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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*4<sup>th</sup> Aust. Machine Gun Battalion*

FOR

*August* 1918

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Army Form C. 2118.

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
BOVES WOOD. ( T.13.c.o.o. )	1st	-	The relief of the 37th (FRENCH) Division was in progress, being completed at midnight. The sector held is at the junction of the British and French Armies, with the River LUCE as the southern boundary of the Divisional Front. The Battalion dispositions were accordingly as follows:- Battalion Headquarters, 12th Company (in reserve) Transport, and the Nuclei of the remaining three Companies were in BOVES WOOD. The 13th Company, and the 4th Company were on the right and left Brigade Sectors respectively, the 24th Company being in support for the Divisional Sector as a whole.
	2nd		The Divisional northern boundary was extended north to the VILLERS-BRETONNEUX - CHAULNES Railway. The 4th and 24th Companies were thus extended to the north, relieving 14 Machine Guns of the 2nd M.G. Battalion.
	3rd		The C.O. attended a Conference at Divisional Headquarters with reference to the forthcoming offensive operations. Since arriving in BOVES WOOD the weather had been dull and showery.
	4th	4a.m.	Four Officers and 80 o/Ranks left for VAUX to attend a special Tank Demonstration, in connection with the forthcoming offensive. A warning order was given to the Companies, that the 2nd and the 3rd Canadian Divisions would relieve on the night of 5/6th. The C.O. of the 3rd Canadian Machine Gun Battalion visited the Sector in company with the Adjutant. The 12th Company marched out to billets in LA NEUVILLE. The weather remained unsettled.
	5th	6p.m.	The Adjutant visited the 3rd M.G. Battalion at BUSSY with reference to two half Companies assisting the 3rd Battalion with M.G. Barrage in coming operations. Battalion Headquarters itself moved to LA NEUVILLE by route march after dark, reaching their destination at 1a.m. It was arranged for Motor Busses to convey the Companies in the Line to the New Area, after the relief, but owing to congestion on the roads, these busses failed to arrive. After relief, therefore, these Companies marched to LA NEUVILLE, to billets in the partly demolished village. It rained heavily during the greater part of the night. The 130th American M.G. Coy and Company "C" of the 123rd M.G. Battalion did not move with the Battalion; They remained at BOVES to rejoin their American Units subsequently in QUERRIEU

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	5th		WOOD and to be attached to the 3rd Corps B.E.F.	
LA NEUVILLE	6th		<p>LA NEUVILLE received some attention from long range guns, but there were no casualties in the Battalion. Three hundred thousand rounds of S.A.A., Picks and Shovels, 24 hours' Iron Rations etc., were drawn preparatory to the forthcoming operations. Company Commanders held Conferences explaining in detail the plan of attack. Capt CORY M.C. visited the 3rd Machine Gun Battalion in connection with his tasks in the operation.</p> <p>The weather was dull with rain at intervals.</p>	Appendix B.
	7th		<p>Zero hour (viz- 4.20a.m.) for the attack, was notified at 11a.m. The 12th Company Officers and men, who were to operate in the Mk V<sup>1/2</sup> Tanks, moved off at 8p.m., the Battalion Pipe Band playing them out to join the Tanks. The 24th Company Officers and men moved off also at 8p.m. to join their respective Battalions, as did also the 4th Company. The 13th Company moved off at 9p.m. to M.G. Battery positions, in readiness for the operation. The weather remained overcast.</p>	
	8th		<p>It was misty until 8.30 a.m., becoming however, clear and fine at 9a.m. Prisoners were by this time arriving at Divisional Headquarters at CORBIE. Many of these prisoners were young; these were recent drafts, for some were not yet 19 years of age. These questioned admitted that the attack had taken them wholly by surprise.</p>	Appendix A2.
		9a.m.	<p>The C.O., Adjutant, and Capt LANGBOURNE with three o/ranks, moved off by bicycle to establish advanced H.Q. at P.11.b.4.4. Very few traces of enemy shell fire in retaliation to our barrage, were noticed. Some 5.9's were falling in the gully near Battalion Headquarters but ceased as our advance continued and the final objectives were reached.</p>	
			<p>The left flank Division was noticed to be in difficulties, progress there evidently being checked, and thus our left Brigade suffered casualties from the enemy fire on the other side of the Canal (i.e. where the left flank had failed to advance). However, by 1.45p.m. the whole Corps front was taken, and was being rapidly consolidated. Battalion H.Q. was established in former enemy dugouts. In the afternoon the C.O. visited Company Commanders.</p>	Appendix K3.
	9th		<p>Consolidation was continued. The C.O. again visited the Companies in the Line. The weather remained clear.</p>	Appendix A2.

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	10th		<p>Orders were received that our left flank division was in difficulties and that the 13th A.I. Bde. with the 13th M.G. Coy. would be sent to its assistance. The C.O. immediately ordered the 13th Coy. to move. (vide report). Dispositions of guns as at 8 a.m. are shown in the attached tracing.</p> <p>On the night 10/11th the 4th, 12th and 24th Coys. were relieved by the 3rd M.G. Battalion and moved by route march into bivouacs at SAILLY-LAURETTE and SAILLY-LE-SEC. Lieut. H.J. HUNT, M.C. was killed by shell fire during the relief, and also Dvr. JARVIS; three horses were wounded and subsequently had to be destroyed.</p>	Appendix A.
	11th		<p>Battalion H.Q. moved at noon to SAILLY-LE-SEC into the cellars and basement of the school room. All buildings in this village were in ruins. Advantage was taken of this day for all men to have a bath and to rest.</p>	
	12th		<p>Orders were received with regard to the liaison force. (Battalion Order No. 19) Tracing of the dispositions of the 13th Coy. as at 8 a.m. is attached.</p>	Appendix B Appendix K9.
	13th		<p>The Battalion, less the 13th Coy. moved to the HARBONNIERES - BAYONVILLERS Area. The C.O. attended conference to discuss plans for the continuation of the attack. The following were the dispositions of the three companies :- 4th Coy. at W.23a.4.7., 12th Coy. at W.18.c.4.6. and the 24th Coy. in HARBONNIERES. Bn. H.Q. was also at HARBONNIERES, all the transport being at BAYONVILLERS: a rest billet was also established at this latter village. The Coys. moved to their new area by road, the transport following separately. Arrangements had been made for the continuation of the attack (Battalion Order 21) but these plans were subsequently cancelled. Enemy aeroplanes were over HARBONNIERES in the early evening in large numbers, bombing this area, but no casualties were suffered by the Battalion personnel or horses. The weather had been very warm.</p>	Appendix A3
	14/15th		<p>The 24th Coy. moved into the support area. 8 guns each of the 4th and 12th Coys. moved into the line.</p>	Appendix B
	15/16th		<p>The relief was duly completed. The 132nd M.G. Coy. (American Expeditionary Force) became the divisional reserve, moving into the camp vacated by the 4th Coy. Lieut. KENNARE was accidentally injured by a G.S. Limber running over his legs. The dispositions now were</p>	

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			<p>as follows:- Bn. H.Q. at HARBONNIERES, the 4th and 12th Coy. H.Q. at X.22d.1.4., 24th Coy. H.Q. at X.20.b.8.4. The Battalion transport lines remained at BAYONVILLERS, whilst the 132nd American M.G. Coy. was located at W.23.a.4.7.</p>	
	17/19th		<p>Battalion in action. The weather remained fine. A good deal of hostile shell-fire was directed on our front and support areas, and also in the villages immediately to the rear.</p>	
	19th		<p>Arrangements were made for the 132nd American M.G. Coy. to move, and for the 13th Coy. to join the Battalion. Lieut. WATERS duly arrived with an advance party from the 13th Coy.</p>	Appendix K7.
	20th		<p>The weather was dull and misty. Capt. DUCHATEL visited the 12th Coy. in the line. The front was quiet, save for hostile artillery at times. Traffic going east and west through HARBONNIERES, evidently being under direct observation from enemy balloons, was shelled during the afternoon and evening, as also were the battery areas generally. Guns seemed to be firing from further back than yesterday.</p>	Appendix C1.
	21st		<p>The 4th and 12th Coys. completed 5 new gun positions in the support line, to provide for the resumption of offensive operations. To day there was practically no shelling east of X.20.b. (ie. east of the 24th Coy. H.Q.) but west of there there was a brisk bombardment by 8 in. guns, especially between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Weather was clear and warm. In accordance with Order No. 24, in the course of the night the 24th Coy., hitherto in support, relieved the 4th Coy. in the left sector, there being no casualties.</p>	Appendix A3.
	22nd		<p>Capt. DUCHATEL and Capt. CORY visited the 4th Bde. sector relative to establishing new gun positions, and so to create a defensive flank.</p>	
	23rd		<p>At dawn the 4th Bde., co-operating with the attack of the 32nd Division on the left, advanced their front line between LIHU FARM to MADAME WOOD, to a depth of 200 to 300 yards; the 24th Coy. supported the advance. A few shells fell again in HARBONNIERES. Orders were received that a relief was about to take place by the 32nd Div. (B.E.F.) and a French Division, and the preliminary arrangements were made. Capt. DUCHATEL left for the new area, viz:- LONGEAU, a suburb of AMIENS, to take</p>	

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			charge of an advance billeting party from the companies. Warm summer weather.	
	24th		Weather was dull. All preparations were made for the relief; the 4th Coy. assembled at Bn. H.Q. at 10 p.m., and the relief of the 12th and 24th Coys. proceeded, there being some casualties from gas shells at the time. A hot meal was provided for all men who came out of the line, this being prepared at the H.Q. Cooker. The whole Battalion then proceeded by lorries to the new area.	Appendix B. Appendix J3
	25th	4 a.m.	The Battalion arrived in LONGEAU, and went into billets in the deserted houses there. The day was cloudy with a thunder storm at night.	
	26th		Reinforcements (25 O.R.) marched in. A rest billet was established in LONGEAU, and those suffering only slightly from the effects of gas shells, were treated there. Clean clothes were issued to all in the unit. Taking advantage of the moonlight, bombs were dropped by hostile aeroplanes between LONGEAU and AMIENS.	
	27th		Reinforcements (60 O.R.) marched in. The weather was dull and showery.	
	28th		A Court of Enquiry comprising Major A.R. Cox (14th Bn.) Capt. H.L. Langborne and Lieut. E.P. Prendergast, was held to investigate the circumstances under which the casualties (from gas shells) were suffered on the night 24/25th, i.e. during the relief.	Appendix F. Appendix J3
	29th		A C.O.'s. Orderly Room was held this morning at Bn. H.Q.. The weather had cleared again.	
	30th	x	A Battalion Parade was held this morning, the first in the history of the 4th M.G. Battalion. Markers reported to the R.S.M. at Battalion H.Q. at 9 a.m., and the Parade was in readiness at 9.30 a.m. Colonel H.W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M., the C.O., addressed the Battalion, and a few drill movements were executed. An announcement was also made with regard to the forthcoming inspection by the Divisional Commander. Weather was dull but fine. The inspection of the Bn. by the Div. Commander took place to-day, a plan of the parade ground being attached. A C.O.'s. Orderly Room was held after the parade. The weather was showery, though fine during the actual parade.	Appendix F.
	31st.			

*24th to 31st*

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REPORT ON OPERATIONS FOR AUGUST 1918.

- 1 BOVES Sector - - 1st to 4th August.
- 2 Offensive - - 8th to 12th August.
- 3 LIHONS Sector - 13th to 23rd August.
- 4 Rest Area (LONGEAU) 24th to 31st August.

1. The relief of the 37th (French) Division was completed at midnight on 1st/2nd August. The sector held is at the junction of the French and British Armies. The river LUCE is on the southern boundary and MONUMENT WOOD (immediately south of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX) is on the northern boundary. Dispositions of machine guns are shown on attached trace and are :- (in the line) 13th Coy. on the right sector, 4th Coy. on left Bde. sector, 24th Coy. in support to Divisional front, and 12th Coy. in reserve in BOVES WOOD. The 132nd M.G. Coy. and C. Coy. of the 123rd M.G. Battalion (American Expeditionary Force) are attached for training and are in the line with the 13th and 4th Coys. respectively, being controlled by them. The sketch attached shows the disposition of Bn, H.Q., transport, Nucleus and reserve Coy. in BOVES WOOD. Notwithstanding occasional rain, the sojourn in BOVES WOOD made a pleasant change, and was all the more appreciated when it was compared with some of the other billeting areas - e.g. squalid French villages - with which the Battalion was familiar. On the night 2nd/3rd the Divisional northern boundary was extended north to the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - CHAULNES railway, and thus necessitated the relief of 14 guns of the 2nd M.G. Battalion by the 4th and 24th M.G. Companies. On the 4th August preparations were made for the forthcoming offensive and it was arranged for the relief of the Battalion in the line by the 2nd and 3rd Canadian M.G. Battalions. This relief was completed on the night 5/6th at 12 midnight. Companies moved to LA NEUVILLE arriving about 9 a.m. August 6th.
2. The offensive operations from the 8th to 12th August and the preparations in connection therewith, are dealt with in detail in the attached report ( Appendix "A2B" ) All orders issued having any bearing on these operations are also attached.
3. On the 13th August the Battalion, less the 13th Coy., moved to the HARBONNIERES - BAYONVILLERS Area, relieving the 1st M.G. Bn. on the night 14/15th. The Companies were then disposed as follows:- 12th Coy. on right sector, 4th on left and 24th in Divisional Support; Battalion H.Q. at HARBONNIERES and transport at BAYONVILLERS. On the 15th August the 132nd M.G. Coy. (American Expeditionary Force) moved into camp in the railway embankment south of HARBONNIERES, and became the Divisional Reserve. The Divisional policy in this area was :- To make preparations for the resumption of the offensive on a large scale, but at the same time to organise the old French trenches into a defensive system in depth; in addition it was resolved to push the outpost line out, by silent operations in front and on the left of LIHONS. This latter task was done on the 18th at 10 a.m. and 200 to 300 yds. depth of trench gained by the 12th and 4th Bdes., the 12th and 4th Coys. co-operating. On the night 21st/22nd the 24th Coy. relieved the 4th Coy. in the left Bde. sector. On the morning of the 23rd, the 4th Bde. advanced their line between LIHU FARM and MADAME WOOD, the 24th Coy. co-operating. One gun in charge of Lieut. SHELLEY, M.M. moved forward and engaged a party of 200 retreating enemy at a range of 600 yards, and it is estimated that 150 casualties were inflicted. On the night 23rd/24th the 32nd M.G. Bn. (B.E.F.) extended south and relieved part of the 4th and 24th Coys. The relief was completed by the French on the following night. During and before the relief the enemy put down a heavy gas barrage



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(Green and Blue Cross) and we consequently suffered casualties <sup>3 (20</sup>  
O.R.) <sub>officers</sub>  
At 4 a.m. on the 25th the Battalion embussed and moved to the Rest  
Area at LONGEAU, the transport following by road.

4. From the 25th to the 31st the Battalion rested and re-organised in LONGEAU. This period is dealt with in the training report.

(sgd) C.R. DUCHATEL Capt  
for Lieut-Colonel,

C.O., 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.



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 — 4<sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Bn. —  
 Dispositions in Boves Wood.  
Not to Scale.  
 From 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1918.



Appendix A<sub>1</sub>

Boues Sector.

Operative Orders

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Trainings Showing

Disposition of Machine Guns  
August 1<sup>st</sup> to Aug 4<sup>th</sup>



4th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION INDEX

Battalion Order No. 16.

Ref. Maps 62D &amp; 66E.

30th July, 1918.

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- 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 N.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 & 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 CAGNY 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.O. American Coys. from 7th A.A.S.G.O. and 27th A.A.S.O.
- (b) TRANSPORT of all companies (American Companies included) will be at under Btn. T.O. (Capt. S.H. CARROLL, M.O.).
- (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.o.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.o.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 8.0 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.



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Order No 8

REF: SH 62PSWI:20000

1. The 4th Aust Division will relieve the 37th French Division on nights 31st July / 1st August and 1st/2nd Aug.
2. (a) 13th M G Coy will take up positions in right Bde Sector on night 1st/2nd August.
  - (b) 12th M G Coy will be in Divisional reserve at BOVES with 12th A Bde.
  - (c) 24th M G Coy will act as support Coy and be responsible for defence of Divisional front W. of TASMANIA SWITCH GENTELLES LINE
  - (d) 4th M G Coy will take over positions in L. Bde Sector on night 31st/1st.
  - (e) Locations will be as follows:
 

Battn HQ	BOVES	T7C 40.20.
Transport.	"	T13C 00.00.
Coy HQ		U2b70.10.

 Sections at - N°1: U4a40.60 - N°2: U15 central  
 N°3: U10a40.20. N°4 - U3c60.50

### 3. Disposal of Personnel (U.S.)

(a) Sections will be comprised as follows:

N°1 Section	4th M.G.Coy.	C Coy - 123rd U.S B'n
2	3 guns	3 guns
3	3	3
4	2	2
	8	4

- (b) For facility in transport of Gun gear. Gun teams going into fire will be composed of 6 men and 1 N.C.O. On completion of relief Gun teams will consist of 3 men and 1 N.C.O. Spare details will return to nucleus camp at BOVES. S18d50.10.
- (c) One U.S. Platoon Sergeant will be attached to each of the officers occupying forward positions. Two Section Sergeants to Nos 2 and 4 sections and one to each of Nos 1 & 3 sections. Each 4th Coy section will supply 1 N.C.O for each U.S. Gun team attached to it to superintend construction of emplacements.
- (d) Two U.S. Signallers will report to Sig Cpl TYLER for duty



4. Transport: (a) Line Transport consists of 5 Limbers  
3 Aust and 2 U.S., allotted as follows:  
One to each of forward sections  
Two to rear section & H.Q.s.  
(b) Remainder of combined transport under  
Lieut Wright M.C. will move to BOVES at 2pm
5. Rations: Ration strengths to be rendered to C.Q.M.S.  
- by 10am American Ration bags will be distinguished  
by addition of "A" thus. "N° 5 GUN A. - 6 MEN"
6. Routine: 9am Blankets rolled in tens.  
10am Parade for disposition of gun teams.  
11.30am Lunch  
12.15pm Fall in - Fighting Order Overcoats  
12.30pm <sup>8.15</sup> Move off. <sup>7.15</sup> W.P. sheets to be carried  
to Bivouac in U25d where meal  
will be ready  
No section to be south of BOIS 'ABBE' before 8.45pm

Copy N° 1 - 4th AMGBN  
2 4th A.I. Bde  
3 Lieut HUNT M.C.  
4 Capt McQUADE  
5.6.7.8 Sections  
9 FILE  
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J.W. Vallant

for OC N° 4 AMG Coy.



13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 136 APPENDIX A 13

Headquarters,  
31st. July 1918.Ref. 1/40,000 Sheets 62.D. and  
66.C. and map attached.

1. (a) The 4th. Aust. Division is relieving the 37th. FRENCH Division in the HANGARD Sector with the 13th. and 4th. Aust. Inf. Bdes. in the line and the 12th. Aust. Inf. Bde. in reserve.
- (b) The 4th. Aust. Inf. Bde. is taking over the left sector on the night 31st July/1st. August.
- (c) The FRENCH artillery is being relieved and after 10.00. a.m. on 2nd. August the Divisional front will be covered by 3 Brigades R.F.A.
- (d) The FRENCH Machine Guns in the Right Brigade sector are being relieved by the 13th. Aust. M.G. Coy. and 130th. U.S. Machine Gun Coy. on the night 1st/2nd. August.
- (e) The 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 2nd. Regiment Tirailleurs (73rd. Bde., 37th. FRENCH Division) and portion of the 332nd. Regiment (42nd. FRENCH Divisional Infantry) in the right sector of the Divisional front, on the night 1st/2nd. August and on completion of the relief will be disposed as shewn on the attached map. Moves and reliefs will be carried out in accordance with table attached.
- (f) Details of reliefs will be arranged between C.O's concerned.
- (g) Completion of moves and reliefs will be reported by wire to Bde. H.Q.
2. No area stores are being handed over by the FRENCH, except some hand grenades. Dumps of S.A.A. and grenades will be established on the night of relief as laid down in Administrative instructions issued herewith.
3. All information, sketches and plans of works proposed and in progress will be taken over, but a definite works policy will be laid down after relief.
4. The Nucleus Reserve will assemble at 3 p.m. today at the HOSPICE, FIVERY. Major. R.F. FITZGERALD D.S.O. 51st. Bn. will be in command.
5. All movement will be by small parties, and between the hours of dusk and dawn.
6. Brigade Headquarters will close at RIVERY at 8 p.m. and open at T.17.b.9.3. (P.C. BALZAC) at 10 p.m. on 1st. August.
7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*W. Howard*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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| 15. 12th. Aust. Fld. Coy.   | 21. 4th. Aust. Inf. Bde.    |
| 16. 12th. Aust. Fld. Ambce. | 22. 12th. Aust. Inf. Bde.   |
| 17. 13th. Aust. M.G. Coy.   | 23. FRENCH Liaison.         |
| 18. 27th. Coy. A.A.S.C.     | 24. Bde. Nucleus.           |
| 19. 73rd. FRENCH Bde.       | 25. Bde. Transport Officer. |
| 20. 2nd. Regt. Tirailleurs. | 26. 13th. Aust. Fld. Ambce. |



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13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

TABLE OF MOVES TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No.136.

Date	Unit	Move to	Relieving	Remarks.
51st JULY.	49th En.	Bivouacs in NICHOLAS SECTOR T.9.a, and b. T.3.d. T.4.c.	-	Move to commence at 8 p.m. Transport to new lines in S.12.d.
1/2nd AUG.	13th Bde.H.Q.	T.17.b.9.3.	H.Q. 2nd Regt. TIRALLEURS.	Open at 10 p.m.
do	49th Bn.	Line Left. (H.Q.U.27.a.1.5.)	Bataillon PLACE. (2nd Tirailleurs)	To pass South-eastern edge of BOIS do-GENTELLES at 9.30 p.m.
	51st En.	Line Right. (H.Q. U.26.b.2.1.)	Bataillon PERIGAUT (332nd Regiment)	To pass South-eastern edge of BOIS do-GENTELLE at 10 p.m.
	50th Bn.	Support. (H.Q. T.18.d.1.5.)	Bataillon (2nd Tirailleurs)	To cross River SOMME at M.16.d.5.5. at 8.40 p.m.
	13th LTMB.	T, 16. b. 7. 9.	-	To leave RIVERY at 8.30 p.m.

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APPENDIX 15

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH MOVE OF 13th. A.I. Bde. on 31st July/1st. August and 1st/2nd. August.

30 th. July 1918.

Map reference Sheet 62.D.

SUPPLIES.

1. Railhead from 31st. inst will be at SALENIX. Supplies will be delivered to Bn. Transport Lines. 31st. July. Rations for 1st. August to be delivered to present Transport Lines. 1st. August. Rations for 2nd. August to be delivered as follows :- 49th. Bn. To new Transport Lines S.12.d. Other Units. To present Transport Lines.

LOCATIONS.

2. Div. Ammunition Dump S.4.b. Bde. Ammunition Dump T.16.b.4.9. Pack Dump Hospice RIVERY. Brigade Transport Lines. S.12.d.5.3. D.A.D.O.S. M.27.c.6.2 BOUTILLERIE. 4th. Aust. Sanitary Section. CAGNY.

NUCLEUS.

3. Nucleus personnel will report to Bde. H.Q. Hospice RIVERY on 31st. inst. at 3 p.m. 24 hours rations to be carried. The nucleus will be located at Hospice RIVERY. Units will send all men in arrest to Nucleus Camp, where a detention room will be arranged. All reinforcements and casuals will report to nucleus and after dumping packs etc. will be sent on to Transport Lines and thence to units. Men returning from leave and schools will remain at the Nucleus.

PACKS.

4. Units will arrange to dump packs at the Hospice RIVERY, by the 49th. Bn. on the 31st. inst., by the 50th. and 51st. Bns. and 13th. A.I.T.M.B. on the morning of the 1st prox. Each unit will detail one other rank from the nucleus personnel to report to Bde. H.Q. on 31st. inst. at 11 a.m. to act as permanent pack guard. 49th. Bn. will detail in addition 1 Sgt. to take charge of pack guard.

FOOD CONTAINERS & PETROL TINS.

5. On the morning of the 31st. inst. Bns. will draw from Bde. Transport Lines, Hospice RIVERY, :- 49th. Bn. 40 tins. 13 Food containers. 50th. Bn. 40 " 11 " " 51st. Bn. 40 " 11 " "

GUARDS.

6. The 50th. Bn. will detail 1 N.C.O. and 6 O/Ranks to act as Bde. Ammunition Guard. This party will report to Lieut. CHURCHER at the Cross Roads at T.9.b.8.O. at 12 noon on the 1st. prox.

AMMUNITION.

7. Dumps will be established from mobile echelons as follows on night 1/2nd. August.

	S.A.A.	S.A.A.	Grenades	V.L.D.I.
	Bandolier.	M.G.	No. 36.	1"
49th. Bn. Bn. H.Q.	30,000	14,000	768	150
50th. Bn. Bn. H.Q. & GENTRIERS Line.	44,000	15,000	768	150
51st. Bn. Bn. H.Q.	36,000	10,000	768	150.

Mobile echelons will be refilled as soon as possible from ammunition to be delivered to Transport Lines at S.12.d. on 2nd. August.

TRANSPORT LINES.

8. Transport will move independently to location at S.12.d.5.3.

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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

- 9. R.A.P.'s :-
  - 49th. Battalion, U.21.b.7.5.
  - 50th. " T.24.a.8.8.
  - 51st. " U.26.b.3.0.
  - A.D.S. T.17.d.8.4.

Ambulance cars will be at T.17. Central at 9 p.m. on nights 31st July /1st. August and 1st/2nd. August, to evacuate casualties from advanced parties. On 1st. prox. an ambulance car from the 13th. Fld. Ambce. will call at T.2.d.7.4. to evacuate sick from 49th. Bn.

WATER POINTS.

- 10. Water points exist at CAGNY, BOVES, S.13.a.7.8. N.34.c.2.4. and T.11.d.5.8.

COOKERS.

- 11. Cookers remain at Transport whence hot meals will be carried in food containers.

Y.M.C.A.

- 12. Y.M.C.A. will be erected at T.16.b.5.7.

CEMETERIES.

- 13. Cemeteries are situated at BOVES and at N.28.d.8.4.

SUPPORTING POINTS AND G.P. RATIONS.

- 14. Should any of these rations be taken over by units quantities and locations will be notified to these Headquarters as soon as possible.

ASSIST. ADJT.

- 14.a. Assistant Adjutants will be located at Rear Bde. Headquarters at T.9.c.4.2.

TENTS ETC.

- 15. All tents and trench shelters will be handed in situ to relieving units and receipts forwarded to Bde. H.Q. as soon as possible. Should there be no incoming unit to take over these stores will be handed over to Area Commandant and receipts obtained.

RECEIPTS.

- 16. Handing over and taking over receipts will be forwarded to Bde. H.Q. as soon as possible.

BOUNDS.

- 17. BOVES is out of bounds on account of sickness to all troops unless on duty.

*W. H. Connolly*

Lieut,

Acting Staff Captain, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Reference Map  
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Headquarters,  
1st. August, 1918.

1. The southern and northern Divisional boundaries are being readjusted on the night 2nd/3rd. August to run as follows:-

- (a) Southern Div. Boundary - From front line at V.1.b.6.6. along north side of railway to 0.35.a.7.0., thence west along grid line through 0.34.central to N.32.central - M.30.c.6.0. - M.29.d.0.0. - M.20.b.0.3.
- (b) Northern Div. boundary - From front line at P.31.b.1.3. - QUARRY CROSSING P.20.a.6.4., along south side of road to 0.11.d.5.2. - 0.10.b.8.0. - 0.9.a.7.4. - 0.3.c.2.2. - 0.2.c.2.2. - 0.7.a.2.7. - N.12.b.9.0. - N.7.a.0.0. - M.4.c.7.0.

2. On the night 2/3rd. August the following guns of the 5th. and 22nd. Coys. will be relieved by the 4th. A.M.G. Battalion:-

5th. Coy.		22nd. Coy.	
Gun	Location	Gun	Location
R 10	0.35.d.65.25	R 22	U.3.c.80.60
R 10a	0.35.d.65.25	R 23	U.3.c.80.60
R 13	0.35.c.90.70	R 16	0.32.c.80.15
R 13a	0.35.c.90.70	R 17	0.32.c.80.60
R 11	U.5.d.95.80	R 19	U.1.b.50.90
R 12	U.5.d.95.80	R 24	U.1.b.50.90
R 9	0.34.c.95.15		
R 9a	0.34.c.95.15		

The following guns of the 5th and 22nd Coys. will not be relieved, but will be withdrawn:-

5th. Coy.		22nd. Coy.	
Gun	Location	Gun	Location
R 8	V.1.a.60.40	L 15)	
R 7	V.1.a.60.15	&16)	Clock Face
R 20	V.1.a.30.35	R 21	0.34.c.35.05

3. On relief O.C., 5th. Coy. will take over from Osg., 7th. & 22nd. Coys. the following positions:-

7th. Coy.		22nd. Coy.	
Gun	Location	Gun	Location
L 5	0.29.b.54.35	R 18	0.34.a.55.28
L 11	0.29.b.54.35	R 18a	0.34.a.55.28
		L 22	0.27.d.10.85
		L 23	0.27.d.10.85
		L 19	0.28.b.55.28
		L 21	0.28.b.55.28
		L 14	0.28.d.40.40
		L 15	0.28.d.40.40

and in addition will place <sup>two</sup> ~~one~~ guns at 0.27.d.90.90.

4. The American gun R 18a will remain in position and will on relief come under the command of O.C., 5th. Coy.

5. O.C., 7th. Coy. will withdraw guns L 1 and L 1a (P.25.d.3.5) and with the addition of the two guns relieved by the 5th. Coy. will take over the following positions from the 3rd. A.M.G. Battalion:-

1 gun at 0.21.a.70.15  
1 gun at 0.21.c.90.90  
1 gun at 0.19.a.50.60  
1 gun at 0.19.a.80.65



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- 6. Attached map shows new dispositions as after relief.
- 7. Trench stores, emergency iron rations etc. will be handed over and copies of receipts forwarded to Bn. H.Q. 24 hours later. The map co-ordinates of all emergency iron rations handed or taken over will be marked on all receipts.
- 8. Relief will as far as possible be carried out in daylight.
- 9. On relief the 22nd. Coy. will move to billets at LAMOTTE and will be in Mobile Reserve.
- 10. Subject to the terms of this order all details of relief will be mutually arranged between Coy. Commanders concerned.
- 11. Completion of relief to be notified to Battalion H.Q. by priority wire in code.
- 12. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

*[Signature]*  
 .....Lieut.  
 A/Adj. 2nd. A.M.G. Battalion.

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- 6. Left " "
- 7. 3rd. A.M.G. Bn.
- ✓ 8. 4th. A.M.G. Bn.
- 9. 123rd. U.S.M.G. Bn.
- 10. 129th. U.S.M.G. Coy.
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- 12. 5th. A.I. Bde.
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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 219.

Map Ref. 82D. S.W., 1/20,000.

1st August 1918.

1. The 12th A.I. Brigade will move by March Route from present billets and bivouacs on 1st and 2nd August 1918 in accordance with attached March Table.
2. Completion of moves to be wired to Brigade Headquarters.
3. Brigade Headquarters will close at M 33 a 9 9 at 9 a.m. 2nd August and re-open at T 1 a 6 6 on arrival.
4. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Major.  
 Brigade Major.  
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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  - 13th Fld. Coy. A.E.
  - 28th Coy. A.A.S.C.



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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 219.

Date.	Unit.	From	To	Route	Remarks.
1st August	46th Battn.	Barracks, CAGNY.	GLISY Line, Taking over from 51st Battalion.	CAGNY. Cross Roads M 36 c 5 5	Pass Unit S.P. 7 p.m.
2nd August	45th Battn.	Bivouac S 4 c.	GLISY-NICOLAS Switch.	BOVES.	Pass Unit S.P. 7.30 a.m. Move to be complete by 9 a.m.
-do-	12th A.E.M.B.	-do-	-do-	-do-	Pass Unit S.P. 7.45 a.m. Move to be complete by 9 a.m.
-do-	48th Battn.	Billets M 21 c	Wood M 35 b.	LONGEAU.	Pass Unit S.P. 8 a.m. Move to be complete by 9 a.m.

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*Handwritten notes:*  
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 137.Headquarters,  
2nd August, 1918.

Reference Sheet 62D, 1/40,000.

1. On the night 2nd/3rd August 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will extend to the left and relieve the 2nd Australian Division (6th A.I. Bde.) up to the VILLERS BRITONNEUX - CHAUMES Railway. The Railway will be inclusive to the 4th Australian Division. Relief to be complete by 3 a.m. on 3rd August.

2. On completion of relief the boundary between the 2nd and 4th Australian Divisions will be adjusted to follow northern side of railway to O.35.A.7.0. thence W. along Grid line through O.34.0 Central to N.32.0 Central - M.30.0.6.0. - M.29.D.0.0.

3. Subject to the above, details of the relief will be mutually arranged between Brigadiers concerned.

4. Copies No. 1 and 27 will acknowledge.

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*Christoph Meyer*  
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Headquarters,  
4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
2nd. AUGUST, 1918.

