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| FLETRE.             | 1st. |         | Coy. Headquarters situated at FLETRE. Nos. 1 & 2 Aust. Motor Airline Sections at FLETRE. Nos. 1 & 2 Cable Sections at St. Jans Capell. 1 1/2 Miles Cable salvaged by No. 2 Cable Section in vicinity of westhof Farm. Arrangements for taking over "K" Corps Signal Completed.  |                                      |
|                     | 2nd. | Noon    | Australian Corps Signal Company relieved "K" Corps Signal Company at noon as laid down in G.S. Circular No. 20. Australian Corps Wireless Section transferred to form part of Company strength at same time. Corps Heavy Artillery Section is attached to Company. Headquarters "K" Corps Signal Company remaining with Aust Corps. Company at time of taking over was deficient in establishment by trades as follows:-<br>Telegraph Operators "A" 25.<br>Blacksmith 1.<br>Owing to shortage of telegraph operators, 25 operators of "K" Corps Signal Company will remain attached to Australian Corps till they are replaced by A.I.F. personnel. There is an appreciable number of 1st. Class operators in the Infantry Battalions and arrangements are being made for their transfer to the Signal Service. Lieut. J.H. Turner R.E. remaining with Company for duty as Signal master. | Appendix 1.                          |
|                     |      | 2p.m.   | Signal Office Shift under Lieut. J.E.S. Stevens moved by road from FLETRE to BERNAVILLE.  | Appendix 2.                          |
| BERNEVILLE.         | 3rd. | 10 a.m. | Signal Office closed at FLETRE.   |                                      |
|                     |      | 10 a.m. | Signal Office opened at BERNEVILLE. Headquarters moved by road from CAESTRE to BERNAVILLE. Coy. H.Q. was divided into two echelons for move. "A" Echelon consisting of Signal Office Staff, O.C. Signals and Office, O.C. Lines and Office Motor Cycle D.R. Section. Nos. 1 & 2 Aust. Motor Airline Sections moved by road to Bernaville under Lieut. H.W. Watson.  | Appendix 3.<br>Appendix 3 a.         |
| FLETRE - MORBECQUE. | 4th. |         | Nos. 1 & 2 Aust. Cable Sections commenced journey from St. Jans Capell to Bernaville by road. Staging to MORBECQUE and staying night.   |                                      |

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| VILLERS BOCAGE. | 4th. |           | No. 2 Aust. Motor Airline Section proceeded to Villers Bocage to assist in completion of Airline route from Villers Bocage to Rainneville under direction of O.C. 7th. Corps Signal Coy.   |                                      |
| do.             | 5th. | 9,30 a.m. | "A" Echelon moved from Berneville to VillersBocage leaving Bernaville at 9.30 am. Owing to lack of accommodation at Villers Bocage, "B" Echelon remained at Berneville under Lieut. J.E.S. Stevens. Signal Office established at Villers Bocage and opened at 5 p.m. Move Orders Attached Nos. 1 & 2 Cable sections continued journey and arrived at BALHOUN. Daily Company Order attached   | Appendix 4.                          |
| do.             | 6th. | Noon.     | Front and Area held by 7th. Corps passed over to Australian Corps Signal Office situated in MAIRIE, VILLERS BOCAGE ( 57D. S.26.d.5.4.)<br>The following communications were established.<br>3rd. Army. Beauquesne. 2 circuits<br>1st. A. Div. Bertangles. 2 circuits.<br>2nd. A. Div. Allonville. 2 circuits.<br>3rd .A. Div. St. Gratien. 2 circuits.<br>4th. A.Div. Beaucourt. 2 circuits.<br>Corps Heavy Artillery. Comtay. 1 circuit.<br>Montigny. 1 circuit.<br><br>Forward Exchange established at Montigny to which the following units are connected.<br><br>4th. Tank Bde. 3rd. Aust Div.<br>5th. Corps H.A.. 4th. Aust. Div.<br>3rd. Army. Cavalry Corps.<br>3rd. A. Div. Train. 55th. Divn. | Appendix 5.                          |
| do.             |      |           | <u>WIRELESS</u> Corps Wireless Directing Station established at VILLERS BOCAGE. Working to stations at 2nd. 3rd. and 4th. Aust. Divisional Headquarters. Latter stations acting as Sub - Control Stations for Stations in Divisional Areas.  |                                      |

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| VILLERS BOCAGE. | 6th. | Noon. | The following Signal Units are transferred to Australian Corps:-  |                                      |
|                 |      |       | "R.R." And "A.W." Cable Sections at MONTIGNY.   |                                      |
|                 |      |       | No.15 Area Signal Detachment at Corps Heavy Artillery, <del>XXXX</del> CONTAY.  |                                      |
|                 |      |       | "A.W." Cable Section is on loan from 7th. Corps pending arrival of Nos. 1 & 2 Aust. Cable Sections.   |                                      |
|                 |      |       | Half Section of No.2 Aust. Motor Airline Section under Lieut Watson relieved 7th. Corps Signal personnel at MONTIGNY and established forward Corps Office.                      |                                      |
|                 |      |       | Relief completed by 12.10 p.m. 10 line board established with 3 telephonists from Corps Headquarters personnel to work same.  | Appendix 5.                          |
|                 |      |       | "RR" and "AW" Cable Section poling cable between Corps H.Q. and 4th. Aust. Division.  |                                      |
|                 |      |       | Nos. 1 & 2 Aust. Cable Sections commenced last stage of journey at 7.30 a.m. and arrived at Villers Bocage at 8 p.m.- distance 50 kilos. Stables and Billets in Villers Bocage. |                                      |
|                 |      |       | "B" Echelon moved by road from Bernaville to <del>Vignacourt</del> <i>Bulange</i>   |                                      |
|                 |      |       | Signal Office closed Bernaville 5 p.m.  |                                      |
|                 |      |       | Two telegraphists sent to each 3rd. and 4th. Divisions to work Corps line.  |                                      |
|                 |      |       | Company Orders 6 - 9 attached.  | Appendix 6.                          |
| do.             | 7th. |       | Detail of work. No.2 Aust. Motor Airline Section laid 4 pairs bronze cable on SG-M Route a distance of 440 yards to relieve cable lying round "M" Office.                       |                                      |
|                 |      |       | Swung 8 pr. cable in from SG - M route and commenced cleaning up outside wiring.  |                                      |
|                 |      |       | 50 Line switchboard installed for Heavy Artillery preparatory to their taking over.   |                                      |
|                 |      |       | Heavy Artillery Signal Sub - Section took over Montigny exchange.   |                                      |
|                 |      |       | Nos. 1 & 2 Aust. Cable Sections engaged in improving stables and billets in Villers Bocage.   |                                      |
|                 |      |       | Eight O.R. "K" Corps Signal Company proceeded to base on relief by Australian personnel.  |                                      |
|                 |      |       | Company Orders 10 - 14 attached.  | Appendix 7.                          |
| do.             | 8th. |       | "RR" Cable detachment placed under orders O.C. Signals Corps Heavy Artillery.   |                                      |
|                 |      |       | No.2 Aust. Motor Airline Section completed cleaning up and wiring at "M" also arranged terminal strip in office.  |                                      |
|                 |      |       | "AW" Cable Section poling cable VB - SG.  |                                      |
|                 |      |       | Two detachments No. 2 Cable Section laid line to 4th. Division 62D/ 0.11.d from V.B. and line to 35th. Sqn. R.A.F.  |                                      |

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| Villers Bocage. | 8th.                |      | Deliveries by D.R.L.S. as shown attached.   | Appendix 8.                          |
|                 |                     |      | No.1 Aust. Cable Section proceeded to Petit Camon. 62D/ G.30.a.7.3. and commenced laying line from Pt. Camon to 5th. Div. H.Q. a distance of 4½ miles. Line through 7 p.m. one detachment brought up in rear poling line. |                                      |
|                 |                     |      | Section remaining at Pt. Camon in billets.  |                                      |
|                 | 9 <del>10</del> th. |      | List of Subscribers AUO Exchange as at 10 a.m. attached   | Appendix 10.                         |
|                 |                     |      | No.2 M.A.L. Section testing route SG-Q and QD. party wiring VB-SG-M. route to take four more pairs  |                                      |
|                 |                     |      | "AW" Cable Section left to return to 7th. Corps.  |                                      |
|                 |                     |      | No.2 Cable Section continued poling route from Pt. Camon to 5th. Aust. Div.   |                                      |
|                 |                     |      | Company Orders 21 - 26 attached   | Appendix 11.                         |
|                 | 10th.               |      | " B " Echelon under Lieut. Messiter moved from Bertangles to Vignacourt and established Signal Office there which opened at 9.30 a.m.   |                                      |
|                 |                     |      | Following subscribers connected by phone:-  |                                      |
|                 |                     |      | D.A.G., A.I.F.  | Corps Baths Officer.                 |
|                 |                     |      | A.D.O.S.  | Corps Troops M.T. Company.           |
|                 |                     |      | A.P.M.  | Town Major.                          |
|                 |                     |      | Labour Commandant.  | A.D.V.S.                             |
|                 |                     |      |   | Chemical Adviser.                    |
|                 |                     |      |   | } One general phone.                 |
|                 |                     |      | 16 O.R. reported from Aust. Corps Troops M.T. Company and relieved 16 Imperial Drivers who returned to O.C. Aust. Corps Troops M.T. Company for disposal.   |                                      |
|                 |                     |      | Addition to D.R.L.S. Time Table attached  | Appendix 12.                         |
|                 |                     |      | Company Orders 26 - 29 attached   | Appendix 13.                         |
|                 |                     |      | List of Subscribers Aust. Corps Heavy Artillery Exchange attached   | Appendix 15.                         |
|                 |                     |      | List of Subscribers as at 7 p.m. attached   | Appendix 14                          |

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| Villers Bocage. | 10th. |      | No.2 Cable Section completed from <sup>route</sup> Pt. Camon to 5th. Aust. Div.   |                                      |
|                 |       |      | No. 2 MAL Section testing Q-D route. Route now connected - Right H.A. to "M" via AMT-LA.  |                                      |
|                 |       |      | Cable run from Daours to AYE (5th. Aust. Div.) a distance of 3 miles on A.U.O.-A.Y.E. route.  |                                      |
|                 |       |      | No.2 Cable Section working on route from Pt. Camon to A.Y.E. Route split at point where it crosses Amiens-Vignemont Road and from this point 2 pairs were laid to 5th. Div. H.Q. at Bussy. Poling then commenced. |                                      |
|                 | 11th. |      | Inspection of Company by General Sir W.R. Birdwood at Villers Bocage at 5.30 p.m. G.O.C. personally inspected every N.C.O. and man on <del>parade</del> parade and expressed pleasure at appearance of parade.    |                                      |
|                 |       |      | The following personnel were inspected.   |                                      |
|                 |       |      | No.2 Aust. Cable Section.   |                                      |
|                 |       |      | No.1 Aust. Motor Airline Section.   |                                      |
|                 |       |      | Headquarters Section with exception of Signal Office Staff on duty and those detached at Vignacourt.  |                                      |
|                 |       |      | Parade State attached.  | Appendix 16.                         |
|                 |       |      | No. 2 Aust. Motor Airline Section surveyed route MB-MF to M.  |                                      |
|                 |       |      | Arming and wiring VB-SG-M route continued.  |                                      |
|                 |       |      | Company Orders 30 -39 attached  | Appendix 17.                         |
|                 |       |      | List of Subscribers on AUO, Heavy Artillery and Contay Exchanges attached.  | Appendix 18.                         |
|                 | 11th. |      | No.2 Aust. Cable Section laid new line from Poulainville to Longpre.  |                                      |

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| VILLERS<br>BOCAGE. | 12th. |      | <u>WIRELESS.</u> Corps Directing Station at Corps Headquarters in communication with stations   |                                      |
|                    |       |      | established at Corps Headquarters on either flank.  |                                      |
|                    |       |      | 5th. Corps (Left.) Call FGH.  |                                      |
|                    |       |      | 3rd Corps (Right) Call UGH.   |                                      |
|                    |       |      | Line from AUO to AYC (3rd. Div.) overhauled.  |                                      |
|                    |       |      | No.2 Motor Airline Section arming and wiring VB-SG-M route and collecting permanent poles, insulators and arms for VB-SG-M route.   |                                      |
|                    |       |      | No.1 Cable Section continued work on Pt. Camon Bussy route. Owing to chalky condition of ground progress was slow.  |                                      |
|                    |       |      | Company Orders 40 - 43 attached.  | Appendix<br>19.                      |
|                    | 13th. |      | One emergency relief detailed to be ready to proceed at moments notice to any destination for purpose of opening Signal Office in the event of a sudden move.   |                                      |
|                    |       |      | Relief to consist of 1 supdt, 1 assistant Supdt. 1 Circulation Clerk, 12 telegraph operators, 3 clerks, 2 switchboard operators, 2 cyclist orderlies, 1 mechanic. 1 joiner 1 instrument repairer, 6 motor cyclists. |                                      |
|                    |       |      | List of technical stores to be taken by above shift is attached   | Appendix<br>20.                      |
|                    |       |      | No.2 Motor Airline Section. Poling, arming and wiring VB-SG-M route. Replacing hop poles now in route with permanent poles.   |                                      |
|                    |       |      | No.1 Cable Section completed Pt-Camon bussy route.  |                                      |
|                    |       |      | No.2 Cable Section working in two parties on Villers Becage - Allenville route and 1 Party  |                                      |

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| VILLERS BOCAGE. | 13th. | <del>working on</del> | working on Villers Bocage - Melliens au Bois route.<br>Company Orders 44 -48 attached.   | Appendix 20.                                    |
|                 | 14th. |                       | Corps Area sub-divided in order that systematic line patrols may be carried out.<br>Map showing lines and patrol areas attached<br><br>Poling and wiring VB-SG-M route continued by NO.2 M.A.L. Section.<br>No.2 Cable Section poling cable in vicinity of Rainneville<br>No.1 Cable section effecting minor repairs on Pt. Camen Bussy route.<br><br>All routes patrolled.<br><br>Company Orders 49 - 53 attached | Appendix 23<br><br><br><br><br><br>Appendix 22. |
|                 | 15th. |                       | Revised D.R.L.S. Time Table attached<br><br>No.2 Cable Section improving poled cable route to 2nd. A.Divn. at Beaucourt.<br>No.1 Cable Section working on route from Allenville to Villers Bocage.<br><br>All lines patrolled.<br>Company Orders 54-57 attached.   | Appendix 24.<br><br><br><br><br>Appendix 25.    |
|                 | 16th. |                       | VB 5 taken off trees and poled out of village of Villers Bocage<br>VB 4 poling completed.<br>All routes patrolled.<br>Company Orders 58 - 59 attached.   | Attached Appendix 26.                           |

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| VILLERS<br>BOCAGE. | 17th. |      | <p>Half Section No. 2 MAL Section working on VB-SG route <del>xxxx</del> between Villers Bocage and Rainneville</p> <p>Half Section building M-V route.</p> <p>No. 2 Cable Section attached to No. 1 M.A.L Section for salvage work.</p> <p>Work on VB-FS route 7 pr. Cable continued and completed to a point 1000 yards on Flesselles Road.</p> <p>Leading in of routes at Montenvillers Chateau commenced.</p> <p>Vaux Bertangles 4 pair route commenced working from Vaux end.</p> <p>Poles erected as far as Flesselles.</p> <p>One detachment of No. 1 Cable Section working on route from Allenville to Villers Bocage.</p> |                                      |
|                    |       |      | Company Order No. 60 attached.   | Appendix<br>27.                      |
|                    | 18th. |      | <p>No. 2 Cable Section completed VB 3 - not poled.</p> <p>VB 2 completed and VB 2-3 poled for a distance of <math>1\frac{1}{4}</math> miles.</p> <p>All cable routes labelled.</p> <p>VB -SG route - 30 spans regulated and tied in.</p> <p>Harness and wagons overhauled. in Cable Sections.</p> <p>All Lines Patrolled.</p> <p>Company Orders 61 - 66 attached.</p>  |                                      |
|                    |       |      |  | Appendix<br>28.                      |
|                    | 19th. |      | <p>Sight way route between V-M completed by one detachment No. 1 M.A.L. Section.</p> <p>Breakdown on AMT-Q route repaired and tested O.K.</p> <p>On M.SG route - lines connected through add wired locally outside Montigny Office</p> <p><math>3\frac{1}{2}</math> miles D 8 reeled up between Rainneville and Montigny by No. 2 Cable Section and existing lines in vicinity of Montigny tidied up</p> <p>Company Orders 67 - 68 attached.</p>   |                                      |
|                    |       |      |  | Appendix<br>29.                      |

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| VILLERS<br>BOCAGE | 19th. | 3 a.m. | Three bombs dropped close to horse lines of No. 1 Cable Section. 2 horses killed and one evacuated badly wounded.  |                                      |
|                   | 20th. |        | No.1 Aust. Cable Section moved from Petit Camon to Cardonette. Poled cable pair from Pt. Camon to Blagny Trouville dismantled from Pt. Camon to crossings at Amiens - vecquement Road. Cable Reeled in and used for poling line to Bussy.  |                                      |
|                   |       | 5 p.m. | No.1 Cable Section in communication with Aust. Corps Signal Office via 4th. Aust. Div. Exch. No. 2 M.A.L. Section building VB-SG-M - half route completed. No.2 Cable Section reeled in 3 drums D 8 twist and overhauled cables around Montigny Chateau. Corps Veterana/Officer Made inspection of all horses belonging to No.2 Aust. Cable Section and found same to be in satisfactory condition. Company Orders 69 - 77 attached.                                 | Appendix<br>30                       |
|                   | 21st. | 9 a.m. | 5th Aust. Divn. transferred from 3rd Corps to Australian Corps Revised D.R.L.S. X Time Table commencing 21/4/18 attached.  | Appendix<br>31.                      |
|                   |       |        | No.1 Aust. Cable Section worked on route from Pt. Camon to Bussy. Route not completed owing to poles not being available. No.2 Cable Section reeled in 3 miles of wire (D5 twist) between Villers Bocage and Flesselles. Poling of new cable route between Rainneville completed. No.2 M A.L. Section surveyed 4 pair route from Montonvillers to Bertangles. Section commenced building route, half section working from each end. Company Orders 78 - 83 attached. | Appendix<br>32.                      |
|                   | 22nd. |        | Route from Purlanville to Longpre completely poled and lines in vicinity of Mollien au Bois overhauled by No.2 Cable Section. Route from Poulainville to Longpre poled and stayed for a distance of 1 1/2 miles by one detachment of No. 1 Cable Section.  |                                      |

