

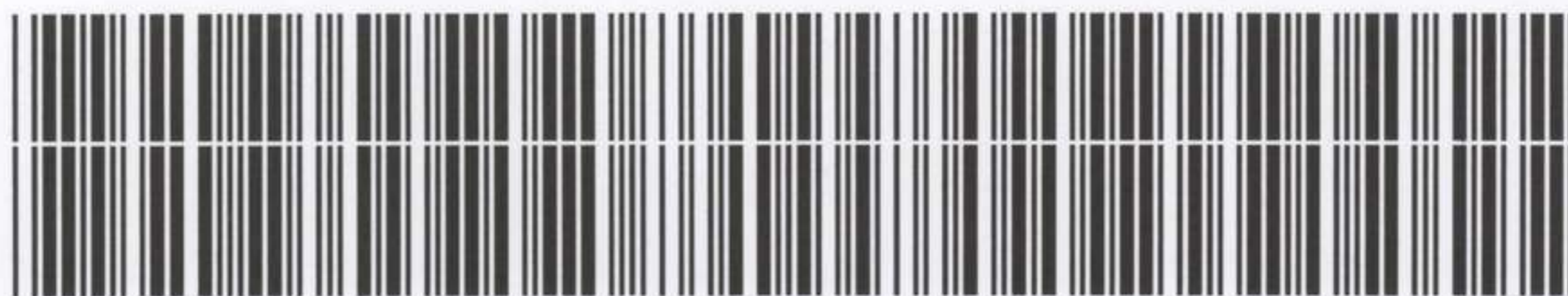
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Title: 44th Infantry Battalion

July 1918 Appendices



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(1) ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

Up till recently the enemy has displayed little energy in the construction of forward defences opposite the Corps Front, and as yet there are no signs of new work in the immediate back areas at all.

During the past few weeks, however, there are increasing indications that he intends to develop a complete two line system with the usual saps, dugouts, and communication trenches. In certain areas the work is nearing completion and a considerable defence scheme is evidently contemplated, the tendency being to link up the already existing chains of rifle pits and incorporate them in the trench lines.

From the report of patrols, there is no doubt that wire obstacles do exist, but they appear to be hastily improvised and should not afford any great obstacle.

The only work on rear defences has been on the old French line, which has been cleaned out in places and wired. This should prove quite an effective line of resistance when the work is completed. Mined dugouts have been constructed in numerous places in the forward and battery areas, particularly in the sides of embankments for protection against our artillery fire.

(2) ORDER OF BATTLE.

50th Reserve Division. -

230th R.I.R.
229th R.I.R.
231st R.I.R.

The 50th Reserve Division came into the MEAULTE Sector at the end of May, relieving the 54th Reserve Division. Its southern boundary is the River ANCRE.

107th Division. -

52nd R.I.R.
227th R.I.R.
232nd R.I.R.

This division relieved the 54th Division on 20/21st June in the MORLANCOURT sector.

43rd Reserve Division. -

203rd R.I.R.
201st R.I.R. (?)
202nd R.I.R.

This division relieved the 24th Reserve Division in the SOMME sector on June 22/23rd, but it is probable that, unlike the latter division, it has 2 regiments north of the SOMME, not one, owing to the sideslipping further south.

77th Reserve Division. -

332nd I.R.
419th E.R.
257th R.I.R.

This division relieved the 108th Division in the HAMEL Sector on 16/17th May. Its relief has been imminent since the beginning of the month.

108th Division.

137th I.R.
265th R.I.R.(?)
97th I.R.

This division relieved the Jager Division in the VILLERS ERETONNEUX Sector on 19/20th June and is due for relief.

Previous to this it had been in the HAMEL Sector, where it relieved the 9th Bavarian Reserve Division on April 30th, the relief of the Jager The relDivision being effected by sideslipping. For the first half of May the 2nd Bn., 265th R.I.R. was attached to the 107th R.I.R., 24th Reserve Division, north of the SOMME.

(3) ATTITUDE.

The enemy's general attitude is obscure in this area.

North of the SOMME, there seems little doubt that he is apprehensive of further operations on our part similar to those at VILLE-sur-ANCRE and north of SAILLY LAURETTE, and this nervousness has led to the hasty construction of a defence system during the past few weeks, with which he was content to dispense for so long. This and the appearance of trench mortars of heavier calibres point to a passive attitude, at any rate for the time being, though the absence of any rear organisations for defence seems to indicate that his present attitude is temporary.

South of the SOMME, the enemy's intentions are still more obscure and have been complicated by the recent sideslipping northwards, and the temporary withdrawal of the 265th R.I.R. from the 108th Division. This regiment was apparently the least shattered in the division and its withdrawal must have imposed a heavy strain on the two other and weaker regiments which had to hold their own sectors in addition, though there was an unconfirmed rumour that they had been reinforced by a battalion from another division.

To sum up, the attitude of the enemy is, at any rate for the present, purely defensive and he is apprehensive of our intentions. This attitude is abundantly disclosed by the frequent bombing of his own wire, amongst other signs of nervousness, and in general by the policy implied by his defensive works.

(4) 107th Division.

Engagements. After being on the Galician Front till 1917, the 107th Division proceeded to the Western Front. It has just arrived in the CAMBRAI area where our attack on the CAMBRAI front took place.

On the 20th November, 1917, the 107th Division was drawn into the battle and lost heavily in prisoners. It took part in the German advance south of the CAMBRAI area on the 30th November and remained in the GONNELIEU sector till March of this year. It participated in the advance on the SOMME, on the 21st March and was relieved south of MERCATEL on the 20th April. After resting and training near CAMBRAI it came into line in the MORLANCOURT Sector on 16th May and remained in the line until the 23rd. It suffered heavily from our raids and artillery fire, particularly in our attack on VILLE-sur-ANCRE on the 18th May, when 150 prisoners were captured from one regiment alone. It went into rest near CAMBRAI until the 21st June when it again returned to the MORLANCOURT Sector.

Quality. The moral of the 107th Division is fair but it is not a good fighting division.

108th Division.

Engagements. The 108th Division was on the Eastern Front - GALICIA - till the end of 1917. At the beginning of April of this year it came into the line at WINTERBERG in the VOSGES and was relieved on the 13th April and went into rest at JUVENCOURT.

It came into line on the SOMME front near MARCELCAVE at the beginning of May and relieved the Jager Division by sideslipping northwards about May 18th. The 265th R.I.R. suffered heavily during its tour in the line, particularly in our operation on the 10th June.

It was last identified on the 22nd. inst. and is probably now relieved.

Quality. The moral of the 108th Division is good. As a fighting division it is not of the best as it has spent most of its time on the RUSSIAN Front.

43rd Reserve Division.

Engagements. The 43rd Reserve Division was first engaged in October, 1914, in the First Battle of YPRES. Part of the division remained in BELGIUM, proceeding to SERBIA about July, 1915. The remainder of the division was seriously engaged in the fighting about SOUCHEZ during the French offensive. One regiment lost 26 officers and 1320 men during the fighting. About the beginning of July elements of the division took part in the Mackensen offensive in POLAND, and one regiment, during 4 months, lost 63 officers and 3511 men.

After a short spell in SERBIA, the division returned to the Western Front, and was heavily engaged in the VERDUN fighting in February and March, 1916. It took part in the German counter-offensive in RUSSIA in June. In 1917 the 43rd Reserve Division took part in the fighting on the CHEMIN DES DAMES (July and August, 1917) and suffered severe losses. After another tour in RUSSIA it returned to the Western Front and took part in the LYS advance remaining in the line near FESTUBERT till the end of April. It went into rest near CAMBRAI and trained for 3 weeks and came into the line in the MORLANCOURT Sector about the 21st inst.

Quality. The 43rd Reserve Division has always been considered a good fighting unit. It is drawn from the depots of guard regiments and consequently contains "human material" of good quality.

In the end of 1917 it was used as a special counter-attack division. Owing however, to its many engagements and heavy losses, it has frequently been reconstituted.

APPENDIX

77th Reserve Division.

Engagements. The 77th Reserve Division was first engaged on the Eastern Front taking part in the fighting at the It proceeded later in the year to GALICIA where it remained till the beginning of 1917, when it went into line on the RIGA front. In January, 1918, the division was transferred to the Western Front being in reserve in LORRAINE and later went into line in the WOEVRE. It moved up to the SOMME front in April, 1918, and went into the line on the 23rd of that month in the VILLERS BRETONNEUX sector where it suffered heavily in our counter-attack on the 24th April, both in casualties and prisoners. It was withdrawn at the end of May and rested till the 17th June when it was again in the line in the HAMEL Sector. It has suffered severely from our gas and artillery shoots.

Quality. The 77th Reserve Division is of poor quality and the moral is not good. One regimental commander was removed during April for giving vent to utterances prejudicial to moral.

108th Division

Engagements. The 108th Division was on the Eastern Front - GALICIA - till the end of 1917. At the beginning of April of this year it came into the line at WILHELMSTADT in the VOEGES and was relieved on the 13th April and went into line at JULIEMOUNT. It came into line on the SOMME front near HARGREAVE at the beginning of May and relieved the 77th Reserve Division by a night march about May 18th. The 108th R.I.B. suffered heavily during its tour in the line, particularly in our operation on the 14th June. It was last identified on the 24th June, and is probably now relieved.

Quality. The moral of the 108th Division is good. As a fighting division it is not of the best as it has spent most of its time on the RUSSIAN front.

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MERICOURT.

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FIELD SURVEY OF S.E. (3810) 18-6-18

PROBABLE DISPOSITIONS — OF ENEMY TROOPS — Between DERNANCOURT & VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

1-7-18

LEGEND

1 Com. □ 1 Batt. □

RESERVES

54TH R.D.

54TH DIV

1ST DIV

24TH R.D.

233RD DIV

In Reserve at Montauban 188

50TH R.D.

231ST R.I.R.

52ND R.I.R.

In Reserve

227TH R.I.R. (Dispositions unknown)

107TH DIV.

In Reserve

? 232ND R.I.R.

203RD R.I.R.

? In Support

? In Reserve

201ST R.I.R. (Dispositions unknown)

43RD R.D. DIV.

4TH R.I.R.

232ND R.I.R.

? In Support

419TH I.R.

? In Support

257TH I.R.

77TH RES. DIV.