4th. Aust. Inf. Bde.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Bde.  
13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.  
4th. Aust. M.G. Battalion.  
C.R.E.  
A.D.M.S.  
A.P.M.  
Div. Sig. Coy.  
"G"

-----  
Aust. Corps.

*all Coys*

WARNING ORDER.

It is anticipated that moves as under will be carried out and preliminary arrangements will be made accordingly :-

1. On night 3rd/4th. August. Right Battalion, 13th. A.I. Bde. will extend its front to the left so as to occupy the full frontage which will be allotted it when 13th. A.I. Bde assumes responsibility for the full Divisional front.
2. On night 4/5th. August. 13th. A.I. Bde. will take over the front line now held by the 4th. A.I. Bde. as far North and including the Railway line at V.1.B.5.6., in addition to present frontage.  
4th. A.I. Bde. and 12th. A.I. Bde. will be withdrawn from present positions and will move by ~~march~~ route march to sites to be selected in support 3rd. Aust. Div. Area. These Bdes. will be replaced by two Brigades from the Canadian Corps who will be in support to 13th. A.I. Bde.
3. On night 5/6th. August. 13th. A.I. Bde. will be relieved and will be conveyed by busses to position to be selected in 3rd. Aust. Div. Area. Embussing points will be notified later.
4. Two Companies 4th. A.M.G. Battalion will move to VAUX for tank training on 4th. August. The remaining two Companies will be withdrawn from the area with 13th. A.I. Bde. on night 5/6th. August after relief by Canadian M.G. Corps.  
*Selected personnel from / 4<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> M.G. Coys*
5. Sixteen Lewis Gun Crews per Brigade will also move to VAUX for tank training on 4th. August. Embussing arrangements to be advised by "G".

*capt*  
*adj*  
*W. Law*  
Lieut-Colonel.  
G.S. 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



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4. On night 5/1/20, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

5. On night 6/1/20, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

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\* Map to be forwarded later

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4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 138.

Reference attached Map. "A".

Headquarters,  
3rd. AUGUST, 1918.

General Plan of attack.

1. (a) The Australian Corps is to attack the enemy from the VILLERS BRETONNEUX-CRAULNES railway (exclusive) to the River SOMME, (inclusive) at a date and hour to be notified.

(b) The attack of the Australian Corps is to be carried out on a two Division front in three phases, as follows :-

1st. Phase. (i) The 2nd. and 3rd. Aust. Divs. will form up on a taped line prior to Zero and will attack with tanks under a creeping Artillery barrage. Their objective is shown by a GREEN line on the attached map. On arrival there they are to consolidate.

2nd. Phase. (ii) The 5th. and 4th. Aust. Divs., organised in Brigade Groups, will advance in open warfare formations, from the 1st. Objective, (GREEN line,) passing through 2nd. and 3rd. Aust. Divs. respectively. Their Objective is shown in RED on the Map.

3rd. Phase. (iii) The 5th. and 4th. Aust. Divs. will exploit their success and seize the old British line of Defences marked BLUE on the map and establish themselves defensively on this line.

(c) The 1st. Aust. Division is to be in Corps Reserve.

(d) The Canadian Corps is to co-operate on the Right, South of the Railway, (inclusive,) and the 3rd. Corps on the Left, North of the SOMME, (exclusive).

Assembly.

2. (i) Separate instructions will be issued for the assembly of the Division in the 3rd. Aust. Division Area.

(ii) In order to free as many troops as possible from line duty the 3rd. Aust. Division is arranging to hold its front with one Infantry Brigade.

(iii) To prevent any troops arriving at their objectives in an exhausted condition owing to a long march, Brigades detailed to the farthest objectives are to be quartered nearest the starting line prior to Zero.

(iv) The Brigades of 3rd. Aust. Division not holding the line are to be quartered in rear of all Brigades of the 4th. Aust. Division prior to Zero night. This will be completed on night 5/6th.

(v) On Zero night the Brigades of 3rd. Aust. Division now in the line will move to their taped lines through the area occupied by troops of the 4th. Aust. Division.

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APPENDIX A

Divisional Plan of Attack. -2-

3. (i) The Division will pass through the 3rd. Aust. Division and will attack from the GREEN line on a two Brigade front - 12th. Aust. Inf. Bde. on the Right, 4th. Aust. Inf. Bde. on the left, with the 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. in Reserve. The advance of the Division from the GREEN line will be timed at Zero plus 4 hours.

Brigade Boundaries and limits of objectives will be as shown on the attached Map "A".

(ii) The attack will consist of two stages.

(a) The advance to the RED line.

(b) The exploitation of success by advancing to the BLUE line and the seizure of the old British trench system.

(iii) Both the RED line and the BLUE line will be organised defensively in depth, the RED line as a Reserve System and the BLUE line as a Main Defensive System.

The question of establishing posts forward of the BLUE line will be decided later.

Artillery.

4. (i) At about Zero plus 2 hours, after the capture of the GREEN line three Field Artillery Brigades will come automatically under the Command of the G.O.C. 4th. Aust. Division. These will pull out and move forward in accordance with Instructions to be issued. They will be allotted as follows :-

One Field Artillery Brigade grouped with each of the 4th. and 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigades and one Field Artillery Brigade under Divisional control.

(ii) In addition three Field Artillery Brigades and one 60 pdr. Battery will come under Divisional control for defensive purposes.

Machine Guns. (Vickers and Lewis)

5. (i) Vickers Machine Guns will be allotted as follows :-

Two Sections from each of two Companies to each attacking Brigade.

Two Companies (each less two Sections) in Divisional Reserve moving with the Reserve Brigade.

Two Companies to be sent forward in Mark V\* tanks to move forward from the RED line to exploit success.

(ii) Lewis Machine Guns.

Sixteen guns with crews will be detailed by each of the attacking Brigades to go forward in the Mark V\* tanks to assist in the exploitation of the BLUE line.

(iii) The Vickers and Lewis machine Guns detailed for the exploitation of the BLUE line will be withdrawn to VAUX on the morning of the 4th. August for special training.

Tanks.

6. (i) 12 Mark V tanks will be allotted to each of the 12th. and 4th. A.I. Bdes. In addition as many as possible of the Mark V tanks allotted to the capture of the GREEN line will be rallied and pushed forward in support.

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(ii) Eighteen Mark V\* and nine Carrier tanks have also been allotted to the Division.

Detailed Tank Instructions will be issued.

#### 7. Engineers and Pioneers.

(i) The Divisional Engineers and Pioneers will be allotted as follows :-

- (a) Corps Pool under C.E.  
One Field Company.
- (b) 5th. Australian Division.  
Two Companies Pioneers.
- (c) 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.  
One Company Pioneers.
- (d) 4th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.  
One Field Company and One Coy. Pioneers.
- (e) Divisional Control under C.R.E. direct.  
One Field Company.

(ii) Tunnellers are also to be detailed for dugout reconnaissance work.

#### 8. Light Horse.

Two troops of Light Horse have been allotted to the Division. These will be allotted as follows :-

- 12th. and 4th. A.I. Bdes each one-half troop.
- 13th. A.I. Bde. one Section.
- Divisional Reserve one troop (less one Section.)

9. Detailed Instructions will be issued under these orders as required.

#### 10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at

3.30 pm

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

#### Distribution :-

Copy No. 1.	4th. A.I. Bde.	with 1/20,000 Map.
2.	12th. "	"
3.	13th. "	"
4.	C.R.A.	"
5.	C.R.E.	with 1/40,000 Map.
6.	4th. A.L.G. Bn.	"
7.	6th. Tank Bn.	"
8.	A.D.M.S.	"
9.	Signal Coy.	"
10.	A.P.M.	"
11.	"AQ"	without Map.
12.	Aust. Corps.	with 1/40,000 Map.
13.	3rd. Aust. Div.	"
14.	5th. "	"
15.	2nd. "	without Map.



4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1 ISSUED UNDER DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 130.

Reference Map "A"

1. Composition of Brigade Groups :-

Designation	Composition	Remarks.
4th. A.I. Bde. Group. Commander Brig-Gen. C.H. BRAND, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.	4th. A.I. Bde. 10th. A.F.A. Bde. * 1 Coy. 4th. A.I. G. Bn. 2 Sections 4th. A.I. G. Bn. 1/2 Troop 13th. A.L.H. 4th. Field Coy. A.E. 1 Coy. 4th. Aust. Pioneer Bn.	* For exploitation of BLUE line in conjunction with Mark V* tanks and Lewis Guns.
12th. A.I. Bde. Group. Commander Brig-Gen R.L. LEANE, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.	12th. A.I. Bde. 16th. R.H.A. Bde. * 1 Coy. 4th. A.I. G. Bn. 2 Sections 4th. A.I. G. Bn. 1/2 Troop 13th. A.L.H. 1 Coy. 4th. Aust. Pioneer Bn.	* For exploitation of BLUE line in conjunction with Mark V* tanks and Lewis Guns.
Divisional Reserve.	13th. A.I. Bde. * 11th. A.F.A. Bde. 2 Coys. 4th. A.I. G. Bn. (each less two Sections). 1/2 12th. Field Coy. A.E. = 1 Platoon Aust. Cyclists Bn.	* To be employed by C.R.A. as required by Div. Commander. To move with Reserve Brigade. To be employed by C.R.E. as required by Div. Commander. = To remain at Div. H.Q.

2. Positions in Readiness prior to Y/Z. night.

Brigade Groups with the exception of Artillery and H.G. Coys. allotted to the exploitation of the BLUE line, will be assembled, on night 4/5th. in the case of the 4th. and 12th. A.I. Bde Groups, on night 5/6th. in the case of the 13th. A.I. Bde in the positions in readiness shown on Map "A" issued with 4th. Aust. Divisional Order No. 130.

3. Headquarters.

Locations of Headquarters of Division and Brigade Groups prior to Zero hour will be as shown on Map "A".

Headquarters of the Reserve Brigade will be established as close as possible to the Divisional Headquarters at CORBIE.

Issued at 3.30 pm 3/8/18.

*J. Davaruk*  
Lieut-Colonel.  
G.S. 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution as for Divl. Order No. 130.



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Copy No. 6Headquarters,  
4th August, 1918.INSTRUCTIONS NO. 2 ISSUED UNDER DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 158.INTELLIGENCE ARRANGEMENTS.1. PRISONERS.

- (a) A Divisional Collecting Cage will be established at O.S.D.1.S.
- (b) One Intelligence Officer will be stationed at this Cage. An Intelligence Officer will be at Advanced Bde. H.Q. for the purpose of extracting from prisoners information of immediate tactical importance only.
- (c) The Divisional Cage will be connected by telephone to Div. H.Q. and important information will be transmitted as quickly as possible to Div. and Brigade H.Q's.
- (d) It is essential that prisoners are not detained any longer than is absolutely necessary. When a number of prisoners are taken only one or two of each Regiment will be detained and the remainder sent on to Div. Cage as speedily as possible.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Identifications will be passed to Div. H.Q. as speedily as possible stating locality in which obtained.

3. DISPOSAL OF PRISONERS.

The A.P.M. will arrange for a sufficient number of M.M.P. to be stationed at advanced H.Q. of 4th and 18th Aust. Inf. Bdes. for the purpose of escorting prisoners to Div. Cage.

4. SEARCHING OF PRISONERS.

- (a) Officers and N.C.O's. will be searched, as soon as possible after capture, by a responsible Officer or N.C.O. and all documents taken from them sent back with the escort to the Intelligence Officer at the Div. Cage.
- (b) Other Ranks will not be searched until they arrive at Corps Cage.
- (c) Paybooks, identity discs and personal belongings will not be taken from prisoners.
- (d) Escorts and guards should be warned to take special precautions to prevent prisoners from destroying papers.

5. SEPARATION OF OFFICERS, N.C.O's., AND MEN.

Care will be taken that Officers, N.C.O's. and privates are all separated at once and no communication allowed to pass between the groups.

6. LOCALITY OF CAPTURE.

When prisoners are sent back information will be sent back showing where they were captured. Information as to the battalion which made the capture is a useful indication when definite locality is not known.

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7. It is most important that no Officer or N.C.O., except those duly authorized, be allowed to converse with, or interrogate, prisoners.

### 8. BATTALION INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL.

(a) German Speaker. Battalions will make use of their German interpreters for the following purposes :-

- (i) To secure immediate identifications quickly, so that identifications will reach Corps H.Q. as speedily as possible.
- (ii) To secure immediate information required by the Battalion Commander as regards enemy dispositions, assembly positions, orders for counter-attack etc.
- (iii) To be in charge of the two searchers and separate important documents, orders, maps, etc., translate and convey information of movement to the Commander on the spot.

NOTE.- The German Speaker must be used purely as interpreter and must not be allowed to interrogate prisoners except under the direction of a responsible Officer.

(b) Searchers. Each battalion will detail two searchers who, under the German Speaker, will systematically search the battlefield, enemy positions, H.Q., dead, etc., for papers, documents, maps, etc., have them packed in sandbags and forwarded as quickly as possible to the Div. Cage. This personnel should be armed with handy weapons and carry torches.

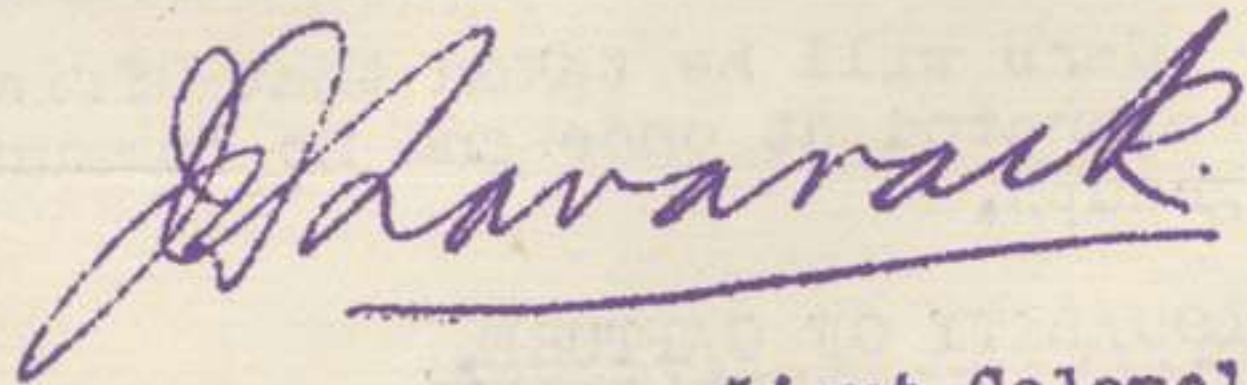
### 9. MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

The following maps are being issued :-

- (i) A large issue of 1/20,000 G.D.S.E. regular series for distribution to all officers.
- (ii) 1/20,000 Map Message Form, for distribution down to N.C.O's.
- (iii) A small issue of 1/10,000 Maps of forward area only.
- (iv) 1/40,000 Organisation Map, together with notes on the enemy.

The following special photographs are being issued :-

- (a) A Mosaic of the Divisional Front, squared and contoured and freely annotated, for distribution down to N.C.O's.
- (b) Oblique Photographs of the Divisional Front, for distribution to all officers.



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

Distribution as for Div. Order 136.



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Instruction No. 3 issued under 4th Aust. Div. Order No. 138.

1. QUARTERING. During the period of concentration when the Division is interposed between the 1st line Troops and Supporting Brigades of 3rd Australian Division, Trench Shelters will not be issued unless the weather demands it, and if Trench Shelters are issued on account of wet weather their use will be discontinued by orders from Div. Headquarters. Should a unit vacate the concentration area where Trench Shelters have been erected a rear party under an Officer will be left to dismantle and collect the Shelters and remain in charge of them until arrangements are made to return them to Central Dumps. Portions of the Nucleus personnel will be used for this purpose.
2. ROADS. Strict attention will be paid to Road Traffic and Motor Transport roads will not be used by horse transport which latter must keep to roads allotted to it. Roads are marked M.T. on square boards and H.T. on triangular boards.
3. SUPPLIES.  
Railhead. AILLY-SUR-SOMME.  
Refilling Points. 4th A.I. Bde. H.34.b.  
 12th A.I. Bde. N. 1.a.  
 13th A.I. Bde. S. 5.d.7.9.  
 Divisional Troops H.25.b.5.7.

Supplies will be drawn from Railhead by M.T. and delivered to Transport Lines by Train Wagons. Thence under Brigade arrangements.

4. AMMUNITION. Divisional Ammunition Dump will be established at 0.10.a.1.1. S.A.A. Section will be located at 0.3.c.4.4.  
 All Demands for Ammunition will be made direct by Brigades to O.C., S.A.A. Section. Ammunition required by Brigades for present needs will be delivered in accordance with Appendix A, attached.
5. REINFORCEMENTS & NUCLEUS. Reinforcement Staging Depot, HOSPIER RIVERY, moving on Z morning to ALLONVILLE.  
 Nucleus Personnel in present camps at RIVERY, moving on Z morning to LA NEUVILLE AREA, Details to be given later.
6. SURPLUS KITS. Will be Dumped as previously arranged.
7. DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD. The 3rd Aust. Div. Burials Officer assisted by the 4th Aust. Div. Burials Officer will be responsible for burials in the left sector under the supervision of the Corps Burials Officer.
8. ORDNANCE. D.A.D.O.S. will remain in present location - H.19.d.0.0.
9. VETERINARY. The exact location of Mobile Vet. Sec. will be notified later.
10. R.E. STORES. Divisional R.E. Dump located at N.5.a. - VECQUEMONT.
11. WATER SUPPLY. Stand Pipes and Dixie Fillers exist at 0.7.b.9.5., 0.15.b.8.0. and 0.17.a.1.9. To convey Water forward from the Water Points on above system to more forward water points the following are allotted to the Division:- One - 125 gallon Water Lorry  
 Four - 300 " G.S. Wagons.
12. SALVAGE. Brigades will form local Dumps. Every effort will be made to return Salvage quickly by all available means to Refilling Points.



13. PACK TRANSPORT. Pack Transport will be under Brigade arrangements extra Pack Saddles as shown in Appendix B will be issued to units requiring them.

14. WATER BOTTLES. Extra Water Bottles will be delivered as per Appendix B.

15. HOT FOOD CONTAINERS, WIRE CUTTERS & WATER CARRIERS, are provided as per Appendix B.

16. SUPPLY TANKS. Supply Tanks are allotted to Brigades as follows:-

4th A.I. Bde.	4
12th A.I. Bde.	4

Instructions regarding the tank allotted to Reserve Brigade will be issued later. These tanks will be loaded under Brigade arrangements at O.L.C.O.5. at 8 am on the 6th instant. Necessary ammunition and Stores for loading will be delivered by services concerned by 9 pm on 5th instant. Brigades will detail one N.C.O. and 3 men as permanent loading party for each tank. These men will report by 9 pm on the 5th instant carrying 48 hours rations. Further rations required will be supplied by Tank Company. Personnel so detailed will remain with Tanks until operation is completed.

Distinctive markings for tanks will be arranged by Brigades concerned.

Stores for Second Trip of Tanks will be dumped at the following locations for loading:-

4th A.I. Bde.	P.4.d.1.2.
12th A.I. Bde.	P.20.b.1.1.

C.R.E., O.C. S.A.A. SECTION and O.C., Div. Train will arrange direct with Brigades as to time at which necessary stores will be dumped at these locations as per Appendices and will provide necessary Guards for same.

Arrangements for filling Water Tins to be loaded on Tanks will be made by Brigades concerned.

17. EXTRA RATIONS, PEA SOUP & SOL. ALCOHOL. Will be delivered by Divisional Train to units concerned.

18. BRIGADE F.P.Os. Will be established from 5th instant at Refilling Points under Brigade arrangements. They will be moved forward to Wagon Lines as circumstances permit.

19. SANITATION. Immediate attention will be given to the provision of Latrines in new areas and every precaution is to be taken in regard to Sanitary Matters generally.

20. HANDING OVER PRESENT AREA. All Trench Shelters and Stores will be handed over to relieving units in situ and receipts forwarded to this Office within 24 hours.

HEADQUARTERS,  
4th Aust. Div.  
4th August 1918.

  
Lieut-Colonel.  
A.A. & Q.M.G.  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



APPENDIX "A".

- Ammunition. -

Ammunition will be delivered as follows:-

UNIT.	S.A.A.	T.M.C.	Grenades.					Pistol Webley.	Ground Flares RED.	VIDI	Message carrying Rockets.	S.O.S. Signals.	Success Rockets.	"P" Bombs.	TO BE DELIVERED AT:-
			36	23	27	34	5								
4th Bde.	175000	NIL	1500	1000	NIL	500	NIL	4000	300	450	20	150	150	250	J.25.d.2.3. by 9 am on 6th instant.
12th "	150000	"	2500	NIL	1000	NIL	1000	4000	600	450	20	150	150	NIL	0.6.d.4.5. by NOON on 5th instant.
4th Aust. M.G. Bn.	300000														To be collected from I.33.b.3.4. after 9 am 5th instant. Dump at O.10.a.1.1.

FOR LOADING ON TANKS. First Trip.

	S.A.A.	T.M.C.	Grenados No. 36.	
for 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	100,000	600	3,000.	) X To be delivered at O.l.c.0.5. by 10 pm on 5th instant.
" 12th " "	70,000	600	2,000.	
<u>Second Trip.</u>				) X

	S.A.A.	T.M.C.		
for 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	100,000	600	3,000.	X. To be delivered at X Roads P.4.d.1.2. on 7th instant.
" 12th " "	70,000	600	2,000.	
				X. " " " " P.20.b.1.1. on 7th instant.

X. O.C., S.A.A. Section will arrange direct with 4th and 12th Brigades as to the time which this ammunition will be delivered. Brigades will arrange unloading parties and Guards for Dumps.

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A P P E N D I X B.

- ORDNANCE STORES -

Ordnance Stores will be delivered as follows:-

U N I T.	Water Bottles.	Water Carriers	Yukon Packs	Pack Saddles.	Wire-cutters Long.	Hot Food Containers	TO BE DELIVERED AT:-
4th Aust. Inf. Bde	2,100.	24		32	24	24	P.l.a.cen. at 9 am on 6th instant.
12th " " "	1,700.	20	I	24	18	20	O.6.d.4.5. by NOON on 5th instant.
4th Aust. M.G. Bn.	600.	8	I N	Nil	Nil	10	I.33.b.3.4. after 9 am on 5th instant

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APPENDIX "C".

-- SUPPLIES --

Supplies to be delivered as follows:-

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Supplies to be delivered as follows:-

U N I T.	Iron Rations.	Water Tins.	Sol. Alcohol.	Pea Soup.	TO BE DELIVERED AT:-
4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	2,100	250	In proportion	In proportion	J.25.d.2.3. at 9 am on 6th instar
12th Aust. Inf. Bde.	1,700	200	to Feeding	to Feeding	O. 6.d.4.5. by NOON on 5th instar
4th Aust. M.G. Bn.	600	100	Strength.	Strength.	I.33.b.3.4. after 9 am on 5th inst
For loading on Tanks.		300			300

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# TANK DISPOSITIONS - 4th M.G. Coy.

Team No	Personnel	Tank No 1	Tank No 2	Tank No 3	Tank No 4	Tank No 5	Tank No 6	Tank No 7	Tank No 8
	Officers	Lieut Lydster			Lieut Allan Capt Lynas	Lieut Kennare			Lt Stephens
	N.C.Os	Fletcher (1)	McDonald (2)	Sinclair (3)	Pleming (5)	Hamill (6)	Disney (7)	Ross (10)	Mellwraith (11)
	Men	Hustable Atkins E Columbine Key	Ferguson McDonald Groves Cook	Curtis Clout Arnold Symons	Hawkins Norton Newell Richardson Hamilton	Fordham Gratton Lover	Vinall Cotter Handley Pillar Bilson	Saxon Roberts Shirra Townsend MacKenzie Sedgwick	Osmond Blackley Waldron
	Officers								
	N.C.Os					Rodakis (8)			McDonald (12)
	Men					Hope Devine Fletcher			Carey Irvine Wolfe

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SECRET.  
\*\*\*\*\*Copy No. 104th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 139.Headquarters,  
4th. AUGUST, 1918.Reference Map 1/40,000, Sheet 62D.

1. The 4th. Australian Division will be relieved in the present Sector, in accordance with table overleaf, by the 2nd and 3rd. Canadian Divisions between the 4th and 6th AUGUST.  
Boundaries are shown on attached Map. (enclosed)
2. Command of the Sector will pass to the G.O.C., 2nd. Canadian Division at 10 a.m. on 5th. August.
3. On night 4/5th. August 13th. A.I. Bde will take over whole of present Divisional front. Two Canadian Brigades will move into supporting positions to this Brigade on the withdrawal of the 4th. and 12th. A.I. Bdos. on night 4/5th. August.
4. Canadian M.G. Corps will arrange to relieve all Vickers Guns on night 5/6th. August. Details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanders concerned.
5. American personnel attached 4th. A.M.G. Battalion will accompany Battalion on relief.
6. C.R.E. and A.D.M.S. will confer with their opposite numbers and arrange reliefs of Engineer and Medical Units respectively.
7. Busses for the conveyance of two Battalions, less two Coys., 13th. A.I. Bde. and two Coys. 4th. A.M.G. Battalion will be available at midnight 5/6th. August, head of column Cross Roads T.2.D.8.3., tail up TRONVILLE WOOD Road. Remainder of 13th. A.I. Bde. and 4th. Aust. M.G. Battalion proceed by route march.
8. G.O.'s.C. 4th. and 8th. Canadian Infantry Brigades will arrange with G.O.C. 13th. A.I. Bde. for the taking over of the front line on night 5/6th. August.
9. Artillery now covering the Divisional front will remain in position and cover 2nd. and 3rd. Canadian Divisions on completion of reliefs.
10. No movement in formed bodies will take place before 10 p.m. each night East of line running N. and S. through TRONVILLE WOOD.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

Issued at 2 a.m.

*Colant Warr*  
Lieut-Colonel.  
G.S. 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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| 27.  | 8th. Tank Battalion.     |
| 28.  | 2nd. Canadian Division.  |
| 29.  | 3rd. Canadian Division.  |
| 30.  | 2nd. Aust. Division.     |
| 31.  | 42nd. (French) Division. |
| 32.  | 12th Div. Artillery.     |
| 33.  | 3rd Aust. Division.      |



MOVE TABLE.

to accompany 4th Divisional order No. 139.

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Serial No.	Date.	Unit relieving.	Unit relieved.	Destination.	Remarks.
1.	night 4/5th Aug.	13th A.I. Bde.	4th A.I. Bde.	-	
2.	do.	8th Can. Bde.	12th A.I. Bde.	Vicinity P.7 and P.13.*	Canadian Brigade to support Right 13th Bde. Relief to be completed by 1 a.m.
3.	do.	4th Can. Bde. (2nd Div.)	4th A.I. Bde.	Vicinity VAIRE*	Canadian Bde. to support Left 13th Bde. Relief to be completed by 1 a.m.
4.	do.	2nd & 3rd Can. H.G. Bns.	4th A.M.G. Bn.	-	Coys. with Bdes. they will operate with subsequently.
5.	do.	9th Can. Bde.	8th Can. Bde.	Reserve Area.	
6.	Aug. 5th.	2nd Can. H.Q.	4th Aust. D.H.Q.	CORBIE Chateau.	H.Q. closes 10 a.m., re-opens same hour at CORBIE.
7.	night 5/6th Aug.	8th Can. Bde.	13th A.I. Bde. Right.	Vicinity AUBIGNY.	Taking over 3rd Can. Div. Front. Relief to be completed by 1 a.m.
8.	do.	4th Can. Bde. (2nd Div.)	13th A.I. Bde. Left.	Vicinity AUBIGNY.	Taking over 2nd Can. Div. Front. Relief to be completed by 1 a.m.
9.	do.	5th Can. Bde.	4th Can. Bde.	-	Support.

\* Come under tactical command of 3rd Australian Division on entering their Area.

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Copy No. 91st AMENDMENT TO 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 139.

Cancel moves referred to in Move Table Serial numbers 7 and 8.

The 13th A.I. Brigade will continue to hold whole Divisional Front, with two Canadian Brigades in Support, and will come under orders of G.O.C. 2nd Canadian Division at 10. a.m. 5th August.

This Brigade will be relieved on Zero night and will be concentrated at RIVERY under orders to be issued by the Canadian Corps.

Headquarters,  
4th August, 1918.

*W. Lawley* Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at *7:30 pm.*

Issued all recipients 4th Aust. Div. Order No. 139.

*Acknowledged*



SECRET.

Copy No. 22,000

4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

TRAINING ORDER.

Ref. Map. 1 : 40,000. Sheet 93D.

4th August, 1943.

1. The 4th Aust. M.G. Bn. (including attached Americans) will be relieved by M.G. Coys. of the 2nd and 3rd Canadian Divisions on the night 2/3rd August. The 2nd Canadian Division will be on the left and the 3rd Canadian Division on the right.
2. On completion of relief the Battalion will move to the LA TRUVILLE Area.
  - a. The 15th and 24th Coys. in the line will move by bus. Busses will be lined up from Cross Roads T.S.d.S.S. to TRUVILLE WOOD. Further particulars as to embussing will be notified later.
  - b. The 4th Coy. in the line will move direct by route march to the new area.
  - c. ~~The 15th Coy.~~ Bn. M.G. and Mules will move by route march on the 5th inst. and will leave present location at 8 p.m.
  - d. Advanced parties will leave at 8.0 a.m. on 5th inst. and report to Capt. DUGAN, M.G. at 1.33 B.O.I
3. Relief of Coys. in the line to be arranged between Coy. Commanders and opposite Nos. direct.
4. All daylight movement will be reduced to a minimum.
5. On completion of relief Americans in the line will move to present transport lines and from there to 3rd Corps, D.S.P., BURNHAMPTON Sector (full particulars later)
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*E.P. Rundergast Lieut*  
For Capt., Adjt.

4th Aust. M.G. Bn.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at..... m.
	Sent			Date.....
	At..... m.	Service.		From.....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO T.O.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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One company 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division will move into this wood about 2am night 4/5<sup>th</sup> and advance party of 1 officer and 4 PR will arrive this afternoon and they will take over our camp after we move out but require lines and bivouacs tonight and please arrange in conjunction with their advance officer transport lines for 118 horses about 40 lumber and bivouacs for 300 men are required

From	4 MG Bn
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Parties which proceeded to VAUX by lorry this morning will disembark this afternoon at X road at 133 B & S (LA NEVILLE) and arrange for party to meet them at this map reference with rations and cooking utensils etc to arrange their bivouacs and exact time of disembarking is not known but above party will proceed at once and 4<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Coys

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## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Instruction No. 4 issued under 4th Aust. Div. Order No. 138.

Reference Map 62.D. 40,000.

1. The following are the arrangements made for the collection of Stragglers and Prisoners of War during the forthcoming operations :-

Battle Straggler Posts.

(a) In collaboration with the A.P.M. 3rd Aust. Division, Battle Straggler Posts have been established at the following map locations :-

- No. 1 - J.26.a.0.0.
- 2 - J.32.c.8.5.
- 3 - O.12.b.8.8.
- 4 - O.18.b.5.3.

(b) In the event of the 3rd Aust. Division establishing themselves on the objective allotted them, the Division Straggler Post Line will be moved forward to the following points :-

- No. 1 - J.34.b.5.3.
- 2 - J.34.d.5.1.
- 3 - P.4.d.3.0.
- 4 - P.9.b.0.8.
- 5 - P.14.b.9.3.
- 6 - P.20.a.3.6.

On establishing the second line of posts as set out in sub-para (b), the first line as set out in sub-para (a) will continue to be maintained until such time as the situation will permit of a new line of posts being established at a more forward position.

In addition to the above, a rear line of Straggler Posts will be maintained at the following points in accordance with instructions embodied in Aust. Corps Administrative Instructions No. 1 :-

- I.33.b.3.5.
- O.9.a.7.4.
- O.1.c.3.8.

Straggler Collecting Station.

During the first phase of the attack the Straggler Collecting Station will be established at O.5.d.1.8.

In the second phase, the Straggler Collecting Station will be established at HAMEL.

Prisoners of War.

A detachment of M.M.P. will be stationed at each of the Forward Brigade Headquarters to receive all Prisoners of War.

The prisoners will be escorted to the Divisional P. of W. Cage at O.5.d.1.8. under M.M.P. Escort, where they will be interrogated, whence they will be sent to the Corps Cage at N.11.d.4.8.

When the situation permits a P. of W. Collecting Station will be established in HAMEL.

Unit Commanders will ensure that Prisoners are not retained by them any longer than necessary, but are sent to Bde. Headquarters as soon as possible, so enabling escorts to return and rejoin units in the line with the least possible delay.

Units will also endeavour, as far as possible, to keep a record of the prisoners taken by them. A receipt will invariably be given by the M.M.P. at Bde. H.Q. for P. of W. received from Battalion escorts.

Should the Cavalry take any prisoners they will hand them over to the nearest Battalion who will take charge and give the necessary receipt.

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Traffic Posts.

Traffic Posts are established at suitable points throughout the area.

As the attack develops, additional posts will be established at more forward points.

To obviate the possibility of any congestion in traffic everyone is asked to pay the strictest attention to existing traffic orders, "Keep well to the right of the road", etc.

Civilians.

Should any civilians be found during the advance, they should be sent back as soon as possible to Brigade H.Q. and handed over to the M.I.F.

