

**AWM4**  
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
**1914-18 War**

Infantry

**Item number:** 23/2/36 PART 2

**Title:** 2nd Infantry Brigade

April 1918 Appendices



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Prefix	Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office
			From	At	
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions			By	To	
Handed in at			Office	m.	Received
TO			2nd a 9 Bde		
* Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	A A A		
935	13th		A A A		
Enemy reported to have broken through line held by 4th Guards Bde between K10E30 and through 29th Div at E24C AAA Guards are holding on at some points heavy AAA enemy attack reported near Merris aaa					
FROM					
PLACE & TIME					

\* This line should be crossed if not required.

Charges to Collect	From	To	
Service Instructions	By	By	
Handed in at		Office	
TO		2nd a 9 Bde	
* Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	A A A
19202	13		A A A
Following from 15th Corps aaa enemy attacked 4th Guards Bde front at about 10am on front K10D to E30 Central aaa attack penetrated at a few points but line is reestablished and some prisoners taken aaa at same time 92nd Bde were attacked in vicinity of MERRIS aaa Outposts were driven in but the attack was otherwise repulsed & remainder of line is reported intact aaa 31st Div reports an attack on 33rd Div front also driven back added 1st 2nd 3rd Bdes			
FROM	1st Aus Div		
PLACE & TIME			

\* This line should be crossed if not required.

9310-W.528-100,000-10/5/11-21.1.00



Charges to Collect £ s. d. From At m. 10  
 Service Instructions By To By

Handed in at Office m. Received. 20/10 m.

TO 2nd A.I. Bde

\*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number AAA  
 27 203 13 AAA

Following from 15th Corps  
 guards have been heavily  
 attacked & their line  
 runs approx from R10  
 to R28 & hence along  
 2nd A.I. Bde line aka  
 some parties are still  
 holding out along VERTE  
 RUE aka line runs then  
 through R23 & R17 &  
 1st A.I. Bde line  
 92nd Bde being in  
 touch with 1st A.I. Bde  
 at R17 aka a large  
 amount of transport is

FROM PLACE & TIME

\*This line should be erased if not required.

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Charges to Collect £ s. d. From At m. 10  
 Service Instructions By To By

Handed in at Office m. Received. 20/10 m.

TO

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

Moving along NEUFBERQUIN  
 - VIEUX BERQUIN Rd aka  
 Army say that a  
 very heavy attack is  
 developing on METELEN-  
 BAILLEUL - NEUVE EGLISE  
 FRONT aka French troops  
 are moving from CAESTRE  
 along METELEN &  
 ROUGE CROIX Rds to  
 support our left flank

FROM PLACE & TIME 1st Aus Div

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APPENDIX LXIV



"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121  
(in pads of 100).

No. of Message.....

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

TO {	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Battalions	
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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 12887	13		

Enemy reported to have broken through between H 10 + E 30 + at E 24C. Heavy attack near MERRIS. Our present line must be held at all costs. 5 <sup>th</sup> Battalion will be prepared to move forward immediately on receipt of orders. 1 <sup>st</sup> Pioneer Coy is working up to take up a position on line running N + S through D 5700. 8 <sup>th</sup> Battalion reports heavy shelling but expect to be able to hold on.		
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From	2 <sup>nd</sup> Line Coy	LXV	
Place			
Time	4.50 PM		

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

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

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Prefix	Code	m.	Words.	Charge.	No. of Message
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			This message is on a/c of:		Recd. at
Mpf (LXVI)			LXVI		m.
Sent			Service.		Date
At					m.
To					From
By			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By

TO 5/7/8 Bno

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* Aqk 89	13 <sup>th</sup>		

Enemy appears to have broken through on E 22 and E 28. You will move up at once along LA MOTTE - VIEUX BERQUIN road. Move through wood and counter attack and establish the line aaa You will call at 7<sup>th</sup> Hqs at D.24 A.12 and ascertain position

From 2nd Aust Inf Bde  
Place  
Time 7.7 pm

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

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W.L. W 225/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)



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No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of <b>LXVII</b>	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Sent			Date.....
<i>Appendix (LXVII)</i>	At.....m.		<i>Service</i>	From .....
<i>Special V/B</i>	To.....			By.....
<i>4/11/17</i>	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { *5<sup>th</sup> Battalion* } *5<sup>th</sup> Battalion*

      { *7<sup>th</sup>* } *7<sup>th</sup>*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>A2990</i>	<i>12</i>		

*5<sup>th</sup> Battalion will stand to & await further orders & by will not proceed forward until receipt of orders. This corrects my A2959. Addressed 5<sup>th</sup> Bn repeated 7<sup>th</sup> + 9<sup>th</sup> Bns*

From  
Place *St. Louis Bay Bde*  
Time *7.52*

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Services.
Special 117 photo			Sent			Date.....
			At.....			From.....
			To.....			By.....
			By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO { **5<sup>th</sup> Battalion**

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
* <b>AZ091</b>	<b>13</b>		

**3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion will stand down  
 Situation is now normal.  
 7<sup>th</sup> + 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion fronts are  
 now the primary line otherwise  
 situation unchanged Acknowledge  
 Also acknowledge my ACB 89490  
 all operation orders must be  
 acknowledged in future**

From **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. C. J. O'Connell**  
 Place  
 Time **543 PM**

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) **Michael O'Connell**  
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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Sent			Date.....
	At.....m.		<u>LXX</u>	From .....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO { 7: Battalion

Sender's Number. <u>A2895</u>	Day of Month. <u>13</u>	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
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95: Brigade reports their line runs from H 15 C 50 to H 15 D 44 to H 15 central to H 10 C 59 to H 4 C 20. There is a line up with our line at E 23017.

From 2nd Am Sup Bde  
Place  
Time

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

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"O" FORM.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C, 2133.  
(In books of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....Words..... <i>l s d</i>	Received. <i>l s d</i>	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect	From..... <i>l s d</i>	At.....m.	<i>LXXI</i>
Service Instructions <i>Appendix (LXXI)</i>	By..... <i>l s d</i>	To.....	
Handed in at.....Office.....m.		Received.....m.	<i>l s d</i>

TO *Ltd A G Bde*

* Sender's Number. <i>207</i>	Day of Month. <i>13th</i>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Air reconnaissance over  
 MERVILLE ESTAIRES  
 LOC ON area between  
 5 km and by reports  
 concentration of troops about  
 3000 in all and much  
 transport moving North west  
 towards ESTAIRES and  
 much transport moving west  
 on ESTAIRES-NEUF BERQUIN  
 road and considerable  
 number of enemy in and around  
 MERVILLE and roads south of  
 MERVILLE and General direction  
 of movement N'W and General  
 scattered movement reported.  
 LESTREM LOC ON area during

FROM *afternoon*  
 PLACE & TIME *lot A G Bde*

\* This line should be erased if not required.  
 (1962) W1523/M1970. 300,000 Pads. 4/17. M.C. & Co., Ltd. (E1213).



From: 131 Code: 131 Words: 131  
 Received: 131 Sent, or sent out: 131 Office Stamp: 131  
 From: 131 At: 131 m.  
 By: 131 To: 131  
 Charges to Collect: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Service Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

Handed in at 131 Office: \_\_\_\_\_ m. Received: \_\_\_\_\_ m.  
 TO: 2nd A & Bde

\*Sender's Number: 211 Day of Month: 14th In reply to Number: AAA

2nd Infy Bde will establish a post under an officer in the vicinity of road junction Sq K.4 C2.5 and establish touch with left of 5th Divn in that vicinity. 2nd Bde will take over line from this road junction north along the road to where it meets their present line new FARM BEAU LIEU from 4th Guards Bde and 5th Divn is assuming responsibility south of road junction in K.4.C2.5 and Southern boundary of 2nd Bde and 1st Aus Div will be line Sq K.4 D 2.5 Sq D 30 D 0.0 and arrangements for taking over new line will be made direct between Brig-adiers and when complete 4th Guards Bde is being

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE & TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

(27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C./2133.

From: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Words: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Charges to Collect: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Service Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 From: \_\_\_\_\_ At: \_\_\_\_\_ m.  
 By: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
 By: \_\_\_\_\_

Handed in at \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_ m. Received: \_\_\_\_\_ m.  
 TO: (2)

\*Sender's Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Day of Month: \_\_\_\_\_ In reply to Number: AAA

withdrawn and acknowledge  
 added 2nd Bde kept  
 31st Divn 5th Divn

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE & TIME: 1st Aus Divn 15/15am

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Sent			.....Service.
APP. (LXXIII)		At .....		From .....	
		To .....		By.....	
		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO	6th 5th 7th 8th Battalions		
	1st Aust. Division		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
AZB 113	14th		

Enemy appear to have driven in 8th Battalions extreme left post. Two companies of 6th Bn. will move up to the line E.10. Central to E.17. central, counter attack and establish line and gaining touch with 8th Bn. on right and 1st Bde. on Left. 5th Battalion will stand to arms. Acknowledge Addressed 6th Bn. repeated 5th 7th 8th Bns. and 1st Aust. Division

From	2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
Place	
Time	

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Sgd. H.F. WATSON Captain  
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

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Prefix \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_ Words \_\_\_\_\_  
 Received \_\_\_\_\_ Sent, or sent at \_\_\_\_\_  
 From HR At \_\_\_\_\_ m.  
 By Am To LXXV  
 Charges to Collect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Service Instructions Priority

Handed in at \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_ m. Received 1607 m.

TO Mna

\*Sender's Number HR 277 Day of Month 14 In reply to Number AAA

Post at E17 C 41  
has been completely  
blown out by heavy  
minnenfa. The post  
at E17 C 45 40 has  
been compelled to with-  
draw to E17 C 04  
aaa. Have sent one  
platoon forward to

FROM \_\_\_\_\_  
 PLACE & TIME \_\_\_\_\_

\*This line should be erased if not required.  
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Prefix \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_ Words \_\_\_\_\_  
 Received \_\_\_\_\_ Sent, or sent at \_\_\_\_\_  
 From \_\_\_\_\_ At \_\_\_\_\_ m.  
 By LXXV To \_\_\_\_\_  
 Charges to Collect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Service Instructions \_\_\_\_\_

Handed in at \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_ m. Received 607 m.

TO (2)

\*Sender's Number \_\_\_\_\_ Day of Month \_\_\_\_\_ In reply to Number AAA

reinforce him

Repeats  
Must  
4-20/17

FROM HR 8 Bn  
 PLACE & TIME 3-50 pm

\*This line should be erased if not required.  
 (17802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C./1123.



Prefix.....Code.....Words..... 6 s. d.	Received. From..... By.....	Sent, or sent out. At.....m. To..... By.....	Office Stamp. <i>LXXVI</i>
Charges to Collect		Service Instructions	
Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.			
TO <i>M H IV</i>			

* Sender's Number. <i>AK 285</i>	Day of Month. <i>14</i>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Ref my 277 line no runs  
from E16D75.40 to E23A0.4  
thence to E23B6.3 AAA Post  
recently occupied by us  
have been taken by the  
enemy and very strongly held  
with MG. TM and men  
aaa MG fire is continually  
brought

FROM	
PLACE & TIME	

\* This line should be erased if not required.  
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Charges to Collect		Service Instructions	
Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.			
TO <i>LXXVI</i>			

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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*to bear from factory*  
*E23A70.50*

FROM	<i>M H IV</i>
PLACE & TIME	<i>6.20 pm</i>

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## HEADQUARTERS

2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade

14th April 1918

Reference Sheet 36A N.E.  
1:20,000

1. (a) The 7th Battalion will relieve the 4th Guards Brigade in the line running from K.4.c.2.5. to E.28.c.1.2. on the night 14/15th Instant.
  - (b) Guides from 4th Guards Brigade will meet relieving party at K.4.c.2.5. at 8.30 p.m. on night 14/15th inst.
  - (c) 7th Battalion will establish a post under an Officer at K.4.c.2.5. and gain touch with Left Flank of 95th Brigade.
  - (d) Details of relief not herein provided for, will be arranged between C.O's concerned. Headquarters of Battalions of 4th Guards Brigade are situated at E.3.d.7.4.
  - (e) Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade Hqrs. by wire.
2. On completion of relief, boundaries will be as follows :-  
 Right Boundary of Brigade - From K.4.d.2.5. to D.30.d.8.8.  
 Left Boundary of Brigade - From E.17.c.9.8. to E.9.Cont to D.6.Cont.  
 Inter-Battalion Boundary - From E.28.b.1.9. to D.18.Cont.
3. (a) The 7th Battalion will be responsible for the Defence of the Right Sub-sector and the 8th Battalion of the Left Sub-sector.
  - (b) Arrangements for the readjustment of the garrisons of the Right and Left Sub-sectors will be arranged mutually between C.O's of 7th and 8th Battalions.
4. (a) A Support line will be constructed along the General line LA MOTTE (inclusive) - E.19.Central - E.8.d., thence to P RADELLES in the Left Brigade's Sub-sector. PT SEC DEIS will be constituted as a Defended locality.
  - (b) The Northumberland Fusiliers Railway Pioneer Battalion will be responsible for the construction and Defence of this line.
  - (c) C.O. 6th Battalion will draw up plans for the manning of this line and also for counter attacking as the situation may demand.
5. A C K N O W L E D G E D.

*H. J. Watson*CAPTAIN  
Brigade Major

Copy No	To whom	Time	Method	Aust. Infantry	Brigade
1	File	2 p.m.			
2/4	War Diary	"			
5	5th Battalion	"	D.R.	17	G.C.C.
6	6th Battalion	"		18	Brigade Major
7	7th Battalion	"		19	Staff Captain
8	8th Battalion	"		20	Bde. Int. Officer
9	2d L.T. Bty.	"		21	No 4 Sig. Section
10	2nd A. I. Coy.	"		22-25	Sparcs
11	Northumberland Fusiliers Railway Pioneer Bn.	"			
12	1st Aust. Division	"			
13	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"			
14	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"			
15	4th Guards Brigade	"			
16	95th Brigade	"			



**"A" Form**  
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.....	At.....m.		Recd. at.....m.	.....
App. (LXXVIII)	To.....		Service.	Date.....
.....	By.....		From.....	.....
		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....

TO {	5th Battalion	6th Battalion
	7th do	8th do

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*AZB132	15th		

In addition to the company of your unit already sent to vicinity of LA MOTTE, you will move up another company tomorrow to between LA MOTTE - PTE MARQUETTE area will be reconnoitred this afternoon and if necessary 6th Bn. will vacate PTE MARQUETTE. If billets vacated by the two companies moved up are nearer front line than those occupied by the two remaining companies, latter will be moved into these Acknowledge Addressed 5th Bn. repeated 6th 7th and 8th Bns.

From	2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
Place	
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

Censor. (3) Sgd. H.F. WATSON Captain  
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

\* This line should be erased if not required.

(7981) Wt. W492/M1647 130,000 Pads 5/17 D. D. & L. E1187



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Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Sent			Service.
APP. (LXXIX)		At.....m.		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	From.....
		To.....			By.....
		By.....			

TO { 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Battalions.

Sender's Number. * AZB 192	Day of Month. 16th	In reply to Number.	AAA
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French Corps is to attack (probably) at 6 p.m.) today in the vicinity of KEMMEL - WULVERGHEM - FLETRE - METEREN. Attack will be supported on the southern flank by ~~the~~ one battalion of 1st Australian Brigade on line STRAZEELE - W.17.Central. Other troops of 29th and 31st Divisions will be ready to exploit any success  
Acknowledge and destroy

From	2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade
Place	
Time	4.25 p.m.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)  
Sgd H.F. WATSON Captain  
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Service.	m.
<i>App (LXXX)</i> <i>PR</i> <i>SECRET</i>					Sent	Date.....	
					At.....	m.	From.....
					To.....		By.....
					By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { *1st Aus Div*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <i>A2B 207</i>	<i>17</i>		

*MG's are now located as under -*

*2nd MG Coy K2B 7010 K2D 6090 K2C 2050*  
*K2C 2040 E 15 D 6035 E 15 D 7070 L31A 6570*  
*E 21A 6095 D 29 D 9010 J16 B 3590*  
*D 30 B 4000 D 30 B 5025 E 20 B 6565*  
*E 15 C 1050 E 15 C 2050 E 14 B 8030*

*3rd MG Coy E 19 D 2050 E 19 B 8050*  
*E 14 C 7070 E 14 A 5085*

From *2nd Aus Inf Bde*

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *H. Featherstone*

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

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11160.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 65,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)



Appendix (LXXXI)

APPENDIX LXXXI

SECRET

COPY NO.....

BRIGADE ORDER NO 69

HEADQUARTERS  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade  
17th April 1918

1. Reliefs will take place as under :-  
 (a) The 6th Bn. will relieve the 8th Battalion in the Left section of the 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade's subsector on the night 18/19th April. On relief, the 8th Bn. will move back into Support and will take over the dispositions of 6th Battalion.  
 (b) The 5th Bn. will relieve the 7th Bn. in the Right section of the 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade's subsector on the night 19th/20th April. On relief, the 7th Bn. will move back into Support and will take over the dispositions of 5th Battalion.
2. Details of relief will be arranged mutually between C.O's concerned.
3. Coy. Commanders sketches of their Dispositions will be sent to Brigade Headquarters by noon on the day after the relief takes place.
4. Completion of reliefs will be notified to Brigade Hqrs. by sending the word 'HOME'.
5. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*H. F. Watson*  
 Captain  
 Brigade Major  
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

Copy No	To whom	Time	Method
1	File	12 noon	
2/4	War Diary	"	
5	5th Battalion	"	D.R.
6	6th Battalion	"	"
7	7th Battalion	"	"
8	8th Battalion	"	"
9	2A L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
10	2nd M.G. Coy.	"	"
11	3rd M.G. Coy.	"	"
12	1st Aust. Division	"	"
12a	Northumberland F.P. Bn.	"	"
13	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
14	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
15	15th Brigade	"	"
16	Brigade Major	"	"
17	Staff Captain	"	"
18	No 4 Signal Section	"	"
19	Bde. Int. Officer	"	"
20	- 25 Spares		



HEADQUARTERS

2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade

19th April 1918

Reference Sheets 53A N.E., 27 S.E.  
1:20,000

1. 1st Aust. Division will take over the front now held by 53rd Division and will be relieved in the right sub-sector E.4.C.2.4. to E.11.C.3.0. by 31st Division on the 19th and night 19/20th April.
2. 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade will be relieved in the right sub-sector by 31st Division on 19th and night 19/20th April as under:
  - 5th and 7th Bns. and that portion of 2A L.T. Bdy. in the right section will be relieved by 4th Guards Brigade.
  - 6th and 8th Bns. and that portion of 2A L.T. Bdy. in the left section will be relieved by 92nd Brigade.
3. On relief, the 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade will move into Divisional Reserve. Units will be located as under:—
 

5th Battalion	THIBUSNOUK Area
6th Battalion	ROUGE CROIS Area
7th Battalion	LE PEUPLIER Area
8th Battalion	BORRE-PRADELLES Area
2A L.T. Bdy.	LE PEUPLIER Area
4. All maps, photos and documents of value to the Incoming units will be handed over. Camp kettles and hot food containers will not be handed over.
5. Brigade Composite M. and Brigade Transport will move to the new area on 19th inst. Area and billets will be allotted by the Staff Captain.
6. All movement of troops will be by bodies not larger than platoons and at distances of not less than 100 yards. Troops will not pass through STRAZELLE.
7. (a) 2nd A. I. C. Coy. and the section of 3rd A. I. C. Coy. now in the Brigade sub-sector will be relieved under orders from C.O. 1st Aust. I. C. Battalion.  
(b) C.R.E. will arrange for the relief of 2nd Field Coy. A.E. and 17th Northumberland Fusilier Railway Pioneer Bn.
8. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between C.O.'s concerned.
9. Completion of reliefs will be notified by wire to Brigade Headquarters by sending the Code word 'REST!'
10. Command of the Brigade sub-sector will pass on completion of relief.
11. Brigade Headquarters will close at D.24.A.7.1. on completion of relief and re-open at LE PEUPLIER.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*H. F. Leaton*

CAPTAIN  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.



## DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No	To	Time	Method
1	File	11.30am.	
2/4	War Diary	"	
5	6th Battalion	"	D.N.
6	6th do	"	"
7	7th do	"	"
8	8th do	"	"
9	2nd .C. Coy.	"	"
10	5th .C. Coy.	"	"
11	2A L.T. Bty.	"	"
12	5th Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
13	2nd Field Coy. A.E.	"	"
14	17th Northumberland F.P.R. Bn.	"	"
15	1st Aust. Division	"	"
16	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
17	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
18	15th Brigade	"	"
19	4th Guards Brigade	"	"
20	92nd Brigade	"	"
21	C.C.	"	"
22	Brigade Major	"	"
23	Staff Captain	"	"
24	Bde. Int. Officer	"	"
25	No 4 Signal Section	"	"
26	Camp Commandant	"	"
27-30	Spares		



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Appendix Secret (LXXXIII)				At	LXXXIII		From
				To			By
				By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By	

TO All Bde Units

Sender's Number. * A20 234	Day of Month. 20	In reply to Number.	AAA
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As it is probable that the Brigade will be out of the line for only a very short period reorganisation/republishing will be commenced immediately. Names of officers whom it is desired to leave at the nucleus camp who are now with their units & names of those who will be withdrawn from nucleus camp to replace them will be forwarded to this office as soon as possible. Men should be given as much rest as possible but units must be prepared to move at very short notice (wandering from camps to collect or pick up)

From	2nd Aus Inf Bde
Place	
Time	

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BRIGADE ORDER NO 91

Headquarters  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade  
21st April 1918

Reference sheets 27 S.E.  
36A N.E.  
1:20,000

1. 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. in the right sub-sector of the Divisional sector on the 22nd and night 22nd/23rd instant, in accordance with the relief table overleaf.
2. The Brigade will be disposed with two Battalions in the line, and two Battalions in Support. The inter-battalion boundary will be from X.25.C.0.1. to road junction at W.24.C.0.2. thence along road to road junction at W.17.C.4.0.
3. Advanced parties from all units taking over will be sent into all posts tonight (21st inst).
4. All maps, documents of value etc. will be taken over by the incoming units.
5. Company Commanders disposition sketches will be sent to this office by noon on 23rd inst.
6. Completion of reliefs will be notified to this office by sending by wire the Code word 'DRY'.
7. Command of the Brigade sub-sector will pass to G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. on completion of relief.
8. Brigade Headquarters will close at W.7.B.9.4. at 6 p.m. and reopen at W.25.A.4.8. at the same hour.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*H. Flinton*  
Captain  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Copy No	to whom	time	Method
1	File	5 p.m.	
2/4	War Diary	"	
5	5th Battalion	"	D.R.
6	6th do	"	"
7	7th do	"	"
8	8th do	"	"
9	2A L.T.L. Bty.	"	"
10	Nucleus Battalion	"	"
11.	2nd M.G. Coy.	"	"
12	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
13	1st Aust. Division	"	"
14	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
15	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
16	92nd Brigade	"	"
17	1st M.G. Battalion	"	"
18	G.O.C.		
19	Brigade Major		
20	Staff Captain		
21	No 4 Signal section		
22	Ede. Int. Officer		
23	Camp Commandant		
24-25	Spare.		



## RELIEF TABLE to accompany Brigade Order No 91

Unit	From	to	Unit relieved
5th Battalion	Q.35.B.2.4.	Line Left	( 1st Battalion ( portion of 4th Battalion
6th Battalion	W.9.B.0.5.	Line Right	( 2nd Battalion ( portion of 4th Battalion
7th Battalion	W.7.B.2.4.	Support Left	-
8th Battalion	W.13.A.4.6.	Support Right	3rd Battalion
2nd H.C.Coy.	W.7.B.2.4.	Line	1st H.C.Coy.
2nd A.L.T.H.Bty	W.7.B.2.4.	Line	1st A.L.T.H.Bty.
Nucleus Bn.	W.13.A.4.6.	V.24.D.	1st Bde. Nucleus Bn.



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Appendix (LXXXV)			At		m.		From	
			To				By	
			By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			

TO	5-17-1918		
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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 425254	22		

200 gas projectors have been installed at W 30473 & will be discharged this evening against M&A. Troop located on Square E.C. W 30 X 25 & will have gas projectors from previous installation to give 15 minutes gas per hour till 2 AM.

Respectfully

From	2 New York		
Place			
Time			

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Prefix *M* Code *28/2* m.  
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words.  
 At ..... m. At ..... m.  
 From ..... To .....  
 By ..... By .....

TO { *2nd A & Bde*

Sender's Number *9451* Day of Month *22* In reply to Number **AAA**

Following received from  
 2nd Army 3.40 pm aad  
 Air reconnaissance carried  
 out between 11.45 am & 12  
 noon by Squadron of 1st Army  
 at 912000 feet over area  
 MERVILLE - NEUF-BERQUIN  
 - ESTAIRES LESTREM reports  
 large number of troops in  
 small parties in ESTAIRES  
 aad three parties each  
 about 200 just outside ESTAIRES  
 ON ESTAIRES - NEUF BERQUIN  
 ESTAIRES - MERVILLE and

From  
 Place  
 Time

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Prefix ..... Code ..... m.  
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words.  
 At *1719* m. At ..... m.  
 From *AAA* To .....  
 By *282* By .....

TO { *3*

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

ESTAIRES - DOULIEU roads  
 mostly in direction  
 uncertain aad eight  
 transport wagons on road  
 just south of LESTREM  
 all other roads in area  
 clear

From *1st Aust Div*  
 Place  
 Time *5 pm*

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent		LXXXVII		Date.....
7815 3000 Appendix (LXXXVII)		At..... m.		Service.		From.....
		To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....
		By.....				
TO: All Hd Units + 2nd MG Coy						
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA
* A2B 16		24				
<p>Gas projectors will be fired this evening from W30 D78 against MER/R15. Troops located on Square E6. W30 X25 + F1 will pour respirators from zero - 5 minutes to zero + 15 minutes. Garrison of park at X25 C33 + X25 C6.5 will be thrown out as far as is consistent with safety during preparation of the park. Zero paper will be provided if wind is favourable 10 PM</p>						
From 2nd Bus Sq/B6						
Place						
Time						
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<p style="font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">SECRET</p>				At		m.	
				To		Service	
				By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO		1 <sup>st</sup> Bus Div					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA	
*A28 23		24					
<p>It is proposed to carry out a minor operation tonight (24/25 Oct) with a view to sharpening our line &amp; cutting out re-entrant on EGA. Fighting patrols will be pushed out &amp; posts established at EGA 65 &amp; EGA 57. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion will carry out the operation.</p>							
From		2 <sup>nd</sup> Bus Div					
Place							
Time							
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At . . . . . m.	Service.		From . . . . .
To . . . . .			By . . . . .
By . . . . .	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By . . . . .

TO A Co. Corp. (Repeats 2 A Co.)

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 28 142	21		

In order to reduce the length of our line and to get more depth into it we have to cut out the re-entrant in E 6 A and bring the line across from E 6 A 33 (second post of A Coy) to W 30 D 22 (4<sup>th</sup> post of B Coy). A Coy will send a patrol forward tonight to about E 6 A 6550 and the patrol will ~~not~~ <sup>cover</sup> the establishment of a post at E 6 A 65. This post may in the first place be a small post and be increased later. C Coy will push out a patrol to about E 6 B 04 to protect the left flank of the covering party and the party of A Coy. Det. A + B boys will advance

From (Continued)  
Place  
Time

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At . . . . . m.	Service.		From . . . . .
To . . . . .			By . . . . .
By . . . . .	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By . . . . .

TO A + B boys

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 28 142	21		

Details together and B Coy will be prepared to establish a post at E 6 A 8240 tomorrow night (22/26) with similar precautions. Time of commencement and completion of operations with all details will be forwarded to Br HQ by first messenger in morning after operations.

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From G.P.  
Place  
Time 9/10 pm

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<i>Search</i> <i>PRC</i>					At	m.	Service	
					To		Appendix (LXXXIX)	
					By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO *Old Darts*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>A28 37</i>	<i>25</i>		

*In all cases of shot striking by our artillery the exact range that such tables place must be given & also if possible the bearing of the gun firing. It is quite impossible to locate the gun or even the battery to which it belongs which is in error unless these particulars are given.*

From *2nd Aust Inf Bde*

Place

Time

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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Secret DR					At.....	Service.
					To.....	Appendix (XC)
					By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO: 9th Australian Bn  
17th Reinforcement and Fuel Co R.P. Bn

Sender's Number. *A2036	Day of Month. 25	In reply to Number.	AAA
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In the event of a general attack on the Government front the 2nd Coy of 9th Australian Bn will form the garrison of the defended locality of BOARIE. This cancels instructions for this battalion. Read down on G/4337 Acknowledge.

From: 2nd Coy 9th Bn  
Place:  
Time:

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			To.....	<i>Appendix (XCI)</i>		By.....
			By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO *5:6:7:8:9:10 2nd QSTMB*  
*2nd MG Coy 1st Aus Div 92nd Bde*  
*2nd Aus Div Bde*

Sender's Number. *\*A2950* Day of Month. *26* In reply to Number. *AAA*

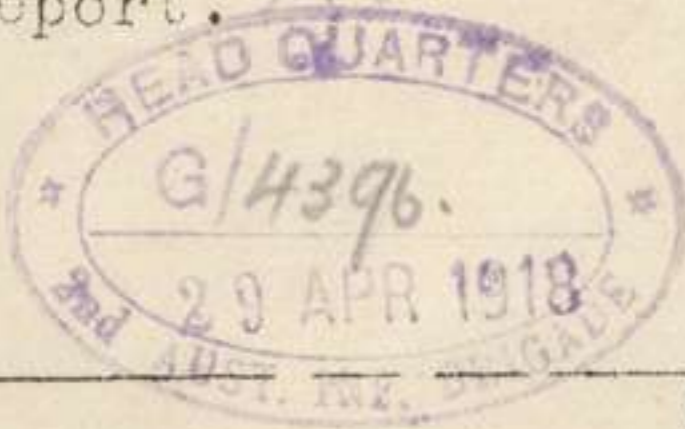
*200 gas projectors will be discharged (provided wind is favourable) on night 26/27: out from approximately X19C51 against enemy positions for assembly of FME GER BEDOEN. Prior to the operation posts situated at X25C88, X25D91 & X25B42 will be manned as much as is consistent with the safety of their defence. All troops on Sgmpnt X25, X20C & W30D will wear their respirators from zero - 5 minutes to zero + 15 minutes. Zero hour will be 1.30 AM. Acknowledged*

From *2nd Aus Div Bde*  
 Place  
 Time

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Serial No. 6/18  
of Report.APPENDIX  
No. 2 SPECIAL COMPANY R.E.Zero time:  
12.30 am.Report on OPERATIONS, 26/27 April 1918

Section.	<u>E and G Sections.</u>
Corps & Divisions to which attached.	<u>XV Corps 1st Aust. Div.</u>
Map Reference of Emplacements.	<u>Sheet 27 S.E. X. 25. a. 5. 7 (approx).</u>
No. of Projectors employed.	<u>200</u>
Enemy Regiments affected.	<u>? (12 Div. 62nd 23rd and 63rd Regts.)</u>
Purpose of Operation.	<u>To gas the enemy in his defences in and about FINE GEROEDEN. Lat 36° NE. Fl. B. F. 2. a.</u>
Nature of ammunition.	<u>C.G.</u>
No. of projectiles allotted.	<u>200</u>
No. fired.	<u>200</u>
Reason for discrepancy (if any).	<u>NIL.</u>
Casualties: names of Officers, No. of O.I.	<u>NIL.</u>
Direction and strength of wind.	<u>N.N.W. 5-6 M.P.H.</u>
REMARKS.	<u>The discharge was very successful. All batteries were fired simultaneously. Great credit is due to the sections involved. Projectors, drums, and charges did not leave HELFAUT until 5 pm. 26th</u>
Names of Officers in charge of Operations.	<u>LT. W. H. SPENDLOVE      /LT. F. T. JOHNS, M.C. N. L. ROBERTS, M.C.      H. VANSTONE</u>

A copy of this Report has been forwarded to:-

XV Corps.  
1st Aust. Div.  
2nd A. S. Bde.  
C.S.C., R.E., Second Army.

Sd/ H. Gray, Capt.

O.C.,

No. 2 SPECIAL COY., R.E.

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SECRET

COPY No.....

BRIGADE ORDER NO 92

HEADQUARTERS  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade  
27th April 1918

1. An inter-Battalion relief will take place on the night 29/30th April.  
8th Battalion will relieve 6th Battalion in the Right Section of the Brigade sub-sector and 7th Battalion will relieve 5th Battalion in the left section.
2. On relief the 5th and 6th Battalions will take over the dispositions of and will supply all working parties now being found by the 7th and 8th Battalions respectively.
3. Advanced parties from the relieving units will be sent into all front line posts on the night 28th/29th inst. and will take part in all patrols.
4. Company Commanders disposition sketches will be sent to this Office by noon on ~~1st day.~~  
*30<sup>th</sup> inst.*
5. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between C.O's concerned.
6. Completion of relief will be notified to this Office by sending by wire the Code word 'MEDIUM'
7. Acknowledge.

*H. F. Catter*

Captain  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

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1	File	9.30 pm.	
2/4	War Diary	do	
5	5th Battalion	do	D.R.
6	6th Battalion	do	do
7	7th Battalion	do	do
8	8th Battalion	do	do
9	2nd A.L.T.H. Bty.	do	do
10	2nd A.M.G. Coy.	do	do
11	1st Aust. Division	do	do
12	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade	do	do
13	3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade	do	do
14	87th Infantry Brigade	do	do
15	2nd Field Coy. Engrs	do	do
16	1st Aust. M.G. Bn.	do	do
17	Brigade Major	do	
18	Staff Captain	do	
19	No 4 Signal Section	do	
20	Bdc. Int. Officer	do	
20-25	Spare		



Secret  
D.A.L.S

Sent  
At ..... m.  
To  
By

Date  
Service.  
From (XCIII)  
By

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO All Bde Units 2nd MG Coy, 1st Aus Div  
87th Bde 1st Aus Inf Bde 3rd Aus Inf Bde

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
\* AZB90 29

Word being favourable gas precautions will be discharged to night (29/30) from X19 D68 & X25 A88 against enemy positions on X27 A+B & MEPR15 respectively. Gas positions of posts situated at X20C (entire) & X20C37 & on X25 A+C will be <sup>thinned out</sup> as far as is consistent with the safety of defence of the line. All troops situated in squares X19 B+D, X26 A+C, X25 & X38 D will wear respirators from zero - 5 minutes to zero + 15 minutes zero hour will be 1.30 A.M. Should it be necessary to alter zero hour the alteration will be notified by wire to all concerned by stating the number.

From  
Place  
Time

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To  
By

Date  
Service.  
From  
By

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO  
XCIII

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
\*

of minutes plus or minus the alteration or from 1.30 A.M. Thus if zero hour is changed to 2 A.M. plus thirty will be used. If it is decided to postpone the operation to a future date the code word GREEN will be used. Acknowledge

From 2nd Aus Inf Bde  
Place  
Time

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No. 2 SPECIAL COMPANY, R.E.

APPENDIX X C III

Zero Time: 1.30 a.m.

Serial No. 7/18 of report.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS 29/30 Apr. 1918.

Section & Subject.	E, F, and H Sections.
Corps & Divn. to which att'd.	XV Corps 1st Australian Division.
Map Ref. of emplacements.	For target A Battery position Sheet 27 SE. X. 19. c. 4. 1. For target B " " " " " " X. 19. c. 6. 9.
No. of guns in emplacements and spars.	PROJECTORS EMPLOYED. 330.
Purpose of Operation.	To kill enemy personnel in A locality known as MERRIS - Sheet 36 A N.E. - F. 1. c. and d. and B in and around enemy Battr. Hqrs. and defences bounded as follows: Sheet 27 SE. X. 21. c. 4. 5 - X. 21. d. 5. 5 - X. 27. b. 5. 6 - X. 27. a. 5. 7.
Nature of ammunition.	C. G.
No. of rounds allotted.	PROJECTILES 330
No. fired.	330
Reason for discrepancy (if any)	NIL.
Casualties: Names of Officers, No. of O.R.	NIL.
Direction and strength of wind.	N. N. W. 4 to 5 m.p.h.
REMARKS.	All batteries fired simultaneously and all bombs were successfully discharged. The enemy put up one red flare at zero plus 4 minutes and large numbers of red and green flares at zero plus 24 minutes. Fires were observed near target positions at zero plus 30 minutes. Retaliation by m.g. and artillery slight. Behaviour of personnel throughout operation excellent. LTS W. H. SPENDLOVE and T. H. BAYLISS.
Names of Officers i/c Operations.	LTS ARMER, HAY, GRANT, and WALLER.

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HEADQUARTERS  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade  
29th April 1918

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1. In order to maintain one Battalion intact for use for Counter Attacking in the event of a hostile break through, and to provide for the defence of the Support Line and STRAZEELE defences and Railway Station, the present dispositions of the Support Battalions will require to be altered.
2. (a) One Battalion will be detailed for the defence of the Support Line in the Brigade sub-sector and of the STRAZEELE defences and Railway Station.  
This Battalion will be disposed as under :-  
Two companies in the area now occupied by the two forward companies of the Left Support Battalion (Squares W.17.C & D. and W.16.D.)  
Two companies (less one platoon and Nucleus garrisons) in the area now occupied by the two forward companies of the Right Support Battalion (Squares E.4., E.3.B & E.27.D.)  
One Platoon in the post at E.11.A.6.G.  
Nucleus garrisons in these posts in the Support Line situated between the portions of that line now occupied by the Support Companies of the Battalions in the line.  
In the event of a hostile attack, this Battalion (which will be known as the Support Battalion) will immediately occupy the Support line and STRAZEELE defences and Railway Station and will not move forward of these positions except on receipt of orders from G.O.C. the Brigade.  
  
(b) One Battalion will be kept in reserve and will be known as the Counter attack Battalion.  
This Battalion will be situated in the area now occupied by the two rear companies of the Right Support Battalion and in the vicinity thereof (Squares W.21.G & D., W.26., W.27. and E.3.)  
In the event of a hostile attack, this Battalion will immediately assemble in the Reserve Line in Squares W.27.A., B. and C., E.3.A and C. and be prepared to move forward to counter attack on receipt of orders from G.O.C. the Brigade.
3. On relief on the night 29/30th inst. the 5th Battalion will move into the area allotted above to the Support Battalion and the 6th Battalion to the area allotted to the Counter-attack Battalion.  
5th and 6th Battalions will notify this Office by wire as soon as they have occupied these areas and the locations of their respective Headquarters.
4. C.O. 5th Battalion will submit his plans for the manning of the Support Line, STRAZEELE defences and STRAZEELE Railway Station.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. F. Gatten

Captain  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade

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2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade  
30th April 1918

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5th Battalion  
6th do  
7th do  
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## Reference Brigade Order No 93.

1. Units detailed for the Defence of certain localities or S.P's in the Support line, Strazeele Defences and STRAZEELE Railway Station will at once take steps to prepare accomodation for the garrisons either in the Defences themselves or as close to them as possible, so that they may be manned directly an enemy attack ~~develops~~ either develops or appears imminent.
2. Where Support Companies of the Battalion in the line occupy portions of the Support defences, arrangements should be made by the Support Battalion to occupy those portions immediately they are vacated by their garrisons moving forward to counter-attack or reinforce.
3. The Support Battalion will send to Brigade a report showing which posts it is intended to occupy - with what strength - where the garrisons are situated and the arrangements made to occupy these posts in the event of a hostile attack.
4. The C.O. Support Battalion in conjunction with the C.O. 2nd Field Coy. A.E. will select Support and Reserve posts in rear of the Support Line, choosing positions suitable as ~~many~~ S.P's and rallying points for that line. Posts which dominate the Support line should also be chosen, so as to assist the Support Line with overhead fire.

*H. F. Lathin*

Captain  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade



Intelligence Summary No.8.from 6 a.m. 31-3-18 to 6 a.m. 1-4-18.Headquarters,  
1st April, 1918.1. OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery.

During the period under review our 18 pdrs. included the following targets:- vicinity of WHIZ FARM, POUL HOUSE and FLY BUILDINGS. Working party at WAM FARM was engaged but shots fell about 100 yards short.

Our heavies fired on to WERVICQ and positions in rear of enemy lines.

(b) T.H.s.

At 6 a.m. H.T.L. fired a few rounds on to WAM FARM. 10 rounds from H.T.M. were also fired on to WHIZ FARM.

53 rounds Stokes 3" mortars were fired on THE GIANT, WAM FARM, FLY BUILDINGS, BANE FARM, good bursts being observed.

(c) M.G.'s

BOLB FARM, cross tracks at 0.18.C.65.68. were subjected to harassing fire throughout the night, 4000 rounds being expended.

400 rounds were fired at hostile aircraft about 11.30 a.m.

(d) Aerial Activity.

Our planes actively patrolled the enemy's lines throughout the day and frequently crossed over enemy territory.

(e) Patrols.

The usual flanking patrols were maintained.

Information by patrols was gained as follows:-

Right Bn.

Two loose belts of wire forming only poor obstacles were encountered between 0.23.C.7.5. and 0.23.C.9.6.

Nothing of the enemy was seen or heard.

NO MAN'S LAND improving in 0.23.C.

