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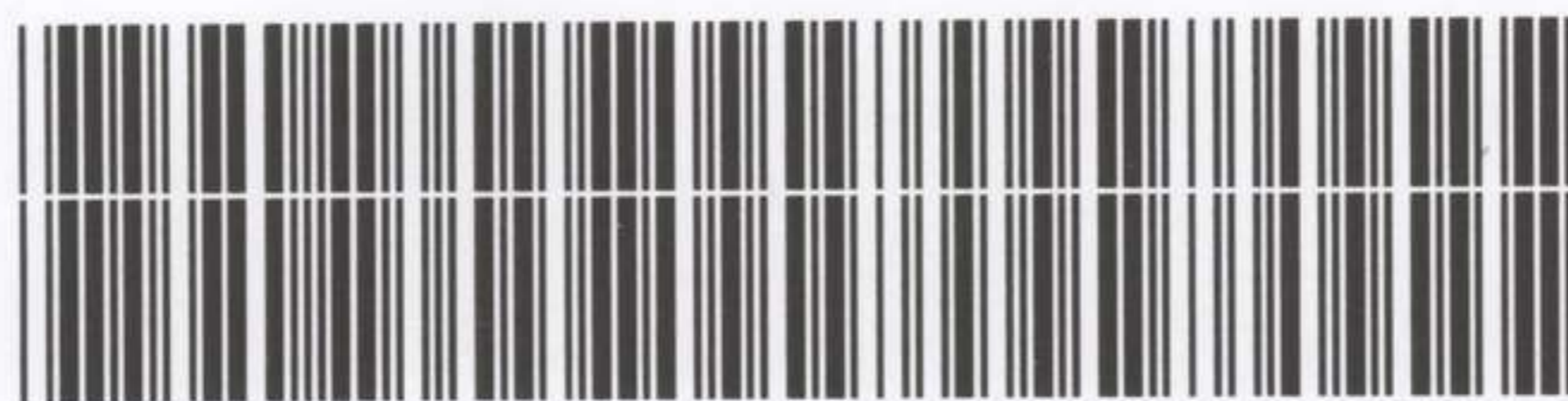
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,  
1914-18 War**

Machine Guns

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**Title:** 5th Australian Machine Gun  
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**WAR DIARY**

OF  
5th A.M.G. Coy

FOR  
August 1918

compiling \_\_\_\_\_  
W. J. Storey, Lt.

Signature of Officer Commanding \_\_\_\_\_  
R. Hamlyn

*This Diary was damaged by enemy shell fire on 24/8/18 at R.S. 095 50. Ref Sheet Harkness 1/10/18. Diary made up in 1st Aust. 24/9/18.*

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<p>62015 2 see 62 20000</p>	<p>August 2nd</p>		<p>Weather damp &amp; cold. (Company Strength 13 Off. 1990.R., of these officers some are on the Company strength, but are still at base. 15000 rounds were expended on harassing fire on enemy communications &amp; centres of activity. Enemy Artillery very active throughout the night. Gas was used requiring low respirators to be worn for about 3/4 of an hour. Casualties Nil.</p> <p>Weather Wet &amp; cold, consequently ground was very muddy. Harassing fire to the extent of 12000 rounds expended, was carried out on enemy communications. Intermittent enemy shelling on the whole front &amp; sneezing gas was used during the night. During the night 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Southern &amp; Northern Div boundaries were adjusted. The 4<sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy taking over 10 of our Southernly guns. We in turn took over 8 positions from the 22<sup>nd</sup> A.M.G. Coy, who withdrew to rear, we also took over two positions from the 7<sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy. Casualties Nil.</p>	<p>Ref Coy Order No 13.</p>
	<p>Aug. 3</p>		<p>Weather cool &amp; much drier. 6000 rounds were expended on harassing fire. Enemy Artillery very active on the whole front during the 24 hours, lacrymatory gas being used. Aerial activity less than preceding days. T. CRANITCH was wounded in the left leg by a fragment of H.E. He was evacuated to C.C.S.</p>	<p>1-1</p>

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E. 1:20000.	Aug 4th		Weather cold and damp. 9000 rounds were expended on harassing the enemy communications & centres of activity. * During the night 4th & 5th six American guns (attached) took up some of our harassing fire positions, so that they might have some practice in indirect overhead fire. Enemy Artillery fire much weaker. Enemy Aircraft both Aeroplanes & observation balloons very active. Casualties Nil. 2nd LIEUT DOWD rejoined the Coy from Base.	* Ref. American Order No
also b7D	Aug 5th		Weather wet & cold. 9000 rounds expended in harassing enemy communications. * Positions reconnoitred for battery positions in conjunction with a future operation. Enemy shelling below normal although Villeri Betonmeux was vigorously gassed during the night. Enemy Aircraft very much on the defensive, apparently not wishing to allow of our observation of his movements. All emergency nations in M.G. dugouts were returned to Bin. G. M. at rear.	Coy Order No 14
28 & S. 2.			Weather wet & cold. 9000 rounds expended harassing enemy communications. * Four battery positions in course of construction & 40000 rounds taken in course of removal to each battery position by order 14. These were all completed with the exception of D Battery. Heavy shells only used throughout the night on Villeri Betonmeux. Enemy Aircraft defensive, but very much on the minority. LT DOWD came to A.M.G. from rear Coy.	do

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0.28 to 5.2	Aug 7th		<p>Weather cool but dry. Barometer going up &amp; a good breeze drying the ground rapidly. Capt CARROLL Q.C. 129th American M.G. Coy acting under instructions withdrew his Coy from our sector. 4.2 in guns during the night 6/7 had withdrawn to near positions, forward positions being filled by our heavy guns. Loop rounds expended on harassing fire. All battery positions completed for coming operation and all ammunition got to positions. Enemy Artillery unusually quiet except for several 8 in fired on Villers Betommes and an odd 4.2 in one of which ignited the Camouflage on one of our supply tanks in 0300. This in turn ignited 16 others, all being loaded with supplies for operation on the eighth.</p> <p>All guns were reported in Battery positions by 12 midnight 7/8. All batteries were connected by telephone to Coy HQ at 0360. Lt DICKENSON took over the Coy at Zero - 3 hours until after barrage was fired. CAPT. R.C. WEBB M.C. took over 8 in p. Commander at Zero - 3 hours. Group consisting of 5th &amp; 22nd A.M.G. Coys.)</p>	Coy Order 14 Para 4

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Aug 8th

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20000

Weather very foggy until about 7 A.M. when it cleared up & a clear cool day followed. Operation started at Zero-4.20 A.M. As the operation was on a large scale, the artillery fired in three relays (light Artillery). The heavier pieces which were brought close up to the front, could fire for a longer period without moving forward, and were not detailed in relays. 4000 rounds were expended by our barrage guns which fired as per Coy order No 14. The operation was a complete success and by 9 A.M. a large enough gap was made by the Australian Corps to allow the Cavalry to go through. The 2nd Division very quickly reported their objective taken according to schedule of barrage, and casualties were extremely light, there being no casualties on our barrage guns. The 22nd A.M.G. Coy reported their guns in position behind first objective at 9 A.M. Limbers arrived from rear at 9.30 A.M. and guns were packed

Coy Order No 14.

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	Aug 8th		(Contind) on board. Coy rendezvous at O 28 b 5.2. becoming a mobile reserve awaiting orders. At 12 noon the Coy was attached to the 6th A. Brigade who were to act as a reserve to the 1st Australian Div. which was moving up, and from 4 P.M. Coy was to be prepared to move at one hours notice. Coy did not move that day; so bivouaced at old Coy HQ's O 28 b 5.2.	F.S. 716.
	Aug 9th		Weather warm and dry. Coy moved forward attached to the 6th A.I. Brigade Group at 10.A.M. Brigade Group rendezvous was at W 5 a 40.25 at 11.30.A.M. Brigade Group moved forward in Artillery formation in rear of 1st Aus Div to W 7 b where they bivouaced. Coy HQ's was established at W 7 d 55.45. Group was prepared to move forward; but did not do so as the 1st Div did not require our assistance. Coy remained in this vicinity during the night. Enemy aircraft very active bombing.	

O 28 b 5.2

W 5 a 40.25  
W 7 b

1.15pm

W 7 d 55.45

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Aug W 7d 5545	10th		Weather warm and dry. Coy standing by all day as mobile res. unit. Order received to stand by to relieve the 5th A.I. Brigades in the front line; but no orders received to carry this out. 11.30 P.M. CAPT HAMILTON, M.C. arrived and took over the Coy from CAPT WEBB M.C.	6th A.I. BRIGADE ORDER NO 171
E. 1:2000 Ref. 22nd	11th		Weather warm & dry. Company moved forward at 9 A.M. with 6th A.I. Brigade Group preparatory to taking over from the 5th & 7th A.I. Brigades. Company halted at W 12 b 1.5. and had lunch. CAPT HAMILTON took over "Group Commander" 6th A.I. Brigade M.G. Group, & CAPT WEBB, M.C. resumed command of the Company which then moved to W 12 d 80.15 and had tea. Orders received to carry out proposed relief at 1.30 P.M. moved forward by sections at 8.30 P.M. to relieve 22nd A.M.G. Coy. This was carried out and relief complete by 12 midnight. Coy H-Pos being situated at X 9 b 8.6.	



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X86 88 Aug 12th			<p>Weather warm &amp; dry. Locations of guns handed over tested by Section Officers, &amp; found to approximately correct. Coy H.Q. moved to X86 88. owing to the unsanitary condition of the Coy H.Q. at X96 8.6 (Dead Germany horses etc). Enemy shelled villages only, apparently not knowing the location of our posts. <del>By</del> Enemy aircraft were very active bombing our communications and captured villages. Enemy M.G.'s were also extremely active.</p>	
C 29 13th			<p>Weather warm and dry. Ammunition expended NIL. Infantry pushed the line forward from 700' to 800', and in accordance with the wishes of the C.O. 22nd Bn two guns were taken forward and placed at X11 d 7.9. Enemy Artillery more active. Apparently he has been fetching up guns, etc. reserve, or from another sector. Enemy aircraft extremely active bombing communications at night.</p>	

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X 8888 Aug 14th			<p>Weather warm and dry. (Battery of four guns shifted to X 16 &amp; 29, 95, &amp; two guns shifted from X 96 to X 11C 02 &amp; 04 respectively. Enemy artillery very active throughout the night alternate double &amp; single red flares bringing down enemy barrage on the whole front. Gas was used on the whole front &amp; everybody wore gas helmets.) Enemy aircraft very aggressive throughout the day; but there was less bombing at night. Barrage guns were made up to 20000 rounds per gun &amp; close defence guns made up to 9000 rounds per gun.</p>	
	15th		<p>Weather warm and dry. (10000 rounds expended on harassing enemy communications and centres of activity. A lot of counter-artillery work was done by both our and enemy artillery.) Gas was again used on the whole front. Enemy aircraft more aggressive than usual; but very little bombing at night. Two guns at X 5C 0020 &amp; 0040 shifted to X 5D 8015 &amp; 8020 respectively.</p>	

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X 86 S.S. Aug 16th			<p>Weather bright and warm. [10000 rounds expended on Enemy Communications and centres of activity.] Enemy artillery very active on the whole front. Phosgene &amp; Yellow Cross Gas was used from 12 midnight to 3.30 A.M. and box respirators were worn. Hostile Artillery seems to have taken the cue from our own by firing salvos at irregular intervals. Enemy aircraft not nearly so prominent as the two preceding days. [The Infantry pushed the line of posts slightly forward and two guns were placed at X 120 2.9 Y 15 .85 respectively. LT WALLACE took these guns forward.]</p>	
			<p>Weather warm and dry. [LIEUTENANT WALLACE was seriously wounded by M.G. bullets &amp; information was received later that he had died of wounds. Ammunition expended on harassing the enemy 10000 rounds.] Enemy Artillery was very much quieter &amp; there was only intermittent shelling on the whole front. Heavy drum fire throughout the 24 hours.</p>	

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X8688 Aug 17th			(Contd). went on South of our front. Hostile aircraft were very much in the minority, and there was very little night bombing.	
	18th		Weather cool & but dry. In the morning 4.15 AM. the Infantry again pushed the line forward under cover of artillery and M.G. Barrage as per Coy Order N° 17. Two guns moved forward with the attacking Infantry to S. 7605 Ref Sheet 62° SE. These two guns were formerly at X968.6. LT DOWD took these two teams forward. Objectives were reached and consolidated according to plan. Enemy retaliation was practically nil. Enemy Artillery was generally active active throughout the 24 hours. Enemy attitude seemed nervous as artillery support was called for at intervals by double red flares. Order received that B Coy of the 32nd M.G. Coy were to relieve the 5th A.M.G. Coy during the night 18/19th. Approaches were reconnoitred by relieving officers.	Coy Order 17/18.  Brigade Order 175 AD MEMO 90  10

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during the day. and the relief was carried out from dusk onwards. The situation was very quiet throughout the relief, which was carried out without any casualties and was complete by 12 midnight 18th/19th.

19th

Weather cool, but dry. As sections were relieved by the incoming relief they marched off to rendezvous at our old bivouac of the 11th W 12 d 80. 15. The whole Coy being at this place by 2 A.M. Coy marched off by sections to embussing point West of Harbonniers. The Coy moved off from Harbonniers in buses at about 3 A.M. and debussed at Daours at about 4.30 AM. They advanced at distance of 16500 yards. CAPT. HAMILTON M.C. resumed command of the Coy from the morning of the 19th inst.

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112000 N6c95	20th Aug.		Weather bright and Warm. Company paraded in the morning and a list of storages taken to refit. Colours of 5th A.M. G. Coy were replaced by colours of the 2nd A.M. G. Bin. (Baths are adjoining the billets so that everybody has plenty of bathing.) LT. RYAN left for England on leave.	
112000 N6c95	21st		Weather dry and dusty. Company paraded at 9.30 A.M. and clothing was issued out in lieu of worn out. Cleaning of equipment and transport carried out. Baths in the afternoon.	
	22nd		Company paraded at 9 A.M. for inspection by the C.O. Company was inspected and everything appeared to be satisfactory; next the transport was inspected and with the same result. Weather was bright & warm. Some of the Company joined in a batallion swimming carnival in the afternoon and gained a few prizes for the boy.	12

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N. B. C. G. 5 Dovers	23rd Aug. - 9		Weather hot & dusty. Coy prepared for any move into the line that might be ordered. Gun gear & ammunition cleared up and put into first class working order. A try-out was given to swimmers in the afternoon to pick men for the swimming carnival which was to come off the following day. Practice cricket match in the evening.	
	24th		Weather hot and dry. Coy paraded in the morning for baths and change of clothes and outer clothing went through a treatment to prevent vermin remaining in them.	
			In the afternoon the 2nd A.M. G. Bn held a swimming carnival in which all four Coy's participated. All events were carried off by the 5th A.M. G. Coy except the consolation race & the open 100 yds, the latter the 5th Coy did not participate in.	
			Weather warm & dry. Gun gear overhauled for the line in the morning. Coy stood by from 4.30 P.M. awaiting orders which came through at 5.30. An officer & an N.C.O went forward	

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25th Aug

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To debussing point at Q 24 b.s.g. to arrange for bivouacing of the Coy and transport (in charge of LT CARMICHAEL) and guide them to positions. Coy embussed at O 8 a 1.5 at 9.30; but did not move forward until about 10.30. and on account of heavy rain the buses could not come all the way to the arranged point; but debussed at Q 30 c. 3.3, and after considerable delay guides discovered the Coy moving to proper point about 12 midnight.

Ref. Skete 67-D S:VV. VSE. 1:20000

RBC 8.3

25th

Coy was guided into the trenches in R.13.C and everyone was under cover by 3.A.M. Coy H.Q. was established at R 13 c. 8.3. About 12 noon orders were received to the effect that the 5th A.M.G. Coy would relieve the 2nd A.M.G. Coy (1st Aus Div) during the afternoon and evening of the 25th. Officers went forward at about 1.30 P.M. to reconnoitre routes, etc to Coy H.Q. at R 8 c 9.5.50 and to make arrangements for relief. Relief started at 5.45 P.M. and was complete by 12 midnight. Rear H.Q. and advanced together for the time being.

