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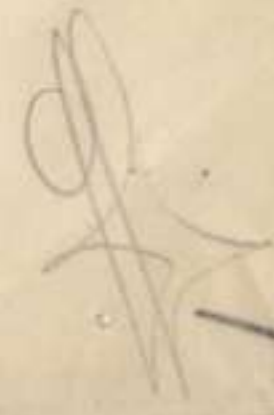
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CACHY SECTOR	1918 AUGUST 1st		<p>Except for a Howitzer Battery, our Artillery remained very quiet during the day, and, until late afternoon, enemy batteries were similarly quiescent, but after 4 o'clock a good deal of shrapnel was put over, + this was followed by gas shelling. This Coy suffered no Casualties. We certainly have command of the air in this sector as for our patrols are continually over his lines, and only one hostile craft has ventured this way during the day, + it was soon driven back by MG fire. As no targets presented themselves our guns did no firing</p>	
	2nd		<p>Again today Artillery Activity was very little, but the village of CACHY was shelled with H.E. at about 4pm., and a little earlier the whole of our sector was subjected to fairly heavy shelling. Our planes again carried out active patrol flights over the Hun lines. One enemy plane succeeded in crossing our lines, and fired four of our balloons, about 3.30pm. The weather has been fine up to date but this afternoon a few showers fell + after nightfall a steady rain developed. No suitable targets presented themselves today, so our guns remained silent. During the past weeks this Coy has only suffered one casualty</p>	

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CACHY SECTOR	1918 AUG 2nd.		and our strength has been increased by the arrival of 1 officer + 6 OR casualties from England. The Americans who are attached to us are proving fine soldiers, and a great attachment has sprung up between our boys & them.	
	3rd		The Divisional boundary was moved today to a line running from O35 central, West along Grid line, and thence in an easterly direction along Railway line. This necessitated moving 6 of our guns to cover area vacated by 2nd Div. Both artilleries were today moderately active, the enemy shelling CACHY at intervals, and HANGARD WOOD coming under our fire. Showers continue to fall during the day, and airmen had no opportunities to do any flights today. There were no suitable targets for our guns today.	Appendices 142 
	4th		Last night word came that a party consisting of 4 officers, 16 NCOs and 64 men are ^{were} to attend a Tank Demonstration at VAUX EN AMIENOIS today. These men left the line last night and embussed near BOVES at 4 am this morning. It was a demonstration of the work of the "super"-tanks. Each Tank carried two crews each of Vickers & Lewis Gunners, and dropped them on the "Final Objective" line.	 2

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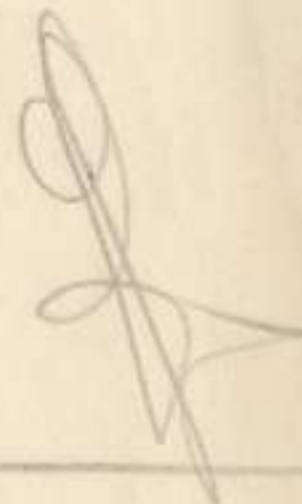

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CACHY SECTOR	1918 Aug 4th.		<p>Everyone was impressed with the wonderful power of the Tanks, and all agreed that they had been improved a hundred fold since Bullecourt. In the line the day passed very quietly, artillery activity being normal. We are to be relieved tomorrow night by a Canadian B. Coy. and today two Canadian Officers went over the positions and arranged details of the relief. The weather is still showery.</p>	
	5th		<p>The rain of the last few days has made the trenches, to say the least of it, uncomfortable, and again today it is dull & showery. Because of this there was practical no aerial activity, and artillery only carried out a little harrassing fire. Tonight the Coy was relieved by the 4th Canadian B. Coy, relief being carried out expeditiously & without casualty. During our occupation of this sector our guns have had no direct targets, and as it was desired to keep the sector as quiet as possible, no indirect programmes were carried out. We moved out on completion of relief to billets in LANEUVILLE. The Nucleus arrived there this afternoon</p>	

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LANEUVILLE	1918 Aug 6th		<p>The Coy did not reach billets in this village until dawn this morning, and, after the wearying night the men slept the morning away. The Officers, however, were busily engaged all day. Yesterday, at a Brigade conference, details of an impending operation on a big scale, was made known to commanders. Aerial photographs & maps are coming in, & our officers are busy studying the former & making up the latter. If the present good weather lasts, success is assured for the stunt, as all plans seem good and sound. Tanks are to be employed to convey gun teams to the objective, as demonstrated at VAUX EN AMIENOIS two days ago.</p>	<p>Appendix 4</p> 
	7		<p>The day was sunny & clear but no enemy aircraft were over. The Company completed preparations for taking part in the big advance on the morrow. The first party - Lts Kennare, Allan, Stephens & Lydster with 52 other ranks & 10 guns - moved out at 6.30 pm to rendezvous at the Tank park at Fouilloy Convent. All guns & gear were stacked in tanks & the whole under Capt Lyons DSO M.C. 16th moved out at 11 pm via Fouilloy & Hamel to Brigade</p>	<p>Appendix V.</p> 

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	Aug 7 8		<p>No. 1 Rendezvous in Squares P2 & 3, arriving there at about 3 am. C.H.Q. with Lt Hunt /OC moved out from billets at midnight & reported to 16th Batta H.Q. at No. 1 Rendezvous. Lts. Wright & Chapman with 50 other ranks & 6 guns on two limbered wagons moved out at 5 am to report to 16th Bn H.Q. at 10.30 am at Q 17 C. 04. The tanks moved off the No. 1 Rendezvous at 5.50 am. No. 5 with Lt Kennare broke down near Hamel with their guns & men reached the final objective though an hour late. Lts Lydster & Allen with their tanks reached their objective. These tanks received direct hits from 177 mm shells & were put out of action. Both officers & most of the men were casualties. Three guns reached the final objective & established their guns on the line providing excellent protective fire for the Infantry during consolidation. No. 7 gun team preceded their tank on the objective line & did excellent work in mopping up enemy gun positions prior to the advance of the Infantry. No. 1 did excellent work organizing three gun teams with men & bringing these into action. Lts Chapman & Wright followed the Infantry with their guns & limbers & were first held up in sunken road near Cerisy Gailly. Q. 8. b. 4. 8. When the road was cleared they moved to cross roads about Q. 9 central. The Infantry were brought into action here also, but the guns were brought into action in sunken road about Q. 9. b. 05. 10 against enemy field guns firing from Chipilly Ridge</p>	<p>Appendices 6 & 7. 8</p> 

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	Aug 8		<p>7 Chippilly / This was done at the special request of the C.O. 14th Batta whose men were held up by enemy field & machine guns; hence the delays of Lts Wright & Chapman in getting their guns forward. All reports were forwarded to Coy HQ. Lt Hunt visited the left sector during the evening. Lts Wright & Kennare were despatched with 5 guns during the afternoon & distributed these & 3 that reached the objective in the morning along the established line. Lt Kennare remained with the 13th Batta running through Q18a.0.6, Q18.b.0.7, R13a.0.5. R.13a.4.6 to R13 central approximately. Four with Lt Wright remained with the 16th Batta who were on the left & four with Lt Kennare remained with the 13th Batta on the right. This Battalion moved up into position early in the afternoon instead of waiting until evening. Lt. Chapman with 3 guns was placed in support with the 14th Battalion on a line from approximately Q17 central to Q24a.0.9. The left of this line was held by 3 guns of the 24th AM.G. Coy. Two guns remained in reserve at Coy HQ & were used for anti aircraft defence. Lt Stephens moved up about 11 pm with two guns which were placed in close support to the 16th Batta at approx Q.18a.4.6. These were handed over to Lt Wright & Lt Stephens returned to C.A.G.</p>	



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Morcoopt Sector	Aug 8		<p>The weather throughout the action was exceptionally fine and enabled the advance to be made with great success. The artillery rendered magnificent support during the day and advanced to within 1000 yds of the enemy. Numerous enemy guns were captured, but he was still able to do a considerable amount of shelling of roads & valleys whilst his machine gun fire was very heavy. The tanks were very successful & results from this source would have been much better if the left flank had been able to move forward to programme as they would have cleared Chipilly Ridge & our sector would not have been subjected to ^{direct} enfilade fire from enemy field guns. Our own Vickers Guns were all satisfactory & none were lost or destroyed. Planes were not at all numerous, but rendered good service. Enemy planes were over twice during the day & on each occasion returned to their own lines unharmed. Ammunition was dropped on the 12th Brigade sector, but not on the 4th Bde sector, however a Sdd & grenade dump was established at cross roads at Q17b central during the afternoon. Communications were early established by telephone & easily maintained in the absence of heavy shell fire. Casualties were light throughout the day, the Company's loss being 2 killed & 17 wounded. Rations & water arrived during the night & were issued to guns next morning.</p>	

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Morcourt Sector	Aug 9		<p>The night passed uneventfully and the day was bright & clear. Shelling was very light & scattered & planes very scarce. Four enemy planes dropped small bombs on the support lines. During the night the line was advanced (silently) another 700 yards. 4 guns moved with the 16th Batta & 3 with the 13th.</p>	
	10		<p>Sniping very prevalent today owing to close proximity of enemy posts. Word was received that the 15th Batta would clear Mericourt of the enemy & that the 16th Batta would straighten the line to conform with the North of the river. Preparations were made for guns to go forward but the operation was cancelled about 3 pm. Arrangements about 5 pm information was received that the 11th Coy would relieve us tonight. Capt Wells reported to C.H.Q. & arrangements were completed. About 10 pm guides moved out & shortly afterwards a 5.9 shell burst near Le Hunt killing him & wounding a driver & two horses. Relief was completed by 12.30 am & the Coy moved to reserve positions previously held by 11th Coy in the valley south of Crisy Gailly. C.H.Q. details reported at 9.15.10, where Capt Langborne took charge.</p>	
	11.		<p>At 12.30 pm the Coy moved north to billets in Gailly-le-See. Transport & mechanics reported here at the same time & guns & gear were thoroughly cleaned & overhauled ready for an immediate move. Warning was received to move at a moment's notice, but we were not required to move after all.</p>	

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Sailly-le- Sec	Aug 12		<p>During the night enemy planes dropped numerous bombs in the neighbourhood, only one however was in any way close to our billets & it did no damage. A long range gun also fired into the village & surrounding villages. The movement being indefinitely postponed the morning was devoted to again overhauling all gun gear. This village which only six weeks ago was in the front line is nothing but a ruin - there is not a house untouched by the hand of war. Billets were hard to procure & many of the men preferred to sleep in the open rather than make a home in the ramshackle houses. Preliminary details of an operation in which we are to take part on the front held at present by the 1st Aust Divn. have been received. Capt Langborne today attended a Brigade conference at 13th Battr H.Q. Arrangements were made for a stunt to take place on the 15th inst. At 9 pm a warning order was received to move early tomorrow to bivouacs in Harbonniers area.</p>	<p>Appendix IX</p> 
	13		<p>This morning word was received that the "stunt" is postponed until 16th inst. The Company moved from Sailly-le-Sec today at 2 pm through Hamel & Warfusée Abancourt to an embankment & trenches at W 23 a 4565. Hamel is even a greater ruin than Sailly-le-Sec scarcely a wall remaining - Warfusée is in a much better state. Camp was established in our new location by 7 pm. It is expected to</p>	<p>Appendix IX</p> 

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Harbonnières	Aug 13		to proceed to the line tomorrow night & "hop over" on the following morning	
	14		This morning word was received that the "stunt" was postponed until 16 th . This was good news as everyone needs a spell & even a respite of one day is welcome. The weather which has been fine for days has now turned cloudy & rain is threatening. The whole area has been systematically bombed by enemy planes, but fortunately the Gothas pass over our camp before unloading	
	15		All preparations were made this morning to go into the line tonight, but at 11 am word was received that the stunt was definitely off. An ordinary relief will be carried out. This Coy will relieve 2 guns of the 1 st & 14 guns of the 3 rd A.M.G. Coy. Two sections will move up tonight & two tomorrow night. Two sections relieved 1 st Div. guns by 12 midnight without casualties	Appendix F
Lihons Sector	16		Nos 1 & 4 Sections relieved reserve guns by ^{3 P.M.} dusk without casualties. The enemy is occupying woods & trenches in front of the line, but does not appear to have a definite line here as patrols have at times penetrated a considerable distance without encountering him.	10

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Lihons Sector	Aug 16		<p>Artillery action has been confined to active counter battery work on both sides. Guns of all calibres being used both day & night. A heavy battery of the enemy which fired practically all the afternoon placed many shells in close proximity to two of our guns in X 23.D. but without inflicting any casualties. During the night the enemy's 77's were very active from the direction of Harry Wood.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u> Large numbers of our planes passed overhead apparently on patrol work. Towards dusk a flight of 6 enemy planes penetrated about 1000 yards over our lines & were engaged by machine guns. They withdrew almost immediately. During the hours of darkness numerous Gothas were heard passing overhead & many bombs were dropped behind our lines.</p> <p>The weather has been fine but visibility poor on account of a ground mist.</p> <p>Casualty one man wounded - shell fire</p> <p>Fighting strength of Company 6 officers 166 others ranks - decrease during last fortnight 2 offrs 24.0 ranks.</p>	
	17		<p>The weather continued fine today though dull.</p> <p>Our artillery were very active during day & night employing a great amount of harassing & counter battery fire. Enemy artillery were also very active - fire being directed on our forward & support systems.</p> <p>Special attention was paid to road from X 20.B. to Vauvillers & wood in X 14.d & X 15.e. Heavy H.E bursts were also noticed in Harbonnières & Vauvillers.</p>	

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Lihons Sector	Aug 17		<p>From 6 to 8 am Artillery on both sides were quiet Aircraft:- Enemy aircraft were not very active during daylight - an occasional plane appearing high up over our line. These were engaged by the anti-aircraft defences & did not remain long. At night the usual bombing programme was carried out / Our planes were not particularly active on this sector. Casualties:- one man was wounded as the result of shell fire whilst another was evacuated as a result of old wound trouble</p>	
	18		<p>The line was advanced an average of 500 yds about 4.30 am. Considerable opposition appears to have been encountered on the left where British troops were operating, resulting in a "S.O.S." call. This was not answered by the artillery until a second signal was fired about 10 minutes later / The line was established however & now includes Lihon Farm & Madame Wood / Guns were moved forward to conform with this. On both sides the artillery carried out the same programmes as yesterday. The enemy using more shrapnel & timing his bursts fairly well. On the whole aircraft were not very active our planes being fewer than usual. A few enemy planes appeared & were engaged as yesterday. One low flying plane succeeded in shooting down one of our balloons about 5.30 pm returning safely to his own lines. Casualty:- One man killed by shell fire</p>	

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Lihons Sector	18		<p>Information was received today that the 24th A.M.G. Coy will relieve this company on the night of 21/22 inst.</p> <p>The weather continues fine though today broke cloudy & was cooler than usual</p>	
	19		<p>Our artillery has been very active today principally on harassing & counter battery fire - Odd movement was also successfully dealt with. A S.O.S call on the right probably from the Canadians appeared to receive very little artillery support. Enemy artillery again very active against battery positions with a fair amount of success.</p> <p>Aircraft generally inactive, only a few planes being seen. Two of our planes collided at a height of 5 to 6000 feet & crashed to earth.</p> <p>Gas: Some gas shells were used by the enemy about 9 pm & several men were effected slightly.</p> <p>Weather rather dull with very poor visibility which increased improved somewhat towards evening</p>	<p>Appendix XV</p> 
	20		<p>Artillery on both sides were very active on the usual harassing & counter battery work - The usual morning lull was somewhat longer than usual lasting from 6 to 9 am. Several concentrations of gas were put down on our forward & reserve systems & the road to Harbonnières was shelled heavily at various periods during the day. Activity increased during the night.</p> <p>Aircraft Our planes carried out numerous patrol flights during the day. Enemy planes were more active</p>	