A M.G. fired from 0.23.B.2.0.

Fire in front of BEE FARM is again reported an effective obstacle (see para 5, summary No.4.).

Centre Bn.

M.G.'s in 0.17.D.6.2. and FLY BUILDINGS were active.

NO MAN'S LAND in Southern portion of 0.17.C. wet and muddy.

M.G.'s at WHIZ FARM fired intermittently.

No enemy patrols encountered.

Left Bn.

A suspected post at 0.12.A.4.1. was examined and found unoccupied. Tracks in vicinity have not recently been used.

A gong was heard in THE GIANT, and it is believed that a member of a patrol caused this by crawling over a trip wire.

A flare was fired from direction of LOCK 5.

NO MAN'S LAND as far as 0.12.A.4.1. was in good condition after that very wet.

(f) Wiring.Right Bn.

0.23.A.2.6. 75 yards single apron erected.

Centre Bn.

300 yards erected in strengthening existing wire in front of forward S.P.'s.

Left Bn.

0.11.C.5.9. 75 yards double apron commenced.

0.11.B.9.3. 120 yards double apron erected.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

NIL.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Enemy artillery showed a decrease during the period under review, and shelling was scattered.

Map shewing areas shelled attached (Division).



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### 4. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Enemy is certainly not aggressive.

### 5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Wire. - Two belts between O.23.C.7.5. and O.23.C.9.6.  
Wire in front of BEE FARM is 15 feet wide and 3 feet high  
(see para.5, summary No.4.).

Wire appears to be strong in front of enemy's position at  
O.17.D.55.60. and from thence to O.17.D.65.80.

Wire in front of WHIZ FARM outposts is apparently not a  
difficult obstacle.

(b) Work. - Work was being carried on at WAM FARM. Artillery  
advised of this activity.

(c) M.G.'s - Fired from O.17.D.6.2., O.23.D.2.8. and FLY BUILDINGS,  
THE TWINS, LOCK 5 and BEE and WAM FARMS. bombs

(d) T.M.'s. - At 7.30 a.m. 50 medium T.M.'s from POOL HOUSE fired  
on to O.17.A.9.5.

At 8 a.m. light H.W. from BEE FARM fired on to WALL FARM.

At 9 a.m. 5 H.W. fired on to O.17.A.8.2.  
bombs

### 6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

On three occasions a low flying enemy plane flew along the  
Brigade forward systems.

### 7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION.

Train movement as follows:-

Time.	From.	To.
9.22 a.m.	COMINES	WERVICQ
10.30 a.m.	-	- Stationary in rear of WERVICQ.
10.50 a.m.	-	- Stationary in rear of HOUTHEM.
11.15 a.m.	MENIN	CHELWEE
11.40 a.m.	-	- Shunting in HOUTHEM.
12.25 p.m.	COMINES	WERVICQ
12.40 p.m.	TENBRIELEN	WERVICQ
12.45 p.m.	WERVICQ	MENIN.
12.55 p.m.	WERVICQ	MENIN.
1.0 p.m.	From N. direction.	TENBRIELEN.
2.10 p.m.	WERVICQ	COMINES
3.15 p.m.	TENBRIELEN	WERVICQ.
5.10 p.m.	WERVICQ	COMINES.
6.10 p.m.	MENIN	WERVICQ.
6.25 p.m.	MENIN	WERVICQ.
6.55 p.m.	MENIN	CHELWEE.
8.40 p.m.	TENBRIELEN	WERVICQ. Fast Train.
7.7 p.m.	COMINES	WERVICQ

Special observers were posted but no movement was observed at  
WHIZ FARM during the day.

At O.30.D.0.5. work was being carried on, and it appeared as if  
an O.P. was being constructed or repairs made to dugout.

Individual movement was seen at O.30.D.4.3.

At noon 1 man and again at dusk 4 men were observed near BEE FARM.  
they were fired on by our post apparently without effect.

At 11.25 a.m. 6 men entered dugout at P.5.A.4.5.

At 2.15 p.m. 4 men entered dugout at P.13.B.7.6.

### 8. MISCELLANEOUS.

At 1.25 a.m. a number of green flares, followed by one red and  
one white, were sent up to the right of our sub-sector.

Gun flash 97 $\frac{1}{2}$  deg T. was observed from O.20.D.0.2. approx. 6500 yds

An enemy battery in P.22.B. fired salvos in vicinity of  
WYTSCHAETE at 1.30 p.m., and a few minutes afterwards fired another  
salvo in the direction of SPOIL BANK.

At about 2.30 a.m. a smell of gas drifted from right of our centre  
Bn. along the outpost line up to the left of Brigade sub-sector. Box  
respirators were worn.

*H. F. Watson* CAPTAIN, Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.



2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

Appendix  
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Intelligence Summary No 9

From 6 a.m. 30/1/18 - 6 a.m. 1/5/18.

HEADQUARTERS  
1st Div., 1918

## 1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Two silent raids were undertaken during the night for the purpose of obtaining identifications. Both were most successful and only 1 casualty (wounded) was sustained.
- i. Left Section - At about 12 midnight, one M.C.C. and 7 Other ranks left our lines from about X.25.C.3.2. and located an occupied enemy post at X.25.C.7.0. Bombs were thrown and the hostile post rushed at about 2.30 a.m. There were 4 men in the post, 3 of whom were killed and one brought back wounded.
  - ii. Right Section - At about 3.30 a.m. another party of 1 Officer and 7 Other ranks left our lines from E.5.D.3.7. and moved towards an enemy post at E.5.D.7.4. The post was surrounded about 4.15 a.m. and 2 out of the 5 occupants killed, the remaining 3 being taken prisoners.
- (b) Artillery - Our artillery has again been active throughout the period under review, shelling enemy positions and known tracks.
- (c) Trench mortars - Our trench mortars fired 29 rounds harassing fire on known targets in E.6.A.2.C., and 13 rounds on enemy posts F.1.A.1.5. to F.1.A.3.3. Good bursts were observed.
- (d) Machine guns - 5,500 rounds S.A.M. were expended in harassing fire on the following known centres of activity :-  
F.3.A.75.50, X.26.D.15.55., X.26.D.50.85., F.7.A.83.10., F.7.D.0.8. and F.1.D.80.10.
- (e) Snipers - Several opportunities were given by the enemy to our Left section. These were taken full advantage of and 6 casualties are claimed.
- (f) Aerial - Our planes were active and frequently crossed over the enemy's lines.  
At 6.30 p.m., 2 of our scout planes collided and crashed to the ground in W.21.C.3.2.
- (g) Patrols - Liaison patrols maintained touch with flank units throughout the night.  
The following information was gained by patrols :-
- i. Right Section - Enemy posts were located at E.6.C.2.7., E.5.D.4.7., E.5.D.3.4., E.6.A.5.4.  
Sniper at E.6.C.6.5. (a prox)
  - ii. Left Section - Enemy Post X.20.C.8.5. and X.26.A.2.7. (Summary No 1) Listening Post at X.20.C.6.8., working party along hedge from X.20.C.8.4. to X.20.C.8.1.  
NO MAN'S LAND reported in good condition.  
Patrol reports attached (Division)

## 2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

At 2.30 a.m. this morning one wounded prisoner belonging to 5th SS I.R., 12th Division was captured in X.25.C.  
3 prisoners of 4th SS I.R. 12th Division were also captured about 4.15 a.m. in E.5.D.

## 3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Less active than previously and continued increase in 77 mm. fire is still noticed.

Map showing principal areas shelled attached (Division)

## 4. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Quiet. No does not appear to patrol the front.

## 5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) Posts - Located at E.6.D.2.7., E.5.D.2.7., E.5.D.3.4., E.6.A.5.4., X.20.C.8.5. and X.26.A.2.7. (reported strongly garrisoned and faces 3 ways).
- (b) Listening Post - X.20.C.6.8.
- (c) Snipers - At E.6.C.6.5., E.6.A.7.1. and F.1.A.3.5.
- (d) Work - Work along hedge from X.20.C.8.4. to X.20.C.9.1., also at F.1.A.0.8.
- (e) Fire - Fire at X.20.C.8.4.



ENEMY DEFENCES (continued)

- (1) Machine guns - X.25.D.9.D.; in vicinity of F.1.A.8.5.  
 (2) Trench Mortars - 5 Granatenwerfer bombs were fired from approx. X.20.C.8.2.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Active throughout the day.

At 10.30 a.m. one plane flew along our Left section front at about 3,000 feet high.

At 11.15 a.m. enemy plane flew over E.5.

A low flying plane was over our left section front at 7 p.m. but was driven off by our A.A. fire.

7. MISCELLANEOUS.

Men could be heard talking occasionally at about E.6.A.5.2. and white flares were occasionally fired from there (possibly this is from post at E.6.A.6.1. Summary No 4)

Heavy wheeled traffic could be heard in the rear of enemy's lines. Trench mortar at E.6.C.0.3. was blown out by our artillery. (Summary No 6)

Gun flashes as follows :-

9.55 a.m. 105 deg. grid from W.23.A.8.5.

12.40 p.m. 103 do do

firing on left sub-sector from X.28.

8. WIRING.

Front System.

E.11.A.9.5. 40 yards single apron erected

Support Line

W.29.D.7.6. 100 do do

E.4.D.1.8.- do do

E.4.D.4.7. 120 do do

E.5.C.4.4.- do do

E.5.C.3.5. 50 do do

*W.R. Richardson Lt*  
 for Captain  
 Brigade Major  
 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade

A N N E X E.

Correction - In Intelligence summary No 2, para 14 sub-para (b) Gas - positions in W.27.A. and B. should read X.27.A and B.

During the night 30/4/18 - 1/5/18, Identification was established along the Divisional front and the order of Battle from North to South now appears to be the 10th R.I.R., 156th I.R., 22nd I.R. (11th Res. Div)

23rd I.R. 63rd I.R. (12th Division).

The latter two Identifications were obtained opposite our sub-sector. Prisoners of the 63rd I.R. were of poor physique, most un-intelligent.



SECRET

2ND AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE

Intelligence Summary No. 9.

from 6 a.m. 1-4-18 to 6 a.m. 2-4-18

Headquarters  
2nd April, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS

(a) Reliefs. out  
An inter-company relief was carried out by left section last night without incident, relief being completed by 10.30 p.m.

Report on a raid carried out by the centre section on WHIZ FARM on 1/2nd April, 1918, forms the subject of an annexe to this summary.

(b) Artillery.  
During the period under review our artillery has been active engaging enemy pill boxes and strong points and also with counter-battery work.

Our artillery co-operating with the raid on WHIZ FARM shelled enemy centres of activity including THE TWINS, POLL HOUSE, DANG, BONS, HIGH, WAK, BEE and RIDGE FARMS and ELM BUILDINGS

At 12.40 p.m. direct hits were observed on enemy pill box at P.13.A.8.8.

(c) T.G.'s  
In support of the raid 347 rounds were expended on THE GIANT, THE TWINS, L.G. at O.12.A.5.5., ELM BUILDINGS and DANG FARM. 6" Newton mortars registered on DANG FARM during the day.

(d) L.G.'s  
50,500 rounds were expended in neutralizing fire on known enemy centres of activity, roads and tracks and 2,000 rounds expended in harassing enemy tracks

(e) Snipers  
Five men moving from the TWINS to POLL HOUSE were sniped at but evidently without result

(f) Aerial Activity  
Our aircraft showed a great deal of activity patrolling the enemy lines and apparently spotting for our artillery.

(g) Patrols.  
Lateral communication with flank Brigades was maintained throughout the night.

Following information gained by patrols:-

Right Section

Wire in front of JULY FARM was found to be thick and formed a good obstacle.

Enemy could be heard behind his wire.

NO MAN'S LAND in O.23.C. is very wet.

Patrol report not yet to hand (Division)

Centre Section.

NO MAN'S LAND about O.17.Central is reported in fair condition.

At 12.30 a.m. patrols reported everything very quiet in O.17.D.

Left Section.

Hammering could be heard in THE TWINS.

About 9 p.m. movement was heard opposite centre section front.

No signs of occupation could be seen at the Grater at O.11.D.

65.00 and it is full of water

NO MAN'S LAND in O.11.D. is reported to be in fair condition.

(h) Prisoners

Two wounded and four unwounded prisoners of the 76th R.I.R. were captured at WHIZ FARM, O.17.D. at 1.30 a.m. this morning.

(i) Wiring.

Left Section.

O.11.A.3.3. - 150 yards concertina wire double line erected.

O.11.B.8.2. - 90 yards single barbed concertina erected

40 yards double do do do

IDENTIFICATIONS. 6 prisoners of the 76th R.I.R. captured at WHIZ FARM O.17.D. at 1.30 a.m. 2nd April, 1918.



3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY has been below normal during the period under review.

Reply to our barrage at 1.30 a.m. was weak and it took him some time before his barrage dropped.

Light shelling by heavy calibre gun in O.28.D. intermittently during the night.

Map showing areas shelled attached (Division)

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

During the 24 hours all arms/excepting aircraft have been much below normal.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Wire - Wire 16 feet thick and 3 feet high in front of JULY FARM.

The wire close in front of THE GIANT and THE TWINS consists of concertina barbed 6 feet wide and 3 feet high; he seems to maintain this belt in fairly good order.

(b) M.G.'s - M.G.'s active from WAK FARM and direction of FLY BUILDINGS, O.17.D.5.2. (along wire of left section outposts).

(c) T.M.'s - At 3 p.m. T.M.'s from the vicinity of HIGH FARM (O.18.C.) were active against WALL FARM.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Much more active than usual and on several occasions crossed over our lines.

About 3.30 p.m. an enemy plane flew very low over the left section outposts.

Whenever the weather permits a low flying plane comes over our lines flying very low each afternoon or evening.

7. MOVEMENT & ORGANISATION.

Movement was again seen at O.30.D.C.5.

At 12.30 p.m. men were observed at dugout at P.3.D.2.1.

At 7.10 p.m. 4 men were observed standing at entrance of pill box P.8.A.3.8.

Smoke was observed rising from LOC. 5.

Train movement was observed as follows:-

Time.	From	To.	
10.55 a.m.	-	-	Stationary at VERVICQ-SUD.
3.25 p.m.	CHELUNE	VERVICQ	
5.5 p.m.	MENIN	VERVICQ	
5.5 p.m.	TENBRIELEN	Entered VERVICQ	
6.2 p.m.	MENIN	VERVICQ	
6.30 p.m.	MENIN	N.W.	
6.55 p.m.	MENIN	VERVICQ	

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

The following balloons were observed up during the day -

07,68,100,79,100 and 30 deg. True from O.20.D.0.2.

94,73, and 84 deg. Grid from O.15.C.6.9.

Gun flashes were observed as follows:-

Time	Bearing	Calibre.	Area shelled.	Approx. dist or location
-	85 deg. T. from O.20.D.0.2.	-	-	6,000
-	80 deg. T. from O.20.D.0.2.	-	-	6,000
-	77 deg. T. from do	-	-	6,000
-	92 deg. T. from do	-	-	8,000
-	84 deg. T. from do	-	-	8,000
6.50 p.m.	75 deg. Grid from O.15.C.6.9.-	-	Left of sub-sector	P.6.A.
7.30 p.m.	84 deg. Grid from O.15.C.6.9. 5.9	-	O.15.A & C.	-



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Signal lamp flashed during the night at KORTEWILDE.  
 Single and double green and also double red flares were sent up  
 by the enemy at about 1.30 a.m.  
 During our bombardment "many" chasers" (resembling tracer bullets)  
 were sent up in groups of 4 with an interval between the first and  
 the remaining three. They moved straight upwards until they  
 appeared to burn out.

*H. F. Watson*

CAPTAIN,  
 Brigade Major,  
 2nd Aust. Infantry Bde.

ANNEXE TO SUMMARY NO.9. -

Raid on WHIZ FARM (O.23.B.) on night of 1/2nd April, 1918

At 1.30 a.m. this morning we raided WHIZ FARM (O.17.D.) which included 4  
 boxes and posts in vicinity of same. /pill

At the same time special company R.E. co-operated with the  
 discharge of gas projectors on to POLL-HOUSE, FLY BUILDINGS, WALL  
 and PILLECREMS FARMS, and LOCK 5.

WHIZ FARM was found to be strongly garrisoned and although wire  
 had been cut by artillery it formed a serious obstacle.

It is estimated that at least 45 enemy were killed during the  
 raid. Pill boxes were bombed and otherwise damaged.

Two wounded and four unwounded prisoners were captured, all of  
 whom belonged to the 76th R.I.R.

Enemy artillery retaliation was weak and his barrage was slow  
 in being put down.

Our casualties were 1 Officer missing, believed killed, and  
 6 other ranks wounded.



APPENDIX XCVI  
Intelligence Summary No.10.

From 6 a.m. 2/4/18 to 6 a.m. 3/4/18.

Headquarters.  
3/4/1918.

## 1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Reliefs. Inter-Company relief took place on left sector. Relief was completed by 9-30 p.m. without incident.(b) Artillery.

During the 24 hours under review our Artillery was active against enemy strong posts, known tracks and centres of activity, including the following :- LOCK 5, and Pill Boxes in P.7.a.

Our heavies shelled HOLLEBEKE HILL, TEMBRIELEN, KORTEWIJDE, ZANDVOORDE, and a train moving N.E. in GHELUWE.

At 5-p.m. our heavies fired a dump near HOUTHEM, both the fire and the explosion being observed.

(c) T.H.'s. -

Good shooting was observed on to FAN, RIFLE and BANG FARMS, FLY BUILDINGS, THE GIANT and THE TWINS. 58 rounds in all being expended.

(d) M.G.'s. -

9,000 rounds were expended during the night in harassing fire on known enemy tracks and positions, including FLY BUILDINGS, WASP FARM, O.18.D.6.9. and O.18.C.2.6.

(e) Aerial Activity. -

Our planes were very active throughout the day patrolling the enemy's lines, and although heavily engaged by A.A. and M.G. fire they frequently crossed into enemy territory.

(f) Patrols -

Lateral communication was maintained during the night with flank Brigades.

Information gained by patrols as follows :-

Right Section -

A fairly strong belt of barbed concertina wire with several breaks in it was located at O.23.C.9.5.

Flares were sent up to the East of JULY FARM.

1/2-4-18 (Several ruined Pill Boxes were examined in vicinity of MARCH and JUNE FARMS, and no enemy were encountered.

(M.G. was active from East of RIFLE FARM.

No Man's Land along this sector is reported in good condition.

Centre Section. -

An enemy L.F. is suspected at O.17.D.2.5.

A considerable amount of broken wire is strewn over No Man's Land in O.17.D.

Left Section. -

At O.12.C.1.9. M.G. fire was directed on to one of our patrols from the direction of the GIANT.

Lights in pill boxes in rear of enemy's lines could be seen.

(g) Wiring. -Centre Section - O.17.A.9.4. - 80 yds of single apron was erected in strengthening existing wire.Left Section - O.12.D.0.3. - 6 coils of barbed wire used in repairing weak points in existing wire.2. IDENTIFICATIONS. - N I I.3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Enemy artillery has been exceptionally quiet for the period under review, and the only shelling which can be classified, is a destructive shoot on batteries immediately W. of WYTSCHAETE. Map shewing areas shelled attached (Division).

4. Enemy ATTITUDE.

All branches of the Service, with the exception of the fact that T.M. fired on right and centre sections intermittently, have been exceptionally quiet.

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## 5 ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) Work - Work appears to be carried on in vicinity of O.30.B.0.5. (See Summaries Nos.8 and 9, paras.7.) Judging by the noise, enemy appeared to be repairing WHIZ FARM. Our L.G's. fired in the direction of the activity. Repairs to pill box at O.17.B.9.4. were carried on by 3 men at 11-35 a.m.
- (b) Wire. - Working parties heard on wire near WHIZ FARM. A belt of barbed concertina wire in fairly strong condition was seen at O.23.C.9.5.
- (c) T.M's. - Light T.M's. from direction of BEEK FARM fired 10 bombs in vicinity of our right section front line. On our Artillery firing on to FLY and BANG FARM'S M.W's which had been firing on to O.17.C.9.4. ceased. Enemy M.W's., recently, instead of bombing our left section have transferred their attentions to the centre and Right sections, particularly the centre section.
- (d) L.P's. - A Listening Post is suspected at about O.17.D.2.5.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy aircraft was very active throughout the period under review, several planes crossing our lines at a high altitude.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANIZATION.