? In Reserve

Reserve Caffy Area

Reserve Q.6.a.

137TH I.R.

? In Support

? In Reserve

? 265TH R.I.R. (Dispositions unknown)

97TH I.R.

? In Support

In Reserve N. of Proyart

109TH DIV.

108TH DIV.

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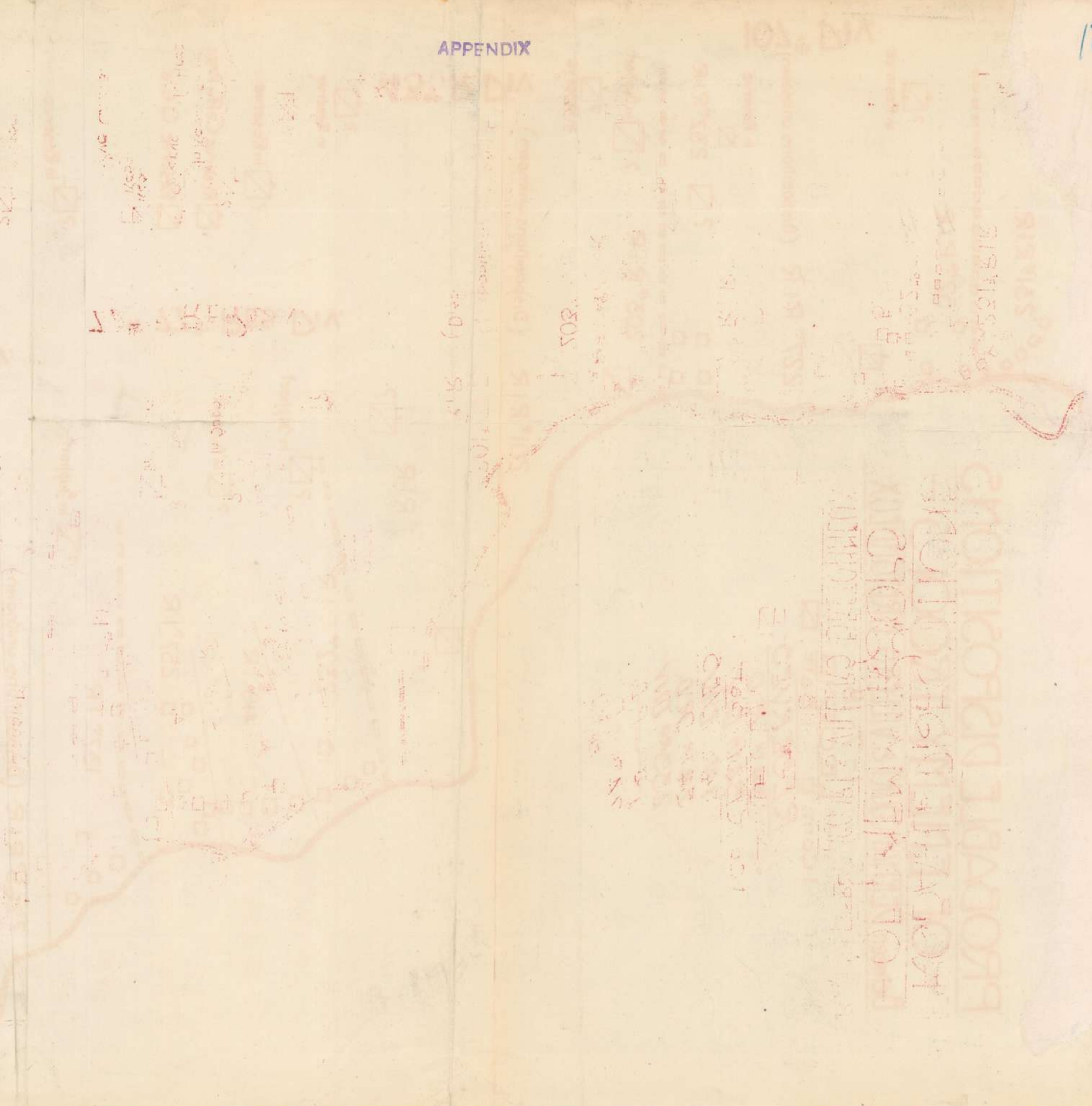
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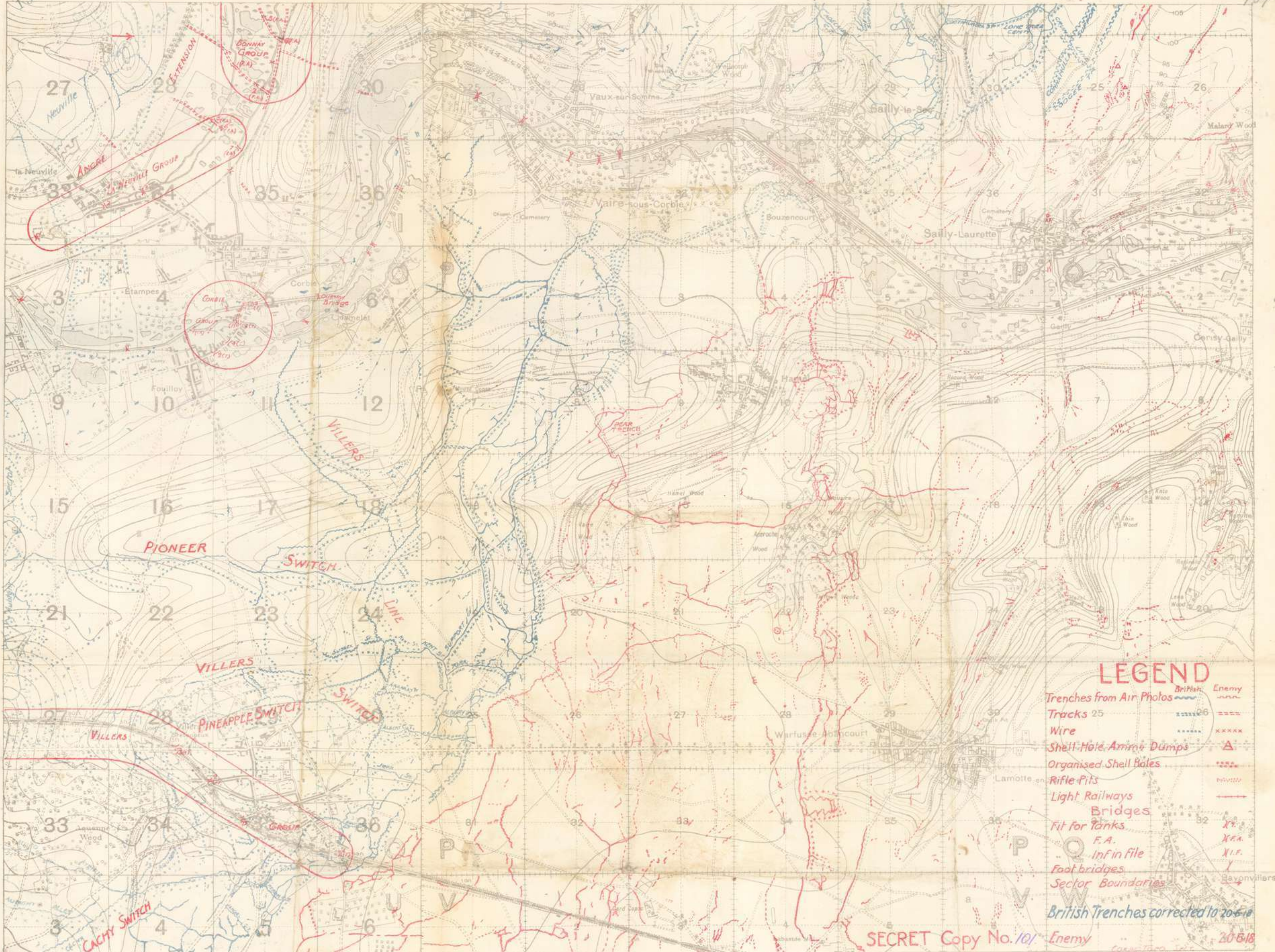
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LEGEND

