

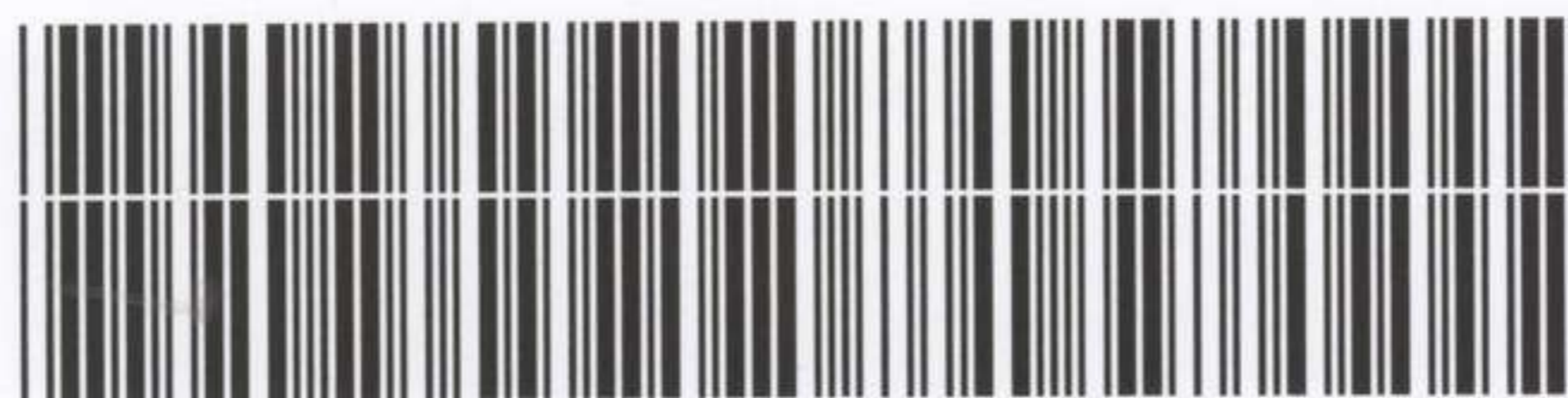
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Place	Date	Hour	Sheet 62D 1/40,000	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Abandoned aerodrome D.I.V. 2.2.	April 1918	1st		Our artillery was active throughout the day. VILLE and DERNANCOURT were shelled, the latter being subjected to a brisk bombardment between 5.30 and 5.45 pm. Hostile artillery was fairly active during the day. Aerodrome at D.I.V. C. was shelled with 5.9's occasionally. Hostile aircraft active. 6 planes flew over our lines at 7 am. and 9 am. Between 9.45 am and 10.15 am. a squadron of 16 planes flew over our lines but did not penetrate any distance.	
		2nd		'C Coy relieved B Coy in trenches west of LAVIEVILLE, B Coy returning to aerodrome at D.I.V. 2.2. Light rain during the afternoon. Our artillery active throughout the day on DERNANCOURT, VILLE and MORLANCOURT. Enemy artillery not so active as usual. Between 2 pm. and 5 pm. a large number of 5.9's fell in D.10. Enemy aircraft active during the day. 4 officers and 36 OR's returned from leave in U.K. having been held up for a considerable time in CALAIS.	
		3rd		51st Bn. was relieved by 52nd Bn in the line. Relief successfully completed by 12.10 am. (4th inst). A Coy (50th) relieved B Coy (50th) in trenches west of LAVIEVILLE. D Coy returning to aerodrome. Our artillery fire and aircraft were active during the day. Enemy artillery was below normal but hostile aircraft was very active, and planes flew over our lines several times. They did not penetrate very far but on several occasions flew low. They were engaged by our A.A.M.G fire.	
		4th		Our artillery was active throughout the day. At 6.10 am. a brisk enemy bombardment commenced. Our forward areas were not shelled very heavily but battery positions and valley from LAVIEVILLE to BRESLE to RIBEMONT were kept under steady fire. Rained very heavily practically all day. A direct hit with H.E. was obtained on hangar occupied by D Coy at about 9 am. inflicting 52 casualties 9 of which were killed.	
		5th		At 7.30 am. under cover of heavy artillery and T.M. bombardment enemy made a determined attack on the Bde forward posts. The initial was repulsed. On making a second attempt he succeeded in making some progress opposite DERNANCOURT where the Bde left flank had to retire to conform with the line of the Bde on the left. Right flank remained intact.	gd

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Abandoned Aerodrome D.1.v. 22.	1918 April 5 <sup>th</sup> (cont)	1918 5 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Sheet 62D. 1/40,000</p> <p>at 2.35 pm. 50th Bn received orders to occupy line of posts in front of BRESLE WOOD lately vacated by 49th Bn, who were sent forward to counter-attack. Bn Hqs were situated at D.8.d.7.8. Bn to be ready to move at short notice to line of post D.16 central &amp; in front of LAVIEVILLE.</p> <p>at 3.35 pm. orders were received to move Bn forward and occupy line of posts from DERNANCOURT - LAVIEVILLE Road to exclusive to D 16 central thence to D23a joining 51st Bn there. Bn Hqs moved to QUARRY at D.H.C. central. attached to the Bn to assist in holding reserve line was the 12th Aust. M.G. Coy. and C Coy 4th Tank Bn. (18 Lewis Guns) on our left in this reserve line was the 4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.</p> <p>at 5.15 pm. 49th Bn advanced to make a counter-attack. Just prior to the counter attack another hostile attack was made on our defensive flank in E.19. This was repulsed with heavy enemy losses. The result of the counter-attack was fairly satisfactory. Owing to all the officers becoming casualties in the left centre Coy, a gap in the line was made. Our troops eventually dug in on a line E.19. d.4.3. - E.19.v. 5.7. - E.13.C.8.6. through E.13. central to road at E.13.v. 6.5. During these operations 4 enemy machine guns were captured.</p>	
	6 <sup>th</sup>		<p>50th Bn received orders to take over the line relieving the 52nd Bn and one Coy of 51st Bn attached. The line ran from BUIRE HALTE to road at E.13.d.30. Headquarters of 50th Bn to be at QUARRY - D.4.a.1.8. at 7.10 pm our SOS. was opened on green flares being sent up. This SOS. was reported to be well placed.</p> <p>Protective and liaison patrols operated along our front during and after the relief. Patrols reported hearing enemy breaking trees in E.25.v. south of the river, otherwise no enemy activity seen or heard.</p>	
QUARRY D.4.a.1.8.	7 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Relief was completed by 4.30 am. Coys were distributed as follows: C Coy on the right and B in the centre and A Coy on the left. D Coy were in support. The 39th Bn, 3rd Aust Div and 49th Bn were on our right and the 49th Bn on our left.</p> <p>Orders were received that 27th Abn. would relieve us in the line on the night of the 7<sup>th</sup>. Situation generally quiet during hour in the line.</p>	<p>2</p>

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CORBIE.	April	8 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Relief by 29th A.I. Bn was successfully completed by 1.20 am. 8<sup>th</sup> inst. and on relief Bn marched to the Southern edge of LA HOUSOYE arriving at 5.30 am. Hot tea was ready on arrival and the Bn rested until 3 pm. The day turned out very wet and cold and there was no shelter whatever.</p> <p>At about midday orders were received that the 13th A.I. Bde. was to be attached to the 3rd Aust. Division. CO. and Coy Commanders moved off mounted at 2.30 pm. to reconnoitre positions to be occupied in CORBIE, and to the east of CORBIE. The Bn moved off at 3 pm. and arrived in CORBIE at 5 pm. Relief of 18th Lancashire Fusiliers and 1 Coy of the 17th Lanc. Infa successfully completed by 8 pm. 'C' Coy occupied posts south of AUBIGNY and FOUILLY also bridges (2) over the SOMME River. 'D' Coy occupied posts east and south east of HAMELET and a pontoon bridge over the SOMME. A and B Coys were situated in cellars in the eastern edge of CORBIE. On our left is the 51st Bn. The 50th Bn has a frontage of 6000 yards. The southern bank of the SOMME is held by posts ready to form defensive flankers for 2nd Aust. Div. in case the 5th Aust. Div were driven back.</p> <p>Situation generally quiet. Weather very showery all day.</p>	
		9 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Coy's changed over during the early part of the afternoon. Dispositions as shown in attached disposition report. Ammunition reserve moved from BAVELIN COURT to DAOURS. Q.M.'s store moved from LA NEUVILLE to DAOURS. The cookers <del>also</del> in each case were with Coy H.Q.</p>	Disposition report attached
		10 <sup>th</sup>	<p>CO., HQ. and an Engineer Officer of the 3rd Aust. Division inspected the front and selected sites for additional posts between the existing posts in order to make the line more continuous. Work on these posts is proceeding with the assistance of an Engineer Officer of the 9th Field Coy. HAMELET was shelled heavily with S.G.'s at about 1.30 pm.</p> <p>On the arrival of the Bn in CORBIE the men's feet were in a bad condition owing to the wet weather in the open in the previous area. With the provision of 400 pairs of clean socks from the Reg. reserve and two days under cover, the condition of the feet is greatly improved.</p>	<p>del Co</p>