Headquarters,  
4th August, 1918.

*R. Rows*

Lieut-Colonel,  
A.A. & Q.M.G.,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters,  
4th August, 1918.INSTRUCTIONS NO. 5 ISSUED UNDER DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 130.

Ref. Map "A".

TANKS.1. Divisional allotment.

Nature of Tank.	Unit.	Number of Tanks.	Commander.
Mk. V.	8th Tank Battalion (less 1 Coy)	24	Lt. Col. The Hon. J. D. Y. BINGHAM, D.S.O.
Mk. V *	1½ Coys. 15th Tank Batt'n.	18	Lt. Col. RAMSEY-FAIRFAX.
Infantry Supply Tanks.	No. 1 G. C. Coy.	9	Capt. C. H. JOHNSON.

2. Sub-allotment within the Division.

Nature of Tank.	Formation to which allotted.	Number of Tanks.	Remarks.
Mk. V.	12th A. I. Bdo.	12 Tanks (1 Coy.)	
"	4th A. I. Bdo.	12 Tanks (1 Coy.)	
Mk. V. *	12th A. I. Bdo.	0	
"	4th A. I. Bdo.	0	
Infantry Supply Tanks.	12th A. I. Bdo.	4	1st trip; on Zero day.
"	4th A. I. Bdo.	4	
"	Reserve Bdo.	1	
"	12th A. I. Bdo.	3	2nd trip; on "2/a" night or "a" day.
"	4th A. I. Bdo.	3	
"	Reserve Bdo.	2	
"	G. R. A.	1	

3. Supporting Tanks.

(a) One Company of the 8th Tank Battalion will be employed in Support. It will be specially charged with the maintenance of the attack at the junction of the Divisions throughout the advance as far as the Red line.

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(b) In addition to the Mark V tanks definitely allotted to each Infantry Brigade, as many as possible of these detailed for the move to the Green line will be reorganised behind the Green line and pushed forward to support of the 4th Aust. Divisional Tanks during the advance to the Red line.

Those Tanks will be organised in two groups in support of the tanks of the respective forward Brigade Groups.

#### 4. Tank Action.

##### (a) Mk. V. Tanks.

(i) The companies allotted respectively to the 12th and 4th A.I. Brigades will assemble on Y/3 night prior to Zero hour in about Square P.1.

(ii) They will move thence at such time after Zero hour as will permit of their reaching and forming up on the 2nd forming up lines of their respective Infantry Brigades in Squares P.23., 17., and 12. by Zero plus 2 hours.

(iii) They will leave these positions at Zero plus 3 hours and move with the Infantry to a Jumping Off Line on the reverse slopes about 500 yards West of the Green line, where they will organise for the continuation of the advance, which will be timed to cross the Green line at Zero plus 4 hours.

(iv) These tanks will be employed with the advanced guards. They will be definitely allotted to and will work with specified assaulting battalions.

(v) Of the Company (12 tanks) of the 8th Tank Battalion allotted to them the 4th A.I. Brigade will detail at least three to assist the 13th A.I. Battalion in dealing with CERISY Village

(vi) The two groups of reorganised Green line tanks will come automatically under the command of the Infantry Brigade Commanders in whose sectors they will advance.

(vii) On reaching the Red line tanks will move beyond this line, to cover the consolidation and reorganization for the advance to the Blue line, to a distance and for a time to be fixed by Infantry Brigade Commanders concerned. They will afterwards assemble and reorganise in the Valley behind the Red line, until released by the Divisional Commander. One Company will remain in position for a further period at the discretion of Divisional Commander, for the purpose of dealing with counter attack.

##### (b) Mk. V.\* Tanks.

(i) The 9 Mk. V.\* tanks allotted to each of the 12th and 4th A.I. Brigades will assemble, prior to Zero hour, about Square O.12.B. where they will join up with their Vickers and Lewis M.G. garrisons. These garrisons are to report to Brigade H.Q. at O.12.D.9.2. on Y/3 night at a time to be fixed by the C.O., M.G. Battalion, who will be responsible that they connect successfully with the Mk. V.\* tanks in O.12.B.

(ii) After picking up their garrisons the Mark V.\* tanks will get into touch with the Reserve Battalions of their respective Brigades and be in their allotted forming up places about Squares P.22. and 11. by Zero plus 2½ hours.

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Infantry Brigades will arrange to guide those tanks to their allotted F.U.P's, as above, for touch between them and the Reserve Battalions during the advance, and for their junction behind the Red line

Should the Reserve Battalions of Brigades become engaged before reaching the Red line the Mark V\* tanks and their garrisons are not to be involved in the fighting except in case of extreme urgency.

(iii) Subject to the above conditions the Mark V\* tanks will choose their own route to the vicinity of the Red line.

(iv) On reaching the Red line the Mark V\* tanks will be rapidly organised with the Reserve Battalions of the assaulting Brigades for the continuation of the advance to the Blue line. For this operation they will come under the orders of the respective Reserve Battalion Commanders.

(v) These tanks will be released and will return to their tankodromes as soon as Infantry Brigade Commanders consider that they can dispense with their services.

(vi) The following will be the garrisons to be carried by the 9 Mark V\* tanks allotted to each assaulting Infantry Brigade :-

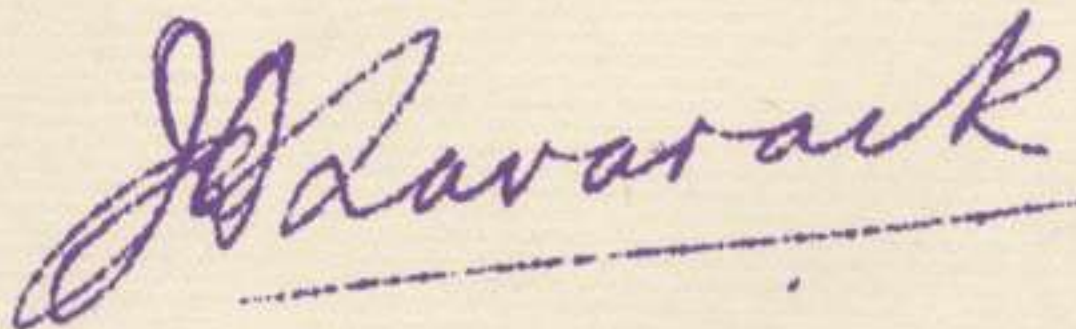
10 Vickers and 16 Lewis Machine Guns with  
9 Officers and 126 other ranks.

This allows for 5 Officers and 70 O.R. for Vickers M.G's.  
and 4 Officers and 56 O.R. for Lewis M.G's,  
per Infantry Brigade.

(c) Infantry Carrier Tanks.

These tanks will be used by Infantry Brigades for the transport of L.T.M's, Ammunition, Engineer material, Water, etc., and by the Artillery for the carriage of M.T.M's and their ammunition, and will move under instructions to be issued by Brigade Commanders and the C.R.A. Details of their loading etc. are included in Administrative Instructions issued under Divisional Order No. 138.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.



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General Staff,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Third Aust. Machine Gun Battalion

Lieut. & Asst. Adj. Machine Gun Battalion.

Amendment to Battalion Order No. 20.

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Ref. Bn. Order No. 20. "Battalion Dumps".

For "P.4.a.35.00" read "P.4.c.central"

Ref. Appendix "C". Para. 4.

For "Zero plus forty minutes" read "Zero plus forty-eight minutes".

Battalion Headquarters,  
6th August, 1918.

Lieut. & Asst. Adj.  
Third Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.

Third Aust M.G. Bn.  
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 3rd Aust M.G. Order 20  
 Ref Appendix C para 4  
 For "zero plus 40 minutes"  
 read "zero plus 48 minutes"

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 MACHINE GUN  
 BATTALION.  
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 Date.....

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 Lt Col 3rd Machine Gun Bn

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APPENDIX B.

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Battalion Headquarters  
4th. August 1918.

FIRE DIRECTIONS.

Barrage will open at zero plus seven minutes. This allows attacking troops to get clear. At zero plus ten minutes the barrage will advance 100 yards.

The barrage will continue at the rate of 100 yards every three minutes for seven successive lifts, then for two successive lifts of 100 yards every four minutes.

At zero plus forty minutes guns will prepare to advance to new defensive positions.

Rate of fire. 120 rounds per minute throughout.

Tanks. Every precaution will be taken to prevent Tanks moving over Gun positions.

Every endeavour ~~xxxxxxxx~~ will be made to continue the normal rate of night firing. This duty can be best performed by the 10th. Machine Gun Company.

*[Signature]*  
 Lieut. & Asst Adjutant.  
 for C.O. Third Aust. M.G. Bn.



C.O. 4th. Aust. Machine Gun Battalion. BN/814.

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Re Attaching 16 guns of 4th. A.M.G.Bn.

The C.O. Third Aust. Machine Gun Battalion will make the following arrangements:

Positions will be prepared, tasks allotted, S.A.A. and water will be provided, but no belts, however, will be available.

Company Commander of 4th. A.M.G.Bn. will get into touch with Major Taylor immediately.

Major.

*Bowditch*

for C.O. Third Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.

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## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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647INSTRUCTIONS No. 6 issued under Divisional Order No. 135.MACHINE GUNS.1. ALLOCATION.

The Divisional Machine Gun Battalion will be distributed for the attack as follows :-

Each attacking Brigade :- 1 Coy. plus 2 Sections,  
Divisional Reserve :- 2 Coys. (each less 2 Sections.)

2. EMPLOYMENT IN THE ATTACK.

(a) The Machine Guns allotted to each attacking Brigade will be employed as follows :-

1 Coy. (less 1½ Sections) as portion of the garrisons allotted to the Mk. V tanks.

1½ Sections in Reserve, moving with the Reserve Battalion.

2 Sections in close support of the attack.

(b) The Machine Guns allotted as Divisional Reserve will be employed as follows :-

(i) For barrage purposes in support of the attack of the 3rd Aust. Division from Zero to Zero plus 2 hours. Arrangements will be made by the C.O., M.G.Bn. with the C.O., 3rd M.G.Bn. 3rd Aust. Division.

(ii) After Zero plus 2 hours they will disengage and join the Reserve Brigade in the 2nd Forming Up Position in ACCROCHE WOOD valley about Square P.17 by Zero plus 3 hours. The C.O., M.G. Battalion will make mutual arrangements with the Reserve Brigade to ensure junction at this position.

(iii) The Reserve Machine Guns will subsequently conform to the movements of the Reserve Infantry Brigade and will be employed as directed by the Divisional Commander.

3. EMPLOYMENT IN DEFENCE.

(a) Machine Guns allotted to Infantry Brigades i.e., 1 Coy. plus 2 Sections per Brigade will be employed in the consolidation of the captured ground in depth as far back as CRUCIFIX SPUR, about Q.28 and 22.

(b) The Reserve Machine Guns will be distributed defensively about Squares Q.21, 15, 9, and 3, so as to cover the approaches to this area from the East and North East.

4. An officer will be detailed to command the Machine Guns allotted to Respective Assaulting Infantry Brigades and will be attached to Brigade H.Q.

An officer will also be detailed to command the Reserve Machine Guns and will move with Reserve Brigade H.Q.

Headquarters,  
5th August, 1918.

*J. H. Lavarack*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
C.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INSTRUCTIONS NO. 7 ISSUED UNDER DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 138.

ROADS AND TRACKS.

1. A Map is issued herewith showing organisation of Road System in captured areas.
2. Whenever possible light transport which is capable of moving across country will do so and avoid main roads.
3. C.R.E. will be responsible for the construction of Mulo tracks. These will be continuations of 3rd Aust. Division tracks. All Mulo Tracks in 4th Aust. Div. Area will be marked by white stakes. The construction of these tracks will follow the advancing Infantry as rapidly as possible. Approved routes taken by these tracks are shown on attached Map.
4. 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery will carry forward a proportion of Bridges. Positions of these Bridges over any obstacle will be marked by a small white flag on a 5 or 6 foot pole. Every advantage is to be taken of these Bridges by all horse transport.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

Headquarters,  
5th August, 1918.

*J. Lavarack*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
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1st " " "  
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4th Aust. Div. Arty.  
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## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## INSTRUCTIONS NO. 8 ISSUED UNDER DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 136.

## LIGHT SIGNALS, MESSAGE ROCKETS &amp; SMOKE SCREENS.

## 1. LIGHT SIGNALS.

## (a) Australian Corps.

The following light signals will be employed in the Australian Corps :-

- |                  |                                                                              |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| S.O.S. Signal.-  | No. 32 grenade showing green over green over green. Allotment - 150 per Bde. |
| Success Signal.- | No. 32 grenade showing white over white over white. Allotment - 150 per Bde. |

A small reserve of each of these grenades is held at Divisional Ammunition Dump.

## (b) Other Formations.

Light signals of other formations are as follows :-

- |                     |                                                                                                             |                                                    |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| (i) Cavalry Corps.- | Signal,<br>White star turning to red on a parachute fired from 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " Vory pistol. | Moaning,<br>"Advanced troops of cavalry are here". |
| (ii) III Corps. -   | No. 32 grenade green over green over green                                                                  | "S.O.S."                                           |
|                     | No. 32 grenade white over white over white.                                                                 | "Success signal, i.e. We have reached objective."  |
|                     | One white Vory light.                                                                                       | "Barrage is about to lift."                        |

## 2. MESSAGE CARRYING ROCKETS.

Allotment of Message Carrying Rockets is 20 per assaulting Brigade.

## 3. SMOKE.

## (a) Artillery Smoke will be as follows :-

(i) 3 rounds per gun will be fired during the first three minutes of the Artillery barrage.

(ii) 3 rounds per gun will be fired in quick succession on the arrival of the Field Artillery barrage at the Artillery halt line covering the first objective.



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(b) Screening beyond the First Objective.

15th Wing R.A.F. will arrange -

(1) To screen the advance of the tanks and infantry from special localities in advance of their first objective by dropping phosphorous bombs

(ii) At Zero plus 4 hours smoke bomb screen along a line running W. of BAYONVILLERS - along Spur through Q. 26. and Q. 15. - along CHIPILLY Spur.

(iii) At Zero plus 5 hours smoke screen along the Spur just West of the Red line.

(iv) At Zero plus 6 hours a smoke screen along the high ground just West of the Blue line.

(v) At Zero plus 7 hours and again at Zero plus 8 hours a smoke screen along the line through Cross Roads R. 22.C. - Cross Roads R. 16.C. - high ground R. 15.B. and 16.A. - Cross Roads R. 9.E.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. J. Lavarack*

Headquarters,  
5th August, 1940.

Lieut.-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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- (b) In the event of an enemy concentration indicating a counter-attack, the counter-attack aeroplane will signal this information to the Artillery by wireloss. In the case of a counter-attack actually developing a white parachute flare will be fired by the aeroplane in the direction of the troops moving for the impending counter-attack, for the information of the infantry.

#### 4. LOW FLYING SCOUTS.

The low flying scouts of the 32nd Wing will operate in two phases, viz.,-

- (a) From Zero to Zero plus 4 hours Eastwards from the GREEN line.  
 (b) From Zero plus 4 hours onwards Eastwards from the RED line.

In each phase very favourable targets will be engaged in addition to the targets marked by the GREEN and RED lines.

#### 5. AMMUNITION CARRYING AEROPLANES.

- (a) Aeroplanes will be detailed to transport ammunition from Zero plus 7 hours for the RED and BLUE lines whenever the "V" is displayed.  
 (b) Vickers Guns will display a white "V" at the point where ammunition is to be dropped. The arms of the "V" to be 6 feet in length and 1 foot in width. The apex of the "V" to point towards the enemy.  
 (c) Ammunition aeroplanes will have the underside of the lower planes painted black for a distance of 2½ feet from the tips.

#### 6. AEROPLANE SMOKE SCREENS.

The aeroplanes detailed for carrying S.A.A. will, in addition, be employed to drop phosphorous smoke bombs to obstruct the enemy's view.

The areas to be screened and the time at which the screening in each case shall cease, in order not to interfere with the advance of the infantry, will be shown on a map to be issued later.

#### 7. MARKINGS ON PLANES.

In addition to those mentioned in para. 5 (c) the following will be the special markings of machines allotted to special duties :-

- (a) Contact patrol machine - Rectangular panels 2 feet by 1 foot on both lower planes about three feet from the fuselage.  
 (b) Machines working with Tanks - Black band on middle of right side of tail.

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INSTRUCTIONS NO. 9 ISSUED UNDER DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 130.

AIRCRAFT.

1. The Air Forces which will operate on the Australian Corps Front during the battle will be as follows :-

- (a) Corps Squadron - 3rd Australian Squadron.
- (b) 5th Tank Brigade - 8th Squadron.
- (c) Working under Army Orders. - The 22nd Wing (2 Scout Squadrons) will be exclusively employed in engaging ground targets by bombing and machine gunning along the whole Army Front.
- (d) One night bombing Squadron - 101st Bombing Squadron.
- (e) One Reconnaissance Squadron - 48th Squadron.

Four additional day bombing Squadrons and three additional night bombing squadrons are being obtained from other wings for co-operation.

2. CONTACT AEROPLANES.

(a) Indication of Position by Flares.

(a) Red ground flares will be used to indicate the infantry positions to contact aeroplanes. The flares will be lit by infantry in the most advanced positions only.

(b) A contact aeroplane will fly along the line of the second objective (Red Line) at Zero plus 6 hours 30 minutes. Flares will be called for by the aeroplane sounding a succession of "A's" on the Klaxon horn and by firing a White Very Light. If the aeroplane fails to mark the line accurately it will repeat its call ten minutes later. Should the infantry not have reached the line of the objective at the time laid down above, the contact plane will return at half hour intervals until flares are shown.

(c) A contact aeroplane will fly along the line of the third objective (Blue Line) at Zero plus 8 hours 30 minutes when the procedure laid down in sub-para. (b) will be repeated until the flares are shown.

(d) Divisional dropping station will be established at O.11.B.5.5.

(b) Other Means of Identifying the Position of the Infantry.

(a) Rifles. Three or four rifles laid parallel across the top of the trench.

(b) Metal Discs. Metal discs will be used as reflectors by flashing in the sun. This method has been successful even on days which have not been particularly bright. The disc is most easily carried sewn to the small Box Respirator, and can be used in this way without inconvenience.

3. COUNTER ATTACK PLANES.

(a) From Zero hour, counter-attack planes will be constantly in the air with the object of observing hostile concentrations or abnormal movement.

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INSTRUCTION No. 11 - ISSUED UNDER 4th AUSTR. DIV. ORDER No. 13F.

ENGINEERS and PIONEERS.

The 4th Australian Division is to attack the enemy from the River SOMME (inclusive) to the south at a date and hour to be notified later.

DISTRIB-  
UTION.

4th FIELD COY will work with 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the Left Sector.

12th FIELD COY will be responsible for communications across the SOMME.

13th FIELD COY will work under C.E. Aust. Corps and will come under his command at midnight 6/7th August. O.C. 13th Field Coy will arrange for a runner to be available at C.A.E.'s office from 6 p.m. on 6th inst.

4th PIONEER BATTALION. 2 Companies will be attached to 5th Aust. Division and work under C.A.E. 5th Aust. Division.

1 Company will be attached to 4th Aust. Inf. Bde in the Left Sector.

1 Company will be attached to 12th Aust. Inf. Bde in the Right Sector.

The Company attached to the 12th Aust. Inf Bde. will function as outlined for 4th Field Coy.

O.C. 4th FIELD COY will keep in touch with G.O.C. 4th Bde. and carry out any necessary work. Particular attention will be paid to erection of notice boards on tracks, roads, H.Q.'s, etc.; road repair in the Bde. sector, reconnaissance for captured dumps.

SOMME  
CROSSINGS.

12th FIELD COY will be responsible for the crossings over the River SOMME. An early reconnaissance will be made of captured bridges, which should be immediately repaired if not too badly damaged.

Bridges to carry 1st Line Transport will be constructed, if existing bridges are damaged beyond immediate repair, at -

(a) Q.3.b.90.95., provided a suitable approach exists on the North side of the river. Failing this, a bridge to carry infantry will be constructed.

(b) Q.3.d.95.55.

Bridges to carry infantry will be constructed at a suitable place, should existing bridges be damaged beyond immediate repair:

(a) in Q.3.b. or d.

(b) as near to Q.10. central as possible.

The maximum loads to be placed on bridges will be clearly shown at each approach.

It is most essential that the bridge reconnaissance, and subsequent action thereon, should closely follow the advancing infantry, as, at any stage during the advance, it may be necessary to send reinforcing troops from one side of the river to the other. At all events, it will be necessary to have efficient crossings to facilitate communication between both banks of the river.

Any available boats or surplus pontoons will be converted into ferries. O.C. 4th Field Coy. will arrange liaison direct with O.C. 12th Field Coy. as to the requirements of the brigade in this respect.

The following bridging equipment is placed at the disposal of 12th Field Coy, -

(a) Complete bridging equipment 5th Aust. Div. Engrs., location to be notified later.

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(b) Complete bridging equipment 4th Aust. Div. Engrs.

(c) 4 Pontoon Waggon loaded from Pontoon Park.

At a date to be notified later, O.C. 13th Field Coy will place at the disposal of O.C. 12th Field Coy.-

(a) Two loaded Pontoon Waggon,

(b) 3 - 6 horse teams.

O.C. 4th Field Coy. will place Company bridging equipment at the disposal of O.C. 12th Field Coy. and arrange details direct.

O.C. 12th Field Coy. will be advised of the arrival of 4 pontoon waggon from the Pontoon Park. These will be met and parked in the Railway Station Yard, CORBIE.

Special bridging material - R.S.J., timber, girders, planking, as available, will be deposited at VECQUEMONT and CHATEAU DUMPS.

On the assumption that the road bridge at Q.3.d. has been prepared for demolition, one tank has been detailed to deal with the guard and prevent demolition of the bridge. O.C. 12th Field Coy will arrange necessary details with G.O.C. 4th Aust. Inf. Bde and detail two sappers to accompany the tank to remove, or render ineffective, the charges.

**DUGOUT AND RECONNAISSANCE.** Two parties, each of 1 Officer and 15 O.R.'s, detailed by O.C. 1st Aust. Tunnelling Coy. will be employed - one in each Brigade Sector in locating and exploiting deep dugouts and wells. Officers i/o of these parties will notify their respective Brigades of the existence of suitable dugouts for H.Q. etc. and notify O.C. 1st Aust. Tunnelling Coy. through C.R.E., of any work required by the Brigades, and which cannot be undertaken by the Brigade or Tunnellers available.

Reconnaissance reports will be sent to C.R.E. as early as possible.

**OVERLAND TRACKS.**

Overland tracks in continuation of those to be constructed by 3rd Div. will be constructed as follows, -

'A' by Company of Pioneers attached to 12th Bde.

'B', 'C', and 'D' by 4th Field Coy.

All tracks will be clearly marked. Wire and other obstacles to be removed and trenches filled in.

The attached map (to 4th Aust. Div. 4th and 12th Field Coys. and 4th Pioneer Bn) shows overland tracks to be constructed by 3rd Aust. Div. and 4th Aust. Div. and the Roads work being carried out by C.R.E. Aust. Corps.

**REPORTS.**

O's. C. 4th and 12th Field Coys. and C.O. Pioneer Bn. will send reports to C.R.E. every two hours from zero hour until further notification.

C.R.E.'s. office will be situated in FOUILLOU.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

5th August 1918.

*R. J. G. 1918*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
C.R.E. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.

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## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

INSTRUCTIONS NO. 12 ISSUED UNDER DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 130.

SIGNALLING ARRANGEMENTS.

The following will be the signalling arrangements at Zero plus 4 hours :-

1. (a) Between Divisional Headquarters, CORBIE, and 4th and 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. Headquarters at O.12.D.0.5.

Canal Cable as far as FOUILLOY HOSPICE thence Buried Cable.  
Wireless.  
Visual.  
D.R.L.S.

- (b) Between Divisional H.Q. and Artillery Brigades.

Canal Cable to FOUILLOY HOSPICE, buried cable to H.M. (HAMEL) thence ground cable.  
Wireless.  
D.R.L.S.

2. Forward of 4th and 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. Headquarters communication will be as follows :-

- (a) Three pairs of ground cable per Brigade will be run forward to the first position of each Forward Station, in the GREEN Line, or, as near as possible to it, before ZERO plus 4. One of these pairs will be definitely allotted to F.O.O.

- (b) When the advance is continued to the RED Line three pairs per Brigade will be continued to the second position of the Forward Station. As Battalion H.Qs. move forward of the GREEN Line the Forward Stations will move with them. Battalions must connect up to the Forward Stations, which will, if possible be at or near Battalion H.Q. On no account will Battalions run their own lines forward from Brigade Headquarters. Battalions will not run lines to Companies until consolidation has progressed satisfactorily.

3. WIRELESS.

A complete Wireless Station will go forward with each Brigade Forward Party. (80 metre Loop Set with Left Bde. and Trench Set with Right Bde.)

Power Duzzer and Amplifier. One complete Station for "Up and Down" work between Forward Station and Battalion H.Q. will be attached to the Right Brigade Forward Party, and move with it.

4. PIGEONS.

Sixteen Pigeons will be allotted to each of 4th and 12th Aust. Inf. Bdes. They will be distributed both to Battalion and Company Headquarters before 8 p.m. "Y" day.

The greater proportion is to be allotted to the Battalions detailed to exploit the BLUE Line. Eight pigeons will be allotted to C.R.A. for F.O.O.'s. Pigeons will be issued in "assault baskets", two in each, in the baskets are also placed 1 small message book, 2 clips and 1 pencil.

F.T.O.

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5. VISUAL.

- (a) The Divisional Visual Station (Call - G.D.K.) will be located at J.P.B.2.2, where messages from any part of the captured territory will be received and transmitted to its destination. This Station will be connected by telephone to nearest Bde. H.Q.
- (b) All Signallers must be thoroughly acquainted with the position of this Station.
- (c) All Visual messages sent back will be sent "DD" three times over unless RD is sent by receiving Station. The message will be sent through before being repeated.
- (d) Visual Stations will be established at or near each Brigade Forward Station and Visual Communication with them from the RED and BLUE Lines will be established and maintained.
- (e) Positions of Brigade Visual Stations will be as follows :-

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	-	P.10.E.9.4	-	Call	QA.
12th " " "				"	QC.
4th " " "		Forward Station		"	QAR.
12th " " "		" "		"	QOR.

(f) The 58th Division on the left is establishing visual stations during its advance West of HALARD WOOD and West of CHIPILLY Spur. The left Brigade Forward Station will get into touch successively with these stations in anticipation of traffic.

6. AIRCRAFT.

Ordinary Rules regarding communication with Aircraft by the Popham Panel will be carried out.

For purposes of more readily identifying Units, Brigade and Battalion Headquarters will display the following figures of white calico, with the top of the figure pointing in the direction of the enemy.

15th Battalion.	.....	Figure	1.
13th " "	.....	"	2.
14th " "	.....	"	3.
16th " "	.....	"	4.
45th " "	.....	"	5.
46th " "	.....	"	6.
48th " "	.....	"	7.
4th A.I. Bde.	.....	"	8.
12th " "	.....	"	9.

7. GENERAL.

It is most important that communication should be maintained with the attacking Battalions during the time they are deploying to cross the GREEN Line. During this period communication will be transmitted through the Brigade Forward Stations. Attacking Battalions will send forward runners to report to their Bde. Forward Stations to bring back messages, and when the Battalions advance the runners will rejoin their Units.

8. Extra Personnel for carrying parties, Divisional Visual Station and checks other than already supplied for Brigade Forward Parties, will be provided by Pioneer Bn. as requested by O.C., Div. Sig. Coy. direct. Personnel to furnish these parties will be selected immediately, so that they may be thoroughly instructed in their duties. Close co-operation between Officers Commanding Brigade Forward Parties, Battalion Commanders and Battalion Signal Officers, also a thorough understanding beforehand of what each proposes to do is essential to ensure smooth working.



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- 9. Headquarters of 4th and 12th Brigades will be established about P. 17. Central before ZERO plus 4.

*J. Lavarack*

Headquarters,  
5th August, 1918.

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

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Cancel Para. 6 and substitute the following :-

The following Brigade and Battalion Code calls will come into operation in the 4th Australian Division from 12 Noon 7th August, for communicating between infantry and aeroplanes.

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>CALL LETTERS.</u>	<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>CALL LETTERS.</u>
1st A. I. Bde. H. Q.	A.	12th A. I. Bde. H. Q.	L.
1st Battalion.	A. W.	45th Battalion.	L. W.
2nd "	A. X.	46th "	L. X.
3rd "	A. Y.	48th "	L. Y.
4th "	A. Z.		
4th A. I. Bde. H. Q.	K.	13th A. I. Bde. H. Q.	M.
13th Battalion.	K. W.	49th Battalion.	M. W.
14th "	K. X.	50th "	M. X.
15th "	K. Y.	51st "	M. Y.
16th "	K. Z.		

Brigade and Battalion H. Q. indicate their position by means of ground signal sheets laid on ground near the Headquarters concerned, whilst their identity is disclosed by the above code letters made by ground signal strips laid alongside the sheet.

Headquarters,  
6th August, 1918.

*Paul Wain*  
Lieut.-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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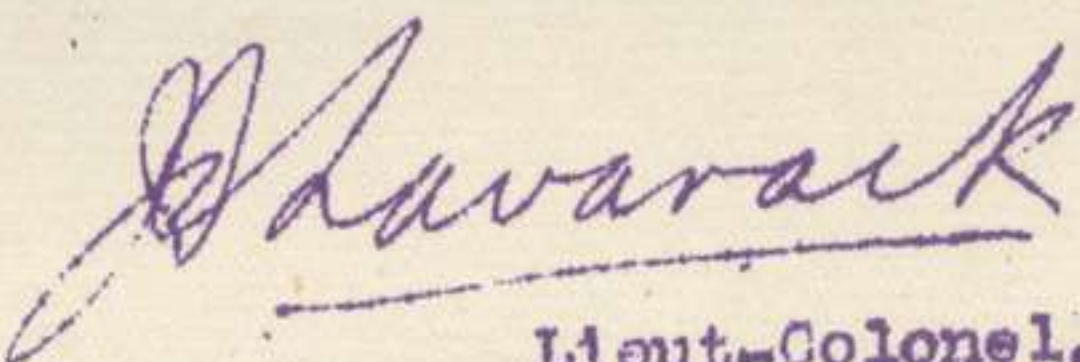
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.1st Amendment to INSTRUCTIONS NO. 9.AIRCRAFT.Para. 2. Contact Aeroplanes.

Sub-para. (c) 2nd line -

For "Zero plus 6 hours 30 minutes"

Read "Zero plus 7 hours".

Headquarters,  
6th August, 1918.
  
 Lieut-Colonel,  
 General Staff,  
 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
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## INSTRUCTION No. 1.

1. The Australian Corps is to attack the enemy from the VILLERS ERETONNEUX - CHULNES railway exclusive to the River SOMME.  
The day and hour will be notified.  
The 5th Aust. Division will attack within the boundary shown on Map No. 1.  
The 2nd Canadian Division is to co-operate on the Right (South of the railway) and the 4th Aust. Division on the Left.
2. The Division will attack on a two Brigade front. The attack will be carried out in two phases :-  
Boundaries and objectives are shown on Map No. 1.  
FIRST PHASE.  
Brigade Groups will advance in open warfare formation from first objective passing through the 2nd Aust. Division.  
SECOND PHASE.  
15th and 8th Inf. Brigade Groups will exploit their success and seize old British Line of Defence marked in Blue, and establish themselves defensively in this line.  
The 14th Inf. Brigade Group will be in Divisional Reserve.  
Tanks will take part in the operation.
3. Machine Guns are allotted as under :-  
15th M.G. Co. to co-operate with 15th A. Inf. Bde.  
25th M.G. Co. to co-operate with 8th A. Inf. Bde.  
14th M.G. Co. plus 1 Section 8th M.G. Co. with Mark V (Star) Tanks.  
8th M.G. Co. Less 1 Section Divisional Reserve.
4. 15th and 25th M.G. Companies will move under orders of the Brigade with whom they are co-operating. Pack horses will be used, but arrangements must be made to move limbers rapidly forward.
5. In consolidation these Companies will as far as possible be distributed in depth.
6. O.C. 14th M.G. Company will arrange to establish Headquarters at W.5.e.2.6. (Approx.) at zero plus 8 hours, and will assume control of guns in the blue line.
7. 8th M.G. Company (less 1 Section) will be in position of readiness with Transport at O.28.c.9.4. at zero plus 5 hours.  
An Officer from this Company will report at Battalion Headquarters at that hour. He will be mounted.
8. Separate instructions will be issued to Machine Guns operating with Mark V (Star) Tanks.
9. Reports will be forwarded to Advanced Battalion Headquarters at O.25.c.3.2. through Brigade or by runner.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*M. P. Brown*  
Adjt., 5th Aust. M.G. Bn. Capt.

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SECRET.MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTION No. 2.

1. Instructions will be issued that Machine Gunners allotted to the nine Mark V (star) Tanks operating with each Inf. Brigade for the capture of the blue line, will not be carried on the Tank until the green line has been passed.  
They will march with the Tank as far forward as circumstances will permit.
2. On arriving at the blue line the closest co-operation between Vickers and Lewis Gunners must be maintained.
3. Section Officers on the flanks of the Division will be responsible that touch is maintained with the guns on their right and left respectively as soon as the line has been established.
4. O.C. 14th M.G. Company will establish Headquarters at W.S.C.2.6. at Zero plus 8 hours, and will assume command of all forward Vickers guns at that hour.

