

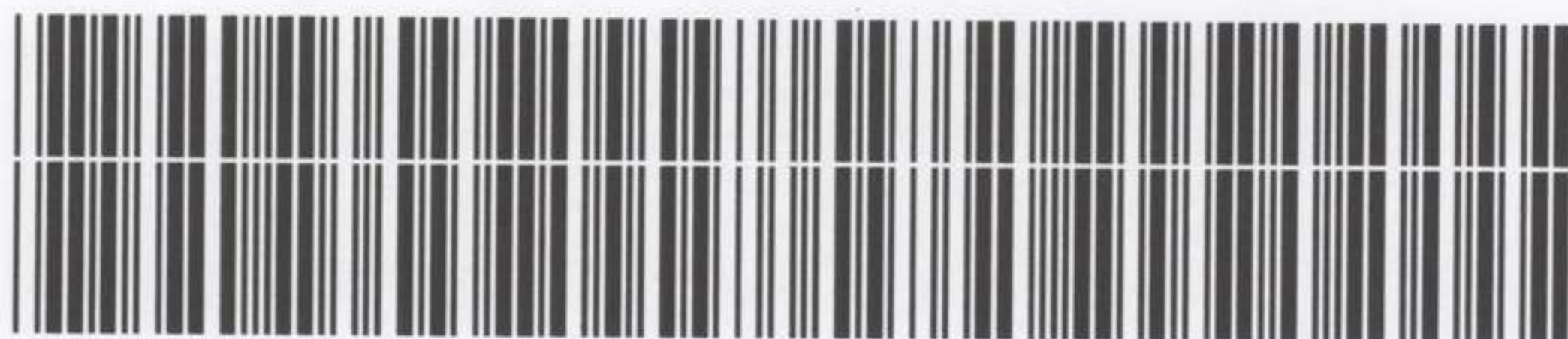
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Headquarters,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
29th June, 1918.

C.R.A.  
G.O.C., 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
G.O.C., 6th " " "  
G.O.C., 11th " " "  
C.O., 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.

1. A conference to consider certain projected operations will be held at Corps Headquarters, BERTANGLES at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday June 30th.

2. The following will attend :-

G.O.C., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
G.S.O.1, " " "  
C.R.A. " " "  
A.A. & Q.M.G. " "  
G.O.C., 4th AUST. INF. BDE.  
G.O.C., 6th " " "  
G.O.C., 11th " " "  
C.O., 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.

3. Brigade Commanders will be prepared, with drafts of their orders, maps and diagrams to explain their proposed plans and dispositions to the Conference.

4. Car will call for C.O., M.G. Bn. at 1.15 p.m. and G.O.C., 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. at 1.30 p.m.. 2nd Aust. Division will provide car for G.O.C., 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

*H. G. G. Capt*

Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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" G.S.O.1.  
" A.A. & Q.M.G.

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Headquarters,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
30th June, 1918.

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
6th " " "  
11th " " "  
4th Aust. M.G. Battalion. ✓

During the forthcoming operations one squadron (No. 9 R.A.F.) will be detailed to transport ammunition to the front line. A maximum total of 150 boxes will be carried on the day of the battle and will be dropped for infantry and Machine Guns at predetermined points.

Brigades will fix these points and notify this Office by 12 noon, 1st July, amount to be dropped and location of dropping stations. The points selected should be specially marked. Vickers Guns will display a white 'V' at the point where ammunition is to be dropped. The Arms of the 'V' to be 6' in length and 1' in width. Ammunition planes will have the underside of the lower planes painted black for a distance of 2½ feet from the tips.

The ammunition to be carried is to be provided by Australian Corps at the aerodrome of 3rd Squadron A.F.C.

*for* *for* Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Copies to 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. } For information.  
13th " " " }

4TH AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN  
BATTALION.  
No. MG 1/54  
Date .....

*"V's" + staples now ready*  
*Cad.*

*all coys. 1/54/1*

*For information*

*Capt Sady*

S E C R E T.Australian Corps,  
1st July, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS	
No.	1/4730
Date	.....

The following decisions of the Corps Commander in connection with the HAMEL Offensive, which were announced at the Conference at Headquarters, Australian Corps, on the 30th June, are forwarded for information :-

1.-ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROMULGATION OF ZERO.

(a) This will be carried out as laid down in Australian Corps Order No. 120, except that the officer will leave Corps Headquarters at 1.p.m. and 7.p.m. instead of at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

(b) Zero hour will be promulgated from Australian Corps Headquarters by the despatch run leaving Corps Headquarters at 11 a.m. on 'Y' day.

2.-MOVEMENT.

The greatest care is to be taken to ensure that there is no abnormal movement by day. This particularly refers to the possibility of movement of guns and ammunition lorries and transport vehicles. Definite orders are to be issued to prevent abnormal movement.

3.-ORGANISATION.

The new Infantry Platoon organisation will not be adopted.

4.-SUCCESS SIGNALS.

Success signals will not be used. This decision may be varied at the discretion of G.O.C. 4th Aust. Division.

5.-ARTILLERY.

(a) Barrage rate during halt.

The full rate of 3 rounds per minute will be fired by the artillery barrage covering the village of HAMEL and the portion of HAMEL WOOD which is under fire during the halt. On the remainder of the front the rate will drop to one round per minute. Two minutes before the barrage moves forward again the rate of 3 rounds a minute will be resumed.

(b) Enemy C.P.

In the event of the enemy placing a counter preparation bombardment on our positions just prior to zero, the Corps Heavy Artillery will at once undertake intense counter-battery work. The infantry, tank and field artillery programme as laid down for the attack will be carried out.

(c) The artillery barrage will continue beyond the final objective for 30 minutes. After this it will be called for by the S.O.S. Signal if required.

(d) The M.P.I. for 4.5" How barrage will be placed 200 yards in advance of the M.P.I. of the 18-pdr barrage.

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6.-TANKS.

(a) The infantry commander on the spot is responsible for the decision as to the joint action of tanks and infantry. He will give such orders to the Tank Section Commander as the situation demands. His orders should not interfere with the general plan of the operation as laid down in the orders of higher authority.

(b) Tanks will commence to move from their concealed positions on 'Y/Z' night at 10.30.p.m. In order to drown the noise of the engines the 5th Brigade R.A.F. will cause planes to cover the movement between 10.30.p.m. and 1 a.m.

(c) In order to cover the noise in the winding up of the engines of the tanks the 5th Brigade R.A.F. will arrange for aeroplanes to be in the air from zero minus 20 minutes.

(d) To meet a counter-attack one Company of tanks will be detailed to remain in the area west of VAIRE WOOD after the battle. C.O.C. 4th Aust.Division will arrange with 5th Tank Bde to withdraw all others.

7.-AIRCRAFT.

(a) The hour at which bombing planes will commence operations will be zero plus 30 minutes.

(b) Ammunition carrying planes will start at zero plus 3 hours unless the order is countermanded before that time.

*Ed Blamey*  
Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
Australian Corps.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters,  
2nd July, 1918.Instructions No.2 issued under Divisional Order No.128.AIRCRAFT.1. PREPARATORY.

- a. One F.E. Aeroplane is out all night along the whole Corps front working on defensive lines, i.e., it remains over the enemy area and drops flares as if trying to discover enemy movement.
- b. Two aeroplanes patrol the Corps front at dawn.
- c. It has become the habit of the enemy to send up a plane immediately after our dawn reconnaissance is completed. To deal with this a scout plane is on the front daily.
- d. A plane of No. 3 Squadron A.F.C. will watch the Corps area daily to note the extent to which our preparations can be ascertained from the air by hostile aircraft.
- e. These arrangements hold good up to ZERO hour and will at the same time conceal the movements of tanks.

2. DURING THE OPERATIONS.

- a. From Zero on a contact plane will be over the line and will call for flares, at Zero plus 90 minutes, by dropping a white flare and sounding a succession of A's on the Klaxon. Flares will be lit, one every 15 yards, at the final objective only.
- b. Special Squadrons have been told off to bomb enemy centres. Attention will be directed on to M.G. Strong Points, horse lines, possible assembling positions and human targets.
- c. Special counter attack planes will fly at about 3,000 feet throughout the day and will signal the S.O.S. by Wireless, white parachute and smoke flares over the centre of the impending attack.
- d. No. 9 Squadron will transport ammunition to the front line and will drop ammunition for the infantry at the following points :- P.20.d.8.5., P.15.d.2.2., P.15.b.8.8., P.10.d.00.82., and P.4.d.2.2. Brigades will arrange to display a white 'N' (6' in length and 1' wide) at these points. Vickers Guns requiring ammunition will display a white 'V' at the point where ammunition is to be dropped. The arms of the 'V' to be 6' in length and 1' wide. G.O., M.G. Installation will arrange these dropping stations.

3. MESSAGE DROPPING STATIONS.

The Divisional Dropping Station is at H.34.d.Central. G.O., Div. Signal Coy. will arrange for circular ground sheet to be displayed at this point.

4.

APPENDIX

4. MARKING ON PLANES.

- a. CONTACT PLANES can be identified by two small black flags about one foot square on the rear edge of lower plane.
- b. AMMUNITION CARRIERS. will have the underside of the lower plane painted black for a distance of 3½' from the tips. The parachutes used by these planes will be of a dull colour and will harmonise with the ground.

5. Brigades will arrange for each infantryman to carry a piece of white material rolled up under the back of the steel helmet. During consolidation this will be allowed to hang down over the back as a signal to aeroplane contact machines.

(sgd) J.D. LAVARACK,

Lieut-Col,

G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued to all recipients of Div. Order 128.

Extra copies to - No. 9 Squadron R.A.F.

CORRIGENDUM. to instructions No. 4 'SIGNAL ARRANGEMENTS'.

In para. 4, VISUAL, line two, for 0.24D.5.0. read 1.24.D.5.0.

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8<sup>th</sup> Aust Mac Gun Coy

Operation Order No 15

Headquarters

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Ref. MAP T. A'NEVILLE 1/20000

2. 7. 18

1. I The 8<sup>th</sup> Aust Mac Gun Coy less 4 guns will be attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Mac Gun Bn for an operation, date and time of which will be notified later.
2. No 2 section will move from its present position to Machine Gun positions at J34. d. 25. 90 Teams of this section to be in position by 6 pm 3/7/18. Arrangements for guides to be made by Section Officers on information gained on reconnaissance.
3. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections will move from present positions at BONNAY to positions at J34. b. 85. 65 Teams of these sections to be in position by 6 pm 3/7/18. Arrangements for guides to be made by Section Officers on information gained on reconnaissance.
4. Headquarters personnel will proceed forward with 3 and 4 sections. Personnel of each section to consist of 1 Officer and 2 runners, 4 gun crews of 1 NCO and 3 OR, and 4 men in reserve as belt feeders. HQ personnel 4 signallers and 2 runners.
5. Guns to be in position and ready to fire by 11.30 pm 3/7/18. HQs to be notified by the code word DIGGER.
6. The Q.M.S will arrange for rations of Nos 2, 3 and 4 sections to be at BONNAY by 6.30 pm 3/7/18.
7. Transport - One 4 horse <sup>team</sup> of No 2 section to report to No 2 section HQs ALBERT - AMIENS Road by 1.30 pm. Two 4 horse teams (1 of No 3 and 1 of No 4 sect) to report to Mr Macdonald at BONNAY by 6 pm. Transport Corporal to guide No 2 Sect and Transport Sergt to guide No 3 and 4 Sects forward. One half lumber for HQs to be at Q.M. Store by 5 pm.



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8. Ammunition Dumps have been  
formed at P2. B 50. 00. and J34 a 7. 2.  
Watches to be synchronized at Coy HQ  
9. J28 a 7. 10. 30. by Section Officers at midnight  
3/7/18.

10. S.O.S. signal will be notified.

11. Zero hour will be notified later

12. Acknowledge: *A. H. Hackett* Capt  
O.C. 5<sup>th</sup> Aust Mac Gun Coy

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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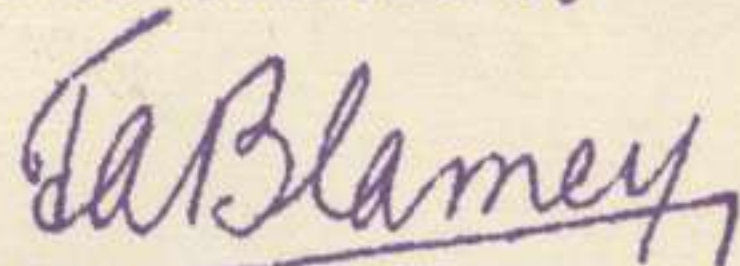
Australian Corps.  
2nd July, 1918.ADDENDUM TO S/4730.  
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The following decision is forwarded in continuation of  
Australian Corps S/4730 dated 1st July, 1918:-

Paragraph 6 - TANKS:

(e) Tanks will move forward from the forming up line at  
zero minus 8 minutes.

The movement of the tanks will be covered by  
artillery harassing fire.



Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
Australian Corps.

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O.C. 15th Wing R.A.F.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER NO. 11.

Issued under 4th Aust. Div, Order No. 128.

Ref. Maps LA-NEUVILLE 1/20,000 and M.G. Task Map attached.

HEADQUARTERS, 1st July, 1918.

1. The 4th Aust. Division will attack and capture the Spur running from the main VILLERS BRETÓNNEUX Plateau at P.25. Central, about 1,000 yards East of VAIRE and HAMEL Woods, East of HAMEL to the present front line at the South-east end of BOUZENCOURT. The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the right will co-operate.

2. Machine Gun resources are :-  
 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion - 64 guns.  
 5 Sections, 3rd Aust. M.G. Bn. - 20 "  
 3 Sections, 5th " " " - 12 "  
 4 Sections, 2nd " " " - 16 "

a. FORWARD GUNS.

4th A.M.G. Coy. (12 guns), 3rd A.M.G. Bn. (12 guns), and 2nd A.M.G. Bn. (4 guns) are allotted to 4th, 11th, and 6th A.I. Bdes. respectively, for the support of infantry during the advance and consolidation of the captured ground.

b. REAR GUNS.

13th, 24th, and 12th A.M.G. Coys. will remain disposed for defence of the present defensive organisation, and will supplement the artillery barrage (M.G. Task Map attached).

c. BARRAGE GUNS.

The following Machine Guns will supplement the artillery barrage by bringing neutralising fire to bear on selected points, and by Protective Barrage during the consolidation and afterwards when required.

UNIT	REMARKS.
<u>2nd A.M.G. Bn.</u> 12 guns.	Working in co-operation with 6th A.I. Bde.
<u>4th A.M.G. Bn.</u> 4th Coy. - 4 guns. 13th " - 8 guns.) 24th " - 4 guns.) 12th " - 8 guns.)	Reserve Guns for 4th A.I. Bde. Remaining in present defensive organisation.
<u>3rd A.M.G. Bn.</u> 11th Coy. - 8 guns.	Will be withdrawn on night A/B.
<u>5th A.M.G. Bn.</u> 8th Coy. - 12 guns.	Will be withdrawn on night A/B.

d. Tasks of Barrage Guns are shown on attached M.G. Task Map. Times of fire will be notified later.

3. Barrage Guns will be in position by 12 midnight on Y/Z night.

4.a. Ammunition dumps have been formed at:-

O.18.a.5.0. - 100,000 rounds.  
 P.2.b.5.0. - 50,000 rounds.  
 J.34.a.7.2. - 100,000 rounds.

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- b. In addition, 8,000 rounds in bulk has been placed at each gun position.
- c. Aeroplanes will dump 24,000 rounds S.A.A. at forward M.G. positions. These dumps will be made, 2 in support line east of HAMEL ~~(11th)~~ and VAIRE WOODS (4th A.M.G. Coy.) and 1 south of HAMEL (11th A.M.G. Coy.) Aeroplane signal to be taken forward by M.G. Coys. concerned, will be a white calico V with arms 6' x 9", to be shown where dump is required.
5. Watches for Barrage Guns will be synchronised under arrangements of 4th A.M.G. Bn.
6. S.O.S. Signal will be notified.
7. Zero hour will be notified later.
8. A C K N O W L E D G E !

*C. Duchatel Capt for* Lieut-Col.

C.O. 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Issued through signals at P.M.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.Addendum to Order No. 11.Headquarters,  
3rd July, 1918.1. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES.

Watches of Barrage Machine Guns will be synchronised as under:-

At 4 p.m. <sup>3/7/18</sup> an Officer will visit 12th, 13th, and 24th Companies and Commanders of Barrage Guns of 3rd and 5th Machine Gun Battalions.

An Officer from each unit will be detailed to meet an Officer from 4th A.M.G. Battalion H.Q. at :-

13th A.M.G. Coy.)	0.6.a.8.6.	9.15 p.m.
24th A.M.G. Coy.)		
12th A.M.G. Coy.)	8	
3rd A.M.G. Bn. )	J.23.c.1.2	9 p.m.
5th A.M.G. Bn. )		

2. a. BARRAGE GUNS.

Will open at Zero + 3.

b. DESULTORY FIRE.

Will be opened by

4 guns of 13th A.M.G. Coy.

3 guns of 24th A.M.G. Coy.

from Zero - 1 to Zero, to cover pause in Artillery Fire.

c. S.O.S. LINE.Will be fired on during consolidation (Slow Rate).  
From Zero + 93 to Zero + 123 and thereafter as required by  
S.O.S. Signal.4. S.O.S. SIGNAL.

Will be a rifle grenade bursting into three green lights one over another.

5. A C K N O W L E D G E.*W. J. McNeil* Capt.  
for  
Lieut-Col.

C.O. 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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5. 24th A.M.G. Coy.	11. File.
6. 3rd A.M.G. Bn.	

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8. AME Coy. Addendum to Order No 15.

1. Batteries M, N & P were in position by 12 midnight 3.7.18, & ready laid on Barrage lines. The 4<sup>th</sup> AME Batts were advised by wire that all was ready by Code word "Digget" as arranged.
2. Batteries M, N & P opened fire on barrage targets as laid down ~~in~~ 4 AME Batts order No 11, at Z+3 min.
3. At Z+49 min. <sup>Batteries</sup> N & P ceased fire & switched on to S.O.S. tasks allotted them.  
At Z+53 min. M Battery ceased fire & switched on to S.O.S. task allotted it.
4. At Z+93 min. M, N & P Batteries all opened fire on S.O.S. tasks & fired slow rate until Z+123 min.
5. Guns of all batteries laid on S.O.S. & ready to open fire immediately on S.O.S. signal being observed.
6. Ammunition expended 65000 rounds.

O/c A. K. Haack Capt  
8 AME Coy

No. G. 5685

Headquarters,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
4th July, 1918.

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
8th " " "  
11th " " "  
C.R.A.  
4th Aust. M.G. Bn.  
C.R.E.  
4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.  
O.C., Div. Sig. Coy.  
A.D.M.S.  
A.P.M.

Please forward, as quickly as possible, reports on the operation carried out today, 4th July. It is important that these should be written while the incidents of the operation are still fresh in the minds of those who took part.

Original reports, (or true copies thereof,) of junior Commanders who were actual participators in the operation are the most valuable form of report. These should be attached to the general reports sent in.



*Havarrack*

Lieut-Colonel,  
S.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER NO. 13.

Headquarters,

5th July, 1918.

Reference Map, 1/20,000,  
and Special Map.

1. The relief of 11th A.M.G. Coy. (3rd A.M.G. Bn.) and re-adjustment of Defensive Organisation of 4th A.M.G. Bn. consequent on HAMEL OFFENSIVE will be carried out on night 6th/7th July, 1918.
2. The attached map shows M.G. Coy. boundaries and localities of Machine Guns which will come into force on night 6th/7th July.
3. Details of re-adjustment and relief will be arranged by M.G. Coy. Commanders concerned.
4. Tracing showing dispositions to be forwarded by 10 a.m. 7th July.
5. Area stores, S.A.A. Dumps, etc. and information re sector will be handed over and duplicate receipt sent to this Office by 7 p.m. 7th July.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*C. Ouchatel* Capt for Lieut-Col.

C.O. 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Issued through Signals at p.m.

Extra copies to :-

11th A.I. Bde.  
11th A.M.G. Coy.  
3rd A.M.G. Bn.



4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION. ORDER NO. 12.Headquarters,  
5th July, 1918.Ref. Map, 62D, 1/20,000.

1. The boundary between "B" and "C" Divisions will be adjusted during 4/5/th July as follows:- From West to East, present boundary to J.22.d.0.0. thence a line through J.30.c.0.0.
2. 12th A.M.G. Coy. guns affected are:-
- |        |         |
|--------|---------|
| 1 gun  | J.28.b. |
| 1 "    | J.23.c. |
| 2 guns | J.30.c. |
- These guns will be relieved by 5th A.M.G. Bn. on night 5/6th July. After relief the 4 guns of 12th Coy. will be emplaced in trench at J.34.a.5.2.
3. The following guns will be withdrawn to command of 5th and 3rd A.M.G. Bns. at 10 p.m. on night 5/6th July:-
- |                |           |                |
|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| 3rd A.M.G. Bn. | K battery | J.34.a.5.2.    |
| " "            | L "       | J.34.a.8.1.    |
| 5th A.M.G. Bn. | M battery | J.34. Central. |
| " "            | N "       | J.34.b,85.70.  |
| " "            | P "       | J.35.a.0.6.    |
4. All dumps of S.A.A. and water to be taken over by 12th Aust. M.G. Coy.
5. Completion to be wired to this office.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*C. Duchatel* leaves  
for Lieut-Col.

C.O. 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Issued through Signals at a.m.

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12<sup>th</sup>. AUSTRALIAN M. G. COY.

APPENDIX B

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REF. SHEET

BAYONVILLERS

SECRET.

1:20,000

10.7.18

1. The 12<sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy will be relieved by the 9<sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy on the night of 11/12 July.
2. The detail of section relief will be as under: -
 

12 <sup>th</sup> Coy.		9 <sup>th</sup> Coy	
A. Section	LT. KING.	by	No 4 Section
B. "	LT. CULLIMORE M.C.		No 2 "
C. "	LT. MARTIN.		No 1 "
D. 1 sub. Sect.	LT. PONTIN. M.C.		No 3 1 Sub. Sect.
" 1 sub. Sect.	LT. PRENDERGAST.		No 3 1 Sub. Sect.
3. One guide from B Sect. will report at Lt. MARTIN'S H.Q. (J 27 d 20.50) at 6 p.m. to guide relief to positions.  
One guide from A. Sect. and a guide from each sub. Sect. of D will report at same location, to reliefs at 9.30 p.m.
4. Belt boxes and tripods only will be handed over to relieving Coy, and receipts obtained. Receipts will also be given for bulk S. F. A.
5. Remainder of gun gear will be carried, and dumped at C. Sect. H.Q. and one man per section left in charge.
6. Transport Sgt. will arrange the following transport to report C. Sect. H.Q. (J 27 d 20.50).  
One half lumber at 9.30 p.m.  
One full lumber at 10.30 p.m.
7. Hot soup will be provided for teams of both Coys at C. Section.
8. On completion of relief sections will march independently to present NUCLEUS camp near BUSSY.
9. Coy H.Q. will be notified on completion of relief.
10. Acknowledge.

Issued to Signals at 3.30 p.m.

Paylor Capt.  
O/c. 12<sup>th</sup> Aust M.G. Coy.

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12<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde  
C.O. 4<sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Bn.  
C.O. 46. Bn.

211 Amended Move OrderNº 4 Austr No. 4. Company.11. 7. 18

Instructions as issued today for Nucleus move are hereby cancelled.

The following will be the arrangements.

Company relief will commence shortly after midday and will be completed about 6pm.

12th inst. when forward personnel will move to occupy present Nucleus camp.

The whole Nucleus, - with the exception of C. S. No. Bartlett, Orderly Room, one N.C.O per section (who will hand over section's blankets dugouts &c on their arrival) all cooks & batmen of officers who are forward, - will fall in at 2pm 12th, and move to QUERRIEU camp.

Personnel now forward and details left at Nucleus camp will march out to QUERRIEU camp at 10am 13th inst.

O. C. Nucleus, 4th A.M.G. Coy.

Copy No. 9

THIRD AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 17.

Battalion H.Qrs.  
11th July, 1918.

SECRET:

1. The 3rd A.M.G.Bn. will relieve the 4th A.M.G.Bn. in "B" Divisional Sector on nights 11/12, and 12/13 July, 1918, as follows:-
 

10th M.G.Coy.	will occupy	Right Sector	on night	12/13	July.
9th	"	"	Left	"	" 11/12 "
23rd	"	"	Centre	"	" 12/13 "
11th	"	will be in Divisional Reserve.			
2. En.H.Q. to be established at BUSSY by 10 a.m. 13th July. Companies will come under the command of the C.O. 4th A.M.G.Bn. Command will pass at 10 a.m. 13th July.
3. Details of the relief will be as arranged at the C.O.'s. Conference at 4th A.M.G.Bn. H.Qrs. on 10th instant.
4. Instructions as to movements North of the SOMME are laid down in Fourth Army Standing Orders. Movements South of SOMME - Sections at 100 yards interval.
5. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*C. Brody* Captain & Adjt.  
Third Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION:

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- 1. H.Q. 3rd Aust. Div.
- 2. H.Q. 9th Inf. Bde.
- 3. H.Q. 10th Inf. Bde.
- 4. H.Q. 11th Inf. Bde.
- 5. O.C. 9th M.G.Coy.
- 6. O.C. 10th M.G.Coy.
- 7. O.C. 11th M.G.Coy.
- 8. O.C. 23rd M.G.Coy.
- 9. C.O. 4th A.M.G.Bn.
- 10-13. War Diary.
- 14. File.

