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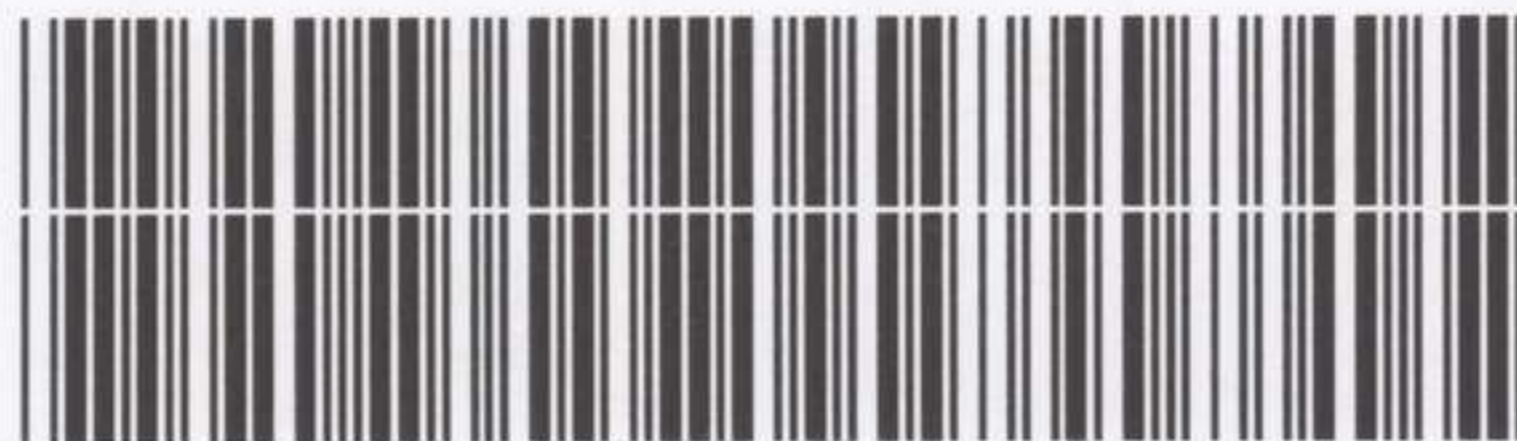
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Ref. Sheet. 62.D. 1/40,000. C.21.c.45.25.	1-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> The 15th Aust. M.G. Company was relieved in the line right by the 18th Battalion, M.G.C. Relief satisfactorily completed by 1.20 a.m., the 15th M.G. Co. moving back to their Rear H.Q. at C.21.c.5.2.</p> <p>Battalion Headquarters, 14th Aust. M.G. Co. H.Q. and 25th Aust. M.G. Co. remain disposed as at the conclusion of last month's War Diary. The 8th Aust. M.G. Co. remain in COISY. At 2.20 p.m. the 25th M.G. Co. moved to COISY, via FRECHENCOURT, ST GRATIEN, RAINEVILLE, COISY. (see Battalion Order No.30 last month's War Diary).</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Enemy hostility was above normal till 1 a.m.</p> <p>Battalion Intelligence Summary covering relief attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and sunny. Visibility good.</p>	App. I. <i>[Signature]</i>
C.21.c.45.25. COISY Chateau.	2-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> The 14th and 15th M.G. Companies and Battalion Headquarters moved at 2 p.m. to COISY via Route taken by the 25th M.G. Co. Battalion Headquarters was established at COISY Chateau, 8th A.M.G.Co. Headquarters at A.27.c.4.4. 14th A.M.G. Co. Headquarters COISY Chateau. 15th A.M.G. Co. Headquarters A.27.a.2.2. and the 25th A.M.G. Co at A.27.a.0.2.</p> <p>A Demonstration Company consisting of picked men from the 14th and 8th Companies under the Command of Major A.H. WRIGHT, moved to FREMONT at 7 p.m.</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>

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COISY Chateau.	2-8-18.		<u>WEATHER.</u> Steady rain during the morning. Showery during the afternoon and evening.	
as above.	3-8-18.		<u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged. During the day the Demonstration Company worked in conjunction with Tanks, and a drill was devised to facilitate the working and employment of Machine Guns with Tanks in offensive action. It is interesting to note that this is the first attempt to employ Machine Guns in co-operation with Tanks. The Companies in COISY carried out training, special attention being paid to Gas Drill. <u>WEATHER.</u> Wet during the morning but clear during the afternoon.	
as above.	4-8-18.		<u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> At 3 p.m. the 14th A.M.G. Co. moved to BLANGY TRONVILLE, followed later by the 8th A.M.G. Co. The Demonstration Company continued to work in conjunction with Tanks training as for open warfare. Battalion Order No. 32 foretelling moves of Companies issued. Battalion Order No. 33 effecting the move of Battalion H.Q. to BLANGY TRONVILLE issued. <u>WEATHER.</u> Fine.	app. 2. app. 3.
as above	5-8-18.		<u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> The 15th A.M.G. Co. moved during the early morning to O.1.c.1.5. At 10 a.m. Battalion Headquarters closed at COISY and re-opened at the same hour in BLANGY TRONVILLE, O.22.c.9.6. while Advanced Battalion H.Q. were established at O.25.c.3.2. at 4 p.m. The 8th A.M.G. Co. less 1 Section, attached to the Demonstration Company, returned to their Headquarters at BLANGY TRONVILLE. <u>WEATHER.</u> Showery throughout the day.	
O.22.c.9.6. O.25.c.3.2.	10 a.m. 4 p.m.			
O.25.c.3.2.	6-8-18.		<u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> As on previous day. The 25th A.M.G. Co. established Headquarters in AUBIGNY at O.3.c.0.8., and 1 Section was attached to the 30th Battalion, 1 Section to 31st Battalion and 2 Sections to 29th Battalion. The Demonstration Company moved during the afternoon to CAMON. Reconnaissance was carried out by commanders of Sections concerned in the proposed operation. <u>WEATHER.</u> Showery.	

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O.25.c.3.2.	7-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> The 25th A.M.G. Co. established Headquarters with the 29th Battalion at O.21.c.4.3. The 15th A.M.G. Co. moved from DAOURS late at night and took over lining up positions. The Demonstration Company moved to FOUILLOY and was taken over by guides from the 8th and 15th Brigades, who became responsible for their welfare and movements as a tactical Unit.</p> <p>Battle Instructions No. 1 issued " " No. 2 issued " " foretelling "Y" day issued.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Showery throughout the day.</p>	app. 4. app. 4a. app. 4b.
as above.	8-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> At 4 a.m. the 15th A.M.G. Co. Headquarters were established at O.36.a.7.3. and the Company dispersed ready to advance, the 25th A.M.G. Co. having established Headquarters with the 29th Battalion, and Sections distributed as before.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> In conjunction with Canadian and French Corps on our right, and the III Corps on our left, we attacked.</p> <p>At 4.20 a.m., zero hour, our artillery opened a heavy bombardment on the enemy systems of defence and the first phase of the attack commenced. At 5.20 the second and final phase commenced, and the 15th and 25th A.M.G. Companies advanced with their respective Brigades, meeting with little or no opposition, with the exception of one section on the left flank of the Right Brigade, whilst covering exits from BAYONVILLERS, having trouble with Bosche snipers. This opposition was soon overcome.</p> <p>The final objective was reached on programme time, casualties being very light. The 15th A.M.G. Co. on the right, established Headquarters at W.7.c.9.7., the 14th A.M.G. Co. at W.5.c.1.5. and the 25th A.M.G. Co. remained with 29th Battalion Headquarters which were established at W.4.b.8.2. Guns were dispersed as per message map, showing final objective, attached.</p> <p>SECRET Map No. 1 covering operation attached</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Visibility poor owing to ground mist; highly suitable for the advance.</p>	app. 5. app. 6.
as above.	9-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> 14th A.M.G. Co. established Headquarters at W.11.b.5.2. and the 15th A. M.G. Company moved to HARBONNIERES in W.11.a. Rear Battalion Headquarters moved forward and established their Headquarters in VILLERS BRETTONEUX. All Company Rear Headquarters with the exception of the 25th Company also established their Headquarters in VILLERS BRETTONEUX.</p>	

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O.25.c.3.2.	9-8-18.		<p><u>SITUATION.</u> The attack was continued on the whole front, the 8th Brigade advancing within the limits, as shown on attached SECRET Map No. 2, accompanied by the guns of the 25th A.M.G. Company, the 15th Brigade with Guns of the 15th A.M.G. Co. moving forward to conform with the movements of the units on their flanks.</p> <p>The 1st Australian Division passed through our lines at 4.30 p.m. to continue the attack, and the 5th Aust. Division became Support Division. During the operations many valuable documents were captured by the personnel of the Battalion, and have been since forwarded to Corps Headquarters for investigation.</p> <p>The total prisoners captured by the 5th Division during the operation was 47 Officers and 1663 other ranks, also much material including field guns and howitzers of large calibre.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine throughout.</p>		app. 7.
as above N.6.d.0.3.	10-8-18.	4 p.m.	<p><u>DISP OSITION.</u> At noon, all Units reverted to their nominal commands and were withdrawn to Reserve Areas. Battalion Headquarters were then established in DAOURS at N.6.d.0.3., 8th A.M.G. Co. at O.1.c.1.7., 14th A.M.G. Co. at N.6.c.7.0., 15th A.M.G. Co. at N.6.c.7.3. and 25th A.M.G. Company at O.1.c.1.4.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine.</p>		
N.6.d.0.3.	11-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITION.</u> As at 4 p.m. 10-8-18.</p> <p>During the day, Companies re-organised and packed their limbers. Men bathed, advantage being taken of the proximity of the Somme River and Canal</p> <p>Report on recent operations forwarded to 5th Aust Division.</p> <p>The King inspected representatives from Units concerned in the recent operations.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and warm.</p>		app. 8.
N.6.d.0.3.	12-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITION.</u> Unchanged. The Division remained Corps Reserve.</p> <p>During the day, the men were bathed and rested in anticipation of a move on the morrow.</p> <p>Battalion Order No.34 issued.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Enemy counter-attacks against our new positions were repulsed and our line advanced further in parts.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and sunny.</p>		app. 9.

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N.6.d.0.3. W.14.d.40.95.	13-8-18.	5 p.m.	<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> At 12.30 p.m. Battalion Headquarters closed at N.6.d.0.3. and the Battalion moved to the vicinity of GUILLAUCOURT. At 5 p.m. Battalion H.Q. were established at W.14.d.40.95. 8th and 14th A.M.G. Companies at X.25.c.5.3., 15th A.M.G.Co. at W.27.c.25.25. and 25th A.M.G.Co. W.26.centrl.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> The men were rested after their long march in anticipation of more strenuous times. The operation was postponed 24 hours.</p> <p>Battalion Order No.35 reference Operation, issued.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and hot.</p>	app. 10. <i>mg.</i>
W.14.d.40.95. W.14.d.70.75.	14-8-18.	5 p.m.	<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Battalion Headquarters moved to W.14.d.70.75. at 5 p.m.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Men were rested and the operation postponed a further 24 hours.</p> <p>Battle Instructions No. 1 issued.</p> <p>Battle Instructions No. 2 issued.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and hot.</p>	app. 11. app. 12. <i>mg.</i>
W.14.d.70.75.	15-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> At 5 p.m. Companies moved from their present locations and bivouaced for the night in Woods as follows :- 8th and 14th A.M.G. Companies, Q.28.a., 15th A.M.G.Co., Q.14.b. and d., and 25th A.M.G. Co. Q.20.b.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> The operation governed by Battalion Order No.35 and Battle Instructions Nos. 1 and 2, was indefinitely postponed and Battalion Order No.36 (attached) issued reference the Battalion moving to a new Divisional area.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and hot. Visibility poor, due to haze.</p>	app. 13. <i>mg.</i>
W.14.d.70.75. Q.16.a.4.3.	16-8-18.	2.30pm.	<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> At 12 noon Battalion Headquarters was closed at W.14.d.70.75. and opened at 2.30 p.m. at Q.16.a.4.3. in MORCOURT, relieving the 17th Battalion M.G.C. Companies relieved the 17th Battalion M.G.C. in their Battle positions, and were dispersed as follows :-</p> <p>Line Right, 14th A.M.G. Company with H.Q. at R.25.a.2.9.</p> <p>Line Left, 8th A.M.G. Company with H.Q. at Q.16.d.6.5.</p> <p>Support, 15th A.M.G. Company with H.Q. at Q.16.a.5.5.</p> <p>Reserve, 25th A.M.G. Company with H.Q. at Q.18.a.2.3.</p> <p>Relief satisfactorily completed by midnight.</p>	<i>mg.</i>

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Q.16.a.4.3.	16-8-18.	2.30 p.m.	<p><u>SITUATION.</u> Enemy shelling active on our back areas with large calibre guns. Patrols were active throughout the night on our front, as it was thought possible the enemy might attempt to retire to better his positions.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine. Visibility bad, due to haze.</p>	<p><i>ns.</i></p>
Q.16.a.4.3.	17-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> The 14th A.M.G. Company H.Q. moved to R.19.b.7.6. at 5 p.m., otherwise dispositions were unchanged.</p> <p>Battalion Order No.37 reference re-organisation of Company boundaries issued.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Artillery activity on both sides. Our patrols captured 7 prisoners and 3 Machine Guns during the early morning.</p> <p>Battalion Intelligence Summaries attached.</p> <p>Map showing Disposition of Guns as taken over, attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine - overcast. Visibility poor.</p>	<p>app. 14.</p> <p>app.15 & 16. app. 17.</p> <p><i>ns.</i></p>
Q.16.a.4.3.	18-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged. Guns were re-organised during the afternoon and evening carrying into effect Battalion Order No.37. Disposition Map herewith.</p> <p>Battle Order Chart attached.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Enemy was active throughout the night with artillery and M.G. fire in the forward area, preventing long distance patrolling in No-Man's-Land.</p> <p>Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Dull with little rain in morning, clearing up during the afternoon.</p>	<p>app.18. app.19.</p> <p>app.20.</p> <p><i>ns.</i></p>
Q.16.a.4.3.	19-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Increased activity in hostile shelling and hostile M.G. activity during the night preventing active patrol work.</p> <p>One Gun was blown out on the Left Company Sector but was immediately replaced from rear.</p> <p>Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and sunny.</p>	<p>app. 21.</p> <p><i>ns.</i></p>