*W. S. C. 2.6.*  
Adjt., 5th Aust. M. G. Bn. Capt.

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6. W.D.
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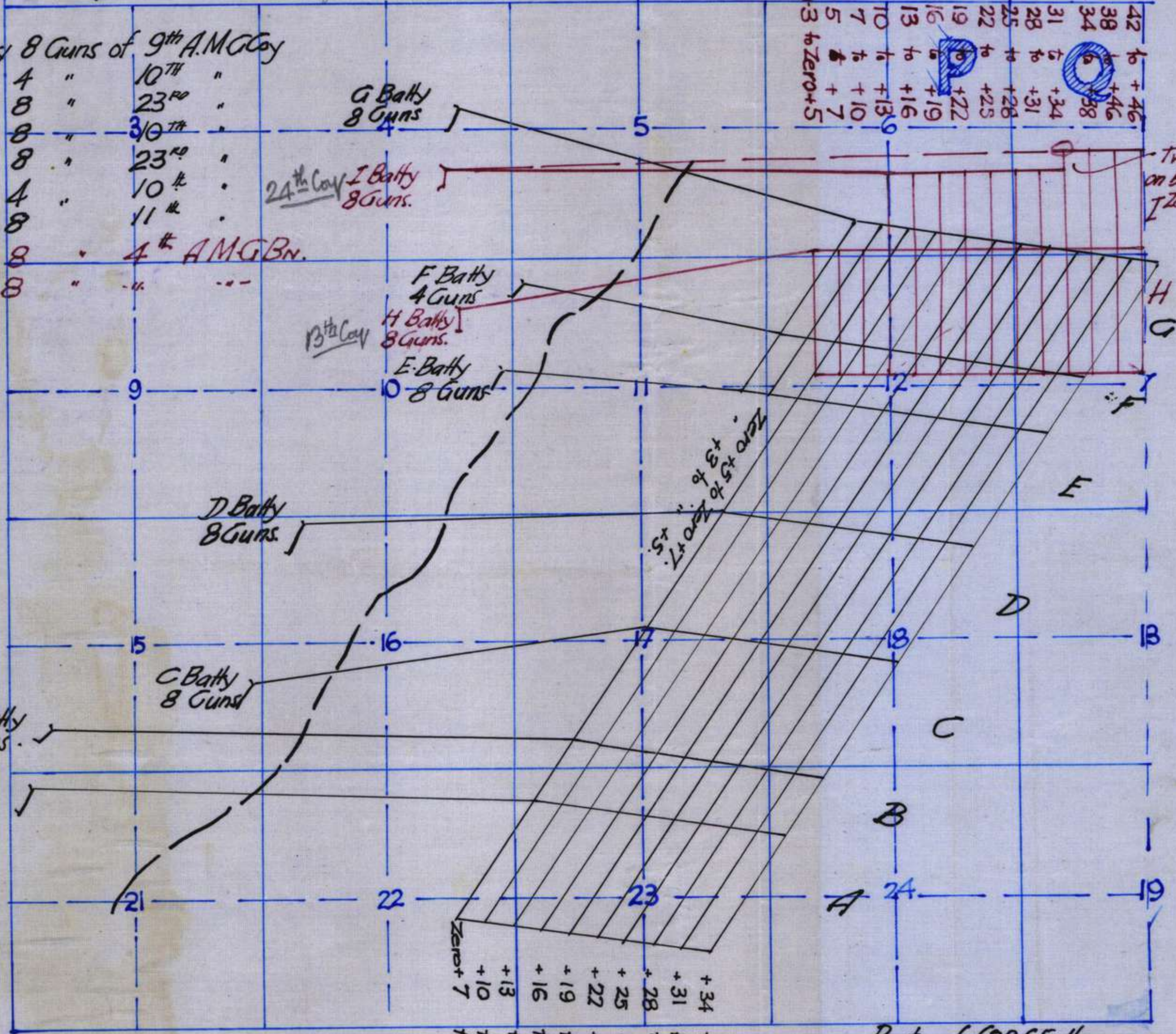


3rd A.M.G. Bn.  
Barrage Table

Sketch "A"

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A. Battery	8 Guns	of 9th A.M.G. Coy
B "	4 "	10th "
C "	8 "	23rd "
D "	8 "	30th "
E "	8 "	23rd "
F "	4 "	10th "
G "	8 "	11th "
H "	8 "	4th A.M.G. Bn.
I "	8 "	" " " " " "



Zero 3	to Zero 5
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+7	+10
+10	+13
+13	+16
+16	+19
+19	+22
+22	+25
+25	+28
+28	+31
+31	+34
+34	+38
+38	+42

Zero 7	+7
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+10	+13
+13	+16
+16	+19
+19	+22
+22	+25
+25	+28
+28	+31
+31	+34
+34	+38

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Two Guns firing on Bridge from Zero 13 to Zero 34.



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Cancel Para. 5 (e) and substitute the following :-

(e) Positions of Visual Stations will be as follows :-

1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	-	P. 17. D. 20.90	at ZERO plus 2 hours	-	Call QD.
4th " " "	-	P. 12. D. 90.00	" " " " "	-	" QA.
12th " " "	-	Q. 13. D. 00.00	" " " " "	-	" QC.
4th " " "	-	Forward Station O. 14. A. 9.2	after ZERO plus 4 hours	-	Call QAR.
12th " " "	-	Forward Station Q. 21. D. 10.00	after ZERO plus 4 hours	-	Call QOR.

Cancel Para. 9 and substitute -

9. Forward Headquarters of Brigades will be established before ZERO plus 4 hours as follows :-

1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	-	P. 17. D. 20.90
4th " " "	-	about P. 12. D. 90.00
12th " " "	-	Area Q. 13 - 19 or P. 24 in accordance with further reconnaissance.

Add to Para. 4 -

When passing through GREEN Line units will collect all unused pigeons and message Rockets from 3rd Australian Division and take them forward for their own use.

Headquarters,  
7th August, 1918.

*J. L. Lavarack*  
Lieut.-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Instruction No.13 issued under 4th Australian Divisional Order No.138  
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1. BATTLE STORES. The fo-llowing Stores are allotted to 1st Brigade and will be delivered under arrangements made by Brigade with "Q" Branch, Division.

Extra Water Bottles	2200.
Wire Cutters, long	20.
Hot Food Containers	20.
Extra Pack Saddles	20.
Water Carriers, pairs	16.
Iron Rations	2200.
Water Tins	100.

A distribution of Solidified Alcohol and Pea Soup will also be made by S.S.O.

2. AMMUNITION. Demands for Ammunition required by 1st Brigade will be made on O.C., S.A.A. Section, 4th Aust. D.A.C. at O.3.c.4.4. (Phone Div. Ammunition Dump.)

3. LOADING OF TANKS. First Trip. Tank allotted to Reserve Brigade has been loaded by 4th Brigade who have detailed 1 N.C.O. and 3 Men as Permanent Party.

1st. Brigade will arrange with 4th Brigade to take this Tank over as soon as possible. Tank will then work under 1st. Bde instructions.

Second Trip. Owing to changed allotment of Tanks for 2nd Trip as shown in Instruction No. 5, Ammunition and Water Tins will now be delivered as follows to selected loading points. Reserve Brigade Tanks for Second Trip will load at P.4.c.3.3. (the revised location for 4th Brigade). Tank for C.R.A. will load at J.32.d.2.5. Arrangements for conveyance of Material to this spot will be made by C.R.A.

	<u>S.A.A.</u>	<u>T.M.C.</u>	<u>Water Tins.</u>	<u>Grenades No. 36.</u>
4th A.I.Bde.	60,000	450	60	2400
12th A.I. Bde.	60,000	450	60	1800
1st A.I. Bde.	40,000	300	40	1500

The 160 Water Tins will be delivered by Div. Train to Brigade Transport Lines as follows:-

4th A.I. Bde.	60.
12th A.I.Bde.	60.
1st A.I. Bde.	40.

for filling, and conveyed forward from there under Brigade arrangement to loading points.

C.R.E. material will be conveyed to loading points under arrangement made direct between Brigades and C.R.E.

Ammunition will be taken to loading points by S.A.A. Section, under arrangement made direct between Brigades and O.C., S.A.A. Section. Brigades and C.R.A. will arrange necessary loading parties and guards.

4. SHELTERS. As a certain number of Shelters have now been issued, attention is drawn to para. 1 of Instruction No. 3.

5. CHLORIDE OF LIME. A Dump of 1 ton of Chloride of Lime exists at rear of Billet No. 8 CORBIE. Units will draw as required on application to Dump.



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6. WATER. G.S. Wagons horsed with Driver, each carrying One 200 and One 100 Gallon (total 300 Gallons) Water Tanks are allotted as under, and will be drawn from Rear Div. Headquarters on 6th instant.

4th Aust. Div. Artillery	1
1st Aust. Inf. Brigade	1
4th " " "	1
12th " " "	1

The Personnel and Horses will be rationed by Units concerned until returned by subsequent order.

A Motor Water Lorry (125 Gallons) will be held in reserve at Div. H.Q.

7. SOCKS. Socks can be exchanged at Clothing Exchange, VECQUEMONT.

8. VETERINARY. The Mobile Vet. Sec. is located at H.27.d.O.O.

9. BURIALS. Cemeteries will be established approximately at:- Q.8.c.O.O. and Q.19.central.

HEADQUARTERS,  
4th Aust. Div.,  
6th August 1918.

*Robson*  
Lieut. Colonel,  
A.A. & Q.M.G.  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

2000	50	500	500
1800	50	500	500
1600	50	500	500

The 100 water tanks will be delivered by Div. Train to Brigade  
Transport Lines as follows:-

4th Aust. Div.	50
1st Aust. Inf. Brigade	50
4th " " "	50
12th " " "	50

The 100 water tanks will be conveyed forward from their Brigade transport  
to loading points.

Arrangements will be made for the delivery of water to loading points under  
arrangements made direct between Brigades and C.R.A.

Attention will be taken to loading points by 3.A.A. Section  
under arrangements made direct between Brigades and C.R.A. Section.  
Brigades and C.R.A. will arrange necessary loading parties and transport.

A certain number of 200-gallon tanks have now been issued.  
Attention is drawn to para. 1 of Instruction No. 3.

A dump of 1 ton of chloride of lime exists at rear  
of 3.A.A. Section. Units will draw as required on application to  
3.A.A. Section.



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DISPOSITION MAP as at 8 a.m. 3.8.18

4<sup>TH</sup> AUST. M.C. BATT<sup>N</sup>

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4<sup>th</sup> Coy Shewn in Blue  
13<sup>th</sup> " " " Red  
24<sup>th</sup> " " " Green  
C. Coy. 123<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Bn. in Co-operation  
with 4<sup>th</sup> AMC Coy  
150 U.S. Coy. in Co-operation  
with 13<sup>th</sup> AMC Coy  
Bn. HQ & Reserve Coy. at T/3c.00.

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For 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. read 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

*J. J. Lavarak*Headquarters,  
5th August, 1918.Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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N<sup>o</sup> 4 Aust M.G. Coy  
Operation Report

for operations in Moorcourt Sector 8.8.18

Ref: 62<sup>d</sup> S.E.1:20000

Preparations for the above operations were carried out for some days previous. On Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> August a party of 4 officers and 80 other ranks proceeded to VAUX-EN-AMIENNOIS and carried out a practice stunt with Tanks. 2 V.M.G. & 2 L.G. with full complement of ammunition and a total of 16 men in addition to the tank crew were carried ~~in~~ & coming into action from the tank was practiced. On Wednesday final instructions were issued from the Operation Orders of Battalion and Brigade and on Wednesday evening the guns and gear for the tanks were despatched to the Tank Park at FOUILLOY. Thursday the remaining Guns (6) were packed with all gear on two lumbered G.S. Wagons.

Thursday 6.30pm. - The Tank party comprising Lt's Kennare and Allan<sup>mm</sup> and 2 Lt's Stephens<sup>mm</sup> & Lydster<sup>mm</sup> with 52 O.R. moved out of the billets in L'NEUVILLE and proceeded via the Canal bank to the Tank Park. They arrived here at 7.30pm packed all the guns and gear onto their respective tanks (see Appendix for distribution) and moved off at 11pm with the Tanks, proceeding via FOUILLOY and HAMELET to the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade No. 1 Rendezvous in Squares P2+3 arriving there at 2.45am.

Lieut Hunt M.C. moved out of billets at midnight with Coy H.Q. and reported to 16<sup>th</sup> Bn H.Q. at No. 1 Rendezvous at 2.30am.



Lieuts Wright M.C. and Chapman M.C. M.M. moved off at 5am and were to report at 16th Btn HQ at 10.30am at Q17C 04. proceeding along main road running Nth of HAMEL and RECORD WOOD and South of GAILLY and CERISY-GAILLY, and through MORCOURT.

The tanks moved from No 1 Rendezvous at 5.50am and only four reached the Red Line. Nos 5-6-7+8 breaking down. No 5 near HAMEL, No 6 near CERISY. Nos 7+8 near KATE WOOD. The crew of No 6 placed their gear on the rear of No 4 + proceeded. Those of Nos 5-7-+8 managed to reach the final objective during the afternoon and thus bring their guns into action. No 5 tank retired under its own power very shortly after leaving it, but No 7+8 came under direct shell fire and ~~was~~ became "casualties". No 6 was repaired and reached the final objective on time doing good work. Sgt Disney's team followed the tank around the objective + helped to clear up numerous enemy MG posts. No 4 received 2 direct hits from shells and all the MG crew, with Lt Allen, were wounded. No 1-2-3 all received hits and considerable casualties occurred. Lt Lydster was wounded but Sgt Sinclair and 7 men, assisted by Sgt Disney managed to bring two guns into action and so ensure good support to the left flank (16th Btn) Sgt Sinclair also had one other gun in close support. Early in the afternoon the 13th Btn moved up and occupied the ~~left~~ right of the Sector and the 16th closed to the left. Very little resistance was received on the final objective and most of the casualties were caused by .77 field guns on our left flank and to the rear



The Blue line was not quite reached but a line was established approx running through Q 18 a 06. Q 18 b 07. R 13 a 05; R 13 a 46; and down to R 13 central. Dispositions of line and V.M.s. established in it were forwarded to C.H.Q. early in the afternoon.

Coy. H.Q. had moved up in H.Q. Tank with the 16th Bn and was established at Q 17 c 04. and first reports were received here from the front line. Lieut Wright and Chapman were continued to advance at approx <sup>200 to 600</sup> yards in rear of the Infantry and were first delayed on sunken road south of CERISY-GAILLY at near Q 8 b 48. by the Infantry being temporarily held up on the high ground in Q 9 and 15. When word was received that the road was clear they advanced to the cross roads in Q 9 central where the Infantry were again delayed by <sup>enemy</sup> machine gun fire from the front and enemy field guns in front and on the left flank. At the urgent request of the Co. 14th Bn these guns were brought into action against these enemy batteries and silenced ~~the~~ some of them scattering the crews. 6 Casualties were received here from a battery further in rear and on CHIPILLY RIDGE. - About 3000 rds. were fired.

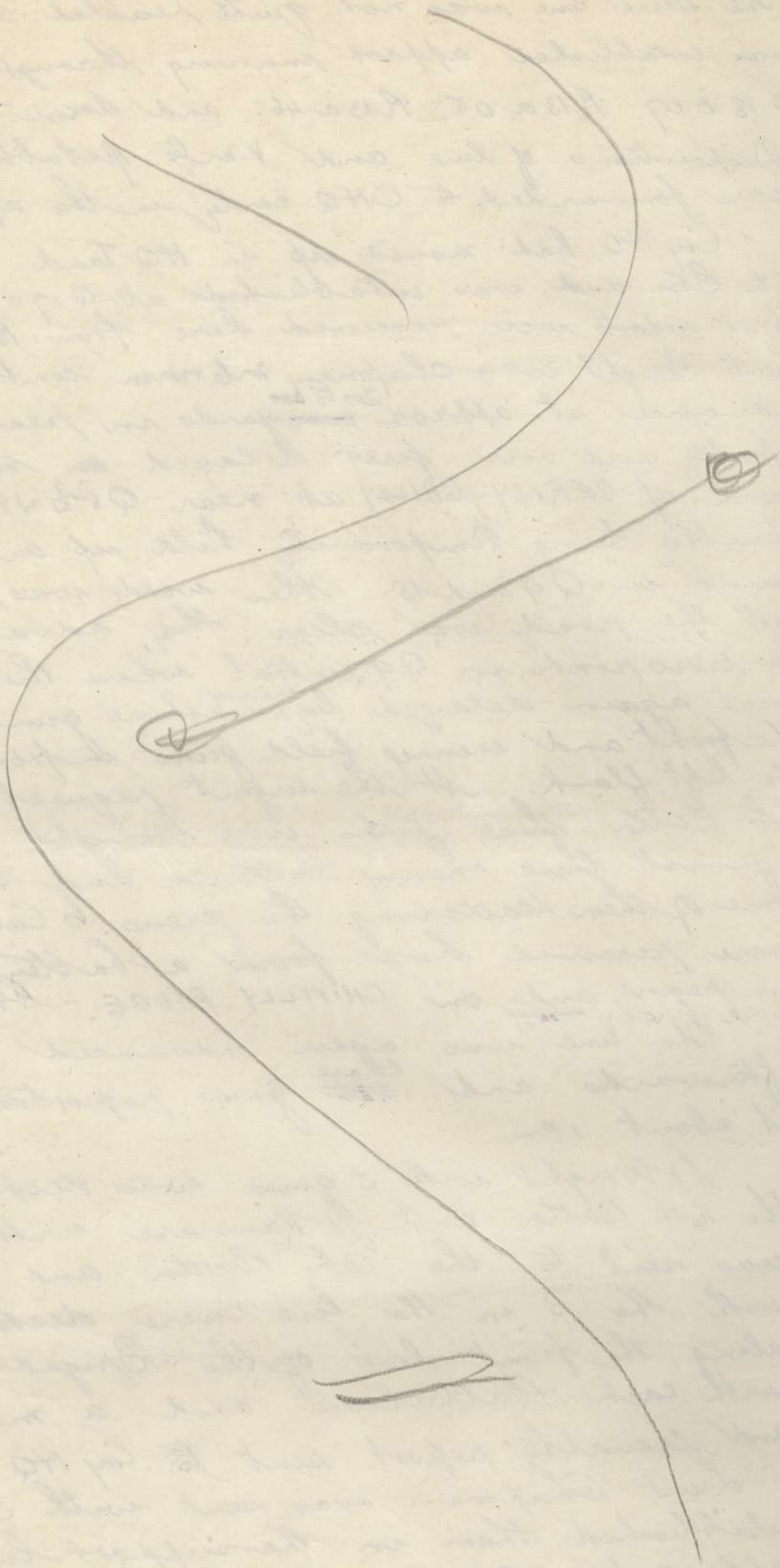
The line was again advanced shortly afterwards and ~~these~~ <sup>these</sup> guns reported to Coy H.Q. at about 1 pm.

Lt Wright with 3 guns was despatched to the 16th Bn and Lt Kennare with 2 guns was sent to the 13th Bn. and these with the 3 in the line were distributed along the front line of the Brigade - four with each Battalion and a map + disposition and casualty report sent to Coy H.Q. at 6 pm.

Lieut Chapman was sent with 3 guns and established them in the support line running approx from Q 17 central to Q 24 a 09. The left of this line was held by the 24th Coy.

Lieut Stephens was sent at 9 pm with two more guns and placed in close support to the 16th Bn.





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Two guns and teams were kept in Reserve at Coy HQ and utilized for anti-aircraft purposes and the remaining gun was at No 2 S. HQ. This was secured from a burnt out tank in No mans Land the crew of which had all become casualties.

Rations and water had arrived during the evening and was sent to the guns at dawn.

Each gun had at least 10 belts and boxes and an Infantry dump of S.A.A was established at P17 B 6540.

S.H.Q.s throughout was established in close proximity to the Inf. Coy. H.Q.s and liaison maintained.

Friday the 9th August, was quiet throughout the day and at 9 pm word was received that the line was to be advanced, silently, to the "Blue line". Lt Wright was detailed with 4 guns to proceed with the 16th Btn and Lt Kennare with 3 guns with the 13th Btn. The left (16th Btn) failed to quite establish its right and failed to connect with the 13th Btns left. The latter were 150 yards short and were delayed by an enemy m.b. and bombing post. Several casualties were caused to the Infantry and it was not until an hour later when the enemy gun flash was detected that the V.m.b. was brought into action and the enemy silenced. The post was pushed at dawn and the gun captured, the crew of 3 having been killed.

A considerable amount of sniping was carried on throughout the day <sup>of the 10th</sup> owing to the nearness of the enemy posts and several targets of men were engaged by our guns with good results in each case. About 500 shells being fired.



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The 10th Saturday was very quiet. Some shelling went on but it was scattered and irregular. Word was received during the day of an advance on the left to straighten the line to conform to that north of the canal but it was cancelled soon after, and word received of a relief that evening by the 11th Coy (3rd Div). The OC of the 11th Coy visited Coy HQ. and word was sent to S.H.Q. to prepare for relief & send guides to Coy HQ. The relief arrived at about 9.30pm and was immediately sent forward. An expeditious relief was accomplished without casualties by 12.30 am but in the meantime Lt Hunt was killed by a shell explosion at Coy HQ. However arrangements had been made for all detail and Coy HQ reported to Capt Langborne at Q7 a 2595 at 6am on the morning of the 11th.

The total casualties were Killed 1 officer 3 OR.  
wounded 2 officers 21 OR.

Langborne Capt.  
O.C. 4th Am. Coy.



12TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.  
Report on operations from 7-8-18 to 11-8-18.

1. On August 6th 1918 I attended a conference at the 12th A.I. Bde. H.Q. where I learned we were to participate in an offensive operation on August 8th. At the conference it was decided that 10 guns of this Company would be conveyed to the final objective in Mark 5 Star Tanks, the remaining 6 to be transported as far as possible, and then push forward with the assaulting waves of the attacking infantry to the final objective.

2. Consequently I allotted the sections as follows:-

(a) To Mark 5 Tanks - A, B, and 1 Sub-section of C.

(b) G Section and 1 Sub-section of C. to support the 48th Battalion as stated above.

3. On August 7th 2 half limbers were loaded each with 5 guns complete and the remaining 10 guns were transported to FUILLOY where they were loaded on their respective tanks.

I will now deal with the action of the guns which were carried in the tanks.

(a) The guns were split into pairs and placed under the command of the following officers:-

2 guns from "A" Section	Lieut. KING, G.N.
2 " " " "A" "	" MALLARD, W.L.O.
2 " " " "C" "	" MARTIN, G.
2 " " " "D" "	" TREE, A.R.
2 " " " "D" "	2nd Lieut. TROTMAN, W.

Crews of 4 men and 1 N.C.O. were attached to each gun.

The guns were loaded in the tanks at FUILLOY at 5 p.m. on the 7th and the crews slept at the tanks during the night.

The tanks moved forward at 4 a.m., and reached the first assembly positions at P.23.a. at 9 a.m. After a short halt they proceeded to the RED line, and then joined in the attack with with the 48th Battalion. The tank which carried Lieut. MALLARD'S crew broke down Q.28.d. and all gear had to be manhandled forward to the final objective. Great credit is due to Lieut. MALLARD for the way in which he got his guns forward and he arrived at the final objective simultaneously with the first wave of the infantry. The other four tanks all arrived at their destination well up to time. The tank which carried Lieut. KING'S crew went slightly beyond the final objective where it was subjected to heavy artillery, machine gun and rifle fire when turning to come back it caught on fire, but the personnel escaped, saving one gun and several ammunition boxes. A large party of the enemy tried to rush the party immediately they got out of the burning tank, and a fierce fight took place. The gun saved from the tank was immediately brought into action by Lieut. KING and Cpls. PRITCHARD and PRENTICE and the enemy party was annihilated. Great credit is due to this Officer and two N.C.Os. Lieut. KING was shot from behind, and killed, a few minutes later. The guns which went forward in tanks were then organised for action in case of counter attack. Every opportunity was taken to inflict losses on the retreating enemy, and their casualties, inflicted by these guns, must have been considerable. 48th Bn.

(b) The 6 guns to support the advance of the 4th Bde. were packed in two half limbers on the evening of August 7th and were placed in charge of Lieut. CULLIMORE, M.C. and Lieut. PRENDERGAST. I decided that during the advance of the 48th Bn. to the RED line that these limbers would follow in the rear of the Bn. and that the limbers would be utilised as far as possible. Accordingly on the 8th August, the limbers and gun gear proceeded to H.Q. 48th Battalion at O.15 and arrived there at 4 a.m. They followed the battalion until deployed prior to their attack and I met the two Officers at Q.23.c. just as the Battalion was about to attack. Owing to the weakness of the enemy resistance I decided that it would be quite sound to wait until the infantry had covered half the distance, and then rush the limbers as far forward as possible and thus save the personnel from unnecessary exertion. I told the officer that this would be done, and as it turned out the guns were taken by limber within 200 yards of the final objective, and were there in time to inflict heavy



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losses on the enemy as he retreated.

4. During the first 36 hours the dispositions of the guns were frequently changed, but finally they were decided as follows:

- Coy.H.Q. R.19.c.35.10
- Guns R.13.c.65.80
- R.13.d.23.20
- R.19.d.20.75.
- R.19.d.10.65
- R.19.d.20.20
- R.25.a.11.80
- R.25.a.65.70
- R.25.a.65.50
- Q.30.d.80.30
- R.25.a.central
- R.25.a.20.90
- R.25.c.30.70
- Q.24.b.70.20
- Q.24.b.85.20
- R.19.a.05.20
- R.19.a.30.20

During the period the enemy was continually fired on by direct fire.

- 5. S.A.A. expended 60,000 rounds.
- 6. Nations were good throughout.
- 7. The Company was relieved by the 9th A.M.G.Coy. on the night of 10/11th. Relief was completed by 3 a.m. without casualty, and proceeded to bivouac at gully in K.31.b.30.70.

(sgd) A.F.TAYLOR, Capt.

O.C., 12th Aust. M.G.Coy.

Reference Sheet 62D, 1:40,000.  
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Reference Map Sheet 62 D.

On the night of the 7/8th the Company moved by sections complete from LA NEUVILLE to assembly points. No 1 Section and No 3 section with guns and gear on pack horses. Lieut Tuckett i/c of the half Coy. No 1 section, 2/Lieut Banks i/c was attached to the 46th Bn, and No 3 section, 2/Lieut Johnson i/c to 45th Bn for the operations.

Lieut Tuckett and two runners reported and kept touch between the 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade and the half Coy.

No 2 and 4 sections with 2/Lieut Perks and Colquhoun respectively in charge moved to positions north of HAMEL prepared by the 3rd Aust. Division M.G. Battalion who this half Coy and half Coy of 24th Coy came under until Zero plus 1 hour to take part in the Machine Gun Barrage.

No 2 and 4 Sections moved with Guns and Gear on limbers also it's mobile echelon. The latter was left in HAMELET, the Gun Limbers going forward ~~mobile echelon~~ to Gun Positions where the Guns and gear were unloaded and limbers returned to HAMELET where horses were picketed for the night. Guns were mounted and laid on Barrage lines by 11 p.m. The night was very quiet until a few minutes before zero when the enemy must have heard the tanks moving up, and he put a few shells over between HAMEL and the River SOMME; These did no harm as they fell behind our 3rd Div. Infy. who were already on the tape.

At Zero a splendid barrage opened up, but a very dense fog came up, nothing could be seen of the advancing Infantry. At zero plus 10 minutes that was 4.30 a.m., our 16 Guns joined in the fray, i.e. 8 of 13th Coy, and 8 of 24th Coy. The barrage continued until 5.3 a.m. Guns were immediately stripped, thoroughly cleaned, remaining belts filled, and all gear carried to road ready to be loaded on arrival of limbers. The 13th Coy fired 26000 Rds and the 24th Coy 20,000 Rounds.

These 16 Guns now formed a complete Company and came under the control of 13th Coy O.C. and were attached to the reserve Brigade (1st Aust. Inf. Bde)

The Company moved at 7 a.m. to P.17. central. and got in touch with the G.O.C. 1st Inf. Bde. At 12 noon orders were received to be prepared to move at once. At 1.30 p.m. orders came through to take up positions on side of SOMME to cover CHIPILLY and the high ground north of it where British troops had been held up.

Four Guns 13th Coy took up positions in Q.15.b. Eight Guns 24th Coy went to Q.9. and the remaining four guns of 13th Coy went to reserve positions in Q.7.a. All teams dug in and got comfortable.

Two sections attached to 12th Aust. Inf. Bde moved with the two attacking battalions to assembly positions near ACCROCHE WOOD, pack animals following in rear. In the case of the 46th Battn the pack animals advanced just in rear of the Machine Gun crews, so that when a pack animal became a casualty, the gun gear was collected and carried by the men. In the 45th Battn the section was split up and one gun attached to each Company, and their pack animals led in the rear of all the Battn pack train. Fortunately only one ammunition carrier became a casualty.

Both Battalions advanced to the green line (3rd Div.) in Artillery formation. Here pack animals were unloaded and the gear distributed amongst the Gun numbers. Casualties in pack transport were 4 men (Drivers) and 6 horses. All gear except the one ammunition pack previously mentioned, and one gun pack were delivered to the starting point. The Gun pack horse and the driver were wounded. The horse bolted and was lost in the fog which was very heavy at the time.

At 8.30 a.m. the advance to the red line continued with tanks and two thin lines of Infantry. The fog was lifting by this time, and by 9 a.m. had practically cleared.

Very little resistance was met with in the advance, except occasional strong points with Machine Guns, which the Tanks quickly dealt with, until within about 500 yards of the objective where all Vickers Guns came into action and a short fight was put up. A large number of prisoners were captured at this point.

On reaching objective our Guns again got going very quickly, only one Lewis Gun opening before our first.

A 77m Battery was firing over the sights at our men, one of our guns engaged it, and after the second burst, the battery limbered up and got away. It is concluded that we must have got fairly close, although we could not get observation. Consolidation was carried out and Gun positions selected



13th Machine Gun Company in the attack from 8/8/18. to 12/8/18.  
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and dug for the eight guns in the Red Line in Q.23.d. and Q.30.a.&c. The total casualties during the attack were 1 O/Rank killed and 16 O/Ranks wounded, most of the wounds being slight.

One German light gun captured during the advance was kept mounted for A.A. Defence.

Consolidation continued on the 9th inst. Control of the two sections of the 24th Coy were taken over by the O.C. 24th Coy. The O.C. 13th Coy moved to JEANWOOD and took over command of the whole Coy.

At 3p.m. on the 10th orders arrived at JEANWOOD for the O.C. 13th Coy to report to Brigade Headquarters at Q.7. immediately. On arrival there he was instructed that the 13th M.G. Coy would attack in conjunction with the 49th, 50th, and 51st Battalions in pushing the line forward from J.18. and J.24. to L.13., L.14., and L.20., the 51st Battn to throw a line north of ETINEHEM. Eight Guns to go with the 49th Battn, and 4 Guns with the 51st Battn. Troops to cross the river SOMME by 8p.m. and be on assembly position by 9p.m. 2/Lieut Perks and one runner were immediately despatched to reconnoitre the roads and assembly position in K.18.c. Limbers were ordered to report to Gun position and load up at once. Orders were sent as quickly as possible. Every one was on the move in a wonderfully short time. The Brigadier of 12th Inf. Brigade was informed that the Guns were being withdrawn. 2/Lieut Colquhoun i/c of No 4 section, advanced with "B" Coy 49th Battn and took up positions guarding roads from BRAY and a re-entrant south-east of BRAY. No 2 Section (2/Lt Perks) took up position with "A" Coy 49th Battn on and south of BRAY-CORBIE Road, covering ground to the north and junction of flank with British. No 1 section 2/Lieut Banks i/c went with 51st Battn and took up positions covering exits from ETINEHEM.

Consolidation was carried on with casualties, 1 O/Rank killed and 10 O/Ranks wounded. Nearly all these casualties occurred on the morning of the 11th, when very heavy hostile shell fire was put on the newly captured line,

A lot of enemy movement was reported in L.7 and L.8., and in the vicinity of BRAY. No 3 section (2/Lieut Johnson) who had moved to, and taken up position in K.18.a. was laid on an S.O.S. Line right in this valley. Harassing fire was carried out during the evening, and all night, 10,000 Rds being expended. One gun in L.20.a got direct fire on a large party of enemy and dispersed them. Our gun was undoubtedly located and shortly afterwards was blown up by a direct hit, the team suffering heavy casualties during the bombardment.

On the night of the 11th, some slight alterations were made in the dispositions of the guns after a careful study had been made of the ground in daylight.

On the 12th the Company came under the LIAISON FORCE and was detached from the Battalion.

(signed) W.M. Cory Capt.

O.C. 13th M.G. Coy.



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REPORT ON OPERATIONS.  
From 3 a.m. 8-8-18 to 3 a.m. 9-8-18.

For the purpose of this report I will divide the guns of this Company into two parts and call them respectively the Barrage Guns and the Assault Guns.