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| Shell Holes | ▲ | ▲ |
| Organised Shell Holes | ● | ● |
| Rifle Pits | ○ | ○ |
| Light Railways | — | — |
| Bridges | — | — |
| Fit for Tanks | X | X |
| F.A. | X.F. | X.F. |
| Inf in file | X.I.F. | X.I.F. |
| Foot bridges | — | — |
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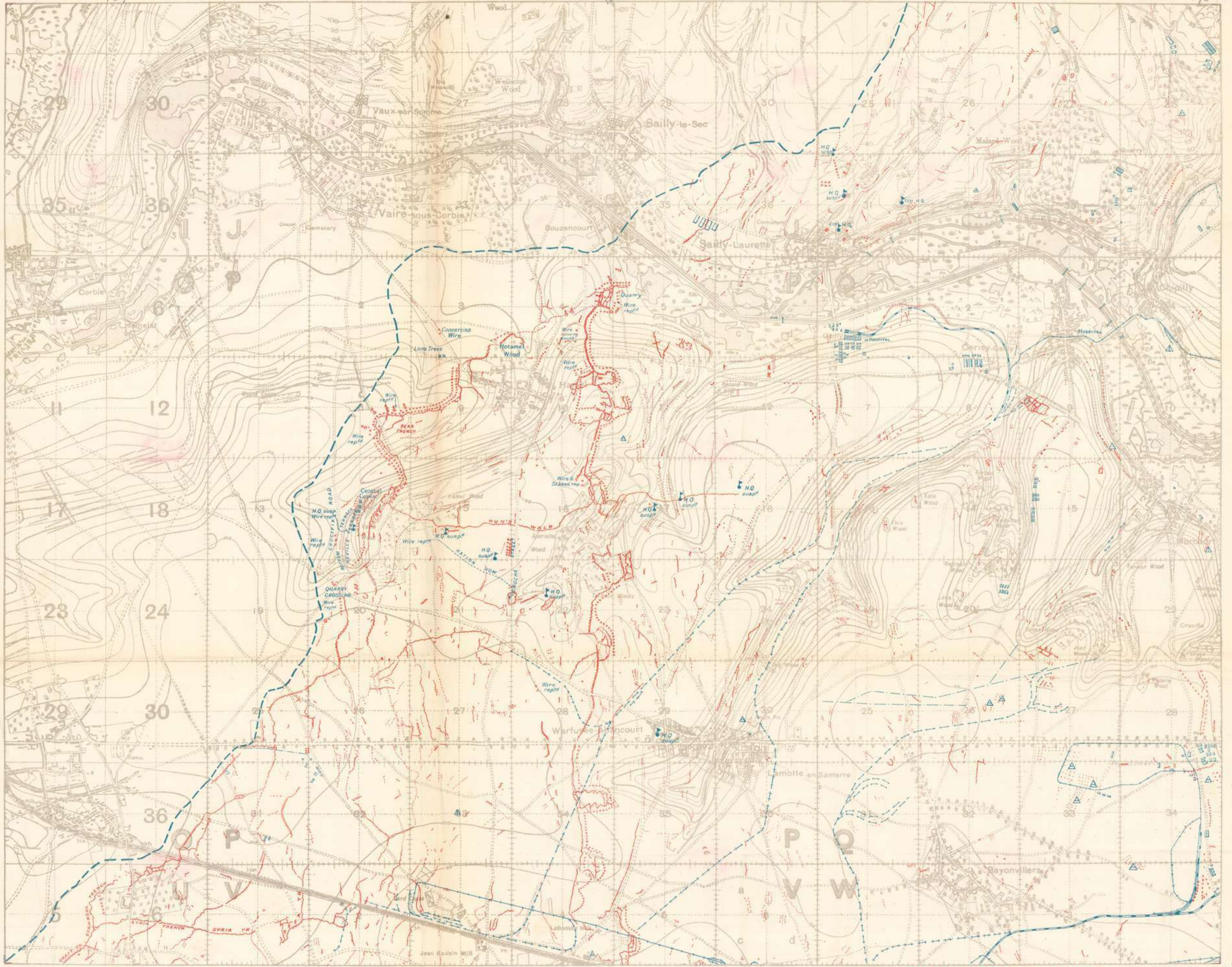
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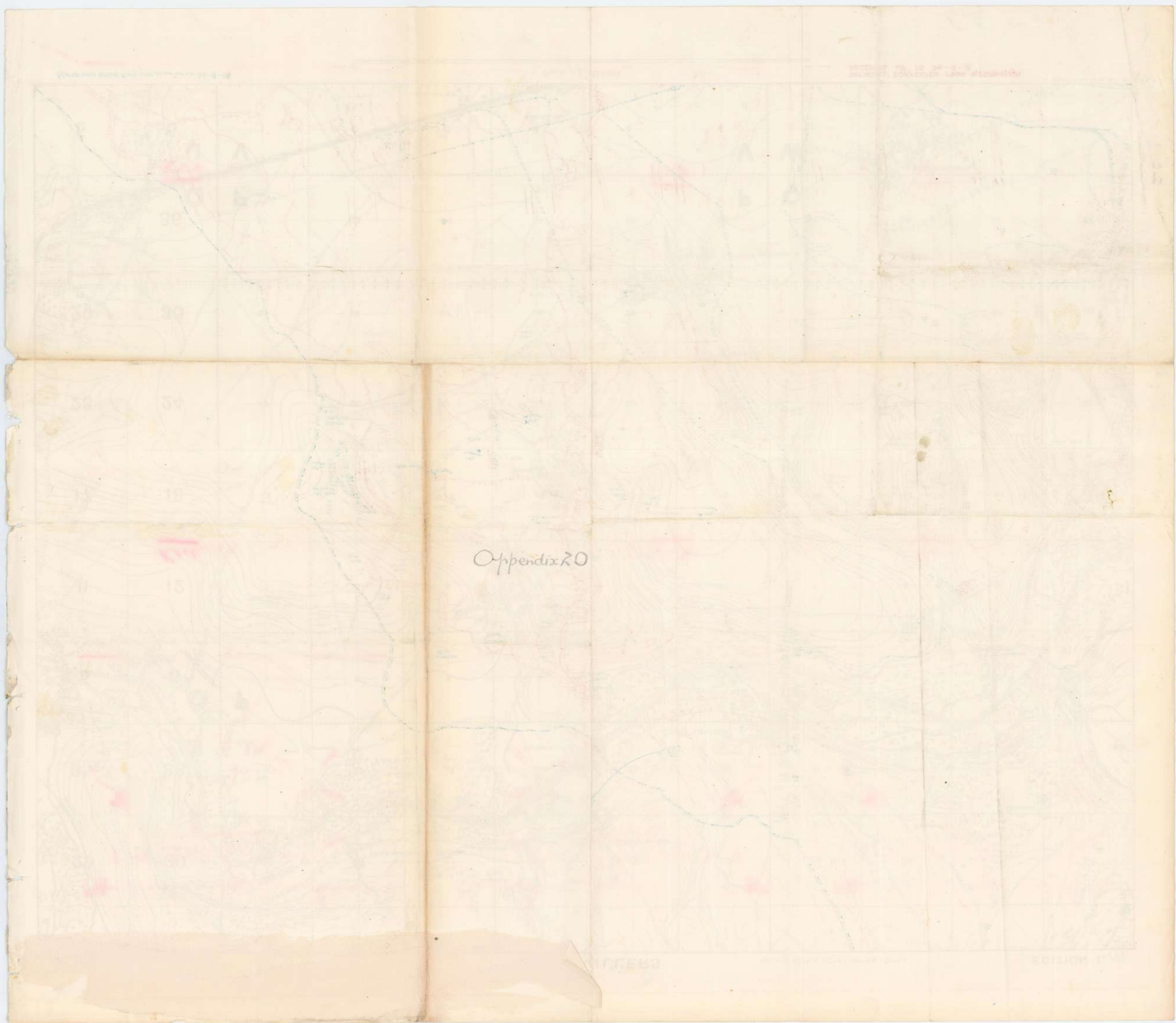
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Approximate British Front Line --- 22-6-18

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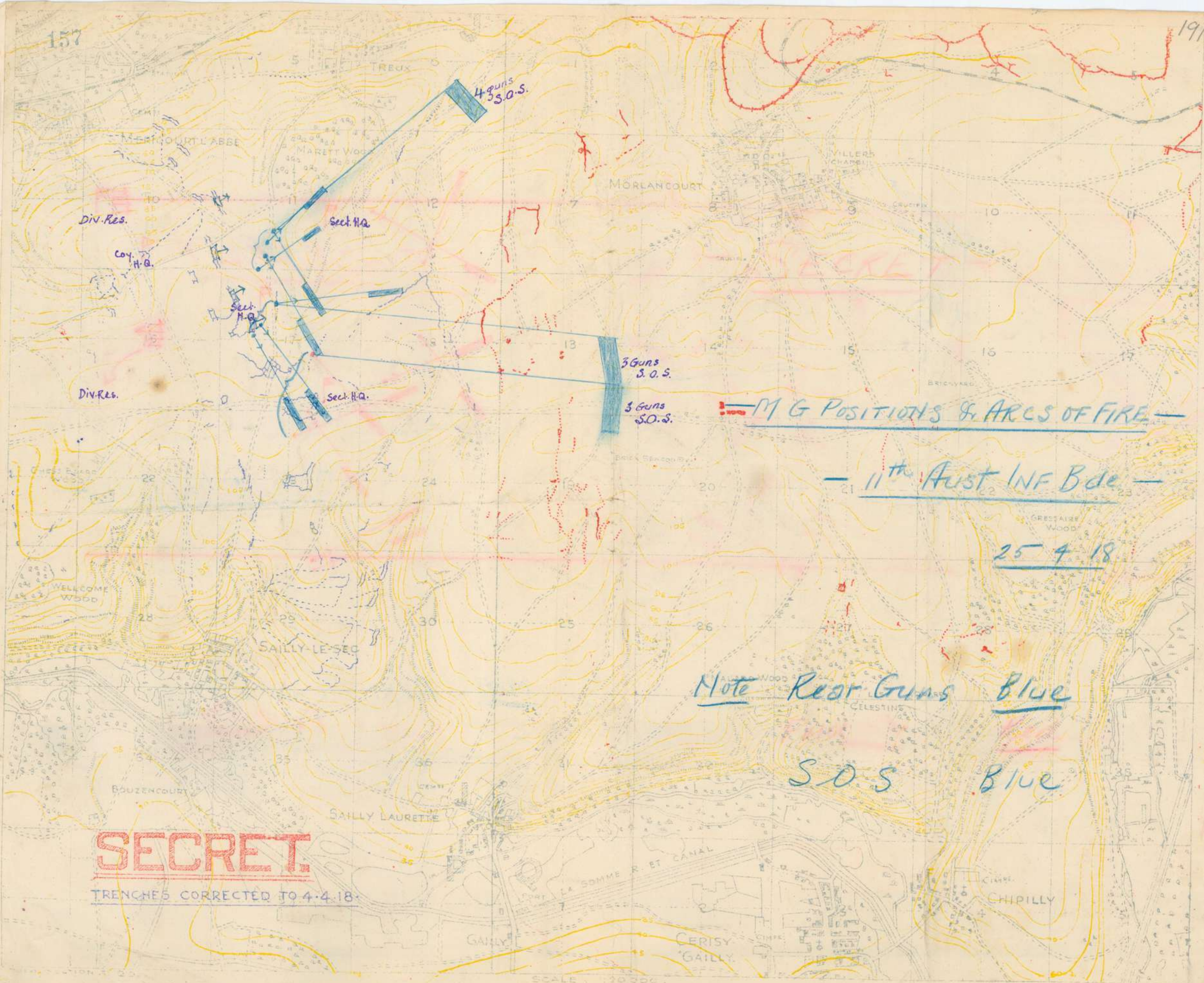


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EDITION 1952



Div. Res.

Co. H.Q.

Sec. H.Q.

Sec. H.Q.

Div. Res.

Sec. H.Q.