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| VILLERS<br>BOCAGE | .22nd. |      | Route from Pt. Camon to Bussy completed.<br>No.1 M.A.L. Section continued work on VB - FS 7 pair cable which was completed to a point 1000 yards on Flesselles side of the Montonvillers Road.<br>Leading in of route to Montonvillers Chateau commenced. Route consisting of 4 pairs from Vaux to Bertangles commenced. Poles erected to Flesselles - Amiens Road.<br>Lables prepared for whole of Back Area Scheme.<br>Revised list of Subscribers AUO Exchange attached<br>No. 1 Section poled half route from Poulainville to Longpre at distance of 1 1/2 miles<br>one detachment completed route from Pt- Camon to Bussy.<br>All routes patrolled.<br>Company Orders 84 -85 attached. | Appendix 33.<br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Appendix 34. |
|                   | 23rd.  |      | No.2 Cable Section working on fault on VB 2 - located and remedied. VB 1 overhauled and tightened up. Wagons cleaned and oiled.<br>No.1 <del>Section</del> M.A.L. Section continued work on Bertangles - Vaux route and wired from Vaux to Flesselles - Amiens Road.<br>Leading in at Montonvillers Chateau continued.<br>Labelling of Back Area Routes completed at Bertangles.<br>7 pair cable route to Flesselles continued and completed to entrance <del>to entrance</del> to Village of Flesselles.<br>One detachment of No.2 M.A.L. Section building VB route to Bertangles<br>Wiring on VB - M route completed.<br>All routes patrolled.  |  |
|                   | 24th.  |      | No.2 Cable Section overhauled Flesselles - Vignacourt routes.<br>No. 2 M.A.L. continuing VB route. Breakdown on Q-D repaired.<br>Leading in of VB - SG route completed.<br>Four pairs on Vaux - Bertangles route completed and led in at both ends by No. 1 M.A.L. Section.<br>2 seven pair brass sheath cables slung from Bertangles to Villers Bocage.Junction Pole, to be led <del>in</del> into Office at Bertangles.<br>All back Area Points labelled with exception of Flesselles Test.<br>Company Orders 86 -89 attached   | Appendix 35.   |

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| VILLERS<br>BOCAGE. | 25th. |        | <p>Leading in of the two 7 pair cables from <del>BT</del> BT pole to the Bertangles Signal Office Completed M-VBE Route commenced. Poles erected from Montonvillers Chateau to point where route joins French route. Wiring Commenced.</p> <p>Leading in and wiring at Montonvillers Chateau completed</p> <p>One detachment No. 2 M.A.L. Section working on SG-VB route - staying and improving. One detachment working on VB route Flesselles with <del>X</del> 7 pair cable. One detachment standing by for breakdowns.</p> <p>No. 2 Cable Section laid line from Flesselles to Hop pole route.</p> <p>Company Orders 90 -96 attached.</p> <p>All routes patrolled.</p>  | Appendix<br>36.                      |
|                    | 26th. | 6 a.m. | <p>Minor repairs effected on Pt. Camon-Bussy and Poulanville - Longpre routes by No.1 Cable Section. Complete staying of VB-SG route carried out by No.2 M.A.L. Section.</p> <p>No. 2 Cable Section working with Motor Airline Section.</p> <p>No.1 Cable Section. Parties working on Pt. Camon - Bussy and Poulanville - Longpre Routes minor repairs effected where necessary.</p> <p>Half No.2 M.A.L. Section reorganising M-BT - Contay route.</p> <p>Corps Boundary extended to U 6 a. O.O. in south. The boundary between 4th. Army and French Army which is the boundary between the Australian Corps and 31st. French Corps runs as follows U 6 A.O.O. along grid-line running east and west between U6 and U5 central westwards as far as W.5.a.6.O. (Sheet 62B.) where it joins existing boundary.</p> <p>5th. Australian Division reverts to Australian Corps.</p> <p>Company orders 97 - 99 attached.</p> | Appendix<br>37.                      |
|                    | 27th. |        | <p>M-T Route cleaned up and breakdown repaired by No.2 M.A.L. Section.</p> <p>One detachment No.2 Cable Section laid line from Poulanville to 35th. <del>XXXX</del> Squadron R.A.F. a distance of about 2 miles from Poulanville. Section personnel not on this duty working with Motor Airline Section.</p> <p>No.2 Cable Section laid 2 pairs to <del>Elisy</del> Elisy - one from Pt. Camen and one from junction La Motte Amiens- Vecquemont Road.</p> <p>Company Orders 100 - 104 attached.</p>  | Appendix<br>38.                      |

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| VILLERS<br>BOCAGE      | 28th. |      | No.2 M.A.L. Section Completed M-BT route and BT-C route. Installed double J at BT. Wiring and 2 labelling BT at Comtay.<br>Two lines laid from Bertangles-Vaux route to 35th. Squadron R.A.F. by No.2 Cable Section.<br>Company Orders attached   | Appendix 30.   |
|                        | 29th. |      | No.2 Cable Section reeled in 2 1/2 miles D 8 cable between Poulainville and 35th. Squadron R.A.F.<br>Local Line laid from Poulainville to Prisoners of War Compound.<br>No.2 M.A.L. Section standing by for breakdowns.<br>Lines in vicinity of Montigny overhauled.<br>All routes patrolled.<br>Company Orders 112 -116 attached.                            | Appendix 40.   |
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# WAR DIARY

OF

AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

FOR

APRIL.

1918.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

2nd. April. 1918.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 20.

Subject:- Formation of Australian Corps Signal Company,

In continuation of General Staff Circular No 9 of 22nd. February. 1918. and No 13. of 12th. March. 1918.

1. The Australian Corps Signal Company will relieve "K" Corps Signal Company as a unit in the line as from noon on 2nd. April. 1918. At the same time the Australian Corps Wireless Section at present attached to "K" Corps Signal Company, will be transferred to the Australian Corps Signal Company, and form part thereof.

The Signal Section Corps Heavy Artillery of "K" Corps Signal Company, and any Imperial Signal units attached to Australian Corps will be attached to Australian Corps Signal Company.

2. The Company Headquarters of "K" Corps Signal Company R.E. will be withdrawn from the line, and remain for the present under Command of O. C. "K" Corps Signal Company. It will be located under arrangements to be made by A.D.Signals.

3. Any Imperial personnel of "K" Corps Signal Company required to remain with the Australian Corps Signal Company, and any Imperial Signal units attached to Australian Corps Signal Company, will be under the command of the O. C. of that unit for work and discipline but will be administered by O.C."K" Corps Signal Company for purposes of pay and documents.

(Sgd) A. M. ROSS. Lt-Col,  
for Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.





*Appendix 2.*

AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

2nd April 1918.

Lieut, J.E.S. STEVENS.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

1. You will proceed with the undermentioned personnel with two lorries to BERNAVILLE (on the ST RIQUIER-CANDAS ROAD between BEAUMETZ and FIENVILLERS) at 2'0 pm, and open up an advance office.
2. There is an Army office stationed at BERNAVILLE from which all necessary lines and information should be obtained.
3. The lorries after dumping your personnel and stores will ~~not~~ return immediately to FLETRE.
4. Rations up to the 3rd inst inclusive to be carried.
5. The following personnel will proceed with you for duty:-

|       |            |        |        |                 |
|-------|------------|--------|--------|-----------------|
| Sgt   | SMITH.     | J.C.   | A.I.F. | Supt,           |
| Cpl   | STEVENS.   | T.R.   | R.E.   | Asst Supt.      |
| Spr   | SHEDDEN.   | T.B.   | R.E.   | Tel Opr.        |
| "     | WALLACE.   | A.E.   | R.E.   | " "             |
| "     | GODWIN.    | W.H.   | R.E.   | " "             |
| "     | BRYANT.    | C.     | R.E.   | " "             |
| "     | HERCULES.  | W.     | A.I.F. | " "             |
| "     | WALKER.    | H.R.H. | A.I.F. | " "             |
| "     | HEHIR.     | J.     | A.I.F. | " "             |
| "     | DILLON.    | R.D.   | A.I.F. | " "             |
| "     | EAST.      | J.     | R.E.   | Swchbd Opr      |
| "     | LANDLESS.  | G.     | R.E.   | " "             |
| "     | PATTERSON. | C.P.   | A.I.F. | " "             |
| "     | CORNISH.   | F.W.   | A.I.F. | Counter Clerk,  |
| "     | COTTON.    | S.     | R.E.   | " "             |
| "     | BEZODIS.   | E.A.   | R.E.   | " "             |
| L/Cpl | SESSIONS.  | B.     | A.I.F. | Cyc Ord.        |
| Pte   | SESSIONS.  | L.     | A.I.F. | " "             |
| Spr   | GER.       |        | R.E.   | Inst. Repr.     |
| "     | KEMM.      |        | R.E.   | Linesman (M.C.) |
| Cpl   | STEWART.   | E.D.   | A.I.F. | M.C. D.R's.     |
| "     | BROADBENT. | H.G.   | A.I.F. | "               |
| "     | MATHEWS.   | R.A.   | A.I.F. | "               |
| Spr   | WATSON.    | G.     | A.I.F. | "               |

6. Instruments to be taken as follows:-

40 Line Exchange.  
 12 Ring Phones.  
 1 D.X.Set,  
 5 S.C.Sets.  
 1 Drum twistie D.S.



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Necessary stationery and instrument repairing material to be taken.

7. Office to be opened ready for work 10'0 am, 3rd inst.

8. The following phones to be installed:-

- 1, Corps Commander.
- 1, B.G.G.S.
- 1, G. Operator.
- 1, A.Q.M.G.
- 1, A. Branch.
- 1, Q. Branch.
- 1, A.D. SIGNALS.

9. Lines to be obtained if possible:-

Super imposed to Army  
Pair to 7th Corps MONTIGNY.  
2 Pairs Army area Exchange.

(Sgd) J.M. GRANT. CAPTAIN,  
O.C., AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

ORDERS BY  
Capt. J.M. GRANT, M.C.  
Commndg Aust. Corps Signal Company.

2/4/18.

(1) The communications of the Australian Corps passed from 'K' Corps Signal Company, R.E. to the Australian Corps Signal Coy at 12-0 noon today.

(2) The Australian Corps Headquarters closes at FLETRE at 10 a.m. tomorrow, 3rd inst. and opens at BERNAVILLE at the same hour.

(3) IX Corps Headquarters opens at FLETRE at 10 a.m. tomorrow 3rd inst.

(4) Lieut. Wilkinson, Lieut Turner and Lieut. Stansbury with Sergt. Smith, R.A., i/c/Cpl. Richard, J., MC/Cpl. Nicholson, J., Dvr. Kirk, B., Spr. Simpson, J. proceeded to MONTIGNY at 10 a.m. this morning as an advance party with the necessary Signal Office stores and equipment to open a Corps 'A' Echelon Signal Office.

(5) Lieut Stevens with the following Signal Office staff:-  
Sergt. Smith, J.C., Cpl. Stevens, T.R., Sprs. Shedden, T.B., Wallace, A.E, Godwin, W.H., Bryant, C., Hercules, M.V., Walker, H.H.R., Hehir, J., Dillan, R.D., East, J., Landless, G., Petterson, O.P., Gee, C.B., Kemm, W.E., Carnish, S.W., Cotton, S., Bezodis, E.A., L/Cpl Sessions, B. Pte. Sessions, L., MC/Cpls. Stewart, E.D., Broadbent, H.G., Matthews, R.A., Spr. Watson, G., left FLETRE for BERNAVILLE at 3-45 p.m. today to open the Corps Signal Office.

(6) Aust. Corps Wireless Section will, when relieved by IX Corps Wireless Section, proceed immediately to Bernaville under orders to be issued by O.i/c Wireless Section.

(7) No.1 and No.2 Aust. Airline Sections under Lieut. Watson will move by road from CAESTRE to BERNAVILLE at 9-30 a.m. on morning of April 3rd.

(8) No.1 and No.2 Aust. Cable Sections will move by road from ST-JANS CAPPEL to BERNAVILLE probably starting on 5th April. They will be attached to Corps Signal Company from 10 a.m. on April 3rd till move takes place.

Detailed instructions as to route staging and definite date of departure will be issued later.

(9) Headquarters 'K' Corps Signal Company will move to BERNAVILLE with Aust. Corps Signal Company according to transport available.

(10) The following Signal units at present attached to Aust. Corps Signal Company will be transferred to IX Corps Signal Company at 10 a.m. on 3rd April:-

- W.18 Motor Airline Section.
- F Cable Section.
- WW Cable Section.
- 10 Area Signal Detachment.
- 13 Area Signal Detachment.
- 14 Area Signal Detachment.

(11) All Area Signal Stores, exchanges, etc., at sub-offices and locality exchanges will be handed over 'in situ' by Aust. Corps Signal Company to IX Corps Signal Company.

(12) Aust. Corps Signal Company will move as in Appendix 'A'

*Acknowledge*

Sd. J.M.GRANT, Capt.,  
O.C. Aust. Corps Signal Company.

DISTRIBUTION.

A.D. Signals, Aust. Corps.  
O.C., Signals Aust. Corps.  
O.C. Signals, 'K' Corps Signal Coy.  
O.C. Signals, Corps H.A.  
O.C., Wireless Section.  
O.C., No. 2<sup>Aust</sup> Airline Section.  
O.C., No. 1<sup>Aust</sup> Aust. Cable Section.  
O.C., No. 2 Aust Cable Section.  
Lieut. Mossiter, Aust. Corps Signals.  
ii/Lieut. Willats, Aust Corps Signals.  
ii/Lieut. Hensley, 'K' Corps Signals.  
O.C., W.18 M.A.L. Section.  
O.C., F Cable Section.  
O.C. WW Cable Section.  
O.C. 10 Area Signal Detachment.  
O.C. 13 Area Signal Detachment.  
O.C. 14 Area Signal Detachment.  
R.S.M. Grant, Aust. Corps Signal Company.  
Q.M.S. Hinam, Aust Corps Signal Company.  
R.S.M. Brenton, 'K' Corps Signal Company.  
Q.M.S. Kelly, 'A' Corps Signal Company.  
Cpl. Earl, 'A' Corps Signal Company.  
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APPENDIX 'A'.

Lorries at the disposal of the Company for the move are as follows :- Aust Corps Signals No.1, No.2, No.3, On loan from S.M.T.O. E.F.G.H.I.J.K.L., handed over from No.5 G.H.Q. Reserve Park, A.B.C.D.

| Lorry.                               | Officer or NCO in charge | Personnel to be carried.   | Stores to be carried.   | Hour of departure from FLETRE. | Approx hour of arrival at BERNAVILLE | Remarks.   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| (1)                                  | (2)                      | (3)  | (4)   | (5)                            | (6)                                  | (7)  |
| Corps Signal lorry No.1              | 2/Lt. Willats.           | L/Cpl. Richardson, Sprs Borland, Page, Connop, Edwards, A., Hogan, Cousins, Lester, Westhead, Ainsworth, Davies, Bale, Martin, Sutherland, Pnr. Anderson, MC/Cpl Melville, Ptes Russell, Stebhens. | All AUO telephones & Bells still remaining in Headquarter Offices Technical Stores and Instruments of AUO still in the Signal office. | 10-30am. 3rd. inst.            | 5-30pm 3rd. inst.                    | 2nd. Lieut. Willats will be responsible for all the stores and technical equipment mentioned in Col 4 being collected and placed in the lorries. Pte Stebhens and Russell will place their bicycles on the lorry. Lorry to report at FLETRE Signal Office at 9-0am. 3rd. inst.           |
| Corps Signal Lorry No.3.             | 2nd. Lieut Willats.      | Sap Taverner, Sap Bibbey Saps Walker and Rothwell.   | - do -  | -do-                           | -do-                                 | Lorry to report at FLETRE Signal Office at 9am. 3rd. inst. Sap Young will proceed on his motor cycle direct to BERNAVILLE leaving FLETRE at 10-30am.   |
| No.5 G.H.Q. Reserve Park. 'A' lorry. | 2nd. Lieut Willats.      | Cpl Whyte, J. Art/Cpl Bain. Cpl Murray, J.   | Joiners Stores. Art/Cpl's Stores. Instrument Repairers Stores.  | -do-                           | -do-                                 | Lorry to report at FLETRE Signal Office at 9am. Sgt. Paddock, Cpls Goldsworthy Hitchcock, Peskett, Gill, Cartwright, Saps Delves, Goeldner Andrews, Richards, & Cottier. will proceed on their machines direct to BERNAVILLE and report at the Signal Office, leaving FLETRE at 10-30am. |

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| Lorry.<br>(1)  | Officer, or<br>N.C.O. in<br>charge.<br>(2)  | Personnel to be carried.<br>(3)                                    | 'Stores' to be carried.<br>(4)  | Hour of<br>departure<br>from<br>FLETRE.<br>(5)   | Approx<br>hour of<br>arrival at<br>BERNAVILLE.<br>(6) | REMARKS.<br>(7)  |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| Sig. Coy.<br>Box Car.  |   | O.C. Coy. R.S.M. Grant. Cpl<br>Baker, Saps. Werne Mundy.           | O.C. Coy. Kit, Company<br>Office stores, Lines<br>office stores.                              | 11am.<br>3rd.<br>inst.   | 6 pm.<br>3rd.<br>inst.                                | To report at FLETRE Signal<br>Office 10-30am.  |
| Corps<br>Signal lorry<br>No. 2.                                    | Cpl Murray, A.                              | Sap Richardson, Dr Kelso.<br>Pte Hopkins, Lce/Cpl<br>Cruickshanks. | A.D. Signals Office.<br>A.D. Signals Clerks<br>office. A.D. Signals<br>(FLETRE) Tech. Stores. | 11-30am.<br>3rd.<br>inst   | 6 pm.<br>3rd.<br>inst.                                | To report to A.D. Signals<br>office on return from<br>BERNAVILLE.  |
| No. 5 G. .Q. Pnr. Porter.<br>Reserve<br>Park.<br>'B'               |   | Sap Houston, Sap Nappin,<br>Pte Virgo.                             | Officers Mess, Sgts<br>Mess, Mens Mess, D. Rs<br>Mess.  | 10-30am.<br>3rd.<br>inst.  | 5-30pm<br>3rd.<br>inst.                               | To join the convoy under<br>2nd. Lt. Willats. To report at<br>FLETRE Signal Office at 9-30<br>am.  |
| Electric<br>Light lorry<br>and K lorry<br>on loan from<br>S.M.T.O. | Cpl Earl, S                                 | Pte. Guthrie.  | Electric Light stores<br>including Austen set<br>complete                                     | 8-0am<br>3rd<br>inst   | 3-0pm<br>3rd<br>inst.                                 | All electric light fittings<br>will be dismantled and<br>loaded together with the<br>Austen engine complete by<br>7-0am 3rd inst. On arrival<br>at BERNAVILLE the following<br>Offices will be fitted with<br>electric light.:- Corps<br>Commander, B.G.G.S., 'G' Office<br>'A' Office, 'Q' Office, A.C.M.G.,<br>Signal Office, 'A' Mess,<br>remaining offices as time<br>permits. |
| No. 5 G.H.Q.<br>Reserve Park<br>C and D                            | To be<br>detailed by<br>Lieut.<br>Messiter. | 22 O.Rs with kit in each<br>lorry.                                 | Any stores required   | This convoy will<br>not leave until<br>ordered by O.C.<br>'K' Corps Signal<br>Company. |   | To report to Lieut. Messiter<br>at Aust. Corps Signal Camp<br>on FLETRE-CAESTRE road at<br>10-0 am.  |

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| Lorry.<br><br>(1)                        | Officer or NCO<br>in charge.<br><br>(2) | Personnel to be carried.<br><br>(3) | Stores to be carried.<br><br>(4)    | Hour of departure<br>from FLETRE<br>(5)  | Approx.<br>hour of arrival<br>at<br>BERNAVILLE<br>(6) | Remarks.<br><br>(7)   |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| On loan from<br>S.M.T.O.<br>E.F.G.H.I.J. | To be<br>detailed by<br>Lt.Messiter.    | 22 O.Rs with kit in each<br>lorry.  | Cooks and any stores<br>required.   | This convoy will<br>not leave until<br>ordered by O.C.<br>'A' Corps Signal<br>Company. |   | These lorries will report at<br>FLETRE Signal Office at 9-0<br>a.m. They will then be sent<br>to report to Lieut. Messiter<br>at Aust Corps Signal Camp on<br>FLETRE-CAESTRE road at 10a.m. |
| On loan from<br>S.M.T.O.<br>L.           | R.S.E.<br>Brenten.                      | L/Cpl Pain.                         | 'K' Corps Company<br>Office stores. |  |   | To report at FLETRE Signal<br>Office at 9-0 a.m.  |

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COY.

