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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FLETRE Sheet 27.	1st- 28th.		<p>Corps in line between BASSEVILLE BEEK, J.26.b., Sheet 28, and FRELINGHEIN, C.16.b. Sheet 36.</p> <p><u>Appliances in hand at beginning of February :-</u> same as in January 1918. See previous War Diaries.</p> <p><u>Organisation at beginning of February :-</u> do do do do</p> <p><u>Conditions and difficulties under which work is carried out.</u> Lack of suitable transport is the most serious. Box car badly needed.</p> <p><u>Class of work in hand at beginning on month.</u></p> <p><u>Office Work.</u> Mapping of enemy Area from Air photos opposite Corps Front in hand. " " British Trenches from Air photos in Corps Area in hand. Ordinary routine mapping for General Staff.</p> <p><u>Field Work.</u> Resection of Field Artillery Battery positions as required.</p> <p><u>Summary of work done during month.</u></p> <p><u>Office Work.</u> List of maps produced during month attached. No copies of these can be sent to War Records Section for 2 or 3 months yet as they may be required for reference purposes.</p> <p><u>Field Work.</u> No of Field Batteries resected during period = 15 No of Map Boards supplied to Field Batteries during period = 27</p> <p><u>Improvements made to appliances during month.</u> 1 extra Lithographic stone purchased from A.I.F. Funds in PARIS making 3 stones in hand.</p> <p><u>Record of Daily Strengths, evacuations, casualties etc.</u></p> <p>1/2/18 1 Officer. 19 O/Rks. 12/2/18 1 Officer. 18 O/Rks. 1 O/Rank transferred to War Records Section. 14/2/18 1 Officer. 19 O/Rks. 1 O/Rank transferred from XXII Corps Topo Section. 28/2/18 1 Officer. 19 O/Ranks. No evacuations nor casualties. No other entries for February.</p>	
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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

- 1 *List of Special Maps produced during month of February*

STATEMENT OF SPECIAL MAPS PRODUCED BY AUSTRALIAN CORPS TOPOGRAPHICAL SECTION FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1918.

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Section Map No.	Particulars of Map.	Sheet.	Scale.	Method of production.	No of copies produced.	Remarks.
449	Defence Map 1A showing zones and lines of defence in colour.	T.1.-C.24.	1/20000	Litho and hand colour.	50	Secret - For B.G.G.S.
450	Objectives gained during progress 3rd Battle YPRES.	YPRES & ZONNEBEKE.	1/10000	Hand.	5	For B.G.G.S.
451	Corps Areas and Boundaries.	Reg.Issue.	1/20000	"	1	For C.M.G.O.
452	O.10.-D.18. Trenches dated 8/1/18.		"	Litho.	150	
453	Left Div. Area showing British trenches, defences etc.		1/10000	Ellams Dup.	26	Secret for 4th A.Div.
454	Corps Area showing ranges, bombing grounds etc.	Reg.Issues.	1/40000	Hand.	1	For 'G'.
455	Situation Map 30/1/18.	O.10.-D.18.	1/20000	Litho.	150	
456	Back Area "Target Map".	BOUSBECQUE.	"	Litho.	120	
457	"Lumbres Area" showing ranges, bombing grounds etc.	Reg.Issue.	1/10000	Hand.	1	For 'G'.
458	Flank Defence System (junction with XV Corps).	Houplines (Secret).	1/10000	Hand.	1	For B.G.G.S.
459	Switches in Defence System.	Ploegsteert (Secret).	1/10000	Hand.	1	For B.G.G.S.
460	Defence Map 1 showing zones and lines of defence in colour.	H.27.-U.12.	1/20000	Litho.	50	Secret for B.G.G.S.
461	G.25.-I.6. (Bases).		1/40000	Litho.	100	
462	WARNETON and vicinity (for raid).		1/2500	Ellams Dup.	110	For 3rd Div.
463	Disposition Map dated 3/2/18.	ZANDVOORDE.	1/20000	Litho.	70	

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STATEMENT OF SPECIAL MAPS PRODUCED BY AUSTRALIAN CORPS TOPO SECTION.

Section Map No.	Particulars of Map.	Sheet.	Scale.	Method of production.	No of copies.	Remarks.
464	Master Map. Defences 4th Div. Area.	YPRES & GHEL- UVELT.	1/10000	Hand.	2	
465	Volkerinckhove.	m -	1/5000	Ordoverax.	24	Tracing done by Topo Sec. Printing done by Fourth Army Maps.
466	Area around METERN.	-	1/20000	Ellams Dup.	100	For 1st Division.
467	Enemy dispositions 3/2/18.	FRELINGHEIN.	1/20000	Litho.	75	
468	U.19.-C.18. Br. Trenches dated 8/2/18.	-	1/10000	Litho.	108	Secret.
469	O.10.-D.18. Trenches dated 30/1/18.	-	1/20000	Litho.	200	
470	New pattern Mills bomb.	-	-	Hand.	1	For 'G'.
471	Battery positions for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Zones.	Reg. Series.	1/10000	Hand.	1	For R.A.
472	Camps in Corps Area.	Reg. Series.	1/10000	Hand.	1	For 'Q'.
473	New type of enemy wire.	-	-	Ellams Dup.	150	
474	Water Supply, AUST. Corps.	G.25.-I.6.	1/40000	Litho.	100	For Corps W.S. Officer.
475	Location list of Field Arty for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Zones.	-	-	Sunprint.	5	
476	Location list of Heavy Arty for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Zones.	-	-	Sunprint.	6	
461	Reprints. G.25.-I.6. (Bases).	-	1/40000	Litho.	150	

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STATEMENT OF SPECIAL MAPS PREPARED BY AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
TOPOGRAPHICAL SECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 17/2/18.