Train movement was observed as follows :-

Time.	From.	To.
12-40 p.m.	MENIN	WERVICQ
12-45	WERVICQ	MENIN
12-50	WERVICQ	COMINES
12-50	TENBRIELEN	WERVICQ
1-15	GHELUWE	MENIN
1-45	HALLUIN	WERVICQ
1-50	MENIN	GHELUWE
1-55	GHELUWE	MENIN
4-15	MENIN	HALLUIN
4-50	HALLUIN	MENIN
5-30	WERVICQ	South direction.
5-55	GHELUWE	N.E. (fired on by our heavies).
6-45	GHELUWE	WERVICQ
6-55	WERVICQ-SUD	- Shunting.
7-20	TENBRIELEN	WERVICQ
7-30	WERVICQ	HOUTHEN

Individual movement was observed at LAKE FARM and O.30.B.0.5. At 4-10 p.m. and throughout the afternoon considerable movement about dugouts at approx. P.7.A.7.5. Some men were seen wearing white armbands on left arm. A dog was also observed at this position.

At 7-25 p.m. movement was observed at pill box at P.7.D.1.8. During the night a 77mm battery fired a few rounds on VERNE ROAD and GREEN WOOD from a very close range (about 1,000 yds.) from direction of LOCK 4. It is thought that this battery is at P.13.A.7.6. and is brought up at night and taken away before dawn.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. Balloons were up during the day at :- 65, 58, 102, 109, 128, 88, 77, 91, 106, degrees True from O.20.D.0.2. and 98, 88, and 85 degrees True from O.15.C.6.9. A gun flash was observed at 80 degrees true from O.20.D.0.2., approx. range 6,000 to 7,000 yds. At 5-45 p.m. signal lamp was observed flashing in WERVICQ. At 3-10 a.m. smoke was observed rising from LOCK 5. During the night searchlight observed 55 degrees True from O.20.D.0.2. A chimney was observed smoking 107 degrees True from O.20.D.0.2. At 7 p.m. enemy fired 3 white flares from vicinity of POLL HOUSE and immediately 6 men ran from POLL HOUSE towards HOUTHEN. During our gas projector attack on the night 1/2nd April no gongs nor alarms of any kind were heard, but this may possibly be accounted for by the noise of our artillery barrage.

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CAPTAIN, Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.



4th APRIL, 1918.

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2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.Intelligence Summary No. 11.From 6 a.m. 3/4/18 to 6 a.m. 4/4/18.1. OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery. -

During the period under review our artillery was active against known enemy strong points, tracks and centres of activity, including the following - HEPPE, JULIE and LAKE FARMS. From 12-45 p.m. to 3-45 p.m. P.7.C. was heavily shelled. Good shoots were observed on FOX BUILDINGS and pill boxes in vicinity. Counter-battery and long range shelling was also indulged in.

(b) T.I.'s. -

34 rounds were expended on the following targets - THE T.Y.C., THE GIANT, FOX BUILDINGS, HEPPE, R. G. and LEE FARMS. Good bursts were observed. At 3-15 p.m. whilst firing on THE T.I., 10 or 12 of the enemy were observed to rush out and take cover in shell holes but soon returned and commenced digging amongst the debris. Three stretcher cases were carried away and two wounded walked away with arms bandaged.

Our heavy T.I.'s fired 6 rounds on BEE FARM.

(c) 9,500 rounds were expended during the night on known enemy tracks and occupied positions.(d) Aerial Activity. -

Our planes crossed over into enemy territory on several occasions during the day but owing to the inclemency of the weather much flying could not be indulged in.

(e) Patrols -

Usual flanking and protective patrols were maintained during the night.

Information gained by patrols as follows:-

Right Section - No Man's Land in C.25.C. is reported to be in a very wet and muddy condition.

Nothing of the enemy could be heard.

Centre Section. - No Man's Land in C.17.B. & D. was very wet and slippery.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS - Nil.3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Enemy artillery has again been very quiet.

The places receiving the most attention being C.10.D. where he throw over shells at irregular intervals in the attempt to harass operations.

Map showing areas shelled attached (Division).

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. -

It has been noticed during the last few days that enemy artillery has been gradually decreasing.

He appears to continue activity on the right and centre sections whilst inactivity continues to prevail on the left section.

H.C.'s. continue harassing fire on our C.T. and duckworks during the hours of darkness.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES -(a) Work - Parties were working on defences at LAKE FARM.

Again heard in vicinity of HEPPE FARM.

(b) T.I.'s. - Active from direction of JULIE FARM, bombs falling in picquet line right section.

Also active from BEE FARM in the morning, firing 40 bombs at about C.25.A.2.6.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. -

Hostile enemy aircraft were quiet throughout the period under review, only one plane attempting to approach our lines and this was driven off by H.C. and A.A. fire.

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7. MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION etc.

Train movement observed at follows :-

Time.	From.	To.
11 a.m.	COLINES	- Stationary.
11-20 a.m.	GHELU E	South
11-28 a.m.	HOUT E	RVICQ
11-59 a.m.	ERVICQ	South ?
12-40 p.m.	GHELU E	South
12-53 p.m.	South	MENIN
12-58 p.m.	South	MENIN
1 p.m.	GHELU E	MENIN
1-3 p.m.	South	MENIN
1-8 p.m.	GHELU E	MENIN
1-14 p.m.	South	MENIN
1-15 p.m.	ERVICQ	COLINES
1-15 p.m.	MENIN	GHELU E
1-16 p.m.	MENIN	HALLUIN
1-20 p.m.	TINERIEL N	S.E.
1-38 p.m.	South	MENIN.

At 1-30 p.m. 4 men moving about dugout at P.3.D.2.8.

At 7-15 p.m. 3 of enemy left pill box near PCLL HOUSE and disappeared behind trees towards HIGH FARM.

An C.P. appears to be situated in a tree at O.18.D.3.3.

Two men walked from O.30.B.0.6. towards LAMB FARM, one carrying some white paper.

Smoke rose from O.30.B.0.6.

Several men left RIFLE FARM at 7 p.m. with packs up, our artillery was informed.

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

Smoke rose from Pill boxes at O.12.B.4.4., O.18.D.5.3. and O.30.A.9.0. and also from trench at O.24.C.3.4.

Smoke was seen rising from factory at 97 degrees True from O.20.D.0.2.

Balloons were <sup>up</sup> during the day at :- 78, 101, 108, 76 and 88 degrees True from O.20.D.0.2.

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2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade

Intelligence Summary No 1

From 3 a.m. 13/4/18 to 6 a.m. 15/4/18.

HEADQUARTERS  
15th April 1918

## 1. OPERATIONS.

During the afternoon and evening of the 12th inst., the 7th Battalion took up a position in Support to English Divisions on a General Line E.17.a. - E.14.b.

On the night 12/13th, 8th Battalion moved up and took over portion of the Support line from 7th Battalion and on a General line E.17.a. - E.23.c.

Immediately these units were in position, the work of building Strong Posts was commenced, and Reserve S.A.A. was placed in posts.

At about 2.30 p.m. 13th inst. the 4th Guards Brigade were being driven back onto our Left Battalion line. All men retiring were collected and were put into our posts. From this time on, the Left Battalion line became the firing line. The situation with Right Battalion remained the same i.e. Support Line to English Regiment.

At 6 p.m. 13th instant, enemy shell fire became very intense on our Left Battalion front, but little damage was done to our positions.

At about 1 a.m. 14th instant, an enemy party of approx. 100, approached our post in E. 23.a. Our men allowed him to within 20 yards of the post, and opened fire with Lewis Gun and rifles. The enemy hurriedly retired leaving 1 Officer 19 Other Ranks dead and 5 Machine Guns. It is probable that even more casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

About 12.30 p.m. 14/4/18, considerable enemy movement was seen in E.23 and E.24. Artillery inflicted many casualties in these positions. About 12.45 p.m. 14/4/18, enemy could be seen bringing L.C. and T.K. along the road through E.23.b. and d. and also along the creek running through E.23.L., C. and A. to the house at E.23.A.6.5. Our posts at E.17.C.5.1. and E.17.C.5.4. were heavily bombarded and Machine gunned and the former position was completely blown out, practically all the garrison being killed. The latter post was being fired on with M.G.'s from front and both flanks and had to withdraw. The enemy then rushed the posts and occupied same. Our posts were then dug and manned at E.16.D.8.6. and E.16.D.7.1. Extremely heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy in this undertaking.

- (a) The boundaries of the Brigade were changed during the night and this necessitated the Right Battalion taking over the Right Coy. positions of the Left Battalion. This relief was completed by 12 Mid-night. 14/15th

The Right Battalion took over the front posts in E.4.a. and C from the 4th Guards Brigade, relief being completed by 1 a.m.

- (b) Artillery. Our artillery had very good opportunities during the period under review which were taken. VIEUX BERQUIN, the road from NEUF BERQUIN to VIEUX BERQUIN came in for heavy shelling, as continual movement had been observed. The road running from LA COURONNE through E.29.c. and d and E.28.d. were also heavily shelled. Good shooting was observed on VIEUX BERQUIN church and building in vicinity.

- (c) Trench Mortars. Our Light Trench Mortars expended 27 rounds on the building at E.28.d.1.2. and several direct hits were observed. At 10.30 a.m. 14th inst., 20 rounds were fired onto targets in E.14.b. and E.15.a. On enemy rushing from houses, they were engaged with Rifle and M.G. fire and casualties inflicted.

- (d) Machine and Lewis Guns. Good opportunities were offered during day-night and they were taken advantage of, the enemy suffering many casualties.



- (c) Snipers. Snipers had good shooting in E.17.c. and E.23.A and D.
- (f) Aerial Activity. Mists and High winds have prevented much flying, nevertheless our planes have frequently flown low over enemy lines and our forward positions.
- (g) Patrols. Protective patrols were out during darkness in front of and between our posts.
- (h) Work. Considerable work has been done since the Brigade took over the positions in building forward and Support posts. The Support line on a General line from E.9.A. - D.30.D. has been commenced and wiring is in progress.

## 2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

During the attempted enemy raid on night 13/14th inst., the dead had no paybooks nor Identity discs on them, but papers showed them to belong to 141 I.R., 35th Division.

## 3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Enemy shelling has been irregular and scattered, places receiving most attention being E.14.B., 15.C., 21.B., and 22.A. and C. where 5.9 and 4.2 were mostly used. The latter squares have also been shelled by 77's from close range (from about LA COURONNE), many of the shells being ricochets and duds. The road in E.22.a. and b. also received attention with 5.9's from East of VIEUX BERQUIN. Gas shelling (light) with HE detonation in E.19.c. took place between 12 and 1 p.m. on 14th inst.

## 4. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

On the Right, the enemy appears to be settled down and on the Defensive, but considerable movement and attacks have been made on the Left Battalion front. On the latter front, he has brought up many Machine guns and Trench Mortars in E.17. and E.23.

## 5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Minerworkers are located at E.17.d.6.6. and E.17.d.3.8. The house at E.23.a.6.5. is strongly held by M.G's and M.W's and causes considerable trouble to our forward posts.

The church in VIEUX BERQUIN contains a number of M.G's which dominate our positions.

## 6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

At 6 p.m. 14th inst. a low flying plane flew over our forward positions, apparently looking for troops in the Wood and directing artillery.

## 7. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

The NEUF BERQUIN - VIEUX BERQUIN road has carried a considerable amount of traffic for the period under review.

At 5.30 p.m. 14th inst. wheeled traffic blocked up was seen from NEUF BERQUIN up the road to LA COURONNE. Artillery was informed of this.

The enemy who attacked our left Battalion positions yesterday, came along the NEUF BERQUIN - VIEUX BERQUIN road and travelled along the road through E.23.b. and a. and also overland across E.23.d. and a. He suffered many casualties.

Up to the present the enemy has not taken pains to conceal movement.

A mule drawing a T.M. on wheels and limbers of Ammunition was observed at about E.17.d.8.2. and engaged by M.G's.

## 8. MISCELLANEOUS.

Enemy appears to be burning all Farms in his forward Area.

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## ANNEXE from 1st ARMY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

### General Situation of the Enemy's Forces.

Of the 199 German Inf. Divisions on the Western Front, 109 have now been engaged since 21st March, and 20 are of poor quality. Of the remaining 70 Div., 25 are in reserve and 16 are probably opposite the British front.



## 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

## Intelligence Summary No 2

from 6 a.m. 15/4/18 - 6 a.m. 16/4/18

HEADQUARTERS  
16th April 1918OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery - Our artillery was very active during the period under review.

Heavies and 18 pnds. registered on Church Steeple at VIEUX BERQUIN, factory, and targets on roads.

At about 10 p.m. our 18 pnds. were advised that the factory at E.23.a.3.5. was full of the enemy.

In response to a call for fire on enemy massing in E.22.d. our 18 pnds. put down a most effective barrage. Casualties were inflicted on enemy parties in E.20.c. and d. and K.5.d. The shooting on K.11.a. and the positions mentioned in preceding para has been good.

(b) Machine Guns - Our Lewis Guns effectively dispersed hostile raiding party in E.28.c. at 1 a.m.(c) Trench Mortars - 48 rounds were expended during the period on buildings at E.28.d.1.2. direct hits being obtained. During the attempted raid by the enemy this morning, 27 rounds were also fired.(d) Snipers - Snipers were active and men were fired on in E.23.c.7.5., E.23.c.8.8., E.28.d., E.29.c. and K.5.b.(e) Aerial Activity - Low lying mists hindered our planes, although on several occasions, they flew low over the enemy's lines firing M.G.'s.

One of our planes was brought down by A.A. fire behind enemy's lines at about 5 p.m.

(f) Patrols - Lateral and protective patrols were out during the hours of darkness.(g) Prisoners - In an attempted enemy raid in E.28.c., one wounded prisoner was taken.IDENTIFICATIONS.

One wounded prisoner of 2K. 222 R.I.R. 49th Res. Div. was captured at 1 a.m. at E.28.c. Central.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

With the exception of the bombardment which preceded the attempted raid in E.28., enemy guns were much quieter than during the previous 24 hours, most attention being paid to E.15.b., E.16.a. and b., E.21.d., E.27.b. and d., E.28.c., E.3.b. and d., and K.4.a. and b.

Enemy guns firing on to E.28.c. and vicinity are mostly 4.2's and fire from the direction of MERVILLE.

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Enemy remains alert and aggressive, but the movement has not been nearly as considerable as previously.

ENEMY DEFENCES.(a) Work - Enemy appears to be constructing a line of trenches along a general line :- E.28.d.5.5. to E.23.c.2.7.(b) Posts - A Listening post in E.22.d. was engaged at 11 p.m. with Rifle grenades.(c) Machine Guns - It is reported that M.G.'s and snipers are hidden in Haystacks.

M.G.'s fire from the houses on VIEUX BERQUIN Road.

(d) Trench Mortars - Mortars in E.17.b. fire on to E.16.a. and b. During the attempted raid, T.M.'s fired from between Fmc. GOMBART and GARS BRUGGHE.

T.M.'s also fired from behind hedges in E.28.d. and E.29.c.

(e) Snipers - Prior to the attack at 1 a.m., enemy pushed out snipers close to our posts, but these have since been driven back to about 250 yards distant.



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6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

At dawn, about 6 enemy planes flew over our forward positions, but they were eventually driven off by our own planes and M.G. fire.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANIZATION.

At 6.30 a.m., 4 gun teams drawing either guns or limbers, moved along road from NEUF BERQUIN - K.12.d. - K.12.e. to K.11.d.2.2. and from there, they all returned to NEUF BERQUIN. Movement of small parties and cyclists has since been observed at this position.

An enemy O.P. is suspected at E.29.e.8.0.

The wood in E.29.e. appears to be strongly held.

Enemy battery is located at approx. K.11.b.3.3.

Enemy movement was observed along the VIEUX BERQUIN - NEUF BERQUIN Road and in E.29.e. and d. and K.5.b. and d.

On the Left section front, enemy have been much more careful about his movement.

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

At dusk, a small patrol in E.23.a. found a M.G. and brought it back to our line. This was evidently dropped by their raiding party on night 14/15th instant.

At about 12 mid-night enemy were reported massing in E.22.d. 18 pndr. fire was brought to bear on the enemy and nothing materialised on this part of the front. At about 12.30 a.m.

a heavy barrage by guns of all calibres up to 5.9" assisted by T.M's was put down on our front in E.22.e. and E.23.a and c.

At about E.23.e.5.5. our posts opened fire with L.G's and rifles on to enemy advancing towards them and the hostile troops hurriedly retreated. As the result of this attempted raid, 1 wounded prisoner was captured and very heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy parties.

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A N N E X E.

Wounded prisoner belonging to 2K. 222 R.I.R. 48th Res. Div. captured in E.23.e. this morning is a Gefreiter, 20 years of age and called up for Active service on 1st May 1916.

Prisoner appears to be intelligent and reliable, but owing to always marching at night, and the fact that he left ALSACE LORRAINE only 14 days ago, he could give practically no information of enemy dispositions on this front.

Raiding party consisted of 3 Officers and 200 Other Ranks, the object of the raid was to obtain identifications.

In his battalion, two days ago obtained 90 casualties, and another 45 yesterday from our shelling.

He states that the divisions that left ALSACE were not relieved, but that the remaining divisions took over large sectors.

An attack for BOIS D' AVAL, BOIS MOYEN, BOIS CLOBERT and D'AMONT was to have taken place yesterday, but owing to the very heavy casualties, this could not be undertaken.

As soon as our barrage dropped and our Lewis Guns/and rifles opened fire, prisoners party withdrew, leaving many casualties in NO MANS LAND and obtaining no identifications.



## 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

## Intelligence Summary No 3

From 6 a.m. 16/4/18 to 6 a.m. 17/4/18

HEADQUARTERS  
17th April 19181. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Reliefs - An Inter-Company relief was carried out by Right Section. Relief was completed without incident by 11 p.m.
- (b) Artillery - Our artillery has again been very active during the period under review, 18 pndrs. dealing severely with enemy positions at Fmc. GOMBERT, VERTE RUE and GARS BRUGGHE. Stretcher bearers were busy during the day at the Fmc. GOMBERT. Good shooting was observed on the mill at E.23.A.6.5., several direct hits being observed. The VIEUX BERQUIN - NEUF BERQUIN Road was consistently shelled throughout the day. The Church spire in VIEUX BERQUIN fell at 5.3 p.m. as the result of several direct hits from our heavies during the day. At 3.30 p.m., one of our 18 pndr. shells which burst just East of the mill in E.23.A. caused a large burst of flame and smoke - probably an Ammunition Dump. Our Howitzers fired on suspected gun positions in K.11.D. and MERVILLE.
- (c) French Mortars. - Enemy shelling hampered T.M. operations, but 25 rounds were fired on to buildings about E.28.D.1.2. with good results. Our 6" Newtons registered on group of buildings and hedges astride the road in E.28.D.
- (d) Snipers - Our snipers indulged in some sniping, but opportunities at short range were not frequent.
- (e) Aerial activity - Our low flying planes patrolled the front throughout the day and were frequently engaged by M.G. Fire.
- (f) Patrols - Protective and Liaison patrols and Listening posts were put out during the hours of darkness. in E.23.A. A small patrol to search enemy dead left our lines, at 10 p.m. Papers found herewith (Division)

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Papers found on enemy killed in E.23.A. on night 13/14th inst. show that the unit then in the line was the 141st I.R., 35th Division.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

The left section report that the enemy shelling has been quiet excepting between 4.30 a.m. and 6 a.m. when heavy shells and gas shells dropped in E.14. and E.15. The right section reports considerable activity most of which is 4.2 H.E. and shrapnel, coming from a number of points between ESTAIRES and LA COHRONNE. E.28.C. and E.4.A. and C. received most attention and the Church steeple in CAUDESCURE was knocked down. During the night continuous light shelling of E.26., E.27. and E.21.C. and D. took place. 50 rounds of 5.9's fell in E.28.A. from direction of ESTAIRES. 77's and T.M. shells fell in E.22.C. and E.28.A. and C. on a bearing of about 130 degrees grid from E.22.C.8.2.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Except for artillery increase on right section, enemy has been quiet but remains alert.



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5. DEFENCES.

Posts - Enemy posts have been located at E.23.C.7.6. and E.29.A.4.5. and suspected at E.23.C.8.2, and E.23.C.4.1.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

1 hostile plane was seen flying over his forward system between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANIZATION.

When fire broke out in E.23.A., about 30 of the enemy ~~was~~ seen to run from the building.

Movement has been observed about the roads and buildings in E.23.D., E.29.C. and D., E.5.B. and D. and along VIEUX BERQUIN-NEUF BERQUIN Road.

At 11.20 a.m., 2 men entered the mill at E.23.A.6.5.

At 11.35 a.m., 3 men walked behind hedge at E.23.C.8.2. to E.23.C.4.1. and returned 2 minutes later.

At 12.10 p.m., 2 men walked to post at E.23.C.7.6. and 10 minutes later, 1 man carrying a heavy load on his back also walked to this position and handed the load to men in the post. Our 10 prdrs. did very good shooting at post at E.29.A.4.5. and 1 man left here and ran to another post, apparently wounded. During the day, stretcher bearers were observed round Fmo. GOMBERT.