4 Guns S.O.S.

3 Guns S.O.S.

3 Guns S.O.S.

MG POSITIONS & ARCS OF FIRE

11th Aust INF Bde

25 4 18

Note Rear Guns Blue

S.O.S Blue

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TRENCHES CORRECTED TO 4-4-18

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3 4 18

- 4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION -
DIAGRAM A
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FINAL OBJECTIVE

LEGEND

 EXPECTED MAIN CENTRES OF RESISTANCE

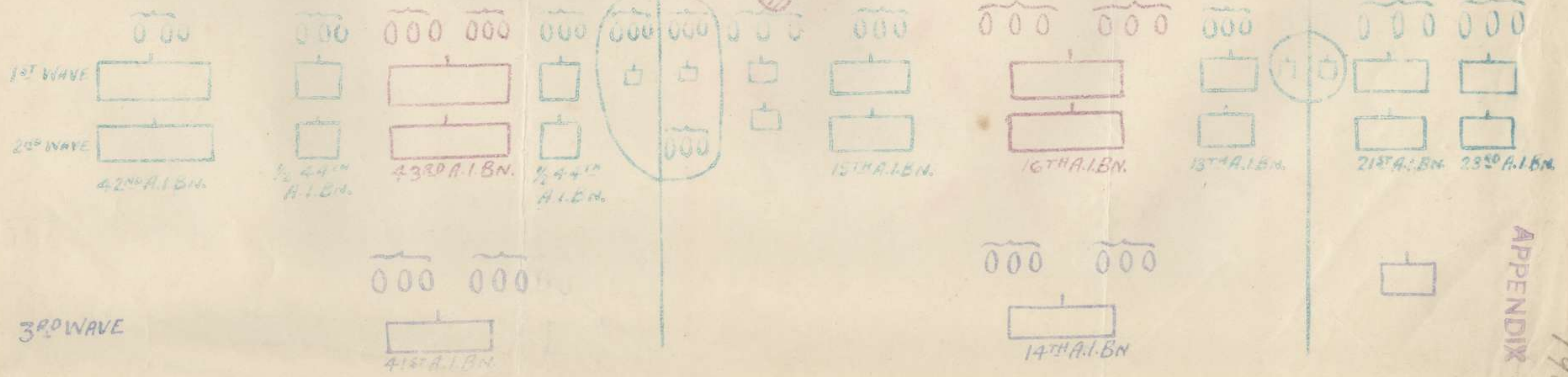
 OR  SINGLE TANKS

RED. TROOPS & TANKS DETAILED FOR REDUCTION OF MAIN CENTRES OF RESISTANCE.

GREEN TROOPS DETAILED FOR CAPTURE OF FINAL OBJECTIVE

BLUE. RESERVES.

IN GREEN CIRCLE, LIAISON UNITS MARCHING UP TO GREEN LINE



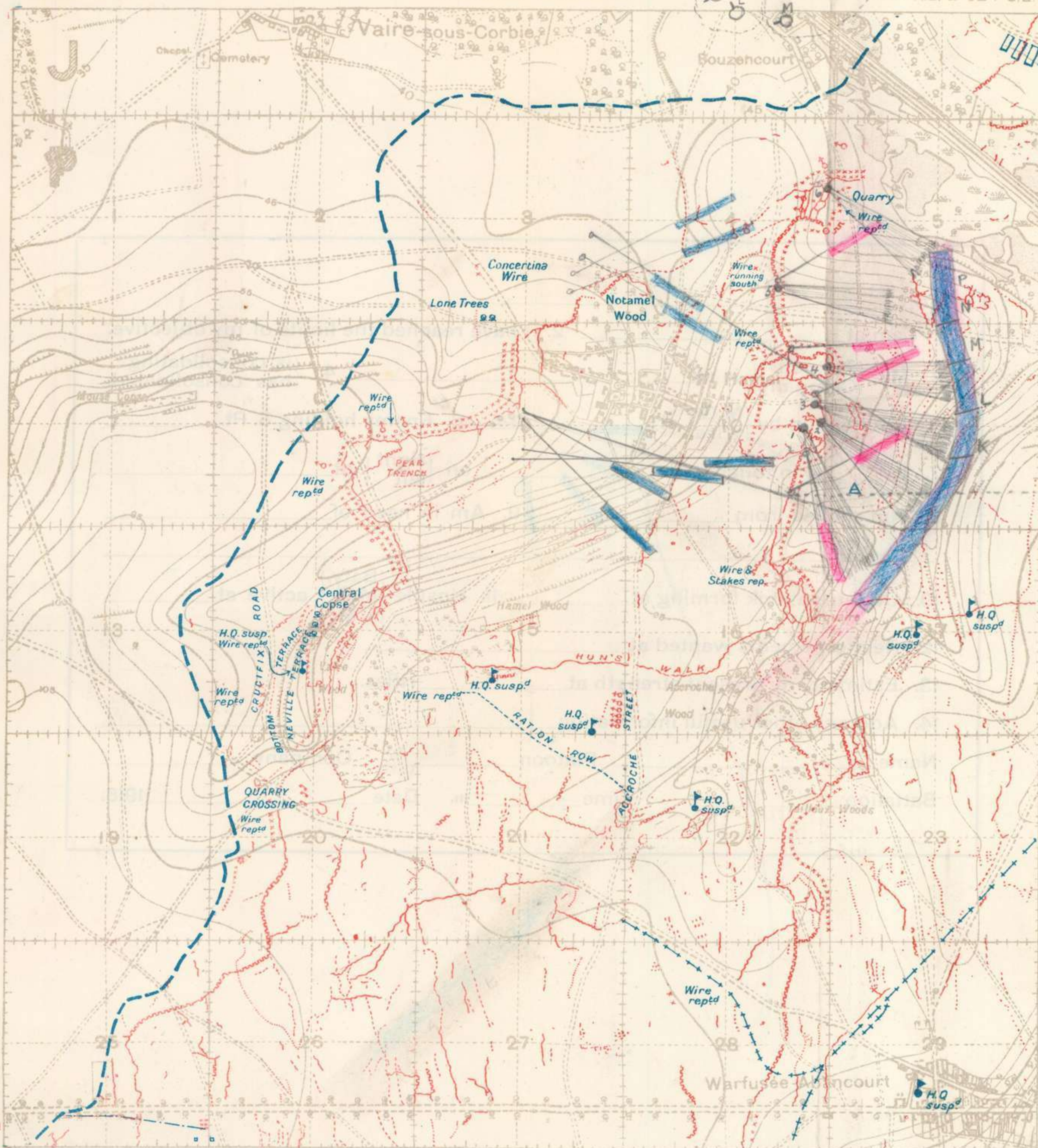
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VAIRE WOOD.

Parts of 62° NE. & 62° SE.



FIELD SURVEY CO., R.E. (1914-15) 22 6 18

YARDS 1000

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1000 YARDS

Approximate British Front Line ——— 22-6-18

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Direct Bands & s.as of V.Guns & 3" Mortars

RESERVE LINE
(being dug)
C.T.
(being dug)

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VAIRE WOOD.