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			Sheet 62 D 1/40,000.	
CORBIE	April	11 <sup>th</sup>	<p>The weather is still fine and warm. A Coy HdQrs moved to D.5.C.4:4. on the east side of the road. B Coy has occupied 2 new posts at D.11.6.8.5. and I.31.C.6.0.</p> <p>Hostile planes were very active during the afternoon and at dusk, flying very low over CORBIE. Enemy shelled CORBIE in the vicinity of the Church at 7.30 pm. The Bn supplied picquets (2) of 1 officer and 10 ORs during the afternoon and again during the evening as a precaution against any disorder in the town.</p>	
		12 <sup>th</sup>	<p>The Corps Commander (Gen. BIRDWOOD) visited the Brigade today in company with the Div. Commander, meeting all Bn Commanders at 52<sup>nd</sup> Bn HdQrs. Several new posts were sited and marked out.</p>	
		13 <sup>th</sup>	<p>The posts sited yesterday were dug and occupied. Baths were arranged for the men in a deserted factory. The accommodation was small, but B and C Coys and Bn HdQrs details were put through. A clean change of clothing for each man was provided.</p>	
		14 <sup>th</sup>	<p>The 4<sup>th</sup> Army reported the probability of an attack on our front tomorrow, the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. In view of this report, all cookers on the south bank of the river were moved to the north bank. The cooker teams were sent back to LA NEUVILLE and officers hacks to the Transport lines.</p> <p>HAMELET was lightly shelled during the day. at 12.30 pm. about eight high velocity shells fell close to the Railway bridge at O.2.6.8.2. No damage was caused.</p> <p>50,000 rounds of S.A. were shot forward to each of the two Coys in the line 4,000 to B Coy and 10,000 to A Coy. Also 40 cases of rifle grenades were sent up to B Coy. all this ammunition was for distribution in posts in the reserve line. 15 ORs joined up from the reinforcement wing.</p> <p>HAMELET and trenches in the vicinity were shelled with H.E. and shrapnel at intervals during the day. Heavier shelling near O.6.a. between 6 and 8 pm. A few shells fell in CORBIE at 11.30 am.</p>	Disposition report attached

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CORBIE	1918 April	15th	<p>Sheet 62 D 1/40,000</p> <p>New posts were sited by the CO. on the left flank. CO. visited all C and D Coy posts. 24 coils of barb-wire and 200 wooden pickets were sent forward to C Coy for wiring of posts in the reserve line. Enemy artillery very quiet. Light shelling of HAMELET and surrounding posts at intervals during the day. Posts were completed at 0.9. a. 9.1. and 0.9. a. 5.3. Considerable quantities of tactical wire was erected on the HAMELET GROUP.</p>	
		16th	<p>G.O.C. held a conference of Bn Commanders at 50th Bn H.Q. to discuss the alteration in the defence scheme and the redistribution of troops. Two Coy of the 52nd Bn were attached to the 11th A.I.F. on account of the 52nd Bn being withdrawn from VAIRE-SOUS-CORBIE the 50th Bn left flank is to be thrown back west of VAIRE-SOUS-CORBIE to the canal and is to be strengthened by 4 Vickers guns and two trench mortars. Enemy artillery very active on HAMELET, particularly during the evening.</p>	
		17th	<p>CO. selected sites for 4 Vickers Guns and two trench mortars. The signal officer sited and established a visual transmitting station for work between Bde Hqs. and 52nd Bn. C Coy relieved the AUBIGNY GROUP (A Coy) and A Coy relieved four posts of B Coy. Present dispositions attached.</p>	
		18th	<p>Weather fine and warm. CO. and Adjutant inspected A Coy's positions and selected a new post on the left flank. Bridge over the canal, for foot traffic only, at 0.4. C. 7.2 near FOVILLY completed by 9th Australian Field Coy Engineers.</p>	<p>Copies of defence scheme attached Proposition report attached</p>
		19th	<p>Very light rain in the morning. Situation generally quiet. Very quiet day. Slight shelling of HAMELET. Weather fine and warm. Our artillery were fairly active throughout the day and there was the usual aircraft activity.</p>	

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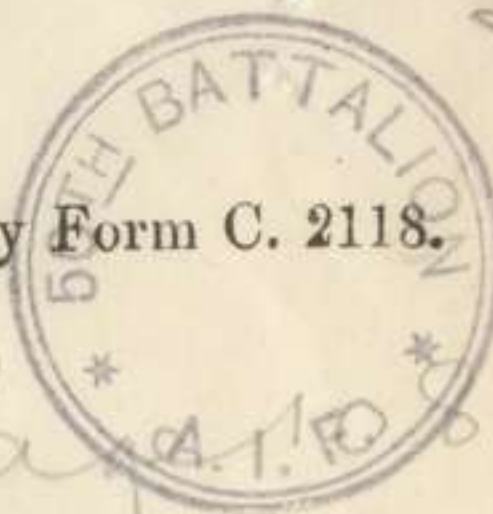
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CORBIE	1918 April	20 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Enemy artillery very active. VAIRE, HAMELET, FOUILLOY and CORBIE were shelled at intervals through the day, also the woods at J. 35 C. 8. O. and O. 6. C. The CORBIE cemetery was shelled with 4.2 at 2.30 pm. A fire was started in FOUILLOY by shell-fire destroying four houses.</p> <p>Enemy aircraft very active particularly between 4 pm and 7.30 pm. One low flying plane flew over posts south of HAMELET at 12.30 pm. at 6 pm. two machines fell over the enemy lines but it was impossible to determine whose they were.</p> <p>Our artillery was particularly active from 2 pm to 3 pm and at midnight. Aircraft very active.</p>	
" "	" "	21 <sup>st</sup>	<p>Enemy artillery fairly active. CORBIE shelled with 4.2 or 5.9 shells at 2 pm. HAMELET shelled at intervals. Enemy aircraft active. Bombs were dropped near HAMELET at 11 pm. One red single-seater enemy plane was brought down by M.G. fire at J. 19. b.</p>	
DAOURS	" "	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<p>Bn moved from CORBIE to DAOURS at about 11 am. All troops were settled down at 1.30 am. in new billets. One Coy of the 30<sup>th</sup> A.I.Bn. relieved B Coy in the HAMELET Group and one Coy of the 32<sup>nd</sup> A.I.Bn. relieved D Coy on the bridge head defenses. A and C Coys were withdrawn without being relieved. Bn HQs were billeted in DAOURS in chateau at O. 1. C. O. S. The remainder of the Bn was billeted in DAOURS and VEC QUEMONT. nucleus reserve rejoined the Bn on arrival.</p>	
" "	" "	23 <sup>rd</sup>	<p>B Coy paraded during the day. Coys were reorganised and special training was given to all ranks on the Lewis Gun. Other specialists headed under specialist officers. Fine day.</p>	
" "	" "	24 <sup>th</sup>	<p><del>Very heavy bombardment all along front south of the Somme commencing at 11 am. DAOURS was shelled with</del></p>	

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BLANGY-TRONVILLE	1918 April	24 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> <del>28<sup>th</sup></del>	Sheet 62 D. 1/40000  See attached summary of operations near VILLERS-BRETTONEUX	Summary of operations attached
"	April	28 <sup>th</sup>	The Bn rested during the day. At 4 pm. there was an informal fatigue dress parade of the whole Bn, to enable the CO. to explain the operation and the extent of the success from a tactical point of view. All ranks were also congratulated by the Commanding Officer on their gallant behaviour.	
"	"	29 <sup>th</sup>	Bn had the use of baths at LA MOTTE. All Coys were bathed and supplied with set of clean underclothing. CO. held a Company Commanders meeting during the afternoon and it was decided after the Coy strengths were carefully gone into to form 'D' Coy into one platoon and attach it to A Coy for tactical purposes. The remaining three Coys were to be reorganized into two platoons.	
"	"	30 <sup>th</sup>	The nucleus reserve moved from BLANGY-TRONVILLE to ALLONVILLE. Coys carried on with <del>company</del> specialist training. Particular attention being paid to Lewis gun and the new Rifle Grenade discharges cup. A Gas drill was also carried out. Boys trained from 9.30 am to 11 am. The Bn then furnished a cable burying Party of 6 Officers + 280 O.R. to work forward. Party returned at 5 pm.	Al Salisbury M6d



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APPENDIX



# List of Appendices

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Disposition Report of 9 <sup>th</sup> met
2	Disposition Report of 14 <sup>th</sup> met
3	Defence Scheme with maps(3)
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5	Disposition sketch
6	Summary of operations
7	Order orders for counter attack
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9	Orders for attack in conjunction with French
10	Map for do
11	Operation Order No 70
12	Congratulatory message.

*H. Salisbury*

Lieut Colonel  
Commanding 50<sup>th</sup> A.I.Bn.



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9<sup>th</sup> April 191850<sup>th</sup> A. I. Bn.Disposition Report

A company relieved C company.

B company relieved D company

C company remained in billets  
in FOULLYD company went into billets  
at 136<sup>c</sup>.Sgd. A. G. Salisbury  
Lieut Col  
Comd 50<sup>th</sup> A. I. Bn

Dispositions of 50th Battalion A.I.F.

HAMLET Group.

No.	1. Post.		Offrs.	N.C.Os.	Men.	
	0.11.b.8.5.			1.	13.	L.G.
:	2. ::	0.6.d.5.0.		1.*	9.*	
:	3. ::	0.6.d.9.1.	1.	1.	8.	
:	4. ::	P.1.c.4.8.		1.	7.	L.G.
:	5. ::	P.1.c.5.9.		1.	5.	
:	6. ::	P.1.a.8.3.	1.	2.	14.	
:	7. ;:	P.1.b.0.3.	1.	2.	10.	
:	8. ::	J.3.b.8.5.		1.	7.	
:	9. ;:	J.31.c.1.0.		1.	10.	
Coy H.Qs.	0.6.d.6.8.		1.	5.	22.	



FOUILLOY Group.-

No,	1. Post.	D.4.d.5.4.			2.	9.
:	2. ::	0.5.c.5.0.			2.	8.
:	3. ::	0.5.d.5.8.			1.	3.
:	4. ::	0.5.d.1.5.			2.	3. L.G.
:	5. ::	0.5.c.4.5.			1.	7.
:	6. ::	0.5.c.5.1.			1.	6.
:	7. ::)	0.11.b.9.8.				
:	8. ::)	9.11.a.Cent.				
:	9. ::	0.11.c.3.4.				
1	10. ::	0.10.d.2.5.				
:	11. ::	0.10.d.3.6.				
:	12. ::	0.9.d.3.7.				
A.Coy H.Qs	0.5.c.4.4.					
C. :	0.5.c.4.7.					