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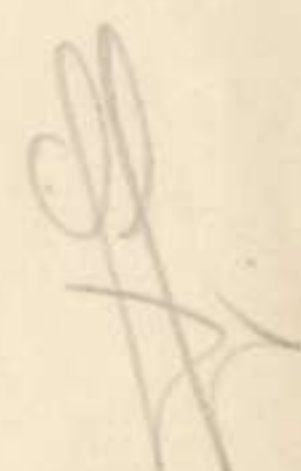

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Lihons Sector	Aug 20		<p>than usual, doing reconnaissance work & flying very low over our lines although subjected to a great volume of machine gun fire they all returned safely to their own lines. The belief is expressed that these planes are well armoured.</p> <p>Casualties - One man evacuated - gassed; one man wounded shell fire - left leg cut off below knee.</p>	
	21		<p>In addition to the usual artillery programme several suitable targets were found & various batteries opened up rapid fire for short periods. Enemy artillery was more than usually active fire being spread over the whole of the forward & reserve areas: a concentration of heavy shells 8 or 9 inch was put down against a battery situated near the cross roads in X 20.6. The headquarters of 24th Coy into which we were to move was completely demolished. The only casualty was a Brigade linesman who was injured in the foot with by a shell splinter. Activity increased during the night & a quantity of gas shells was distributed over forward & reserve areas.</p> <p>Our aircraft carried out numerous patrol flights penetrating considerable distances into the enemy lines. Enemy planes were particularly active during day numerous planes flying singly & a few fighting formations crossed our lines at a very low altitude & used machine guns freely. They were engaged by machine guns but without result.</p> <p>The Company was relieved by the 24th Coy by midnight & the Company moved to the positions vacated by the</p>	<p>Appendices <u>XI</u>, <u>XII</u> <u>XIII</u></p> 

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Lihons Sector	Aug 21		relieving Company. C.H.Q. was established in trench at X 21.d. 90.15 Few targets presented themselves to our direct fire guns & as the front line was continually altering in was not practicable to do much indirect fire.	
	22		Owing to distance from front line indirect fire cannot be used consequently guns have been mounted for aerial defence. Artillery very active on both sides throughout day & night. Enemy heavily shelled Quarry in X 23b, X 22E, X 28 & 9b. Our aircraft showed somewhat increased activity today & an enemy balloon was shot down at 9.50 am. Enemy aircraft were also active using bombs & machine guns on our troops. Today has been fine & very hot with good visibility except early morning & evening Notification of relief by 32nd British Division & trench on 24/25th inst received	
	23		A heavy barrage was opened at 4.45 am in conjunction with the operation on our left - Lihons to Arras - Enemy reply was rather feeble on this sector also scores of S.O.S. flares (2 reds) were fired, his artillery increased in activity about 6 am for a short period. The line battalions moved forward about 700 yards to conform to the movement of adjoining troops & about 50 prisoners were taken. Our artillery continued active firing throughout the day, but enemy artillery was comparatively quiet, a few rounds being fired at his usual targets at long intervals / Heavier shelling occurred on the front line at intervals between 5 & 7 pm.	 15

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Whons Sector	AUG 23		<p>Enemy planes carried out similar programmes as on previous days at night Gothas actively bombed ^{forward} battery positions - 13 bombs appearing to be the usual load. Little damage was done as the batteries bombed opened fire each time as soon as the last bomb was dropped.</p> <p>Weather was fine, day broke with a ground mist which settled into a low cloud formation, which made visibility poor for the greater part of the day.</p> <p>The whole Company moved out in reliefs to the baths & obtained a clean change of underclothing.</p>	
	24		<p>Visibility poor yesterday's conditions being intensified until mid-afternoon. 2nd in Command 32nd (British) MG Coy reported to O.C. re relief of 4 guns which will come in his sector owing to slight alteration of divisional boundaries. The remaining guns will be relieved by the French. Just before dusk an enemy plane made a reconnaissance of the support & reserve positions, flying very low & using a Machine Gun freely. He was engaged by a large volume of M.G. fire & tracer bullets were seen to ricochet off the under surface of the plane. No. 1 Section was relieved during the afternoon & the remainder after dusk. Sections</p>	<p>Appendix XIV</p> 

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Lihons Sector	Aug 24		moving out independently to Rendezvous in Ha at Batten H. I in Harbonnieres where a hot meal was awaiting them. Enemy aircraft bombed the road to Harbonnieres & Reserve & back areas generally, a quantity of gas shells were also fired. No casualties were suffered by the company, but a number of the 15th Batta who were moving out simultaneously were "gassed". At 1.30am the company moved off to the embussing point & at 3.50am embussed for Longeau arriving shortly after 5am.	
Longeau	25		The nucleus moved from Bayonville about 1am & joined the Company at Harbonnieres. The day was spent in resting & cleaning guns & gear. At night enemy planes were heard & bombs were dropped in the direction of the Amiens - Corbie Road.	
	26		No training was carried out today. Guns were cleaned & limbers packed. Packs were drawn from Park Store, Allonville, & all ranks enjoyed a much needed rest. Gothas were again heard at night, but no bombs were dropped in the vicinity of these billets.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Longeau	Aug 27		<p>The morning was spent in cleaning limbers & in Infantry & Machine Gun training & the afternoon was devoted to a bathing parade. A class has been commenced for newly appointed N.C.O's & a systematic course of instruction in handling men will be gone through. A good number of captured German guns are parked here & the troops have found them very instructive, special interest being shown in a 37mm Maxim machine Gun apparently designed for anti-tank & aeroplane work, as it can be elevated to almost vertical.</p>	
	28.		<p>A Syllabus of training has been drawn up & three to four hours daily will be devoted to Infantry & Machine Gun training. The remainder of the day will be filled in with field sports. Word has been received that this Company is included in the 4th Brigade football competitions. It is intended to form both Rugby & Australian Rules teams.</p>	<p>Appendix XVI</p> 
	29		<p>Training was carried out per syllabus & all ranks received a hot bath & change of underclothing. Arrangements were made for a Battalion Parade tomorrow. Inspection by the Battalion C.O. On 31st inst the Battalion will be inspected by G.O.C Division. At a sports Meeting held tonight it was decided to organize only one football team - Australian Rules - owing to death of Rugby players. New Battalion colours were issued</p>	

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LONGUEAU	Aug 29		today - yellow on a black circle! When it was decided to adopt a circle as the distinguishing mark for the 4 th Division, the 7 th Bde were allowed to retain the oblong! This company was a composite part of this Brigade & the men still consider themselves so; consequently a lot of sentiment was attached to the brigade colour (Dark blue oblong) which has been worn since the inception of the company in Egypt & all ranks are sorry to part with it - Coy Strength 11 Officers 192 Others	
	30		A Battalion parade was held today at 9.30am - The Battalion was inspected by the Commanding Officer, who took the salute in the "march past." During the afternoon a football match was played between this Company & the 14 th Batta at Allonville. The Battalion won after a very hard game. A sports meeting held at 7 pm was rather poorly attended owing to strong counter attractions in the nature of concerts & was consequently postponed.	

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Longueau	Aug 31		<p>The Battalion was inspected by the G. O. C. Division & subsequently marched past. The postponed meeting of the sports club took place today, the whole company being present. In addition to the Australian Rules team playing in Brigade matches, it was decided to enter teams for all three branches of football in the Battalion Cup. At the same meeting the Brigade Cup won at Brigade Sports in July last was presented to the next of kin of the late O.C. - Capt Mitchell and the Battalion Cup to Capt Langborne.</p> <p>As the Company has been in the line for the greater part of the month practically no of field sports were held. At present indications show that the whole of the time out of the line will be crowded with football & other events.</p> <p>The weather remains fine & promises to continue so, though today is considerably cooler than we have had for some time.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i> Langborne Capt</p>

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OF

4th A.M.G. Coy.

FOR

August

1918.

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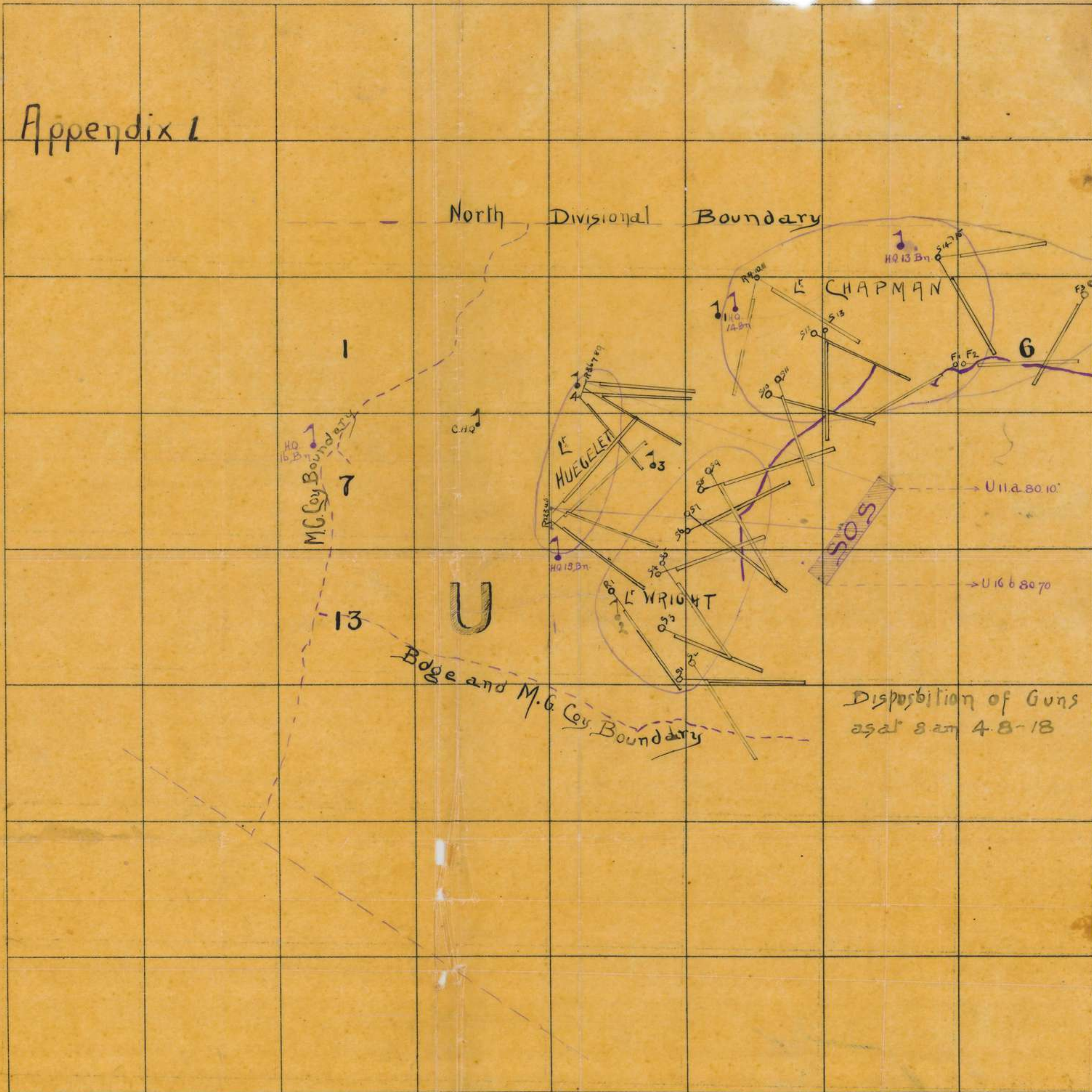
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Paul Lowe Cap^t
 O. C. No 4 A. M. G. Coy

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Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.



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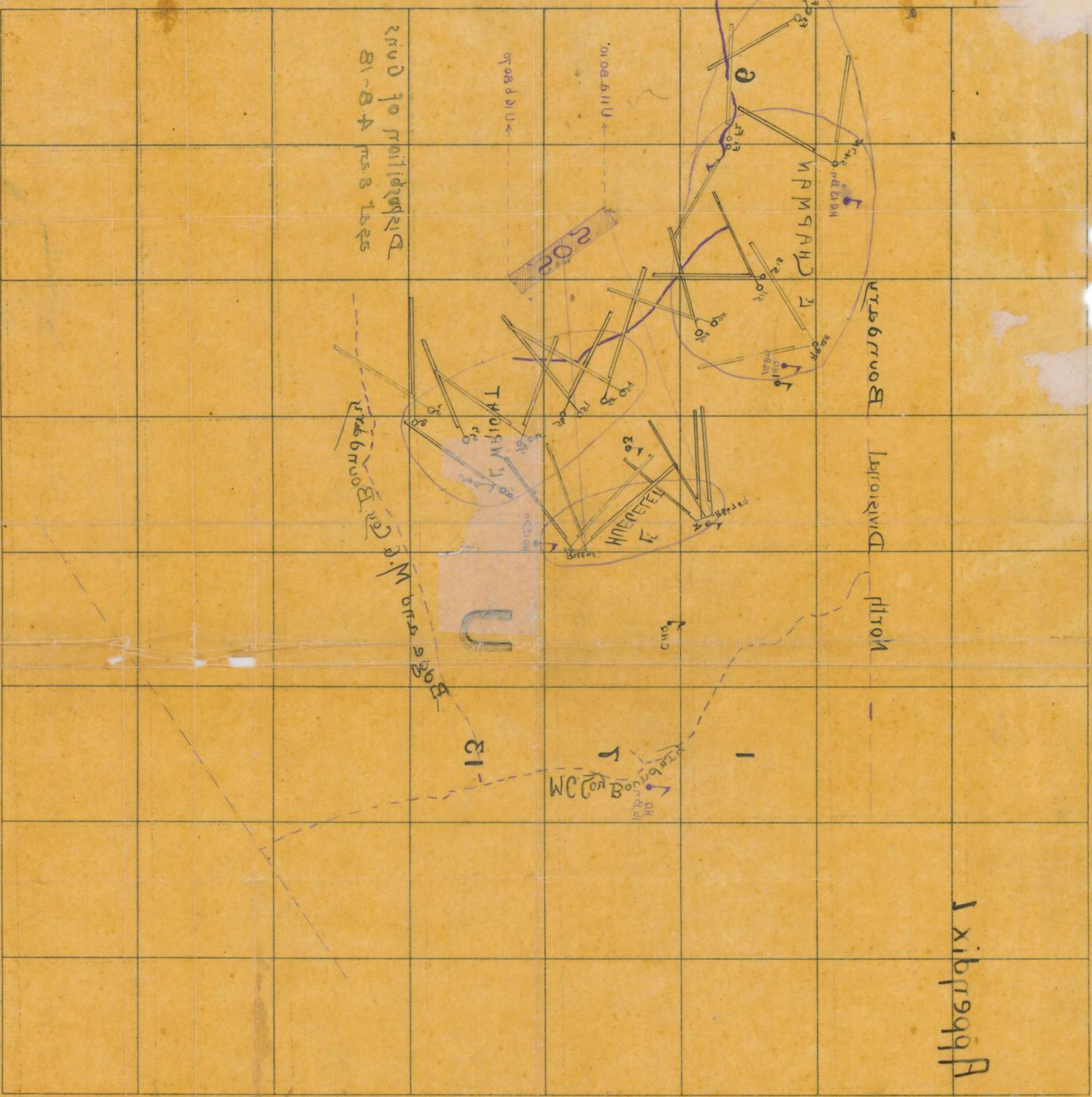
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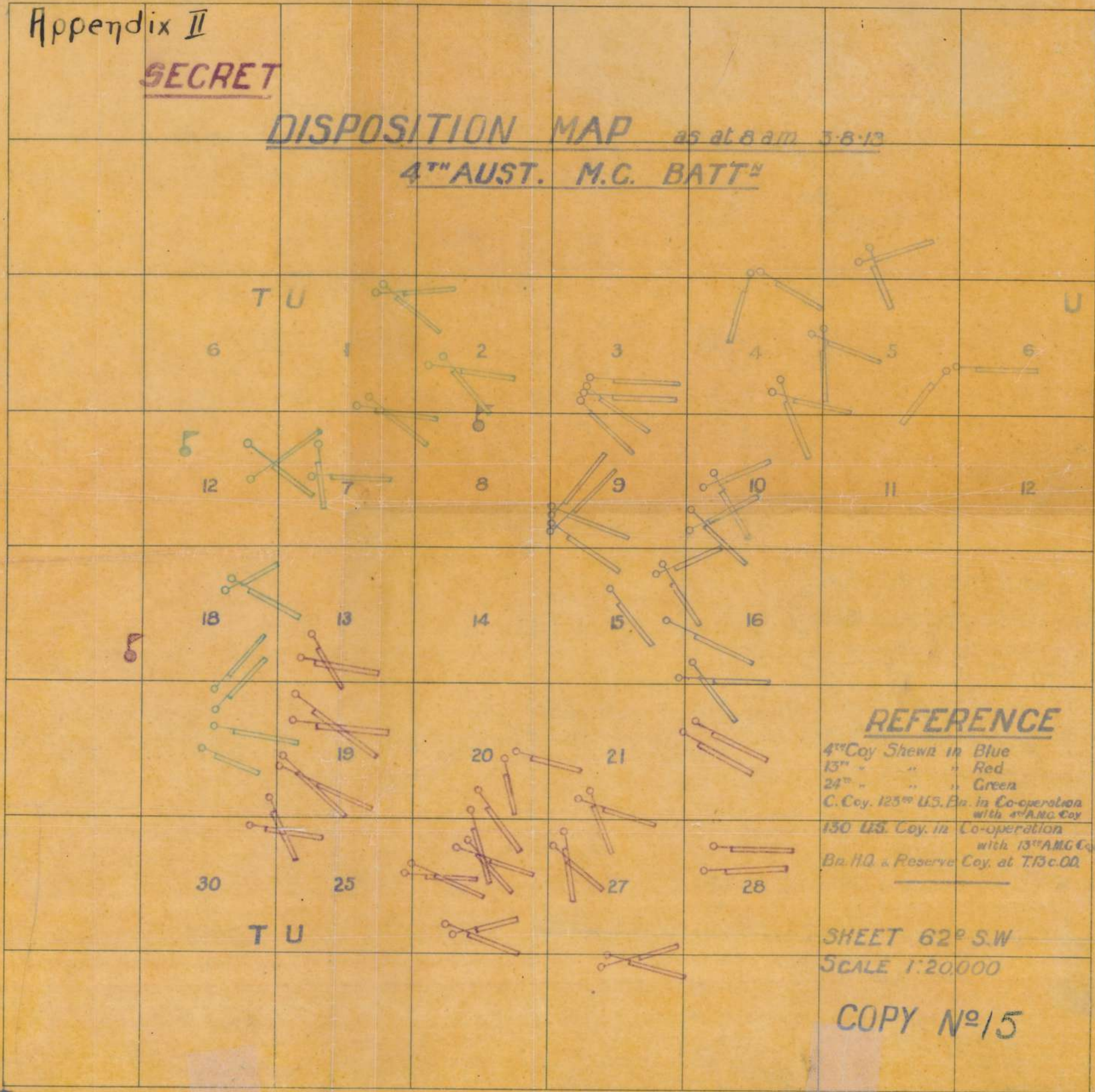
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Appendix II

