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**WAR DIARY**

OF

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SIGNALS AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

FOR

MONTH of OCTOBER, 191<sup>8</sup>

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
N.16.a.4.3.	1st Oct. 1918.		<p>I visited the forward area of the 5th Aust. Div. to inspect their communications and found everything was working well. Every effort is being made to push on the forward southern route through TEMPLEUX-le-GERARD - HARGICOURT to BELLICOURT. Eight pairs are completed on this route to TEMPLEUX-le-GERARD, four pairs to a point two thousand yards east of HARGICOURT. Beyond this point it has not been possible to construct owing to enemy shelling. Work on the northern forward route, ROISEL-VILLERS FANCON - ST EMILE, has also ceased for the same reason.</p> <p>An Airline gang was engaged preparing the future Corps Headquarters at BUIRE wood. During the night a Tank knocked down the angle pole outside TINCOURT interrupting forward communications. A letter was sent to 3,4 and 5th Tank Brigades asking that care be exercised to prevent re-occurrences of this.</p>	
	2nd Oct.		<p>I visited the 2nd Aust. Division at their new Headquarters North East of TEMPLEUX-le-GERARD, and found that they were experiencing great difficulty in maintaining their forward lines through BELLICOURT - NAULOY area owing to the concentration of troops there. Four pairs were completed right through to BELLICOURT, by 5,30 p.m. despite the fact that the terminal pole first erected was destroyed by shell fire. I was informed by A.D. Signals, 13th Corps that the 25th Division were going into the Headquarters now occupied by the 3rd Aust. Division and necessary arrangements were made for lines. The 3rd Aust. Division anticipated moving to DOINGT. Arrangements were made to connect the Corps Furlo' Depot at BRAY to the ETINEHAM Exchange. Divisional Signal Companies were asked to advise me of the total number of men - and their trades - who were returning on Furlo' to Australia. Consequent upon the 2nd American Corps ceasing to operate, it was arranged that two Construction Companies of that Corps working under me should be released on the morning of the 4th.</p>	
	3rd Oct., 1918.		<p>I visited Corps Heavy Artillery and inspected their communications. The O.C. Signals Corps Heavy Artillery was warned not to allow his men to put Field Cable upon the poles of permanent or any Airline in use, as cable, in that position, cause frequent trouble. It has been found, throughout the series of operations in which this Corps has been of late engaged, that the normal personnel of a Corps Heavy Artillery Signal Section is not sufficient to cope with the abnormal traffic, construction and maintenance that has to be handled when so many Brigades of Heavy Artillery come under a Corps Heavy Artillery. It has been necessary to attach a certain number of unabsorbed reinforcements to this Section to enable them to carry out the work efficiently.</p>	

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N.16.a.4.3.	3rd Oct.		I visited 13th Corps and made arrangements for the hand over of the lines in the Northern part of our area which is to be taken over by them. I saw the B.G.G.S. with regard to assistance to be rendered by the 2nd American Corps when they relieve this Corps. It was decided to leave No. 2 Aust. Cable Section and one Lines Officer with the American Corps.	
	4th Oct.		Forty Seven Signal Reinforcements in the Corps Reinforcement Depot were allotted to various Signal Companies. I saw Gen. Maxwell - Scott British Liaison Officer with 2nd American Corps regarding the attachment of Australian Personnel to 2nd American Corps when that Corps relieves the Australian Corps. I informed him of our decision to leave one Cable Section and one Lines Officer with American Corps and also that I would remain behind myself. It is anticipated that these attachments will only be necessary for a few days. I saw the Corps Signal Officer of the 2nd American Corps and discussed with him arrangements for the relief. A preliminary handing over report was given to him and arrangements were made with him for the following work to be undertaken immediately:- (a) Increase the HARGICOURT - BELLICOURT route to 8 pairs and carry it on from BELLICOURT to ESTREES as 4 pairs. (b) Construction of lateral from HARGICOURT to junction with 13th Corps route near RONSSOY. (c) Increase ROISEL - HERVILLY route to 8 pairs. Arrangements were also made for American Corps to erect a Wireless Control Station at BUIRE Wood (their future Corps Headquarters) to relieve our Station now there. The Commandant of the Australian Corps School visited me and discussed the general condition of the Signal School. He asked that a Pigeon Loft should be attached to the School for training purposes and a letter was sent to O.C. Carrier Pigeon Service, G.H.Q., requesting the allotment of a Loft for this purpose.	
	5th Oct.		New Field Cipher Words to be taken into use in Fourth Army Area (Copy attached) I was visited by Major LONG, Staff Officer, Wireless Fourth Army in connection with instructions regarding C.W. Sets as given in Fourth Army G.S. 254/1 of 30-9-18. It was pointed out to him that a percentage of these sets were required for training purposes but Army say that the supply now is not sufficient to meet the demand. This matter was referred to the Staff of this Corps who were asked to take it up with General Staff of Army. The 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. reported that the 118th U.S. Regt. had arrived to relieve the 6th A.I. Bde. without instruments.	App. 1.