In course of construction.

AUBIGNY Group :-

No,	1. Post.	0.2.b.8.3.	1.	3.	16.	L.G.
:	2. ::	0.3.c.3.8.		1.	12.	
:	3. ::	0.9.a.7.3.		2.	6.	L.G.
:	4. ::	0.9.b.9.4.				

Posts have been marked out at -

- 0.9.a.9.1.
- 0.9.a.5.3.
- 0.9.a.5.4.

When completed the post at

0.3.c.3.8. will be abandoned.

"D" Coy has two posts on Pontoon Bridge Heads at

- I.36.d.0.1.
- I.36.b.5.8.

Bn O.P. - J.26.a.15.90.

Bn H.Qs & R.A.P. at

I.34.d.

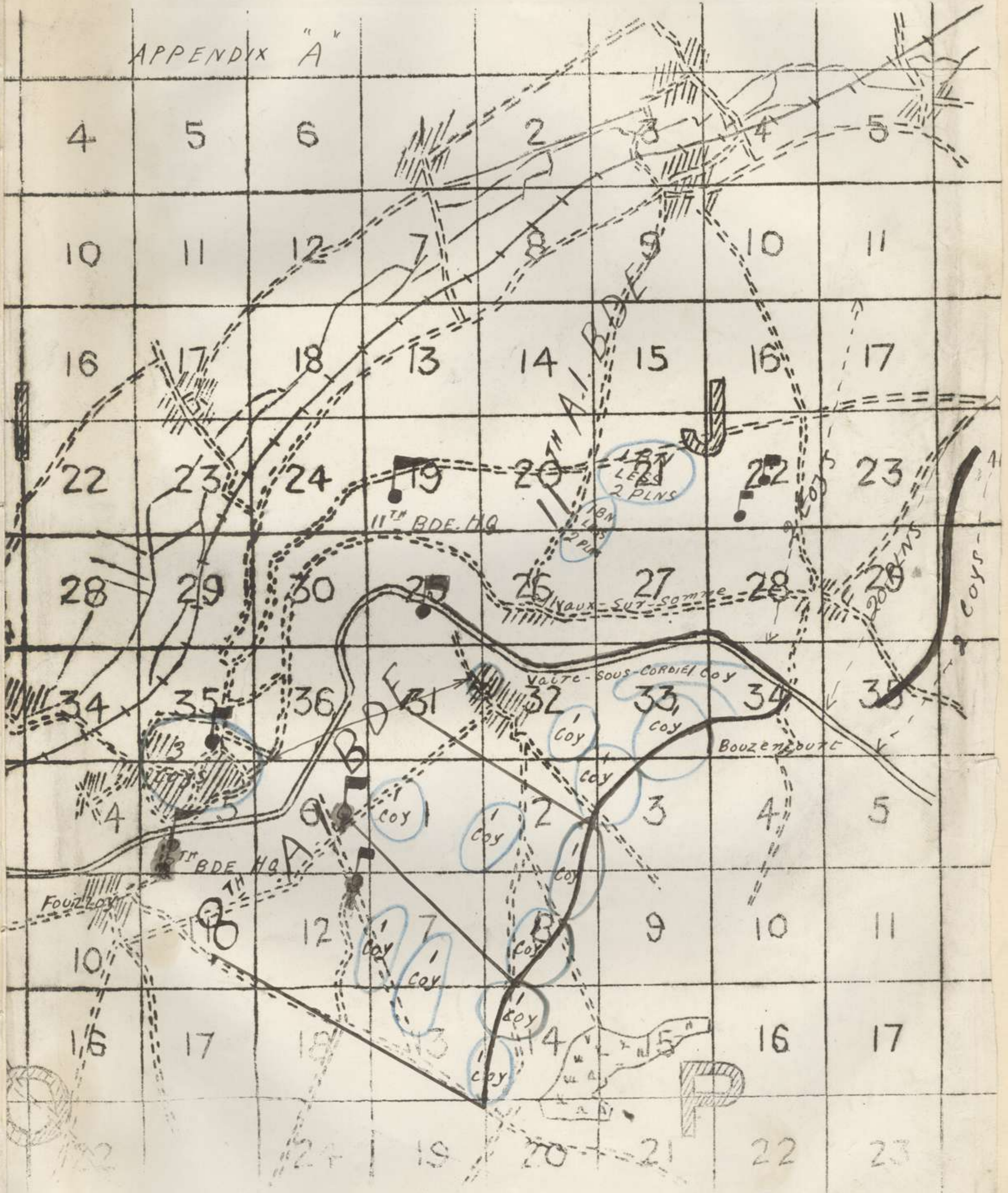
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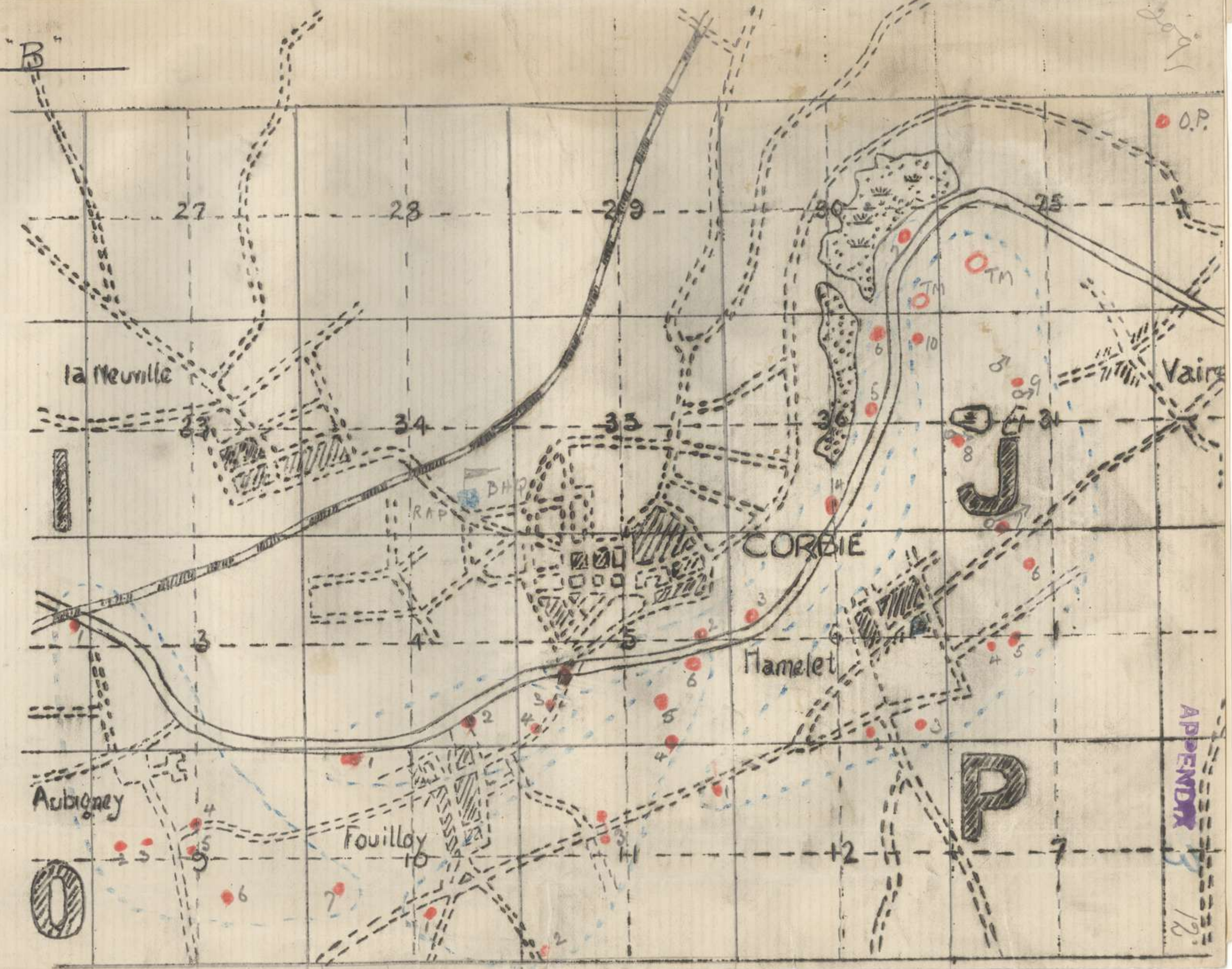




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APPENDIX "B"



