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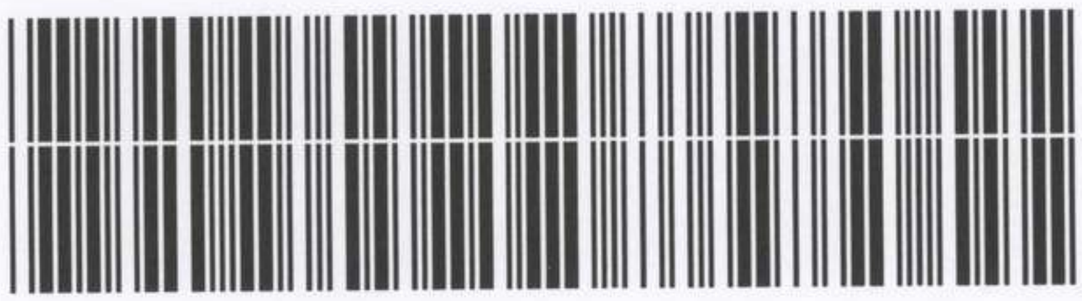

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OF

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

FOR

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Place	Date	Hour	Reference Map Sheet 62 D. 1/40,00. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918 June.			
ALLONVILLE HEILLY	1st to 5th 5th/6th.		Brigade in Divisional Reserve. On night 5/6th June, the 7th A.I. Brigade relieved the 5th A.I. Brigade in the Right Brigade Sub-Sector. Relief completed without incident. Dispositions as under :-	App. 1.
			Brigade Headquarters - HEILLY, J.1.c.80.15. 25th Battalion - - J.16.b.6.9. Support. 26th Battalion - - J.21.c.4.5. Reserve. 27th Battalion - - J.22.d.2.4. Line Right. 28th Battalion - - J.17.b.3.8. Line Left. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty - - J.22.d.0.5. Line.	
			See Brigade Order No.186.	
	6/7th		On night 6/7th July, the 25th Battalion took over a portion of the Brigade frontage between 27th and 28th Battalions. On completion, Battalions were disposed as under :-	App. 2.
			'A' Battalion - - Line Right, 27th Battalion.- 'B' Battalion - - Line Centre, 25th Battalion. 'C' Battalion - - Line Left, 28th Battalion. 'D' Battalion - - Reserve, 26th Battalion.	
			See Brigade Order No.187. These dispositions were arranged for the purposes of an attack on the enemy system opposite our sector.	
	7/10th		During this period the Brigade was very busy preparing for an attack on the enemy positions with the object of improving our position between SAILLY_LAURETTE and MORLANCOURT. In conjunction with this operation, the 4th Australian Division arranged to advance their Left flank to join up with the Right of our new front. The 6th A.I. Brigade (on our Right) arranged to carry out two raids. For this operation, Brigade Order No.188 was issued with Administrative Arrangements, Addendum No.1. - Zero hour, and Addendum No.2. - Artillery Support. The attack commenced at 9.45 p.m. on 10th June 1918, and proved highly successful. For Brigade Order No.188, Full Report on Operation, Special Report by the G.O.C., on the excellent way in which the attack was carried out and the valuable assistance rendered by the Artillery, Machine Gun, Trench Mortar, and Pioneer Battalion, Dispositions of Troops prior to and after attack - Prisoners and Material captured - See ~~Ex~~ Appendix No.3.	App. 3.

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			On the days succeeding this attack, much hard work was done by the men in the consolidation of the newly captured positions, and the construction of communication trenches, strong points, machine gun positions etc. in order to thoroughly defend the sector against any enemy counter-attack.	
HEILLY	13/14th		An adjustment of the Inter-Brigade boundary was made on night 13/14th June, this Brigade taking over a portion of the 6th A.I. Brigade front. See Brigade Order No.189. Orders issued for the construction of a well-dug and continuous front line, and the wiring of same.	App. 4.
FRECHENCOURT	14/15th		Brigade relieved in the Right Brigade Sub-Sector by 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade, and moved into Divisional Reserve. On completion of relief, dispositions were as follows :-	App. 5.
			Brigade H.Q. — FRECHENCOURT Chateau. 25th Battalion — J.13.c.4.9. 26th Battalion — C.19.c.9.1. 27th Battalion — I10.c.8.8. 28th Battalion — I.4.a.4.2. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty — C.26.a.5.3. (Wood)	
			See Brigade Order No.190.	
ALLONVILLE	15th.		Brigade (less 26th Battalion) moved by march route to ALLONVILLE Area, the Division being in Corps Reserve. The 26th Battalion remained in its present position in the vicinity of FRECHENCOURT. On completion of move, the dispositions of units were as under :-	App. 6.
			Brigade H.Q. — ALLONVILLE Chateau. 25th Battalion — BOIS DE MAI, H.Q. at G.12.a.5.7. 26th Battalion — FRECHENCOURT, C.19.c.9.1. 27th Battalion — BOIS DE MAI, H.Q. at H.1.a.1.2. 28th Battalion — CARDONNETTE, H.Q. at Billet No.17.	
			See Brigade Order No.191.	
	16/18h		During these few days the 25th and 27th Battalions and 7th A.L.T.M.Bty were bivouaced in the BOIS DE MAI near ALLONVILLE. The 28th Battalion were in billets in CARDONNETTE. Insufficient trench covers were taken over from the outgoing unit to provide cover for the troops in the Wood. The troops were therefore not as comfortable as they may have been. Trench Shelters and coverings were immediately requisitioned for, but it was some days before sufficient to accommodate these units, was forthcoming. For the first three or four days in/	

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ALLONVILLE	June 16th/18th		in this area, the men were well rested. Reorganization and re-equipping was proceeded with.	
	19th.		Major J.E. LEE, M.C., Brigade Major, proceeded on leave in France. Captain J.J.L. McCALL, G.S.O. 111, 2nd Australian Division, took over duties of Brigade Major.	
			Instructions in amplification of Defensive Instructions No.34 issued. Duties of Units in the event of the Brigade having to act defensively or offensively while Division remained in Corps Reserve.	App. 7.
	20th.		Inspection of 26th Battalion at FRECHENCOURT by G.O.C. Turnout - excellent. Strength on parade, 40 Officers and 867 other ranks.	
	21st.		25th Battalion inspected at ALLONVILLE by G.O.C. Strength on parade, 26 Officers and 679 other ranks. Turnout - excellent.	
			28th Battalion inspected at CARDONNETTE by G.O.C. Strength on parade, 31 Officers, and 550 other ranks. Turnout - excellent.	
			7th A.L.T.M.Battery inspected at ALLONVILLE by G.O.C. Strength on parade 4 Officers and 60 other ranks. Turnout - excellent.	
	22nd.		27th Battalion inspected at ALLONVILLE by G.O.C. Strength on parade 35 Officers and 626 other ranks. Turnout - excellent.	
			A marked feature in connection with the above inspections by the G.O.C., was the exceedingly smart turnout of all units on these parades. They were all the more praiseworthy in view of the fact that the Brigade had completed a fairly long tour in the line, and fought a hard and successful battle.	
	24/25th		G.O.C. proceeded to BOULOGNE and returned ~~same~~ Next day.	
			P.T. & B.F. School assembled at Brigade H.Q. 1 Officer and 4 N.C.Os per Battalion. See Brigade memo 288/371 of 23rd inst.	App. 8.

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GLISY.	June 26th.		Brigade relieved the 10th A.I. Brigade in Reserve to 3rd Australian Division. On completion of relief, dispositions of units were as under. Brigade H.Q. Chateau, GLISY. 25th Bn. H.Q. N.28.b.3.5. 26th Bn. H.Q. N.34.d.8.5. 27th Bn. H.Q. N.22.a.9.0. 28th Bn. H.Q. N.23.a.9.1. 7th A.L.T.M.B. BLANGY-TRONVILLE, Billet No.7. See Brigade Order No.192.	App. 9.
	27/28th		On night 27/28th June, the Brigade relieved 11th A.I. Brigade in the Right Brigade Sub-Sector of 3rd Aust. Divisional front. Relief completed without incident. Dispositions of units on completion were as follows :- Brigade H.Q. 25th Bn. 0.28.c.8.5. Line Left. 26th Bn. 0.28.c.8.5. Line Right. 27th Bn. 0.26.c.9.3. Support Left. 28th Bn. 0.26.c.9.3. Support Right. 7th A.L.T.M.B. 0.27.c.1.4. Line. See Brigade Order No.193.	App.10.
	30th.		Brigade still holding Right Brigade front of 'A' Division Sector, Australian Corps.	

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During the period under review, with the exception of a few wet days, much fine summer weather was experienced. This enabled a great deal to be done for the comfort of the troops, without any great difficulty.

From the 1st to 14th June, the Brigade performed a tour of duty in the line on both sectors of the Divisional front, and a few days in Divisional Reserve. On the 10th June, it carried out a very successful attack on the enemy front system opposite our sector. This resulted in the capture of a large number of prisoners and material, and is fully reported on in the Diary appendices.

Prior to this attack, every endeavour was made to maintain the high moral standard throughout the Brigade, to increase the comfort of the men, and to fit them for their strenuous task. Bathing was regularly carried out and changes of clean clothing obtained. Canteen supplies were kept going, and the valuable assistance rendered by the Y.M.C.A. representative of this Brigade was much appreciated. An issue of comforts from the Australian Comforts Fund (including Tobacco, Cigarettes, Tinned Fruit, etc.) was also received a few days prior to the above mentioned attack.

While the Brigade was in the forward area, about 20% of personnel of Battalions and Trench Mortar Battery, which had already been withdrawn and formed into what is termed 7A Nucleus Battalion, continued to remain out of the line, and was stationed at BERTEAUCOURT. For administration, rationing etc. this unit (amongst like units of other Brigades in this Division) was under the orders of O.C., 2nd Australian Division Reinforcement Wing. The personnel of 7A Nucleus Battalion were frequently exchanged with officers and men doing duty in the line. This system of a few days rest for hard worked and tired officers and men is excellent, and much appreciated by Battalion Commanders. The work of the personnel of 7A Nucleus Battalion mainly consisted of training in all duties appertaining to modern warfare. This formation dispersed on the Brigade moving back into Corps Reserve, and personnel rejoined their respective units.

During the above tour in the line, the transport of Battalions was brigaded and placed under the control of the Brigade Transport Officer. The Rear Headquarters of units in the line were also established in the vicinity of the Brigade Transport lines, and communication maintained by telephone and runners. Provision is always made at units rear headquarters

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for the accommodation of, and attention to sick men from Battalions in the line. Cases of minor sickness not of such a serious nature as to warrant evacuation, are visited and treated daily by medical officers from the Medical Sections of the Division.

From 15th to 25th June, the Brigade was in Corps Reserve (less 1 Battalion which remained in the Divisional Reserve area). While in this locality a general refitting and cleaning up within the Brigade was proceeded with. The men were well rested during the first two or three days. A system of organised training was carried out, and the newly arrived reinforcements, as well as the older members of the Brigade, gained much experience in ceremonial drills, Company and Battalion parades, etc. and also specialist training. Blankets and packs were brought up from the pack store and reissued. A daily supply of beer for the troops was arranged by Divisional H.Q. In the distribution of this, the 7th Field Coy A.E., 7th A.M.G.Coy, and 7th Aust. Field Ambulance were included. Sports were indulged in, and to help along with this, cricket gear was received from the Australian Comforts Fund. A programme of Brigade Sports was arranged, but owing to the move of the Brigade, this could not be carried out.

During the period, the Brigade Concert Party and Orchestra were brought up from BOULOGNE, and entertained the troops for several nights. On the opening night of the Concert Party, the Corps and Divisional Commanders and other Staff Officers were in attendance.

LEAVE. English leave continued to be granted on a restricted basis, this Brigade receiving 21 vacancies for the month of June.

Leave to PARIS and other places in France has been granted at the rate of 1 Officer and 6 other ranks every 15 days.

From 15th to 25th June, a motor lorry was placed at the disposal of the Brigade to convey officers for one days' leave to ABBEVILLE - allotment 10 per day.

HONORS AND AWARDS. For acts of gallantry and meritorious service, the following honors were conferred on members of this Brigade

DSO	1
MILITARY CROSS - -	4
BARS TO MILITARY CROSS -	3
MILITARY MEDALS-	35
DCM	7
BAR TO MM	2

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			On the 26th instant the Brigade moved to forward area, and took over in the line on the night 26/27th June 1918.	
			The Brigade Records kept at G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon, ROUEN, were inspected for the first time and found to be in good order. It was decided however, that these records require watching, and that an inspection be made every three months.	
			During the month, the Brigade efforts in an economic direction, resulted in the following :-	
			Paper and Cardboard salvaged during the month :- Paper 1538 lbs. Cardboard 683 lbs.	
			Solder returned to Railhead 462 lbs.	
			Dripping returned to Railhead 1,619 lbs.	
			Salvage valued at £1,498. 15. 9d.	
			The total number of prisoners, and a statement of war material captured during the month is shown in Appendix 13.	
			Strength State as at 30th June 1918 - see Appendix 11.	
			Casualty State for month of June 1918 - see Appendix 12.	

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

FOR

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Order No.186.

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Headquarters,
June 4th 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62 D, 1/20,000.

1. The 5th A.I. Brigade will be relieved in the Right Brigade Sub-sector of the Divisional front on the night 5th/6th June as follows :-

(a) The 6th A.I. Brigade will take over temporarily that portion of the front between the present inter-brigade boundary and K.13.b.2.8.

(b) The 7th A.I. Brigade will take over the remainder of the Right Brigade sub-sector in accordance with attached table.

2. On completion of relief:-

(a) The inter-brigade boundary will be temporarily altered to run from K.13.b.2.8. to J.12.central, then West along old boundary.

(b) The Right line battalion will hold the front from J.30.c.9.9. to K.19.a.8.7.

(c) The Left line battalion will hold the front from K.19.a.8.7. to K.13.b.2.8. (the bend at K.19.a.9.7.inclusive).

3. (a) Aeroplane photographs, marked maps, defence schemes, works policy, and trench stores will be taken over on relief. Copies of receipts given will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within 24 hours of completion of relief.

(b) The duties and dispositions of the Reserve Brigade units will be handed over to the 5th A.I. Brigade units.

4. (a) Advance parties for the line battalions will be sent forward 24 hours beforehand.

(b) Troops of the incoming units will not pass the ridge running East and West through J.16.c.& d. before 10 p.m.

(c) Subject to the terms of this Order, details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.

5. Administrative instructions will be issued separately.

6. (a) Completion of relief will be wired in B.A.B. Code to Brigade H.Q.

(b) On completion of relief, Command of the Right Brigade Sector will pass to the G.O.C., 7th A.I. Brigade.

7. Brigade Headquarters will close at FRECHENCOURT at 9.30 pm June 5th, and open at HEILLY at the same hour.

8. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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[illegible] to :-

1. [illegible]th Bn.
2. 29th Bn.
3. [illegible]th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th AI.TMB.
6. 5th A.I.Bde.
7. 6th A.I.Bde.
8. 13th A.I.Bde.
10. 2nd Aust.Div. A.Q.
11. 2nd A.M.G.Bn.
12. 2nd Aust.D.A.
13. 7th Field Coy.
14. 6th Field Amb.
15. 7th A.M.G.Coy
16. 17th A.A.S.C.
17. Right Bde Liaison Officer.
[illegible] " " "
19. G.O.C.
20. B.M.
21. S.C.
22. Bde Sig.Off.
23. B.T.O.
24. File
25/27. " Diary
28/30. Spare.

RELIEF TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No.186 dated 4/6/1918.

Date	Unit	Relieves	Will be relieved by	Dispositions will be. H.Q.	Remarks.
1918. Night June 5th/6th.	27th Bn.	20th Bn. less 1 Coy, plus 1 Coy 18th Bn.	18th Bn.	Line Right. J.22.d.2.4.	Routes as most convenient will be used.
"	28th Bn.	19th Bn. less 1 Coy, plus 1 Coy 20th Bn.	19th Bn.	Line Left. J.17.b.3.8.	Distances will be maintained as necessitated by visibility and situation.
"	25th Bn.	18th Bn. less 1 Coy.	20th Bn.	Support. J.16.b.6.9.	
"	26th Bn.	17th Bn.	17th Bn.	Reserve J.21.c.4.5.	
"	7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	5th A.L.T.M.Bty	5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	Line. J.22.d.00.55.	
"	7th A.I.Bde H.Q.) & Bde Sig.Sectn)	5th A.I.Bde H.Q.) & Bde Sig. Sectn)	5th A.I. Bde H.Q.) & Bde Sig.Sectn)	HEILLY J.1.c.80.15.	

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
June 4th 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS to accompany Brigade Order No.186.

1. AMMUNITION. The transport of units - less Mobile Reserve as at present constituted, will be brigaded under Captain J.C. LITTLE, M.C., Brigade Transport Officer, at I.9.central.

Transport lines will be scattered, and horses of each transport will be kept in small groups. As much use will be made of the Wood as possible. Protection against bombs will be made at once.

The Brigade Mobile Reserve of Ammunition, as at present constituted, will be located at I.23.d.5.8, and will be under command of Lieut. W.C. McCULLOUGH.

Units will each send a guide to the echelon lines for the purpose of bringing up limbers when required.

The Brigade Transport Officer will detail two mounted orderlies to live at echelon lines to carry demands to Divisional Reserve, and two mounted orderlies to report to Staff Captain at Brigade Headquarters.

All demands for ammunition will be made to Brigade Headquarters by 9 a.m. daily.

2. SUPPLIES. Refilling point - ALLONVILLE - A.S.C. Supply wagons deliver to units' Q.M. Stores.

3. COOKING. Cooking is done at Transport lines and at suitable places in units' forward area. Hot food is taken forward in fore part of cookers and distributed to units after dark. Transport does not cross River ANCRE before 9.30 p.m.

4. WATER. Water may be obtained from wells in villages and from waterpoints. All water must be chlorinated before using. In no case is shell-hole water to be used.

5. GENERAL PURPOSE RATIONS & WATER. Dumps are located as follows :-

Left Front Bn. H.Q.	J.17.b.30.65.
Right " " "	J.22.d.15.40.
Support Bn. H.Q.	J.16.b.4.6.
Reserve Bn. H.Q.	J.21.c.4.5.
	J.23.d.8.7.

75 petrol tins of water are located at each dump. Units in whose area dumps are located, will be responsible for the safe custody of rations and water. On taking over, separate receipts will be obtained for these.

6. Q.M. STORES. Q.M. Stores will be located at Transport lines.

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7. BATHS. Baths are located at HEILLY. Application for ALLOTMENT will be made to Brigade H.Q.

8. CLEAN CLOTHING - SOX. Applications for clean clothing will be made to Brigade H.Q. Sox may be changed at the Baths at HEILLY or QUERRIEU.

9. BURIALS & CEMETERIES. Corporal HONEYWELL, 26th Battalion will be detailed as Brigade Burial N.C.O. to supervise all burials in the area. This N.C.O. will live at Brigade H.Q. He will report to Brigade H.Q. on Friday of each week, showing in detail all burials for the preceding week.

Cemeteries are located at HEILLY, BONNAY, QUERRIEU, and FRANVILLERS.

10. PRISONERS OF WAR. Prisoners of War will be taken over by A.P.M. at P.O.W. Cage, FRANVILLERS.

11. MEDICAL. Scheme of evacuation from Right Brigade Sector.

Right Bn. R.A.P. J.22.d.1.4. by hand carriage to relay Post J.28.central, by wheeled stretcher to VAUX J.26.a.9.0.

Left Bn. R.A.P. J.17.b.3.8. by bearers and wheeled stretcher to Motor Post and Amb. Relay J.11.a.5.9. to A.D.S. I.6.b.6.7. or I.4.b.8.0. to M.D.S.QUERRIEU.

Support R.A.P. J.17.a.2.2. by wheeled stretchers and carry to QUARRY J.9.b.8.2. to A.D.S. I.6.b.6.7. to M.D.S. H.10.a.9.4.

Reserve Bn. R.A.P. J.21.c.6.4. to motor post J.26.a.9.0.

Cases from VAUX by motor ambulance to I.30.c.6.5. (Amb.Post) and on to I.4.b.8.0. to M.D.S. QUERRIEU.

C H Harrison
Captain, Staff Captain,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
June 5th 1918.

Order No.187.

Reference Map Sheet 62 D, 1/20,000.

1. The following inter-battalion reliefs will take place on the night 6th/7th June 1918 :-

(a) The 25th Battalion will take over from the 27th Battalion that portion of the front line between K.19.c.05.40. and K.19.a.8.7. (SINGLETON STREET inclusive to 27th Battalion)

(b) The 25th Battalion will take over from 28th Battalion that portion of the front line between K.19.a.8.7. and K.13.c.90.15.(BRAY - CORBIE Road inclusive to 25th Battalion)

2. Details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.

3. On completion of relief, Battalions will be disposed as under :-

'A' Bn.	Line Right,	27th Bn.
'B' Bn.	Line Centre,	25th Bn.
'C' Bn.	Line Left,	28th Bn.
'D' Bn.	Reserve,	26th Bn.

4. Inter-battalion boundaries will then be :-

(a) Between 'A' and 'B' Battalions - a line from K.19.c.05.40. to J.24.a.4.5. thence in a Westerly direction.

(b) Between 'B' and 'C' Battalions - a line from K.13.c.90.15. to J.18.central, thence in a Westerly direction.

5. Completion of reliefs will be wired in B.A.B. Code to Brigade Headquarters.

6. A c k n o w l e d g e.

R. Lee
Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 4 p.m.

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6. 7th A.M.G.Coy.
7. 2nd Aust.Div. 'G'
8. " " " 'A.Q'
9. 2nd Aust. . M.G.Bn
10. 2nd Aust.D.A.
11. Right Group Arty.
12. 5th A.I. Bde.
13. 6th A.I. Bde.
14. 13th A.I. Bde.
15. 7th Field Coy A.E.
16. 17th A.A.S.C.
17. 6th Field Amb.
18. Right Bde Liaison Officer
19. Left " " "
20. G.O.C.
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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. SECRET.

Headquarters, 261/178
June 3rd 1918.

Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.

PROPOSAL FOR ATTACK.

It is proposed that the 7th A.I. Brigade attack and capture the enemy's front line and consolidate on the objective as follows :-

High ground from road junction at K.25.c.00.50. North East in front of road and through K.19.d.30.00 - K.19.b.80.40, Cross Roads at K.13.d.70.20. to the angle of the trench at K.13.b.20.75 - a front of about 3,000 yards.

The objects are :-
(1) to deny observation over the ground to the West,
(2) to obtain better observation over the ground to the South East and East.