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N.16.	5th Oct., (Contd).		It was necessary for the Brigade Signal Section of the 6th A.I. Brigade to hand over sufficient instruments to enable the American Regt. to carry on. This matter was brought under the notice of the Corps Signal Officer of the 2nd American Corps.	
	6th Oct., 1918.		At 9 a.m, this morning command of the Sector passed from Australian Corps to 2nd American Corps who established their Headquarters at BUIRE Wood. The 2nd Aust. Division were relieved in the line by the 30th American Division. The O.C. and the Headquarters Section of the 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. are remaining with the American Division until the 8th inst. I instructed Captain FERGUSON, M.C. of the 3rd Divisional Signal Coy. to report to Signal Section, Australian Corps Heavy Artillery, to take over command from Captain W.G. LUSH, M.C. who is returning to AUSTRALIA.	
	7th Oct., 1918.		I visited 2nd American Corps and spent the day in consultation with the Corps Signal Officer. Communications of the American Corps were good though a little trouble was being experienced on their forward lines. I arranged to hand over to the American Corps the Cable Dump containing a considerable amount of cable etc. (Copy attached).	App.2.
	8th Oct., 1918.		I visited the 2nd American Corps who were carrying out an operation and found that information was coming back quickly and well, thus proving the forward communications. I ascertained from the B.G.G.S. of that Corps the proposed Headquarters in the event of a move forward, and assisted the American Corps Signal Officer to make the necessary arrangements. I received a copy of their Signal Instructions and saw that adequate and efficient arrangements had been made to ensure good working. I was visited by the O.C. 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy., who had been acting as Liaison Officer with 30th American Division, and received from him a verbal report as to the communications of that Division. The experience which the 30th Division had in their <del>previous</del> previous operation had taught them many lessons and in this operation they applied their recently acquired knowledge with great success.	



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N.16.	9th Oct., 1918.		I visited the D.D. Signal Fourth Army prior to moving in the back area and discussed the hand-over of the Corps area to the American Corps. The question of the issue of cable, stores etc. was discussed and the D.D. Signals is endeavouring to make arrangements for the Corps to be supplied from Signal Stores ABBEVILLE.	
	10th Oct., 1918.		Nominal Roll of Signal Officers for Month of September rendered to D.D. Sigs. (Copy Att.) Australian Corps Headquarters closed at N.16. (Sheet 62 C.) at 9 a.m. and opened at EU. With regard to the establishment of the Signal Office. An L of C Signal Office was already established there and it was finally decided, after consultation with the O.C. Area Signals, to establish an Office in the same building. One line to ABBEVILLE, and line to PONT REMY, one line to HUCHENNEVILLE, and two lines to the L of C Exchange were allotted to us.	App.3
EU.	11th Oct., 1918.		Direct communication with Heavy Artillery, 4th and 3rd Australian Divs. was obtained. The 5th Aust. Division is connected to <del>the</del> HUCHENNEVILLE and the 1st and 2nd Divisions to ABBEVILLE. Captain C.E.H. FERGUSON, M.C. joined Aust. Corps Signal Coy. on transfer from 3rd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.	
	12th Oct., 1918.		I discussed with the Corps Wireless Officer schemes for the training of personnel in the Corps Wireless Section. It was decided not to do anything further in the matter until units had settled down and been equipped. I also saw Capt. FERGUSON with regard to the taking over command temporarily of the Corps Signal Company. A direct line to 5th Aust. Division was allotted us during the day. The O.C. Corps Signal Coy was instructed to send 8 operators to ABBEVILLE, Signal Office to handle traffic for this Corps. Arrangements were made with Corps Headquarters to billet the whole Signal Personnel, excepting a detachment to work the Signal Office, outside the town.	
	13th Oct., 1918.		I inspected a Section of the Aust. Corps Signal Coy. and impressed on the O.C. Company and the Section Officer the need for a complete overhaul of all equipment etc. and the inauguration of a scheme of training.	