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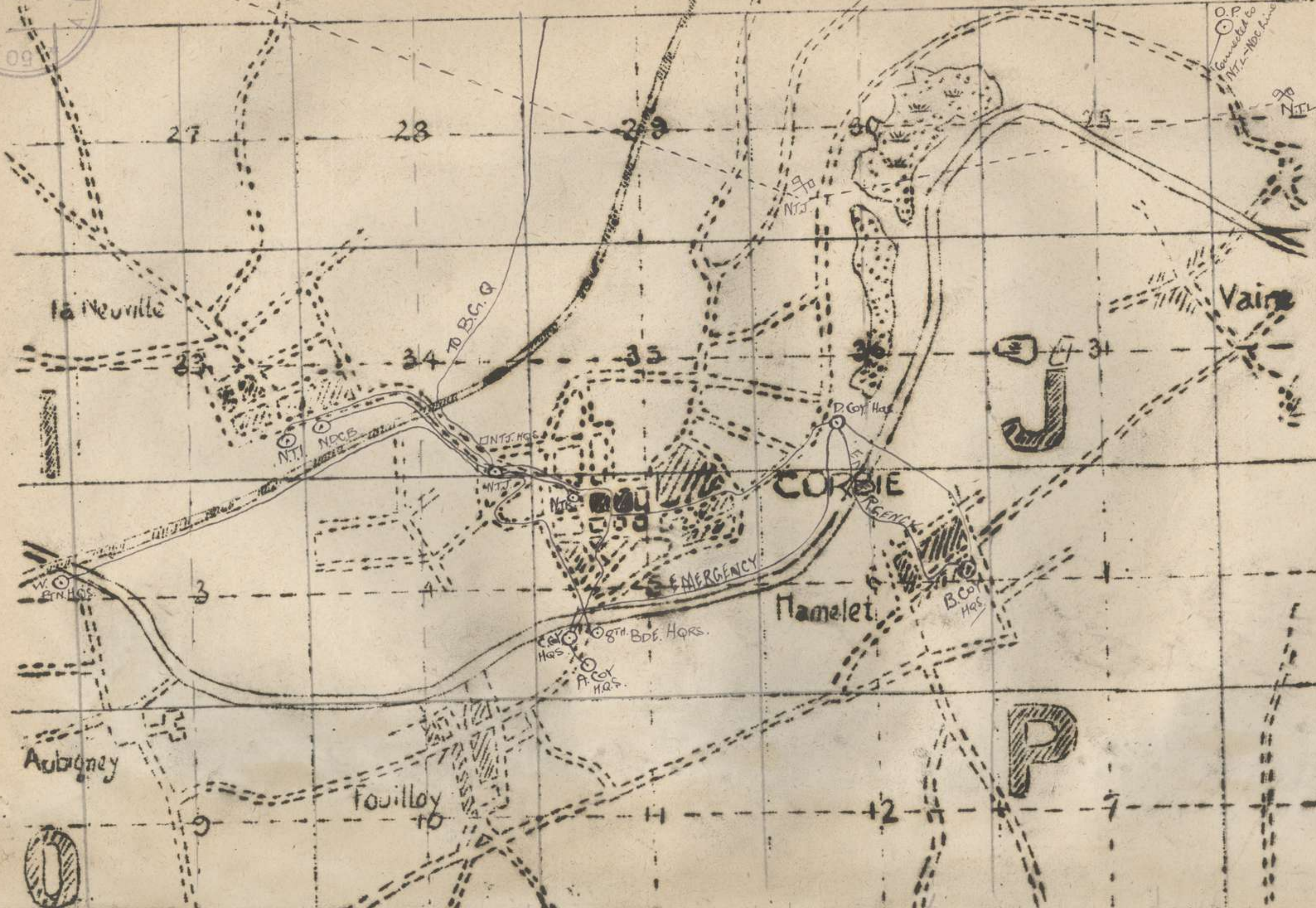
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APPENDIX C

Map showing telephonic & visual communication established with approximate routes & positions of stations

50<sup>TH</sup> B.N.

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APPENDIX

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PLAN OF DEFENCE SCHEME FOR "B" Bn.

Reference Map - Sheet 62.D.

Disposition of Troops :-

(a). Appendix "A" shows the present Front Line and disposition of troops in the Forward Zone immediately South & North of the River SOMME.

(b). Appendix "B" shows the disposition of Coys of "B" Bn together with 4 Vickers Guns and 2 Trench Mortars attached.

In the event of the Division holding ground South of the SOMME, being driven back, "B" Bn in its present position, would form a defensive flank for Division holding ground North of the SOMME.

"B" Bn occupies the Bridgehead line South of the River SOMME as follows :-

"B" Coy plus 1 Platoon of "A" Coy holds line of Posts known as the HANSLER Group, the left flank of which is swung back towards the SOMME about J.33.b.8.8.

"A" Coy less 1 Platoon holds line of Posts known as FOUILLOY Group, the left flank of which is swung back towards the SOMME about O.5.d.6.8.

The object of these flanks of these groups being thrown back is to form position for resisting any attempted hostile advance down the valley of the SOMME.

"G" Coy holds line of Posts running through O.10.0. - O.9.d. and O.9.a., known as the ABBIGNEY Group together with Posts on Bridges at O.5.c.4.5. - O.5.c.5.0. - O.4.d.3.4. - O.4.c.6.0. - and O.3.b.8.3.

"D" Coy holds line of Posts on North bank of the SOMME at O.5.c.5.0. - O.5.b.7.0. - O.5.a.4.1. - I.30.d.0.1. - I.30.b.5.1. - I.30.5.8. and I.30.d.6.8.

Positions of Bn H.Qs., Coy H.Qs., and Bn C.P. are shown on appendix "B".

Divisional Policy :-

The policy of the Division holding ground North of the SOMME is to fight to a finish in the Forward Zone and to make every effort to cling tenaciously to same, counter-attacking to re-capture lost ground, and ejecting the enemy wherever he has succeeded in penetrating this zone. If, however, by reason of the insufficiency of our available garrisons, or by one or both of our flanks being turned, it becomes apparent that the forward zone cannot any longer be successfully defended, a definite and complete withdrawal to the Second Zone may be ordered by Divisional Headquarters.

Should such a withdrawal become necessary, troops in the Forward Zone will be withdrawn by the successive occupation of positions that have already been selected.

In the event of a withdrawal from the Forward Zone the Bridgehead Line from I.30.b. to HALSE in J.7.d.5.3. will be occupied with "G" Bn plus 2 Coys of "A" Bn linking up with "B" Bn in its present position.

Troops in the Bridgehead line North of the SOMME and "B" Bn South of the SOMME will not withdraw until ordered to do so by Brigade Headquarters.

Bridges over the SOMME are not to be destroyed until they can no longer be defended and are likely to be rushed and gained by the enemy.

In the event of our troops on the South of the SOMME being driven back, the chief duty of the Posts occupied by "D" Coy on the North bank of the SOMME, will be to prevent the enemy crossing the River.

Additional Posts will shortly be selected on the North bank of the SOMME between CORBIE & ABBIGNEY. These will be manned by ~~present~~ personnel drawn from "G" Coy and will serve the same purpose as the Posts held by "D" Coy.

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Divisional Policy :- Continued.

All Bridges have been prepared for demolition and will be fired by the direct order of the Unit Commander on the spot when the situation is such that they no longer can be defended and when it is definitely ascertained that no troops of our own or neighbouring Units are on the South bank of the SOMME.

Demolition charges on Bridges except Railway Bridge near AUBIGNY are under the care of Turnellers of the 2nd. Australian Turnelling Coy. The Headquarters of the Officer in Command of these Turnellers is in LA NEUVILLE.

A French Military Guard is responsible for the demolition of the Railway Bridge near AUBIGNY.

ARTILLERY :-

The defence of the Bridgeheads and other lines in 2nd Zone will be supported by Artillery.

IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENCES :-

All lines of defence are to be manned with a nucleus garrison and Units will be responsible for the improvement and maintenance of existing defences in the lines to which they have been allotted as material becomes available all defences will be wired.

Lieut WITCOMBE, 9th Field Coy Engineers will supervise the construction of defences when necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS :-

Communications as now existing are as shown on appendix "C".

WORKING PARTIES :-

Working Parties will always wear "Fighting Order" and in the event of alarm will take up a position in the Sector they are working, informing the nearest Coy Commander their locations and numbers and placing themselves under his orders.

Lieutenant,  
Adjutant, 50th, Battalion.

Copy	No.	1.	File.
::	:	2.	C.O.
::	:	3.	Senior Major.
::	:	4.	} War Diary.
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::	:	6.	} O.C., "A" Coy.
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Dispositions of 50th, Battalion A.I.F.

Bn H.Qs still at	I.34.d.9.1.	
R.A.P. at	do	
Bn O. P.	J.26.a.15.90.	
D.Coy H.Qs + 2.Sec	I.36.c.6.5.	
1.Platoon Posts	O.5.b.8.8.	
Posts	I.36.d.9.1.	
	I.36.b.5.8.	
B.Coy H.Qs	0.6.d.6.8.	
1.Platoon adjoining		
Cellars.		
Posts.	0.6.d.9.3.	
	P.1.c.1.2.	
	P.1.c.5.6.	
	P.1.c.6.9.	
	P.1.a.9.2.	
	P.1.b.4.5.	L.G.
	P.1.b.6.9.	L.G.
C.Coy H.Qs + 1.Platoon.	0.5.c.4.7.	
2.Platoons in Billets	0.5.c.4.4.	
A.Coy H.qs	0.5.c.4.7.	
<u>AUBIGNY Group :-</u>		
Post 1.	0.2.b.8.3.	
:: 2.	0.3.c.3.8.	
:: 3.	0.9.d.7.3.	
:: 4.	0.9.d.9.4.	
O. P.	0.8.b.4.6.	
<u>FOUILLOY Group :-</u>		
Post 1.	0.4.d.5.4.	
:: 2.	0.5.c.5.9.	
:: 3.	0.5.d.5.8.	
:: 4.	0.5.d.6.5.	
:: 5.	0.5.c.4.5.	
:: 6.	0.5.c.3.1.	
:: 7.	0.10.b.9.8.	
:: 8.	0.11.a.8.3. *	