211 - 12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 211 M. G. Coy. Copy No. B 113  
 Operation Order No 14.

Ref. Map LA-NEUVILLE

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1. Eight guns of the 12<sup>th</sup> A. M. G. Coy will co-operate in the attack on the main VILLERS-BRETONVAUX Plateau by the 4<sup>th</sup> Aust. Div.

2. Guns are disposed as under:—

a. Forward guns 4.

b. Rear guns 4.

and the duties will be as follows

a. (1) To engage by direct fire targets presenting themselves.

(2) To neutralize by direct fire enemy machine guns or trench mortars.

b. Nos 11, 12, 14 & 15 guns (LT. CULLIMORE M.C.) will engage by direct fire from auxiliary position enemy strong point at Quarry. P 4 b 80-20 from zero + 5 to zero + 41. Guns will then maintain harassing and neutralizing fire on targets in P. 5 d. and P 11 b & c (see gun charts attached)

3. The rates of fire will be.

Target No 1.	50 rds per gun	per minute
" " No 2.	25 rds per gun	" "

for 1 hour

50 rds per gun for 10 minutes.

4. Lt. Cullimore to synchronize watch under arrangements with Coy. H.Q.

5. Zero hours will be notified later.

6. Acknowledge.

per to C.O. 4<sup>th</sup> A. M. G. Coy.

12<sup>th</sup> A. I. Bde.

O.C.

Rayton Lt

12<sup>th</sup> A. M. G. Coy.

211 24th AUST. MACHINE GUN COY.

Ref. Sheet No. 62D  
1/40,000.

ORDER No. 5.

11:7:1918.

1. 10 Guns of the 24th Aust. M. G. Coy., will be relieved by the 23rd Aust. M. G. Coy. on 12th inst.
2. The following Guns will not be relieved, but will be brought out when the others are relieved:-

Guns S 5 and S 8  
 " R 9 " 10  
 " B13 " 16

3. The following material will be handed over at each Gun position:-

1 Tripod, 16 Belt-boxes filled, 4 spare belts filled, 1 Pick and 1 Shovel, and all the bulk Ammunition now in position.  
 Reserve Rations and reserve water will be handed over at Section H.Qs.

4. Guides will be arranged by Section Officers and will meet incoming teams as follows:-

"B" Guns at Coy., H.Qs.....	5.30 p.m.
"R" " " VAIRE " .....	5.45 p.m.
"S" " " VAIRE " .....	5.45 p.m.
"F" " " VAIRE " .....	8.30 p.m.

5. Limbers will be arranged as follows; by O.C. Nucleus:-

1 Limber at Coy. H.Qs. at	4.30 p.m.
1 " " VAIRE " " 9	p.m.
1 " " VAIRE " " 10	p.m.

6. All articles not enumerated above, will be brought away from gun positions, excepting one Trench shelter at "B" Section, to be handed over.

7. On completion of relief, "R" guns, "S" guns and "F" guns will move back to VAIRE H.Qs. by gun teams, and after loading their gear, will be collected by Section Officers and marched back to Nucleus.

"B" guns will be taken direct by O.C. "B" guns.

8. Immediately each Section relief is completed, a runner will be despatched to H.Qs. with duplicate Handing-over Certificates.

9. On completion of Relief, the Coy., will stage one night at BUSSY and proceed to ALLONVILLE Camp vacated by 11th Aust. M.G. Coy.

10. O.C. Nucleus will detail 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 6 men to report to ALLONVILLE Camp by 8 p.m. 12th inst. They will take over the Camp as soon as it is vacated by 11th Aust. M.G. Coy., check tents, shelters, etc., and give Handing-over Certificate to outgoing Coy.

11. All shelters at present occupied by the Nucleus will be handed over to representative of the 3rd Aust. M.G. Btn. by Lieut. SHERIDAN who will, if necessary, remain behind until such duty is completed.

12. Lieut. SHERIDAN will make arrangements to enable the Coy. to march out from present location BUSSY, at 10.30 a.m. 13th inst.

*J. B. ...*  
 .....Major.  
 O.C. 24th Aust. M. G. Coy.

Distribution:-

Copy No. 1 to O.C.	-	7 to O.C. Nucleus.
2 " "F" guns.	8 " "	23rd A.M.G. Coy. (for information.
3 " "S" "	9 " C.S.M.	
4 " "R" "	10	} War Diary.
5 " "B" "	11	
6 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.	12	

13<sup>th</sup> Aust M.  
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Bay Order No 11

Relief of 13<sup>th</sup> Aust M. by 10<sup>th</sup> and  
23<sup>rd</sup> Aust M. by boys will be carried  
out on the night of 12/13<sup>th</sup> July.

10<sup>th</sup> Boy will relieve six guns on

Right of Sector as under:-

2 front line 2 support and 2 reserve  
line

Guides One guide from No 2 Section  
will report to 4<sup>th</sup> Bay H.Q. at 3.30  
am. to guide right reserve & 4 No 15  
of forward section to reserve position  
guide from H.Q. will meet No 15 &  
take them forward two to right  
support (No 3 section) and 2 to front  
line.

One guide from trenches will  
bring limber & one section starting  
at 7 pm. to right support (No 3 Section  
where front line guides will meet  
them and take two teams forward

23<sup>rd</sup> Aust M. by will relieve six guns  
on Left of Sector - 2 front line 2 support  
and 2 reserve.

No 15 for each of these positions will  
report to C. H.Q. on 11/12 & be taken  
to positions.

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On the 12/13<sup>th</sup> one guide from No 2  
Sec will meet 2 teams of 2.3<sup>rd</sup> Coy  
at Road junction P 2 C 3.5.

One guide from No 4. Section will  
report to C. Hq. at 7 pm and take  
relief on arrival to left Support.

One guide from No 1 Left Subsection  
will take two teams to No 1 Section  
Hqrs. starting from Support at  
9.30 pm.

Section Officers will hand over and  
obtain receipts for all French stores  
Bulk S.A.A. Maps, photos, S.O.S. Charts  
etc, also 1 tripod & 16 belt boxes  
per gun relieved

All guns, spare parts & gear not  
handed over will be taken to  
Coy Hqrs and dumped. One man  
per Section will remain on guard  
until limber arrives, when they  
will load gear & return to limber.  
One limber to be a Coy Hq. at 9.30 pm and  
one at 11.30 pm.

On completion of relief reports to be  
handed in to C.Hq. and Sections will  
move to Ranches Camp near Bussy

Wm Boy Capt OC  
13 ans. No 9 Coy

4th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Battalion Order No. 13.

12th July, 1918.

1. (a) Battalion H. Q. will move to ALLENVILLE tomorrow at 10.0  
 Newcastle - 8.0 a.m.; Breakfast - 7.0 a.m.; Fall-in - 9.30 a.m.  
 Starting Point - G. M's. Hill; Time - 10.0 a.m.
- (b) Order of March -
- (1) Signal Section and Ammunition.
  - (2) Military details, tailors, Officers' and Sergeants' mess cooks, baker, artificers, fitters, grocers, postal orderlies, stonemason, butcher, carpenter, all in charge of Cpl. FURNESS.
  - (3) Greasy Mess Staff.
  - (4) Post Hill.
  - (5) Transport.
- (c) Dress - Fighting Order: steel helmets to be carried under right shoulder strap; blanket rolled in waterproof sheet and carried under the haversack; water bottles to be filled; wickety seal in haversack; nut tea in the canteen.
2. R. S. H. MORGAN will take charge. He will be responsible for punctuality of parade, and dress. Correct march discipline will be maintained on the march.
3. Transport wagons will be loaded as follows:-
- Wagon 1. Gear of Transport, artificers, carpenters, fitters, veterinary sergeant, wheelwrights, painters, transport cook.
- Wagon 2. Gear of tailors, postman and G.M. Officers' valises; band blankets.
- Wagon 3. Valises of G.M., and in command and Adjutant.
- Canteen Gear of sergeants' mess and H.Q. cooks.
4. Wagons will be man-handled from transport lines, and loaded by 8.0 a.m.
5. Officers' valises will be placed on wagons by 9.0 a.m.

*J. Morgan* Captain.  
 Adjt., 4th Aust. M. G. Bn.

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No. G. 1/512/3 11

Headquarters,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
19th July, 1918.

- 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 12th " " "
- 13th " " "
- 4th Aust. Div. Artillery.
- C.R.E.
- 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.
- A.D.M.S.

ATTACHMENT OF THE 65th AMERICAN BRIGADE.

1. Reference this Office No. G.1/512/1<sup>2</sup> dated 19th July, 1918.
1. The 65th American Brigade, composition as in Appendix 'A' will be attached to the Australian Corps for training in the line for a period of approximately 6 weeks.
2. On arrival the 65th American Brigade will be accommodated in the ARMY SYSTEM with Headquarters as shown on attached skeleton map. Period in the ARMY SYSTEM will be from 20th to 23rd inst.
3. On the 24th instant the Brigade will be attached to divisions in the line as follows :-

Division	Attached American Units.
"A" (2nd Australian Div.)	H.Q. 129th Inf. Regt. 129th H.Q. Company. 129th M.G. Company. 1 Company 123rd M.G. Battalion. 129th Supply Company. 2 Battalions 129th Inf. Regt.
"B" (3rd Australian Div.)	H.Q. 65th Brigade. 2 Companies 123rd M.G. Battalion. 1 Battalion 129th Inf. Regt. 1 Battalion 130th Inf. Regt.
"C" (5th Australian Div.)	H.Q. 130th Inf. Regt. 130th H.Q. Company. 130th M.G. Company. 1 Company 123rd M.G. Battalion. 130th Supply Company 2 Battalions 130th Inf. Regt.

4. The period of attachment as per paragraph 3 will be at least 4 weeks : training during the period will be as laid down in this Office G.1/512/1.
- The attachment should be by complete battalions and M.G. Companies to each brigade in the line. Their employment in the trenches should be progressive, commencing with the attachment of individuals and small parties of officers and men for short periods, then by platoons, and finally complete relief by battalions. The brigade will not go into the line by Companies.
- The period is known as period "B" in the American programme of training.
5. On the conclusion of above period further instructions will be issued as regards period 'C' when Regiments carry out a complete relief in the line.

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6. It is to be understood that in general, American organisations serve with their organisation complete and in accordance with the general principles established by American methods of training and tables of organisation. American troops will serve invariably under the executive command of their own officers.

7. The tactical control of American Units rests with the commanders of the British units to which they are for the time being attached.

8. Personnel as detailed hereunder will be instructed to report on 20th instant to the American Units attached to each Division for the purpose of giving instruction in trench routine during the period that the 65th Brigade is in the ARMY SYSTEM, viz :-

- 1 Senior Officer to 65th Brigade Headquarters.
- 1 " " to each Regimental Headquarters.
- 1 Officer to each Battalion Headquarters.
- 1 Officer 4 N.C.O's. to each Company in the line.

*L. Henry Bayly*

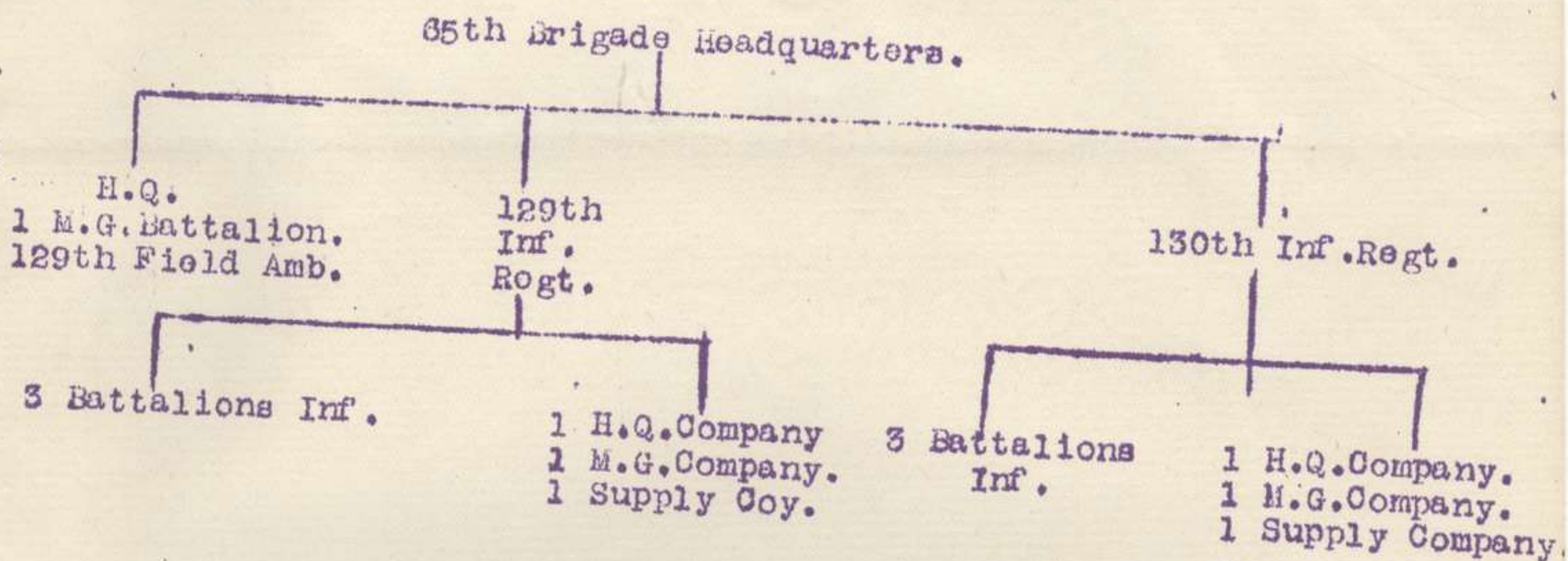
Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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The composition of the Brigade is as follows :-



NOTES : (i) Battalion organisation similar to British.

(ii) A Regimental H.Q. Company consists of the following, viz:-

- 1 Platoon Stokes Mortars.
- 1 Platoon Pioneers.
- 1 Platoon 3 - 37 mm. guns.
- 1 Platoon Signals.

No. 1/512/2

Headquarters,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
19th July, 1918.

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
12th " " "  
13th " " "  
4th Aust. Div. Artillery.  
4th Aust. Div. Engineers.  
✓ 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.  
A.D.M.S.

The following extracts from H.M.Q. letter O.B./2198 of 4th June are forwarded for your information.

1. "The following will be the general procedure in respect of the training of American Divisions which remain to complete their training in the British area.

Period A. On arrival, American Divisions will be affiliated to British cadre divisions in the back areas, and will undergo a course of preliminary training in accordance with American regulations and training instructions, (copy attached), assisted as necessary by the Staffs of British cadre divisions. The preliminary training as at present arranged occupies one month.

Period B. Armies will have no responsibility for the training of American divisions until the commencement of Period B. On completion of the preliminary training, however, the American troops, with their affiliated British cadre divisions when possible, will go forward for training in the line. Each American Regiment (3 battalions) will be attached to a British ~~Infantry~~ Division for training in the line, one American Battalion being posted to each British brigade. The length of this period must depend on the state of training of American units, but will probably be about three weeks to one month.

Period C. On completion of period B, the three American Battalions with each division will be re-formed into regiments and will, in the first instance, be employed as complete regiments either as a fourth Brigade in the Division, or attached to a British Brigade. Finally, the American regiments will be re-formed in their own Brigades and will be disposed of as circumstances demand.

2. While the infantry is going through periods B and C, the Machine gun units will be posted to the British Corps in which the Infantry units are serving, and will be attached for training to British Machine gun units.



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3. During periods B and C, the commanders of American Divisions and Brigades and their staffs will be attached to kindred British formations for instruction in accordance with arrangements to be made later.

4. Organisation.

In an American Division the Regiment forms the tactical and administrative infantry unit.

The Regimental organisation must, therefore, be preserved throughout the whole period of training except during period B when American battalions are severally attached to British Brigades. During this period the American Regimental H.Q. will remain responsible for the interior economy and discipline of American troops under its command.

5. Command.

During period B American Battalions will be under the command of the brigade with which they are serving. During period C American regiments will be under the command of the brigade or division with which they are serving. Command of battalions in period B and regiments in period C will be exercised by their own officers in all cases.

*H. Gray, Capt*  
for Lieut.-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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No.G. 1/512/5.

Headquarters,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
20th July, 1918.

- 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 12th " " "
- 13th " " "
- 4th Aust. Div. Arty.
- 4th " Div. Engrs.
- 4th " Pioneer Bn.
- 4th " M.G. Bn.
- A.D.M.S.
- 4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.

ATTACHMENT OF 65th AMERICAN BRIGADE.

1. Attached please find details of the arrangements made with 33rd American Division for the instruction of the 65th American Brigade while attached to the Australian Corps.
2. A.D.M.S. has issued instructions for the employment of and attachments to 129th American Field Ambulance (A.A.M.C. Order No.97).
3. The D.A. & Q.M.G. Australian Corps will arrange for the attachment laid down in paragraphs 3 (a) (ii).
4. The question of when the 65th American Brigade will be available to go up to the front line remains to be determined; until this is ordered the 65th American Brigade will remain under the direct orders of Australian Corps. Para. 3 of this Office G.1/512/3 will be modified accordingly.
5. Australian Officers to be attached to American units and American Officers to be attached to Australian Units will commence their respective attachments as soon as can be conveniently arranged.

T.G. Clark <sup>for</sup> Capt. Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Headquarters  
65th Infantry Brigade  
American Expeditionary Forces

MEMORANDUM

FRANCE, 28th July, 1918.

To the 4th Australian M.G. Bn.:

Following is ration and forage strength,  
Company G, 123rd M.G. Bn., and 130th M.G. Co., American E.F.:

4	Co. C, 123rd M.G. Bn.:	Officers	6	Horses, HD	2
		Men	161	" Riding	3
		Total	167	Mules,	32
Capt Lotz	130th M. G. Company:	Officers	5	Horses, HD	5
		Men	160	Mules	37
		Total	165		
TOTAL for two Cos.:		Officers	11	Horses, HD	7
		Men	321	" Riding	3
		Total	332	Mules	69
				Total	79

*D. V. Macross*  
Major, USNG, Brig. Adjt.

6. Organization commanders and commanding officers of hospitals at their discretion are authorized to modify the provisions of the two preceding paragraphs in individual cases when, in their opinion, so doing would be for the best interests of the service.

7. When proceeding on leave, the soldier will take to the regulating station or other designated point, all his individual equipment, and he will there be relieved of such of the following articles as he may have with him, an entry being made on his leave order to that effect: Rifle, pistol and bayonet. (In this connection see Part III, G. O. No. 134, p. 2.)

Upon returning from leave such articles as were turned in by him when he proceeded on leave will be returned to him, and other articles sufficient to complete his equipment will be issued to him as provided in Part 7.

Upon discharge from hospital the soldier will be furnished such clothes and equipment as may be necessary for his use until his arrival at the replacement station or other designated point to which he has been ordered to report, where his equipment will be completed.

No soldier shall be returned to duty after separation from his unit, except through a replacement station or other designated point for supply of individual equipment.

8. Emblems are forwarded to headquarters with equipment and base drybags, or base deposit or other designated supply points, must, before leaving, be provided with full individual equipment and clothing.

By command of Assistant Adjutant General

JAMES G. HARBORD,  
Assistant Adjutant General,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:  
BENJ. ALVORD,  
Adjutant General.

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65th Infantry Brigade  
American Expeditionary Forces

FRANCE, 28th July, 1918.

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No. 4. )

Ref. Maps: Sheets 62D-NW 1/20,000.  
62D-SW 1/20,000.

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2. (a) The 130th M.G. Co. will move from its present position on 29th instant to billets and bivouacs with 13th Australian M.G. Co. at RIVERY.
- (b) Advance party for 130th M.G. Co. will meet guide from 13th Australian M.G. Co. at LES ALENCONS, G 29 c 5 6, at 10:00 AM, 29th instant.
- (c) The 130th M.G. Co. will meet guide at same rendezvous at 3:00 PM, 29th instant.
3. Company C, 123rd M.G. Bn., will remain in present position.
4. For future moves, Company C, 123rd M.G. Bn., and 130th M.G. Co., during their period of attachment, will come under the orders of the C.O., 4th Australian M.G. Bn.
5. From and including 31st instant, the above companies will be rationed by 4th Australian M.G. Bn.
6. Completion of move and location of new headquarters will be reported to these headquarters promptly by 130th M.G. Co.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL C. H. GREENH;

Copies:	1. 123rd M.G. Bn.	(D. S. Myers, Jr.)
	2. 130th Infantry	Major, U.S.M.C.,
	3. 130th M.G. Co.	Brigade Adjutant.
	4. 4th Australian Div.	
	5. 4th Australian M.G. Bn.	
	6. Australian Corps	
	7. 33rd Division	
	8. File	
	9. File	
	10. War Diary	

Headquarters  
 65th Infantry Brigade.  
 American Expeditionary Forces.

FRANCE, 28th July, 1918.

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| 3. 130th M.G. Co.          | Brigade Adjutant.  |
| 4. 4th Australian Div.     |                    |
| 5. 4th Australian M.G. Bn. |                    |
| 6. Australian Corps.       |                    |
| 7. 33rd Division.          |                    |
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Headquarters  
 65th Infantry Brigade.  
 American Expeditionary Forces.

FRANCE, 28th July, 1918.

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Sgd. D. S. MYERS, Jnr.  
 Major, U.S.N.G.  
 Brig. Adjt.

## 4th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Battalions Order No. 16.

Ref. Maps 62D &amp; 66E.

30th July, 1918.

- 1(a). The 4th Aust. Div. will relieve the 37th FRENCH Division in the line on nights 31 July/1 Aug. and 1/2 August. Boundaries are shown on the attached map.
- (b) The 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. will take over the left brigade sector on night 31 July/1 Aug. with H.Q. at W.35.c.2.2, and 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. with H.Q. at T.18.a.3.5. the right sector on night 1/2 August, with 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the reserve brigade sector ( area now in course of reconnaissance).
2. Machine Gun Companies will be disposed as follows :-
- (a) 4th Aust. M. G. Coy. 16 guns and Company C, 123rd M. G. Btn., U. S. Troops, 12 guns, are allotted to left brigade sector.  
Total - 28 guns.
- (b) 13th Aust. M. G. Coy., 16 guns, and 130th M. G. Coy., U. S. Troops, 12 guns, are allotted to right brigade sector.  
Total - 28 guns.
- (c) 24th Aust. M. G. Coy. in the Support Area with boundaries as shown in attached map 7 16 guns.  
Total 72 guns.
- (d) 12th Aust. M. G. Coy. in Divisional Reserve at BOVES and grouped with the Reserve Brigade (12th Aust. Inf. Bde.).
- 3(a) Machine Gun Company Commanders will make their own dispositions. Dispositions of U. S. Companies will be mutually arranged with 4th Aust. M. G. Btn. Companies, and disposed alternatively with one H. Q.
- (b) One section each from 4th Coy. (4 guns) and 24th Coy. (4 guns) will take over the role of the FRENCH M. G. Battery disposed in Square U.2.a to supplement the Field Artillery barrage East of CACHY on night 1/2 August.
- (c) Relief of FRENCH M. Gs. in the right brigade sector will be carried out on night 31 July/1 Aug., and of those in left brigade sector on night 1/2 August.
4. No movement in the forward area will be made by daylight.
5. Administrative arrangements are :-
- (a) SUPPLIES. The two American M. G. Coys. will draw their supplies on indents made out by Aust. Coy. Q.M.Ss. and signed by Os.C. American Coys. from 7th A.A.S.C. and 27th A.A.S.C.
- (b) TRANSPORT of all companies (American Companies included) will be at under Btn. T.O. (Capt. S.H. CARROLL, M.C.).
- (c) S.A.A. DUMP will be at S.4.b. Transport Officer will arrange to deliver S.A.A. to Companies on request through Btn. H.Q.
- (d) WATER POINTS exist at CAGNY, BOVES, S.13.a.7.8, N.34.c.2.4 and T.11.d.5.8.
- (e) SURPLUS KITS and packs will be dumped at ALLONVILLE.
- (f) BATHS are established at HOSPICE, RIVERY, at CAGNY, and later at BOVES.
- (g) D.A.D.O.S. will be at M.27.c.6.2, BOUTILLERIE.
- (h) ALL TENTS and Trench Shelters of 12th and 24th Coys. will be struck on 31st inst. and stacked ready for Area Commandant to collect. 13th Coy. camp will be struck by 12th Coy. on 1st prox. and tents, etc, forwarded to Area Commandant, ALLONVILLE. 4th Coy. tents, etc, will be handed over to relieving unit, or if there is no incoming unit, they will be struck and handed over to Area Commandant. Receipts will be obtained and forwarded to Btn. H.Q. by 6.0 p.m. 1st prox.
6. Battalion H.Q. will close at ALLONVILLE at 1.0 p.m. 31st and open at same time at BOVES.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*H. W. Crouch* Capt for Lieut.-Col.  
C.O., 4th Aust. M. G. Btn.

Issued at 2 p.m.  
through Signals.

Distribution Normal plus  
65th American Bde.  
130th M.G. Coy., U.S. Troops.  
Company C, 123rd M.G. Btn., U.S. Troops.

HEADQUARTERS.

1st July 1918.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.OUR OPERATIONS.Artillery.

The usual activity was displayed.

Machine Guns.