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EU.	14th Oct., 1918.		I visited the D. Signals at G.H.Q. and discussed with him the question of C.W. Sets for training purposes. I asked that 2 <del>sets</del> sets per Division be allotted for the training of Battery Signallers and the D. Signals promised to arrange this. He informed that no field cable would be issued, for local use, in back areas owing to general shortage. A list of lines in this area which are to be salvaged is to be prepared by G.H.Q. and forwarded to me for action as opportunity offers. I visited the Corps Signal School near RUE and went over the syllabus of training with the Chief Instructor. I found that everything was going well though it is considered necessary to supply one instrument repairer and an additional Sergeant instructor. Capt. J.M. GRANT, M.C. handed over command of Australian Corps Signal Coy. to Capt. C.E.H. FERGUSON, M.C. and took over command of 2nd Australian Div. Sig. Coy.	
	15th Oct., 1918.		I visited the Australian Corps Wireless Section at ST QUENTIN and found all men fit and well and established in good billets. I also visited the Village of ALLENAY where the Australian Corps Signal Coy. are to be billeted and found that advance parties of the Coy. were preparing billets for occupation.	
	16th Oct., 1918.		I discussed with O.C. 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. the scheme for training which was to be put into operation on a date to be arranged with the Staff of his Division. I wrote to the S.M.T.O. of the Corps suggesting that the replacement of evacuated motor cycles attached from Div. Sig. Coys. to Corps should be done direct by him instead of through the M.T. Coys. of Divisions. I arranged for the supply of certain <del>extra</del> additional equipment to Corps Signal School for training purposes.	
	17th Oct., 1918.		I instructed the O.C. Aust. Corps Signal Coy. to withdraw all telegraphists of the Corps Coy. now with Divisions under authority G.R.O. 4565. I also drew his attention to the reduction in mobilisation Stores of a Motor Airline Section and asked him to advise me when the reduction had been made.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EU.	18th Oct., 1918.		With regard to my letter of the 16th inst. to S.M.T.O. reference the evacuation and replacement of Divisional Motor Cycles attached to Corps Signals by the S.M.T.O. instead of the Divisional M.T. Coys., it was pointed out by the S.M.T.O. that firstly, this would interfere with the present organisation and consequently approval would have to be given by Army, and secondly, that, for replacements, we would be working in a pool of two machines (the number held for Signals by 6th Corps Troops M.T. Coy.) instead of 12. Also should an Australian Division be detached and work under another Corps, that Divisions motor cycles attached to Australian Corps Signals would be withdrawn and attached to the Corps under which the Division was working. The S.M.T.O. also informed that he was endeavouring to arrange with the Siege Park to assist in <del>repair</del> repair of Corps Troops lorries owing to fact that Corps Workshop was split into small sections.	
	19th Oct., 1918.		A short report emphasising the various points which the recent operations brought prominently under notice was submitted to General Staff. (Copy Attached)	App.4.
	20th Oct., 1918.		I was visited by the acting O.C. Signal Section Corps Heavy Artillery who gave me an outline of the training his Section was doing and the conditions under which they were living etc. The necessity for a thorough overhaul of personnel and technical equipment to ensure a state of preparedness was impressed on him.	
	21st Oct., 1918.		I visited the 3rd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. at HALLENCOURT and found their training progressing <del>satisfactorily</del> satisfactorily, special uses being made by them of the lessons learnt during the recent fighting. An overhaul of their equipment etc. had been made and practically no shortages discovered.	
	22nd Oct., 1918.		I visited the 1st Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. at LONG and enquired into their training. Brigade Signal Schools, under supervision of the Brigade Section Officers, were in progress and everything was most satisfactory.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EU.	23rd Oct., 1918.		I visited the 5th Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. at OISEMONT and discussed with the O.C. the question of training. Brigade Schools were being organised and would be on the way very shortly. Everything was progressing satisfactorily.	
	24th Oct., 1918.		I visited the Aust. Corps Signal Coy. at ALLENAY and inspected the Billets, personnel etc. I found the billets particularly clean and the personnel well turned out. Parades were being held daily, but airline training was held up temporarily owing to lack of stores. These stores have been asked for from D.D. Signals Fourth Army.	
	25th Oct., 1918.		The question of the evacuation of Divisional motor cycles attached to Corps Signals was again discussed, and a suggestion made that the Divisional motor cycles should be evacuated through their own M.T. Coys., but that the S.M.T.O. should be advised at the time of evacuation and that he should arrange with the Div. M.T. Coy. concerned the immediate replacement of the damaged machine by one of the spares held by that Coy. This is being considered.	
	26th Oct., 1918.		I asked the D.D. Signals Fourth Army when the 2nd Aust. Cable Section at present attached to 2nd American Corps could be relieved. This Section had been in the forward area since March of this Year and had no chance to overhaul its equipment or to train its personnel.	
	27th Oct., 1918.		I was advised by the D.Signals G.H.Q. that the line stores asked for, for training purposes could not be supplied but a suggestion was made that the O.C. Signals, ABBEVILLE Area, be requested to grant permission for the recovery of stores from a <del>portion</del> portion of a disused route, these stores then be used for training purposes. This suggestion was complied with.	
	28th Oct., 1918.		I visited the Aust. Corps School and inspected the personnel attending the Signal School at work. Tests to enable the students to qualify for the various certificates were being carried out and a keen interest was being displayed by all concerned. Satisfactory results were being obtained, though the fact that many of the students were below the standard at the commencement of the course, prevented the usual number of certificates being gained. I discussed with the Chief Instructor the work of the School and was asked by him to expedite the supply of equipment necessary for efficient instruction.	

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EU.	29th Oct., 1918.		I discussed with the O.C. Corps Signal Coy. the nominee <del>xxxxxxx</del> from that unit for the next course at the Signal Service O.T.C. and agreed with him in his selection.	
	30th Oct., 1918.		I was asked by the O.C. 3rd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. when a Captain would be available vice Capt. C.E.H. FERGUSON, M.C., for 3rd Aust. D.A. Signals. I informed him that a recommendation had been submitted some time previously, but as yet no promotion had been authorised.	
	31st Oct., 1918.		Consequent upon my visit to the Corps Signal School on 28th inst. I made certain additional stores available for instructional purposes. The general shortage of stores at the present time makes it particularly difficult to meet the demands of the formations and the Corps School, but during the time the Corps is out of the line, it is hoped to make more instruments, etc. available for instructional purposes.	