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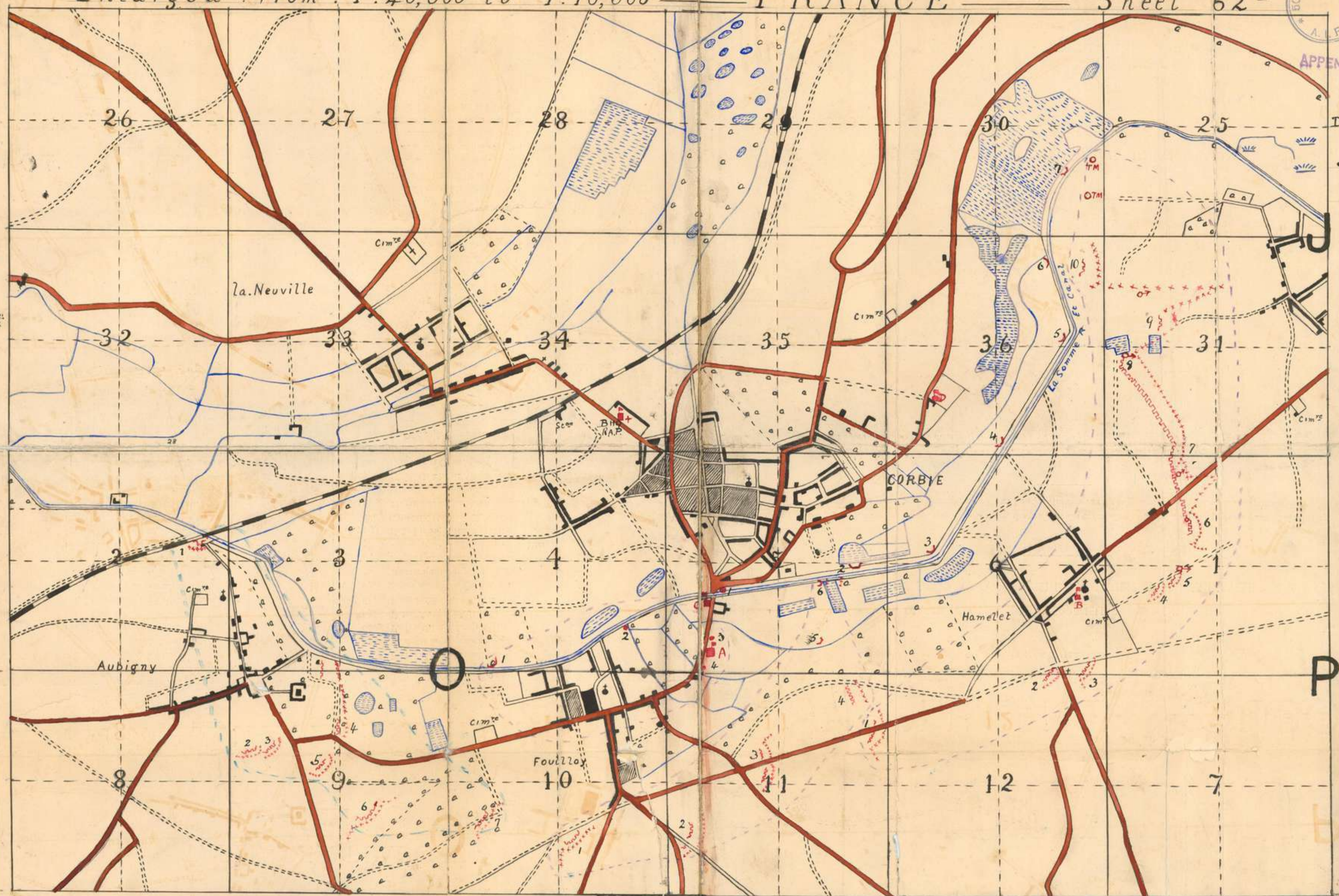


APPENDIX

DISPOSITIONS

50<sup>th</sup> A.I.B.

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# TABLE DES PLANCHES

1. Devanture. Art nouveau (avec fleurs en peinture).	56. Portes d'entrée.
2. Parfumerie. Art nouveau.	57. Porte d'entrée.
3. — — Détails.	58. Croisée. Style Renaissance.
4. Profils gothiques.	59. Rampes diverses.
5. — Renaissance.	60. Lambris pour salle à manger. Genre Renaissance.
6. — Louis XIII.	61. Détails de la planche 60.
7. — Louis XIV et Louis XV.	62-63. Escalier à double rampe, jour rond.
8. — Louis XVI.	64. Porte intérieure de vestibule.
9. — Style Moderne.	65. Eléments de perspective.
10. Devanture de magasin.	66. Porte intérieure. Louis XIII.
11. Comptoir.	67. Porte. François I <sup>er</sup> , Renaissance.
12. Caisse, Banc et Tabourets pour magasin.	68. Porte cochère. Louis XVI.
13. Portes bâtardes modernes.	69. Salle à manger. Art nouveau.
14. Portes cochères.	70. Restaurant. Clampeaux.
15. Porte cochère. Art nouveau.	71-72. Magasin de bronzes et d'orfèvrerie.
16. Portes d'intérieur.	73. — — — Détails.
17. Porte d'intérieur. Renaissance.	74-75. Salle à manger. Renaissance.
18. Stalle de chœur.	76. Cheminée. Renaissance.
19. Confessionnal. XIII <sup>e</sup> siècle.	77. Magasin de modes. Art nouveau.
20. — — — Détails.	78. — — — Détails.
21. Chaire à prêcher. Style Roman.	79. Cheminée. Art nouveau.
22. — — — Détails.	80. Comptoir.
23. Porte d'entrée. Moderne.	81. — — — et — — —
24. Porte cochère avec carrousel. Renaissance.	82. — — — et — — —
25. Portes-fenêtres. Louis XV et Art nouveau.	83. — — — Détails.
26. Porte. Louis XVI.	84. Meuble.
27. — — — Détails.	85. Caisse.
28. Porte d'intérieur. Louis XVI.	86. Bibliothèque.
29. — — — Détails.	87. Devanture de magasin. Art nouveau (avec éclairage électrique).
30. — — — Détails.	88. Cheminée. Art nouveau.
31. Portes d'intérieur. Art nouveau.	89. Confessionnal. Style Roman Byzantin.
32. Salle à manger. Louis XIV.	90. Portes bâtardes.
33. Salon. Louis XVI.	91. Portes d'intérieur.
34. Détails des planches 32, 33 et 27 du texte.	92. Détails de Menuiserie intérieure. Louis XV.
35. Brasserie. Art nouveau.	93. Croisée. Louis XIV.
36. — — — Détails.	94. Bureau, table et Table. Renaissance.
37-38. Intérieur de café. Louis XIV.	95. Devanture de magasin.
39-40. Plan, tracés et détails de l'escalier planche 37-38.	96. Comptoir.
41-42. Intérieur de magasin.	97. Plafond.
43-44. Détails et tracés des planches 37-38, 41-42.	98. Différents profils, plinthes et corniches.
45. Meubles pour bureaux.	99. Porte. Louis XIII.
46. Devanture de magasin.	100. Fenêtres. Louis XIV et Louis XV.
47. — — — Louis XV.	101. Escalier.
48. Confiserie. Louis XV.	102. Détails des planches 96, 101, 104.
49. Cheminée. Renaissance.	103. Devanture de magasin.
50. — — — Détails.	104. Lambris et Comptoir pour magasin.
51-52. Escalier. Renaissance.	105. Détails de la planche 106-107.
53. — — — Plan et détails.	106-107. Magasin de quincaillerie.
54. Modèles divers de treillages décoratifs.	108. Lambris.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.24th. April 1918 to 28th. April 1918.

Map 62d 1/40,000.

On the 23rd. April 1918 the Battalion was billeted in DAOURS, South of PONT NOYELLES, & was preparing to relieve on 25th. April a Battalion of the 11th. Bde, A.I.F., in the sector held by 3rd. Aust. Div., North of SAILLY-le-Sec. Late that night information was received from Brigade Headquarters that a hostile attack was likely next day & the relief was to be put off for about 24 hours.

About 3.30 a.m. on the 24th. April 1918, the enemy commenced a heavy bombardment on a front extending from somewhere North of ALBERT down to about HANGARD.

At 4.10 a.m. the C.O. ordered the Battalion to get ready to move in anticipation of an order from Bde. H.Qrs., to go forward.

The strength of the Bn. was then 39 Officers, 762 Other Ranks, actually with Unit.

About 6 a.m. orders were received from Bde. H.Qrs., to be ready to move at short notice. At 10 a.m. Bde H.Q., asked for a mounted Officer to be sent for orders to QUERRIEU, Major W.M. FOWLER being sent.

Major Fowler returned at 11.30 a.m. Battalion was ordered to move to BLANGY-TRONVILLE where further orders would be received.

About 6 a.m. the enemy had begun shelling DAOURS moderately and about 10 a.m. Coys. had been moved out to different portions of the open country outside the village. We suffered 6 casualties.

At 12 noon the Battalion marched, with 50 yards between Platoons, to open ground immediately North of BLANGY-TRONVILLE, arriving there at 1.15 p.m. Orders were then received from Bde. Intelligence Officer to bivouac the Battalion in Blangy wood (N. 36. Central.)

The Battalion was deployed into Artillery Formation & halted where it was and the C.O. & Adjutant rode forward to reconnoitre.

The enemy was then shelling several localities lightly between BLANGY WOOD & BLANGY TRONVILLE. A route was selected to avoid these localities & the Adjutant returned to bring the Battalion on, the C.O. going into BLANGY WOOD to make further reconnaissance.

The Battalion marched through BLANGY in column of route with 50 yards between platoons, and followed the selected route over the fields deploying into artillery formation to move up the slope to BLANGY WOOD halting at the edge at 4 p.m., later moving into bivouacs in Wood.

The accommodation in the Wood was chiefly series of short trenches covered with branches, also a few tents.

The Brigade was now attached to the 8th. Division (English) which had been holding VILLERS-BRETONNEUX.

The only Transport which accompanied the Battalion were four Lewis Gun waggons, Tool waggon, and S.A.A. Waggons, the remainder being kept near Pont NOYELLES.

At 7.30 p.m. orders timed 6.45 p.m. from Bde. H.Q. reached Bn. H.Qrs., giving instructions for a counter attack on VILLERS-BRETONNEUX. (Copy of attack orders attached.)

The attack was to start at 10 p.m. and the total advance to be made from jumping off line was approximately 4,000 yards for the attacking Battalions, and 3,000 yards for Support Bn. (50th. Battalion.)

Coy. Commanders were assembled at Bn. H.Qrs. at 8 p.m. and verbal orders given them together with copy of map showing objectives and Battalion and Brigade boundaries.

The order of battle of Companies from right to left was:-  
"A", "B", "C", "D".