Direct fire. Infantry and limbers at P.4.d.50. IO. were fired on and 4 men were seen to be hit.

Indirect fire. The usual fire was directed at the following points. Tracks in J.30.d., SAILLY-LAURETTE, Tracks in J.36.b. and d., Tracks in K.25. c and d., K.31., Streets in HAMEL, P.14.b.50.20., P.9.b.50.10., P.9.c.50.50., Road through P.20.b., C.T. in BOIS de VAIRE, Cross roads in P.15.c. and Trench Road, and Tracks in P.14.b. Ammunition expended 23, 400 rounds.

Aircraft.

Active throughout the period.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.Artillery.

Quiet during the day but livened up at 10 p.m. and continued fairly active. HAMELET, VAIRE, FOUILLOY, P.19.b, O.12.d., O.11.c., O.10.d., O.16.d., Roads through O.18., and O.17.d. were shelled with 5.9 s and 77s.

Machine Guns.

The usual night firing.

Aircraft.

No great activity. A few planes were seen but none attempted to cross our lines.

MISCELLANEOUS.Gas.

About 40 Phosgene 77 mil: gas shells fell in VAIRE at 11.30 p.m.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters,

2nd July, 1918.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.OUR OPERATIONS.Artillery.

Active throughout the period.

Machine Guns.

Direct fire. Fire was brought to bear on small parties in P.4.c. and d. at dusk. Results were not observed.

Indirect fire. The usual harassing fire was laid on the following targets. Tracks at J.36. central, SAILLE LAURETTE, centre of movement in P.31., P.36.C.70. 20., P.14.b.50.20., P.9.b.50.10., P.9.c.50.50., HAMEL, ~~WOOD~~ BOIS de VAIRE and road in P.21.a. Ammunition expended 22,750.

Aircraft.

Very active patrolling was kept up throughout the day and bombing planes were heard at night.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.Artillery.

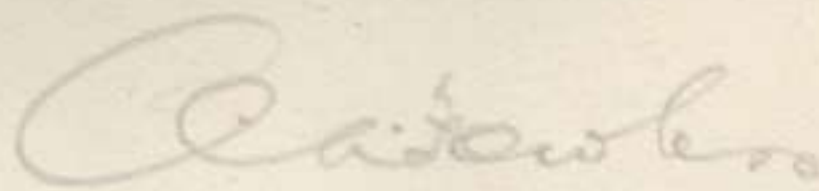
No great activity. Gully in J.28. J.30.a. and c., SAILLY le SEC, front line at J.34.c., J.33.d., HAMEL, VAIRE and FOUILLOY received attention during the day.

Machine Guns.

Fairly active at 11 p.m. when they fired on front line.

Aircraft.

Active, at 7.10 p.m. 6 planes crossed our lines but were driven back by our machines. One plane fell in flames.



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3rd July 1918.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.OUR OPERATIONS.Artillery.

The usual activity was displayed.

Machine Guns.

Direct fire. Small parties in P.4.d. were fired on but results could not be observed.

Indirect fire. The usual fire was brought to bear on the following targets. Strong point in P.3.c., Streets in HAMEL, P.14.b.50.20., P.9.b.50.10., P.9.c.50.50., G.T Roads, Tracks, and Trenches in the vicinity of BOIS de VAIRE, and Roads and Tracks in the vicinity of SAILLY-LAURETTE. Ammunition expended 22,900 rounds.

Aircraft.

Very active. Large formations patrolled the front throughout the day and several ground targets were engaged. Bombing planes were active at night.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.Artillery.

Fairly active. O.24.a., FOUILLOY, O.18.a. and b., J.30., Gully in J.28. and SAILLY le SEC were shelled during the period.

Machine Guns.

Active against our aircraft.

Aircraft.

Activity below normal. 8 highflying planes were seen at 8 p.m. and 4 at 5 a.m.

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HEADQUARTERS.

4th July 1918.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.OUR OPERATIONS.

- Artillery. The usual fire was maintained till Zero when
- Machine Guns. 4th A.M.G. Coy report good shooting .  
Indirect fire. The usual programme was carried till  
Zero when allotted tasks were performed. Ammunition  
expended 51,000 rounds.
- Aircraft. very active, constantly patrolling the front through-  
-out the period.
- Inftry Operation. At 3.10 a.m. an attack was made on enemy positions  
and all objectives gained.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

- Artillery. Very quiet. The reply to our barrage was very feeble.
- Machine Guns. quiet throughout.
- Aircraft. No great activity. 2 planes flew low over our for-  
-ward system at 8 p.m.

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## 4TH AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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5th July 1918.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.OUR OPERATIONS.Artillery.

Very active throughout the period, engaging various targets. Movement in rear of enemy lines offered good shooting. At 10.20 p.m. our S.O.S. was observed on right of newly won position and was replied to by intense fire which lasted fifteen minutes.

Machine Guns.

Direct fire. 4th Bde front. Several targets presented themselves and were engaged by our forward guns with good results. Ammunition expended 10,000 rounds. 11th Bde front. Our forward guns together with 3 enemy Maxims engaged several targets and inflicted casualties. Ammunition expended 12,000 rounds and 5,000 rounds German ammunition.

Indirect fire. Our rear guns fired on S.O.S. lines on observing signal. Other targets were Tracks in J.36.b. and c., Tracks in K.31., and SMILLY-LAURETTE. Ammunition expended 75,500 rounds.

Aircraft.

Very active patrolling was carried out and bombs were dropped on several occasions.

Snipers.

A great deal of sniping was done and several enemy were hit.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.Artillery.

Very active. New positions, HAMEL, Stranded Tank near HAMEL, HAMELET, BOUZENCOURT and roads in the vicinity of our old support line were shelled during the period.

Machine Guns.

No great activity.

Aircraft.

Very active. Low flying planes fired on our infantry digging in between 7 and 8 a.m. At 11 a.m. several planes crossed the lines and were engaged by our planes. At 11 p.m. several bombs were dropped on back areas.

Snipers.

Enemy snipers in Accroche Wood fired repeatedly on our Stretcher Bearers.

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4TH AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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6th July 1918.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.OUR OPERATIONS.Artillery.

Very active. At 10.30 p.m. our S.O.S. was observed on left Bde front and was replied to with a barrage lasting 30 minutes.

Machine Guns.

Direct fire. Our forward guns inflicted casualties on several small parties of the enemy who were seen on the WARFUSSEE ROAD and at the edge of TAILL-OUX WOOD. Ammunition expended 6,000 rounds. 1,750 rounds were fired at E.A. which came within range.

Indirect fire. SAILLY-LAURETTE and approaches, Centre of movement in J.36.b and d., and Tracks in K.31. were subjected to a harassing fire throughout the night. Ammunition expended 4,700 rounds.

Aircraft.

Very active. Large formations continually patrolled the front throughout the day.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.Artillery.

Fairly active. HAMEL, front line, VAIRE WOOD, HAMEL WOOD, and SAILLY le SEC were shelled during the period.

Machine Guns.

No great activity.

Aircraft.

Very active. Planes crossed our lines at intervals during the day and met with heavy fire from our A.A. guns and M.G.s.

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## APPENDIX. C.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.OUR OPERATIONS.

- Artillery. Active throughout the period.
- Machine Guns. Direct Fire. Our forward guns on Centre Brigade front expended 8,000 rounds on small parties of the enemy in P.28.a. and b., and WARFUSEE - BRETONNEUX Road. Parties were dispersed and casualties inflicted.
- Indirect Fire. The following targets received attention throughout the night :-  
Road in P.21.d. and P.22.c., ACCROCHE WOOD, valley in P.22.a. and b., centre of movement in K.31., and road running through J.36.b. and d.  
Ammunition expended - 8,000 rounds.
- Aircraft. Active. Patrols and reconnaissance flights were carried out throughout the day.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

- Artillery. Active at intervals. HAMEL, P.9.a., J.34.d., valley from SAILLY-le-SEC to VAUX-sur-SOMME, SAILLY-le-SEC, and J.29.a. were shelled during the period.
- Machine Guns. The usual night firing.
- Aircraft. No great activity.

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## 4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINEGUN BATTALION.

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8th July 1918.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.OUR OPERATIONS.Artillery.

Very active throughout the period.

Machine Guns

Direct fire. A ration party about 20 strong coming from the direction of WARFUSEE-ARANCOURT were fired on and dispersed by one of our forward guns. Ammunition expended 200 rounds.

Indirect fire. 42,000 rounds were expended on harassing and protective fire during operation by the Left Bde. In addition Roads and posts in P.22.c. were fired on at intervals throughout the night. Ammunition expended 4,000 rounds.

Aircraft.

The usual activity was displayed.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.Artillery.

Active at intervals. Front line at P.4.d. 50.00, HAMEL, SAILLY le SEC, WELLCOME WOOD, and BOUZENCOURT received attention.

Machine Guns.

Intermittent fire was directed at our forward system during the night.

Aircraft.

No great activity.

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HEADQUARTERS.

9th July 1918.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.OUR OPERATIONS.Artillery.

Active. Special sheets were carried out at 10.20 p.m., 12.10 a.m. and 3.5. a.m.

Machine Guns.

Direct fire. Tree tops in ACCROCHE WOOD were searched to dislodge enemy snipers. Ammunition expended 250 rounds.

Indirect fire. The following targets received attention throughout the night. Cross roads in P.27. d., Road in P.22.e., River crossing at Q.1.e.30.80., Sunken road in K.31., SAILLY-LAURETTE, K.31.e.90.30. and Road in Q.1.a. Ammunition expended 29,500 rounds.

Aircraft.

Active. Large formations frequently crossed the lines and the front was extensively patrolled throughout the day.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.Artillery.

Active. A steady fire was maintained on our forward system. BOUZENCOURT, SAILLY le SEC, HAMEL, and P.3.d. also received attention.

Machine Guns.

Quiet.

Aircraft.

Active. Several planes crossed our lines during the day.

Snipers.

Very active. Several casualties have resulted from their action.

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HEADQUARTERS.

10th July 1918.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.OUR OPERATIONS.Artillery.

Active throughout the period.

Machine Guns.Direct fire. 1,500 rounds were fired at low fly-  
-ing planes which came within range.Indirect fire. The following targets were subject-  
-ed to a harassing fire throughout the night. River  
crossing at Q.I.a.30.80., Road at P.16.b.90.70.,  
SAILLY-LAURETTE, K.3I.c.90.30., Trenches in P.32.a.,  
Trenches in P.21.c., and Road from P.12.a.60.60. to  
P.12.a.80.60. Ammunition expended 18,250 rounds.Aircraft.The usual activity was displayed. Bombs were dropp-  
-ed on enemy lines during the night and early morning.ENEMY OPERATIONS.Artillery.Active at intervals. HAMEL, P.3.d., Valley from  
SAILLY le SEC to VAUX sur SOMME, P.5.e and d., and  
Road in P.4.d. received attention.Machine Guns.The usual fire was directed at our forward system  
throughout the night.Aircraft.Few planes were seen. At 1.30 p.m. 1 plane flew  
low along our front line.*Arthur A. Bowles*

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4TH AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

HEADQUARTERS.

11th July. 1918.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.OUR OPERATIONS.Artillery.

Quiet during the day but active at night.

Machine Guns.

Direct fire, Tree tops in Accreche Wood were searched to dislodge snipers. Ammunition expended 250 rounds.

Indirect fire. Road from P.12.a.60.60. to P.12.a.80.60., Roads in P.17.a. and c., Road in P.22.c., Trench in P.22.a., Trench in P.21d., centre of movement in J.36.d. and K.31., SAILLY-LAURETTE and Road running through Q.1.a. and b. and Q.7.a. Ammunition expended 23,000 rounds.

Aircraft.

Active. Bombs were dropped on strong post in Accreche Wood at 5 a.m.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.Artillery.

Quiet during the day but active from 10.30 p.m. onward. Front line, HAMEL-VAIRE Road, HAMELET, HAMEL WOOD, P.10.b. and d., J.35. central, J.35.b., SAILLY le SEC and BOUZENCOURT. received attention during the period.

Machine Guns.

The usual fire was directed at our forward system during the night.

Aircraft.

Several planes were seen behind the enemy lines. 2 planes crossed the lines at 1 p.m. and 1 flew along our front line at 3.15 p.m. being driven off by M.G. fire.

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## 4TH AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

HEADQUARTERS.

12th July 1918.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.OUR OPERATIONS.Artillery.

Active. Shoots were carried out at intervals during the night.

Machine Guns.

Indirect fire. The following targets were harassed throughout the night. Cross roads in P.27.d.8., Road in P.22.e., Trenches and tracks in P.22.e. Trench in P.21.d., Tracks and Works east of TAILLOUX WOOD, P.12.a.85.90., and P.12.e.30.40. Ammunition expended 28,000 rounds.

Aircraft.

No great activity until early this morning when several machines patrolled the front.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.Artillery.

Active throughout. FOUILLOY, AUBIGNY, Canal east of CORBIE, HAMEL, P11, VAIRE WOOD and NOTAMEL WOOD were shelled during the period.

Machine Guns.

The usual activity.

Aircraft.

No activity.

MISCELLANEOUS.Gas.

4 "Blue Cross" fell at P.3.d.60.60. at 8.15 p.m.

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Intelligence Officer 4th Aust Machine Gun Battalion.

C O P Y.

Copy of letter No. G.X. 773, from VII Corps, dated 27/3/18,  
addressed all Divisions.

Experience of the fighting of the last week seems to show that our Vickers Machine Guns are not well handled.

The idea that they are for use in retired positions for long range fire is wrong. The enemy uses his guns well in front, consequently stantly endeavouring to push them forward, forward even of the general line of his infantry, to enfilade our lines from both flanks and it is under cover of this fire that his infantry advances to close range and to the hand to hand conflict. These are right tactics and must be followed by us.

I direct that for the future machine guns shall be imbued with the desire to engage the enemy at close range both in attack and defence instead of, as now, avoiding the close range and working for the long range. There is now no weight of enemy gun fire to destroy the Machine Guns, which was the only reason for keeping them back, and they are to be handled boldly and on the lines of the enemy, which must now be well known to all our Officers and are to be studied and copied both in attack and defence. It is better to lose guns than the battle. Barrage fire has been abused and has led to Artillery tactics for Machine Guns, which is not their role. I hope the word "battery" in connection with Machine Guns may be abolished. It is to be in the VII Corps, for it leads to wrong ideas - Sections and not Batteries are to be spoken of.

No. G.5/374/1

Headquarters,  
4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
28th March, 1918.

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
12th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
13th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
24th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
Lieut-Colonel MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.

Forwarded for information and action.

(sgd) E. ACKLAND, Major,  
for Lieut-Colonel.  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th Aust. M.G. Battalion  
6th July, 1918  
Army Machine Gun Officer.

Herewith please find report on  
fishnet camouflage.

1. Color

It is found that the coloring of both sides of green and light brown is very suitable camouflage in any class of country.

2. The camouflage is put on the net evenly all over. This is found to show clearly defined edges & so defeats its purpose.

It is suggested that the camouflage should be thinned to the edges gradually so that on the actual edges of the net there is no camouflage.

3. It is suggested that the edges be made irregular so as to allow for stretching purposes in the same manner as a cobweb.

The present net will not stretch.

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No.G. 10/552/1

Headquarters,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
7th July, 1918.

- 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
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- 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.
- 4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.

*Handwritten initials*

The following, received from G.H.Q., is forwarded for information and action :-

"Attention is called to the fact that the British Armour piercing bullet will not pierce the plates of a German Tank and that consequently fire with Armour piercing bullets has little effect against them.

On the other hand, concentrated fire with ordinary S.A.A. has a very good chance of putting a German Tank out of action owing to the fact that the machine gun, gun and loop-hole shields fit very badly and allow the lead 'splash' of ordinary bullets to enter the Tank freely.

Cases have occurred in which fire has been brought to bear on hostile Tanks with a mixture of A.P. and ordinary bullets with good effect. This effect has generally been attributed to the Armour piercing bullets.

Experience proves conclusively, however, that the effect is really obtained by the 'splash' of the ordinary bullets.

In one case which has been reported, it is stated that the strike of the bullets was marked by long sheets of flame. This is the common appearance of 'splash'.

Hostile tanks, therefore, should be engaged by concentrated bursts of fire from machine guns, Lewis guns and rifles, using ordinary S.A.A., particular attention being paid to the loopholes. Armour piercing ammunition should not be used."

4TH AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN  
BATTALION.

No. MG 295

Date.....

*Handwritten signature*

Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

*Copy to all Coys*

LESSONS LEARNT IN TACTICAL OPERATIONS DURING MONTH OF JULY.

4th. Aust. M. G. Bn.  
26th. July, 1918.

1. TANKS.

These demonstrated in the HAMEL offensive on the 4th. July, 1918, that the best way to deal with enemy Machine Guns was to travel over the emplacement and crush them rather than try to put them out of action with fire effect. The German gunners in many instances kept their guns in action till they were trampled on by the Tank.

2. SIGHTING OF M.G'S and CAMOUFLAGE.

(These two subjects are dealt with together as they are inter-dependent).

The lessons learnt were that profitable results follows careful preparation. Gun positions were prepared several days before the HAMEL offensive and the fact that before or during the attack they did not receive any special attention from the enemy, demonstrated the effectiveness of the camouflaging. Those positions which were prepared in chalk trenches were camouflaged with white scrim toned off at the edges with green to blend with the green grass. In all cases great care was taken with the edges of the camouflage material used. Dense material in the centre would be thinned out at the edges.

One front line gun was blown out shortly after taking over the sector and a map which was found on a prisoner showed this gun position marked out. It had evidently been picked up by the enemy from aeroplane photographs.

3. BRIGADING TRANSPORT.

The advantages of "brigading" transport on every possible occasion since the formation of the Battalion have now established themselves. The transport is now uniform throughout - the turnout of the personnel horses and vehicles is the same. This could not be attained without bringing the whole four transports together working under the one transport Officer. There is now a better distribution of work, less movement on the road and less congestion.

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Lieut-Col,  
C. O. 4th. Aust. M. G. Battalion.

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 5. LESSONS LEARNT DURING HAMEL OFFENSIVE.

1. SITING OF M. G. BATTERY POSITIONS.

These were sited with special reference to our knowledge of enemy shelling, and were for the most part chosen in places which were usually unoccupied by our troops. Owing to the nature of the ground and the opportunities for enfilade fire from the north batteries were naturally sited on the flanks of the attack. They also had excellent opportunities for direct fire in the event of an early check to our own troops, or a hostile counter attack towards HAMEL.

2. CAMOUFLAGE

Was used extensively for concealment of M. G. and M. G. Battery positions. This - combined with cutting out of any unnecessary movement of working parties - resulted in total absence of deliberate shelling. The casualties sustained at 8 M. G. Batteries of 4 guns each was 1 Other Rank Wounded. Giving due regard to this excellent result, there is in some cases an ignorance of the principles of camouflage which causes the following mistakes :-

- (a) When guns are placed in a trench, the continuity of the parapet is not well preserved.
- (b) Camouflage showing white on black in a photo is placed on a white parapet.
- (c) Edges of camouflage are not thinned out after the style of a spider web.

3. "BRIGADED" TRANSPORT.

The advantages of "brigading" transport on every possible occasion, more especially when in the line, were again insisted upon.

The operation took place on 4th July, and ~~from~~ on and from 1st July transport activity was not above normal.

Central control by Battalion Transport Officer made possible :-

- (a) Even distribution of work.
- (b) Work required of transport was completed in minimum time, and emplacements to be used by units attached for operation were completed before they moved into line.
- (c) Movement of transport with regard to concealment and congestion of ~~xxxxxxx~~ traffic were carefully controlled.

4. COMMUNICATION

Was maintained intact - telephone and relay runner system.

Cable was buried in a trench for maximum distance and then branched, right and left, to M. G. units and continued from them to the nearest infantry unit on the flanks. By this means an alternate line was established for each station.

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## APPENDIX

4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.  
REPORT ON TRAINING.  
JULY 1918.

1. The Battalion was in ALLONVILLE Rest Area from 12th July until 30th July, 1918.

The training carried out during the month has been divided into three classes:-

- (a) Machine Gun Training while out of the line was confined chiefly to the mornings and was in accordance with attached specimen "Syllabus" - (E.1)

In addition the Signal Officer and Signal Inst. Sergeant conducted a refresher course for Company Signallers - (Appendix E.2)

A Camouflage Demonstration was arranged with Corps Camouflage Officer. 1 Officer and 30 O.R. were engaged for 3 days constructing a traversed trench to illustrate M.Gs. on parapet correctly and incorrectly camouflaged, M.Gs. in front of trench connected by track and sap and a Dummy Communication trench.

The object was, to photograph the trench both before and after camouflaging so that the relative value of camouflage against both ground and air observation would be fully realised.

- (b) The period spent in ALLONVILLE (Rest) Area was marked by a series of excellent sports meetings held by every unit in the Division. The 4th A.M.G.Coy. won the Cups presented for highest aggregate of points at both the 4th A.I.Bde. Sports and M.G.Battalion Sports. Their success was due largely to good organisation and enthusiastic Sports Officers - Lieuts. S.H. CARROLL and A.W. FAWCETT doing particularly good work in this direction.

Sports Programmes are attached - (Appendix E.3)

- (c) While in the line Section Officers carried out training of their gunners - "Points which every Machine Gunner in the line should know", (Appendix E.4) attached, formed the basis of this training.

## 2. CONFERENCES.

Whenever possible conferences were a feature of the preparation of both operations and training and afforded a ready means of co-ordination of work and explanation of details. (Appendix E.5)

## 3. AUSTRALIANS AND FRENCH.

All through France the Australians are well received by French people, both soldiers and civilians, and the attached copy of 'Prime Minister's Visit to Australian Troops' and translation from French newspaper serve to show the manner in which French people regard Australians. (Appendix E.6).

(sgd) C.F.DUCHATEL, Capt.  
 for Lieut-Col.  
 C.O., 4th Aust.M.G.Battalion.

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## Visit of French Prime Minister to the Australian Troops.

It will interest members of the AUSTRALIAN Corps to know how it was that the Prime Minister of France came up to visit us the other day and what he said.

When the Supreme Council of the Allies was sitting at Versailles the other day, and the Prime Ministers of France, Italy, and England were present around the table, and all the Prime Ministers of the Dominions, it so happened that there came in, while they were deliberating there, the news of the battle of Hamel, and of the success that the Australian Troops had gained. All those present asked the Secretary to telegraph at once their congratulations to the Australians. But when it came to M. Clemenceau, the venerable Prime Minister of France, after starting to instruct the Secretary to telegraph his congratulations also, he said: "No, I will go and tell them myself."

M. Clemenceau is 78 years of age. Every Sunday he drives to some division of the French Army, goes to see them close up to the line, travelling hundreds of miles through the country in spite of his age. This Sunday he determined to come to an Australian Division. As the 4th Australian Division had been directing the operations at Hamel, he came to that. After chatting and laughing with the Officers and men who could be got together at short notice at Headquarters—as much at home amongst them as if he were a boy again—he said he would like to say a word or two to them on behalf of the French people. A number of the men were gathered into a rough semicircle, and the little Premier, "The Tiger," as he is known by the French, standing in front of them simply, without any attempt to flatter or over-do his praise of them, made them in English the following speech:—

"Gentlemen," he said, "I hope you will be kind enough to excuse my faulty English. I know only a little, but I find it very useful at this moment, this English, because it enables me to tell you what all the French people think of you. When the Australians came to France we expected a great deal of you. First, because we had heard of what you had done in war in Gallipoli; secondly, because we had heard a great deal of what you had accomplished in peace in your own country. The French people expected that when you came to France to fight in this great struggle, which, after all, is the same for the French, the English, the Australians and all those who have fought this great war out in the cause of freedom, which is the same for all, they expected a good deal of you; and I should not like to say that they have been surprised that you have fulfilled that expectation. They admired most the fact that you were capable of doing what they expected of you. The more they expected of you, the more they held it in admiration.

"Hamel—after all, that is not such a very great battle; but I am ready to hold that in a comparatively small battle the man, the fighting man, who goes in to give all he has—his home, his hopes, his life itself—in a small battle his qualities show in all the brighter light, the action of each individual man having more influence in the final result. In a very big action it is not possible to notice so well the qualities of particular men. Well, in this battle the Germans saw that they had before them men who came from far away to attest that wherever free people lived, in England, in France, in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and all free countries, these were not ready to give way to the Boche who has acted with such barbarity—who wounded and killed not only men in battle, but women and old men and little children—who ruined and destroyed our country, our houses, our fruit trees, even our gardens.

"We have all been fighting beside each other here. It is such a wonderful thing that this should happen in history on these old fields of battle which you had read of in books, hearing of wars which you had not seen and the consequences of which you had never expected to see. It is a wonderful thing that you should be fighting beside us on these old battlefields of history. Still, it has come true. The work of our fathers, which we wanted to leave unharmed to our children, they tried to rob us of. They tried to take from us all that was dearest in modern society. But the free nations of the world said that the Boche should not do this so long as they were there to come and prevent it. Men were the same in England, in France, in Italy, and all the countries which are proud of being the home of a free people. And that is what you did. And that is what made us greet you when you came. We knew that you would fight a real fight. But we did not know that from the very beginning you would astonish the whole continent.

"I have come here just for the very purpose of seeing the Australians. I am going back to-morrow to see my countrymen and tell them: 'I have seen the Australians. I have looked in their eyes. I know that these men who have fought great battles beside us in the cause of freedom will fight alongside us again until the cause of freedom for which we are battling is safe for us and for our children.'"