8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT.

The gas which fell on the Support area was weak and caused sneezing.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.

On our artillery opening the barrage at 6.30 p.m., enemy immediately sent up RED flares which brought down his barrage.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 4

From 6 a.m. 17/4/18 - 10 a.m. 18/4/18

HEADQUARTERS  
18th April 1918

1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Reliefs - An inter-company relief was carried out on left Coy. Front of Right Section during the night. Relief was carried out without incident. On Left Section, an inter-company relief was successfully completed on night 16/17th. A partial inter-company relief also took place in this Sector last night.
- (b) Artillery - Our guns have been firing continuously, and fired on targets reported by Infantry in the line with good results, causing enemy casualties near Fmc. GOMBERT. A large body of troops moving North along road between PONT RONDIN and LA COURONNE was fired on with good effect. Enemy movement on road VERTE RUE to VIER HOUC and at Fmc GOMBERT was also engaged. In reply to enemy movement reported at Farm at K.5.D.30.65. our shells fell 200 yards South, range was good.
- (c) Trench Mortars - During the period under review, our 6" Newtons fired 28 rounds on targets with good results. Our Stokes Mortars fired 16 rounds on buildings about E.28.D.1.2. Good bursts were observed.
- (d) Machine Guns - M.G.'s were very active against enemy planes, tracer bullets being seen to hit low flying planes.
- (e) Snipers - The enemy, now much more careful in his movements, and gives our snipers few opportunities. These opportunities however are taken full advantage of, and two men were killed by our snipers.
- (f) Aerial Activity - Our planes were very active and although greatly outnumbered by enemy planes, and subjected to A.A. and M.G. fire, repeatedly flew low over enemy lines, using their M.G.'s against hostile movement. At 2 p.m. one of our R.E.8's was driven down by enemy planes at D.18.c.3.7. Two Spads are believed to have been brought down in enemy lines to the left of our Sub-sector. They were flying low and were attacked by an enemy squadron at about 2.30 p.m.
- (g) Patrols - Protective and Liaison patrols and Listening posts were out during the hours of darkness. Nothing of the enemy was seen.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

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3. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS and RELIEFS.

One of our posts in E.28.C. report that they believe enemy carried out a relief opposite their front at 9.30 p.m. 17/4/18.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Enemy artillery has been much more active than has been the case for the last 2 days, and he now appears to have a great quantity of artillery in this sector.

BOIS DE' AVAL received a great deal of attention during the period under review, 5.9's, 4.2's and 77's being used.

The wood and farms in forward area are indiscriminately shelled, and a set programme does not appear to be worked on. The following are the principal areas shelled :-

Time	No rds.	Area shelled	Calibre	Direction
7 a.m.		Support area, Left section	77's 5.9's	VIEUX BERQUIN OUTTERSTEINE L.3.A., F.26.A. and D.
9.30 - 10.45 a.m.	300	E.21.D., E.22.C. E.28.A.	4.2's 5.9's	Merville



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Time	No rds	Area shelled	Calibre	Direction
10 a.m.	Heavy	C.210 SEC BOIS	All calibres	NERVILLE
- 3 pm.	shelling	PT. SEC BOIS E.16.	and Gas	NERVILLE
11.30 a.m.		E.28.C.	4.2's	NERVILLE
4.30 pm		E.20.A., and	5.9's	OF BERVILLE
- 6 pm.		E.19.	77's	
4.15 pm.	15	E.21.	5.9's	NERVILLE
4.45 pm.	30	E.20.A. & C.	5.9's	NERVILLE

Throughout the day LA MOTTE was intermittently shelled with shrapnel and I.S. from direction of NERVILLE.

Light scattered gas shelling from 8 p.m. onwards throughout the night on E.25. and D.30. from direction of NERVILLE.

#### 5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Enemy planes and artillery were much more active than previously. He conceals his movement as much as possible now along the Sub-sector.

#### 6. ENEMY D. BATTALIES.

A C. has been located at E.22.D.9.5.

Left section reports enemy digging a few strong posts opposite their front and their C's still remain in the houses.

Right section report enemy digging in at E.5.D.6.0.

A 4.2 gun position was located at E.6.D.6.0.

An enemy 4.2 battery was located firing on a bearing of 93 degrees magnetic/E.4.A.5.2.

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#### 7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy planes were very active throughout the day and he was out apparently to gain control of the air.

His planes were over our lines throughout the day, particularly over BOIS d' AVAL during the afternoon. At 2 p.m. 3 of his planes flew very low over D.18. and D.24, apparently spotting for gun positions.

#### 8. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION.

Balloons were up as follows :-

8 a.m. 125 deg. Mag. from E.14.D.7.4.

11 a.m. 108 " " " "

12 noon 112 " " " "

These balloons were well within artillery range.

#### 9. ARMS and EQUIPMENT.

Enemy is apparently using our 18 pounder shells.

A small M.V. gun fires on to E.28.C. from direction of ESTAIRES.

#### 10. MISCELLANEOUS.

A plane similar to our R.E.8 but with shorter lower wings and bearing our markings was over E.16. from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, after which it flew into enemy territory and appeared to land undamaged about E.18.

Later

*W. H. King*  
for Captain, 1st Lt  
Major  
2nd Aust Infantry Brigade

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At 5.30 a.m. this morning 2 prisoners, 1 of 10 K and 1 of 12 K, 38th R.I.R. 12th Res. Div. were captured in E.28.C. They state that they have been left behind with baggage at ESTAIRES and that yesterday they had instructions to go to the heights and bring back horses which had been wounded. Horses could not be found and after losing direction, they wandered into our lines and were captured. Being left with baggage, they state they know nothing of dispositions. Our artillery and aeroplanes have caused heavy casualties in ESTAIRES.



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Intelligence Summary No 5

from 6 pm. 18/4/18 - 6 pm. 19/4/18

HEADQUARTERS

19th April 1918

## 1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery - Our artillery has again been very active during the period under review and the shooting most effective. Direct hits were observed on Encl. GOUBERT, GARS BRUGGHE, VERTE RUE, LE CORNET PERDU and the two parallel roads through E.5. and //, and E.30. and .6. Numerous enemy parties were dispersed and casualties inflicted. At 3 pm. a 4.5 shell dropped into a newly dug post near LE CORNET PERDU, blowing two of the occupants into the air and scattering the remainder. Our shelling on VIEUX BERQUIN and MERVILLE caused numerous fires.
- (b) Trench Mortars - 30 rounds 6" Newtons were expended on enemy targets in E.28.D. Good bursts by our L.T.M.'s were observed on Farm buildings at E.28.D.1.2. on which targets 15 rounds were expended.
- (c) Machine Guns - A few hundred rounds were expended by our M.G.'s on enemy targets and aircraft.
- (d) Snipers - During the 24 hours, better opportunities were given to our snipers and 14 casualties are claimed by our left Section.
- (e) Aerial Activity - Our planes were not so active as on the previous day, but the enemy front was well patrolled and hostile targets engaged with L.G. fire.
- (f) Patrols - Liaison and protective patrols guarded our front against surprise throughout the hours of darkness. A patrol of Left section in E.23.A. was apparently observed and fired on from E.23.A.7.7.
- (g) Firing - 4 coils barbed and 25 screw posts were erected in E.22.B.

## 2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

3rd L.C.M. 141 I.R. and 12th E. 141 I.R., 35th Division enemy dead in E.23.A. (papers enclosed, Division)

## 3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Enemy artillery was much less active than during the preceding 24 hours. Positions receiving most attention being E.27.C., where at 3.45 p.m. about 50 - 5.9's fell from direction of MERVILLE. E.26. and E.27 received a little attention from 4.2's and 5.9's from direction of MERVILLE.

## 4. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Enemy does not appear to be aggressive, and on the Right Section front, out of sniping range, he walks round without rifles and appears to search Farm houses for loot.

## 5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

A newly dug post was located near LE CORNET PERDU and another post was located at E.23.A.7.7. Work on posts in E.23.B. and C. has also been reported. Work has been observed at E.5.D.2.5. and E.5.D.0.7.

## 6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy planes were not so active, and they remained behind their lines. At 6.45 p.m. and again a few minutes later, one plane attempted to cross our lines but was driven back by L.G. fire.

## 7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION.

Limbars could be heard on roads near VIEUX BERQUIN. Opposite our Right Section, movement of the enemy, without rifles, has been observed.

## 8. MISCELLANEOUS.

Fires near VIEUX BERQUIN church have been observed.

*W. R. Dickinson*  
CAPTAIN  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade



From 3 a.m. 23-4-18 to 6 a.m. 25-4-18.

Headquarters,  
25-4-1918.

## A. OPERATIONS.

Infantry - The 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. relieved the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. in the Right Sub-sector of the Divisional Sector, relief being completed by 1 a.m.

Battalions are now disposed as follows:-

5th Bn. Line Left  
6th Bn. Line Right  
7th Bn. Support Left  
8th Bn. Support Right.

Artillery - Our artillery was moderately active throughout the period under review harassing enemy's roads and communications. About 9 p.m. a heavy artillery barrage was put down North-East of our Sector.

Aircraft - Our planes were active during the day and had several indecisive encounters. Bombs were dropped on LIETHEM about 11 a.m.

## B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

Infantry - Enemy appears to patrol very little, and the two prisoners captured had a very hazy idea of the direction of our line.

Artillery - Up to about 5 p.m. enemy's artillery was quiet, but after that, became active, shelling being scattered over the Sub-sector.

STRAZELLE came in for a great deal of attention, particularly between 5 and 7 p.m. when shells of all calibres rained on the town. W.50.B. and X.25.A. also received attention. The majority of this shelling came from a S.E. direction.

Throughout the day NORD HILF, MCCLEMMACKER, X.19.C. and W.24. received intermittent shelling.

Roads in W.18. were lightly shelled by 77s and 4.2s from 9-30 p.m. to 10-30 p.m. from direction of OUTERSTELME.

## C. AERIAL.

Hostile aircraft were active throughout the day and at 9-40 a.m. and again at 3 p.m. low flying planes patrolled our lines and on the latter occasion fired 1.3. bullets into our positions without result. Several hostile balloons, among which the following are included were up during the day;

True bearings - 130, 144, 145, and 153 degrees from X.20.A.2,3.

## D. MOVEMENT.

Occasional individual movement only has been observed opposite the Sub-sector.

Movement has been observed at X.25.D.3.4. and X.25.C.3.2.

## E. DEFENCES.

Enemy attempted to improve post at X.26.A.2.7. but was prevented from doing so owing to our Lewis gun fire.

Approximate line of enemy posts runs :- E.3.Cent., E.3.B.5.5., F.1.A.7.2.

At night M.Guns are pushed out in front of this line a short distance. Snipers in houses in F.1.A.10.45. and F.1.A.50.45. cause trouble.

## F. MISCELLANEOUS.

A 77mm battery fires from a point on a true bearing of 163 degrees from X.19.A.5.5. Battery appears to be fairly close up. During bombardment away to the north red and green flares were sent up by the enemy.

## G. IDENTIFICATIONS.

One wounded and one un wounded prisoner of 5 K, 23rd I.R., 12th Divn. ~~was~~ captured in X.25.C. about 12-30 a.m. Both men were returning to the front line with rations, got lost and wandered into our lines.



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The unwounded man is a SILESIAN, 22 years of age and called up in October 1916. He states that there are plenty of trees and artillery in rear. Up to the present batteries have simply been camouflaged and left in the open, but he has heard that defensive positions both for artillery and infantry are being constructed. He states that a red flare is a call for barrage, whilst green means lengthen range.

*W. R. Robinson*  
for Lt CAPTAIN,  
Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.



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2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

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Intelligence Summary No 2

from 6 am. 23/4/18 - 6am 24/4/18

HEADQUARTERS  
24th April 1918

A. OPERATIONS.

Infantry - Patrols operated along the front during the night and maintained lateral communication. Nothing of the enemy was seen or heard.

Artillery - Our artillery was very active during the period under review and has as yet enemy tracks and roads. Houses in E.C.C. and X.26.7. were engaged with good effect, fires resulting at houses in former position. Good shooting on MERRIS was observed and shrapnel burst well over LYNDIE FARM. Counter preparation shoots were carried out.

Machine Guns - Our Lewis guns dispersed a party of the enemy at X.26.A. Central inflicting casualties. Frequent bursts of fire were directed on to X.20.C.C.B. during the night from an advanced Lewis gun position.

Trench Mortars - 20 rounds L.T.L. were fired at building at F.S.C.B.S. direct hits being obtained. A listening post about E.S.C.4.5. was also engaged, 33 rounds L.T.L. being expended. Roads in F.L.A. were subjected to a few rounds of harassing fire. A Machine gun position at X.20.C. B.9. was also engaged.

Our medium T.M.'s engaged targets at .G.D.5.5., .G.C.5.9. and .G.C.1.6. with good results, many direct hits were observed.

Aircraft - Our planes were active during the day, frequently patrolling enemy lines. They were subjected to fairly heavy L.A. and M.G. fire.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

Infantry - Battalions in the line continue to report that the enemy is busy consolidating the positions he now holds and does not appear in any way to be aggressive on our front.

Artillery - Enemy shelling has been scattered and the object appears to be, to harass operations. STRAZILLE has been engaged for apparently destructive reasons. At 7 p.m., the whole forward area was shelled with all calibres. Map showing principal areas shelled and classification attached herewith (Division)

Trench Mortars - 20 rounds were fired on our left flank from X.20.A.2.8.

Aerial - Enemy planes were very active throughout the day and at 12.25 p.m., 2.15 p.m., 3.30 p.m. and 4 p.m., planes flew over FLITRE and forward areas. At 6.35 p.m., 5 planes flew over forward area and dropped bombs. Between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. bombs were dropped in back areas.

Balloons were up as follows :-  
121 deg. magnetic from W.23.A.2.5.  
145 do do do do  
120 do do do X.19.A.2.6.  
106 do do do do

C. MOVEMENT.

At 9.15 a.m., 4 men walking in E.18.A. Cent.  
At 12.35 p.m., 4 men walking along track at F.15.A.1.9.  
At 6.15 p.m., 4 men walking along road at E.11.B.6.5.  
Movement at night opposite the Left section gave our Lewis guns and Snipers opportunities which were taken advantage of.  
At 7.45 p.m., movement at E.6.C.5.2, and E.6.C.4.7, was engaged by our artillery.

D. DEFENCES.

Machine guns at X.20.C.C.9., X.20.L.1.1.



## D. Defences (continued)

Trenches: order at X.23.A.2.8.

no posts suspected at X.23.C.05.10., X.23.C.8.4. and X.23.C.9.7. and locate at E.C.3.4.5.

Enemy attempted work in X.25.3., but this was stopped by rifle grenade fire.

At 1.19.A.5.5., enemy was seen working.

Trench System observed close to L.M.D. E.L.1.

no working party in E.C.3. was engaged by our front line posts and dispersed.

## E. MISCELLANEOUS.

At 6 p.m. men were seen crawling from burning houses at E.C.3.2.6. from their position as no ammunition could be heard exploding.

At 5.15 p.m. a dog attached to a cart, was seen at X.23.C.2.5.

## F. IDENTIFICATIONS.

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## G. OUR WORK.

At 2.5.A.4.5. 60 yards apron wire was created in front of Support post.

Posts are being improved and wiring arrangements are in hand.

*H. F. Watson*

Captain  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.



## Intelligence Summary No 3

From 3 a.m. 24/4/18 - 6 a.m. 25/4/18.

Headquarters  
25th April 1918OPERATIONS.

Infantry - During the night, nucleus posts were dug at E.6.A.6.5. and E.6.A.82.70. Operations were hampered by the light and enemy Machine guns were very active. On the morning of the 24th inst. one of our patrols saw a hostile party of 7. Three of the enemy were shot by our patrol. On investigation last night, the bodies had been taken away, but an enemy rifle was brought in. Our snipers have been active, 12 hits being claimed by the Left section, and good opportunities taken advantage of by the Right section on targets along the railway and at E.5.D.7.4. Liaison patrols maintained lateral communication throughout the night.

Artillery - Our artillery was active during the period under review, harassing enemy roads and communications.

Enemy front systems and houses in E.12.A. were actively engaged by our 18 pndrs whilst MERRIS was shelled by our heavies.

Gas - At 10 p.m., 150 gas projectors were fired on to MERRIS.

Machine Guns - Our Lewis Guns were active, playing on enemy tracks and known occupied positions.

Trench Mortars - Our L.T.M.'s fired 72 rounds on to working parties at E.6.A.6.1., E.6.A.7.4., E.6.C.3.6. and on enemy posts at E.6.C.4.5. and E.6.C.5.2.

Working parties were dispersed and good bursts were observed on the posts.

Our 6" Newtons engaged houses at E.11.B.7.6., E.12.A.2.6., E.6.D.5.5., 35 rounds being expended on these positions with good results.

Outpost at E.11.B.7.4. and known enemy rendezvous at E.4.C.6.2. was engaged, 15 rounds being expended, but owing to fog, results could not be observed.

Aircraft - Our planes were active throughout the period under review and at night bombs could be heard dropping in the enemy's lines.

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

Infantry - Considerable movement opposite the Left section seems to indicate that a relief took place during the night. Consolidation is in progress opposite the sub-sector front, and the Right Section report that the enemy took full advantage of yesterdays fog to continue the work.

Enemy snipers are very watchful, but with this exception, no signs of aggression are shown.

Hostile working parties at F.1.A.2.8. were engaged with bombs and rifle grenades.

Artillery - Noticeably quiet during the morning, but during the evening and night, some barrages were placed across our front. At 9.15 p.m., a barrage lasting 45 minutes of all calibres was placed along the whole of the subsector front and Support Systems. Shelling came from the direction of OUTERSTEINE and MERRIS.

At 2.30 a.m., another barrage was placed across our subsector front and Support Systems. This also lasted about 1 hour. A few gas shells were included.

During the first barrage, support Coy. left section, report that several shrapnel shells were observed to burst within a few feet of the ground and that two shells appeared to have 3 separate explosions after striking the ground in X.19.A.1.1. No sound could be heard from these shells passing through the air, Map showing areas shelled attached (Division)

Aerial - Enemy planes have been active over our lines during the day and at 2 a.m., bombs were dropped in E.4.B.

MOVEMENT.

Enemy party observed wiring in X.26.B. was dispersed by rifle and Lewis Gun fire.



MOVEMENT (Continued)

Individual movement was seen at E.18.E.5.0., E.18.B.7.7., E.18.B.8.0., and E.12.B.5.8. and also along the railway at E.12.A.5.4.

D. DEFENCES

Machine gun at E.6.A.0.3.

Posts at X.26.A.55.40., X.26.A.8.4., X.26.D.8.6., and E.6.A.8.5.

Trench Mortar in house at E.13.A.15.10.

Enemy wiring at E.6.C.10.05.

Working party at X.20.C.7.5. was dispersed by our fire.

What appeared to be a Communication trench was being worked on at E.6.C.8.9. This party was dispersed by 16 pndrs. and rifle fire.

At 10.55 a.m. gun flashes were observed 150 deg. grid from E.5.B.05.70. Shells fell in STRAZELLE and approx. distance 3,000 yards.

Sniper in house at E.5.D.75.45.

E. MISCELLANEOUS.

Fires were observed in METTEREN at 6 p.m.

F. IDENTIFICATIONS.

At about 11.30 p.m. a badly wounded prisoner belonging to 10 K 269 R.I.R. was captured at X.20.C.8.5. This man was carrying English 1" Vory cartridges.

G. WORK.

Wiring of the front posts was made extremely difficult owing to the brightness of the night, but wire is being erected as opportunities occur.

Wire has been erected in front of Support line as follows :-  
100 yards double apron wire at following positions - W.24.A.5.1., W.24.A.6.3., W.24.A.7.4., W.24.B.1.9., W.18.D.2.0., W.18.D.5.6.

In front of STRAZELLE, defences as follows - W.29.B. 300 yards double apron wire.

W.29.A.1.1. to W.29.B.0.6. - 250 yards single apron wire.

W.29.C.0.8. to W.29.C.5.7. - 280 do do do

Support line, X.10.C.5.2. - 100 yards double apron wire was erected  
Improvements were made on trench at E.11.B.1.9.

Deepening and lengthening Strong posts in Support System in E.4. Con E.3.C.8.6. to W.27.C.8.2. - 20 splinter proof shelters and overhead covers are under construction.

*W. Dickinson*  
for Captain  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

LATER - About 7.45 a.m. 25th, one of our planes crashed in W.20.A. Both occupants were killed.

Information from other sources - Line on left of our sub-sector runs approx as follows :- X.20.D.8.8. - X.21.A.0.4. - X.21A.C.9. - X.15.C.0.3. - X.15.C.4.8. - X.15.A.6.4. - X.15.A.8.5. - X.15.B.0.6. - X.15.B.5.5. - X.16.A.0.4. - X.16.C.8.9. - X.16.D.0.8. - X.17.A.0.4. - X.17.A.3.0. - X.17.A.5.9.

