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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Month of April 1918.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FLETRE. Sheet 27.	1/4/18.		Corps in Line between BITTER WOOD Sheet 28 and FRELINGHEIN, C.16.b., Sheet 36.  <u>Appliances in hand at beginning of April.</u> Same as at end of March. <u>Organisation at beginning of April.</u> Same as at end of March. <u>Conditions and Difficulties etc.</u> Same as at end of March. <u>Class of work in hand at beginning of April.</u>  Preparing to hand over to IX Corps Topo Section.	
do	2/4/18.		AUSTRALIAN Corps relieved by IX Corps. Handed over to IX Corps Topo Section.	
BERNAVILLE. (Sheet Lens 11).	2/4/18) 5 pm. 5/4/18) 10 a.m		Corps resting.	
VILLERS BOCAGE. (Sheet AMIENS 17).	5/4/18. 12 noon.		Arrived VILLERS BOCAGE and opened office in Mairie (Sheet 57D, S.26.d.).	
do	6/4/18 12 noon.		AUSTRALIAN Corps took over from VII <sup>th</sup> Corps front from ALBERT to SOMME River.	
VILLERS BOCAGE (Sheet 57D).			<u>Work in hand.</u> <u>Office Work.</u> General mapping required by Corps Staff. - Plotting of enemy trenches from Air Photos. Plotting of British Trenches from Air Photos and Pace and Compass Survey.	
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VILLERS BOCAGE (Con'd).			<u>Field Work.</u> Resection of Field Artillery Batteries positions. The supply of map boards was not undertaken as operations were not steady.	
do	30/4/18.		<u>Summary of work done during month.</u>	
			<u>Office Work.</u> List of maps produced during month attached. Copies cannot be sent to War Records Section for some time yet as they are still required here.	
			<u>Field Work.</u> Plane Table survey of trench systems near VILLERS BOCAGE done. No of Field Artillery Batteries resected during month 55 No of boards supplied -	
			<u>Improvements made to Appliances and Organisation during month.</u>	
			1 Extra Litho Press (Demy size)-making 2 in all- constructed at Army Workshops, HAZEBROUCK and Corps Workshops, BAILLEUL, brought into use. 2 Extra Litho Stones (making 5 in all) purchased on requisition from AMIENS - paid for by A.I.F. Funds.	
			<u>Record of Daily Strengths, Evacuations, Casualties, etc.</u>	
			FLETRE. 1/4/18 1 Officer. 19 Other Ranks.	
			VILLERS BOCAGE. 7/4/18 1 Officer. 18 Other Ranks. 1 O/R evacuated sick.	
			14/4/18 1 Officer. 20 Other Ranks. 2 O/Rs. attached.	
			21/4/18 2 Officers. 22 Other Ranks. 1 Off. and 2 O/Rs. belonging to Survey Draft from AUSTRALIA, attached.	
			28/4/18 2 Officers. 22 Other Ranks.	
			1 Evacuation, No Casualties.	
	30/4/18.		No other entries for April.	

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

✓ 1 *List of Maps produced during month.*

List of Special Maps produced by Australian Corps Topographical Section, month of April, 1918.