R 8 c 9.5.50

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			<p>Weather bright and warm. The O.P. Coy Capt HAMILTON M.C. with Advanced H.Q. Staff went forward to G.37a 38. and in the afternoon moved to G.33c b.c at established forward H.Q.</p> <p>In the morning Capt WEBB M.C. &amp; Lt CARMICHAEL reconnoitred a position for Rear Coy H.Q. and decided on L.30c 80.30.</p> <p>At 2 P.M. the Coy moved off and arrived at Rear H.Q. at 3 P.M. and bivouaced; the transport lines being between the light railway and the Canal. The H.Q.s were shelled intermittently during the afternoon; but no damage done. At 9 P.M. two direct hits were made by Enemy Artillery on Rear H.Q. and destroyed a quantity of orderly room gear and badly damaged the war diary; but no casualties were inflicted.</p> <p>Weather cool and showery. During the morning advanced H.Q. was shifted to NAMELESS WOOD G.28d 6.7. In the afternoon Rear H.Q. shifted back a few hundred yds to L.30c 60.15.</p> <p>During the day the line advanced about 3000' and some prisoners and M.G.'s were captured. Two M.G.'s went forward to conform with the situation.</p>	

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Ref Sheet Harbormines 1:40000.	August 29th 29th		<p>(Continued). Positions of all these guns are detailed in Section Officers reports (attached). Some good work was done by all Section Officers &amp; their teams.</p> <p>Scattered clouds but dry. [At 2 A.M. the 5th <sup>py</sup> Brigades advanced &amp; passed through the 6th Brigade Group to which we were attached. It was late in the day before reports as to situation were received. They were: The 5th and 7th Brigades had reached the western banks of the Somme opposite Peronne. At 9 A.M. orders were received that the 5th A.M.G. Coy would be reserve M.G. Coy to the Division &amp; that the 7th A.M.G. Coy would take its place in the 6th A.I. Bde Group. CAPT. INEB B.M.C took over the 7th A.I. Bde M.G. Group (now in the front). Rear Coy and 3 all sections moved off at about 1 P.M. and marched to the vicinity of H 26 C HERBECOURT. LT HICKMAN who had guns in this vicinity met the Coy as it marched in &amp; pointed out bivouacs in the trench system. CAPT. HAM. L TAN rejoined Coy from 21st BATT. HQ.</p>	Section Officers' Reports.

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H 2609550	Aug 29th	-	<p>(Continued)            from where he had previously been controlling the Coy            Coy bivouaced for the night remained mobile the gun gear            on limbers ready to move.</p> <p>Weather cool &amp; dull; but dry. (Information was received that            a crossing of the Somme could not be effected frontally            by the 5th A.V. Brigade during the night, but that they            had to cross on the left banks and work down from            the North. This was in course of action.) Hostile M.G.s            had been very active in the front throughout the night.            Coy paraded by sections in the afternoon for overhauling            of gear, emergency ration etc.            Lt's MARTIN-SMITH, CRIDLAND, and LANGWORTHY reported to            the Coy for duty from O.T.B.</p>	

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20th

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<p>Ref 8th Harbomms 1:40000 H26c9050</p>	<p>Aug 31st</p>		<p>Weather cool and dry. (Coy standing by all day awaiting orders to move; which did not come.) Enemy shelled back areas: (Villages and roads) intermittently with H.V. Shells. (It was expected that the 5th A.M.G. Coy would relieve the 6th A.M.G. Coy in the line during the afternoon. All necessary arrangements were made, and then the order was cancelled. Ground was reconnoitred N.W. along the Somme by LT WRIGHT, with a view to discover any good ground to bivouac, in the event of the transport moving forward.</p>	

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Coy Strength. Casualties etc.

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## SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 171

Ref. Map HASSONNIERES 1/40,000

10th August, 1918.

1. The 3rd and 4th Aust. Divns. are carrying the line R.28.c.5.4. CHUIGNOLLES L.33.c.0.7. tonight. The attack commences at 9.30 p.m.
2. The 5th & 7th A.I.Bdes. are going forward to approximately the line X.11.c.0.0., R.35.c.0.0., R.28.c.5.4. later in the night. This attack will be supported by an Artillery barrage.
3. (a) The 23rd Bn. will from 5 a.m. 11th Aug. be under the tactical command of the G.O.C. 7th A.I.Bde. and will be in position approx. on the line of the grid between X.7. and X.8. by that hour.  
(b) Bn. Hdqrs. will be established at X.13.b.9.9.  
(c) The Bde. Sig. Offr. will connect this Hdqrs. with the 7th Bde. forward exchange by 4 a.m. and will maintain this line.
4. The 24th Bn. will from 5 a.m. 11th August be under the tactical command of the G.O.C. 5th A.I.Bde. By this hour the 24th Bn. will be in position in the old French line within the 5th Bde. boundaries with Hdqrs. at W.6.a.3.3.
5. The 6th A.I.Bde. will probably take over the line from the 5th and 7th Bdes on the night 11th/12th August.
6. Liaison Officer with the 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes.-  
Capt. F. SALE, M.C. 21st Bn.

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

Issued to Signals at.....

## Distribution.-

1. 21st Bn.
2. 22nd "
3. 23rd "
4. 24th "
5. 6th T.M.Bty.
7. 5th A.M.G.Coy.
8. 7th Field Coy.
9. Capt. NEWING.
10. Bde. Snipers
11. 5th A.I.Bde.
12. 7th A.I.Bde.
13. 2nd Aust. Divn.
14. G.O.C.
15. Bde. Major
16. Staff Capt.
17. Bde. T.O.
18. Bde. Sig. Offr.
19. File
20. War Diary
21. " "
22. - 25. Spares

W. F. N. Bridges  
Major,  
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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REF. MAPS 101

SHEETS 62D S.E.S.W. 1/20000

1. The southern and Northern Div. Boundrys are being readjusted on the night 2nd/3rd August 1918 to run as follows.

(A) Southern Div. Boundry from front line at V1B66 along north side of Railway to 035A70 thence west along Grid line thru 034 central to W32 central-M3 C60-M29D00-M20B03.

(B) Northern Div. Boundry-from front line at P31B13-Quarry Crossing P20A64, along south side of road to 011D52-010B00-02A74-03C226-02C22 07A27-N12B90-7A 0M4G70.

2. On the night 2nd/3rd August the following Guns of the 5th Aust.M.G. CO. will be received by the 4th Aust.M.G. BN.

GUNS	Location	GUNS	Location
R10	035D6525	R11	U5D9580
R10A	035D6525	R12	U7% U5D9580
R13	035C9070	R9A	03409515
R13A	035C9070	R9	03409515

The following Guns of the 5th M.G.Co. will not be received but be w withdrawn,

Guns	Location
R8	V1A6040
R7	V1A6015
R20	V1A3035

3. On relief by the 4th M.G. BN. The Guns of the 5th A.M.G.Co will receive the 7th and 8th Guns as follows,

5th Co Guns	will receive	Gun	At
R10	" "	L19	028B5528
R10A	" "	L21	028B5528
R13A	" "	L14	028D404
R13	" "	R18	034A5528
R9	" "	L5	029B5435
R9A	" "	L11	029B5435
R11	" "	L22	027D1085
R12	" "	L23	027D1085
R7	" "	L15	028D4040

R20 and R8 will take up positions at 027D9 90.

4. The AMER. Gun R18A will remain in position and will on relief come under the command of O.C. 5th CO,

5. Trench stores, Emergency Rations etc. will be handed over and copies of receipts forwarded to Co. Hdqs. (028B5528) on completion of relief. The Map Co-Ordinates of all Emergency Iron Rations handed over or taken over will be marked on all receipts. All S.O.S. and close Defence tasks night firing programs and dispositions S.A.A. etc. to be handed over.

6. Transport One four horse limber to be at Lt. Dickinsons Ration Dump at 11 P.M. 2nd 8/18. This limber will pick up Guns R7, R8, & R20 and all belt boxes and Gear belonging to these Guns. This limber will convey R7 Gun and Gear to L15 (028D4040) and R8 and R20 to 027D9 90 no other transport will be provided therefore all other guns will be carried from old position when relieved to new position.

7. Ration Dumps will remain the same with the following exceptions. Lt. Dickinsons Rations to Co. Hdqs. Lt. Wrights to Railway tunnel 027D6085.

8. Guides. One Guide per Gun being relieved to be at U4 a 55

at 8 30 pm

(over)

Guides from 22nd Co to be at 021d 40 40 at 11.30 in

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9. Reports to Co. Hdqs. daily 9 A.M. Daily.

10. Acknowledge.

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Appendix 2

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Captain  
O.C. 5th M.G. Co.

DISTRIBUTION

- Copy No1 to Lt. Wright
- " No2 " Lt. Dickinson
- " No3 " Lt. Wallade
- " No4 " 2nd M.G. BN.
- " No5 " 129th U.S.M.G. Co.
- " No6 " Rear Hdqs. 5th M.G. Co.
- " No7 " 22nd A.M.G. CO
- " No8 " Right Group
- " No9-10-11 War Diary
- " No12 Spare



5th August 1918

Ref Map 62° S.E. and S.W.

To accompany 2nd Aust. M. G. Bn. M. G. Instruction No 1

General Information

- i. The Division is attacking the enemy at a date and hour to be noted and later.
- ii The 2nd Canadian Division is operating on our right, 3rd Aust. Division on our left.
- iii Objective is the GREEN LINE Q 1900050. V10d90.90. 5th Aust. Div. is passing through this Division for the capture of RED and BLUE lines.
- iv Attack will be carried out by the 7th A.D. Bde on right and 5th A.D. Bde on left. 6th A.D. Bde to be in supports.
- v The attack will be protected by a creeping barrage, accompanied by tanks.

2) Forward Guns

The 4th and 22nd Coys. will go forward under orders of T. Co. C. 5th and 7th A.D. Bdes. respectively

3) The 5th and 7th Coys will be organised into Groups and Batteries as follows.

Right Group

A Battery	4 guns	5th Coy	P31d75	Lt Coleman	4 guns No 1 Sec
B "	"	"	P31b90.4	Lt Larmichael	4 guns No 2 Sec
C " Battery	"	"	P26c5	Lt Watkinson	4 guns No 1 Sec
D "	"	"	P26c85.75	Lt Wright	4 guns No 2 Sec

Left Group

E Battery	4 guns	7th Coy	P26a4.5
F "	"	"	P26b5.8
G "	"	"	P20d5.7
H "	"	"	P20c7.9

These batteries will carry out tasks as shown on attached back map to the following time tables.

Battery	No 1 Task		No 2 Task	
	From	To	From	To
H. Battery	Z+30 min	Z+50 min.		
"B"	Z+25"	Z+75"		
"C"	Z+25"	Z+70"		
"D"	Z+21"	Z+55.	Z+56	Z+75
"E"	Z+8.	Z+45"		
"F"	Z+19.	Z+40.	Z+41	Z+66
"G"	ZERO	Z+22		
"H"	Z+7	Z+40	Z+41	Z+47

Rate of Fire One bell per four minutes.

On the capture of the objective at Zero +4 hours three Groups will become Mobile Reserve under direct orders of C.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> M.G. Bn, and on receipt of instructions from Bn. H.Qrs. will be placed in limbers and concentrated at the following localities:

7<sup>th</sup> Coy VALLEY S.W. of VAIRE WOOD

5<sup>th</sup> Coy in vicinity of P24C.

All guns will be overhauled, belts filled and limbers packed for mobile work.

Location of Coy H.Qrs. will be notified Group & Battalion H.Qrs. as soon as possible.

4) Battle Headquarters.

Group H.Qrs. will be established as near their respective Bde H.Qrs.

Right Group H.Qrs 028652 present 5<sup>th</sup> Coy H.Qrs.

Battalion Report Centre and Signal station

will be at present 5<sup>th</sup> Coy. H.Qrs. 028652.

5<sup>th</sup> Coy. H.Qrs. will be at 036a 75.40.

5) Transport.

All gun limbers will be prepared to move forward at short notice.

On receipt of wire for limbers, gun limbers will be dispatched to Battery Positions.

No 2 Section limbers will pick up "H" Battery

" 3 "

" 1 "

" 4 "

"B"

"C"

"D"

As soon as limbers report to Battery Commanders, Battery Commanders will at once have their fighting limbers packed. These limbers should be packed so that guns can be brought into action at a moment's notice. When limbers are on the march in the forward area all necessary precautions must be taken against surprise attack.

#### 6/ Rations

All men going forward will carry an extra 24 hrs Iron Rations in addition to their emergency Rations.

#### 7/ Company Commander

Lt. L. Wilkinson will act as the advance O.C. 5<sup>th</sup> A.C.G. Coy. and will establish his H.Qrs. at O 36 a 75 40.

#### 8/ Communication

Batteries will be connected to Coy. H.Qrs. by Telephone. Battery calls will be "A" "B" etc. One runner per battery at Coy. H.Qrs. One runner per battery at Battery H.Qrs. 5<sup>th</sup> Coy H.Qrs. will be connected to Right Group H.Qrs. O 28 b 5.2 by Telephone and Runner. VISUAL At zero + 2 hours a visual station will be established at P 26 a 5.8 for receiving working to be "D D" until it is found safe to "work up and down".

9/ Ammunition 10,000 rounds per gun on Battery Position.

10/ Reports. All reports to Coy. H.Qrs.

#### 11/ R.A.P.s

The nearest R.A.P. to Batteries will be notified later.

12/ Acknowledge.

Retk Capt.  
O.C. 5<sup>th</sup> Aust. C.G. Coy.

Distribution

- Copy No 1 to Lt Dickinson
- 2 " " Battery
- 3 " " " "
- 4 " " " "
- 5 " " " "
- 6 " Lt Dickinson
- 7 " Transport Coy
- 8 " Right Group
- 9 " 2nd Coy. M.G. Co.
- 10 " 7th M.G. Coy
- 11/13 War Stamp
- 14/16 Spare

Addendum to Company Order No 14.87  
6/7/18.SuppliesEmergency Rations.

1 Iron Ration (on the man)

1 Assault Ration (on the man)

Units will demand on the 20<sup>th</sup> A.A.S.C. LAMOTTE-BREBIERE for the assault rations.

One week's issue of solidified alcohol will be issued for the use of assaulting troops.

Issues of pea-soup, ozo, and rum have been authorised for issue for 2 days to the assaulting troops.

Water bottles at the rate of 75 per Coy. have been issued to assaulting companies.

Area Stores.

Units will arrange, prior to moving forward to assembly positions, to detail an officer & party of men to take charge of all tents, shelters, and area stores. It will be the officer's duty to have all tents struck and collected in dumps. The officer will notify Batta. Q.M. of locations and nature of dumps, who will await orders from Batta. H.Q. for their removal.

W. H. Capt.

O.C. 5<sup>th</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

Order No 15

13/1/18

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1) The 1st Bde at a date and time to be notified later, will occupy a line about R 35000 X 6000 - 5800.

2) The 5th and 7th Divs will be attached to the 1st Bde and will act as follows.

Units to move forward

2 Guns 5th Div in vicinity of X 5002 and X 5004 (at Starry Wood) to move forward to approx X 5007

Task 1st village of HERLEVILLE and valley running north along grid line between X 7000

2 Guns 5th Div at X 11007 to move forward to approx X 12003 (at Laumechard)

Task 1st village of HERLEVILLE for right

2 Guns 5th Div at X 11007 to move forward to approx X 12003 (at Laumechard)

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- 1. 4 guns approx. X1662995 This Battery will be under the command of Lt. Howard
- 2. 4 guns approx. X1662995 This Battery will be under the command of Lt. Wright
- 3. 2 guns 7th Coy
- 4. 2 guns 5th Coy at X9656
- 5. Officers commanding Companies will arrange mutually with Battalion Commanders concerned, re times of going forward for forward guns.
- 6. Rate of fire for barrage guns will be one belt per gun per 4 minutes.
- 7. Fire will last about one hour.
- 8. Barrage Guns of 5th Coy will use, after the operation, their respective tasks as S.I.C.S. Barrages.
- 9. One ton of Water per gun for all guns and 20,000 rounds, inclusive of rounds in belts, with each gun doing barrage work by ZERO - 3 hours.
- 10. Forward Guns must have at least 10 belt boxes per gun at their assigned position by ZERO + 2 hours.
- 11. All barrage Guns to be ready to fire at ZERO - 3 hours.
- 12. All Batteries to report to Company H.Q.s. by wire when ready to fire, the word SALMON.
- 13. Lt. Wright's Battery G will be known as A, Lt. Dowd as B and Lt. Story as C.
- 14. Location of S.A.A. dumps, Water Points & R.A.P.s will be notified later.
- 15. Communications will be maintained between Coy H.Q.s. and Batteries by Phone as a minimum.
- 16. ZERO day and hour will be notified later.
- 17. Acknowledge.

Well Capt.  
Of 5th Aust. Inf. Coy.

Distributions

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Ref. Maps 62<sup>nd</sup> SE. 1:20,000

- 1) Company Order No 15 is cancelled.
- 2) The 23<sup>rd</sup> Batta. will secure tonight by peaceful penetration the trench line about X12a 55.
  - (a) 22<sup>nd</sup> Batta. will advance their line in conformity with 23<sup>rd</sup> Batta. from about X12a 55 to about X5 central.
  - (b) 24<sup>th</sup> Batta. will continue the line on from X5 central to join the present line at R34d 7.4.

It is desired, if possible, to secure the road running S.E. from R34d 7.3 to the CRUICK in X6c 4.3.

The right flank of 23<sup>rd</sup> Batta will remain in its present position. It will be necessary for the foregoing penetration to be completed by daylight tomorrow morning to facilitate a further operations on our right flank in the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst.