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Field	1-10-18		Spr Chisholm to Eng to become a cadet to qualify for a Commission in the A. I. F. education scheme. Visited forward dump at Roial & Corps Control Stn. Everything going smoothly.	
	2-10-18		Attached operator personnel at 27th and 30th American Divisions returned to this section. These men did exceptionally good work but it seems that the American system of signals is all wrong. <sup>of Sig Battalion</sup> Men are keen enough but the organisation bad. Chief of Signals informs his wireless Officer (a Captain) that he will have a W/T station here, here, & there & the Capt thereafter plays the part of a willing sergeant. Wireless Officer has not enough control of his own work. Basic calls of 32nd & 50th Imp. Divisions sent to all concerned. Returned one U.S. operator to 2 U.S. Corps.	
	3-10-18		4 Operators reported to this section from 30th U.S. Division for experience. Paid another visit to forward dump and found everything going smoothly. A.B.C. charging set in good order and doing very good work.	
	4-10-18		2 U.S. Operators sent to Corps D.S. for experience. Warned that Corps may be going out of line about 7.05 to inst.	
	5-10-18		Major Long. SO W/T 4th Army. called into A.D.S. & O.C. re the proposal to recall all C.W. sets on issue to this Corps, stating for his grounds that all C.W. stores to be counted as Area stores. This is an absurd proposal & were it carried out would do a lot of harm to the C.W. W/T working of this Corps as most Artillery formations were looking forward to improving their knowledge of these sets during their rest period. It would be the 1st step to killing interest among Artillery Sig. personnel which we have striven to cultivate.	



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Field.	6-10-18		<p>Withdrew dump from Roisel. A.B.C. charging set returned to Army. Had this set on loan since early in August. Americans installed their instruments at Corps D.S. (forward) and our personnel remained to work &amp; instruct till command passed from Aust to 2nd American Corps. 2 U.S. operators returned to 30th U.S. Division. Stores to 5th Div W/T.</p>	
	7-10-18		<p>Withdrew forward D.S. Corps Control Str to remain installed until Corps move out. Command passed to 1st Corps. Aust Corps remain in same position for a few days. Sent all spare Loop sets and accumulators to Army.</p>	
	8-10-18		<p>Received position of Corps HQs when in rest. Disposed of old I.K.W. charging set. Visited 2nd American Corps &amp; everything now ok. with them as regards W/T.</p>	
	9-10-18		<p>Withdrew control station today. 2nd American Corps took over control. 1 Officer from this section gone ahead to arrange billets.</p>	
	10-10-18		<p>Men not required for handling stores reported Corps HQs &amp; were taken in Motor lorries to new position. Most of section stores in 2 lorry loads. 2 men left behind to guard what was left (1 lorry load) Billets found at St Quentin Lamotte Broix au Bailly. 3 kilos from Eu. See section in one billet. Lorries &amp; Box car with stores arrived OK. Workshops &amp; lorry &amp; Box car in suitable place.</p>	
	11-10-18		<p>Lorry returned to Compiene for remainder of section stores. Daily routine of orders for rest period posted for information all ranks.</p>	



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Field.	12.10.18		Lorry arrived with remainder of gear. Everything now settled in Billets etc. Arrangements made for a fair amount of local leave to Eu + Le Treport. To Dieppe when transport is available from Corps Sig Coy. Foreign + English press is being taken for benefit of Corps staff. Copies to A.D. Ligs + Intelligence.	
	13.10.18		} Daily duties and buzzer practice for new members of section.	
	14.10.18			
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	17.10.18		Dennis Lorry to "K" Siege park workshops for new back spring. Sgt. A.J. Davison promoted M/Sgt.	
	18.10.18		Daily duties. Formed a Soccer Football Club for entertainment of members of section + incidentally to assist in physical training. All men of section to Dieppe on days leave per Motor Lorry. All A.D.s of section to Dieppe on days leave. "Box car."	
	19.10.18		} Daily duties and training.	
	20.10.18			
	21.10.18			
	22.10.18			
	23.10.18		} Daily duties + training. Dennis Lorry returned from workshops.	
	24.10.18			
	25.10.18			
	26.10.18			
	27.10.18		pay. Muster parade. played 4th Army Inf school soccer. Lost 3-0.	
	28.10.18		Box car to Workshops. Daily duties + training.	
	29.10.18		Box car returned. " " " " Section to Baths at Triville	
	30.10.18		} Daily duties + training.	
	31.10.18			

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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1. New Field Cipher Words to be taken into use in Fourth Army area.
  2. Handing over report of Cable to American Corps.
  3. Nominal Roll of Signal Officer for Month of ~~October~~ September, 1918.
  4. Report submitted to General Staff of recent operations.
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Date 5/10/18.

O.C. Signals, 1st Aust. Div.  
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O.C. Signals, 3rd Aust. Div.  
O.C. Signals, 4th Aust. Div.  
O.C. Signals, 5th Aust. Div.  
O.C. Aust. Corps Heavy Arty.  
O.C. Aust. Corps Sig. Company.  
O.C. Aust. Corps Wireless.  
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1. The following Cipher Words for use of all Wireless and Power Buzzer-Amplifier sets will be taken into use by Stations in Fourth Army area on the undermentioned dates :-

Midnight.

Oct. 12/13	...	THERMOS - FLASK.
" 13/14	...	MOCKING - BIRD.
" 14/15	...	MUSTARD - AND - CRESS.
" 15/16	...	DYNAMIC.
" 16/17	...	ENCYCLOPEDIA.
" 17/18	...	TRENCH - SYSTEM.
" 18/19	...	TRESSELATED - PAVEMENT.
" 19/20	...	NEAR - SIGHTED.
" 20/21	...	SAFEGUARDING.
" 21/22	...	LIQUEFACTION.
" 22/23	...	SHIPBROKER.
" 23/24	...	SCRIPTURE - READER.
" 24/25	...	MANPOWER - BILL.
" 25/26	...	LACQUER.
" 26/27	...	MINSTREL - SHOW.
" 27/28	...	METROPOLIS.
" 28/29	...	DISCONTINUANCE.
" 29/30	...	MONDAY - NIGHT.
" 30/31	...	SLEIGHT-OF-HAND.
" 31/1st Nov..	...	HIGHWAYMAN.