Close Supts.
Main Blue Line
Outposts
62° NE. & 62° SE 195

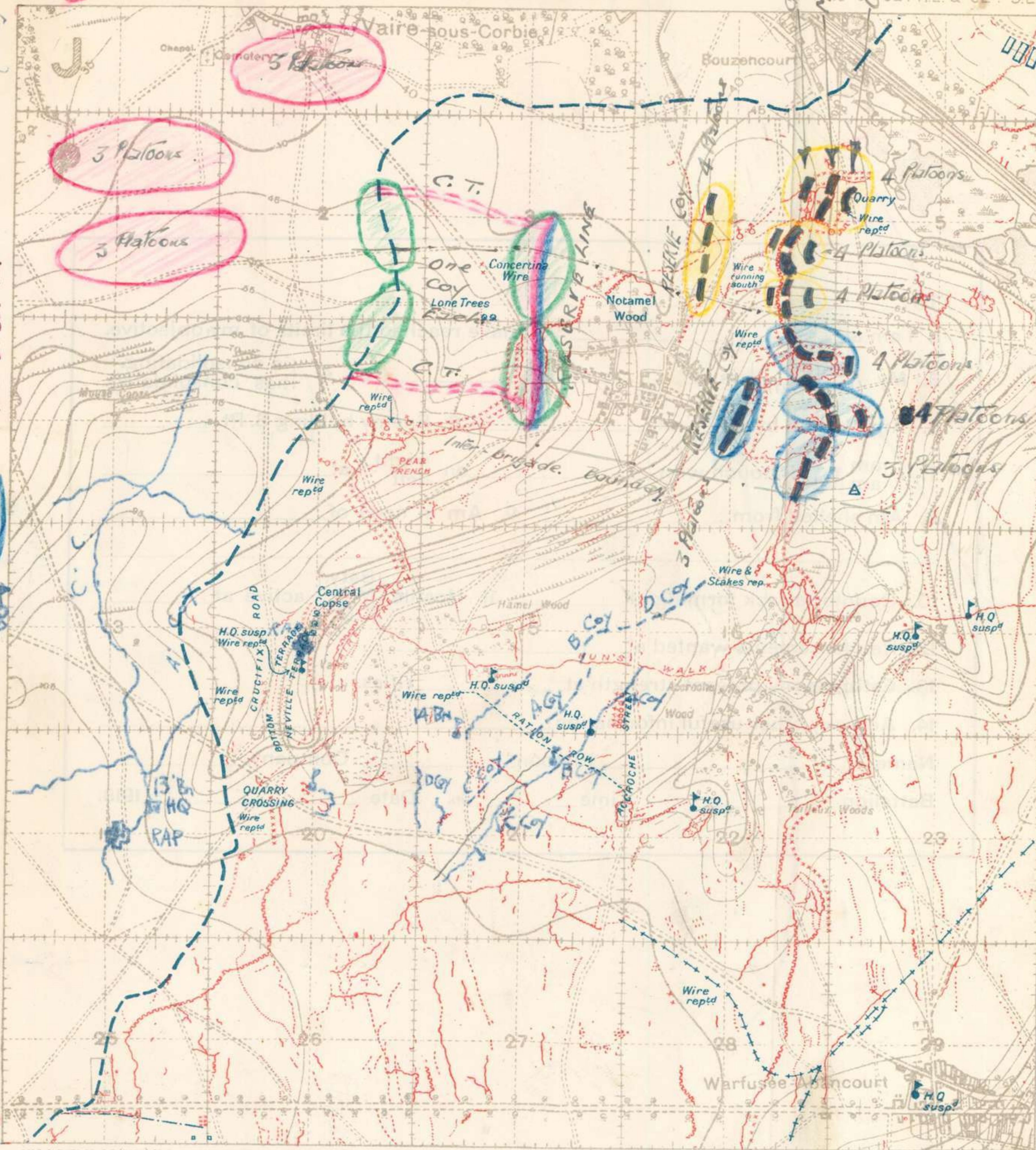
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13th Bn HQ
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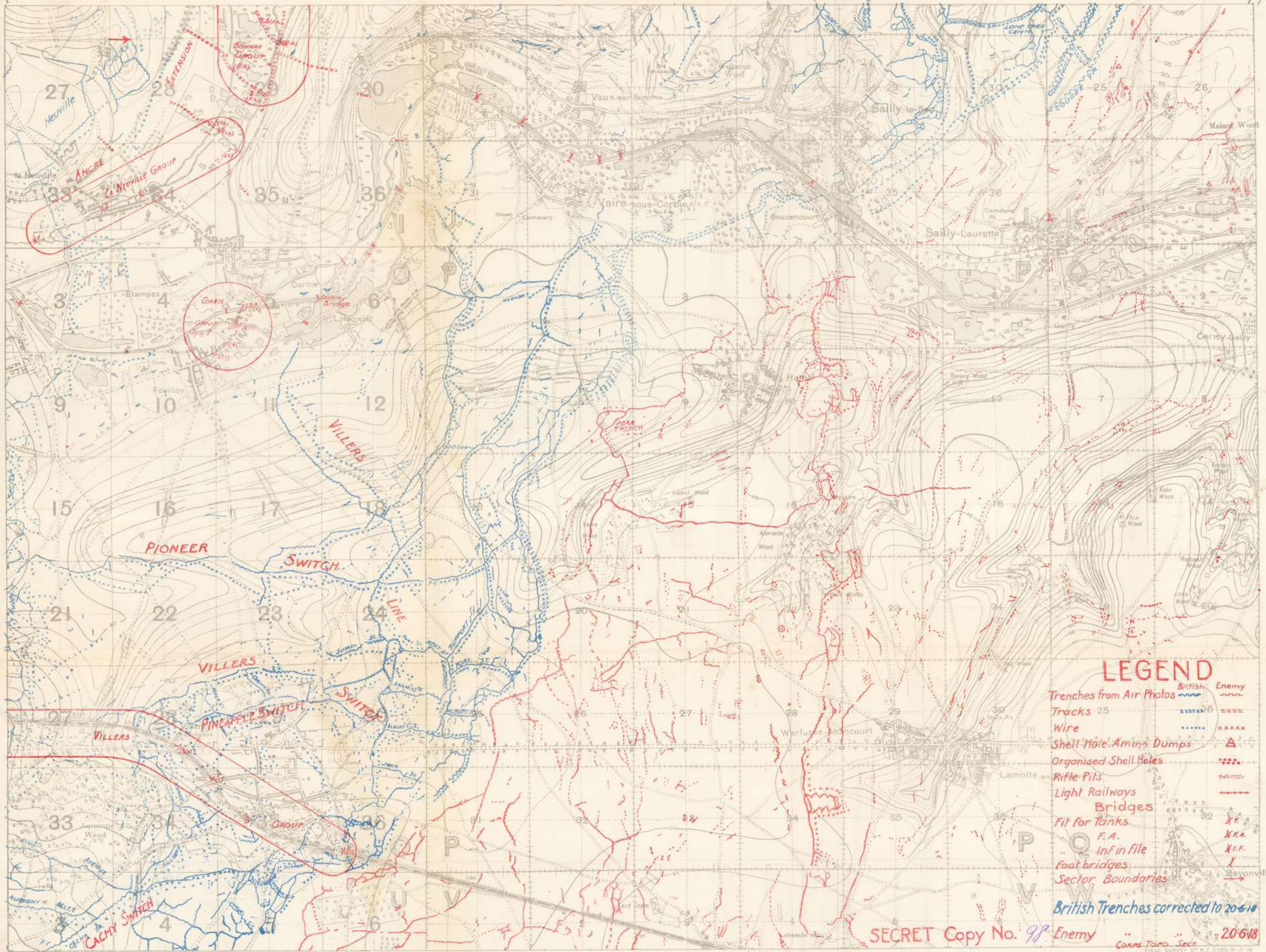
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RAP

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- Tracks 25 ——— 26 ———
- Wire
- Shell Hole, Amms. Dumps ▲
- Organised Shell Holes ●●●●
- Rifle Pits |||||
- Light Railways ———
- Bridges ———
- Fit for Tanks X
- F.A. X.F.A.
- Inf in file X.I.F.
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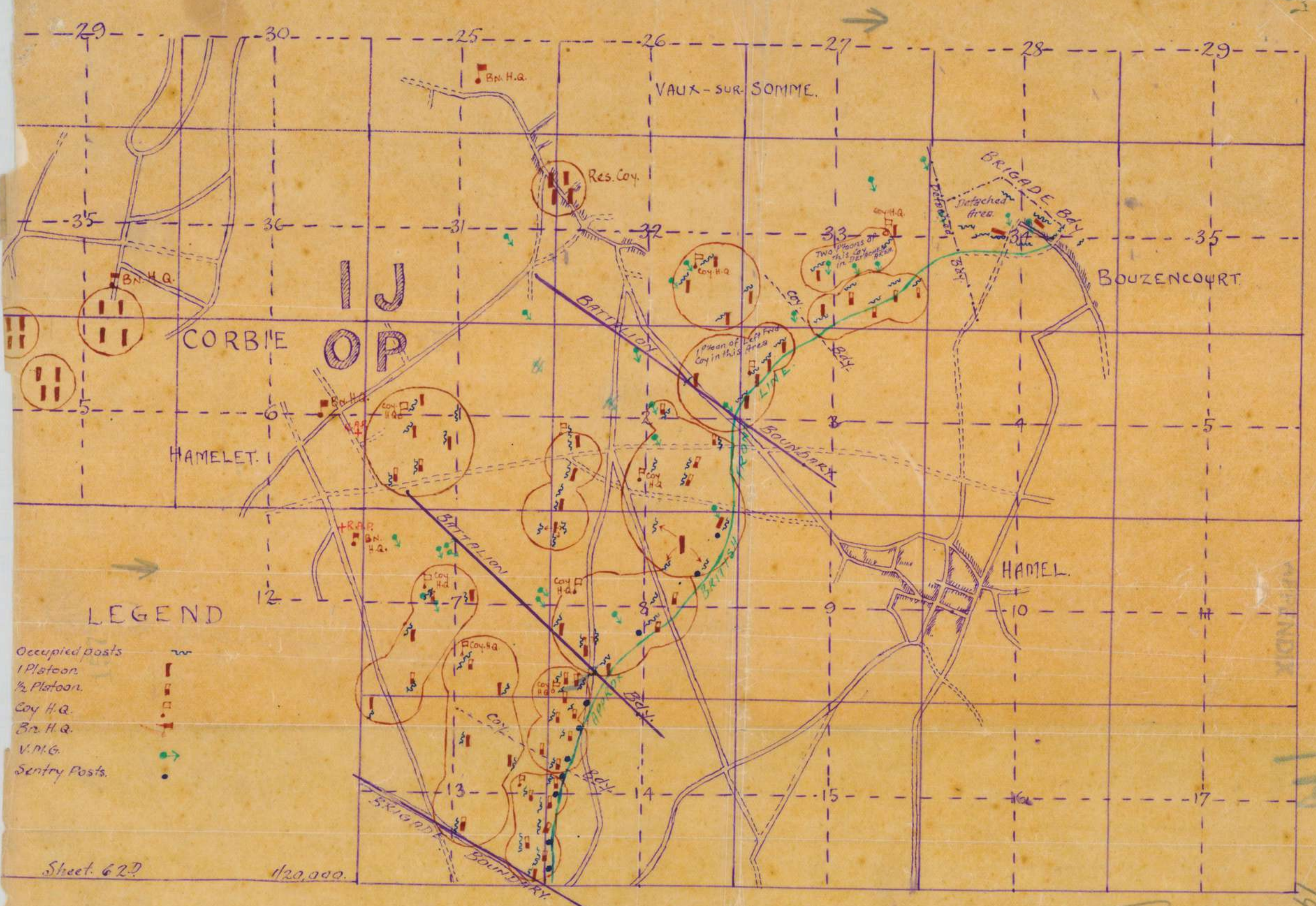
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CORPS TOPO. SECT.

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



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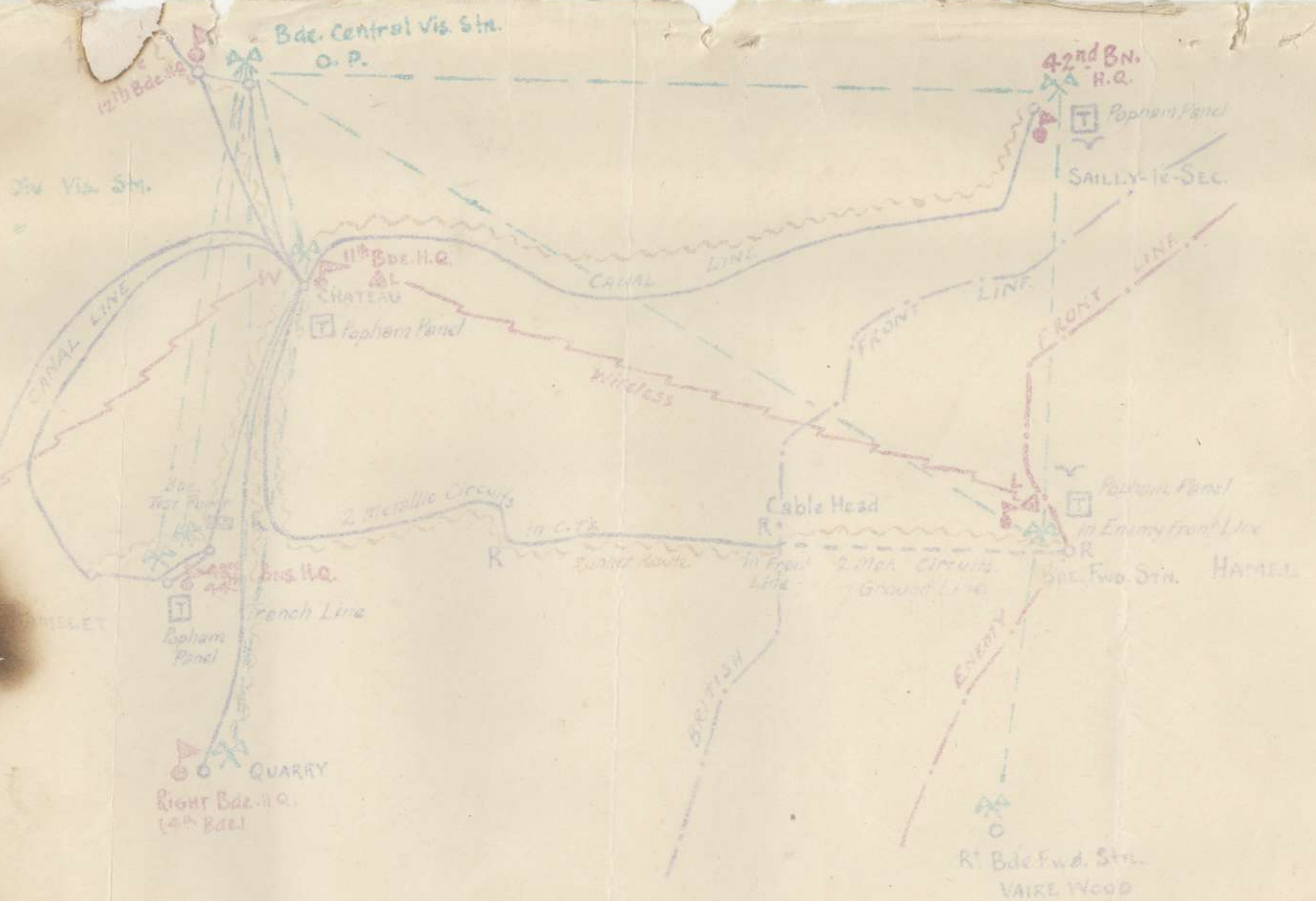
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- Coy H.Q. 
- Bn. H.Q. 
- V.M.G. 
- Sentry Posts 