2nd. April. 1918.

Lt WATSON.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COY.

WARNING ORDER.

You will move to BERNAVILLE (on the ST RIQUIER-CANDOS ROAD between BEAUMETZ and FIENVILLERS) by road in charge of No 1 and 2 Aust. Motor Air Line Section complete.

Route and hour of starting to be notified later.

(SD) J M GRANT

Captain,  
O.C., AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.





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M O V E M E N T O R D E R .

4/4/18.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

1. The remainder of "A" Echelon will proceed to VILLERS BOCAGE under R.S.M. GRANT at 9a.m.
2. Officers' mess and kits will be ready and loaded on Lorry at 8.45a.m and proceed to Villers Bocage.
3. A.D Signals stores and Office lorry will proceed to Villers Bocage at 9a.m, All the above lorries will form a convoy under R.S.M. Grant.
4. Electric Light lorry will proceed direct to Villers Bocage at 9a.m. On arrival at Villers Bocage the following Offices will be lit with Electric light:-
 

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Corps Commander                    | Office and bedroom |
| B.G.G.S                            | " " "              |
| "G" Staff                          | Office only        |
| "Q" Staff                          | " "                |
| A.Q.M.G.                           | " "                |
| R.A                                | " "                |
| C.E                                | " "                |
| A.D Signals                        | " "                |
| Signal Office                      |                    |
| Signal Company Office              |                    |
| Remaining Offices as time permits. |                    |
5. Lieut. Turner will be responsible for setting up of Signal Office which will open at 5p.m on 5th inst.
6. Lieut. Stanbury will be responsible for the wiring of all local Offices which will be completed by 4.30p.m 5th inst.
7. "B" Echelon will remain at Bernaville under command of Lieut. Stevens from 9a.m 5th inst.  
R.S.M Brenton and Q.M Keiley will take up respective duties of R.S.M and Q.M.S to Bernaville from 9a,m 5th inst.
8. Bernaville Signal Office will remain open till further orders.
9. No 1 Company lorry, if not required for move will remain with "B" Echelon; if required will return to "B" Echelon on completion of duty at Villers Bocage.
10. Lieut. Stevens will arrange for two 3 ton lorries on loan from S.M.T.O to proceed to Caestre Signal Camp and report to Lieut. Messitter for the purpose of withdrawing remainder of "B" Echelon and stores to Bernaville.
11. Any lorries other than Company lorries and those on loan from S.M.T.O will be returned to their units at 9a,m 5th inst.

(Sgd) J.M.GRANT

CAPT M

O.C.AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

Company Order No 7.  
By CAPT. J.M.GRANT., M.C.  
Commanding Australian Corps Signal Company.  
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- 1- Australian Corps will take over command of the line at 12 noon 6th inst.
2. Lieut. Watson and 20 O.R. No.2 Motor Airline Section proceeded to MONTIGNY as a forward lines party on 5th inst. and will be rationed by Q.M.S. Australian Corps Signal Company.  
R.R. Cable Section at MONTIGNY will come on the Company strength on 6th inst. They will be rationed by Q.M.S. Australian Corps Signal Company.  
The following O.R. are attached:-  
4 O.R and 15th Area Maintenance Party with 47th Bde R.G.A  
1 Officer, 2nd/Cpl Knight, Spr. Burr, Pnr. Woolford, 15th Area Maintenance attached to Corps Heavy Artillery, CONTAY.
3. All lights in billets and offices must be screened.  
Motor Cyclist D.Rs must extinguish their headlights when entering VILLERS BOCAGE and must not light them till they are out of the village.
4. Sappers Landless, Davies and Pnr. Anderson will proceed to MONTIGNY with 10 line board to work exchange. Time of departure will be notified later. 24 hours' rations to be taken.
5. Signal Office Shifts must wear belts and bandoliers.  
All ranks must be properly dressed when outside their billets; belts and box respirators must be worn.

(Sgd) J.M.GRANT., Captain.

April 5th 1917.

O.C. Australian Corps Signal Company.

Appendix 6.

COMPANY ORDER  
BY  
CAPTAIN J.M.GRANT, M.C.  
COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY  
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6. MOVES.

The following sappers reported for duty as telegraph operators to Divisions as follows:-

Spr. W.H.Godwin to 3rd.Aust. Div.  
Spr. A.J.W. Edwards do.

2815 Spr. H.H.R.Walker to 4th. Aust. Div.  
1818 Spr. P.J. Lester do.

The following Sappers proceeded to MONTIGNY for duty as Switchboard Operators.

Sapper Landless 'K' Corps Sig. Coy.  
" Anderson do.  
3297 " Davies A.J. Aust. Corps Signal Coy.

7. No. 7817 Spr. B.J.Fennessy reported back from duty with 1st. Aust.Div.Signal Company.

8. The following men arrived from 'B' Echelon for duty:-

|       |                 |                      |
|-------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 4913  | Spr. C. Stewart | Telegraphist.        |
| 10674 | " F.D.Shortall  | "                    |
| 3355  | " E.L.Lincoln   | "                    |
| 10618 | " L.R.Haslam    | "                    |
| 10789 | " A.F.Halls     | "                    |
| 10550 | " A.F.Wade      | "                    |
| 17073 | " H.A.Pitts     | "                    |
| 275   | " F.Jackson     | "                    |
| 5298  | " W.J.Barron    | "                    |
| 3073  | " S.Pool        | "                    |
| 7678  | " J.L.Hodgson   | "                    |
| 2259  | " T.A.Horton    | "                    |
| 3389  | " A.M.Wright    | "                    |
| 1476  | " G.Gordon      | Switchboard Operator |
| 17898 | " F.H.Callaghan | "                    |
| 10636 | " E.J.Vickers   | "                    |
| 7547  | " A. Boswarva   | Carpenter            |
| 17875 | " S.S. Grimshaw | "                    |
| 3801  | Pte. S. Dyson   | Cyclist Orderly      |
| 358   | " A.N.Gould     | "                    |
| 3303  | " W.J.Watson    | "                    |
| 1388  | " A.G.Cameron   | "                    |
| 4822  | " W.J.King      | "                    |

9. The following personnel came on the ration strength of the Company from noon 6th. inst:-  
AW Cable Section located at MONTIGNY  
2nd. Lieut. Davies and 34 other ranks, 26 horses.  
They are on temporary loan till arrival of Aust. Corps Cable Section they will be rationed by C.C.W.S. Aust. Corps Signal Company.

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COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY  
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10. MOVES.

Nos. 1 & 2 Aust. Cable Sections arrived on 6th. inst. from St. Jeans Capelle by road. They will come on the ration strength and be rationed by Company C.Q.M.S.

11. The following men reported from "B" Echelon to replace personnel of "K" Corps Signal Company.

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 3272 Cpl. Duncan W.G.     | 2065 Spr. Bloch C.H.A.  |
| 1263 Spr. Evershed D.V.   | 19705 Spr. Wells E.L.   |
| 2567 Spr. Cummings S.J.B. | 18437 Spr. Bennett J.R. |
| 3663 Spr. Marks H.R.      | 1783 Spr. D'Neill T.    |
| 19702 Spr. Kirk C.S.      | 6124 Spr. Betteley C&L. |
| 2381 Spr. Rayment A.C.    | 4875 Spr. McCooke D.    |
| 15562 Spr. L.G. Halliday  |                         |

12. The following "K" Corps Signal personnel will return to "B" Echelon on 8th. inst.

- |                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Cpl. Peskett F.W.            | Pnr. Porter J.   |
| Cpl. Nicholson J             | Pte. Virgo G.    |
| Cpl. Gill A.G.               | Spr. Tavorner T. |
| Cpl. Cartwright W.A.         | Spr. East J.     |
| Cpl. Murray J. (Inst. Repr.) | Spr. Delves S.   |

13. "RR" Cable ~~Section~~ <sup>detachment</sup> will come under O.C. Corps Heavy Artillery from 8th. inst. They will be rationed by C.Q.M.S. Aust. Corps Sig. Company up till 9th. inst.

14. All men unless on duty must be in their respective billets by 9.30 p.m.

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*Appendix 8.*

AUSTRALIAN CORPS  
D.R.L.S. TIME TABLE

Commencing 8/4/18.

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THIS CANCELS ALL PREVIOUS TIME TABLES.  
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G.H.Q. to 4th. Army.

|                   |           |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Leaves G.H.Q.     | 2.25 a.m. | 2.30 p.m. |
| Arrives 4th. Army | 6.30 a.m. | 6.15 p.m. |
| Leaves 4th Army   | 1a.m      | 2.30 p.m. |
| Arrives G.H.Q     | 4.45 a.m  | 6.15 p.m  |

4th Army to Australian Corps

|                   |          |         |         |
|-------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| Leaves 4th Army   | 8.30a.m  | 2.30p.m | 7.30p.m |
| Arr. Aust Corps   | 9.30a.m  | 3.30p.m | 8.30p.m |
| Leaves Aust Corps | 9.30a.m  | 3.30p.m | 8.30p.m |
| Arr. 4th Army     | 10.30a.m | 4.30p.m | 9.30p.m |

Despatches for 5th Aust. Div. via Army.

Aust Corps to Corps on Left.

|                     |          |         |
|---------------------|----------|---------|
| Leaves Corps.       | 11a.m    | 5p.m    |
| Arr. Corps on Left. | 11.40a.m | 5.40p.m |
| Leaves "            | 11.40a.m | 5.40p.m |
| Arrives Aust. Corps | 12.20p.m | 6.20p.m |

Aust. Corps to Left Divn. and Heavy Artillery.

|               |         |          |         |          |
|---------------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| Leaves Corps. | 7a.m    | 11a.m    | 4p.m    | 8.15p.m  |
| " Left Div.   | 7.45a.m | 11.45a.m | 4.45p.m | 9p.m     |
| " Heavy Arty. | 8a.m    | 12 noon  | 5p.m    | 9.15p.m  |
| Arrive Corps  | 9a.m    | 1p.m     | 6p.m    | 10.15p.m |

Aust Corps to Right Divn. and Support Divns.

|                 |         |          |         |         |
|-----------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| Leaves Corps    | 7a.m    | 11.15a.m | 4.15p.m | 8p.m    |
| " Right Div.    | 7.30a.m | 11.45a.m | 4.45p.m | 8.45p.m |
| " Support Divn. | 7.45a.m | 12 noon  | 5p.m    | 9p.m    |
| Arrives Corps   | 8.30a.m | 12.45p.m | 5.45p.m | 9.45p.m |

Corps to Division in Reserve.

|             |         |         |         |
|-------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Leave Corps | 7.30a-m | 2p.m    | 8.30p.m |
| Arr. Div.   | 8a.m    | 2.30p.m | 9p.m    |
| Leave Div.  | 8a.m    | 2.30p.m | 9p.m    |
| Arr. Corps  | 8.30a.m | 3p.m    | 9.30p.m |

CIRCULAR RUNS

No 1. Leaves Aust. Corps 9a.m and 6.30p.m for Coisy, Rainneville and Pirregot.

No 2. Leaves Aust. Corps 8.30a-m and 6p.m for Flesselles and Vignacourt.

Despatches must be lodged in Signal Office 30 minutes before time of despatch.

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MOVES.

- 15. No. 1 Australian Cable Section proceeded to Pt. Camon for duty on 8th. inst. They will be rationed by Q.M.S. Aust. Corps Sig. Coy.
- 16. "AW" Cable Section will proceed by road on 9th. inst. from MONTIGNY to BERNAVILLE to rejoin VBF Corps. Detailed instructions have been issued to O.C. "AW" Cable Section.

Arrivals.

- 17. 2/Lt. Elkins, R.E. reported to take charge of 189 A.F.A. Bde, Signal Sub Section. on 7/4/18.
- 18. The following men reported from Aust Corps Cycle Bn. for duty on 7/4/18.
  - 1344 Pte. F.A.V. Roberts
  - 4653 Pte. J. Pettit.
- 19. 66301 Spr, F. Reeves, R.E. reported from 4th. Army Signals for duty as linesman.
- 20. No. 700 Bpr. T.E.L. Kook reported today from 43rd. Bn. for trial as telegraphist.
- 21. The following men will leave "B" Echelon at 9 a.m. 9th inst and report to O.C. Aust. Corps Signal Company at Villers Bocage.
 

|                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 4890 Spr. Chipper C.F. | 10595 Spr. Chadwick H.R. |
| 6423 " Rowe T.H.       | 17493 Spr. Palmer A.W.B. |
| 17043 " McConnell A.M. | 15581 Spr. Barry H.J.    |
| 4846 L/Cpl. Lawler P.  | 4818 Spr. Kitto H.T.J.   |
| 7196 Spr. Prier C.     | 7224 " Cohen E.A.        |
| 2933 " Fort L.E.       | 7924 " Sturcke H.G.      |
| 889 " Johnson G.L.     |                          |

"K" Sig. Coy.

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Spr. Griffen A. | Spr. Heath W.  |
| " Flood H.      | " Brown J      |
| " Coombe T.     | " Roberts J.   |
| " Bostock J.L.  | " Colling H.L. |

- 22. The following personnel "K" Corps Signal Company will leave Villers Bocage at 9 a.m, and report to R.S.M. Brenton at Bertangles. *AND ENTRAIN AT FLESSELLES 6.30AM 10/4/18*

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Spr. Bibby A.W. | Switchboard Operator |
| " Landless G.   | do.                  |
| " Ainsworth E.  | do.                  |
| Pfr. Anderson   |                      |
| Spr. Kemm W.S.  | Linesman             |
| " Gee C.B.      | Mechanic             |
| 2/Cpl. White J. | "                    |
| Spr. Houston J. | Mess Cook            |

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## LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS

AUX EXCHANGE

AT 10 a.m. 9/4/18.

- | AUX EXCHANGE |                          | AT 10 a.m. 9/4/18. |   |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---|
| -----        |                          |                    |   |
| 1.           | 5th. Aust. Div.          | 21.                | B.G.G.S.  |
| 2.           | 4th. Army.               | 22.                | "G" Staff ( Training).                          |
| 3.           | 4th. Army.               | 23.                | 4th. Tank Bde.                                  |
| 4.           | 2nd. Aust. Div.          | 24.                | Intelligence.                                   |
| 5.           | 4th. Aust. Div.          | 25.                | "A".  |
| 6.           | 1st. Aust. Div.          | 26.                | 5th. Corps.                                     |
| 7.           | Montigny.                | 27.                | C.E.  |
| 8.           | Heavy Artillery.         | 28.                | 4th. Aust. Div.                                 |
| 9.           | 3rd. Aust. Div.          | 29.                | B.G.G.S. (Billet).                              |
| 10.          | 2nd. Aust. Div.          | 30.                | Coy. Office (2 rings)<br>O.C. Lines (3 rings)   |
| 11.          | Beauquesne Ex.           | 31.                | 3rd. Squadron (A.F.C.)                          |
| 12.          | Heavy Artillery.         | 32.                | "G" Staff (Operations)                          |
| 13.          | 3rd. Aust. Div.          | 33.                | 4th. Aust. Div.                                 |
| 14.          | 3rd. Corps.              | 34.                | S.M.T.O.  |
| 15.          | Gen. Carruthers (DAQMG). | 35.                | 8th. Squadron (R.A.F.)                          |
| 16.          | S.O., R.A.               | 36.                | 4th. Army.                                      |
| 17.          | S.C., R.A.               | 37.                | (Reserved for 4th. Army.)                       |
| 18.          | G.O.C., R.A.             | 38.                | <del>Signals Mess</del> A.D. Signals<br>Billet. |
| 19.          | "Q".                     | 39.                | A.D. Signals.                                   |
| 20.          | G.O.C.                   | 40.                | Supdt. (2 rings).<br>Sigmr. (3 rings).          |

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CO. AMBUSH AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COY.

21. 'B' Echelon will move to Vignacourt on 10th inst. The following men will proceed under Lt. Messiter, Aust. Corps Signal Company and establish the Signal Office there, Office to be opened 9.30a.m 10th inst. Detailed instructions will be issued to Lt. Messiter who will be in charge of 'B' Echelon from 10th inst:-

| From 'B' Echelon      | From 'A' Echelon<br>on 9th inst. |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1987 L/Cpl. QUIST H.R |                                  |
| 10603 Cpl. FAHEY M.   |                                  |
| 5930 L/Cpl. BROOK H.R | 7196 Spr PRIOR C.                |
| 1194 " GIBEAUT E.     | 7224 Spr COHEN E.A               |
| 4109 Spr. GONDRAN L.O | " HEATH W.                       |
| 3892 " RUSHEBY I.     |                                  |
| 1468 " BAXTER C.S     |                                  |
| 2624 " GILBERT T.J    |                                  |
| 1877 Pte FORSYTH C.B  |                                  |
| 1053 " GREEN J.B      |                                  |
| 4679 Spr COOK R.D     |                                  |

Sgt. PADDOCK will detail two Motor Cycle D.Rs to report with kits to Lt. MESSITER at 9a.m 10th inst at VIGNACOURT.

22. Lt. STEVENS will report to Company Head Quarters on completion of shift of 'B' Echelon from BIRTANGLES. He will see all billets vacated and left in a clean condition.

23. The following G.R.O No 3756 is published for information:-  
"False or Alarmist Orders and Rumors - Precautions against.

Instances of the following nature have recently occurred of Conduct prejudicial to the success of Military Operations:-

1. Messages have been given by despatch riders and others to parties of men to the effect that other units have been forced to withdraw, when this was not in fact the case.
2. Messages falsely purporting to be actual orders to retire have been delivered to troops in the field.
3. Accounts ~~XXXX~~ of reverses have been spread among both troops and civilians, when either they have been false, or, in the existing military situation, it was not desirable that they should be disseminated.

A number of cases have been substantiated of such reports and messages, at first attributed to enemy agents, having been in fact carried by British messengers, who have either really believed what they said to be true, or else were affected with panic.

In future, therefore, the following precautions will be strictly observed. Whenever a message reporting the withdrawal of other troops, or an order to retire, is brought to a party of men, the bearer, whatever his rank, is to be taken to the Officer in Command on the spot. The latter will not act on the faith of the message or in compliance with the order until he has satisfied himself both as to the bona fides of the bearer and as to the genuineness of the origin of the message or order. If he finds the messenger's conduct to be unjustified, he will detain him in arrest, and take steps with a view to his trial by Court Martial.

Similar action will be taken with respect to any person spreading false, alarmist, or discouraging statements or rumors. This order is to be promulgated in all units at frequent intervals, so that reinforcements may be made aware of it.

The serious and cowardly nature of the offence of using words calculated to create alarm and despondency, which is heavily punishable by Section 5 of the Army Act, will at the same time be impressed on all ranks."