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DISPOSITION MAP *as at 8 a.m. 3-8-13* 4TH AUST. M.C. BATT^N

Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.



REFERENCE

- 4th Coy Shewell in Blue
- 13th " " " Red
- 24th " " " Green
- C. Coy. 125th U.S. Br. in Co-operation with 4th AMG Coy.
- 150 U.S. Coy. in Co-operation with 13th AMG Coy.
- Bn. HQ. & Reserve Coy. at T/Bc.00.

SHEET 62° S.W

SCALE 1:20,000

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade. 24

HEADQUARTERS.

3rd August, 1918
9.30 a.m.

C. 312

WARNING ORDER.

The following moves will take place as stated. The Staff Captain is working in close touch with "Q" Division and all Q.M's. and O.C. Nucleus. A conference to settle details will be held at "Q" Division this morning.

Night 3/4th August.

- (a) 5 Officers (1 a Captain) and 16 Lewis Gun crews each of 1 N.C.O. and 4 Others from 16th Battalion withdraw to S.17.4.4.4. and ambush there at 4.a.m. for VANK for Special Tank Training.
- (b) 4 Officers and 16 Vickers Gun Crews of 1 N.C.O. and 4 Others of 4th M.G. also ambush there under arrangements made by O.C., 4th M.G. Battalion.

4th August.

Parties from Nucleus move to 4th Brigade new area J.35.6. and 4., J.31 and I.36. to prepare camps. Staff Captain is working out these details.

Night 4/5th August.

13th Brigade relieve 4th Brigade - The 49th Battalion Headquarters will be where 15th Battalion now is, and the 50th Battalion will go into 14th Battalion Headquarters. No Headquarters goes to present 13th Battalion. A Canadian Battalion will take over from 16th Battalion. On relief 4th Brigade moves direct to new Brigade Area as stated above. Battalion areas later. Transport to I.32. Brigade Headquarters to Headquarters occupied by 4th Pioneer Battalion (about I.36.s.6.6.) when Brigade was in CORBIE Sector.

5th August.

Conference of Commanding officers 3.p.m. at Brigade Headquarters. Tank Officers then report to respective Battalions for co-operation.

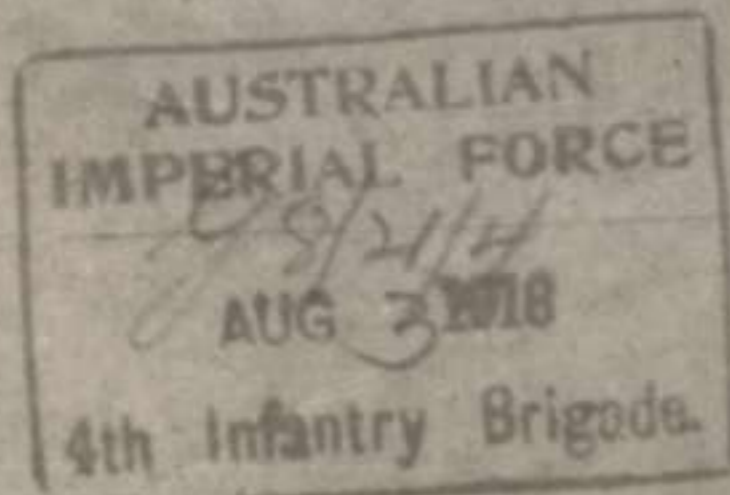
Divisional Headquarters to CORBIE Chateau.

5th/6th August.

Canadians relieve 13th Brigade.

It is unlikely that any further orders are issued as regard relief, on completion of which "B.M.301 Hotel" will be sent.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



B. S. Atherton
Captain.
Asst/Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

SECRET.

M.G. 1/68

All Coys.WARNING ORDER.

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

1. On night 3rd/4th August. Right Battalion, 13th A.I. Bde. will extend its front to the left so as to occupy the full frontage which will be allotted it when 13th A.I. Bde. assumes responsibility for the full Divisional front.
2. On night 4th/5th August. 13th A.I. Bde. will take over the front line now held by the 4th A.I. Bde. as far North and including the Railway line at V.l.b.5.8., in addition to present frontage.
4th A.I. Bde. and 12th A.I. Bde. will be withdrawn from present positions and will move by route march to sites to be selected in support 3rd Aust. Div. Area. These Bdes. will be replaced by two Brigades from the Canadian Corps who will be in support to 13th A.I. Bde.
3. On night 5th/6th August. 13th A.I. Bde. will be relieved and will be conveyed by busses to position to be selected in 3rd Aust. Div. Area. Embussing point will be X roads at S.17.4.3.4.
4. Selected personnel from 4th and 12th A.M.C. Companies will move to VAUX for tank training on 4th August. The remaining two Companies will be withdrawn from the area with 13th A.I. Bde. on night 5/6th August after relief by Canadian M.C. Corps.

I. W. Crouch Capt.

Adjt., 4th Aust. M.C. Bn.

3-8-18.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION
ORDER NO. 17.

Reference Map 62D

3rd August, 1918.

1. The following guns will be relieved by the 3rd Canadian Division on night 4/5th August viz :-
 All guns in and in rear to GENTELLES Line and TASMANIA Switch
 4 guns in U.3.c.
 4 " " U.9.c.
 2 " " U.25.b.
 Total guns to be relieved = 32.
2. On relief the 24th Coy. and gun crews including the U.S. troops on the relief guns will proceed to bivouacs at Nucleus Camp in T.13.c.0.0.
3. 24th, 13th, and 4th Coys. will acknowledge.

W. Crouch
Adjnt., 4th Aust. M.G. Bn. Capt.

Issued through signals at p.m.
Robert de Vries

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4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

WARNING ORDER.

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

4th August, 1918.

1. The 4th Aust. M.G.Bn. (including attached Americans) will be relieved by M.G.Coys. of the 2nd and 3rd Canadian Divisions on the night 5/6th August. The 2nd Canadian Division will be on the left and the 3rd Canadian Division on the right.
2. On completion of relief the Battalion will move to the LA NEUVILLE Area.
 - a. The 15th and 24th Coys. in the line will move by bus. Busses will be lined up from Cross Roads T.2.d.8.5. to TRONVILLE WOOD. Further particulars as to embussing will be notified later.
 - b. The 4th Coy. in the line will move direct by route march to the new area.
 - c. ~~The 18th Coy.~~ Bn. H.Q. and Nuclei will move by route march on the 5th inst. and will leave present location at 8 p.m.
 - d. Advanced parties will leave at 8.0 a.m. on 5th inst. and report to Capt. DUCHATEL, M.C. at 1.33.8.0.1
3. Relief of Coys. in the line to be arranged between Coy. Commanders and opposite Nos. direct.
4. All daylight movement will be reduced to a minimum.
5. On completion of relief Americans in the line will move to present transport lines and from there to 3rd Corps, B.E.F., DERNANCOURT Sector (full particulars later)
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. Pundugant
Capt., Adjt.

4th Aust. M.G. Bn.

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Ref. maps.
 AMIENS 17
 Sheet 62, D S.W.

2nd. BATTALION, CANADIAN MACHINE GUN CORPS. S E C R E T.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 102.

Copy No. 18.

August 4th 1918

1. In accordance with 2nd. Canadian Division O.O. No. 220 the 2nd. Bn. C.M.G.C. will commence to relieve the 4th. Batt. Australian M.G.C., night 5th/6th August 1918.
2. No. 3 Company 2nd. Bn. C.M.G.C., will relieve 32 guns of the 4th and 24th. Australian M.G. Companies and "C" Company of the 123rd American M.G. Bn.
3. Maps, Aeroplane photos, S.C.E. Lines, Harassing Fire Programme and all particulars of the positions will be taken over.
4. Company Commanders concerned will make their own detail arrangements for relief.
5. An advance party of 2 Officers and one man per Gun will meet guides at 9.30 p.m., 4th inst at cross-roads immediately N.E. of the last S in. ST NICHOLAS, and will be detailed to gun positions.
6. An advance party will be sent to 4th Australian M.G. Bn H.Q. at DOES de BOVES directly N.E. of the S in BOVES to take over bivvies etc., but Transport lines will remain at LONGUEAU.
7. No. 1 Company will send forward reconnoitring parties on afternoon of 5th inst., and be prepared to move into support on the night of 6th/7th inst. Batteries to be concentrated so that they will be mobile
8. Tracing attached shows dispositions of Australian Machine Guns.
9. No. movement to take place before dusk.
10. Disposition States and Trench Store State to be sent to Battalion H.Q. as soon as possible after relief.
11. Relief complete to be reported.- Your A-1 received at _____

J. H. Wain
 Lieut-Col.
 Comdg. 2nd. Battalion.
 Canadian Machine Gun Corps.

Issued at 11.55 p.m.

Copies to:-

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| 1. 2nd. Canadian Division "G" | 8. O.C. No. 1 Company. |
| 2. 2nd. Canadian Division "C" | 9. O.C. No. 2 Company. |
| 3. Headquarters C.M.G.C. Canadian Corps. | 10. O.C. No. 3 Company. |
| 4. Provost, 2nd. Canadian Division. | 11. Quartermaster. |
| 5. H.Q. 4th. Canadian Infantry Brigade. | 12. Medical Officer. |
| 6. H.Q. 5th. Canadian Infantry Brigade. | 13. Signal Officer. |
| 7. H.Q. 6th. Canadian Infantry Brigade. | 14. Office Copy. |
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| | 18. 4th. Australian M.G. Company. ✓ |
| | 19. 24th. Australian M.G. Company. |
| | 20. 123rd American M.G. Company. |

10. At Zero plus 3 hours the Brigade must move from the Second Forming up position vide attached sketch. Time of leaving First forming up positions to be left to Brigade. All Tanks (Total 19) to be with Units here and move with them. *Edge main collected 3+2 hrs.*
11. The Brigade will be steadied before reaching the Green Line (3rd Div. objective) and will cross the Green Line at Zero plus 4 hours in small columns with Mark V Tanks as advanced guard.
12. The artillery arrangements from Zero plus 4 hours until Blue Line is reached is as follows :-
Counter Battery work on suspected hostile batteries.
(a) Zero plus 4 hours lift off HAMILTON WOOD Valley.
(b) Zero plus 4½ hours lift off SUSAN WOOD Valley.
(c) Zero plus 5½ hours lift off DUDGEON WOOD Valley.
(d) Zero plus 5 hours lift off Q.17 and Q.24. Valley.
Field Artillery. 10th A.F.A. Brigade allotted as a Mobile Brigade - another Brigade under orders of 4th Div. can be called upon. Ultimate position of 10th Brigade will be FARMER WOOD Q.22.a. Other Batteries will follow and eventually put down an S.O.S. line beyond the Blue Line.
13. Airmen will drop smoke bombs on specified localities from Zero plus 4 onwards. *Down tanks*
14. The Red Line which ought to be reached about Zero plus 6 hours will be consolidated by the 13th and 14th Bns. and become the Reserve Line of the Front Line system.
15. Sufficient time only to be allowed at the Red Line to permit of the Blue Line Bn. (the 16th Bn.) establishing liaison etc. with the 9 Mark V @ Tanks and moving with them. Blue Line to be limit of the advance. *No hall*
16. The Mark V Tanks will, when their Red Line job is done, assemble near DUDGEON WOOD to be used as emergency arises. They will be withdrawn when ordered by the Brigadier.
17. The Mark V @ Tanks are under the orders of the C.O., 16th Battalion, and will be sent back when the situation warrants.
18. The Blue Line will on "Z" night be held by 2 Battalions the 16th on Left and 13th on Right - boundary X Roads in R.7.c. distributed in depth. 13th Bn. to become acquainted with the country before dark.

P.T.O.