The Australians who had been listening to this fine speech from the Grand Old Man of France, gave three tremendous cheers for France, which affected him greatly. He then called for three cheers for Australia, and left to go back to Paris.



S Y L L A B U S.

(INSTRUCTIONAL CLASSES).

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SIGNALLERS to be trained under Signal Corporal - as ordered by Battn. Sig. Officer.

All Corporals will parade at 7.30 a.m. for 15 minutes Communication Drill under C. S. M.

Drivers to be trained under Transport Sergeant.

RECRUITS i.e., Gunners who have not passed their first-tests will be trained as under daily:-

9 to 9.30

9.30 to 10.30

10.30 to 11

11 to 12

Run (with Coy.)

Gun Drill.

Mechanism.

Stoppages.

except on such days as Sections are firing on the range, when recruits will fire with their respective sections.

One N.C.O. per Section will be detailed by O.C. Section for permanent instructional work.

Coy. Commanders will lecture as under:-

SUBJECT.

MONDAY - 7 p.m.	All Corporals and L/Cpls.	-	RANGE CARDS.
TUESDAY 5 p.m.	Officers and Sergeants	-	CODES.
WEDNESDAY 5 p.m.	Officers and N.C.O's.	-	INDIRECT FIRE.
THURSDAY 5 p.m.	" "	-	" "
FRIDAY 5 p.m.	N. C. O's.	-	Duties of Section N.C.O's. when in the Line.

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S Y L L A B U S. ( TRAINED GUNNERS ).

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<u>Day.</u>	9 - 9.30 a.m.	9.30 - 9.45	9.45 - 10 a.m.	10 - 11 a.m.	11 - 12 noon
<u>MONDAY.</u>	Run.	Cleaning	Gear	and repacking	Limbers.
	Physical Drill or Run.	Saluting.	Gas	Drill.	B, C, & D Secs. Lecture by Sec. Offs.-Duties of a gunner in the line.
<u>TUESDAY.</u>	One Section firing (in Gas Masks) stoppages on the range.				
<u>WEDNESDAY.</u>	Run	Saluting.	Gas	Drill.	10 - 12 noon. Practical instruction on points all gunners should know by Sec. Officers.
<u>THURSDAY.</u>	Digging Gun Positions.			Lecture by O.C. on Anti-Aircraft.	
	One Section firing (in Gas Masks) stoppages on the Range.				
<u>FRIDAY.</u>	Run.	Saluting.	Gas	Drill.	Gun Drill. Lecture on Direct Fire by O.C.
<u>SATURDAY.</u>	Run.	Saluting.	Packing Limbers and cleaning Gun-gear. One Section firing stoppages on Range (in Gas Masks).		

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SYLLABUS OF SIG. TRAINING.  
FOR week 14/7/18 to 21/7/18.

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	1st Hour.	2nd Hour.	3rd Hour.
<b>M O N D A Y</b>	SCHOOL ASSEMBLES.		
<b>T U E S D A Y</b>	Flag Drill.	Buzzer Reading and use of A and B Forms.	
<b>W E D N E S D A Y</b>	Station Work with Lucas Lamp.		
<b>T H U R S D A Y</b>	Flag Drill.	Cable Joining.	
<b>F R I D A Y</b>	Station Work - Flag and Stutter.		
<b>S A T U R D A Y</b>	Use of Signal Stations - Enciphering and Deciphering.		

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL RACE MEETING.

To Nominators :-

Herewith please find list of placed horses in each of Race Meeting hold on 22/7/18 :-

1. Pozieres Stakes.	1st. Lt-Col. Christie's	Bob.
	2nd. Capt. Tambling's	Nat.
	3rd. Capt. Payne's	Brooks.
2. Gallipoli Hurdles.	1st. Capt. Waite's	Talkative.
	2nd. Lieut. Lee's	Bill.
	3rd. Major Sutton's	Bobbie.
3. Moquet Farm Plate.	1st. Major Hinton's	George.
	2nd. Major Fitzgerald's	Quandong.
	3rd. Lieut. Deegan's	Mademoiselle.
4. Polygon Wood Jump.	1st. Capt. Varley's	Major.
	2nd. Capt. Aaron's	Don.
	3rd. Lieut. Steven's	Floss.
5. Messines Gallop.	1st. Dvr. Grimley's	Bob.
	2nd. Cpl. Clifford's	Beeswing.
	3rd. Cpl. Mayer's	Torchy.
6. Bullecourt Hurdles.	1st. Brig-Gen. Burgess'	Prince Rufus.
	2nd. Major Buchanan's	Phyllis.
	3rd. Capt. Sowell's	Sawdust.
7. Dernancourt Flutter.	1st. Major Hinton's	George.
	2nd. Brig-Gen. Burgess'	Scotsman.
	3rd. Major Fitzgerald's	Quandong.
8. Hobuterne Scamper.	1st. Capt. Payne's	Brooks.
	2nd. Capt. Cadoll's	Ginger.
	3rd. Lt-Col. Dowse's	Rejected.
9. Villers Bretonnoux Sprint (1st Division)	1st. 37th Battery's	Littleboy.
	2nd. 42nd Battery's	Salvo.
	3rd. 46th Battalion's	Hun's Daisy.
9a. Villers Bretonnoux Sprint (2nd Division)	1st. 4th Fd. Coy. Enginmer -	Engineer.
	2nd. 46th Battalion's	Yellow Bolly.
	3rd. 4th Aust. D.A.C.	Black Ned.
10. Hamel Steeples.	1st. 4th Aust. D.A.C.	Peter Jackson
	2nd. 16th Battalion	Our Anzac.
	3rd. 46th Battalion	Narrow Guts.

22nd July, 1918.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Acting Hon. Secretary,  
4th Aust. Div. Race Meeting.

OFFICIALS.

Judges.

Pedestrian Events	Major Radford, D.S.O. Hinton, M.O.
Horse Events	Capt. Cory, M.O. Col. McCreger, D.S.O. Lieut. Carroll, M.O. Ricks,
Transport	Col. Francis.
Signalling	Lieut. Gregson.
Gun Assembling	Capt. Crouch, M.O.
Competition	Taylor. Lieut. Hunt, M.O.

Starters.

Major Finigan, Lieut. Dwyer, V.O.

Match Steward.  
Lieut. Kennare,

Result Steward.  
Lieut Trimble.

Canteen Stewards.  
11-1 Lieut. Chapman, M.M. 3-5 Lieut. Tuckett, M.O.  
1-3 " Mallard. 5-5 " Sinclair.

Committee.  
Capt. Duchatel, M.O., Chairman, Lieuts. Neal, D.C.M.  
Prendergast, Richards, and Pawcett.

A.W. Pawcett, Lieut.  
A.A. Cowless, Lieut.  
Joint Hon. Secretaries.

4<sup>th</sup> Australian Machine Gun Battalion

SPORTS

To be held at Allonville, France

on

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1918



Programme of Events

Commencing at 10.45 am. Sharp.

T I M E T A B L E

M O R N I N G .

A F T E R N O O N .

8.30  
10.45 Judging 4 Horse Turn Out

S P O R T S P R O G R A M M E .

11	100 yards	1st	Heat.
11.5	"	2nd	"
11.10	Tag-o-War	1st	Heat.
11.25	"	2nd	"
11.50	Long Jumping Competition		
11.50	Signallers Competition.		
12.00	120 yards Hurdle Race	1st	Heat.
12.5	"	2nd	"
12.15	Wrestling on Horses.	1st	Heat.
12.20	"	2nd	"
12.30	Siemee Race.	1st	Heat.
12.40	"	2nd	"
12.50	Obstacle Race.		
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Competitors are notified that Prizes will be distributed by Lieut-Col. R.W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M., immediately after the last event of the day.

2.	100 yards Championship		Final.
2.30.	Tug-o-war		Final.
2.30.	Gun Assembling Competition	1st	Heat.
2.50.	"	2nd	"
2.40.	"	3rd	"
2.50.	"	4th	"
3.	120 yards Hurdle Race		Final.
3.10	Pipers Blindfold Championship.		
3.15	Drummers Blindfold Handicap.		
3.20	Brass Band Blindfold Handicap.		
3.30	440 yards Championship.		
3.40	Siemee Race		Final.
3.50	Fancy Dress Promenade.		
4.	Gun Assembling Competition		Final.
4.10	Wrestling on Horses.		Final.
4.20	Relay Race.		
4.30	Mile Championship.		
4.40	Mile Trot - Light Draughts.	1st	Heat.
4.50	"	2nd	"
5	"	3rd	"
5.10	"	4th	"
5.20	Mile Trot - Riding Horses.		
5.30	Fugitive Race	1st	Heat.
5.40	"	2nd	"
5.50	High Jumping Competition		
6.10	Mile Trot - Light Draughts.		Final.
6.20	Fugitive Race		Final.

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EVENT No. 5. BINDULE PLATE. Time 3.5 p.m.  
 4 furlongs. 75 Frs. 1st horse 50 Frs., 2nd horse 25 Frs.  
 Walking race for draught horses (bareback).

Owner.	Horses Name.	Colours.
2. 24th M.G.Coy.	BILL	Yellow, red sash and sleeves.
3. 46th BATTN.	DARKIE	Yellow, blue sash and sleeves.
4. 46th BATTN.	MARY MAGDALINE.	Blue, pink sash and sleeves.
5. Dvr.LEE	SINGER	Blue, yellow sash and sleeves.
6. Dvr.SMITH	LADY RACHEL	Pink, green sash and sleeves.
8. 48th BATTN.	BOUNCE.	Pink, red sash and blue sleeves.
9. 26th A.A.S.C.	MAY	All Yellow.
12. 46th BATTN.	BANDY	All Green.
13. Dvr.BAGSHAW	DUKE	All Blue.
14. 45th BATTN	NELL	All Pink.
15. 48th BATTN.	NIGGER	Red, black sleeves and sash.
16. 24th M.G.Coy.	BONNY.	Red, white sleeves and sash.
18. 48th BATTN.	REX ROY	Red, purple sleeves.

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EVENT No. 6. HOBART HURDLES. Time 3.30 p.m.  
 6 furlongs. Sweepstakes 10 Francs entrance.  
 Open to any horse in Brigade Group. Officers up.  
 Hurdles 3 feet 6 ins.

Owner.	Horses Name.	Colours.
2. Capt.VARLEY	MAJOR.	Yellow, red sash and sleeves.
3. 46th BATTN.	GINGER.	Yellow, blue sash and sleeves.
4. 46th BATTN	BROOKS	Blue, pink sash and sleeves.
5. 26th A.A.S.C.	LES	Blue, yellow sash and sleeves.

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EVENT No. 7.

ADELAIDE HOP.

Time 3.50 p.m.

3 furlongs. 75 Frs. 1st Mule 50 Frs., 2nd Mule 25 Frs.  
Open to any mule and rider in Brigade Group.

Owner.	Horses Name.	Colours.
2. 48th BATTN.	BILL	Yellow, red sash and sleeves.
3. 46th BATTN.	HUNS DAISY	Yellow, blue sash and sleeves.
4. 48th BATTN.	MOUNT LOFTY	Blue, pink sash and sleeves.
5. 45th BATTN.	BILLY	Blue, yellow sash and sleeves.
6. 48th BATTN.	SALFORD.	Pink, green sash and sleeves.
8. 46th BATTN.	SPLIT EAR	Pink, red sash and blue sleeves.
9. 46th BATTN.	NARROW GUTZ.	All Yellow.
12. 46th BATTN.	YELLOW BELLY.	All Green.
13. Dvr. McDONALD	IMSHEE	All Blue.
14. Dvr. MALLETT	NO DUD	All Pink.

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EVENT No. 3.

KID STAKES.

Time 2.20 p.m.

3 furlongs. 75 Frs. 1st Mule 50 Frs., 2nd Mule 25 Frs.  
Open to any Mule bareback in Brigade Group. No whips or spurs.

Owner.	Horses Name.	Colours.
2. 46th BATTN.	ARTILLERY BILL	Yellow, red sash and sleeves.
3. 46th BATTN.	HUNS DAISY	Yellow, blue sash and sleeves.
4. 46th BATTN.	NARROW GUTZ.	Blue, pink sash and sleeves.
5. 46th BATTN.	SPLIT EAR	Blue, yellow sash and sleeves.
6. 45th BATTN.	BILLY	Pink, green sash and sleeves.
8. 48th BATTN.	MOUNT LOFTY	Pink, red sash and blue sleeves.
9. 48th BATTN.	NUGGET	All Yellow.
12. 26th A.A.S.C.	BABE.	All Green.
13. 26th A.A.S.C.	SPLINTER.BOX.	All Blue.
14. 48th BATTN.	SALFORD.	All Pink.

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EVENT No. 4.

JAMBEROO HIGH JUMP.

Time 2.40 p.m.

150 francs. 1st horse 100 Frs., 2nd horse 50 Frs.  
Open to any horse, any rider, in Brigade Group.

Owner.	Horses Name.	Colours.
2. Lt. McGHIE	WASP.	Yellow, red sash and sleeves.
3. 46th BATTN.	MOBILE.	Yellow, blue sash and sleeves.
4. 46th BATTN.	SHORTY.	Blue, pink sash and sleeves.
5. Major NORMAN	JACK	Blue, yellow sash and sleeves.

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EVENT No. 1. FLIGHT TO CALAIS SPRINT. Time 1.30 p.m.

4 furlongs. 175 Frs. 1st horse 100 frs., 2nd horse 50 frs.,  
3rd horse 25 frs.

Open to any horse and any rider in Brigade Group, other than officers' hacks or officers.

Owner.	Horses Name.	Colours.
2. Cpl.Naylor	TORCHY	Yellow, red sash and sleeves.
3. 26th A.A.S.C.	JERRY	Yellow, blue sash and sleeves.
4. 26th A.A.S.C.	JACK	Blue, pink sash and sleeves.
5. 24th M.G.Coy.	SNIPS.	Blue, yellow sash and sleeves.
6. 45th Battn.	OLD BILL	Pink, green sash and sleeves.
8. Pte.KELL	SATANS SISTER.	Pink, red sash and blue sleeves.

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EVENT No. 2. REST SWEEPSTAKES. Time 2 p.m.

4 furlongs. Sweepstakes 10 Frs. entrance. Open to Officers Horses of Brigade Group (horse bona fide property of Officer) Owners up. 1st horse 70%, 2nd horse 30%

Owner.	Horses Name.	Colours.
2. Capt.Payne	BROOKS	Yellow, red sash and sleeves.
3. 12th M.G.Coy.	MARY	Yellow, blue sash and sleeves.
4. Capt.MORGAN	LES	Blue, pink sash and sleeves.

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EVENT No. 8. MELBOURNE TROT. Time 4.10 p.m.

6 furlongs. 140 Frs. 1st Horse 80 Frs., 2nd Horse 40 Frs.,  
3rd Horse 20 Frs.

Any Horse and rider in Brigade Group.

Owner.	Horses Name.	Colours.
2. Lt.WITHERS.	ZULU	Yellow, red sash and sleeves.
3. 48th BATTN.	ROCKET.	Yellow, blue sash and sleeves.
4. Lt.Col.GIBSON	DOLLY	Blue, pink sash and sleeves.
5. Dvr.DEBNAM	X RAY	Blue, yellow sash and sleeves.
6. 46th BATTN.	SPLIT THE WIND.	Pink, green sash and sleeves.
8. 12th M.G.Coy.	MURRAY	Pink, red sash and blue sleeves.
9. Major McINTYRE.	TOILER	All Yellow.
12. 48th BATTN	TOBY.	All Green
13. 48th BATTN.	CISSY.	All Blue.
14. 24th M.G.Coy.	VICKERS.	All Pink.
15. 46th BATTN.	ROSE.	Red, black sleeves and sash.
16. Major NORMAN	JIMMY.	Red, white sleeves and sash.
18. Lt.MARTIN	SUNSHINE	Red, purple sleeves.
21. 12th Bde.SIG.Section	KITTY.	White, purple sleeves and sash.
23. 46th BATTN.	DOPE.	Purple, pink sleeves and sash.
24. Dvr.GREENWOOD	CLIFF	White, red sleeves and band.
25. Lt.SHERIDAN	JACK	White, black sleeves and band.

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EVENT No. 9. BRISBANE HURDLES. Time 4.30 p.m.  
 6 furlongs. 75 Frs. 1st Mule 50 Frs., 2nd Mule 25 Frs.  
 Open to any mule in Brigade Group, men up.

Owner.	Horses Name.	Colour.
2. 45th BATTN.	BABY	Yellow, red sash and sleeves.
3. 48th BATTN.	SAN TOY	Yellow, blue sash and sleeves.
4. 48th BATTN	SALFORD	Blue, pink sash and sleeves.
5. 48th BATTN.	MOUNT LOFTY	Blue, yellow sash and sleeves.
6. 48th BATTN.	NARROW GUTZ.	Pink, green sash and sleeves.
8. 48th BATTN.	BLUEY.	Pink, red sash and blue sleeves.
9. Dvr. McDONALD	IMSHEE.	All Yellow.
12. Dvr. MALLETT.	NO DUD	All Green.

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----- CONDITIONS. -----

WEIGHTS.: All races catch weights.

The "Boot and Saddle" will be sounded fifteen minutes before start of each race, when all horses will be saddled in the paddock and colours and saddle cloths drawn. The "Mount" will sound ten minutes before the start, when riders will mount in the paddock. Races will be started by FLAG.

GREEN FLAG and BELL -- All correct.  
 RED FLAG -- -- Objection.

Totalisator and Bookmakers will be on the course.

The Starter is authorised to disqualify any rider for disobedience of orders.

The course will be left handed, and competitors will take up their places for the starts in order of numbers shown on programme.

These have been balloted.

Scratchings must be in half an hour before each race.

Protests must be lodged IMMEDIATELY after the finish of race - 2 minutes only allowed.

No betting disputes will be settled by the officials.

The 45th, 48th, 48th Battalion Bands will play selections during the afternoon.

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REFRAIN OF THE "BOOKIE".

We hold a meeting here to-day  
Bring up the wad, the roll, yer pay :  
"I'll lay the odds at either way."

Come along an' patronize  
The "bookie" in his civvy guise  
"Two to one and barring 'five' !"

A flutter on the neddies? Fine!  
Any price on 'five' for mine.  
"Three to one bar 'five' an' 'nine' !"

She's in the ruck! She's cleared the sticks!  
She draws ahead! A length! She clicks!  
"Four to one bar 'two' and 'six' !"

Come along an' see the fun.  
Have a wet? "Sorry, sir, the beer's done!"  
"Even money barring 'one' !"

"Ex-cocky" saunters past. He's wheeled -  
"I wonder what the oats will yield?"  
"Even money on the field."

A thousand francs at five to four!  
You're on! A bet! She'll wipe the floor!  
"We haven't filled! We'll take some more!"

A neck! a neck! he's leading yet!  
He's past the post! You --- pet!  
"I'll lay the field. Another bet!"

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The 'bookie's' day is over now  
The last punter's paid, the ticket torn,  
And the neddies stabled for a well earned rest.  
The finish of the day has seen,  
The Twelfth Brigade as ever did its best.

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EVENT No. 10. AUSTRALIAN CUP. Time 4.50 p.m.

5 furlongs. 150 Frs. 1st horse 100 Frs., 2nd horse 50 Frs.  
Open to any horse in Brigade Group excepting all horses  
in No. 2. Men up.

Owner.	Horses Name.	Colours.
2. Major NORMAN	GLADYS COOPER	Yellow, red sash and sleeves.
3. Lt.Col. JOHNSTON	BONDI	Yellow, blue sash and sleeves.
4. Capt. DAVIES	HOLDAVLEN	Blue, pink sash and sleeves.
5. 12th M.G. Coy.	UNCLE BONES	Blue, yellow sash and sleeves.
8. 46th BATTN.	JIMMY	Pink, green sash and sleeves.
8. Major COLLINS	BARNEY.	Pink, red sash and blue sleeves.
9. Capt. LLOYD.	BUNGARRABEE.	All Yellow.
12. Major HINTON	GEORGE.	All Green.
14. Capt. JONES	SAM	All Pink.

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EVENT No. 11. VISITORS RACE. Time 5.10 p.m.

4 furlongs. Sweepstakes 10 Francs entrance.  
1st Horse 70%, 2nd Horse 30%

Open to any Horse and any Rider (must be visitor) on the Ground.  
Entries close at Secretary's Tent 3.30 p.m. sharp.

Afternoon Tea and Light Refreshments for Officers in the Marquee.

Wet and Dry Canteens on the Ground under Lieut. E.V. STEELE.

A Special Programme by 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade PIERROT TROUPE commencing 6 p.m. in AERODROME, CHATEAU GROUNDS.

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----- PROGRAMME -----

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE RACE MEETING.

Held  
CHATEAU GROUNDS, ALLONVILLE, 24th July 1918.

PATRONS : Brig.-General R.L. LEANE., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.  
(Commanding 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.)  
Lt. Colonel A.E. DRAKE BROCKMAN., C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
(A/Commanding 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.)

PRESIDENT : Lt. Colonel J.J. CORRIGAN., D.S.O.,  
(Commanding 46th Battalion A.I.F.)

STEWARDS : Lt. Colonel S.L. PERRY., M.C., 48th Battn. A.I.F.  
Lt. Colonel C.M. JOHNSTON., DSO. 45th Battn. A.I.F.  
Lt. Colonel J.J. CORRIGAN., DSO. 46th Battn. A.I.F.

COMMITTEE : Captain FIELD., 12th Aust. Field Ambulance.  
Lieut. W. HOWIE., 26th Coy. A.A.S.C.  
Lieut. W.R. WATSON., 45th Battn. A.I.F.  
Lieut. A.B. MORTIMER., 46th Battn. A.I.F.  
Lieut. M.B.T. McDOWALL. MC. MM. 48th Battn. A.I.F.  
Lieut. E.P. PRENDERGAST., 12th Aust. M.G. Coy.  
Lieut. R.J. MINTY. MM. 12th A.L.T.M.B.

JUDGES: Lt. Colonel A.E. DRAKE BROCKMAN. C.M.G., D.S.O.  
Captain D.B. PAYNE. M.C., 46th Battalion A.I.F.  
Lieut. F. LLOYD 26th Coy. A.A.S.C.

HON. SECRETARY : Lieut. H.G. SMITH. MC., DOM., 12th A.I. Brigade.

STARTER : Major R.H. NORMAN. M.C., 12th A.I. Brigade.

ASSISTANT STARTER : Lieut. M.J. McGHIE. MC. 4th Aust. Div. Train

CLERK OF COURSE : Captain T. HAMMOND. 48th Battalion A.I.F.  
ASSISTANT CLERK OF COURSE : Capt. J.T. JONES. MC., 12th Fld. Amb.

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12.10 p.m. WRESTLING ON HORSEBACK. (Teams of 4).  
 4th. Coy. v 13th. Coy. 12th. Coy v 24th.  
 1. .... 1. ....

12.50 p.m. SIAMESE RACE - 75 Yards. (1st. 2 in Final).  
 Smith and Cannane 4th. Saldron & Townsend 4th  
 1st. HT. Henderson & Johnson 24th. Walch & Lane 13th.  
 Kinnon & Whitso 12th. Robinson & McRobbie H.Q.  
 1. .... 2. ....  
 2nd. HT. Carter & Howard 4th. Rose & Woolsten 24th.  
 Souter & O'Neil H.Q. Lyness & Karl 12th.  
 Gow & Oswald H.Q. Smith & West 24th.  
 1. .... 2. ....  
 3rd. HT. Sheney & Dwyer 4th. Ferdham & Pillar 4th.  
 Ledwick & Garrick 24th. Roberts & Burgess 13  
 White & Meikle H.Q. Callender & McPherson 12th.

12.50 p.m. OBSTACLE RACE. (Post Entries).  
 Under Direction of Major Finnigan.

1 p.m. INTERVAL FOR LUNCH.

2 p.m. FINAL 100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.  
 1. .... 2. .... 3. ....

2.10 p.m. FINAL TUG O WAR.  
 1. .... 2. ....

2.20 p.m. GUN ASSEMBLING COMPETITION.  
 1st. Heat:- "A" Sections of each Coy.  
 2nd. Heat:- "B" Sections of each Coy.  
 3rd. Heat:- "C" Sections of each Coy.  
 4th. Heat:- "D" Sections of each Coy.

3 p.m. FINAL OF 120 YARDS HURDLE RACE.  
 1. .... 2. .... 3. ....

3.10 p.m. PIPER'S BLINDFOLD RACE. (100 Yards).  
 1. .... 2. ....

3.15 p.m. DRUMMER'S BLINDFOLD RACE. (100 Yards).  
 1. .... 2. ....

3.20 p.m. BRASS BAND BLINDFOLD RACE. (100 Yards).

3.30 p.m. 440 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.  
 Sproles 4th. Pillar 4th. McCleary 4th. Love 4th.  
 Redferd 24th. Rose 24th. Green 24th. Hunter 24.  
 Arnel 13th. Sands 12th. Diaplace 12th. Wall 12th  
 Durlacher 12th. Smith 13th.  
 1. .... 2. .... 3. ....

3.40 p.m. FINAL SIAMESE RACE.  
 1. .... 2. .... 3. ....

3.50 p.m. FANCY DRESS PROMENADE.  
 1. .... 2. .... 3. ....

4 p.m. FINAL GUN ASSEMBLING COMPETITION.  
 1. .... 2. .... 3. ....