The troops available for the task are as follows :-
7th A.I. Brigade,
2nd Pioneer Battalion,
3 M.G. Companies,
7th Field Coy Engineers,
6 Brigades F.A.
Heavies on the Sector.

In addition, a Battalion of the Reserve Brigade will be available to take the place of our own Reserve Battalion if it is used.

The ground rises from our own front line very gently to the crest, just in front of which the enemy's trench runs.

His field of fire is excellent, and his position is almost ideal for M.G. defence. It may be assumed therefore that he holds his line strongly with M.G's, and in consequence, probably weak with Infantry.

His front line is wired with barbed concertina wire, very high, but not thick; it makes only a slight obstacle. Nearer our own front line there are a number of his posts, some of which have regular garrisons, and others only held at night. There is some wire in front of some of these.

It is suspected that he has some posts and organised shell holes East of his front line, and probably just over the crest. There is no trace of wire in front of these, on aeroplane ~~It is suspected that he has some posts~~ photographs.

His observation over our position East of the Ridge at J.10, J.16.b.& d, and 23.a. is excellent, there being very few places over which he does not look from either the high ground across the SOMME or the high ground in E.28.c.& d. and K.3.a.& b. All movement by daylight, except by the C.T's is therefore likely to be seen.

As regards our own lines - the front and support are good trenches, with weak wire in front of each. There are portions of C.T's running back from the front line at K.19.c - K.13.c, 13.a, and K.7.c; none of these are sufficiently connected up or deep to permit of traffic free from enemy observation. Little work however is required to make them available.

Battle Headquarters are available as follows :-

Brigade	J.17.b.3.8.
Right Bn.	J.24.c.7.4.
Centre Bn.	J.24.b.90.90.

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Left Bn. K.13.c.0.7.
Reserve Bn. J.22.d.2.4.
M.G. Bn. Commander J.17.b.3.8.

Most of our trenches are liable to enfilade, and in some cases defilade fire from the South and East. This will of course be slightly accentuated in the case of the new line.

The fact that by some means the proposed operation is apparently very widely known, will have to be taken into consideration, and it would seem necessary to in future ensure that some degree of secrecy is maintained in these matters. Although it may not entail the failure of the attack, it might very well be the means of largely increasing our casualties.

As regards weather conditions; there will be no moon. It is dark at 10 p.m. and there is about 50 yards visibility at 3.45 a.m. Slight mist is usual in the morning and late in the evening.

The attitude of the enemy is quiet and somewhat nervous. It is not thought that troops of good morale are opposite us, nor that they are numerous. The line is however strong in machine guns, which have an excellent field of fire, and would make an attack by Infantry not sufficiently supported by artillery barrages, very costly.

The artillery barrage must be good and thick, and comprise :-

(1) The posts close in front of our front line.
(2) The Bosche wire (4.5 Hows)
(3) The Bosche front line trench,
(4) The posts and organised shell holes behind his front line trench.
(5) M.G. positions behind his line,
(6) Approaches for Supports.
(7) An S.O.S.

It is proposed to withdraw the troops from our front line in order to enable the artillery to get on to the enemy advanced posts. This barrage would then creep to the ultimate objective and then to S.O.S. lines. At ZERO all 4.5 Hows. and 6" T.M's would get on to enemy wire, where they would remain until overtaken by the creeping barrage.

The 5th Division Artillery will be asked to co-operate by a demonstration on the 4th Division front.

The 18 pounder barrage with 6 Brigades would be only 1 gun to 30 yards. This is somewhat thin when depth is considered.

A proportion of Vickers guns will move out with first wave for about 200 yards in order to get inside enemy S.O.S. and be prepared to get into position in the new line during consolidation, to cover :-

(1) The Right flank,
(2) The gully in K.25.b.& d.
(3) The CORBIE-BRAY Road,
(4) The gully in K.13.b. & 14.a.
(5) The road in K.7.d.& 8.c.

A proportion of the remaining guns will move by bounds from position to position on each flank, in such a way as to always be disposed in depth. These positions will be selected beforehand. The remainder will be employed ~~xxxxxxx~~ on barrage work, and in reserve.

The Light Trench Mortars will join in the artillery barrage on the enemy advanced posts. They will then move to positions from which they can engage enemy M.G's behind the enemy front line. On the objective being gained, 4 guns will move up to positions to cover consolidation and deal with counter-attacks.

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It is proposed to use three Battalions for the assault, the fourth being in support. This will give roughly one man to two yards of front. This is thin, but with good artillery, T.M. and M.G. co-operation, and taking all the factors into consideration, it should suffice.

The Infantry will advance in two waves.

The 2nd Pioneer Battalion will advance immediately the objective is taken, and dig C.T's up to new line.

The new line when consolidated, will be held by three Battalions disposed in depth, the front line being held as weakly as possible, and strength increasing progressively to the rear.

Arrangements for wiring with concertina barbed wire will be made.

Draft of Administrative arrangements is attached.

(Signed) E.A. WISDOM,

Brig. General,
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Copy to :-
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.
7th A.L.T.M.Bty.

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ADMINISTRATIVE BATTLE ARRANGEMENTS.

AMMUNITION. (a) Small Battle Dumps (3) located at
J.24.b.3.6.
J.10.a.central.
J.18.a.or b.
20,000 rounds S.A.A. Egg Bombs.

(b) No.36 Grenades at the rate of 3 per man attacking, to be in position in front line.

RATIONS. 48 hours rations to be carried on the man.

WATER. Two water bottles per man. 50 tins to be held at each battle dump.

ENGINEER STORES. Three dumps located at
J.24.b.3.6.
J.10.a.central.
J.18.a. or b.
Wire, pickets, shovels, picks.

DUMP CONTROL GUARDS. Officer i/c of main supply Lieut. TRUNDLE, Brigade Bomb Officer.
Corporal WHITE.
Lieut. McCULLOUGH to be in charge of Mobile Echelon.

SANDBAGS. 4 sandbags per man in the attack. 5,000 to be held in reserve at Central Engineers Dump J.24.b.3.6.

NOTICE BOARDS. Notice boards to be erected, indicating forward and backward routes, R.A.Ps, A.D.S., Dumps, etc.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. In accordance with A.D.M.S. arrangements when order is issued.

STRAGGLER POSTS. 5th A.I. Brigade on Bridges.

PRISONERS OF WAR. P.O.W. Cage at J.11.a.6.1.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Order No. 188.

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Headquarters,
June 9th 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62 D. N.E., 1/20,000.

1. INTENTION.

(a) On a date and at an hour to be notified later, an attack will be carried out by the 7th A.I. Brigade with the object of improving our position between SAILLY-LAURETTE and MORLANCOURT.

(b) In conjunction with this operation, the 4th Australian Division is pushing forward its Left flank to join up with the Right of our new front. The 8th A.I. Brigade will also carry out two raids.

2. OBJECTIVE.

(a) The objective for the Brigade is as follows :- The high ground from the road junction (inclusive) at K.25.c.00.50. in a North Easterly direction in front of road through K.19.d.30.00., K.19.d.4.6., K.19.b.80.40, Cross Roads at K.13.d.70.20. to the angle of the front line trench at K.13.b.20.75.

(b) The objective for ('A' Bn) 27th Battalion will be from K.25.c.00.50. to K.19.d.30.20.

(c) The objective for ('B' Bn) 25th Battalion, from K.19.d.30.20. to K.13.d.7.2. (road junction inclusive).

(d) The objective for ('C' Bn) 28th Battalion will be from K.13.d.7.2. to K.13.b.20.75.

3. FORMATION FOR ATTACK.

The attack will be delivered by three Battalions - the 27th Battalion ('A' Bn. Right), 25th Battalion ('B' Bn. centre), and the 28th Battalion ('C' Bn. Left).

The attack will be made in two waves. Three Companies in the first wave in normal formation - one Company in the second wave.

The first wave will jump off from the front line. The second wave will jump off from the support line.

4. ACTION OF ATTACKING INFANTRY.

(a) Prior to Zero. The three assaulting companies of each attacking battalion will be in the front line, and the fourth company will be in the support line by 3 a.m. on the morning preceding the attack.

Troops in the front line between K.19.a.6.6. and K.13.c.7.6. will be withdrawn to the new jumping off trench dug between those points, and all other forward posts will be withdrawn to the main front line by ZERO minus 30 minutes.

(b) At ZERO infantry will leave the trench and form up as close to the barrage as possible.

(c) After ZERO. On the objective being gained, covering parties will move out 100 yards in front of the objective. The remainder of the attacking troops will consolidate the position.

The consolidation of the new front line will take the form of mutually supporting platoon posts which will be linked up if time permits. The enemy's old trenches will be utilized if suitably sited.

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The carrying parties will carry scythes with which to cut the crops if necessary, to obtain a better field of fire.

The 25th Battalion will construct a strong point in vicinity of K.19.d. 1.0. to sweep valley in K.25.b. and K.19.d.

The 28th Battalion will construct a strong point in vicinity of K.13.b.2.5. to sweep valley in K.14.a. and slope in K.14.c.& d.

Parties which will be detailed previously for the work will move with the assaulting troops.

The 7th Field Company A.E. will assist in the construction of these strong points.

5. ACTION OF THE RESERVE BATTALION.

The 26th Battalion will detail 3 platoons as a nucleus for the present front line. These three platoons will occupy PIONEER TRENCH on the night preceding the attack. At ZERO hour they will move forward to the present front line, one platoon to each Battalion sector.

The 26th Battalion will detail two platoons as a carrying party to the 7th A.L.T.M.Battery. The two platoons will occupy PIONEER TRENCH on the night preceding the attack. From there, at ZERO hour, they will move forward to the 7th A.L.T.M.Battery H.Q. at J.24.a.9.8.

The remainder of the 26th Battalion will occupy ROMA TRENCH on the night preceding the attack: to vacate present position by 12 midnight.

The 18th Battalion will be held as a reserve to the 7th A.I. Brigade, and will be in position vacated by 26th Bn. in J.21. by 5 a.m. on the morning preceding the attack.

6. FIELD ARTILLERY.

(a) The attack will be supported by a creeping barrage from 7 Field Artillery Brigades.

(b) Heavy Artillery - counter-battery work from ZERO onwards. Bombardment of selected targets. The details of artillery arrangements and barrage map will follow.

7. MEDIUM TRENCH MORTARS.

Eight 6" Newton Mortars will co-operate by firing on enemy wire and selected targets. Details will follow with Artillery arrangements.

8. LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

The 7th A.L.T.M.Battery will co-operate. All 3" Stokes Mortars will be emplaced so that a hurricane fire can be directed on enemy posts within the 18 pounder barrage. Further details will follow with Artillery arrangements.

Four mortars will be detailed to follow the infantry, and on consolidation, will engage targets as follows :-

Enemy works at K.25.b.0.3 and K.20.c.1.4. Minenwerfer in K.20.a.6.4., BRAY-CORBIE Road and trench in K.20.a.5.9., trench in K.14.c., and road in K.7.d.

The other four mortars will remain in reserve.

9. ACTION OF VICKERS MACHINE GUNS.

Six guns of the 7th A.M.G.Coy will jump off with the first wave of the Infantry. When clear of the enemy barrage they will follow the assaulting troops and take up positions as follows:-

(a) 2 guns to approx. K.13.b.8.2.
1 gun to fire down gully towards MORLANCOURT,
1 gun to fire South towards BRAY Road.

(b) 2 guns to approx. K.19.b.8.0.
1 gun to fire North towards BRAY Road,
1 gun to fire South towards Valley in K.19.d. & K.25.a.

(c) 2 guns to approx. K.25.c.0.5.
1 to fire North towards K.19.d.central,
1 to fire South covering Gully in J.26.central.

The remaining guns of the 7th A.M.G.Coy and the 22nd and 6th A.M.G.Coys are allotted for barrage work. See hektograph issued to units concerned.

The 4th A.M.G.Battalion is co-operating in this barrage.

10. COMMUNICATION TRENCHES.

The 2nd Pioneer Battalion (less 1 Company) will construct C.T's as under :-

(a) From trench at K.19.c.1.2. to K.25.a.9.4., using enemy trench from K.25.a.4.9.

(b) From K.13.c.8.6. to K.13.d.1.8. thence by old enemy trench to new line about K.13.d.60.85.

The 2nd Pioneer Battalion (less 1 Company) will move to the old trench line (CLERMONT Line) on the night prior to the attack, and will move forward at ZERO plus 30 minutes.

The existing C.T.'s are allotted as under :-

SINGLETON STREET - for both IN and OUT traffic.
KIWI C.T., through J.24.b. and K.19.a. - IN traffic only.
TINGHA STREET - - OUT traffic only.
ROSS & URALLA C.T. - IN traffic only.
KING & COLLIN STREET - OUT traffic only.

11. SUCCESS SIGNALS. The following success signals will be used, and will be fired by the senior officer of the assaulting troops of each Battalion -

(a) GREEN Very lights for notifying that the objective has been captured.

(b) RED Very lights to notify that the captured objective is being consolidated, and that the covering parties are out.

(c) Success signals will be fired towards the Left, i.e. the North in all cases.

(d) 'A' Battalion will fire a succession of Very lights at 45 seconds interval.

'B' Battalion will fire Very lights in groups of two with 15 seconds interval between lights, and one minute interval between groups.

'C' Battalion will fire Very lights in groups of three with five seconds interval between lights, and one minute interval between groups.

These lights will be discontinued at the discretion of the officer concerned.

12. ON CONSOLIDATION, and not later than 2.30 a.m., attacking Battalions will be re-organised in depth. Troops of the 26th Battalion detailed for carrying, will rejoin their Battalion when no longer required. The troops of 26th Battalion detailed as nucleus garrison of present front line, will remain in that position until the following night, when they will rejoin their Battalion.

The 26th Battalion and 18th Battalion will stand fast in their positions.

The Pioneer Battalion will return to HEILLY, leaving the front line not later than 3 a.m.

Machine Guns and Trench Mortars will remain in their battle positions.

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13. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES.

An officer from Brigade Headquarters will synchronize watches the afternoon before the attack, as follows :-
With 25th Bn. and 7th A.M.G. Coy at 25th Bn. H.Q., at 4 p.m.
With 28th Bn. at 28th Bn. H.Q., at 4.30 p.m.
With 27th Bn., 26th Bn., 18th Bn., 2nd Pioneer Bn., and 7th A.L.T.M. Bty at 27th Bn. H.Q. at 5 p.m.

14. CONTACT PATROL.

(a) A contact patrol of the 3rd Squadron A.F.C. will fly over the captured position at 4.15 a.m. RED ground flares at 20 yards interval will be lit, and rifles laid on the parapet in groups of 3 rifles (two feet between rifles and 10 yards between groups) when called for by the KLAXON horn.

(b) A counter-attack patrol of the 3rd Squadron A.F.C. will be in the air between 4 a.m. and 8 a.m., after which artillery machines will be in the air.

Counter attack patrols will signify that the enemy is assembling for the counter-attack by flying in the direction of the enemy, sounding KLAXON horn and dischargin a WHITE Very light.

(c) A Brigade message dropping station will be established at J.22.d.central.

15. ANTI-AIRCRAFT.

Special steps will be taken by each of the 25th, 27th and 28th Battalions and 7th and 22nd A.M.G. Companies to provide for anti-aircraft defence on re-organization after consolidation.

The 26th Battalion will detail 1 extra anti-aircraft Lewis Gun to accompany each of the three platoons detailed as nucleus garrison.

15. LIAISON.

Each of the 27th and 28th Battalions will detail a Liaison Officer with the 25th Battalion, and the 27th Battalion one officer with the Left Battalion of the 15th A.I. Brigade.

The 25th Battalion will detail a Liaison Officer with each of the 27th and 28th Battalions.

The 26th Battalion will detail a liaison officer with each of the 25th, 27th, and 28th Battalions.

The 18th Battalion will detail an officer to report to Brigade Battle H.Q. at ZERO minus one hour.

All Liaison Officers will be provided with two runners.

Captain W.S. HOSKINGS, M.C., 27th Battalion, will be Brigade Liaison Officer with the 15th A.I. Brigade.

Lieut. J.H. LILLEY, M.C., 28th Battalion, will be Brigade Liaison Officer with the 8th A.I. Brigade.

16. DRESS.

(a) Dress for attacking troops will be Battle Order with 220 rounds S.A.A., 2 Rifle Grenades No.23, and 4 Sandbags per man.

(b) For all other Infantry - Battle Order, 220 rounds S.A.A. and 2 Rifle Grenades No.23. per man.

17. MOVEMENT.

The utmost precaution must be taken by all troops in the forward area to maintain the greatest quietness during the day of the attack. Movement will be reduced to an absolute minimum.

18. The word 'RETIRE' will NOT be used. Units will arrange another word, to be imparted to officers only.

19. BATTLE HEADQUARTERS.

Battle Headquarters will be established not later than ZERO hour minus 2 hours, as under :-

7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	J.22.d.2.4.
25th Battalion	J.24.b.90.90.
26th "	J.22.d.00.55.
27th "	J.24.c.7.4.
28th "	J.18.b.90.00.
7th A.L.T.M.Bty	J.24.b.90.90.
18th Battalion	J.21.c.4.5.

20. SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS. Details will follow.

21. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS will follow.

22. A c k n o w l e d g e.

K. Lee
Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 4.30a.m.

Copies to :-
1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 18th Bn.
6. 7th A.L.T.M.B.
7. 7th A.M.G.Coy
8. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
9. " " " 'A.Q.'
10. " " " Artys.
11. 2nd A.M.G.Bn.
12. Right Group Arty.
13. Medium T.M. Bty.
14. 12th A.I.Bde
15. 6th A.I.Bde.
16. 5th A.I.Bde.
17. 7th Field Coy A.E.
18. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
19. 22nd M.G.Coy
20. 4th M.G. Bn.
21. 6th Field Amb.
22. 17th A.A.S.C.
23. Right Flank Bde Liaison Officer.
24. Left " " " "
25. 20th Bn.
26. 'C' Coy 2nd Tank Bn.
27. 3rd Squad. A.F.C.
28. G.O.C.
29. B.M.
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31. Bde Signal Officer.
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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
June 9th 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No.183 dated 9/6/1918.

1. RATIONS. 24 hours rations and the iron ration will be carried.

2. WATER. All water bottles will be filled just before ZERO so that men go over with full bottles. 50 tins of water are located in the Support Line of each Battalion Sector. Water will be carried forward in petrol tins by the carrying Company. Units will ensure that there is sufficient water in the front line after consolidation.

3. AMMUNITION. Battle Dumps are situated at :-
J.24.b.6.8.
J.24.c.5.0.
Ammunition for consolidation will be drawn from present front line as well as the Battle Dumps.
Lieut. E.F. TRUNDLE, 7th A.I. Brigade Headquarters, will be in charge of the Ammunition Dumps and will be located at J.24.b.6.8.

4. ENGINEERS DUMPS: are located as follows :-
J.24.c.7.5.
J.17.b.1.5.

5. CARRYING PARTIES. Each Battalion will detail one Company for carrying ammunition, tools, water, engineers material etc. forward.

6. TOOLS. The carrying Company will carry tools in the proportion of 2 shovels to 1 pick of the attacking troops.

7. PRISONERS OF WAR. Officers, N.C.Os and men will be separated from each other, and sent to Brigade Battle Headquarters with the utmost despatch. Prisoners will be taken over by the A.P.M. at Cross Roads near HEILLY Church.
26th Battalion will detail one platoon to be at Brigade Battle Headquarters at ZERO hour to escort prisoners to HEILLY. Receipts will be obtained for all prisoners handed over.

8. STRAGGLER POSTS. Stragglor posts will be established at HEILLY and MERICOURT RIBEMONT bridges. 1 Officer and 6 other ranks will be supplied for each of these by 5th A.I. Brigade - to be in position at ZERO hour.

9. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. R.A.Ps are located as follows :-

25th	Battalion	J.24.b.9.8.
26th	"	J.22.d.3.4.
27th	"	J.23.d.85.90.
28th	"	J.17.b.30.75.

Wounded from region of J.30.b. and K.19.c., to R.A.P. at J.23.d.85.90. Thence by hand carriage overland either to motor ambulance at J.22.d.00.35. or J.17.b.10.20. according to circumstances.
Wounded from K.19.a. and K.13.c.& a. to R.A.P. at

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J.17.b.30.75. and thence to motor ambulance at J.17.b.10.20.

There are 25 stretchers and 50 blankets located at each R.A.P.

All demands for reinforcement bearers, extra equipment (medical) during the operation will be sent to through nearest Field Ambulance Medical Officer. Field Ambulance Medical Officers are stationed at MARETT WOOD J.11.a.60.50 - A.D.S. HEILLY Road J.16.b.70.60. and motor post at I.30.a.80.30.

C H Harrison

Captain, Staff Captain,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to all units concerned.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters,
9th June 1918.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO Administrative Instructions issued with 7th A.I.Bde. Order No. 188 of 9/6/18.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS - Amend as follows :-

1. Location of 25th Bn. R.A.P. for J.24.b.9.8. read - J.23.d.90.95.

2. Last para. delete - "MARETT WOOD J 11 a 60 60" and substitute J 17 c 95 00.

C H Harrison.
Captain, Staff Captain.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to all
Units concerned.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
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HEADQUARTERS,
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.
B.M. 100.
Date.....

Headquarters,
9th June 1918.

FIRST ADDENDUM to 7th A.I.Bde. Order No. 188.

The attack will take place on June 10th 1918. Zero hour is 9.45 p.m.

Acknowledge:

R. Lee
Major, Brigade Major.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to all recipients of
7th A.I.Bde. Order No. 188.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
9th June 1918.

SECOND ADDENDUM to 7th A.I.Bde. Order No. 188.

1. Field Artillery support of 7th A.I.Bde. operation.

(a) 18 POUNDERS. 18 pounders will operate as per Barrage Map (to be issued later to units concerned) firing for four minutes on the start line, then lifting fifty yards and remaining there for two minutes. Thereafter the barrage will creep at the rate of one hundred yards per two minutes to the protective line, except for a total rest of three minutes on the objective. At plus ten minutes alternate guns on the objective will fire one round smoke to denote the objective. At plus twentyfive minutes alternate guns will jump to a line 500 yards east of protective line remaining there to plus twenty seven minutes then searching backwards and forwards irregularly to the protective line.

All fire will cease at plus ninety minutes unless specially ordered otherwise.

(b) 4.5 HOWITZERS.

(1) Zero to Zero plus six minutes on start line (objective) as shewn on barrage map.

(11) Plus six minutes to plus fifteen minutes - creep due East as per 18 pounder lifts at rate of 100 yards per two minutes to protective line.