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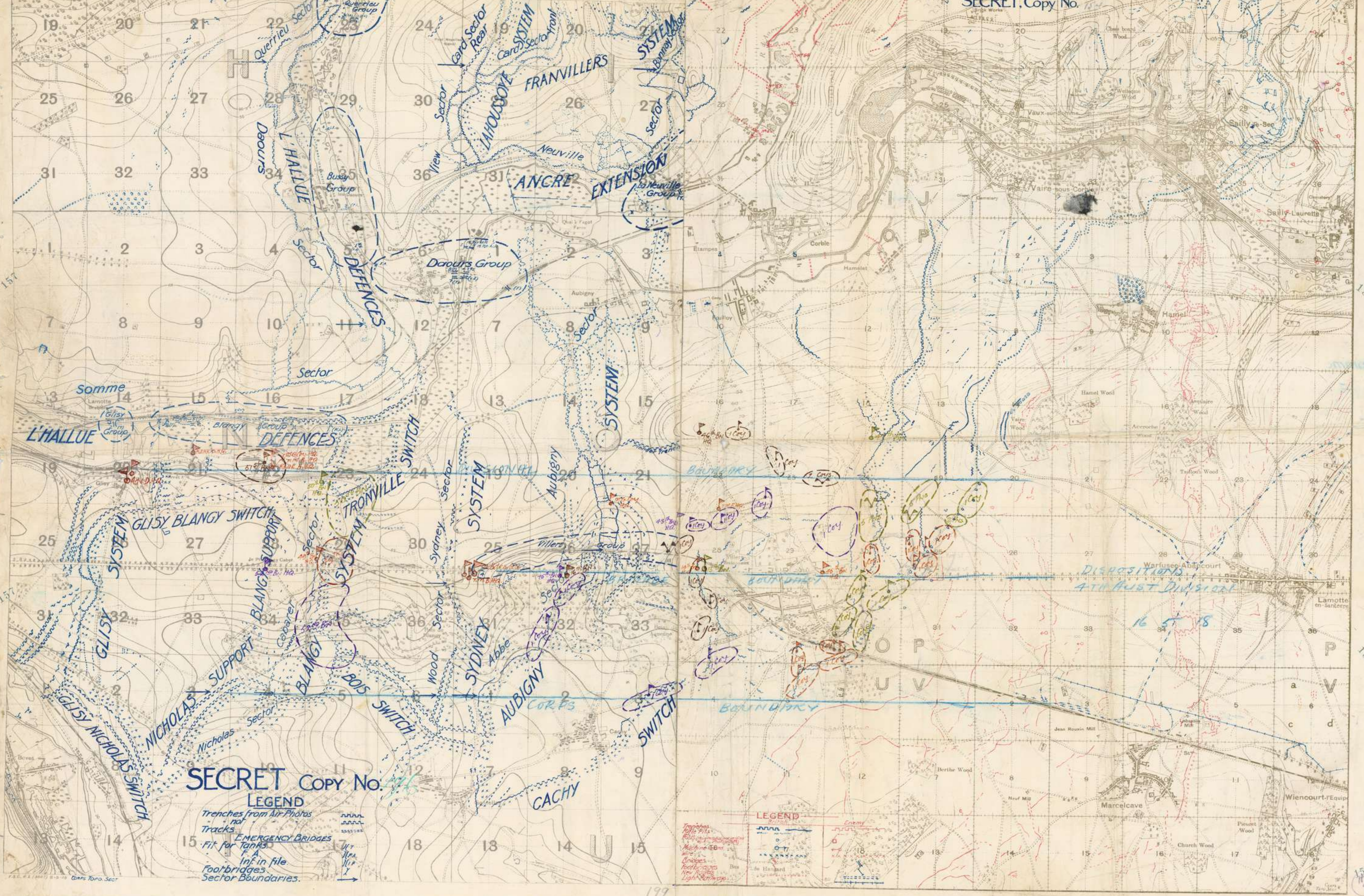
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PRELIMINARY COMMUNICATION
SCHEME
11th AUST. INF BDE.

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LEGEND
Trenches from Air Photos
not Tracks
EMERGENCY BRIDGES
Fit for Tanks
F.A. Inf in file
Footbridges
Sector Boundaries.

LEGEND
Trenches
Rifle Pits
Machine Gun
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Sappers
Night Vision
Light Signals

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Wireless News - 6/7/18

British Official, London, 5/7/18. Morning. The total number of prisoners taken by us yesterday in the successful operation on the SOMME is now over 1300. A german field gun and over 100 machine guns have already been counted. A hostile counter-attack east of HAMEL was repulsed, as well as a hostile attempt in the STRAZELLE sector. A successful British raid was carried out in the BEAUMONT-HAMEL sector.

Night. There is nothing of special interest to report.

German Official. East of Y-RES strong hostile thrusts were repulsed. On both sides of the SOMME early yesterday morning the violent British artillery fire was followed by hostile infantry attacks. On the north bank of the river they failed with sanguinary losses in front of our lines. South of the SOMME the enemy penetrated into the village and wood of HAMEL. The hostile attack on the height east of HAMEL was met by our counter-attack and failed. We drove the enemy back from VILLERS-BRETONNEUX into his departure positions. During the evening the fighting activity increased on almost the whole of the Army Group front and continued to be considerable during the night, particularly in the sector of yesterday's action.

French Official, Night. Moderate action by the opposed artilleries, more considerable south of the AISNE, particularly in the regions of CUTRY and of MONTGOBERT. West of BUSSIARES the French carried out a raid and returned with prisoners.

Eastern Army. Great activity on both sides on the DOIRAN front and in the MONASTIR sector where the French carried out destructive shoots on Bulgarian batteries.

The French anti-aircraft artillery brought down two aeroplanes.

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"An Divisional Area Operation Circular No.17."

HEAD
QUARTERS

21 JUN
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ITALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

TANKS.-Signals from Tanks to Infantry.

1. Under instructions from H.Q., Tank Corps, each Tank will be supplied with the following flags;-

(a) Green and White. ... (b) Red and Yellow.

2. They will be used for the following signals from Tanks to Infantry:-

(a) Green and White flag waved out of the top of the front cab indicates:-

..... "Come on". ...

(b) Red and Yellow flag from the same place indicates:-

... "I am broken down, go on".

3. The flags will be fastened on to sticks about four feet long.

4. The signals will come into operation as from midnight

21st/22nd June.

5. Acknowledge. *OK B37*

(Sgd). O.H.JESS, Lt.-Col.
General Staff.

Divl.Hd.Qrs.
21st.June,1918.

C.O.,
41st.,42nd.,43rd.,44th. Bns.
11th. L.T. M. Battery.

For your information.

21st.June, 1918.
(R.B.)

L. Cassidy
Major,
Brigade Major, 11th Aust. Infantry Bde.

*Communicated
to HQ
20/6/18*

*Done
22/6/18*

C.O.,
41st. Battalion.
42nd. Battalion.
43rd. Battalion.
44th. Battalion.



[Handwritten signature]

- WATER TINS. -

Units will each supply to this Office by 10 a.m. to-morrow, 30th instant, 50 water tins from those at present carried on transport.

New tins to replace those sent in to Brigade will be supplied on receipt of the latter.

29th. June, 1918.
(R.B.)

[Handwritten signature] Captain*
A/Staff Captain, 11th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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*T.O. worked
11/6/18 RB
B30*

C.O.,
 41st. Battalion.
 42nd. Battalion.
 43rd. Battalion.
 44th. Battalion.
 I. Bn. 131st. Regt. U.S. Inf. (For information).



Attachment of American Troops to Battalions.

The following is the distribution of American Troops of 131st. Regiment for attachment to Battalions:-

- 41st. Battalion - "A" Coy. I. Battalion.
 - 42nd. Battalion - "C" Coy. plus "D" Coy, less 2 platoons I. Bn.
 - 43rd. Battalion - "E" Coy. II. Bn. plus 2 Platoons "D" Coy. I. Bn.
 - 44th. Battalion - "B" Coy. I. Battalion.
- 42nd, 43rd, and 44th. Battalions (each) portion of H.Q. I. Battalion.

Arrangements for these Coys. to join Battalions will be made forthwith.
 Coys. as above will be on the practice at the Aerodrome, ALLONVILLE, at 1 p.m. 1st. July.

30th. June, 1918.
 (R.B.).

L. Casey
 Brigade Major, 11th. Aust. Infantry Major.
 Major. Brigade.

G.O.,
 41st. Battalion.
 42nd. Battalion.
 43rd. Battalion.
 44th. Battalion.
11th. T.M. Battery.