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Q.16.a.4.3.	20-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Enemy shelling normal during the day, but much more active during the night necessitating the removal of two guns from the shelled area.</p> <p>A sniper's post was silenced by one Officer and N.C.O. of the Centre Company.</p> <p>Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p>Battalion Order No.38 issued.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and warm.</p>	<p>app. 22. app. 23. <i>[Signature]</i></p>
Q.16.a.4.3. Q.21.d.4.5.	21-8-18.	4 p.m.	<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> The Battalion Headquarters was relieved at 3 p.m. by the 1st Australian M.G. Battalion, and at 4 p.m. H.Q. were established at Q.21.d.4.5. The 1st A.M.G. Company relieved the 8th A.M.G. Company in the Line Left, the 8th Company establishing themselves at their Rear Headquarters at Q.21.d.7.1. The 3rd. A.M.G. Company relieved the 25th A.M.G. Company who moved to Q.13.b.4.2.</p> <p>The relief was satisfactorily completed by 10.30 p.m.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Normal.</p> <p>Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and hot.</p>	<p>app. 24. <i>[Signature]</i></p>
Q.21.d.4.5. O.6.b.5.4.	22-8-18.	8 p.m.	<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> At 5.30 p.m. Battalion H.Q. moved to HAMELET and established Headquarters at O.6.b.5.4. at 8 p.m. At the same time the 8th and 25th AM.G. Companies moved from their positions; the 8th Company established themselves at J.25.c.0.0. and the 25th Company at J.31.c.0.9.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> The 15th and 14th A.M.G. Companies remained in their present line dispositions to establish defence in depth after the 1st Australian Division advanced past their lines. Heavy enemy shelling with large calibre guns on our back areas after the advance of the 3rd Australian Division on our Left flank.</p> <p>Battalion Order No.39 attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine - hot.</p>	<p>app. 25. <i>[Signature]</i></p>
O.6.b.5.4.	23-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> At 4.25 a.m. the 1st Aust. Division attacked, passing through our lines and gaining all their objectives.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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0.6.b.5.4.	23-8-18.		<p><u>SITUATION.</u> (contd). The men resting in the vicinity of ^{Dpts.} HAMELET took advantage of the hot weather and disported themselves in the Canal (SOMME). At 8 p.m. a Concert was held at Divisional Headquarters at P.7.a.central, the men attending and thoroughly enjoying themselves.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and warm.</p>	<i>mf</i>
0.6.b.5.4.	24-8-18		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> The 15th A.M.G. Company withdrew from the concentration area to J.25.central. The 14th A.M.G. Company remained in the concentration area.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> The successes gained by the attacking Divisions were exploited. Swimming was indulged in by men of the Companies resting, and an inter-company football match was organised during the afternoon.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine but cloudy.</p>	<i>mf</i>
0.6.b.5.4.	25-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged.</p> <p>Battalion Order No.40 issued foretelling the move of the Battalion to bivouac areas forward.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> The C.O. held a conference of Company Commanders and discussed the proposed attack of the Division in continuation of the present advance.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and warm. Rain fell during the early part of night.</p>	app.26. <i>mf</i>
0.6.b.5.4.	26-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> The 8th M.G. Company moved to Q.29.d.9.7., the 15th M.G. Company moved to Q.21.d.6.2., the 25th M.G. Company moved to Q.21.a.7.2. The 14th M.G. Company relieved sections of the 2nd and 21st M.G. Companies, the relief satisfactorily completed by 10.30 p.m. Battalion Order No.41 issued re. relief.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Companies are now disposed to be able to move forward when required at the shortest notice.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Showery during the morning. Fine in the afternoon.</p>	app.27. <i>mf</i>
Ref. Sheets 62D 1/40,000 & 62C 1/40,000 or HARBONNIERES 1/40,000. 0.6.b.5.4.	27-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> The 8th M.G. Company relieved the 14th M.G. Company in the line and established Company Headquarters at R.19.b.7.6., the 14th M.G. Company on relief moving to Q.28.a.3.7. Relief was completed satisfactorily by 10 p.m. Map showing dispositions of line Company attached.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Hostile shelling was heavy on the right of the sector. The 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade advanced their line and captured FOUCAUCOURT. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and warm till 4 p.m. when it became showery</p>	app.28. app. 29. <i>mf</i>

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O.6.b.5.4.	28-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> The 8th A.I. Bde. continued their advance as far as ESTREES, meeting with very little resistance.</p> <p>Battalion Order No.42 issued covering the advance of the Battalion in conjunction with the Infantry advance.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Showery. Visibility poor.</p>	app.30. <i>[Signature]</i>
O.6.b.5.4. Q.29.d.9.7.	29-8-18. 12 noon.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> At 9 a.m Battalion Headquarters closed at O.6.b.5.4. and at 12 noon were established at Q.29.d.9.7. Companies advanced and at 5 p.m. were established as follows :-</p> <p>8th M.G. Co. Headquarters, N.25.d.2.3. Nos. 1, 2 and 4 Sections operating with Infantry Battalions of the 8th Brigade.</p> <p>14th M.G. Co. Headquarters, M.28.b.8.2. Sections with Inf. Battalions of the 14th Brigade.</p> <p>15th M.G. Co. Headquarters, N.28.d.5.5. Sections with Inf, Battalions of the 15th Brigade.</p> <p>25th M.G. Co. Headquarters, M.29.b.6.6. in Reserve.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> The enemy retired across the River SOMME, our troops keeping close touch with his rear guards. Two Platoons of the 31st Battalion crossed the River, but were compelled to retire in view of the tactical situation, and touch was regained on either flank, the 8th Bde. being the first to reach the objective. At 5 p.m. the 15th Brigade with the 15th M.G. Co, was concentrated in area N.23. N.29. and N.35 in readiness to pass through the lines of the 8th Brigade.</p> <p>The C.O. attended a conference held by the Divisional Commander and in view of this, all operations were cancelled and verbal instructions issued by the C.O. to Os.C. Companies reference further movements.</p> <p>Enemy shelling was heavy in VILLERS CARBONNEL with a mixture of Gas Shells.</p> <p>Divisional Diagramatic Order of Battle attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and cloudy. Visibility poor.</p>	app.31. <i>[Signature]</i>
Q.29.d.9.7.	30-8-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> During the day the 8th A.M.G Company was relieved by part of the 32nd Battalion M.G.C., the 8th Company moving to M.16.d.0.2. The 14th M.G. Company took over Support positions in co-operation with the 14th Brigade, establishing Headquarters at N.11.c.2.8. The 15th M.G. Company conforming with the movements of the 15th A.I. Brigade established H.Q. at O.13.b.9.9., and the 25th M.G. Co. remaining in Reserve moved to M.18.c.8.6.</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Q.29.d.9.7.	30-8-18.		<p><u>SITUATION.</u> It was decided that the Australian Corps should carry out operations with <u>PERONNE</u> as the centre of activities: consequently the 14th and 15th Brigades moved to the left. During the day the 8th Brigade attempted to cross the marsh east of the River SOMME, in front of BRIE but could not discover any tracks across the swamp. The 15th Brigade attempted to cross the marsh South of PERONNE, but failed on account of similar adversity. The 15th M.G. Company gave covering fire. (Ammunition expended 20,000 rounds.)</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Towards the evening the weather became threatening, with a fresh wind blowing from the West.</p>	<i>zf</i>
Q.29.d.9.7. M. 17b.77.	31-8-18. 12 NOON		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Battalion Headquarters closed at Q.29.d.9.7. at 8 a.m. and at 12 noon re-opened at M.17.b.7.7. The 14th M.G. Company conforming to the movements of the 14th A.I. Bde. established Headquarters at H.17.a.9.0. The 25th M.G. Company relieved the 15th M.G. Company in the line with H.Q. at O.13.b.9.9., the 15th Company on relief moving to the vicinity of N.5.central. in Reserve, The relief was satisfactorily completed by 9.30 p.m.</p> <p>Relief Order attached.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> The 14th Brigade moved North and crossing the River SOMME in H.17.b. with the intention of moving South through PERONNE and establishing a defensive flank for the 2nd Aust. Division advance.</p> <p>Diagramatic Order of Battle attached. "In" wire file for month of AUGUST attached. "Out" wire file for month of AUGUST attached. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Showery during the morning.</p>	<p>app.32</p> <p>app.33. app.34. app.35. app.36.</p> <p><i>zf</i></p>

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			RESUME OF PERIOD 1st AUGUST, 1918, to 31st AUGUST, 1918.			
			<u>STRENGTH.</u>			
			The strength of the Unit at the commencement of the month was	Officers.	O/Ranks.	
			The strength of the Unit at the conclusion of the month is	52	935	
				49	880	
			<u>INCREASE.</u> Drafts were received as follows :-			
			From M.G. Base Depot	--	6	
			Ex. hospital.	1	49	
			Returned from Schools.	4	7	
			From O.T.C.	3	-	
			Transferred from other Units.	-	1	
			Returned from Rest Camps.	1	15.	
			Returned from Leave.	6	26	
			Moscellaneous.	1	2	
			Total Increase :::	16	106.	
			<u>DECREASE.</u>			
			Battle Casualties	1	51	
			Sick wastage.	1	38	
			Leave to U.K. and in France.	12	56	
			M.G.T.C.	1	2	
			O.T.C.	-	1	
			Schools	4	7	
			Transferred	-	3	
			Leave to Australia	-	3	
			Other wastage.	-	5	
			Total Decrease :::	19	161	

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			<p><u>RESUME. (Contd.)</u></p> <p><u>SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION, ETC.</u></p> <p>Lieuts. G. ELDRIDGE and W.P. AUSTIN and 4 N.C.Os. proceeded to the 55th (Ordinary) Course at the G.H.Q. Machine Gun School, CAMIERS on the 4-8-18.</p> <p>Lieut. M. GARLING proceeded to the Intelligence Course at the Australian Corps School.</p> <p>Capt. H.A. BARKER, D.C.M. proceeded to 4th Army Infantry School 26-8-18.</p> <p>Sgt. (Cook) STALEY to the Cookery Course and Cpl. BELL to the Intelligence Course at Australian Corps School, 26-8-18.</p> <p>1 N.C.O. to No.7 & 8 Veterinary Hospital for Course on Horse management on 30-8-18.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> As will be observed from the month's Diary, the Unit has been engaged in active operations, consistently throughout the month with little or no rest, and in some instances have had to do long assembly marches and go into action almost immediately on arrival at destination. This has no doubt been a heavy physical strain on the Unit's personnel and horses.</p> <p>The outstanding feature of the month's work was the advance from VOLLERS-BRETTONEUX to ROSIERES, all arms of the service co-operated, this Unit being mostly concerned with the Tanks, 32 Vickers Guns being sent forward with them to the final objective on the first day.</p> <p>Complete satisfaction was expressed by the attacking Infantry for the assistance given and work done during the operations, by this Unit.</p> <p>It will be noticed that the Battle Casualties for the month were very light considering the amount of work the Unit has been called upon to do.</p> <p><u>CONCLUSION.</u> No epidemics of sickness have been experienced during the month, and the health of the Unit may be said to be in a good state.</p> <p>Rations have been of a fairly good quality and quantity, with the exception of the Vegetable Ration which is rather meagre.</p> <p>The allotment of Leave has slightly improved, being 1 Officer per every 3 days and 2 O/rs. every day to the U.K.; Leave to visit places in France is also available.</p> <p>In reviewing the month's work of the Unit, even although it has been more exhaustive and strenuous than previous month, it has been most satisfactory.</p>	<p><i>mf.</i></p> <p><i>mf.</i></p> <p><i>mf.</i></p>

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WAR DIARY

OF

5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

FOR

AUGUST

1918.

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Date.....	No.....	5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.

5th. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

For the period of 19 hours ending 1 a.m. 1-8-18.

OPERATIONS.

Reliefs : The remainder of the 15th. M.G. Company were relieved in the line right, by the 18th. Battalion M.G. Corps; relief satisfactorily completed by 1.20 a.m.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Resumed normal during the day. At 9.45 p.m. a lively harassing fire was opened on the right of the Sector, lasting for 30 minutes.

Between 12 midnight and 1 a.m. a heavy barrage was placed on our forward areas.

HOSTILE. M.G.

Were active on our forward system especially between 12 midnight and 1 a.m.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

E.A. were active during the day and patrolled their own lines. During the night bombing planes were active and dropped bombs on our Reserve areas.

MISCELLANEOUS.

N I L.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
No.	5/214
Date	

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Lieut.,
for Major.
C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Bn.

SECRET.
Ref. Map 62D.
1/40,000.

1. The 5th Australian Machine Gun Battalion (less detached Units training with Tanks) will move to locations as shown in attached table.
2. On completion of move the 15th M.G. Company will come under the tactical command of 15 Inf. Brigade and the 25th M.G. Company under the tactical command of 8th Inf. Brigade.
3. Orders for the move of personnel detached for training with Tanks will be issued separately.
4. Unit Commanders will take all precautions to escape enemy air observation, and to avoid casualties from enemy artillery and bombs. Distance to be observed on the march will be double those laid down in para.162 of Fourth Army G.S. Standing Orders of 15-6-18.
5. Battalion Headquarters will be established as under by 5 p.m. 5-8-18.

Advanced Battalion Headquarters at railway dug-outs O.25.c.3.2.
Rear Battalion Headquarters at BLANGY TRONVILLE.

6. Refilling point from 5-8-18 until further orders BLANGY - TRONVILLE.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. G. Bn.
Adjt., 5th Aust. M. G. Bn. Capt.

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MOVE TABLE : : Issued with 5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 32.

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Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	From.	To	Remarks.
1.	Night. 5/8th August.	15th M.G. Co.	COISY	Right Sector forward area 2nd Aust. Div.	To report to and come under the tactical Command of 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
2.	Night. 5/8th August.	25th M.G. Co.	COISY	Left Sector forward area 2nd Aust. Div.	To report to and come under the Tactical Command of 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
3.	Night. 5/8th August.	14th M.G. Co. Less personnel with tanks.	COISY	BLANGY TRONVILLE.	
4.	Night. 5/8th August.	8th M.G. Co. Less 1 Section.	COISY	BLANGY TRONVILLE.	Detailed as Divisional Reserve.

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SECRET.

Ref. Map. 62D.

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1. The 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion Headquarters will proceed by March Route from its present location to BLANGY TRONVILLE at 10 a.m. on 15th instant.

2. ROUTINE.

Reveille	6 a.m.
Breakfast	7.30 a.m.
Parade	9.50 a.m. ready to move off.

3. DRESS : Full Marching Order less one blanket per man which will be rolled in bundles of 10, labelled distinctly and stacked outside Q.M. Store by 8 a.m. Water Bottles filled and unexpended portion of day's rations carried. Felt hats to be worn and steel helmets carried under supporting straps of pack.

4. TRANSPORT.

- Maltese Cart to Medical Officer
- G.S. Limber to Orderly Room.
- Cook's Cart for Officers' and Sgts' mess gear.
- G.S. Limber to Signal Office.
- 1 G.S. Waggon and 1 G.S. Limber to Quartermaster.

The above transport will report to the various offices respectively by 9.30 a.m.

5. SURPLUS GEAR.
All surplus gear will be returned to the Q.M. Store by 8 a.m. One blanket only per man will be carried; all surplus blankets must be returned to Battalion Quartermaster by 8 a.m.

6. SANITATION.
All billets, cookhouses, latrines, etc., must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before leaving. All refuse to be burnt.

7. REAR PARTY.
The R.S.M. will detail one N.C.O. and two other ranks to remain behind in charge of Battalion Dump. This party will draw 24 hours rations from Quartermaster.

8. OFFICERS' VALISES.
Officers will arrange for their valises, gear, etc., to be stacked at Battalion Q.M. Store by 8.30 a.m.

M. B. M.
Adjt., 5th Aust. M. G. En. Capt.

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INSTRUCTION No. 1.

1. The Australian Corps is to attack the enemy from the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - 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 Np.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.c.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.

W. B. Smith
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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.

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- O.C. 15th M.G. Co.
- O.C. 25th M.G. Co.
- Major. Wright.