4.10 p.m. FINAL WRESTLING ON HORSES.  
 1. .... 2. .... 3. ....

4.20 p.m. RELAY RACE. (Teams of 6 - each man 150 Yds).  
 4th. Coy, 12th. Coy. 13th. Coy. 24th. Coy.  
 1. .... 2. .... 3. ....

4.30 p.m. MILE CHAMPIONSHIP. (3 Laps).  
 McCleary 4th. Crook 4th. Hunter 24th. Mayall 24th.  
 Rose 24th. Grant 24th. Trevenan 24th. Junor 24th.  
 Mufford 24th. Cameron 13th. Mahor 13th. Johnson 13th.  
 Sands 12th. Blythe 12th. Smith 12th. Aiken 12th.  
 Smith 12th. White 12th. Wall 12th.

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4.40 p.m. 1 MILE TROT LIGHT DRAUGHTS. (1st. in final).  
 1st. Heat:- Dancer 4th. Ned Kelly 24th. Cory 13th.  
 Bob 12th. 1st. ....  
 2nd. Heat:- Gladys 4th. Don 24th. Alice 13th.  
 Uncle Sam 12th. 1st. ....  
 3rd. Heat:- Bluey 4th. Digger 24th. Dick 12th.  
 1st. ....  
 4th. Heat:- Jack 4th. Doll 24th. Black Bess 12th.

5.20 p.m. ONE MILE TROT RIDING HORSES.  
 Jack 24th. Ginger 13th. Jock 12th.  
 Marie 12th. Trixie 4th.  
 1st. .... 2. .... 3rd. ....

5.30 p.m. FUGITIVE RACE - 300 Yards. (1st. 2 in Final).  
 1st. Heat:- Ellingsworth & Elliott 4th. Warner &  
 Newlands 13th. Blythe & Crosbie 12th.  
 .... 24th.  
 2nd. Heat:- Farley & Smith 4th. Cassidy & Brogue 13th. 11.10 a.m.  
 Westley & Watson 12th. .... 24th.

5.50 p.m. HIGH JUMP COMPETITION.  
 Elliott 4th. Waldron 4th. Anderson 4th. 11.30 a.m.  
 Lewis 24th. Redford 24th. Murphy 24th.  
 Lewis 13th. Boulais 13th. Warner 13th.  
 Little 12th. McPherson 12th. Holdway 12th  
 Prendergast 12th. Crosbie 12th\*

1. .... 2. .... 3. ....  
 6.10 P.m. FINAL MILE TROT LIGHT DRAUGHTS.  
 1. .... 2. .... 3. ....

6.25 p.m. FINAL FUGITIVE RACE - 300 Yards.  
 1. .... 2. .... 3. ....

10.40 a.m. BEST COOKER TURNOUT.  
 1. .... 2. .... 3. ....

10.55 a.m. BEST COOKER TURNOUT.  
 1. .... 2. .... 3. ....

11 a.m. 100 YARDS BATTALION CHAMPIONSHIP.  
 (1st. 2 in each heat in final).  
 1st. Heat:- Sproles 4th. Love 4th. Green 24th  
 Bowie 13th. McGregor 12th. Holt 1  
 1. .... 2. ....  
 2nd. Heat:- Escott 4th. Fawcett 4th.  
 Trevenan 24th. McAulay 13th.  
 Cook 13th. Bush 12th. Durlacher 1  
 1. .... 2. ....

11.10 a.m. TUG O WAR.  
 4th. Coy v 24th. Coy. 12th. Coy v 13th. Coy,  
 1. .... 1. ....

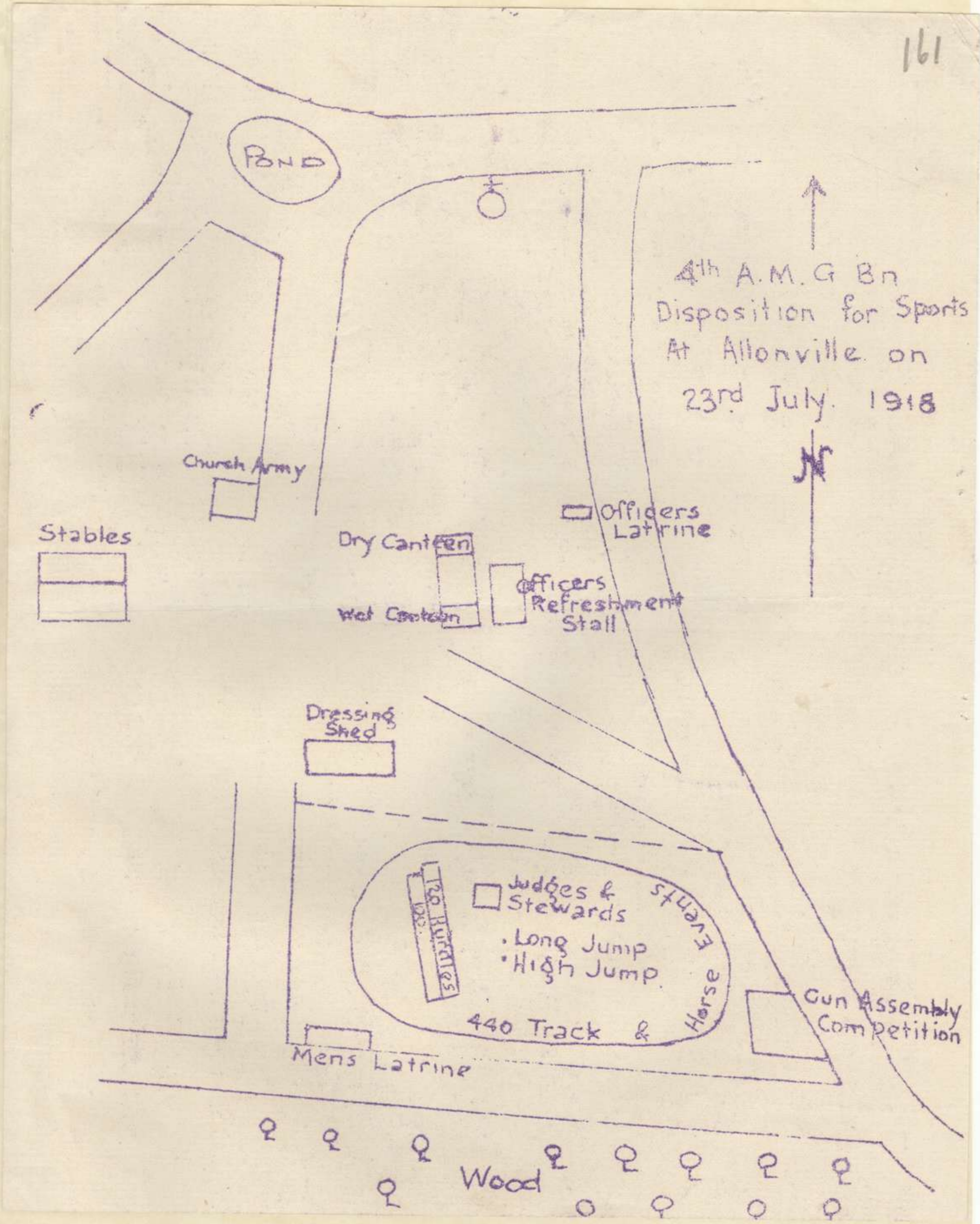
11.30 a.m. LONG JUMP COMPETITION.  
 Lewis 24th. Radford 24th. Murphy 24th. Hanns  
 Warner 13th. Crosbie 12th. Escott 4th. Pillar 4th  
 Prendergast 12th. Anderson 4th. Townsend 4th.  
 Smith J. 4th.

11.50 a.m. SIGNALLER'S COMPETITION.  
 Teams of 4. Run out 200 Yards of wire, connect  
 Phones, send message and return same to Starting  
 Point by Runner.  
 1. .... 2. .... 3. ....

12 Noon. 120 YARDS HURDLE RACE. 1st. 3 in Final).  
 1st. Heat:- Neaylon 4th. Pillar 4th. Ledwick 24  
 Lewis 13th. Little 12th. White 12th  
 1. .... 2. .... 3. ....  
 2nd. Heat:- Love 4th. Escott 4th. Lewis 24th.  
 Garder 13th. Wall 12th. Crosbie 12th

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DURING THE AFTERNOON THE FOLLOWING COLORS WILL BE WORN BY THE  
 COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES:-  
 12th. BLUE. 13th. WHITE. 13th. YELLOW. 24th. RED.



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War Party

CONFERENCE OF COMPANY COMMANDERS.

4th Australian M.G. Battalion.

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ALLONVILLE,

14th July, 1918.

SUBJECT.

NOTES.

1. Points brought to notice during turn in line:-

a. Salvage.

Decided that the appointment of Bn. Salvage Officer unnecessary. Question deferred for a month. Extension of salvage work urged.

b. Communication.

Good from Bn. point of view.

c. Reports.

Intelligence reports improved, but room for improvement on Operation Reports which have been very delayed. Any incident which might be useful and instructive to other people to be included in detailed report.

d. Camouflage.

Suggested that Camouflage Officer visit Bn. and also that practice gun positions be camouflaged, photographed from aeroplanes and lessons illustrated.

e. Authority of Bn.

Communications signed by the Adjt. H.Q. Staff. have the authority of the C.O. Communications to higher formations are signed by the Lt-Col. C.O. In his absence the 2nd in Command or Adjt. may sign for the C.O.

f. Primus Stoves.

Proposal that purchase of 8 stoves for forward guns warrantable. A.C.F. being communicated with. Ample kerosene.

g. Use of Bn. H.Q. for administration.

Coys. to make free use of Bn. H.Q. who accept responsibility. Verbal messages to be confirmed in writing.

Resume of above:-

Coy. Commanders pointed out difficulty of competing with Inf. Bns. in Salvage work but decided still great room for extension of salvage. Suggested that I.N.C.O. visit Coys. daily for latest information and that Coys. be kept informed of Coy. and Bn. Boundaries and any changes.

2. Notes on yesterdays move.

a. Incomplete equipment.

No need for incomplete equipment - absence of waterbottles etc.

b. Lack of uniformity:-  
Carrying of mess tins,  
Gas Helmets.

Particular attention to be taken to ensure uniformity of dress and method of wearing equipment. Gas helmets when worn without packs, over right shoulder and under left arm. When with packs, helmets to be fastened to belt and slung over head on top of pack. Mess tins to be in pack in marching order and outside haversack in fighting order, on Bn. Parades. On Coy. parades, uniformity to be insisted on.

c. Web equipment for Officers.

All Officers of Field Rank or over to wear web Sam Brown belt on parade - all Officers under Field Rank to wear Web equipment.

3. Training.

a. Saluting.

1/2 hour Saluting Drill every morning.

b. Gas Helmet Drill.

Provision to be made in Syllabus of training.

c.) Gun Drill and Range

d.) work with Gas Helmet.

A test to be carried out to find distance accurate fire can be observed in gas helmet.



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- e.) Stoppages with gas helmet. Provision to be made in Syllabus of Training.
- f.) Firing on night lines with gas helmet.
- g. Practical instruction on Points all Gunners should know. Proposed that instructions be printed on waterproof cards and posted up conspicuously in gun positions. Examination on points to be held from time to time. Ranges to be procured and range work carried on. Hours of training :- 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Afternoon at Coy. Commander's discretion.
- h. Range work. One day next week and two days next week (with or without limbers) to be carried out in conjunction with small tactical scheme
- i. Open warfare. Proposed scheme to be submitted to Bn. H.Q. day before scheme.
- j. Small tactical scheme in same. Lectures to be given by Sig. Officer
- k. Playfair and B.A.B. code. Bn. code to be prepared by Sig Officer.
- l. Suggestions from Company Commanders. Sig. School to re-commence while Bn. out of line. Men in second class to commence to morrow for refresher course.
- 4. General
- 5. Sports. Bn. Sports Tuesday week - 21st. Prizes up to £50 including Cup to be given to company obtaining best aggregate on basis according to No. of men competing in event won. 1 Bookmaker allowed per Company
- a. Div. Race Meeting. Divisional Race Meeting - Monday week.
- 6. Leave. Company Commanders do not come on leave roster for leave. They go as they can be spared. This applies in a lesser degree to 2nd in commands
- 7. Ration Strengths. Correct returns to be rendered to obviate Divisional queries.
- 8. O.T.C. Method adopted outlined.

Notes on yesterday's work.

1. Incomplete equipment.

2. Lack of uniformity in carrying of gas helmets.

3. Working equipment. Gas helmets worn without packs, over right shoulder and under left arm. When with packs, helmets to be fastened to belt and slung over head on top of pack. Mess tin to be in pack in working order and outside harness in fighting order. On Coy. parades, uniformity to be insisted on.

4. All Officers of Field Rank or over to wear Mess tin Brown belt on parades - all Officers under Field Rank to wear Web equipment.

5. From Saluting Bill every morning. Provision to be made in syllabus of training.

6. A test to be carried out to find distance covered by gas can be observed in gas helmet.

## Number or letter of Gun Position

Points which every gun number of every Machine Gun in, the line should know.

- (1). The condition of his gun and spare parts. when the gun was last fired and the target.
- (2). The condition of the ammunition, the quantity in belts and in S.A.A. Boxes. The number of grenades at his gun position.
- (3). Where the spare supply of water and oil is kept at his gun position.
- (4). The amount of S.A.A. ordered to be kept in reserve at his gun position, in belts, for direct fire.
- (5). How to get more S.A.A. water, oil or grenades if required.
- (6). Where the sleeping quarters of his Officer, sergeant, and the remainder of his team are.
- (7). The location of Section and Company H.Q. and the best way to them, both by day and by night.
- (8). The S.O.S. signal in force at the time and the part to be played by his gun if the S.O.S. signal is seen to go up. His line of fire, quadrant elevation and approximately where his barrage falls.
- (9). The arrangements made to enable his gun to be fired by night or in mist, fog, or smoke cloud. Including the method to be employed for reading the clinometer in the dark. (N.B. Lighted cigarette ends must not be used as the heat they give out displaces the bubble and causes a false reading to be given).
- (10). The points of the compass.
- (11). The names of trenches, villages and localities in the vicinity of his gun position.
- (12). The position of our own front line and that of the enemy.
- (13). The position of neighbouring machine guns, in front, on the flanks and in rear, and if any of them can co-operate with his gun, and if so how.
- (14). The position of neighbouring infantry and Lewis Guns.
- (15). Ranges to all important features within range of his gun position, and how they were obtained, e.g. by instrument, from the map, or by ranging fire.
- (16). The positions of any alternative emplacements for his gun and the best way to get to them.
- (17). The action he should take in the event of the enemy penetrating the front line.
- (18). The most important harassing fire targets which can be engaged by his gun, and be able to explain his gun chart.
- (19). Where all orders, gun charts, range cards, etc, for his gun position are kept.
- (20). His duties in the event of a gas alarm.

The following spaces are for any special orders affecting the gun position:-

(21).

(22).

(23).

(24).

## EXTRACT TRANSLATED FROM FRENCH NEWSPAPER

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The British soldiers themselves, are they not of a hundred diverse species? All the Empire is United on the soil of France. Here are the Highlanders with yellow bonnets and bare legs and the Scotch with caps of various colours and floating ribbons. Here are the Canadians of which a Division can boast of never having known defeat, and the Australians, faithful companions of every hour of glory. Soldiers of Gallipoli, of Ypres, of Messines, of Paschendaele, of Posieres and of Villers Bretonneux, the Australians bewail not their losses. They are proud of their success. It is in vain that the Germans pretend to despise them. They know well that if one casts reflections at them for all their great actions, it is not because their blood is of less value than that of the ~~English~~ English but because they are particularly formidable.

They have come from their remote country where winter arrives with our summer, and summer with our winter, prompted by a powerful motive. They have come to pay to Great Britain a tribute of recognition that they owe to her Fleet, the protector of their independence. They have come to defend the Anglo-Saxon race for they know their value in the struggle of the Motherland. They have come lastly, to uphold with their blood a Democratic Ideal.

Democracy is so much alive amongst them that they occasionally ignore the minor points of discipline. Their Officers complain a little about it, but this does not prevent the Australian Army from being the only in the world in which a death penalty for crimes does not exist.

The agile Australians have keen eyes and wear their hat turned up at the side.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 33

*Apr F 166*

by  
LIEUT-COLONEL H.W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
Commanding  
4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

*Original*

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3rd July, 1918

Part II.

APPOINTMENTS  
and  
PROMOTIONS.

1. 4th Coy.  
1558 T/Cpl P.W. HENVILLE to be Corporal, dated 29/6/18,  
vice HOWELL (A.F. B213 of 6/7/18).  
To be Lance-corporals, dated 29/6/18, (A.F. B213 of 6/7/18) :-  
520 pte T.E. PERRY, vice CAIRNS wounded.  
3136 " J.T. McILWRAITH, vice GARR sick.

REVERSIONS.

2. 12th Coy.  
2877 Dvr (under A.I.F. Order 785) W.C.C. BROWN reverts to Private, on return of L/Cpl Dvr McMASTER, dated 25/6/18 (A.F. B213 of 6/7/18).  
427 Dvr (under A.I.F. Order 785) GM WATSON reverts to private, on return of Dvr JENSEN, dated 25/6/18, (A.F. B213 of 6/7/18).

STRENGTH.

3. 4th Coy.  
The following Officers were taken on strength 30/6/18 :-  
Lieut. A.W.B. FAWCETT, from Hospital.  
2nd Lieut. R.E. STEPHENS, M.M. from Cadet Bn.  
513a Pte O. HANSEN rejoined unit from U.K. leave 2/7/18.

12th Coy.

- The following officers were taken on strength 30/6/18 :-  
Lieut. C.N. KING, from Hospital.  
" T.H. TRIMBLE, do.  
1695 C.S.M. (W.O. Class II) N.G. HAMLIN, M.M. proceeded to join A.M.G.T. Depot, 30/6/18.  
The following men evacuated sick to Hospital on dates shown :-  
4345 Pte G.F. TAYLOR, 30/6/18.  
2461 Dvr J.N. JENSEN, 1/7/18.

13th Coy.

- The following men evacuated to Hospital on dates shown :-  
2983 Pte M.J. EGAN (sick) 30/6/18.  
3876 " D. MACKAY (wounded) 30/6/18.  
1354 " J.R. MALCOLM " 30/6/18.

24th Coy.

- 3159 Pte G. RAYMONT marched in on transfer from 4th Pioneer Bn. 1/7/18.  
3116 Pte N.L. ROBERTSON marched out on transfer to 2nd Pioneer Bn. 1/7/18.  
1295 Pte T. SUMNER proceeded to U.K. for Special Transport Duty to Australia., 30/6/18.

*W. Crouch* Captain  
Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

by  
 LIEUT-COLONEL H.W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
 Commanding  
 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion

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5th July, 1918.

Part I.

LEAVE TRAIN. 1. Commencing 4th inst. a special leave train will leave LONGPHE about 10.30 a.m. daily and arrives at BOULOGNE about 7 p.m. Personnel should report at least half an hour before departure.

Part II.

STRENGTH.

1. 4th Coy.

The following Officer and N.C.O., having been reported killed in action 4/7/18, are struck off strength

2nd Lieut R.W. DOVEY.

740 Cpl. P. DAVIS.

The following N.C.O.'s. and men were evacuated to hospital on dates shown:-

584 Pte. C.R. DAVIS, sick, 3/7/18.  
 5795 " F.J. ELLIOTT, wounded, 4/7/18  
 566 Cpl. J.A. SMITH, wounded, 4/7/18  
 751 Pte. F.H. TOYNE, wounded, 4/7/18  
 758 " J.W. PRICE, wounded, 4/7/18  
 2434 Cpl. J.T. BARRA, wounded, 4/7/18  
 6805 Pte. G. NETTLETON, wounded, 4/7/18  
 467 " A. RICHARDSON, wounded, 4/7/18  
 512 " J.P. MONTEITH, wounded, 4/7/18  
 334 " A.H. McFARLANE, wounded, 4/7/18  
 2692 " C.J. MOORE, wounded, 4/7/18  
 501a " C. BROWN, wounded, 4/7/18

The following man was taken on strength 3/7/18, transferred from 40th Bn.

2543 Pte. J.A. COLUMBINE.

12th Coy.

The following Officer was evacuated to Hospital, wounded, 4/7/18:-

Lieut. W.H. WOOD.

The following man was evacuated to Hospital sick, 3/7/18.

3427 Pte. J. HUBENACH.

The following man marched in from Hospital 4/7/18

7401 Dvr. J.N. JENSEN.

13th Coy.

The following man marched in from Hospital and was taken on strength, dated 28/6/18:-

766 Pte. J.T. PARISH.

24th Coy.

The following N.C.O. and men were evacuated to hospital on dates shown:-

591 Dvr. E.E. ALLEN, sick, 3/7/18  
 601 Pte. J.W. RYAN, sick, 3/7/18  
 413a Cpl. J. CANET, wounded, 4/7/18

*H.W. Murray* Capt.

Adjt. 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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NOTICES.

POSTAL.

Members of the A.I.F. are advised that mails from AUSTRALIA are placed on board steamers travelling by various routes. It sometimes happens that mail posted in AUSTRALIA after the preceding mail has closed and been despatched may arrive in LONDON before such preceding mail.

If two mails arrive simultaneously such letters are "grouped" before delivery, and economy in circulation results. The receipt of letters of varying AUSTRALIAN dates in one covering envelope does not necessarily mean that delay has occurred at the Base Post Office.

COMFORTS.

The following goods have been received from the AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND and distributed amongst the Companies of the Battalion. Receipt. No. D.9306.

8 cases	Cocoa & Milk	1 case	Tobacco
4 "	Coffee & Milk	1 "	Cigarettes
3 "	Milk	1 "	Jam
4 "	Fruit	1 "	Potted Meat
4 "	Sweets	1	Soccer Football.

*Hutchinson*  
Capt

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 35

by  
 LIEUT-COLONEL H. W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
 Commanding  
 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion

7th July, 1918.

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part II.

STRENGTH.

1. 24th Coy.

The following men marched out on transfer to 18th A.I. Battalion 5/7/18 (Auth: 4th Aust. Div. A9/272, 2nd Aust. Div. 146/363) :-

5137 pte W. WHITLOCK, M.M.

4th Coy.

The following men were evacuated to Hospital, wounded, 4/7/18 :-

746 pte J. A. HOUGHTON  
 4653 " D. V. ANDERSON.

LEAVE.

2. The following men proceeded on leave to England 5/7/18 (Date of Leave - 7/7/18 to 21/7/18) :-

1935 Dvr G. L. WOODROW (13th Coy)  
 1618 pte S. C. ABEL (4th Coy)  
 2328 " L. J. BREW (13th Coy).

*H. W. Murray* Captain

Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

NOTICES.

Fat Return. Following is amount of Fat returned by each Company/for week ended 5/7/18 :- and Bn. H.Q.

	<u>lbs.</u>
Battalion H.Q.	150
4th Coy	nil
13th "	"
13th "	80
24th "	50
	<u>330 lbs.</u>

Salvage Return. Following is amount of Salvage returned by each Coy., and Bn. H.Q. for week ended 5/7/18 :-

Battalion H.Q.	nil.
4th Coy.	"
13th "	"
13th "	Expended S.A.A. rounds 10,000.
	Boxes, S.A.A., empty "
24th "	nil.

Comforts. The following were received from A.C.F. and have been distributed between Companies :-

5 c/s Cocoa & milk	1 c/s Sugar	1 c/s Refills
5 " Coffee & milk	1 " Chocolate	2 Cricket Bats
5 " Oatmeal	2 " Tobacco	2 " Balls.
2 " Milk	2 " Cigarettes	

(Receipt No. D9367).

## BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 36

by

LIEUT-COLONEL H. W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
 Commanding  
 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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9th July, 1918.

## Part I.

## LOOTING.

1. Men charged by the Military Police or the Gendarmerie with looting or analogous offenses will not be dealt with summarily by their Commanding Officer, but will be tried by a Court Martial.

FORFEITURE  
 OF PAY --  
 VENEREAL  
 DISEASE.

2. (1) A member of the Australian Imperial Force will forfeit one third of his full daily rate of pay (including deferred pay) for every day he is in hospital suffering from venereal disease, unless it can be proved to the satisfaction of the D.M.S., A.I.F. that such venereal disease was inherited or acquired prior to his enlistment in the A.I.F.

(2) Officers who forfeit one third of their pay in accordance with para 1 will, in addition, forfeit the whole of their field allowance whilst in hospital suffering from venereal disease.

(3) This order will operate and take effect as from 1st Jan., 1918.

(4) A.I.F. Order 1065 is hereby cancelled.

(Authority: Defence Cable W.S. 89 of 26/6/18 -  
 DAG.AIF. 26/564 of 28/6/18.)

ROUTINE ORDERS/3. Attention is drawn to the following Routine Orders:-

G.R.O. 4388 - S.I. Injuries - Gas.

A.R.O. 2270 - Dripping.

" 2201 - Unoccupied Premises - AMIENS.

" 2283 - Abandoned French Vehicles.

D.R.O. 2128 - Avoiding Road.

" 2129 - Dry Weather Tracks.

## Part II.

## APPOINTMENT.

1. 4th Coy.

3385 Pte A.E. GITTINS to be Driver (under A.I.F. Order 785), to complete establishment, dated 8/7/18.

## TRANSFERS.

2. 4th Coy to Bn. H.C.

4725 Pte W.A. TANNEY, dated 6/7/18.

378 " G.H. SIMS, " 6/7/18.