ULTIMATE DUMPS.

Supply tanks will establish dumps at approx. P.4. Central and P.9.d.99.00.

The Supply tanks will follow the Fighting tanks in the assault, and the dumps will be established approximately within 15 minutes of the final objective being reached.

42nd. Battalion and 43rd. Battalion will each detail a party of 1 N.C.O. and 4 Men to report to the O/C, Supply Tanks, at The SQUARE HAMELET at midnight on "Y/2" night.

The N.C.O. supplied must be a good reader of maps and be able to guide the tanks to their respective dumps.

The N.C.O. from the 42nd. Battalion will guide the tanks to P.4. Central and the 43rd. N.C.O. to P.9.d.99.00.

The four Men are required in each case for unloading; this can be performed in five minutes.

Each tank will carry the following:-

100 coils barb wire.
 150 long pickets.
 300 short pickets.
 28 sheets iron.
 150 Trench Mortar bombs. *(not all loaded)*
 34 tins water.

30th. June, 1918.
 (R.B.)

W. H. Kelly
 Captain.
 A/Staff Captain, 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

1st., 2nd., 43rd., 44th. Battalions.

STRENGTHS.

The following are the Strengths to be taken into the line on 30th night.

These figures apply to both AMERICAN and AUSTRALIAN troops and cancel any previous instructions on this subject.

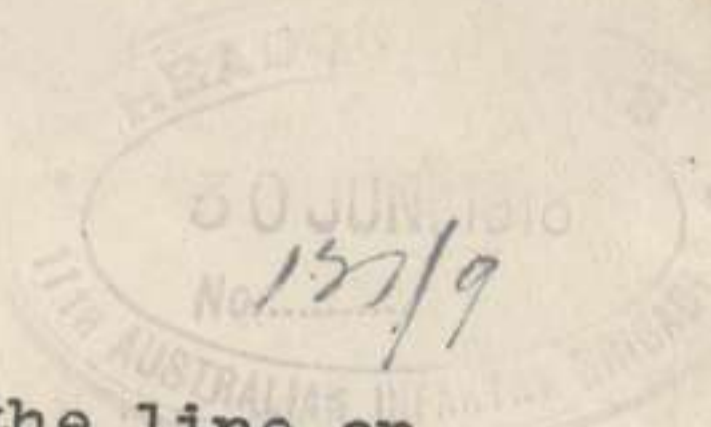
Battalions Headquarters.	68.) This gives 2 S.B. per platoon irrespective of the four on Bn.HQ
4 Coy.H.Q. each 23	92.)	
Extra Stretcher Bearers (1 per platoon)	16.)	
16 Platoon H.Q. each 4.	64.	
64 Sections each 1 N.C.O. and 8.	448.	
Total	<u>688.</u>	O.R.

- NOTES:- (1). The figures given for Battalion and Coy. Headquarters are not to be exceeded. Other figures will be definitely adhered to.
 (2). For Coy.H.Q. each Battalion has a pull on the Coy.H.Q. of the American troops attached.
 (3). 42nd., 43rd. and 44th. Battalions each have a pull on portion of H.Q. I. Battalion, 131st. Regt. U.S. Infantry.
 (4). The following Officers will take part:-

Each Platoon.	1.
Company H.Q.	1, plus 1 American Officer if desired.
Battalion H.Q.	7, plus 1 or 2 American Officers if desired.

30th. June, 1918.
(R.B.).

Lavany
Major.
Brigade Major, 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.



APPENDIX

SECRET.

CO.,
41st., 42nd., 43rd., 44th. Battalions.
11th. M.G. COY., 11th. T.M. Battery.

A final Conference of C/Os. and Adjutants of Battalions and
Os.C. M.G. Coy. and T.M. Battery will be held at these Headquarters at
9.a.m. 1st. July.

Units will bring forward all points which they wish discussed.
There will be a practice of the attack on the Aerodrome, ALLON-
VILLE, on the 1st. July. Troops will arrive on the ground at 1 p.m.
ready for Zero hour at 1.30 p.m. Dress, Drill Order without rifles.
All units except 41st. Battalion will attend, the latter sending as
many mounted Officers and N.C.Os. as possible. The American troops
attached to Battalions will attend.

The time table of this practice will be :-

1. Assembly.
2. Advance under the barrage as a drill movement - rate of
advance 100 yards in three minutes.
3. 10 minute halt.
4. Advance under the barrage - rate of advance 100 yards in
four minutes.
5. Positions on the final objective.
6. Dispositions for defence, i.e., dispositions at Zero plus
two hours.

In order to distinguish them, Lewis Gunners will wear a white
arm band on the left arm.

Battalion, Coy. and Platoon Headquarters will be on parade.

30th. June, 1918.
(R.B.)

L. A. A. A.
Major.
Brigade Major, 11th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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41st., 42nd., 43rd., 44th. Bns.
11th. T. Bty., 11th. M.G. Coy.

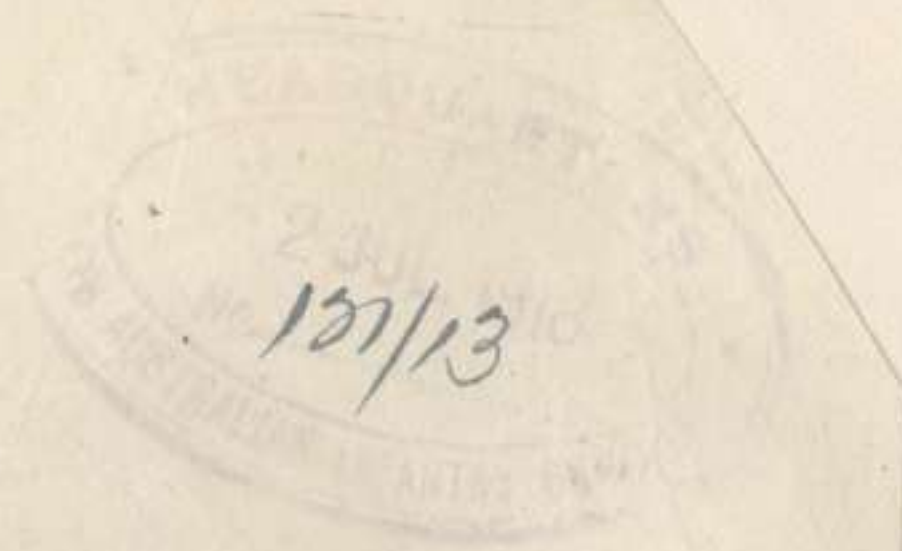
"Z" day will be 4th. July, 1918.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

1st. July, 1918.
(R.B.)

Major.
Brigade Major, 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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C.O.,
41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th. Battalions.
11th. M.G. Coy., 11th. F.M. Battery.



Herewith copies of barrage Map for HAMEL Offensive.
ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. A. Wainwright

1st. July, 1918.
(R.B.)

Major.
Brigade Major, 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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- C.O.,
- 41st. Battalion.
- 42nd. Battalion.
- 43rd. Battalion.
- 44th. Battalion.
- 11th. T.M. Battery.

The following extract from a Fourth Army letter is forwarded for your information:-

"The Army Commander has instructed me to inform you that he considers the large number of German Maps and documents collected on the battlefield, as the result of the fighting on the 4th. instant reflects great credit on the manner in which 'Intelligence' was organised at Corps Headquarters, and within the Division and the Brigades which took part in the operation".

Will you please notify all ranks of the Army Commander's appreciation, adding a special word of praise to Intelligence Staff.

12/7/18.
(R.B.)

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Captain.

A/Brigade Major, 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

[Handwritten initials]

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BATTALION
 REGISTER
 HEADQUARTERS
SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY
 By **FIELD-MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG**
 K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E.
 Commander-in-Chief, British Armies in France.

The following telegrams are published for the information of all ranks:—

FROM FIELD-MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG TO GENERAL DIAZ, COMMANDO SUPREMO, ITALY.

27/6/18.

All ranks of the British Armies in France are watching with admiration the progress of the battle in Italy and rejoicing in the gallantry of the Italian Armies which have already secured such striking successes. We are proud to know that British Divisions from France are taking part in your victory. I beg you to accept from me my warmest personal congratulations and to convey to your troops the enthusiastic good wishes of their British comrades under my orders.

TO FIELD-MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG FROM GENERAL DIAZ.

(TRANSLATION.)

29/6/18.

In the name of the Italian Army I offer to you and to all the brave British troops in France my most profound and heartfelt admiration.

It is a pleasure to me to assure you that we have reason to be proud in these days of burning struggle and of victory that the splendid British Divisions are by our side.

To you and to all troops under your command I repeat my warmest greetings and my most trusting hopes.

D. Haig. J. M.

Commander-in-Chief,
 British Armies in France.

General Headquarters,
 June 30th, 1918.



SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY
 By **FIELD-MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG**
 K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E
 Commander-in-Chief, British Armies in France.

The following letters are published for the information of all ranks:—

To **GENERAL J. J. PERSHING, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF AMERICAN FORCES.**

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,
 BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE.
 2nd July, 1918.

DEAR GENERAL PERSHING,

On behalf of myself and the whole British Army in France and Flanders I beg you to accept for yourself and the troops under your command the warmest greetings on American Independence Day.

On the 4th of July this year, the soldiers of America, France and Great Britain will stand side by side for the first time in history in the defence of the great principles of Liberty, which is the proudest inheritance and most cherished possession of their several nations. That Liberty which British, Americans and French have won for themselves they will not fail to hold, not only for themselves, but for the world.

With heartfelt good wishes to you and your gallant Army, believe me,

Yours very truly,
 (signed) D. HAIG.

To **FIELD-MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.**

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES;
 OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.
 3rd July, 1918.

MY DEAR SIR DOUGLAS,

The Independence Day greetings from the British Army in France, extended by its distinguished Commander-in-Chief, are most deeply appreciated by all ranks of the American Expeditionary Forces.

The firm unity of purpose that, on the 4th of July, this year, so strongly binds the great Allied Nations together, stands as a new declaration and a new guarantee that the sacred principles of Liberty shall not perish, but shall be extended to all peoples.