For the purpose of the operation, the S.O.S. lines will be lifted from open to a line 400' in advance of the objective, mentioned in para. II.
- 3) The 7<sup>th</sup> M.F. Coy will supply 2 guns at present situated at R34c 9.0 X6b 4.3. These guns will move forward approx. X5a 5.5. They will be attached to the 24<sup>th</sup> Batta. Tanks cover road running N.E. into R35d.
 

The 5<sup>th</sup> M.F. Coy will supply 2 guns to move forward from R35c 0.2 + X5c 0.4 (St. Wallace) to approx. X5d 6.7

Tasks RIGHT Gun WEST edge of MERLEVILLE  
LEFT Gun SOUTH "

These guns will be attached to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Batta.

The 5<sup>th</sup> M.F. Coy will supply 2 guns to move forward from X11c 0.8 (St. Carmichael + Sgt Thomas) to approx. X12a 3.5. They will be attached to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Batta.

Tasks LEFT Gun 90° GRID, RIGHT Gun 15° Grid.

Section officers concerned will arrange with Batta. Commanders before gun tonight and receive instructions from Batta. Commanders regarding times for moving forward.
- 4) Section Officers will report to Coy. H.Q.s. as soon as possible tomorrow morning, map location of guns and grid bearing of their lines of fire.
- 5) Acknowledgement.

R. Capt.

- Distribution
- Copy No Lt. Carmichael
  - 2 " Wallace
  - 3 " Wright
  - 4 " David
  - 5 " Stary
  - 6 M.F. Group
  - 7 2nd M.F. Bn

8/10 War Diary



5<sup>th</sup> Aust

Appendix

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Order No 17

Secret  
Copy No 5  
17/8/18

St. Anne

see attached tracing.

- 1) The 6<sup>th</sup> N.I. Bde. will establish posts on line, shown in RED on attached sketch. The 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Bns, whose boundaries are shown in the attached sketch, are providing the storming troops.
- 2) Artillery and M.G. Barrages are shown in sketch.
- 3) The 7<sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy will attach 2 guns to 22<sup>nd</sup> Bn, and the 5<sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy will attach 2 guns to 23<sup>rd</sup> Bn. These guns will be required to move forward in rear of storming troops and are to be under the consolidation Officers detailed to command these sub-sections. Will report to Battalion Commanders concerned before 8 pm. tonight for instructions.
- 4) The 7<sup>th</sup> Coy will use the 2 guns in R32a as forward guns, and the 5<sup>th</sup> Coy, those in X96.
- 5) M.G. Barrage (see attached sketch) will be as follows.
 

"A" Barrage	5 guns	7 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy.
"B1"	4 "	5 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy. Sgt. Stewart
"B2"	2 "	5 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy. Lt. Carmichael
"C"	4 "	5 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy. Lt. Wright
- 6) Coy. Commanders will arrange to move forward sufficient guns to provide the above barrages.
- 7) Rate and times for firing for Barrages will be 1 belt per gun plus 4 minutes from ZERO to ZERO plus 15 minutes.
- 8) Guns on barrage will lay on these barrage lines for S.O.S. purposes from ZERO + 15 onwards.
- 9) ZERO hour will be 4.15 am. or 18<sup>th</sup> inst.
- 10) Section Officers will synchronise watches at the nearest Bn. HQ. at 8 pm tonight.
- 11) Acknowledge.

## Distributions

- 1) Copy No 1 Lt. Baird
- 2 " " Lt. Carmichael
- 3 " " Lt. Wright
- 4 " " Sgt. Stewart
- 5) War Diary

18/8/18  
Lt. Baird

being relieved

by the 32<sup>nd</sup> Division between

and August 1918  
The 5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Coy. will be relieved by the 32<sup>nd</sup> Aust. P. Bn. on  
night 18/19 August

- Relief Companies will move as follows:-
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Coy with 5<sup>th</sup> A.P. Bde Group FOUILLOY Area
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Coy " 6<sup>th</sup> " " VECQUEMONT "
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Coy " " " " " "
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy " 7<sup>th</sup> " " VECQUEMONT " HARBONNIERS

1) Night 18/19 August 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Coy, embussing at ~~Billancourt~~ embussing at ~~Billancourt~~  
 2) NUCLEUS will entrain with companies. Transport moving by road on the day proceeding night of relief  
 3) Packet Companies will arrange to brace packets etc. the day after arriving in their concentration areas, from pack store at LAMOTTE.

4) Trench stores. All trench stores, S.A. (bulks), Maps, photos, tripods, Belt boxes, A.O.S. tasks, one water tin per gun and all necessary information will be handed over to incoming company. Receipts will be obtained in duplicate and forwarded to Company HQs by runners, who will also report relief complete.

5) Guides two guides for N<sup>o</sup> 4 section, one guide per gun for all other sections to be at company HQs at 8:15 pm

6) On relief sections will rendezvous at W 12 d. 8.2 under section officers. Embussing point W 11 c. 8.2. ALSO NUCLEUS will be at same place and same time.

8) Transport Arrangements

One limber to report to Lt. Wright at 10.15 P.M. to pick up 4 guns and gear. One limber to report to Lt. ~~Wright~~ <sup>DOWD</sup> at Lt. Wright's Dump at 11 P.M. to pick up 4 guns & gear. One limber to report to Sgt. Stewart at Lt. Dowd's ration dump at 10.30 P.M. to pick up 4 guns & gear. One limber to report to Lt. ~~Wright~~ <sup>Carmichael, Lt. Co Wounds</sup> at Ration Dump at 10.30 P.M. to pick up 4 guns and gear. This limber to report to Company HQ before reporting to Lt. ~~Wright~~ <sup>Carmichael</sup> to pick up gear from H.Q.

9) Transport officer will arrange for his own guides for guiding transport into the ~~VECOUS~~ <sup>VECQUEMONT</sup> Area. Also, if possible, the drivers, that are sent up the line, should know where to go on completion of relief.

10) Billeting Parties Lt. Hickman will detail one officer and one other ranks per section as billeting party to report to Staff. Captain 6<sup>th</sup> A.P. Bde at Area Commandant Office Vecquemont at 12 noon

11) 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Coy. P. Bn. H.Q. will close at 0286 5:2 and open at ALLONVILLE at 10 am 19<sup>th</sup> August 1918.

5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Coy. G. Coy. H.Q. will close at X8688 at August and reopen at August 1918

6<sup>th</sup> A.P. Bde. H.Q. will close at W 18 6 6 bar on completion of relief August and reopen at Vecquemont Chateau same time August 1918

11) Transport will move with full kekelon.

12) Acknowledage

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5	5	Lt Hickman
6	6	Transport Officer
7	7	Group HQ
8	8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. P. Bn.
9	9	6 <sup>th</sup> A.P. Bde
10/12	10/12	War bears

Capt. O.C. 5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Coy

Copy No. ....

Headquarters,  
6th. August, 1918.

1. In accordance with Divl. Order No. 211, Machine Gun action will be as follows:-
2. FORWARD GUNS.  
6th. Coy. under the command of G.O.C. 5th. A.I. Bde.  
22nd. Coy. " " " " G.O.C. 7th. A.I. Bde.
3. REAR GUNS.  
5th. and 7th. Coys. will fire a barrage on old AMIENS line and on completion of programme become mobile as detailed in para 3 of Instructions No. 1.
4. GROUP COMMANDERS.  
Capt. R.C. Webb M.C. 5th. Coy. will be Right Group Comdr.  
Capt. M. Burrell 7th. Coy. will be Left Group Comdr.  
This organisation will come into force at Zero minus three hours. Group H.Qs. will be established at or in the vicinity of Bde. H.Qs. in each case.
5. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.  
Group Commanders will receive correct time from Bdes. at about 2.15 p.m. and 8 p.m. on "Y" day and will communicate same to Batteries and Forward Companies. There will be no synchronisation over the telephone.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Ch. Reed*  
.....Capt.  
Adj. 2nd. A.M.G. Battalion.

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  7. 7th. A.I. Bde.
  8. 2nd. Aust. Divn.
  9. Right Group Comdr.
  10. Left Group Comdr.
  11. 3rd. A.M.G. Bn.
  12. 5th. A.M.G. Bn.
  13. 2nd. Canadian M.G. Bn.
  14. 2nd. Tank Bn.
  15. Signal Officer.
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SECRET AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 44. SECRET.

Copy No. 15

Headquarters,  
6th. August, 1918.

1. The 6th. Aust. Inf. Bde. is acting as reserve Brigade to 1st. Aust. Division.
2. 5th. Aust. M.G. Coy. will come under orders of G.O.C. 6th. Aust. Inf. Bde., and will concentrate in the vicinity of "E" Keep O.2B.b.5.2., as part of 6th. Bde. group. (H.Q. at "E" Keep).
3. 5th. and 7th. A.I. Bdes. are reorganising between the green line and the old front line.  
6th. and 22nd. A.M.G. Coys. remain under orders of G.O.C. 5th. and 7th. Bdes. respectively.  
Fighting limbers, water carts and cookers are moving forward to concentration area at once.
4. 7th. Aust. M.G. Coy. will remain in Divisional Reserve, under orders of G.O.C. 2nd. Aust. M.G. Battn., and will concentrate in the vicinity of "E" Keep, with H.Q. at "E" Keep.
5. Battalion H.Q.s remain at GLISY.
6. All units are to be prepared to move at one hour's notice, but it is not anticipated they will be required before 5 a.m. on 9th.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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|          | 5.  | 2nd. Aust. Divn.       |
|          | 6.  | 5th. Bde.              |
|          | 7.  | 6th. Bde.              |
|          | 8.  | 7th. Bde.              |
|          | 9.  | 1st. A.M.G. Bn.        |
|          | 10. | 5th. A.M.G. Bn.        |
|          | 11. | 3rd. A.M.G. Bn.        |
|          | 12. | 2nd. Canadian M.G. Bn. |
|          | 13. | Signal Officer.        |
|          | 14. | Major Here.            |
|          | 15. | )                      |
|          | 16. | Spare.                 |
|          | 17. | File.                  |
|          | 18. | )                      |
|          | 19. | War Diary.             |
|          | 20. | )                      |

*...supplies until some means control*

*...be moved forward under order*

*...possible*

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2ND AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 45. SECRET.

Headquarters,  
11th. August, 1918

Copy No.....

1. On the 6th. A.I. Brigade taking over the line, the 5th. and 7th. Coys. will be allotted to the 6th. A.I. Brigade.
2. Capt. R.A.F. Hamilton, M.C., will act as Group Commander.
3. 6th. and 22nd. Coys. remain attached to the 5th. and 7th. A.I. Brigades respectively.
4. ACKNO LEDGE. *R*

*R.A.F. Hamilton*  
.....Capt.  
Adj. 2nd. A.M.G. Battalion

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals

at *11.8.18* .....

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|--------|------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| No. 1. | 5th. Coy.        | 9.    | Major L.F.S. Hore, M.C. |
| 2.     | 6th. "           | 10.   | Sig. Officer.           |
| 3.     | 7th. "           | 11.   | File.                   |
| 4.     | 22nd. "          | 12)   |                         |
| 5.     | 5th. A.I. Bde.   | 13)   | War Diary.              |
| 6.     | 6th. "           | 14)   |                         |
| 7.     | 7th. "           | 15/16 | Spares.                 |
| 8.     | 2nd. Aust. Divn. |       |                         |

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 46. S. M. G. B. T.

Copy No. 2

Headquarters,  
13th. August, 1918.

1. In connection with operations undertaken probably to-morrow.
2. All guns including 8th and 9th Coys. which are in a position to fire over the front line will fire 1000 rounds each on selected targets especially those on which movement has been observed.
3. Zero will be notified later.
4. The object of the programme is to deceive the enemy as to the limits of the attack.
5. Firing programme will be submitted to En. H.Q. at once.
6. ACK. E.

*Chas. Field*  
.....Capt.  
Adj. Snd. A.M.G. Battalion.

Distribution issued through  
Signals at... *11 30 am 13. 8. 18.*

- Copy No.
1. Group Comdr.
  2. 5th. Coy.
  3. 6th. Coy.
  4. 7th. Coy.
  5. 8th. Coy.
  6. 5th. A.I. Bde.
  7. 6th. A.I. Bde.
  8. 7th. A.I. Bde.
  9. 2nd. Aust. Divn.
  10. 3rd. A.M.G. Bn.
  11. 1st. A.M.G. Bn.
  12. File.
  13. )
  14. ) War Diary.
  15. )
  16. )
  17. ) Spares.
  18. )

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(continued)

- (b) Guns to go forward by pack transport in groups of four.  
 7A Battery to approx P.35.a.0.3.  
 7B do do 1st. position vicinity CARD COPSE  
 2nd. do do V.4.b.  
 7B to occupy 1st position as a flank protection until  
 Division on our right has moved forward.

S.O.S. Tasks as shown below:-  
 7A - P.36.d.95.65 to P.36.d.15.00.  
 7B - V.6.c.3.0. to V.11.b.6.2.

3. The 5th. and 7th. Coys. will be organised into Groups and Batteries as follows:-

Right Group

A Battery	4 guns	5th.	P.31.d.7.5.7.6
B do	do	do	P.31.b.8.5.90.48
C do	do	do	P.26.c.5.2.8.1
D do	do	do	P.26.c.2.9.85.75

Left Group

E Battery	4 guns	7th. Coy.	P.26.a.9.5.
F do	do	do	P.26.b.5.8.
G do	do	do	P.20.d.5.7.
H do	do	do	P.20.c.7.9.

These Batteries will carry out tasks as shown on attached Task Map, to the following time table:-

Battery	No. 1 Task		No. 2 Task	
	From	To	From	To
A	Z plus 30 min	Z plus 80 min		
B	Z plus 25 min	Z plus 75 "		
C	Z plus 25 "	Z plus 70 "		
D	Z plus 21 "	Z plus 55 "	Z plus 56 min	Z plus 75 min
E	Z plus 8 "	Z plus 45 "		
F	Z plus 19 "	Z plus 40 "	Z plus 41 "	Z plus 66 "
G	ZERO	Z plus 22 "		
H	Z plus 7 "	Z plus 40 "	Z plus 41 "	Z plus 47 "

Rate of Fire One belt per four minutes.

On the capture of the Objective at Zero plus 4 hours these groups will become Mobile Reserve under direct orders of C.O., M.G. Bn., and on receipt of instructions from Battn. H.Q. will be placed in limbers and concentrated at the following localities:-

7th. Coy. VALLEY S.W. of VAIRE WOOD

5th. Coy. Vicinity of P.24.c.

All guns will be overhauled, belts filled and limbers packed for mobile work. Location of Coy. H.Qs. will be notified Group & Bn. H.Q. as soon as possible.

4. Battle Headquarters.

Group H.Qs. will be established at or near their respective Bde. H.Qs.

H.Qs. of Forward Coys. will be with one of the attacking Battalions in each case.

Battalion Report Centre and Signal Station will be at present 5th. Coy. H.Q. O.28.b.5.2.

Battalion Headquarters GLISY.

5. All men going forward will carry an extra 24 hours Iron Rations in addition to their emergency ration.

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- 6. Reports. Forward Coys. will report through Group Commanders.
- 6th. Coy. through Left Group (Capt. Burrell)
- 22nd. Coy. " Right " (Capt. Webb)

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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Signals at... *10/5 pm 4. 8. 18*

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- 2. 6th. "
- 3. 7th. "
- 4. 22nd. "
- 5. 5th. A.I. Bde.
- 6. 6th. "
- 7. 7th. "
- 8. 2nd. Aust. Divn.
- 9. Right Group Comdr.
- 10. Left " "
- 11. 3rd. A.M.G. Bn.
- 12. 5th. "
- 13. 2nd. Canadian M.G. Bn.
- 14. File.
- 15/17. War Diary
- 18/20. Spares.



5th Coy  
2ND AUSTRALIAN

ACHIN GUN BATTALION.

SECRET

Copy No.....

Headquarters,  
4th. August, 1918.SIGNAL ARRANGEMENTS.

To accompany M.G. Instructions No. 1.

1. From Zero night the 6th. and 22nd. M.G. Coys. will be attached to the 5th. and 7th. Inf. Bdes. respectively and their communications will be a Brigade matter until Zero plus 2 hours 30 minutes, when "A" detachment of No. 5 Section will, if circumstances allow, move off and establish an office at about P.34.b.3.8. lay lines to Batteries at approximately P.28.b.8.5. - P.29.b.5.5. - P.34.b.9.3. - V.4.b.5.5. and to the nearest Advanced Bde. H.Q. - position notified later.
2. Each Coy. Sig. Section will move off carrying 5 D3 phones, 1 Lucas Lamp and 1 mile of wire (two reels), also field Message bags containing stationery. Two sigs. from No. 5 Section will accompany each of the Coys.
3. 5th. and 7th. Coys. will be in close support to present front line for barrage fire. 5th. on right and 7th. on left Sector.
4. LOCATION.