I. Enemy is attacking 4th Army today (24th) in the vicinity of VILLERS BRETTONEUX. He is reported to have attacked in full marching order and to have been repulsed with heavy losses.

II. Yesterday after a heavy bombardment, enemy attacked the French and affected a slight penetration towards DRANOUTRE, a counter attack was delivered which resulted in the capture of some prisoners, and in the enemy being driven back beyond his original line.

III. A raid was carried out by the Division on our right last night (23rd) and 24 prisoners taken.

IIII. Our new positions near BAQUEROLLES, North East of ROBEOQ were attacked early this morning (24th). Attack was repulsed and over 30 prisoners taken.

IIIII. While chasing one of our SCOWITH CAMEL machines near CORBIE, on the 21st inst. Capt. Baron Von RICHTOFEN was shot down by the Lewis gunners of an Australian Field Artillery battery. Baron Von RICHTOFEN gained his 80th air victory on the day preceding his death.



from 6 am. 25/4/18 - 6 am. 26/4/18

H E A D Q U A R T E R S  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade  
26th April 1918

## 1. OPERATIONS

- (a) Infantry - Patrols operated along our front during the hours of darkness and liaison patrols maintained lateral communication. Patrol report attached (Division)  
At 11.30 p.m. left post brought fire to bear on the Baths at about X.20.C.8.8. from different points with Lewis Guns, Mills No 36 and 27 (Phosphorous); fire was started and enemy observed scattering. Many casualties were then inflicted by Lewis Guns and No 36's.
- (b) Artillery - Our artillery has been fairly active and good shooting was observed on farms at E.11.B.7.2. and on enemy works at E.6.C.3.7.  
Harrassing fire was carried out during the period under review on enemy's roads and tracks.
- (c) Trench Mortars - Our 3" Stokes had a busy night, 118 rounds being expended on the following enemy posts :-  
E.6.A.6.1., E.6.A.7.4., E.6.C.3.6., E.6.C.4.5., E.6.C.5.4.  
Good shooting was observed on these targets.  
House at F.1.A.10.45. was also engaged.  
At 10.45 a.m. 4 rounds from our 6" Newtons fell on occupied houses at E.12.A.3.6.
- (d) Machine Guns - A number of rounds was expended on low flying plane at 7 a.m.  
Our guns were put to harrassing known enemy tracks and positions.
- (e) Snipers - Our Right section reports that few opportunities were given to our snipers and that enemy was much more careful in regard to movement than previously.  
22 hits are claimed by the Left section, where enemy *was* not so careful.
- (f) Aerial Activity - Our planes were active throughout the day patrolling forward areas.

## 2. IDENTIFICATIONS

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## 3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Enemy artillery has not been so active as during the previous 24 hours and no particularly heavy destructive shoots have been carried out. STRAZHELE Station was intermittently shelled throughout the day.

Squares W.21., W.22., W.27. and W.28., were subjected to heavy shelling at about 9.15 p.m.

Map showing areas shelled attached (Division)

## 4. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Alert but not aggressive.

He continues to attempt to strengthen his positions opposite our sub-sector.

## 5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine guns located at X.29.C.8.5., and F.1.A.3.3. and suspected at X.20.D.1.2.

Posts located at E.6.B.65.35., E.6.B.7.4., F.1.C.0.9., X.27.C.8.1.

E.6.A.6.1., E.6.A.7.4., E.6.C.3.6., E.6.C.4.5. (Summary No 2)

E.6.C.5.4., E.6.C.4.7., F.6.A.4.2. and E.6.A.5.0.

Work has been carried on from F.18.B.1.2. to E.18.D.1.2.;

E.6.D.15.60, E.6.C.4.7. and in X.26.A. and C.

## 6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy planes were active throughout the day and some planes flew low over our right section, firing Machine guns.

Enemy planes with the new ring markings have been observed.

Balloons were up as follows :- 49 deg., 129 deg. true from E.5.A.9.5.



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7. MOVEMENT

Movement was observed at X.26.A.3.4., X.26.C.9.6., and X.25.D.9.7.

Isolated parties entered houses at F.3.A.3.6. and E.6.C.5.9. At 2 a.m. when a fire was observed in the direction of OUTERSTEINE movement showed up and our Lewis guns inflicted casualties.

8. MISCELLANEOUS.


From enemy M.G. Post at F.1.A.3.6. a periscope has been used to observe with.

A 77 battery fired from about F.13.A.1.6. and shells fell short in enemy lines. 2 Flares were sent up, both of which were duds. House at F.1.C.8.9. was set on fire by our heavies.

9. WIRING.

Support	X.19.C.5.4.	150 yards	single apron wire	erected
Front posts	E.11.A.9.6.	20	"	wire erected
" "	E.11.B.3.3.	10	"	" "
" "	E.5.D.5.6.	20	"	" "

Trenches dug and improved at:-  
Support E.4.A.3.2., E.4.B.2.0., F.4.C.9.5., E.4.C.9.9., E.4.C.3.9., W.24.C.8.1. to W.30.A.8.7.

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## Intelligence Summary No 5

from 6 a.m. 26/4/18 - 6 a.m. 27/4/18  
-----Headquarters  
27th April 1918OPERATIONS.

- (a) Infantry - Our patrols were active patrolling the sub-sector front. No enemy patrols were actually encountered, but parties were seen working on post at E.G.C.4.8. and wire has been erected in front of post at E.G.C.5.9. Movement was made difficult owing to the bright night. Liaison patrols maintained touch with flank units. Patrol reports attached (Division)  
Rifle grenades were used to advantage on suspected M.G. post at X.20.D.1.2. (Summary No 4) and enemy has not since fired from that position.
- (b) Snipers - Our Left section claim 7 hits.
- (c) Artillery - Our artillery was active during the period under review and enemy front line, tracks, and rear areas were subjected to bursts of harrassing fire from our 18 pndrs. MERRIS and OUTERSTEENE were engaged by our heavies. Counter preparation shoots were carried out on 3 occasions throughout the night.
- (d) Machine guns - 2,500 rounds were expended in harrassing enemy tracks in F.10., F.2.C., and X.26.A. Lewis guns were active against enemy aircraft.
- (e) Trench mortars - 58 rounds were fired during the night at enemy posts in E.G.A. and C. and house at F.1.A.10.45. Front line posts report that this house which was a snipers post (Summary No 1) was burnt down by our T.M. fire. Our 6" Newtons fired 10 rounds on house at E.5.D.7.4. Result could not be observed.
- (f) Aerial - The inactivity of our planes in forward area was noticeable yesterday.
- (g) Gas - At 12.30 a.m., 200 gas projectors successfully fired on to Fmo. GERBEDORN.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

At 9 a.m. 26th., a prisoner of 7 K 62 I.R. 12th Division was captured in X.20.C.  
One wounded prisoner, who subsequently died, belonging to 12 K 268 R.I.R. 81 Res. Division was captured at X.20.C.8.8. about 2.20 a.m. this morning.  
Papers taken from dead Besche found at about E.G.C.5.8. show him as belonging to 3 K, 63 I.R., 12th Div.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Enemy yesterday appeared to be chiefly concerned in harrassing fire on our Support System, left section and also in counter battery work.

STRAZELLE Railway station was again subjected to destructive fire. Map showing areas shelled attached (Division)

ENEMY ATTITUDE

Enemy continues to be alert, his M.G.'s firing on the least movement.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Sniper was seen in shell hole at X.26.C.40.35.  
Enemy T.M. fired from E.12.A.15.30.  
Post was located at X.26.D.2.3., X.25.D.Cont., X.26.D.1.7. and a trench runs from E.G.A.6.2. through E.G.B.3.7.  
Work has been carried on at X.25.D.8.2. and also on enemy posts previously reported.  
Light wire has been erected at E.G.C.5.9.  
Trench system is reported at about E.18.D.7.4. and about E.18.D.8.1.  
Movement could be seen here.



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6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

M.A. were active throughout the day flying low over our subsector and firing M.G.'s into our posts.

1 plane was often over STRAZELLE Station.

7. MOVEMENT.

1 man walked from house at X.26.D.15.85. to Earth works at X.26.D.1.7. and from there to another house at X.26.D.3.5.

At 2.30 a.m., 20 of the enemy were seen at F.2.A.3.2. standing in front of a fire.

Individual movement at E.6.A.6.2.

Movement was again seen at the Baths about X.20.C.3.8.

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

Whilst our artillery were firing on road and railway from F.11.B.6.6 to E.12.A.3.5. explosions occurred and clouds of smoke were visible.

At 8.15 p.m. double red flares were sent up; they were repeated laterally and in relays to the rear, no apparent action followed.

An 18 pdr. dud fired by the enemy was found by the Right section.

Gun flashes observed as follows :-

8.45 p.m.	128	deg.	grid from E.5.A.9.6.
9.30 p.m.	118	"	"
9.45 p.m.	108	"	"
10.30 p.m.	163	"	"
11.35 p.m.	98	"	"
12.25 a.m.	153	"	"

9. WIRING.Front posts

E.11.B.2.7.	40 yards	barbed	erected
E.6.A.3.3.	10	"	do
( E.11.A.7.5.-	47	coils	do
( W.30.D.9.1.			

Support System.

X.19.C.1.7.	150 yards	single	apron
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Reserve System

W.23.C.8.4.	150 yards	single	apron erected
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INFORMATION REQUIRED.

Information of enemy posts in E.5.D. is wanted.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Approx. line north of our sector runs - Mid way between BAILLEUL and ST JANS CAPPEL, LOGRE, (inclusive to us); mid way between LA CLYTTE and KIMMEL; thence to south VOORMEZELLE to ZILLEBEKE.

A report from the SOMME states that prior to the offensive there, the enemy used prepared shell holes for storage of ammunition.

A successful raid was carried out in E.23.C. (Sheet 36A N.E.) at 2.30 a.m. this morning. 24 prisoners of 221 I.R., 48th Res. Div. were captured, also 1 light M.G.



from 6 a.m. 27/4/18 - 6 a.m. 28/4/18

HEADQUARTERS

28th April 1918

## 1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Infantry - Patrols operated along our front during the hours of darkness, and lateral communication was maintained with flank units.  
Our Left section report that there is a crop about X.25.D.3.5. which is 2½ feet high.  
Enemy could be heard talking in post at X.25.D. Central.  
A patrol was fired on from about X.20.D.2.9.  
A patrol from the Right section report that the enemy was busily engaged working on posts previously reported, opposite this section.
- (b) Sniping - 4 hits are claimed by our snipers. Few opportunities are now given by the enemy.
- (c) Artillery - Was active during the day, placing harassing fire on enemy roads and communications. A house used by enemy snipers at E.11.B.3.0. was completely demolished. MERRIS and METTREN were engaged by our heavies.
- (d) Machine Guns - 750 rounds were fired at enemy planes.
- (e) Trench Mortars - 55 rounds were expended by our L.T.M.'s during the night on known enemy occupied posts and active M.G. positions.  
Harassing fire was placed on road through X.25.C. - F.1.A.  
Our 6" Newton's succeeded in dislodging 4 enemy from M.G. position at E.6.A.7.0. Two of the men were sniped whilst running away.
- (f) Aerial - Our scout planes were fairly active over the enemy lines during the afternoon and artillery planes patrolled enemy front at a low altitude.

## 2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

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## 3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Excepting in STRAZZELE, W.11. W.17.A and B. no heavy concentrations were carried out. Remainder of the shelling was well distributed over the sub-sector. Incendiary shells were used about 8 p.m. and fires caused at W.28.B.7.5. and W.29.B.3.5.  
Map showing principal areas shelled attached (Division).

## 4. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Enemy remains alert and carries on with the strengthening of his positions.

## 5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) Posts located as follows :- X.20.D.2.9., X.20.C.8.5.  
(b) T.M.'s " " " " B.6.C.0.3., E.6.C.5.7.  
(c) M.G.'s " " " " (reported destroyed by premature) E.6.A.7.0. (Reported put out of action)  
(d) Batteries " " " " Enemy battery located firing from between house at F.2.C.9.0. and house at F.8.A.7.9.

## 6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

At 5 p.m. 5 bombs were dropped in vicinity of STRAZZELE Railway Station.  
At 6.20 P.M. 2 planes flew low over our front and then went in the direction of CAESTRE.

## 7. MOVEMENT.

At 4 p.m. 10 men approached house at E.6.C.0.3. by means of depression in the ground; a little later a T.M. fired from this direction.



MOVEMENT (Continued)

3 men carrying sacks left E.11.D.3.4. and went to E.12.C.2.2.

Movement has been observed around posts in E.6.C.

At 10.30 p.m. 4 men entered post at X.20.C.3.5.

2 men who appeared to be mending Signal wires moved from F.2.D.5.9. to F.3.C.2.5.

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

Gun flashes as follows :-

5 p.m. 162 deg. True from X.19.A.4.8.

4.45 p.m. 162 deg. grid from W.23.A.8.5. (battery in X.23)

5.30 p.m. 145 deg. grid from E.5.A.9.6. distance about 2,000 yards

4 a.m. 6 flashes 140 deg. grid from W.30.D.5.1., shells fell in W.30.D., distance 2,500 yards.

On enemy shells dropping short about X.20.A.3.8., single Red flares were sent up on six occasions from this position.

On hostile shells dropping well on to our posts in X.20.C. groups of white flares were sent up by the enemy.

9. WIRING.Front System

E.11.B.0.6.	30 yards erected
E.11.B.2.8.	40 " "
E.5.D.8.7.	50 " "
E.6.A.3.3.	15 " "
E.6.A.7.5.	15 " "

Support System.

X.19.C.2.8. to X.25.A.4.5.	300 yards single apron erected
X.19.C.3.6. to W.24.D.9.4.	250 do do
X.19.C.1.9.	100 do do
E.4.D.6.5.	150 do do
W.23.B.8.2.	150 do do

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The Line north of our Sector as at noon 27/4/18 runs approx :- S.3.Central - M.24.D.4.5. - 28.D.0.0. - 29.B.0.0. - 10.B.5.0. - N.7.D.5.0. - 10.Central - 11.A.0.5. - H.36.C.7.4. - I.51.D.0.0. - 22.D.4.3. - 10.D.4.3. - G.A.0.0. - O.16.B.8.0. (Shoot 28).

Very heavy casualties were caused to the enemy who attacked in Mass formation on 26/4/18 at VOORMIZEELE and RIDGE WOOD. South African troops were responsible for the latter attack. repulsing



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Intelligence Summary No 7

from 6 a.m. 28/4/10 to 6 a.m. 29/4/10.

H Q U A R T E R S  
29th April 1918

1. OPERATIONS

- (a) Infantry - As usual liaison patrols maintained lateral communication between flank units.  
No enemy movement was noticed during the night.  
Patrol report attached (Division)
- (b) Artillery - Our artillery was active during the period under review shelling enemy positions and harassing tracks.
- (c) Machine guns - 4,750 rounds were expended in harassing enemy operations at the following positions: F.1.D.7.6., road-in. X.26.B., F.2.A.75.15., X.26.D.15.55., track and house at F.3.A.75.50.
- (d) Trench Mortars - Our L.T.M.'s fired 26 rounds on to enemy posts at E.6.A.6.1., E.6.A.7.4., E.6.C.3.6., E.6.C.4.5. and E.6.C.5.2. obtaining good bursts on several occasions.  
Up to noon yesterday our 6" Newtons fired 32 rounds on to various targets amongst which the following were included: Centre of activity at E.6.C.6.3. and E.6.D. Central, tracks from E.11.B.7.0. to E.12.A.5.9.  
Registration on various positions, was also carried out.  
Summary No 6, para 1 sub-para (c); 10 rounds were fired later on to the P.G. position at E.6.A.7.0. and although direct hits were obtained, no movement resulted. Apparently this position has been evacuated.
- (e) Snipers - Our Right section claims 7 casualties about E.6.C.3.7.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. N 1 1.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Was active during the day and night, and two barrages were placed on the sub-sector, one being along the 2nd Zone defences in front of BCRRE at 12 noon. The other barrage was at 3 a.m. this morning on the Right Section front posts, and rear roads were subjected to harassing fire at the same time.  
From 3.15 a.m. to 3.45 a.m. W.17.D.4.0. was shelled with gas shells.  
Map showing principal areas shelled attached. (Division)

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Little movement is now seen opposite our sub-sector and the enemy appears to have settled down opposite our front. Our patrols have never encountered hostile parties.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Trench Mortar E.6.C.3.3. (Summary No 6)  
Posts - The work reported in Summary No 4 at E.6.C.3.7. has been apparently completed and a post is now located at E.6.C.30.75  
A post located in trench at E.6.B.05.45.  
Work - Digging observed at F.2.B.4.4.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Between 4.30 and 6 p.m. planes flew low over our sub-sector. They were engaged by our A.A. and M.G.'s.  
Small bombs were dropped about 5 p.m. in E.4.B. and D.

7. MOVEMENT.

At 4.40 p.m. 4 men ran from hedge at X.20.C.9.3. They were fired at by snipers but results could not be observed.  
Movement was seen in trench about E.6.B.05.45.  
Movement could be seen at intervals during the day in E.12.B. and LABIS and LYNDY Farms are centres of great activity.



8. MISCELLANEOUS.

Gun flashes as follows :-

4.30 a.m.	1 flash	146 deg.	grid from E.5.A.9.G.
5.30 a.m.	1 "	143 "	" "
9.30 p.m.	2 "	133 "	" "
9.55 p.m.	1 "	168 "	" "

Either double or single Red flares appear to be enemy's signal to artillery to lengthen range whilst a single green seemsto stop his artillery.

Two parties were observed at intervals leaving trench in E.G.A. and B.; an excessive number of white flares were sent up at 1.30 a.m. This appears to indicate a relief opposite the Right section.

9. WIRING.Front System

E.30.B.0.5.	30 yards	barbed	erected
E.11.A.9.5.	60	do	do
E.11.B.2.8.	30	do	do
E. 5.D.2.2.	100	do	do
E. 5.D.2.5.	80	do	do
E. 5.D.0.8.	20	do	do
X.25.C.2.9.	40	do	do

Support System.

X.19.A.4.7.	8 coils	barbed	erected
W.24.A.9.8.	8	do	do
W.23.C.9.1. -			
W.23.C.7.1.	100 yards	single apron	erected
W.24.D.7.3. P			
W.24.D.3.2.	200	do	do
E.5.C.0.4.	150	do	do
W.29.D.9.0.	200	do	do
{ E.5.C.2.4. -			
{ E.11.A.2.7.-	220	do	do
{ E.10.B.8.4.			

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Information from other sources.

Also taken from enemy dead near TREN recently showed what was apparently to be the objectives of the 38th Division in an attack. The direction of attack was towards GODTARSVELD with approx. objectives as follows :-

1st X.9.A. - R.35.A.  
2nd R.31.E. - R.29.C.  
3rd COME D'S CATS - R.15.A.

The Divisional front was to be about 3 km.

Of the 206 German Infantry Divisions now on the Western Front, 137 have been engaged since 21st March and 19 are of poor quality. There are 14 fresh divisions in reserve and 36 fresh divisions in the line which have not yet been drawn into the battle.

TANKS. - The following is reported regarding the enemy's Tank attack in the recent fighting at VIERSSEN TONNEX on the SOLE Front.

1. The Tanks were heavy slow moving German Tanks. They have a top turret and are armed with 3 light guns (said to be 2 pounders) as well as .G's.
2. German Tanks knocked out 2 British tanks
3. British tank knocked out 1 German tank and dispersed 3 others.
4. British WHIPPETS tanks attacked 3 massed enemy battalions. The casualties inflicted are variously estimated from 400 to 1000. The Whippets returned dripping with blood.



End Aust. Infantry Brigade

APPENDIX XCVI

Intelligence Summary No 8

from 6 a.m. 29/4/18 - 6 a.m. 30/4/18

HEADQUARTERS  
End Aust. Inf. Bde.  
30th April 1918

1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Reliefs - 7th Battalion relieved the 5th Battalion on the Left Section and 8th Battalion relieved the 6th Battalion on the Right section on the night 29/30th inst. Relief was completed without incident by 11.40 p.m.
- (b) Gas - Gas projectors were fired at 1.30 a.m. against enemy positions in W.27.A and B. and MERRIS. Enemy sent up double and single red flares, but no action was taken by him.
- (c) Artillery - Our artillery was again active, shelling enemy positions and known tracks. Between 3.30 a.m. and 4.30 a.m. a counter preparation shoot was carried out.
- (d) Patrols - Liaison patrols maintained touch throughout the night with flanking units. The following information was gained by Left section :- Rifle fire directed on to a patrol from X.20.C.9.4. Sounds could be heard from post at X.20.D.2.9. Sniper fired from about X.20.D.0.8. NO MAN'S LAND was found in good condition. Nothing of the enemy was seen. Enemy did not give our snipers opportunities to claim casualties. 5,250 rounds S.A.A. were expended on known enemy tracks and occupied positions in harassing fire. 11,000 rounds were fired at enemy planes.
- (e) Trench Mortars - Owing to the relief L.T.M. activity was hampered but 29 rounds were expended in harassing enemy posts in E.G.A and C.
- (f) Aerial Activity - Our planes were much more active than usual, repeatedly crossing over into enemy territory, and one E.A. 10 reported driven down by our planes well in rear of his line at 5.30 p.m.