## STRENGTH.

3. Extract from A.I.F. List 550 :-

4th M.G. Bn.

2nd Lieut. F.G. JOHNSON is taken on strength from rifle. (Cadet Bn). 20th June, 1918.

4th Coy.

The following were taken on strength on dates shown :-

2020 C.S.M. G.M. MORROW, 6/7/18, from A.M.G.T.D.

5451 Cpl N. RODAKIS, M.C., 4/7/18, from U.K. leave.

P.T.O.



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12th Coy.

The following were taken on strength on dates shown :-

386 Pte J.H. WILSON, 4/7/18, from U.K. leave.  
 378 " F.J. SMITH, 6/7/18, from hospital.  
 652 " W.C. OLDHAM, 6/7/18, from hospital.  
 3183 " J.R. MONAMARA, 6/7/18, from hospital.  
 3464 " E.R. ROSENSTRETER, 2/7/18, from hospital.

The following were evacuated to hospital on dates shown :-

2nd Lieut. M.D. COBB, 8/7/18, wounded.  
 3893 Cpl R.J.A. ROVE, 7/7/18, wounded.  
 5087 Cpl A.J. ELDRIDGE, 7/7/18, wounded.

The following man, reported Died of Wounds, is struck off strength, dated 7/7/18:-

3711 Pte J.F.C. SORENSEN.

15th Coy.

The following were taken on strength 4/7/18 :-

480 Pte R.W.J. WESTLAKE, from hospital.  
 5134 " F.A. LOVETT, do.  
 296 " J.H. WILSON, from leave to U.K.

The following man proceeded on leave to U.K. 8/7/18, (date of leave - 10/7/18 to 24/7/18) :-

503 Pte H.W. BULL.

24th Coy.

The following were taken on strength on dates shown :-

4323 Sgt. E.W. WILSON from hospital 1/7/18.  
 601 Pte. J.W. RYAN from hospital 5/7/18.  
 375 Cpl. C.H. MAPLE from hospital 6/7/18.  
 808 Pte. J.F. NUNN from hospital 6/7/18.  
 784 Pte. C.A. JONCOUR from hospital 3/7/18.

The following Officer proceeded on 10 days leave to PARIS:-

Lieut. W.A. SHELLEY, M.M., 7/7/18.

Bn. H.Q.

The following man proceeded on leave to U.K. 8/7/18. (Date of leave 10/7/18 to 24/7/18) :-

2107 Pte. L.V. ATKINS.

*H. W. Cronch* Capt.

Adjt. 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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by  
LIEUT-COLONEL H.W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
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C o m m a n d i n g  
4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

11th July, 1918.

Part II.

- PROMOTIONS  
and  
APPOINTMENTS.
1. 4th Coy.  
3136 L/Cpl. J.T. McILWRAITH to be T/Opl. vice  
EAREA, wounded, dated 4/7/18 (A.F.B213 of 13/7/18)
- 24th Coy.  
429b Cpl. H.J. HEYWOOD, M.M., to be T/Sgt.  
vice POPKIN, wounded, dated 9/7/18. (A.F.B213 of 13/7/18)  
To be drivers (under A.I.F. Order 785) dated  
1/7/18. (A.F.B. 213 of 13/7/18):-  
455 Pte. A.F. WERRETT  
529 Pte. O. FITZPATRICK
- DETACHMENTS.
2. 4th Coy.  
To Corps Cooking School:-  
3869 Pte. F. COLBOURNE 9/7/18.
- 12th Coy.  
To Corps Sig. School:-  
2366 Cpl. D.B. DUNCAN. 9/7/18.
- 13th Coy.  
To Corps Sig. School:-  
3665 Cpl. B. WADE. 9/7/18
- LEAVE.
3. 4th Coy.  
3159 Cpl. H.P. HAMILL proceeded on 10 days  
leave to PARIS, 7/7/18.
- STRENGTH.
4. 4th Coy.  
439 Pte. F.J. WINKLE rejoined unit from hosp-  
ital, taken on strength 7/7/18.  
The following personnel were evacuated, wound-  
ed, on dates shown:-  
Lt. F.J. CREASY, M.M., 8/7/18  
6134 Pte. H.J. WHITE, 8/7/18.
- 12th Coy.  
The following personnel were evacuated, wounded,  
on dates shown:-  
2484 Pte. W.J. HERNAN, 8/7/18.  
2190 Pte. C.L.W. PITTENDRICH, 9/7/18.
- 13th Coy.  
766 Pte. J.T. PARISH marched out, 8/7/18, on  
transfer to 2nd A.M.G. Bn. (Authority 4th Aust. Div.  
A9/227 and 2nd Aust. Div. 146/400).
- 24th Coy.  
The following personnel were evacuated on  
dates shown:-  
680 Pte. W.T. GILSON, 9/7/18 (sick).  
6822 Pte. K. HARRIS, 8/7/18 (wounded).  
6775 Pte. J. BUSSELL, 9/7/18 (wounded)  
639 Pte. P.L. GILLESPIE, 10/7/18 (sick)
- CORRIGENDUM
5. Ref. Bn. R.O. 33, Part II. Para 3 - Reversions of  
Dvrs. (under A.I.F. Order 705) W.C.C. BROWN and G. WAT-  
SON. Delete complete entry. (A.F.B213 of 8/7/18).

*W. Brown* Captain.  
Adj. 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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NOTICE.211 S.A.A. EXPENDED.

Following is the amount of S.A.A. expended from 1/6/18 to 30/6/18 :-

4th A.M.G. Coy	185,700 rounds.
12th " "	55,500 "
13th " "	73,350 "
24th " "	253,600 "

Grand total 573,150 rounds.

I. W. Cronin  
Capt

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by  
 LIEUT-COLONEL H.W. HURRY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
 Commanding  
 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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15th July, 1918.

Part I.**POTATOES.**

1. All ranks are warned against taking potatoes and vegetables from civilian gardens and fields. Owing to the losses sustained through the German advance, the French people will be compelled to live mainly on potatoes next winter. Any unauthorized pilfering of potatoes will mean that women and children will be robbed of their food.

**PASSES.**

2. A.S.O. 2808 is repeated for information.

Officers and Other Ranks, when travelling in a motor car or on a motor cycle, must be in possession of a one-day pass, signed by a commanding or staff officer, authorising the journey and stating the nature of their duty. One pass for a party is sufficient. In the case of officers and other ranks who have to travel by motor car or motor cycle within the normal course of duty, a weekly pass may be issued. E.O. 475 is amended accordingly.

**AMIENS.**

3. G.S.O. 192 is repeated for information.

Attention is directed to A.S.O.'s 1901 and 2021, & reading as follows:-

1901. "AMIENS is placed out of bounds to all troops. Passes to enter the town will be issued only to those proceeding there on duty."

2021. "Officers or men will not enter any unoccupied premises in AMIENS except on duty."

These orders will be read on parade, in every unit before 15-7-18, and once monthly thereafter, and will also be posted in a conspicuous place in all unit billeting areas.

**BOUNDS.**

4. The villages of PONT NOYELLES and QUENHINS with the exception of QUENHINS CHATEAU and the houses occupied by a M.A. H.Q. in QUENHINS and Artillery Brigade H.Q. and "G" Divl. Police Detachment in PONT NOYELLES are placed out of bounds for billeting. Troops and transport will be allowed to enter and pass through these villages on duty but no troops will remain in the villages. 4th A.I.S.O. will provide a platoon of 1 Officer and 20 C.R. to ensure both villages are cleared of troops by 2 p.m.

**ORDERS.**

5. Attention is drawn to the following orders:-

G.S.O. 4185 - Leave Circular.

4506 - Leave or Duty Ration Books.

A.I.P.O. 1296 - Striking off strength.

1292 - Return of "old" Paybooks.

D.R.O. 2157 - Grazing.

2159 - Prudicious Shooting.

Part II.

REVERSIONS - 1518 Cpl. A. BREAS (4th Coy.) reverts to Private at his own request. To date 15-7-18.

APPOINTMENTS - 561 L/Cpl. R. VALE to be T/Cpl. vice SMITH - wounded.  
 418a L/Cpl. I. HENDERSON to be 2/Cpl. vice DAVIS - K.I.A.  
 (4th Coy.) To date 6-7-18.

**[REMOVED]**

523 Pte. T. TUTTLE to be L/Cpl. vice HEDGECOCK promoted  
 To date 15-7-18.

461 Pte. D.M. MOORE to be L/Cpl. vice VALE promoted.  
 (4th Coy.) To date 15-7-18.

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APPOINTMENTS - 2308 Cpl. J.F. COYLE, M.H. to be T/Sgt. to complete  
(12th Coy.) establishment. Dated 12-6-18.  
321 Pte. J.D. KINOSH, M.H. ) to be T/Cpl. to complete  
431 Pte. W.D. SMITH, M.H. ) establishment  
(12th Coy.) Dated 7-7-18.

PROMOTIONS - 469 L/Cpl. V.D. McDONALD to be Cpl. vice BIRNIE re-  
(4th Coy.) verted. To date 13-7-18.

2659 T/Sgt. H. ALWICK to be Sgt. vice TIPPING  
To date 22-3-18.

3762 T/Cpl. F.H. CASSELL to be Cpl. to complete  
(12th Coy.) establishment To date 12-6-18.

*H. W. Crouch* Captain  
Adj. 4th Aust. M. B. Bde.

by  
Lieut.-Colonel H.W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
Commanding  
4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

19th July, 1918.

PART I.

STATIONERY

1. In future companies will requisition on Battalion H.Q. for all stationary stores. Separate indents on Army Printing and Stationery Depots will no longer be submitted by companies.

SCHOOLS

2. The following are the results obtained by students from this battalion in 9th and 10th courses at Aust. Corps Gas School :-

9th course.

	S.H.R. Indpts.	S.S.R. Brill.	Written Exam.	Nature of Pass.
Lt. J.J. DWYER, V.C.	84	Good	Good	Good
3923 Sgt. SCHAPER L.H.	80	85	85	Pass
2813 Cpl. WOOD P.F.	80	80	85	Pass
			Note Book Pair.	Pass
			Note Book Pair.	

10th course.

Lt. J.A. POWIN, M.C.	88	V.Good	Good	V.Good
Lt. A.S. HEALAN	88	Good	V.Good	Good

ORDERS

Special attention is directed to the following orders :-  
G.R.O. No. 4814 - Marriages between British Subjects.  
4519 - Ribbons for wear on riband of certain decorations.  
4533 - French Trigonometrical Points.  
4551 - Postal ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Addresses.

Part II.

REMISSION OF SENTENCE

1. The C.O.C., 4th Aust. Div., having reconsidered the the Court Martial award of 20-12-17 against 5336 Pte. A.H. BENNETT (sentence suspended 1-1-18), has been pleased to remit the whole sentence.

DETACHMENT

2. The under-mentioned man was detached for duty with 4th Aust. Div. Claims Office as from 14-7-18 :-  
3026 Pte. F. S. LAWSON.

CHIMES

3. The following punishments have been awarded by the C.O.C.

4845 Pte. W.H.L. LOVE A.V.L. from 9.0 p.m. 15-7-18 to 7.30 p.m. 16-7-18.  
Award 7 days P.P. No. 3.  
Date of Award 18-7-18.  
Total forfeiture - 8 days' pay  
22-0-0.

2384 Pte. W. HALL Direct disobedience of Coy. Standing Orders, in that he deliberately fired his rifle for the purpose of cleaning it, thus endangering the lives of his comrades.  
Date of Award 18-7-18.  
Award - Forfeits 7 days' pay - 21-12-0.

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PROMOTIONS 4. To be Sergeant

2333 T/Sgt. F. BENNETTS vice Sgt. TREND.  
(15th Coy). To date 16-7-18.

To be Corporals

1843 T/Cpl. J. WILLIAMSON vice Cpl. SHAW.  
3388 T/Cpl. J. D. MARSHALL vice HOULAHAN.  
515 T/Cpl. W. HIPPS vice BENNETTS.  
3695 T/Cpl. B. WADE vice FORRESTER.  
To date 16-7-18.

APPOINTMENTS 5. To be T/Sergeants.

1725 Cpl. A. P. HEALEY vice HOULAHAN.  
1988 Cpl. J. S. HIGG to complete establishment.  
To date 16-7-18.

To be T/Corporal

507 Pte. J. I. TRAVES vice HIGG.  
To date 16-7-18.

REVERSION

- 6. 1343 Dvr. H. G. GALLEGOS is reverted to Private through misconduct. To date 30-6-18.
- 3686 L/Cpl. W. S. B. FRITZLER reverts to Private at his own request. To date 16-7-18.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

7. The following Military Medals have been awarded.

- 683 Sgt. H. B. TYLER.
- 3177 Cpl. J. C. McDONALD.
- 653 Cpl. T. V. DWYER.
- 4218 Pte. H. G. HUXTABLE.
- 566 Cpl. J. A. SMITH.

The G.O. wishes to offer his congratulations to the recipients of these honours.

*H. W. Crouch* Captain.  
Adjte., 4th Aust. H. G. Bn.

## BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 40.

by  
 Lieut.-Colonel H.W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., A.C.M.  
 Commanding  
 4th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

20th July, 1918.

Part I.

- CHURCH PARADES 1. Battalion H.Q., 12th and 24th Aust. M.G. Coys.  
 C. of E. - Old Bn. Orderly Room at 10 a.m.  
 Chap. The Rev. COLLINS.  
 O.P.D. Cinema Hall at 10 a.m. Chaplain The Rev.  
 R.O.D. FINIGAN.  
 R.C. ALLONVILLE Church at 10.30 a.m.  
 Dress for Services - Clean fatigue with S.B.R.
- BAYONET FIGHTING CLASS. 2. 8 N.C.Os. each from 24th and 12th Coys. will report to  
 C.S.M.I. SMITH on the cricket ground at 9 a.m. sharp  
 for one week for 3 hours instruction in Physical Train-  
 ing and Bayonet Fighting. Dress:- Clean fatigue, Box  
 Respirators, rifles, bayonets, and scabbards.

Part II.

- APPOINTMENTS. 1. To be Corporal.  
 388 Pte. PRITCHARD, D. Vice COYLE promoted.  
 To date 28-6-18.  
To be Driver. A.I.F.O. 785.  
 4323 Pte. TORNEY, H. vice LEWIS to Hospital.  
 To date 17/7/18.
- ATTACHED. 2. 2234 A/C.S.M.I. W. SMITH attached for duty as Gyn-  
 nastic Staff Instructor from 20-7-18.
- CHANGE OF NAME. 3. 6806 Pte. T. GREEN. By sworn declaration assumed  
 true name of CORNELIUS JOSEPH McINERNEY on 28-6-18.

Part B. contd.

- CHURCH PARADE. 3. O.P.D. AT 11- 15 a.m. at 12th M.G. Coy. Chaplain,  
 The Rev R.O.D. FINIGAN.

Voluntary Service at 6 p.m in Aerodrome. Chaplain  
 The Rev. R.O'D. FINIGAN

*H. W. Murray* Captain.  
 Adjnt., 4th Aust. M. G. Bn.

- NOTICES. The amount of fat returned to Railhead by this Unit was  
 as follows :-  
 24th Aust. M. G. Coy. 100 lbs.

P.T.O.



APPENDIX F

NOTICES.

The following are the salvage returns for this Battalion for the week ending 12-7-18 :-

	4th Coy.	12th Coy.	13th Coy.	24th Coy.
Expended S.A.A. (boxes)	21	79	33	67
Boxes, S.A.A., empty	41	62	1132	69
Boxes, Belt, Ammunition	1	2		
Belts, Ammunition, 250 rds.	2			
Rifles, L.E.	5	8	33	50
Bayonets & Scabbards	6		19	17
Bayonets			2	2
Rifles, German		1	11	10
Solder (lbs.)		45		
Wire netting (rolls)		6		
Shirts		20		21
Socks (pairs)		22		8
Horse Respirators		2		
Girth, Web		1		
Respirators, Box			6	15
do German			2	
Sacks, German			26	
Panniers, Lewis Gun			1	1
Cases, do			1	
Sheets, Ground			3	26
Slings, Rifle			2	
Cutters, Wire, Pairs			1	6
do do Rifle				5
Bottles, Water			4	24
Grenades, Hand, Boxes				15
Machines, Belt-filling (German)				1
Picks				48
Shovels, G.S.				100
Tins, Petrol				111
Rolls, Tape				16
Bicycle (in parts)				1
Bits, Portsmouth				2
Reins, Bearing (pairs)				2
Kettles, Camp, Oval				1
Russian Helmets, Steel				4
Blankets, G.S.				13
Jerkins				8
Jackets, Cardigan				22
Drawers, Pairs				3
Coats, Great				23
Clippers, Hand (pairs)				6
Bandoliers, Leather				3
Bottles, Rum, Empty				8
Saddle, Universal				1

211 BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 41.

by  
 Lieut-Colonel H.W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
 Commanding  
 4th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Original

29th July, 1918.

Part I

- French 1. It is notified for information that after 1st Aug.  
Currency. 1918, silver coins of the following denominations, 2frs.,  
 1 fr, and 50 centimes and 20 centimes, bearing on the ob-  
 verse the effigy of Napoleon III with laurel wreaths, will  
 no longer be legal tender. Such coin should be exchanged at  
 civil Post Offices or Banks on or before 31st July, 1918.  
 Arrangements should be made to collect such coins regimentally  
 and make the above exchange. Men are warned against accept-  
 ing any of the above coins.
- Orders. 2. Attention is directed to the following orders:-  
 D.R.O. 2153 Sanitation.  
 " 2154 Venereal Disease.
- Cables to 3. It is notified that owing to line interruption and  
Australia. congestion of business, cables accepted from members of the  
 A.I.F. at E.F.M. rates by the Eastern Route, as well as Pac-  
 ific Route are subject to considerable delay. This should  
 be brought to the notice of all ranks, who should be informed  
 that all telegrams sent at reduced rates are liable to delay.

Part II.

- Promotions & 1. 4th Coy.  
Appointments. To be Corporal  
 415a T/Cpl. I. HENDERSON vice Davis.K.I.A., dated 4/7/17  
To be L/Cpls. to complete establishment.  
 5055 Pte. J. CAREY.  
 513 Pte. J.O. OSMAND.  
 537 " C.R.E. VINALL.  
 7215 " R.C. FORDHAM.  
 4850 " H.A. McV. GAULT.  
 528 " E.W. WYNWOOD.
- 12th Coy.  
To be T/C.S.M.  
 2674 Sgt. D.C. LEWIS vice HANLIN, dated 21/7/18.  
To be E/Opl.  
 2537 Pte. L.E. ROGERS vice C.Q.M.S. HOWARD reverted to  
 dated 23/7/18.
- 24th Coy.  
To be C.Q.M.S.  
 490a T/C.Q.M.S., S.P. PAKER vice WILSON reverted dated  
To be Sgt. 20/7/18.  
 435 T/Sgt. P.P. MURPHY vice HOWARD to O.T.C. dated  
 20/7/18.
- To be Corporals.  
 412 T/Opl. G.H. BUCHANAN, M.M. to complete establishment.  
 6153 " O. PATERSON " "  
 541 " H.G. FOSTER " "  
 451 " W.J. IRWIN " "  
 686 " F.G. PASMORE " "  
 440 " H.J. TREVINEN " "  
 377 " S.R. WATSON " "  
 435 " R.J. JUNOR vice Sgt. COURNEY to O.T.C.  
 dated 20/7/18.

Honours and 3.  
Awards.

The following decorations have been awarded:-  
Military Cross.

Lieut. A.T. CHAPMAN, M.M.  
 Lieut. P.H. WRIGHT.

Distinguished Conduct Medal.

1563 Sgt. P. LYNCH, M.M.

The G.O. desires to convey his congratulations to  
 the recipients.

211 Part E (Contd)

- Diarrhoea & Dysentery. 4. A certain amount of Dysentery has appeared in the Corps and every effort must be made to prevent its spreading. Particular attention will be paid to:-  
 (1) Water supply.  
 (2) Care of Latrines.  
 (3) Protection of food from flies.
- Leave. 5. All personnel for English leave will proceed by PER-BOIS except in exceptional cases when they will report ALLIX-SUR-SOMME at 7-30 a.m.
- N.C.Os. Holding Temporary Rank. 6. N.C.Os. holding temporary rank who are selected for special transport duty to Australia will retain such rank whilst absent from their units and may be replaced therein.
- Traffic. 7. ALLOUVILLE-QUERRIEU ROAD will be closed to all traffic other than water lorries from 28th inst. until further orders.
- Orders. 8. Attention is directed to D.R.O. 2170. Preventable injuries to animals.
- Sports Meeting. 9. 4th Aust. M.G. Bn. Sports Meeting.

By.	Prize Money.	Gr.	Prize Money.
Loan from Bn. Canteen	1398.20 frs	Total paid out	1469.05 frs.
Donation from Committed.	90.00 "	Gratuity	
Totalisator	232.00 "	Steam roller assistants.	25.00 "
Dividend		Balance (repaid to canteen)	226.15 "
	1720.20 frs.		1720.20 frs

*ibwronch* Capt.

Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.

Salvage week ending 26/7/19.

Notice.

	12th Coy.	13th Coy.	24th Coy.
Expended S.A.A.	1,000	5000	9,500
Rifles M.E.			2
German Light Maxim (in parts)		1	
" Spare Parts.		quantity	
" Cans water		4	
" Box ammunition		1	
" Belts "		quantity	
" Pouches ammunition		10	
" Drums "		3	
" S.A.A. Cases		5	
Mills Grenades (cases)		1	
Case Spare Parts (empty)		1	
Blocks, brake P.S.		1	
Picks		3	
Cup grenade		1	
Boiler, Cooker		1	
Carriers, ammunition		9	

Form to be rendered to the Officer  
i/c Records on the 1st of each month.

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Army Form B. 158.  
(AUSTRALIAN).

211 AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

(To be rendered by all  
Arms of the Service).

Unit ... 4th Australian M. G. Bn.  
Situation ... In the Field.  
Month ending ...

LIST OF OFFICERS.

M. or S.	OFFICERS ON STRENGTH DOING DUTY WITH UNIT.	NAME S.	Date of being Taken on strength as an Officer, i.e. on strength of a Coy. in 4th Aust. Div.
SM	Lt.-Cols. -	H.W.MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.	25:3:18.
M	Majors -	F.B.HINTON. M.C.	
S	Captains -	C.F.DUCHATEL. M.C.	5 : 4:18.
S		H.W.CROUCH. M.C.	21: 3:16.
S		W.M.B.CORY. M.C.	12: 3:16
S	T/CAPT.	A.F.TAYLOR.	24: 3:16
S	Lieutenants -	F. HICKS	9: 4:18
M		A. S. HEADLAM	3: 5:17
S		S. H. CARROLL. M.C.	28: 6:16
S		F. R. WATTS	29: 1:17
S		E. P. C. UPTON	29: 1:17
M		H. A. SHERIDAN	29: 1:17
S		J. H. KENNARE	3: 5:17
S		P. W. HOPKINS	3: 5:17
S		H. J. HUNT. M.C.	4: 3:17
S		P. H. WRIGHT	20: 4:17
S	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	W. A. SHELLEY M.M.	13: 4:17
S		W. M. CULLIMORE M.C.	23: 6:17
M		A. W. B. FAUCETT	
S		T. H. TRIMBLE	13: 4:17
S		C. N. KING	25: 9:17
S		T. DOUGLAS	
S		A. T. CHAPMAN M.M.	17:10:17
S		A. A. FOWLESS	17:10:17
S		R. J. TUCKETT	15: 8:17
S		G. R. T. RITCHARD	25:12:17
S		A. R. TREE	25:12:17
S		F. N. PEUT	6:10:17
S		L. D. SINCLAIR	6:10:17
S		B. O'REILLY	20:10:17
S		H. W. T. ALLAN. M.M.	
S		G. MARTIN	30: 4:18
M		W. L. O. MALLARD	1: 4:18
S		F. G. JOHNSON	20: 6:18
S		W. J. NEAL. D.C.M.	30: 4:18
S	See Lt. Sec/Lts.	J. KNIGHT.	30: 4:18
S		J. J. DWYER. V.C.	20: 5:18
S		W. B. BANKS	20: 5:18
S		J. L. CLARK M.M.	20: 5:18
S		W. L. WATERS. D.C.M.	1: 6:18
S		R. E. STEPHENS. M.M.	30: 6:18
S		C. R. COLOQUHOUN	13: 7:18
S		E. R. LEDSTER. M.M.	18: 7:18
S		N. T. H. TROTMAN	18:7: 18
S		H. E. BRADBURY M.M.	18: 7:18
S		G. H. PERKS	18: 7:18

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or  
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OFFICERS ON STRENGTH DOING DUTY WITH UNIT

Date of being  
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Coy. in 4th. Aust.  
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S	Adjutant	Capt,	<del>W.M. CROUCH, M.C.</del> C.F. DUCHATEL, M.C.	<del>21: 5:18</del> 5: 4:16
S	Quartermaster	Lieut.	E.P.C. UPTON	29: 1:17
<del>XXXXX</del> FIRST-CLASS WARRANT OFFICERS DOING DUTY WITH UNIT				Date of being taken on strength as Warrant Officer
S	Sergeant-Major		M.T. McDONALD. M.M. (Temp.R.S.M. (T.W.O.Cl.1.))	10: 6:18

OFFICERS ATTACHED.

(To include all Reinforcement and Supernumary Officers not yet absorbed on strength of units, Medical Officers, Chaplains, Veterinary Officers, Interpreters, etc.,

Date of joining.