Capt. Gook 16th Bn. 31

19. It is of vital importance that liaison be established with the British by the CERISY Bn. and Blue Line Bn.
20. Information is as usual urgently required. Negative information essential.
21. Headquarters. The 4th and 12th Bde. Headquarters will be established as follows -
 (a) 6 p.m. on "Y"/"Z" night QUARRY (HAMEL offensive).
 (b) Zero plus 3 hours present British Front Line about P.10.d.?
 (c) Zero plus 6 hours in GREEN line. Cable buried only to P.9. The 13th and 14th Bn. Headquarters to work together and eventually the 13th and 16th Bn. together.
22. Zero minus 15 the S.O.S. will be in-operative.
23. Enemy lateral cables to be cut.
24. A limited number of small sketches will be issued, also sketch showing known and suspected enemy gun positions.
25. Medical. UP to "Y" day the A.D.S. will be at O.15.a.5.7. with motor relay post at J.32.c.2.9. Bearer Squads from 4th Field Coy. will join Battalions at present positions of Readiness.
 On "Y"/"Z" night Bearers will be increased to 16 with an M.O. attached to Bde. H.Qrs. to co-ordinate medical arrangements. 3rd Div. Bearers responsible for evacuating from the Green Line, no 4th Div. Bearers to carry until after Zero plus 4 hours. Bearers to keep with their Battalions until Battalions have reached their respective objectives.
 A.D.S. eventually will be near HAMEL
26. On "Z" day Nucleus will move to Area occupied by 9th Brigade near LA NEUVILLE.
27. A limited number of pigeons are available.
28. Tin Discs attached to Box Respirators to be used for signalling to aeroplanes.
29. Synchronization of watches on "Y" day.
30. 4th Field Coy. to supply guides for the 4th Infantry Supply Tanks which will dump at about Q.23.a.8.5. and Q.17.c.8.5.

Dump at P.12.A. soon as
 3rd Div succeed. - S.A.A. and
 5/8/1918. Water.

B. Sathwin. Captain.
 Asst/Brigade-Major.
 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Appendix V

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.
HEADQUARTERS.
7th August, 1918.

C. O.,

H. M. G. Co.

With reference to 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 22
Zero day will be 8th August. Zero Hour will be communicated later.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

AUSTRALIAN
IMPERIAL FORCE
98/2110
AUG 7 1918
4th Infantry Brigade

[Signature]

Major.
Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 22

Reference Sheet 62.D. S.E. & S.W. 1/20,000.
Special Sketch attached 1/40,000.

Brigade Headquarters.
 6th August, 1918.

1. On a day and hour to be notified later the 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade in conjunction with other troops will attack and capture the enemy position opposite the present Australian Corps front. The day of the attack will be known as "Z" day, that preceding it will be "Y" day, and that succeeding it will be "A" day. The hour of the attack will be known as ZERO hour.
2. Concentration areas, Forming up areas, boundaries and limits of respective operations, will be as personally communicated to Commanding Officers in conference held at Brigade Headquarters on 5/8/1918 and as shown on attached sketch "A".
3. Dispositions of troops participating in operation will be as follows :-
 - Canadian Corps on right of Australian Corps.
 - Australian Corps { Right - 2nd and 5th Aust. Divisions.
 Left - 3rd and 4th Aust. Divisions.
 Reserve 1st Aust. Division.
 - 3rd Corps on Left of Australian Corps.
4. The operation on the Australian Corps Front will be carried out in three phases as follows :-
 - Phase 1. 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade on right and 11th Aust. Inf. Brigade on Left under cover of an artillery barrage and accompanied by Tanks will capture and consolidate the enemy positions on the GREEN LINE.
 - Phase 2. 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade on Right and 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade on Left will capture and consolidate the RED LINE passing through the 9th and 11th Aust. Inf. Brigades respectively.
 - Phase 3. One Battalion each of 12th and 4th Aust. Inf. Brigades will exploit the successes of the troops operating in phases 1 and 2 and will consolidate on the BLUE LINE passing through the troops on the RED LINE.
5. With regard to 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade -
 - Phase 2 will be carried out by three Battalions viz. -
 - 13th Battalion on Right.
 - 14th Battalion in Centre.
 - 15th Battalion on Left, having the mopping up of CERICY VILLAGE as its task.
 - Phase 3 will be carried out by 16th Battalion.
6. Machine Guns. The 4th Machine Gun Company plus 2 Sections of 24th Machine Gun Company will operate with the Brigade. These will be allotted as follows :-

10	guns	of	4th	M.G.	Company	with	the	Mark	V	@	Tanks.
6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Reserve Battalion (16th Bn.)
2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	24th M.G. Company with 13th Battalion.
2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	14th Battalion.
2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	15th Battalion.
2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	in Brigade Reserve

Gun Crews with Guns &c. complete will report to their respective Battalions on afternoon of "Y" day.

P.T.O.

7. Tanks. The following Tanks have been allotted to the Brigade -
- | | | |
|--------------|-----|--|
| Mark V | 12. | |
| Mark V @ | 9. | |
| Supply Tanks | 4. | |
- These will be sub-allotted as under :-
- | | | | |
|-----------------|----------|---|--|
| <u>Phase 2.</u> | 13th Bn. | 5 | } all mark V. } plus all Tanks which took part in phase 1 which can be reorganised |
| | 14th Bn. | 3 | |
| | 15th Bn. | 3 | |
- Phase 3. All mark V @ to 16th Battalion. In addition to their Crews these Tanks will carry forward 10 Vickers Guns and 16 Lewis Guns complete with Crews, Ammunition, etc.
- Battalion commanders will be responsible for maintaining liaison with the Tanks allotted to them and for guiding them to their respective forming up places.
8. "D" company, 4th Pioneer Battalion, has been allotted to the Brigade and will be attached to 13th Battalion for the operation.
9. At ZERO plus 4 hours Brigade Headquarters will be established at P.12.d.9.1.
10. Operation and Administrative instructions will be issued separately.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. W. Howell

Major.
Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Issued at 8.p.m. through Signals.

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| 10 | 4th M.G. Company. |
| 11 | 24th " " |
| 12 | 4th Field Coy. A.E. |
| 13 | 4th Field Ambulance. |
| 14 | 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
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| 16 | 9th " " " |
| 17 | 11th " " " |
| 18 | 173rd Brigade |
| 19 | 8th Tank Battalion. |
| 20 | 4th Pioneer Bn. ("D" Company). |
| 21 | C.R.A., 4th Aust. Division. |
| 22 | C.R.E., " " " |
| 23 - 26 | Spares. |

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.COMMUNICATIONS.

Brigade Headquarters.
6th August, 1918.

- (a) While Brigade is in Forming UP Position No. 1, communication will be by Runner.
- (b) When Brigade is in Forming UP Position No. 2, the Forward Party under Lieut. CLIMPSON will be ready at Brigade Headquarters at P.12.d.9.1. to run 3 pairs of cable forward following 13th Battalion. Until lines are through communication will be by Runner.
- (c) The Brigade Forward Station will drop a relay station of Runners and Lineman at approximately Q.14.a.5.9.
- (d) From here 13th, 14th and 15th Battalions will connect up by
(1) Cable.
(2) Runners.
- (e) At Zero plus 6 hours Brigade Forward Party will move to 13th Battalion Headquarters so as to pick up 16th Battalion line as they move through.
- (f) A forward loop set will move with 16th Battalion and work to a rear set at Brigade Forward Station.
- (g) 16th Battalion will then have the following means at its disposal :-
(1) Cable.
(2) Wireless.
(3) Runners.
(4) Pigeons.
(5) Visual (if possible).
(6) Rockets.
- (h) Battalions must endeavour to get in touch by visual to either -
(1) Brigade Visual Station at P.12.d.9.1.
(2) Divisional " " " J.28.b.2.2.
(3) Brigade Forward Station.
- (i) When Brigade Forward Station is finally established they will run a lateral line to 14th Battalion, and 14th and 15th Battalions will endeavour to get in lateral touch by cable.
- (j) A complete loop set will go with Brigade Forward Station.
- (k) 4 Runners are required from each Battalion, and visual signallers as follows :-
13th Battalion 1.
14th " 2.
15th " 2.
16th " 1.
These men will report to Brigade Signal Officer as soon as possible for instructions.
- (l) Although every effort will be made to keep in touch by cable, Signal Officers must use every means available to get information to its destination when the cable is dis.

Issued at 9.p.m. through Signals.

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As for Brigade Order No. 22.

R. A. Towell
Major.
Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Administrative Instructions issued in connection with 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 22.

Brigade Headquarters.
7th August, 1918.

1. TRANSPORT. On the morning of "Z" day transport will move under the direction of the Brigade Transport Officer to the Valley running South West from HAMEL to VAIRE WOOD and will be located about P.14.b.
2. AMMUNITION. Divisional Dump at O.10.a.1.1.
S.A.A. Section at O.3.c.4.4.
On "Z" day ammunition etc. will be delivered by Brigade Transport as under :-
15th Bn. - 1 L.G.S. Wagon of S.A.A.
1 " " " Mixed Bombs.
to be delivered on afternoon of "Z" day.
13th, 14th & 16th Bns. each 1 L.G.S. Wagon of S.A.A. and 1 L.G.S. wagon of Mixed bombs to be delivered at respective Battalion Headquarters on night of "Z" day.
Map showing road tracks to be issued to Transport Officers later.
3. TANKS. 4 Supply Tanks will move forward and will dump loads, as shown below, at approx. Q.23.a.8.5. and Q.17.a.8.5. 3 Tanks will make a second trip and will refill at P.4.c.3.3.
Approx. loads for each Tank -
100 coils barbed wire.
200 Screw pickets short.
100 " " long.
150 3-inch stokes.
50 2-gallon tins of water.
750 Grenades.
20 Cases S.A.A.
These Tanks will be loaded under Brigade arrangements at O.1.c.0.5. 13th Battalion will detail 1 N.C.O. and 3 Men, 14th Battalion 1 N.C.O. and 6 men to act as loading and unloading party. These men to report by 8.a.m. on the 6th instant and to remain with Tanks until operation is completed. The 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade colours will be painted on each Tank as a distinguishing mark.
The 12 Mark 5 Tanks will each carry 6 boxes of S.A.A. and the 9 Mark 5 @ Tanks will carry additional supply of S.A.A. and Grenades. Supplies will be dumped at consolidating points.
4. SUPPLIES. To be drawn on the 6th instant as per appendices attached.
5. WATER SUPPLY. Standpipes and dixie fillers exist at O.7.b.9.5., O.15.b.8.0. and O.17.a.1.9. One 300 gallon G.S. Wagon is allotted the Brigade and one 125 gallon water lorry is held in Reserve by Division. 5 50-gallon and 5 100-gallon tanks are available and will be erected by the 4th Field Company Engineers. Water supplies will be labelled giving nature and location of source of supply
- 6a. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. No evacuations will be made by the 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade this side of the GREEN LINE. Casualties during the 1st phase will be attended to on the spot and then left to be evacuated by the 3rd Aust. Division.

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6. (a) MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS (Contd.)

(b) The R.M.O's. will not evacuate any casualties during the advance from GREEN LINE until their R.A.P's. are established.

(c) R.A.P's. 14th Battalion at Hospital at Q.16.a.2.5. Remaining Battalion R.A.P's. will be established at or near their respective Battalion Headquarters.. From R.A.P's. the Ambulance ~~be~~ comes attached to R.M.O's. who will evacuate to rear.

(d) Major D.M.STEEL, M.C., 13th Field Ambulance, will be located with Brigade Headquarters and will be responsible for the evacuations of the Brigade Sector. R.M.O's. will at once notify the above Officer through Brigade and by any other means, the locations of R.A.P's. and any requirements.

(e) The A.D.M.S., 3rd Aust. Division, has arranged for supplies of dressings, drugs and medical comforts to be available at A.D.S. O.15. a.5.7. Dumps of stretchers and Blankets are at P.13.d.1.3. and P.3.c.2.8.

(f) All sick not likely to be fit for duty in 24 hours will be evacuated on "X" day. No sick to be sent to Transport Lines.

(g) Evacuation scheme after capture of GREEN LINE i.e. after commencement of attack by 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

<u>A.D.S.</u>	<u>M.D.S.</u>	<u>D.C.S.</u>
Hospice FOUILLOY O.10.a.	N.4.c.9.2. 11th &	Les Alcones.
9.7. 13th Field Ambce.	12th Field Ambce.	
Also Walking Wounded Dressing Station.		

Evacuation scheme after capture of RED Line :-

<u>A.D.S.</u>	<u>M.D.S. & W.W.D.A.</u>	<u>D.C.S.</u>
Hamel vicinity	FOUILLOY. O.10.a.	N.4.c.9.2. 12th Field
4th Field Ambce.	9.7. 13th & 10th	Ambulance.
	Field Ambulance.	

7. RAILHEAD. AILLY-SUR-SOMME.

8. REFILLING POINTS. H.34.b.

9. REINFORCEMENTS AND NUCLEUS. Reinforcement Staging Depot at Hospice RIVERY will move on "Z" morning to ALLONVILLE. Nucleus, under instructions from Division, will move to LA NEUVILLE Area.

10. SURPLUS KITS AND GEAR. Kits to remain at present dump. Transport Surplus gear to be dumped in LA NEUVILLE at a site to be selected by Brigade Transport Officer.

11. ORDNANCE. D.A.D.O.S. will remain at present location H.19.d.0.0.

12. R.E.STORES. Divisional R.E. Dump at N.5.a. VACQUEMONT.

13. VETERINARY. The mobile veterinary Section is located at H.27.d.0.0.

14. BURIALS. Disposal of Dead) The 3rd Aust. Divisional Burials Officer
CEMETERIES.) assisted by the 4th Division Burials Officer will be responsible for burials of the Left Sector. Cemeteries will be established at approx. Q.8.c.0.0. and Q.19.central.

15. BRIGADE F.P.O. Established at Refilling point.

16. BATTLE STRAGGLERS POSTS. Established as under :-

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

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16. BATTLE STRAGGLERS POSTS (Contd).

As soon as the GREEN LINE is captured posts will move forward as follows :-

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

Rear posts will be maintained at I.33.b.3.5., O.9.a.7.4. and O.1.c.3.8.

Straggler collecting stations. At O.5.d.1.8. in the 1st Phase and at HAMEL in the 2nd phase.

17. PRISONERS OF WAR. Units will endeavour as far as possible to keep a record of prisoners of War, receipts to be obtained from M.M.P's. who will be stationed at Advanced Brigade Headquarters. Cavalry should they take prisoners will hand them to nearest Battalion who will give receipts. Civilians. Should any civilians be found during the advance they will be sent to Brigade Headquarters.

18. SOCKS. Socks can be exchanged at Clothing Exchange VACQUEMONT.

19. CHLORIDE OF LIME. Dump of 1 Ton exists at rear of No. 8 Billet CORBIE, obtainable on application.

20. SHELTERS. All tents and shelters to be struck on "Y"/"Z" night and stacked in Battalion Area. Guard to remain in charge until collected by Transport.

R. S. Mackman

Captain.
Staff-Captain.

4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.ORDER NO. 18.

Headquarters,

Ref. Map : Sheet 62D, 1:40,000. 6th August, 1918.

- 1(a) The Australian Corps will attack the enemy and take the objectives shown in the attached map.
- (b) The 3rd and 4th Aust. Divisions will attack on the same front on the left and the 2nd and 5th similarly on the same front on the right with the 4th Brigade on the left and 12th Brigade on the right.
- (c) The 1st Aust. Division will be in Corps reserve.
- (d) The Canadian Corps will co-operate on the right, south of the railway line inclusive, and the 3rd British Corps on the left north of the SOMME (exclusive).