1. Wednesday, August, 7th will be "Y" Day.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

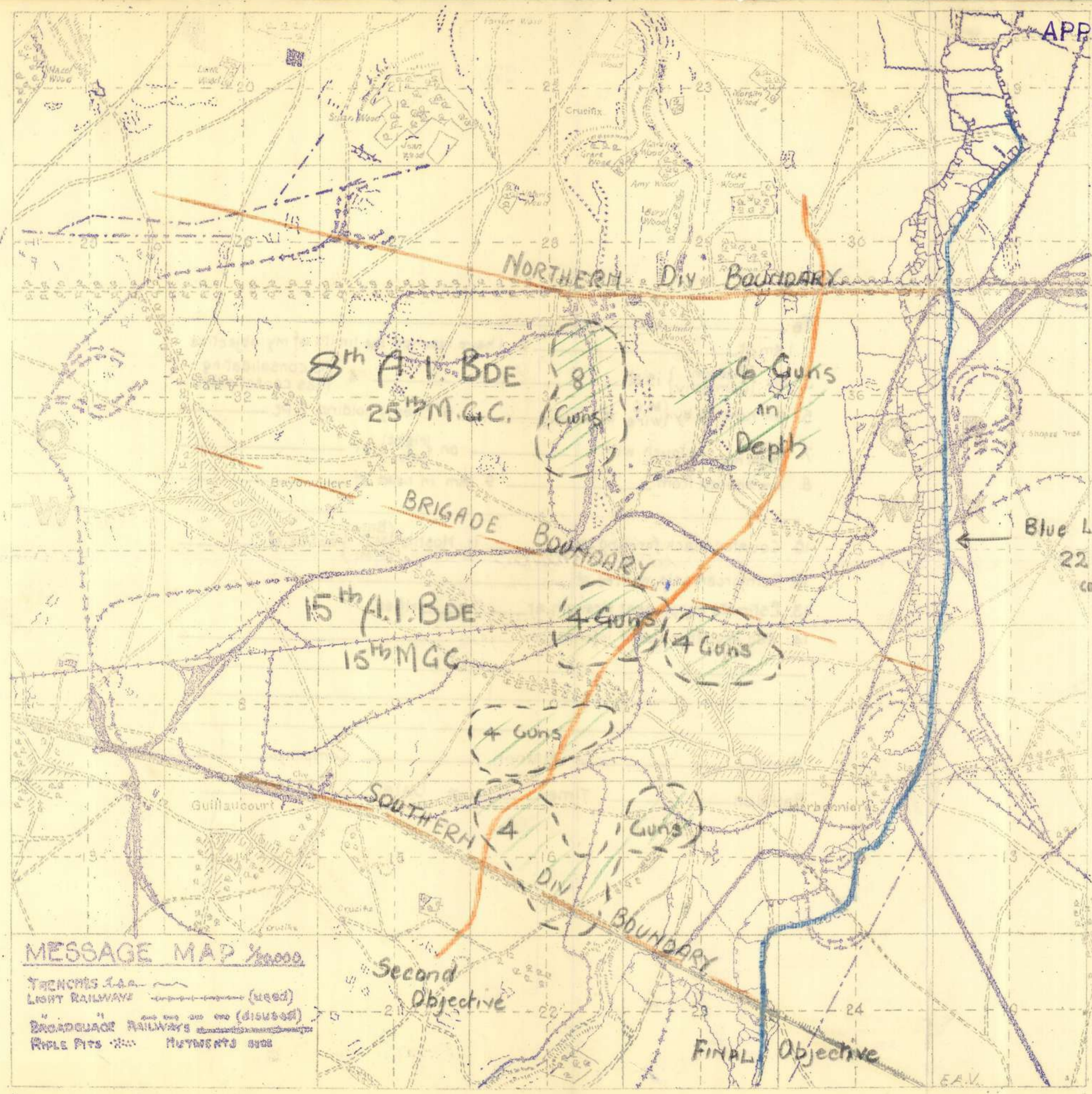
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DISPOSITIONS
OF
M.G.'s
after
Operations
8.8.18.

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Blue Line
22 Guns.
composed
16 Guns 14th Coy
4 Guns 8th Coy.
(DEMONSTRATION COY)
2 Guns 25th Coy.

MESSAGE MAP 20000
TRENCHES 1-4-4
LIGHT RAILWAYS (used)
BROADGAUGE RAILWAYS (disused)
RIFLE PITS HUTMENTS

Second Objective

FINAL Objective

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To _____

1. I am at _____ 2. I have reached the limits of my objective

3. My {Platoon} is at _____ 4. {is consolidating
{Company} {has consolidated}

5. Am held up by {M.G. at _____ 6 Enemy holding S.Pt. _____
{Wire}

7. I {am in touch with _____ on {right} at _____
{am not} {left}

8. Am shelled from _____ 9. Am in need of _____

10 Counter attack forming at _____ 11. Hostile {Baty. active at _____
{M.G.}
{T.M.}

12. Reinforcements wanted at _____

13. Estimate my present strength at _____ rifles.

14. Add any other useful information _____

Name _____ Platoon _____ Company _____

Battalion _____ Time _____ m Date _____

MESSAGE MAS 1000
TO: _____
FROM: _____
CLASSIFICATION: _____
DATE: _____

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1:20,000.

NOTE CHANGE OF COLOUR.
Enemy Trenches in Blue.
British Trenches in Red.

TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION
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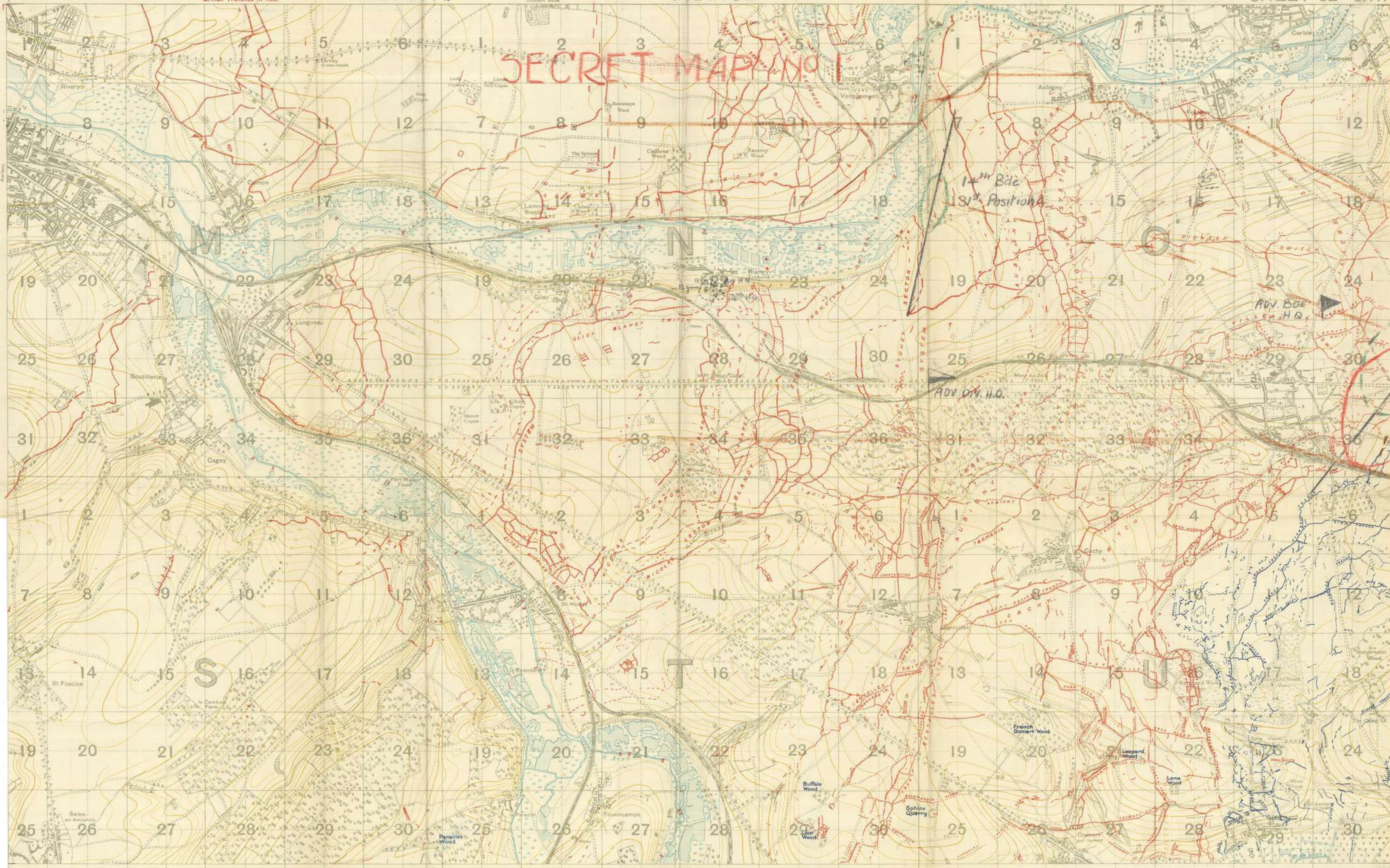
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EDITION 3. B. (Local)

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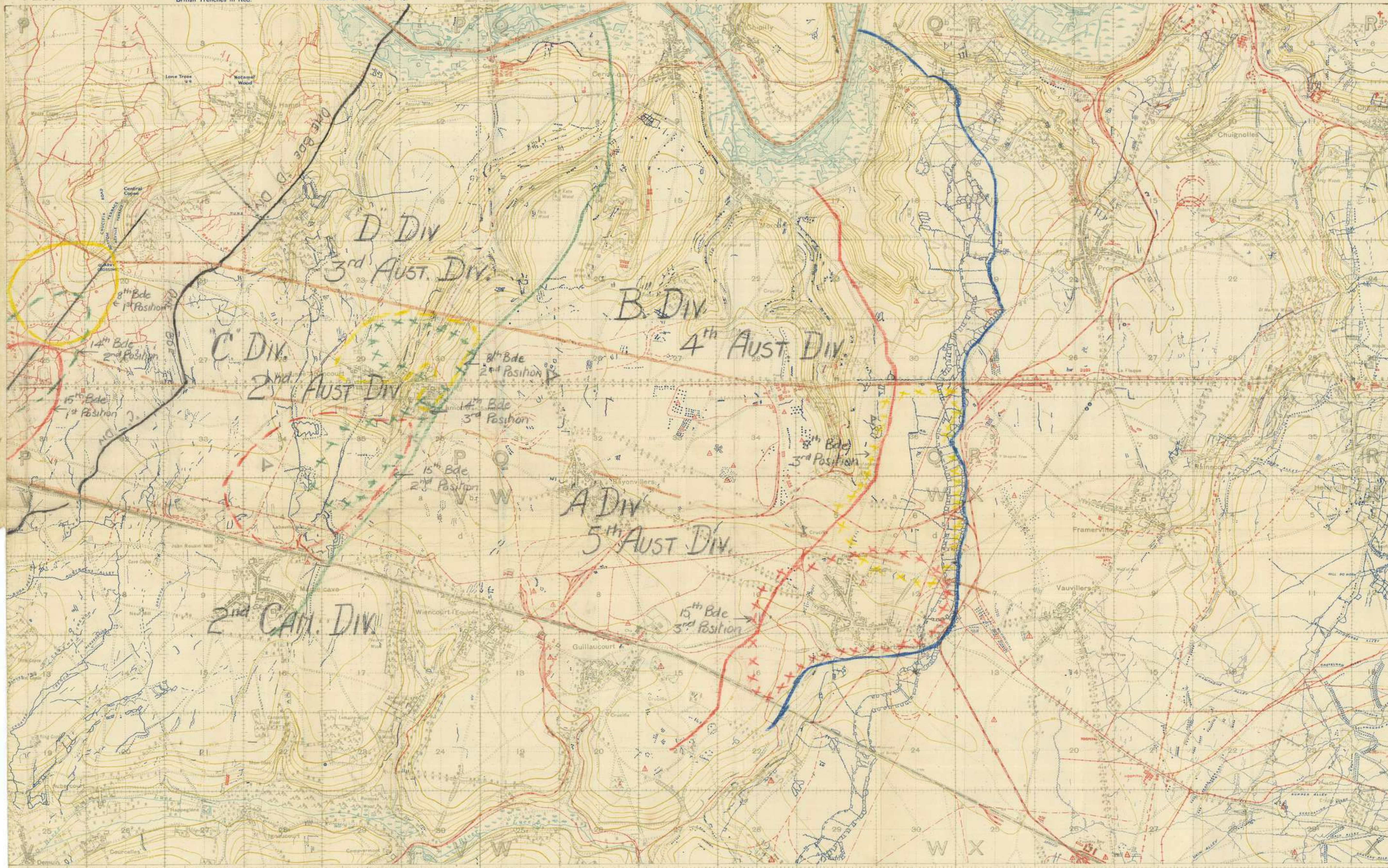
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REFERENCE

Any trench apparently organized for fire	Barbed Pipeline or Cable	Highways	Normal Gauge, Double
Enemy Trenches	Airline	Permanent	Light
Other Trenches	Supply Dump	Temporary	Trench Tramways
(Important ones are shown by thick line. Old or disused by dotted line)	Ammunition	Observation Posts	Metre Gauge Railway for 60 cm.
British Trenches	Gun Emplacements	Listening Posts	
Wire Entanglement or Other Obstacle	Machine Gun	Mine Craters	
Enemy's Tracks	Trench Mortar	(Position of point in centre of circle. Dot shows that point is trigonometrically fixed)	
	Dug-outs	Fortified	
	Hill	Organized Shell Hole	
	Works reinforced by concrete		

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CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 METRES

ALL HEIGHTS IN METRES

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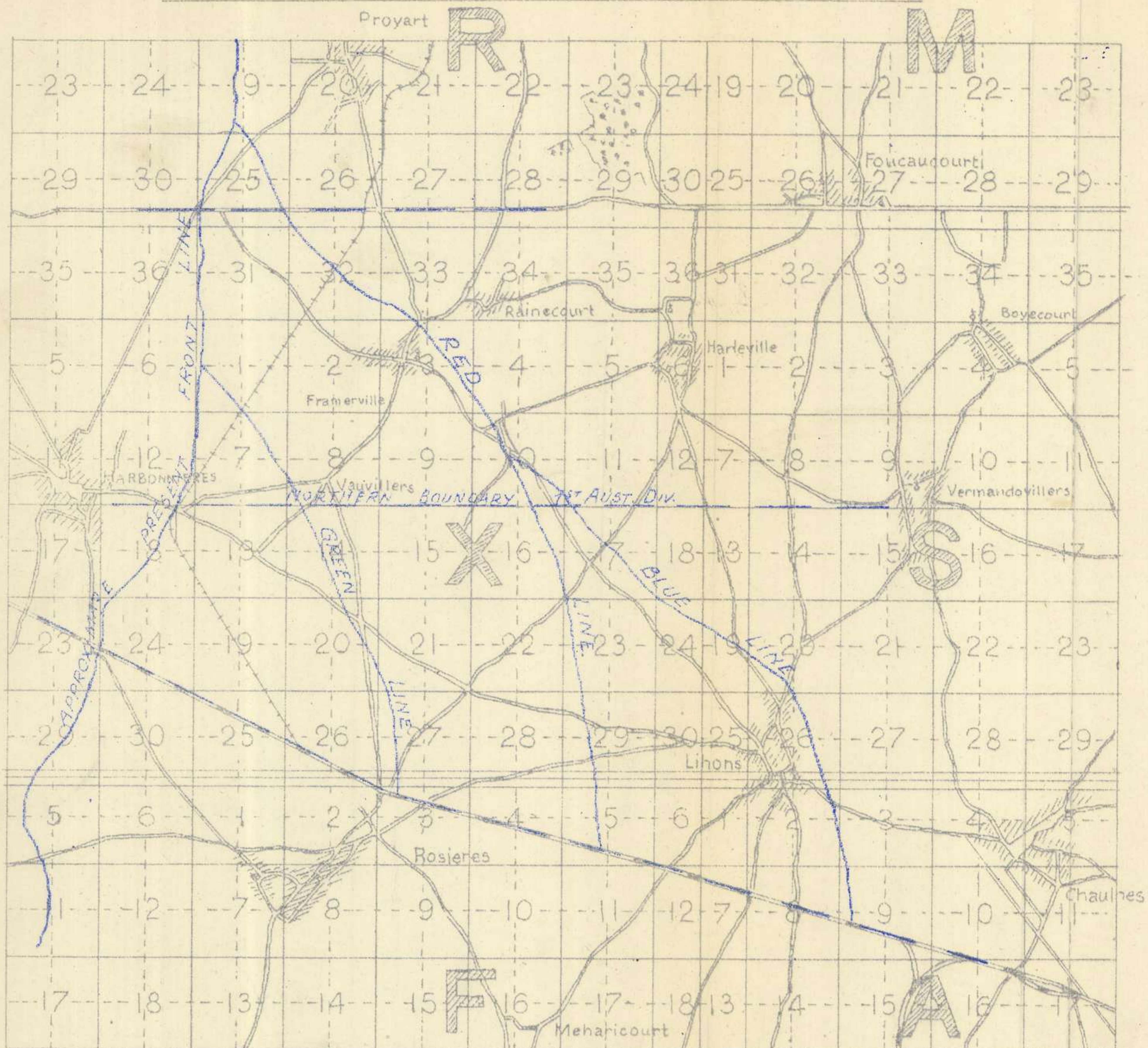
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Headquarters,
 11th August, 1918.