(111) Plus fifteen minutes to plus ninety minutes - lift to targets as on barrage map, one section on each target.

(17) Plus ninety minutes - cease fire unless specially ordered otherwise.

(c) 6 INCH NEWTON TRENCH MORTARS.

(1) Zero to plus three minutes - engage enemy front line wire.

(11) Plus three minutes to plus thirty minutes - engage three targets as on barrage map.

2. Rates of Fire.

Rates of Fire per Gun per minute will be as follows :-

Time.	18 pdrs. & 13 pdrs.	4.5 Hows.	6" T.M.
Zero to plus 25 minutes.	3	2	-
Plus 25 minutes to plus 90 minutes.	1	1	-
Zero to plus three minutes.	-	-	As fast as possible.
Plus 3 minutes to plus 30 minutes.	-	-	2

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3. Action in conclusion of operation.

(a) After Zero plus ~~M~~ninety minutes the protective line will be the temporary S.O.S. line.

(b) In order to cover the contact patrol which will be over at 4.15 a.m. following the operation the right group will from 4.10 a.m. to 4.40 a.m. repeat the procedure on the protective line within the normal group zone.
Rate of fire - half round per gun and How. per minute.

4. Heavy Artillery and Counter Battery Action.

(a) Heavy Artillery are engaging from Zero hour to plus ninety minutes, approaches, strong points etc., East of the protective zone.

(b) Counter Battery work is being carried out from Zero hour onwards.

5. Artillery Liaison with Infantry.

(a) At Advanced Bde. H.Qrs. at J.22.d.2.4. a Major to be provided by the 5th A.F.A.Bde.
Communication will be arranged by 98th Brigade Group.

(b) An Artillery Liaison officer will be attached as under :-

27th Battalion from 98th ~~Artillery~~ ARMY Bde. R.F.A.
25th " " 98th " " "
28th " " 3rd ~~Artillery~~ Bde. A.F.A.

(c) Alternative means of communication including lamp stations will be arranged.

6. Light Trench Mortar Battery.

The 7th Light Trench Mortar Battery will fire on enemy posts between the front line and the start line from Zero to ~~plus~~ Zero plus one minute. These targets will be selected by mutual arrangements between C.Os., 'A', 'B' and 'C' Battalions and O.C., 7th A.L.T.M.Bty.
The ~~Stokes~~ Mortar barrage will then creep forward keeping 150 yards in front of the advancing infantry to the limit of Batterys range.
The four Mortars so detailed will then follow the assaulting infantry, see para. 8 of Bde. Order No. 188.

7. Signal Communication.

(a) Communication will be maintained between Company Headquarters and Battalion H.Qrs., by runners, visual and telephone. Each attacking Company of 'A', 'B' and 'C' Battalions will lay a line to the new positions.
Pigeons are allotted as follows :- Eight to each of 'A', 'B' and 'C' Battalions. Each of the first three companies will take forward two pigeons. Pigeons will not be liberated during hours of darkness if possible.

(b) Each of 'A', 'B' and 'C' Battalions and 7th M.Gun Coy will be connected by ground cable to line relay station approx. at J.18.c.8.2. thence by ground cable to test point W.Z. at J.17.c.6.2. then by buried cable to Advanced Bde.H.Q.,
They [illegible] The 7th T.M.Bty will be connected by ground cable to 'B' Bn Headquarters.

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(c) Each of 'A', 'B' and 'C' Battalions will be in visual communication with Bde. central visual station approx. J.23.b.central and thence by ground and buried cable to Bde. H.Q., and by visual to Bde. Visual Station which will be established near Advanced Bde. H.Q.,

(d) Communication will be established from Bde. to 'B' Battalion by Power Buzzer which is to be used only for B.A.B. Code messages and then not before Zero.

(e) All three Battalions will be in lateral telephone communication.

(f) Headquarters of flank Bdes. and of other units in Brigade Group will be in communication by buried or ground cable. Where possible visual communication will be established.

(g) There will be no runner relay station forward of Advanced Bde.H.Q., All runners will run direct to Advanced Bde. H.Q.,

(h) Synchronization of Watches will not be carried out by telephone.
The greatest care will be exercised by all units that no information of military value can be picked up, especially before Zero hour, by enemy listening sets from telephone conversations.

8. Reference Bde. Order No. 188.

Para 5. For J.24.a.9.8. read J.24.b.9.8.

Para 9. For J.26.central read J.36.central.

9. Acknowledge.

R. Lee

Major, Brigade Major.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 3 am
Distribution as per
7th A.I.Bde. Order No. 188.

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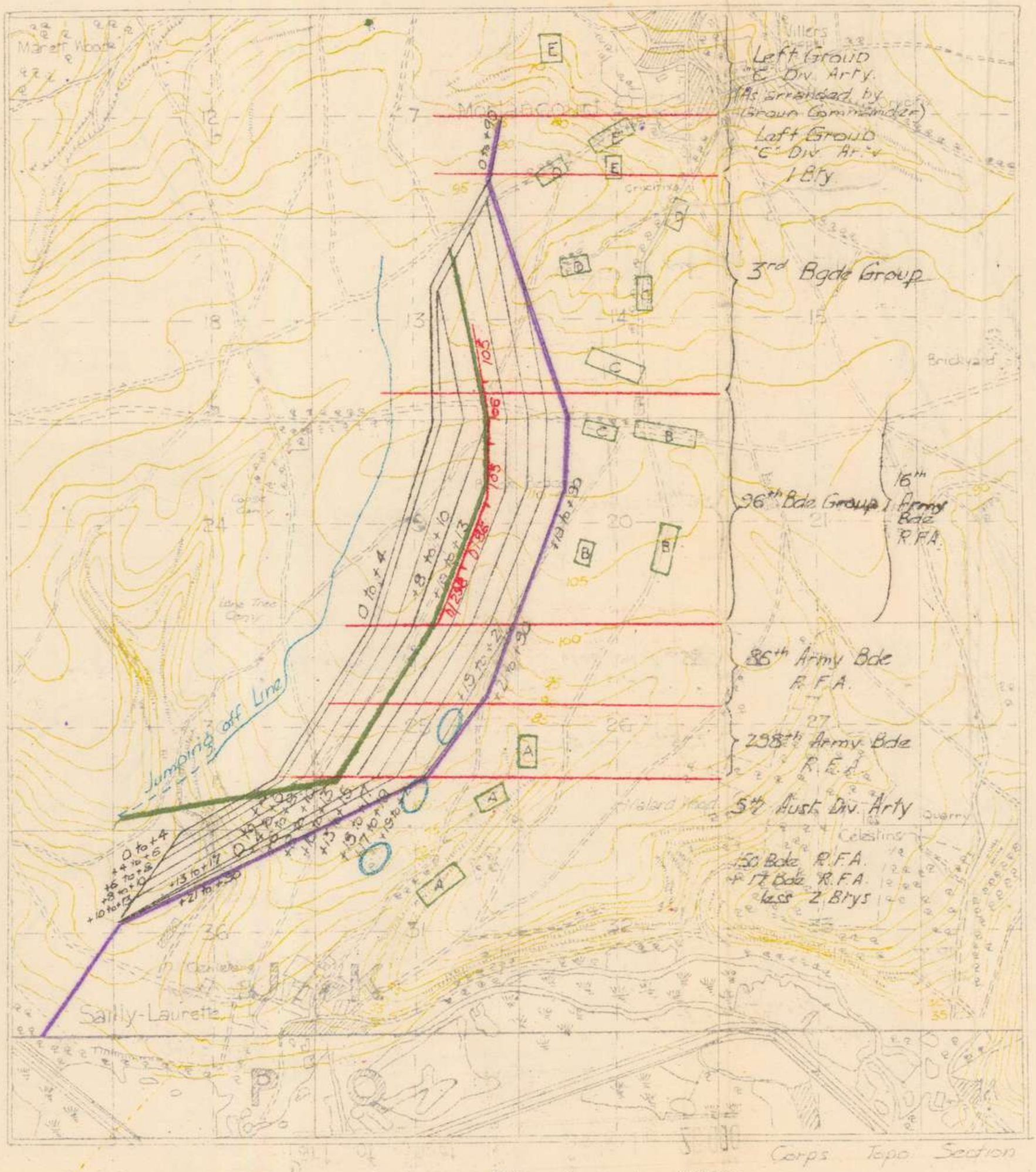
BARRAGE MAP



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Legend

Jumping off Line

Objective

18 pdr

Creeping Barrage

Protective Barrage

6 T.M's

+3 to +30

4.5" Hows

Start Line (to +6)

+15 to +90.

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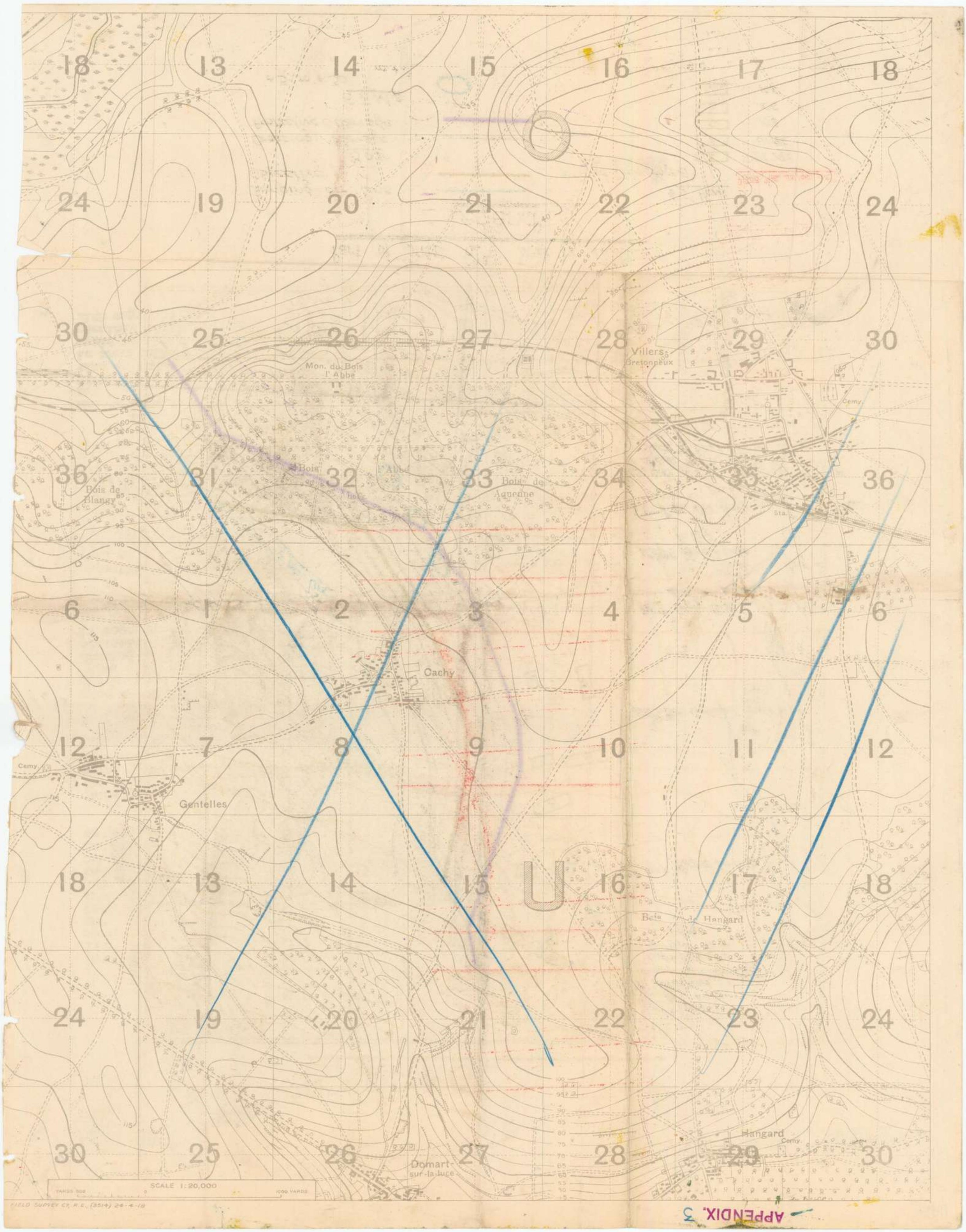

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
June 9th, 1918.

Headquarters,
26th, 25th, 27th, 28th Bns.
7th A.L.T.M.Battery,
7th A.M.G.Coy.

With reference to the coming operation. The following points are to be considered by C.O's in their arrangements.

1. The success of the operation depends on the troops gaining their final positions unobserved, and being undiscovered prior to jumping off. The greatest care must therefore be taken in moving up men. Men dribbling past a point in a C.T. which is under observation may give the show away or create suspicion. This may easily result in greater opposition, quicker counter-attack or artillery action, and much heavier losses. In cases where it is not possible to move troops without enemy observation, they will be moved during the previous night. In this case, the greatest care must be taken that men move about as little as possible, and not at all in the open. When enemy aircraft are in the vicinity, everyone must remain absolutely still.

2. Stakes are issued for assisting men to get out of the jumping off trench quickly. These should be driven in high up in the trench to act as a hand grip, while footholds are excavated as well. The rear rank men should assist his front rank men in getting out.

3. The enemy position is strong in M.G's, but our artillery barrage is strong, and if the infantry carry out our usual practice of following our barrage closely as possible, no trouble need be anticipated.

4. It is not expected that the enemy wire will be more than damaged and cut in places, but it is very light and no serious obstacle. The barrage will halt for two minutes 80 yards in rear of enemy trench to enable the wire to be negotiated.

5. C.O's will arrange for effective mopping up.

6. As soon as he has reasonable grounds for thinking that the objective has been gained, the C.O. of each assaulting Battalion will go up and personally take charge of the consolidation on the spot. He will leave a responsible officer at his H.Q. who can deal with messages.

7. Confusion has occurred through no one being in Command at the objective. Of course the senior officer must take command until the C.O. arrives. In the first instance an officer must be C.O. assault in each unit. If he becomes a casualty, the next senior must automatically take his place, he in turn handing over to his senior subaltern, and so on.

8. It is to be expected that the enemy will counter attack, and as he will have the hours of darkness to get ready, the most probable time for the local counter attack will be at dawn on the 11th. This counter-attack will most probably come from the direction of MORLANCOURT or the South East of our new position. But it is also quite possible he may work along the ridge to the East. It would be wise to leave the covering parties out until the last possible moment. The S.O.S. barrage is good, and ought to deal with anything over 400 yards from our new front line. We can deal

easily with anything inside of that. If the counter-attack at dawn does not eventuate, or is beaten off, further attacks are improbable until the next evening or morning, when it would be accompanied by artillery action. It would therefore be advisable to get some greater depth in disposition during the day, and our S.O.S. barrage would be brought in nearer.

9. A recent patrol report ascertained that in parts of the enemy front line, wire was placed in the bottom of the trench and in rifle pits. It is quite possible that trip wire may be met with in the crops. All ranks should be warned of this.

10. Every effort must be ~~xx~~ made to send in situation reports as early and as often as possible, especially the first report of capture and consolidation. Estimates of casualties are also important, and should be sent as soon after the capture of the objective as possible. Rough estimates only are required at this stage.

11. The use of the S.O.S. requires care and thought. It should not be given lightly or carelessly. At the same time there should be no hesitation if there are reasonable grounds for thinking that the enemy is actually attacking. As soon as the signal is given, every effort should be made to send a message reporting the cause. Battalions on the flanks should also report at once if they are being attacked or not, so that the matter may be localised as quickly as possible.

Brig. General,
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
June 13th 1918.

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REPORT ON OPERATIONS ON NIGHT 10th/11th June 1918.

1. IN-ENTION OF THE BRIGADE.

When the 7th A.I. Brigade was in Divisional Reserve, the G.O.C. was informed that it had been definitely decided that the Brigade would carry out an attack with the object of improving our position between SAILLY - LAURETTE and MORLANCOURT.

The line of the objective is shown on attached hektograph No. I.

This information was given verbally to Commanding Officers of Units. Special steps were taken to prevent the impending attack leaking out, but this information appears to have been already widely known before it had been told to Unit Commanders.

A copy of Brigade letter No.261/178 of June 3rd was given personally to each Unit Commander. See Appendix No.1.

2. DISPOSITIONS FOR THE ATTACK.

The 7th A.I. Brigade relieved the 5th A.I. Brigade in the Right Brigade sub-sector on the night 5th/6th June. Preliminary arrangements were then pushed forward rapidly. See Appendix No.2.

Orders for the attack and other instructions were issued in Brigade Order No.138 and Addendums Nos. 1 & 2, and in Brigade letter No.261/181 of June 9th. Appendix No.3.

The disposition of troops of the Brigade on the evening of the attack, before zero, were as shown on attached hektograph No. I.

By 3 a.m. on the morning of the 10th instant, assaulting troops were placed in their jumping off trenches, except a few forward posts which were withdrawn at zero minus 30 minutes.

Special steps were taken to minimise movement of troops in the forward area on the day of the attack.

Dispositions prior to the attack were :-

Each of 'A', 'B', and 'C' Battalions - 3 companies in the front line, 1 Company in the support line.

3 platoons of 'D' Battalion detailed as nucleus garrison of old front line after zero, were in PIONEER trench.

2 platoons of 'D' Battalion detailed as carrying party for L.T.M.Battery, were in PIONEER trench.

'D' Battalion (less 5 platoons) was in the ROMA line.

2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion (less 1 Company) was in CLERMONT line.

Trench Mortars and Vickers Machine Guns were in battle position by 3 a.m. on the 10th instant.

3. FORMATION FOR ATTACK

The attack was delivered on the three Battalion front - 27th Battalion on the Right, 25th Battalion in the centre, 28th Battalion on the Left, 26th Battalion in Reserve.

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Each of the assaulting Battalions attacked in two waves, three Companies for ing the first wave of two lines, the fourth Company forming the second wave. This second wave formed a supporting and carrying Company.

Mopping up parties were detailed beforehand by each Battalion, and advanced with the second line of the first wave.

The distance between the two lines of the first wave averaged 25 yards.

The fact that the troops kept close up to the barrage, and the lines and waves were pretty close, may partly be the reason that the assaulting troops suffered very few casualties from enemy shell fire.

4. NARRATIVE OF THE ASSAULT.

At ZERO exactly the artillery came down on the barrage start line. The Medium Trench Mortar Batteries opened up on the enemy's wire, and the Light Trench Mortar Battery on the enemy posts between the barrage start line and our front line.

The Infantry moved forward to within 70 yards of the artillery barrage.

On the Right Battalion sector the advance across NO MAN'S LAND was made easily, no opposition coming from the enemy front line. As the troops reached the enemy wire and entered the enemy's first line of trenches, opposition was not with particularly on the Right, from M.G. fire. The enemy's wire proved no obstacle, confirming previous patrol reports. The final objective was reached at 10.10 p.m. Some opposition was shown by the enemy here. The carrying Company immediately dumped their loads and joined in the fight, the bayonet being very freely and effectively used.

On the Centre Battalion sector the troops advanced in a good line, and kept in touch with units on both flanks. Considerable enemy machine gun fire was encountered immediately the troops started to advance, but there was no shelling. The advance was rather slow, and casualties were caused by enemy machine gun fire. Mopping up parties carried out their work well. The objective was captured at 10.5 p.m. Generally speaking, the enemy put up a good fight, especially the machine gunners, who fought to the last. In many cases however the enemy Infantry either ran or surrendered.

On the Left Battalion sector troops went forward well and in a good line. In the extreme Right only near the BRAY-CORBIE Road, serious opposition was met with in the shape of machine gun fire, which caused some casualties. Generally, the enemy ran or surrendered. The objective was captured at 10.2 p.m.

Carrying parties in all cases did their work well. Officers and N.C.O's led their men well.

5. CONSOLIDATION.

Consolidation commenced immediately the objective was captured and covering parties had been pushed out.

On the Right Battalion sector each of the three assaulting Companies dug a series of mutually supporting posts.

In the Centre Battalion sector enemy trenches were used where suitable. The two flank Companies each dug three platoon posts. The Centre Company dug two platoon posts and one strong point, the latter at K.19.d.50.75.

On the Left Battalion sector the three assaulting Companies consolidated the German second line trench by establishing platoon posts. This trench was well sited from our point of view and was nearly continuous, and in places 6 foot deep. A strong point was made at K.15.d.5.5.

The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion (less 1 Company) went forward from their position in the CLERMONT line and dug two C.T's as instructed in Brigade Order No.188. No doubt a third C.T. from the Centre Battalion sector would have been very useful. It was considered however, better to make sure of two C.T's and leave the third until the next night. These C.T's, though they were not dug wide and deep enough, proved most useful.

6. ARTILLERY BARRAGE.

For amount of artillery used etc. see Second Addendum to Brigade Order No.188.

On the Right Battalion sector the artillery barrage was good, except for some short shooting. About 100 - 18 pdr shells fell short on the jumping off trench about J.30.b.7.6. and J.30.b.95.90. This shooting appears to have been done by two guns. It caused about 35 casualties.

On the Centre Battalion sector the barrage was good and thick, but a few guns were firing short on K.19.b.8.5. and K.19.b.8.8. causing 20 casualties.

On the Left Battalion sector the barrage was good. It lifted well and was thick except on the extreme Left, where it was a little irregular.

The 6" Newton Trench Mortar fire was very good and accurate, as also was the fire of the 3" Stokes Mortars. on the whole front

7. DISPOSITION OF TROOPS AFTER CONSOLIDATION.

By 2.30 a.m. 11th instant troops were disposed as under - See attached hektograph No. II.

On the Right Battalion sector three Companies were in the present front line, one Company in the first old German trench.

On the Centre Battalion sector, three Companies were in the present front line, and one Company in the old front line.

On the Left Battalion sector two Companies were in the second old German trench, now present front line, one Company in first old German trench, and one Company in old front line.

Three platoons of the 28th Battalion were in the old front line, the remainder of the Battalion in ROMA line.

8. ACTION OF MACHINE GUNS.

The 7th A.M.G.Company (less 6 guns) and the 22nd A.M.G. Company were on barrage work.

Six guns of the 7th A.M.G.Company were detailed to follow the assaulting Infantry. Two guns were allotted to each Battalion sector. These guns went into their positions in the front line on the night 9th/10th inst. At ZERO hour the guns went forward with the first wave of the Infantry, and when clear of our front line, waited in shell holes until the objectives had been gained. Approximate positions in the objective were given to each gun before moving out.

The six machine guns took up their positions as shown on attached hektograph No.