2. ALLOTMENT OF MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns are allotted as follows:-

(a) Assault Guns.		guns
The 4th M.G.Coy. and 8 guns of 24th M.G.Coy. to 4th Bde.	=	24
The 12th M.G.Coy. and 8 guns of 13th M.G.Coy. to 12th Bde.	=	24
(b) Barrage Guns.		Total 48
The 24th M.G.Coy. 8 guns and 13th M.G.Coy. 8 guns to 3rd M.G. Battalion.	=	16
		Grand total 64

3. EMPLOYMENT IN THE ATTACK.

- (a) 10 guns each from 4th M.G.Coy. and 12th M.G.Coy. = 20 will go forward in Mark V Star Tanks to final blue line to exploit success and form strong points. Each tank will carry 2 guns one Officer and 5 O.R. with two infantry bombers attached to each gun besides other personnel.
- (b) 6 guns each from 4th M.G.Coy. and 12th M.G.Coy. = 12 in reserve moving with the reserve Battalion of the 4th and 12th Bdes. respectively. The role of these 12 guns will be to dispose themselves in depth for the defence of the ground between blue and red lines.
- (c) 8 guns each from 24th M.G.Coy. and 13th M.G.Coy. = 16 will move forward with 4th and 12th Bdes. respectively in the attack for the red line.
- (d) 8 guns each from 24th M.G.Coy. and 13th M.G.Coy. = 16 allotted as above for barrage will on completion of their task with 3rd Aust. Div. (orders for which are issued separately) viz. at ZERO plus 40 minutes, disengage and join reserve Brigade. (the 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.) in the second forming up position in ACCROCHE WOOD valley about square P.17. by ZERO plus 3 hours. The group Commander of these 16 guns (Capt. CORY, M.C.) will get in touch with G.O.C. 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. to ensure junction at this position. These 16 guns will subsequently conform to the movements of the 1st Brigade and be employed as directed by G.O.C. 4th Aust. Division.

4. EMPLOYMENT IN DEFENCE.

- (a) Guns in para "2.a" - total 48 guns - will be employed in the consolidation of the captured ground in depth as far back as as CRUCIFIX SPUR about Q.28. and 22.
- (b) Guns in para "3.d." - total 16 guns - will be distributed defensively about squares Q.21., 15., 9. and 8. so as to cover the approaches to this area from east and north east.

- 5(a) The O.Cs. 24th and 4th Coys. will make their H.Q. in close touch with 4th Bde. H.Q.
- (b) The O.C. 12th Coy. and Lieut. TUCKETT will make their H.Q. with 12th Bde. H.Q.
- (c) The O.C. Barrage Group will, after completion of barrage task make his H.Q. in close touch with 1st Bde. H.Q.

6. ROADS AND BRIDGES.SOMME CROSSINGS.

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

- a. Q.2.b.80.95. provided a suitable approach exists on the north side of the river. Failing this, a bridge to carry

infantry will be constructed.

b. Q.3.d.95.55. Bridges to carry infantry will be constructed at a suitable place, should existing bridges be damaged beyond immediate repair:

- a. In Q.3.b. or d.
 - b. As near to Q.10.central as possible.
- The maximum loads to be placed on bridges will be clearly shown at each approach.

4th Aust. Divisional Artillery will carry forward a proportion of bridges. Positions of these bridges over any obstacle will be marked by a small white flag on a five or six foot pole. Every advantage is to be taken of these bridges by all horse transport.

7. LIGHT SIGNALS.

(a) Australian Corps.

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

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

(b) Other Formations.

Light signals of other formations are as follows:-

	Signal.	Meaning.
(i) Cavalry Corps -	White star turning to red on a parachute fired from 1 1/2" Veroy pistol.	"Advanced troops of cavalry are here."
(ii) III Corps. -	No. 32 grenade green over green over green.	"S.O.S."
	No.32 grenade white over white over white.	"Success signal. 100. We have reached objective."
	One white Veroy light.	"Barrage is about to lift."

8. COUNTER ATTACK PLANES.

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

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

9. AMMUNITION CARRYING AEROPLANES.

(a) Aeroplanes will be detailed to transport ammunition from Zero plus 7 hours for the RED and BLUE lines wherever the "V" is displayed.

(b) Vickers guns will display a white "V" at the point where ammunition is to be dropped. The arms of the "V" to be 6 feet in length and 1 foot in width. The apex of the "V" is to point towards the enemy.

(c) Ammunition aeroplanes will have the underside of the lower planes painted black for a distance of 2 1/2 feet from the tips.

10. SIGNALLING ARRANGEMENTS.

VISUAL.

(a) The Divisional Visual Station (Call - G.D.K.) will be located at J.28.b.2.2., where messages from any part of the captured territory will be received and transmitted to its destination. This station will be connected by telephone to nearest Bde. H.Q.

(b) All Signallers must be thoroughly acquainted with the position of this station.

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

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

11. DIVISIONAL PLAN OF ATTACK.

The advance from the Green line will commence at Zero plus 4 hours and it is anticipated that the Red line will be taken by Zero plus 6 hours.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

Supplies:- Refilling Points 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.34.b., 12th A.I. Bde. N.1.a., 13th A.I. Bde. S.5.d.7.9. Train wagons will deliver to transport lines.

S.A.A.

Battalion Dump of S.A.A. will be established on Zero day at P.12.a. 6.5. approximately.

D.A.D.O.S. will remain in present location H.19.d.0.0.

Water. One 125 gallon water lorry and 4 300 gallon G.S. wagons will convey water forward for the Division.

Salvage. Every effort will be made to carry back in ration limbers all military material as salvage.

Water Bottles. One extra water bottle per man will be issued.

Supply Tanks. Stores for second trip of tanks will be loaded for 4th A.I. Bde. at P.4.d.1.2., 12th A.I. Bde. P.20.b.1.1.

13. H.Q. of 4th and 12th A.I. Bdes. will be established about P.17. Central., before Zero plus 4 hours.

14. (a) Watches will be synchronised by an Officer from each Company after 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Y day.

(b) Zero hour will be notified later.

15. All Companies will acknowledge.

H. W. Cronch Capt/10, Lieut-Col.

C.O., 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.

Issued at 9 p.m. through signals.

4th Coy

7.30 am. }
4.30 pm. } →

12th Coy

7.30 am. }
4.30 pm. } →

wed 9.30 am
thu 6.30 pm

9.15 am }
6.15 pm } ←

24th Coy.
(forward)

8 am. }
5 pm. } →

9 am }
6 pm. } →

7.45 am }
4.45 pm } ←

13th Coy. (forward)

8.30 pm }
5.30 pm. } →

13th Coy (rear)

8.30 am. }
5.30 pm. } →

wed 9 am.
thu 6 pm.

8 am. }
5 pm. } ←

Adv. Bn. H.Q.
P. 12.4.5.
Record. Wood.

Runner Despatch Service
On and after 8th August 1918.

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4TH. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

ORDER NO. 9-

6- 8- 18-

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

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

Organisation of Guns: The ten Strong Point Guns are drawn

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

These will be organised as Sections. No. 1; under Lieut Lydster M.M.
 3 Guns of No. 1. No. 2 Section, 4 Guns of No. 2 under Lieut Komaro
 and Lieut Allan M.M., No. 3 Section will comprise 3 Guns of No. 3 S'n
 under Lieut Stephens M.M.
 The six (6) guns as in (b) above will be organised as two Sections of 3 guns
 each: The remaining gun of No 1 and two guns of No. 4 to be No. 4
 Section, under Lieut Chapman M.C. M.M. No. 5 Section will comprise
 the remaining gun of No. 3 and 2 of No. 4 under Lieut Wright M.C.

Employment in attack: Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Sections will move forward in the
 Mark 5 Star Tanks, and on reaching final Objective will unload with gear
 at intervals along the front, and in conjunction with Lewis Guns will form
 Strong Points. This party is under command of Capt Lynas D.S.O. M.C. 16th
 Battn. Nos. 4 and 5 Sections will be
 allotted 1 Limber each and will move from position of readiness complete and
 will take up position on first Forming-up Line at approximately P3a2.2. by
 Zero minus half hour. From here they will move forward along
 route shown on attached map closely in rear of 16th. Battn to 4th. Brigade
 2nd. Forming-up Line. Timing of move forward from here along
 route shown is left to Section Commanders' discretion who will arrange to
 reach Cross Roads P17c00.35 not later than Zero plus 5½ hours. . . .
 From here, provided no further orders are issued, they will move out with
 "B" Coy. 16th Battn and consolidate with them in rear of Blue Line.

Scouts: Nos. 4 and 5 Sections will be preceded by two Scouts each and
 also one scout each on bicycles who will move at least 1000 yards ahead of
 Limbers and immediately report any Road Block.
Pack Saddles: will be carried on Limbers, four horse teams to be employed.

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

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

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

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

Reference Sheet 62 D. S.E. 1/20,000.

1. On ZERO Day at an hour to be notified later the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will capture the portion of the BLUE LINE as shown on attached sketch.
2. Dispositions of attacking troops, positions of assembly and objectives as on attached sketch.
3. Battalion will be on FORMING-UP Position No.1 by ZERO minus $\frac{1}{2}$ hour; will move from F.U.P. No.2 by ZERO plus 3 hours; and cross GREEN LINE at ZERO plus 4 hours.
4. Companies will cross GREEN LINE and advance in small columns covered by a screen, with the Tanks as Advanced Guard; "A" Company on Right; "C" Company centre; "B" Company left; "D" Company in Support. "A" and "C" Companies will move direct to RED LINE and consolidate. Inter-Company boundaries are, in Village the main road; and on Objective a point approximately Q.17.c.3.8. "D" Company will move in Support to "A" and "C"; be responsible for the mopping-up of MORGAN; and later assist in consolidation. "B" Company will move with its left flank on the sunken road to the cross-roads in Q.9.d., and then make good Bank in Q.9.d. and Q.10.ee. This Company is responsible for clearing the marshy ground and making good the tow-path till junction is effected with RED LINE patrols. On completion of task, "B" Company becomes Battalion Reserve Company. Headquarters move in rear of "D" Company and establish at Q.16.a.3.4.
5. No.6 Section 8th Tank Battalion will move with one tank in advance of each of the three leading companies. No.7 Section 8th Tank Battalion will move on the right flank in formation. Signals to and from Tanks must be carefully impressed on all ranks. On capture of RED LINE, Tanks will patrol forward and cover consolidation.
6. Heavy Artillery programme after GREEN LINE is:-

ZERO plus 4;	lift off HAMILTON WOOD valley.
" " 4 $\frac{1}{2}$;	" " SUSAN WOOD valley.
" " 5 $\frac{1}{2}$;	" " DUDGEON WOOD valley.
" " 6	" " Q.17 and Q.24 valley.

 A.P.A.Brigades will follow up and eventually put down an S.O.S.beyond BLUE LINE.
One section 33th Battery will move with Battalion Headquarters.
7. Two guns of 24th M.G.Company will move with Battalion Headquarters and establish in RED LINE.
8. One L.T.M. will be attached to "A" Company and one to "C" Company for use during the advance. Each Company will supply 3 c/ranks to assist in carrying.
9. Aeroplane Co-operation.
 - (a). Smoke bombs will be dropped on successive ridges to screen advance of Infantry.
 - (b). Red ground flares will be used to indicate position of Infantry to planes.
The most-advanced troops only will use these flares.
A Contact plane will fly along RED LINE at ZERO plus 6 hours 30 minutes and call for these flares. If plane fails to mark line accurately it will repeat its call 10 minutes later. The plane will return at half-hour intervals until flares are shown.
Other means of identifying position of Infantry is by placing three or four rifles on top of trench, or flashing of metal discs.
 - (c). In case of counter-attack actually developing, a WHITE Parachute flare will be fired by aeroplane in the direction from which counter-attack is approaching.
 - (d). Ammunition-carrying planes will co-operate.

(continued).

10. Following Light Signals will be used;-
 SUCCESS, Rocket bursting into 3 whites;
 S.O.S. " " " 3 greens.
 Contact planes, Red ground flares.
 Tin discs flashing.
11. Communications as usual. Regular information, whether negative or not, is essential.
12. Supply Tanks will establish camps at approx. Q.23.a.85 and Q.17.c.85.
13. Dress - Fighting Order. Waterproof sheet to be carried; no blankets nor overcoats to be taken.
14. Watches will be synchronised twice on "Y" day by an officer from Battalion Headquarters.
15. R.A.P. with Battalion Headquarters.
16. Prisoners to be sent back under escort and if possible a receipt obtained. Captured material to be marked.
17. Transport Line after operation will be behind VAIRE WOOD.
18. Acknowledge.

Henry H. Crowther
Lieut-Colonel.
 Commanding 14th Battalion A.I.F.

- Distribution - Copy No. 1. C.O.
 2. File.
 3. War Diary.
 4. 4th A.I. Bde.
 5. "A"
 6. "B"
 7. "C"
 8. "D"
 9. T.O.
 10. Q.M.
 11. 13th Bn.
 12. 15th Bn.
 13. 4th H.G. Coy.
 14. 4th T.M.B.
 15. 4th Field Coy. Engrs.
 16. 2nd in Command.
 17/18. Spare copies.
 19/20. Extra War Diary.

4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.
Headquarters,
7th August, 1918.

All Coys.

1. S.O.S. PRIOR TO ZERO.

With reference to the action of the artillery prior to and on Y/Z night the following has been received from Australian Corps and will govern the action of the artillery.

- (a) "Previous to Zero night no circumstances less than an actual attack in force by the enemy would justify a development of Artillery fire on our part disclosing concentration of guns. On Zero night the same holds good, with this all important exception. -
- (b) "At any time during Zero night should the enemy develop a heavy artillery bombardment, whether consisting of gas shells or not, such as is likely to interfere with the forming up of the attacking troops, the fire of every available gun, without any reservation, detailed for counter-battery work on ZERO day, will direct its fire onto the enemy artillery. The concealment of the plan of action will become of secondary importance to that of silencing the hostile artillery as quickly as possible .
- (c) "The decision for the development of this abnormal artillery activity will rest with the Corps whose front is bombarded by the enemy. Should the hostile fire come from groups of guns outside the counter-battery area of the Corps concerned this Corps will request the neighbouring Corps in whose counter-battery area the offending groups of guns lie to take the necessary action and this request will be complied with.

2. The 1st Cavalry Brigade is coming under the command of the Australian Corps together with one company of Whippet Tanks. The role allotted to it is to seize any opportunity that may offer to push through on the Corps front.

For this purpose it is to operate north of the AMIENS-CHAULANES Railway in conjunction with the 5th Aust. Division, moving via the southern side of the BOIS L'ABBE and crossing to the north side of the railway east of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. After crossing the railway it is to march roughly parallel to it, keeping in touch with the 8th and 15th Aust. Inf. Bdes. and the remainder of the 1st Cavalry Division on the right.

If a break in the enemy's resistance on the corps front occurs the remainder of the first Cavalry Division may be employed in support of the 1st Cavalry Brigade.

The command of the 1st Cavalry Brigade. passes to 1st Cavalry Division when the infantry reaches the RED line unless the brigade is required south of the Australian Corps to exploit success before that hour.

4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.	
No.	95/2
Date	7/8/18

W. Brown Capt.
Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.

4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.
Headquarters,
7th August, 1918.

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All Coys.
Lieut. TUCKETT.

For the Operation, Battalion Administrative H.Q. will remain at present location. An advanced Battalion H.Q. will be established at approximately P.12.a.4.5. at about Zero plus 5 hours. A report post will be established at same place at about Zero plus 3 hours.

A Runner Relay Despatch Service as per attached diagram will come into operation from noon 8/8/18.

Runners will be supplied with a copy of attached diagram and on the first run map references of forward Companies will be supplied to the next rear Company. Forward Companies will only run to the nearest rear Company.

Until the above Runner Relay Service is established, messages will be sent through the nearest brigade addressed to Battalion and marked via 4th Aust. Division.

All messages will be sent in Clear.