Headquarters,
 5th Aust. Division.

War Diary

REPORT on operations East of VILLERS BRETONNEUX between August, 8th and 10th. 1918.

BRIEF RECOUNTAL OF PLANS.

1. The Australian Corps was ordered to attack the enemy from the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - CHULNES railway to the River SOMME.
 The 2nd Canadian Division co-operated on the right and the 4th Australian Division on the left.

2. Brigade Groups of 5th Aust. Division were detailed to advance in open warfare formation, passing through the first objective (Green Line) which the 2nd Aust. Division were ordered to capture.

3. The 8th and 15th Infantry Brigades were ordered to exploit the success of the 2nd Aust. Division and seize the old British Line of Defence, (Blue Line).
 14th Infantry Brigade, Divisional Reserve.

4. Machine Guns were allotted as under :-

15th M.G. Company to co-operate with 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
 25th M.G. Company to co-operate with 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
 14th M.G. Company plus one Section 8th M.G. Company with Mark "V" (Star) Tanks.

8th M.G. Company less one Section, Divisional Reserve.
 The Machine Guns (20 in all) allotted to Mark V (Star) Tanks were to be carried forward with 32 Lewis Guns for the capture of the Blue Line, and to hold same until it could be consolidated by the Infantry. The remaining guns, after assisting the advance of the Infantry were to consolidate, in depth, between the Blue and the Red Line.

RECOUNTAL OF EVENTS.

1. The march to assembly positions was completed without incident and all troops were in position before Zero hour.
 The advance from position of assembly was commenced in order to cross the Green Line at Zero hour plus 4 hours.

2. Machine Guns advanced with the Infantry, complete gun teams carrying 4,000 rounds of ammunition per gun team, in belts. Pack horses and limbers moved close up along the road maintaining touch with their respective Companies.

3. Owing to the rapidity of the advance and absence of good targets, very little use was made of overhead indirect fire. Most use was made of guns pushed well forward to engage fleeting targets by direct shooting or hostile machine guns holding up the Infantry advance.

4. Guns of the 15th M.G. Company engaged a group of enemy machine gunners who were inflicting casualties on the Infantry in the vicinity of HARBONNIERS and accounted for all the hostile guns' crews without casualties to ourselves.

5. Machine guns operating with Mark V (Star) Tanks did not reach the Blue Line as rapidly as could have been desired. This was partly due to the rapidity of the Infantry Advance and a considerable amount of engine trouble with the Tanks.

A proportion of these Tanks failed to reach the Blue Line owing to enemy artillery action causing breakdowns; the machine gun crews, however, continued the advance and reached the objective on foot.

In one instance the Tank carrying two Vickers guns of one Section broke down at 0.29.c.7.4.; these guns were at once loaded onto the Tank carrying the other two guns of this Section, the crews walking with the Tanks

This Section, with its Tank, reached the Blue Line at 12.15 p.m. and immediately got into action and silenced enemy machine guns at R.32.a. and also inflicted heavy casualties on Infantry retreating along road running through R.31. and 32.

This Section was operating on the front of the 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Only one Tank carrying Vickers guns operating on the 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade Sector actually reached the Blue Line, arriving at W.12.d. These crews got into action immediately and accounted for 40 or 50 of the enemy who were retiring from a small trench in R.7.c.

Ammunition "V's" were put out as soon as guns were in position but none was dropped near the Blue Line until 3 p.m. on the 9th, and then only two boxes. Four boxes were dropped in vicinity of Red Line about 12.30 p.m. on the 8th instant.

6. The Machine Gun Battalion was concentrated at DAOURS by 9 p.m. on the 10th, having suffered the following casualties during the whole operation:-

2 O/Ranks Killed.

20 Other Ranks Wounded.

DEDUCTIONS.

1. That training in Open Warfare Tactics for Machine Gun Companies is essential, if close co-operation is to be maintained with Infantry, and the greatest use made of Company Transports.

It is important that all Machine Gun Officers should realize that in fast-moving operations, such as these, that the Division has just taken part in, Machine guns may be called upon to support the Infantry in place of Artillery until the guns can be moved forward.

The fact the Infantry Brigadier may call on M.G. Company Commanders for quick support at certain points must always be kept in mind.

2. That the issue of expendable belts will, to a great extent, simplify the difficulty at present felt regarding belt filling and ammunition supply in general.

The dropping of ammunition by aeroplanes during recent operations cannot be said to be entirely satisfactory, as although 26 "V's" were laid out on a Divisional Front only six boxes are known to have been dropped.

It would appear that better results could be expected if "V's" were made larger.

3. It was found impossible to remain inside the Mark V (Star) Tank during the greater part of the advance owing to the heat and gas fumes.

M.G. Crews were outside the Tanks during the greater portion of the advance and obtained protection from hostile M.G. and Rifle fire by moving close to the opposite side of the Tank from which the fire was coming.

This would probably not be possible if great opposition were encountered, and it is considered that with 16 men in one Tank the men would soon become exhausted if compelled to remain inside.

There seemed to be a good deal of difficulty in maintaining direction with the Tanks, and there is no doubt that had they all reached the Blue Line the Vickers guns would have been rather close together in places.

Owing to the Infantry being able to move forward so quickly from the Red to the Blue Line, it is hard to form an opinion as to the value of the carriage of Machine guns by Tanks, other than afford an ideal means of transporting of guns and gear from one place to another.

4. The operation proved that machine gunners carrying their gear can move forward as fast as Infantry and not be too exhausted to fight when required, even in a fast advance such as the Division has just taken part in.

D. T. Parsden

Lieut.-Col.

C.O. 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 34.

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Headquarters,
12-8-18.

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1. It seems improbable, unless something unforeseen happen, that the Battalion will be required to move to-day.
Men will therefore be rested as much as possible, and Transport will not be used unnecessarily.
2. On receipt of orders to move, all surplus gear, blankets, packs, Officer's valises, etc., will be stacked at Battalion Q.M. Store, one man per Company being detailed to remain at this dump.
These men will be rationed under Battalion arrangement.

M. B. Smith
Capt.
Adjt., 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

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HARBONNIERES.

1. On a day and at a time to be notified later the 5th Aust. Division are to attack the enemy on a frontage to be taken over from 4th Canadian Battalion and 1st Aust. Division.
2. Divisional frontage and objectives are shown on attached map. The 14th Inf. Brigade are to attack on the right, the 15th Inf. Brigade on the left. 8th Inf. Brigade, Divisional Reserve.
3. Machine Gun Companies are allotted as under 1-
 14th M.G. Co. to co-operate with 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
 8th M.G. Co. to co-operate with 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
 15th M.G. Co. to consolidate Blue Line.
 25th M.G. Co. Divisional Reserve.
4. Machine Gun Companies will move from present locations to position to be reconnoitred by Company Commanders in vicinity of HARBONNIERES ON 15TH instant.
5. On the night of 14th/15th the 8th and 14th Companies will move forward to positions of assembly and come under the orders of 14th 15th Brigades respectively.
6. Main roads will be avoided, and assembly place will be as close as possible contingent on avoiding shell fire and aerial bombs.
7. Position of Battalion Headquarters will be notified later.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. P. M.
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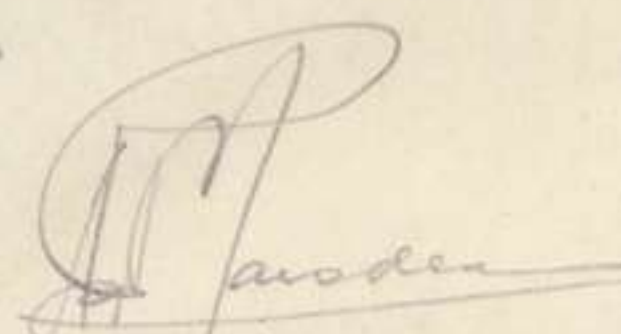
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HARBONNIERES
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MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTION No. 1.
SERIES - "C"

1. The Infantry forming up line will be as follows :-
A.14.c.5.0. - A.8.b.4.0. - A.2.b.9.0.
2. O.C. 8th and 14th M.G. Companies will detail one complete Section to report to each of the attacking Battalions of the 14th and 15th Aust. Inf. Brigades by 9 p.m. 14th instant.
3. These Sections will move forward with the Battalion to whom they are attached to the assembly positions East of ROSIERES.
4. (a) Locations of Battalions of 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade are as follows:-
5
57th Battalion : W.22.d. 59th Battalion : W.28.
58th : W.22.a. 60th : W.28.
- (b) Locations of Battalions of 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade are as follows:-
E.10. and E.11.
5. (a) O.C. ¹⁵ 25th M.G. Company will move to a position of readiness at SEVEN TREES (F.11.a.7.5.) by midnight 15th August, and will be ready to support the attack of the 15th Inf. Brigade with 8 guns by protecting the Northern Flank of the Brigade if necessary. The remaining 8 guns will be held in readiness to cover the Right Flank of the 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade. Should the attack on the Brown line be successful the 15th M.G. Company will ^{probably} be employed in the consolidation of this line.
- (b) The 25th M.G. Company will move on the night 15th/16th August to F.9.b.4.2. and remain in Reserve.
6. (a) Battle Headquarters 14th and 15th Aust. Inf. Brigades from 12 noon 15th instant will be at F.6.c.5.0., where Company Commanders of 8th and 14th M.G. Companies will report for further instructions.
- (b) Forward M.G. Battalion Report Centre will be at F.11.a.7.5., where Company Commanders, 15th and 25th M.G. Companies will report their Companies in position, by midnight 15th instant.
7. Machine Gun Companies to ACKNOWLEDGE.


Lieut.-Col.
C.O., 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

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5th. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALIONS.
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Headquarters,
14th. August, 1918.SECRET.MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTIONS No. 2.
SERIES "C".

1. Each Section of Vickers Guns allotted to Infantry attacking Battalions will detail 2 guns to deal with enemy low flying planes.
2. This applies particularly to the time when Infantry Units are in the assembly area, and just prior to zero hour.
3. O's.C. 15th. and 25th. Companies will also arrange to mount a proportion of guns for A.A. work.
4. Machine Gun Companies ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut.-Colonel.
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HARBONNIERES
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1. GENERAL POLICY

Under instructions from 5th Aust. Division the operations prepared under "Machine Gun Instructions" Nos. 1 and 2, Series "C" dated 14th August, 1918 will be postponed until further orders.

2. DEFENCE SECTORS.

"C" Divisional Sector will be held as under :-

"A" Area (Right)	14th Aust. Inf. Bde.	H.Q., R.30.c.5.5.
"B" Area (Left)	15th Aust. Inf. Bde.	H.Q., Q.16.a.5.5.
"C" Area (Reserve)	8th Aust. Inf. Bde.	

3. MOVES AND RELIEFS.

(a) 5th Aust. Division are to relieve the 17th British Division in "C" Divisional Sector on night 16th /17th August.

(b) The 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion will relieve the 17th M.G. Battalion, M.G.C. on day 16th and night 16th/17th August, and will move in accordance with Table attached.

4. Company Commanders will take all precautions to escape enemy air observation, and to avoid casualties from enemy artillery and bombs during relief. Main roads and areas under enemy observation will be avoided.
5. East of a line drawn North and South through MORCOURT, movement will take place at intervals of 300 yds between Sections.
6. Company Commanders, 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion will report to Headquarters, 17th M.G. Battalion, M.G.C. (Q.16.a.4.3.) 9 a.m. 16th inst. where guides will be provided to take them to C.H.Q.'s of Companies they will be relieving.
7. Consistent with the terms of this order all details of relief will be arranged direct between Company Commanders concerned.
8. Completion of relief will be wired to Battalion Headquarters and to Headquarters, 15th A.I. Brigade by 8th M.G. Company, and Headquarters, 14th A.I. Brigade by 14th M.G. Company using the code word "SET".
9. Battalion Headquarters will close at GUILLAUCOURT noon 16th inst. and open at Q.16.a.4.3. 2 p.m. same day.
10. Machine Gun Companies - ACKNOWLEDGE.

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K. B. B. B.
Capt.
Adj. B., 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

MOVE TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER NO. 36.

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Serial No.	Company.	Date.	From.	To.	In Relief of	Remarks.
1.	8th M.G.Co.	Night 15/16th.	X.25.c.5.3.	Wood Q.28.a.	---	Double normal distances to be maintained on the march.
2.	14th M.G.Co.	Night 15/16th.	X.25.c.5.3.	Wood Q.28.a.	---	do.
3.	15th M.G.Co.	Night 16/16th.	W.27.c.25.25.	Wood Q.14.b.&d.	---	do.
4.	25th M.G.Co.	Night 15/16th.	W.26.Central.	Wood Q.20.b.	---	do.
5.	8th M.G.Co.	Night 16/17th.	Wood Q.28.a.	Line Left.	Relieving Left Co. 17th M.G.Bn. H.Q.Q.16.d.6.5.	
6.	14th M.G.Co.	Night 16/17th.	Wood Q.28.a.	Line Right.	Relieving Right Co. 17th M.G.Bn. H.Q. - R.25.a.2.9.	
7.	15th M.G.Co.	Day 16th and Night 16/17th.	Wood Q.14.b.&d.	Support Area.	Company in BROWN LINE. 17th M.G.Bn. H.Q. - Q.16.a.5.5.	
8.	25th M.G.Co.	Day 16th and Night 16/17th.	Wood Q.20.b.	Reserve Area.	Reserve M.G. Co. 17th M.G. Bn. H.Q. - Q.18.a.2.3.	
9.	Bn. H.Q.	Day 16th.	W.14.d.70.75.	Q.16.a.4.3.	H.Q., 17th M.G. Bn.	

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5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 37

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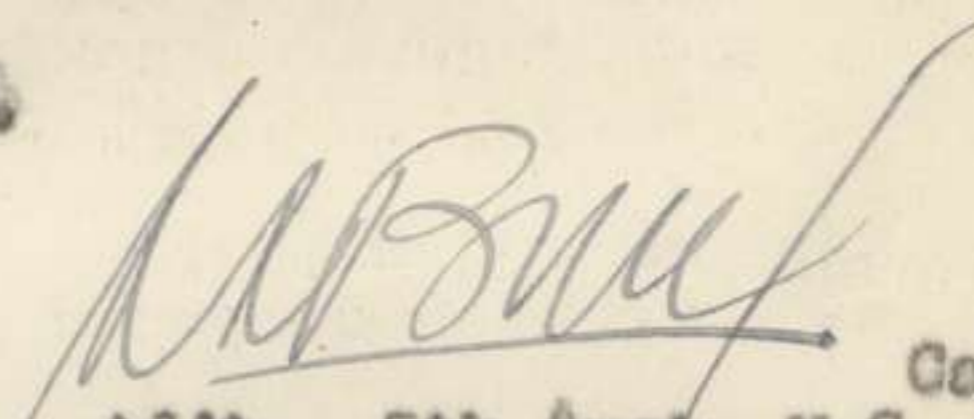
1. The 5th Australian Machine Gun Battalion will be re-disposed on the 18th/19th, on a three Company frontage, with one Company in Reserve.
2. Company frontages are shown on attached map. Companies will be disposed in depth.
3. The Right Group, covering 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade area will come under the command of Capt. C.H. Holmes, M.C. as soon as re-adjustment is complete, who will maintain liaison with 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
4. The Left Group covering 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade area will come under the command of Capt. A.K. Flack, M.C. as soon as re-adjustment is complete, who will be responsible that liaison is maintained with 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
5. Details regarding re-adjustment of frontage at present held by Companies will be made direct between Company Commanders concerned, who will meet at G.24.b.S.S. at 9.30 a.m., 18th instant to arrange details.
6. Disposition sketches will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by first D.R. 19th instant.
7. Owing to "nibbling" tactics that will be maintained on the Divisional front, Company Commanders will issue definite instructions to Section Officers, that the closest co-operation is to be maintained with the Infantry in the line.
8. Battalion Report Centre will be established at G.24.b.S.S. where reports will be sent by Companies. Collecting times will be notified later.
9. Machine Gun Companies - ACKNOWLEDGE.