With most earnest good wishes from myself and the entire command to you and our brave British Brothers-in-Arms, I remain always, with great respect and high esteem,

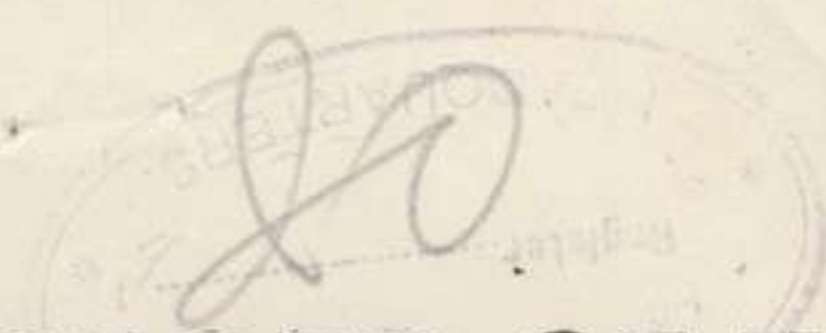
Yours very sincerely,
 (signed) JOHN J. PERSHING.

D. Haig. J. J. P.

Commander-in-Chief,
 British Armies in France.

General Headquarters,
 July 8th, 1918.




SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY
 By **FIELD-MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG**
 K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E
 Commander-in-Chief, British Armies in France.

The following telegrams are published for the information of all ranks:—

FROM FIELD-MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG TO MONSIEUR POINCARÉ
PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

14-7-18.

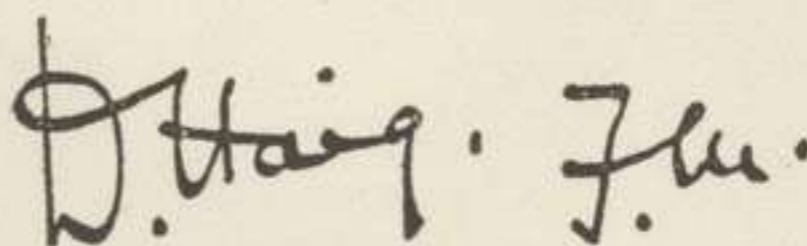
On the occasion of your National Anniversary I have the honour to express, on behalf of all ranks of the British Armies in France, our devoted admiration for the magnificent French Army. The rallying of free nations during the past year to take their share in the fight for civilisation and the closer cohesion of the military forces of the Allies afford an assurance of victory, the significance of which cannot be mistaken; and we look forward to the future with absolute confidence.

TO FIELD-MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG FROM MONSIEUR POINCARÉ,
PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

15-7-18.

(Translation.)

I thank you for the kind message you have been good enough to send me in the name of the gallant British Army; and I beg you to convey to your excellent officers and your brave soldiers all my best wishes and those of their French comrades.



Commander-in-Chief,
 British Armies in France.

General Headquarters,
July 16th, 1918.



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SPECIAL ORDERS

By Lieut.-Gen. Sir JOHN MONASH,

K.C.B., V.D.,

Commanding AUSTRALIAN Corps.

HEADQUARTERS,

4th July, 1918.

CONGRATULATORY—

I feel the greatest pleasure in promulgating to all the troops of the Corps, and to those Arms and Services which co-operated, the messages of congratulation received by me.

I wish also, on my own behalf, to express my heartiest appreciation and thanks to all Commanders, Staffs and Troops who took part in this day's brilliant victory. Their fine success was due as much to the fine spirit of co-operation which animated all concerned, as to the gallantry of the troops. The operation is a striking example of the success which invariably results from careful preparation and co-ordinated action, and will serve as a model and standard of the fighting efficiency of the Australian Corps.

On behalf of the Artillery, Engineers and Infantry of the Corps I desire to convey our thanks to the Royal Air Force, Tank Corps, and the Special Brigade R.E. for their most valuable assistance, and especially to the United States Infantry, whose participation for the first time in battle, shoulder to shoulder, with Australians, has made of this day an occasion of rare historic significance.

JOHN MONASH,

Lieut.-General,

Commanding AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

On behalf of the PRIME MINISTER of GREAT BRITAIN and PRIME MINISTERS of CANADA, NEW ZEALAND and NEWFOUNDLAND, through the PRIME MINISTER of Australia—

“On behalf of Prime Minister of Britain, and also of Prime Minister of Canada, New Zealand and Newfoundland, attending VER-SAILLES Council, I am commissioned to offer you warmest congratulations upon brilliant success of Australian Forces under your command, and to say that the victory achieved by your Troops is worthy to rank with greatest achievements of Australian Armies.”

From the Right Honorable W. M. HUGHES, Prime Minister of Australia—

“My personal congratulations and those of the Government of Commonwealth on brilliant success of battle. Please convey to Officers and Men participating in attack warmest admiration of their valour and dash and manner in which they have maintained highest traditions of Australian Army. I am sure that achievement will have most considerable military and political effect upon Allies and neutrals, and will heighten morale of all Imperial Forces.”

From General SIR WILLIAM BIRDWOOD, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., G.O.C., A.I.F., and Commanding FIFTH ARMY—

“Please accept my heartiest congratulations, and I shall be grateful if you will convey same as a personal request from me to Divisional and Brigade Commanders concerned and also to Battalion and Company Commanders and their Officers and Men. The whole operation was most admirably conceived, and evidently carried out in true A.I.F. style by all ranks, and the greatest credit is due to all. When I receive more details I will send special wire to Melbourne regarding your first and very successful operation as Corps Commander.”

From General SIR HERBERT PLUMER, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., A.D.C., Commanding SECOND ARMY—

“Very many congratulations on the success of your operations.”

From Lieutenant-General SIR ALEXANDER GODLEY, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Commanding XXII. CORPS—

“Very many congratulations from us all.”

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SPECIAL ORDER

By Lieut.-Gen. Sir JOHN MONASH,
K.C.B., V.D.,

Commanding AUSTRALIAN Corps.
HEADQUARTERS,

5th July, 1918.

Congratulatory. The following messages received from the Field-Marshal Commander-in-Chief British Armies in France and from G.O.C. Fourth Army are published for information:—

“Will you please convey to Lieutenant-General Sir John MONASH and all Ranks under his command including the Tanks and the detachment of 33rd American Division my warm congratulations on the success which attended the operation carried out this morning, and on the skill and gallantry with which it was conducted.”

“In forwarding this message the Army Commander desires most heartily to congratulate the Australian Corps, and especially on the way in which the scheme was drawn up and the gallantry with which the operation was carried out. The part played by the tanks and the artillery was a prominent factor in bringing about success and reflects great credit on them.”

KEITH OFFICER, Major,
D.A.A.G.,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

A.I.F. P.S.—663—7-18.

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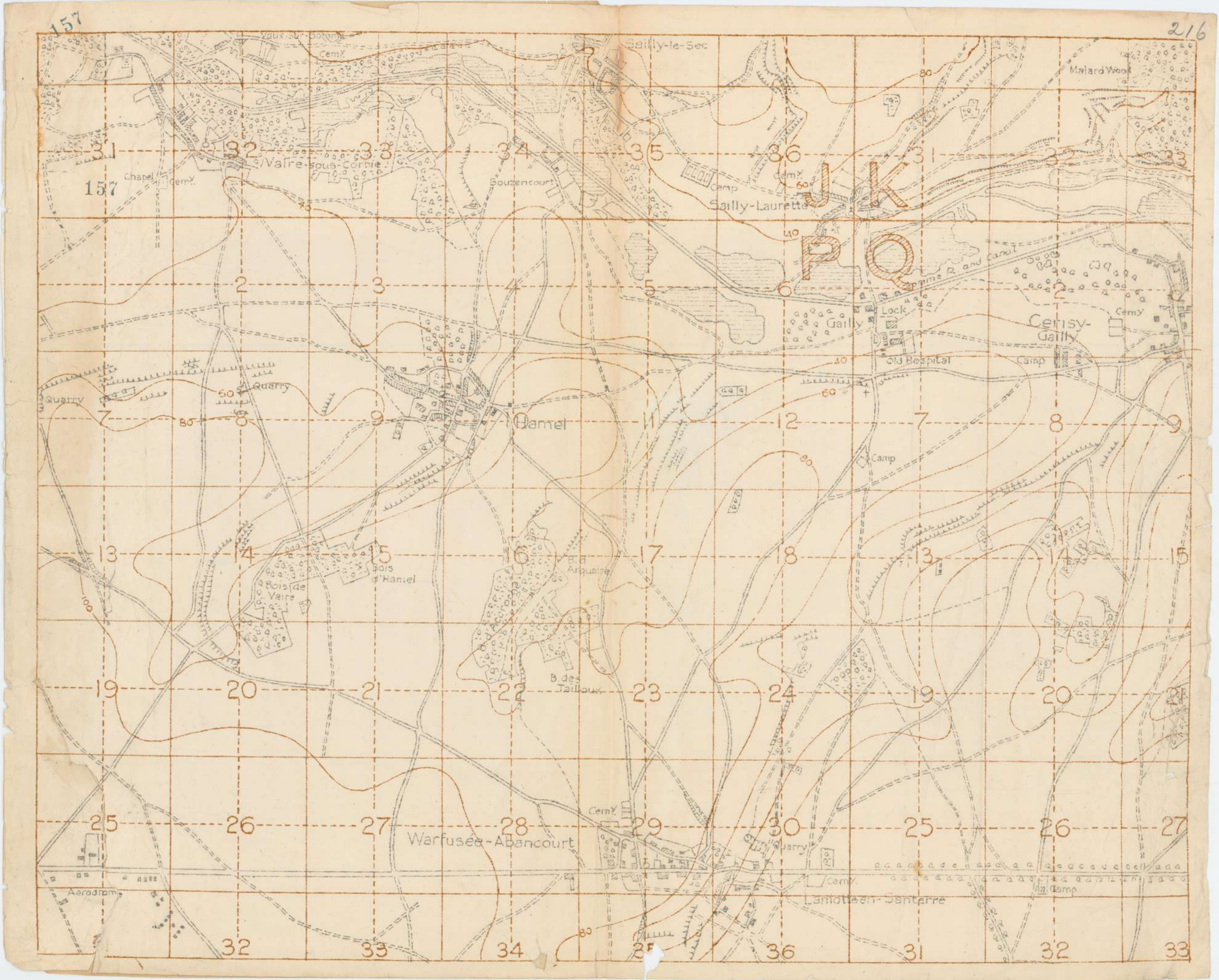
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