4TH AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
B. 115
No. 82/3
Date 7/8/18

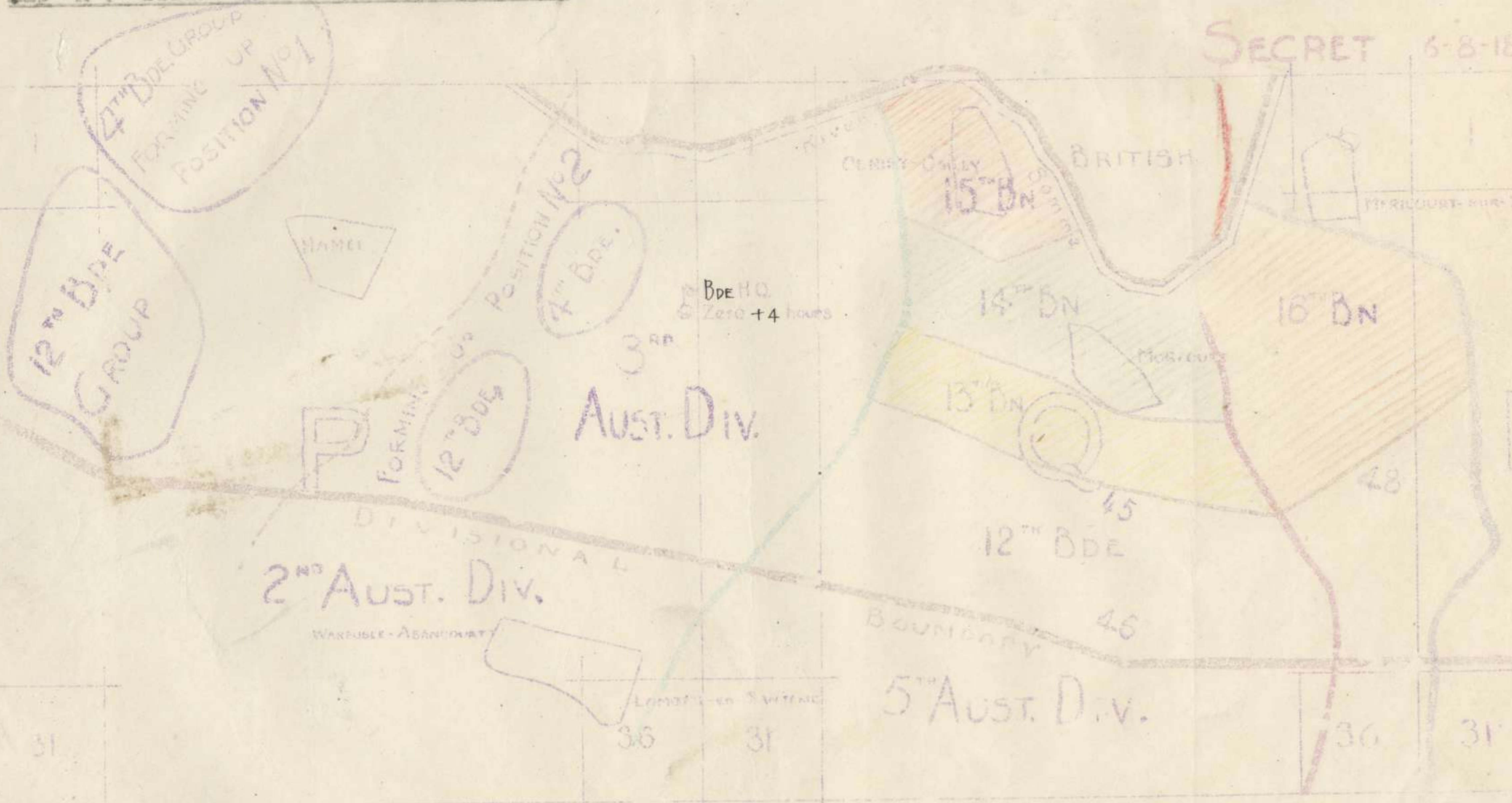
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Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G.Bn.

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Bde HQ at Zero



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N^o 4 Aust. M.G. Coy.
Operation Report

for operations in Morcourt Sector 8.8.18

Ref. 62^d S.E. 1:20000

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

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

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

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

The tanks moved from No 1 Rendezvous at 5.50am and only four reached the Red Line. Nos 5-6-7-8 breaking down. No 5 near HAMEL No 6 near CERISY.

No 7 & 8 near KATE WOOD. The crew of No 6 placed their gear on the rear of No 4 & proceeded. Those of Nos 5, 7, & 8 managed to reach the final objective during the afternoon and thus bring their guns into action. No 5 tank retired under its own power very shortly after leaving it, but No 7 & 8 came under direct shell fire and ~~became~~ "casualties".

No 6 was repaired and reached the final objective on time doing good work. Sgt Disney's team followed the tank around the objective & helped to clear up numerous enemy MG posts. No 4 received 2 direct hits from shells and all the MG crew, with Lt Allen, were wounded.

No 1-2-3 all received hits and considerable casualties occurred. Lt Lydster was wounded but Sgt Sinclair and 7 men, assisted by Sgt Disney, managed to bring two guns into action and so ensure good support to the left flank (16th Bn). Sgt Sinclair also had one other gun in close support. Early in the afternoon the 13th Bn moved up and occupied the ~~left~~ right of the Sector and the 16th closed to the left. Very little resistance was received on the final objective and most of the casualties were caused by 77 field gun on our left flank and to the rear.

The Blue line was not quite reached but a line was established approx running through Q18a 06. Q18b 07; R13a 05; R13a 46; and down to R13 central. Dispositions of line and V.M.L. established in it were forwarded to C.H.Q. early in the afternoon.

Coy H.Q. had moved up in H.Q. Tank with the 16th Bn and was established at Q17c 04. and first reports were received here from the front line. Lieut Wright's machine gun continued to advance at approx 1000 yards in rear of the Infantry and were first delayed on sunken road south of CERISY-GAILLY at near Q8b 48. by the Infantry being temporarily held up on the high ground in Q9 and 15. When word was received that the road was clear they advanced to the crossroads in Q9 central where the Infantry were again delayed by ^{enemy} machine gun fire from the front and enemy field guns in front and on the left flank. At the urgent request of the Co. 14th Bn these guns were brought into action against these enemy batteries and silenced ~~the~~ some of them scattering the crews. Casualties were received here from a battery further in rear and on CHIPILLY RIDGE.

The line was again advanced shortly afterwards and all guns reported to Coy H.Q. at about 1 P.M.

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

Lieut Chapman was sent with 3 guns and established them in the support line running approx from Q17 central to Q24 a 09. The left of this line was held by the 24th Coy. Lieut Stephens was sent at 9 P.M. with two more guns and placed in close support to the 16th Bn.

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

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

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

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

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

A considerable amount of sniping was carried on throughout the day ^{of the 10th} owing to the nearness of the enemy posts and several targets of men were engaged by our guns with good results in each case.

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

4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Order No. 19.

Headquarters,
12th August, 1917

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Reference Map : 62D.

1. (a) A force to be known as the "Liaison Force" is being organised with the object of carrying on the Battle North of the River SOMME and effecting a liaison between AUST. Corps, South of the River, and the III Corps.
- (b) This force is to be Commanded by Brigadier-General E.A. WISDOM C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., with H.Q. at J.23.d.1.2..
2. The force is to be composed as follows:-
- | | |
|---------------------------|--|
| <u>Light Horse.</u> | 1 Troop 13th Aust. Light Horse. |
| <u>Artillery.</u> | (Under the Command of C.R.A., 53th Division).
53th Divisional Artillery.) Now North of the SOMME under
16th Brigade R.H.A.) 4th Australian Division. |
| <u>Infantry.</u> | 13th Aust. Infantry Bde.
131th American Regt. |
| <u>Machine Gun Units.</u> | 13th Aust.M.G.Coy.
124th American M.G.Bn. |
- The following auxiliary troops will be detailed by the 4th Aust. Division.
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| | 13th Aust. Field Company. |
| | 27th Coy. A.A.S.C. |
| | Medical Units in accordance with further instructions, which will be issued by the A.D.M.S. |
3. The 132nd American Regiment will replace the 13th A.I.Bde. in the 4th Aust. Division with H.Q. in J.22.d.1.w.
4. The G.O.C. Liaison force assumed command of the Corps Battle Front North of the SOMME (exclusive) and the point of junction with 3rd Corps to day, 12th inst.
5. The 4th Aust. Division (less 13th Bde. and 13th M.G.Coy) has now passed into Corps Reserve with H.Q. at CORBIE and will remain at present locations till further orders.
6. The 13th M.G.Coy. will deal direct with 4th M.G.Bn. in all questions connected with personnel except discipline and honours and awards. The Company usually will work with the 13th A.I.Bde. and all orders issued by G.O.C. Liaison Force through the 13th A.I.Bde. will be acted on.
7. Supplies for 13th M.G.Coy. will be drawn from the Supply Company of the 13th A.I.Bde.

Capt.

Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G.Bn.

Issued through Signals at 4 30 p.m.

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5	13th Aust. I. Bde.
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8	War Diary
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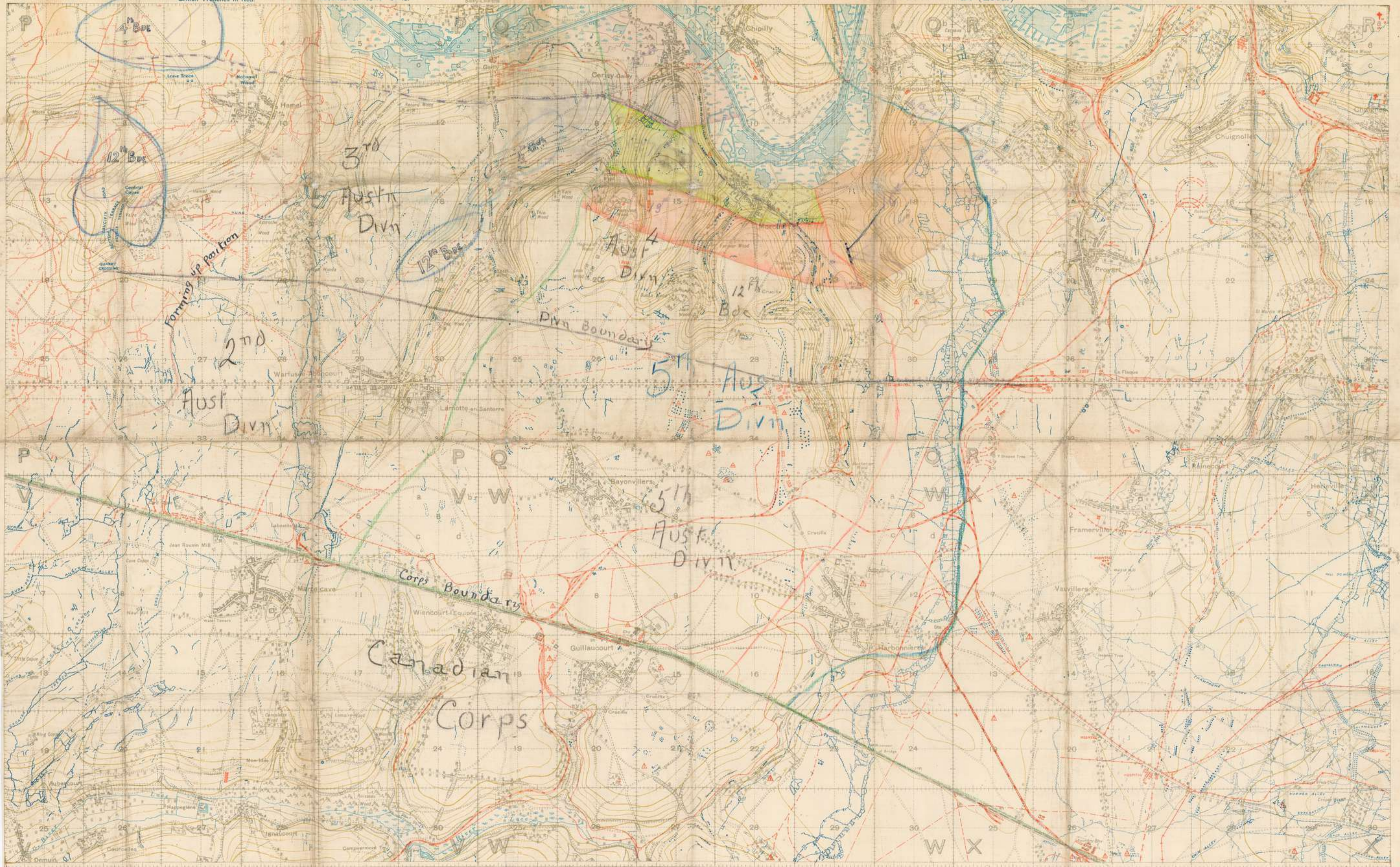
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Enemy Trenches in Blue.
British Trenches in Red.

TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION
RECEIVED UP TO 7-7-18.

FRANCE

EDITION 3 B. (Local)

SHEET 62^D S.E.



REFERENCE

(Any trench apparently unoccupied for time)	Blue line	Buried Pipeline or Cable	Red line	Hedge, Fence or Ditch	Black line	Normal Gauge, Double	Black line
Enemy Trenches	Blue line	Airline	Red line	Ditch with Permanent Water	Blue line	Light	Black line
Other Trenches	Blue line	Supply Dump	Red line	Observation Posts	Black line	Trench Tramways	Black line
(Important ones are shown by thick lines. Old or disused by dotted lines)	Blue line	Ammunition	Red line	Listening Posts	Black line	(Metro Gauge Railways or 60 cm.)	Black line
British Trenches	Red line	Earthworks	Red line	Wire Craters	Black line		
Wire Entanglement or Other Obstacle	Black line	Dug-outs	Red line	Fortified	Black line		
Enemy's Tracks	Black line	Hills	Red line	Organized Shell Holes	Black line		
		Works reinforced by concrete	Red line		Black line		

CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 METRES. ALL HEIGHTS IN METRES.

Scale 1:20,000

NOTE: The fact that an obstacle is not represented on the map does not necessarily mean that there is none there. It is either impossible to show through obstacles or its identity through obstacles may be assumed that there are obstacles in front of all five features shown by thick lines.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.Order No. 20.Headquarters,
13th August, 1918.Reference Map, 62D.

1. (a) The 4th Aust. Division (less present 13th A.I.Bde Group) will move to bivouacs in the HARBONNIERES - BAYONVILLERS area on 13th and 14th August.
- (b) The 4th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion (less 13th Coy) will move to day to above area and bivouac to night as follows:-
 - The 12 Coy. in 12th Bde Area in squares 18 and 24 as arranged by 12th A.I.Bde.
 - The 4th Coy. along and North of the railway line in square 23 as arranged by 4th A.I.Bde.
 - The 24th Coy. in square 18.a., site to be chosen by Lieut. PEUT.
 - Bn. H.Q. to billets in east side of HARBONNIERES.
 - Bn. Transport lines in BAYONVILLERS area.
2. Advance parties will proceed by 11 a.m. to select sites for bivouacs etc.
3. Transport will move under Bn. T.O. (Capt. CARROLL, M.C.) separately from Companies and will be located near BAYONVILLERS.
4. Locations to be sent to Bn. H.Q. on arrival in new area.

W. H. H. H.

Capt.

Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G.Bn.

Issued through signals at p.m.

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4th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 25
Headquarters

Reference 620.140.000.

13. 8. 18.

1 The 4th Aust. Inf. Bde will move to bivouacs in the HARBONIERES AREA (squares W. 9, 16 & 17) on 13th Aug. as per table attached.