2. Emergency Word for period = CHU - CHIN - CHOW.  
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3. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE.

5th Oct.  
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A.D. SIGNALS.  
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A.D. Signals, 11 American Corps.

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D.D. Signals, Fourth Army (For information.)

7-10-18.

The following stores in the Dump at ROISEL were handed over to 11 American Corps today:

Cable	New	Salved.
D.2 Single	43½ Miles	1 mile.
D.2 Twist.	69 "	6 "
D.3 Single.	87 "	3 "
D.3 Twist.	22 "	3 "
D.8 Single	70 "	5 "
D.8 Twist.	19 "	5 "
Total	310 ½ "	23 "

Poles	Size.	Quantity.
Hop Poles	No. 3.	100.
" "	No. 1.	70.
Black and White.	13 Ft.	100.
" " "	8 Ft.	40.

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Lieut-Colonel.  
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# NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

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Australian Corps Signal Company.	Rank and Name.	Corps	Date of Rank.
O.C. Company.	Capt. J.M. GRANT,	M.C.	A.I.F.
Company Officer.	Lieut. J.E.S. STEVENS,	do	do
Company Officer.	Lieut. A. MESSITER,	do	do
Company Officer.	2/Lieut. T.G. PURDUE,	D.C.M.	do
Company Officer.	2/Lieut. M.B. HENNESSY,	do	do
Company Officer.	2/Lieut. P.C. BUCHANAN,	do	do
O.C. No. 1 M.A.L. Section.	Lieut. E.B. STANBUEY,	do	do
O.C. No. 2 M.A.L. Section.	Lieut. H.W. WATSON,	M.M.	do
O.C. No. 1 Cable Section.	Lieut. H.F.J. HISCOCK,	do	do
O.C. No. 2 Cable Section.	2/Lieut. L.E. MONTAGUE,	M.M.	do
O.C. Corps Wireless Section.	Lieut. R. WILKINSON,	M.C.	do
Section Officer.	2/Lieut. R.L. MASHFORD,	do	do
Section Officer.	2/Lieut. S.S. CAPORN,	do	do
O.C. Heavy Artillery Signal Section.	Capt. W.G. LUSH,	M.C.	do
Section Officer.	Lieut. H.J.R. PERRETT,	do	do
Section Officer.	2/Lieut. W.P. PRICE,	do	do
Senior Instructor Corps Signal School.	Major T.C. WILSON,	do	do
Senior Instructor Corps Signal School.	Lieut. H.O. ROBERTS,	Hants Yeomanry, T.F.	do
Assistant Instructor " " "	Lieut. H.D. MAINE,	M.C.	A.I.F.
Assistant Instructor " " "	Lieut. J.D. SCHRODER,	M.C.	do
Signal Sub-Section 3rd (Army) Bde. A.F.A.	2/Lieut. C. FALKNER,	M.M.	do
Signal Sub-Section 6th (Army) Bde. A.F.A.	Lieut. A.T. PAUL,	D.C.M.	do
Signal Sub-Section 12th (Army) Bde. A.F.A.	2/Lieut. L.A.F. BOWNAS,	do	do

## Casualties from 10-9-18 to 10-10-18.

Lieut. C.R. MURFITT,	D.C.M.	Returned to AUSTRALIA on Furlo' 14-9-18. ***222*
Lieut. G.J.C. HARGREAVES,		Returned to AUSTRALIA on Furlo' 4-10-18.
2/Lieut. M.B. HENNESSY,		Transferred from 1st Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. 21-9-18.
2/Lieut. T.G. PURDUE,	D.C.M.	Taken on strength from O.T.C. 15-9-18.
2/Lieut. P.C. BUCHANAN,		Taken on strength from O.T.C. 7-10-18.
Lieut. A. MESSITER,		Proceeded to Signal Depot ABBEVILLE on a tour of duty 15-9-18.

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## Casualties from 10-9-18 to 10-10-18 (Contd).

Major	T.C.	WILSON,	Transferred from Engineer Tng. Depot ENGLAND to Corps Signal School	19-9-18.
Lieut.	J.D.	SCHRODER, M.C.	Transferred from 5th Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. to Corps Signal School	4-10-18.
2/Lieut.	C.	FALKNER, M.M.	Taken on strength from O.T.C. on 15-9-18, posted to 3rd Army Bde. A.F.A.	
2/Lieut.	L.A.F.	BOWNAS,	Taken on strength from O.T.C. on 13-9-18, posted to 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.	

The undermentioned Units have been transferred to formations has shown hereunder:-

4th Army.

R.R. Cable Section.

Lieut. E. DENNIS.

48 W.A.L. Section.

Lieut. G.W. CARD.

11 American Corps.

Signal Sub-Section 14th Army Bde. R.F.A.