Right Group Battery H.Q.	P.31.d.7.5.
"	P.31.b.8.5.
"	P.26.c.5.2.
"	P.26.c.9.9.
Left Group Battery H.Q.	P.25.a.9.5.
"	P.26.b.5.8.
"	P.20.d.5.7.
"	P.20.c.7.9.

<u>Company H.Q.</u>	Right Group.	P.31.c.1.9.
	Left Group.	P.26.a.2.9.
5. Lines to be laid to Battery Positions on Zero night and (except those which may be reached by C.T.) after dark.
6. Advanced Bn. H.Q. Location O.28.d.1.5.  
Bn. H.Q. GLISY.
7. VISUAL. At Zero plus 2 hours a visual station will be established at P.26.a.5.8. for receiving. Working to be "BRG" "D.D." until it is found safe to work "up and down."
8. RUNNERS. Company Commanders will arrange their own running system to sections. Bn. runners will run to Coys. - This applies to 5th. and 7th. Coys. until the Advanced Bn. H.Q. move forward.
9. All lines to be metallic throughout.
10. BURIED CABLE ROUTE. No. 4 on right sector V.B.X. to K.R. has been allotted to this Bn.

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|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. Bn. H.Q.   | 6. Div. Sig. Coy. |
| 2. 5th. Coy.  | 7. Cpl. Light.    |
| 3. 6th. Coy.  | 8. Sgt. Lawson.   |
| 4. 7th. Coy.  | 9/10. Spare.      |
| 5. 22nd. Coy. |                   |

S.O. Hodley  
.....Lieut.  
S/O. No. 5 Section.

10th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION. SECRET.Headquarters,  
5th. August, 1918.OPERATIONS - MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTIONS No. 2.

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1. COMMUNICATIONS.

Transport will avoid main lorry routes as far as possible.

There is an existing dry weather track from N.24.b.0.4. passing through squares O. 19, 20, 27, 28, 23, 24, 30, P. 19 & 25.

Arrangements will be made by the C.R.E. to extend track from P.20.c.6.1. to P.21.c.5.9. thence road to P.29.d.0.8.

Road from O.36.a.2.5. to O.5.b.0.1. to be opened up thence overland track to V.5.a.0.0.

The following roads are also to be opened for H.T. within the area:-

Road	O.13.Cent	to	O.9.c.9.1.
"	O.9.c.9.1	"	O.8.d.0.9.
"	O.9.c.9.1	"	O.29.d.9.4.
"	O.15.b.3.	to	O.10.d.4.8.
"	P.25.c.0.	to	P.20.a.3.6.

Motor lorry roads will be marked by one foot square sign bearing letters M.T. and Horse Transport routes by triangular sign bearing letters H.T. - black letters on white ground.

2. BRIDGES.

Traffic across the SOMME will be confined to the undermentioned Bridges:-

South to North	BLANGY No. 1	N.17.c.6.3.
	GLISY No. 2	N.14.c.8.3.
North to South	BLANGY No. 2	N.16.c.6.2.
	" No. 3	N.15.c.2.4.

3. SUPPLIES.

Emergency Rations. 1 iron ration (on the man)  
1 assault ration (on the man)

Units will demand on the 20th.A.A.S.C. LAMOTTE-BREBIERE for the assault rations.

One week's issue of solidified alcohol will be issued for use of assaulting troops.

Issues of pea-soup, oxo and rum have been authorised for issue on "Z" day to the assaulting troops.

Water bottles at the rate of 75 per Coy. have been issued to assaulting companies.

4. AREA STORES.

Units will arrange prior to moving forward to assembly positions to detail an officer and party of men to take charge of all tents, shelters and area stores. It will be the officer's duty to have all tents struck and collected in dumps. The officer will notify Battn. Q.M. of locations and nature of dumps, who will await orders from Battn. H.Q. for their removal.

5. Transport Lines, kits etc. will remain as at present.

6. AMMUNITION SUPPLY.

Brigades are arranging supply of ammunition to forward guns in their respective sectors. The forward Batteries will be supplied by pack transport under Coy. arrangements. S.A.A. remaining on dumps of 5th. and 7th. Coys. in their forward positions will be utilised as far as possible. T.Os of 6th. and 22nd. Coys. will obtain locations of these dumps from 5th.

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MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

**S E C R E T.**

Headquarters,  
5th. August, 1918.

OPERATIONS - MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTIONS No. 2. contd.

and 7th. Coys. respectively. Dumps will be marked by a white flag  
one foot square. These will be issued by Battn. Q.M.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Chubb*  
.....Capt.  
Adj. 2nd. A.M.C. Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION issued through

Signals at *7.45 and 6.8.18*

- Copy No. 1. Right Group Comdr.
- 2. Left Group Comdr.
- 3. 5th. Coy.
- 4. 6th. Coy.
- 5. 7th. Coy.
- 6. 22nd. Coy.
- 7. File.
- 8. )
- 9. ) War Diary.
- 10. )

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Headquarters,  
5th. August, 1918.

OPERATIONS & MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTIONS No. 3.

COPY No.....

1. Ref. Instructions No. 1 Para. 3.

AMENDED TIME TABLE.

Battery	No. 1 Task		No. 2 Task	
	From	To	From	To
A	Z plus 30 min	Z plus 80 min		
B	Z plus 25 "	Z plus 75 "		
C	Z plus 25 min	Z plus 70 "		
D	Z plus 21 "	Z plus 55 "	Z plus 56 min	Z plus 75 min
E	Z plus 10 "	Z plus 45 "		
F	Z plus 19 "	Z plus 40 "	Z plus 41 min	Z plus 66 min
G	ZERO	Z plus 22 "		
H	Z plus 7 min	Z plus 35 "	Z plus 30 min	Z plus 47 min

2. Following are exact Battery Locations:-

- 5th. Coy. A P.31.d.7.6.
- B P.31.b.90.48
- C P.26.c.5.1.
- D P.26.c.85.75
- 7th. Coy. E P.26.a.8.6
- F P.26.b.45.80
- G P.20.c.80.80
- H P.20.d.35.95

3. Light Signals

i. The following Light Signals will be employed in the Australian Corps:-

S.O.S. Signal - No. 32 Grenade, showing GREEN over GREEN over GREEN

Success Signal - No. 32 Grenade showing WHITE over WHITE over WHITE

No other light signals will be laid down by Division, but there is no objection to the use within Brigades of a Very light for the local indication of targets between infantry and tanks.

ii. The Light Signals employed by the Canadian Corps will be:-

No. 32 Grenade, RED over RED over RED - S.O.S.

Will also mean (a) We are held up and cannot advance without help<sup>x</sup>  
(b) Enemy is counter-attacking.

No. 32 Grenade, ) (a) Lift your fire. We are going to advance.  
GREEN over GREEN )  
over GREEN. ) (b) Stop firing.

Three WHITE Very )  
lights in quick ) - We have reached this point.  
succession. )

<sup>x</sup>NOTE. - A smoke rocket (No. 27 Grenade) will also be fired in the direction of the obstruction to indicate its position.

Special care must be taken by the Artillery on the right flank of the division that all officers and N.C.Os. are acquainted with these signals so that no mistake may arise as regards the difference in the S.O.S. signals of the Australian and Canadian Corps.

5th. August, 1918.

22nd. Coy. to note carefully difference between Canadian and Australian Signals.

Smoke.

iii. Artillery smoke will be as follows:-

- (a) 3 rounds per gun will be fired during the first three minutes of the Artillery barrage.
- (b) 3 rounds per gun will be fired in quick succession on the arrival of the field artillery barrage at the artillery halt line covering the first objective.

4. Tanks. Care will be taken that both positions are not run over by tanks. A copy of these instructions has been sent to 2nd. Tank Bn. which is operating on this front.

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

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at... 7.45 am 6.8.18

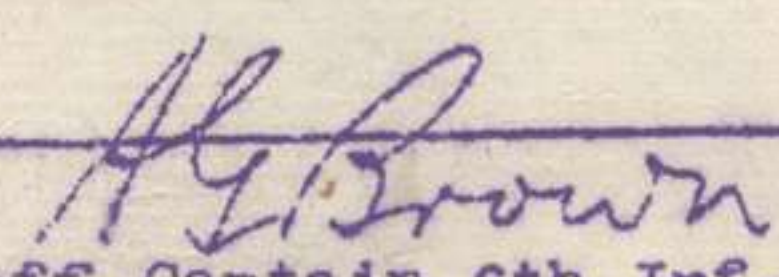
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	7.	1. "
	8.	2nd. Aust. Divn.
	9.	Right Group Comdr.
	10.	Left " "
	11.	3rd. A.M.G. Bn.
	12.	5th. "
	13.	2nd. Canadian M.G. Bn.
	14.	2nd. Tank Bn.
	15.	Sig. Officer.
	16.	File.
	17/19.	War Diary.
	20.	Spare.

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Brigade Headquarters  
17th August, 1918.Ref. AC  
Maative Memo to accompany 6th A.I. Bde. Order 175  
t 62.D. 1/40,000

1. SUPPLIES (a) Supplies on 18th will not be delivered to present Q.M. Stores but Q.M's will send a representative to 16th A.A.S.C. lines 0.15.b.5.7. at 3 p.m. on 18th inst., where rations will be taken over and then delivered to new locations.  
(b) Details rationed by Brigade H.Q. will draw rations for 19th inst. early on that morning from Bde. H.Q. CHATEAU, VECQUEMONT.  
(c) Rum will be drawn with rations on 18th inst.  
(d) Supplies on 18th inst. for consumption on 20th will be drawn by Nucleus in the usual way. Units will arrange to ration their own Nucleus personnel from 21st inst.
2. BAGGAGE WAGONS. One baggage wagon is already with each unit. Capt. T.B. FARRELL, M.C. will arrange with Q.M's direct re the second wagon. If this is not required, it can be used to lift Bn. packs and surplus stores at LAMOTTE.
3. BILLETING PARTIES (a) The usual billeting parties will meet the Staff Captain at Area Commandants Office VECQUEMONT 12 noon on 18th inst. Officers in charge of parties to have unit strengths.  
(b) Each Transport section will send a mounted N.C.O. or man to meet Staff Captain as per para (b) to act as guide to their own sec.
4. MOBILE ECHELON. Lieut. HISLOP on handing over will move (with full echelon) independently to VECQUEMONT. Each man will carry out of the line 120 rds. S.A.A.
5. TRANSPORT. First line transport will move independently but will not enter VECQUEMONT before 3 p.m. Units will make their own arrangements re movement of Cooker.
6. NUCLEUS. In accordance with the move of the Nucleus Bn. each Bn. will detail 2 limbers to report to Nucleus Camp at 1 p.m. on 19th instant to move baggage.  
All tents and trench shelters will be dumped on a lorry route under a guard - Map location to be notified to Bde. H.Q. early so that arrangements can be made to have them moved.
7. REFITTING. The work of refitting and re-equipping will be commenced immediately.
8. ORDNANCE. Will remain at present location 0.11.central. Units will draw by 1st Line Transport.
9. KITS. The present stores at ABBEVILLE will be moved and dumped at Bde. H.Q. VECQUEMONT at a time to be notified later.  
Units will arrange to return to D.A.D.O.S. any Ordnance Stores which they no longer desire to retain.  
Steps will be taken to forward all surplus kits to the A.I.F. Kit Store, London through the A.M.F.O.  
It is of the utmost importance that units remain mobile with existing transport.
10. LEWIS GUNS. These will remain with units and be carried on the Busses.
11. BATHS. Location and allotment will be notified later.

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

Distribution as per  
Bde. Order No. 175.

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

RELIEF AND MOVE TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 6th A. I. BDE. ORDER No. 175

Date Night	Unit	To be relieved by	On Relief		Remarks
			Embuss at.	Debuss at.	
18th/19th	21st Bn.	5th Border Regt.	W.11.c.8.7. Facing East.	N.6.d.5.4. Facing West	On debussing will be met by guides and taken to billeting Area.
-do-	22nd Bn.	2nd K.O.Y.L. Inf.	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	23rd Bn.	2nd Manchester Regt.	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	24th Bn.	10th A. & S. Highlanders	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	6th A.L.T.M. Bty.	Portion of 96th & 97th L.T.M. Bty.	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	Bde. H.Q.	Portion of 96th & 97th B.H.Q.	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	7th M.G. Coy.	"C" Coy. 32nd M.G. Bn.	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	5th M.G. Coy.	M.G. Coy. of 96th Inf. Brigade	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	6th Fld. Amb.	91st Field Ambulance	-do-	-do-	-do-

NOTES: Brigade Snipers will be attached to Bde. Hdqrs. for purpose of move.

6th Field Coy. A.E. will move by march route direct to VECQUEMONT Area. on 18th inst.

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 175

Ref. 62.D. 1/40,000

17th August, 1918

1. The Aust. Divn. (less Artillery) is being relieved by the 32nd Div. (less Artillery) in "B" Divnl. Sector and area between 17th and 19th August, 1918.  
The 5th & 7th A.I. Bdes. are being relieved in Reserve Left and Right by the 96th & 97th Inf. Bdes. respectively on the night 17th/18th August.
2. The 6th A.I. Bde. will be relieved by portions of the 96th and 97th British Inf. Bdes. on the night 18th/19th August in accordance with attached table.  
On relief the Bde. will move by bus from W.11.c.8.7. to VECQUEMONT Area.
4. For the purposes of this move the 6th Bde. Group will consist of the following units.-  
6th A.I. Bde. Units.  
5th M.G. Coy.  
7th M.G. Coy.  
6th Field Coy.  
6th Field Ambulance
5. Transport of units will move in daytime on 18th August.
6. Each unit of the Bde. Group will send an Officer to the embussing point at W.11. 8.7. to meet Lieut. C.D. FETHERS, M.C. the Brigade Embussing Officer at 10.30 p.m. on 18th inst.  
Capt. SELLECK will be debussing Officer at destination.
7. The Bde. Nucleus Personnel will rejoin their units, moving as a Bde. Unit from present position at 2 p.m. on 19th inst.
8. All marked Maps, Air photos, Intelligence connected with the area, Area and Trench Stores will be carefully handed over and receipts in duplicate will be forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs. within 24 hours of relief.
9. Command of the sector will pass to G.O.C. 96th and 97th Inf. Bde. on completion of relief.
10. Completion of relief will be wired in code to Bde. Hdqrs.
11. Bde. Hdqrs. will close at W.18.c.6.6. on completion of relief and reopen at VECQUEMONT CHATEAU at same time.

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

Issued to Signals at.....

Distribution.-

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|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. 21st Bn.            | 17. Q.M. 21st Bn.     | 31. 96th Inf. Bde. |
| 2. 22nd "              | 18. " 22nd "          | 32. 97th Inf. Bde. |
| 3. 23rd "              | 19. " 23rd "          | 33. 16th A.A.S.C.  |
| 4. 24th "              | 20. " 24th "          | 34. War Diary      |
| 5. 6th T.M. Bty.       | 21. C.O., Nucleus     | 35. " "            |
| 6. 5th A.M.G. Coy.     | 22. G.O.C.            | 36. File           |
| 7. 7th A.M.G. Coy.     | 23. Bde. Major        | 37.- 40 Spares.    |
| 8. 6th Fld. Engrs.     | 24. S. Captain        |                    |
| 9. 6th Fld. Amb.       | 25. M.G. Group        |                    |
| 10. C.O., Bde. Snipers | 26. Right Group Arty. |                    |
| 11. Bde. T. Offr.      | 27. Left. " "         |                    |
| 12. " Sig. Offr.       | 28. 4th A.I. Bde.     |                    |
| 13. " I.O.             | 29. 14th A.I. Bde.    |                    |
| 14. " Gas Offr.        | 30. 2nd Aust. Divn.   |                    |
| 15. " Bomb Offr.       |                       |                    |
| 16. " Q.M.             |                       |                    |

*M. J. Sale*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

P.T.O.