Lieut. J. Hill with about 10 Scouts was sent to reconnoitre and mark

Packs, blankets and Officer's Valises were dumped at DAOURS and later in the day taken back to Pont NOYELLES.

jumping off line which was about 2,500 yards forward of BLANGY WOOD. Lieut. J. LOUDON was sent forward to reconnoitre route to jumping off line, and assist in guiding Battalion forward. Coys. had been specially warned to watch for any gaps which may occur in the leading Battalions and be ready to fill them, at the same time being prepared to engage hostile Machine Guns shooting into our left flank from AQUENNE WOOD. During the afternoon Captain R. L. RHODES M.C., (O.C. "B" Coy.) Lieuts. F. T. GOODES and H. L. BILLING were wounded, and also 1 man killed and 3 wounded.

Coy. Commanders for the attack were Capt. P. H. AULD (A) Lieut. W. R. BERESFORD (B), Capt. HANCOCK (C), Lieut. H. KAY (D).

Including the Medical Officer, the following Officers went into the attack.

Headquarters	6.
Companies.	15.
	<u>21.</u>
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The Bn. left BLANGY WOOD at 9.30 p.m. moving forward in file. The rear of 52nd. Bn. could be seen ahead. A Bn. of the 53rd. Bde. was moving forward parallel on the right of 50th. Bn., and 13th. M.G. Coy., on our left.

2nd. Bn. Northants Regt., was on our left rear & 13th. A.L.T.M.B., in rear. The route forward was somewhat congested.

Enemy shelling during the approach march was light & scattered, and the Battalion reached the position of deployment without a casualty.

The attacking Battalion appear to have started from the jumping off tape about 10 minutes late. When the 50th. Bn. reached the tape the position was being subjected to considerable hostile Machine Gun fire, which was almost enfilading the tape from AQUENNE WOOD on the left.

In addition several hostile Machine Guns were firing from HANGARD WOOD on the right front also from the direction of O.10. Central.

This seriously hampered the deployment and prevented a good start.

All ranks however remained cool and by all Bn. H.Q. Officers assisting among companies, the Bn. started forward in the right direction about 10 minutes after the last sections of the attacking Battalions.

There were very few casualties at the position of deployment - most of the M.G. fire being a little too high. The hostile shelling was light and mostly directed on the village of GACHY, to the West of that village and on the Western end of ABBE WOOD. This shelling however increased considerably after the troops had started forward, as did also the Machine Gun fire from AQUENNE WOOD.

Our own wire in front of GACHY SWITCH trench hampered our advance.

D. Coy. on the left attacked numerous M.G. Posts on the Southern edge of AQUENNE WOOD, some sections of C. Coy. assisting. Lieuts. P. E. NUTTALL and W. L. SCARBOROUGH of D. Coy. did some remarkably good work in dealing with these hostile Machine Guns. Seven enemy Machine Guns were captured on the edge of the Wood. 5 by D. Coy., and 2 by C. Coy., most of the crews were killed. Lieut. W. L. SCARBOROUGH was wounded while attacking one of these Machine Gun Posts. D. Coy. also lost its O.C. (Lieut. H. KAY) who was killed by Machine Gun fire from AQUENNE WOOD as he was crossing the wire in front of GACHY SWITCH TRENCH.

While working down the edge of a wood a Platoon of D. Coy. came upon a party of 30/40 Germans who had swung out of the wood & were attacking portion of the 51st. Bn. in rear. Two Officers and a few men of that Battalion had faced about to fight them & were almost surrounded, when suddenly the Germans found themselves attacked in the rear. Many of them were killed & the rest fled into the Wood.

Our casualties from M.G. fire during the advance were rather numerous & several sections had filled gaps in both 51st. & 52nd. Bns.

After an advance of about 2,000 yards it was found that the leading Battalions had stopped, and although more men pressed into the front line no further progress was made.

Capt. AULD, O.C. "A" Coy. was missing, Capt. HANCOCK, O.C. "C" Coy. was killed Lieut. H. KAY, O.C. "D" Coy. was killed, and Lieut. McKAY, "C" Coy. was killed.

Bn. H.Qrs. had been established about U.3.c. in the Gachy Switch which was only a shallow trench and near here the Medical Officer, Captain P. B. SEWELL had been killed by Machine Gun fire.

Up till 1 a.m. on the 25th. April there were still Germans firing Machine Guns from AQUENNE WOOD & although this stopped about that time the Germans continued to send up flares from the Wood up to 5 a.m.

It was known that the 15th. Aust. Inf. Bde. were trying to work down on the North East of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, and our troops dug in & held on.

About 1 a.m. Lieut. J. HILL was sent from Bn. H. Qrs. to ascertain the situation forward. He reached the Support Line held by the Bn. but when half through with his task was wounded in the face by hostile shell fire.

He however completed his reconnaissance and brought the information back to Bn. H. Qrs.

Enemy still held Railway in VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, O.34.b. - O.35.a. - O.35.c. - O.35.d. 2nd. Bn. Northants on left appeared to be held up about O.34.d. Central. 50th. Bn. were holding a support line approximately U.5.d. Central N.W. through U.5.b. bending back to about U.5.a. Central. 51st. and 52nd. Bns. about 200 yards forward.

A. Coy. on right of 50th. Bn. were in touch with Bedford Regt. but had to lend that Regt. a platoon to fill a dangerous gap.

On the left of "A" Coy. was "B" & "C" mingled together & on their left the remnants of "D" Coy., which had lost heavily and now equal to one Platoon. D. Coy. was weak before the attack being organised as two platoons only.

With daylight hostile shelling became more active but not heavy. Hostile Machine Guns and snipers were very active against front and support lines. The morning was misty.

The situation became more quiet about 7 a.m. but there appeared to be some patrol encounters about the Eastern edge of AQUENNE WOOD.

At 10 a.m. a Sergeant of 54th. M.G. Coy. attached Bedford Regt. reported a gap of 1000 yards on right of Bedford Regt.

This report appeared to be correct as Germans could be seen digging in undisturbed about U.10. Central & later in the day they fired on CACHY SWITCH with rifles & Machine Guns from U.10. Central. Bde H. Qrs. was advised of this but it was thought that they may be English troops.

During the morning a party of Germans which came out of either AQUENNE WOOD or VILLERS-BRETONNEUX were seen by Lieut. Nuttall on our left to be forming up in O.35.c. He laid a Lewis Gun on them but when about to fire he saw a German Machine Gun crew carrying their gun away towards MONUMENT WOOD.

He put a burst into them inflicting casualties which caused them to drop their gun & run away. Lieut. Nuttall then turned his gun on to the first party and inflicted about 30 casualties on them. The remainder made off towards MONUMENT WOOD and as they passed over some rising ground he got another burst into them hitting 15 more.

About noon the 15th. Aust. Inf. Bde established their left about O.36. Central. About 11 a.m. 50th. Bn. was ordered to form a line from U.5. Central to O.36.c.4.3. & then push forward & occupy MONUMENT WOOD. There was then heavy Machine Gun & rifle fire coming from MONUMENT WOOD and it was impossible to leave our trenches without suffering heavy casualties & the movement was not attempted. It was very difficult to get a runner to the forward position without him being hit. It was therefore suggested that the gap should be filled after dark. In view of the casualties suffered by 50th. Bn. in the advance on night 24/25th. April 2 Coys of 49th. Bn. were attached to 50th. Bn. to help hold the line from Railway Crossing in O.36.c. to about O.36. Central. Two Trench Mortars, 13th. A.L.T.M.B., 1 Section 13th. A.M.G. Coy. also attached 50th. Bn.

The operation for the evening was to send out two Officers fighting Patrols each of 15 men with a Lewis Gun, supported by two more parties of each I Officer 30 men and a Lewis Gun. The former were to clear the ground of any enemy post & the latter after supporting the former to establish posts across to the 15th. Aust. Inf. Bde. After the posts were in position the Coys. would establish the line. The right patrol was under 2/Lieut. W. H. Langford and the left under 2/Lieut. W. J. Hale. The patrols succeeded in clearing the ground and posts established. After this the Coys. were moved on to the line without any difficulty and with no casualties. Touch was gained with the 15th. Aust. Inf. Bde. during the night.

At 1.45 a.m. on 26th. April orders were received that the French would attack from HANGARD WOOD to MONUMENT in U.6.a.6.6. at 5.15 a.m. on 26th. April. The 8th. ZOUAVE Regt. to be on left next to 50th. Bn. 51st. and 52nd. Bns. to move out as soon as attack goes through them. Right flank of 50th. Bn. to conform to French attack by moving up its right flank to the MONUMENT.

At 5.15 a.m. the 50th. Bn. attempted to advance but the French had not come up on our right. Heavy hostile Machine Gun fire from MONUMENT WOOD stopped our advance immediately and when French came up they halted on our flank & did not attempt to advance. (It was afterwards heard that when the French Bn. Commander on our right had his Coy. Comdrs. together to give them their orders for the attack a hostile shell made them all casualties & it is possible that the French Troops on our immediate right never received their orders.)

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The French however had overlapped our right flank forming a good junction. Our own line was continuous to our left the order of battle being from right to left "C", "D", "B" Coys., with "A" Coy. in support from 50 to 100 yards behind and on higher ground which enabled them to fire over the front line. Four vickers guns were in the front line with two in support. Our left was in close touch with the attached 2 Coys. of 49th. Bn., and the left of 49th. Bn. Coys. was in close touch with 57th. Bn., 15th. A.I. Bde. That Battalion was later relieved by the 59th. Bn.

During the day the hostile fire from MONUMENT WOOD was gradually beaten down by us.

One Lewis Gun of "B" Coy. Knocking out a German gun.

At 2.30 p.m. enemy heavily shelled VILLERS-BRETONNEUX. At 3.45 p.m. an incorrect report was received from an F.O.O. through Bde. H.Q., that enemy was attacking from MONUMENT WOOD with Tanks. At 7.35 p.m. the enemy put down a heavy barrage on our line which lasted for 25 minutes, but no infantry action followed. At 8.30 he again heavily bombarded our forward positions for 10 minutes, but again no infantry action. After then the night was fairly quiet.

