for the purpose of trying by Field General Court Martial.-

283a, Pte. W.S. SMYTH	22nd Bn.
21/6787a, " C.R. BECKMAN	24th "
6900, " F.C.L. SCHOON	" "
21/1744, " F.H. TREZISE	" "
5852, " W. McDONALD	23rd "
5849, " C.L. MILLS	" "
4026, " P. SMITH, M.M.	" "
5891, " S. FLETCHER	" "
5636, " J. LYNCH	" "

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

President

Major L.W. Matthews, D.S.O. 22nd Bn.

Members

Capt. A.A. Ball, D.C.M. 24th Bn.

Lieut. L.G. Short, M.C. 23rd "

" S. Fielding 2nd Aust. Divn. C.M.O.

24th Bn. will detail 1 Officer as learner.

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

Proceedings will be forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs.

Necessary accommodation will be provided and all other arrangements made by C.O., 24th Bn. for holding this Court.

SALVAGE

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(a) Valuation of salvage collected as follows.-

Week Ending 17. 10. 18

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(b) Paper salvaged as follows.-

Week Ending 17. 10. 18

Unit.-	Paper	Cardboard	Cartons
23rd Bn.	1 bg. = 28 lbs.	1 bg. = 28 lbs.	150
24th "	1 " = 23 "	3 " = 115 "	-
T.M.Bty.	1 " = 8 "	-	16
Bde.H.Q.	1 " = 20 "	-	40
Total.-	4 " = 88 "	4 " = 143 "	206

Week Ending 24. 10. 18

Unit.-	Paper	Cardboard	Cartons
22nd Bn.	2 bgs. = 55 lbs.	1 bg. = 20 lbs.	500
23rd "	1 " = 35 "	1 " = 40 "	210
24th "	3 " = 140 "	1 " = 40 "	200
T.M.Bty.	1 " = 7 "	-	26
Bde.H.Q.	1 " = 15 "	-	50
Total.-	8 " = 282 "	3 " = 110 "	1086

PROMOTION

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C.O.C. has approved of following promotion.-

No. 2314, T/O.S.M., W.P. CAMERON, 23rd Bn. to be Coy. Sgt. Major (W.O. Cl. II) vice C.S.M., P.L.J. VOLKEY commissioned, to date from 19.10.18.

ORDERS

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Attention is directed to following routine orders.-

Divisional Routine Orders

1859 .. 19.10.18 .. Return of Stores to D.A.D.C.S.
1862 .. 26.10.18 .. Consumption of Vegetables from shelled areas.

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Aust. Corps Routine Orders

265 .. 17.10.18 .. Aust. War Museum, Collection of Trophies.

General Routine Orders

5870 .. 14.10.18 .. Courts of Enquiry under Sec. 78.AA.
 5873 .. " .. Rations
 5875 .. " .. Recovery of Solder
 5876 .. " .. Damage to rifles when firing No. 36 Grenades.
 5898 .. 18.10.18 .. Returning leave trains from Scotland.
 5310 .. 17.10.18 .. Salvage Dumps.
 5327 .. 19.10.18 .. Leave, feeding arrangements.
 5329 .. " .. Claims for captured guns as trophies.
 5350 .. 22.10.18 .. Currency and Notes.

IV Army Routine Orders

2615 .. 18.10.18 .. Training areas on devastated land.
 2618 .. " .. Clipping.
 2632 .. 23.10.18 .. Cash payments to soldiers proceeding on leave.
 2634 .. " .. Blankets
 2637 .. " .. Soap.
 2638 .. " .. Boots.

A.I.F. Order

1407 .. 18.10.18 .. A.A.W.C. - Men attached to units for Water Duties.

Attention is also directed to Notice published in IV Army Routine Orders dated 23.10.18 re Recreational Training, Kit and Prizes.

(Signed) F. P. SULLOCK, CAPTAIN,
A/STAFF CAPTAIN.

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