The gun at K.25.c.20.60. did some good shooting at daylight on the 11th instant, firing on a party of about 50 Germans at close range in the valley running towards SAILLY - LAURETTE, dispersing them and causing approximately 25 casualties.

This same gun also had some good targets on the road running along the grid line in K.25.c. towards SAILLY - LAURETTE.

Three casualties only were sustained when advancing. This was probably due to the fact that the gun crews jumped off with the first wave, thereby missing the enemy barrage.

A dump of filled belts was kept at Advance Company H.Q.

Communication was maintained with Section H.Q. by telephone.

For dispositions of machine guns prior to, and after the attack, see attached hektograph No. III

9. ACTION OF TRENCH MORTARS.

Light Trench Mortars fired on selected enemy posts nearest our front line from ZERO to ZERO plus 1 minute. They then continued firing, keeping 150 yards in front of the Infantry to the limit of their range. In all, 500 rounds were fired.

Four mortars went forward, two to K.19.c.95.10. and two to K.13.d.50.80. Ammunition for these mortars was carried forward by specially told off carrying parties from 'D' Battalion.

No casualties were caused among the crews of the four mortars which accompanied the assaulting troops.

The remaining four mortars remained at the Battle H.Q.

For locations of mortars prior to, and after the attack, see attached hektograph No. IV

10. COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication was established as in para 7 of Second Addendum to Brigade Order No.188.

In addition, 'C' Battalion had a line laid from their old H.Q. at J.17.b.5.8. which was on the buried cable, to their Battle H.Q. This line held throughout the whole of the operation, except for one short interval. It proved the most useful of all the lines forward to the assaulting Battalions.

The line forward to 'A' and 'B' Battalions was cut frequently.

Visual communication was established between 'B' Battalion and Brigade H.Q., though at first the dust and smoke hindered this.

The Power Buzzer at 'B' Battalion proved defective.

All three assaulting Battalions ran lines forward to attacking Companies, 'C' Battalion being in telephone communication with the Centre Company at ZERO plus 25 minutes.

The fact that the buried cable was laid across our Brigade front helped considerably in the maintenance of communication forward.

Owing to the fact that all assaulting Battalion H.Q. were connected laterally, communication was maintained by telephone practically throughout the operation.

11. AIRCRAFT.

(a) On the evening of the attack at 7 p.m. and at 5 a.m. on the morning of the 11th instant, an enemy low flying aeroplane patrolled our forward system.

(b) Our aeroplanes patrolled our forward system on the evening of the attack, and no doubt proved beneficial in keeping off enemy aircraft. At 6 a.m. a contact patrol flew over the captured position and called for flares. It dropped a map at Brigade H.Q. This map confirmed the reports of Unit Commanders on the location of their front line.

12. SUCCESS SIGNALS.

Success Signals proved most useful. The Green flares sent up by the Left Battalion were clearly seen from the Brigade O.P. Those of 'A' and 'B' Battalions were difficult to pick up on account of the smoke. The Red flares were clearly seen.

Our success signals were easily distinguishable from the Green and Red flares used by the enemy, on account of the direction, and the regular and known intervals at which they were fired.

All Battalions were able to observe their own success signals, and thus the Battalion Commanders received early information of the result of the attack.

13. CAPTURES OF PRISONERS & MATERIAL.

Captures of prisoners and material were as follows

	Prisoners (wounded and unwounded)		Machine Guns.	Minen-werfers.
Right Battalion	2 Off.	84 o/r	6	2
Centre "	1 "	50	14	2
Left "	2 Off.	168 o/r	10	2
TOTAL	5 Off.	305 o/r.	30	6

14. ENEMY KILLED.

The number of enemy killed in the attack is estimated as under :-

By Right Battalion	150	enemy
" Centre "	50	"
" Left "	50	"
TOTAL	250	enemy

1 . CASUALTIES.

Our casualties in the actual attack and for 12 hours after ZERO were as follows :-

	Killed.		Wounded		Missing.	
	Off.	o/r.	Off.	o/r.	Off.	o/r.
Right Battalion	1	8	2	72	-	5
Centre "	2	14	9	140	-	13
Left "	3	11	3	54	-	5
7th A.L.T.M.Bty	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTAL -	6	33	14	267	-	21

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PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ATTACK.

(a) Aeroplane photographs were issued as far as possible down to Company Commanders, and were most carefully studied.

Patrols were sent out nightly to locate enemy defences, including wire, M.G's and Minenwerfer positions and trench systems. In two cases a daylight reconnaissance was made by an officer and an N.C.O. of the Left Battalion. A careful study as far as possible, of the German front line was made from our own front line and O.P's to confirm the impressions gathered from the study of aeroplane photographs and reports of patrols. These reconnaissances were never made by a party of more than two at the same time.

(b) A jumping off line 500 yards long and 5 feet deep was dug from K.19.a.6.6. to K.13.c.7.6.

The support and front line of the Right Battalion were extended for a jumping off trench.

The support line throughout was deepened and widened.

(c) The 5 existing C.T's to the front line were extended, deepened, and widened.

(d) Battle H.Q. of the three line Battalions and two new R.A.P's were constructed. For locations, see Brigade Order No.188.

(e) Battle Dumps for ammunition and engineers stores were made at J.24.b.6.5. and J.24.a.0.5.

In addition, on each Battalion sector a considerable amount of ammunition etc. was located.

Amounts of ammunition in Units' sectors and on dumps were as follows :-

Description.	Battle Dump J.24.b. 6.5.	Battle Dump J.24.a. 0.5.	25th Bn.	26th Bn.	27th Bn.	28th Bn.	TOTAL
S.A.A. R.	52000	20000	50000	70000	75000	80000	347,000
" M.G.	30000	20000	-	5000	10000	5000	70,000
" P.W.	1500	-	-	-	-	-	1,500
Grenades No.5.	-	-	-	300	72	312	684
" No.23.	1270	840	184	400	350	1400	4,424
" No.36	1850	240	360	-	1500	1000	4,950
" Egg.34.	552	250	-	-	30	72	904
" P. 27.	100	-	-	-	89	-	189
" Hales 35.	100	-	-	-	260	-	360
" S.O.S.	31	-	30	12	20	29	122
Very Lights 1" Dl.	650	-	150	50	150	150	1,150
" " Green	200	-	20	-	30	40	290
" " Red	300	-	20	-	30	40	390
Ground Flares Red	250	-	100	-	100	100	550
Message Rockets	20	-	-	-	-	-	20

Stokes 3" Shells 1,885

The Stokes shells and supplies of 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th Bns were distributed over mortar positions and in trench systems held on June 10th.

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(f) A reserve of 50 petrol tins of water was placed in the Support line of each Battalion. In addition, each line Battalion had a supply of water stored in the front line to fill water bottles before zero.

At ZERO the men had on them 48 hours rations.

General Purpose Rations and Water :- Dumps were located at J.17.b.30.65, J.22.d.15.40, J.16.b.4.6., J.21.c.4.5., J.23.d.8.7.

(g) Each Battalion had wire cutters with which they unostentatiously cut our own wire on the night prior to the attack. Stakes to the number of one per man of the assaulting troops were driven in to the sides of the trench before ZERO, to assist the troops in jumping out of the trenches.

(h) The buried cable was connected up between the Left and Right Battalion H.Q., the Reserve Battalion being used for this work, as well as troops from the Reserve Brigade. As much as possible was done, [illegible] getting forward sufficient wire for laying new ground cable.

(i) The Brigade of Artillery which were brought up specially for the operation, registered unostentatiously and effectively, the enemy's positions. The 6" Medium Trench Mortars had been firing about 80 rounds daily. This was continued in such a way as to register quietly on the enemy's wire. The Light Trench Mortars acted similarly.

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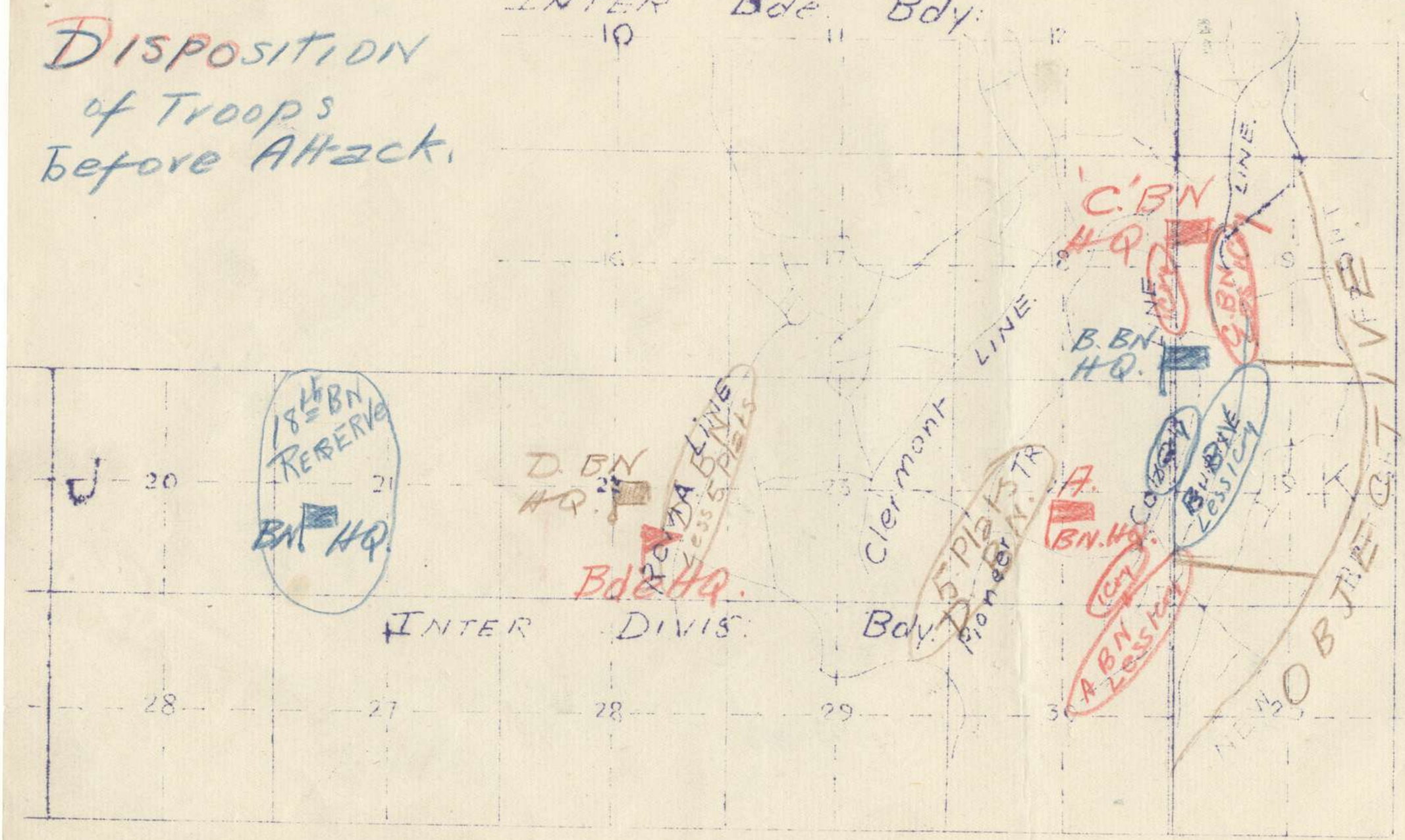

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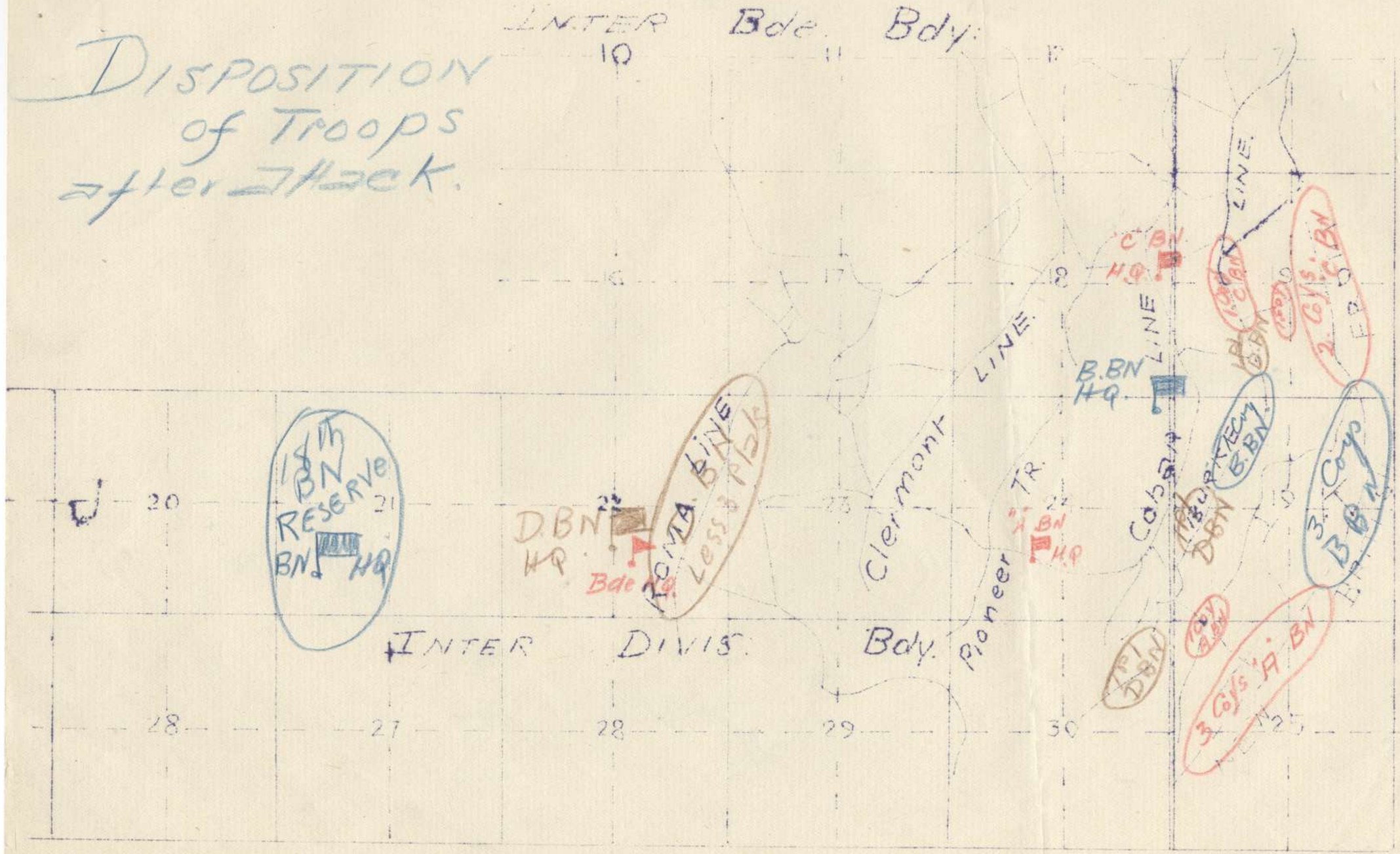
HECTO II

DISPOSITION of TROOPS after Attack.



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V. M. Guns before
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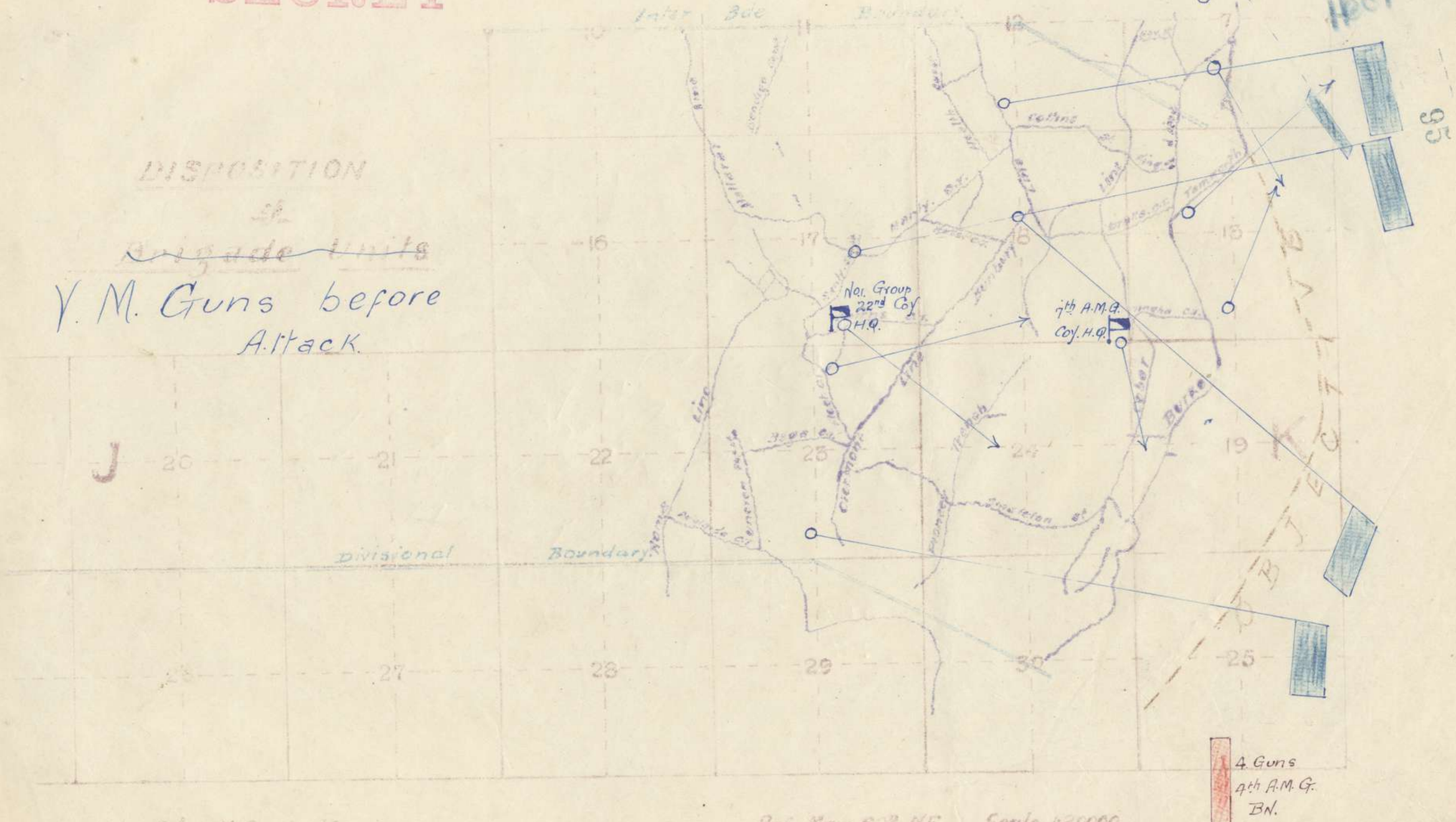

Bde H.Q. at 11.0

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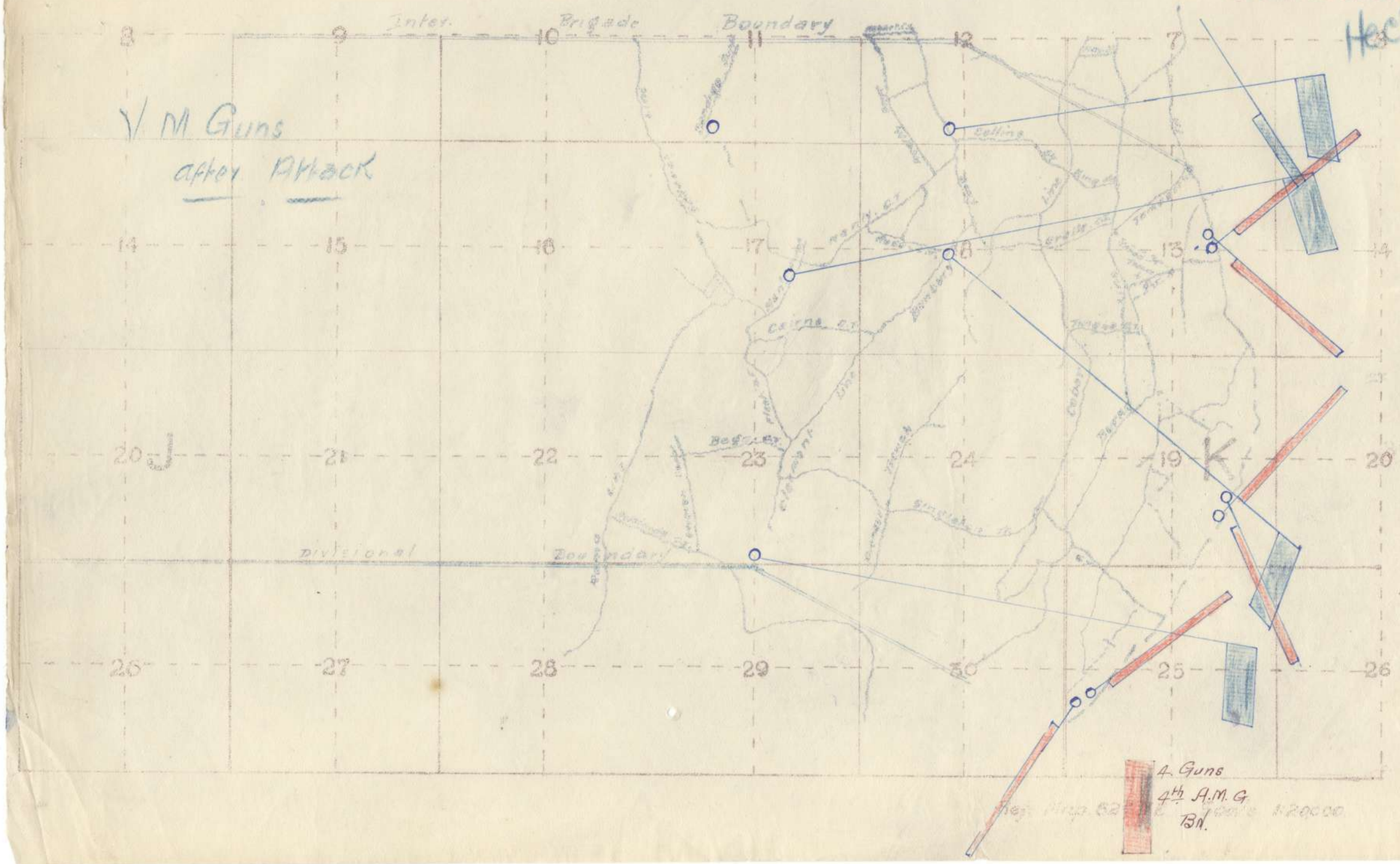