## Sheet 2 (Continued)

24. The following men from 3rd Pioneer Battalion reported on transfer to Australian Corps Signal Company:-

1205 Pte MULLINGER W.E  
2679 " JONES P.T

25. Arrivals

The undermentioned men arrived from Australian Corps Troops M.T. Company for attachment for duty as Motor Transport Drivers on 8/4/18.

|          |             |          |              |
|----------|-------------|----------|--------------|
| 2248 Dvr | COOMES S.C  | 1888 Dvr | STOBB .H     |
| 6970 "   | KIRBY R.R   | 6952 "   | CAMBELL J.P  |
| 3132 "   | BRYAN W     | 25406 "  | MARSHALL J.F |
| 94 "     | EDWARDS E.A | 1582 "   | FORD A.W     |
| 5927 "   | NESBIT E.A  | 4475 "   | PIKE G.M     |
| 1860 "   | CAIN W.     | 3354 "   | BURTON E.    |
| 4142 "   | WARDEN W.A  | 550 "    | MELLO A.     |
| 1737 Cpl | HOWSHIP W.J | 1507 "   | McKEONE W.H  |
|          |             | 1737 Cpl | RIGBY T.B    |

26. Evacuations.

The undermentioned Lorry Drivers (Motor Transport A.S.C) were relieved by personnel Aust. Corps Troops M.T Company and returned to O.C Aust. Corps Troops M.T Company for disposal on 8/4/18.

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Pte ROBERTS E.   | Pte HEYWOOD H.J  |
| L/Cpl COLLETT H. | " WARWICK T.H    |
| Pte VECK F.H     | " HENVEST A.     |
| " BROWN H.       | " BAXTER R.      |
| " WOOD H.        | " FARNECKE E.    |
| L/Cpl TAYLOR F.H | " KEEN D.        |
| Pte WATKINSON H. | A/Cpl MURRAY J.R |

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.Reference D.R.L.S.

Circular Run No.2 shown on Time Table of 8th instant is cancelled and following times come into operation forthwith.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS TO VIGNACOURT OFFICE

|        |            |           |           |            |
|--------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Leave  | Corps      | 8 a.m.    | 2.45 p.m. | 8.45 p.m.  |
| Arrive | FLESSELLES | 8.20 a.m. | 3.5 p.m.  | 9.5 p.m.   |
| Arrive | VIGNACOURT | 8.40 a.m. | 3.25 p.m. | 9.25 p.m.  |
| Leave  | VIGNACOURT | 8.40 a.m. | 3.25 p.m. | 9.25 p.m.  |
| Arrive | Corps      | 9.20 a.m. | 3. p.m.   | 10.00 p.m. |

Following additional runAUSTRALIAN CORPS TO 3rd A.F.C.

|        |            |            |           |
|--------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Leave  | 3rd A.F.C. | 10.30 a.m. | 5.30 p.m. |
| Arrive | Corps      | 11 a.m.    | 6. p.m.   |
| Leave  | Corps      | 11 a.m.    | 6 p.m.    |
| Arrive | 3rd A.F.C. | 11.30 a.m. | 6.30 p.m. |

Sgd. J.M. GRANT.  
Captain.

10th April, 1918.

O.C. Aust. Corps Signal Company.

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27. MOVES

No 3297 Sapper A.J Davies returned to Company Headquarters from MONTIGNY Exchange on 9/4/18.

28.

The following G.R.O is published for information:-

"3377. Losses of Motor Bicycles. 1. Attention is called to the increasing prevalence of losses of motor-bicycles. The number of motor bicycles on the "Missing" list is considerable, and is steadily increasing. AS only a few of these missing machines are subsequently traced, the majority represent not only a financial loss to the Public, but also an appreciable shortage in motor-cycle transport owing to the difficulty in providing replacements.

2. The following points in particular are impressed on all concerned:-

(i) Motor bicycles will never be kept in places from which they can be removed by unauthorized persons without such removal being observed.

(ii) If being ridden on duty, a motor bicycle will not be left behind, e.g., owing to break down, bad roads, hostile shell fire, unless the urgency of the duty is superior to considerations of the safety of the machine.

(iii) If a motor bicycle is left behind in the circumstances indicated in (ii), it will always be rendered unusable, e.g., by removal of belt and sparking plugs, and steps will be taken to recover it at the earliest possible moment.

29.  
ARRIVAL

2483 Sapper J.S. Ryan taken on strength on transfer from 48th Battalion, as from today.

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LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS "A.C." EXCHANGE.

7p.m 10/4/18.

- |                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. 5th Australian Division      | 21. B.G.G.S   |
| 2. 4th Army                     | 22. "G" Staff (Training)                            |
| 3. 4th Army                     | 23. 4th Tank Brigade                                |
| 4. 2nd Australian Division      | 24. Intelligence                                    |
| 5. 13th Aust. Light Horse Regt. | 25. "A"   |
| 6. 1st Australian Division      | 26. 5th Corps                                       |
| 7. Heavy Artillery              | 27. C.E   |
| 8.                              | 28.   |
| 9. 3rd Australian Division      | 29. B.G.G.S (Billet)                                |
| 10. 2nd Australian Division     | 30. Company Office (2 Rings)<br>O.C Lines (3 " )    |
| 11. Beauquesne Exchange         | 31. 3rd Squadron (A.F.C)                            |
| 12. Heavy Artillery             | 32. "G" Staff (Operation)                           |
| 13. 3rd Australian Division     | 33. 4th Australian Division                         |
| 14. 3rd Corps                   | 34. S.P.T.O.  |
| 15. D.A.Q.M.G.                  | 35. 8th Squadron (R.A.F)                            |
| 16. S.O., R.A. G.O.C., R.A.     | 36. 4th Army  |
| 17. S.C., R.A,                  | 37. D.D.M.S.  |
| 18. Vignacourt                  | 38. A.D Signals (Billet)                            |
| 19. "Q"                         | 39. A.D Signals                                     |
| 20. G.O.C                       | 40. Superintendent (2 Rings)<br>Signalmaster (3 " ) |

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

## List of Subscribers - Heavy Artillery Exchange

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( Liable to addition. )

|     |                         |     |                      |
|-----|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 1   | Vth Corps H.A.          | 21  | O.C. Signals         |
| 2.  | 27th Bde R.G.A.         | 22  | C.B. S.O.            |
| 3.  |                         | 23. | AUO                  |
| 4.  | AYC                     | 24  | CONTAY H.A. Exch.    |
| 5.  | III Corps H.A.          | 25. | Messages             |
| 6.  | 4th Bde Tanks           | 26. | Superintendent.      |
| 7.  | 35th Div. Arty          | 27. |                      |
| 8.  | "A" S.R.Sect.           | 28. | P.O.W. Cage MONTIGNY |
| 9.  | "Q" A.A.Bty             | 29. | 47th Bde R.G.A.      |
| 10. | CONTAY H.A. Exch.       | 30. | Senior Mess          |
| 11. | 6th Bde R.G.A.          | 31. | R.A. Clerks          |
| 12. | 85 Bde R.G.A.           | 32. | 1st Aust. Inf. Bde   |
| 13. | 5th Bde R.G.A.          | 33. | Junior Mess.         |
| 14. | AYB                     | 34  |                      |
| 15. | Staff Capt.             | 35  |                      |
| 16  | 2nd Aust. Airline Sect. | 36  |                      |
| 17. | Ammunition Officer      | 37  |                      |
| 18. | Bde Major               | 38  |                      |
| 19. | CONTAY H.A. Exch.       | 39  |                      |
| 20. | AUO.                    | 40  |                      |

To be added 10-4-18 and after

6th Bde R.G.A. ( 2nd Line )  
Balloon Section.Sgd L.R. THODAY ,  
Captain.  
O.C. Signals  
Aust. Corps Heavy Artillery.

P A R A D E                      S T A T E .

A U S T R A L I A N      C O R P S      S I G N A L      C O M P A N Y .

|  | Officers | Other Ranks              | STRENGTH   | Officers | Other Ranks |          |
|--|----------|--------------------------|--|----------|-------------|----------|
| No 1 Australian Cable Section          | 1        | 34                       | Australian Corps Sig Coy.                                | 8        | 280         | (A.I.F)  |
| No 2 Australian Motor Air-line Section | 1        | 20                       | Lorry Drivers (attached)                                 |          | 23          | (A.I.F)  |
| "B" Echelon                            | 1        | 36 (A.I.F)<br>10 (Imper) | "K" Corps Sig. Coy. Personnel<br>(Includes 1 car driver) | 3        | 45          | (Imper.) |
| On duty                                | 7        | 212                      |  |          |             |          |
| On Parade                              | 4        | 136                      | TOTAL  | 11       | 348         |          |

ESTABLISHMENT

|                          |   |     |
|--------------------------|---|-----|
| H.Q                      | 4 | 139 |
| Lorry Drivers (attached) |   | 12  |
| No 1 M.A.L Sect. )       | 1 | 36  |
| Lorry Drivers (att.) )   | 1 | 7   |
| No 2 M.A.L Sect. )       | 1 | 36  |
| Lorry Drivers (att.) )   |   | 7   |
| No 1 Aust. Cable Sect    | 1 | 34  |
| No 2 Do.                 | 1 | 34  |
|                          | 8 | 305 |
| Supernumary              | 1 |     |
|                          | 9 | 305 |

DEFICIENCIES BY TRADES

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Telegraph Operators "A"      | 25 |
| Blacksmith                   | 1  |
|                              | 26 |
| Off. Supernumerary to Estab. | 1  |

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30. DISCIPLINE

All ranks when reporting back from leave or from detached duty must report their arrival at the Orderly Room,

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Attention is again drawn to the amount of slackness shown re the matter of dress. Men must be properly dressed belts or bandoliers being worn whenever men appear in the streets, and when on duty in the Signal Office belts and bandoliers must be worn. This order will apply at all times to men attached or belonging to this Company.

32. MOTOR LORRIES.

The following rules will apply to all Motor Transport Drivers attached to Australian Corps Signal Company for duty:-

- (1) N.C.Os in charge will be held responsible that the lorries receive the proper care and attention necessary for keeping them in working order.
- (2) Lorry Drivers will be told where to park and on the completion of a run will return to such place to await further orders.
- (3) While in park one driver must remain with each Lorry and should know the whereabouts of the 2nd driver.
- (4) Drivers will at all times carry their full complement of petrol and have water ready for immediate use. This must be seen to before the lorry is parked at night time as no excuse will be taken for neglecting this order should it cause delay.
- (5) The use of Primus Stoves in lorries is prohibited.
- (6) No lorry is to travel without a pass signed by an officer.
- (7) Lorry parks must be kept clean, no empty tins being left about.
- (8) Drivers when off duty will pay the same amount of attention to their dress as other members of this unit. Belts must always be worn.
- (9) Rules laid down by Australian Corps Troops Motor Transport Company must be strictly adhered to.

33. MOVES.

Lieut. J.E.S. STEVENS reported from 'B' Echelon for duty at Company Headquarters on 10/4/18.

34. 4762 Spr E. RICHARDS reported from 'B' Echelon for Signal Office duty on 10/4/18.

35. EVACUATION

6144 Spr T. ROSE, evacuated sick on 4/4/18, is struck off Company strength from 11/4/18.

36. RATIONS

Wireless personnel at Allonville cease to be rationed by C.Q.M.S. Australian Corps Signal Company from today.

ATTACHED STRENGTH.

37. EVACUATION

1556 Dvr W.H. WILD evacuated sick today.

38. MOVE.

Pte W. SETTREE reported from 'B' Echelon for duty at Company Headquarters on 10/4/18

INFORMATION.

Attention is called to Signal Service General Instructions, pages 17 & 18:-

Signal Officers should take all possible precautions against leakage of information through lines left by us in abandoned areas.

39. POSTINGS - TO NO. 1 M.A.L. SECTION

2679 Spr JONES D.T  
1205 " MULLINGER W.G

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LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS."A U O" EXCHANGE

- |                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. 5th Australian Division      | 21. B.G.G.S.                 |
| 2. 4th Army                     | 22. "G" Staff (Training)     |
| 3. 4th Army                     | 23. 4th Tank Brigade         |
| 4. 2nd Australian Division      | 24. Intelligence             |
| 5. 13th Aust. Light Horse Regt. | 25. "A"                      |
| 6. Army Centre                  | 26. 5th Corps                |
| 7. Heavy Artillery              | 27. C.E                      |
| 8.                              | 28.                          |
| 9. 3rd Australian Division      | 29. B.G.G.S. (Billet)        |
| 10. 2nd Australian Division     | 30. Company Office (2 Rings) |
| 11. Beaquesne Exchange          | O.C. Lines (3 " )            |
| 12. Heavy Artillery             | 31. 3rd Squadron (A.F.C.)    |
| 13. 3rd Australian Division     | 32. "G" Staff (Operation)    |
| 14. 3rd Corps                   | 33. 4th Australian Division  |
| 15. D.A.C.M.G.                  | 34. S.M.T.O.                 |
| 16. S.O., R.A & G.O.C., R.A.    | 35. 8th Squadron             |
| 17. S.C., R.A.                  | 36. 4th Army                 |
| 18. Vignacourt                  | 37. D.D.M.S.                 |
| 19. "Q"                         | 38. A.D. Signals (Billet)    |
| 20. G.O.C.                      |                              |
|                                 | 39. A.D. Signals             |
|                                 | 40. Superintendent (2 Rings) |
|                                 | Signalmaster (3 Rings)       |

AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY EXCHANGE.

- |                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. 5th Corps H.A.           | 21. O.C. Signals H.A       |
| 2. 27th Brigade R.G.A       | 22. C.B.S.O.               |
| 3. Contay Exchange          | 23. Australian Corps       |
| 4. 3rd Australian Division  | 24. Contay Exchange        |
| 5. 3rd Corps H.A            | 25. Messages               |
| 6. 4th Brigade Tanks        | 26. Superintendent AQA     |
| 7. 35th Div. Arty.          | 27.                        |
| 8. "A" Sound Rangers        | 28. P.O.W Cage             |
| 9. "Q" Anti-aircraft Bty.   | 29. 47th Brigade R.G.A     |
| 10. Contay Exchange         | 30. Senior Mess H.A        |
| 11. 6th Brigade R.G.A       | 31. R.A Clerks H.A         |
| 12. 85th Brigade R.G.A      | 32. 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade |
| 13. 5th Brigade R.G.A       | 33.                        |
| 14. 2nd Australian Division | 34.                        |
| 15. Staff Captain           | 35.                        |
| 16. 2nd Aust. M.A.L Section | 36.                        |
| 17. Ammunition Officer      | 37.                        |
| 18. Brigade Major           | 38.                        |
| 19. Contay Exchange         | 39.                        |
| 20. Australian Corps        | 40.                        |

CONTAY EXCHANGE. (HEAVY ARTILLERY)

- |                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. AQA                        | 11. Transfer           |
| 2. AQA                        | 12. Transfer           |
| 3. Officer i/c Signals        | 13. AQA                |
| 4. 98th Brigade R.G.A         | 14. AQA                |
| 5. 5th Corps Heavy Arty.      | 15. 5th Brigade R.G.A  |
| 6. 28th F.S.C                 | 16. 6th Brigade R.G.A  |
| 7. 89th Bde R.G.A (5th C.H.A) | 17. 27th Brigade R.G.A |
| 8. 85th Brigade R.G.A         | 18.                    |
| 9. Transfer                   | 19.                    |
| 10. Transfer                  | 20.                    |

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APPENDIX, 1939

COMPANY ORDERS  
 BY CAPT. J.M. GRANT M.C.  
 COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

April 12th 1918.

40. PROMOTIONS

The following promotions, dating from today are approved: -

No 7471 2nd/Cpl P. ANDREWS to be Temporary Corporal, to complete establishment.

No 1987 L/Cpl H.R. QUIST to be Temporary 2nd/Cpl vice Andrews.

No 6558 Spr A. GUTHRIE to be temporary Corporal (Electrician) to complete establishment.

No 2381 A.C. RAYMENT to be Lance Corporal to complete establishment.

41. TRANSFER

No 3130 Spr D.R. SPARKES is transferred from Wireless Section to 3rd Australian Divisional Signal Company as from today.

42. ATTACHED STRENGTH

No 11793 M.T Dvr S.J. ILSLEY reported for duty from Australian Corps Troops M.T Company on 11/4/18

43. INFORMATION

LOST: - From Signal Horse Lines, Australian Corps Heavy Artillery: -

Bay Gelding, Star, Black Points,

14 - 2 hands, Hoofs branded RR5.

Belonging to RR Cable Section.

Information to A.P.M Australian Corps.

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O.C. AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

L I S T   O F   T E C H N I C A L   S T O R E S .

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1. TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENTS.

- 1 D.C. Duplex.
- 7 D.C. or S.C. Simplex.
- 16 10 Cell Batteries.

2. TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

- 1 50 or 40 line Switchboard (complete with head receiver)

3. TELEPHONES.

- 12 Magneto Phones to open with.
- 1 Test Telephone for Signal Office.
- 1 Telephone for the Superintendent or Signal Master.

4. TEST PANELS.

- 6 12 line test panels.
- 2 10 way test panels.
- 3 20/20 Protectors H.C. & F.
- 1 4 Transformer Panel.
- 4 7 terminal Transformers.
- 1 Galvo Test Panel.
- 1 10 Cell Test Battery.
- 4 4 Point superimposing plugs.
- 2 Coils T13 for Office wiring. (Carried by Office Mechanic)
- 1 Small Coil bronze wire.                   "       "       "       "
- 100 Bone Labels                               "       "       "       "
- 1 Box insulated Staples.                   "       "       "       "

5. BELLS AND PUSHES AS AVAILABLE.

6. OFFICE EQUIPMENT.

- 4 Large Tables. to open with.
- Lockers for despatches
- Chairs or forms as available.

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COMPANY ORDERS

BY CAPTAIN J.M. GRANT, M.C.

Commanding AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY  
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13th. April 1918.

ARRIVALS.

44. No. 2276 Spr. J.A.I. WILLIAMSON reported for duty on transfer from 51st. Bn on 12/4/18 and is posted to Headquarters Section.

45. The following men reported for duty with Heavy Artillery Sub - Section on 12/4/18 and proceeded to Heavy Artillery H.Q. today.

- Dvr. PARKER F.R. 5th. Bde. R.G.A.
- Spr. FIEGHEN E.P. 6th. " "
- " STRETCH J.P. " " "
- " FOX J.A. 47th. Bde. R.G.A.
- Pnr. COWAN C.D. " " "
- Spr. STANTON L.P. " " "
- " OAKLEY T. " " "
- " HOURHAM H.J. " " "

48. The following Signal Reinforcements are attached pending their transfer from Aust. Corps Depot from 12/4/18.

- 21038 Spr. BROUGH R.
- 21052 " KENNY R.B.
- 21049 " LINDSAY A.R.
- 1881 " BELL A.
- 3685 " BEST L.A.
- 14236 " HOPKINS M.F.

MOVE.

47. No. 8536 Spr. M.B. GOW reported to Coy. H.Q. from "B" Echelon for duty today.

TRANSFERS  
48.

The following transfers are approved.

H.Q. Section to No.1 A.M.A.L. Section

200 Spr. P.R. WALKER Permanent Linesman

No.1 A.M.A.L. Section to H.Q. Section.

1152 Spr. S.R. YOUNG Permanent Linesman.

(Sd.) J.M. GRANT Capt.,

C.C. AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY,

## COMPANY ORDERS.

BY CAPTAIN J.A. GRANT, M.C.

COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

14th. April. 1918.MOVES.

49.

Spr KAY. L.A. reported for duty at Coy H.Q. from "B" Echelon today.

The following telegraphists reported to "B" Echelon from Coy H.Q. for further training.:-

|      |     |       |        |
|------|-----|-------|--------|
| 971  | Spr | KOOK. | T.E.L. |
| 2438 | "   | RYAN. | J.S.   |

PROMOTIONS.