Our front was well patrolled and a specially alert watch kept for any hostile attack.

During the afternoon of 26th. April, three reports were received from front line that our artillery had dropped a few shells short on us. This was rectified by the evening.

About 7 a.m. on the 27th. April, 15th. A.I. Bde. reported enemy in fairly large numbers about 1500 yards in front advancing in artillery formation. Our artillery was informed and front warned to have everyone fully alert.

On night 26/27th. April Battalion H.Qrs., moved about 1.30 a.m. to dugouts in railway cutting at O.26.b.8.0.

49th. Bn. H.Q., 51st. Bn. H.Q., 15th. Aust. M. Coy., & 13th. A.L.T.M.B. moved there also. Move of these H.Qrs. were all completed by 3 a.m.

Our fighting strength by morning of 27th. April in front line was 8 Officers 226 Other Ranks. About 200 yards behind 50th. Bn., was one Coy. (70 Strong) of 22nd. Durham Light Infantry (Pioneer Bn.) and about 50 yards behind the 2 Coys. of 49th. Bn. another Coy. of Durham Light Infantry (70 strong). The two coys. 49th. Bn. were about 107 O.R., and 20 extra men from 49th. Bn. were sent there on night 26/27th. April, while at Bn. H.Q., were about 80 D.R. including Regimental Police, Pioneers and Band who had been used throughout the operations as carrying parties for rations, water and ammunition.

After the advance Lieuts. Nuttall, T. Smith, McGregor, were wounded and Lieut. Claridge missing. Lieuts. H. Riggs and J. D. L. Craven had been drawn from the reserve Officers and sent up to the line on night 26/27th. April.

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Operation  
Order No. 10  
attached

During the morning of 27th. April orders were received that 12th. I. Bde. would relieve sector from right of 50th. Bn. where it joined with French to about O.36. Central on left. Reconnoitring Officers from 45th. & 46th. Bns. arrived later & got details of front.

45th. Bn. to relieve 50th. Bn. front, and 46th. Bn. to relieve 49th. Bn. front.

45th. Bn. completed relief by 11.15 p.m. and 46th. Bn. by 2 a.m.

On relief 50th. Bn. moved to billets in BLANGY-TRONVILLE last parties settling down there by 5.30 a.m. on 28th. April.

Total prisoners captured by us during the operation.-

I Officer & 20 Other Ranks.

Also 9 Light Machine Guns. There were in addition some 20/30 prisoners including wounded taken but not definitely accounted for.

At a safe estimate the Battalion inflicted 130 other casualties on the enemy.

Our own casualties were:-

as per schedule attached

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APPENDIX 6  
50TH BATTALION 22

List of CASUALTIES during recent operations - 24th to 27th, April, 1918.

	Offrs.	O/Ranks.	Total.
Killed.	4.	46.	50.
Wounded.	8.	181.	189.
Missing.	2.	13.	15.
Hospital - Sick.		7.	7.
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Totals.	14.	247.	261.

Nominal Roll of OFFICERS :-

Killed :-

Captain.	Frank Herbert	HANCOCK.
:::	Phillip Beauchamp	SEWELL. (Medical Officer)
Lieut.	Harry HENRY.	KAY.
::	William Stewart	McKAY.

Wounded :-

Captain.	Randall Lance	RHODES.M.C.
Lieut.	John Holroyd	HILL.
::	Matthew McKay	McGREGOR.
::	Thomas	SMITH.
2/ ::	Horace Lionel	BILLING.
2/ ::	Frederick Taylor	GOODES.
2/ ::	Percy Edward	NUTTALL.
2/ ::	William Leslie	SCARBOROUGH.

Missing :-

Captain.	Patrick Howard	AULD.M.C.
Lieut.	Ralph Elesmere	CLARIDGE.



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TO } 50th Bn

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A counter attack to recover VILLERS-BRETONNEUX and restore the line as held up to this morning will be delivered tonight in conjunction with 53rd Bde on right and 15th Aust. Inf. Bde on left AAA attack will start at 10 pm with 53rd Bn on right and 51st Bn on left AAA boundaries and objectives are shown on map issued herewith AAA Assaulting Bns. will establish liaison at places marked with a cross on sketch AAA. 50th Bn will move forward in rear of assaulting Bns and establish a line from U.6.6.00. to O.36.2.9.9. AAA

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Forming up line will be taped by the Bde and Bn 10's AAA 2nd Bn. NORTHANTS Regt. will be responsible for mopping up village of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX AAA Artillery will bombard VILLERS-BRETONNEUX until 11 pm and area east of road through U5a and C until 11 pm when it will lift to beyond the final objective AAA Royal Air Force will bomb VILLERS-BRETONNEUX until 11 pm AAA One section of 13th M.G. Coy will take up position in U5a AAA Two guns each are allotted to 51st and 52nd Bns are will report forthwith AAA Two sections will be in

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"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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(In pads of 100).

No. of Message.....

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

TO

③

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

Reserve in CACHY switch AAA  
13<sup>th</sup> ALT MB will move to CACHY  
switch and co-operate with  
Bns as required AAA Brigade  
Hqs. will be at BLANGY-TRONVILLE  
CHATEAU with forward report  
centre at 075 000. AAA All  
units except 4<sup>th</sup> Bn will  
establish Hqs in CACHY switch  
and telephone lines will be  
run forward to this bench  
as soon as possible AAA  
Acknowledge AAA addressed 4<sup>th</sup>  
50<sup>th</sup> 51<sup>st</sup> 52<sup>nd</sup> Bns 13<sup>th</sup> MG Coy 13<sup>th</sup> TMB  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bn NORTHANTS Regt. reported 8<sup>th</sup> Div.  
53<sup>rd</sup> Bde +15 Aust Inf Bde

From

13<sup>th</sup> A & B Bde

Place

Time

6.45 AM

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

(Sgd) R. Morell  
Major

Censor.

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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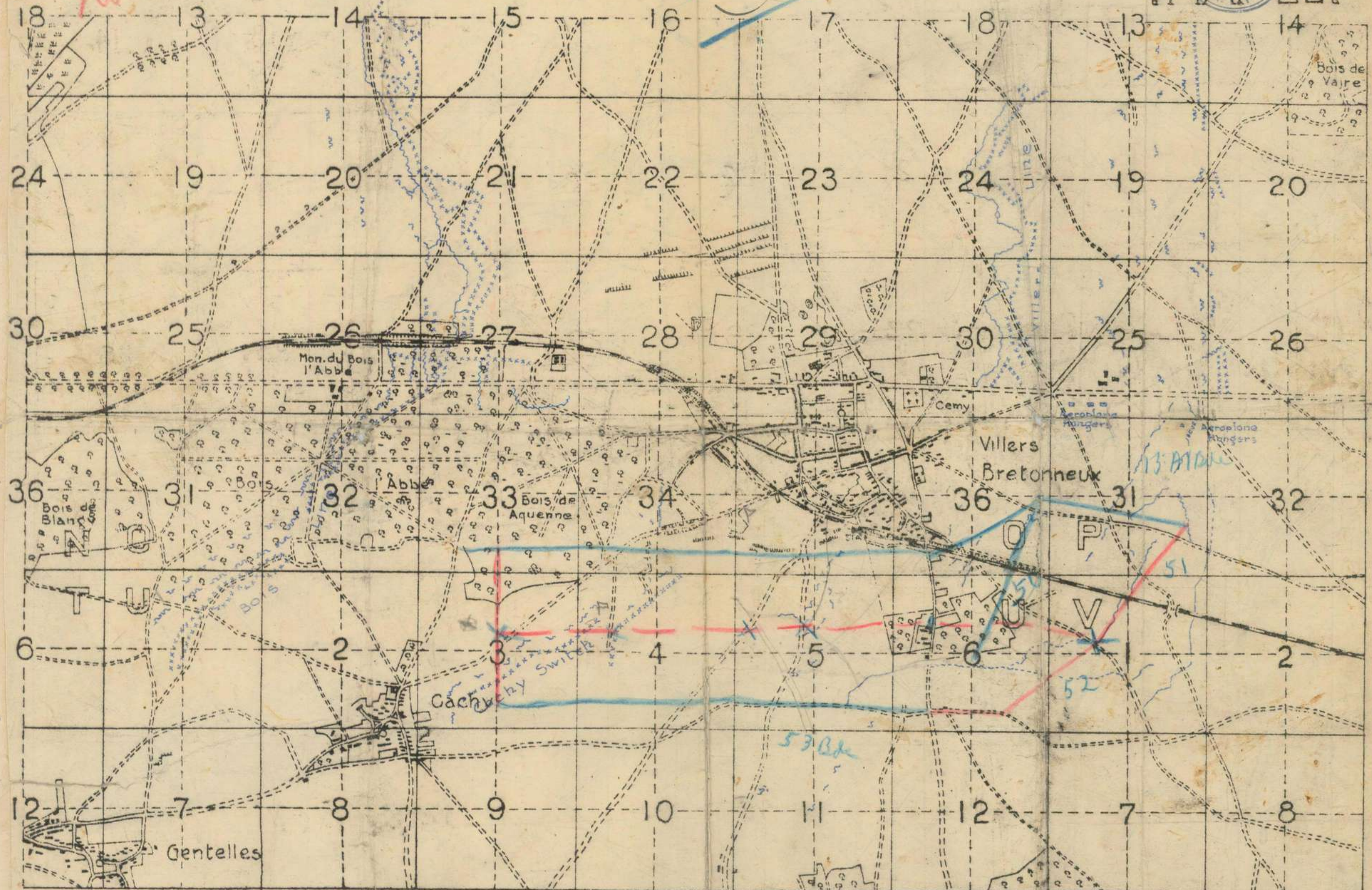
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50th Bn