2 Brigade H.Q.s will be at W. 15. a. 6. 1.

3 Bivouac parties will meet Staff Captain at 6.00 Roads on W. 2. Central at 12.00 noon today.

4 Unit bivouac areas will be as indicated by Staff Captains to bivouac parties today.

5 Instructions as to move of Rear H.Q.s, transport lines etc will be issued later.

6 Completion of move will be notified to Brigade H.Q.s by Code message B.M. 23 NOTED

7 Acknowledged
Issued through
Signals at

[Signature]
Major
4th Aust. Inf Bde

Date	Serial No.	Unit	Starting Point	Time to pass	Route	Remarks
18th	1	4 th Lt Col		5.30 pm		Head of column not to enter bivouac area before 9 pm.
	2	15 th Bn		5.32 pm		
	3	14 th Bn		5.50 pm		
	4	4 th Lt Col		6.5 pm		
	5	13 th Bn		6.9 pm		
	6	16 th Bn		6.24 pm		
			MIRIE - SAILLY - G-SEC			
					BOUZENCOURT - P.50. - P.17. a.	
					XV P.23. G.9.5 - P.24. C - LA MOTTE	
					- en - SANTERRE - P.6 Cent - SW of	
					BAYONVILLERS - W 30	Troops not to move in formed bodies larger than platoons with a minimum distance of 100 yards between each.

2 Stephens
 3 Wright 15
~~1 Hopkins 16~~
 2 Stephens Beneke
 1 Hopkins

BAHAMUTS - M36
 ST-2 AMSTERDAM - 200
 X 100 200 200
 BONSEM COMBAT - 200

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4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.
Order No. 22.

Ref. Map, HARBONNIERES. 1:40,000.

Headquarters,
15th August, 1918.

1. (a) The 4th Aust. Division (less Artillery) will relieve the 1st Aust. Division (less Artillery) in the line between 15th and 17th inst.
- (b) The Divisional boundaries on completion of relief will be as follows:-
 - South boundary- Grid line running E. and W. through A.9. Central as far as the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - CHAULNES railway at about A.8.b.4.0. thence back along the railway.
 - North Boundary - Grid line running E. and W. through X.17. central.

The inter brigade boundary will be as follows:-
A line drawn E. and W. through the S.E. corner of AUGER WOOD (S.26-a.4.6.)
2. Machine Guns in the sector will be relieved as follows:-
 - (a) Night 15/16th. 2 Sections of 12th A.M.G. Coy. to relieve 1st A.M.G. Coy. (2 Sections) Line Right.
2 Sections of 4th A.M.G. Coy. to relieve 3rd A.M.G. Coy. (2 Sections) Line Right. Left.
 - (b) 15th and night 15/16th 24th A.M.G. Coy. to relieve 2nd A.M.G. Coy. in Support area.
 - (c) Night 16/17th 12th A.M.G. Coy. (less 2 sections) and 4th A.M.G. Coy. (less 2 sections) to relieve remainder of 1st and 3rd A.M.G. Coys.
3. After relief guns will be distributed over the front:-
 - (a) By 4th and 12th Coys as follows:- 6 in front line and 10 distributed in depth to approximately 1500 yards back from front line.
 - (b) By 24th Coy. 8 guns on each Bde. front distributed in depth approximately from 1,500 to 2,500 yards back.
4. Companies will acknowledge.

H. H. H. H. Capt.
Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

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5th MG Coy HQ at 28200

4th MG Coy 21/11 to 24/15 Aug 18



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4th MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ORDER No 11.

Reference Maps:-

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

Lieut Campbell
and "D" Section
24th Coy

relieves

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

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

"

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

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

"

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

Lieut Richards
and "A" Section
24th Coy.

"

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

L. A. Lawrence

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

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.
Order No. 28.

Ref. Maps :-

66E N.E.
66D N.W.
62D S.E.
62C S.W.

Headquarters.
24th August 1918.

1. The 4th Australian Division will be relieved in the line between the 23rd and 25th August 1918.

2. Infantry Reliefs.

(a) On the night 23/24th August the 32nd Division extends its Right to the line X.24.central - S.20.central, relieving the 15th and 16th Aust. Inf. Battalions.

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

The 4th Aust. Inf Bde will remain in the line with one Battalion holding its remaining front and one Battalion in support in the present support Battalion Area until 10 a.m. on the 24th August.

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

(i) Right Brigade Area.

Front now held by 45th and 48th Battalions up to road (exclusive) running along N.W. edge of GAIN COPSE.

The 50th Battalion will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 12th Aust. Inf. Bde, in its present location.

(ii) Left Brigade Area.

Front now held by 46th and 15th Battalions from road (inclusive) running along N.W. edge of GAIN COPSE.

The 51st Battalion will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 4th Aust. Inf. Bde in its present location.

(iii) The troops of the 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. now holding the front line north of the new point of junction (road running along N.W. edge of GAIN COPSE) will remain in position and will come under the orders of the 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. Commander.

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

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

Command in each area will pass on completion of relief.

3. Machine Gun Reliefs.

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

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

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

(iii) The Reserve Company of the M.G. Battalion will be withdrawn on night 24/25th August 1918.

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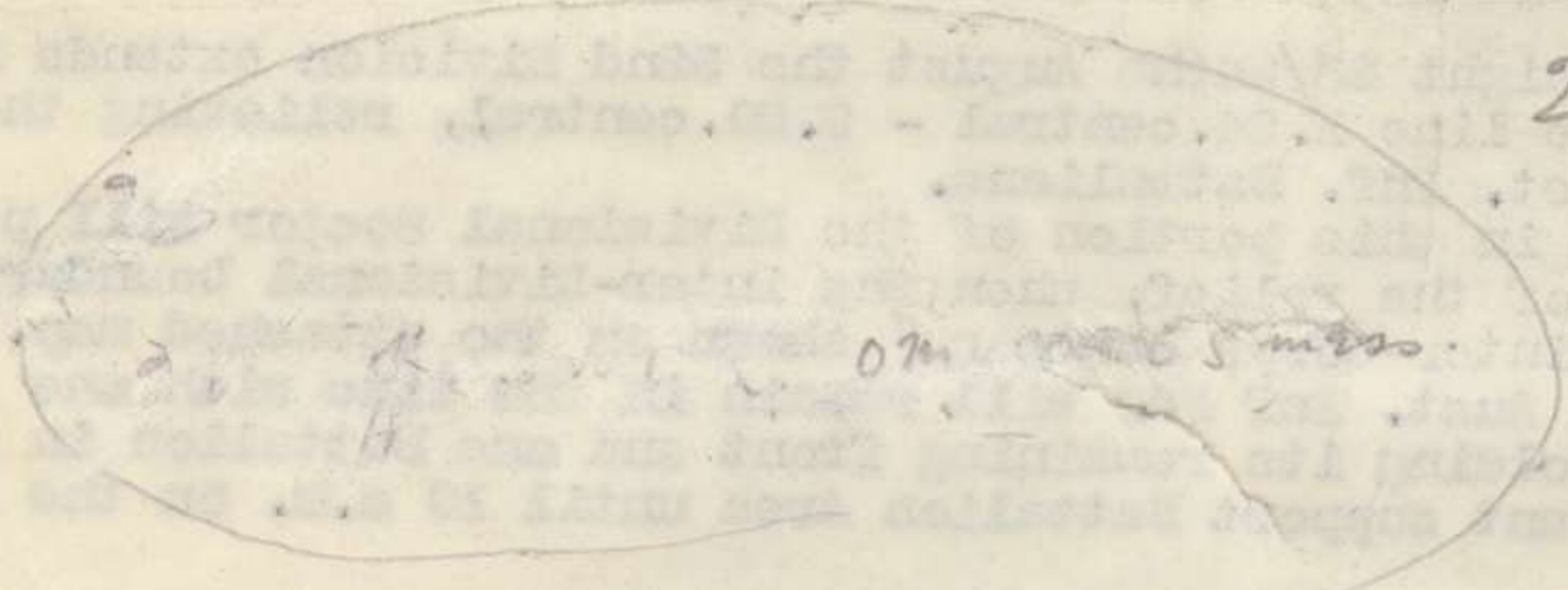
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(b) Machine Guns allotted to new Brigade Areas (as re-organized at 10 a.m. 24th August), as per attached map, will be under command of separate Officers to facilitate relief arrangements. They will revert to normal formation immediately on completion of respective reliefs and will move and embuss under order of such formation.

4. On relief, Units will move in accordance with Embussing Table, which will be issued, to the following Areas :-

4th Aust. Inf. Bde	-	POULAINVILLE - ALLONVILLE.
12th " " "	-	VAUX EN AMIENOIS.
13th " " "	-	RIVERY.
4th " Div. Arty.	}	- CANON - LAMOTTE Area.
4th " " Engrs.		
4th " M.G. Bn.		
4th " Pnr. Bn.		

5. Details of relief will be arranged mutually between Company Commanders concerned.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓ *[Signature]*

Arthur Bowles

Lieut.
For Lieut-Col.

C.O., 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

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4th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION

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REFERENCE MAPS:-

66 E N/E.
66 D N/W.
62 D S/E.
62 C S/W.

WARNING ORDER.

1. The 4th Australian M.G. Battalion will be relieved by the 32nd British M.G. Battalion, and the FRENCH.
2. All Guns north of the Line running from LIHU FARM to X.21.a.0090, will be relieved by the 32nd M.G. Battalion.
South of that line will be relieved by the French, or withdrawn on the French taking over the area, on the night of the 24/25th.
3. On completion of relief Battalion will move by Bus to CAMON area where they will be concentrated for Training purposes. Transport under Capt CARROLL will move by road on the morning of the 25th.
Particulars of relief will be mutually arranged between Company Commanders concerned. Fuller particulars will be sent to Companies on receipt of Divisional Move Order.
4. Billeting representative from each Company will meet at Town Major's Office CAMON at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

23rd August 1918.

Arthur Dowler Lieut.
for Lieut-Colonel.
C.O., 4th Aust M.G. Battalion.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 27.

Reference PERONNE ADMINISTRATIVE MAP } 1/100,000.

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Brigade Headquarters.
23rd August, 1918.

1. 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade will be relieved by 32nd British Division and a French Regiment on nights 23rd/24th and 24th/25th August, 1918. Moves will take place in accordance with following table :-

Date.	Serial No.	Unit.	Location.	Relieved by.	On relief move to.	Remarks.
23/24th Aug.	1.	13th Bn.	Line Right	portion of 15th Bn. Lanc Fusiliers.	POULAIN-VILLE.	Embuss after midnight at W.11.a.2.1. De-buss at G.4.a.5.3 16th Bn. in forward portion of column. Embussing Officer Lieut. L. TWEEEDIE. Offer. to be de-tailed by each unit to report to Lieut. TWEEEDIE at 11.45. p.m. at W.11.a.2.1.
"	2.	16th Bn.	Line Left	do.	COISY	
"	3.	T.M.Btty. (Mortars with 13th & 16th Bns)	Line.	95th T.M.Btty	COISY	
24/25th Aug.	4.	15th Bn. & 1 Coy. 46th Bn.	Line Right.	portion of 59th French Regt.	ALLON-VILLE.	Embussing arrange-ments later.
"	5.	14th Bn.	Support	do.	CARDON-ETTE.	
"	6.	Bde.H.Qrs.	--	59th French Regt.	COISY	
"	7.	51st Bn.	Reserve	portion of 59th French Regt.	?	

- All details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
- Billeting parties have gone forward to-day from nucleus.
- Receipts in duplicate for trench stores &c. handed over will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by Noon on 25th instant.
- Completion of relief will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by Code Message "B.M. 27 Noted".
- Transport will move independently by Battalions under Battalion arrangements. Transport lines are located in respective villages.
- ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 8.p.m. through signals.

R.W. Lovell
Major.
Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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 - 59th French Regt.
 - 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
 - 12th " " "
 - 51st Battalion.
 - 46th Battalion.

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Appendix XIII

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.

Administrative Instructions No. 1 issued under Battalion Order No. 21.

APPENDIX 13

- 1. ADVANCED DIV. Will be established at VILLERS BRETONNEUX at 3 p.m.,
HEADQUARTERS. 14th Inst. Rear Div. H.Q. will remain at CORBIE.
- 2. RAILHEAD. VILLERS BRETONNEUX.
- 3. SUPPLIES. Supplies will be drawn by Horse Transport and delivered to Brigade Transport Line, thence under Brigade arrangements.
- 4. REFILLING POINTS. For all Units - 0.30.d.
- 5. AMMUNITION. Forward Ammunition dump is established at X.28.a.7.7. (approx). S.A.A. Section will be located at V.29.b.8.8. All demands for ammunition will be made direct to O.C., S.A.A. Section, 4th Aust.D.A.C. through Sub-section Officers.
- 6. SUPPLY TANKS. Supply Tanks are allotted as follows:-
4th Aust. Inf. Bde. 1
12th " " " 2

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

- 7. BATTLE STORES. The following Battle Stores are available for 132nd U.S. REGT.:-
Hot Food Containers 30
Petrol Tins. 200

these will be delivered to locations selected by Regt.

- 8. ORDNANCE. D.A.D.O.S. is located in CORBIE I.34.a.6.4.
- 9. R.E. STORES. Div. R.E.Dumps are located at P.28.d.9.2. and Q.32.c.4.8.
- 10. WATER. Tanks containing 6,000 gallons are located at X.28.a.7.7. These tanks can be used for filling petrol tins, water bottles etc. Wells exist in BAYONVILLERS and HARBONNIERES.
- 11. TRANSPORT. Transport Lines will be located as follows:-
4th Aust. Inf. Bde. Q.32.b.
12th Aust. Inf. Bde. W.20.a. and c.
132nd U.S. Regt. W.20.a.
4th Aust.M.G.Bn. W.2.a. and b.
S.A.A.Sec., 4th Aust.DAC.V.29.b.8.8.
- 12. VETERINARY. Mobile Vet. Section is located at BOUZENCOURT.
- 13. PRISONERS OF WAR CAGE. Prisoners of War Cage is located at BAYONVILLERS. All Prisoners will be taken over at Bde.H.Q. by M.M.P.
- 14. BATTLE STRAGGLERS POSTS. At X.14.b.3.0., X.20.b.5.5. and F.3.a.1.9.
- 15. CEMETERIES. Cemeteries are situated at :-
Q.32.c.9.2.
X.22.c.5.4.
X.19.b.3.2.

Horrocks Capt for Lieut-Col.
adj O.C., 4th Aust.M.G. Bn.

Headquarters,
14th August, 1918.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters
16th August 1918.

POLICY IN THE PRESENT DIVISIONAL SECTOR.

The Divisional Commander wishes to emphasise certain points in regard to our activity in the present Divisional Sector. It must be remembered that the general policy of the Army is at the present Offensive, and that though the Division is at present immobile, our activities must be directed always with a view to a future mobile offensive.

2. All troops in the line Artillery, Infantry, and Machine Guns, will therefore take every opportunity of interfering with the enemy's preparations for defence both by day and by night. This activity is to take the following form:-

- (a) Active and daring patrol work.
- (b) Harassing fire, Artillery, Machine Guns and Snipers.
- (c) Destruction of Wire.

3. No opportunity must be allowed to pass of:-

- (a) Inflicting loss on the enemy.
- (b) Preventing him from strengthening his defences and,
- (c) Obtaining identifications of Enemy units and formations.

Whilst the Division is in the line Infantry Brigades must establish in their respective sectors good O.P.'s which must be in close touch with Brigade H.Q., Artillery Groups and F.O.O.'s and Machine Guns.

4. Every use must be made of Artillery Liaison Officers in bringing all possible Field and Heavy Artillery fire to bear on observed targets. In addition Divisional H.Q. must be kept fully informed of all hostile movement or other signs of enemy activity in order that the fullest possible use may be made of Heavy Artillery to harass the enemy.

5. An extensive use of Gas will be made. Care must, however, be exercised in the use of enemy Yellow Cross Gas Shell to ensure that no indication is given to the enemy of our intentions as regards further operations.

6. Good Artillery targets, such as dumps, camps, dugouts, and Headquarters, spotted from Artillery and Infantry O.P.'s or from photographs must be reported daily to the General Staff at Divisional H.Q. in order that steps may be taken to harass them. A note is to be made in such reports of the immediate action taken, if any, in each case.