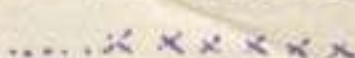
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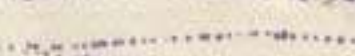
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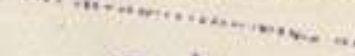
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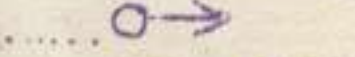
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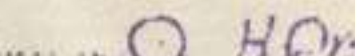
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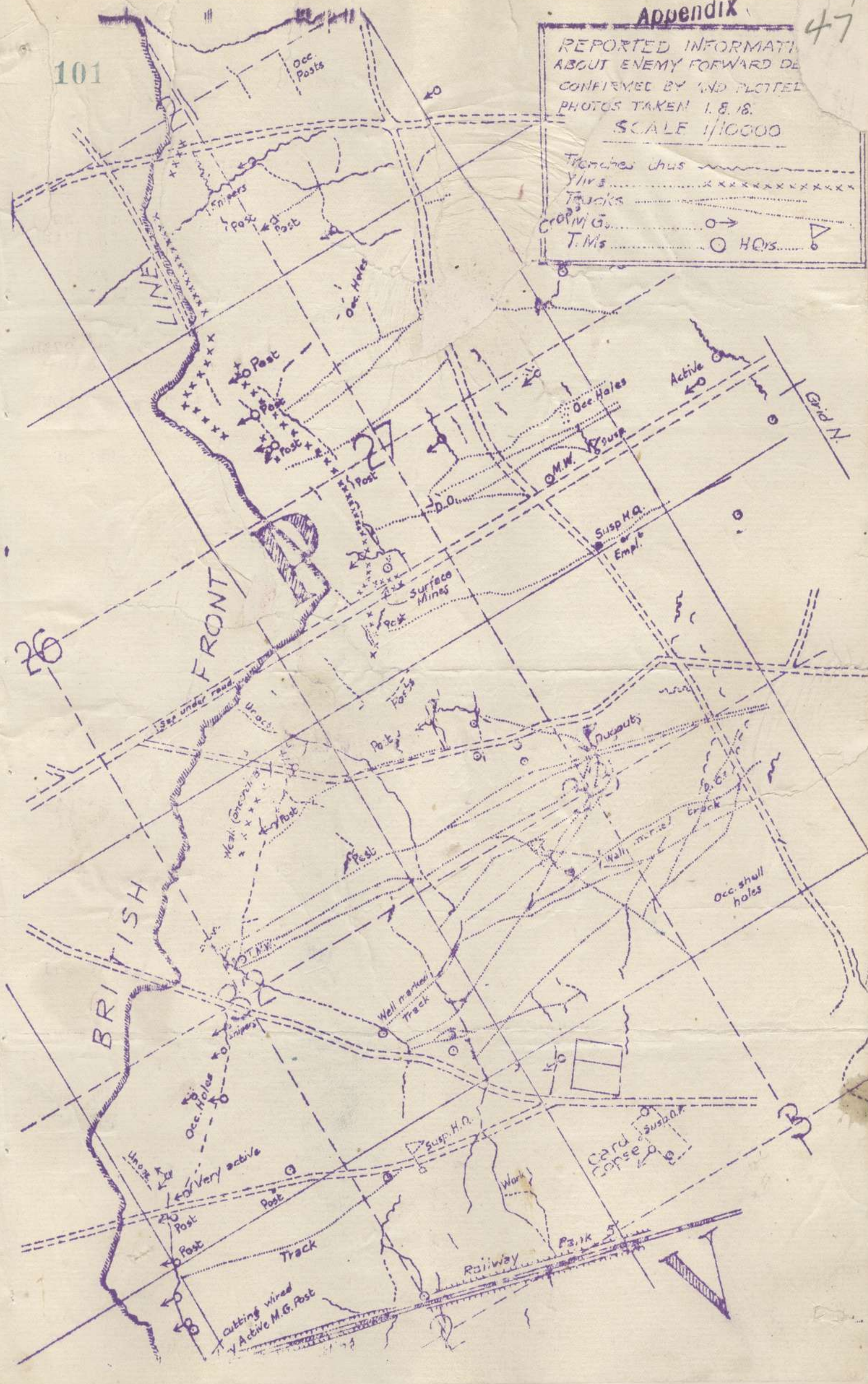
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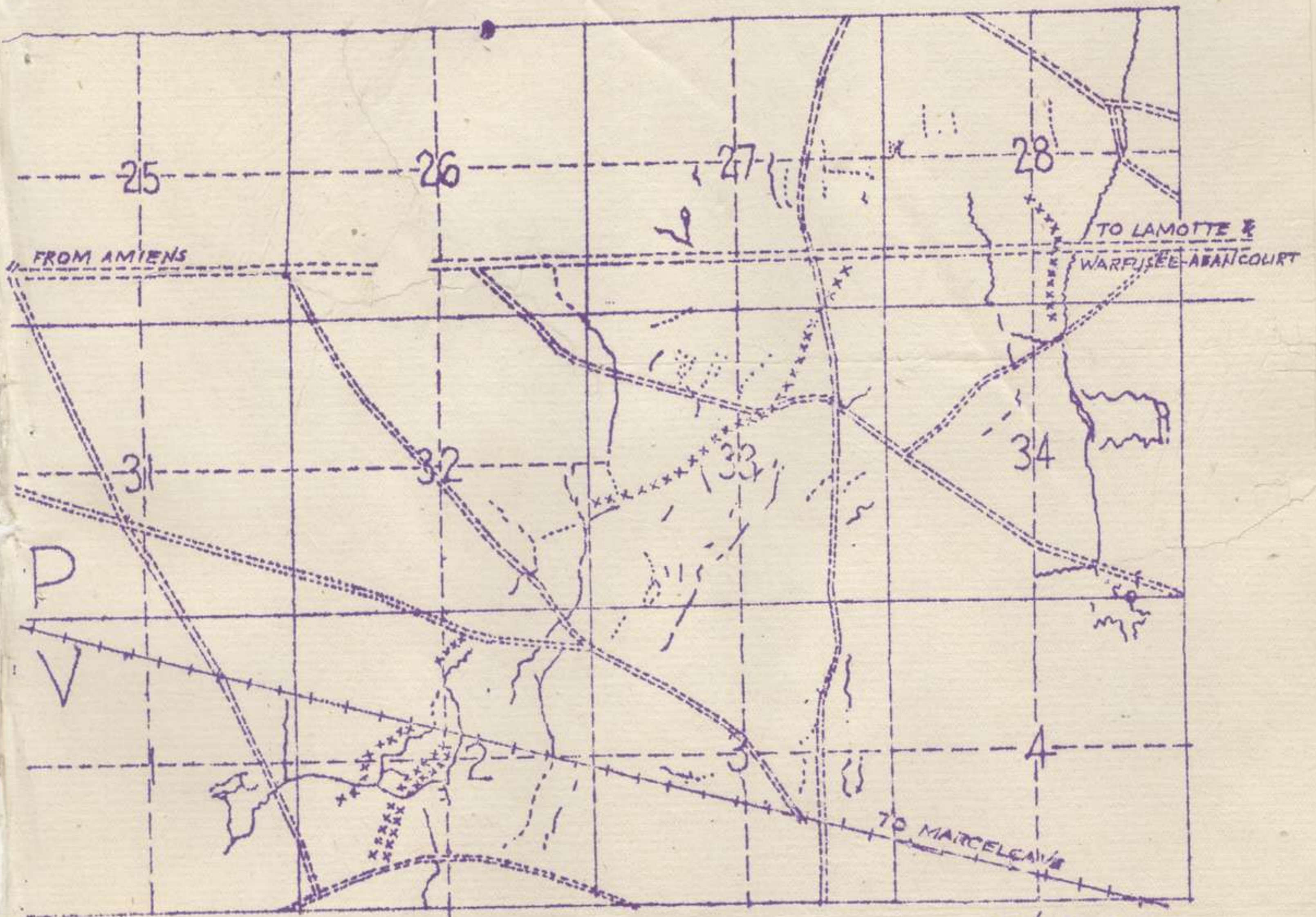
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T.M.s 

H.Q.s 



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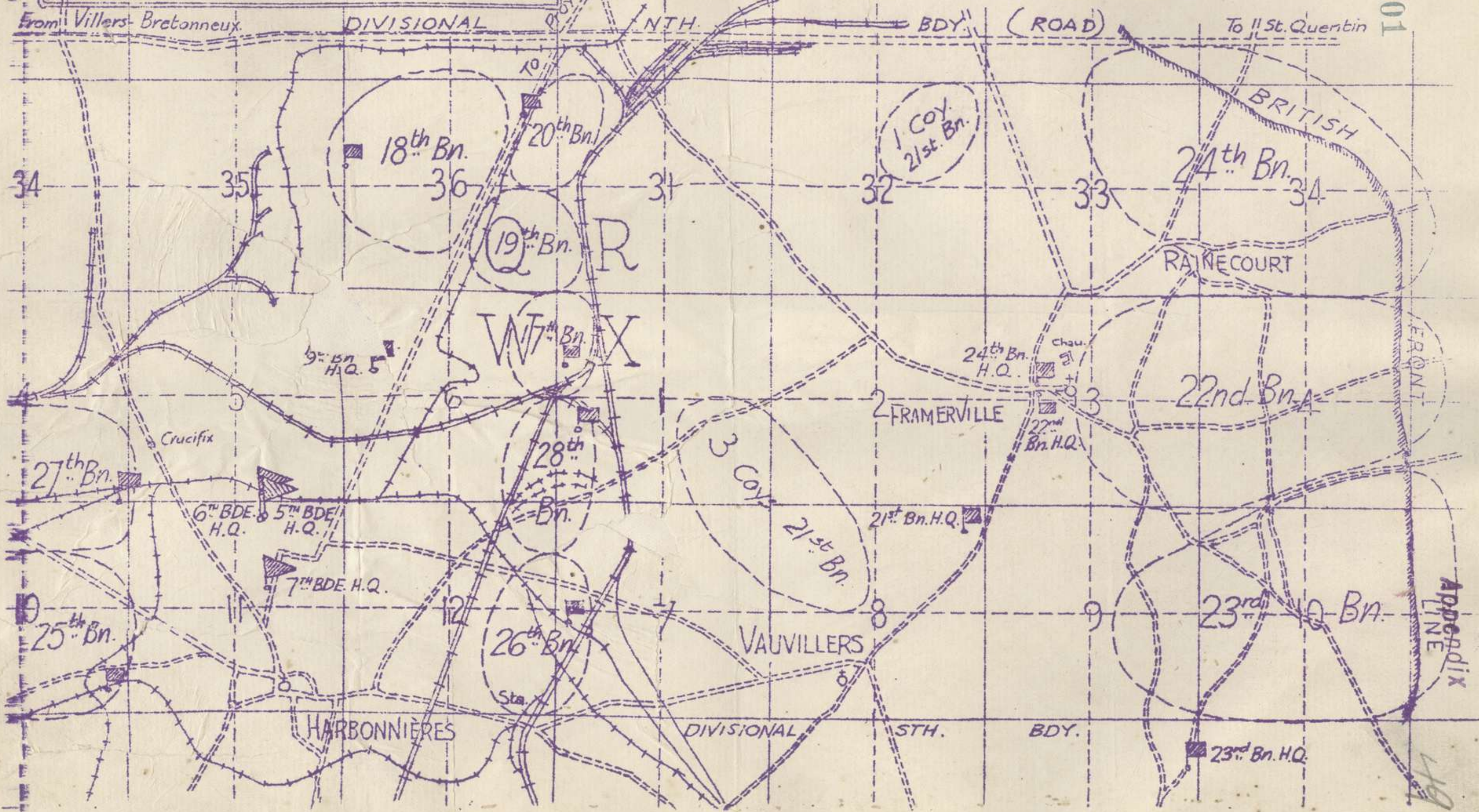
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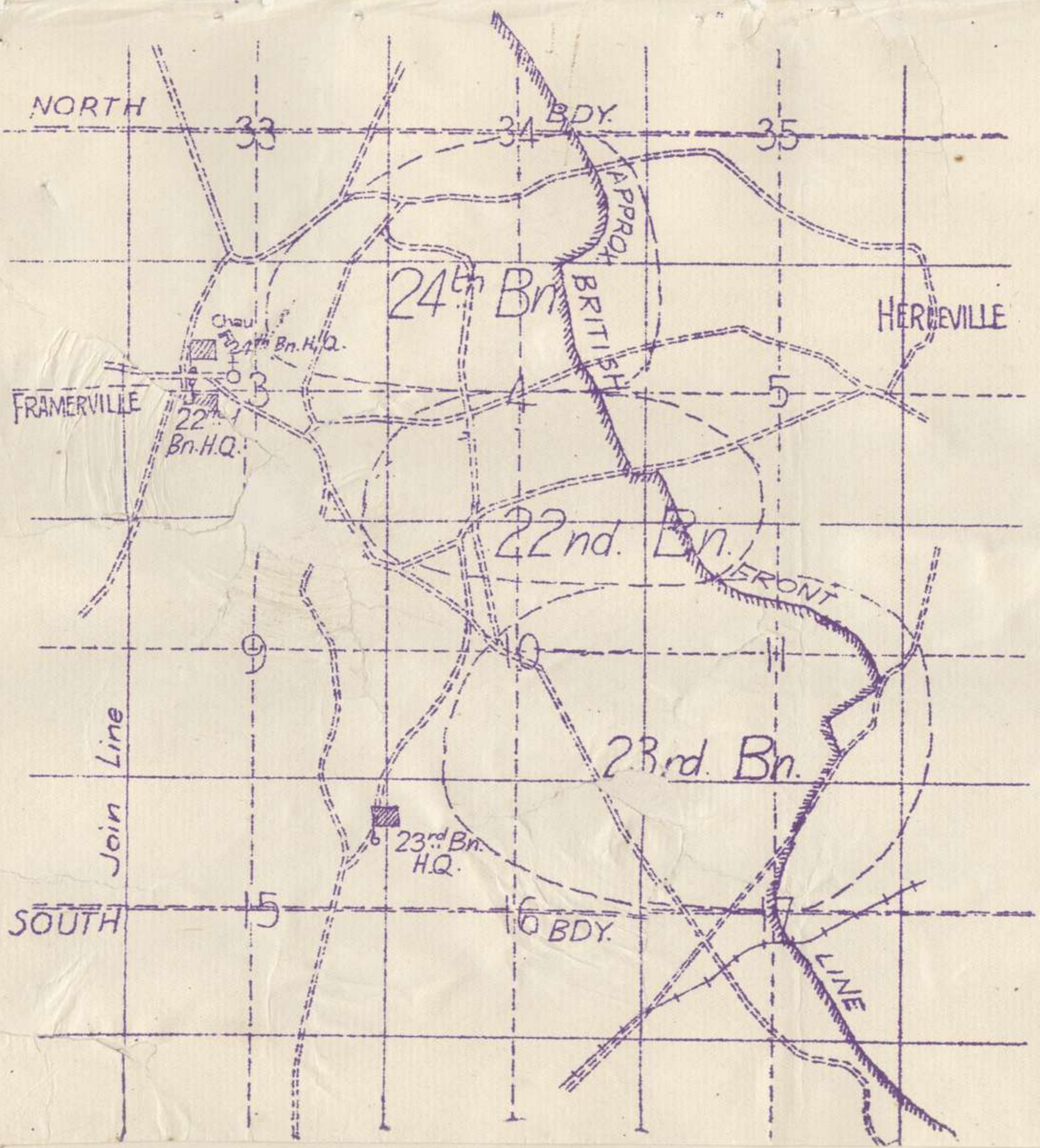
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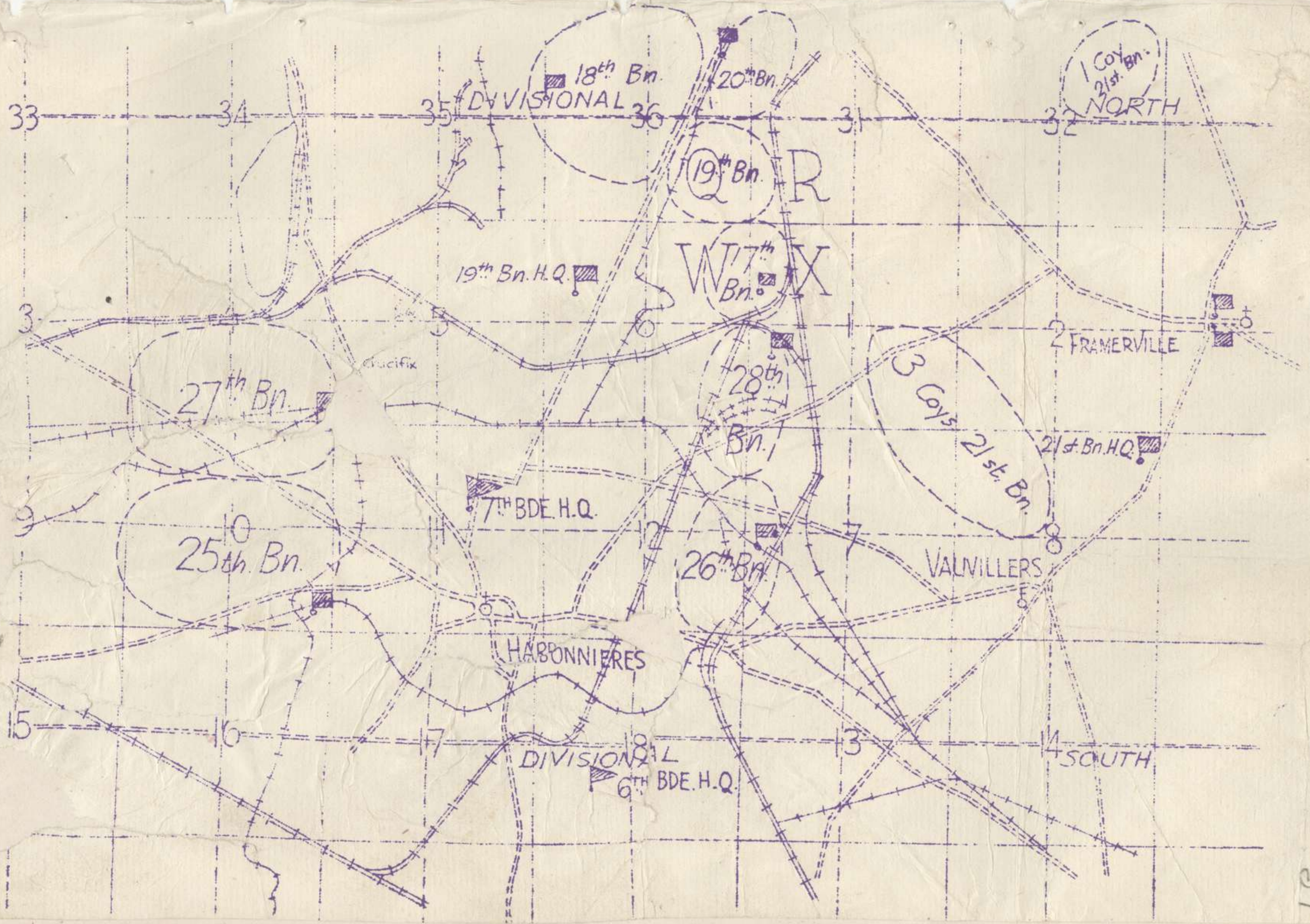
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 5<sup>TH</sup> BDE. H.Q.<sup>RS</sup>  
 AT BAYONVILLERS.