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 Capt.
 Adj., 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

5TH. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION

15.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

For the period of 6 hours ending 6 a.m. 17-8-18.

OPERATIONS.

RELIEF.

The 5th. Australian Machine gun Battalion relieved the 17th Battalion M.G.C.

The 8th. M.G.Co. relieved ~~the~~ "B" Co. in the line Left.
The 14th M.G.Co. relieved "A" Co. in the line right.
The 15th M.G.Co. relieved "D" Co. in Support.
The 25th M.G.Co. relieved "C" Co. in Reserve.

The relief was satisfactorily completed by 12.5 a.m.

Ammunition expended, NIL.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

During the night R.12.a. and valley in valley in R.7.b. was shelled at intervals, and bursts of 4.2's and 77's mixed with Gas Shells fell in MERICOURT.

Captured enemy dump (S.A.A. and flares) in R.8.a. was set on fire by hostile artillery at 10.30 p.m.

Hostile M.G.

R.1.a. and valley in R.7.b. received considerable attention during the night.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Between 9.30 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. bombing planes passed over our lines .

MISCELLANEOUS.

Our artillery and bombing planes were active throughout the night.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
No.	5/223
Date

W.D. Feater
Lieut.,
for Lieut.-Colonel.
C.O. 5th. Aust.M.G.Bn.

5th. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

16.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 18-8-18.

OPERATIONS.

During the night harrassing fire was carried out by the Right Company on areas R.23.a. and c.

Ammunition expended 5,000 rounds.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

At intervals throughout the day and especially between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. PROYART and LA FLAQUE Dump were heavily shelled. Valleys in R.13.d, R.1.a. and R.7.b. were shelled during the same period.

11.15 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. 20 4.2's in MORCOURT.

9.30 p.m., 10.30 p.m. and 11.45 p.m. PROYART and gully at R.14.a., b. and d. were shelled with 5.9's and 4.2's

R.8.a. and b., especially captured dump, consistently shelled throughout the night with 5.9's 4.2's and Gas Shells.

2.30 a.m. enemy activity on our forward system lasting one hour.

ENEMY M.G.

Active along road in R.8.a. and R.2.c. and enfilading road running from R.8.b. to R.3.c.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT

At 8 p.m. one plane flew over our forward system.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Our artillery was active throughout the night.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
No.	5/225
Date	

Imperial Lieut.
for Lieut.-Colonel.
C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Bn.

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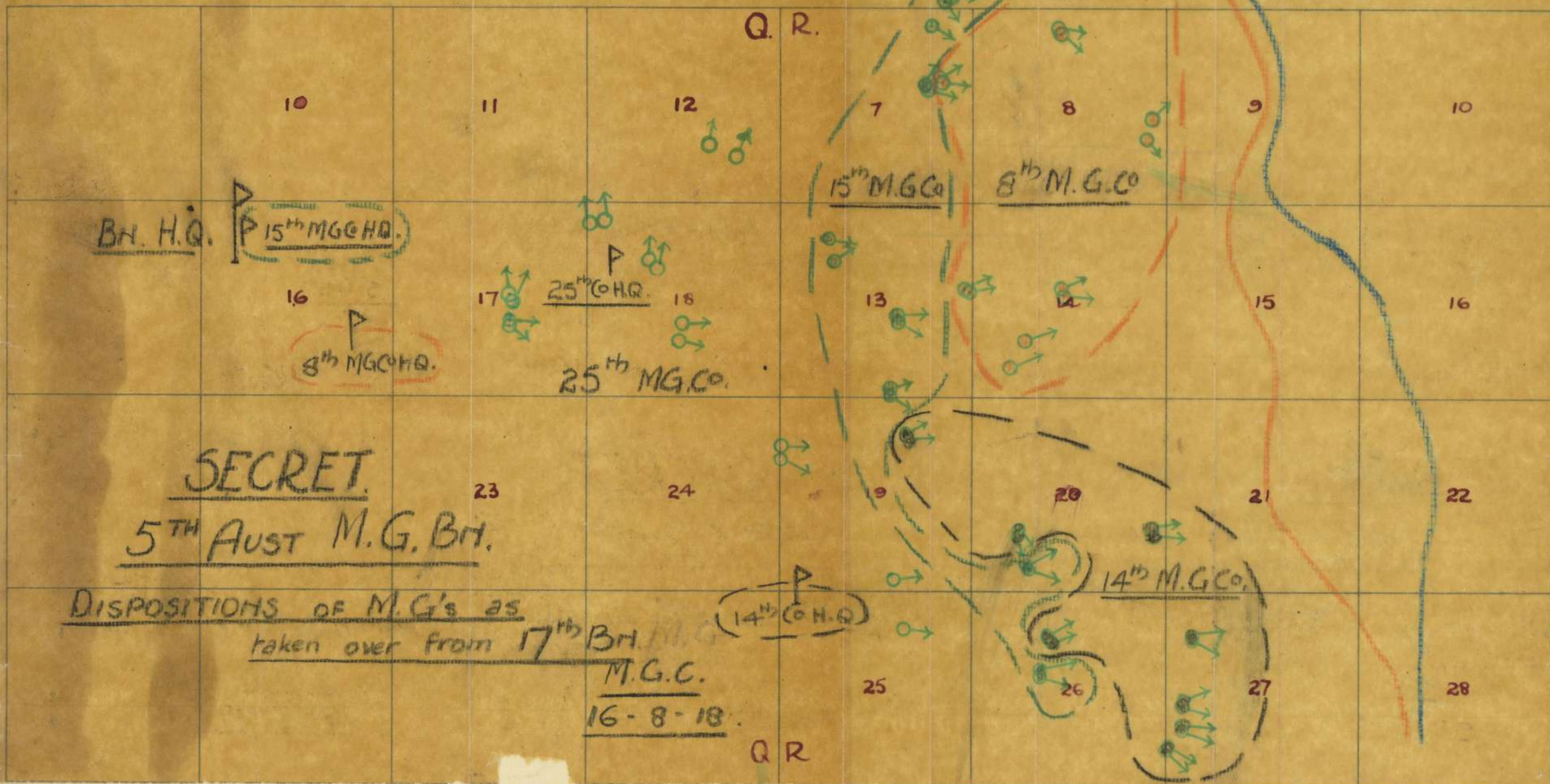
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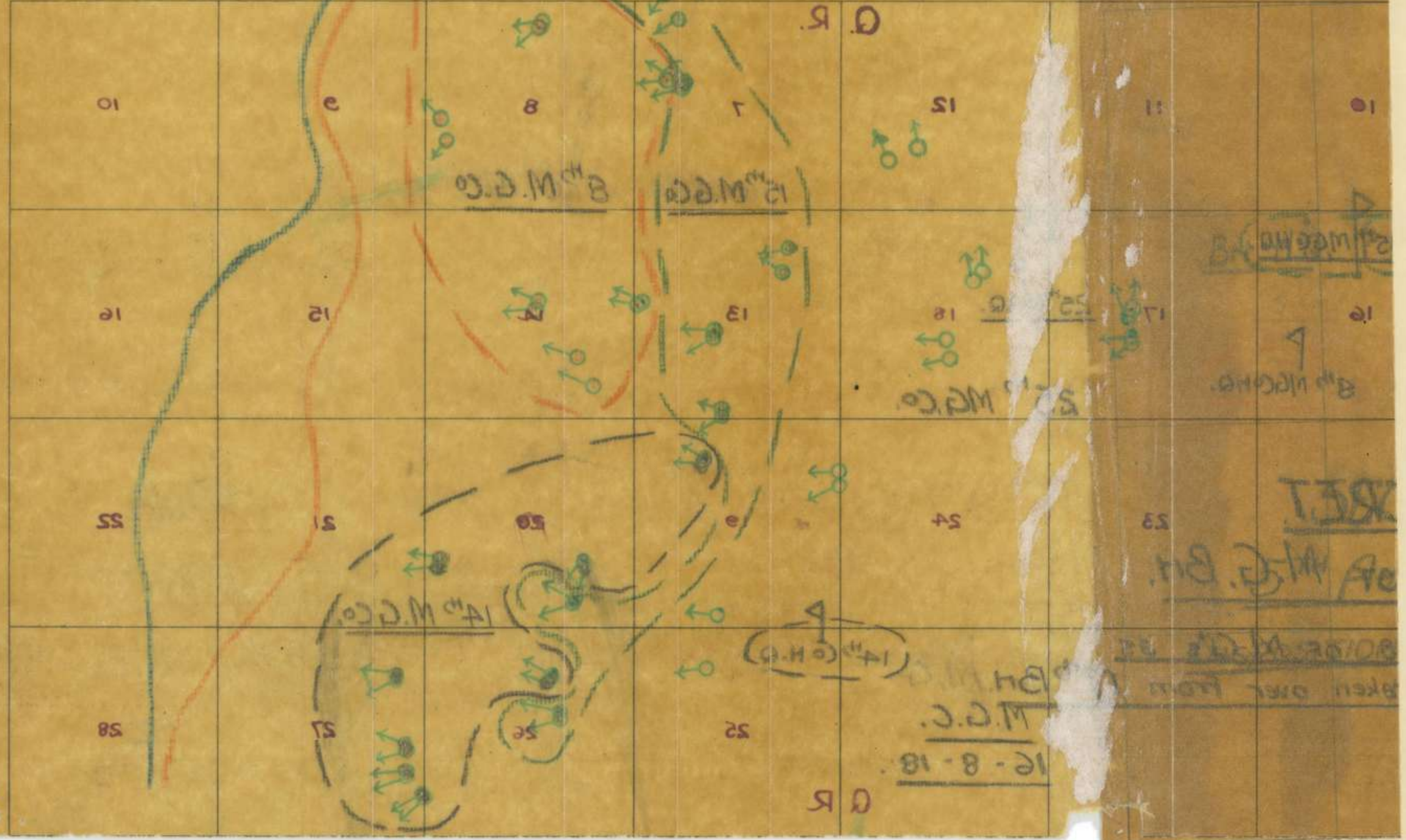


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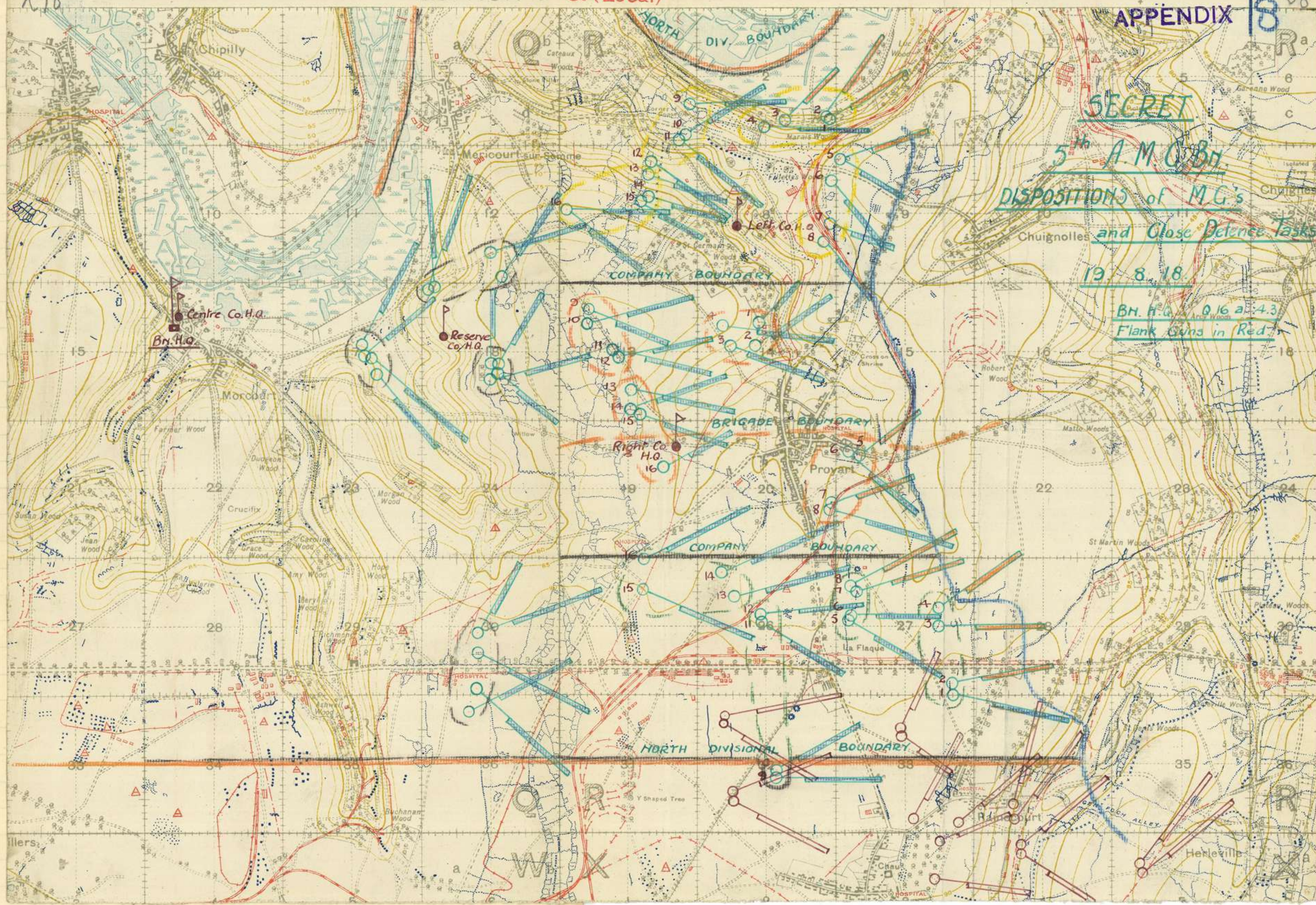
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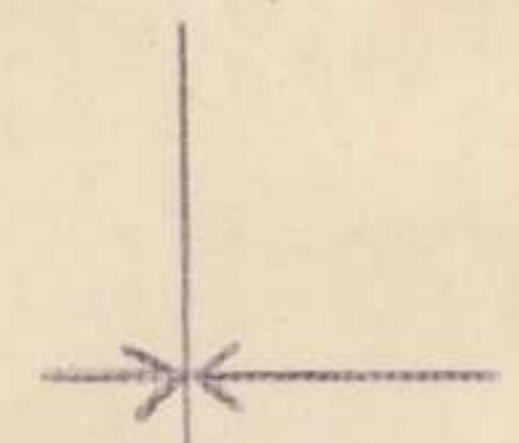
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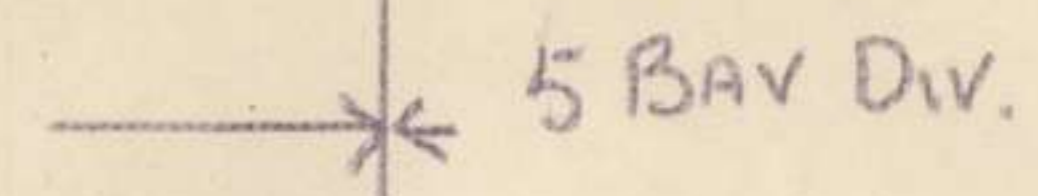