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Section No.	Date com'd.	Nature of Job.	Type.	Scale.	Description.	Sheet prod. on.	No. of copies.	For.	Remarks.
575	6-4-18	Manuscript	Admin.	1/100,000	Corps & Army Boundaries.	Lens & Amiens.	1	G.	Secret.
576	6-4-18	"	"	1/20,000	Corps Boundary.	Regular Issues.	1	A.P.M.	Secret.
577	6-4-18	"	Operations.	1/20,000	Layered Staff Maps.	"	4	(1 for G.O.C. (1 " B.G.G.S. (1 " Operations. (1 " Iga. "A"	
578	6-4-18	Ellams Dup.	Admin.	1/100,000	Traffic Map No.1.	St. Gratien. 70			
579	6-4-18	"	Intelligence	1/40,000	Situation Map 6-4-18.	Morlancourt.150		Distribution.	
580	7-4-18	"	Operation	1/40,000	Allonville	-	560	General use.	
581	7-4-18	"	Intelligence	1/40,000	Morlancourt	-	920	" "	
582	7-4-18	"	Admin.	1/100,000	St. Gratien	-	55	"A"	
583	8-4-18	Litho.	"	1/100,000	Talmas	-	710	General use.	
584	8-4-18	Manuscript	Operations	1/20,000	Machine Guns in Corps Area.	Regular Issues.	1	G.	Secret.
585	8-4-18	"	Admin.	1/40,000	Corps Boundary Map	62D & 57D	1	G	Secret.
586	8-4-18	Hectograph	Operations	1/40,000	Demolition Map	62D	30	G	Secret.
587	9-4-18	Manuscript	"	1/40,000	Objective Map near Hamel	62D	4	G	Secret.
588	9-4-18	Ellams Dup.	"	1/20,000	Message Map No.1		312	5th Aust.Div.	
589	9-4-18	"	"	1/20,000	" " No.2		332	5th " "	
590	9-4-18	"	Intelligence	1/40,000	Villers-Bretonneux		300	5th " "	
591	9-4-18	"	"	1/40,000	Situation Map 9-4-18	Morlancourt	150	Distribution.	
592	9-4-18	"	"	1/20,000	Hamel	-	300	5th Aust. Div.	
593	10-4-18	Hectograph	Operations	1/40,000	Lines of Defence	62D	35	G.	Secret.

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594	10/4/18.	Litho.	Intelligence.	1/20000	BRESLE (Trench Map).	-	250	Distribution.	SECRET.
595	10/4/18.	Ellams Dup.	Admin.	1/100000	Traffic Map No 2.	St. GRATIEN.	60	"A"	
596	10/4/18.	Manuscript.	<del>xxxxxxx</del> Intelligence.	1/100000	British Front Line 10/4/18.	Reg. Issues.	1	"A" Mess.	
597	10/4/18.	Manuscript.	Intelligence.	1/40000	British Front Line 10/4/18.	Reg. Issues.	1	"A" Mess.	
598	10/4/18.	Ellams Dup.	Intelligence.	1/20000	MEAULTE French Map.	MEAULTE.	140	Distribution.	SECRET.
599	10/4/18.	Manuscript.	Admin.	1/40000	Corps Boundary.	62D	3	A. & G.	
600	11/4/18.	Ellams Dup.	Intelligence.	1/20000	CHIPILLY Trench Map.	CHIPILLY.	130	Distribution.	SECRET.
601	11/4/18.	Ellams Dup.	Intelligence.	1/100000	ARMENTIERES Situation Map.	-	130	"I"	
602	11/4/18.	Ellams Dup.	Intelligence.	1/20000	Hostile Batteries.	H.B. No 1.	70	R.A.	
603	11/4/18.	Ellams Dup.	Intelligence.	1/20000	Hostile Batteries.	H.B. No 2.	70	R.A.	
604	12/4/18.	Hectograph.	Operations.	1/40000	Australian Corps Forward Area.	62D	20	"G"	SECRET.
605	12/4/18.	Manuscript.	Operations.	1/20000	Copy of Master Map supplied by left Division.	62D N.E.	1	"G"	SECRET.
606	13/4/18.	Manuscript.	Operations.	1/20000	Old Trench line, south of SOMME River.	62D S.E.	1	G.O.C.	
607	13/4/18.	Manuscript.	Intelligence.	1/100000	Approx British Front Line.	Reg. Issues.	1	Paymaster.	
608	13/4/18.	Litho.	Operations.	1/20000	QUERRIEU (Trench Map).	-	297	"G"	SECRET.
609	14/4/18.	Litho.	Operations.	1/20000	MONTIGNY (Trench Map).	-	283	"G"	SECRET.
610	14/4/18.	Ellams Dup.	Intelligence.	1/40000	Situation Map 14/4/18.	MORLANCOURT.	165	"I"	
611	14/4/18.	Ellams Dup.	Intelligence.	1/40000	Hostile shelling Week ending 13/4/18.	MORLANCOURT.	70	"I"	