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POSITION OF 'A' DIV. FRONT LINE

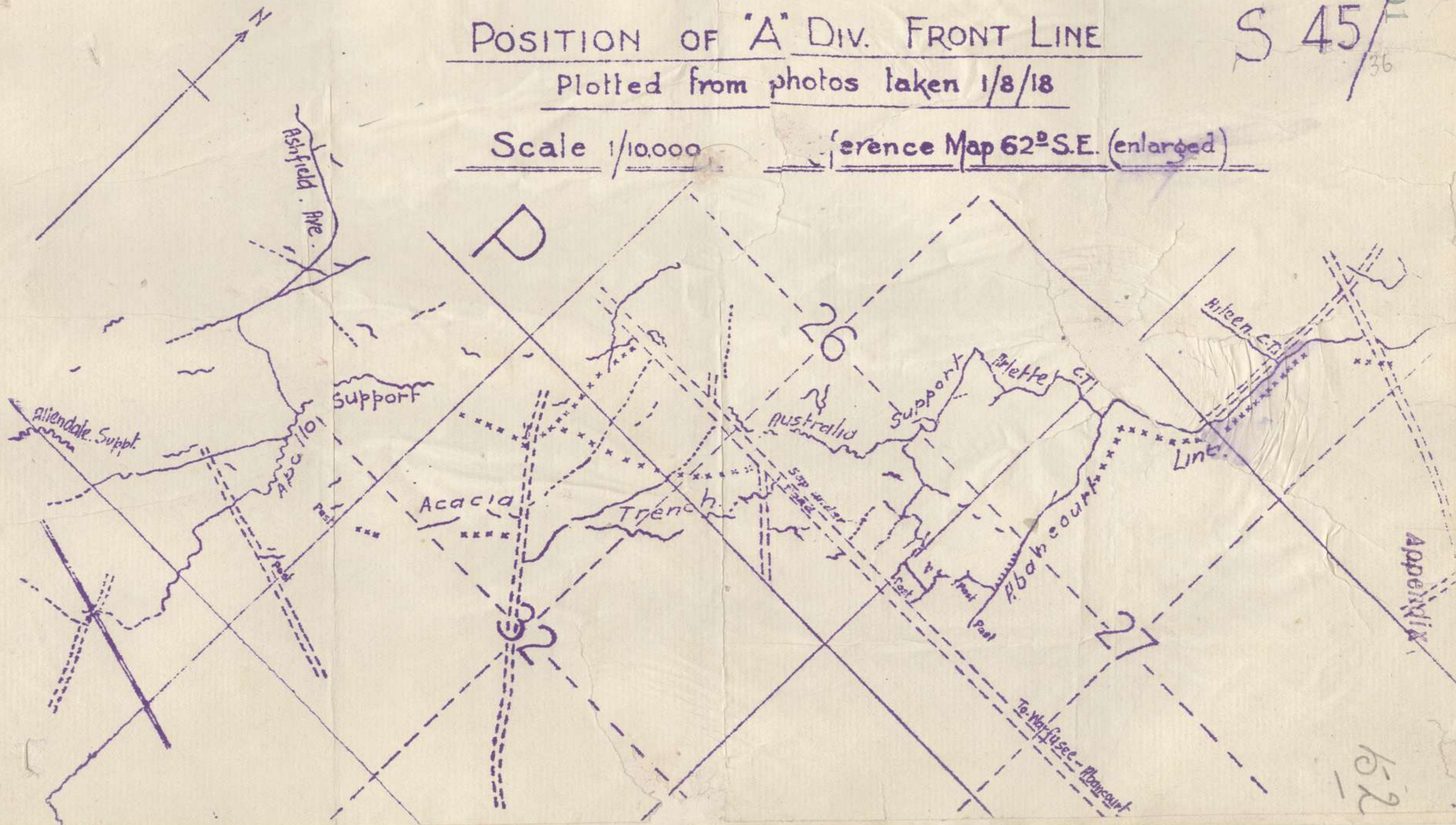
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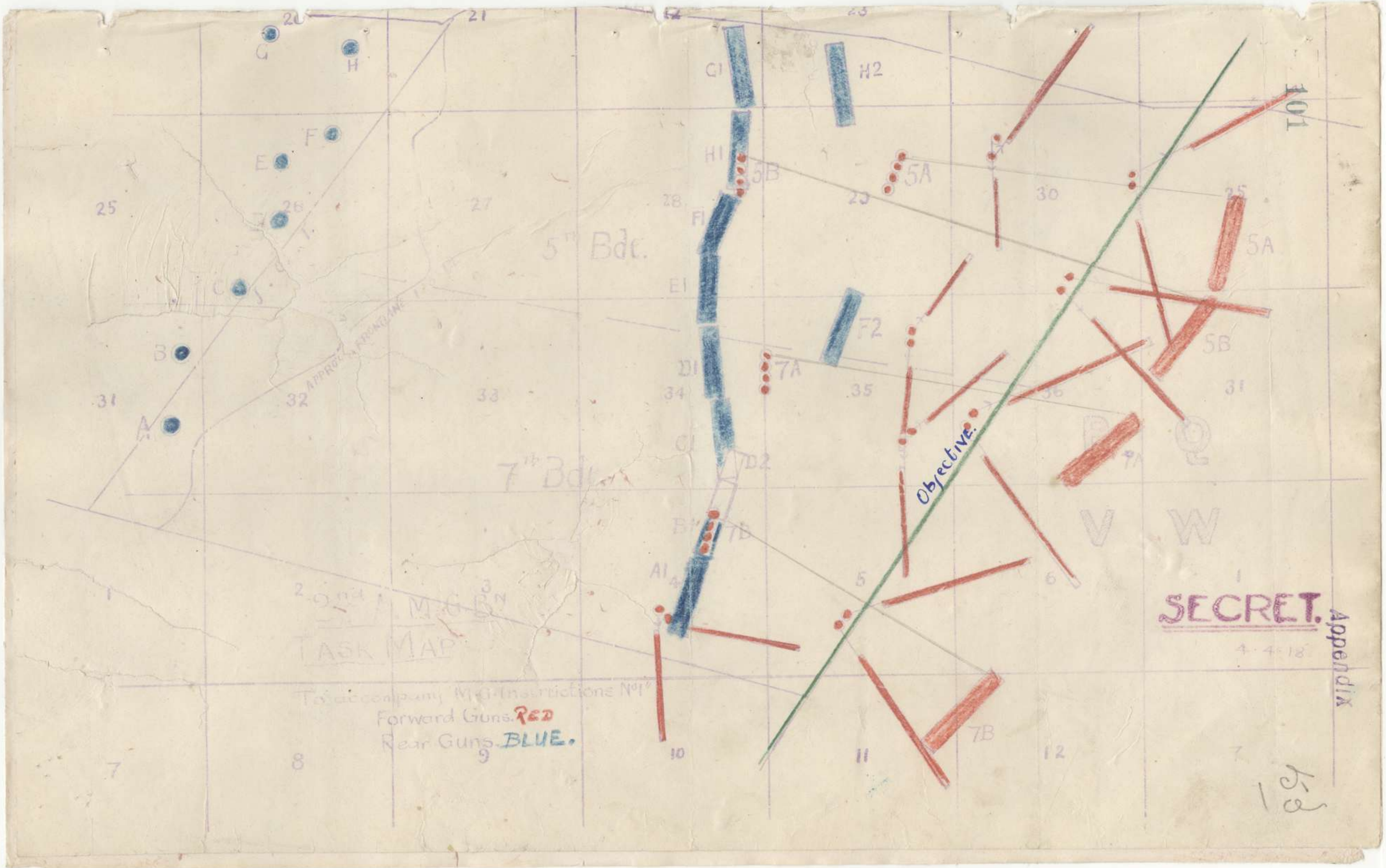
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2nd M.G. Bn  
TASK MAP

To accompany MG Instructions No 1  
Forward Guns. RED  
Rear Guns. BLUE.

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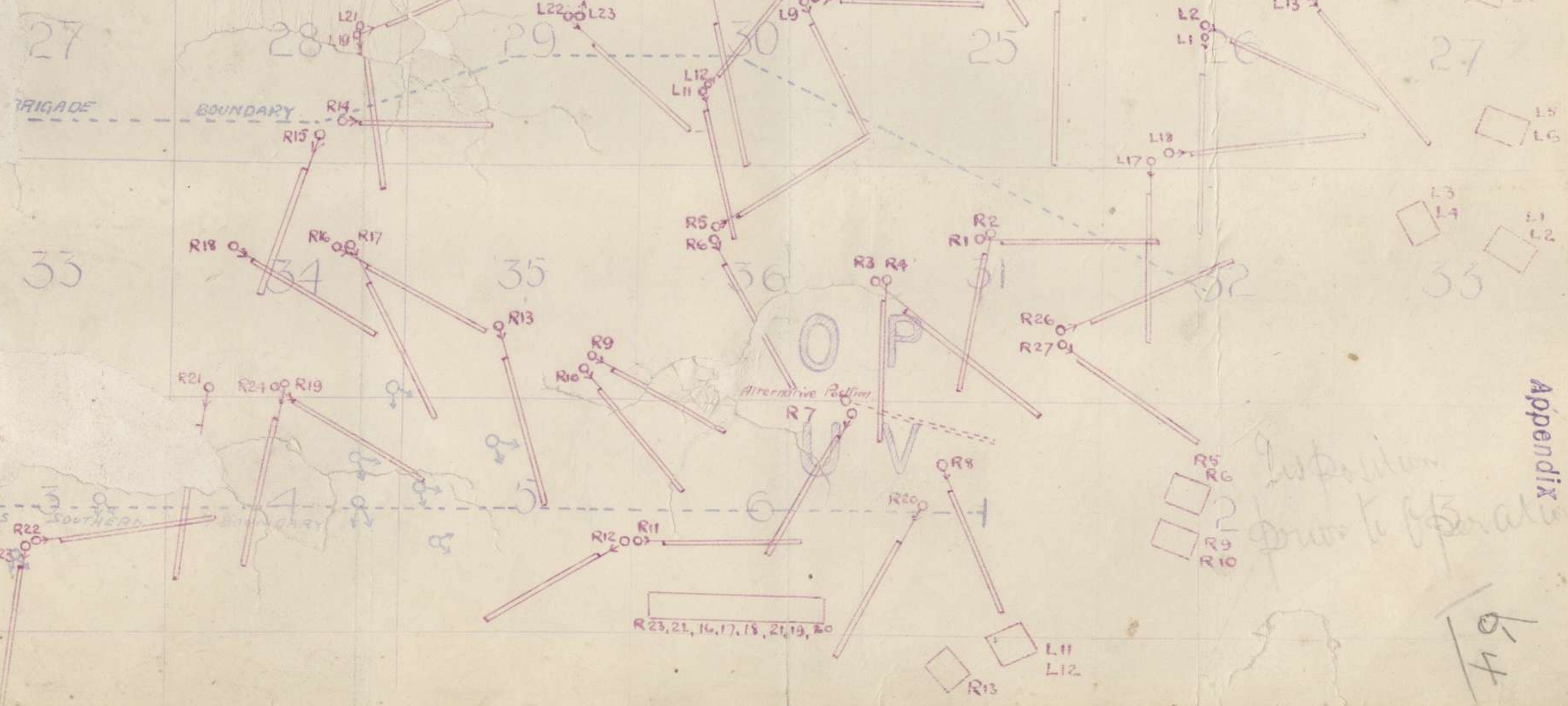
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2nd A.M.G. Bn  
M.G. DISPOSITIONS 23.7.18

Ref. Sheets 62<sup>d</sup> S.W. & S.E. 1/20,000

3rd A.M.G. Bn Guns shown in Blue  
French M.Gs.



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Disposition  
prior to operation

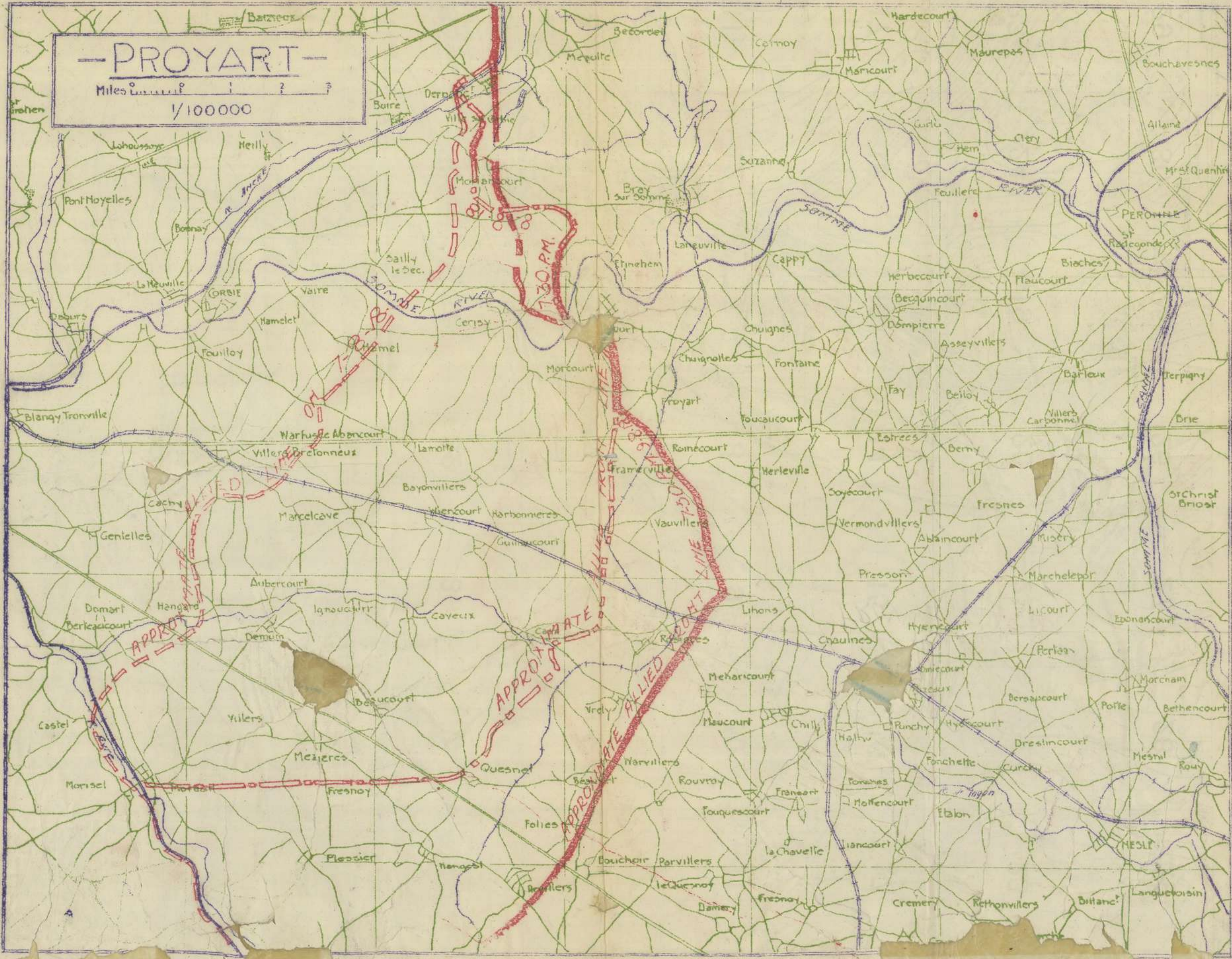
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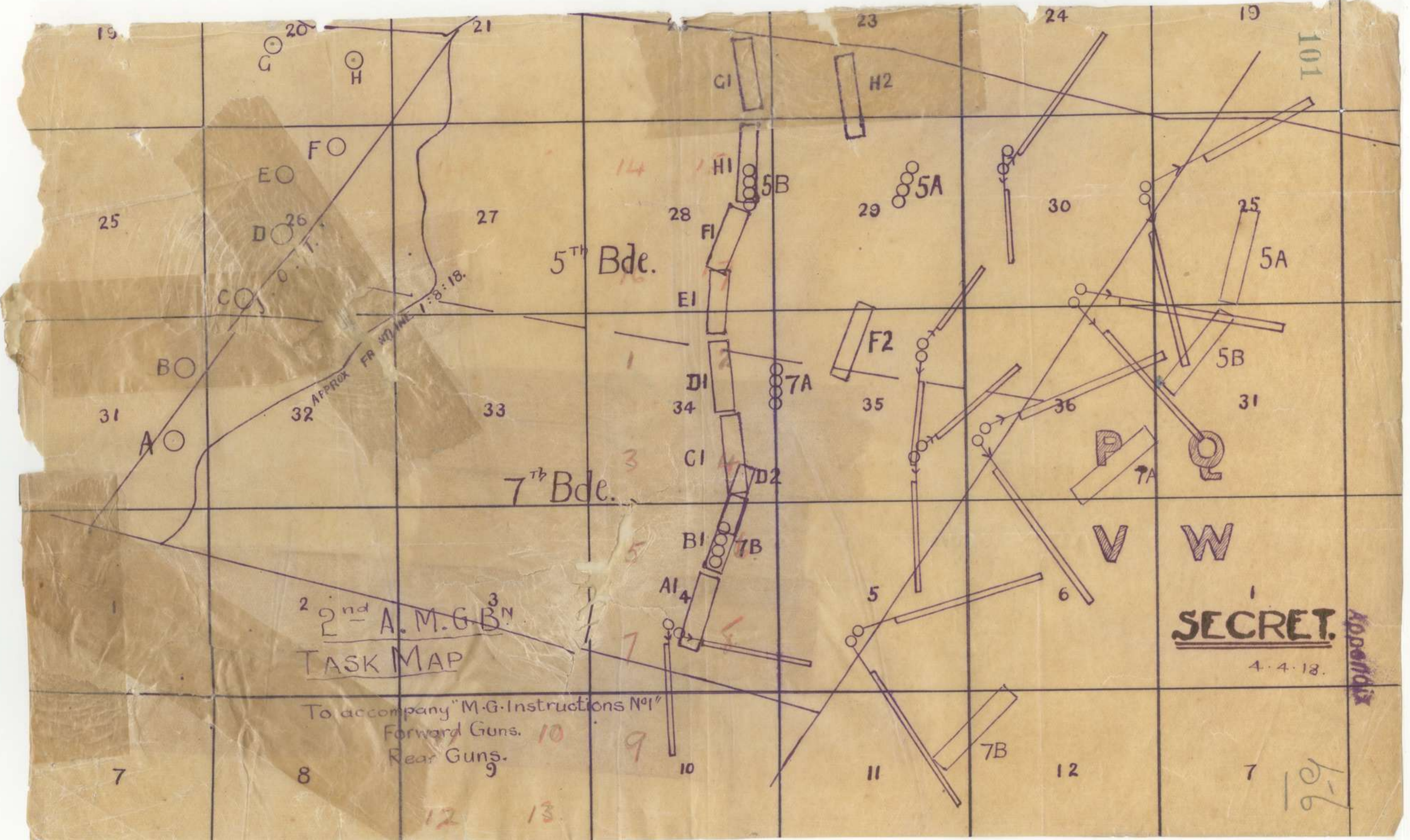