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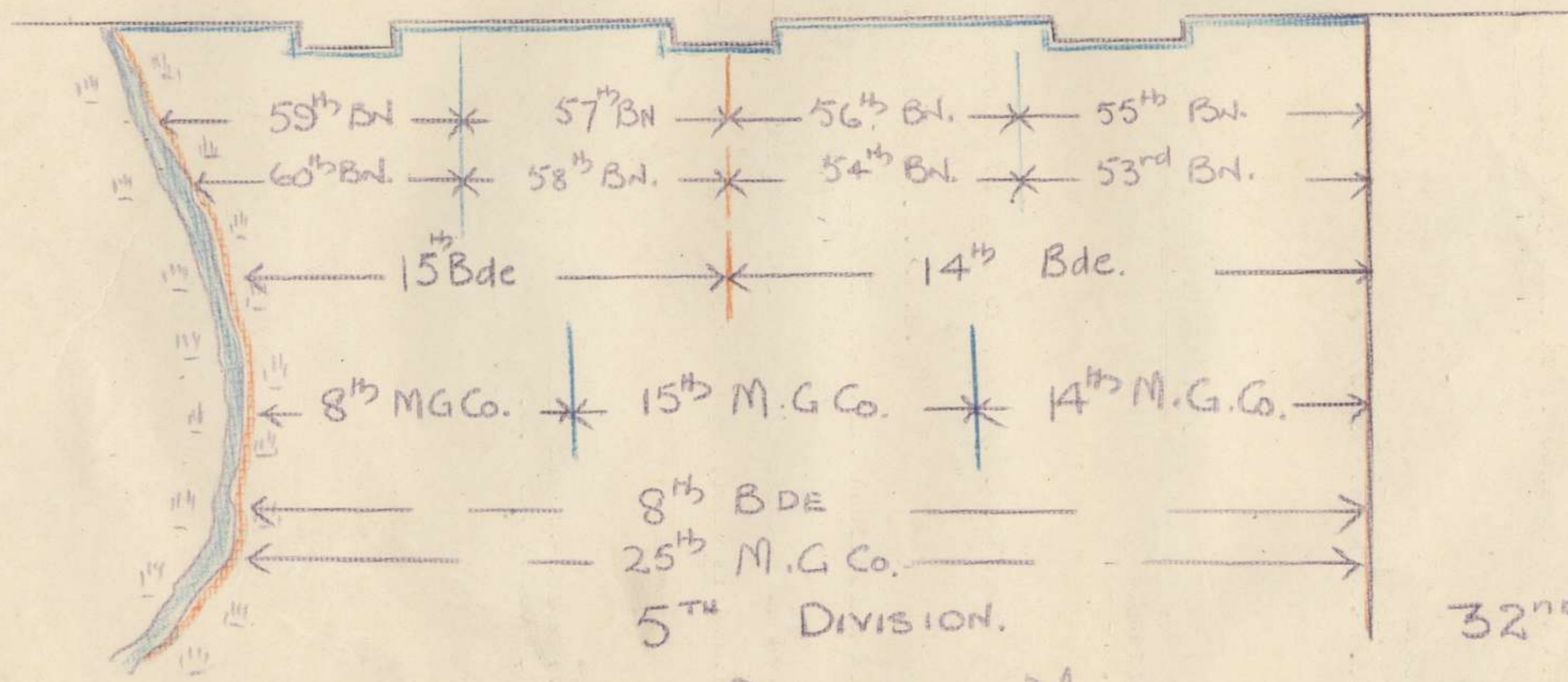
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5th A.M.G. BN.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 19-8-18.

OPERATIONS.Right Company :-

During the night areas in R.29.a. and R.29.c. were kept under intermittent fire.

Left Company :-

Throughout the night harassing fire was carried out on LUC Wood and Road at R.9.b.70.05.

Ammunition expended 12,000 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS. N I L.HOSTILE ARTILLERYRight Sector :-

At intervals during the night the main Road through R.26.c. and d. was shelled with large calibre shells, and 30 5.9's fell on Cross Roads in R.27.

Between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. factory in R.26.d. and FROYART, were constantly shelled.

At 11.20 p.m. and 3.40 a.m. the Support System was heavily shelled.

Left Sector:-

Quiet during the day,
8.45 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. 20 5.9's in the vicinity of

MERICOURT.

9 p.m. trench system in R.7.b. was lightly shelled with 4.2's.

At 9.30 p.m., 11.45 p.m., 2.15 a.m., 4.15 a.m., areas in R.2.a. and R.8.a., b. and c. were shelled with 4.2's mixed with a few 5.9's and Gas Shells, for periods varying from 10 minutes to 30 minutes.

HOSTILE M.G.

Active on Roads from R.22.c.7.1. to R.28.c.5.5. and roads running through R.8.b. and R.9.a. Also along top of ridge in R.8.a., b. and c.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

At 3.25 p.m. five machines crossed our line but were driven back by A.A. fire and M.G. fire, 4.30^{pm} one E.A. crossed our lines.

At 7.00 p.m. one E.A. was brought down in flames

12.20 a.m. 2 bombs were dropped by E.A. in the vicinity of LA FLAQUE Dump .

5.45 a.m. one plane flew over our lines.

During the night, enemy planes were active and dropped bombs on our Reserve Areas.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Our bombing planes were active during the night.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
No.	5/229
Date	

Wm. J. Speater Lieut.,
for Lieut.-Colonel.
C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Bn.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

For period of 24 hours ending 6.a.m. 20-8-18.

OPERATIONS.Right Group :-

Throughout the night harassing fire was maintained on areas in R.22.b. and d. and R.28.b. and d.

Left Group :-

During the night, targets as under were engaged with harassing fire.

LUC WOOD

Road

R.9.b.80.00 to R.9.b.6.1.

Trench System

R.9.b.6.7.

Wood

R.4.c0.0.

Ammunition expended 17,750 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

Increased activity both day and night, PROYART, LA FLAQUE, R.14., R.19., receiving special attention.
10.20 a.m. heavy shelling of forward area
7 p.m. 20 5. (9s fell in R.7.d.
9.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. heavy shelling in the vicinity of PROYART.
2.45 a.m. shelling of forward system.

HOSTILE M.G.

Active during the night particularly in R.21 a. and c.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Single E.A. were observed at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.
An enemy observation balloon was brought down in flames.

MISCELLANEOUS

One of our Guns was destroyed by shell fire.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
No.	5/233
Date	

Wm. J. Feate Lieut.,
For Lieut.-Colonel.
C.O. 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 21-8-18.

OPERATIONSRight Group :-

During the night, harassing fire was maintained on areas in

R.22.b. and d.
R.28.b. and d.
Main Road in R.29.c.
Trench system R.28.b.7.7.

Left Group :- Harassing fire was carried out on targets as under.

LUC WOOD.

Wood R.4.c.10.00 to R.4.c.10.30.
Road R.9.b.8.0.
Copse R.16.a.
Cross Rodds R.10.c.20.45.

Sniping.

A sniping post was located at R.21.b.65.95, containing two active snipers. An Officer and N.C.O. engaged same with rifle fire and claimed two hits. The sniping ended.

Ammunition expended 20,000 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Much quieter during the day, but heavier shelling after midnight until dawn.

Gully in R.1. and R.8. were shelled at half hour intervals with 4.2's and 5.9's.

PROYART and LA FLAQUE were heavily shelled, the latter dump still burning furiously.

R.14.a. received attention throughout the night.

HOSTILE M.G.

Active throughout the night on forward roads.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Usual patrol work was carried out during the day.

Bombing planes active during the night and bombs were dropped in R.8. and R.14.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A heavy mist came up at 11 p.m.



Wm. Deaton Lieut.
For Lieut.-Colonel.
C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G.Bn.

Copy No.
Headquarters,
30th August, '18.SECRET.
Ref. Map. 62D.
1/40,000.

1. The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery and 4 Infantry Battalions) are to be relieved in "C" Divisional ~~SECTOR~~ Sector by the 1st. Australian Division (less Artillery) during the 21st and night 21st/22nd August, 1918.
2. The 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion (less 2 Companies) will be relieved by the 1st Aust. M.G. Battalion during the day of 21st and night 21st/22nd August.
3. Relief will be carried out as follows :-
 - (a). 1st Aust. M.G. Company will relieve the 8th Aust. M.G. Company
 - (b). 3rd Aust. M.G. Company will relieve the 25th Aust. M.G. Company.
4. Machine Gun Companies on relief will move to their present Transport lines and remain in bivouac.
5. Detailed orders for relief of 14th and 15th M.G. Companies will be issued later.
6. During relief all precautions will be taken to avoid enemy observation, and double normal distance will be maintained.
7. Subject to the terms of this order all details of relief will be arranged direct between Company Commanders concerned.
8. Completion of relief will be wired to Battalion Headquarters in code.
9. Machine Gun Companies - ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. Brown
Adjt., 5th Aust. M.G. Bn. Capt.

DISTRIBUTION.

Issued at 11 p.m. to:

Copy No.

- | | | |
|----|----------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | 8th M.G. Co. | XXXXXXXXXXXX |
| 2. | 14th M.G. Co. | |
| 3. | 15th M.G. Co. | |
| 4. | 25th M.G. Co. | |
| 5. | 5th Aust. Div. | |

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| 7. | 14th Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 8. | 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 9. | 1st Aust. M.G. Bn. |
| 10. | 32 M.G. Bn. M.G.C. |
| 11. | W.D. ✓ |
| 12. | File. |

5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 22-3-18.

OPERATIONS.RELIEFS.

The 1st. Aust. M.G. Company relieved the 8th. Aust. M.G. Company in the line left, and the 3rd Aust. M.G. Company relieved the 25th. Aust. M.G. Company in reserve.

Relief satisfactorily completed by 10.30 p.m.

Left Group :-

During the night, harassing fire was distributed on areas in

	R.22.b. and d.
	R.28.b. and d.
Edge of wood	R.29.a.

Ammunition expended 8,000 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Normal during the day, but considerably active between midnight and 2 a.m. and again between 4.45 a.m. and 6 a.m. in reply to our attack.

Areas around PROYART, R.8.a., R.8.b., R.14.a. and b. LA FLAQUE Dump received most attention, and a small percentage of gas was used.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

At 5 p.m. two E.A. flew over our lines at a great height.

One enemy observation balloon was observed to come down in flames.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the attack, the enemy used almost entirely Red flares, double for the first few minutes and then single flares.

It was noticeable that very little small calibre Artillery was used.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
No.	5/239
Date

Wm J. Gale
Lieut.
For Lieut. - Colonel.
C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Bn.

5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No.39.25.10
Copy No. 10Headquarters,
22nd August, 1918.SECRET.

Ref. Map.

62.D.

1/40,000.

1. The 5th Australian Machine Gun Battalion will move from present location to billets in accordance with attached move table, on dates as shown.
2. Completion of move will be notified to Battalion Headquarters by runner.
3. Battalion Headquarters will close at Q.21.d.4.5. at 8 p.m. and open at HAMELET at same hour.
4. Machine Gun Companies - ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. J. Feater Lieut
 for Lieut.-Colonel.
 C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G.Bn.

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Issued at 11 a.m.

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| 7. | 14th. Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 8. | 15th. Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 9. | 1st. Aust. M.G. Battalion. |
| 10. | W.D. ✓ |
| 11. | File. |

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MOVE TABLE ISSUED WITH MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No.39.

SERIAL No.	DATE.	UNIT.	FROM	TO	REMARKS.
1.	Night 22nd.	8th. A.M.G.Co.	Q.21.d.	HAMELET.	No movement to take place until evening.
2.	Night 22nd.	25th. A.M.G.Co.	Q.13.b.	VAIRE.	ditto.
3.	22nd.	Bn. H.Q.	Q.21.d.	HAMELET.	
4.		15th. A.M.G.Co.	Line.	VAUX.	Date of move will be issued later.
5.		14th. A.M.G.Co.	Line.	Vicinity of HAMELET.	Date of move will be issued later.

APPENDIX

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SECRET.
Ref. Map.
HARBONNIERES.
1/40,000.

Headquarters.
25th August, 1918.

- The 5th. Australian Machine Gun Battalion (less one Company) will move from present location to bivouac areas as under.

Date.	Unit	To.
26th.	8th. M.G. Company.	Q.29.b.
26th.	15th. M.G. Company.	Q.28.a.
26th.	25th. M.G. Comapny.	Q.21. Central.
26th.	Battalion H.Q.	R.19.b.7.6.

- Companies will move in fighting Order, Packs Blankets and surplus gear will be stored at Battalion Dump, Billet 83, Petticoat Lane HAMELET, by 9 a.m. 26th inst.
Two men per Company will be detailed to remain on charge of Company Stores. These men will bring 24 hours ration, but will be rationed thereafter by Battalion Q.M.
- Rear parties will be detailed by each Company to strike present camp; all Tents and Trench Shelters to be returned to Area Commandants HAMELET in the case of 8th and 25th Companies, and VAUX in the case of the 15th Company.
Receipts will be obtained for same, and forwarded to Battalion Headquarters as early as possible.
- Double normal distance will be maintained on the move and the usual precautions regarding enemy aircraft and shelling observed.
- 14th Aust. M.G. Company will remain under orders of 14th Inf. Brigade.
- Reconnoitring parties from each Company will be sent forward to select bivouac areas, and guide incoming Companies.
- Battalion Headquarters will close at HAMELET at 2 p.m. and open at R.19.b. at 4 p.m. where Companies will report completion of move and exact location.
- M.G. Companies, - ACKNOWLEDGE.

AM Bunn
Adj. 5th Aust. M.G. Bn. ^{Capt.}

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- 5th Aust. Division.
- 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.)
- 14th. Aust. Inf. Bde.)
- 15th. Aust. Inf. Bde.)
- Area Comdt. HAMELET.)
- 1st. Aust. M.G. Battalion.)
- W.D. ✓
- File.

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SECRET.

Ref. Map.
HARBONNIERES
1/40,000.

Copy No.....
Headquarters,
26th August, 1918.

1. The 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade are relieving the 1st Aust. Divisional Units vice the 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
2. The 14th M.G. Company will relieve sections of the 2nd and 21st M.G. Companies in the Divisional Area on the night 26th/27th.
3. The 8th M.G. Company will relieve the 14th M.G. Company on night 27th/28th.
4. The 14th M.G. Company on relief will move to Q.28.a. and remain in Support.
5. 15th and 25th M.G. Companies will remain at present location.
6. Details of relief will be arranged between Company Commanders concerned.
7. Supply arrangements, unchanged.
8. Battalion Headquarters will remain at present location.
9. Machine Gun Companies - ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. A. B. [Signature]
 Capt.
 Adjt., 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

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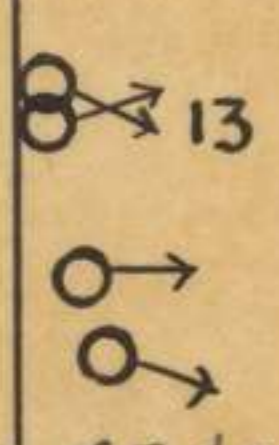
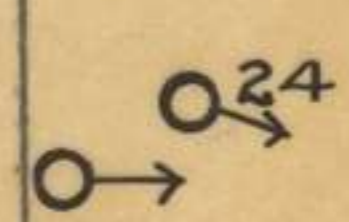

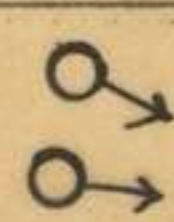
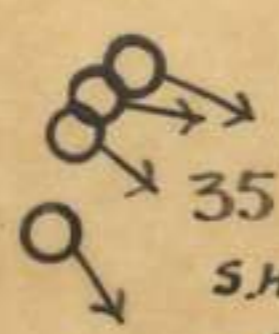
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5. 5th Aust. Division.

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10. 2nd Aust. M.G. Bn.
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Identification Table

			R.	M.
	<p><u>SECRET.</u> <u>5th A.M.G. BN.</u> <u>DISPOSITIONS OF MACHINE GUNS</u> <u>as taken over from</u> <u>Pf. 2nd + 21st M.G. Cos.</u> <u>NIGHT 26/27th AUGUST 1918.</u> <u>G.H.Q. R.19 d.4.6.</u></p>	17	18	 <p>S.H.Q. M13 d 26.</p>
	22	23	 <p>S.H.Q. R24 c 15.50.</p>	19
	 <p>S.H.Q. R28 a 5.5.</p>	29		25
	34	 <p>S.H.Q. R35 a 7.3</p>	36	31
				R. M.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 28-8-18.