Lieut. R.L. RENTOUL,

" " " 78th " " "

Lieut. E.P. VERNALL,

" " " 79th " " "

Lieut. H.F. WILLMOTT,

" " " 298th " " "

2/Lieut. C.S. MEADOWS,

" " " 5th " " R.H.A.

Lieut. R.W.J. GIBBON,

" " " 16th " " "

Lieut. H.E. RALPHS,

" " " 5th " " R.G.A.

Lieut. H.S. WALKER,

" " " 9th " " "

Lieut. H. ETHERINGTON.

" " " 14th " " "

Lieut. A.L. WALKER,

" " " 21st " " "

Lieut. R.C. ANDERSON, M.C.

" " " 51st " " "

Lieut. A.E. BURGESS,

" " " 68th " " "

2/Lieut. E.S. HEIFFER,

" " " 69th " " "

2/Lieut. K.J. KIRKPATRICK,

" " " 73rd " " "

Lieut. B. PLATT.

" " " 93rd " " "

Lieut. F. NORRIS.



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1st Australian Div. Sig. Coy.	Rank and Name		Corps		Date of Rank.	
O.C. Company.	Major	C.G.S.	GORDON,	D.S.O.	A.I.F.	3-8-16.
Capt. (2nd in Command)	Capt.	V.D.	BOWEN,	M.C.	do	20-11-17.
Capt. (Artillery).	Capt.	P.J.	MANLEY,		do	15-4-17.
No. 1 Section.	Lieut.	C.J.D.	SMITH,		do	16-2-18.
do	2/Lieut.	G.F.	MILLER, D.C.M.,	M.M.	do	13-7-18.
No. 2 Section.	Lieut.	A.E.	COCHRANE,		do	6-2-18.
No. 3 Section.	Lieut.	R.F.	STANISTREET, M.C.M.M.		do	11-7-17.
do	Lieut.	T.A.	COUPER,		do	5-3-18.
No. 4 Section.	Lieut.	J.R.J.	BURROWS,	M.M.	do	21-12-17.
do	Lieut.	O.M.	NEALE,		do	11-7-17.
No. 5 Section.	Lieut.	D.C.	CAMPBELL,		do	21-2-17.
Wireless Officer.	2/Lieut.	F.P.	BOYCE,	M.M.	do	9-3-18.
Signal Sub-Section 1st A.F.A. Bde.	2/Lieut.	K.R.	KING,	M.M.	do	27-5-18.
Signal Sub-Section 2nd A.F.A. Bde.	2/Lieut.	C.J.	VAUSE,		do	22-7-18.
<u>SUPERNUMERARY :</u>	2/Lieut.	G.G.	PATERSON,	M.M.	do	17-8-18.
	Lieut.	H.P.	HARRIS,	M.M.	do	16-2-18.

## Casualties from 10-9-18 to 10-10-18.

2/Lieut. W.H. ILSLEY, Returned to AUSTRALIA on Furlo' 14-9-18.  
 Lieut. R. HUNTER, Returned to AUSTRALIA on Furlo' 27-9-18.  
 Lieut. N.P. NEAL, MC.-.MM. " to AUSTRALIA on Furlo' 3-10-18.  
 Lieut. H.P. HARRIS, M.M. Rejoined from Hospital 24-9-18.  
 2/Lieut. G.G. PATERSON, MM. Taken on strength from O.T.C. 14-9-18.  
 No. 50 C.S.M., M.B. HENNESSY, Promoted to 2/Lieut. and transferred to Aust. Corps Sig. Coy. 21-9-18.

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2nd Australian Div. Sig. Coy.	Rank and Name.				Corps	Date of Rank.
O.C. Company. (Acting.)	Capt.	F.U.J.	TINKLER,	M.C.	A.I.F.	12-1-17.
Capt. (2nd in Command).						
Capt. (Artillery:)	Capt.	L.C.	LUCAS,	M.C.	do	16-6-18.
No. 1 Section.	Lieut.	A.	SLADDIN,	M.C.	do	13-3-17.
do	Lieut.	L.W.	FRASER,		do	11-7-17.
No. 2 Section.	Lieut.	H.S.	BLUNT,		do	5-3-18.
do	Lieut.	R.M.	BRENNAN,		do	11-7-17.
No. 3 Section.	Lieut.	H.L.	HOGARTH,		do	16-11-16.
do	Lieut.	H.L.	JACKSON,		do	18-3-18.
No. 4 Section.	Lieut.	J.C.	PRICE,		do	25-11-17.
do	2/Lieut.	T.M.	PRICE,		do	19-4-18.
No. 5 Section.	Lieut.	S.O.	THORLEY,		do	2-4-17.
Wireless Officer.	Lieut.	J.M.	HARRISON,	M.C.	do	22-4-17.
Visual Officer.	Lieut.	R.C.	DUNBAR,	M.M.	do	16-2-18.
Signal Sub-Section 4th A.F.A. Bde.	Lieut.	P.L.	RUSSELL,	M.C., M.M.	do	16-2-18.
Signal Sub-Section 5th A.F.A. Bde.	2/Lieut.	J.	HORWOOD,		do	22-4-18.
<u>SUPERNUMERARY.</u>	2/Lieut.	M.C.	BONNAR,	M.M.	do	27-5-18.
	2/Lieut.	C.H.	MAYNARD,		do	13-7-18.
	2/Lieut.	H.	TITCHEN,	M.M.	do	17-8-18.
	2/Lieut.	H.H.	ELLIS,	M.M.	do	28-9-18.