	Rank.	Name	Corps or Reinforcements.	
S	Captain	A. J. HOPE	15th. Aust. F. Amb. (Attached during absence of Capt. SMITH on leave)	15: 7:18
S.	Lieutenant	W. GREGSON	4th. Aust. Signal Co, (Btn. Signal Officer)	28: 5:18
M	Chaplain the Rev. (Class III)	R.O'D. FINIGAN	Methodist Chaplain, attached from 4th. Aust. Div.	14: 4:18

OFFICERS ABSENT FROM UNIT

(To include all Officers on special duty or detachment, seconded, or on supernumary list).

Married or Single	Rank	Name	(a) (see below)	Date
S	Major	E. A. WILTON.	D.S.O. Sec.G.S.O.II, A.I.F. Depots U.K.	24: 11:17
	Major	E. MORELL.	D.S.O. Sec.B.M. 13th. A.I. Bde.	
	Captain	A.S. KEIGHLEY	Sec.duty 11th. Btn.	1: 6:17
M	"	H.L. WALL	Sec.A.M.G.T.D. (A.I.F. List No 283	31: 12:17
S	Lieut.	A. PETTIT	do (A.I.F. List 327	25: 4:18
S	Captain	D.S.A. MARTIN, M.C.	Sec. (Invalided) List No. 353	18: 6:18
S	Lieut	H.W.T. ALLAN, M.M.	" Wounded " " 353	30: 4:18
S	"	F. G. GARNER, M.M.	" A.M.G.T.D. List No. 341	28: 2:18
M	"	C. H. HATCHER	" <del>Supernumary</del> List No. 353	28: 3:18
S	"	A. E. FOX	Super. List (W.I.A.) " 281	28: 12:17
M	"	P. GRIEVESON	Sec. A.M.G.T.D. List No. 283	4: 1:18
M	"	J.N. GIBSON	" (Wounded) " " 321	28: 3:18
M	"	P.H.S. WESTON	" " " " 339	3: 5:18
S	"	T.E. COWLEY M.C.	" " " " 339	26: 4:18
#	"	<del>D. BARNES</del>	<del>Perm. Super. List " " 318</del>	<del>16: 3:18</del>
			(posted No. 2. Command Depot)	
S	"	B. L. HOLLOWAY	Sec. (Wounded) List 245	27: 8:17
S	"	S. WEARNE	" " " "	28: 9:17
S	"	C.N. BARTELS	RMK. Super. List " 353	22: 5:18
#	"	<del>F.C.A. MYERS</del>	<del>Per. " " 336 (P.O.W.)</del>	<del>5: 4:18</del>
#	"	<del>C.C. DIGHT</del>	<del>" " " 337 " "</del>	<del>6: 4:18</del>
M	Major	E.G. RADFORD, D.S.O.	Detached to Aust. Corps for Temp.duty as G.M.G.O.	20: 6:18
S	Lieut	T.R. JACK M.C.	Sec. (Wounded) List No. 352	23: 6:18
S	"	H. THORNE	Sick to Hospital	21: 6:18
S	2/Lt.	W. JONES	Sec. (Wounded) List No. 356	5: 5:18
S	Capt.	A.L. LANGBORNE	To U.K. (Leave)	16: 7:18
S	Lieut.	J.A. PONTIN, M.C.	To 4th. Army Inf. School	26: 7:18
M	"	H.J. LANTZKE	To Hospital (Sick)	14: 7:18
S	"	F.J. CREASY, M.M.	Sec. (Wounded) List No. 358	8: 7:18
M	"	W.M. COUSINS	Detached to A.F.C.	16: 7:18
S	"	W.H. WOOD	Sec. (Wounded) List No. 356	4: 7:18
S.	2/Lt.	M.D. COBB	" " " " 358	8: 7:18

(a) If Special duty, state same; if seconded or supernumary list state reason.

## 211 CHANGE OF RANK OF OFFICERS.

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(To include all promotions of Officers during preceding month, also to include promotions to and reversions from temporary rank,)

Married or single	Rank	Name	Promotion or Reversion	Date
S	Lieut. Col.	H. W. MURRAY, V.C. (temp.) D.S.O., D.C.M.	To be Lt. Col, A.I.F. List. 333	24:5:18
S	Lieut.	A. F. TAYLOR.	To be Temp. Capt. " "	1:7:18

## OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

(To include all other ranks promoted to Commissioned rank; Reinforcement Officers absorbed; Officers rejoined from sick or wounded; transfers to Unit; Officers absorbed from Seconded or supernumary list &amp;c.)

	Rank	Name	Reason	Date
M	Lieut.	A. W. B. FAWCETT	From wounded	30:6:18
S	"	T. H. TRIMBLE	" Super. List (Wounded)	30:6:18
S	"	O. W. KING	" Sec. (Wounded)	30:6:18
S	2/Lt.	R. E. STEPHENS, M.M.	" O.T.C. A.I.F. List 295	30:6:18
S	Lieut.	T. DOUGLAS	" Sec. (Invalid)	30:6:18
S	2/Lt.	C. R. COLQUHOUN	" O.T.C. A.I.F. List 337	30:6:18
S	"	T. R. LYDSTER, M.M.	" " " " "	30:6:18
S	"	N. F. H. TROTMAN	" " " " "	30:6:18
S	"	H. E. BRADBURY, M.M.	" " " " "	30:6:18
S	"	G. H. PERKS	" " " " "	30:6:18

## OFFICERS WHO HAVE QUITTED DURING THE MONTH.

	Rank	Name	Reason	Date,
S	Lieut.	W. H. WOOD	Wounded in Action	4:7:18
S	"	F. J. CREASY, M.M.	" " "	8:7:18
S	2/Lt.	M. D. COBB	" " "	8:7:18
M	Lieut	W. M. COUSINS	Detached to A.F.C.	16:7:18
S	Capt.	A. L. LANGBOERNE	TO U.K. (Leave)	16:7:18
M	Lieut	H. J. LANTZKE	To Hospital (Sick)	14:7:18

## OFFICERS STRUCK OFF STRENGTH OF UNIT.

	Rank	Name	Reason	Date
S	2/Lt.	R. W. DOVEY	Killed in Action	4:7:18-

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Lieut-Col.

4th. Aust. M.G. Battalion.

28th. July, 1918.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

WEEKLY EFFECTIVE STRENGTH

Month of July, 1918.

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	<u>INCREASE</u> for week ending:								<u>DECREASE</u> for week ending:							
	6/7/18		13/7/18		20/7/18		27/7/18		6/7/18		13/7/18		20/7/18		27/7/18	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
From Hospital	1	1		2		4	1			6		2		4		6
" Seconded List	1				1		1		1	2		7				
" Supernumary List	1								18	2		8				
" Reinforcements	1	3		21	4	10							1			3
" Transfers		2					1									
	4	6		23	5	14	2	1	2	30	2	13	1	5		10

Increases and Decreases for weeks ending:-

	<u>INCREASE</u>		<u>DECREASE</u>	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
6/7/18	4	6	2	30
13/7/18		23	2	13
20/7/18	5	4	1	5
27/7/18	2	1		10
Totals	11	44	5	58

Effective Strength for week ending 29/6/1918  
Add total increase for month

	Off.	O.R.
Effective Strength for week ending 29/6/1918	46	925
Add total increase for month	11	44
	57	969
Deduct total decreases "	5	58
Total @ 27/7/18.	52	911.

Deduct total decreases "  
Total @ 27/7/18.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.  
QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.  
JULY 1918.

RATIONS.

It has been found that the best method of rationing the Battalion is by Companies and not as a Battalion owing to the large area over which the unit is spread whilst in the line. Therefore arrangements were made, that each Company submit through their C.Q.M.S., a ration state and draw rations through the A.A.S.C. which supplied the Brigade Group with which the Coys. worked.

The rations issued to the unit for the past month have been satisfactory, and in detail are, Bread 80%, Biscuit 20%. Fresh Meat 60%, Preserved meat 40%. Bacon 50%, M. and V. rations 50%. The issue of green vegetables is not considered sufficient although Dried Vegetables are always issued in lieu.

Full issue of tea, sugar, milk, jam, butter, cheese, and dried fruit was made.

The cooking of meals has been supervised daily by the sergeant cook and the rations are used to the best advantage. The amount of fat returned to railhead for the month was 500 lbs.

Whilst in the line there is an extra issue of tea, and sugar and soup powder which enables the men to have a hot drink during the night. 20 tins of solidified alcohol is issued daily whilst in the line and together with "home made" Tommy Cookers is ample.

COMFORTS.

Cigarettes, toffee and literature were received from Y.M.C.A.

From Aust. Comforts Fund 48 cases of mixed goods were received. The goods consisting mainly of coffee and milk, cocoa and milk, sugar, milk, oatmeal, Tommy Cookers, tobacco, cigarettes, playing cards, games, sox, lollies, chocolates, and groceries. During the period in the line no difficulty was experienced in obtaining "Comforts".

The comforts received were a credit to those who look after the interest of the troops, and, have been very much appreciated by the whole of the unit.

CLOTHING.

The clothing of the unit is satisfactory. The class of material is of a cheap quality and does not last long, the tunics are Aust. pattern but the breeches are British Cyclist pattern and wear out very easily. If Aust. breeches were issued the demands would be fully 50% less.

EQUIPMENT.

The unit is now fully equipped with 08 pattern, this being exchanged for 14 pattern. It would save exchanging if reinforcements were issued with pattern 08 when leaving the Base to join the unit instead of 14 pattern. I consider the 08 pattern the most suitable for M.G. Battalions.

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT.

The guns and all gun gear of the unit are fully complete and all urgent demands on D.A.D.O.S. for guns etc. to replace casualties are usually settled inside 12 hours.

During the month all guns were thoroughly overhauled and all spare parts obtained to complete.

ARTIFICER.

The artificer Sergeant during the month has thoroughly overhauled all the guns and during the period in the line he repaired all slightly damaged guns.

SALVAGE.

All limbers taking supplies to the line were loaded on return journey with salvage and the amount was good considering that the area had already been cleaned up. Each Coy. had a salvage party out and collected all that was obtainable and returned it to the Q.M. Store where it was resorted and sent to the various salvage dumps by the supply wagons on their return after delivering rations.

TAILORS.

The work done by the tailors consisted of repairs and alterations to clothing, and over 200 colour patches were made from material purchased and salvaged.



CANTEEN.

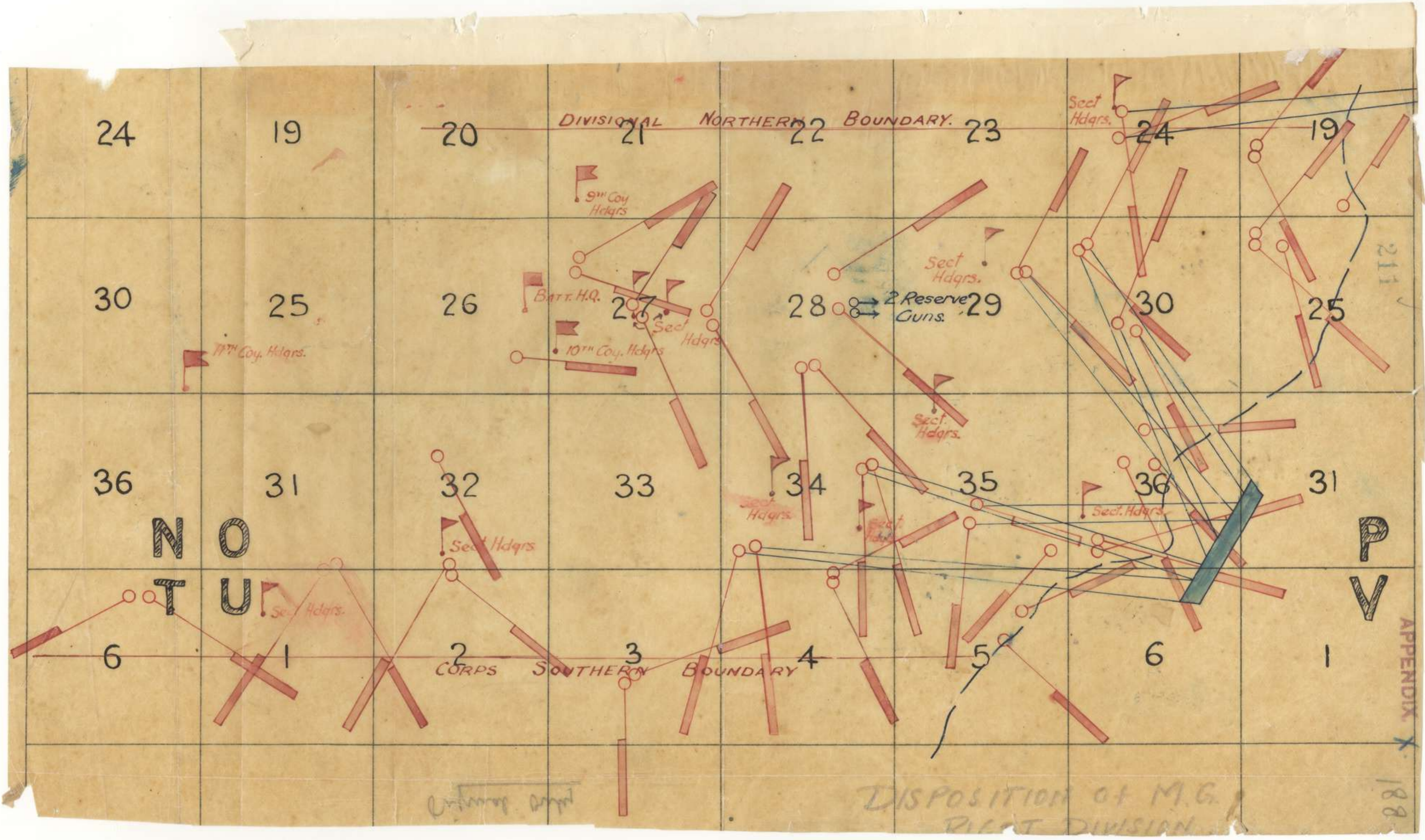
The canteen which is always at Headquarters has been very busy during the month. The average daily stock held is about 3000 francs. Three men are employed on the work, two at the canteen and one buying.

There has been difficulty in obtaining a sufficient supply to cater for the unit. Chocolate, cigarettes, tobacco, preserved fruits and biscuits are chiefly demanded.

Supplies are obtained from E.F.C. with the exception of draught beer. This is only procurable from FRENCH Breweries.

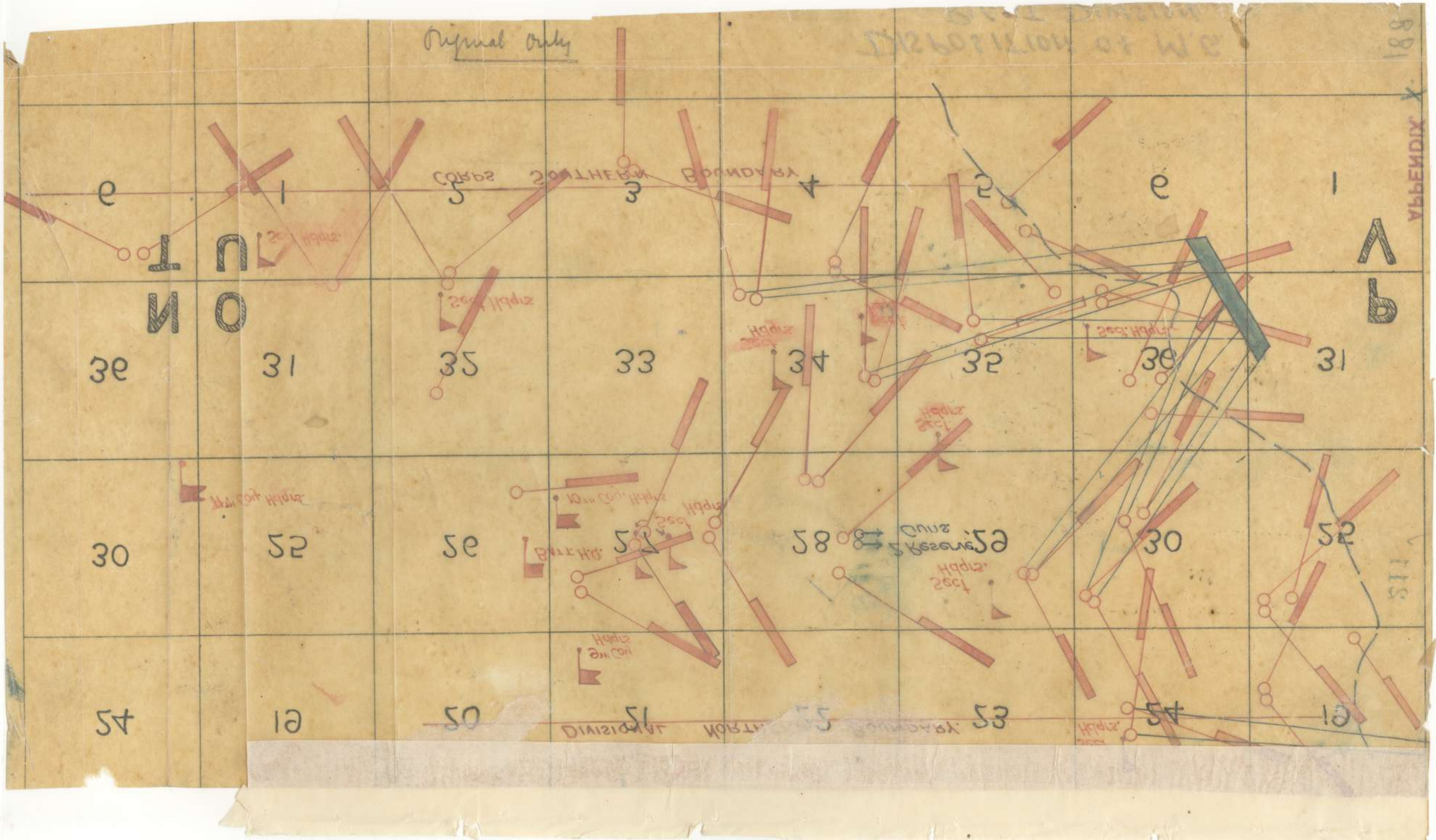
Canteen stores are transported by motor lorry whenever possible and horse transport as a last resource. Canteen stores are obtained at distances varying from 5 to 30 miles from unit.

(sgd) C.F. DUCHATEL, Capt. for  
Lieut-Colonel,  
C.O., 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion.



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DISPOSITION OF M.G.  
RIGHT DIVISION

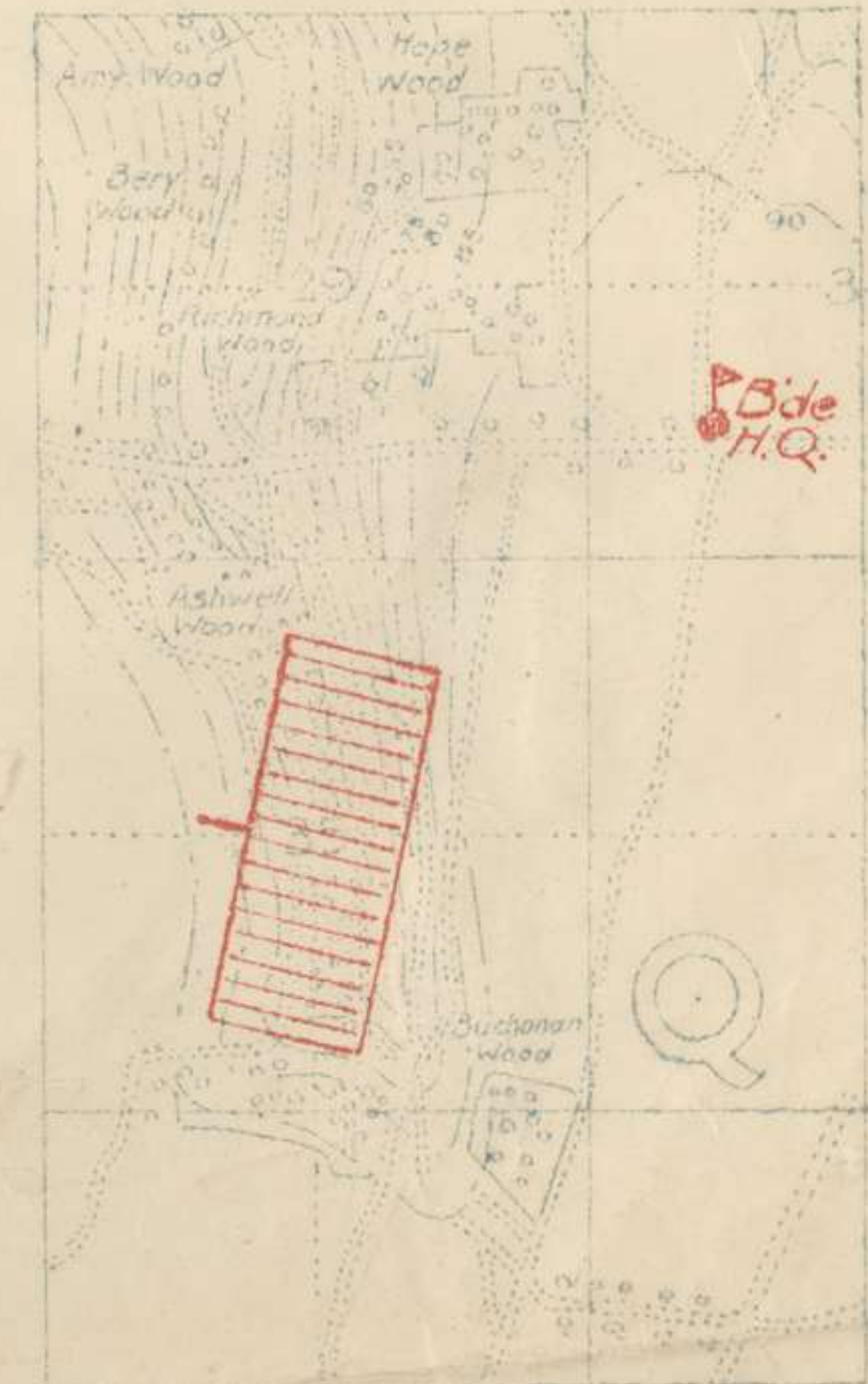
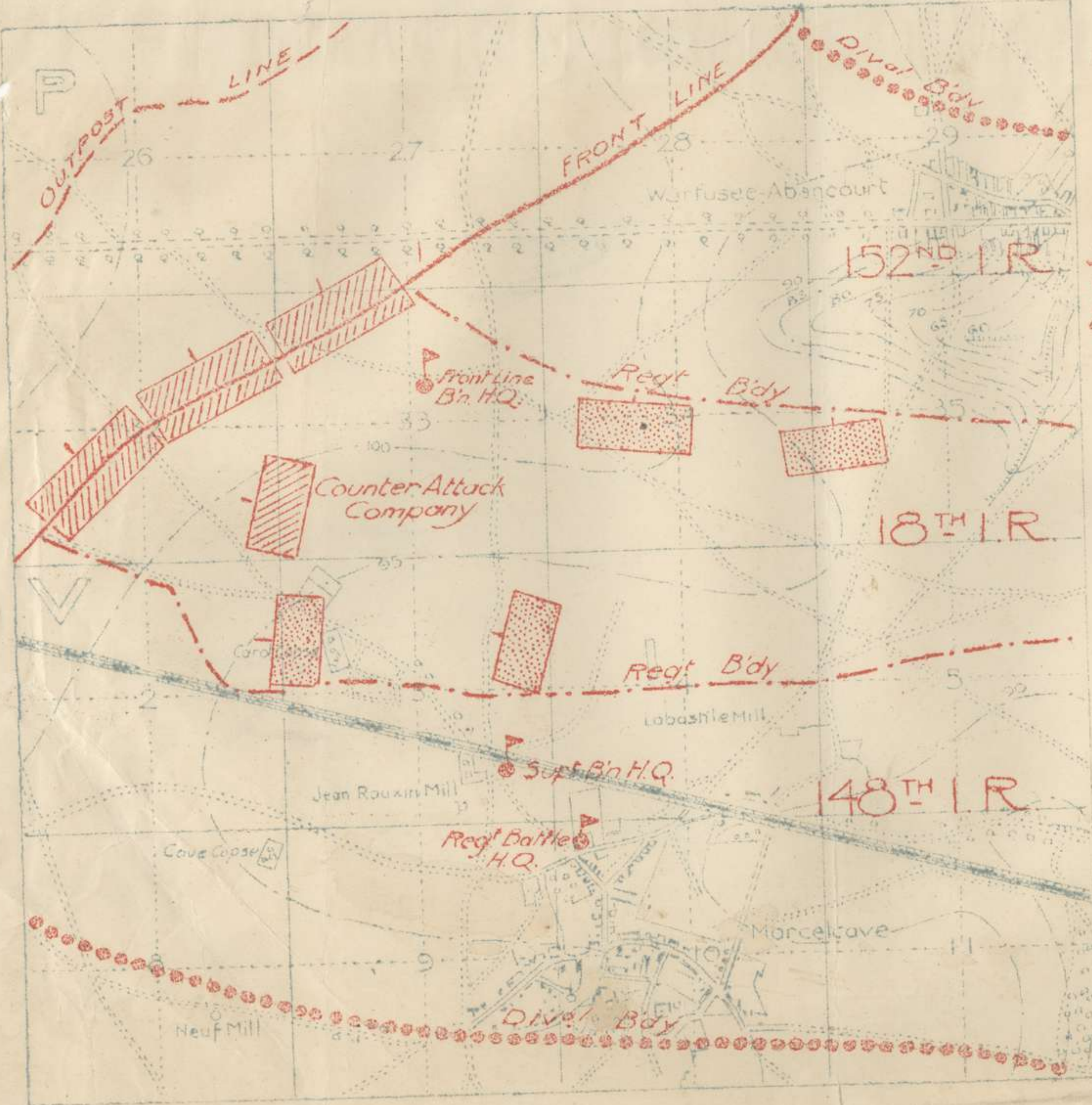


COPY OF  
CAPTURED GERMAN MAP  
DATED ABOUT 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
SHEWING DISPOSITIONS OF  
18<sup>TH</sup> I.R. 41<sup>ST</sup> DIV.