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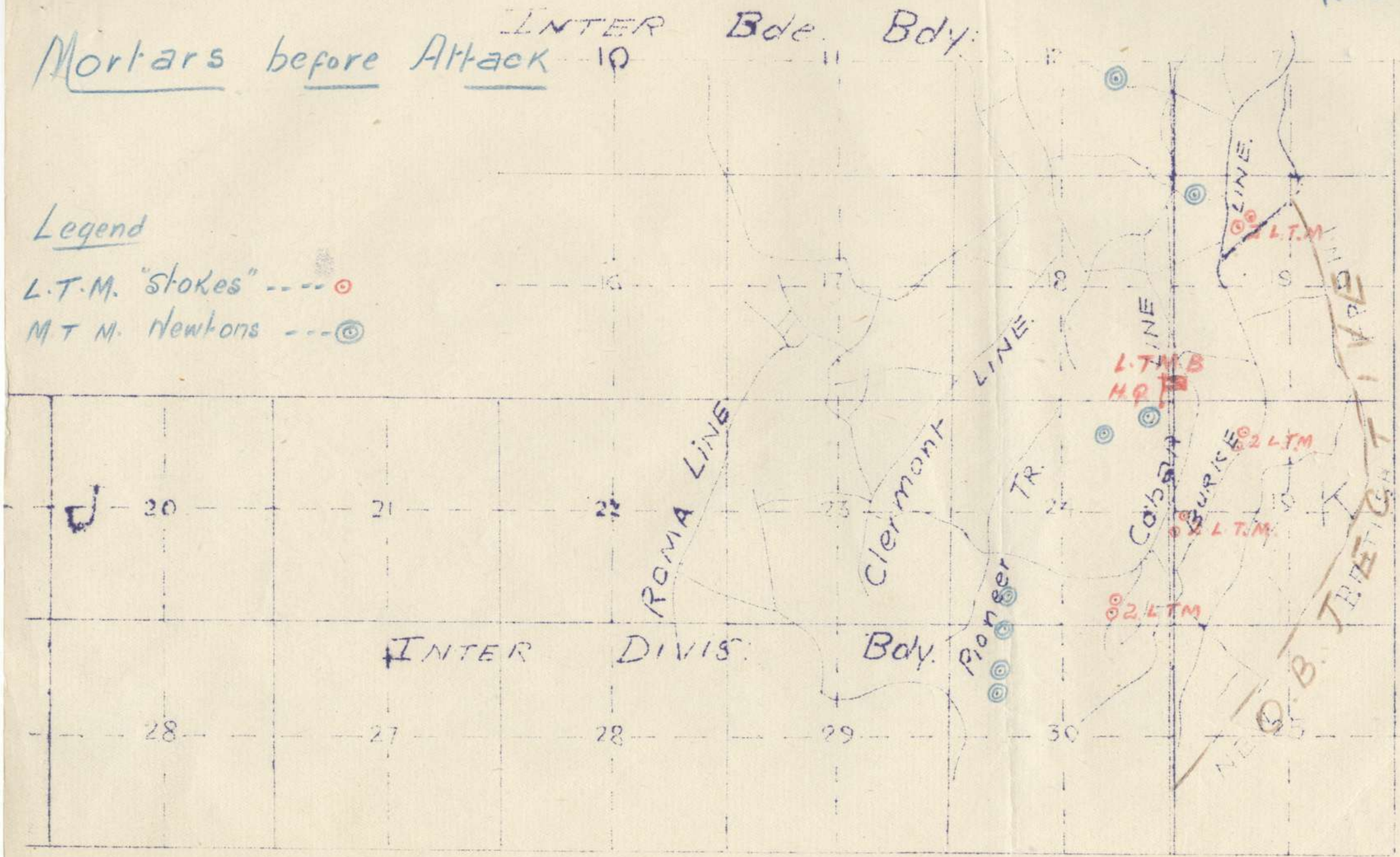
Mortars before Attack



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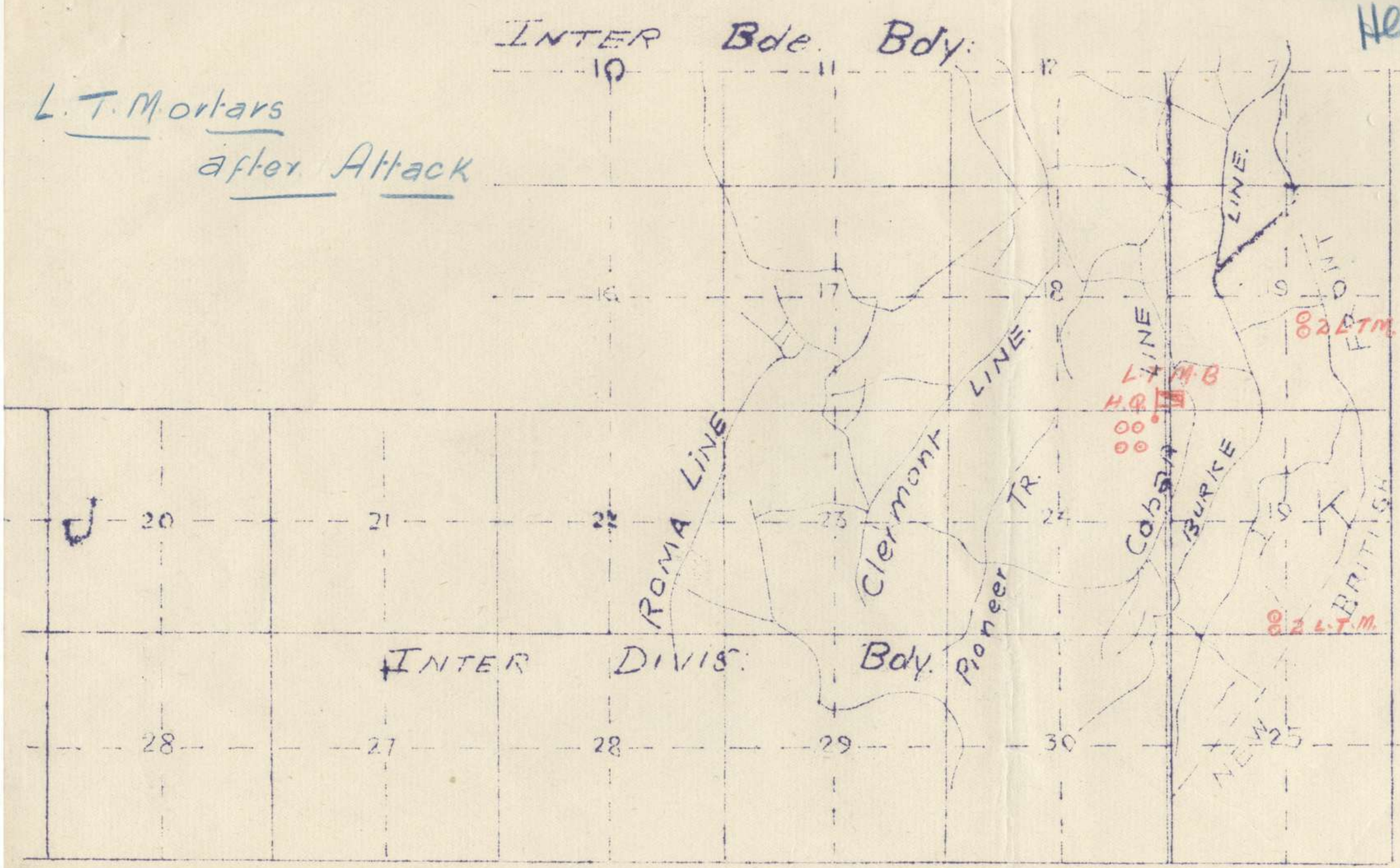
L.T. Mortars after Attack



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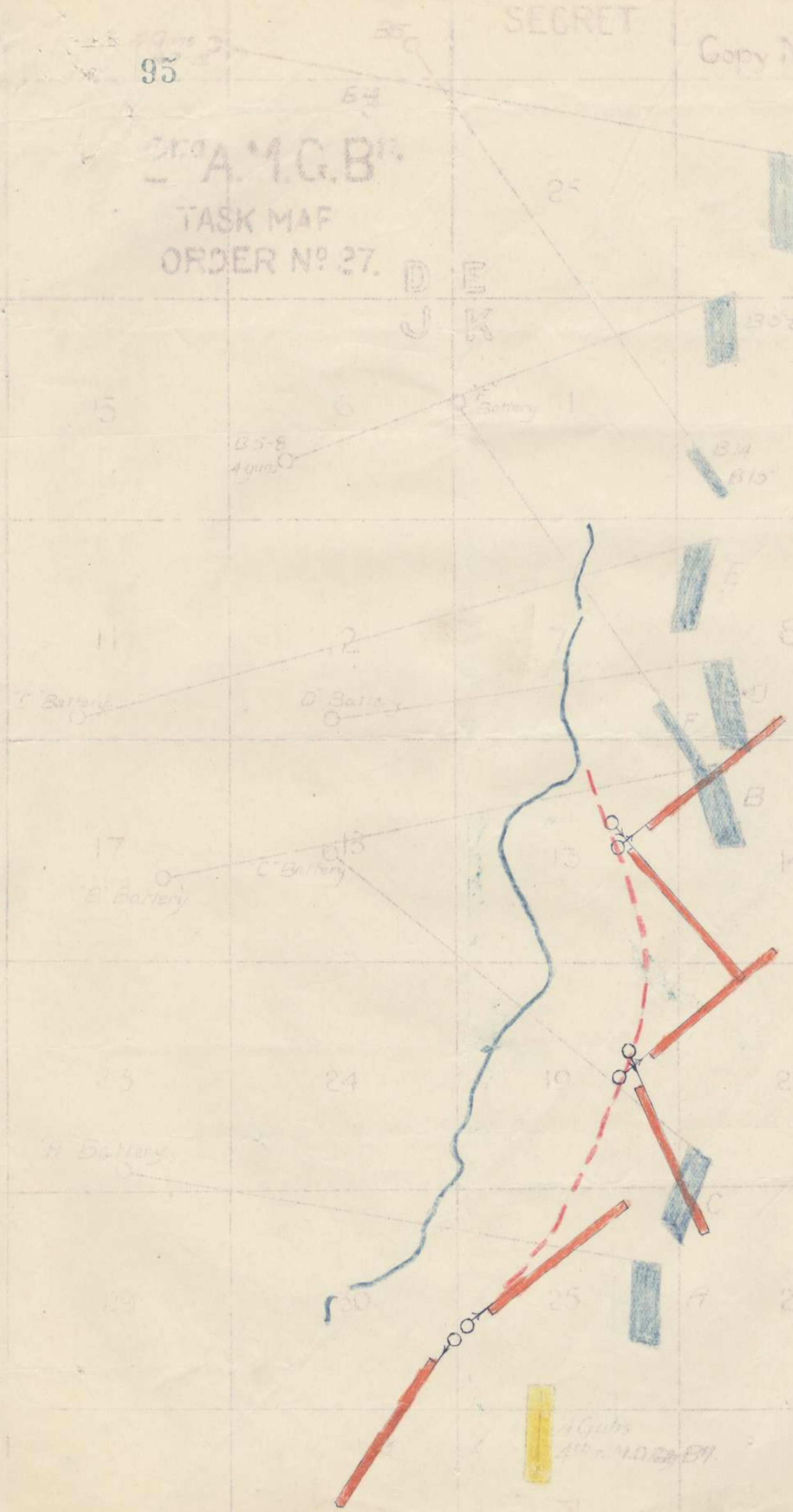

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

HEADQUARTERS, 7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. No. 262/85

Headquarters,
June 13th 1918.

Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.

In forwarding the report of the small operation of the 10th/11th instant, I would like to add the following remarks.

The preliminary arrangements were well and unostentatiously carried out, and as the event proved, left little to be desired.

The time of jumping off was criticised considerably, but proved quite successful. It was decided on for the following reasons:-

(1) As far as I was aware, it hadn't been done since POZIERES, and almost every other period of darkness had been done frequently.

(2) The objective was on the forward slope, and under excellent enemy observation; consequently consolidation would be difficult and costly, if not impossible, in daylight.

(3) The hours of darkness are now so short that it was desirable to get as much of them as possible.

(4) There were wire, trenches and crops with probable trip wire to get through, so that a little light was desirable.

(5) There was means for forming up in jumping off places and remaining there unobserved until Zero.

The arrangement worked well in spite of the fact that the Hun got suspicious owing to excessive movement being observed. The evening attack was quite unexpected. I do not however think it should be repeated for some time, even under as favourable circumstances.

The moves into the jumping off positions were well thought out by Unit Commanders, and excellently carried out. The curiosity of the Australian however could not be repressed, and he would look over the parapet. This in addition to excessive movement round Headquarters, especially Advanced Brigade, was no doubt what was observed by the enemy.

The advance was splendidly carried out, the spirit of all ranks being excellent. Casualties were caused by the eagerness of the men carrying them under our barrage. Although the Huns showed fight in places, especially their machine gunners, there is no doubt that they were morally and physically overpowered. The keenness and great fighting spirit shown by all ranks inthe operation, and the way the whole thing was carried out, is beyond praise.

The Artillery support was excellent. The barrage was good and thick, and the only fault was that about two guns firing on the Right Battalion front, and some on the Centre Battalion, fired short and caused casualties. Under all the circumstances however, and considering how little chance some batteries had for registering, such an accident is not to be wondered at, and we have no complaint. I cannot speak too highly of the way in

which the Artillery worked with the Brigade, both in the preliminary arrangements and in the carrying out of the task. The liaison was excellent.

I want to especially mention the work of the 6" T.M's. the aggressive policy of Captain SEYMOUR before the operation was mentioned, enabled him to emplace additional mortars and register on the enemy without ostentation. His mortars were well placed and were well fought during the action. The wire was knocked about more than was expected, considering the shorttime (3 minutes) in which he had to do it. The fire of his mortars was remarkably accurate and effective. He and all ranks worked hard day and night to assist the Infantry, and the greatest of good feeling and mutual respect was engendered.

The work of the Light Trench Mortars was excellent, their fire accurate and well timed, and of great value in dealing with enemy posts inside the barrage.

The machine gun support was exceedingly good, the barrages being remarkably accurate and heavy. There is no doubt that they played an important part in dispersing counter-attack and concentrations. The action of the 7th A.M.G.Coy showed great dash and enterprise; the six guns allotted to the front line consolidation were in position in a surprisingly short time after the capture of the objective. These guns did good execution next morning on straggling parties of the enemy.

The work of the 2nd Pioneer Battalion was excellent. They appeared to enter into the enterprise wholeheartedly and did everything possible to not merely dig their allotted task, but to help us in every way possible.

I cannot speak too highly of the work of Lieut. Col. WELCH and his ambulance, in the difficult task of clearing the battlefield. His arrangements were exceptionally well thought out and complete, and the work was carried out with the utmost efficiency and rapidity. There has not been in my experience, a more thorough and speedy disposal of the wounded. Details to bear this out can no doubt be better supplied by the A.D.MS.

The consolidation was very rapidly and efficiently carried out. By daylight on the 11th, we had a strongly consolidated position with two C.T's and 3 Strong Points, with garrisons disposed in depth, M.G's and T.M's in position, and an effective S.O.S. ready. There was nothing above ground to act as a target for snipers or machine guns, and the troops were 'standing to ' ready to meet any enemy counter-attack.

There was some criticism of the speed of the Artillery barrage. One Battalion considered it too slow. I am convinced that in the light of our appreciation of the situation before the attack, it was the correct speed to lay down. Had it been quicker a check would have resulted in the barrage getting away, and in much greater losses.

As regards secrecy - You verbally informed me of your intentions on or about the morning of 29th May. Nothing was mentioned of the matter by me to anyone until the following day, when I told my Brigade Major and Staff Captain. On the 31st we were relieved, and some of the Battalion Officers were told that they were going out in order to do a stunt on the 5th Brigade front. Later it became evident that everyone knew about it, including the men in the trenches. I then told C.O's in conference, to carefully spread the report that the whole thing was cancelled, and that we were going to relieve the 5th Brigade. My fear was that patrols might be captured and give away the game. I think greater care should

be taken -

(1) that only those whom it is absolutely necessary to know, should be told.

(2) that preliminary correspondence should be written by a responsible officer and not typewritten.

(3) that such correspondence should not pass through the office until after the event.

(4) that officers should not discuss secret matters at all in messes, or in places where they may be overheard by batmen or others through thin partitions.

(5) that secret documents should not be left on the table or lying about, but should be locked away or put in the pocket during temporary absence from office or billet.

In conclusion, I would like to express to all units outside of the Brigade, my thanks for and deep appreciation of the hearty support afforded us, and the excellent spirit in which it was given.

My thanks arealso due to the G.O.C., 5th A.I. Brigade, and to Lieut. Colonel MURPHY, 18th Battalion, for their support.

Brig. General,
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Copy No. 21

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Order No.189.

Headquarters,
June 12th 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62.D. N.E. 1/20,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade will take over from the 6th A.I.Brigade on the night June 13th/14th that portion of the front between the present inter-brigade boundary and the old inter-brigade boundary through K.7.central.

2. The inter-battalion boundaries will then be as follows -

(a) Between 'A' and 'B' Battalions a line from K.19.d.5.6. through road bend at K.19.d.5.6. to J.24.central, thence Westerly along grid line.

(b) Between 'B' and 'C' Battalions, a line drawn in a Westerly direction from junction of C.T. and front line at K .13.d.45.80.

3. Necessary reliefs, to be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned, to effect these alterations in boundaries, will be carried out on night 13th/14th June as under :-

(a) The 27th Battalion will take over new portion from the 25th Battalion by 10.30 p.m.

(b) The 25th Battalion will take over new portion from the 28th Battalion by 11.30 p.m.

(c) The 28th Battalion will take over from the 22nd Battalion the new portion by 12 midnight.

(d) The 3 platoons of 26th Battalion detailed as nucleus garrison of the old front line will rejoin the 26th Battalion on the night June 13th/14th.

4. (a) Battalion Headquarters will be as under :-

'A' Battalion	J.22.d.2.4.	(moving to dugouts at J.23.d.2.2. when ready for occupation)
'B' Battalion	J.25.d.2.8.	
'C' Battalion	J.17.b.5.7.	
'D' Battalion	J.22.d.2.4.	

5(a) (b) Troops will be disposed in depth. The greatest use will be made of Vickers Machine and Lewis Guns for the defence of the Brigade Sector.

5(b) The forward area will be divided into three lines :-
The front line - the present front line,
Support line - old front line - BURKE line.
Reserve line - PIONEER line.
The Reserve Battalion will occupy the CLERMONT and ROMA lines.

6. The three line battalions will concentrate their attention on the construction of a well-dug continuous front line; also wiring of same.

The Reserve Battalion will be used for the improvement and wiring of the Support Line; also for the carrying of engineers stores to the front line Battalions and for work on and behind the Support Line.

The Pioneer Battalion is being used for the construction of three C.T's, one in each line Battalion sector.

7. Completion of alteration in boundaries will be wired in B.A.B. Code to Brigade Headquarters.

8. A c k n o w l e d g e.

R.L.Q. Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 8 p.m.

Copies to :-
1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty.
6. 7th A.M.G.Coy
7. 5th A.I. Bde.
8. 6th A.I. Bde.
9. 15th A.I. Bde.
10. Right Group Arty.
11. 7th Field Coy.
12. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
13. 2nd A.M.G.Bn.
14. 2nd Aust. Div.
15. G.O.C.
16. B.M.
17. S.C.
18. File.
19/21. War Diary.

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SECRET. 7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Copy No. 24

Headquarters
14th June, 1918.

Order 190.

Ref. map Sheet 62 D 1,40,000

1. The 7th A.I.Bde will be relieved in the right brigade sub-sector by the 8th A.I.Bde on the night 14/15th June, and on relief will move in accordance with attached relief table.

2. (a) Aeroplane photographs, marked maps, defence schemes, all information regarding the front, works policy and all trench stores will be handed over on relief.
(b) Defence schemes and area stores will be taken over from units they relieve.
(c) Copy of receipts given and obtained will be forwarded to Bde. H.Qrs within 24 hours of relief.

3. (a) Advance parties from 20th and 22nd Bns will report to Line Bns on night 13/14th June.
(b) Advance parties from Bde. Units will report to new positions by 12 noon 14th inst.

4. (a) No movement of troops will be made east of a line running north and south through J 16 central before 10 p.m.
(b) Patrols will cover the relief of line Bns.
(c) Subject to the terms of this order, reliefs will be arranged mutually between commanding officers concerned.

5. Administrative Instructions have been issued separately.

6. Completion of relief will be wired in B.A.B. code to Bde. H.Qrs.

7. On relief command of the right brigade sub-sector will pass to the G.O.C. 8th A.I.Bde.

8. On completion of relief Bde. H.Qrs will close at HEILLY and open at FRECHENCOURT Chateau.

9. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued to Signals at midnight

H. Lee
Major.
Brigade Major 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Copies to:-
1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.M.T.Bty
6. 7th A.M.G.Coy.
7. 8th A.I.Bde.
8. 15th A.I.Bde.
9. 5th A.I.Bde.
10. 15th A.I.Bde.
11. 2nd Aust Div. "G"
12. " " " "A.Q."
13. 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.
14. 2nd Aust. M.G.Bn.
15. Light Group Arty.
16. A.Coy. 13th Tank Bn.
17. 7th Field Coy A.E.
18. G.O.C.
19. B.M.
20. S.C.
21. Sig. Officer
22. Bde. Transport Officer
23/25. War Diary
26. File.
27. 17th A.A.S.C.
28. 5th A.I.Bde.

P.T.O.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RELIEF & MOVE TABLE to accompany Brigade Order No. 190.

Date	Unit	Will be relieved by.	Moves to - H.Q. at	In relief of.	Remarks.
1918 June night 14/15th.	25th Bn. (2 Coys) (2 Coys) Line Centre.	Portion of 30th Bn. " " 32nd Bn.	J.18. H.Q. at J.13.c.4.9.	One Bn. 8th A.I. Bde.	(a) Routes as most convenient will be used.
"	26th Bn. Support.	31st Bn.	FRESH SWITCH (C.19.& C.25) H.Q., C.19.c.9.1.	89th Bn.	(b) Distance will be maintained as the situation demands.
"	27th Bn. Line Right	32nd Bn.	FRAN SECTOR H.Q., I.10.c.8.8.	One Bn. 8th A.I.Bde.	
"	28th Bn. Line Left.	30th Bn.	LA HOUSSOYE SWITCH. I.4.a.4.2.	One Bn. 8th A.I. Bde.	(c) Positions in Reserve Brigade area are the same as formerly occupied except that of the 26th Bn.
"	7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	8th A.L.T.M.Bty.	WOOD, C.26.d.3.6.	8th A.L.T.M.Bty.	
"	7th Bde H.Q. & Bde Sig.Sec.	8th Bde H.Q. & Bde Sig. Sec.	FRECHENCOURT CHATEAU.	8th Bde H.Q. & Sig. Sec.	