1. Barrage Guns.

These guns were placed under the control of Lieut. SHERIDAN with Lieut. SINCLAIR to assist. The former becoming thus a battery commander under the group which was being commanded by Capt. CORY. The latter was in turn under the control - during the first phase at any rate - of the 3rd Aust.M.G. Battalion. The task of Lieut. SHERIDAN'S battery which at Zero hour was situated at P.4.d.4.4. was to barrage the two bridges in P.6.d. and Q.1.c. These targets were fired on for 31 minutes. A lift of 100 yards every three minutes for the next 9 minutes was made. This finished the barrage tasks. These eight guns immediately became part of the Divisional Machine Gun reserve and reported to the 3rd Inf. Battalion at P.17.central. From this position orders were received from G.O.C. 1st Bde. to proceed to CERISY plateau at Q.9.central and to get into position with a view to assisting and guarding the left flank. This half of the Company now became part of the Company under my command and positions were sited and guns placed in position as follows:- 4 in Q.9.b. and d. and 4 in Q.8.b. These guns have all a good field of fire to the left.

2. Assault Guns.

These guns I commanded myself. In accordance with the desire of the Brigade Commander 4th A.I.Bde. - to whom I had been attached for the stunt - I detailed two guns each to the 13th, 14th and 15th Battalions. These were the Battalions who were to take the RED line. The remaining two guns of my half Company I kept under my hand to be used as the situation demanded and as ordered by the Brigadier. Lieut. RICHARD I attached to the 13th Battalion, Lieut. PEUT<sup>10/14</sup> and Lieut. WATTS to the 15th Battalion while Lieut. SHELLEY, M.M. commanded the reserve guns.

Each Officer and his guns and gun teams reported to their respective Battalions during the afternoon of Y day and received definite instructions as to the plan of attack from the Battalion Commanders. They had previously - and their men - been given a very good grounding in the broad outlines of the stunt by myself.

All internal *economy* was arranged by me for each these section thus leaving them attached *to Battalions* for tactical handling only.

Zero hour was at 4.20 a.m. and at 3.45 a.m. I visited all the assault guns at the forming up point No. 1 and found everything satisfactory. I also visited all the Battalion Commanders and they expressed satisfaction.

At 5.25 a.m. the Brigade group moved off in the direction of P.12.a. which was the Brigade forming up point II. The order of advance was 15th Battalion on left 14th in centre, 13th on right with 16th in close support. In rear of the 16th Battalion I brought my two reserve guns and my Coy.H.Q. From 3.30 a.m. to about 7 a.m. almost consistently a heavy fog prevailed and it was somewhat difficult to maintain touch laterally as well as from front to rear. A small amount of confusion did exist but ~~nothing~~ enough to hinder the operation. After resting some little time at the forming up point II the brigade again moved off. Time 6.25 a.m. The Battalions now spread out and covered the frontage which was to be theirs after crossing the GREEN line.

All guns except the reserve guns unpacked their limbers during the last halt and the gun gear was carried by the gunners. Apart from the actual gun gear itself only ten belt boxes per gun were carried. Each gun team comprised 1 Officer or N.C.O. and 8 gunners.

The GREEN line was crossed on time and the Brigade at once ran into a good deal of hostile machine gun fire. The tanks dealt effectively with this trouble. Many good targets presented themselves to my guns - one gun attached to the 15th Battalion obtained some very good targets and did some very valuable work by bringing direct overhead fire to bear on the ridge running south from about Q.9.b.4.0. - from a position at Q.8.b.5.6.

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From subsequent reports received it seems that all guns obtained opportunities for killing and took them.

Prior to moving forward I decided on a report collecting centre at Q.8.c.8.3. but on reaching the ground found it unsuitable and established my headquarters at Q.9.central - warning Battalion H.Q. forward and sections by runner and Brigade by visual signalling. Battalion received my location report at 11 a.m.

Reports received from my section Officers show that the objectives - the RED line - was in our hands by 10 a.m. and the village of CERISY had been completely mopped up a little later.

During the operation in CERISY Lieut. WATTS was wounded and I at once replaced him with Lieut. SHELLY - leaving the reserve guns under Sgt. BOTTEN.

At about 11.30 a.m. the right gun of the 15th Battalion which was in position at Q.9.b.0.4. obtained some good shooting on to a battery north of the SOMME which was causing *the infantry a good deal of trouble. The range was extreme* and fire could not easily be observed - but the infantry reported good shooting.

All guns were now consolidating and I sent the two reserve guns into position at Q.23.b.4.5. - to assist in the consolidation in depth.

By 4 p.m. the disposition of my assault guns stood as follows :- 4 guns in RED line, 2 in close support thereto, and 2 around CERISY guarding the crossings from CHIPILLY.

All internal arrangements worked without hitch. Ammunition came forward freely and by 6 p.m. on Zero day each gun under my command had 16 full belts and 5000 rounds bulk ammunition per gun.

Casualties were not excessive considering the magnitude of the operation - amounting to 5 killed and 12 wounded, including 1 Officer. No gun casualties occurred

(sgd) F.B. HINTON Major,

O.C., 24th A.M.G. Coy.

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## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 140.

Headquarters,  
10th August, 1918.

1. Divisional Front North of the SOMME is at present reported to be as follows :-

Right face of CHIPILLY Spur from opposite MERICOURT via K. 29. Central and L. 24. Central. Thence North along old ALIENS line to main BRAY - CORBIE Road at K. 18. D. 8. 8. - thence along road, ~~exclusive~~ to K. 17. Central.

This line is held by elements of Brigades of 58th Division up to about K. 29. Central, thence by the 131st Regt. U.S. Infantry. Some American troops are also reported to have pushed out into Square L. 15.

2. The 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade and one M.G. Coy. will move today to the North bank of the SOMME and prepare to carry out an operation towards BRAY.

3. <sup>Regt.</sup> The 131st U.S. Infantry will hold the present front line from Q. 11. B. 0. 8., (where they will establish touch with the 16th Aust. Battalion, 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.), thence along high ground West of and overlooking the SOMME River to cross roads at K. 24. D. 2. 8., thence to road at K. 18. D. 8. 7., thence along road to K. 17. Central.

This disposition is to be completed before 9. P.M. today, and completion reported to this Office by Priority wire.

The 131st Regt. U.S. Infantry will meanwhile reorganise their Battalions so far as is possible while continuing to hold the front indicated.

4. The 13th A.I. Bde., plus the 13th Aust. M.G. Coy., will assemble in Square K. 23. B. and D. ready to move off at 9. P.M. today, 10th, and will cross advanced line at 9.30. P.M.

This Brigade will then move as follows :-

(a) 1 Battalion along BRAY - CORBIE road to just W. of junction of roads in L. 15. C. 2. 7., forming a front facing W. and N.E., and throwing back a flank to L. 15. C. 0. 0.

(b) 1 Battalion via Road from Cross Roads at K. 24. D. 1. 9. and Square L. 19. B. 5. 5., to L. 20. A. 8. 8.

This Battalion will then form a front on the West bank of the SOMME to a point L. 33. A. 1. 1. facing East, and will establish touch with the 3rd Aust. Division in L. 33. and the Right Flank of the Northern battalion of 13th A.I. Bde. at L. 15. C. 0. 0.

Both the Battalions mentioned in (a) and (b) above will arrange to face both ways until the ETINHEM area has been mopped up tomorrow, 11th.

(c) One Battalion with a proportion of M.G.'s and L.T.M.'s. will follow the battalion mentioned in (b), above, and will surround and mop up ETINHEM and the whole district enclosed between 13th A.I. Bde. troops and the 131st Regt. U.S. Infantry.

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- 5. Tanks will be used in this operation, details will be notified later.
- 6. The elements of the 18th and 58th Divisions at present holding defensive positions South of the ERAY - CORBIE road will remain in position as defensive troops until further orders are issued from this Divisional H.Q. They will, however, make all arrangements for withdrawal to selected assembly positions on receipt of orders to that effect. These should reach them by 9.P.m. tonight, 10/11 August.
- 7. The 4th and 12th Aust. Infantry Brigades and three (3) Machine Gun Companies will remain in position south of the SOMME but will be prepared for relief by the 3rd Aust. Division tonight, when they will move to assembly areas, North of the SOMME; to be notified later.
- 8. The following recognition signal will be used by all our troops taking part in the operation :-  
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 Two (2) Very lights fired quickly one after the other towards the East.
- 9. S.O.S. Signal is unchanged.
- 10. Separator administrative and medical instructions will be issued relative to the new area North of the SOMME. Preparations will be made to transfer from the present area to the area between the SOMME and the ERAY - CORBIE Road.
- 11. ACKNOWLEDGE, ✓

*J. Lavanack*

Lieut.-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4TH. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

ORDER NO. 9-

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In connection with the offensive operations to be taken by the 4th. Aust. Division in attack made by the Australian Corps on sector shown on attached map, the role of the 4th. A. M. G. Coy. will be as follows:-

Support of 16th. Battn: Allotment of Guns: (a) Ten guns to accompany the nine Mark 5 Tanks which will carry forward Lewis and Vickers Guns to create Strong Points on Blue Line. (b) Six(6) Guns to closely support the 16th. Battn in attack forward of Red Line.

Organisation of Guns: The ten Strong Point Guns are drawn

- 3 from No. 1 Section
- 4 " No. 2 "
- 3 " No. 3 "

These will be organised as Sections. No. 1; under Lieut Lydster M.M. 3 Guns of No. 1. No. 2 Section, 4 Guns of No.2 under Lieut Konraro and Lieut Allan M.M. No. 3 Section will comprise 3 Guns of No. 3 S'n under Lieut Stephens M.M.

The six (6) guns as in (b) above will be organised as two Sections of 3 guns each: The remaining gun of No 1 and two guns of No. 4 to be No. 4 Section, under Lieut Chapman M.C. M.M. No. 5 Section will comprise the remaining gun of No. 3 and 2 of No. 4 under Lieut Wright M.C.

Employment in attack: Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Sections will move forward in the Mark 5 Star Tanks, and on reaching final Objective will unload with gear at intervals along the front, and in conjunction with Lewis Guns will form Strong Points. This party is under command of Capt Lynas D.S.O. M.G. 16th Battn.

Nos. 4 and 5 Sections will be allotted 1 Limber each and will move from position of readiness complete and will take up position on first Forming-up Line at approximately P3a2.2. by Zero minus half hour. From here they will move forward along route shown on attached map closely in rear of 16th. Battn to 4th. Brigade 2nd. Forming-up Line. Timing of move forward from here along route shown is left to Section Commanders' discretion who will arrange to reach Cross Roads P17c00.35 not later than Zero plus 5 1/2 hours. From here, provided no further orders are issued, they will move out with "B" Coy. 16th Battn and consolidate with them in rear of Blue Line.

Scouts: Nos. 4 and 5 Sections will be preceded by two Scouts each and also one scout each on bicycles who will move at least 1000 yards ahead of Limbers and immediately report any Road Block.

Pack Saddles: will be carried on Limbers, four horse teams to be employed.

Moves: Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Sections will report to Capt Lynas D.S.O. M.G. at Fouilly Convent with all gear loaded on tanks ready to move by 8 p.M. Y/2 night. Nos 4 and 5 Sections will leave Camp in time to be on tape at hour specified.

Locations: Company H. Q. will be with 16th Battn.

Communications: Report Centre for C. H. Q. will be at Cross Roads Q17c00.35 until 16th. Battn H. Q. is finally established. Two C.H.Q. runners on bicycles will move to this location along Limber Route as early as possible and receive messages from Nos. 4 and 5 Sections. An O.K. report when it is ensured that these Sections can reach Cross Roads without difficulty. Location Reports will be sent immediately consolidation is commenced.

ACKNOWLEDGE

*[Signature]*  
Lieut.  
For O. C. No. 4 Aust. M. G. Coy.



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4th Aust.M.G.Battalion.

18th August 1918.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS

8th to 12th August 1918.

ACTION OF MACHINE GUNS.

1. GENERAL IDEA.
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ORDER No. 28.Ref. Map. 62 D. N.E. 1:20000  
Local Map. B 1:20000.

August 6th 1918.

1. Reference 58th Divisional Instructions No 4 dated 5th August. The attached map shows the tasks allotted to the Machine Guns detailed to support the advance by covering fire and the approximate positions of the Batteries.
2. For the attack on the First Objective fire will be opened at ZERO and maintained at the rate of 100 rounds a minute until the task is complete at ZERO plus 20 minutes.
3. The Section attached to 2/10th London Regiment will complete its task at ZERO plus 15 minutes.
4. During the consolidation of the First Objective the rate of fire will be 50 rounds a minute. This will be increased to 100 rounds a minute for 10 minutes when 173rd Infantry Brigade are passing through 174th Infantry Brigade for the advance on the final objective.  
Fire will cease at ZERO plus 145 minutes.
5. Officers Commanding Batteries in accordance with the above will prepare necessary charts and arrange for ammunition and water supply.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

- Copy 1. to 58th Div G.  
 2. 173 Inf. Bde.  
 3. 174 Inf. Bde.  
 4. 175 Inf. Bde.  
 5. "A" Co. 58th Bn. M.G.C.  
 6. "B" do.  
 7. "C" do.  
 8. "D" do.  
 9. 18th M.G. Bn.  
 10. C.M.G.C.  
 11. 3rd Australian M.G. Bn.  
 12. 4th do.  
 13. O.C. 58 M.G. Bn.  
 14. 2nd in Command 58 M.G. Bn.  
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G. J. WILEY. Lieut. Colonel.



SECRET.58th BATTALION MACHINE GUN CORPS.ADDENDUM No. 1 to ORDER No. 24.

6th August 1918.

1. The following firework signals will be employed:-
  - (1) No. 32 Grenade, GREEN over GREEN over GREEN.... S.O.S.
  - (2) No. 32 Grenade, WHITE over WHITE over WHITE... SUCCESS SIGNAL  
i.e. OBJECTIVE GAINED.
2. O's. C. Companies and Sections will obtain ZERO hour from Brigades to which they are attached and will be responsible that watches are synchronised.
3. Battalion H.O. will be with Advance Divisional H.O. at J.19.c. where all reports will be sent.

C.J. WILEY. Lieut. Colonel.

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All recipients of Order No. 24.



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APPENDIX "C".

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Issued in Conjunction with En. Order No. 20.

1. The 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion have allotted 16 guns to the 3rd Aust. M.G. Battalion for barrage purposes during the first stage of the forthcoming attack.
2. Tasks as per Sketch "A".
3. GUNS.      8 Guns 13th M.G. Coy. )  
                  8 Guns 24th M.G. Coy. )      C.O. - Captain Cory.
4. At Zero plus forty minutes these guns will cease operations and come under the control of C.O. 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion.
5. The 3rd Aust. M.G. Battalion will prepare all positions, allot tasks, supply S.A.A. and water, but not belts.
6. Captain Cory will report to 3rd A.M.G. Battalion H.Qrs., HAMELET, for detailed instructions.

*L. Hu stahl*  
Lieut. & Asst. Adjt.

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| 1. H.Q. 3rd Aust. Div. | Third Aust. Machine Gun Battalion. |
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| 3. H.Q. 11th Inf. Bde. | 7. Q.M.                            |
| 4. Major Taylor, SOIA. | 8-11. War Diary.                   |
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| 6. C.O. 4th A.M.G. Bn. | 13. C.O.                           |

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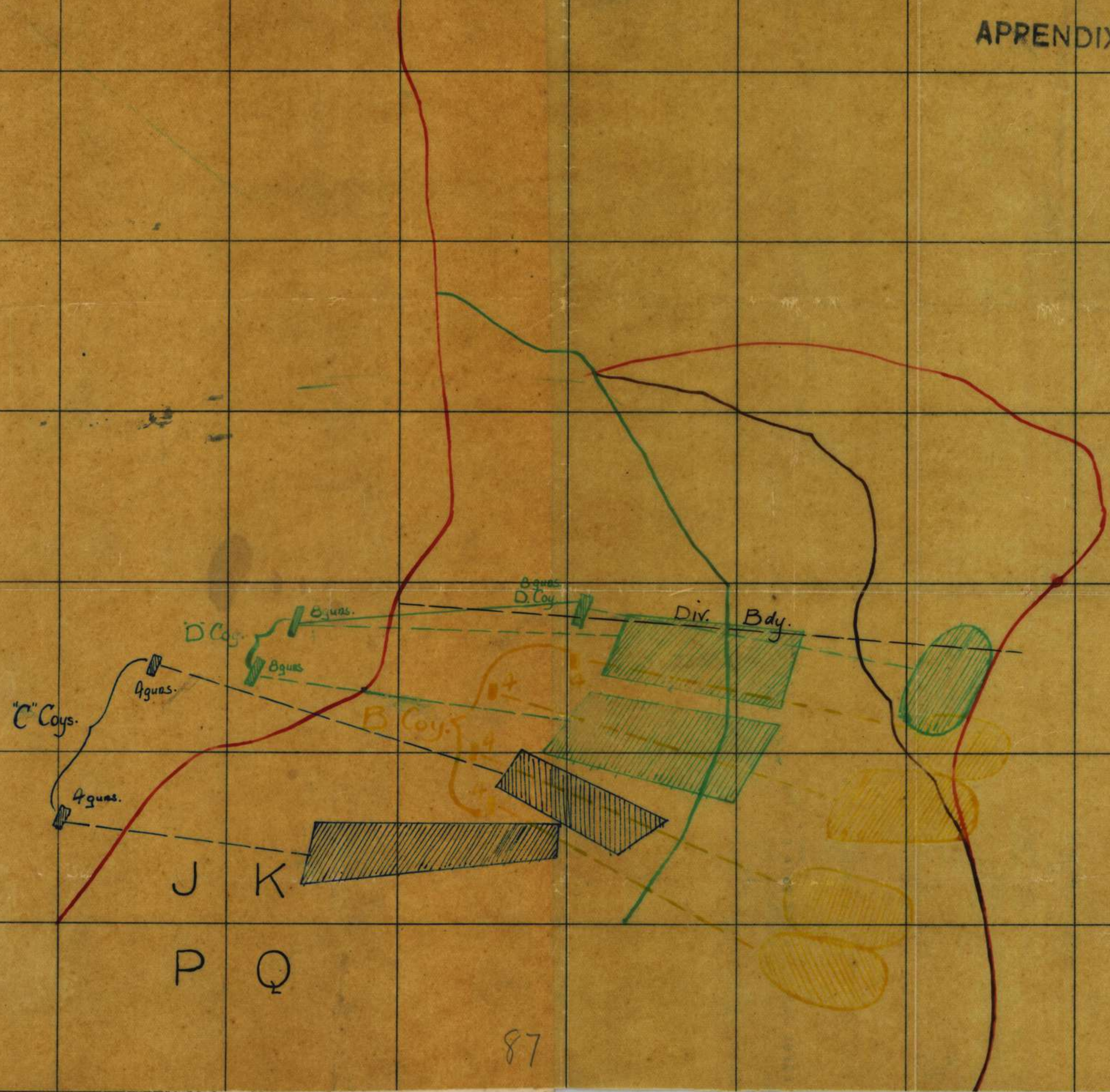
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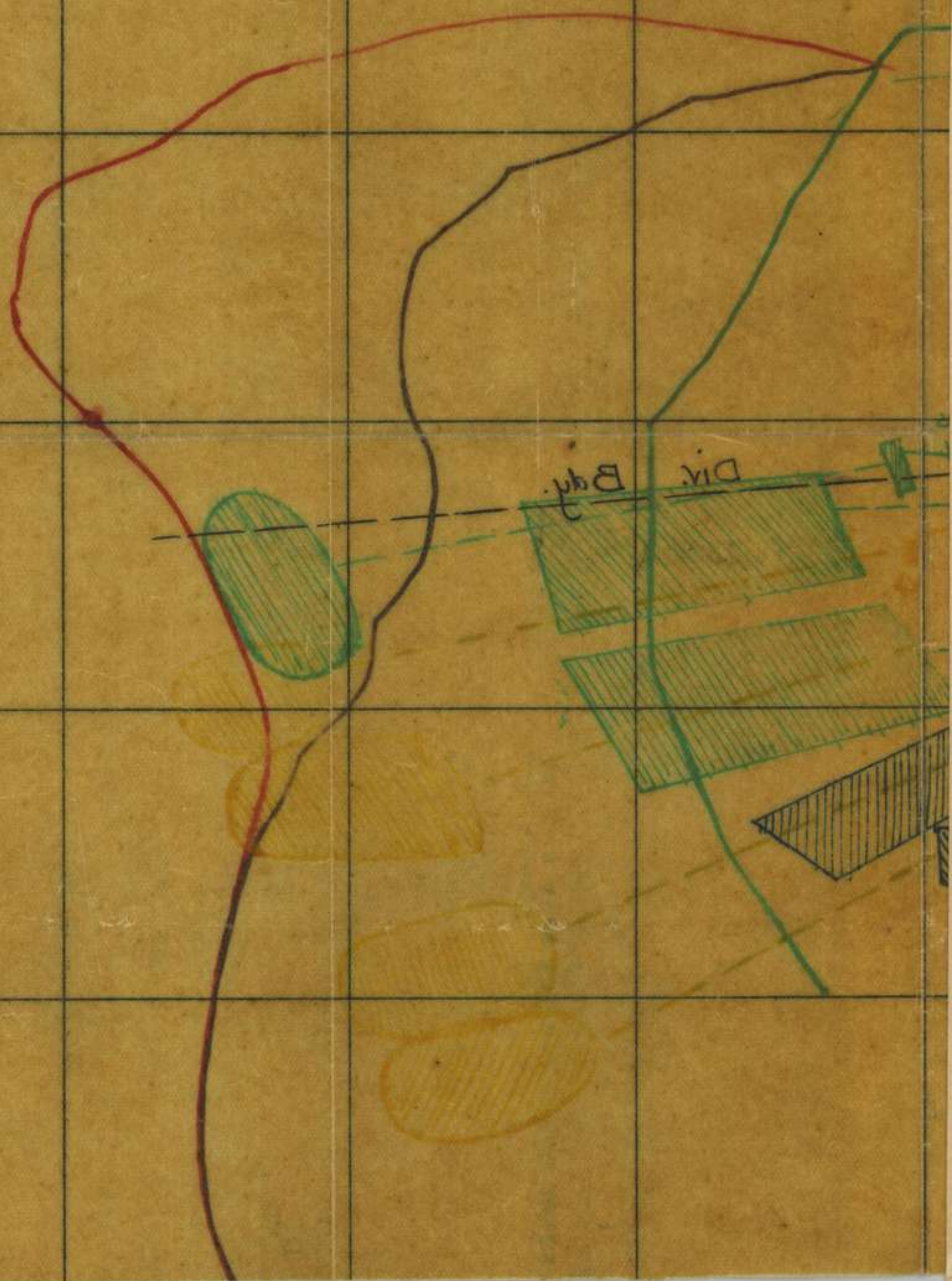
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## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,  
11th August, 1918.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS Series B. No. 1.LIAISON FORCE.

1. (a) A force to be known as the "Liaison Force" is being organised with the object of carrying on the battle North of the River SOMME and effecting a liaison between AUST. Corps, South of the River, and the III Corps.

(b) This force is to be Commanded by Brigadier-General E. A. WISDOM, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. *with HQ at J 23 d 12*

2. The following Staff will be provided by this Division :-

Acting D. A. D. M. S. - Major T. C. C. EVANS, D. S. O.  
13th Aust. Field Ambulance.

3. The force is to be composed as follows :-

Light Horse - 1 Troop 13th Aust. Light Horse.

Artillery (Under the Command of C. R. A., 58th Division).  
58th Divisional Artillery. } Now North of the SOMME under  
18th Brigade R. H. A. } 4th Australian Division.

Infantry - 13th Aust. Infantry Bde.  
131st American Regt.

Machine Gun Units. - 13th Aust. M. G. Coy.  
124th American M. G. Bn.

The following auxiliary troops will be detailed by the 4th Aust. Division.-

13th Aust. Field Company.  
27th Coy. A. A. S. C.  
Medical Units in accordance with further instructions, which will be issued by the A. D. M. S.

4. SIGNAL ARRANGEMENTS.

A Headquarters Signal Section is being formed for which the following personnel will be provided by 4th Aust. Divisional Signal Company :-

1 Switch Board Operator.  
1 Telegraph Operator.  
1 Despatch Rider with Motor Cycle.

The personnel detailed by other Divisions to make up this Section, together with that detailed above, will report to O. C. 4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy. today and be instructed to report to Liaison Force H. Q. at VAUX by 6. P. M. today, 11th.

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- 5. The 132nd American Regt. will replace the 13th A.I. Bde. in the 4th Aust. Division, reporting to this H.Q. on arrival. It will be quartered in Squares J.22. & 23, H.Q. dugout in Square J.22.D.1.2, until it moves to 4th Aust. Divisional Area.
- 6. The 13th A.I. Bde. will deal direct with 4th Aust. Division in all questions connected with personnel except discipline and honours and awards.
- 7. Date and time at which command will pass will be notified later.
- 8. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

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Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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  - 132nd " " "
  - 66th American Inf. Bde.
  - Light Horse Detachment.
  - Cyclist Detachment.



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters,  
11th August, 1918.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS Series B. No. 1.LIAISON FORCE.

1. (a) A force to be known as the "Liaison Force" is being organised with the object of carrying on the battle North of the River SOMME and effecting a liaison between AUST. Corps, South of the River and the III Corps.
- (b) This force is to be Commanded by Brigadier-General E.A. WISDOM, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.
2. The following Staff will be provided by this Division:-
- |                   |   |                                                           |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Acting D.A.D.M.S. | - | Major T.C.C. EVANS, D.S.O.<br>13th Aust. Field Ambulance. |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------|
3. The force is to be composed as follows :-
- |                           |                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <u>Light Horse</u>        | 1 Troop 13th Aust. Light Horse.                                                                                                                              |
| <u>Artillery</u>          | (Under the Command of C.R.A., 58th Division).<br>58th Divisional Artillery. ) Now North of the SOMME under<br>16th Brigade R.H.A. ) 4th Australian Division. |
| <u>Infantry.</u>          | 13th Aust. Infantry Bde.<br>131st American Regt.                                                                                                             |
| <u>Machine Gun Units.</u> | 13th Aust.M.G.Coy.<br>131st American M.G.Bn.                                                                                                                 |
- The following auxiliary troops will be detailed by the 4th Aust. Division.-
- |                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 13th Aust. Field Company.                                                                   |
| 27th Coy. A.A.S.C.                                                                          |
| Medical Units in accordance with further instructions, which will be issued by the A.D.M.S. |
4. SIGNAL ARRANGEMENTS.
- A Headquarters signal section is being formed for which the following personnel will be provided by 4th Aust. Divisional Signal Company:-
- |                                    |
|------------------------------------|
| 1 Switch Board Operator.           |
| 1 Telegraph Operator.              |
| 1 Despatch Rider with Motor Cycle. |
- The personnel detailed by other Divisions to make up this Section, together with that detailed above, will report to O.C. 4th Aust. Div. Signal Company to day and will be instructed to report to Liaison Force H.Q. at VAUX by 6 p.m. to day, 11th.
5. The 132nd American Regiment will replace the 13th A.I.Bde. in the 4th Aust. Division, reporting to this H.Q. on arrival.  
It will be quartered in squares J.22 and 28., H.Q. dugout in square J.22.d.1.2. until it moves to 4th Aust. Divisional area.



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- 6. The 13th A.I.Bde. will deal direct with 4th Aust. Division in all questions connected with personnel except discipline and honours and awards.
- 7. Date and time at which command will pass will be notified later.

(sgd) J.S.LAVERACK, Lieut Col.

G.S., 4th AUST. DIVISION.

Commanded by Brigadier-General E.A.

The following staff will be provided by this Division:-

Acting D.A.D.S. - Major T.O.C. SWAN, D.S.O.  
13th Aust. Field Ambulance.

The force is to be composed as follows:-

1 Troop 13th Aust. Light Horse.

Artillery (Under the Command of C.E.A. (13th Division).  
13th Divisional Artillery (Now North of the BOMM under  
13th Brigade E.A.A.) (4th Australian Division.

13th Aust. Infantry Bde.  
13th Australian Regt.

Machine Gun Coy.  
13th Aust. Coy.  
13th Australian Coy.

The following auxiliary troops will be detailed by the 4th Aust. Division:-

13th Aust. Field Company.  
27th Coy. A.A.C.  
Medical Units in accordance with further instructions, which will be issued by the A.I.B.S.

SIGNAL ARRANGEMENTS

A Headquarters signal section is being formed for which the following personnel will be provided by 4th Aust. Divisional Signal Company:-

1 Switch Board Operator.  
1 Telegraph Operator.  
1 Repeater Rider with Motor Cycle.

The personnel detailed by other Divisions to make up this Section, together with that detailed above, will report to G.S. 4th Aust. Div. Signal Company to day and will be instructed to report to Liaison Force R.A.A. at VAKX by 8 p.m. to day, 11th.

The 13th Australian Regiment will replace the 13th A.I.Bde. in the 4th Aust. Division, reporting to this B.C. on arrival. It will be quartered in squares 7.22 and 28. B.C. dugout in square 2.22.1.2. until it moves to 4th Aust. Divisional area.



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Administrative Instructions No. 1 issued under Divisional Order No. 142.

- 1. ADVANCED DIV. HEADQUARTERS. Will be established at VILLERS BRETONNEUX at 3 pm, 14th instant. Rear Div. H.Q. will remain at CORBIE.
- 2. RAILHEAD. VILLERS BRETONNEUX.
- 3. SUPPLIES. Supplies will be drawn by Horse Transport and delivered to Brigade Transport Line, thence under Brigade arrangement.
- 4. REFILLING POINTS. For all Units - 0.30.d.
- 5. AMMUNITION. Forward Ammunition dump is established at X.28.a.7.7. (approx). S.A.A. Section will be located at V.29.b.8.8. All Demands for Ammunition will be made direct to O.C., S.A.A. Section, 4th Aust. D.A.C. through Sub-section Officers.
- 6. SUPPLY TANKS. Supply Tanks are allotted as follows:
 

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	1
12th Aust. Inf. Bde.	2

These Tanks will be loaded with R.E. Material, Ammunition and Water Tins in accordance with Appendix "A" of Administrative Instructions No. 3 issued under Div. Order No. 138. Loading point will be at Q.32.c.cent. Necessary Ammunition, R.E. Material and Water Tins will be delivered to loading point by Services concerned by 3 pm 14th instant. Brigades will detail 1 N.C.O. and 3 O.Rs. for each tank as loading parties. They will report to loading point by 2.30 14th instant, carrying 48 hours rations and will accompany tanks until operations are completed. N.C.O. i/c of each party will be instructed by S/C Bde. regarding point at which supplies are to be dumped in Forward Area. Brigades will make their own arrangements with regard to filling Water Tins.

7. BATTLE STORES. The following Battle Stores are available for 132nd U.S. Regt. :-

- Hot Food Containers 30.
- Petrol Tins 200.

these will be delivered to locations selected by Regt.

8. ORDNANCE. D.A.D.O.S. is located in CORBIE I.34.a.6.4.

9. R.E. STORES. Div. R.E. Dumps are located at

P.28.d.9.2, and Q.32.c.4.3.

10. WATER. Tanks containing 6,000 gallons are located at X.28.a.7.7. These tanks can be used for filling Petrol Tins, Water Bottles etc. Wells exist as follows which have been tested and are fit for drinking. Chlorination 2 Scoops.

<u>RAYONVILLIERS.</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>HARBONNIERES.</u>	
Q.32.c.3.7.	Q.35.a.7.9.	W.11.c.9.4.	X.8.c.9.0.
Q.32.d.3.9.	W.11.c.1.5.	W.11.d.0.5.	X.8.c.3.4.
Q.32.d.3.7.	W.11.d.3.7.	W.17.d.6.7.	X.8.c.8.5.
W.2.b.4.3.	W.11.c.7.7.	W.12.c.5.8.	X.4.b.3.8.
Q.26.c.8.3.	W.11.b.1.9.	W.17.b.8.6.	X.8.c.4.9.
	W.11.d.0.5.	X.8.c.1.6.	X.14.c.0.5.
	W.11.c.6.6.	X.8.c.5.3.	X.18.c.0.5.

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11. TRANSPORT.

Transport Lines will be located as follows:-

- 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. Q.32.b.
- 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. W.20.a. & c.
- 132nd U.S. Regt. W. 20a
- 4th Aust. M.G. Batt'n. W.2.a. & b.
- S.A.A. Sec., 4th Aust.DAC. V.29.b.8.8.

12. VETERINARY.

Mobile Vet. Section is located at BOUZENCOURT.

13. PRISONERS OF WAR CAGE.  
by M.M.P.

Prisoners of War Cage is located at BAYONVILLERS  
All Prisoners will be taken over at Bde. H.Q.

14. BATTLE STRAGGLERS. POSTS.

At X.14.b.3.0., X.20.b.5.5. and F.3.a.1.9.

15. CEMETERIES.

Cemeteries are situated at :-

- Q.32.c.9.2.
- X.22.c.5.4.
- X.19.b.3.2.

*R. Gow*

HEADQUARTERS,  
4th Aust. Div.  
13th August 1918.

Lieut-Colonel.  
A.A. & Q.M.G.  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 145

Copy No. 9

Headquarters,  
17th August, 1918.

Reference Map 1/40,000.