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Support Comr Positions		Dival B'dys	
Approx Front Line Comr Dispositions		Regt B'dys	
		Resting Battalion	



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# SITUATION MAP

6 pm 29-7-18

DATES SHOWN ARE THOSE OF LAST IDENTIFICATIONS

## Legend

Divl Bdy  
Battalions

## Probable Reserves

- 54<sup>th</sup> DIV
- 108<sup>th</sup> DIV
- 243<sup>rd</sup> Div
- 50<sup>th</sup> Res. Div
- 24<sup>th</sup> Div

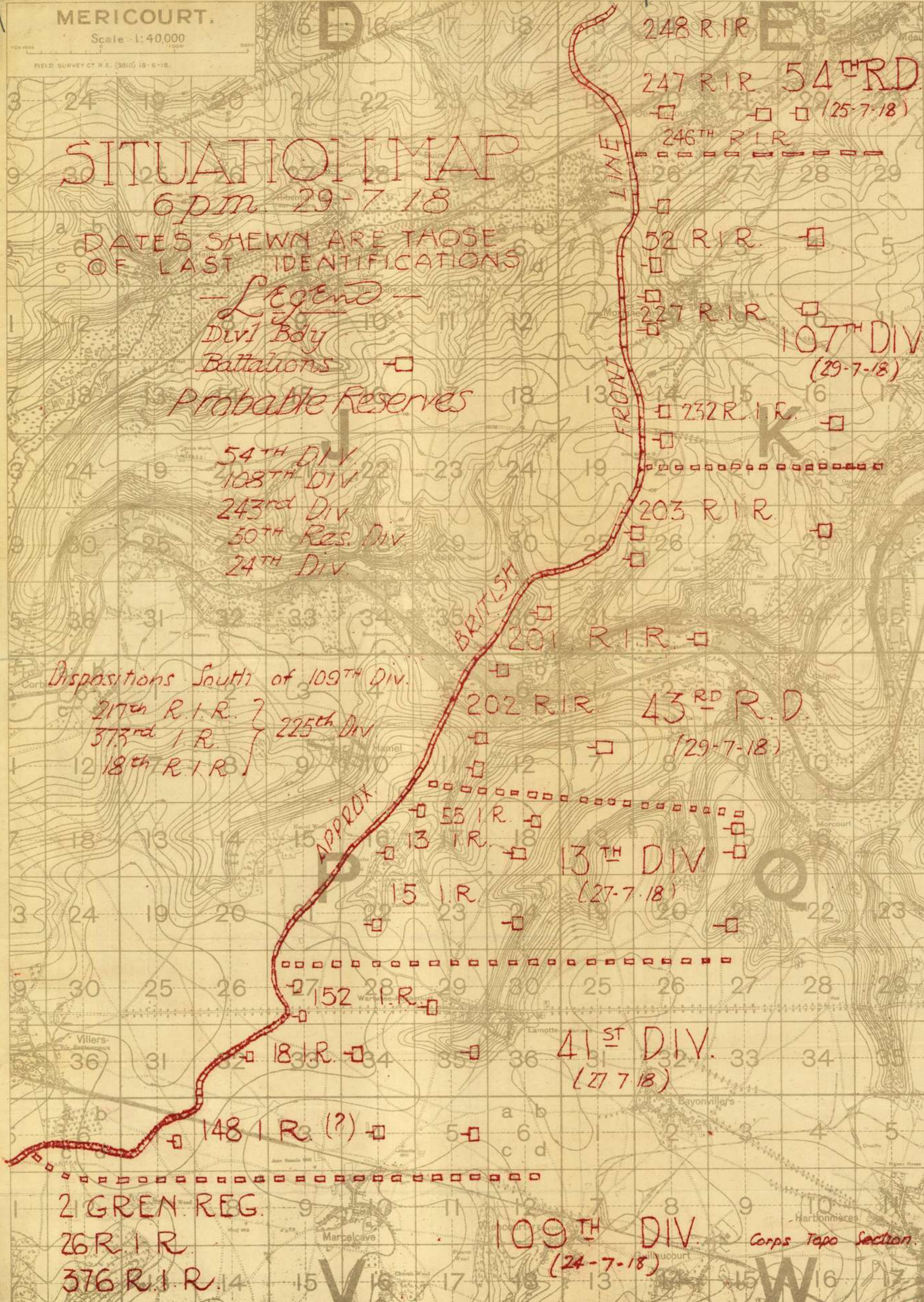
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- 217<sup>th</sup> R.I.R.
- 373<sup>rd</sup> I.R.
- 18<sup>th</sup> R.I.R.
- 225<sup>th</sup> Div

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FRONT LINE



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Appendix X *[initials]*

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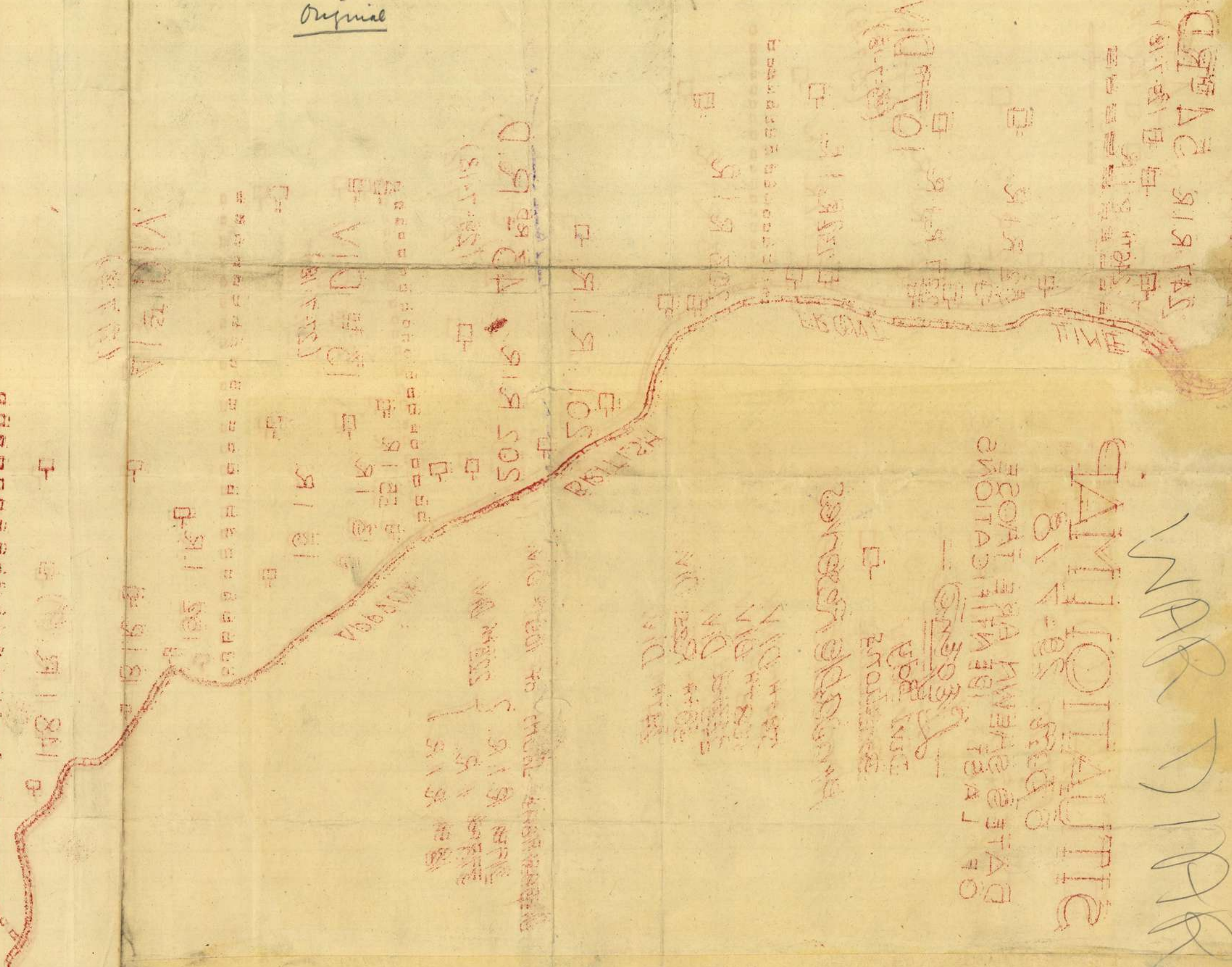
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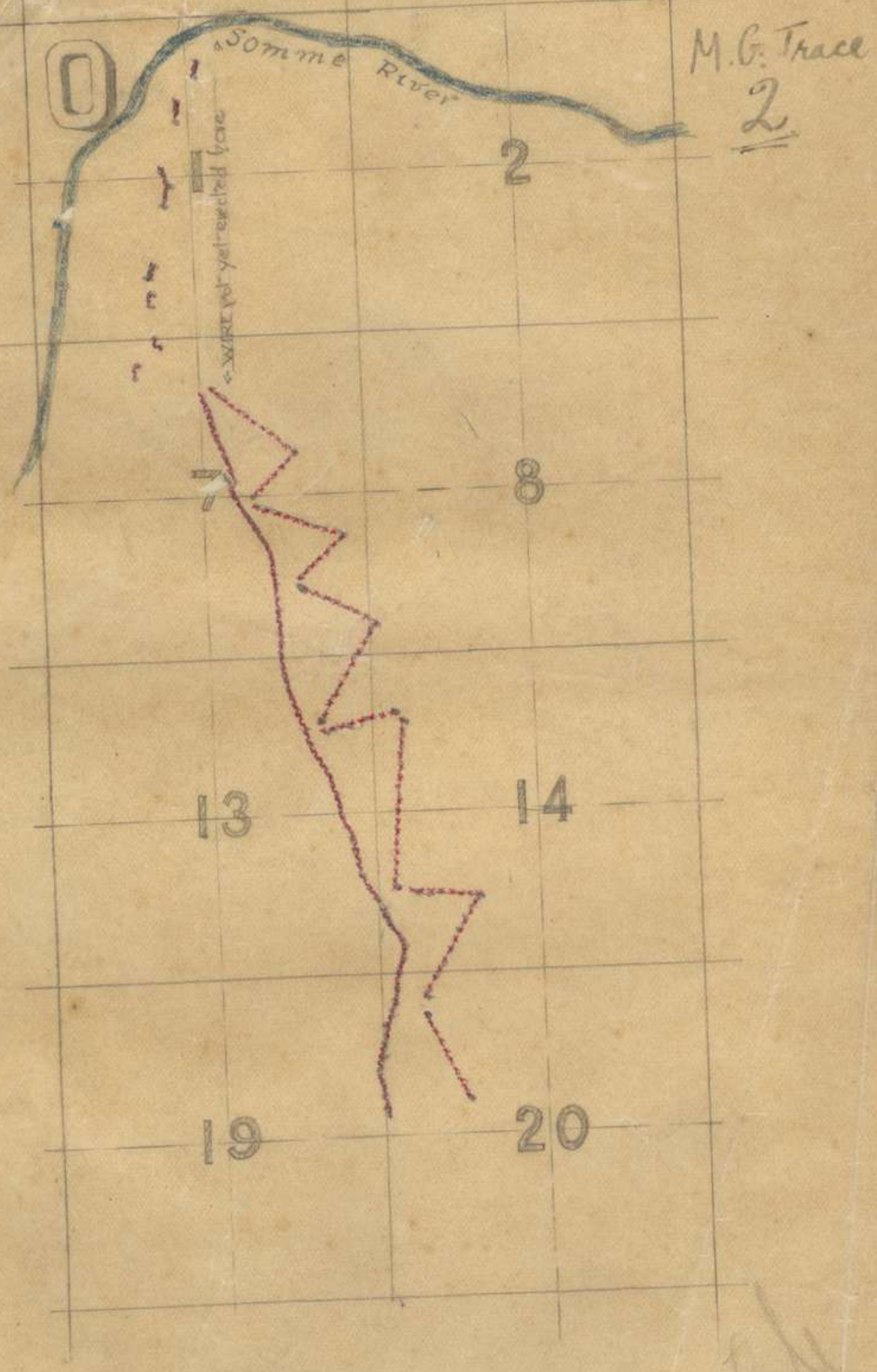


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15<sup>th</sup> FIELD COY  
AUS. ENGRS.

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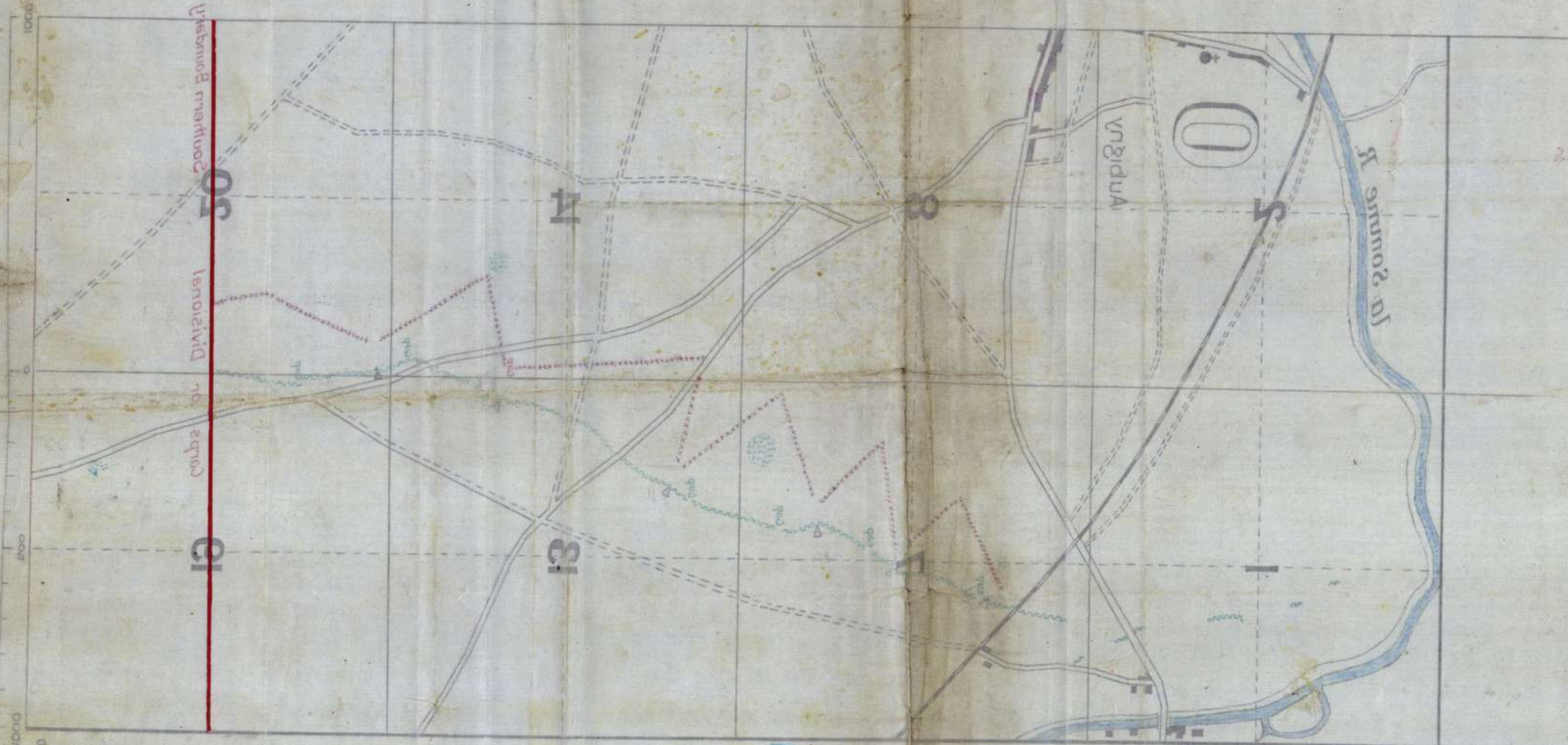
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Corps or Divisional Southern Boundary

Scale, 1:10000

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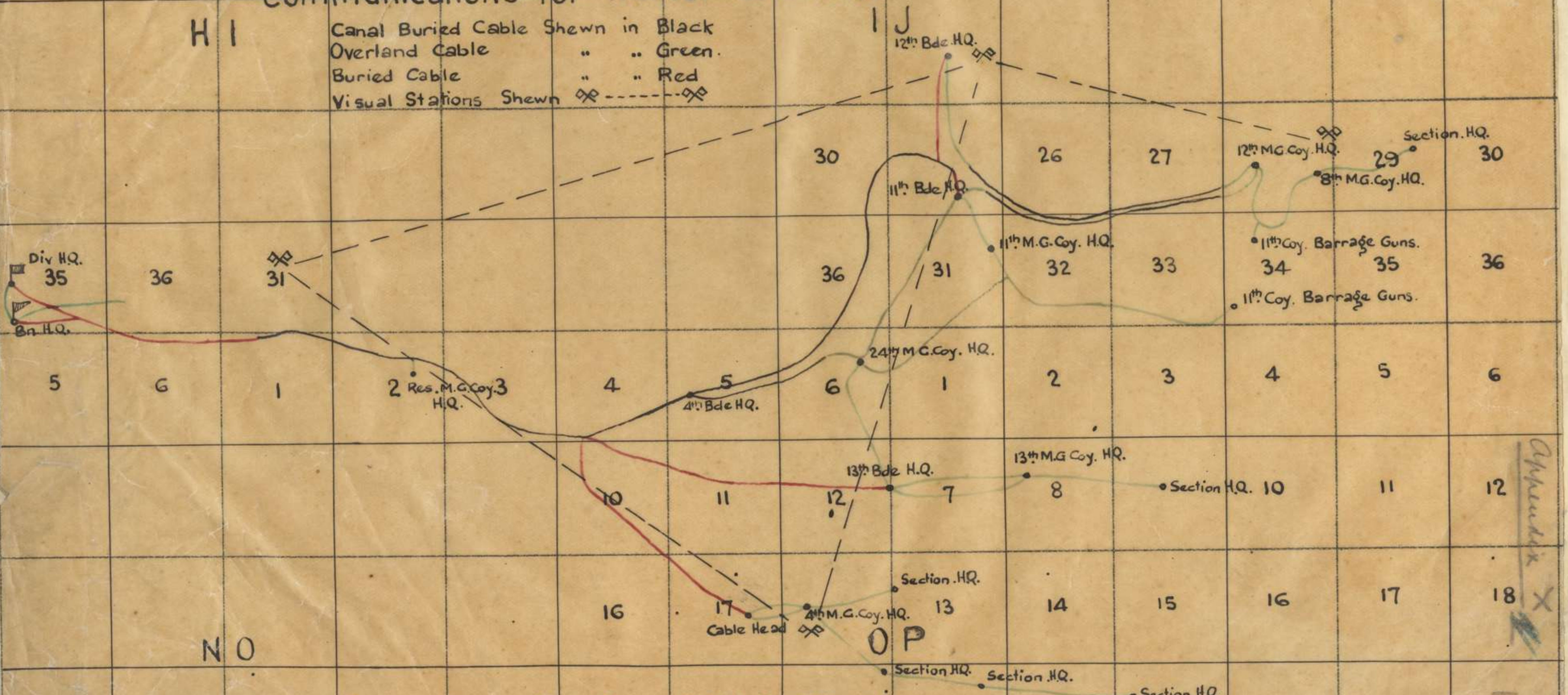
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4<sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Bn.

Communications for Hamel Offensive

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 Buried Cable " " Red  
 Visual Stations Shewn  $\otimes$  - - -  $\otimes$



Tracing Taken from Sheet 62<sup>D</sup> 1:40,000.

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### Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.



NOTE.—(1). These traces are intended to facilitate the communication of information as to the position of targets, which have been located on a squared map.  
 (2). The squares on this trace are 500 yards in length on the 1/10,000 scale, 1,000 yards in length on the 1/20,000 scale, and 2,000 yards in length on the 1/40,000 scale.  
 (3). The squares on the trace are fitted to the squares of the map showing the targets, which are then drawn on the trace. Sufficient letters and numbers must also be added to enable the recipient to place the trace in the correct position on his own map. A little detail may also be traced, but this is not essential. The name and scale of the map to which the trace refers must be always given. The trace can be used for the 1/10,000, 1/20,000, or 1/40,000 scale.

Tracing taken from Sheet 62° NE. & SE.  
 of the 1: 20,000 map of FRANCE

Signature..... Date 28.2.18.

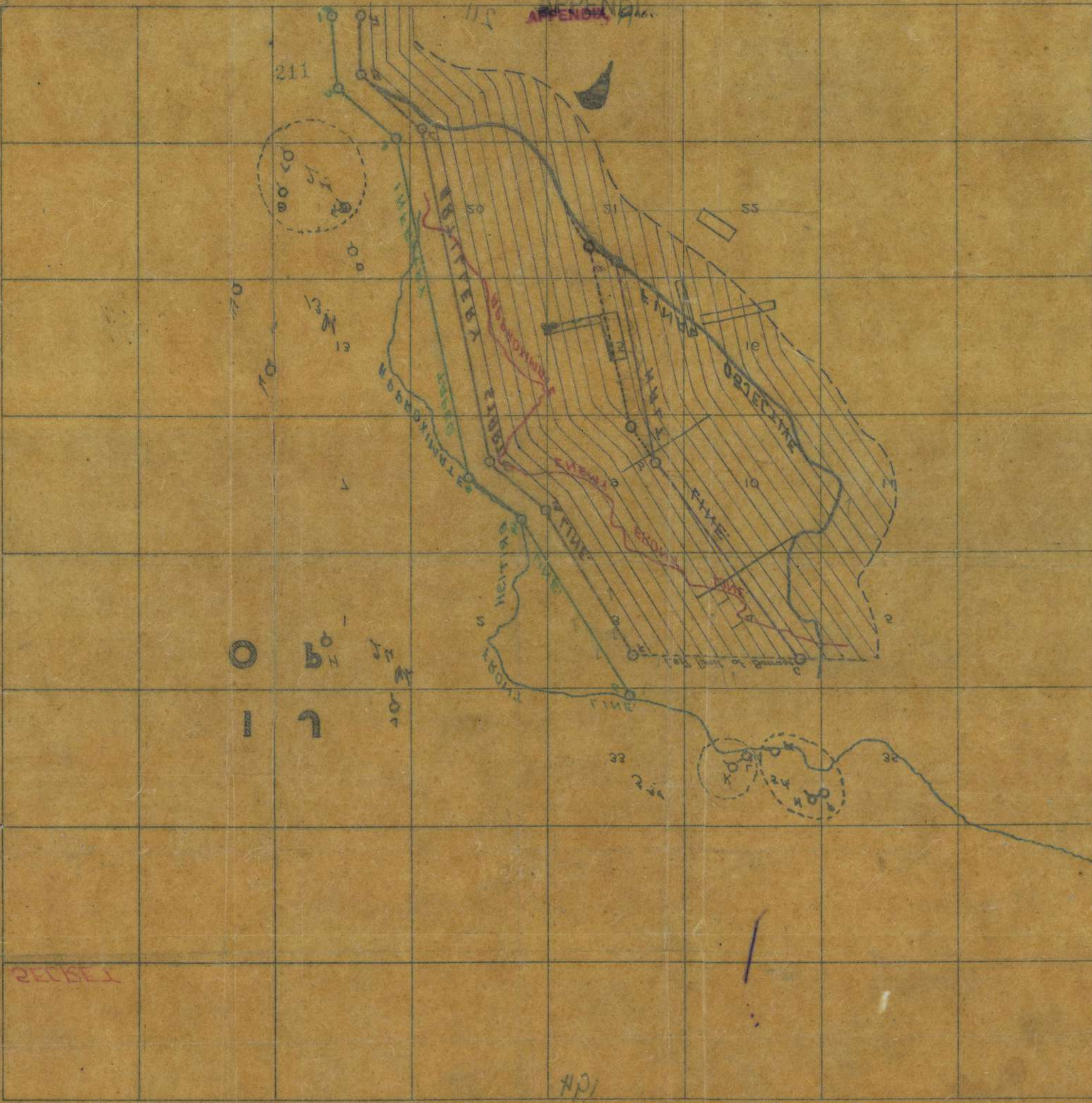
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Date 28/11/52  
 of the 1:50,000 map of FRANCE  
 showing the area around 250 WE & 2E

This map shows the position of the mole and the communication system. The mole was built on the beach at the mouth of the river. The communication system consisted of a series of tunnels leading from the mole to the interior. The map shows the location of the mole and the communication system. The mole was built on the beach at the mouth of the river. The communication system consisted of a series of tunnels leading from the mole to the interior.



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Identification Trace for use of the map

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