Casualties from 10-9-18 to 10-10-18.

2/Lieut.	J.	HORWOOD,	Rejoined from 4th Army C.W. School	11-9-18.
2/Lieut.	H.	TITCHEN,	MM. Taken on strength from O.T.C.	14-9-18.
2/Lieut.	C.H.	MAYNARD,	Proceeded to 4th Army C.W. School	15-9-18.
Major	S.H.	WATSON,	MC. Returned to AUSTRALIA on Furlo'	16-9-18.
2/Lieut.	H.H.	ELLIS,	Promoted 2/Lieut.	28-9-18.

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3rd Australian Div. Sig. Coy.	Rank and Name .		Corps	Date of Rank.
O.C. Company.	Major R.G.	HAMILTON,	M.C. A.I.F.	29-10-17.
Capt. (2nd in command).	Capt. C.E.H.	FERGUSON,	M.C. do	15-10-18.
Capt. (Artillery)	Capt. J.L.G.	BUCKLAND,	M.C., M.M. do	4-2-18.
No. 1 Section.	2/Lieut. T.B.	BATTY,	do	23-3-18.
do	Lieut. S.	FOUNTAIN,	D.C.M. do	16-2-18.
No. 2 Section.	Lieut. A.S.H.	GIFFORD,	D.C.M. do	16-2-18.
No. 3 Section.	Lieut. L.V.	SMITH,	M.C. do	21-12-17.
No. 4 Section.	Lieut. H.W.	GROVES,	M.C. do	15-2-18.
No. 5 Section.	Lieut. H.R.	EVANS,	do	2-3-18.
Wireless Officer.	Lieut. W.J.	SUMMERS,	do	21-12-17.
Visual Officer.	Lieut. J.W.	ALLAN,	do	1-3-18.
Signal Sub-Section 7th A.F.A. Bde.	2/Lieut. B.E.	GEORGE,	do	23-3-18.
Signal Sub-Section 8th A.F.A. Bde.	Lieut. T.F.	HOULIHAN,	do	15-2-18.
<u>SUPERNUMERARY.</u>	Lieut. J.M.	COOK,	M.M. do	16-11-17.
	Lieut. F.W.	OSBORNE,	do	5-3-18.
	2/Lieut. W.A.	MCPHERSON,	do	19-4-18.
	" F.R.D.	ROGERSON,	do	22-4-18.
	" J.F.	SIMS,	D.C.M., MM. do	27-5-18.
	" F.W.	HOWIE,	do	13-7-18.
	" L.J.	JORDAN,	do	17-8-18.

Casualties from 10-9-18 to 10-10-18.

2/Lieut.	G.T.B.	BATTY,	Resumed duty from Regtl. Seconded List.	12-9-18.
2/Lieut.	L.J.	JORDAN,	Taken on strength from O.T.C.	15-9-18.
Lieut.	G.L.	MAYMAN,	Transferred to Sig. Sub-Section 36th Aust. H.A. Bde.	5-10-18.

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4th Australian Div. Sig. Coy.	Rank and Name.				Corps	Date of Rank.
O.C. Company.	Major	C.H.	JOSEPH,	M.C.	A.I.F.	21/8/18.
Capt. (2nd in command).	Capt.	L.	TUCKETT,	M.C., M.M.	do	15-4-17.
Capt. (Artillery).	Capt.	R.B.	ASHE,	M.C.	do	1-8-18.
No. 1 Section.	Lieut.	J.	O'BRIEN,	M.C., D.C.M., M.M.	do	16-2-18.
do	2/Lieut.	R.L.	BORDER,		do	22-4-18.
No. 2 Section.	Lieut.	V.J.	LEWIS,		do	21-12-17.
do	2/Lieut.	V.H.	FIELD,		do	27-5-18.
No. 3 Section.	2/Lieut.	W.E.	PENNELL,	D.C.M., M.M.	do	13-7-18.
No. 4 Section.	Lieut.	W.	LEE,		do	11-7-17.
do	2/Lieut.	J.	CLIMPSON,	M.C., M.M.	do	23-3-18.
No. 5 Section.	Lieut.	W.	GREGSON,		do	20-1-18.
Signal Sub-Section 5. a. A.F.A. Bde.	2/Lieut.	C.H.R.	BRYANT,		do	17-8-18.
Signal Sub-Section 5. b. A.F.A. Bde.	Lieut.	J.	McKINLAY,	M.M.	do	16-2-18.
Wireless Officer.	Lieut.	A.G.M.	BURNS,		do	25-11-17.

Casualties from 10-9-18 to 10-10-18.

Lieut.	G.S.	SHARP,	M.M.	Returned to Australia on Furlo'	22-9-18.
Lieut.	W.	BEAZLEY,		Returned to Australia on Furlo'	3-10-18.
Lieut.	S.M.	LARKINS,		Returned to Australia on Furlo'	22-9-18.
Lieut.	F.C.	JAMES,	D.C.M.	Returned to Australia on Furlo'	3-10-18.
2/Lieut.	C.H.R.	BRYANT,		Taken on strength from O.T.C.	14-9-18.