1. Reliefs in accordance with the attached table will be carried out within the Divisional Sector between the 16th and 21st insts.
2. (a) On completion of the reliefs in the Right Brigade Sector on night 19/20th August command will pass to the C.O., 132nd Regt. U.S. Infantry.  
(b) Subsequently, on night 20/21st August, the remaining battalion of the 132nd Regt. U.S. Infantry will take over the right battalion front of the 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. as far North as the East and West Grid line through S. 19. Central.  
(c) This Grid line will then become the new inter-brigade boundary.
3. The American troops will be distributed and organised in depth in such a manner as to ensure that the men are no thicker on the ground than they are at present. This will entail the occupation by their battalion reserves of accommodation now used by the Brigade Reserves of the 4th and 12th Aust. Inf. Bdes.  
The necessary re-adjustments will be made by mutual arrangement between the Brigade and Regimental Commanders concerned.
4. On completion of the relief on night 19/20th the 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. will pass into Divisional Reserve. One battalion will be earmarked to act in close support of the American Regiment in case of emergency.
5. Australian M.G. Units will remain in action in the sector allotted to the American Regt. with the exception of three sections which will be relieved under arrangements to be made direct between the Regtl. Commander and the C.O., M.G. Bn., by the 132nd American M.G. Coy.
6. A proportion of the specialist personnel of Infantry and M.G. units relieved will remain with American units after the passing of command until, it is established that the intelligence and communication systems and the defensive and administrative organizations are thoroughly understood and in working order.  
The Regimental Commander will release such personnel at his discretion when he is satisfied that everything is in working order.
7. Details of the relief not provided for in this order will be arranged between Brigade and Regimental Commanders concerned.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued at 1.30 p.m.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Relief Table issued with Divisional Order No. 145.

Date.	Serial No.	Unit.	From.	To.	Remarks.
August. 18/19	1.	1 Bn. 132nd Regt. U.S. Infantry.	Reserve Bde. Area.	Line Right Centre.	Relieving 1 Bn. 12th Aust. Inf. Bde.
August. 18/19	2.	1 Bn. 12th A.I. Bde.	Line Right Centre.	Reserve Bde. Area.	On relief as above.
August. 19/20.	3.	1 Bn. 132nd Regt. U.S. Infantry.	Reserve Bde. Area.	Line Right.	Relieving 1 Bn. 12th A.I. Bde.
August. 19/20.	4.	1 Bn. 12th A.I. Bde.	Line Right	Reserve Bde. Area.	On relief as above.
August. 19/20.	5.	Regt. H.Q. 132nd Regt. U.S. Infantry.	Reserve.	Line.	Relieving H.Q., 12th A.I. Bde.
August. 19/20.	6.	12th A.I. Bde. H.Q.	Line.	Reserve.	On relief as above.
August. 20/21.	7.	1 Bn. 132nd Regt. U.S. Infantry.	Reserve Bde. Area.	Line Left Centre.	Relieving 1 Bn. 4th A.I. Bde.
August. 20/21.	8.	1 Bn. 4th A.I. Bde.	Line Left Centre	Brigade Reserve.	On relief as above.

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Headquarters  
132nd Infantry  
American Expeditionary Forces.

France, 18th August, 1918.

Field Order  
No. 27

Map Ref: BATTENCOURT 1:20,000.

1. The Regiment will take over line now held by 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. and right Battn. Sector of 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. according to attached table.
  2. Upon completion of relief of all battns. concerned, Regimental Sector, boundary lines will be as follows: The south line running S.E. along railroad track in F.4.5.6. and A.7.8.9. Northern line running E. and W. through S.19. central.
  3. The Regimental Sector will be held by:
    - 3rd Battn. - - Right
    - 1st Battn. - - Center
    - 2nd Battn. - - Left.
- Battalions will take over respective sectors of the battns. relieved by them.
4. The Battns. will be distributed and organized in depth in a manner to prevent over-crowding of the trenches. Companies in reserve will be accommodated in area now held by Reserves of the 4th and 12th Ddes.
  5. Details of relief will be arranged by Bn. Comdrs. Concerned.
  6. Copies of receipts given for trench stores will be forwarded to Regt'l Hqrs.
  7. R.S.C. will be consulted by all Battn. T.Os. regarding rations, water and stores required.
  8. Signal, Trench Mortar and 37 m.m. Section will complete reliefs prior to arrival of Battns. into line.
  9. The Policy of 4th Aust. Inf. Divn. as set forth in G.28/529 will be adhered to while the Battns. are in this sector.
  10. Regulations as set out in Training Circulars Nos. 145 and 150, Hq. 53rd Div. will be strictly observed during occupation of line. Frequent inspections will be made to assure compliance with above.
  11. The following reports will be furnished R.I.O. at the times specified:
    - Situation reports - - - - - 3:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
    - Intelligence Summary - - - - - Up to 6:00 a.m. at 8:00 a.m.
    - Location report with sketch of Sector showing Bn. Hq., Co. Hq and Co. Positions by 10:00 am on morning after relief. Repeated when ever an alteration is made.
  12. Casualty reports to include from 12:00 noon to 12:00 noon will be sent to Regt'l Hqrs by 2:00 p.m.
  13. Immediately upon completion of relief, Regt. Hq. will be notified by using Code Word "HELL"
  14. M.O.s will arrange with A.Ds.M.S. for the taking over of R.A.P's.
  15. Regimental Hqrs. will remain at W.18.d.9.4.
  16. ACKNOWLEDGE.

ABEL DAVIS  
Colonel.

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| 66th Inf. Bde.          | C.O. 3rd Bn.   |
| 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.     | Signal Officer |
| Regt'l Supply Officer   | W.D.           |
| R.I.O., 132nd Inf.      | File.          |
| 12 Aust. Inf. Bde.      |                |
| 5 Canadian Inf. Bde.    |                |

*Surgeon*



132nd Inf. Regiment  
Relief table issued with Regt'l F.O.No.27

Date	Ser No.	Unit	From	To	Remarks
Aug. 18/19	1	3rd Bn. 132nd Inf. Regt.	Reserve Bde. Area.	Line Right <del>Saxton</del>	Relieving Battn. 45th Aust. <span style="float: right;">2622</span>
19/20	2	1st Bn. 132nd Inf. Regt.	Reserve Bde. Area	Line Right	Relieving Battn 46th Aust
19/20	3	Regt HQ 132nd Inf.	Reserve	Line	Relieving HQ. 12th A.I. Bde.
20/21	4	2nd Bn. 132nd Inf. Regt.	Reserve Bde Area	Line Left	Relieving 15th Aust. Battn.

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Headquarters,  
132nd Infantry,  
American Expeditionary Forces.

France, August 19, 1918.

FIELD ORDER

NO. 28.

1. On the night of August 19/20 this regiment will move into the ALLONVILLE-CAMAN area. Movement will be by busses. Embussing point will be at W 15 b 1.9.
2. The 1st and 3rd Battalions will be relieved by two battalions of the 13th Australian Brigade. It is expected that this relief will take place at 9:30 p.m.
3. Upon relief, Battalions will proceed to embussing point, where they will be met by embussing officer, who will escort them to their allotted lorries.
4. The following units will move at hours designated:
 

Hdqrs. Co.	9:00 p.m.
M.G.Co.	9:00 p.m.
2nd Battln.	9:30 p.m.
Rgtl. Hdqrs.	When notified reliefs have been completed.
1st Battln.	Upon being relieved.
3rd Battln.	Upon being relieved.
5. Limbers for carrying Lewis Guns of 1st and 3rd Battalions. will report to Battalion Headquarters. The Guns will not be loaded on limbers until relief is completed.
6. Captain McNamee will be in charge of embussing. One officer from each battln. Hdqrs. Co., and M.G.Co., will report to him at 8:00 p.m. at embussingpoint.
7. Upon arrival at debussing point, busses will be met by guides of respective units who will escort them to their billets.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

Abel Davis  
Colonel.

DISTRIEUTION:

1st Battln.  
2nd Battln.  
3rd Battln.  
Capt Rand.  
Hdqrs. Co.  
M.G.Co.  
4th Australian Division  
War Diary  
66th Brigade  
File.

4th Aust M G Battln ✓







COMPANY ORDER No 11.

## Reference Maps:-

HATTENCOURT 1/20,000  
62 D.S. & E. 1/40,000

1. The Company will be relieved by the 24th Aust. M.G. Coy in the line on the night of 21/22nd August.
2. On relief the Company moves into positions vacated by 24th M.G. Coy in the reserve line (See paras 8 and 9).
3. 16 Ammunition boxes and 1 Tripod (complete) will be handed over in each gun position, and same amount will be taken over from 24th Coy in new positions.
4. Lists, showing quantity of gun gear and trench stores handed over will be rendered to Company H.Q. by section Commanders on relief.
5. Guns on indirect fire will hand over their Indirect fire charts to incoming Gun teams, and new guns will be laid on Indirect fire targets, so that fire can be carried on without interruption.
6. Range charts will be handed over at each gun position, and those guns on S.O.S. Barrage will also hand over their lines of fire.
7. Gun emplacements, Trenches and Dug-outs will be left in a cleanly condition.
8. Nos 1, 2 and 3 Sections will send a guide per Gun to be at Company H.Q. at dusk to guide in relief.
9. On relief, Sections complete will assemble at Company H.Q. and pick up their guides for their new positions.

Lieut Campbell  
and "D" Section  
24th Coy

relieves

Lieut Chapman M.C., M.M.  
and No 1 Section  
4th Company.

Lieut Shelley M.M.  
and "B" Section  
24th Coy

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Lieut Clark M.M.  
and No 2 Section  
4th Company.

Lieut Bradbury M.M.  
and "C" Section  
24th Coy

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Lieut Stephens M.M.  
and No 3 Section  
4th Company.

Lieut Richards  
and "A" Section  
24th Coy.

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Lieut Hopkins  
and No 4 Section  
4th Company.  
During the afternoon of  
the 21st inst.

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*Paul Bone*

Capt.  
4th Aust. M.G. Coy.



## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 141

Headquarters,  
13th August, 1918.

Ref. Map 1/40,000 (Sheet 62D.)

1. The Division, (less <sup>present</sup> 13th A.I. Bde. Group) will move in accordance with attached move table, to bivouacs in the HARBONNIERES - BAYONVILLERS Area, on the 13th and 14th of August.
2. Moves of Infantry Brigades will be carried out during the 13th at times to be arranged by Brigade Commanders, except as limited in the move table.
3. The move of the 132nd Regt. U.S. Infantry from the QUERRIEUX WOOD Area will be carried out by bus on the 14th August. Details will be notified later.
4. The C.R.E. will detail 1 Section of Engineers to accompany each Infantry Brigade on the march and to remain with it during subsequent operations.
5. The Machine Gun Battalion, (less 1 Coy.), will bivouac during night 13/14 in the Area S. of HARBONNIERES under mutual arrangements with Infantry Brigades.
6. No troops will, in any circumstances, be bivouaced South of the VILLERS BRIMONNEUX - ORAULNES Railway.
7. Brigades and Machine Gun Battalion will report arrival in the now Area to the 1st Australian Division, and will come under their tactical control until the take over by 4th Aust. Division.

Completion of the move will be reported at once to this Office.

8. Separate instructions as regards the move of the Divisional Artillery, Divisional Engineers and Medical Units will be issued by the C.R.A., C.R.E. and A.D.M.S. respectively.
9. Divisional Headquarters remains for the present at CORBIE.
10. Separate administrative instructions will be issued by 'Q' of Division.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

*J. Lavaraik*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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ISSUED UNDER DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 141.

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Date.	Serial No.	UNIT	FROM	TO	REMARKS.
AUGUST 13th.	1	4th A. I. Bde.	SAILLY-LE-SEC. Area.	Area W. and S.W. of HARSONNIERES (As per Map attached)	Route as per Map attached. Head of column not to enter bivouac area before 9.p.m.
"	2	12th A. I. Bde.	SAILLY-LAURETTE Area.	Area E. & S.E. of HARSONNIERES, (as per Map attached)	Route as per Map attached. Head of column not to pass HARSONNIERES before 9.30.p.m.
"	3	M. G. Bn. (less 1 Coy).	SAILLY-LE-SEC & SAILLY LAURETTE Areas.	Area south of HARSONNIERES.	As for 4th and 12th A. I. Bdes. Time of start to be arranged mutually with Infantry Bdes. to avoid clashing.
14th.	4	Divisional Engineers.	SAILLY-LE-SEC Area.	Infantry Brigade Areas.	As arranged by C. R. E. Any route.
"	5	Pioneer Battalion.	SAILLY-LAURETTE Area.	Area to be selected by Bn. Commander. S. or S.W. HARSONNIERES.	Any route.

N.B: Troops not to move in formed bodies larger than Platoons, with a minimum distance of 100 yards between each.

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## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## Defensive Organisation of "A" Div'l. Sector, Australian Corps.

## Instructions No. 1.

Reference attached Map, 1/20,000, HATTENCOURT.

1. In view of the fact that the present front is to be held defensively, at any rate for a period, the Divisional Sector will be organised as rapidly as possible in three systems as shown on the attached Map.
2. Brigades in the line will arrange for the detailed siting of Defensive works within the approximate limits laid down, and will ensure that liaison with flanking Units and with one another is established and maintained.
3. The improvement of existing defences will be commenced at once on the following lines :-
  - (a) The wiring of the front line throughout.
  - (b) Complete wiring of rear lines with at least three belts of double apron.
  - (c) Tactical wiring of sections of the position, e.g., along main C.T's., so as to break up any hostile penetration.
  - (d) Improvement of Fire Trenches, C.T's., and living trenches.
  - (e) Defence of all trenches approaching the position by wire obstacles and bomb stops.
  - (f) Improvement and wiring of Switches.
  - (g) Clearing, cleaning, disinfection, and gas proofing of all dugouts in the forward area.
  - (h) Improvement of horse lines and provision of bomb-splinter cover for them.
  - (i) Salvage of all war material, (arms, ammunition, tools, etc.) in the area.

All tools in the area will be collected without delay and re-issued to Battalions in order to complete their mobile echelon of tools.

4. The above programme of work will be carried out by Brigades in the line with the assistance of Engineer and Pioneer personnel. One Company of Pioneers will be placed at the disposal of each Brigade in the line for work on the Support and Reserve systems and switch lines.

The Pioneer Companies will be allotted definite tasks which they will carry out under the supervision of their own Officers.

P.T.O.

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The C.R.E. will allot such engineer personnel as may be necessary after consultation with Brigade Commanders.

- 5. (a) The Artillery system in the Divisional Sector will be re-organised in depth as soon as possible.
- (b) Ammunition in forward battle positions will not be removed, but will be carefully protected from the weather.
- (c) Until all ammunition has been salvaged daily tasks will be carried out with ammunition taken from old positions behind the present battery areas. 100 rounds a gun will be maintained in active battery positions above that required for daily tasks.
- (d) The allotment for daily tasks should be about 30 rounds per gun and howitzer on the Divisional front.
- (e) Enemy guns and howitzers will be used to the fullest extent possible in order to save our own material, subject to reference to this H.Q. in the case of enemy Yellow Cross shell, (Mustard Gas).
- (f) Medium Trench Mortars are to be employed by arrangements between the C.R.A. and Infantry Brigade Commanders for the destruction of enemy wire and strong points.
- 6. Every care is to be taken by all arms to conceal new work to the fullest possible extent. Fresh earth is to be covered with grass, boughs, etc., Where the existing wide French trenches are deepened the earth will, wherever possible, be disposed within the trenches themselves.
- 7. In some cases existing trenches, both defensive and communication, have already been undercut. This practice is to cease. Accommodation for trench garrisons will be provided by the approved method of short offshoots from the main trench or in cleaned-out dugouts.
- 8. A complete system of signboards, gas gongs, and other alarm signals will be established as soon as possible.
- 9. Trenches which do not appear on the maps at present available will be surveyed under mutual arrangements between the Brigade Commanders and the C.R.E., and map of the completed survey, with suggested new names, submitted to Divisional Headquarters as soon as possible.
- 10. It is essential that the above defensive measures be put in hand and completed as rapidly as possible, in order that a well organised defensible system may be handed over when the Division is relieved.

*Capt Coy. is to be relieved here  
reconnaitring this  
line. C.C.*

*Harvack*

Lieut.-Colonel  
General Staff,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION..

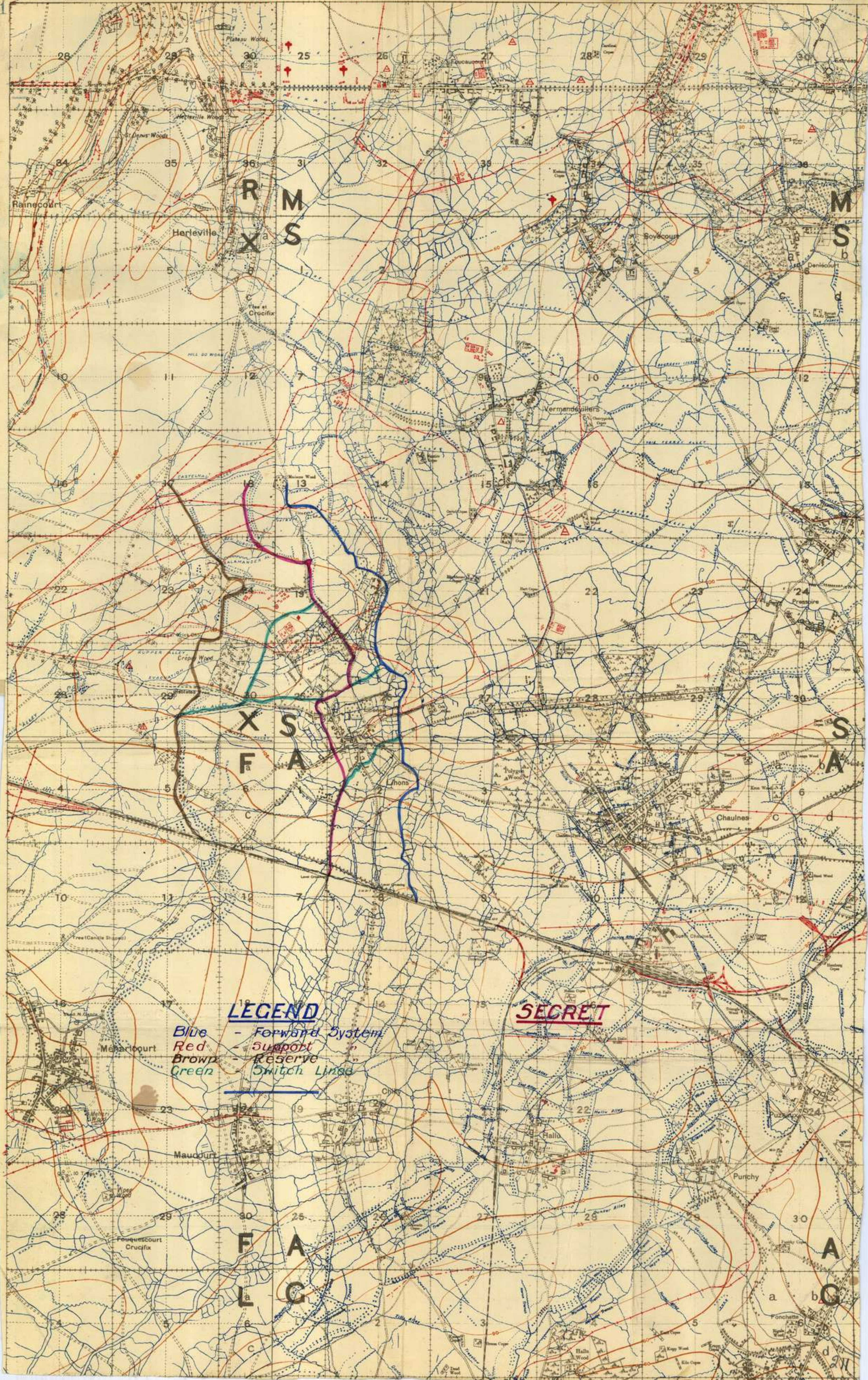
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**LEGEND**

- Blue - Forward System
- Red - Support
- Brown - Reserve
- Green - Switch Lines

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The 3rd Corps and 3rd Aust. Division are carrying out a Minor Operation North of the SOMME tomorrow morning 22nd inst. AAA ZERO hour will be 4.45 a.m. AAA ACKNOWLEDGE AAA

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The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

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Brief report on the Machine Gun Operations during the recent advance from the 8th inst.

1. Machine Guns were allotted to Infantry Brigades to assist where required.
2. These were allotted by Brigades to Battalions according to the tasks required from them by Brigades, these Guns were totally under the command of the Company Commanders and Section Officers, the Battalion Commanders telling the Machine Gun Commanders where assistance was most needed, and leaving the method of giving that assistance entirely to the Machine Gun Officers.
3. Orders from Infantry Battalion Commanders to Machine Gunners were very few - Prior to the advance - Nil, but during the advance, one or two requests for more Guns on certain exposed flanks, or for covering fire. During and after the consolidation the siting and dispositions of Guns was left almost entirely to the Machine Gun Company Commanders - On one occasion forward Guns were moved to meet a threatened enemy attack, the siting and dispositions being left to the Company Commander, the order he received being "to put two more guns in a position to cover the left centre".
4. On a request to engage enemy field guns that were enfilading and holding up the advance, this was effectively done. Orders were given to strengthen certain parts of the line, siting being left to Machine Gun Officers.
5. Tasks were usually suitable for Machine Guns.
6. Machine Guns were organised in depth during the advance. This enabled us to engage hostile machine guns and field guns on the flanks without robbing or hindering the troops for the further objectives and to form a defensive flank facing north, when the troops attacking on our left flank were held up. A defensive flank of about 3,000 yards was formed with 20 Vickers Guns.
7. The moral effects of our Machine Gun Barrages on our own Infantry was good. One Infantry Battalion volunteered the information that "It was splendid".
8. No indirect barrages were arranged after the Red or GREEN Lines had been taken.
9. Many instances of direct overhead covering fire occurred during the advance. At enemy Machine Gun nests at ranges varying from 400 to 1000 yards and against enemy field guns at ranges varying from 1000 to 2200 yards. Combined sights were used against one gun - ranges were taken from a map, 1 in 20,000. Excellent results were obtained in almost every case enemy machine gun fire being completely neutralised. The enemy had 22 field guns enfilading our flank at one time. The fire from these was neutralised until our own advancing field guns could knock them out. Our Field Guns came into action covered by our Machine Guns.
10. See No 6. Excellent results were obtained from our defensive flanks, complete superiority of fire being gained.
11. Forward Guns for most part worked in pairs, in some cases 4 Guns were controlled by one section Officer, his section being disposed in depth usually about 500 yards.
12. In most cases the fire power of two guns is sufficient to break the enemy's resistance - much depends on the strength opposed.
13. This advance demonstrated that absolutely the best method of carrying guns forward until required, is by half limber- pack saddles can be carried in the limbers. It is essential to have some spare horses - say two for three limbers led at some distance behind to replace casualties. Half limbers can be taken in most places that a pack horse can go. Some very marshy land had to be crossed, where 4 horses were put in each half limber



Brief Report (continuation)

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and galloped through . Unless an advance is fairly deep, say 4000 to 5000 yards, limbers or horses are not advised. Three guns in one half limber were twice rushed forward into action with complete success and eventually were taken to within two hundred yards of the final objective. Crossing numerous trenches four horses are needed, the leaders then being on firm ground while the wheelers are jumping the trench.

14. Runners proved the most satisfactory means of communication, visual could not be seen although tried until 9 a.m. Motor bicycles for D.R's are very strongly recommended. Owing to the Tanks telephone communication was not good.
15. It is suggested that a percentage of Guns should move with attacking Brigades and be at the disposal of Brigade Commanders. Supplies should be under the control of the Machine Gun Battalion Commanders. A Divisional reserve of at least a Company, perhaps two, should move in close touch with reserve Brigades under the control of the Machine Gun Battalion Commander who should move between attacking and reserve Brigade Headquarters.

The necessity of Motor Transport, i.e. Bicycle and Side Car, or Motor Car was strongly felt. During the advance it was most marked. On one occasion we had to get a Company across the river to assist in the encircling movement against ETINEHEM. This Company was in position on a front of 2000 yards and we only had 5 hours before zero, with a march of about 6000 yards to make. A motor bicycle would have greatly assisted in getting word to the Company. A D.R. per Company is urgently required, as well as one for Headquarters.

Supplies were at all times good, Ammunition, Water, and Food were never short or caused any anxiety. A large reserve dump of Ammunition Water and Camouflage was formed near RED Line within four hours of zero time. Eight half limbers, with a pair of horses to each were kept close to Battalion Headquarters, which was situated between attacking and reserve Brigade Headquarters to meet any contingencies which might arise. This greatly increased our mobility and it is strongly recommended in all big advances.

Lieut-Col.

18/8/18.

C.O., 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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1. GENERAL IDEA.1. Australian Corps.

On the 3rd August 1918 orders were received that the Australian Corps were to attack the enemy from the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - CHAULNES Railway (exclusive) to the River SOMME (inclusive) on the 8th August 1918 - (4th Aust. Div. Order No. 133 attached).

The objectives of the Australian Corps are shown on attached map.

2. The attack of the Australian Corps was carried out on a two division front in three phases, as follows :-

(a) The 2nd and 3rd Australian Divisions attacked with Tanks under a creeping artillery barrage and consolidated on GREEN line.

(b) The 5th and 4th Australian Divisions, organized in Brigade groups, advanced in open warfare formations to the RED line.

(c) They then, supported by Tanks and mobile artillery, exploited their success and seized the old British line of defence, marked blue, where they established themselves defensively.

3. The 1st Australian Division was in Corps Reserve, less the 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade, which replaced the 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade as reserve Brigade of 4th Aust. Division.

4. The Canadian Corps co-operated on the Right, south of the railway (exclusive) and the 3rd Corps on the Left, north of the SOMME (exclusive).

5. 4th Australian Division.

The 18th and 4th Aust. Inf. Brigades attacked on a two Brigade front with 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade in Divisional Reserve.

The advance from GREEN line commenced at Zero plus 4 hours.

6. 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Machine guns for the attack were allotted as follow:- (see Battalion Order No. 18) and diagram No. 1.)

4th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group.4th M.G. Coy (Lieut. HUNT, M.C.)

10 M.Gs in Tanks allotted for exploitation of Final Objective.- BLUE line.

6 M.Gs.-limbers- for defence in depth between RED and BLUE lines, and to advance with Reserve Battalion.

24th M.G. Coy (Major HINTON, M.C.)

8 guns for attack on First Objective - RED line.

12th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group.12th M.G. Coy (Capt. TAYLOR)

10 guns in Tanks as for 4th Bde Group.

8 guns ditto.

15th M.G. Coy (Lieut. TUCKETT, M.C.)

8 guns as for 4th Bde. Group.

1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Group (Reserve).

18 reserve guns commanded by Captain W.M.B. CORK, M.C., made up as follows :-

24th Coy. (Lieut. SHERIDAN)

8 guns.

15th Coy. (Lieut. PERKS)

8 guns.

Until Zero plus 3 hours these guns were loaned to 3rd Aust. Division for barrage during attack on First (Corps) Objective - GREEN line.

2. PREPARATION.1. Locations.

On the 3rd August the Battalion was in the line in the HANGARD WOOD Sector, between River LUZE on the South and MONUMENT WOOD (immediately South of VILLERS BRETONNEUX) on the North.

2. Special Tank Training.

At 4 a.m. on 4th August 10 gun crews comprising 4 Officers and 80 other ranks from each of six Companies 4th Coy (Lieut P.H. Wright) in charge and 12th Coy (Lieut G.R. King) in charge, embussed at BOVERS WOOD and proceeded to VAUX to undergo special training in Mark V \* Tanks.

12th Coy (in reserve) took 10 guns and gear complete - 4th Coy (in line) left their guns in the line and manned them with nucleus teams.



While training, the Tanks carried 2 Vickers Machine Guns and 2 Lewis Guns complete with 18 O/Ranks in addition to Tank crew - "Action" from the Tanks was practised.

3. On night 5/8 August the 4th Aust. M.G. Batta was relieved by M.G. Coys of the 2nd and 3rd Canadian Divisions. After relief, the Batta moved by route march to billets at LA NEUVILLE, arriving there early on the morning of 8th August.

#### 4. DUMPS.

On 6th inst. a dump was established at LA NEUVILLE containing:-

Water Bottles	600	Water Tins	100
Water Carriers	8	Solidified Alcohol.	
Hot Food Containers	10	Pea Soup.	
Iron Rations	300	S.A.A.	300,000 Rounds.

On the morning of the 7th, all Companies were issued with extra Water Bottles and Iron Rations; Pea Soup, and Solidified Alcohol.

#### 5. RECONNAISSANCES.

On the 6th and 7th inst., all Companies reconnoitred routes to assembly positions, and maps made final arrangements.

### 3. ASSEMBLY.

1. All Guns moved to their assembly positions on time, and reported to the Infantry Brigades and Battalions with whom they were to advance. "Tank" guns were loaded on Mark V \* Tanks at Tankerodrome FOUILLOX between 5p.m. and 7p.m. on evening of 7th August. Tanks for 4th Bde sector moved at 11p.m. to 4th Bde rendezvous in square P.2.2.3. arriving at 2.45a.m. on 8th August; those for 12th Bde sector remained at FOUILLOX until 4a.m. on 8th, when they moved to 12th Bde rendezvous at P.25.central, arriving at 9a.m.

Reserve Guns of 13th and 24th M.G. Coys moved at dusk on 7th to barrage positions at square P.10.b.central and square P.4.d.central, and were laid on barrage lines by 11p.m.

Casualties during Assembly - NIL.

### 4. and 5. ATTACK AND CONSOLIDATION.

The advance of the 12th and 4th Aust. Inf. Bdes from assembly positions to GREEN line was carried out in Artillery formation. After a short halt and deployment of attacking troops, the advance continued at 8.30 a.m. to the RED line. Tanks and mobile Artillery supporting the attack.

From dawn until about 9 a.m. visibility was poor owing to ground mist and rising dust. After crossing the GREEN line, little organised resistance was met with from the front of the attack - the resistance being mainly offered by Machine Gun nests - which were quickly mopped up by Infantry and Tanks, and some enemy 77m.m. Batteries which, when engaged by 18 Pounders and Machine Guns were quickly silenced, or limbered up and galloped off.

On the left flank of the 4th Brigade (River SOMME) enemy Artillery, and Machine Guns by enfilade fire from CHIPPILLY SPUR and MERICOURT area, caused casualties to attacking troops, tanks and transport, and slightly delayed the advance. This enfilade fire was caused by the failure of the 3rd Corps - North of SOMME - to advance its line according to programme.

#### ACTION OF MACHINE GUNS IN THE ATTACK.

(Extracts from Company Commanders reports)

1. Advanced Battalion Headquarters and Forward Dumps established.
2. Attack on RED line - 2 Sections each from 13th and 24th Coys.
3. Attack on Final objective (BLUE Line) Right Brigade.
  - a. 10 Guns in Mark V \* Tanks.
  - b. 6 Guns supporting attack.
4. Attack on Final objective (BLUE Line) Left Brigade.
5. Action of Reserve Guns - 2 Sections each from 13th and 24th Coys.



ACTION OF MACHINE GUNS IN THE ATTACK. (continued)

1. Advanced Battalion Headquarters consisted of C.O., Adjt., Signal Officer with 8 runners, 2 Clerks, and part of No 5 Signal Section. Party left rear Battalion Headquarters at LA NEUVILLE at a.m., and established Advanced Battalion H.Q. at a.m. in old enemy dugouts in P.11.b.2.2.

Transport Officer (Capt Carroll) established Advanced Battalion Munition Dump in P.12.b. on road north of RECORD WOOD at a.m.

Dump consisted of :-

300000 Rounds S.A.A.

10 Food Containers.

40 M.C. Camouflage nets

100 Tins Drinking Water.

While being formed the dump was under Machine Gun and Artillery fire, but no casualties were sustained.

2. a. ATTACK ON RED LINE - 18th (RIGHT) BRIGADE.

In the attack on RED Line 2 Sections of 18th Coy closely supported attack of 18th (Right) Brigade. They were allotted as follows:-

No 1 Section (S/Lieut Banks) to 48th Battalion, and No 3 Section (S/Lieut Johnson) to 48th Battalion.

Lieut Tuckett was in charge of the half Company, he established his H.Q. with the 18th Brigade, and kept touch with Sections by runner.

The Gun gear was carried to the GREEN Line by pack animals which moved in rear of Infantry Battalions, who were in Artillery formations.

Casualties on Transport were 4 Drivers and 3 Horses.

A short halt was made on GREEN Line, pack animals were unloaded and sent back to Transport Lines, and Gun gear distributed amongst gunners.

At 8.30 a.m. the advance to the RED Line was continued. The Infantry moved in two lines supported by Tanks - The Fog was lifting and by 9 a.m. had practically cleared.

Enemy resistance took the form of Machine Gun strong points, which were quickly dealt with by Tanks, until within about 100 yards of the RED Line, when a short fight was put up in squares 23 and 29, and all Vickers Guns came into action and gave overhead covering fire. A large number of prisoners were captured by the Infantry *at* this point.

On arrival at the RED Line, all Vickers Guns came into action quickly against the retreating enemy, and helped materially in consolidation of RED Line.

A 77m.m. Battery was firing direct at consolidating Infantry, it was engaged by 2 Vickers Machine Guns - Observation of fire was not obtained but the Battery immediately limbered up and galloped away.