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612	15-4-18	Hectograph	Operations	1/100,000	Gas Zones	Talmas	26	G	Secret.
613	16-4-18	Manuscript	Adminis.	1/100,000	Australian Corps Area	Talmas	1	A	Secret
614	17-4-18	Litho	Operations	1/10,000	Combined Defence Map	(Montigny, Querrieu, Bresle)	19	G	Secret
615	17-4-18	Litho	Admin.	1/100,000	Aust. Corps Admin. Map No.2	Talmas	52	A	Secret.
616	17-4-18	Hectograph	Admin.	1/40,000	Aust. Corps Boundaries, Forward Area	62D	36	A	Secret
617	18-4-18	Manuscript	Operations	1/40,000	1st & 2nd Zone Defences	62D	1	B.G.G.S.	Secret.
618	18-4-18	Litho	Operations	1/20,000	Sailly-le-Sec. (Trench Map)	-	350	G	Secret.
619	18-4-18	Ellams Dup.	Intell.	1/40,000	Situation Map 18-4-18	Morlancourt	170	Distribtn	
620	19-4-18	Manuscript	Topo	1/40,000	Trig. Points in Sheet 62D	62D.	1	Topo Sectn	
621	19-4-18	Litho	Operations	1/20,000	Henencourt (Trench Map)	-	138	G.	Secret.
622	19-4-18	Litho	Intell.	1/20,000	Dernancourt ( Bases )	-	194	I	
623	19-4-18	Hectograph	Artillery	-	Graph showing Field Artillery in line		42	G	Secret.
624	20-4-18	Manuscript	Operations	1/20,000	Layered Staff Wall Maps	New edns- reg.issues	4	1 for G.O.C. 1 " B.G.G.S. 1 " O. 1 " Iga.	
625	21-4-18	Ellams Dup.	Intell.	1/40,000	Situation Map, 21-4-18	Morlancourt	170	Distribtn	
626	22-4-18	" "	"	1/40,000	Lavieville	-	170	I	
627	22-4-18	" "	"	1/40,000	Situation Map, 22-4-18	Lavieville	170	Distribtn	
628	22-4-18	" "	Operations	1/40,000	La Houssoye	-	300	5th Divn	
629	23-4-18	Litho	"	1/20,000	Defences on part of 57D.S.E.	57D,S.E.	40	G	Secret.
630	23-4-18	Litho	"	1/20,000	Defences on part of 57D.S.W.	57D,S.W.	40	G	Secret.
631	23-4-18	Litho	Intell.	1/20,000	Target Map	Dernancourt	194	I	
632	23-4-18	Ellams Dup.	"	1/20,000	Vaire	-	270	5th A. Divn	
633	23-4-18	Hectograph	Operations	1/40,000	Aust. Corps Forward Areas	62D	30	G	Secret.
634	24-4-18	Manuscript	Admin.	1/20,000	Aust. Corps Area	Reg.issues	1	A.P.M.	Secret
635	25-4-18	Litho	Intell.	1/20,000	Target Maps	Sailly le Sec.	188	I	
636	25-4-18	Litho & manuscript	Operations	1/20,000	Combined Defence Map shewing Systems & Zones in color	(Montigny Querrieu Henencourt Sailly le Sec.)	31	G	Secret.
637	26-4-18	Litho	Admin.	1/100,000	Aust. Corps Area Map No.3	Talmas	84	A	Secret.
638	27-4-18	Ellams Dup.	Intell.	1/20,000	Bois de Vaire	-	300	4th A. Divn	
639	27-4-18	Hectograph	Operations	1/20,000	Defences in part of 62D,S.W.	62D.S.W.	50	G.	Secret.
640	28-4-18	Litho	Intell.	1/40,000	Situation Map 28-4-18	Corbie	110	Distribtn	
641	28-4-18	Ellams Dup.	"	1/20,000	Bouzencourt	-	300	5th A. Divn	
642	28-4-18	Manuscript	Operations	1/40,000	Corps Forward Area	62D & 62E	15	G	Secret.

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643	29-4-18	Litho	Intell.	1/40,000	Hostile shelling Map 21-27 April	Corbie	75	I	
644	29-4-18	Litho	Intell.	1/100,000	Amendment slips to Aust. Corps Area Map	Talmas	80	A	
645	29-4-18	Litho	Intell.	1/40,000	Situation Map 29-4-18	Corbie	100	Distribtn	
646	29-4-18	Hectograph	Operations	-	Field Artillery Graph for amended Corps Front.	-	42	G	
647	30-4-18	Manuscript	Operations	1/20,000	Trenches in front of Villers Bocage	-	1	V Corps.	

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