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2<sup>nd</sup> A.M.G.B.N.  
 TASK MAP

To accompany "M.G. Instructions No 1"  
 Forward Guns. 10  
 Rear Guns. 9

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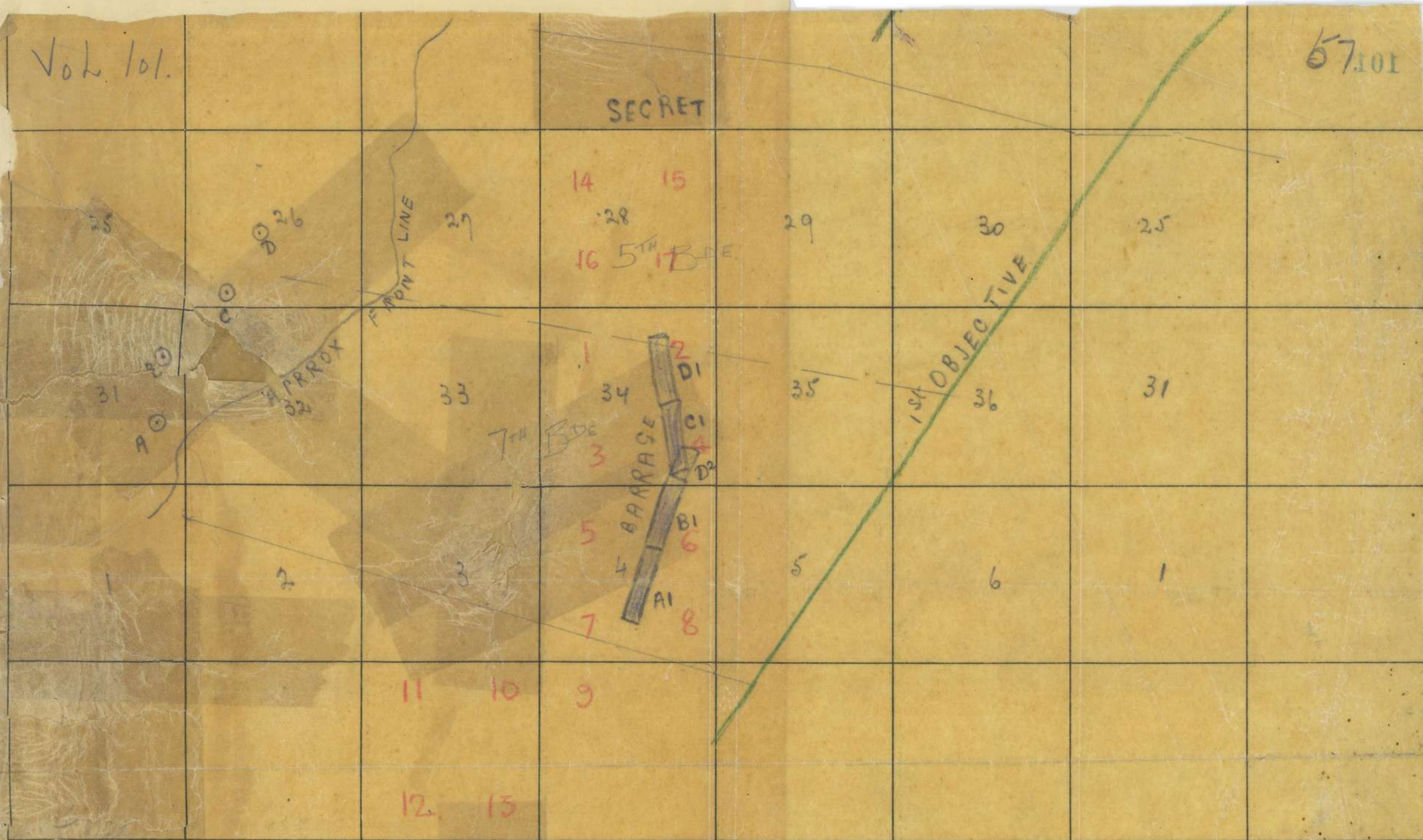
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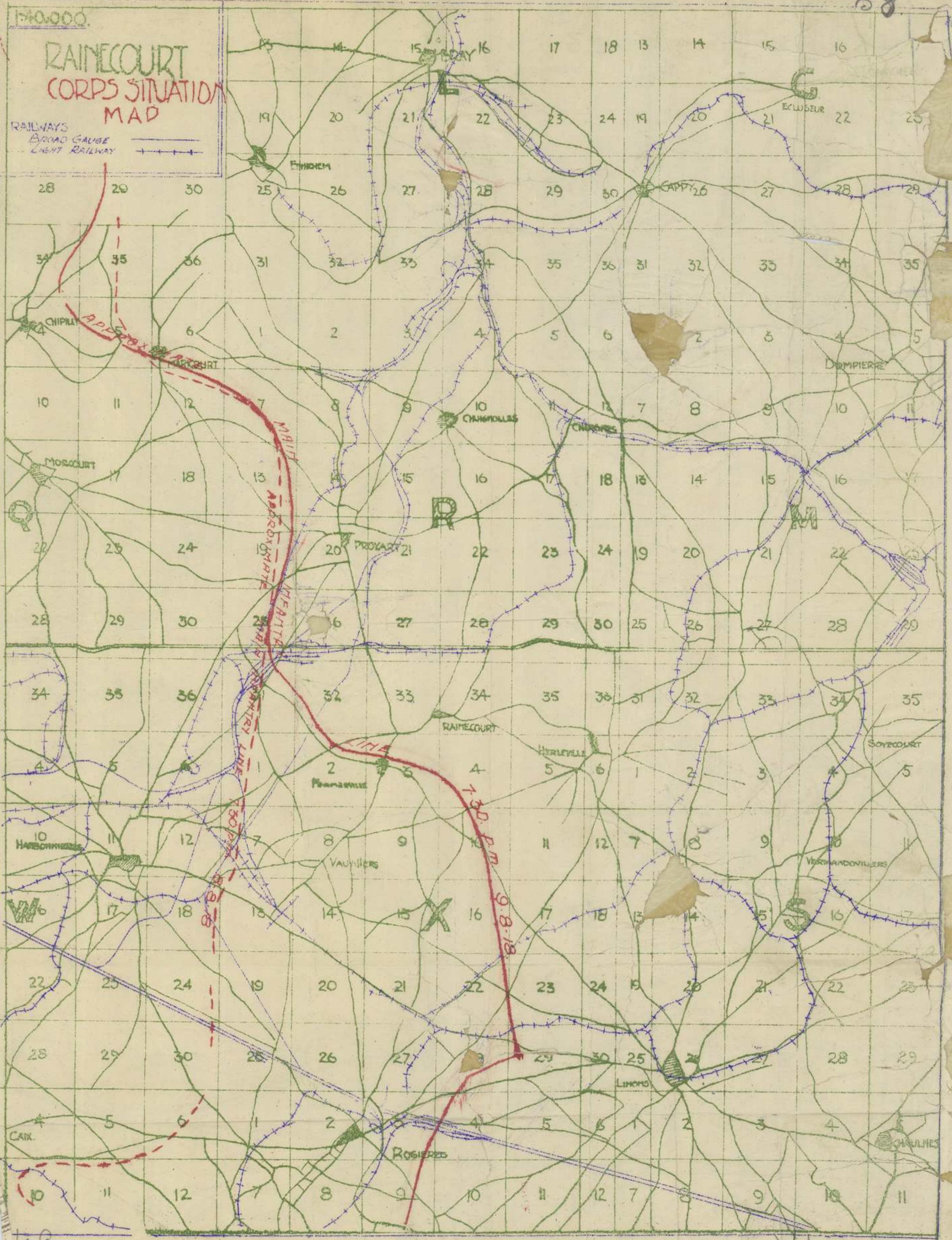
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# RAINECOURT CORPS SITUATION MAP

RAILWAYS  
BROAD GAUGE  
LIGHT RAILWAY

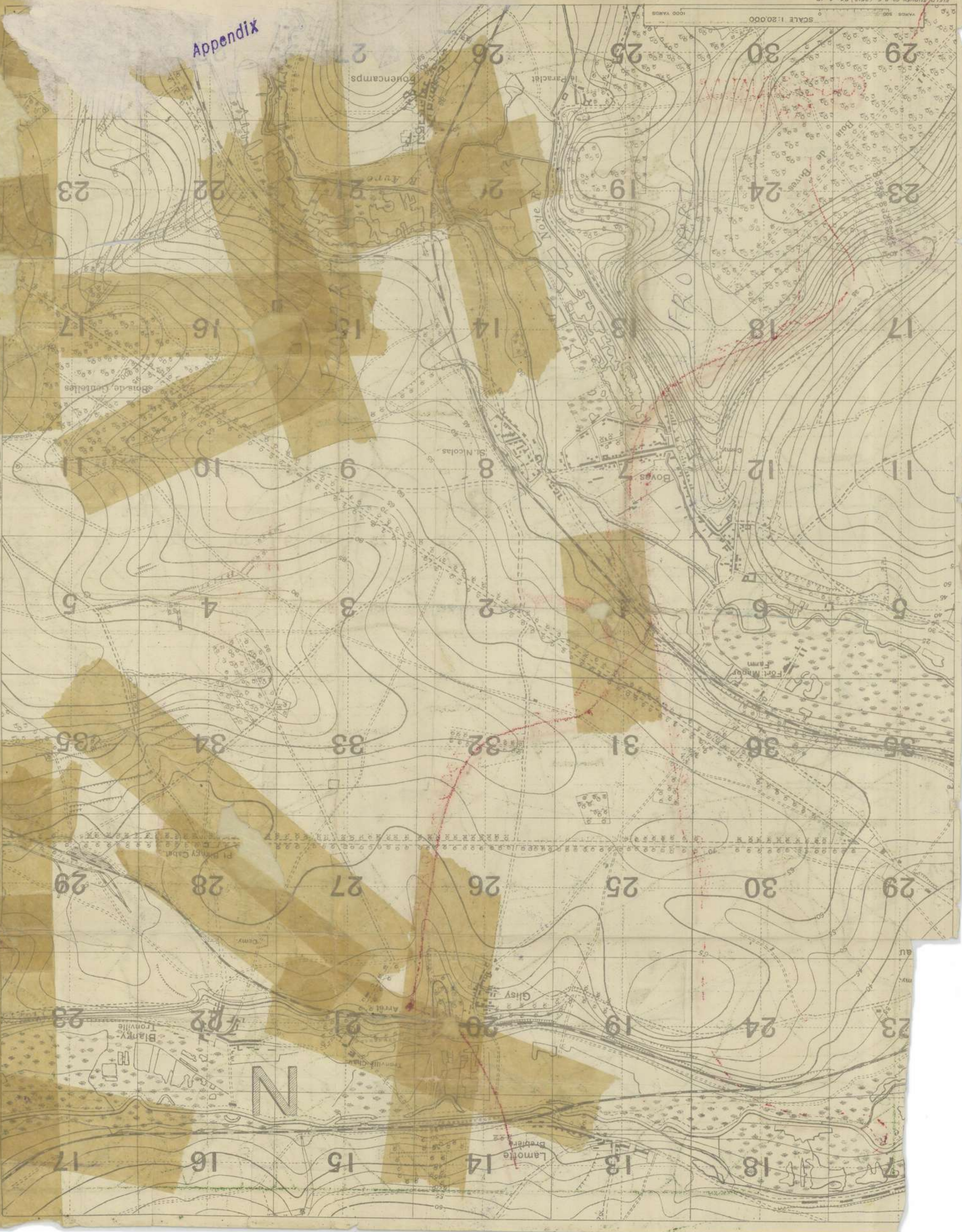


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FIELD SURVEY OF N.E. (BASIS) 84-4-18

SCALE 1:20,000

1000 YARDS



# COMBINED SITUATION MAP

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21 B 15  
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Q 30. C. 4 C.

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Information

Movements of 4 Guns of No 1 Section  
5th Amiel Coy from the 26/8/18 to  
29/8/18.

26<sup>th</sup> Moved up from R. 1308030 to relieve  
4 Guns of the 3rd Amiel Coy in  
Position at G 32 b 1546. Relief  
took place at 5:30 pm, at time  
of ~~shelling~~ relief enemy was  
shelling fairly heavily with  
10.2 shells, all Guns were used  
for close defence only. Section  
Head Gt at G 32 b 1540.

27<sup>th</sup> Stayed in Position at G. 32. b.

28<sup>th</sup> Moved all Guns to position in  
~~G 35 d 0000~~ G 35 d 0000 from there  
I pushed 1 Gun into the C T  
trench running from Black  
Wood in G 36. c. d. to support an  
Puff platoon of the 23rd Puff Bn  
who were bombing up C. T trench

running from Black Wood towards the  
Village of ~~the~~ Herbecourt, the duty  
of this Gun was to move up behind  
the Puff and protect their flank.  
This Gun finally took up position  
at N. 31 c 1065. The remaining  
3 Guns were moved up during the  
Night of the 28/29 to position  
at G 36 central.

29<sup>th</sup> All Guns moved to position  
in N 25.