50.

The following promotions to date from today in No 2 AUST: S.A.L. Section are approved.:-

|      |       |           |      |                   |
|------|-------|-----------|------|-------------------|
| 6591 | L/Cpl | GODBOLD.  | A.E. | to be Temp: Cpl.  |
| 2422 | L/Cpl | MACKEY.   | F.   | to be Temp 2/Cpl. |
| 7921 | Spr   | WILTON.   | R.E. | to be Temp 2/Cpl. |
| 1982 | Spr   | THOMPSON. | A.   | to be L/Cpl.      |
| 129  | "     | READING   | F.W. | to be L/Cpl.      |
| 8048 | "     | HOBSON.   | K.H. | to be L/Cpl.      |

DISCIPLINE.

51.

The following extracts from Aust: Corps Routine Orders are published for information:-

AMIENS. (a) All units should be notified that AMIENS is in another corps area and is therefore out of bounds except on pass signed by C.O. Unit.

(b) No billets will be occupied without previous reference to the Town Commandant.

COKBIE. (a) The Town of COKBIE is out of bounds to all officers and men not on duty and provided with a duty pass signed by their commanding officers.

(b) No billets will be occupied in COKBIE or La NEUVILLIE without the authority of the Town Commandant.

(c) Officers commanding units or detachments billeted in either of the above mentioned villages will at once report to the Town Commandant if there are any wines, spirits and foodstuffs in the billets occupied by them stating the approximate quantities of each.

(d) On vacating a billet the unit concerned will inform the Town Commandant.

PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN PROPERTY. As a consequence of the present operations many French people have been forced to leave their homes and abandon the whole of their possessions. Many of these homes lie in the area occupied by British Troops who therefore become trustees to the French people for their abandoned property.

The Corps Commander exhorts every officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer and man in the Corps to do all in his power to protect the homes and property of our Allies, who are fighting our common enemy.

The penalty for the crime of looting is known and the sternest disciplinary measures will be taken to prevent it.

This order will be read out to all troops in the Corps three times."

ARRIVALS.

52.

The following men were taken on strength on transfer from 3rd Aust Pioneer Bn. on 11/4/18.:-

|     |     |       |             |
|-----|-----|-------|-------------|
| 960 | Spr | COLE. | D.G.        |
| 565 | "   | WADE. | H.H. W.F.G. |

No 5643 Spr MCOBE. J.H. is taken on strength from 23rd Bn from 11/4/18.

WIRELESS SECTION.MOVES.

53.

The following Wireless Personnel are attached to Divisions, and proceeded today as stated hereunder.:-

To 2nd AUST. DIV. SIG. COY.

3718 Spr AUST. E.N.

To 3rd AUST. DIV. SIG. COY.

3359 Spr HOCKING. L.W.

7244 " CONLEY. F.A.

5156 " MONKHOUSE. G.

To 4th AUST. DIV. SIG. COY.

7241 Spr GRAHAM. W.J.

5692 " HOWLING. R.W.

9122 " WILLS. G.H.

To 5th AUST. DIV. SIG. COY.

1761 Spr O'CONNOR. A.E.

117 " OSBORNE. S.

4391 " WALLER. W.

The following men will proceed for attachment to Divisions as follows on reporting to "B" Echelon,

To 2nd AUST. DIV. SIG. COY.

942 Spr SNELL. J.

4373 " MANN. L.

To 3rd AUST. DIV. SIG. COY.

5502 Spr BURKE. A.B.

To 4th AUST. DIV. SIG. COY.

4619 Spr MCDWELL. S.G.

To 5th AUST. DIV. SIG. COY.

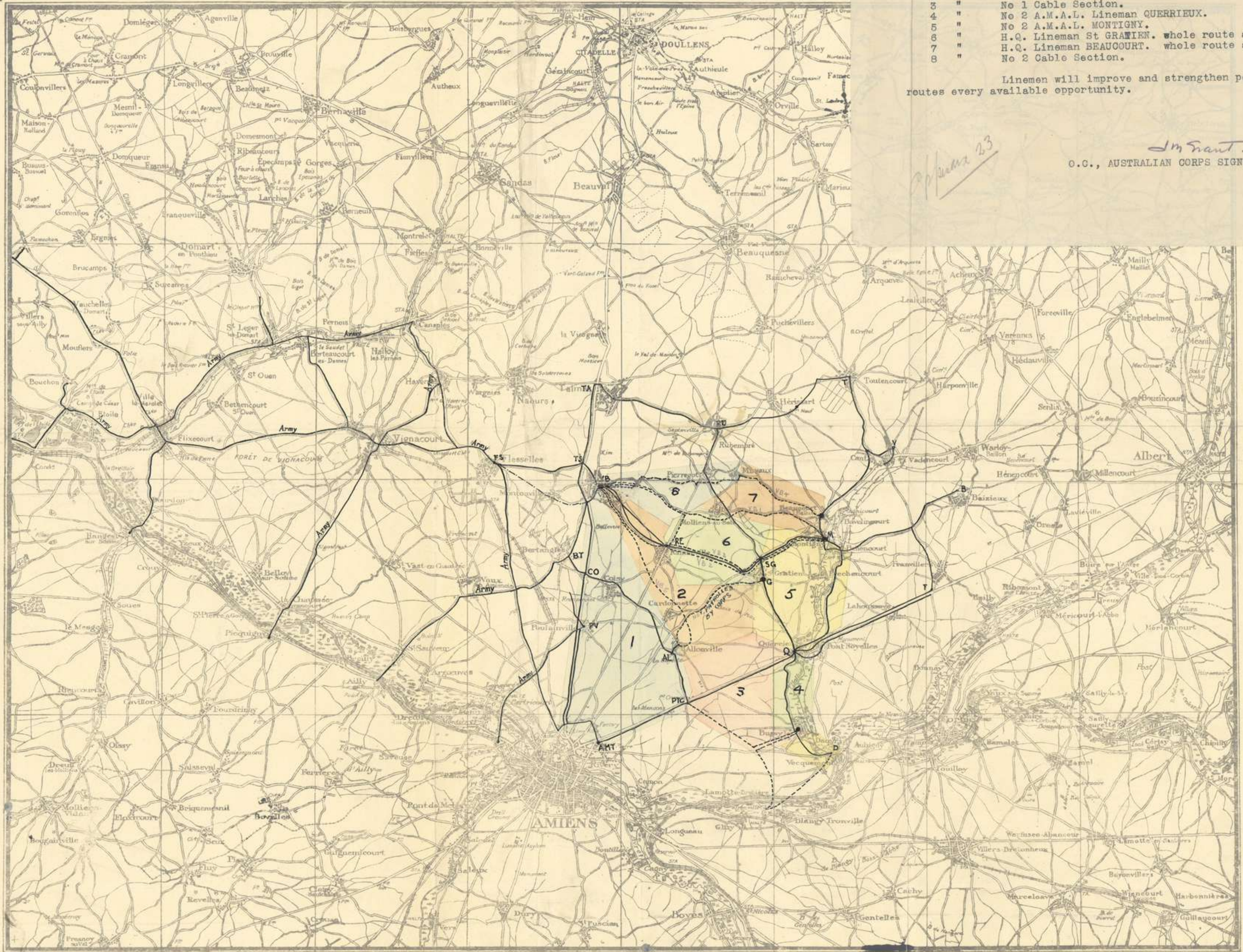
36 Spr McDONOUGH. W.H.

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# TALMAS



- |              |   |        |
|--------------|---|--------|
| No 1 Patrol. | H.Q. M.C. lineman.                                  | Daily. |
| 2 "          | No 2 Cable Section.                                 | "      |
| 3 "          | No 1 Cable Section.                                 | "      |
| 4 "          | No 2 A.M.A.L. Lineman QUERRIEUX.                    | "      |
| 5 "          | No 2 A.M.A.L. MONTIGNY.                             | "      |
| 6 "          | H.Q. Lineman St GRATIEN. whole route alternate Day. |        |
| 7 "          | H.Q. Lineman BEAUCCOURT. whole route alternate Day. |        |
| 8 "          | No 2 Cable Section.                                 | Daily. |

Linemen will improve and strengthen poled cable routes every available opportunity.

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## AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

D.A.L.S. TIME TABLE.

COMMENCING 15/4/18.

THIS CANCELS ALL PREVIOUS TIME TABLES.

G.H.Q. to 4th Army.

|                  |          |          |                    |
|------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| Leaves G.H.Q.    | 2'25 am. | 2'30 pm. | Despatches for 5th |
| Arrives 4th Army | 6'30 am. | 6'15 pm. | Aust. Division Via |
| Leaves 4th Army  | 1'0 am.  | 2'30 pm. | Army.              |
| Arrives G.H.Q.   | 4'45 am. | 6'15 pm. |                    |

4th Army to Aust. Corps.

|                    |          |          |          |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Leaves 4th Army    | 5'30 am. | 2'30 pm. | 7'30 pm. |
| Arrives VIGNACOURT | 6'00 am. | 3'00 pm. | 8'00 pm. |
| Leaves do          | 6'00 am. | 3'00 pm. | 8'00 pm. |
| Arrives Corps      | 6'30 am. | 3'30 pm. | 8'30 pm. |
| Leaves do          | 6'30 am. | 3'30 pm. | 8'30 pm. |
| Arrives VIGNACOURT | 7'00 am. | 4'00 pm. | 8'00 pm. |
| Leaves do          | 7'00 am. | 4'00 pm. | 9'00 pm. |
| Arrives 4th Army   | 7'30 am. | 4'30 pm. | 9'30 pm. |

Aust Corps to Corps on Left.

|                       |           |          |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|
| Leaves Aust Corps     | 11'00 am. | 5'00 pm. |
| Arrives Corps on LEFT | 11'40 am. | 5'40 pm. |
| Leaves " " "          | 11'40 am. | 5'40 pm. |
| Arrives Aust Corps    | 12'20 pm. | 6'20 pm. |

Aust Corps to LEFT DIVISION and HEAVY ARTILLERY.

|                     |          |            |          |           |
|---------------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Leaves Corps        | 7'00 am. | 11'00 am.  | 4'00 pm. | 8'15 pm.  |
| Arrives LEFT DIV;   | 7'45 am. | 11'45 am.  | 4'45 pm. | 9'00 pm.  |
| Leaves " " "        | 7'45 am. | 11'45 am.  | 4'45 pm. | 9'00 pm.  |
| Arrives HEAVY ARTY; | 8'00 am. | 12'00 noon | 5'00 pm. | 9'15 pm.  |
| Leaves " " "        | 8'00 am. | 12'00 noon | 5'00 pm. | 9'15 pm.  |
| Arrives Corps       | 9'00 am. | 1'00 pm.   | 6'00 pm. | 10'15 pm. |

Aust. Corps to RIGHT DIVISION, AND SUPPORT DIVISION.

|                     |          |            |          |          |
|---------------------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| Leaves Corps        | 7'00 am. | 11'15 am.  | 4'15 pm. | 8'00 pm. |
| Leaves RIGHT DIV.   | 7'30 am. | 11'45 am.  | 4'45 pm. | 8'45 pm. |
| Leaves SUPPORT DIV. | 7'45 am. | 12'00 noon | 5'00 pm. | 9'00 pm. |
| Arrives Corps       | 8'30 am. | 12'45 pm.  | 5'45 pm. | 9'45 pm. |

Aust. Corps to DIVISION in RESERVE.

|               |          |          |          |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Leaves Corps  | 7'30 am. | 2'00 pm. | 8'30 pm. |
| Arrives Div.  | 8'00 am. | 2'30 pm. | 9'00 pm. |
| Leaves Div.   | 8'00 am. | 2'30 pm. | 9'00 pm. |
| Arrives Corps | 8'30 am. | 3'00 pm. | 9'30 pm. |

CIRCULAR RNS.

Leaves Aust. Corps. 9'30 am. and 6'30 pm. for RAINNEVILLE, POULAINVILLE and LONGPRE.

Despatches must be lodged in Signal Office 30 minutes before time of despatch.

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C O M P A N Y    O R D E R S .

BY    CAPTAIN. J.M. GRANT. M.C.

COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.  
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15th. April. 1918.  
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MOVES.

54.                    The following men reported to Coy. H.Q. from "B" Echelon today:-

|      |     |       |        |                        |
|------|-----|-------|--------|------------------------|
| 960  | Spr | OGLE. | D.G.   | Permanent Linesman,    |
| 565  | "   | WADE. | W.E.J. | "                    " |
| 2792 | "   | WOOD. | W.F.   | Tailor.                |

They will be rationed by C.Q.M.S. Aust. Corps Signal Company from 16/4/18.

55.                    The following men reported for attachment to Divisions as stated hereunder for duty as Corps Linesmen:-

To 2nd Aust. Division.

2687 Spr KAY. L.A.

To 3rd Aust. Division.

2478 Spr FULLER. A.

To 4th Aust. Division.

7091 Spr RIVETT. W.B.

They will come off Coy Ration Strength as from today.

TRANSFERS.

56.                    No 966 Spr STONE. J.E. is transferred to 5th Aust Div. Sig. Coy. as from today.

DEATH.

57.                    The undermentioned Officer was accidentally killed through a Motor Bicycle accident today.

Lt. H.V. MASTERS. Aust. Corps Wireless Section.

(Sgd) J.M. GRANT. CAPTAIN.  
O.C., AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

## C O M P A N Y    O R D E R S .

By CAPTAIN J.M. GRANT M.C.  
Commanding Australian Corps Signal Company.

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SPEED LIMITS.

58. The practice of Motor D.R.s riding at an excessive speed must be stopped.

The speed limit for Motor Cycles on open roads is 25 m.p.h. and must be reduced to dead slow when passing through villages or approaching Headquarters.

D.R.S are warned that on no account are they to ride at a faster speed than 25 m.p.h. unless they receive special instructions from the Signal Master or some responsible Officer on leaving a Signal Office that the despatches carried are of sufficient tactical urgency to justify their doing so.

Officers and M.C.O.s are to stop and take the names of any D.R.s riding at an excessive speed and report to Company Orderly Room.

Motor Cyclist D.R.s must extinguish their headlights when entering VILLAGES BOGAGE and must not light them till they are out of the village.

Any D.R. contravening these orders will be severely dealt with.

NAKED LIGHTS

59. The practice of using naked lights is too prevalent in billets and offices.

Where candles have to be used, they must be placed in a tin receptacle.

The notice of all ranks is drawn to the "FIRE ORDERS" which are posted up in each billet.

(Sd.) J.M. GRANT Captain.

O.C. AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

16/4/18



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C O M P A N Y   O R D E R S .

B Y   C A P T A I N   J . M .   G R A N T .   M . C .

C O M M A N D I N G   A U S T R A L I A N   C O R P S   S I G N A L   C O M P A N Y .

17th. April. 1918.

MEALHOURS.

60.                      Commencing on 18-4-18, hours for Meals for Headquarters Section will be as follows:-

Breakfast.            7'15 am.   to   8'15 am.

Dinner.                12'15 pm.   to   1'15 pm.

Tea.                    4'30 pm.   to   5'15 pm.

Lights out will be at 10'00 pm.

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M.C., AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

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COMPANY ORDERS.

BY CAPTAIN J.M. GRANT, M.C.

COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY

April 18th. 1918.

PROMOTIONS.

61. The following promotions to date from today in No.1 Australian Motor Airline Section are approved.

To be temporary Corporals.

- 7919 L/Cpl. J.A. SULLIVAN
- 3546 L/Cpl. W. BALLINGAL.

To be temporary 2nd. Corporals.

- 7441 L/Cpl. F.W. BAX.
- 7509 L/Cpl. W.S. MACKAY.

To be Lance Corporals.

- 10848 Spr. E.W. NICHOLLS
- 7575 Spr. G. Taylor

ATTACHED STRENGTH

ARRIVALS.

- 62. No. 15187 Spr. J.L. POLLARD reported from 2nd. A.Div. Signal Comp ny for attachment on trial as Draughtsman on 17/4/18.
- 63. No.13196 Dvr. J. BRAN and No. 9856 Dvr. T.P. JONES reported with Lorry No. 2322 on loan from Aust. Corps M.T. Coy. on 17/4/18.
- 64. 5920 Dvr. G.A. Nesbit and 1330 Dvr. W. Cain proceeded with Lorry No. 5927 to Aust. Corps Troops M.T. Coy. for repairs.

IMPERIAL PERSONNEL.

- 65. No. 45022 Pnr. C.E. EVANS reported for duty with 5th. Bde. R.G.A. and proceeded to Aust. Corps H.A. today.

TRANSFER

- 66. No. 53273 Spr. A. BEZODIS is transferred to Aust. Corps Heavy Artillery Signal Section as from today. To be carried supernumary to establishment.

(Sd.) J.M. GRANT Captain.

O.C. AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.



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COMPANY ORDERS.

BY CAPTAIN J.M. GRANT, M.C.

COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.  
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April 19th. 1918.

EVACUATIONS.

67. The following men were evacuated sick on 18/4/18.

18541 Spr. O'Brien O.W.  
572 Dvr. Hill G.

ATTACHED STRENGTH

38. No. 3292 L/Cpl. R.A. Golding reported from  
2nd. Aust. Div. Signal Company for attachment on trial  
as draughtsman today.

(sd.) J.W. GRANT Captain,

O.C. AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

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APPENDIX. 3051

COMPANY ORDERS.

BY CAPTAIN, J. M. GRANT, M.C.

COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY

20th. April. 1918.

MOVES.

69.

The following moves of Coy personnel will take place tomorrow 21st inst.

No 13153 Spr PURSEY, R.E. will report to O.C. Signals Corps Heavy Artillery for attachment as Motor Cycle D.A.

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No 10550 Spr WADE, A.S. and No 21051 Spr KENNY, R.E. will report to O.C. Signals 3rd Aust. Div. for attachment as telegraph operators.

71

No 565 Spr WADE, W.E.J. will report to O.C. Signals 5th Aust. Div. for attachment as lineaman for Corps line.

No 2437 Spr RUSSELL, W.J. will report to Coy. H.Q. from "B" Echelon.

They will proceed with 24 hours rations.

TRANSFERS.

72.

From No 1 Cable Section to Headquarters:-  
4786 Dvr. WILLIAMS, T.C.

ATTACHMENT.

73.

1881 Spr BELL, A. is attached to No 1 Cable Section, pending transfer to Coy Strength and will proceed on 21st inst.

RE-MUSTERED.

74.

No 18784 Dvr TUCKETT, R.E. is re-mustered Sapper as from today.

SUBSTANTIVE.

75.

No 7471 T/Cpl ANDREWS, P.H. is promoted Substantive Cpl as from today in H.Q. Section.

No 6558 T/Cpl GUTHRIE, A. is promoted Substantive Cpl as from today in H.Q. Section as Electrician.

No 4971 T/Cpl ACTON, J.V. is promoted Substantive Cpl as from today in No 2 Cable Section.

PROMOTION.

76.

No 3255 L/Cpl GILVER, F. is promoted Tempy 2nd Cpl in No 2 Cable Section to date from 26th March 1918.

MOVE.

77.

No 1 Aust. Cable Section moved from PT CAMON to CARLOTTETTE on 19th. April. 1918.

(Sgd) J. M. GRANT, CAPTAIN,  
O. C., AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COY.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

D.R.L.S. TIME TABLE, COMMENCING 21/4/18.