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5th Australian Div. Sig. Coy.	Rank and Name .			Corps	Date of Rank.	
O.C. Company.	Major	R.A.	STANLEY,	D.S.O.	A.I.F.	1-4-17.
Capt. (2nd in command.)	Capt.	C.H.	BATH,		do	6-1-17.
Capt. (Artillery)	Capt.	C.J.	KELYNACK,	M.C.	do	15-6-18.
No. 1 Section.	Lieut.	S.L.	BUTLER,	M.C.	do	11-7-17.
do	2/Lieut.	J.	MOORE,	M.M.	do	27-5-18.
No. 2 Section.	Lieut.	T.R.	COLLIER,	M.C.	do	30-4-17.
do	Lieut.	B.E.	MUDFORD,	M.M.	do	16-2-18.
No. 3 Section.	2/Lieut.	G.S.	HAINING,	M.M.	do	23-3-18.
do	2/Lieut.	E.C.F.	SJOBERG,		do	13-7-18.
No. 4 Section.	Lieut.	G.W.	YOUNG,	M.C.	do	11-7-17.
do	2/Lieut.	T.G.B.C.	BROWN,		do	17-8-18.
No. 5 Section.	Lieut.	F.C.	DAVIS,		do	5-5-18.
Wireless Officer.	Lieut.	O.F.	METCHER,		do	25-11-17.
Visual Officer.	Lieut.	W.	FORREST,		do	10-11-17.
Signal Sub-Section. 13th A.F.A. Bde.	2/Lieut.	J.R.	MOFFAT,		do	23-3-18.
Signal Sub-Section. 14th A.F.A. Bde.	Lieut.	A.J.	SWEETMAN,	M.C.	do	9-12-18.
<u>SUPERNUMERARY.</u>	Lieut.	S.	BARBER,		do	11-2-17.
	2/Lieut.	C.W.K.	PEARSON,		do	22-4-18.
	Lieut.	R.T.	MILLAR,		do	2-6-18.

## Casualties from 10-9-18 to 10-10-18.

Lieut. R.T. MILLAR Rejoined from Hospital 14-9-18.  
 2/Lieut. T.G.B.C. BROWN, Taken on strength from O.T.C. 14-9-18.  
 Lieut. F.C. DAVIS, Rejoined from Regtl. Seconded List. 23-9-18.  
 Lieut. J.D. SCHRODER, MC. " from Regtl. Seconded List. 24-9-18.  
 Lieut. J.D. SCHRODER, MC. Transferred to Aust. Corps Signal School for duty as Instructor 4-10-18.

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Headquarters,  
Australian Corps  
18-10-18.

Outstanding features of recent offensive.

Signal - Communications.

(a). Great use was made by the Light Cable Wagons. This is a new issue and was the first opportunity of testing their value. In very rough and shell torn country these proved of greatest value and could travel over ground which it would be impossible to take the Cable Wagon of the Cable Section.

(b). On the 5th October, 1918, when 5th Divisional Headquarters were at M.19.d.7.1., and a circuit was laid as follows:-

To Q.16.c.4.8. - DOMPIERRE, HERBECOURT, FLAUCOURT, BARLEUX, ETERPIGNY to Q.16.c.4.8., a combined distance of 36,000 yards. This circuit was ground line of D.8 Twisted (two pairs). One pair was superimposed and both pairs gave good speaking circuits, This is very exceptional over the great distance.

(c). The need for a special organisation for the salvage of cable. Divisions salvaged as much as time and personnel would allow, also the Corps Signal Company but this was not sufficient for the amount of ~~cable~~ cable laid out. Suggest that the nucleus of all Divisional Signal Coys. be employed in future reeling up behind the advance in rear of Divisional Headquarters.

(d). Despatch Riders. Forward of Divisions, D.Rs, at night found very great difficulty in getting through the traffic owing to the crowded state and the slippery nature of the road. In some cases D.Rs. found it more convenient to work. Mounted D.Rs. were found most valuable for this work under the above mentioned conditions.

(e). The introduction of C.W. Sets to Artillery Brigades was found most useful and proved an invaluable adjunct to their communications. When the personnel of Brigades become better trained and the number of instruments increased to the authorised establishment, C.W. will form the main communication forward, especially as regards the present open warfare and the rapid movement of Artillery Brigades where the laying of cable entails much time, labour and transport.

(f). The use of Amplifiers in conjunction with trench sets, increasing the working range of these instruments. If the present open Warfare continues amplifiers are absolutely necessary with trench sets.

(g). Pigeons. A limit was reached for the supply of pigeons owing to the depth of the advance and the distance of Headquarters from Pigeon Lofts. When Corps Headquarters moved to MERICOURT, it was found that the time taken by pigeons from Front line posts made messages of little value two and half hours being time of transit of the message. This was for the most part due to the communication from the Loft. All lines in rear of Corps Headquarters were used by Army, Flying Corps etc. and the Lofts had to be connected to the nearest Locality Exchange and owing to the heavy traffic messages were held up. Also the transport of birds became a very high problem Divisions having to use all their available motor cycles in carrying despatches and damaged machines were not replaced fast enough.

As a Loft requires to be at least three weeks in one position before the birds are reliable, it is noted that owing to the rapid advance in a short period, time did not allow of forward Lofts having trained birds.

The main reason not using pigeons during the latter stages was that other means of communication could always be maintained and no long period existed when formations down to Companies were out of touch with the next higher formation.