OPERATIONS.

Relief :-

The 8th M.G. Company relieved the 14th M.G. Company in the line. Relief was satisfactorily completed by 10 p.m.

Ammunition expended, NIL.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

During the afternoon, the Gully North West of PROYART was heavily shelled with large calibre shells. Between 7.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. heavy shelling in R.23., R.24., R.28., R.29. and R.30. with a slight mixture of Blue Cross and Yellow Cross Gas.

HOSTILE M.G.

Inactive.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Between 7.45 and 8 p.m., whilst heavy enemy shelling was in progress, six enemy planes flew low over the area being shelled.

MISCELLANEOUS?

Our aircraft was active during the night.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
No.	5/215
Date

Wm. J. Feater Lieut.
For Lieut.- Colonel.
C.O. 5th Aust M. G. Bn.

Headquarters,
29th August, 1918.SECRET.
Ref. Map.
HARBORHEADS,
1 : 40,000.

1. The 15th A.I. Brigade will probably pass through the 8th A.I. Brigade on 29th inst., and continue the advance within Divisional boundaries as shown on Map already issued.
2. 15th M.G. Company will move forward with 15th A.I. Brigade, allotting Sections to advancing Infantry Battalions in accordance with instructions from C.O.C. 15th A.I. Brigade.
C.O. 15th M.G. Company will report to Headquarters 15th A.I. Brigade at H.30.a for instructions.
3. 8th M.G. Company will remain with 8th A.I. Brigade and will conform to the movements of the Brigade.
4. 14th M.G. Company will keep in touch with 14th A.I. Brigade and will be ready to move forward at short notice.
5. 25th M.G. Company will be ready to move forward on 29th inst.; position to be reconnoitered will be notified later.
6. The utmost use will be made of Company Transports, Sections if possible moving forward with attacking Infantry Battalions as complete Units.
7. Company Commanders will be responsible that rear Headquarters are kept moved up, and that Battalion Headquarters are notified of all changes in locations for both forward and rear Headquarters.
8. Forward Report Centre will be notified later. Battalion Headquarters from 9 a.m. 29th inst. Q.29.d.
9. M.G. Companies - ACTIONLESS.

M. J. Fine
Capt.
Adj. 5th Aust. M.G. Co.

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5. 5th Aust. Division.

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7. 14th Aust. Inf. Bde.
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9. W.D.
10. File.

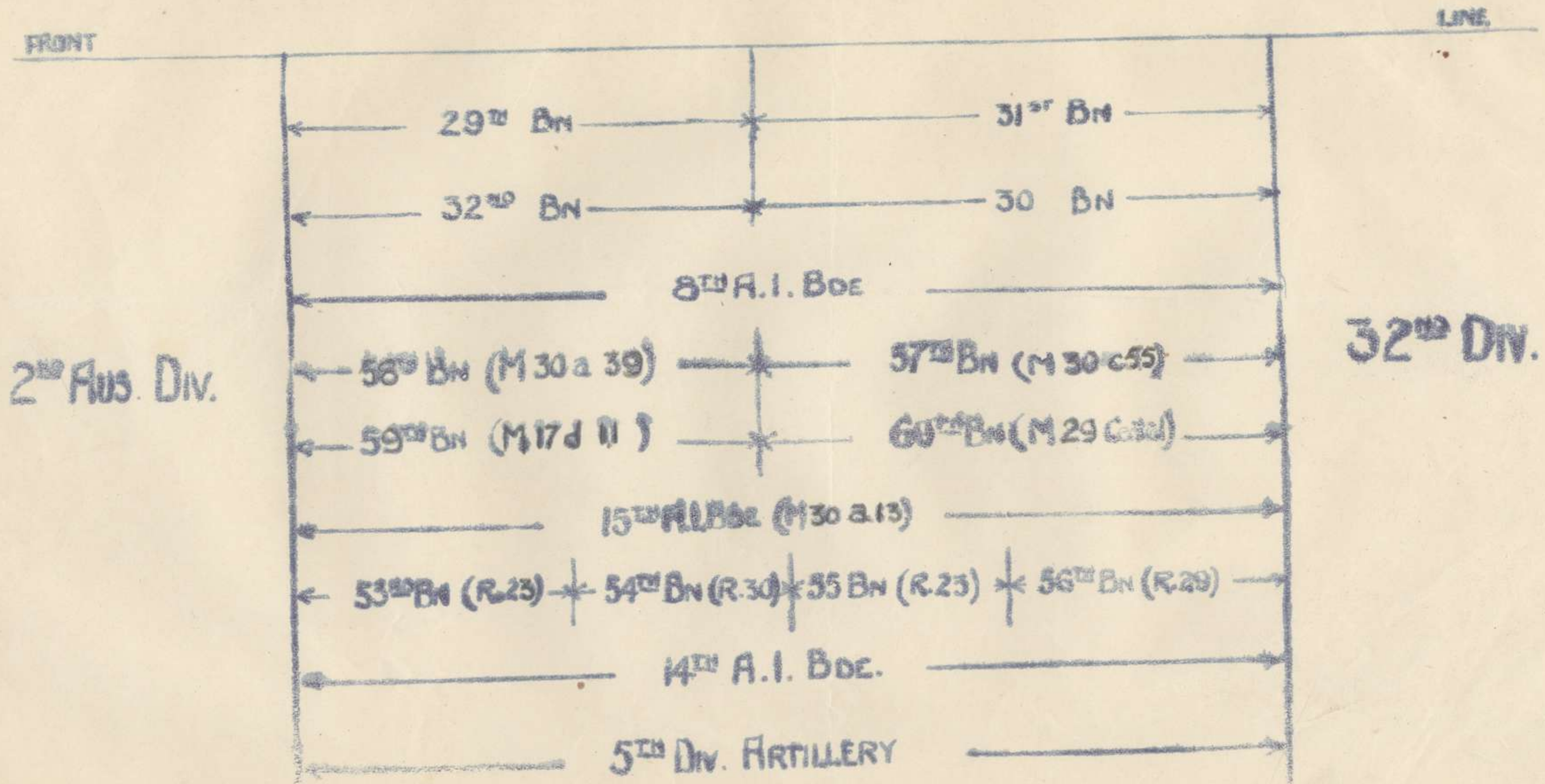
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DIAGRAMMATIC ORDER OF BATTLE

AS AT 10 AM. 29-8-18

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5TH AUS. DIVISION.



APPENDIX 3152

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form G-2121.
(In pads of 100)

No. of Message 52

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

TO { 25th Aust. M.G. Co. 15th Aust. M.G. Co.
15th A.I. Bde. 5th Aust. Division.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* M.G.A.908	31	---	

25th M.G. Company will relieve 15th M.G. Co. on night 31st Aug./1st September. aaa
 15th M.G. Company on relief will move into Reserve to position which will be notified later. aaa
 25th M.G. Company will detail one officer for liaison duty with 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade under whom they will be operating. aaa
 Location of H.Q. 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade is O.2.c.1.8. and H.Q. 15th M.G. Co. O.13.b.9.9. aaa
 15th M.G. Company will notify H.Q. 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. on completion of relief.

War Diary Copy.

From _____
 Place **5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BN.**
 Time 10m

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) W. B. [Signature] Capt
 Censor. Signature of Addresser or person authorised to sign on his name.

* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.
 Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

SECRET.

ANTICIPATED ORDER OF BATTLE 6 AM. 31.8.18
5TH AUST. DIV. (Q.30.c.5.5)

5TH AUST. DIV.

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FRONT LINE

FRONT LINE

5TH BDE.

57TH BN. * 58TH BN. * 59TH BN. * 60TH BN.
(MOVING TO RELIEVE 7TH A.I. BDE.)

14TH BDE.

15TH BDE. { O.2.c.1.7. H.Q.
O.3.a.2.8. BATTLE H.Q.
H.32.c.6.4. REAR H.Q.

15TH M.G. COY.
2 TROOPS L. HORSE.

2ND AUST. DIV.

53RD BN. (N.11.a.60.85) * 54TH BN. (N.11.a.CENTRAL)

32ND DIV.

55TH BN. (N.10.d.20.20) * 56TH BN. (N.16.b.00.40)

14TH BDE. (N.27.b.2.9)
(ASSEMBLY AREAS: N.5. N.11. N.17.)

14TH M.G. COY.

29TH BN. * 30TH BN. * 31ST BN. * 32ND BN.
(M.22) (M.8.9.a.a.c) (M.16.) (M.15.c.2.4)

8TH BDE. (M.15.d.5.6)

8TH M.G. COY.

12TH ARMY BDE. A.F.A. * 13TH BDE. A.F.A.

23RD R.F.A. * 14TH BDE. A.F.A.
(N.11. AND N.17.) (BARLEUX)

50 PDR. BTY. (N.6)
5TH AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY.
(M.23.a.5.5)

25TH M.G. COY. (M.18. CENTRAL)

19.8.1918

APPENDIX 33
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix..... Code..... Words.....
£ s d
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 From..... At..... m.
 By..... To.....
 By.....

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions.

Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m.

TO

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number AAA
 492 10

Prisoners taken during operations
 by this are up
 to 6pm 9th inst. 6 a.m.
 8th inst 36 officers 1274 O/Rs
 and 9th inst. uninjured.
 8 Officers 225 O/Rs wounded
 3 Officers 134 O/Rs total 47 off
 1633 O/Rs

FROM

LEGI.



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APPENDIX 34 6-5

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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 From..... At..... m.
 By..... To.....
 By.....

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions.

Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m.

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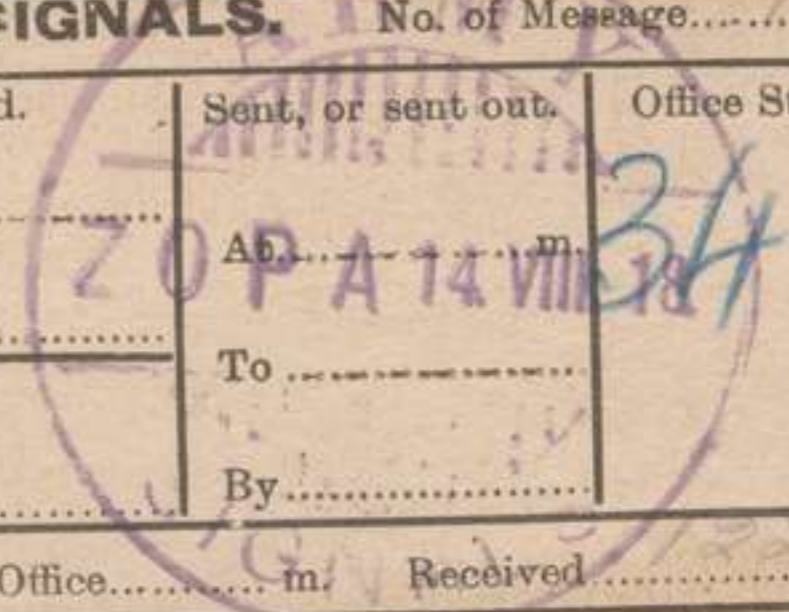
*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number AAA
 527 13

Conference originally
 commenced for
 * FOC 50 will now be
 held at Chateau
 L'Epineauk Bataillon
 may attend if desired
 aaa a/c
 X.F.6 C5.0 ✓ MRB

FROM

TIME & PLACE

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
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Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions.			By.....		
Handed in at.....			Office.....	m.	Received..... m.
<p>TO <i>S. M. B. B.</i></p>					
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA		
<i>8323</i>	<i>13</i>				
<p><i>Ref. Addendum No 2</i></p> <p><i>To be the instructions</i></p> <p><i>No 61000 Everything</i></p> <p><i>decreased to have done</i></p> <p><i>stand fast accordingly</i></p> <p><i>Div 6 will remain at</i></p> <p><i>present location for</i></p> <p><i>operation. Acknowledged</i></p> <p><i>AAA addressed all</i></p> <p><i>recipients of instruction</i></p> <p><i>No 6</i></p>					
<p>FROM <i>S. M. B. B.</i></p>					
<p>TIME & PLACE</p>					



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APPENDIX

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Prefix <u>20</u>	Code <u>AF</u>	Words <u>17</u>	Received <u>20</u>	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp
Charges to Collect			From <u>20</u>	At <u>34</u> m.	
Service Instructions			By <u>20</u>	To	
Urgent Operation Priority			By		
Handed in at <u>20</u>			Office <u>45</u>	m. Received <u>5-25</u>	
TO	<u>5th Aust to G. Gen</u>				
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number		AAA	
<u>9534</u>	<u>16</u>				
<p>Enemy resistance on trench front is reported to be weakening and trench on right of Canadian Corps were to advance all noon today objectives ROYE and CARRE PUIS and if the enemy withdraws the Canadian Corps is to advance in close touch with the French and Australian Corps will keep close touch with the enemy and will conform to the movement of the Canadian Corps PIVOTING on the Semine and Corps Southern boundary will be east and west grid line through</p>					
FROM					
PLACE & TIME					

*This line should be erased if not required.



Prefix *20* Code *210* Words *77*
 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From *Log* At *3/4* m.
 By *War* To *3/4*
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions. *Priority*



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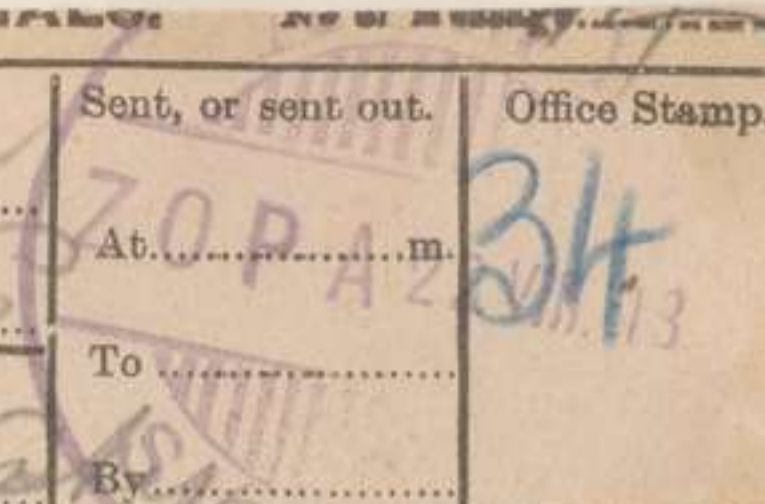
TO *Log*

*Sender's Number *61008* Day of Month *21* In reply to Number *AAA*

Brig General commanding 14th
 15th Aust Inf Bdes with command
 in command of forward Brigade
 sectors of C^o Divisional area
 until 10 a.m. 22nd inst when
 command will pass to Brig
 General commanding 1st and
 1st Abn Bdes and Battalions
 of 1st and 2nd Abn Bdes on
 arrival in forward brigade
 areas of C^o Division with come
 under command of Brig General
 commanding 15th and 14th Inf
 Bdes respectfully and
 Addressed all concerned

FROM *5th Aust Div*
 TIME & PLACE

Prefix *20* Code *210* Words *77*
 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From *Log* At *3/4* m.
 By *War* To *3/4*
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions. *Urgent Operations*



Handed in at *Log* Office *3/4* m. Received *12/13* m.

TO *Log*

*Sender's Number *61182* Day of Month *22* In reply to Number *AAA*

Whole 14th Bde Comes
 under orders 1st Aust
 Bde for defensive purposes
 from 11:45 a.m. 23rd inst
 1 a.m. at that hour
 Brigade will be disposed
 in R19 B and D and
 R25 B. AAA HQ will
 be established and notified
 to 1st and 5th Aust
 Bdes. AAA 14th Machine
 Gun Coy will be
 allotted to 14th Bde
 AAA ACKNOWLEDGE AAA
 Adm 14th Inf Bde repeated
 5th Abn Bdes 1st Aust Bde
 and

FROM *5th Aust Bde*
 TIME & PLACE

Prefix *Am* Code *mk* Words *36* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From *eye* At *ZOPA* m. *34* 18
 By *Jarrelton* To
 Handed in at *eye* Office *P. 50* m. Received *P. 50* m.