J. H. Lewis  
No 1 Section.



Men Wounded from 1.8.18 - 28.8.18

- 1
- 2 Lt Cranitch
- 3
- 4
- 5 2098 Pte Clif Cartney W.E.H.
- 6
- 7 1924 Supt Elliott J.A.
- 8-11 Nil. 12. 594 Pte Edwards E. L.
13. 617 Sgt Clewings S, 415 Sgt Kelly C.
- 3641 Pte Whitfield G.H., 7018 Pte  
Jeffrey E.J., 11153 Pte Waters A.E.,  
474 Pte Whitnall W.H. (remaining  
on duty)
- 14-16 Nil
- 17 Lt J.A. Wallace (Died of Wounds)
18. 4821 Pte Austin R.A., 5858 Pte  
McCowell (Gas)
- 19 - 28 (Nil)

Men on leave

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 2002 Pte Smith W.V.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 562 Sgt Schadel F.J.
- 8<sup>th</sup> { 1192<sup>nd</sup> Pte Jackson J.B.  
2336 " Brown S.  
349<sup>th</sup> " Whitfield C.  
286 " Geades Aot.  
429 " Selby A.O.
- 9<sup>th</sup> { 3883<sup>rd</sup> McCulloch J.  
5385 " Hulme B.  
3845 " Kendall V.R.
- 11<sup>th</sup> 13634<sup>th</sup> Pullen A. R. H.
- 13<sup>th</sup> { 2397 " Griffiths J. G. H.  
3672 " Sutton A.S.
- 16<sup>th</sup> { 3850<sup>th</sup> " Head. A.P.  
6582 " Lewis A.C.R.
- 17<sup>th</sup> { 1329 Sgt Hamilton M.B.  
3854 Pte James H.G.  
4410 " Koull W.H.
- 20<sup>th</sup> { Lt Ryan M.G.  
569 Pte Scott A.V.

3831 Rte Grand A.K.  
28 { 1154 Nov Ryford J  
4058 " Brewster G.W.  
233 " Buscher A.G.  
12000 Pte Haralow B

Men evacuated

- 4<sup>th</sup> 6600 Pte O'Brienshaw S.
- 5<sup>th</sup> 3845 Kendall V.C.R.
- 6<sup>th</sup> { 2863 Pte Glover G.M.  
489 Nor Braid T  
47 Pte Moores J.H.
- 8<sup>th</sup> 6621 Pte Staggs G.H.
- 11<sup>th</sup> { 5230 Pte Aldi F.E.  
644 " Landa A.E.  
290 " Mitchell A.R.
- 13<sup>th</sup> 7791 Pte Wright W.K.
- 14<sup>th</sup> 2398 " Weaver C.L.
- 20<sup>th</sup> { 8813 Pte Bailey P.G.  
6591 " Mortimer  
3896 " Searle C.J.
- 21 { 503 Pte Burke J.  
602 Cpl Hudson W.L.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> { 820 Pte Whelan B  
5847 Knight H.
- 25<sup>th</sup> 644 Pte Landa A.E. (over)

Evacuated in

- 4<sup>th</sup> { 1021 Sgt Leech  
281 " Lockhart S.  
322 Coy C. J. Lt Dowse  
557 Jack S.  
1184 Nor Hogan
- 5<sup>th</sup> { Capt Webb R.C.  
Pte Stone J.W.
- 8<sup>th</sup> { Capt R.A.P. Hamalton  
593 Pte Cox Campbell D.J.  
6922 " Ramage V.R.  
593 " Coleman J.M.  
3247 Pte Archer G.H.  
5583 Pte Sulgan
- 20<sup>th</sup> { 559 Pte Lawler J.  
282 Pte Milne W.R.  
491 " Manaforth J.  
421 " Crisp  
5693 " O'Brien L.  
1688 " Landa A.C.  
557 " Hakanson A.  
3167 " Lewis J.  
608 " Peterson G.  
72954 Peterson W.J.

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Temporary Detachment (I.N.T.)  
 1. Pte Glover (sick) 562 Sgt Schadel  
 562 Sgt Schadel (School)

4th 2032 Pte Fellen A.E. (in Sick)

6th { 290 Pte Mitchell A.R. (Leave)  
 3845 " Kendall V.C.R. (Sick)

8th 4410 Pte Coyle W.H. (School)

20th 2002 Pte Smith H. (Leave)

21st Sgt Schadel (Leave)

27th { 4192 Pte Jackson P.E. } leave  
 2336 " Brown  
 3449 " Whiffles C  
 3845 Kendall V.C.R.

768 Cpl Sutton { M.G. School  
 Cameron

Rest Camp. I.E. { 17th  
 753 Cpl Heath I.E.  
 573 Pte King J.

No 2 Sect

To OC 5<sup>th</sup> Coy  
From P. Heikman

Re your H.

All guns have been moved  
to the following positions

Sect H.G. Quarry in G 285

Gun G 290 00.25  
firing in direction HOSPICE WOOD

No 2 Gun G 290 00.55

firing in direction of HERBECOURT

No 3 Gun G 290 10.80

firing in direction of HERBECOURT

No 4 Gun G 290 45.80

firing in direction through G 300 80.90

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P. Heikman Lt

No 2 Sect

To OC 5<sup>th</sup> Coy  
From P. Heikman

Sect H.G. Disposition Report  
No 1 Gun G 290 35.75  
2 G 290 05.50  
3 G 290 30.40  
4 G 290 20.10

The above dispositions will in  
all probability be advanced  
approx 350' during the day

P. Heikman Lt

No 2 Sect

Lt OC. No 5 Coy  
From OC No 2 Sect.

Situation Report  
NORMAL

Casualty Report  
NIL

Ammunition Expenditure  
NIL

Intelligence Summary

Returned No 2 Sect of 3<sup>rd</sup> MG Coy  
on night 26/27 - relief compl  
at 10.45 pm. Guns disposed  
2 in front line with orders to  
fire oblique fire one to right  
to left. 2 guns are 5th go  
to rear of left flank & are  
being used as defensive.

guns covering the gap  
left flank of infantry & rear  
bank this gap is being close  
this morning when guns will  
shift up.

Enemy artillery Fairly active around  
Chateau orchard in G. 27. c.  
Enemy MGs. Very little activity  
by enemy MGs during night.

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R. W. B. R. S. L. J. C.  
No 2 Sect

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No 2 Sect

To OC 5<sup>th</sup> Coy  
From OC 2 Sect

## Disposition Report

* Sect HQ	Quarry in G26c.
No 1 Gun	G27 to 4
No 2 "	G21 to 4.0
* No 3	G20 to 3.3
* " "	G20 to 4.7

\* The positions with a distance probably shifting tomorrow as it will probably be necessary to do so

21.8.18

B. Blackman Sec

No. 2 Sect

To OC 5<sup>th</sup> Coy  
From OC 2 SectSituation Report.  
ENEMY WITHDRAWING  
OWN TROOPS ADVANCING

## Casualty Report

NIL

Ammunition Expenditure

NIL

Intelligence Summary  
During night of 26/27<sup>th</sup> it was discovered that the enemy was continuing his withdrawal accordingly our infantry at once commenced to advance. At 6.30 am I reconnoitred & found that infantry had

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 entered & occupied enemy  
 as the infantry advanced  
 next line I also commenced  
 to advance & took up a  
 position on the eastern &  
 northern side of SALMON  
 WOOD. but as enemy opened  
 up a barrage with 5.9s on  
 this line I pushed on further  
 but not before losing 9 belt  
 boxes, revolver, rifle, web equipment  
 & condenser bag & tube which  
 were destroyed. At 11 am  
 the infantry company commander  
 decided to halt the main body  
 at line of trenches in  
 sending forward reconnoitering  
 parties into trenches which  
 were fairly close together &  
 amongst which <sup>many</sup> snipers &  
 m g's were carrying out  
 ineffective work. At about

3  
 in it was decided that  
 advance should be continued  
 to final objective. This was  
 done without opposition except  
 for one solitary enemy sniper  
 who was killed. Front line  
 was then reconnected & guns  
 were advanced & put in  
 positions for defence. 3 in front  
 line & 1 about 350' in rear  
 for break through defence.  
 Section HQ was established  
 with Coy Commander of 21<sup>st</sup> Bn  
 at Buladuloe Quarry. Dispositions  
 & tasks forwarded to Coy HQ.

enemy aircraft - capture balloons  
 were up & were apparently  
 giving good observation useful  
 to snappy artillery as nearly  
 all enemy fire was directed



against positions occup  
friendly troops, formal  
instruct causing any la  
like enemy airplanes  
which more numerous & act  
than usual especially in  
late afternoon & evening w  
apparently they were firing  
out on positions & firing fr  
their MGs into our trenches  
Enemy MGs

Very active from  
commencement of daylight  
until about 9.30 pm when  
they practically ceased;

Our troops

Actual activity normal, w  
of our plans entered one  
times in position & set  
to a capture balloon

to be 5<sup>th</sup> Coy  
from Capt McEwan

Disposition Report

Platoon	Company	Time	Remarks
Platoon 1	5 <sup>th</sup> Coy	11.19 a.m.	35.30
Platoon 2	5 <sup>th</sup> Coy	11.19 a.m.	40.30
Platoon 3	5 <sup>th</sup> Coy	as before	
Platoon 4	5 <sup>th</sup> Coy	as before	
SHO		as before	

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Blinded

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etc. a seal  
 TOOC 5' 6m  
 From St. Hickman

### Proportion Report

Seal	H.Q.	Q.	24	Q.	5.6
etc. 1	Sum	Q.	24	Q.	70.15
etc. 2	Sum	Q.	24	Q.	60.00
etc. 3	Sum	Q.	24	Q.	5.6
etc. H. Sum	Q.	24	Q.	5.7	

### Five Questions

No. 1. Slope on left flank towards  
 Pt. Grenville  
 No. 2. Same as 1  
 No. 3. Gap between Boulder Wood  
 and Horse Wood  
 No. 4. Same as 3.

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Re. Hickman's check

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27/28. Intelligence Summary  
Operations.

At 6am a general advance of line recommenced. Similar to yesterday the only opposition encountered in the early stages of the advance was by isolated MG's & snipers, consequently a rapid advance was made until about 8 am when stiff opposition was met by the left flank at the village of FRISE. This place had got quite a number of MG's in it & its vicinity. However, as this village lies down on the Somme we obtained splendid observation was obtained from the high ground held by us so that we were able to locate several of his MG's when they opened fire on our



troops. Our own Vickers ~~Machine~~  
 was then used to silence  
 them which was especially  
 done ~~from~~. Leaving the MGs  
 in position for marking these  
 the infantry decided to push  
 forward on the right & occupy  
 HOSPICE & BOUCHER woods  
 this was done after two MGs  
 had been forced to retire.  
 The left flank being still  
 held up & the river bending  
 at this point they lengthened  
 the front by several hundred  
 yards. Orders were given  
 for a company of the support  
 battalion (the 23<sup>rd</sup>) to attack  
 & mop up the village after  
 a preliminary bombardment  
 the attack was successfully  
 carried out by Capt Mabs &  
 his company. 38 prisoners  
 being captured also several MGs

During the attack our MGs  
 were ordered to watch the  
 outlets from the village but  
 as the enemy dribbled out singly  
 except on one occasion however  
 7 of the enemy were seen to fall  
 & remain. Immediately after  
 the village had been cleared it  
 was decided to storm the trenches  
 lines of trenches between there  
 and MEREACOURT WOOD, these  
 had been reported to be very  
 strongly held so the attack  
 which was carried out by the  
 21<sup>st</sup> Bn. was preceded by bombardment  
 from T. Mt. the attack was successful  
 with a score of prisoners being  
 taken. During this operation  
 good targets presented themselves  
 behind the enemy trenches when  
 the enemy broke out & ran back  
 to MEREACOURT WOOD. However  
 cleared up the village the

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line was straightened & two  
 guns were pushed forward to  
 H 19 a #3 and H 19 c 7.8. The  
 whole line then rested to allow  
 of the 18<sup>th</sup> Bn coming into  
 position on the left also to  
 allow the withdrawal of men  
 belonging to the 21<sup>st</sup> Bn. from  
 the high ground along creek bank  
 At night, at twilight the  
 enemy opened up with heavy  
 machine gun fire from direction  
 of MERFAUCOURT WOOD. At  
 about 9 pm I received orders  
 to detach from 21<sup>st</sup> Bn to 33<sup>rd</sup>  
 Bn who were passing through  
 & continuing the attack, at  
 approx 1 am the whole line  
 pushed forward passed ~~H 19 a~~  
 HERBECOURT, MERFAUCOURT  
 WOOD. 2 guns pushed forward  
 but so rapid was the advance  
 that it was impossible for

the gun teams to keep pace  
 with their heavy loads I  
 therefore decided to drop them  
 & push forward myself to  
 reconnoitre for positions when  
 line was checked ~~was~~ or stopped  
 this, however was unnecessary  
 as 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade pushed through  
 us & relieved us of the attack.  
 I therefore reported to Co. 33<sup>rd</sup>  
 Bn who instructed me to collect  
 all teams & withdraw to  
 H 19 c. 3. 4. to await instructions  
 but before these came from him  
 orders were received that the  
 company would be detached  
 to divisional reserve.

Notes

During the whole of the  
 operations the weather was  
 good with the exception of  
 a few short sharp showers  
 between 9 am & 11 am on the  
 27<sup>th</sup>.

Notes (cont)

6.  
Enemy's artillery concentrated & intermittently shelled different areas, special attention being paid to TRISE, the road along river bank, DOG WOOD.

BOUCHER WOOD. & the line running from H 19 a. 25.30 to H 19 a. 00.70. guns being used H. 50 & 77's - mainly from the direction in rear of MEREAVUM WOOD.

M.G.s

These were 4 enemy M.G.s well concealed & were well distributed but though much used they did but very little damage.

B.W. Dickman Ltd

27/8/18

No 3 Section

Relieved 4 guns of the 3<sup>rd</sup> M. G. Coy on night of 26/27 8/18 at Harboursiders 40000. G 32 a. 0. 2. two guns and at G 27. G. 7.5. Morning of 27<sup>th</sup> 2 guns moved to G 28 c. 00: 60, supporting Inf. and met with no opposition. The same afternoon the two guns at G 32 a. 0. 2. where shelled by 5. 9. H. E. containing gas which affected the eyes, nose & throat 2 M. C. O. S and 2 other ranks being sent back to transport lines. That night the two guns where moved to G 28 d 40. 00 and G. 34 G 80. 70. On the morning the guns where moved to G 29 G 20. 80 where they remained until moved up to here.

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No 101 reports between 26 Aug 1918 and 29<sup>th</sup> Aug 1918 inclusive  
of No. 4. Section, - Lt J.V. Wright -

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26/8/18 - Moved section up from Q.18.d to relieve 4 guns  
of 3<sup>rd</sup> Army Coy (Lt Archer).  
Relief completed by 9<sup>15</sup> pm.

Locations at

Sec. H.Q.	M 1 d 4020
No. 1. gun	R 6 e 9700
2 "	M 1 d 7025
3 "	M 2 c 0030
4 "	M 2 c 0540

All guns firing South Easterly towards Sugar Factory in  
M.10 a

~~###~~ Lieut Dowd took over at 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion H.Q. as liaison  
officer for Section.

Took over 6 belts per gun on positions. No bullets S.A.A.  
Dump of 28 belts at about R 5 b 2.4.

27/8/18 Positions of guns definitely located.

Infantry positions investigated and ~~suggested~~ new positions  
for guns selected after conferring with Cap Ball (D Coy 26<sup>th</sup> Bn)  
and Lt Baldoeb (B Coy. 24 Bn).

All 4 guns moved forward to new positions. Positions dug  
and also shelters dug for teams.

10 belts per gun on positions - No bullets S.A.A.  
Guns now at

No. 1. at	M 3 c 1065	firing	105° grid
2	M 3 c 0060	"	130° grid
3	M 2 d 9060	"	120° grid
4	M 2 d 7010	"	95° grid

Sec. H.Q. is close to No. 1. gun.

All guns have very good close defence  
fields of fire -

Casualties - Nil

S.A.A. expenditure - Nil

28/8/18 Situation Between 7 and 9 pm last night enemy  
put down a very heavy bombardment round  
gun positions + along Chingua valley. A  
lot of gas was used and helmets had to be  
worn most of this time.

After 9 pm. bombardment ceased + the enemy  
was remarkably quiet not firing a shot not  
a flare.

Infantry patrols reported enemy ~~being~~ withdrawing  
+ early this morning infantry advanced past Sugar  
Factory. 7<sup>th</sup> Army Coy went through this  
section following infantry.

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## Appendix

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During last night's bombardment gun teams reported on two occasions enemy batteries firing from positions to right & behind Sugar Factory. Artillery Observing Officer put his batteries onto enemy batteries so pointed out & caused them to cease fire. About 12 Noon instructions received to move Section to approximately G 33 c 36. This was done by carrying.

Positions at this point and also in vicinity of G 34 c 05 and G 35 d 00 reconnoitred.

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Orders received to rejoin Capt. Hamilton at G 28 f 05. Limbers available & reported at 12 noon.

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Lieut  
No. 4. Section.