This cancels all previous Time Tables.

Fourth Army to AUST. Corps.

|                      |           |           |           |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Leaves Fourth Army.  | 5.30 a.m. | 2.30 p.m. | 7.30 p.m. |
| Arrives VIENACOURT.  | 6 a.m.    | 3 p.m.    | 8 p.m.    |
| Leaves VIENACOURT.   | 6 a.m.    | 3 p.m.    | 8 p.m.    |
| Arrives Corps.       | 6.30 a.m. | 3.50 p.m. | 8.50 p.m. |
| Leaves Corps.        | 6.30 a.m. | 3.30 p.m. | 8.50 p.m. |
| Arrives VIENACOURT.  | 7 a.m.    | 4 p.m.    | 9 p.m.    |
| Leaves VIENACOURT.   | 7 a.m.    | 4 p.m.    | 9 p.m.    |
| Arrives Fourth Army. | 7.30 a.m. | 4.30 p.m. | 9.30 p.m. |

AUST. Corps to Corps on Left.

|                       |            |                               |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Leaves AUST. Corps.   | 11 a.m.    | } By AUSTRALIAN Corps<br>D.R. |
| Arrives Left Corps.   | 11.40 a.m. |                               |
| Leaves Left Corps.    | 11.40 a.m. |                               |
| Arrives AUST. Corps.  | 12.20 p.m. |                               |
| Leaves Corps on Left. | 5 p.m.     | } By Left Corps D.R.          |
| Arrives AUST. Corps.  | 5.40 p.m.  |                               |
| Leaves AUST. Corps.   | 5.40 p.m.  |                               |
| Arrives Left Corps.   | 6.20 p.m.  |                               |

AUST. Corps to Corps on Right.

|                      |          |                               |
|----------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Leaves Right Corps.  | 11 a.m.  | } By Right Corps D.R.         |
| Arrives AUST. Corps. | 12 noon. |                               |
| Leaves AUST. Corps.  | 12 noon. |                               |
| Arrives Right Corps. | 1 p.m.   |                               |
| Leaves AUST. Corps.  | 5 p.m.   | } By AUSTRALIAN Corps<br>D.R. |
| Arrives Right Corps. | 6 p.m.   |                               |
| Leaves Right Corps.  | 6 p.m.   |                               |
| Arrives AUST. Corps. | 7 p.m.   |                               |

AUST. Corps to Divisions at BEAUMONT, St. GRATIEN and to H.A.

|                             |           |            |           |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Leaves Corps.               | 7 a.m.    | 11 a.m.    | 4 p.m.    | 8.15 p.m. |
| Arrives - Beaumont Divn.    | 7.30 a.m. | 11.30 a.m. | 4.30 p.m. | 8.45 p.m. |
| Leaves - Beaumont Divn.     | 7.30 a.m. | 11.30 a.m. | 4.30 p.m. | 8.45 p.m. |
| Arrives - H.A.              | 7.45 a.m. | 11.45 a.m. | 4.45 p.m. | 9 p.m.    |
| Leaves - H.A.               | 7.45 a.m. | 11.45 a.m. | 4.45 p.m. | 9 p.m.    |
| Arrives - St. Gratien Divn. | 8 a.m.    | 12 noon.   | 5 p.m.    | 9.15 p.m. |
| Leaves - St. Gratien Divn.  | 8 a.m.    | 12 noon.   | 5 p.m.    | 9.15 p.m. |
| Arrives - Corps.            | 9.30 a.m. | 12.30 p.m. | 5.30 p.m. | 9.45 p.m. |

AUST. Corps to Divisions at ALLOUVILLE and BUSSY-les-DAOURS.

|                                |           |            |           |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Leaves - AUST. Corps.          | 7 a.m.    | 11.15 a.m. | 4.15 p.m. | 8 p.m.    |
| Arrives - ALLOUVILLE Divn.     | 7.20 a.m. | 11.35 a.m. | 4.35 p.m. | 8.20 p.m. |
| Leave - ALLOUVILLE Divn.       | 7.20 a.m. | 11.35 a.m. | 4.55 p.m. | 8.20 p.m. |
| Arrive - Bussy-les-Dours Divn. | 7.40 a.m. | 11.55 a.m. | 4.55 p.m. | 8.40 p.m. |
| Leave - do do do               | 7.40 a.m. | 11.55 a.m. | 5.5 p.m.  | 8.40 p.m. |
| Arrive - Corps.                | 8.20 a.m. | 12.35 p.m. | 5.45 p.m. | 9.25 p.m. |

Circular Run No 1 - RAINVILLE, POULANVILLE, LONGPRE.

Circular Run No 2 - BRESESELLES, MONTONVILLERS, BERTANGLES, VAUX.

- Leave Corps, 9.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m. -

(OVER).

D.R.L.S. TIME TABLE (continued).

From 3rd Squadron A.F.C. to AUST. Corps.

|        |              |            |           |
|--------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Leaves | 3rd Sqdn.    | 11 a.m.    | 6 p.m.    |
| Arrive | AUST. Corps. | 11.20 a.m. | 6.20 p.m. |
| Leave  | AUST. Corps. | 11.20 a.m. | 6.20 p.m. |
| Arrive | 3rd Sqdn.    | 11.40 a.m. | 6.40 p.m. |

Despatches must be handed in at Signal Office thirty (30) minutes before run is due.

Headquarters,  
20th April 1918.

(sd) J. M. GRANT.

Captain.  
C.O. AUSTRALIAN Corps  
Signal Company.



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COMPANY ORDERS.

BY CAPTAIN. J.M. GRANT. M.C.

COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

21st. April. 1918.

ARRIVALS.

78. 2/Lt, C.R. MURFITT, D.C.M. reported for duty from 2nd Aust. Div Sig. Coy. on 20/4/18.

Sapper LONGMUIR, D. reported from 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. 20/4/18.

TRANSFERS.

79. The following men are transferred to units as stated hereunder:-

|         |     |              |      |           |    |                    |
|---------|-----|--------------|------|-----------|----|--------------------|
| No 1900 | Spr | CLARKE.      | C.R. | L'man     | to | 2nd Div. Sig. Coy. |
| 1959    | "   | PHILLIPS.    | L.B. | "         | to | 3rd Div. Sig. Coy. |
| 327     | "   | WORTHINGTON. | R.   | Pmt L'man | to | 4th Div. Sig. Coy. |
| 19072   | "   | KIRK.        | C.S. | "         | to | 5th Div. Sig. Coy. |
| 1749    | "   | HAMILTON.    | J.   | "         | to | 54th A.I. Bn.      |

They will proceed on 22nd inst, carrying 24 hours rations.

MOVES.

80. The following men reported to Coy, H.Q. from "B" Echelon today. They will be rationed by Coy. G.Q.M.B. from 23/4/18.:-

|      |     |                |               |
|------|-----|----------------|---------------|
| 2478 | Spr | RYAN. J.S.     | Telegraphist. |
| 3557 | "   | McDONALD. H.J. | "             |

EVACUATIONS.

81. The following men are evacuated to hospital Sick and struck off Coy Strength from today.:-

|       |     |               |
|-------|-----|---------------|
| 570   | Spr | HILL. G.      |
| 12541 | Spr | O'BRIEN. O.W. |

DISCIPLINE.

82. G.R.O. 1003. is published for information:-

"THE UNSOLDIERLY and slovenly habit of slouching about with hands in the pockets is becoming increasingly prevalent. The practice is opposed to the traditions and customs of the Army and shows signs of a general slackness which is inimical to discipline. It must be stopped at once. The importance of discipline and smartness is more important than ever in present circumstances. All Officers must break their men of this habit and pay more attention to their bearing generally. After a sufficient interval has elapsed to enable this order to be communicated to all troops, disciplinary action will be taken, if necessary, to enforce this order!"

BOUNDS.

83. "AMIENS. AMIENS is placed out of bounds to all troops. Passes to enter the Town will be issued only to those proceeding there on duty.

"ABBEVILLE" The Town of ABBEVILLE is out of bounds for all Officers and Other Ranks except those on duty or provided with Special Passes signed by Commanding Officers and bearing the Orderly Room Stamp of the Unit. Such passes are only to be granted to Officers and N.C.O's, and are only to be made available between the hours of 8'00 am, and 8'00 pm.

(Sgd) J.M. GRANT, CAPTAIN.  
O. C., AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

## LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

AUO      EXCHANGE

22/4/18

|     |                             |     |                         |
|-----|-----------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| 1.  | 3rd. Bde. Tanks             | 26. | Coops Transport Officer |
| 2.  | 4th. Army                   | 27. |                         |
| 3.  | 4th. Army                   | 28. |                         |
| 4.  | 2nd. Aust. Div.             | 29. | 3rd. Corps.             |
| 5.  | 4th. Aust. Div.             | 30. | 3rd. Squadron A.F.C.    |
| 6.  | A.D.O.S.                    | 31. | 5th. Aust. Div.         |
| 7.  | Heavy Artillery             | 32. | 13th. A. L. Horse Regt. |
| 8.  |                             | 33. | Army Commander          |
| 9.  | 3rd. Aust. Div.             | 34. | H.Q. M.T. Column        |
| 10. | 2nd. Aust. Div.             | 35. | 4th. Aust. Div.         |
| 11. | 5th. Aust. Div.             | 36. | 3th. Corps.             |
| 12. | Heavy Artillery.            | 37. | 4th. Army               |
| 12. | "                           | 38. | A.P.M.                  |
| 14. | Vignacourt.                 | 39. | D.D.M.S.                |
| 15. | D.A.Q.M.G.                  | 40. | S.M.T.O.                |
| 16. | S.O., R.A. and G.O.C., R.A. | 41. | G.O.C.s Billet          |
| 17. | S.C., R.A.                  | 42. | S.O., C.E.              |
| 18. | 3rd. Aust. Div.             | 43. | A.D. Signals Billet     |
| 19. | "Q" Branch.                 | 44. |                         |
| 20. | G.O.C.                      | 45. | A.D. Signals            |
| 21. | B.G.G.S.                    | 46. |                         |
| 22. | "G" Staff Training          | 47. | O.C. Lines              |
| 23. | "G" Staff Operations        | 48. | Signal Master           |
| 24. | Intelligence                | 49. | Company Office          |
| 25. | "A" Branch.                 | 50. | Superintendent.         |

(Sd.)      J.M. GRANT      Captain.

O.C. AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.



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\* COMPANY ORDERS.

BY CAPTAIN J.M. GRANT, M.C.  
COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

22nd. April. 1918.

TRANSFERS.

84. The following men are transferred to Company from attached as from 13/4/18.

|    |       |     |          |      |                |
|----|-------|-----|----------|------|----------------|
| No | 21038 | Spr | BROUGH.  | R.   | Telegraphist.  |
|    | 21052 | "   | KENNY.   | R.D. | "              |
|    | 21049 | "   | LINDSAY. | A.R. | "              |
|    | 14836 | "   | HOPKINS. | M.F. | "              |
|    | 1481  | "   | BELL.    | A.   | Shoeing Smith. |
|    | 3685  | "   | BEST.    | L.A. | Clerk.         |

MOVES.

85. No 4762 Spr RICHARDS. F. reported to "B" Echelon from Coy. HQ. today.

(Sgd) J.M. GRANT. CAPTAIN,  
C., AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

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APPENDIX. 357

C O M P A N Y    O R D E R S .

BY CAPTAIN. J.M. GRANT. M.C.  
COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

24th. April. 1918.

ARRIVALS.

86.                    Lt W.L.MERRICK. R.E. reported to Coy H.Q. yesterday 23rd. inst. from the Base.

DEPARTURES

87.                    Lt W.L.MERRICK. R.E. proceeded to 108th Army Brigade yesterday 23rd. inst.

ARRIVALS.

88.                    Spr LE-FEUVRE. reported to Coy H.Q. today from "R.R." Cable Section to proceed to the Base.

MOVES.

89.                    The following personnel will proceed to "B" Echelon VIGNACOURT tomorrow 25th. inst.

- Cpl    EARL.
- MELVILLE.
- L/Cpl RICHARDSON.
- Spr    MARTIN.
- LE-FEUVRE.

Lorry to leave Headquarters Billet at 9'00 am, 24 hours Rations will be carried.

(Sgd) J.M.GRANT. Captain,  
O. C., AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

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Appendix 36

COMPANY ORDERS.

BY CAPTAIN. J.M.GRANT. M.C.

COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

25th. April. 1918.

APPOINTMENT.

90.

The following appointments in No 2 Aust. Cable Section are approved to date from today, :-  
No. 1070 Spr DIAMOND. S.W. to be Lance Corporal  
18453 " FLAVELL. L.

RE-MUSTER.

91.

No 164 Spr McCALLUM. A.B. is re-mustered driver under A.I.F. Order 785. as from today in No 2 Cable Section.

TRANSFERS.

92.

The following men are posted to Divisions from Aust. Corps Wireless Section and proceeded today as stated hereunder, :-

To 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.

942 Spr SNELL. J.  
4373 " MANN. L.

To 3rd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.

5502 Spr BURKE. A.B.

To 4th Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.

4619 Spr RODWELL. S.G.

To 5th Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.

3F Spr McDONOUGH. W.H.

ATTACHED STRENGTH.

93.

The undermentioned N.C.O's and men reported to "B" Echelon for Pigeon Service duty on 24/4/18, :-

Mobile Left 110

231102 Cpl GRAVES. H.J.  
305165 Pnr SMITH. C.J.

Mobile Left 111.

231038 Cpl NORTH. E.D.  
305081 Pnr JONES. T.

94.

No 76700 L/Cpl FISHER. J. reported from Base for duty with 98th Bde. Sig. Sub. Section and proceeded today.

SCUNDS.

95.

The following Corps Routine Orders are published for information, :-

"ABBEVILLE. No one under the rank of Lieut-Colonel is permitted to enter ABBEVILLE without a pass signed by his Commanding Officer.

No leave to ABBEVILLE is to be granted.

2.

BOUNDS.

AMIENS. is placed out of bounds to all troops. No passes are to be issued to anyone to enter the town except those proceeding on duty.

This cancels A.C.R.O. No 96 of 11/4/18 as regards AMIENS. (Authority Fourth Army A/10/529 of 13/4/18)

DAMAGED AEROPLANES.  
.98.

DAMAGED AEROPLANES. Attention is again directed to A.R.C.O. 37 of 24/2/18. A case has occurred within the last two days of an aeroplane landing in the Corps Area being tampered with before a guard was put over it.

(Sgd) J.M. GRANT. Captain,  
O. C., AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COY.

C O M P A N Y    O R D E R S.  
 BY CAPTAIN J.M.GRANT. M.C.  
 COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.  
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26th. April. 1918.  
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ARRIVALS.

97.

The undermentioned Wireless Personnel reported to "B" Echelon on 25/4/18.

|      |     |     |                         |                |
|------|-----|-----|-------------------------|----------------|
| 4085 | "   | Spl | LENSSENS.               | F.H.           |
| 531  | :   |     | BROWN.                  | B.L.           |
| 1898 | Spr |     | LIERSCH.                | G.H.           |
| 3265 | "   |     | VAVJNEZKY.              | V.             |
| 4267 | "   |     | PEDERSEN.               | J.J.           |
| 2410 | "   |     | GINTER.                 | A.A.           |
| 5319 | "   |     | <del>CHRISTENSEN.</del> | CHISHOLM. A.R. |
| 1161 | "   |     | ANDERSON.               | J.             |
| 3024 | "   |     | BEGGS.                  | C.L.           |
| 2380 | "   |     | GARDNER.                | F.H.           |
| 1080 | "   |     | DUNN.                   | W.             |
| 7249 | "   |     | HAZLETT.                | W.J.           |

TRANSFERS.

98.

No 3272 Spl DUNCAN. W.G. M.M. is transferred to Company Strength from attached as from 25/4/18.

ATTACHED.

99.

No 28658 Spr T.C.WALLIS. reported for attachment pending transfer as Driver in No 2 Cable Section today.

(Sgd) J.M. GRANT.    Captain,  
 C. C., AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

BY CAPTAIN. J.M.GRANT. M.C.

COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.  
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27th. April. 1918.  
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ADMINISTRATIVE.

100.

The following extract from A.I.F. List No 322 dated 23rd. April. 1918. is published herewith, :-

"The undermentioned officers are transferred from units shown; -

Captain J.M.GRANT. M.C. from 1st Div. Sig. Coy.  
to command. 1st. March. 1918.  
Lieut. J.E.S.STEVENS. from 5th Div. Sig. Coy.  
2nd. March. 1918.  
Lieut. H.F.J.HISCOCK. from 5th Div. Sig. Coy.  
14th. March. 1918.  
Lieut. H.W.WATSON. M.M. from 1st Div. Sig. Coy.  
14th. March. 1918.  
Lieut. A.MESSITER. from 2nd Div. Sig. Coy.  
22nd. March. 1918.  
Lieut. A.F.DAY. M.M. from 4th Div. Sig. Coy.  
14th. March. 1918.

101.

A.I.F. Order No 2000 is published for information

"AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY-ORGANISATION OF.-  
With reference to paragraph 4 of A.I.F. Order 1124 of 22/2/18. the Australian Corps Wireless Section is transferred to the Australian Corps Signal Company and forms part thereof as from 2/4/18.  
(Authority D.A.G. A.I.F., 25/188 of 15/4/18.)

MOVES.

102.

The undermentioned men proceeded to 4th Aust. Divn on attachment for duty as telegraph operators, :-

No 2933 Spr FORT. L.F.  
3531 " McDONALD. H.J.

The undermentioned reliefs took place today, :-

Sprs FLOOD. ROTHWHEEL. (R.E.) relieved  
No 1816 Spr LESTER. P.J. & No 2815, Spr  
WALKER. H.H.R. at 2nd Aust. Divn.

EVACUATIONS.

103.

No 3071 Spr CAIN. E.A. was evacuated sick from  
No 2 Aust. M.A.L. Section on 26th inst.

No 3316 Spr DOWN. J.H. was evacuated sick from  
No 2 Aust. M.A.L. Section on today.

ATTACHED STRENGTH.

104.

The following men are attached for trial as  
telegraphists as stated hereunder, :-

No 3369 Pte BLACKMAN. A.C. 50th Bn. 24/4/18  
3164 " PERKINS. A.E. 52nd Bn. 26/4/18  
3177 " CHRISTIE. A.W. 52nd Bn. 26/4/18.

DEPARTURES.

105.

No 19943 Spr GORDON. E.A. proceeded to 3rd  
Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. from "B" Echelon today.

(Sgd) J.M.GRANT. Captain,  
O. C., AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.



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APPENDIX. 3962

C O M P A N Y O R D E R S.

BY CAPTAIN. J.M.GRANT. M.C.

COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

28th. April. 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

106.

The following extract from A.I.F.List No 305 dated 8th. March. 1918. is published herewith, :-

"The undermentioned officers are transferred from 3rd. Aust. Div. Signal. Coy. 1st. March. 1918.

Lieut. E.B.STANBURY.  
2/Lieut. G.J.WILLATS.

ARRIVAL.

107.

2/Lieut. R.L.MASHFORD. reported to Aust. Corps Wireless Section for duty on 27/4/18.

EVACUATION.

108.

No 17898 Spr CALLAGHAN. F.H. was evacuated to hospital today.

DISCIPLINE.

109.