Snipers  
M.G.'s

IDENTIFICATIONS. N 1 1

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Not quite so active as during last few days, and the absence of heavy shells was noticeable in the forward area. Increased activity of 77's is reported. Map showing principal areas shelled attached (Division)

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Remains quiet but alert, and machine guns placed indirect fire on roads and tracks in rear of our front line.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES

- (a) Posts = X.25.D.1.2., X.25.D.4.2., X.25.D.2.5., X.25.D.00.35, X.25.D. 55., X.25.D.55.75., X.20.D.2.9. (Summary 6)
- (b) Snipers = X.20.D.0.8., X.20.C.9.7. and X.20.D.1.1.
- (c) Work = E.12.C.7.7.
- (d) Wiring = X.20.C.9.7.
- (e) Trenches = A Trench is reported at E.12.C.8.7, and is occupied by day. A trench has been located at X.27.B.05.10.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY

Enemy planes were over our lines between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. and again at 5.15 p.m. One plane was brought down behind his lines at 5.30 p.m. by our machines. Balloons were up as follows :- 138 deg., 133 deg., 111 deg., 115 deg., 99 deg., 97 deg., grid from W.25.A.0.5. 140 deg. True from X.19.A.3.9. 104 deg. True from E.5.A.4.6.



## 7. MOVEMENT.

LABIS and LYNDE Farms are again reported as centres of considerable movement.

At 3.40 p.m., 7 men walked along track in a Westerly direction and entered house at X.23.A.2.8.

One man emerged from trench at X.27.B.65.10. and crossed fields to road at F.3.A.8.8.

## 8. MISCELLANEOUS.

Gun flashes as follows :-

8.40 a.m. and 5.25 p.m. 8 flashes at 2 minute intervals 121 deg. grid from W.23.A.8.5. fired from about F.10.D. on to Left sub-sector and appeared heavy calibre.

5.30 p.m. 4 flashes 122 deg. grid from W.23.A.8.5. fired on to Left Sub-sector.

6.40 p.m. 1 flash 107 deg. grid from W.23.A.8.5.

At 6.55 a.m. opposite Right section, a succession of white flares were sent up from the front line and repeated back towards MERRIS.

Road from X.19.C.2.8. through W.24.A. and B. was subjected to bursts of Indirect M.G. fire and tracer bullets were used at intervals.

## 9. WIRING.

Front System

E.11.B.0.6.	30	yards single apron erected.
E.11.B.2.8.	40	do do
E.5.D.2.2.	100	do do
E.5.D.8.7.	20	do do
E.5.D.3.5.	80	do do
E.6.L.6.4.	30	do do
E.C.A.1.1.	30	do do
E.C.A.5.7.	20	yards concertina erected.
W.30.C.9.2.	80	yards single apron erected.

## STRAZEELE Stn.

Defences	220	do do
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Support System

W.20.D.	200	do do
E.5.A.5.4.	50	do do
E.5.A.0.6.	30	do do
E.5.B.3.7.	60	yards double apron erected.

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RETURN NO 1.

Unit.	Establishment			Attached.			Remarks.		
	Off	O.R's	Total	Horses	Off	O.R's		Total	Horses
2nd Aust. Inf Bde Hqrs.	7	23	30	20	8	131	139	4	5th Bn 9 6th Bn 10 7th Bn 1 16 8th Bn 13 D H Q 1 A P C 3 Guard 8 Interp 1 M V S 1 2 D A C 1 Traffic 1 Miscell 10 R.F.A. 1 1 Arty gp 2 Engrs 1 Liaison 4 Y M C A 7
M. Bty	3	45	48						
5th Bn	50	885	935	54	2	1	3		A M C 1 Chap 1 A A P C 1
6th Bn	37	845	882	55	2	4	6	2	A M C 1 A A P C 1 Interp 1 Arm Sgt 1 A V C 1 1
7th Bn	42	765	807	53	1	1	2		A M C 1 A A P C 1
8th Bn	36	850	886	54	2	9	11	8	A M C 1 Chap 1 A A P C 1 A A O C 1 A A S C 7
Sig Sect.	2	72	74	6		20	20		
Total.	177	3485	3662	242	15	166	181	14	

Officers 192  
 Other Ranks 3651  
 Total 3843  
 Horses 256  
 Date 30/4/1918.

*W. H. [Signature]*  
 Captain.  
 Staff Captain.  
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.



2nd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Return of Casualties -----for Month ending 30th April 1918.

Unit	Killed		Wounded		Missing		REMARKS.
	Offs.	O.R's	Offs.	O.R'S	Offs.	O.R's	
5th Battalion.	1	9	-	41	-	-	2/Lieut. J.W.Kerr 26/4/18.
6th Battalion.	2 $\phi$	20	5 $\frac{2}{3}$	59	-	-	$\phi$ Lieut-Col C.W.Daly, D.S.O. 13/4/18. 2/Lieut L.M.Phillips, D.C.M. 14/4/18. $\frac{2}{3}$ Lt J.S.P.Stafford) 14/4/18. Capt R.R.Gibson ) 2/Lt J.E.Arnold 16/4/18. Lt.M.Abson 16/4/18 $\frac{2}{3}$ Lt W.W.Pearse 22/4/18.
7th Battalion.	2 $\phi$	16	3 $\frac{2}{3}$	66	-	-	$\phi$ 2/Lieut G.Trotman 17/4/18. Lt A.P.Meyer $\frac{2}{3}$ Lt K.Purbrick) (16/4/18) Lt H.Nixon ) 14/4/18. 2/Lt R.Anderson 19/4/18.
8th Battalion.	1 $\phi$	35	5 $\frac{2}{3}$	110	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\phi$ Lt.F.L.Gray 17/4/18. $\frac{2}{3}$ Lt C.P.Cook 2/4/18. Lt J.L.Foott 14/4/18. Lt.I.G.Murdach 16/4/ Capt G.T.Lovett 16/4/18. Lt.R.K.Stevenson 16/4/18. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lt.W.R.B.Davis W & M 2/4/18.
2/a L.T.M.Bty.	1 $\phi$	1	-	10	-	-	$\phi$ Lt F.J.Shrampton. Died of wounds 15/4/18.
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W.P.  
 Captain.  
 Staff Captain.  
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED DURING MONTH ENDING 30th APRIL 1918.

Unit.	Officers	Other Ranks.	Remarks.
5th Battalion.	3	79	2/Lieut R.W.Little ) from 2/Lieut J.W.Kerr ) Reinforcements. 2/Lieut W.J.Davies)
6th Battalion.	2	30	2/Lieut J.Robb ) from Rfts. 2/Lieut G.B.Gaut.)
7th Battalion.	2	10	2/Lieut T.V.Harris ) from Rfts. 2/Lieut N.G.Tavener)
8th Battalion.	3	101	2/Lieut J.Kennedy. ) 2/Lieut A.E.Edmonds ) from Rfts. 2/Lieut J.K.Sorrell)
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*H.M. [Signature]*  
 Captain.  
 Staff Captain.  
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.





2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE

DEFENCE ORGANISATION

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HEADQUARTERS  
17th April 19181. Defence Systems.

- (a) The defences of the Brigade Sector will be organised in two Zones -
- (i) The Forward Zone
  - (ii) The Second Zone

- (b) The Forward Zone will be organised in three Systems -
- (i) The Forward System
  - (ii) The Support System
  - (iii) The Reserve System

- (c) The Forward System comprises the present front line posts and its close supports. This system will be regarded as the main line of Resistance and will be preserved intact.

The Support System is a line of posts being constructed on the general line K.2.D.7.7. - E.2.B.7.5. - E.27.D.3.0. - E.21. Central - E.9. Central.

The Reserve System which is in process of construction is on the general line LA MOTTE - E.14. Central - E.8.B. with LA MOTTE and PETIT SEC BOIS as defended localities.

- (d) The Second Zone which is in process of preparation will consist of two systems -
- (i) The Firing Line System of the Second Zone
  - (ii) The Support System of the Second Zone
- The preparation of this Zone is under Divisional control.

- (e) All posts in the Forward Zone will be mutually supporting consisting, where possible, of a front line of posts with a Second line covering the gaps in the forward line. The utmost use will be made of Farm Houses and Cottages by converting them into S.P.'s. Posts will be as far as possible hidden from enemy observation and, if it can be avoided, will not be sited in the open, but behind hedges and in woods. Where a post is situated in a Wood, the undergrowth will be thinned out for at least 100 yards in front to give a field of fire and to prevent the enemy from moving unobserved towards the post. All these systems will be wired as rapidly as possible. It will not be possible to dig the posts more than two or three feet deep, owing to water being struck about that depth, but in order to give the garrisons firm and dry footing, bundles of fascines should be placed in the bottom of the trench.

2. METHOD OF DEFENCE.

- (a) The garrison of the Forward Zone will be distributed in depth, and with the majority of Vickers guns situated in the Support and Reserve Systems for defence in the event of the Forward System being penetrated. All posts will be held to the last and the garrisons will not retire, even though their flanks are turned.
- (b) The Forward System is held with two Battalions each with two Companies in the line and two in Support. The Left Support Battalion and the Right Support Battalion (less 2 Coys) are situated in the Support and the Reserve Systems, with two Companies of the Right Support Battalion in rear of the latter System. In the event of a hostile attack, these Battalions would be used either to man these systems or to Counter attack, as the situation might require, consequently C.O.'s must prepare



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their plans to meet either eventuality and all Officers must be thoroughly familiar with the defences of the Zone and with all routes both forward and lateral. These Battalions will not move from their present locations except on receipt of orders from the G.O.C. the Brigade.

The defence of the Reserve System will be entrusted to the 17th Northumberland Fusiliers Railway Pioneer Battalion and one section from each the 2nd and 3rd M.G. Coy. if no other troops from the Support and Reserve Battalions are available.

In the event of a hostile attack, all working parties in rear of the LA MOURE - SEC BOIS Line will immediately rejoin their units; working parties forward of that line will take up a position in the Support System, reporting to the nearest Officer in charge, who will send back word to Brigade Headquarters.

3. GENERAL.

All men (except runners) moving or working in the Forward or Second Zones, will carry rifles at all times and will be ready to move forward in the event of emergency.

No man will leave his billet or post without permission. Should any man, not on duty, be found wandering, he will be arrested and returned to his unit.

Gas helmets will be worn at all times in the alert position.

*H. F. Carter*

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12	3rd M.G. Coy.
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14	G.O.C.
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Preparation to deal with enemy Attack.

1. Enemy Intention. Information indicates that the enemy intends to attack along the front ERVILLE-BAILLEUL at a very early date.
2. Method of Hostile Attack. The enemy's method of attack during recent operations shows a tendency to avoid attacking in strength on localities which he may expect to find strongly defended and to penetrate through points usually more lightly held. If this method is followed it may be anticipated the strength of his attack as regards this Divisional front will be on the extreme right of the Sector about GRAND SEC BOIS and in the centre about METIERIN BECQUE and up the valley, or on the extreme left of the Divisional Sector. There has been considerable increase in the hostile Artillery on this front. A preliminary bombardment may be expected, it will probably be comparatively short and very intense.

3. Action of Reserve Brigade in event of hostile attack.  
 (a) The 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade is at present the Divisional Reserve. Units are located as under :-

Brigade Headquarters	W.7.B.9.4.
5th Battalion	Q.35.B.2.4.
6th do	W.9.B.0.5?
7th do	W.7.B.2.4.
8th do	W.13.a.4.6.
Nucleus Bn.	W.13.A.4.6.
2AL.T.H.Bty.	W.7.B.2.4.
2nd H.C.Coy. (less 1 Sec)	W.7.B.2.4.
Wagon Lines	P.35.c.0.0.

(b) In the event of a local success by the enemy, the Reserve Battalions of the Brigades in the line will be used to counter attack, but should further assistance be required to restore the situation, the 8th Battalion or 5th Battalion will be employed according to whether the assistance is required on the Right or Left Brigade's Sub-sectors. The 5th Battalion is in direct telephonic communication with 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade Hqrs. and the 8th Battalion with 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. Hqrs. and thence to 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Hqrs. The 5th and 8th Battalions will each detail two runners, one of whom must be a cyclist, to remain at 3rd and 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade Hqrs. respectively for use in the event of the lines being down.

(c) Should the enemy succeed in making a considerable penetration on the front of the Division, the Reserve Brigade will be prepared to carry out a deliberate counter attack as soon as possible.

(i) In the event of a deliberate counter attack being required on the left flank, the 5th and 6th Battalions will attack in the Front line with the 7th Battalion in Support. If the 8th Battalion has not previously been drawn in, this battalion will also be available for the counter attack.

(ii) In the event of a deliberate counter attack being required in the direction of STRAZELLE or to the Right Flank, the 6th and 8th Battalions will attack in the front line with the 7th Battalion in Support. If the 5th Battalion has not previously been drawn in, this battalion will also be available for counter attack.

(iii) The above counter attack formations must only be taken as probabilities as the situation cannot accurately be foreseen, but C.O's must formulate their plans for counter attacks on these lines and arrange details accordingly, being ready at the same time to vary them should circumstances so require.

(d) Units will be prepared to move at all times on twenty minutes notice. On receipt of the warning order, all ranks will 'Stand To' and a mounted officer will be sent at once to Brigade Headquarters. Fighting order with ground sheets and great coat rolled will be worn. 170 rounds S.A.A., one bomb, filled water bottle, and one days iron ration per man will be carried. On receipt of the warning order pack horses and ammunition limbers will be prepared ready to move forward.



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Movement to the assembly position will depend on the situation and the hostile shelling. Roads and well defined tracks should be avoided. If the enemy's fire is heavy, artillery formation will be adopted. Both on the move to the Assembly position and during the actual counter attack, the closest liaison must be kept with units forward, on the flanks and in rear. C.O.'s will detail Officers and B.C.O.'s for this purpose.

It is of the utmost importance during a counter attack that all information regarding the situation should be given to flanking units as well as to Brigade.

During the actual counter attack, touch with flanking units must be maintained.

Full use must be made of Lewis guns during the counter attack by pushing them well forward to give covering fire to the advancing Infantry.

Communication must be maintained whether by runner or visual (lanterns, flags and flappers). A Central station should be established from where messages can be sent to Brigade.

Officers and B.C.O.'s must thoroughly reconnoitre the whole Divisional Area and be familiar with all routes and Assembly positions therein.

(c) The Nucleus Battalion and 2A L.T.M. Coy. will, on receipt of the warning order 'Stand to' and be prepared to move forward if required.

4. A tracing is issued herewith (to Pns. only) showing the dispositions of units in the Divisional Sector.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

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The phases of modern warfare are so varied and its development so rapid that the successive stages are often unconsciously lost sight of. In order to appreciate the system as evolved, it is incumbent on all to often survey the organization as it stood at the commencement of the war, and to carefully watch its growth under the ever varying conditions.

The following notes embodying results of past experience as well as recent innovations have been compiled from various sources and are to be read over by U.O's to their Officers and discussed and then to be passed on by Platoon Commanders to their platoons. It cannot be too strongly emphasised that a wise dissemination of information secures greater unity of action and produces the happiest results.

#### Recent Operations.

- (1) During the recent battle, the enemy has brought up reinforcements at points at which progress is being made so as to outflank the strong points of resistance, rather than the strengthening of the direct attack on such points of resistance.
- (2) In many cases, our troops thinking they have been outflanked by the enemy, have retired. This has occurred, especially in valleys which the enemy has largely employed as avenues of approach. To counter this, valleys should be covered by I.C's and Lewis Guns.
- (3) In the event of a local penetration, the defenders must (a) strengthen the flanks of the gap which the enemy has made; (b) maintain their hold on (not retire from) the tactical localities on either side of the gap; (c) resist attempts to widen it; (d) prevent reinforcements from reaching the enemy, and (e) counter attack on the flank of the salient formed by the enemy's penetration. In cases of such penetration, responsibility rests with the unit commanders on the spot - from brigadiers down to Platoon Commanders - for the use of initiative. They must remember that successful leadership lies in seizing the opportune moment when it occurs. In this connection also neighbouring units must also be assisted by the pushing forward of Lewis Guns, either to the flanks or to the front so as to bring fire to bear on the attacking forces, who it must be remembered do not always attack all parts of the line at the same time.
- (4) The enemy has made great use of his light infantry machine guns which he has pushed forward during the fire fight and thus enabled his infantry to advance under their covering fire. This is to be countered by the employment of similar tactics on the defence, our Lewis Gunners taking full advantage of ground and getting into unlikely places. The Lewis Gunners however, will direct their fire on the advancing infantry, so as to break the attacks and will not concentrate on the enemy's forward machine guns. The remnants of the enemy which then manage to press forward can be easily dealt with.

#### Lewis Guns

Lewis Gunners require more training in the selection of ground and cover. They also need practice in moving over ground, so that the gun team may be able to go forward and take up a position without being seen.

It is very often lost sight of that the equivalent fire power of a Lewis Gun is approximately a platoon, and that when the Lewis Gun can be so employed, the man power of a platoon must be conserved.

Lewis Guns should not be used for sniping, but specially trained scouts should pick off odd men.



- Trench Mortars. These have proved invaluable for barrage work, where there was not sufficient artillery, but their scope is limited on account of difficulties of ammunition supply. The barrage should only be put down when the enemy are seen to be attacking in too large numbers for the infantry to cope with them.
- Rifle Grenades. These have been of great assistance, a very effective barrage being able to be put down at over 200 yards with the new Grenade Cup. As under the conditions prevailing at present, there is a shortage of grenades, their firing should be limited to very definite objectives.
- Rifle. All through the present German Offensive, the rifle has proved itself to be the main weapon of offence and defence. All other arms have been supplementary and auxiliary, and at the stage in a big advance or retreat, where the artillery etc. have been unable to co-operate, the rifle has been paramount. Rapid loading should be practised every day, so that every man should be thoroughly familiar with the working of his rifle and have confidence in it. Rapid firing should seldom be necessary, as well armed, well controlled fire at deliberate rate, should make an almost impassable barrier for advancing infantry. In sudden emergencies (like a rush from a short distance) rapid fire is necessary. fleeting opportunities should also be taken advantage of by Lewis Guns and Snipers. S.A.A. is more easily carried about than any other Ammunition.
- Ammunition. No man should fire a shot unless there is a chance of hitting the target. Ammunition is hard to replace, therefore it should not be wasted. The supply of ammunition can be replenished from casualties and where possible, a reserve made.
- Patrolling. This must be carried on more vigorously than ever, especially at dusk and before dawn and more particularly during a fog or mist. When an attack is imminent, patrols should be sent out for a short time to likely places of Assembly. If the patrol does not report back within a reasonable time, another patrol should be at once sent out and display great caution. In heavy bombardments when the visibility is low, patrols must be sent out at stated intervals to ascertain if enemy is assembling. These patrols should be small as they are not fighting units and are liable to suffer casualties through shelling. During fogs, the ground in front of our wire should be constantly patrolled. In recent operations, the enemy approached our wire and cut it without being seen. Offensive patrols must be given definite objects.
- Observation Posts. No Commander from a platoon Commander upwards should rely exclusively on their units for sending them information but should be in a position where they can observe the course of events themselves or be in close touch with an officer who is so observing, the former is preferable. By this means, situations arising suddenly can be effectively dealt with on the spot, whereas, by waiting for information which may never come, opportunities may be lost.



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Reliefs.

At the present moment, it must be realised that reliefs will not follow as regularly as in the case of Trench warfare. Units must be prepared to remain in the firing line continuously, or on being relieved, to be immediately thrown in again if the necessity arises. No one knows better than the higher commands that men are more efficient fighters after periods of training and rest, but the present crisis overrides all other considerations and it, therefore, behoves everyone to hang on and take the strain.

Care of men

All unit commanders, especially at the present time, must see that all men are properly equipped. Particular attention must be paid to their feet, and necessaries, such as well fitting boots, socks etc. must be supplied as soon as required. On the move, these matters are apt to be overlooked and result in the end, in a diminution of fighting strength by evacuations.

Every man must keep himself fit at all times. He must realise that, if through his own negligence he is evacuated, it entails extra work and extra fighting and extra casualties among his comrades. It should be a point of honor with every man to keep fit.