June 15th. 7th A.I. Bde (less 26th Bn. which remains in FRESH SWITCH in vicinity of FRECHENCOURT) moves to ALLONVILLE area. Move not to commence before 1 p.m.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
15th June 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to accompany 7th A.I.Bde. Order No.190.

1. Trench Stores, General Purpose Rations, Hot Food Containers etc., will be handed over and receipts obtained. These will be sent to Bde. H.Q., 24 hours after completion of relief.

2. All trench shelters both in forward area and at Transport lines will be handed over and receipts obtained.

3. WATER. Units will ensure that there are 24 hours rations of water handed over in the line. Petrol tins not required to make up establishment on transport, will be handed over.

4. Units will move out with Mobile Echelon complete.

5. The transport detached as a mobile reserve will rejoin units when relieved.

6. AMMUNITION. Units will hand over to incoming Brigade the 100 rds S.A.A. in bandoliers and the 2 grenades at present carried in the line. Every man will carry 120 rds S.A.A. out of the line - Requirements to complete to 220 rds and 2 grenades will be wired to Bde.H.Q. by 10 a.m. 15th inst.

7. REFILLING POINT. - As at present.

8. BAGGAGE. Baggage wagons will report to units at 2 p.m. on the 14th instant.

9. DUTIES. All detachments which are not permanent will be relieved on 14th instant. Units will notify Bde.H.Q. by wire when relief of detached personnel is complete.

C. H. Harrison
Captain, Staff Captain.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to all
Units concerned.

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Copy No. 21

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
June 14th 1918.

ORDER No.191.

Reference Map Sheet 62 D, 1/40,000.

1. (a) The 7th A.I. Brigade (less 26th Battalion) will move by march route to the ALLONVILLE area on June 15th, in accordance with attached Move Table.
(b) The 26th Battalion will remain in its position in the vicinity of FRECHENCOURT.

2. All orders and instructions regarding the role of the Brigade forming part of the Division in Corps Reserve will be taken over from units of the 15th A.I. Brigade; also area stores. Defence schemes and area stores will be handed over to incoming units. Copies of receipts given and obtained will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours of move.

3. Each unit will leave behind an officer to hand over the vacated position to the incoming unit.

4. Transport will move with the unit.

5. Brigade Headquarters will close at FRECHENCOURT at 2.30 p.m. on the 15th instant, and open at the same hour at BOIS DE MAI. G 6 d 9.9

6. Acknowledge.

R. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 9 p.m.

Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty
6. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
7. " " " 'A.Q.'
8. 2nd A.M.G.Bn.
9. 2nd D.A.
10. 5th A.I. Bde
11. 6th A.I. Bde
12. 8th A.I. Bde
13. 15th A.I. Bde
14. G.O.C.
15. B.M.
16. S.C.
17. Bde Sig. Officer
18. B.T.O.
19/21. War Diary
22. File.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

MOVE TABLE to accompany Brigade Order No.191.

Date	Unit	Vacates its position at	Moves to and takes over from.	Vacated position will be taken over by.	Remarks.
1918 June 15th.	28th Bn.	1.15 p.m.	CARDONNETTE 60th Bn.	58th Bn.	
"	25th Bn.	1.30 p.m.	BOIS DE MAI H.Q., G.12.a.5.7. 58th Bn.	60th Bn.	Halts for ten minutes at ten minutes to the clock hour will be made.
"	27th Bn.	1.45 p.m.	BOIS DE MAI H.Q., H.1.a.1.2. 57th Bn.	57th Bn.	
"	7th A.L.T.M.Bty	1.30 p.m.	BOIS DE MAI, G.18.c.2.5. 15 FIELD BTY.	15th A.L.T.M.Bty	
"	7th A.I.Bde H.Q.	2.30 p.m.	BOIS DE MAI G.3.d.9.9. 15th A.I.Bde H.Q.	15th A.I.Bde H.Q.	

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
June 19th 1918.

Headquarters,
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Battalions,
7th A.L.T.M.Battery,
7th A.M.G.Coy.

Reference Map 62 D, Edition 1.C.Local, 1/40,000.

1. In continuation of Instructions for the Defencive No.34 issued on June 14th, the following are the most probable roles of the Brigade while the Division is in Corps Reserve.

Scheme 'A'	To meet an enemy attack South of the SOMME.
Scheme 'B'.	To strengthen the Left flank of the Corps if threatened.
Scheme 'C'.	To meet a break-through on the North of the Corps.
Scheme 'D'	Generally to be employed offensively for the maintenance of the present Corps position and also defensively to protect AMIENS.

2. (a) In the case of Scheme 'A', Units will move to their positions of readiness by the shortest route on receipt from Brigade H.Q. of the order "MOVE - SCHEME 'A'"

Positions of readiness will be :-

25th Battalion	- -	N.21.d.
26th "	- -	N.21.d.
27th "	- -	N.21.c.
28th "	- -	N.21.c.
7th A.M.G.Coy	- -	N.21.c. (near Railway Arch)
7th A.L.T.M.Bty	- -	N.21.c.
7th A.I.Bde H.Q.	- -	TRONVILLE CHATEAU.

(b) In the case of a counter-attack to recover VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, the Brigade will be in Divisional Reserve. The following four positions of assembly will therefore be reconnoitred together with all routes up to and forward of same :-

(1) O.16. and O.17.
(2) O.21. and O.27.
(3) General line of CACHY-FOUILLOY ROAD
(4) O.33. and U.3.

3. In the case of Scheme 'B', the Brigade will be prepared to counter-attack or to occupy the QUERRIEU-PONT NOYELLES positions, and will move by the shortest route on receipt of the order from Brigade H.Q. "MOVE - SCHEME 'B'".

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The positions of assembly will be :-

25th Battalion	- -	C.25.d.
26th "	- -	C.26.c.
27th "	- -	I.2.a.
28th "	- -	I.1.b.
7th A.M.G.Coy	- -)	Trench near I.1.c.3.5.
7th A.L.T.M.Bty	- -)	
Transport brigaded at H.3.a.		
Brigade H.Q.	- -	I.1.a.2.2.

4. In the case of Scheme 'C', the Brigade will occupy FRESH SWITCH - FRECHENCOURT - ST. GRATIEN RIDGE line and will move into position on receipt of the order from Brigade H.Q. "MOVE - SCHEME 'C'".

26th Battalion will occupy FRESH SWITCH with its Left flank refused to about the Railway at B.30.central.

27th Battalion will hold the ST. GRATIEN position. Its line will run approx. from B.29.a.8.8. along trench line in B.22.c. and d., B.21.d.,c. & a., B.20.b, to B.20.a.9.9.

28th Battalion will hold the gap between the 26th Battalion and 27th Battalion, with two Companies, from the HALLUE RIVER at about B.24.d.2.3. to B.29.b.2.7. The remainder of the Battalion will be at approx. H.5.a.& b.

25th Battalion will be in reserve about H.10.d.

One Section of the 7th A.M.G.Company will move with each of the 26th and 27th Battalions, and will come under the orders of the Battalion Commanders. The remaining two sections will be with Company H.Q. at Brigade H.Q.

Two Light Trench Mortars will be allotted to each of the 26th, 27th and 28th Battalions, and will move with their respective Battalion H.Q. The remaining two mortars and Battery H.Q. will be with Brigade H.Q.

Brigade H.Q. will be established at H.10.d.

5. All positions, routes, and assembly positions will be thoroughly reconnoitred by as many officers and N.C.Os as possible.

C.O's of Units will forward appreciations of the various roles which they may be called upon to fill, by Sunday 23rd instant.

Captain,
A/Brigade Major, 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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2nd Australian Division.
2nd A.M.G.Bn.
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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. 288/371

Headquarters,
June 20th 1918.

Headquarters,
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.

No.321 CSM YOUNG, G., Army Gymnastic Staff, having reported for duty with this Brigade as P. & B.T. Instructor vice Sergt. F.W. JOYCE, will be attached to units as follows :-

25th Bn.	from	21st June	to	23rd June	(inclusive)
27th Bn.	"	24th June	to	26th June	"
28th Bn.	"	27th June	to	29th June	"
26th Bn.	"	30th June	to	2nd July	" (if Brigade is still in its present area)

(signed) J.J.L. McCALL, Captain,
A/Brigade Major, 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Copy No. 25

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Order No.192.

Headquarters,
June 24th 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62 D, 1/40,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade will relieve the 10th A.I. Bde in Reserve - 3rd Australian Division - on the 26th June 1918 in accordance with attached table.
On completion of relief, the 7th A.I. Brigade will come under the orders of the G.O.C., 3rd Australian Division.

2. (a) All Defensive Instructions, Defence Schemes and marked maps concerning the Reserve Brigade, and trench stores, will be taken over from units of the 10th A.I. Brigade and receipts given.
(b) All orders and instructions regarding the role of the Division and this Brigade whilst in Corps Reserve, will be handed over to units of the 10th A.I. Brigade and receipts obtained.
(c) Copies of receipts will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within 24 hours of relief.

3. Distances will be maintained on the march as follows :-
(a) North of the SOMME :-
Between Battalions - - - 500 yards.
" Companies - - - 100 yards.
Between Unit & its Transport 100 yards.
" each section of 6 vehicles) - 25 yards.
(b) South of the SOMME :-
Between Battalions - - - 800 yards.
" Companies - - - 300 yards.
" Platoons - - - 100 yards.

4. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.

5. The 28th Battalion on completion of relief, will be ready to move at one hour's notice to Position of Readiness in O.16. from where they may be required to reinforce the Left Brigade (9th A.I. Brigade), 3rd Australian Division, or to counter-attack on that Brigade front.

6. Brigade H.Q. will close at CHATEAU ALLONVILLE at 10 a.m. 26th instant, and re-open at GLISY (N.20.c.2.8.) at the same hour.

7. Completion of relief to be wired to Brigade H.Q. in code.

8. A c k n o w l e d g e.

Captain,
A/Brigade Major, 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 1 a.m.

Copies to:-
1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th ALTMB.
6. 10th A.I.Bde.
7. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
8. " " " 'A.Q'
9. 3rd Aust. Div. 'G'
10. 7th A.M.G.Coy
11. 7th Field Amb.
12. 17th Coy A.A.S.C.
13. 5th A.I. Bde.
14. 6th A.I.Bde.
15. 11th A.I. Bde.
16. 9th A.I. Bde.
17. 2nd A.M.G.Bn.
18. Area Comndt, ALLONVILLE.
19. G.O.C.
20. B.M.
21. S.C.
22. File.
23/25. War Diary.
26/28. Spare.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

RELIEF TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No.192.

Date	Unit	Head of column to pass X Roads N.2.c.1.8. at	Move to	In relief of	Route	Location of new H.Q.	Remarks
1918 June 26th	25th Bn.	9.30 a.m.	Trenches & Railway embankment in N.28. b.& d, & N.29.c.	40th Bn.	ALLONVILLE-X Roads H.19.c.4.0 - X Roads N.2.c.1.8 -LA MOTTE-Bridge N.14.d.9.3.	N.28.b.30.55.	Relief to be complete by 12 noon.
"	26th Bn.	10 a.m.	Trenches in N.34.d.	39th Bn.	QUERRIEU - X Roads H.34.d.5.9 - X Roads N.2.c.1.8 -Bridge N.14.d.9.3.	N.34.d.80.55.	"
"	27th Bn.	9 a.m.	2 Coys in bank along Main Rd in N.23.c. 1 Coy in trenches in O.32.b.& O.26.d. (South of Main Road) 1 Coy in trenches in O.26.d.(between Railway and Main Road)	38th Bn.	As for 25th Bn.	N.22.a.9.0.	"
"	28th Bn.	10.30 a.m.	TRONVILLE SWITCH (N.23.d.)	37th Bn.	As for 25th Bn.	N.23.a.90.10.	"
"	7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	10.50 a.m.	BLANGY-TRONVILLE.	10th A.L.T. M.Bty.	As for 25th Bn.	Billet No.7. BLANGY-TRONVILLE.	"

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
June 25th 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to accompany 7th A.I. Bde Order 192.

1. TRENCH SHELTERS & TENTS. All trench shelters and tents will be handed over and receipts in duplicate forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within 24 hours of relief. Those in the new area will be taken over and receipts also forwarded.

2. MOBILE ECHELON. Units will move with echelon complete.

3. AMMUNITION. 220 rounds S.A.A. and 2 grenades will be carried on the man.

4. SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS will be notified later.

5. BAGGAGE. Baggage wagons will report to units tonight

6. DUTIES. All personnel detached on duties in this area will be withdrawn and move out with units.

7. TRANSPORT LINES & Q.M. STORES. Transport lines will be taken over from 10th A.I. Brigade at M.18.b.8.3.

8. WATER SUPPLY. For horses - at Transport Lines.
For cooking - at M.20.d.1.9.

9. COOKING. Cookers will be with their units.

10. NUCLEUS PERSONNEL. Camp will be taken over from 10th A.I. Bde at N.7.a.6.8. and will be temporarily under the Command of Major A. BROWN, D.S.O., M.C., 28th Battalion. Personnel will move from this area with their respective units, and be detached en route to proceed to Nucleus Camp.

11. RESERVE RATION & AMMUNITION DUMPS. All dumps will be taken over and carefully checked. Copies of receipts given will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within 24 hours of relief.

12. PACK STORES. All packs and blankets will be stored at billets Nos. 83 and 84, ALLONVILLE. Guards as on last occasion to be detailed. Arrangements will be made to ration guards with relieving Brigade, as from 27th inst. (inclusive)

Lieutenant,
For Staff Captain, 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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Order No. 193.

Headquarters,
June 25th 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62 D, 1/40,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade will relieve the 11th A.I.Brigade in the Right Brigade Sub-Sector of 3rd Australian Divisional front on the night 27th/28th June 1918, in accordance with attached table.

2. Aeroplane photographs, trench maps, defence schemes, and all information regarding the new front, trench stores, including S.O.S. Signal Rockets and area stores will be taken over by relieving units. Copies of receipts will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within 24 hours of completion of relief.

3. On completion of relief, 26th Battalion ('A' Bn) will be disposed as under :-

2 Coys in the front line,
1 Coy in Close Support
1 Coy in Reserve.

25th Battalion ('B' Bn) will be disposed as under :-

2 Coys in the front line,
2 Coys in Close Support.

1 Coy of 27th Battalion ('D' Bn) garrisoning 'KEEPS' in VILLERS-BRETONNEUX will be under the orders of the O.C., 25th Battalion.

Dispositions of 3 remaining Coys of 27th Battalion ('D' Bn) and 28th Battalion ('C' Bn) are given in attached table.

4. The inter-battalion boundary between 'A' and 'B' Battalions will be an East and West line along grid line through P.25 central and O.30 central.

5. Battalions will send forward to Battalions of the 11th A.I. Brigade, 1 Officer per Company and a proportion of N.C.O's and Specialists during the afternoon 26th June and night 26th/27th June.

6. No movement of troops will take place East of a North and South line through O.25.central before 6 p.m. and thereafter only by sections at 100 yards interval. West of O.25 central, movement will be by platoons at 200 yards interval.

7. Subject to the terms of this order, details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.

8. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.

9. Completion of reliefs will be wired in B.A.B. Code to Brigade H.Q.

10. (a) On completion of relief, the Command of the Right Brigade Sector will pass to the G.O.C., 7th A.I. Brigade.
(b) Brigade H.Q. will close at GLISY at 8.30 p.m. and re-open at O.25.c.8.4. at the same hour.

11. Acknowledge.

Captain, A/Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 12 noon.
For distribution P.T.O.

Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty
6. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
7. " " " 'A.Q'
8. 3rd Aust. Div.
9. 9th A.I. Bde.
10. 10th A.I. Bde.
11. 11th A.I. Bde.
12. 5th A.I. Bde.
13. 6th A.I. Bde.
14. 7th A.M.G.Coy.
15. 7th Aust. F.Amb.
16. 7th Field Coy A.E.
17. 2nd M.G.Bn.
18. 17th A.A.S.C.
19. G.O.C.
20. B.M.
21. S.C.
22. File.
23/25. War Diary.
26/28. Spare.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RELIEF TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 193, 25/6/18.

Date	Unit	Moves from	To	In relief of	Location of new H.Q.
1918 June Night 27/28th	25th Bn.	N.28.b.& d., and N.29.c.	Line Left.	44th Bn.	O.28.c.8.5.
"	26th Bn.	N.34.d.	Line Right.	41st Bn.	O.28.c.8.5.
"	27th Bn.	2 Coys N.23.c. 2 Coys O.32.b. & O.26.d.	Support Left. 1 Coy in VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, under C.O. 25th Bn. 1 Coy in trenches O.28.cen. 1 Coy " O.26.c.& d. 1 Coy " O.27.central.	42nd Bn.	O.26.c.9.3.
"	28th Bn.	N.23.d.	Support Right. 1 Coy in trenches U.4.a. 1 " " U.4.a.& U.5.b. 1 " " U.3.a,U.2.b, and O.32.d. 1 Coy in trenches O.32.a.	43rd Bn.	O.26.c.9.3.
"	7th A.L.T.M.Bty	BLANGY-TRONVILLE.	Line. 4 Mortars in Line 4 " in Reserve.	10th A.L.T.M.Bty.	O.27.c.10.45.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
26th June 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS to accompany 7th A.I.Bde. Order 193.

1. TRENCH SHELTERS & TENTS. All Trench Shelters and Tents will be handed over and receipts in duplicate forwarded to Bde.H.Q., within 24 hours of relief. Receipts for those taken over from 11th A.I.Bde. will also be forwarded.

2. TRANSPORT LINES & Q.M. STORES. Transport will be Brigaded under command of Bde. T.O., Captain J.C.LITTLE, MC. 26th Bn, and located at M.13.b. Q.M.Stores will remain as at present.

3. AMMUNITION. A.R.P. is located at M.2.b.4.2.
Advanced Divisional Reserve Dump - N.22.d.6.5.
The Brigade Mobile Reserve of ammunition will remain on wheels at Transport Lines. Each unit will send a guide to report to Bde.T.O., by 5 p.m. on 27th inst. Bde. T.O. will detail two mounted orderlies to guide ammunition from D.A.C. forward. All routes will be reconnoitred at once.

4. SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS. Refilling Point on 27th instant and following days - M.3.b.1.2. Time of Refilling 10 a.m.
Train Supply wagons will deliver to units.

5. COOKING ARRANGEMENTS. Unit Q.Ms. will obtain all information from Q.Ms. of 11th A.I.Bde.

6. NUCLEUS PERSONNEL will remain under command of Captain J.D. ELDER, MC., 27th Battalion, at present location N 7. a. 6. 8

7. RESERVE RATIONS & AMMUNITION. Units will take over, carefully check, and forward receipts in duplicate to Bde.H.Q., within 24 hours of relief. Reserve Rations & Ammunition Dumps as under :-

	Locations.
25th Battalion from 44th Bn.	O.29.d.60.70. O.29.d.75.70. O.35.a.30.20. O.35.a.60.70. O.35.a.60.80. O.29.c.65.35. O.34.c.75.75.
27th Battalion from 42nd Bn.	O.34.a.70.10. O.26.c.90.30.
28th Battalion from 43rd Bn.	O.34.c.80.40. U.3.b.80.10.
Brigade Reserve	O.27.d.20.40.

8. WATER SUPPLIES Transport Water Point - M.18.d.

COOKING & DRINKING PURPOSES.

SOURCE	LOCATION	Number of measures of B.P.
BLANGY-TRONVILLE	No. 58. Pontoon Bqc.	1
(Well)	4th Pion. Dug-outs.	1
(Well)	Billet	1
	Brigade Headquarters	1
(Public Well)	Billet Ni.	1
(Well)	Rail. Caretkrs.Res.	2
(Pump)	4th Field Coy.Billet.	1
"	172 Coy R.E.	1
	A. Bty. R.F.A.	1
	172 Coy. R.E.No.	1
	182 Tunn. Coy. No.	1
	N.29.d.2.4.	2
	On Corbie & Blangy Rd.	1
	Well (Pump)	1
VILLERS BRETONNEUX.		
(Public Well)	No. 31. Near Saw-Mill.	3
(Well)	Bois l'abbe (Pump Plant) windless erect broken)	2
(Well)	P.O.W. Cage.	2
	Bois l'abbe in Abbey. (unfit)	7

Ponds in Towns must not be used under any circumstances for watering.

9. CEMETERIES. Cemeteries are situated at :-

M.29.d.1.5.
N.29.c.3.6.
O.28.c.6.7.
N.28.a.2.8.

10. BATHS. Divisional Baths are situated at LA MOTTE and BLANGY-TRONVILLE.

The Divisional Clothing Store will be at LA MOTTE Baths and supplies of clean clothing can be obtained by units from this Store.

11. REAR BDE. HEAD QRS., LA MOTTE.

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12. ORDNANCE D.A.D.O.S. will remain as at present.

Ordnance Refilling Point -

M.17.a.7.3.

13. REINFORCEMENTS. Divisional Staging Camp -

M.10.d.6.2. All Reinforcements will go to Nucleus camp on arrival.

14. CANTEEN Divisional Canteen is located at -

CAMON.

Captain, Staff Captain.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Copies to units concerned.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

27th June 1918

FIRST ADDENDUM to Administrative Instructions accompanying Bde Order No. 193.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The following are the Medical arrangements for evacuation of Sick and Wounded :-

1. (a) The 5th Field Ambulance will man posts at M.18.a.5.6. and M.5.c.2.5. and will be responsible for clearing from GLISY-LONGUEAU Road back to Emergency M.D.S. at M.18.a.5.6.
   (b) The 6th Field Ambulance is located at the Main Dressing Station St. ACHEUL, M.20.b.2.9.
   (c) The 7th Field Ambulance is responsible for the A.D.S. at N.26.d.1.3. and all forward posts and clearances to Main Dressing Station. Walking Wounded collecting posts at N.27.c.2.5.