Headlights will not be used on Cars or Lobbies in Corps area East of the Road DOULLENS-AMIENS-DURY inclusive. Motor Cycles may use headlights but will cover them when halted. Cars and Lorries when halted will cover or extinguish side lights except sufficient to mark convoys, (Extract Aust. Corps Administrative Instructions No 192 dated 27th. April. 1918.

Motor Cycle D.R's must extinguish their Headlights when entering VILLERS BOGAGE and must not light them till they are out of the village.

CORRIGEUM.

110.

Reference Order 103, Spr DOWN. J.H. No 2 M.A.L. Section should read No 2 Aust. Cable Section.

TRANSFER.

111.

No 5786 Spr WILLIAMS. T.C. is re-transferred to No 1 Cable Section from H.Q. Section from today.

(Sgd) J.M.GRANT. Captain,  
O. C., AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

COMPANY ORDERS.

BY CAPTAIN. J.M.GRANT. M.C.

COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

29th. April. 1918.

MOVES.

112. The following men reported from "B" Echelon to Coy. H.Q. today:-

- 4109 Spr CONDRAN. L.O.
- 648 " BARBER. A.
- 9272 " MATTHEWS. E.
- 2624 " GILBERT. T.J.
- 4762 " RICHARDS. F.

No 2274 Spr ALDENHOVEN. A.B. proceeded to Corps Wireless Section on 26/4/18.

PROMOTIONS.

The following promotions to date from today are approved:-

HEADQUARTERS SECTION.

- 7471 Cpl ANDREWS. P.H. to be Tempy Sgt Vice Johnson.
- 1987 T/2nd Cpl QUIST.H.R. to be Substantive 2nd Cpl Vice ANDREWS.
- 2381 L/Cpl RAYMENT. A.C. to be Tempy 2nd Cpl to complete Establishment.

No 1 CABLE SECTION.

- 118 T/2nd Cpl McCONCHIE. R. to be Substantive 2nd Cpl to complete Establishment.
- 1574 T/2nd Cpl BURGESS. H. to be Substantive 2nd Cpl to complete Establishment.

No 2 CABLE SECTION.

- 998 T/2nd Cpl DOYLE. J. to be Substantive 2nd Cpl to complete Establishment.

ATTACHED STRENGTH.

114. No 25197 Spr PEARCE. C. proceeded to report to O.C., Signals 4th. Corps from "K" Corps Signal Company.

ARRIVALS.

115. The undermentioned N.C.O's and men reported to "B" Echelon for attachment for Messenger DOG Service on 28/4/18:-

- 240587 Sgt BONNEY. W. 5th K.O.R.LANC: RIFLES.
- 3133 Cpl COULL. J. 48th Bn. A.I.F.
- 133251 Pte REID. N.M. 13th CANADIAN ROYAL HIGHLANDERS
- 172179 " FLETCHER. A.R. 4th " MTD. RIFLES.
- 154106 " BOOTH. C.G. 52nd CANADIANS.
- 36655 " McGREGOR. J. N. N. R.
- 29261 " JACKSON. J.R. 1st CANTERBURY I. B., N.Z.
- S/9268 " SWANKIE. J. 3rd BLACK WATCH.
- 205160 Gnr FIRTH. C. 28th Reserve Batty. R.F.A.
- 360149 Pnr COOK. H. ROYAL ENGINEERS.
- 525929 " COTTON. H. " "
- 361087 " SKINNER. F. " "
- 443982 " TAYLOR. W. " "

116. The undermentioned personnel reported to Coy, H.Q. with Mobile Loft No 107 for Pigeon Service on 28/4/18:-

- Cpl DAY. W.E.
- Pnr PASTERFIELD. N.

P.T.O.

MOVES.  
117.

The undermentioned N.C.O's, moved to "B" Echelon from Coy, H.Q. on 28/4/28.

- Sgt WEEKS. A.H.
- Cpl KERWOOD.W.A.

118.

No 16334 Spr KELSO. J. will report to "B" Echelon tomorrow, carrying 24 hours Rations.

119.

The following N.C.O's, and men reported to Coy, H.Q. from "B" Echelon today, and will proceed to SALEUX at 9'30 am, tomorrow carrying 24 hours Rations.:-

- |      |       |           |      |                |
|------|-------|-----------|------|----------------|
| 1987 | 2/Cpl | QUIST.    | H.R. | Supdt.         |
| 3077 | Pte   | CHRISTIE. | A.W. | Telegraphist.  |
| 3892 | Spr   | RUSHBURY. | T.W. | D.R.Clerk.     |
| 961  | "     | BOSWICK.  | R.J. | S'bd Operator. |
| 1023 | Cpl   | WATSON.   | G.   | D. R.          |

(Sgd) J.M.GRANT. Captain,  
O. C., AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

- |       |     |          |  |  |
|-------|-----|----------|--|--|
| 28857 | Sgt | HORLEY.  |  |  |
| 2188  | Cpl | GOULD.   |  |  |
| 18881 | Pte | HELD.    |  |  |
| 17818 | "   | PARSONS. |  |  |
| 17418 | "   | BOOTH.   |  |  |
| 38885 | "   | MOHRER.  |  |  |
| 28881 | "   | JACKSON. |  |  |
| 27888 | "   | SWANER.  |  |  |
| 20818 | Spr | BIRTH.   |  |  |
| 28818 | Spr | COOK.    |  |  |
| 28828 | "   | COTTON.  |  |  |
| 28187 | "   | SKINNER. |  |  |
| 44882 | "   | TAYLOR.  |  |  |

The undermentioned personnel reported to Coy, H.Q. with Rations left on 28/4/28:-

Cpl DAY. W.R.  
Pte PATERFIELD. W.

## C O M P A N Y   O R D E R S .

BY CAPTAIN. J.M. GRANT. M.C.

COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.  
-----30th. April. 1918.TRANSFERS.

120.                   No 3255 T/2nd Cpl GIRVEN. F. proceeded to 4th. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. on re-transfer today, and reverts to Lance Corporal on marching out.

ARRIVALS.

121.                   No 17898 Spr CALLAGHAN. F.H. reported back from Rest Station today.

ATTACHED STRENGTH.MOVES.

122.                   No 2274 Spr ALDENHOVEN. A.B. reported to "B" Echelon from detachment today.

123.                   No 53 M. A. L. Section is transferred to 4th. Army today.

BOUNDS&

124.                   The following G.R.? is published for information

"Bounds. By order of the Army Council all MAISONS TOLERÉES in FRANCE are placed out of bounds to His Majesty's Naval, Military, and Air Forces."

(Sgd) J.M. GRANT. Captain,  
O. C., AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

A U S T R A L I A N C O R P S S I G N A L C O M P A N Y.

B A C K A R E A S C H E M E.

Following is a List of Bridgings and connections that require to be made to put the above Scheme in working order.

At VIGNACOURT & On the V. FT. Route.

- (1) Bridging. N I L.
- (2) Labelling.
  - 1 - 2 ----- Corps to VB. Superimposed
  - 3 - 4 ----- Corps to M. "
  - 5 - 6 ----- Corps to B. Speaking.
  - 7 - 8 ----- Corps to VX. "
  - Pole Cable ----- Corps to VB. Cable.

On the V. - VB. Route. (Hop Pole through FLESSELLES.)

The top arm of this route will be labelled :-  
V. - VB. 1 - 2, 3 - 4,

Bottom arm will be labelled:-  
V. M. 1 - 2, 3 - 4,

V. - VB. Route.

- 1 - 2 ----- Corps to VB. Speaking.
- 3 - 4 ----- Corps to VB.

V. - M. Route.

- 1 - 2 ----- Corps to B. Superimposed.
- 3 - 4 ----- Corps to M. Speaking.

On the V. - VX. Route.

- 1 - 2 ----- Corps to VX. Superimposed.
- 3 - 4 ----- Corps to VX.

AT FLESSELLES TEST. On the VT. - FT. Route.

|       |   |   |   |   |       |     |     |
|-------|---|---|---|---|-------|-----|-----|
| 1 - 2 | " | " | " | " | 3 - 4 | FT. | VB. |
| 3 - 4 | " | " | " | " | 1 - 2 | FT. | M.  |
| 5 - 6 | " | " | " | " | 3 - 4 | FT. | M.  |
| 7 - 8 | " | " | " | " | 5 - 6 | FT. | M.  |

and labelled in the following manner:-

VT. - FT.

- Poled Cable ----- Corps to VB.
- 1 - 2 ----- Corps to VB. Superimposed.
- 3 - 4 ----- Corps to M. "
- 5 - 6 ----- Corps to B. Speaking.
- 7 - 8 ----- Corps to VX. "

At MONTONVILLERS.

- (1) Bridging. FT. - M. 5 - 6 to M. - VX. 3 - 4
- FT. - M. 3 - 4 to M. - B. 3 - 4
- V. - M. 1 - 2 to M. - B. 1 - 2

(2) Labelling. On the M. - VX, Route.

- 1 - 2 ----- ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ M. to VX. Speaking
- 3 - 4 ----- Corps to VX. Speaking
- 5 - 6 ----- M. to VX.
- 7 - 8 ----- M. to VX.

On the M. - B. Route.

1 - 2 ----- Corps to B. Superimposed.  
3 - 4 ----- Corps to B. Speaking.

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On the M. - B. Route,

5 - 6 ----- ~~XXXX~~ M. to B.  
7 - 8 ----- M. to B.

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On the M. - VBE. Route.

1 - 2 ----- M. to VBE.  
3 - 4 ----- M. to VBE.  
5 - 6 ----- M. to VBE.

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On the M. - FT. Route.

1 - 2 ----- Corps to B. Superimposed  
3 - 4 ----- Corps to B. Speaking.  
5 - 6 ----- Corps to VX. "

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On the M. - VBN. Route.

1 - 2 ----- M. to VB.  
3 - 4 ----- M. to VB,  
5 - 6 ----- M. to VB.

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On the M. - V. Route.

1 - 2 ----- Corps to B. Superimposed.  
3 - 4 ----- Corps to B. Speaking.

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On the M. - VB. Route.

1 - 2 ----- M. - VB.  
3 - 4 ----- M. - VB.

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At VAUX.

(1) Bridging. N I L.

(2) Labelling. On the VX. - V. Route.

1 - 2 ----- Corps to VX. Superimposed.  
3 - 4 ----- Corps to VX.

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On the VX. - M. Route.

1 - 2 ----- VX. to M. Speaking.  
3 - 4 ----- Corps to VX. "  
5 - 6 ----- VX. to M.  
7 - 8 ----- VX. to M.

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On the VX. - B. Route.

1 - 2 ----- VX. to B.  
3 - 4 ----- VX. to B.  
5 - 6 ----- VX, to B.  
7 - 8 ----- VX. to B.

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At BERTANGLES.

(1) Bridging. N I L.

(2) Labelling. On the B. - VX. Route

1 - 2 ----- B. to VX.  
3 - 4 ----- B. to VX.  
5 - 6 ----- B. to VX.  
7 - 8 ----- B. to VX.

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On the B. - M. Route.

|       |       |                           |
|-------|-------|---------------------------|
| 1 - 2 | ----- | Corps to B. Superimposed. |
| 3 - 4 | ----- | Corps to B. Speaking,     |
| 5 - 6 | ----- | B. to M.                  |
| 7 - 8 | ----- | B. to M.                  |

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On the B. - VB. Route.

|       |       |           |
|-------|-------|-----------|
| 1 - 2 | ----- | B. to VB. |
| 3 - 4 | ----- | B. to VB. |
| 5 - 6 | ----- | B. to VB. |

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At VILLERS BOCAGE.

(1) Bridging. N I L.

(2) Labelling.

On the VB. - B. Route.

|       |       |           |
|-------|-------|-----------|
| 1 - 2 | ----- | VB. to B. |
| 3 - 4 | ----- | VB. to B. |
| 5 - 6 | ----- | VB. to B. |

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On the VBE. - M. Route.

|       |       |           |              |
|-------|-------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 - 2 | ----- | VB. to M. | (VBE. Route) |
| 3 - 4 | ----- | VB. to M. | " "          |
| 5 - 6 | ----- | VB. to M. | " "          |

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On the VB. - M. Route.

|       |       |           |
|-------|-------|-----------|
| 1 - 2 | ----- | VB. to M. |
| 3 - 4 | ----- | VB. to M. |

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On the VB. - V, Route.

|       |       |                        |
|-------|-------|------------------------|
| 1 - 2 | ----- | VB. to Corps Speaking. |
| 3 - 4 | ----- | VB. to Corps Spare.    |

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On the VBN. - M. Route.

|       |       |           |
|-------|-------|-----------|
| 1 - 2 | ----- | VB. to M. |
| 3 - 4 | ----- | VB. to M. |
| 5 - 6 | ----- | VB. to M. |

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On the VB. - FT. Route.

|       |       |                            |
|-------|-------|----------------------------|
| 1 - 2 | ----- | VB. to Corps Spare.        |
| 3 - 4 | ----- | VB. to Corps Superimposed. |

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AT MONTONVILLERS JUNCTION POLE ON FLESSELLES ROAD.

When the change over occurs the three pairs which 4th Army are at present using to Aust. Corps on the FS. - TS. Route (FLESSELLES ROAD) viz:-

|           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| FS. - TS. | 1 - 2 |
| FS. - TS. | 5 - 6 |
| FS. - TS. | 7 - 8 |

Will be split at the above pole, the rear half of these pairs will be joined to:-

|        |       |           |
|--------|-------|-----------|
| Pairs. | 1 - 2 | Facing M. |
|        | 3 - 4 | Facing M. |
|        | 7 - 8 | Facing M. |

Respectively on the MONTONVILLERS cut in, while the forward portions will be joined to:-

-4-

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Pairs 5 - 6 Facing M.  
 9 - 10 Facing M.  
 11 - 12 Facing M.  
 On the MONTONVILLERS cut in.

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At the Junction on the V. - VB. Hop Pole Route.  
 When the change over occurs:-

Pairs 5 - 6  
 7 - 8 On the above route will be split, the  
 rear portion being joined to:-

Pairs 1 - 2  
 3 - 4 Respectively on the Hop Pole cut in,  
 while the forward portions will be joined to :-

Pairs 5 - 6  
 7 - 8 Respectively on the Hop Pole cut in.

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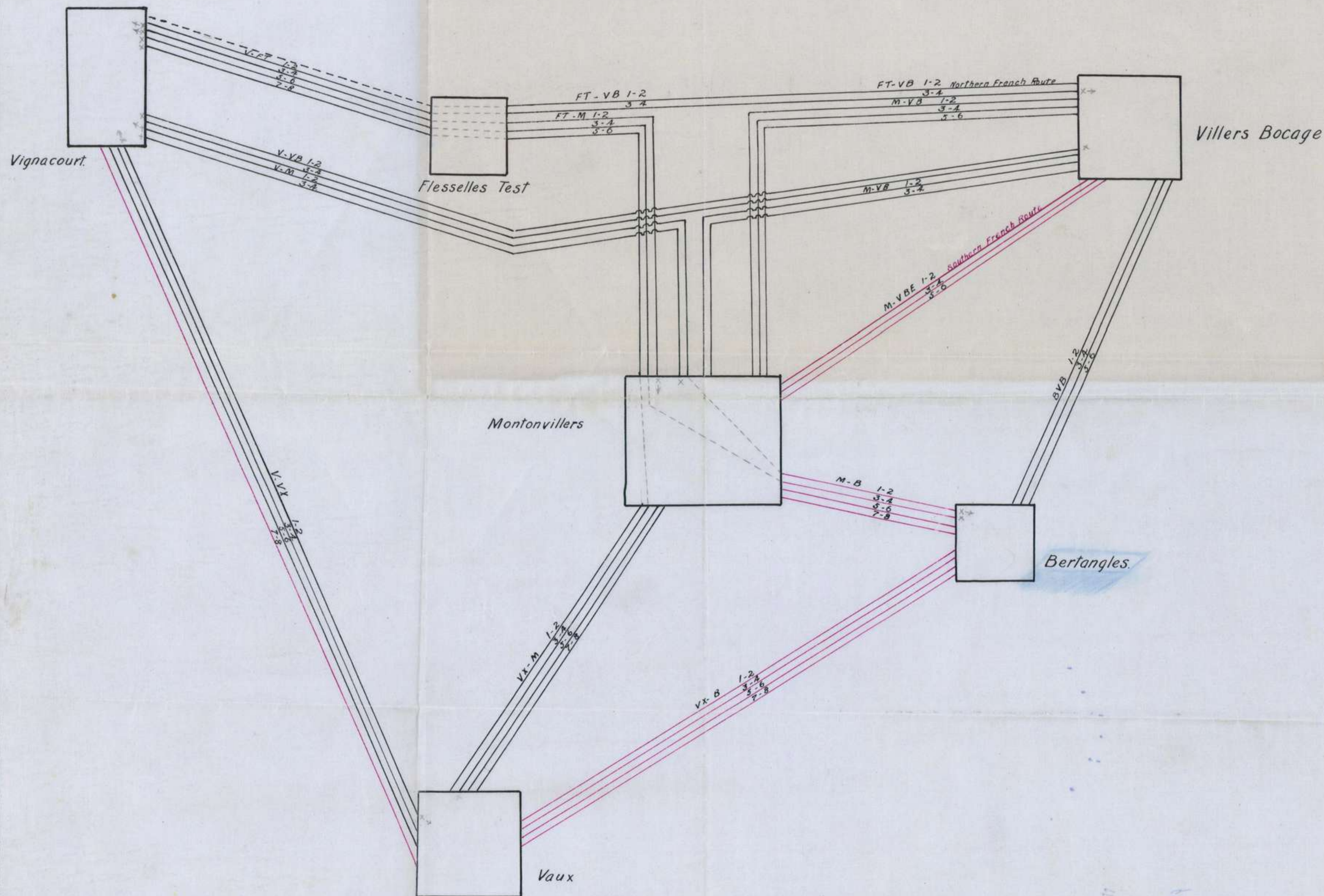
O. C., Lines.  
 AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

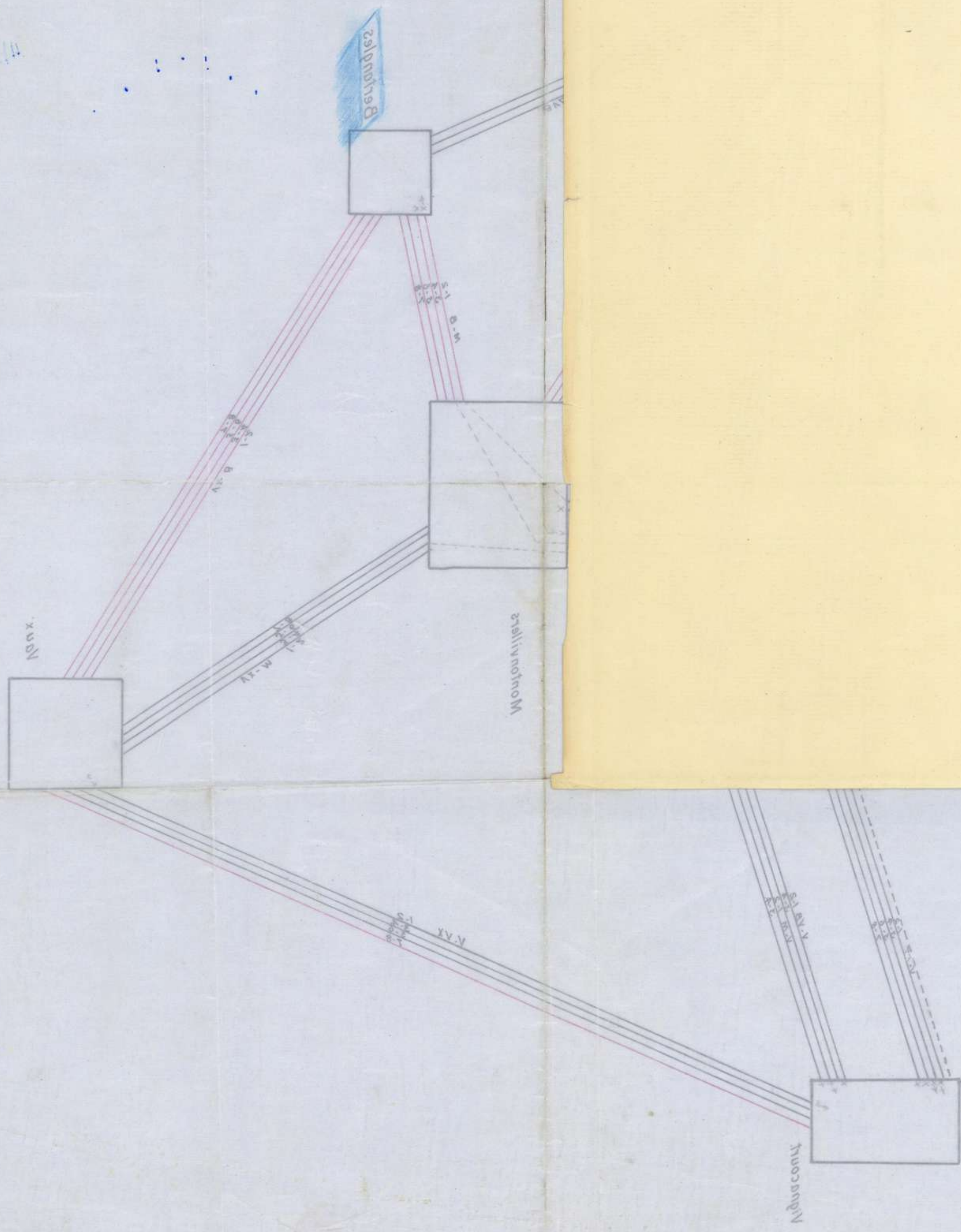


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## BACK AREA SCHEME

Diagram 'A'





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R E P O R T

for Month ending 30/3/18.

by Q.M.S.