As soon as Infantry consolidation was well in hand, positions were selected for Vickers Machine Guns in squares Q.23.d. and Q.29.a. & c. in RED Line. - One German light Gun was captured and used for A.A. Defence.

Casualties of these two Sections during attack were 17

Killed 1 O/Rank; Wounded 16 O/Ranks; Horses 6.

b. ATTACK ON RED LINE - 4th (LEFT) Brigade.

8 Machine Guns of 24th Coy (Major Hinton, M.C.) took part in assault in RED Line with 4th A.I. Brigade. Guns were attached as follows:-

15th Battalion 2 Guns (Lieut Richard), 14th Battalion 2 Guns (Lieut Peut), 15th Battalion 2 Guns (Lieut Watts), 2 Reserve Guns (Lieut Shelley M.M.).

Each Gun team comprised 1 Officer or N.C.O., and 8 Gunners - Ten belt boxes per Gun were carried.

The Brigade moved from assembly position in P.12.a. at 8.25 a.m. Gun gear was carried in limbers - 24th Coy H.Q. and two reserve Guns moved in rear of 15th Reserve Battalion.

During halt on GREEN Line Gun gear was unpacked, and limbers sent back to Transport Lines.

Advance from GREEN Line commenced about 8.30 a.m. A good deal of hostile Machine Gun fire was encountered, with which the Tanks dealt effectively.

All Guns obtained direct fire on to the enemy during the advance 2 Guns under Lieut Watts covered Infantry advance by direct overhead fire on enemy at Q.9. Central, from rising ground about Q.8. central. Lieut. Watts was wounded here.



b. Attack on RED Line - 4th (Left) Brigade. (continued)

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A defensive flank was automatically formed on the left of 4th Brigade attack owing to the failure of 3rd Corps on the north of SOMME to advance it's line.

RED Line was captured at 10 a.m. and the village of GERISY-GAILLY was mopped up shortly afterwards.

During consolidation at 11.30 a.m., one Machine Gun at Q.9.b.0.4. silenced a hostile 77m.m. Battery, north of the SOMME, which was enfilading our Infantry.

Guns assisted the Infantry consolidation, and by 4 p.m. were disposed (see Map) 4 in RED Line, 2 in support thereto, and 2 1 each on North and South of GERISY guarding Crossings from CHIPPILLY across SOMME.

Casualties were:-

Killed 5 O/Ranks, Wounded 2 Officer and 12 O/Ranks, Gun Casualties, Nil.

3. ATTACK ON BLUE LINE - (Right) BRIGADE.

a. 10 Guns of 18th M.C. Coy were carried in Mark V Tanks. Their object was, in co-operation with Lewis Guns similarly transported, to form strong points in final objective - BLUE Line.

A sub-section of Guns was placed under the command of each of the following Officers:-

Lieuts G.N. King; W.L.O. Mallard; G. Martin; A.R. Tree; and S/Lieut Trotman.

Gun crews comprised 1 N.C.O. and 4 O/Ranks each.

Guns were loaded in Tanks at FOUILLOUX at 5 p.m. on the 7th, and crews slept at Tanks during the night. At 4 a.m. Tanks moved to assembly positions P.23.a. arriving at 9 a.m. After a short halt they proceeded to RED line and then joined in attack with the 48th Battalion.

The Tank carrying Lieut Mallard's Guns broke down in Q.23.d. He had all his gear manhandled forward to the final objective arriving there with the first wave of the Infantry.

The other 4 Tanks reached their destination on time without special incident.

Lieut King's Tank went beyond the final objective and came under heavy Artillery, Machine Gun and Rifle fire - Turning to come back it caught on fire. One Gun, saved from the burning Tank was brought into action by Lieut King (and Opl Pritchard and Opl Prentice) against a large enemy party who attempted to rush it. The enemy party was annihilated after a fierce fight. A few minutes later, Lieut King was shot from behind and killed.

After covering the Infantry consolidation the Guns were organised for defence. Excellent opportunities offered for inflicting loss on the retreating enemy, and their casualties were heavy.

b. 6 Machine Guns from 18th Coy (Lieuts CULLENMORE and PRENDERGAST) supported the attack of the 48th Battalion on final objective (Right Bde)

The Gun gear was carried in 2 half limbers in the rear of the 48th Battalion, until arrival at Q.23.c.

As the enemy resistance had grown weak at the RED Line and the Infantry were about to pass through and attack the BLUE Line, it was decided (by Capt Taylor, O.C. 18th M.C. Coy) to hold limbers back until the Infantry had covered half the distance to final objective, and then to push them forward as far as possible and so save exertion on gun teams. By this means guns were transported to within 200 yards of the final objective, and were then in time to inflict heavy losses on the enemy as he retreated.

Final dispositions as on attached map.

4. ATTACK ON BLUE LINE (Left Brigade)

O.C. 4th Aust. M.C. Coy (Lieut HUNT, M.C.) established his Headquarters at Q.17.c.0.4. at 10.30 a.m. with 18th Battalion.

10 Guns of 4th A.M.C. Coy were carried in 8 Mark V Tanks with the object of forming strong points on BLUE Line. They were in charge of Lieuts Kennare and Allan M.M., S/Lieuts Stephens, M.M. and Lydster, M.M.

Gun gear was packed in Tanks at FOUILLOUX at 7.30 p.m. on 7th. Tanks moved at 11 p.m. and arrived at No 1 rendezvous, Sq P.2 & 3. at 2.45 a.m. on 8th August. Tanks left rendezvous at 5.50 a.m.

4 Tanks (6 Machine Guns) broke down between GERISY and KATE WOOD (Q.23.b.). One of above Gun crews (Lieut Allan, M.M.) went on in a passing tank which shortly afterwards was shelled, and the whole of the two Gun crews became casualties; the other 5 Guns reached their objectives in



4. ATTACK ON BLUE LINE (Left Brigade) contd.

the repaired tanks during the afternoon.

The three remaining tanks (5 machine guns) all received hits at about the RED line and casualties were sustained. Sgt. Disney with his gun crew followed a tank around the final objective and, under cover of its fire, helped to mop up several machine gun nests. Later he brought two guns into action in support of left flank of 16th. Battalion facing towards CHIPPILLY SPUR.

Very little resistance was received actually at the final objective, but 77mm. field guns' fire from left flank north of Canal caused considerable casualties.

(b) 6 guns of 4th. Coy. (Lieuts Wright, M.G. and Chapman, M.G., M.M.) advanced with 16th. Battalion to attack on final objective.

They followed from 200 to 300 yards in rear of 16th. Battalion. On arrival at Q.9. cent. the Infantry were being held up by fire from front and flank. At request of C.O., 16th. Battalion guns were brought into action and fired 3000 rounds against enemy field guns on left flank. Enemy guns were silenced the crews being scattered. 6 casualties occurred here by fire from 77mm. guns in left rear.

They reported at their Coy. H.Q. at 1p.m. Three guns (Lt. Chapman) were sent to support line S.E. from Q.7. central and three guns were sent to 16th. Bn. Sq. 12.c.

Consolidation was proceeded with and guns were finally distributed as shown on attached map, 8 guns being held in reserve at Coy. H.Q. and used for A.A. defence.

Rations, water, ammunition and 6 guns to replace casualties arrived during the evening.

Section H.Q. were established in all cases close to Infantry Coy. H.Q. and liaison maintained.

Total casualties of 4th. Coy. during 1st day:-  
Killed 3 S.R. Wounded 2 Officers, 21 O.R.

5. ACTION OF RESERVE GUNS.

8 guns each from 15th and 24th Coys formed a Barrage Group (under Captain Cory, M.G.). From positions P. 10.b. central and P.4.d. central. They supported the attack of 3rd. Aust. Division on green GREEN line by firing for 31 minutes on the following targets:-

*Creeping* barrage on squares P. 12.a and b. and Q.1.a.; and at two bridges across Canal at P.6.d. and Q. 1.c.

46'000 rounds were fired.

On completion they became reserve for 4th. Aust. Division and at 7 a.m. they moved to P.17 central and reported to G.O.C. 1st. Infantry Brigade.

At 1.30 p.m. orders were ~~issued~~ received to form a defensive flank on south of Canal to cover CHIPPILLY and high ground north of it where 3rd. Corps troops had been held up.

8 guns of 24th. M.G. Coy therefore were moved to positions, 4 in Q.9.b and d and 4 in Q 8.b. They then came under orders of C.O. 24th. Coy.

8 guns of 15th. Coy were sent to Q.15.b. and 4 to reserve positions in Q.7.a.

Teams all dug in and did not suffer casualties. On morning of 9th. the C.O. 15th. Coy moved to JEAN WOOD (Coy H.Q.) and took over command of his *whole* Coy.

6. SUBSEQUENT ACTION.9th. August

Fairly quiet, not much shelling. On 15th. Brigade front there was no further action. On the 4th. Brigade front on night of 9/10th the line was silently advanced to the BLUE line. 6 Machine Guns of 4th Coy went forward in support.

10th August

Was fairly quiet, some scattered shelling and irregular shelling took place. The 4th, 15th and 24th Coys were relieved, by Coys of the 3rd M.G. Battalion, during the night and proceeded by route march to Bivouacs in Reserve positions on north of SOMME, in vicinity of SAILLY-LAURETTE and SAILLY-LE-SEC, arriving during afternoon of 11th inst.

Battalion H.Q. moved to School-house, SAILLY-LE-SEC on morning of 11th.

At 3 p.m. on 10th. August the 15th. Coy received orders to re-join and assist 15th. Brigade in enveloping BITTEREM (north of SOMME), by pushing out a line on north and east. Troops were to cross SOMME



and reach assembly position by 9 p.m.

Orders were issued and Limbers sent to gun positions at once, and G.O.C. 12th Brigade was informed that guns were being withdrawn.

The Companies moved in a very short time, and were on assembly position by 9 p.m. after a march of 7000 yards.

4 Guns (Lieut Colquhoun) took up positions guarding road from BRAY and a re-entrant south east of BRAY.

4 Guns (Lieut Perks) went to L.18.c.a d. covering ground to the north and junction with 3rd Corps.

4 Guns (Lieut Banks) facing south from Squares L.19, 20, and 23. covering exits from BIRNEM.

The newly captured position was heavily shelled during consolidation on morning of 11th and casualties were 10/Rank Killed and 16 O/Ranks wounded.

Enemy movement was reported in Square L.7. and L.8. and near BRAY S.O.S. Line of 4 Guns was laid on this valley, and harassing fire carried out during evening and all night, 10,000 Rounds being expended. One Gun in L.20.a. had good shooting at a large party of enemy to the south east, and dispersed them. This Gun was located and knocked out by a direct hit, most of the Gun team becoming casualties.

On the 12th the Company was temporarily detached from this Battalion and came under orders of the Liaison Force.

TOTAL CASUALTIES INFANTRY OPERATION.

		Killed.	Wounded.	Missing.
4th M.G. Company.	Officers	1	8	
" " " "	O/Ranks	3	20	1
12th M.G. Company	Officers	1	-	-
" " " "	O/Ranks	2	12	-
12th M.G. Company	Officers	-	-	-
" " " "	O/Ranks	3	27	-
24th M.G. Company	Officers	-	1	-
" " " "	O/Ranks	5	12	1

Horsest- 16.

22nd August 1918.

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



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 147.

Headquarters,  
23rd August, 1918.

Reference attached Map.

1. The 4th Australian Division will be relieved in the line between the 23rd and 25th August in accordance with the attached Relief Table.
2. The programme of the relief will be as follows :-

Infantry Reliefs.

(a) On the night 23rd/24th August the 3rd Division extends its right to the line N. 24. Central - S. 20. Central relieving the 13th and 16th Australian Infantry Battalions.

Command in this portion of the Divisional Sector will pass on completion of the relief, when the Inter-divisional boundary will follow the "inter-corps boundary" shown on the attached map.

The 4th A.I. Brigade will remain in the line with one battalion holding its remaining front and one battalion in support in the present support battalion area until 10.a.m. on the 24th August.

(b) From 10.a.m. on the 24th August the defence of the Divisional Sector will be reorganised as follows :-

(i) Right Brigade Area.

Front now held by 48th and 46th Battalions up to road (exclusive) running along N.W. edge of CAIM COPSE. The 50th Battalion will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 12th A.I. Brigade in its present location.

(ii) Left Brigade Area.

Front now held by 46th and 15th Battalions from road (inclusive) running along N.W. edge of CAIM COPSE. The 51st Battalion will come under the orders of the O.C. 4th A.I. Brigade in its present location.

(iii) The troops of the 12th A.I. Brigade, now holding the front line N. of the new point of junction (Road running along N.W. edge of CAIM COPSE), will remain in position and will come under the orders of the 4th A.I. Brigade Commander.

(iv) Details of the above readjustment will be made direct between Brigade Commanders concerned.

(c) The above Brigade areas will be handed over separately by the 4th and 12th A.I. Brigade Commanders to the respective French Infantry regiments, 83rd I.R. on the Right, 59th on the Left.

Command in each area will pass on completion of the relief, which will be notified to this H.Q. by the outgoing Brigade.

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Artillery Reliefs.-

(a) Arrangements for the relief, on the night 23rd/24th August, of the Artillery at present covering the front North of the new Inter-Corps boundary will be made direct by the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division with the C.R.A. 32nd Division.

(b) The relief of the Artillery covering the remainder of the Divisional front will be effected on the nights 23rd/24th and 24th/25th August, by direct arrangements between the C.R.A. and the Artillery Commander of the 34th French Division, (H.Q. at RUMIGNY, S. of AMIENS).

(c) The C.R.A. will send an Artillery liaison Officer to remain with the Artillery Commander of the 34th French Division until command of the Divisional Sector has passed from the G.O.C. 4th Aust. Division to the G.O.C. 34th French Division.

Machine Gun Reliefs.-

(a) Machine Gun reliefs will be carried out as follows :-

(i) In Sector handed over to 32nd Division, -  
Night 24th/25th August.

(ii) In Sector handed over to 34th French Division, -  
Night 24th/25th Aug., Nos. 1 being left, if required, until night 25th/26th August.

(iii) The Reserve Coy. of the M.G. Battalion will be withdrawn on night 24th/25th August.

(b) The C.O. Machine Gun Bn. will arrange to place the M.G's. allotted to the Brigade areas, (as reorganised at 10 a.m. on 24th August), under the command of separate Officers, in order to facilitate the relief arrangements.

3. Battalions and other Units placed temporarily under the command of other Brigades will revert to their normal formations immediately on completion of the respective reliefs and will move and embuss under the orders of such formations.

4. The Battalions of the 13th A.I. Brigade are placed under the orders of the 4th and 12th A.I. Brigades in order to facilitate the arrangements for the relief, and will not be used by these Brigades for tactical purposes without the authority of the Divisional Commander.

5. (a) On relief Units will move in accordance with embussing tables, which will be issued, to the following areas :-

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	-	POULAINVILLE - ALLOUVILLE
12th Aust. Inf. Bde.	-	VAUX EN AMIENOIS.
13th Aust. Inf. Bde.	-	RIVERY.
4th Aust. Div. Arty.	}	CAMON - LA MOTTE
4th Aust. Div. Engrs.		
4th Aust. M.G. Bn.		
4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.		
		Area.

(b) The sub-division of the CAMON - LA MOTTE area will be arranged by "Q" of the Division.

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## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

RELIEF TABLE issued with Divisional Order No. 147.

Date	Serial No.	Unit	From	To	Route	Relieving Unit	Remarks
AUGUST Night 23/24	1	13th & 16th Aus. Infy. Battns.	Line left, centre and left.	POULAINVILLE - ALLONVILLE Area.	See attached Embussing Table.	1 Bn. of 32nd Div.	
"	2	10th A.F.A. Brigade.	Line left.	Line Centre.	Without moving.	Artillery of 32nd Div.	No move to take place.
"	3	1 Secn. per battery 3rd & 6th Army Bdes. AFA.	Line.	War on lines.		1 Secn. per battery of 34th French Div'1. Arty.	
AUGUST 24/25	4	46th A.I. Battn.	Line Right.	VAUX EN AMIENOIS Area.	See attached Embussing Table.	"A" Bn. 83rd French Regt.	
"	5	46th A.I. Bn. (less 1 Coy).	Line Centre.	VAUX EN AMIENOIS	do	"A" Bn. 83rd French Regt.	
"	6	45th A.I. Bn.	Support Right.	do	do	"B" Bn. 83rd French Regt.	
"	7	50th A.I. Bn.	Reserve Right.	RIVERY Area.	do	"C" Bn. 83rd French Regt.	
"	8	15th A.I. Bn. & 1 Coy. 46th A.I. Bn.	Line Left	POULAINVILLE - ALLONVILLE Area.	do	"A" Bn. 59th French Regt.	Coy. of 46th Bn. to VAUX EN AMIENOIS Area.

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Date.	Serial No.	Unit.	From.	To.	Route.	Relieving Unit.	Remarks.
AUGUST 24/25	9	14th A.I. Battn.	Support Left.	POULAINVILLE - ALLOVILLE Area.	See attached Embussing Table.	"C" Bn. 59th French Regt.	
"	10	51st A.I. Battn.	Reserve Left	RIVERY Area.	do	"B" Bn. 59th French Regt.	
"	11	49th A.I. Battn.	Divisional Reserve.	RIVERY Area.	do	No relief.	
	12	Divisional Artillery.	Line.	FOUILLOY - HAMELET Staging Area.	BAYONVILLERS - LA MOTTE EN SANTIÈRE	Artillery of 34th French Division.	
AUGUST 25th	13	Divisional Artillery.	FOUILLOY - HAMELET Staging Area.	CAMON - LA MOTTE BREBIÈRE Area.	AUBIGNY - VECQUEMONT.	None.	

**N.B:** Embussing Table for night 24th/25th August will be issued later.

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EMBUSsing TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 4th AUST. DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 147.

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UNIT	Approximate Strength	TIME	Embussing Point	Debussing Point
Night 23/24 4th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.	850	12 Midnight.	W. 15. B. 2. 8. Head of Column facing South West.	CAMON CHURCH. Head of column facing N.W.
do 4th Div. Engrs. } 4th Field Coy. } 12th " " } 13th " " }	540	12 Midnight.	do do	do do
do 4th A.I. Brigade 2 Battns. 15th 16th	470 450	After Midnight.	W. 11. A. 3. 1. Head of column facing South East.	G. 4. A. 5. 3. Head of column facing N. West.

NOTE: 4th A.I. Brigade will travel via "A" Route.  
Pioneer Bn. and Engineers will travel via "B" Route.

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6. Command of the Divisional Sector South of the inter-corps boundary, as shown on the attached map, will pass from the G.O.C. 4th Aust. Division to the G.O.C. 34th French Division at 8 a.m. on the 25th August, at which time H.Q. 4th Aust. Division will close at VILLERS BRETONNEUX and reopen at BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

*J. Lavarack*

Lieut.-Colonel,  
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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- 34. 6th Tank Battalion.
- 35. Lieut. AUBLIN, Liaison Officer.
- 36. Capt. LEWIS, Liaison Officer attached 34th French Division.

Embossing Table overleaf.



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Headquarters,  
4th Aust.M.G.Battalion  
23rd August 1918.

ALL COYS.

As it is uncertain what time we will be relieved, a hot meal must be given to the men either before relief, or, forward, on completion of relief. A hot drink will be in Battalion Cooker near point of embusment - point to be notified later.

Transport moves early on the morning of the 25th. To ensure Officers valises being available on arrival at billets at LAMOTTE, one limber per Company containing valises and other material will leave with the Cookers between 5 and 6 p.m. under the command of the R.Q.M.S.

Valises in the Line to be sent out by 5 p.m.



*Arthur A. Bowler*

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



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

AMENDMENT to Divisional Order No. 147 dated 13.8.18.

1. Reference Relief Table issued with 4th Aust. Div. Order No. 147.

Cancel SERIALS No. 12 and 13 and substitute the following :-

Date	Serial No.	Unit.	From	To.	Route	Relieving Unit.
August 24/25th	12.	Divisional Artillery.	Line	CORBIE Staging Area.	BAYONVILLERS LAMOTTE-EN-SANTERRE FOUILLOY.	Artillery of 34th French Division.
August 25th.	13.	do.	Area	CORBIE Staging Area.	CANON FOUILLOY LAMOTTE AUBIGNY BRÈBIÈRE VÉQUEMONT. Area.	None.

2. Divisional Headquarters will remain at VILLERS BRETONNEUX for the present and will open at ALLOUVILLE at a date and time to be notified later.

Headquarters,  
31st August, 1918.

*L. Craig, Capt*  
Lieut Colonel,  
General Staff,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Headquarters,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
24th August, 1918.

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
12th " " "  
13th " " "  
4th " M. G. Bn.  
A. D. M. S.

Herewith Embussing Table for night 24th/25th August

for attachment to Divisional Order No. 147 of 23rd inst.

*H. Gray*  
for

Lieut.-Colonel,  
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EMBUSSING TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 225.

Date.	Unit.	Strength. Off. O/rs.	Time.	Embussing Point Head of Column facing S.E.	Debussing Point.	Destination.
Night 24th/25th August.	45th Bn.	20 419	2 a.m.	W 11 a 2 1	L 1 a 1 4	VIAUX-en-AMIENOIS.
-do-	12th ALTMB.	4 50	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	46th Bn.	19 374	-do-	-do-	L 20 d 5 6	LONGPRE.
-do-	Bde.H.Q. & Sig.Sec.	3 60	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	48th Bn.	21 450	-do-	-do-	E 22 b 5 5	St. VAST.

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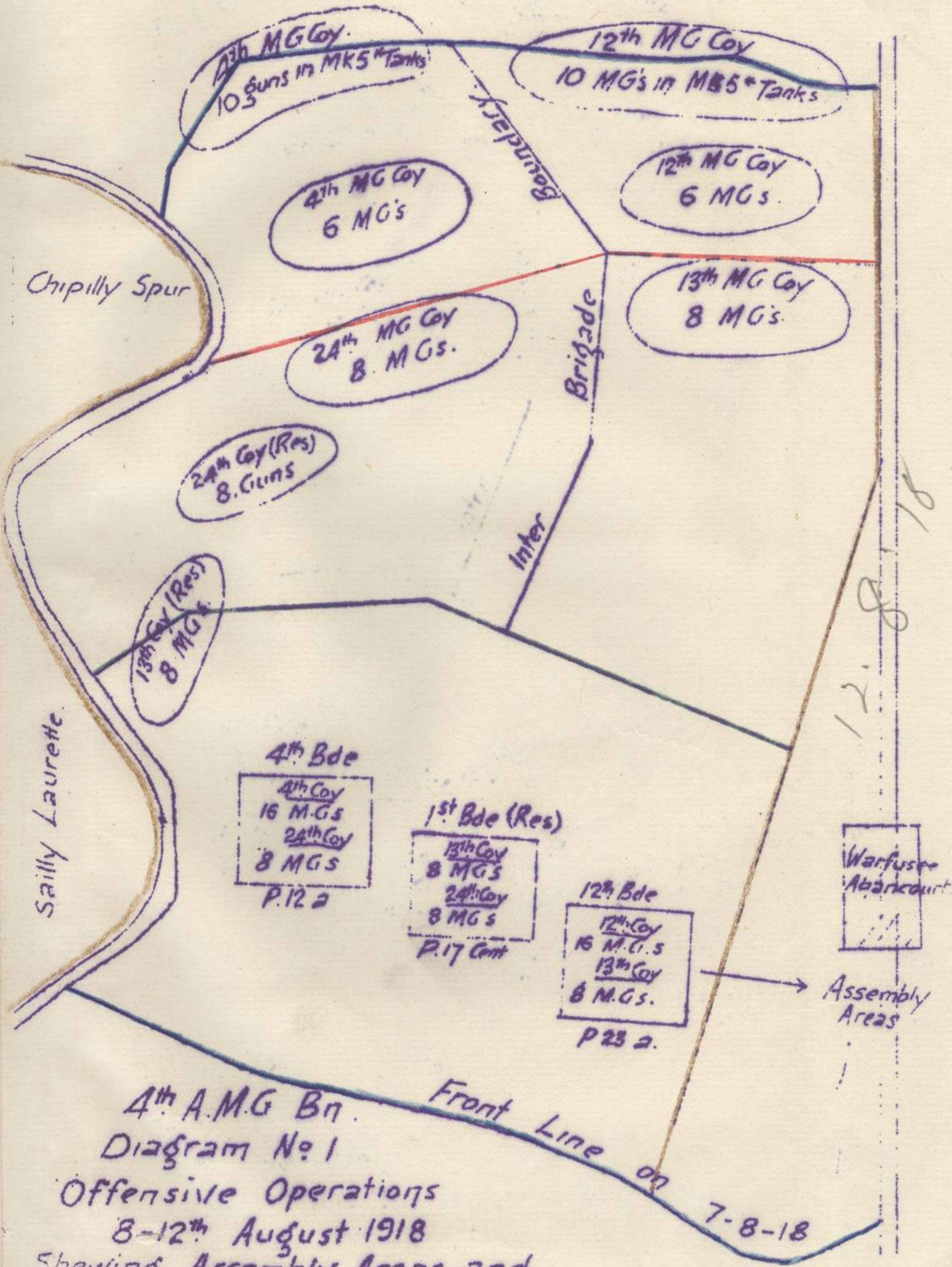
Busses will accommodate 25 all ranks and will be loaded accordingly.  
 Lieut.T.F. ARNOLD.MC.DCM.MM. will act as Brigade Embussing Officer.  
 All Units will detail an Officer to supervise the embussing of the Unit. This Officer will precede the Unit and make all necessary arrangements for a speedy embussment, in consultation with the Brigade Embussing Officer and O.C. Bus Column.  
 A debussing Officer will be detailed by Units to supervise the debussing. This Officer detailed will travel by the first bus of each Battalion.

24/8/18.

*A. H. W. May*  
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 Brigade Major.  
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

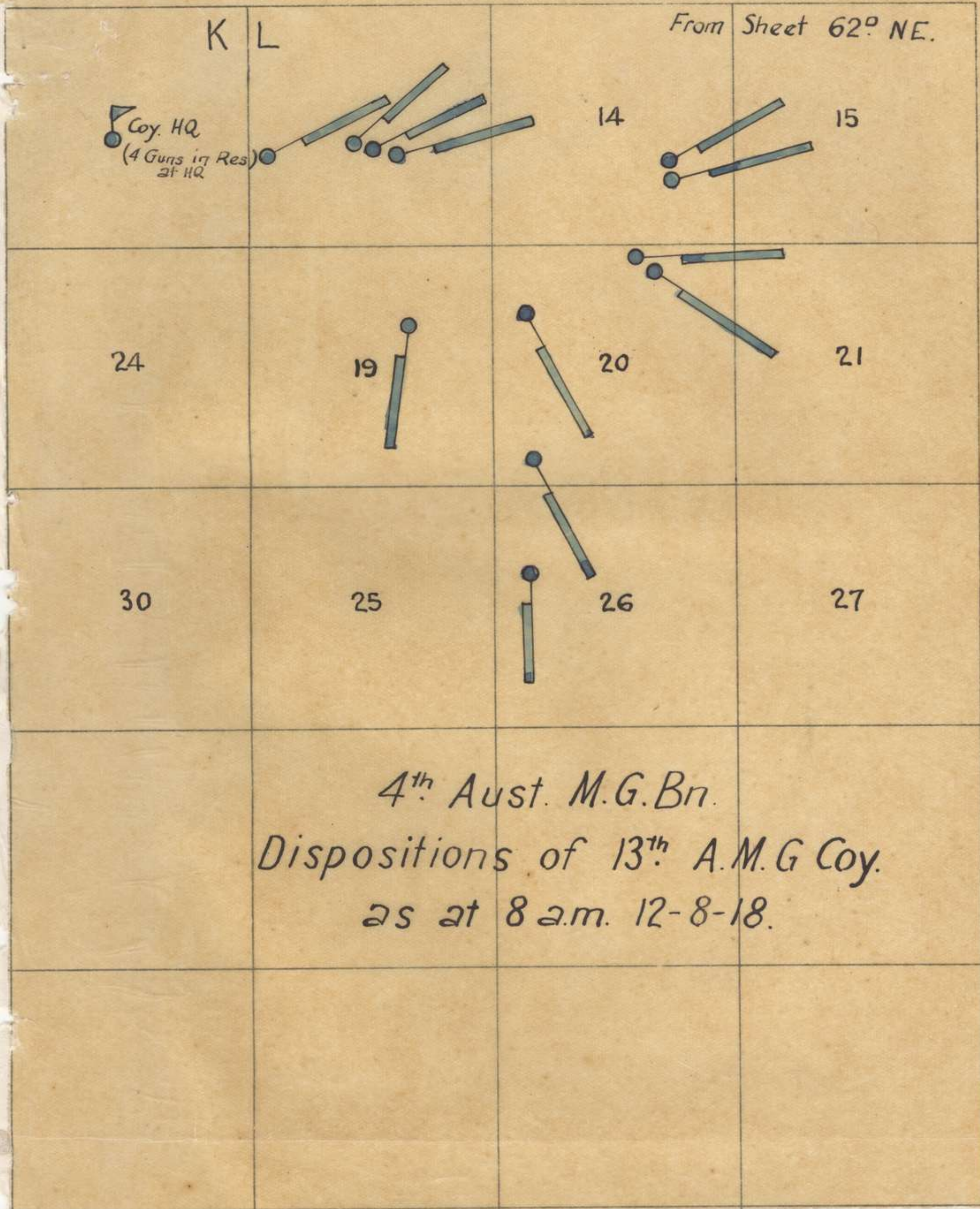
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4th A.M.G Bn.  
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 Offensive Operations  
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 Shewing Assembly Areas and  
 Allotment of M.G.s to Objectives.  
 Front Line on 7-8-18





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NOTE.—(1). These traces are intended to facilitate the communication of information as to the position of targets, which have been located on a squaring map. on the 1/10,000 scale.

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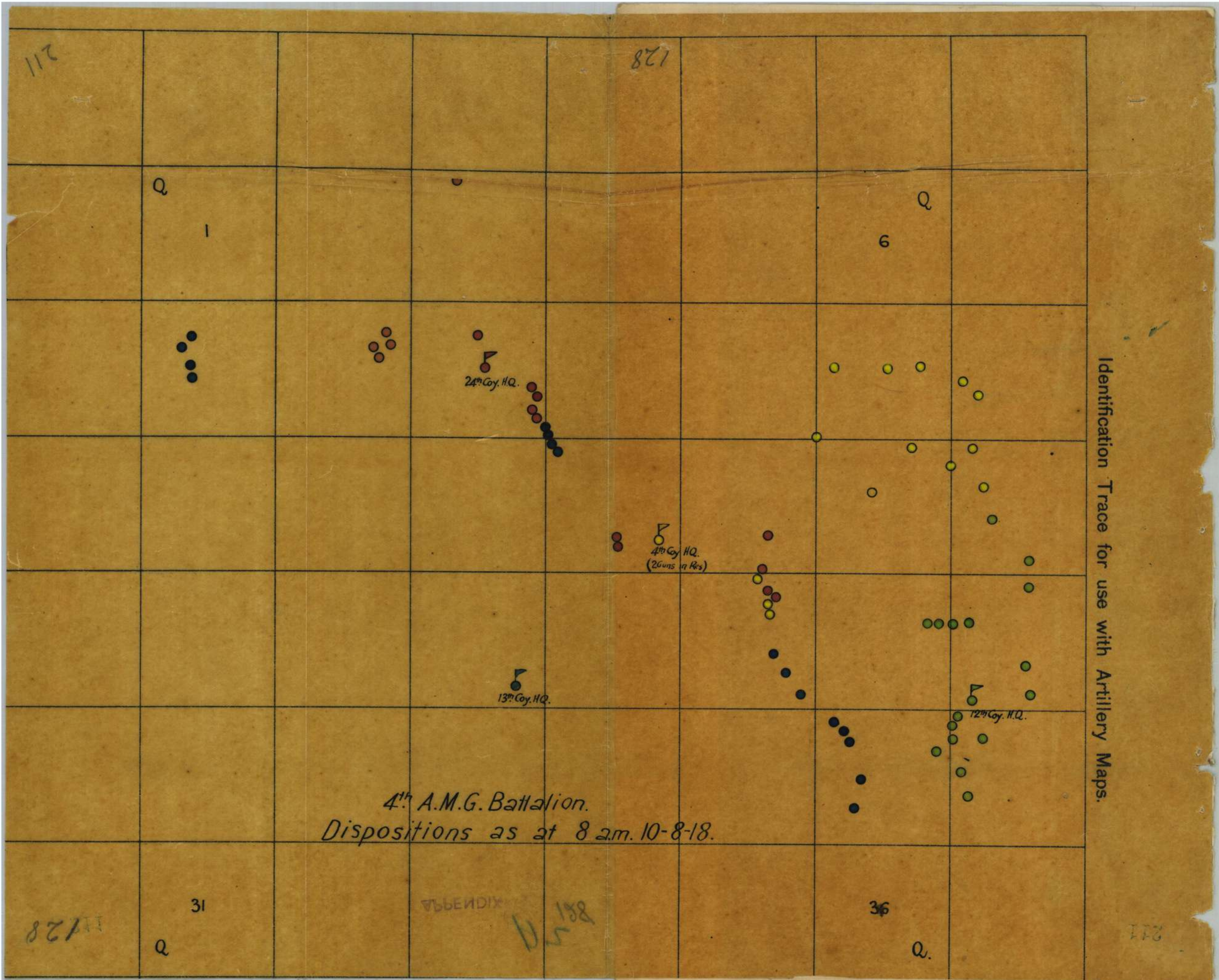
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1. ADVANCED DIV. Will be established at VILLERS BRETONNEUX at 3 p.m.,  
HEADQUARTERS. 14th Inst. Rear Div. H.Q. will remain at CORBIE.
2. RAILHEAD. VILLERS BRETONNEUX.
3. SUPPLIES. Supplies will be drawn by Horse Transport and delivered to Brigade Transport Line, thence under Brigade arrangements.
4. REFILLING POINTS. For all Units - 0.30.d.
5. AMMUNITION. Forward Ammunition dump is established at X.28.a.7.7. (approx). S.A.A. Section will be located at V.29.b.8.8. All demands for ammunition will be made direct to O.C., S.A.A. Section, 4th Aust.D.A.C. through Sub-section Officers.
6. SUPPLY TANKS. Supply Tanks are allotted as follows:-  
 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. 1  
 12th " " " 2
- These tanks will be loaded with R.E. Material, Ammunition and water tins in accordance with Appendix "A" of Administrative Instructions No. 3 issued under Div Order No. 138. Loading point will be at Q.32.c.cent. Necessary Ammunition, R.E. Material and Water Tins will be delivered to loading point by Services concerned by 3 p.m. 14th inst. Brigades will detail 1 N.C.O. and 3 O.Rs. for each tank as loading parties. They will report to loading point by 2.30 14th inst., carrying 48 hours rations and will accompany tanks until operations are completed. N.C.O. i/c of each party will be instructed by S/C Bde. regarding point at which supplies are to be dumped in Forward Area. Brigades will make their own arrangements with regard to filling water tins.
7. BATTLE STORES. The following Battle Stores are available for 132nd U.S. REGT.:-  
 Hot Food Containers 30  
 Petrol Tins. 200
- these will be delivered to locations selected by Regt.
8. ORDNANCE. D.A.D.O.S. is located in CORBIE I.34.a.6.4.
9. R.E. STORES. Div. R.E. Dumps are located at P.28.d.9.2. and Q.32.c.4.8.
10. WATER. Tanks containing 6,000 gallons are located at X.28.a.7.7. These tanks can be used for filling petrol tins, water bottles etc. Wells exist in BAYONVILLERS and HARBONNIERES.
11. TRANSPORT. Transport Lines will be located as follows:-  
 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. Q.32.b.  
 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. W.20.a. and c.  
 132nd U.S. Regt. W.20.a.  
 4th Aust.M.G.Bn. W.2.a. and b.  
 S.A.A.Sec., 4th Aust.DAC.V.29.b.8.8.
12. VETERINARY. Mobile Vet. Section is located at BOUZENCOURT.
13. PRISONERS OF WAR CAGE. Prisoners of War Cage is located at BAYONVILLERS. All Prisoners will be taken over at Bde.H.Q. by M.M.P.
14. BATTLE STRAGGLERS POSTS. At X.14.b.3.0., X.20.b.5.5. and F.3.a.1.9.
15. CEMETERIES. Cemeteries are situated at :-  
 Q.32.c.9.2.  
 X.22.c.5.4.  
 X.19.b.3.2.