2. For Scheme of evacuation for Right and Left Brigades see Appendix "A"

3. ALTERNATIVE SCHEME FOR EVACUATION. The normal route of evacuation is from A.D.S. along main VILLERS-BRETONNEUX -- AMIENS Road through LONGUEAU to the M.D.S. St. ACHEUL.
   Should the road through LONGEAU be impassable the following emergency routes will be used :-

(a) From A.D.S. and Walking Wounded Collecting Post through GLISY, through LA MOTTE-BREBIERE via Plank Bridge to emergency A.D.S. at M.18.a.5.6. by wheeled transport under orders of C.O., 7th Australian Field Ambulance. Thence to emergency M.D.S. at M.5.c.2.5. under orders of 5th Aust. Field Ambulance.

(b) If the plank bridge crossing the SOMME at LA MOTTE - BREBIERE is impassable, the evacuation will be by wheeled transport along GLISY-LONGUEAU Road to marked track M.19.a.6.0. or M.23.d.8.8. - under orders C.O., 7th Aust. Field Ambulance. Thence by hand carriage along marked tracks via emergency bridge in M.18.d.2.2. or M.17.d.6.3. to emergency A.D.S. at M.18.a.5.6. - thence to emergency M.D.S. at M.5.c.2.5. under orders C.O., 5th Aust. Field Ambulance.

C H Harrison
Captain, Staff Captain.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX "A"

SCHEME OF EVACUATION OF SICK AND WOUNDED FROM 2nd AUST. DIVISIONAL FRONT.

	R.A.P's.	Bearer Relay Posts	Motor and Wagon Posts.	Advanced Dressing Stn & W.Wounded Station.	Main Dressing Station.	EVACUATION.
RIGHT Bde.	0.26.d.1.4. 0.28.c.7.5. (The Quarry) 0.35.c.2.8.	0.34.a.8.3.	0.27.d.7.7. (Subway)	A.D.S. N.26.d.1.3.		From Line. Hand or Wheeled Stretcher to Motor Post, thence by car and horsed ambulance wagon to A.D.S. A.D.S. to M.D.S. By Div.Amb. Transport. M.D.S. to C.C.S. by 2nd M.A.C.
LEFT Bde.	0.24.c.2.2. 0.27.d.7.7. (subway) 0.22.a.5.2. 0.29.d.9.4.	0.23. 0.8.3. 0.28.a.9.9. 0.28.c.1.5.		N.27.c.5.3. W.W.Stn.	St.ACHEUL	

FOR INFORMATION :-

Headqrs. 5th Aust. Field Ambulance located at M.5.c.2.5. with Dental Unit attached.
do 6th " " " M.D.S. St ACHEUL " " "
do 7th " " " A.D.S-N.26.d.1.3. - "
C.C.S'S. Nos. 5 and 47 CROUY Adv.Dep.Med.Stores. No. 14 CROUY.
INFECTIOUS CASES - To nearest C.C.S. Aust.Branch B.R.Cross - IERNOIS.
OPHTHALMIC CENTRE)
S.I.W., N.Y.D.N.) No. 12 C.C.S. LONGPRE.
N.Y.D. Gas.)
2nd M.A.C. - BERTANGLES.

Appendix 11.

Fighting Strength - 7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE -
as at 30/6/1918.

	Officers.	o/ranks.
25th Battalion	32	792
26th Battalion	56	926
27th Battalion	47	824
28th Battalion	39	765
7th A.L.T.M.Battery	4	63
	178	3,370

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STATEMENT OF CASUALTIES - June 1918.

	Killed.		Wounded.	
	Off.	o/r.	Off.	o/r.
25th Battalion	4	30	14	203
26th Battalion	-	7	4	48
27th Battalion	1	28	3	152
28th Battalion	3	47	6	117
7th A.L.T.M.Bty	-	-	-	3
	8	112	27	523

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STATEMENT of TROPHIES Captured during Mongh of June 1918.

Heavy Machine Guns	2
Light Machine Guns	28
Minenwerfer	2
Granatenwerfer	3
Grenade Rifle	1
Light M.G. Spare Parts	2 bags
" " " Barrels	2
Grenade Cups	2
Ammunition Boxes.	
Granatenwerfer Spare Parts.	

PRISONERS CAPTURED during June 1918

5 Officers 307 o/ranks.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RETURN OF SALVAGE collected and forwarded to 2nd Aust. Div. Salvage Dump for period 24/5/18 to 31/5/18.

Article.	25th Bn.	26th Bn.	27th Bn.	28th Bn.	T.M.Bty.	Totals.
18 pdr. shells.	-	-	-	3	-	3
18 pdr. shell C/s.	661	-	-	2,056	-	2,717
4.5. " "	83	-	-	200	-	283
3" Stokes Shells.	salved by Bde. H.Qrs.					144
S.A.A.,	12,000	500	4,000	2,950	200	19,450
do German.	-	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
do empty boxes.	4	-	-	-	-	4
Bomb Boxes.	1	-	-	1	-	2
Ammunition, M.G.Belts.	2	-	-	-	-	2
Lewis Guns. (complete-serviceable)	-	-	-	2	-	2
Lewis Gun Magazines.	1	-	-	6	-	7
" " Radiator.	1	-	-	-	-	1
" " Cylinder.	1	-	-	-	-	1
S.A.A. cartridge C/s.	1 bag.	-	-	250	-	1 bag & 250
Rifle. Grenades. No. 36.	36	-	-	-	-	36
" " No. 23.	48	8	-	-	-	56
Mills " No. 5.	-	-	100	-	-	100
Rifles.	74	5	18	49	15	161
" Rifles.	4	-	14	6	-	24
Web Equipment Fighting Order.	60	3	5	29	2	99sets
Web Packs.	3	-	-	-	-	3
Pouches.	3	-	-	-	2	5
German Packs.	4	-	-	-	-	4
Ent. tools.	-	3	-	18	24	25
" heads.	3	-	-	-	2	6
" helves.	3	-	-	13	-	16
Bayonets.	3	-	-	22	8	33
Scabbards.	-	-	-	18	2	20
Box Respirators.	16	1	-	4	5	26
" containers.	5	-	-	-	-	5
Steel helmets.	28	-	-	2	9	39
1 Tangent Sight. (Vickers)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Water bots.	14	1	-	11	3	29
Mess tins.	8	-	-	6	9	23
White tape.	1 roll	-	-	-	-	1
Ground sheet.	1	-	-	1	1	3
Petrol tins.	9	-	-	-	-	9
German Respirators.	-	-	3	-	-	3
Web Braces.	-	-	-	32	-	32
" Belts.	-	-	-	24	-	24
Haversacks.	-	-	-	11	-	11
Horse collars.	11	-	-	-	-	11
Buggy Harness.	1 set.	-	-	-	-	1
Saddles.	2	-	-	-	-	2
Harness.	4 bags.	-	-	-	-	4
Grindstones.	3	-	-	-	-	3
Planes.	13	-	-	-	-	13
Mattresses.	7	-	-	-	-	7
Wheat.	2 bags.	-	-	-	-	2
Lamps.	1 bag.	-	-	-	-	1
Bicycle frame.	1	-	-	-	-	1
" chains.	2	-	-	-	-	2
Sewing machine.	1	-	-	-	-	1
X Cut Saw.	1	-	-	-	-	1
Nails.	1 s/bag.	-	-	-	-	1
Sawyer Stove.	1	-	-	-	-	1

Article.	25th Bn.	26th Bn.	27th Bn.	28th Bn.	TM Bty.	Totals.
Shovels.	13	-	27	-	-	40
Picks.	4	-	24	-	-	28
Motor Cycle Belt. (rubber)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Hurricane Lamp.	1	-	-	-	-	1
Axe.	1	-	-	-	-	1
Screw pickets medium.	40	-	-	-	-	40
Barb wire.	2	-	-	-	-	2
Rough timber.						
10' x 4" x 4"	-	-	4	-	-	4 lengths.
10' x 6" x 1"	-	-	12	-	-	12 "
8' x 4" . 1"	-	-	12	-	-	12 "
Gal. Iron.	-	-	12	-	-	12 sheets.
Brass caps(petrol tins)	-	-	-	-	24	24
Metal.	-	-	-	-	3	3 S/bags.
Musical Instrument Brass	-	-	-	-	1	1
Stretchers.(serviceable)	-	-	-	-	3	3
" U.S.	-	-	-	-	1	1
Rum jars.	-	-	-	-	3	3
Greatcoats.	4	-	-	-	11	15
Civilian clothing.	3 bags & qty.	-	-	-	-	3 bags & qty
Sox.	15	10	-	-	17	42 prs.
Tunics.	2	-	-	-	-	2
Trousers.	2	-	-	-	-	2
Cardigan Jackets.	3	-	-	-	9	12
Leather Jerkins.	5	-	-	-	1	6
Hats. C.P.	2	-	-	-	-	2
Boots,U.S.	9	77	-	1	-	87 prs.
Underpants.	-	15	-	2	10	27 "
Shirts.	-	28	-	2	5	35
Singlets.	-	6	-	-	10	16
Towels.	-	-	-	-	7	7
Putties.	-	-	-	-	3	3
Gum boots.	-	-	-	-	2	2 prs.
Liquid Glucose.	-	-	1 bdl.	-	-	1 bdle.
Sundries.	-	-	1 box	-	-	1 box
Morphia Hydro.	-	-	1 "	-	-	1 "
Sterilized Solution.	-	-	12 tubes	-	-	12 tubes
Sterilized Silk.	-	-	8 "	-	-	8 "
Sodium Chloride Pills.	-	-	1 tin.	-	-	1 tin.
Glass tubes.	-	-	1 doz.	-	-	1 doz.
Gauze.	-	-	20	-	-	20 rolls
Liquid Chloride.	-	-	3 bots.	-	-	3 bots.
Chloroform.	-	-	11 "	-	-	11 bots.
Sedubic Carbonas.	-	-	1 bot.	-	-	1 bot.
Iodoform P.B.	-	-	1 "	-	-	1 "
Laughing Gas.	-	-	2 Cyl.	-	-	2
Ether.	-	-	2 bots.	-	-	2 bots.

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HEADQUARTERS, 7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. No. 17/86 Date

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
June 12th 1918.

Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division,
Div. Salvage Officer.

RETURN OF SALVAGE collected by units of 7th A.I. Brigade during 10d 1st to 11th June 1918.

Articles	25th Bn.	28th Bn.	TOTALS
18 pdr shells	-	4	4
" shell cases	670	-	670
4.5 " "	130	-	130
S.A.A.	-	3 bags, 3 bx 700 rds.	
" Clips & shells	-	1 bag 5000 rds	
Rifles	5	82	87
" (German)	-	4	4
Box Respirators	2	33	35
Web Equip. Fighting Order	3	4	7
Bayonets	2	56	58
Scabbards	2	53	55
Water Bottles	1	23	24
Steel Helmets	1	36	37
Ground Sheets	1	23	24
Entrenching Tools, Heads	3	1	4
" Carriers	-	109	109
" Tools	-	56	56
Pouches	-	149	149
Water Bottle Carriers	-	59	59
Haversacks	-	58	58
Bayonet Frogs	-	37	37
Rifle Slings	-	70	70
Equipment Belts	-	61	61
Braces	-	197	197
Entrenching T.Helves	-	56	56
Boots Ankle, pairs	14	4	18
Tunics	4	-	4
Puttees, pairs	3	-	3
Shirts, Flannel	23	15	38
Underpants	17	2	19
Undershirts	6	6	12
Sox, pairs	33	70	103
Jacket, S.D.	1	-	1
Towels	3	27	30
Cardigans	-	6	6
Woollen Sundries	-	2 bags	2 bags
Great Coats	-	32	32
Hat, felt	-	1	1
Jerkin	-	1	1
Horse Rug	1	-	1
Bootmakers Lasts	2	-	2
Carbide	1 tin	-	1 tin
Flatirons	6	-	6
Bed Quilt	1	-	1
Pole Draught	1 u/s	-	1 u/s
Blankets	5	-	5
Sewing Machines	1	-	1
Leather Gloves, pr	1	-	1
Bomb Boxes	-	8	8
S.A.A. "	-	2	2
L.G. Magazines	-	1	1
" Panniers	-	2	2

Articles	25th Bn.	28th Bn.	TOTALS.
Flare Pistol	-	1	1
Mess Tin Covers	-	6	6
German Bayonet	-	1	1
" Stretcher Sling	-	1	1
Oil Bottles	-	4	4
Mess Tins	-	15	15
Rifle Covers	-	57	57
Bayonet Frogs	-	11	11

Brig. General,
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.
Div. Salvage Officer.

Headquarters,
20th June 1918.

HEADQUARTERS, 7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
No. 17/88
Date.

SALVAGE RETURN for week ending 20/6/1918.

Articles.	25th Battalion.	28th Battalion.	7th T.M.Bty.	Totals.
18 pdr. Shell Cases.	-	173	-	173
S.A.A.	-	2 bags.	-	2 bags.
" empties.	-	½ bag.	-	½ bag.
" boxes, empty.	3	-	-	3
Mills Bombs.	-	25 C/s.	-	25 C/s.
Rifles.	1	22	5	28
" German.	1	1	-	2
" Sporting.	1	-	-	1
" Slings.	-	12	-	12
" Covers.	-	7	-	7
L.G. Gas Cylinder.	1	-	-	1
" Rear Sight complete.	1	-	-	1
Bayonets.	-	4	-	4
Scabbards.	-	28	-	28
Web Equipment. F' Order.	7	-	1	8
" Packs.	8	265	-	273
" Haversacks.	1	16	-	17
" Belts.	-	25	-	25
" Braces.	-	67	1	68
" Pouches.	-	39	-	39
Water"Bots.	-	15	2	17
" " carriers.	-	33	-	33
Entrenching Tools.	-	27	-	27
" " carriers.	-	33	-	33
" " helves.	-	12	3	15
" " handles.	-	7	-	7
Web Equip. Supporting Straps	-	49	-	49
Helmets, Steel.	4	1	1	6
" " German.	-	1	-	1
" " lining.	-	1	-	1
Box Respirators.	4	1	1	6
French Gas Masques.	-	2	-	2
German Gas helmet.	-	1	-	1
Mess Tins.	-	3	-	3
" covers.	-	19	-	19
Bayonet Frogs.	-	22	-	22
Revolver Holster.	-	1	-	1
Truss.	-	1	-	1
Ground Sheets.	-	6	-	6
W.P.Cape.	-	1	-	1
~~Xxxxx~~ Belts.(Waist)	-	7	-	7
Pump.	4	1	-	1
Brushes.	-	88	-	88
Boiler.	-	1	-	1
Shovels.	3	-	-	3
Water Bot. German.	-	1	-	1
Signal Wheels.	4	-	1	5
1 Lady's Side Saddle.	1	-	-	1
Universal Saddle.	1	-	-	1
Portable Wire Roller.	-	-	1	1
Signalling Gear.	-	1 piece.	-	1
Sundries.	-	3 bags.	-	3 bags.
Cardigans.	2	35	-	37
Shirts.	9	8	-	17
Underpants.	26	9	-	35
Vests.	4	1	-	5
Sox.	13	-	-	13

Articles.	25th Battalion.	38th Battalion.	Totals.
Boots (ankle)	-	2	2
" (top)	-	1	1
Handkerchiefs.	-	205	205
Towels.	-	12	12
Woollen Scarfs.	-	88	88
" Head Covers.	-	96	96
Leather Jerkins.	-	16	16
Body Bands.	-	27	27
Woollen Gloves (prs)	-	57	57
Holdalls.	-	14	14
Dillyn Bags.	-	22	22
Greatcoats.	1	21	22
Mittens.	-	38	38

J. Mitchell

Captain, Staff Captain.
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

HEADQUARTERS.
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. 17
Date 27th June 1918.

Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.
Div. Salvage Officer.

27th June 1918.

SALVAGE RETURN for week ending 27th June 1918.

28th Bn.	Rifles.	8	Bayonets.	6
	" slings.	1	" Scabbards.	11
	Breech covers.	3	" frogs.	12
	E.Tool helves.	1	Bag S.A.A.	1
	" carriers	16	2 bags sundries.	2
	Braces.	11	Sheepskins.	3
	Packs.	13	Great coats	1
	Pouches.	34	Gloves prs.	1
	E.Tools.	4	Felt hats.	3
	Water bots.	2	Kit bag.	1
	" " carriers.	10		
	Steel helmets.	3		

C H Hanin
Captain, Staff Captain.
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Bde.

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HEADQUARTERS, 7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, 250/101

26th June 1918

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.
7th T.M.Bty.

THE ATTENTION OF C.O's. OF UNITS IS DRAWN TO THIS OFFICE No. 250/93 OF 22nd MAY AND No. 250/96 of 27th MAY.

The Sector which this Brigade will be holding has, in the past, been subjected to many very heavy gas shell bombardments, particularly VILLERS - BRETONNEUX and the valley in O.34, O.35.c, U.4, and U.5.

A few days ago VILLERS - BRETONNEUX was subjected to a heavy, concentrated gas shell bombardment lasting several hours. After an interval of about two hours during which no gas shells fell in the village, the bombardment was repeated, apparently in the hope that our troops would not be expecting another gas bombardment so soon and that our safety precautions would, in consequence, be somewhat relaxed.

As it is only reasonable to suppose that there will be a repetition of these bombardments in the immediate future every precaution must be taken to ensure that we are not caught napping and all endeavours made to keep our casualty list as low as possible.

In this sector, as it is not possible for tactical reasons to keep VILLERS - BRETONNEUX clear of troops, adequate precautions must be taken to ensure that men living in the village shall have ample warning in case of a gas shell bombardment, and that any dug-outs or cellars occupied by them are rendered gas-proof and made as strong as possible. Warning can only be given rapidly if sufficient sentries are on duty, and if the system of alarm signals are made as perfect as possible in number, in position and in sound.

Special anti-gas precaution orders will be prepared and issued by units to suit the particular locality occupied by them. These orders will lay down clearly the action to be taken in case of a gas shell bobardment, and thus prevent all confusion and save casualties when the actual bombardment takes place.

Attached are a few short notes regarding the effects of YELLOW and GREEN CROSS GAS, the employment of them by the enemy, and the precautions to be adopted when the presence of either gas is suspected.

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Brig. General.
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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1. YELLOW CROSS GAS.

(a) Bombardments open very suddenly, accompanied with H.E., to cause confusion and mask the gas.

(b) Mustard gas persists for 72 hours, so the danger does not clear with the cessation of the bombardment.

(c) Mustard gas has neither an offensive smell nor a strong one, and has no immediate effects.

(d) A man who has been in the gas feels no effects for from 7 hours to 7 days, and so cannot tell if he is gassed till that period passes.

(e) No matter how weak the smell is, men living in it for any length of time must become casualties.

(f) Hollows, valleys and villages always receive attention and should be avoided as far as possible.

(g) Where men know that a hollow has been gassed, although the usual route passes through it, they must avoid the gassed area, and take another route that avoids it. If their duties demand that they mustpass through the area, they must wear S.B.R's.

(h) During bombardment men must not sleep, and must wear S.B.R. fully adjusted.

(i) Dug-outs must be kept in good order.

(j) Sentries should stop men coming in and out of dug-outs during a gas attack, who have no business to enter or leave.

(k) If there is the slightest smell of gas in the dug-out, S.B.R's must be worn.

(l) Fires must not be used to clear dug-outs until the air outside is clear, as fires only drive out the air in the dug-out, to replace it by air from outside.

2. GREEN CROSS SHELL BOMBARDMENTS.

(a) Bombardment opens very suddenly.

(b) It is a very lethal gas - affects lungs and heart very seriously.

(c) It persists ½ to 1 hour after bombardment.

(d) Men gassed with it must take no exercise, but at once become a stretcher case - disobedience of this order generally means death.

(e) Men must adjust S.B.R. as soon as gas shells fall near.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

27th June 1918.

Headquarters,
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.
7th T.M.Bty.
C.O., 7A Nucleus Bn.

NUCLEUS PERSONNEL

1. The Nucleus Personnel in Camp at N.7.a.6.8. will be organized into a Battalion consisting of four Companies, each of four platoons, under the command of Captain J.D.ELDER, MC. 27th Bn.

25th Bn	Nucleus	will	constitute	'A'	Coy)	
26th Bn	"	"	"	'B'	")	7A Nucleus
27th Bn	"	"	"	'C'	")	Battalion.
28th Bn	"	"	"	'D'	")	

2. The training of the Nucleus Personnel will be carried out by their own regimental officers and n.c.os. under the supervision of the C.O., Nucleus Bn. who may detail extra instructors where required.

3. Training programmes will be prepared for seven day courses. Four hours daily will be devoted to training in the following subjects :-

Lewis Gun.
Bombing. (including rifle bombing)
P.T. & B.F.
Musketry.
Drill.
Tactics of Platoons.
Arti Gas Drill

4. All regimental Signallers with the Nucleus Bn. will be formed into one class for instructional purposes under the supervision of the C.O., Nucleus Bn.

The training of the L.T.M.Bty Nucleus will be carried out by their own officers and n.c.os. under the supervision of the C.O., Nucleus Bn.

5. A P.T. & B.F. class(working under the Army Gymnastic Staff Instructor attached to this Brigade) will be established at the Nucleus camp under the supervision of the C.O., Nucleus Bn. The present class will continue until July 6th. By that date C.O.s. will forward to Bde.H.Qrs., the names of one officer and four n.c.os. per Battalion to attend the next course assembling July 8th and dispersing July 22nd. These officers and n.c.os. may be chosen from amongst those with the Nucleus Bn. at the time. If selected officers and n.c.os. are in the line at the time, they should report to the Nucleus Bn. by 12 noon on July 7th.

6. Every week the C.O., Nucleus Bn. will forward to Bde.H.Q., a statement showing by Bns, the total number of n.c.os. and men with the Nucleus whom he considers sufficiently trained and rested to join their Battalions in the line. Commanding officers will be informed of these numbers by Bde. H.Qrs., and, if they so desire, may have these n.c.os. and men sent up to the line to replace an equal number of tired n.c.os. and men.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Commanding officers may at any time replace tired n.c.os. and men in the line with others drawn from the Nucleus. In all such cases however, C.Os. will notify Bde. H.Q., of their intention to carry out these changes.

7. N.C.Os. and men coming down from the line to the Nucleus Bn. should be examined by R.M.Os. who will forward with the senior n.c.o. of the party a report giving the names of those of the party whom he considers should be allowed a complete rest or a partial rest (marking against such names - NO DUTY or LIGHT DUTY as the case may be) at the Nucleus Bn, and not be worried by training.

8. If at any time an officer senior to Captain ELDER, is sent down to the Nucleus, he will immediately assume command of the Battalion, but Captain ELDER, will remain entirely in charge of the training of the nucleus personnel until replaced by Brigade Headquarters.