Australian Corps Signal Company.

RATIONS. Average ration strength for month was 360 Officers and men and 54 horses.

While the Company was stationed at FLETRE rations were plentiful and were drawn direct from Railhead CAESTRE.

During movement of the Corps from FLETRE to the SOMME and for some days after settling at VILLERS BOCAGE hard rations only were issued. Since then fresh rations have been issued daily.

WATER. In VILLERS BOCAGE difficulty has been experienced in maintaining supply of water for the cookhouse as all wells in farm-houses are nearly dry and the pumping plant at water point is not supplying quantity required.

A fatigue party has to carry water for all meals a distance of 400 yards.

The following Signal Units are rationed from Company Headquarters.

- No.1 Aust. Cable Section
- No.2 Aust. Cable Section
- No.1 Aust. Motor Airline Section
- No.2 Aust. Motor Airline Section
- Australian Corps Wireless Section.
- "RR" Cable Section

PETROL. 2300 Gallons of petrol were consumed by Motor Transport vehicles.

During month all motor transport was in constant use. The following Motor Vehicles are on charge to this unit.

- 40 Motor Bicycles.
  - 1 Car
  - 2 Box Cars
  - 5 3ton Lorries
  - 7 30cwt Lorries
  - 1 P.E.L. Set.
- for which petrol is supplied.

Amount of lub. oil consumed 200 gallons.

CLOTHING and STORES. drawn from A.O.D.

No delay or trouble was experienced in getting stores demanded from A.O.D. except for Australian pattern hats and horseshoes.

SIGNAL STORES. Signal Stores handled by us for A.D. Signals as follows:-

Cable 1120 miles inward and 979 miles outward  
 Weight 93  $\frac{3}{4}$  tons  
 Instruments all kinds 369 inward 295 out

in addition to approximately 9 tons of small technical stores

H. Adam Coms.

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APPENDIX. 442

## SIGNALMASTERS REPORT.

FOR APRIL.  
BY SIGNALMASTER.AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.  
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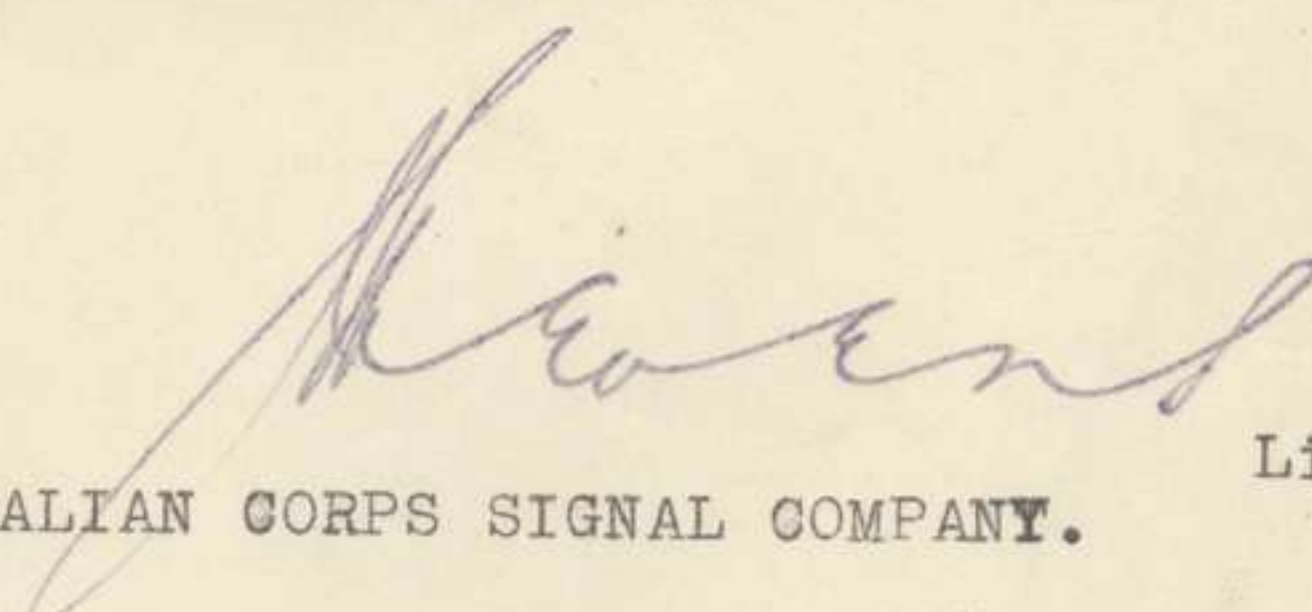
Consequent upon the transfer of the Australian Corps from a comparatively quiet area to one which was the centre of actual operations the work of, and the traffic handled by the Signal Office was largely increased, especially was this the case with regard to actual messages.

It was found necessary to work two Duplex Sets constantly to Fourth Army to keep pace with the traffic. In addition to this the lines to Divisions in the Corps area were abnormally busy. Lines to flanking Corps were congested only when moves or operations were in progress.

With the advent of the large number of miscellaneous units into the Corps area, the D.R.L.S. traffic has grown by leaps and bounds, a certain amount of difficulty was experienced in the disposal of this consequent upon the constant shifting of the units.

Owing to the increased of traffic the Staff has had to be substantially strengthened. Thirtyone telegraphists have been needed to cope with work on the lines, fourteen Clerks for the registration etc, of messages and D.R.L.S. traffic, and six telephonists working in reliefs for the two switchboards.

The lines to units were good but required a considerable amount of maintenance.

  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY.

Lieut,



War diary  
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**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Australian Corps,  
B. E. F., France,  
26th March, 1918.

Boys,

The time has now come when we must be prepared to "Take the strain." I think I need hardly say more. Everyone fully realizes what this means, and I know that I can confidently appeal to every single individual in the A.I.F. to realize that it is up to him personally to "Take the strain" for the sake of his country and all he holds dear.

Remember that personal determination to attain victory at whatever self-sacrifice, by every individual, is what counts, and it may well be that this spirit on the part of even a few men may be the deciding factor of the great battle in which we are now engaged.

Remember what they are thinking of us all in Australia now, and remember the lasting traditions which the Force has made for itself.

W. R. BIRDWOOD.

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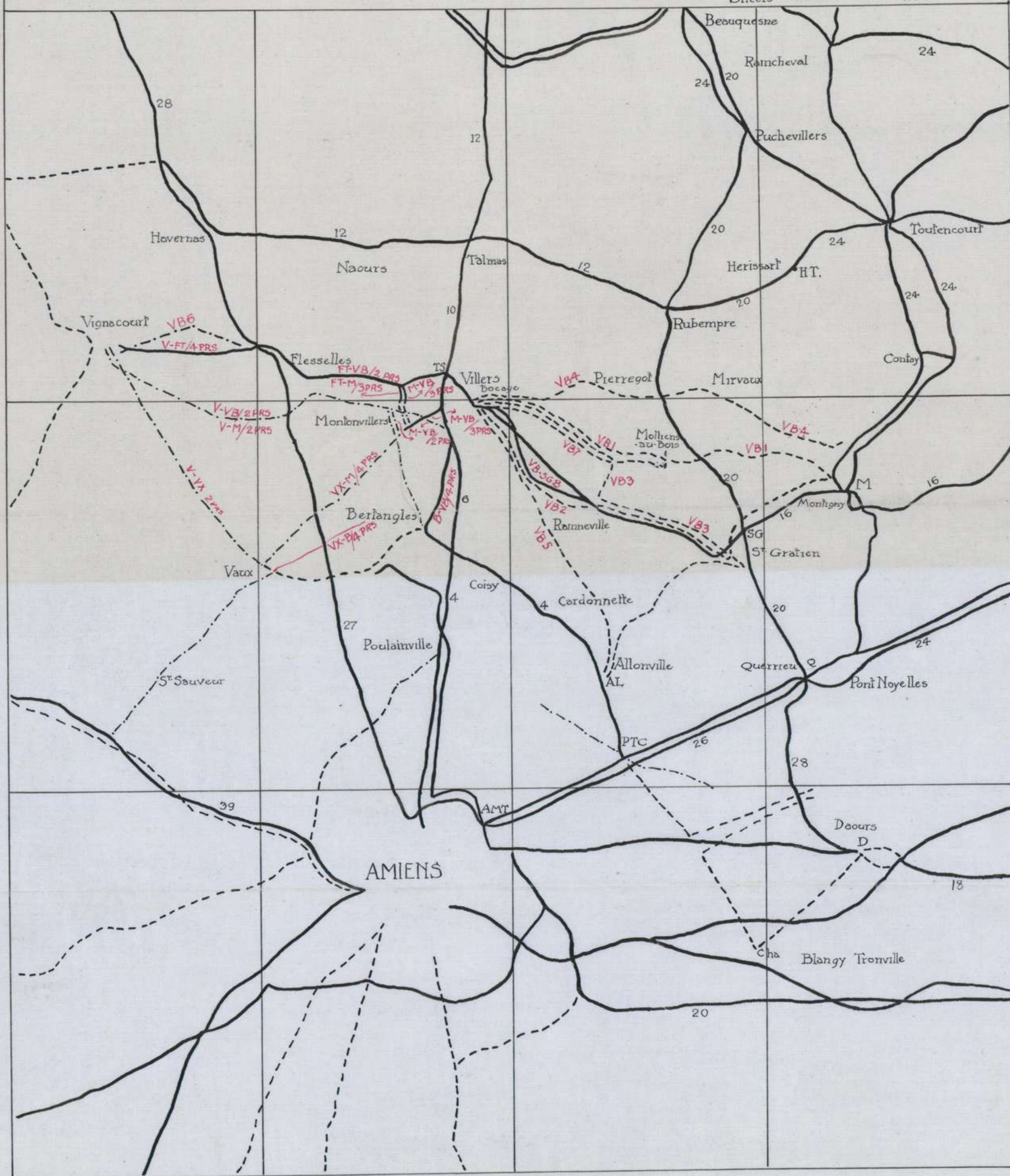
Permanent Routes

Proposed Routes

Cable *VB* - - - - -

Hop-Pole - - - - -

Sheets LENS & AMIENS  $\frac{1}{100,000}$



APPENDIX. 74

## Daily Totals of Packets and Telegrams passing through

## "AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNAL COMPANY"

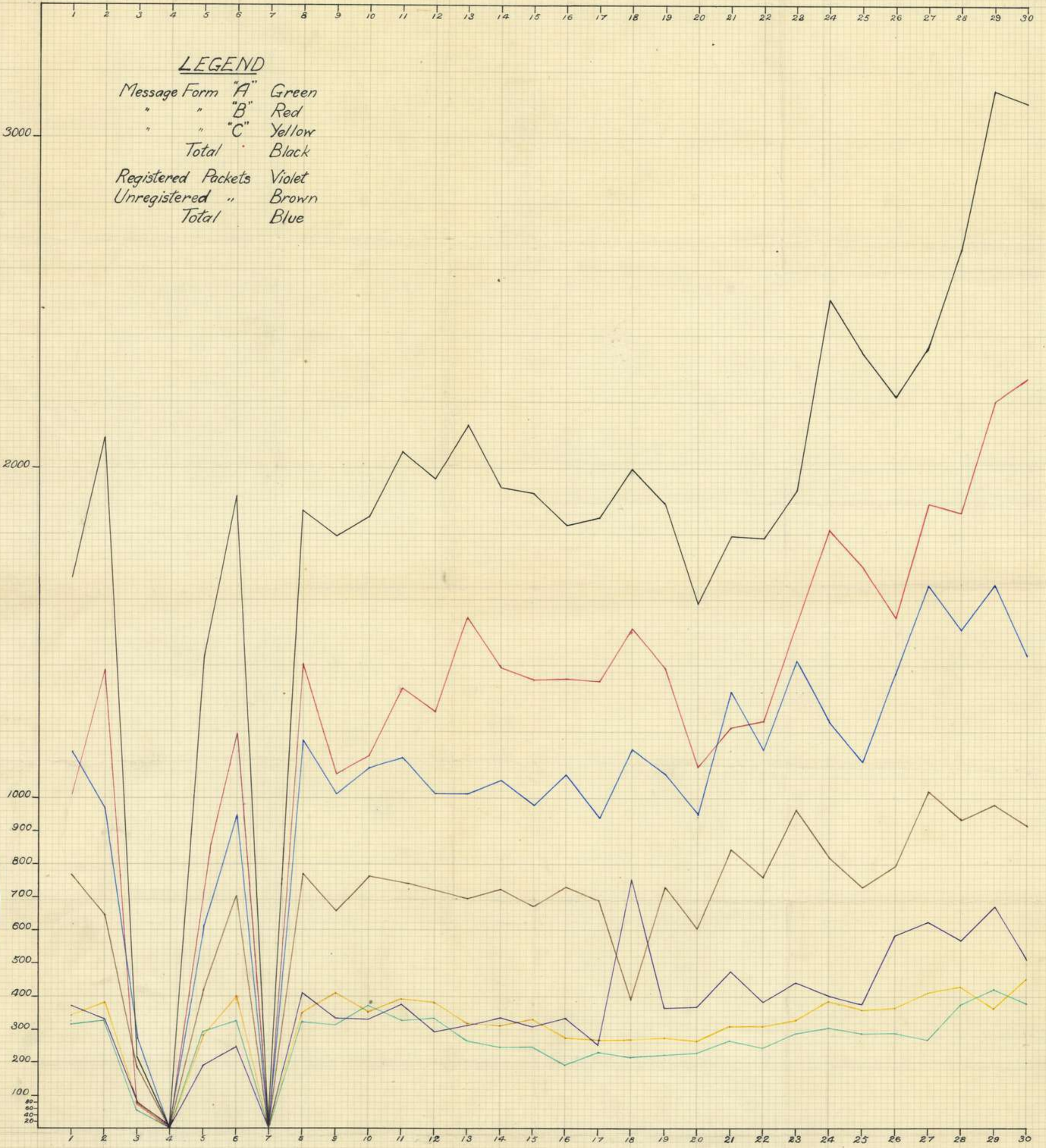
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| Date, | WIRES. |                |     | TOTAL. | LETTERS        |          |       | REMARKS. |
|-------|--------|----------------|-----|--------|----------------|----------|-------|----------|
|       | A.     | B.             | C.  |        | REGISTERED.    | UNREGST. | TOTAL |          |
| 1     | 317    | 1010           | 341 | 1668   | 372            | 768      | 1140  |          |
| 2     | 323    | 1386           | 381 | 2090   | 327            | 642      | 969   |          |
| 3     | 58     | 79             | 79  | 215    | 69             | 183      | 252   |          |
| 4     | -      | -              | -   | -      | -              | -        | -     | Moving.  |
| 5     | 291    | <del>848</del> | 281 | 1420   | 190            | 419      | 609   |          |
| 6     | 324    | 1192           | 400 | 1916   | 242            | 702      | 944   |          |
| 7     | -      | -              | -   | -      | -              | -        | -     | Moving.  |
| 8     | 321    | 1202           | 347 | 1870   | 406            | 768      | 1174  |          |
| 9     | 314    | 1072           | 409 | 1795   | <del>385</del> | 655      | 1010  |          |
| 10    | 373    | 1128           | 351 | 1852   | 330            | 762      | 1092  |          |
| 11    | 326    | 1330           | 391 | 2047   | 379            | 742      | 1121  |          |
| 12    | 334    | 1262           | 381 | 1977   | 293            | 721      | 1014  |          |
| 13    | 266    | 1544           | 319 | 2129   | 316            | 697      | 1013  |          |
| 14    | 245    | 1394           | 314 | 1953   | 339            | 714      | 1053  |          |
| 15    | 247    | 1358           | 330 | 1925*  | 309            | 672      | 981   |          |
| 16    | 193    | 1360           | 276 | 1829   | 337            | 731      | 1068  |          |
| 17    | 229    | 1354           | 267 | 1850   | 252            | 689      | 941   |          |
| 18    | 217    | 1512           | 268 | 1997   | 752            | 393      | 1145  |          |
| 19    | 223    | 1392           | 276 | 1891   | 343            | 730      | 1073  |          |
| 20    | 226    | 1098           | 264 | 1588   | 347            | 604      | 951   |          |
| 21    | 266    | 1214           | 312 | 1792   | 475            | 845      | 1320  |          |
| 22    | 244    | 1234           | 311 | 1789   | 383            | 762      | 1145  |          |
| 23    | 288    | 1320           | 328 | 1936   | 441            | 972      | 1413  |          |
| 24    | 305    | 1816           | 385 | 2506   | 406            | 824      | 1230  |          |
| 25    | 290    | 1700           | 360 | 2350   | 379            | 733      | 1112  |          |
| 26    | 288    | 1546           | 365 | 2219   | 583            | 795      | 1378  |          |
| 27    | 271    | 1688           | 411 | 2370   | 621            | 1020     | 1641  |          |
| 28    | 375    | 1864           | 424 | 2663   | 570            | 939      | 1509  |          |
| 29    | 422    | 2204           | 515 | 3141   | 667            | 980      | 1647  |          |
| 30    | 380    | 2274           | 453 | 3107   | 512            | 920      | 1432  |          |

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# D.R.L.S. AND MESSAGE CHART

For Month of APRIL 1918



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