Section Map No.	Particulars of Map.	Sheet.	Scale.	Method of production.	No of copies.	Remarks.
477	Sling for Stokes Mortar.	-	-	Hand.	1	For 'G'.
484	Master Map. Defences 4th Div. Area dated 13/2/18.	YPRES & GHESLUVILLE.	1/10000	"	1	Extra copy.
478	Enemy front line. 15/2/18, British zone.	Layered regular sheets.	1/100000	"	1	For G.O.C.
479	Le Beau Chêne.	-	1/10000	Illams Dup.	150	For Ig. Summary. Infn. obtained from 3rd Div. raid.
480	WARRETON.	-	1/10000	"	150	" " " "
481	3rd or Army Zone.	-	1/10000	Litho.	-	For G.S.
482	O.31.-U.24. British Trenches.	-	1/10000	"	250	Secret.
483	Organisation of R.F.C. Sheet 1.	-	-	Illams Dup.	15	For "I".
484	" " " " " 2.	-	-	" "	15	" "
485	Enemy Front Line 15/2/18. British Zone.	Layered regular sheets.	1/40000	Hand.	1	For G.O.C.
486	Enemy dispositions in front of WARRETON & Route to trenches.	-	1/20000	Illams Dup.	170	For Ig. Summary.
487	Corrected tracing of British work on FLOESSTRENT Sheet.	-	1/10000	Hand.	8	1 for Army Maps.
488	M.G. Barrages.	-	-	Roneo dup.	50	
489	Layered map shewing British and enemy trenches, near WARRETON.	BAS WARRETON KORTWILDE.	1/10000	Hand.	1	For B.G.G.S.
490	"Plotting" Maps.	-	1/10000	Litho.	250	For Corps School.
376	Patrol map sheet 3 reprints.	-	1/10000	"	150	For 3rd Div.
390	" " " 4A "	-	1/10000	"	150	" " "
491	Proposed alterations to British Trench names, Right Division.	O.31-U.24. U.19-G.18.	1/10000	Hand.	1	

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Statement of Special Maps produced by AUSTRALIAN Corps Topographical Section period 18/2/18 to 28/2/18.

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Section Map No.	Date com'd.	Nature of job.	Type.	Scale.	Description.	Sheet produced on	No of copies.	For	Remarks.
492	18/2/18	Manuscript.	Operations.	1/100000	Boundaries of Gas Areas.	HAZEBROUCK.	1	C.A.	
387) 8,9)	18/2/18	Litho.	do	1/10000	Report maps A, B & C (reprints).	-	250 of each	5th Aust. Divn.	
493	19/2/18	Manuscript.	do	1/100000	Army Back Area sub-division.	HAZEBROUCK CALAIS.	1	'G'	for training.
494	19/2/18	Ellams Dup.	do	1/100000	Locations of portions of AUST. Corps School and best route to same.	-	210	do	
495	20/2/18.	Manuscript (1 copy). Puttygraph	do	1/20000	Map shewing Training and Recreation Grounds in Corps Area.	28 S.W. 36 N.W. 27 N.E. 36A N.E.	7	do	
496	14/2/18	Litho.	do	-	E.A. Reconnaissance Planes.	-	250	For C.M.G.O.	
497	21/2/18	Litho.	Intelligence.	1/20000	Back Area Target maps.	FRELINGHEIN.	100	For "I", distribution to H.A.	
498	21/2/18	Manuscript.	Operations.	1/20000	Corps Area and sub-divisions.	Regular issues.	1	'G'	
499	22/2/18	do	do	1/20000	Training and Recreation Grounds in LUMBRES Area.	-	1	'G' (Training).	
500	23/2/18	do	do	-	Calendar.	-	1	do	
501	9/2/18	Litho.	do	1/10000	3rd or Army Zone Defences. (copy of Compass survey).	-	50	C.E.	
502	24/2/18	Ellams Dup.	Intelligence.	1/5000	Part of sheet 28.	-	600	3rd Aust. Div.	For Raid.
503	24/2/18	Manuscript.	do	1/20000	State of ground off Corps Front.	ZANDVOORDE) FRELINGHEIN)	1	"I"	
504	25/2/18	Manuscript.	Operations.	1/10000	Defence Map, Left Bde, Left Div.	GHELUVELT & YPRES.	1	For XXII Corps Topo.	
505	25/2/18	do	do	1/10000	Corrected tracing of British Trenches, WITSCHAETE Sheet.	WITSCHAETE.	1	For Maps, Fourth Army.	
506	25/2/18	do	Intelligence.	1/20000	New enemy works since 30/1/18.	O.10.d.1.8.	2	1 For 4th Army Int. 1 for Corps Int.	

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507	27/2/18	Ellams Dup.	Intelligence.	1/5000	Part of Sheet 28, Square O.	-	120	For 5th Aust. Div.	For Raid.
508	27/2/18	do	do	1/5000	" " " " " U.	-	120	do	do
509	28/2/18	Manuscript.	do	1/10000	New enemy work since 22/12/17. I.25.† P.11.		2	1 For Army "I" 1 for Corps "I".	
510	28/2/18	do	Operations.	1/10000	Defences of Right Flank of 3rd Div. Corps. Map.		1	For G.O.C. and Commander-in-Chiefs inspection.	

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