7. A.A. defences are to be organised in depth at once on the general lines laid down for organised defensive sectors.

Careful and prompt reports must be made to Divisional H.Q. of all hostile aerial activity, in order that steps may be taken to deal with it summarily where possible.

8. Hostile gas shelling on a considerable scale is to be expected. To deal with this the fullest anti-gas precautions must be put in hand at once and a complete system of alarms and gas sentries installed.

9. To give depth for the defence of the important LIONS position an outpost line will be established at a distance of from 500 yards to 800 yards in front of the present front line.

The present front line will be organised as the line of resistance.

In the northern Brigade sector it is intended to push out gradually to a line running from about S.20-D.O.5, to S.14.A.S.O. where the right flank of the Division on the north will eventually rest.

10. Vickers Machine Guns are to be disposed in depth behind the outpost line. They are to be sited so as to cover the most probable lines of approach for enemy counter-attack and to enfilade C.T.'s leading towards our lines.

11. The cutting in depth of enemy wire on the Divisional Front is to be an essential part of the daily fire programme. Exact information as to damage done by our fire and new work undertaken by the enemy.

In this regard every effort must be made by Artillery and Machine Gun

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fire and by sniping to prevent repairs by the enemy.

- 12. Sniping generally is to be thoroughly organized and fully employed.
- 13. Trenches and C.T's leading from the enemy to our positions must be provided with bomb stops and garrisons of expert bombers detailed. No 36 rifle grenades and L.T.M's must be fully employed.
- 14. 6" Newton Mortars are to be pushed up rapidly and freely used.
- 15. The present front line will be held as the main line of resistance and should any portion of it be lost it is to be regained by immediate counter-attack.
- 16. Enemy light railway formations must not be interfered with, as they are likely to prove of great value.
- 17. Measures for salvage and clearance of the battlefield will be put in hand at once. This will be the duty primarily of reserve units and formations, and daily reports will be rendered to "Q" of the Division on progress.
- 18. The organisation of forward dumps will be proceeded with on the assumption that further operations may be undertaken.

(signed) J.D.Lavarack.
Lieut.Col.
G.S. 4th Australian Division.

To All Coys
and 132nd American M.G.Coy.

Forwarded for information and action.

Particular attention will be paid to the following:-

- 1. A.A. defences will be prepared in all positions except where near the front line, and under observation by the enemy.
- 2. Precautions against gas shelling -- The enemy is expected to use large quantities of gas shells.
- 3. Importance of getting all information through quickly to Battalion H.Q. concerning all enemy movement etc.,
- 4. The enemy is to be harassed by Machine Gun Fire on every possible occasion. Special attention will be paid when siting guns to C.T's approaching our front line or any other covered lines of approach.

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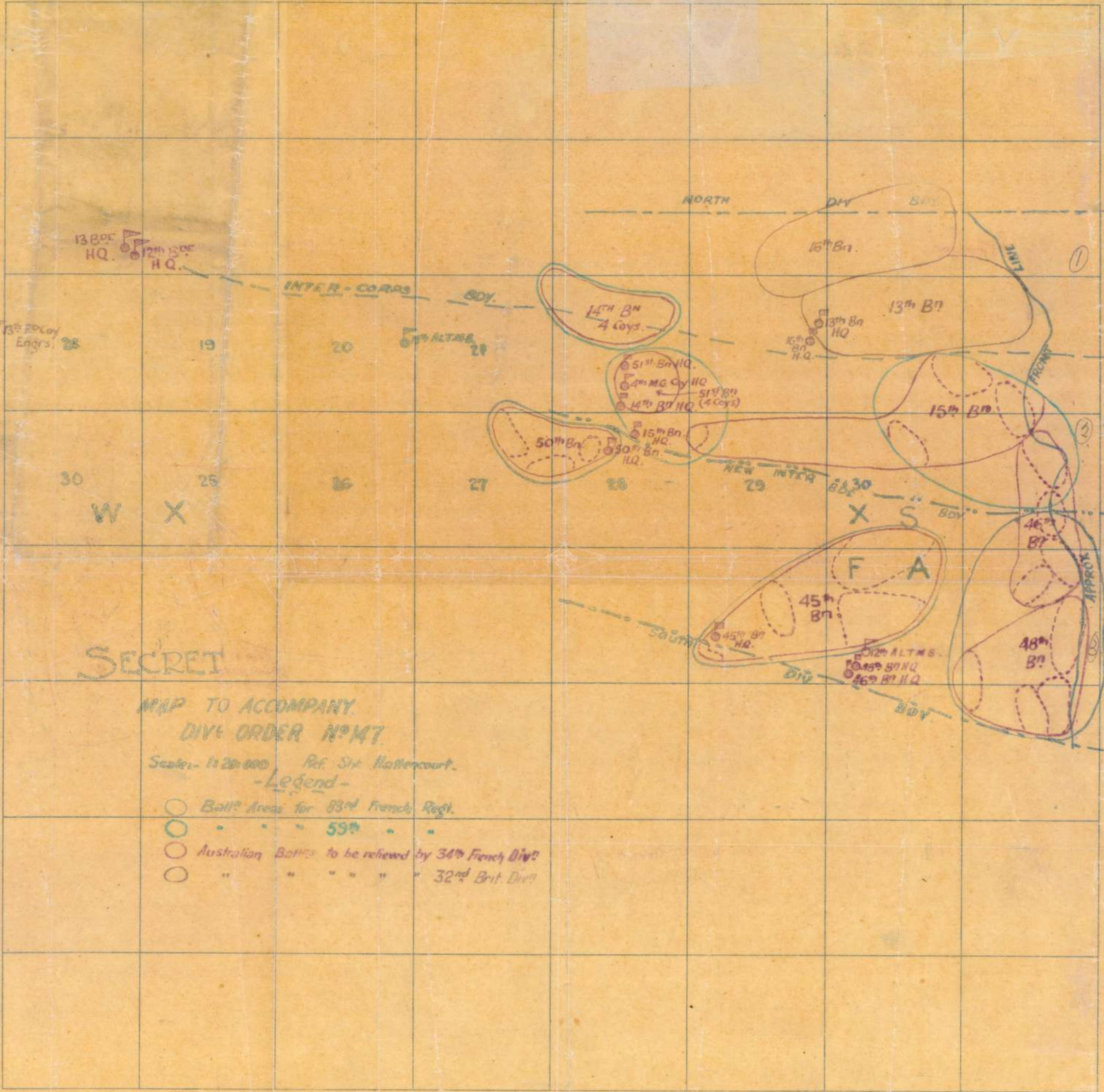
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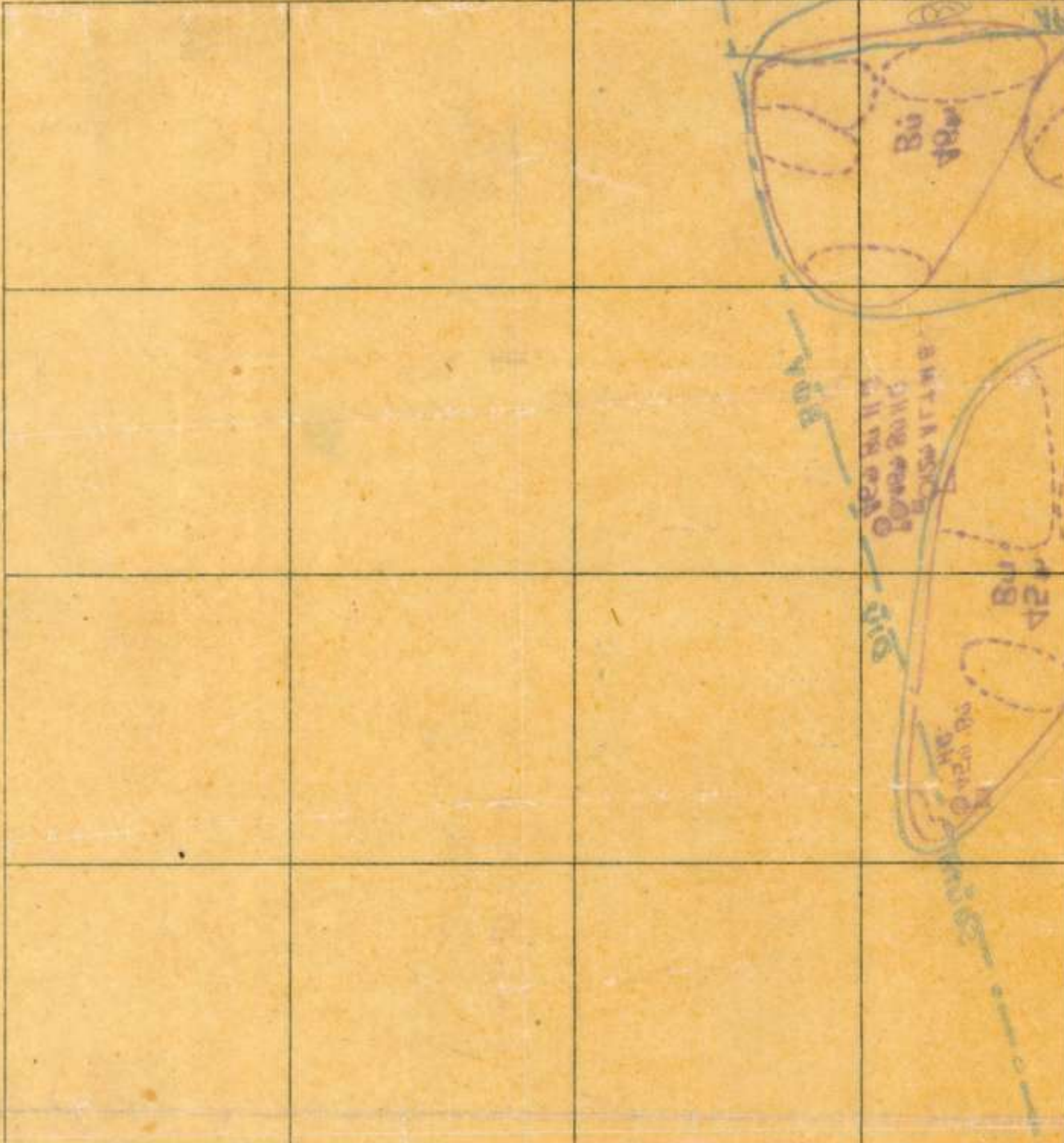
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Amended Disposition Report 6.a.m. 18/8/1918.

Reference Sheet 62.C. & 62.D. 1/40,000.

FRONT LINE BATTALIONS.

Right Line Battalion (15th).

Headquarters Right Line Coy. S.26.a.8.8.

Company in trenches from S.25.b.00.60. to S.20.d.15.70.

Left Line Company. In trench S.20.d.15.70. to S.20.b.15.00 to S.20.b.00.20.

Support and Reserve Companies as detailed in previous Disposition Report.

Centre Line Battalion (13th).

Right Line Company from S.20.b.00.35. to S.20.a.25.95.

Left Line Company from S.20.a.25.95. to S.13.d.60.10.

Support Company 1 platoon S.20.a.40.00. to S.20.a.00.55.

1 platoon S.19.b.65.00. to S.19.b.65.70.

Reserve Company X.24.a.95.00. to S.23.b.90.60.

Left Line Battalion (14th).

Battalion H.Qrs. X.23.b.9.1.

R.A.P. X.23.b.9.1.

Right Line Company in trench from S.13.d.50.15. to S.23.d.25.65.

Left Line Company S.13.d.25.65. to S.13.d.20.80.

Support Company X.17.d.central to X.17.d.6.0. (1 platoon).

1 platoon SATRAP ALLEY X.18.c.4.7.

1 " X.18.c.central to X.18.c.5.0.

Reserve Company. Company along trench from X.23.b.3.7. to X.17.d.0.4.

Reserve Battalion (16th).

4 Companies in X.22.a. and b.

Lieut.
for Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

DISPOSITION REPORT as at 6.a.m. 16/8/1918.

Reference Sheet 62.C. & 62.D. 1/40,000.

Brigade Headquarters W.28.b.8.5.
Forward station X.28.b.4.5.

FRONT LINE BATTALIONS.

Right Line Battalion (15th).

Battalion H.Qrs. X.28.b.4.7.
R.A.P. X.28.b.4.6.

Right Line Company

H.Qrs. S.26.a.8.8.
No. 1 post S.20.c.6.4.
2 " S.20.c.9.2.
3 " S.26.a.9.7.

Left Line Company

H.Qrs. S.19.d.90.99.
Company in trenches from S.19.b.6.0. to S.20.c.6.5.

Support Company.

H.Qrs. P.25.b.5.7.
1 platoon in trench P.25.b.1.9. to P.25.b.3.8.
2 platoons in " P.25.b.7.3. to P.25.b.4.3.

Reserve Company.

H.Qrs. X.29.a.1.6.
Company from X.29.a.2.6. to X.29.a.2.9.

Centre Line Battalion (13th).

Battalion H.Qrs. X.23.b.8.3.
R.A.P. X.22.d.4.4.

Right Line Company.

H.Qrs. X.24.a.9.1.
1 Platoon S.19.b.7.1. to S.19.b.7.3.
1 " S.19.b.60.55. to S.19.b.40.55.

Left Line Company.

H.Qrs. X.24.a.1.5.
1 platoon S.19.b.2.7. to X.24.a.8.7.
1 platoon X.24.a.7.7. to X.18.c.6.2.

Support Company.

H.Qrs. X.23.b.9.5.
1 platoon from X.23.b.75.60. to X.24.a.05.50.
1 platoon from X.24.a.20.30. to X.24.a.25.45.

Reserve Company.

H.Qrs. X.23.a.70.15.
1 platoon from X.23.a.5.2. to X.23.a.65.15.
1 " " X.23.a.75.15. to X.23.c.8.8.

Left Line Battalion (14th).

Battalion H.Qrs. X.23.a.1.4.
R.A.P. X.22.d.9.9.

Left Line Company.

H.Qrs. X.18.c.5.3.
Company in trench from X.18.c.5.3. to X.18.c.4.8.

Right Line Company.

H.Qrs. X.18.c.4.2.
Company in trench from X.18.c.5.3. to X.18.a.7.0.

Support Company.

H.Qrs. X.17.d.7.0.
Company in trench from X.17.d.7.0. to X.17.d.3.7.

Reserve Company.

H.Qrs. X.23.b.3.7.
Company in trench from X.23.b.3.7. to X.17.d.0.4.

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DISPOSITION REPORT (Contd.)Reserve Battalion (16th).

Battalion H.Qrs. X.22.d.1.2.

R.A.P. X.22.d.1.2.

1 Company in X.15.a.

3 Companies in X.15.b.

4th A.L.T.M. Battery.

Headquarters W.28.b.7.4.

2 mortars attached to each Line Battalion.

Lieut.
for Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

TRAINING PROGRAMME

N^o 4 Aust M.G. Coy

WEEK ENDING 31 8 18

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Remarks
<p>9 - 9.30 Fitting of Equipment</p> <p>9.30 - 10 Box Respirator Drill</p> <p>10 - 10.45 Elementary Gun Drill</p> <p>10.45 - 11.45 Mechanism & Stoppages</p> <p>11.45 - 12 Saluting Drill</p>	<p>9 - 12 25 yards Range Elementary Practices</p>	<p>9 - 10 Mechanism & Stoppages</p> <p>10 - 11 Lecture on "Characteristics by Section Commanders</p> <p>11 - 12 Squad Drill, Rifle Drill Saluting Drill</p>	<p>9 - 12 25 yards Range Elementary Practices</p>	<p>N.C.O.'s Class will be held every Afternoon from 2 to 2.30 pm Dress Fighting Order with rifles Lieut. HOPKINS, C.S.M. MORROW and Sgt TYLER will instruct this Class</p>
<p>Afternoon Organised Games and Sports</p>				

Lawson Cap.
N^o 4 Aust M.G. Coy

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