*H. W. Crouch Capt* Lieut-Col.  
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Headquarters,  
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Headquarters  
16th August 1918.POLICY IN THE PRESENT DIVISIONAL SECTOR.

1. The Divisional Commander wishes to emphasise certain points in regard to our activity in the present Divisional Sector. It must be remembered that the general policy of the Army is at the present offensive, and that, though the Division is at present immobile, our activities must be directed always with a view to a future mobile offensive.
2. All troops in the line, Artillery, Infantry, and Machine Guns, will therefore take every opportunity of interfering with the enemy's preparations for defence both by day and by night. This activity is to take the following form:-
  - (a) Active and daring patrol work,
  - (b) Harrassing fire- Artillery, Machine Guns, and Snipers.
  - (c) Destruction of Wire.
3. No opportunity must be allowed to pass of-
  - (a) Inflicting loss on the enemy.
  - (b) Preventing him from strengthening his defences, and,
  - (c) obtaining identifications of enemy units and formations.
 Whilst the Division is in the line Infantry Brigades must establish in their respective sectors good O.P.'s which must be in close touch with Brigade H.Q., Artillery Groups and F.O.O.'s and Machine Guns,
4. Every use must be made of Artillery Liaison Officers in bringing all possible Field and Heavy Artillery fire to bear on observed targets. In addition Divisional H.Q. must be kept fully informed of all hostile movement or other signs of enemy activity in order that the fullest possible use may be made of heavy Artillery to harrass the enemy.
5. An extensive use of Gas will be made. Care must however be takenxx exercised in the use of enemy Yellow Cross Gas Shell to ensure that no indication is given to the enemy of our intentions as regards further operations.
6. Good Artillery targets, such as dumps, camps, dugouts, and Headquarters, spotted from Artillery and Infantry O.P.'s or from photographs must be reported daily to the General Staff at Divisional H.Q. in order that steps may be taken to harass them. A note is to be made in such reports of the immediate action taken, if any, in each case.
7. A.A. defences are to be organised in depth at once on the general lines laid down for organised defensive sectors. Careful and prompt reports must be made to Divisional H.Q. of all hostile aerial activity, in order that steps may be taken to deal with it summarily where possible.
8. Hostile Gas Shelling on a considerable scale is to be expected. To deal with this the fullest anti-gas precautions must be put in hand at once and a complete system of alarms and gas sentries installed.
9. To give depth for the defence of the important LIMONS position an outpost line will be established at a distance of from 500 yards to 800 yards in front of the present front line. The present front line will be organised as the line of resistance. In the northern Brigade sector it is intended to push out gradually to a line running from about S.20.D.0.5 to S.14.A.8.0, where the Right Flank of the Division on the north will eventually rest.
10. Vickers Machine Guns are to be disposed in depth behind the outpost line. They are to be sited so as to cover the most probable lines of approach for enemy counter-attack and to enfilade C.T.'s leading towards our lines.
11. The cutting in depth of enemy wire on the Divisional front is to be an essential part of the daily fire programme. Exact information as to damage done by our fire and new work undertaken by the enemy. In this regard every effort must be made by Artillery and Machine Gun

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fire and by sniping to prevent repairs by the enemy.

12. Sniping generally is to be thoroughly organised and fully employed.

13. Trenches and C.T's leading from the enemy to our positions must be provided with bomb stops and garrisons of expert bombers employed.

14. 6" Newton Mortars are to be pushed up rapidly and freely used.

15. The present front line will be held as the main line of resistance and should any portion of it be lost it is to be regained by immediate counter-attack.

16. Enemy light railway formations must not be interfered with as they are likely to prove of great value.

17. Measures for salvage and clearance of the battlefield will be put in hand at once. This will be the duty primarily of Reserve Units and Formations, and daily reports will be rendered to "Q" of the Division in progress.

18. The organisation of forward dumps will be proceeded with on the assumption that further operations may be undertaken.

(signed) J.D. Lavarack,  
Lieut-Col.  
G.S. 4th Australian Division

All Coys  
and 132nd American M.G. Coy.

Forwarded for information and action.

Particular attention will be paid to the following:-

1. A.A. Defences will be prepared in all positions except where near the front line and under observation by the enemy.
2. Precautions against Gas Shelling. The enemy is expected to use large quantities of Gas shells.
3. Importance of getting all information through quickly to Battalion H.Q. concerning all enemy movement etc.,
4. The enemy is to be harassed by M.G. Fire on every possible occasion. Special attention will be paid when sighting guns to Communication trenches approaching our front line, or any other covered lines of approach.

*[Signature]* Capt & Adjt,

4th Australian M.G. Battalion

16/8/18.



SECRET.4th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.APPENDIX B 134  
Copy No .....  
BReference Map 1/40,000.Order No 25.Headquarters,  
18th August 1918.

1. The 13th Aust.M.G.Coy will be relieved in the sector opposite BRAY to-morrow 19th inst., and on relief will move with the 13th Aust.Inf.Bde to re-join the 4th Aust.Div., at present in the LIHONS sector.
2. On relief the 13th Aust.M.G.Coy will move by Bus under orders from the 13th Aust.Inf. Bde, and de-bus west of BAYONVILLERS.
3. Guides from 4th Aust M.G.Bn will meet Busses at de-bussing point, and guide 13th M.G.Coy to camp at present occupied by 132nd Amer.M.G.Coy at W.23.a. Transport will move by road to join Battn Transport at BAYONVILLERS. Fighting limbers and cooker will be parked with the Coy, but all horses will remain with Battn Transport. After de-bussing main roads will be avoided as much as possible, as a safeguard against enemy bombs.
4. The 132nd Amer.M.G.Coy will move under orders from the 132nd Amer.Inf.R Regt, and embussin the same busses which will move the 13th Aust.M.G.Coy.

Capt & Adjnt.  
4th Australian M.G.Battalion.

Issued through signals at 11 p.m.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.Order No. 24.Ref. Map 1/40,000.Headquarters,  
18th August, 1918.

1. Inter-Battalion Reliefs will be carried out in the Divisional Sector on nights 19/20th and 20/21st.
2. The 4th Aust. M.G.Coy, Line Left, will be relieved by the 24th Aust. M.G.Coy, Support Area, on night 21/22nd.
3. On relief the 4th Aust. M.G.Coy will move into Support Area now occupied by the 24th Aust. M.G.Coy.
4. Details of Relief will be arranged mutually by Company Commanders concerned.
5. 4th and 24th Coys will acknowledge.

*W. Croucher* for Lieut-Col.  
C.O., 4th Aust. M.G.Bn.

Issued through signals at 9.30 p.m.



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4th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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Reference Maps:-

- 66 E N/E
- 66 B N/W
- 62 D S/E
- 62 C S/W

WARNING ORDER.

1. The 4th Australian M.G. Battalion will be relieved by the 32nd British M.G. Battalion. and the FRENCH.
2. All Guns north of the Line running from LIHU FARM to X.21.a.8090, will be relieved by the 32nd M.G. Battalion.  
South of that Line will be relieved by the French, or withdrawn on the French taking over the area, on the night of the 24/25th.
3. On completion of relief, the Battalion will move by Bus to CAMON area where they will be concentrated for Training purposes. Transport under Capt GARROLL will move by road on the morning of the 25th.  
Particulars of relief will be mutually arranged between Company Commanders concerned. Fuller particulars will be sent to Companies on receipt of Divisional Move Order.
4. Billeting representative from each Company will meet at Town Major's office CAMON at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

23rd August 1918.

*Arthur A. Jordan* Lieut.  
for Lieut-Col.  
G.O., 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

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Headquarters,  
26th August 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH EXERCISE ORDER No 28

1. PACKS. Immediately on becoming settled in billets at LONGBAU, arrangements will be made to draw packs for Companies from Pack Dump at ALLOWVILLE.

HOUSEING. Housed will rejoin their respective Companies at point of embarkment - time and place to be notified later.

Houseless personnel will ensure that before they vacate their present billets they will be left in a clean and sanitary condition. Certificate that billets are left in a thoroughly clean state will be forwarded to Battalion H.Q.

BILLETING. Company Commanders will, on arrival in new billets, forward to Battalion H.Q., a marching-in state, a list showing billets occupied and number of Officers or men in occupation. Company Commanders will be responsible regarding Sanitation, Fires etc.

DRESS. Dress for all personnel will be: Fighting order, Blankets, rolled in bandolier fashion, Gas helmet, and Steel hat to be carried.

BATHS. Baths will be established in areas allotted to Brigades and Divisional troops. Exact locations will be notified later.

TRANSPORT. Transport leaves early on morning of 26th, and Company Commanders will see that only gun gear and absolutely necessary gear is loaded on limbers. Space on limbers is very limited, and every endeavour must be made to reduce load to the minimum.

*Arthur A. Bowler, Lieut*  
Lieut-Col.  
C.O., 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion.



4<sup>TH</sup> AUST. M.G. BN. MOVE.- Bussing Orders -

4<sup>th</sup> Aust. M.G. Bn.  
24<sup>th</sup> August, 1918

1. MOVE.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Aust. M.G. Battalion  
will embus at W4C 8.2. at  
2.30 am. 25<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Head of column will be  
facing S.E. and buses  
apportioned for Battalion will be  
the last column in the Convoy.

2. EMBUSSING  
OFFICERS.

(a) Lieut JOHNSON 12<sup>th</sup> Coy.  
will be embussing Officer for the  
Battalion.

(b) Each Coy. will detail one  
officer to assist with embussing of  
his respective Coy. They will  
report to the Embussing Officer who  
will be at head of M.G. Column at  
~~9 am.~~ 1.30 am.

3. ORDER.

Boys will fall off men in  
parties of 25 and will  
embus in the following order -  
(120)



	2	Am HQ.
HQ.	Maj. Dr.	12 <sup>th</sup> Coy
13 <sup>th</sup>	Comp.	2 <sup>nd</sup> "
4 <sup>th</sup>	-	4 <sup>th</sup> "
24 <sup>th</sup>	-	13 <sup>th</sup> "
12 <sup>th</sup>	-	

An officer from each Coy should travel with each bus.

4. RENDEZVOUS. Coys will rendezvous at W106 5050 and will be conducted to embussing point by guides who will be waiting at junction of Roads on W112 3015. at 1.30am.

5. NEUCLEUS. Nucleus under the command of Lieut Richard 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy will march to rendezvous and rejoin their respective Companies by 1.30am.

6. DEBUSSING. Battalion will debuss at M23C 32 under supervision of each Coy embussing officer and reform whole Company.

Guides will meet respective Companies & conduct them to billets at point of debussing.

Strengths. Coy embussing officers will hand to embussing officer strengths of Coys  
Arthur A. Douglas Lieut



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4TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

MOVING ORDER

Ref. No. 1: 40,000. Sect 100.

4th August, 1943.

1. The 4th Aust. I.B. (including attached Americans) will be relieved by U.S. Coys. of the 2nd and 3rd Canadian Divisions on the night 2/3rd August. The 2nd Canadian Division will be on the left and the 3rd Canadian Division on the right.
2. On completion of relief the Battalion will move to the LA BRIVILLAS Area.
  - a. The 15th and 24th Coys. in the line will move by bus. Buses will be lined up from Cross Roads T.S.A.S.S. to BRIVILLAS WOOD. Further particulars as to debussing will be notified later.
  - b. The 4th Coy. in the line will move direct by route march to the new area.
  - c. ~~The 15th Coy.~~ 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Bns. will move by route march on the 3rd inst. and will leave present location at 8 p.m.
  - d. Advanced parties will leave at 8.0 a.m. on 3rd inst. and report to Capt. MURPHY, R.C. at 1-33-B-0-1
3. Relief of Coys. in the line to be arranged between Coy. Commanders and opposite Nos. direct.
4. All daylight movement will be reduced to a minimum.
5. On completion of relief Americans in the line will move to present transport lines and from there to 3rd Corps, S.E.F., BRIVILLAS Sector (full particulars later)
6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

*E. Lundquist*  
for Capt., Adjt.

4th Aust. I.B. Bn.

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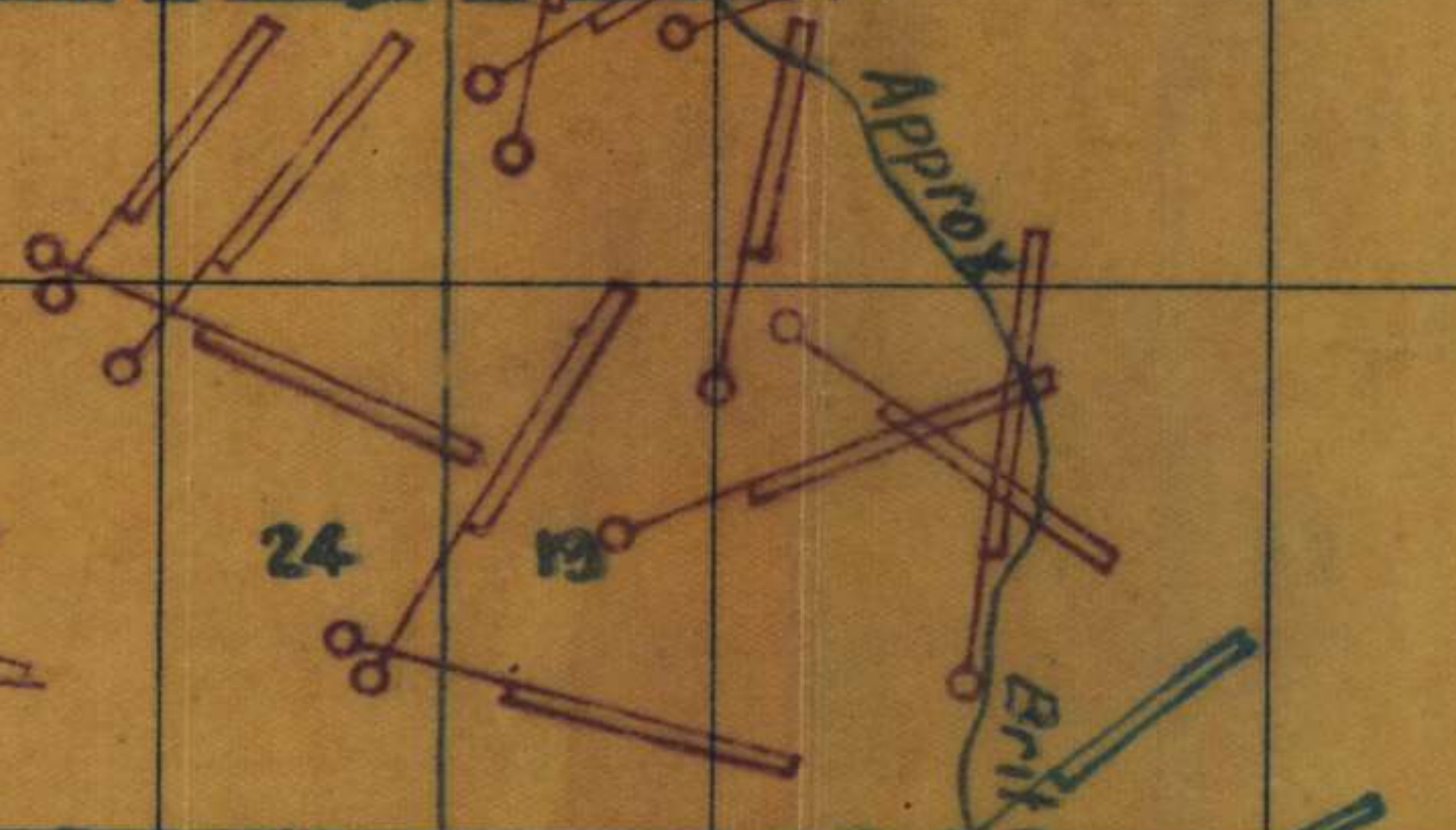
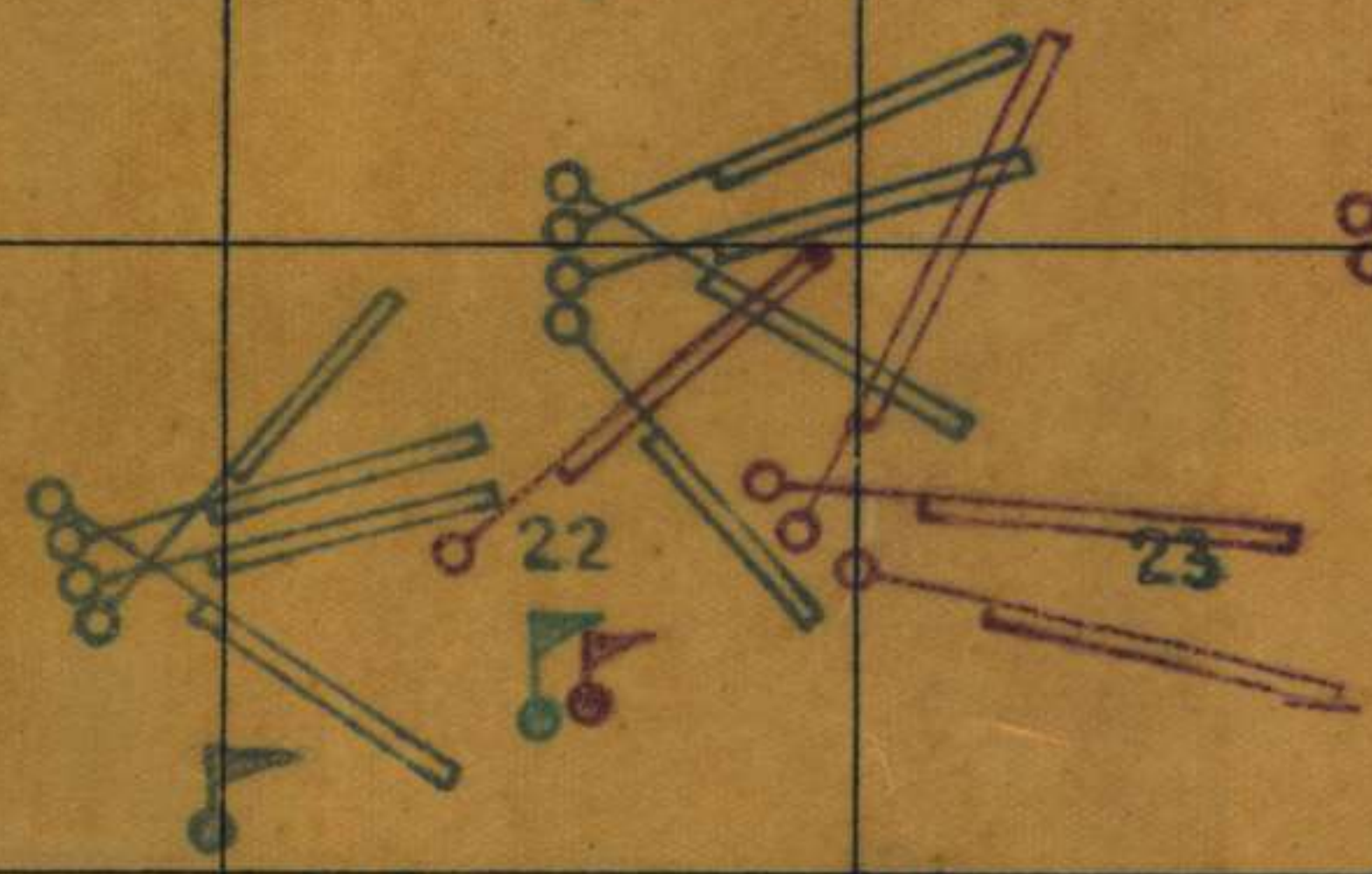
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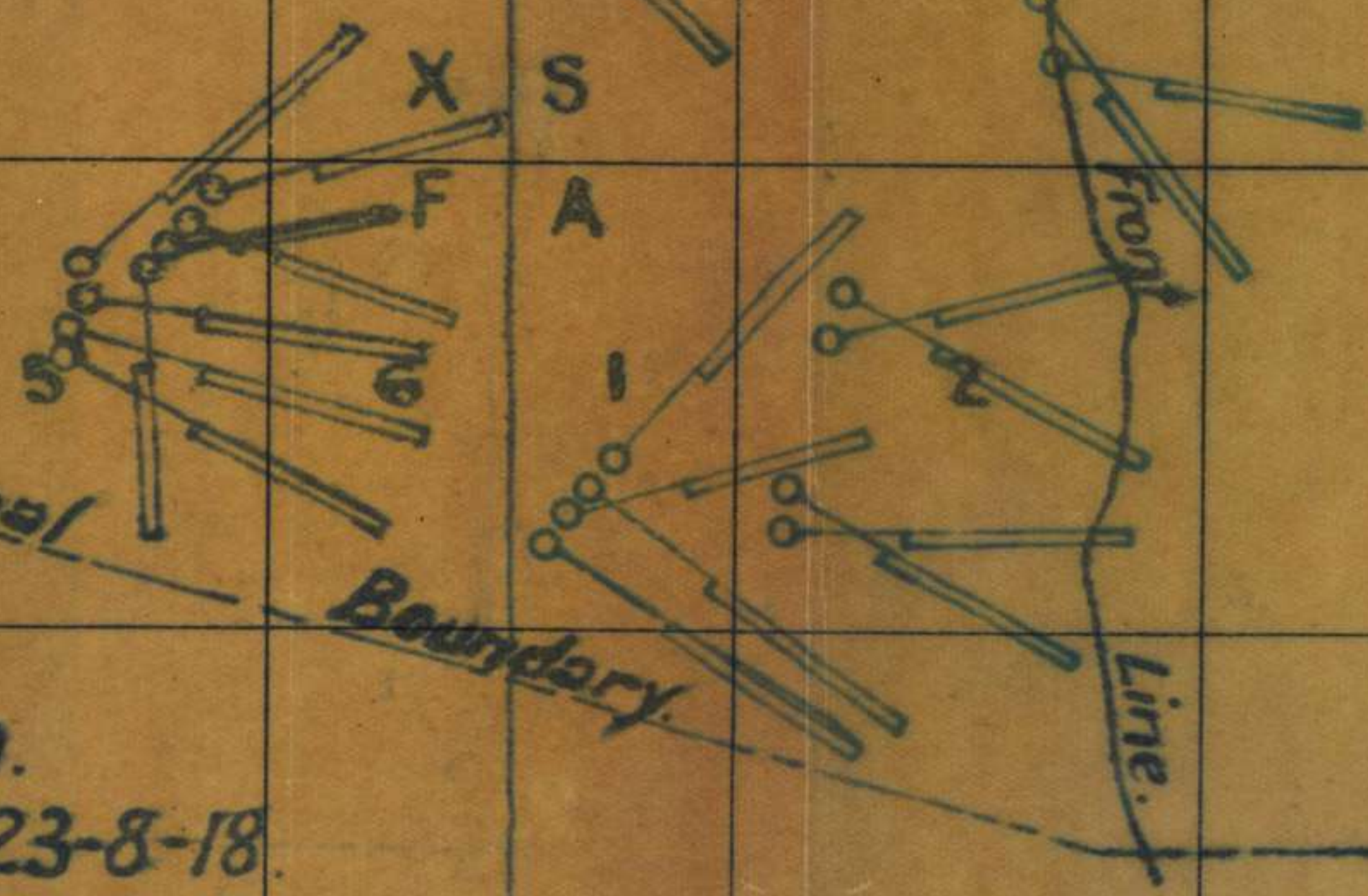
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4<sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Battalion.  
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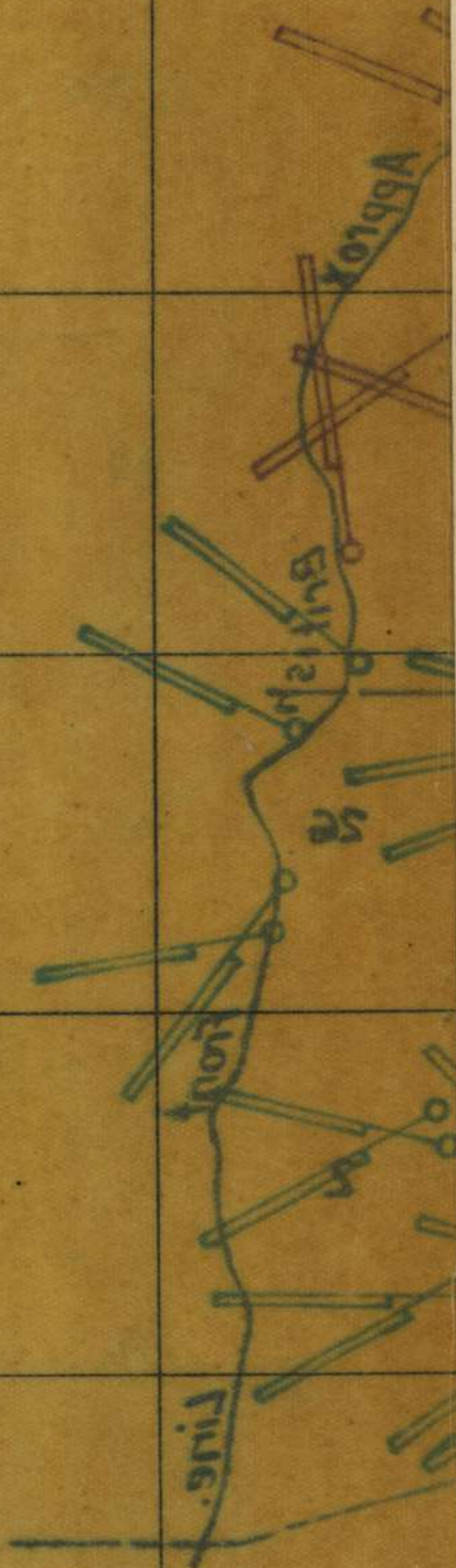


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- 24<sup>th</sup> " " " Green
- C. Coy. 123<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Bn. in Co-operation with 4<sup>th</sup> A.M.C. Coy
- 130 U.S. Coy. in Co-operation with 13<sup>th</sup> A.M.C. Coy
- Bn. H.Q. & Reserve Coy. at T.13c.00.

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Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps

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13<sup>th</sup> Coy Engrs. 28

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DIV: ORDER N°147.

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- Legend -

- Ball? Areas for 83<sup>rd</sup> French Regt.
- " " " 59<sup>th</sup> " "
- Australian Battys to be relieved by 34<sup>th</sup> French Div?
- " " " " 32<sup>nd</sup> Brit. Div?



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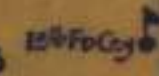
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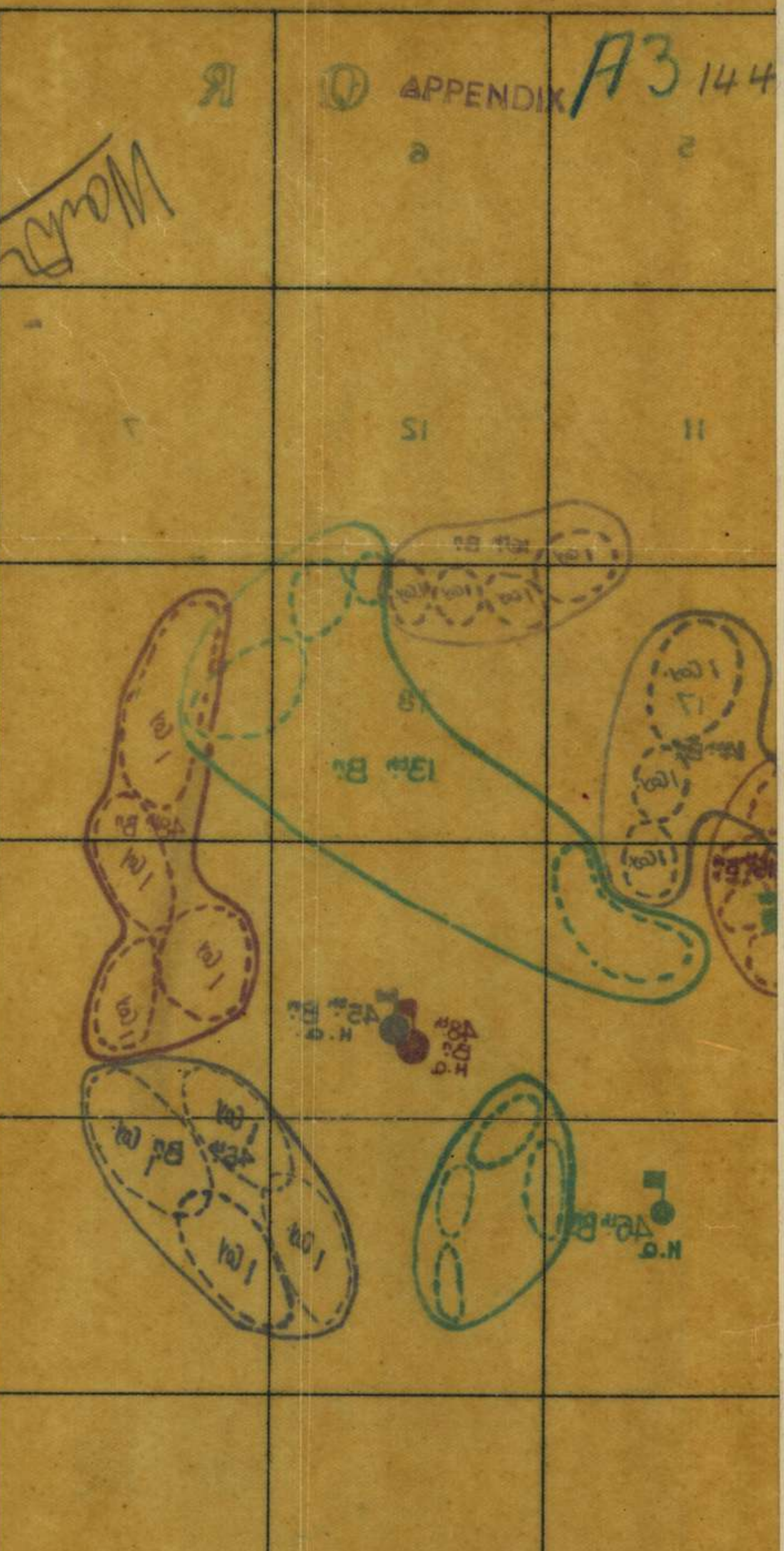
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