TO *Zopa*

Sender's Number *1398* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

<i>All</i>	<i>Brigadiers</i>	<i>O.Cs</i>	<i>m.g.</i>
<i>Bn</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>CRG</i>	<i>will</i>
<i>attend</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>D.H.Q.</i>	<i>at</i>
<i>2 pm</i>	<i>today</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>g. O.C's</i>
<i>Conference</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>acknowledge</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>addressed</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Bdes</i>	<i>m.g.</i>
<i>Bn</i>	<i>Div</i>	<i>artillery</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Div</i>	<i>Enges</i>		

FROM *Div Legi*
 TIME & PLACE

Prefix *Am* Code *mk* Words *37* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From *eye* At *ZOPA* m. *34* 18
 By *Jarrelton* To
 Handed in at *eye* Office *P. 50* m. Received *P. 50* m.

TO *Zopa*

Sender's Number *1397* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

<i>14th</i>	<i>A & Bde</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>14th</i>
<i>m.g.</i>	<i>boy</i>	<i>now</i>	<i>under</i>
<i>Command</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Ans</i>	<i>Div</i>
<i>aaa</i>	<i>above</i>	<i>units</i>	<i>will</i>
<i>remain</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>present</i>	<i>positions</i>
<i>aaa</i>	<i>acknowledges</i>	<i>aaa</i>	
<i>addressed</i>	<i>with a</i>	<i>Bde</i>	
<i>repeated</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>m.g.</i>	<i>Bn</i>

FROM *Legi*
 TIME & PLACE

Acknowledged

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Prefix <i>Am</i> Code <i>90</i> Words <i>62</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
From <i>Legi</i>	At <i>26 VIII. 18</i>	To	By
Charges to Collect	Office <i>207</i> m. Received <i>11:30</i> m.		
Service Instructions.	Handed in at <i>Legi</i> Office <i>207</i> m. Received <i>11:30</i> m.		
TO <i>Zopa</i>			
*Sender's Number <i>1506</i>	Day of Month <i>26</i>	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>15th</i>	<i>Inf Bde</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>detail</i>
<i>one</i>	<i>Lewis</i>	<i>gun</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>crew</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>men</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>m. g.</i>	<i>Bn.</i>
<i>will</i>	<i>detail</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Vickers</i>
<i>gun</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>crew</i>	<i>of</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>men</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>report</i>
<i>to</i>	<i>N29C8.2</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>11 am.</i>
<i>26/8/18</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>demonstration.</i>	
<i>with</i>	<i>HOBBS</i>	<i>CUOLA</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>Lt Col</i>	<i>MARSDEN</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>m. g.</i>
<i>Bn</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>also</i>	<i>attend</i>
<i>aaa</i>	<i>add'd</i>	<i>15 A1</i>	<i>Bde.</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>m. g.</i>	<i>Bn</i>
FROM <i>Legi</i>			
TIME & PLACE			

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. NO. OF MESSAGE.....

Prefix <i>Am</i> Code <i>90</i> Words <i>68</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
From <i>Legi</i>	At <i>26 VIII. 18</i>	To	By <i>34</i>
Charges to Collect	Office <i>954</i> m. Received <i>9:41</i> m.		
Service Instructions.	Handed in at <i>Legi</i> Office <i>954</i> m. Received <i>9:41</i> m.		
TO <i>Zopa</i>			
*Sender's Number <i>1511</i>	Day of Month <i>26th</i>	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>Prisoner</i>	<i>captured</i>	<i>near</i>	<i>FRESNOY</i>
<i>today</i>	<i>states</i>	<i>his</i>	<i>Coy</i>
<i>is</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>return</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>distance</i>	<i>approx</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>kilos</i>
<i>aaa</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>anticipate</i>	<i>this</i>
<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>carried</i>	<i>out</i>
<i>tonight</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>possibly</i>	<i>1st</i>
<i>stage</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>withdrawal</i>	
<i>across</i>	<i>Somme</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>3rd</i>
<i>Aus</i>	<i>Div</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>58th</i>
<i>Pw</i>	<i>is</i>	<i>seizing</i>	<i>Ridge</i>
<i>in</i>	<i>A 28</i>	<i>early</i>	<i>tomorrow.</i>
<i>aaa</i>	<i>This</i>	<i>should</i>	<i>limit</i>
<i>avenues</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>to</i>	
<i>Causeway</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>of 4 D</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>Bridge</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>ECHESTER</i>	<i>aaa</i>
FROM <i>Legi</i>			
TIME & PLACE			

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Code <i>BP</i> Words <i>43</i>		Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect		From <i>aye</i>	At <i>20 P A</i> m.	<i>3/4 18</i>
Service Instructions.		By <i>Jarrett</i>	To	
Handed in at <i>aye</i>		Office <i>2 P</i> m.	Received <i>2 37</i> m.	
TO <i>Zopar</i>				
Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number		AAA
<i>91635</i>	<i>27</i>			
<i>32nd</i>	<i>Divn</i>	<i>have</i>	<i>advanced</i>	
<i>their</i>	<i>line</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>Enemy</i>	
<i>still</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>STARRY WOOD</i>	<i>aaa</i>	
<i>large</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>enemy</i>	
<i>reported</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>Bennafay and</i>	<i>fresh</i>	
<i>Troops</i>	<i>wood</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>identified</i>	
<i>divn</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>third</i>	
<i>Corps</i>	<i>front</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>fighting</i>	
<i>taking</i>	<i>place</i>		<i>Troops</i>	
<i>wood</i>				
FROM	<i>Legi</i>			
TIME & PLACE				



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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Prefix <i>Am</i>	Code <i>45</i>	Words	Charge	No. of Message
Office of Origin and Service Instructions		This message is on a/c of:		Read at <i>34</i> m.
<i>44/6</i>		Sent		Date
		At <i>28</i> m.		Service
		To		From
		By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")

TO	<i>15th A.I. Bde C.P.F. Rom</i>		
	<i>8th A.I. Bde C.P.F. (20PA) Rom</i>		
	<i>14th A.I. Bde M.B. Por. The Sig Coy</i>		
Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>1770</i>	<i>28th</i>		

15th A.I. Bde will be prepared to relieve 8th A.I. Bde by 12 noon tomorrow 29th inst. a/c This relief will not take place until definite orders issued from this office a/c 15th Inf Bde will remain at night at present location and will be ready to move at one hours notice a/c addressed 15th Inf Bde 8th Inf Bde retd concerned a/c Concerned.

From	<i>5th Aust Div</i>	LEG 1
Place		
Time		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)
Censor	Signature of <i>[Signature]</i>	

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions

SECRET
inquiry

Sent _____ Service _____ Date **35**
 At _____ m. _____
 To _____
 By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____

TO **OC 8^o M.C.B.**

Sender's Number. **MS.A. 764** Day of Month. **7** In reply to Number. **-** **AAA**

**Gen hour will be
 4.20 am. on the
 8th inst. A.A.A.
 Acknowledge.**

From **5th RM 8 Bn**
 Place **9.35 pm**
 Time **9.35 pm**

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) **[Signature]**
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorized to telegraph in his name.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Keed. at.....m.	
Sent		Date.....	
At.....m.		Service.	
To.....		From <u>35</u>	
By.....		By.....	
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			
TO	8th M.G. Co.		
	14th M.G. Co.	25th M.G. Co.	
	15th M.G. Co.		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* MGA772	10	---	
M.G.	Companies	will	come
under	Battalion	Command	from
noon	to-day	AAA	Companies
will	move	to	Billets
at	DAOURS	AAA	Guides
will	meet	in-coming	Companies
at	O.l.c.2.5.	(Bridge)	AAA
Battalion	H.Q.	close	at
VILLERS	BRETONNEUX	at	noon
and	open	DAOURS	2 p.m.
to-day.	AAA.	move	to
be	complete	by	9 pm.
From			
Place	5TH AUST. M.G. BATTALION.		
Time	10 a.m.		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)			
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.		

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Sent		Service		Date
At	m.			35
To				From
By	(Signature of "Franklin" Officer)			By

TO	8th M.G. Co.	25th M.G. Co.
	14th M.G. Co.	
	15th M.G. Co.	

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* M.G.A. 780	11	---	

Personnel	King's	Inspection	will
assemble	Church	VECCHEMONT	12.30
11th	instant	instead	of
as	arranged.		

From			
Place	5TH AUST. M.G. Bn.		
Time	9.35 am		

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)	Signature of Authoriser or person authorised to telegraph in his name.	Capt.
Censor.		

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions		This message is a telegram		Recd. at.....m.
URGENT		Sent	Service.	Date.....
By Runner		At.....m.		From.....
		To.....		By.....
		By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO	8, 14	15 and 25	1886	
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA	
MSA 596	12	—		
Machine gun companies				
will move from present				
bunkers to new AAA				
company command will				
report at 8 PM A 2				
7 AM 13 th inst when				
detailed orders will be				
issued				
From	5 AM	8 PM		
Place				
Time	10 45 PM			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)				
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorized to telegraph in his name			
	A. P. [Signature]			

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions

Sent _____ Service _____ Date _____
 At _____ m. _____
 To _____
 By _____ (Signature of "Franklin" Officer.)

Per Runner

TO { 8.14.18 5 25 AM 805

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 *MS.A.800 14 —

Everything delayed
 24 hours AAA Stand
 fast. accordingly AAA
 For H 2 will remain
 at present location

From 5th AM 805
 Place 8:30am
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions

Sent _____ Service _____ Date _____
 At _____ m. _____
 To _____
 By _____ (Signature of "Franklin" Officer.)

TO { 8.14.18 M.S. 608

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 *MS.A.805 14 —

Everything is off
 AAA Stand fast await
 orders

From 5th AM 805
 Place 7:27pm
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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Special Runner. In gent.

Sent		Date <i>25</i>	
At.....m.		Service.	
To.....		From.....	
By.....		By.....	
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			

TO	8th M.G.Co.	15th M.G.Co.
	14th M.G.Co.	25th M.G.Co.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
*M.G.A.809	15	----	AAA

WARNING	ORDER	AAA	
The	5th Aust.	Div.	will
relieve	17th	British	Div.
night	of	16th/17th	instant
AAA	Companies	will	be
ready	to	move	between
5 and 6	p.m. to	night	AAA
ACKNOWLEDGE			

From	
Place	5TH AUST. M.G. BATTALION.
Time	1.15 p.m.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. *MA Brown* Capt.

Censor. Signature of Addresser or person authorised to telegraph in his name

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions		This message is on a/c of:		Recd. at.....m.
Sent				Date.....
At.....m.		Service.		From.....
To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....
By.....				
TO	25 - 11 - 60			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA	
MSA 816 - 15				
<p>You will move to WOOD 220 B and arrange for night AAA of morning. You will be required to relieve Reserve MSA 17. Div for which you will receive detailed orders later.</p>				
From	S. A. M. S. P.			
Place	6357			
Time	6:35 pm			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)				
Censor.	Signature of Addressee or person authorized to telegraph in his name			

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.....		Sent	 Service.		Date.....
.....		At.....m.			From.....
.....		To.....			By.....
.....		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....
TO { 15' AM S.B. }						
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA
M ^o ASIS- 15		15		-		
You will move to right						
and Bunker on Wood						
214 Band D. R.A.A.						
You will be required to						
return Duffon, M ^o Bay						
to-morrow night detailed						
orders regarding relief						
will be received later.						
From.....						
Place.....						
Time.....						
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)						
Censor.....				Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.		



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

TO { 14 M 860

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
M.S.A 816.	15	-	AAA

You	will	move	to
WOOD	in	228a	and
Bigonal	the	night	AAA
You	will	relieve	the
M.S. Co	covering	the	left
Bde	of	the	15 th
Div	to-morrow	night	
detached	orders	for	which
will	be	issued	later

From	5 PM 860
Place	650 pm
Time	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)	
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorized to telegraph in his name.

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

TO { 8 M 860

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
M.S.A 817.	15	-	AAA

You	will	move	to
WOOD	in	228a	and
will	relieve	M.S. Co	covering
Right	Bde	of	17 th
Div	to-morrow	night	detached
orders	for	which	will
be	issued	later	

From	5 PM 860
Place	645 pm
Time	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)	
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorized to telegraph in his name.



Per Kamin
 Secret
 Sent _____ Service _____ Date _____
 At _____ m. _____
 To _____
 By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____

TO { 4 my Coy
 Amly Coy

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
 * me/A837 20

Warning	Order	ATAA	
The	12 th (first)	Aust	my Bn
will	probably	relieve	the
5 th Aust	city Bn	during	the day
of	21 st Lvt	and	night
of	21/22 nd	ATAA	Detailed
Orders	will	be	issued
later	ATAA	acknowledge	

From _____
 Place _____
 Time 2 pm
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
 Censor. _____ Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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Service Instructions		Sent		Date	
At		m.		Service	
To		By		From	
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By	
TO { 25 Mo G Co					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
* MG 4849		22		-	
Reference		Order		39	
Serial		Number		2	
VAI RE		Send		5312 000	
Advance party		One		Officer	
Three		of Banks		to meet	
Substant		8 pm		tonight	
at		P.O. 5060		(road junction)	
Measurement		to		new destination	
to		take		place in your	
own		time		during cool	
of		the		evening	
From 5 Substant G. Co					
Place					
Time 3 47 pm					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.					
Censor.		(Z) M. B. B. B. B. B.			
		Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.			

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		This message is the property of _____	
Sent		Date	
At _____ m.	Service.	At _____ m.	Service.
To _____	From	To _____	From
By _____	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By _____	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO: 14 15 MG

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*NSA 862	24	-	AAA

I have now received following message from 1st Div. In Begins please express to the line both at the 5th Div. In the appreciation of all ranks of this Div for the excellent handover and bump-off given to this Div on 14th and 15th MG boys for assistance given in barrage tasks and we will remember this and our Bnd as dated 23rd

From	5 th Div MG
Place	11 th Bn
Time	11 am

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

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

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		This message is the property of _____	
Sent		Date	
At _____ m.	Service.	At _____ m.	Service.
To _____	From	To _____	From
By _____	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By _____	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO: 14th + 25th Div

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*NSA 100 + 101	29	-	AAA

1st Div will move today to 17.23 Central - 25th Div. 6 17.29 B. Move to be complete by 5 p.m. Bnd report centre will be established at 17.21 A.B.2 from 6 p.m. where reports from 1st Div will be sent. Act R

From	17.23 Central
Place	17.29 B
Time	17.21

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

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

APPENDIX 35.74

Prefix.....	Code.....	m	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....	m
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Service.	Date
			At.....	m.		From	
			To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By	
			By.....				
TO { 25 17.9 Coy							
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		A A A	
* 17-5102		29					
<p>Def. msg. 17.9.10 ✓</p> <p>25 17.9 Coy will now move</p> <p>to 17.29 B. —</p> <p>to see report continue with</p> <p>be at N.26.0.5</p>							
From 17.9 Coy							
Place 12.45							
Time 12.45							
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z)			
<p>Signature of [Name] authorized to forward in his name</p>							

5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.36INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 1-9-18.

OPERATIONS.RELIEFS.

The 15th M.G. Company was relieved in the line by the 25th M.G. Company. Relief satisfactorily completed by 9.30 p.m.

Ammunition expended, NIL.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Active throughout the day and night.

About 8.30 p.m. 30, 4.2's near road in O.13.a.

20 5.9's near main road through BAREUN.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

N I L.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Our artillery was very active throughout the night.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
N.	<i>5/247</i>
Date.	

Wm Pfeiffer
Lieut.
For Lieut.-Colonel.
C.O. 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.