Application of New Ideas.

Attention has already been directed to the ever varying conditions of modern warfare. Officers and N.C.O's should make it a point of making themselves acquainted with any new development in methods and by observation and interrogation ascertain what is advantageous for themselves to adopt. They should in particular, carefully watch any new line of departure on the part of the Hun, and devise ways and means of circumventing him. They need not, however slavishly follow him, which would be a confession of inferiority, but should, from the lessons learnt in every fight, gain knowledge which may subsequently be ~~creatively~~ <sup>creatively</sup> applied, in outwitting the Huns.

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Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade



## DEFENCE ORGANIZATION



Reference Sheets 27 S.E. & 36A N.E.  
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1. The 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade will be responsible for the organization, preparation and defence of the Front and Support Systems of the Forward Zone together with the defended locality of STRAZELLE.  
The 1st Aust. Pioneer Battalion is detailed as the garrison for the Reserve System in the Forward Zone, and the 17th Northumberland Fusilier Railway Pioneer Battalion as garrison for the Second Zone.
2. The inter-battalion boundary has been altered and now runs from X.25.C.3.C. - W.29.B.95.30. - W.23.C.4.1. - W.22.C.9.1. along STRAZELLE - BORRE Road (inclusive to Left Battalion) to BORRE.
3. The Battalions in the line will each have three Companies in the front line and one Company in Support. The Support Battalions will each have one Company in the Support System, and three Companies in or forward of the Reserve System of the Forward Zone. These Companies will be available for counter attack or for manning the Support System and the STRAZELLE defences.
4. Definite garrisons will be told off for the manning of the posts in the Support System and STRAZELLE defences. The garrison of each post should as far as possible, consist of one platoon. C.O.'s of Support Battalions in allotting garrisons must remember that their Battalions or portions of them may be called upon to Counter attack. Skeleton manning of posts in the Support System and STRAZELLE defence will be practised. All Officers and N.C.O.'s will take part in these in turn.
5. On a general attack being made by the enemy, platoons will move on receipt of orders from brigade (or in case of emergency C.O.'s may issue necessary orders) to the posts to which they are allotted. Each man before moving will be provided with 220 rounds S.A.A.
6. The Brigade Nucleus Bn. will, if required, be called upon to man the Second Zone in conjunction with 17th Northumberland F.P.R. Bn. All officers and N.C.O.'s will therefore reconnoitre this System. The C.O. will arrange with C.O. 17th N.F.P.R. Bn. as regards allotment of posts, endeavouring as far as possible for each unit to occupy alternate posts, so that in the event of either unit being ordered to move forward, a considerable gap will not be left in the line.
7. C.O.'s will thoroughly reconnoitre the whole of the defences in question, and will forward by 5 p.m. on 24th inst., sketches showing their present dispositions and proposed dispositions in the event of a hostile attack.
8. A tracing showing defences of Front and Support Systems and STRAZELLE defences will be forwarded to units concerned.
9. A c k n o w l e d g e.

H. F. *Carton*

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Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.



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12	2nd A.L.T. Bty.
13	1st Aust. Division
14	1st Aust. Inf. do.
15	3rd Aust. Inf. do.
16	92nd Brigade
17	1st L.C. n.
18	1st Aust. Pioneer Bn.
19	17th Northumberland F.P.R. n.
20	G.C.C.
21	Brigade Major
22	Staff Captain
23	Ad. Int. Officer
24-25	Spares



2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

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APPENDIX CHEADQUARTERS  
27th April 1918DEFENCE ORGANISATION  
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## Movement of Brigade Transport Group.

1. In the event of a westerly movement being ordered, the following general instructions will remain in force for every days move.
  - (a) First Line transport of Battalions will be divided into 2 Echelons 'A' and 'B' Echelons.  
 'A' echelon will remain in present lines (V.15.D.2.3.) under an Officer to be detailed by Brigade Transport Officer and will comprise S.A.A. limbers, Grenade limbers, Lewis Gun limbers etc.  
 'B' echelon will be prepared to move Westward by prescribed routes immediately on receipt of move order.
  - (b) Brigade Transport Officer will be responsible for the complete traffic control of the routes allotted to transport of Brigade Group. For this purpose, he will at once reconnoitre route and arrange for all spare 1st line transport men to be posted as 'Traffic Control' at selected stations before the Group moves. The number of men available for this purpose to be notified to Brigade Headquarters by 6 p.m. on 27/4/18.
  - (c) Directly 'A' echelon is assembled, the Officer in charge will notify Brigade Headquarters by runner that his unit is complete.
  - (d) 'B' Echelon is to be in a position to move one hour after Zero hour.
2. The following are the detailed arrangements for the first days move.
  - (i) First stage transport areas are allotted ~~for the~~ as follows-  
 Right Brigade Group Transport. Railway from U.19.A.5.2. to U.15.D.7.4. - road from U.15.D.7.4. - U.8.B.6.6. - U.7.B.2.3. - T.18.C.8.9. to U.19.A.5.2.
  - (ii) Route 'A' for Right Brigade Group. Road BORRE - L'HOFFAND - V.22.D.0.0. - V.21.C. & D. - V.20.D. & A. - V.14.C. & A. - V.7.D.8.1. - V.13.B.A. & C. - U.17. - V.16.B. & A. to area.
  - (iii) Transport columns will join proscribed routes at the point nearest to their present transport lines in accordance with the attached march table which is to be in possession of the Transport Officer of each unit.
  - (iv) Main lorry routes, roads in P.35.D., V.6.A. & F., V.10.D., V.11.C. & V.18.A., C. & D., V.13.C & D. will be avoided.

## 3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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11	2nd Field Ambulance
12	2nd H.G. Coy.
13	3rd Coy. A.A.S.G.
14	Brigade Transport Offr.
15-22	T.O's of Bde. Transport Group
23	Brigade Major
24	Staff Captain
25-30	Spars



1st Stage 'B' Echelon.

Unit	S.P.	Time From Zero hour	From	To
3rd Coy A.A.S.C.	V.7.D.8.1.	1 hr 15 min.	V.8.A.1.8.	1st Stage Area
Bde. Hqrs. Transport)				
5th Bn.	"	1 hr. 40 min.	V.15.D.2.3.	do
6th Bn.	"			
7th Bn.	"			
8th Bn.	"			
2nd Field Coy.	"	2 hr.	V.15.D.2.5.	do
2nd M.G. Coy.	"	2 hr. 10 min	V.16.C.2.8.	do
2nd Field Ambulance	"	2 hr. 15 min	V.21.D.8.3.	do

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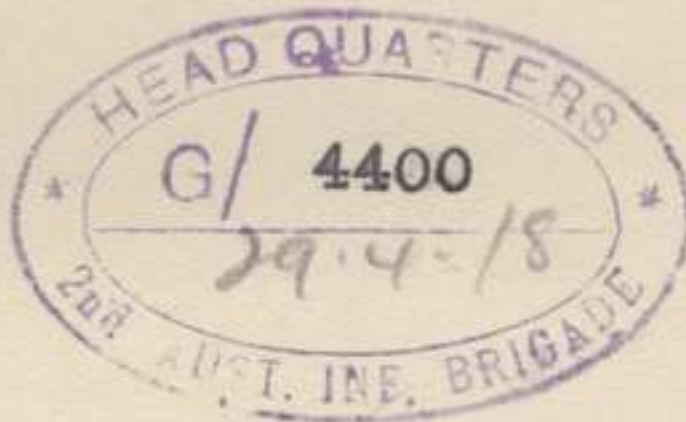


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2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade  
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2nd M.G. Coy.  
Bde. Nucleus Bn.  
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DEFENCE ORGANIZATION.  
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1. In order to ensure that there will be an ample ammunition supply in all defensive systems an additional amount of 100 rounds per man for garrisons detailed to each strong point locality will be placed in prepared receptacles within the defences.
2. In addition to this 3,000 rounds per Lewis Gun and 5,000 rounds per Machine Gun will be placed in gun positions, and arrangements will be made to ensure that this ammunition is protected against weather.
3. A sufficient supply of rifle grenades will be placed in all posts.
4. A sufficient reserve of S.A.A. will also be provided for each defended locality.
5. These instructions will be put into force without delay, the ammunition being drawn from the Brigade dump and reports will be rendered as soon as completed. A detailed statement of amount of ammunition so deposited and the points of its distribution will be kept by each unit and formation to facilitate handing over on relief.

Sgd. H.F.WATSON Captain  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.



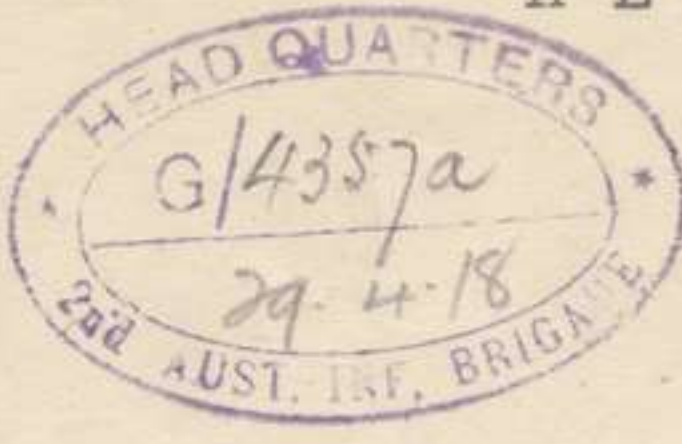
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HEADQUARTERS  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade  
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- 2nd A M.G. Coy.
- Nucleus Bn.
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DEFENCE ORGANIZATION.

1. With Reference to Defence Organization G/4357 paragraph 1 dated 23rd April 1918, the distribution of the 1st Australian Pioneer Battalion and the 17th Northumberland Fusilier Railway Pioneer Battalion as nucleus ~~Battalions~~ ~~garrisons~~ to the Reserve System of the 1st Zone and of 'A' Line of the 2nd Zone is cancelled.

2. In order to secure unity of Command and to distribute the nucleus ~~Battalions~~ ~~garrisons~~ in depth in each case, the 17th Northumberland Fusilier Railway Pioneer Battalion will occupy as Nucleus garrisons the Reserve System of 1st Zone and 'A' line of 2nd Zone in Right Brigade Sector, and 1st Australian Pioneer Battalion will occupy the same Systems in the Left Brigade Sector.

The affect of this redistribution will be that in the event of ~~ex~~ a general manning of the Defence lines there will be definite nucleus ~~Battalions~~ ~~garrisons~~ in each of these two systems under a definite Command in each Brigade sub-sector.

3. The 1st Australian Pioneer Battalion will garrison and prepare the defended localities of ROUGE CROIX and FLETRE. The 17th Northumberland Fusilier Railway Pioneer Battalion will provide the garrison of the defended locality of PRADELLES and will prepare ~~the~~ defences of this locality.

Three companies of each Battalion will occupy the reserve system of the forward zone, including the defended localities allotted, and one company 'A' line of Second zone. One platoon will be detailed to each post in the Reserve system and not less than one section to each post in 'A' Line of Second zone.

4. 2nd Brigade Nucleus Battalion will remain responsible for the defence of BORRE.

Sgd. H.F. WATSON Captain  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade



SECRET

COPY No. 2

ACTION of the COUNTER-ATTACK BATTALION in the EVENT of a BREAK THROUGH.



Reference Sheets 27 S.E. & 36A N.E. 1:20,000

- 1. The Reserve or Counter-attack Battalion is situated in Squares W.21, C & D., W.26., W.27. and E.3.
2. In the event of a penetration of our lines, the function of the Battalion will be to deliver a counter-attack according to the situation, re-establish the position and, unless definite objectives have been given for the counter-attack, take advantage of the disorganisation of the enemy consequent on our success and seize points of tactical value.
3. The main enemy attack, so far as the Brigade sub-sector is concerned, is expected to come across the low lying ground between the FORET DE NIEPPE and STRAZEELE with the object of turning our Right flank and capturing the high ground on which STRAZEELE is situated.
4. A frontal attack may be made by the enemy against the village of STRAZEELE.

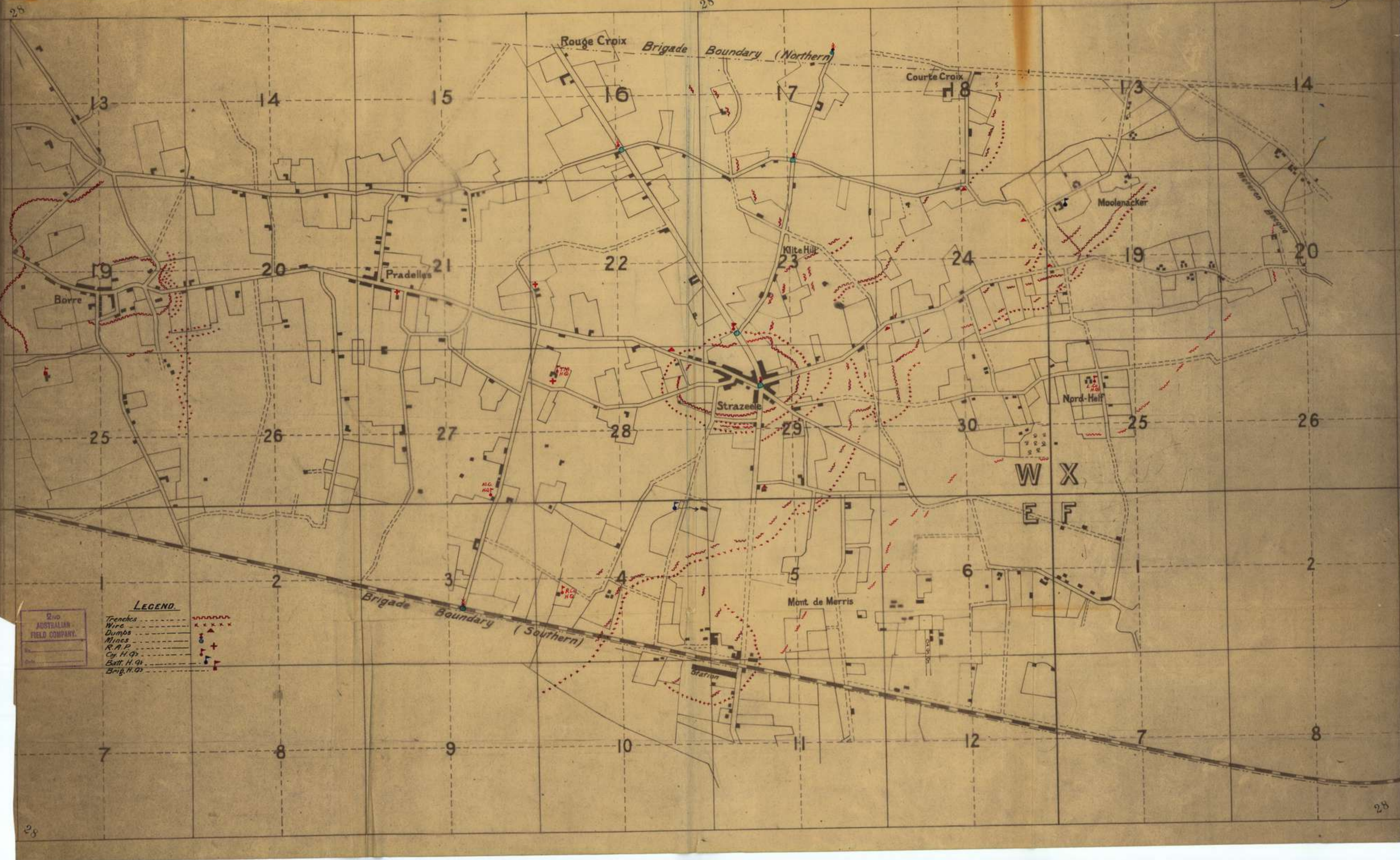


- (5) A hostile penetration may be effected up the low ground on both sides of the METEREN BECQUE between the ridges on which STRAZEELE and METEREN are situated. In this event, a counter attack across KLITE HIL would be necessary probably in conjunction with the Brigade on our Left.
- (6) Every effort should be made to launch the counter-attack as quickly as possible before the enemy has had time to re-organize and while our elements are still holding out. Should this be possible, no artillery assistance could be given or would be required; but should the counter-attack be delayed, arrangements have been made for the artillery to assist in whichever form of attack mentioned above is required by the situation. This artillery assistance would consist of a barrage placed just in rear of, or on our original front line, unless the enemy's position was clearly indicated, in which case the artillery would act on orders from Brigade.
- (7) As soon as the line had been re-established, both the Line Battalions and the Counter-attack Battalion would be re-organized and if the situation permitted, the latter Battalion would be withdrawn and be ready for a further effort if required.
- (8) Close liaison work between units is absolutely essential for successful counter-attack work and it is most important that all information should be sent to Brigade by all concerned so that prompt action may be taken.
- (9) The greatest success will be achieved both in the defence of the Line and in counter-attacks, if these are necessary, by all units however large or small, holding out to the last whether surrounded or not. To the last means until no one is left.
- (10. Acknowledge.

*H. F. Watson*  
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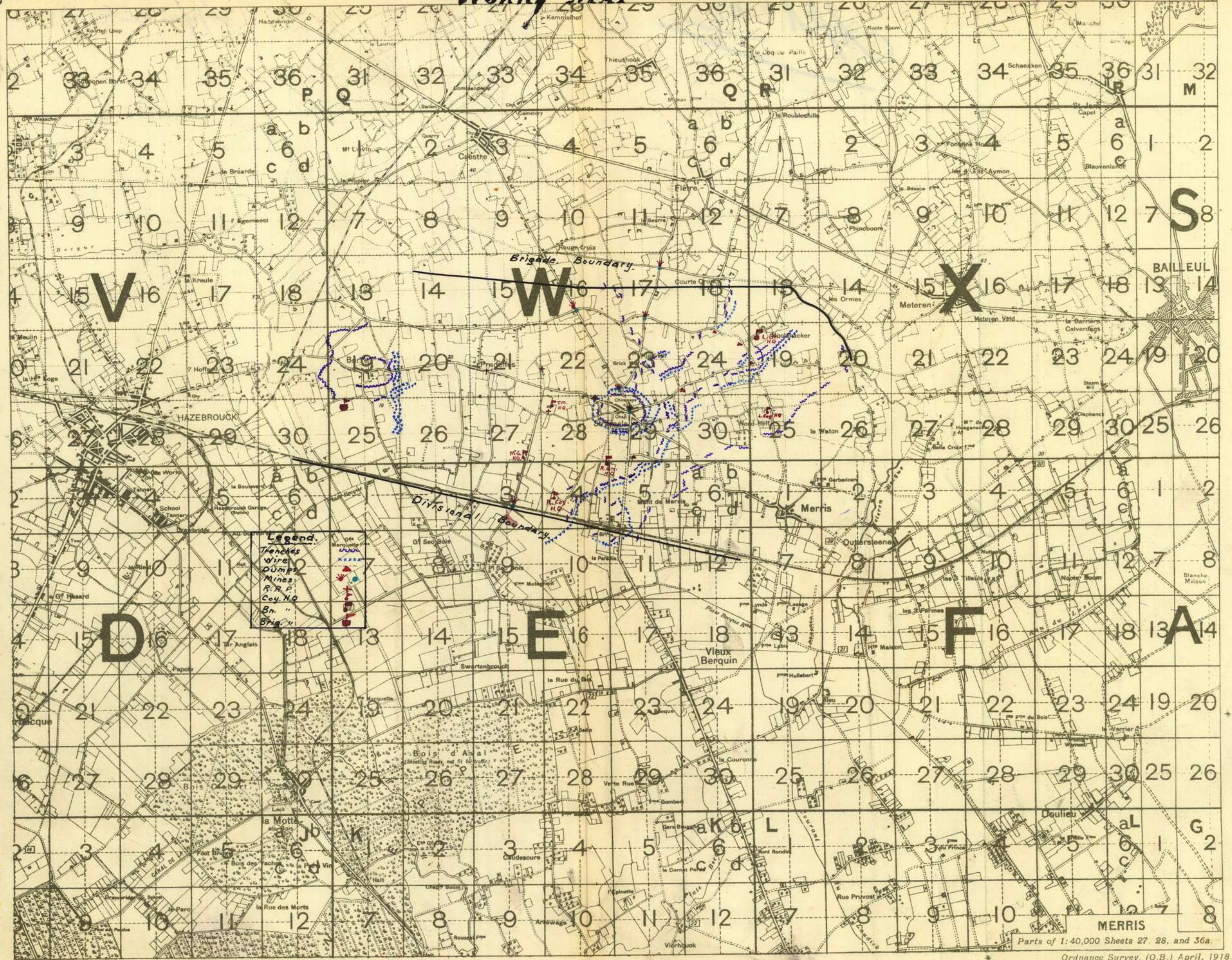


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