Captain, A/Brigade Major.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
June 6th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE - 3 p.m. 5/6/18 to 6 a.m. 6/6/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

RELIEF. The 7th A.I. Brigade relieved the 5th A.I. Brigade in the Right Brigade Sector during the night 5th/6th instant - completion reported at 2.15 a.m. without casualties.

IDENTIFICATIONS. 90 R.I.R., K.19.a.8.7.

PATROLS. Protective and liaison patrols covered the relief, otherwise inactive.

AIRCRAFT. Active during daylight, patrolling. At night approximately 20 bombs were dropped in rear of enemy lines.

MACHINE GUNS. 4,500 rounds were expended on enemy's forward positions during the night.

TRENCH MORTARS & SNIPING. Nothing to report.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Activity much below normal. Light scattered shelling of the whole area, but nothing to report in detail. Gas shelling nil.

INFANTRY ACTION. At 1 a.m. a hostile patrol of approx. 20 strong approached our post at K.19.a.8.7. into which they throw six egg bombs. Lewis gun and rifle fire was immediately opened on them, which caused them to withdraw, leaving one dead body near the post. Identification as above.

AERIAL. Four hostile planes only were visible during the period.

MACHINE GUNS. Normally active.

TRENCH MORTARS. At 10.30 p.m. ten medium bombs were fired into K.13.c. from K.8.d.0.8.

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Lieutenant,
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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No.2.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
June 7th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE - 3 p.m. 6/6/18 to 6 a.m. 7/6/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

DISPOSITIONS. The 25th Battalion took over a portion of the front line in the centre of the Brigade sector during the night, from K.19.c.2.5. to K.13.c.90.15. The order of Battalions in the front line is now :- 27th Bn, 25th Bn., 28th Bn., with 26th Bn. in Reserve.

PATROLS. (1) 1 Officer and 10 o/r left K.13.c.9.2. at 11.30 pm and proceeded East for 250 yards. At this point (50 yards North of the CORBIE Road) no wire was visible. Patrol then went North West for 250 yards and at K.13.d.1.5. encountered a listening post in which they could see movement. Proceeding North to K.13.central, they could hear picking and digging all along the enemy's line.

(2) 1 Officer and 1 o/r left K.13.a.8.4. at 5.45 p.m. and crawled to K.13.central without seeing any enemy movement. From K.13.b.1.2. six Germans were seen in the trench running from K.13.b.15.00. to 30.40. but no wire was encountered. The trench here appeared to be deep and in good condition.

(3) 1 Officer and 5 o/r left J.30.b.8.4. at 11 p.m. and struck South to J.30.b.9.0. where a belt of concertina wire ran South for 50 yards, where it ended. A L.P. which bore signs of recent occupation was examined at J.30.d.8.9., and digging was heard from trench in rear. During their return to our lines, patrol was fired on by a M.G. from K.25.a.20.25. which is reported as very active.

Protective patrols covered the redistribution of our troops during the night.

AIRCRAFT. Very active. an enemy balloon was brought down in flames in the direction of BRAY, and at midnight much bombing could be heard in the same direction.

MACHINE GUNS. 1,500 rounds expended on M.G. position at K.8.c.2.5. and road at K.8.c.9.8.

TRENCH MORTARS & SNIPING. Nothing to report.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Normal. The shelling was of a desultory nature and scattered, principally over the high ground in J.16, 17, 22 & 23. Approx. 300 shells in all fell in the Brigade area during the 24 hours. Gas shelling :- 12 lachrymatory and Yellow Cross in J.12.c. at 3 a.m.

AIRCRAFT. At daylight and at dusk enemy planes passed overhead evidently on bombing work, but inactive during the day.

MACHINE GUNS. Inactive during the day. At night NO LANS LAND is consistently swept by bursts of fire from well in rear of enemy's front line. At 3 a.m. an active M.G. at K.13.b.15.20. was engaged with rifle grenades and silenced.

TRENCH MORTARS. Active at intervals. Approx. 100 bombs of all calibres were fired from positions at approx. K.8.c.4.5. rear of trees - K.20.b.5.9 - K.14.d.2.6.

MISCELLANEOUS. A train of 30 to 40 trucks was seen moving between R.32 and X.1. at 40 minute intervals during the day; at 6 p.m. a train of passenger coaches was seen moving between those points. Artillery were advised.
12.55 p.m., 12 transports moved to the right on road at R.25.d.6.4.
3.15 p.m. train on light railway at R.27.c.
7 p.m. 12 limbers moved to right on road R.26.d.
7.30 p.m. 1 Coy of men marching West on road R.19.a.
7.50 p.m. 50 men in single file moving West on road Q.30.a.85.90.
8 p.m. train of six trucks on light railway Q.21.d.

Lieutenant,
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
June 8th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE - 3 p.m. 7/6/18 to 6 a.m. 8/6/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. (1) 1 Officer and 5 other ranks left J.30 central at 12.45 a.m. and proceeded East; observed a M.G. in action at approx. J.30.d.7.7. Digging and talking was heard in enemy's front line. No movement was encountered. Stokes Mortars were notified of the above M.G. and succeeded in silencing it. A bolt of plain concertina wire runs from J.30.d.7.7. to J.30.b.95.20.

(2) A patrol from the centre battalion reports our wire poor and broken in K.19.a. and K.13.c.

(3) 1 Officer left our lines at 6 p.m. and crawled to K.13.c.8.8 A single belt of plain concertina wire, apparently new work, runs in front of enemy's trench from K.13.d.05.70. to 1.3. A belt of wire also runs from K.13.b.05.30 to ~~20.30~~.10.50

(4) 1 N.C.O. and 10 men located a M.G. active at K.13.b.4.7. from which post flares were fired at 5 minute intervals.

AIRCRAFT. Normal activity.

MACHINE GUNS. 3,000 rounds on K.8.c.0.5. and 0.7. in co-operation with Gas Projector attack on our Left.

TRENCH MORTARS. Inactive.

SNIPING. Nine casualties were inflicted on the enemy, among whom was an officer.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 3.10 a.m. a quantity of our gas settled on our front line just North of the BRAY - CORBIE Road, forcing our men to don their helmets.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Much below normal, and confined to a light scattered shelling of back areas.

Gas Shelling :- 12 - 4.2 Phosgene shells fell in J.21.d. during the night.

AIRCRAFT. Two planes ventured over our lines at 7 a.m. but retired almost at once. Otherwise enemy machines kept well behind his lines.

MACHINE GUNS. Active only at night. See "Patrols"

TRENCH MORTARS. Inactive.

FLARES. Green flares were sent up during gas projector bombardment, but no apparent action followed.

MOVEMENT. Parties of men about platoon strength were apparently drilling with M.G's in field near house Q.29.b.7.6. Parties of 50 and over carried material from this house to edge of wood in Q.23.b. where they disappeared. A train of about 50 trucks well laden, moved South at intervals in X.31.a.& c.

P.T.O.

7.15 p.m., 20 two-horse wagons moved West along main LA MOTTE - SANTERE Road seen in Q.30.c. and lost to view in Q.29.d. Six men seen in trench K.20.a.4.2. Small party of men bivouaced under trench shelters at Q.21.a.6.8. with nine hobbled horses grazing near by. Artillery notified and action taken in each case.

MISCELLANEOUS. Observers state that the shooting of our artillery on movement in Q.29.b. would probably be more effective if concentrated at approx. Q.29.b.7.6. where all the movement in this vicinity appears to converge

Lieutenant,
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
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Headquarters,
9th June 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE from 5 p.m. 8/6/18 to 6 a.m. 9/6/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. Right Bn. - Standing patrols were established, but no enemy movement is reported.

Centre Bn. - One officer and 12 O.Rs. patrolled the Battalion front and report that the enemy wire from K.19.a.5.2. to K.19.a.8.4. consisting of French and barbed concertina is broken and has frequent gaps. An active machine gun is reported at K.19.b.5.8.

Left Bn. - One n.c.o. and 10 O.Rs. left K.13.c.8.3. at 11.30 p.m. and went East for 150 yds where they encountered a belt of plain and concertina wire. Later an enemy party was seen at work on this wire. Moving Northwards an active machine gun was located at K.13.d.1.7. from which Post flares were sent up at intervals - wire was seen in front of this Post which appeared to be continuous running N. and S.

The remainder of the Bde. front was patrolled, but nothing of importance was seen.

MACHINE GUNS Following targets were engaged during the night

Tracks in K.8.c.central	-	2,000 rds.
Junction at K.8.d.8.8.	-	1,500 "
Tracks in K.14.b.	-	1,500 "

TRENCH MORTARS. Between 3 and 5 p.m. six mortars carried out a shoot on enemy wire. Fire is reported to have been very accurate, and the wire in K.13.b. and d. is now broken in many places. During the shoot the enemy was forced to evacuate a portion of his trench in K.13.b.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Below normal during the day. At 12.15 a.m. a heavy bombardment of our Battery area commenced and lasted until 1.30 a.m. The shelling contained a good percentage of phosgene. The villages of MERICOURT and RIBEMONT were subjected to a similar bombardment with the percentage of gas somewhat greater. A special report on this Gas shelling is being forwarded. The SOMME Valley and gullies in J.21. and 22 were equally heavily shelled with a large percentage of gas. No abnormal shelling occurred in the vicinity of our front line trenches.

AIRCRAFT. At 4.45 p.m. nine planes crossed our lines going West at a great height evidently on bombing operations.

MACHINE GUNS & TRENCH MORTARS. See "patrols" otherwise inactive.

MOVEMENT A cyclist dismounted and disappeared at K.20.b.9.8. where movement was seen at intervals. A Headquarters is suspected here. Continuous movement near embankment in Q.15.a. where men appeared to be handling shells at a dump. Material was unloaded from wagons at approx. Q.29.b.6.7. at intervals.

Lieutenant.
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. No.5.

Headquarters,
June 10th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE, 3 p.m. 9/6/18 to 6 a.m. 10/6/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. Left Battalion patrols report that no fresh wire has been put out by the enemy, and no enemy working parties were active during the night. The M.G. post at K.13.d.1.7. was again active. The remainder of the Brigade front was patrolled continuously by parties covering our preparations for the pending operation, which included wire cutting in the Right Battalion sector. No enemy movement was encountered.

AIRCRAFT. Normally active. Six bombs were dropped at 11.40 a.m. on MORLANCOURT, and five more at 12.50 p.m.

MACHINE GUNS. Inactive.

TRENCH MORTARS. 6" Mortars continued shooting on enemy wire and direct hits were observed in K.13.b.& d. A stretcher case was taken from post at K.13.d.5.6. after one of these shoots.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Normal. Light and scattered shelling was continuous throughout the period, no special targets being strafed. About 50 - 4.2 shells fell on our front and support lines, and registration is suspected. No gas shelling occurred.

AIRCRAFT. A low flying machine crossed our lines at intervals during the day, but invariably retired quickly under heavy A.A. fire.

MACHINE GUNS. Normally active.

TRENCH MORTARS. A few bombs came over in half-hearted retaliation to our mortar shoots, but no damage resulted.

MOVEMENT. A cyclist and orderlies were seen at intervals at suspected Headquarters K.20.b.9.8. Movement at approx. K.14.c.5.8.

SIGNALS. At 11 p.m. three enemy shells fell into his lines and immediately red flares were sent up.

Lieutenant,
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
June 13th 1918.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY, 5 p.m. 11/6/18 to 12/6/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

INFANTRY ACTION. Right Bn. (1) A hostile patrol 5 strong was seen at 12.30 a.m. moving close to our post at K.25.a.7.4. A party of our men from this post immediately engaged them with L.G. and bombs, killed four and captured the fifth.

(2) Another Hun was captured in proximity to our post at K.25.c.3.8.

IDENTIFICATIONS. First prisoner belonged to the 2nd Bn. 265th R.I.R., the second to the 8th Coy 107th R.I.R. The latter stated that his Battalion had moved up for a counter-attack which did not materialize owing to our heavy artillery and M.G. fire. Afterwards they were to have relieved the 2nd Bn. 265th in the line.

PATROLS. Right Bn. Standing patrols were established during the night, but no movement was heard or seen other than that reported above.

Centre Bn. Covering patrols were active, but no hostile movement is reported.

Left Bn. 1 N.C.O. and 9 other ranks left K.13.b.4.2. at 11 p.m. to reconnoitre enemy C.T. running through K.13.b. and K.14.a. They proceeded along this for 250 yards when they were held up by sniping and M.G. fire. A post containing a M.G. and two snipers was located at approx. K.13.b.8.2. and a wiring party was seen at work approx. 400 yards East of our line at K.14.a.2.0. This party was later engaged by M.G. fire.

MACHINE GUNS & TRENCH MORTARS. Very active throughout the period on fleeting targets, and dispersed several small bodies of infantry as they assembled.

SNIPING. Every available sniper was placed in the new front line before daylight, and some good shooting resulted. 43 Huns were killed and a great deal of further sniping took place, but the results are uncertain.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Throughout the period our old front and support lines, and the area immediately in rear was subjected to a heavy and continuous strafing with 15 cm, 10 cm and 77 cm, and at intervals 25 cm. Our counter-battery work was in progress most of the time, but did not appear to be as effective as could be desired, probably because the hostile fire was from such divergent directions, frontal and enfilade, from N. and S. During the afternoon he shortened back to his old front line to which he paid attention until dark. Very little gas shelling occurred.

AIRCRAFT. At intervals until dark, two enemy planes flew up and down our front line at a very low altitude. M.G. fire was continually opened on them from our forward trenches, but no other A.A. fire was noticed.

MACHINE GUNS & TRENCH MORTARS. Normally active. No new positions located other than reported above.

DEFENCES. The Right Battalion report that the enemy have dug a line of posts on a line varying from 150 to 200 yards from our front line, and M.G. fire from this line is becoming troublesome.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 3.15 p.m. a large sheet of flame and smoke rose from approx. Q.29.d. Our artillery were not shelling at the time. Enemy stretcher bearers were active all day carrying away cases - the result of our M.G. and Snipers' fire.

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No. 7.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
June 13th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE, 6 p.m. 12/6/18 to 6 a.m. 13/6/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. The Right and Centre Battalions were able to put out standing patrols only owing to the continuous M.G. fire sweeping NO MAN'S LAND in this sector.

No hostile activity is reported by our Left Battalion patrols except at the post at K.13.b.3.7. from which a M.G., rifles and flares were fired at intervals.

AIRCRAFT. Very active over enemy lines. Bombs were dropped in rear of MORLANCOURT.

MACHINE GUNS. Normal. Bursts of fire were directed on enemy 77 battery at K.27.a.9.0. throughout the period.

TRENCH MORTARS. Silent.

SNIPING. 33 of the enemy were accounted for by the Brigade and Battalion Snipers, of which 18 are claimed to have been killed.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Normal. A continuous desultory fire of all calibres was kept up throughout the period, most of it being directed to our old front line and the area between it and O.G.1, but no actual concentration or registration was observed. No gas shelling to report.

AIRCRAFT. A low flying machine made repeated efforts to patrol our front line, and was successful in the absence ofour aircraft. While passing up and down our front line, White and Red flares were dropped at intervals, but no artillery action followed.

MACHINE GUNS. Very active at night sweeping NO MAN'S LAND, otherwise inactive. Active guns have been located at :- K.19.d.9.0., K.20.c.0.5., K.20.c.00.65., K.20.a.05.05. Suspected positions - K.14.c.2.2., K.20.c.60.60.

TRENCH MORTARS. Also very troublesome. Heavy "Minnies" were fired at intervals from Copse in K.31.a., and pineapples from Sunken Road in K.31.a.& b. on to our Right Bn. front line, but no damage resulted. Occasional fire also came from positions at K.20.d.5.9., K.20.d.4.5., K.20.d.4.8., K.8.c.40.25 on our front line and forward C.T's.

SNIPING. Active, but being neutralised by our snipers.

MOVEMENT. Considerable individual movement to and fro in valley in K.28.c. Enemy is apparently constructing defences at K.14.c.70.30, 75.60 - 80.50, as digging parties have been seen at work at these locations and dispersed.

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No. 1.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE from 3 p.m. 27/6/18 to 6 a.m. 28/6/18

OUR OPERATIONS

RELIEF. The 7th A.I.Bde. relieved the 11th A.I.Bde. in the line during the night 27th/28th instant. Completion reported without casualties at 2.50 a.m.

AIRCRAFT. Extremely active. Several encounters took place during the day resulting in two of our machines being driven down behind our lines, and one enemy plane crashing in flames behind his lines. Great determination was shown by both our own and enemy's flights to gain command of the air and the result was indecisive.

PATROLS. Protective patrols covered the relief, but no special reconnaissance was carried out.

MACHINE GUNS 7,000 rounds expended on enemy's forward posts and communications at irregular intervals during the night.

TRENCH MORTARS. A little registration only was carried out by our 3" Stokes.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Normally active except between midnight and 2 a.m. when raiding operations on our flanks brought .77 and 4.2 H.E., retaliation in rear of our flank posts.

GAS SHELLING. 9.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. 90 - 4.2. diphosgene & 8 - 4.2 YELLOW CROSS on O.20.c. & d. - 10 p.m., 10 - 4.2 YELLOW CROSS on N.26.c.3.8. No casualties.

MACHINE GUNS. Occasional bursts on NO MANS LAND, otherwise inactive.

TRENCH MORTARS. Inactive except between midnight and 2 a.m. when enemy mortars co-operated in strafing our flank posts.

MOVEMENT. Visibility poor and no movement seen.

FLARES. At 1.15 a.m. a varied assortment of flares were sent up by the enemy among which were red flares bursting into three reds. Apparently these flares were mistaken for our S.O.S., as our batteries opened up on S.O.S. lines immediately. This mistake is being investigated.

For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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No.2.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
June 29th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 5 p.m. 28/6/18 to 9 a.m. 29/6/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. Right Battalion - Protective and liaison patrols operated only. An enemy listening post was located at approx. U.5.b.85.45. and a M.G. post at U.5.b.60.10. Otherwise there is nothing to report.

Left Battalion - (1) 1 Officer and 6 other ranks left P.31.a. 25.70. at 11 p.m. and moved to P.31.b.25.75. thence parallel with enemy's line to P.25.d.25.45. Between the two latter points a party of Huns were seen digging a continuous line considerably in advance of their line under cover of a strong enemy M.G. post.

(2) 1 Officer and 4 other ranks left C.36.d.2.6. at 11 p.m. and patrolled to the Left flank and back again. At P.31.a.55.50. a party of 11 Germans was seen, who on the approach of our patrol scattered and disappeared - two of them at a post at P.31.a.8.5. from which flares were sent up later. Movement was seen in trench at P.31.a.70.30. and another small party was seen moving in the open at P.31.a.1.3.

AIRCRAFT. Very active all day on patrol and reconnaissance. Much night flying occurred between 10 p.m. and midnight, and bombs were heard to explode in enemy's back areas.

MACHINE GUNS. 8,000 rounds were expended on enemy's communications at irregular intervals during the night.

TRENCH MORTARS. 6" Mortars fired 50 rounds on MONUMENT WOOD and vicinity, and 20 rounds on DOLLS HOUSE during the day.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Very quiet during the day, except at 12 noon and 9.30 p.m. when BOULDER C.T. and BREST Teh were registered with 4.2 H.E. From 7.30 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. intermittent bursts of H.E. shrapnel were directed on to the main road in O.26, 27 & 28 and the railway in VILLERS BRETONNEUX was subjected to occasional 4.2 and 77 H.E.bursts Remainder of the shelling was scattered and desultory. A.A. guns were very active.

Gas shelling - 12 rounds YELLOW CROSS on C.35.a.3.4., 40 rounds YELLOW CROSS on N.30. at 9.30 p.m., 12 rounds phosgene on O.28.at 10.30pm

AIRCRAFT. Very active, but failed to penetrate far into our area except one plane at 4.40 p.m. which flew low as far as C.25 for a few minutes under heavy M.G. A.A. fire. When this plane had penetrated our area to a depth of 4000 yards, it came within range of our A.A. guns, and apparently sustained damage as it made a forced descent in the enemy's forward area.

MACHINE GUNS. A few intermittent bursts on our front line during the night. Otherwise inactive.

TRENCH MORTARS. Inactive.

MOVEMENT and SIGNALLING. Nothing to report.

Lieutenant,
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No. 2.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
June 30th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE - 3 p.m. 29/6/18 to 9 a.m. 30/6/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was moderately active during the period. At 2.15, 18 pdrs dispersed a working party at U.6.d. Our Heavies blew up a dump at V.1.b.

MACHINE GUNS. 2,000 rounds were fired on roads and railway immediately in rear of enemy's front line.

TRENCH MORTARS. 83 rounds.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were fairly active crossing and re-crossing the enemy's lines.

PATROLS. (1) 1 N.C.O. and 10 men left our lines at O.36.c.90.30 at 10.30 p.m. for the purpose of reconnoitring enemy line from Railway to U.6.a.50.80. They dispersed a wiring party at U.6.a. 80.93, crossed road at U.6.a.50.90. and returned through O.36.c.50.10.

(2) Standing patrol out from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. - nothing to report.

(3) 1 Officer and 5 other ranks leaving our lines at U.5.b. 25.30. at 10.45 p.m. bombed enemy listening post at U.5.b.88.45, had an encounter with enemy patrol, whom they drove off, inflicting six casualties. Our own shells falling around, forced our patrol to withdraw.

(4) 1 N.C.O. and 3 men left our front line opposite HERON C.T., proceeded along our front - observed working parties near old tank in NO MANS LAND upon which they directed Lewis Gun fire.

(5) 1 N.C.O. and 6 men went from O.36.d.35.90. in a N.E. direction and located a M.G. post at far side of Chalk Pit O.33.b.8.8

(6) 1 N.C.O. and 6 men left our line at P.31.a.45.00, discovered enemy wiring his front line. On return of our wiring parties, L.G. fire was directed upon these enemy parties.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Normal. Intermittent shelling with H.E. and shrapnel approximately on O.28, O.27, O.26.

MACHINE GUNS. Active, firing on railway line and roads in O.36.c. M.G. position located at U.6.a.9.5.

AIRCRAFT. Very little doing. 5 enemy planes overour lines at 9.50 a.m. were driven off by our A.A. fire. 9 planes patrolled our lines at 8.30 p.m. Active again about midnight and dropped lights over area U.1. and several bombs into CACHY.

GENERAL. Very little movement seen behind enemy lines. Green flares were fired by enemy when our T.M's were registering at noon, and when T.M's again fired from same position at 10 p.m. four green flares called down enemy's artillery fire.

An escaped French prisoner came through our lines about 2 a.m. and was sent through Brigade to Divisional Headquarters.

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