~~50th Bn~~

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APPENDIX  
MAP E2



SCALE 1:20,000

DIVISION 21-4-18

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APPENDIX 9 26,

Prefix		Code		III		Charge	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.							
Secret 28				Sent		This message is on a/c of: 9	
				At		Date	
				To		From	
				By		Signature of "Franking Officer" By	
TO: All Gays 50 <sup>th</sup> Bn							
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA	
B* 429		25					
<p>The French are attacking from HANGARD wood to MONUMENT at U 6 a 6.6 tomorrow morning and the 8<sup>th</sup> ZOUAVE Regiment will be on the left.</p> <p>300 hours 5.15 am 1 AAA 50<sup>th</sup> Bn will conform to attack and come up their right flank at the MONUMENT with the French and Banage will come down at 5.15 am and all troops must be moved clear of following line by 4 am U 10 b 07</p> <p>- 4 d 5.5 - 5 central - 5 b 95 - 0 36 c 8 3 am as</p>							
From							
Place							
Time							
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	Sent	Service.	Date .....
	At..... m.		From .....
	To.....		By .....
By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO { 2 }

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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soon as the French pass through to the attack 51 Bn will move out and take up positions in O 34 b and d and the 52 Bn will move to Bois de BLANCY N 35 aaa 2 Coy 49 Bn will remain at O 33 ~ aaa 2 Coy 49 Bn in front line will come under tactical command of OC 50 Bn aaa 1 section 13 M G Coy are placed at disposal 50 Bn remainder in present position aaa 13 L T M B. at disposal 50 Bn aaa

From		
Place		
Time		

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Sent		At..... m.		Date.....
To.....		By.....		From.....
By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....
TO {				
(3)				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	* <b>AAA</b>	
<p>all Headquarters except          52 Bn will remain as          at present a/c Reference          sketch map being forwarded          a/c added all Bn          13 ML by 13 LTB who will          acknowledge by wire repld          15 Aust Inf Bde &amp; Bn          2+ Inf Bde</p>				
From	13 Aust. Inf Bde			
Place				
Time	11.30 pm			
The above may be forwarded as how corrected.		(Z)		
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DISPOSITIONS AFTER FRENCH HAVE  
GONE THROUGH.

50th. Bn. 2 Coys. from Monument  
to Railway Line.  
2 Coys. dug in in support.

49th. Bn. 2 Coys. (under C.O. 50th.  
Bn) from Railway Line to right flank  
of 57th. Bn.  
2 Coys. in O.33.a.

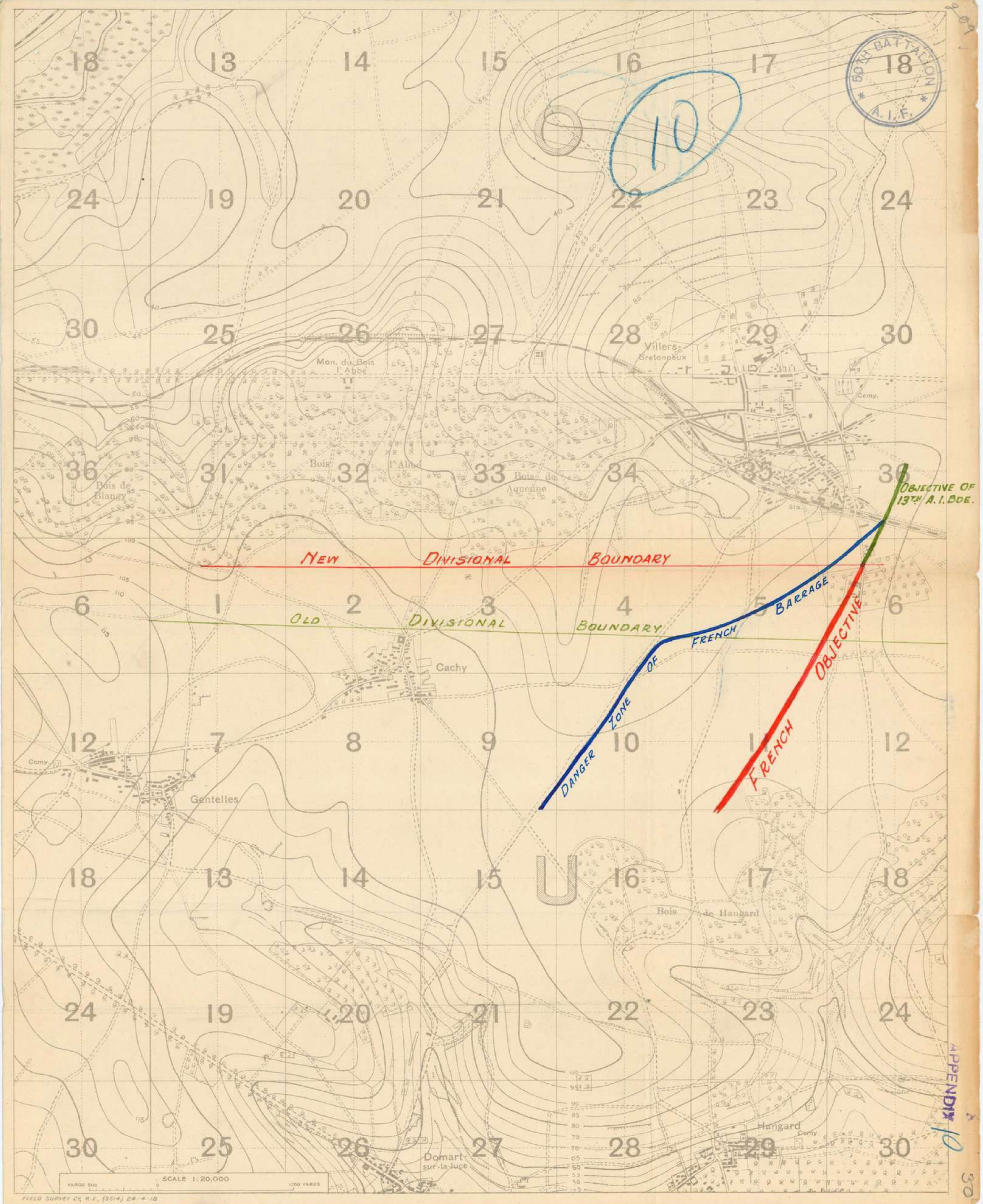
51st. Bn. O.34.b. and d.

52nd. Bn. BOIS de BLANGY.

M.G. Coy. 1 Section with 50th. Bn.  
Remainder as at present.

L.T.M.B. Under 50th. Bn.





50th BATTALION  
A.I.F.

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OBJECTIVE OF  
13th A.I. BDE.

NEW DIVISIONAL BOUNDARY

OLD DIVISIONAL BOUNDARY

DANGER ZONE OF FRENCH BARRAGE

FRENCH OBJECTIVE

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FIELD SURVEY CO, R.E. (3014) 24-4-18

APPENDIX 10

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SECRET.

OPERATION ORDER NO.70,

By,  
Lieut.Colonel A.G.SALISBURY D.S.O., COMMANDING,  
50th.BATTALION.

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Copy No. ....

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50TH BATTALION  
In the Field, \*  
April 27th. 1918.

Reference Map 62d.

Relief. The 45th.Battalion will relieve the 50th.Battalion on night 27/28th.April.  
"A".Coy.,45th.Bn.,relieves "C".Coy.,50th.Bn.,in right of front line.  
"B".Coy.,45th.Bn.,relieves "B" & "D" Coys.,50th.Bn.,in centre & left of front line. "B".Coy.,of 45th.Bn.,must gain touch with 49th.Bn.,on Railway.  
"D".Coy.,45th.Bn.,will relieve "A".Coy.,50th.Bn.,in Support.  
"C".Coy.45th.Bn.,takes up a position selected by C.O.,45th.Bn. from about U.S.Central towards station.

Two Coys.,49th.Bn.,North of Railway will be relieved by 2 Coys. 45th.Bn.,  
Separate instructions will be sent to Captain HALLAM M.C.,49th. Battalion.

Guides. 50th.Bn.,will send guides to 50th.Bn.H.Qrs.,at 8.30 p.m.as under.  
"A".Coy.50th.Bn.will send 3 guides for "D".Coy.45th.Bn.  
"B".Coy. " " " 2 " " "B" " "  
"D".Coy. " " " 1 " " 1 Pltn.of B.Coy.45th.  
"C".Coy. " " " 3 " " "A".Coy.45th.Bn.  
Bn.H.Qrs.will arrange to guide "C".Coy.45th.Bn.to their new position.

On relief Coys.will rendezvous in N.36.a.(Old halting position<sup>afternoon</sup> prior to attack). Route to be followed will be along Southern ~~side~~ edge of BOIS L ABBE. Lewis Guns and gear other than ~~those~~ already arranged for will be carried out to rendezvous by Coys. Coys.will move to rendezvous independently in small parties. Bn.H.Qrs.to be notified by wire through "B".Coy.on completion of relief by the following code "SCREW PICKETS ARRIVED".

Coys.will ensure that all men move out complete in equipment, arms etc.

Copy No.1. File.  
" " 2. C.O.  
" " 3. Senior Major.  
" " 4)  
" " 5) War Diary.  
" " 6) ~~XXXXX~~.  
" " 7. A.Coy.Adjutant 50th.Battalion.  
" " 8. B.Coy.  
" " 9. C.Coy.  
" "10. D.Coy.

*L.P. Smith* Lieutenant.

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APPENDIX 12 32

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

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50th BATTALION  
\* A.I.F. \*

To:- Fourth Army Commander.

F.266.

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AAAA

The Field Marshal wishes you to convey his  
congratulations to the III. Corps Commander and the troops  
engaged particularly the 13th and 15th Aust Brigades on  
the most successful and important operations carried out in  
the neighbourhood of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

From :- Military Secretary.

