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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918 Aug.		Reference Maps Sheets 62 D. S.E. & S.W., 1/20,000. 62 C. S.W., 1/20,000.	
GLISY/ BLANGY.	1.		7th A.I. Brigade in Divisional Reserve in trenches and bivouacs in GLISY and BLANGY Systems. Brigade Headquarters at GLISY. Lieut. Colonel G.F. MURPHY, C.M.G., D.S.O., 18th Bn. in temporary command of Brigade during the absence of Brig. General E.A. WISDOM, C.B., D.S.O. temporarily commanding 2nd Australian Division. Weather changeable and stormy. Slight readjustment of Divisional boundaries effected.	App. 1.
	2/3.		Brigade moved into Support area in relief of elements of the 5th and 6th A.I. Bdes. Relief completed without incident. Weather stormy.	" 1.
	4.		Slight readjustment of units in Support area conforming to movements of 5th and 6th A.I. Bdes. Weather changeable.	" 2.
	5.		Orders issued for impending operations, with amendment and addendum. Weather Cloudy but fine.	" 4.
	6/7.		Brigade units moved to concentration areas. Move effected without incident. Weather fine.	" 3.
	7.		Brigadier General WISDOM resumed Command of the Brigade.	
LINE.	8.		Brigade attacked through the 6th A.I. Brigade on a three battalion front in accordance with Order No.211. Appendix 4. Dense fog at dawn, fine later.	
			Report on Operations.	" 5.
	9.		Brigade attacked the line X.10.d.3.0. to FRAMERVILLE (exclusive). Verbal orders issued only. Report on Operations Appendix 6. Weather fine.	" 6.
	11.		Brigade advanced the line to X.11.c.0.0. - X.5.a.0.0. Orders and report on Operation, see appendices Nos. 7 & 8. Weather fine.	" 7 & 8
			Brig. General WISDOM took over Command of Liaison Force. Lt. Col. G.F. MURPHY, assumed command of the Brigade in his absence.	

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LINE.	1918. August 11. 12.		<i>On 20th Aug</i> Brig. Gen. WISDOM rejoined Bde and took over command from Lt.Col. MURPHY. Brigade relieved in the line by the 6th A.I. Brigade and withdrawn to Div. Reserve. Weather fine.	App. 9.
	13/16.		Brigade in reserve area, resting and re-organizing. Weather fine.	" 10.
	16.		6th A.I. Bde continued advance - 7th Brigade in reserve, but under orders to be prepared to move at fifteen minutes notice. Weather fine.	" 11
BUSSY	17/18		<i>Peaceful penetrations Orders</i> Brigade Group relieved in reserve area by 96th Infantry Brigade Group, and embussed for BUSSY area. Move completed without incident.	" 12.
	18/20		Units resting and preparing for G.O.C's inspection. Weather fine.	" 12 ^A
	21/22		G.O.C. inspected all units. Weather fine. - <i>Reports - (App to Original Only)</i>	" 13.
Div.	22 /27		Brigade Group embussed to forward area and Divisional Reserve. Changeable & Showery.	" 13.
Reserve.	28.		In Divisional Reserve during operations by 5th and 6th A.I. Brigades. Changeable.	" 14.
LINE.	29.		7th A.I. Brigade advanced the line from a north and south line just east of FLAUCOURT to the SOMME. 8th A.I. Brigade on the right and 5th A.I. Brigade on the left. Weather fine. Reports on Operation Appendix 15. & 15 ^A	" 15. " 15 ^a
	30.		Attempted advance on DOINGT and trenches S.W. of the village.	" 16.
	31.		Brigade moved to concentration areas in support of 5th and 6th A.I. Brigades in their operations on MONT ST. QUENTIN and PERONNE.	" 17.

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			<p>The period under review has witnessed for this Brigade a sudden transition from the old position warfare to semi-open warfare conditions, during which the initiative and resource of junior commanders, and even of the individual soldier, have been taxed to the utmost. The results show very plainly how they have risen to the occasion.</p> <p>There is little to be added to the reports on the various operations contained in the appendices to this Diary, except that the exceptionally fine weather which prevailed during the period, and the new conditions of mobile warfare which so suited their temperament, probably accounted for the high morale which undoubtedly existed among the troops. The strain of the long advances was great, but the fatigue was never such that the troops were not prepared and even eager to continue.</p> <p>The move from the forward area to BUSSY on the 17th/18th August was greatly facilitated by the provision of busses, and the men were spared what would have been a most wearying march.</p> <p>While in the BUSSY area, all hands were given as far as possible, an absolute rest. Sports were organised with every facility available - aquatic sports, cricket, etc., and parades were cut down to the minimum. The necessary refitting and re-organization was of course carried out, and the G.O.C. inspected all units on the 21/22nd. The efficient and workmanlike appearance of the men was remarkable, the only points open to criticism being the clothing of the men (which left a great deal to be desired), and the transport of the 25th and 26th Bns was not as well turned out as usual. The horses in all cases were well cared for, as were also the rifles and equipment of the men. The G.O.C. also commented upon a certain slackness in the control of the officers of 25th Bn. over their commands, evidenced by a slight lack of enthusiasm on parade. The men were bathed four times during the period, and on each occasion had a clean change of underclothing. Sickness was at a minimum.</p>	
			<p>Salvage Returns for month of August. Appendix 18.</p> <p>Casualties for month of August, " 19.</p> <p>Strength Return as at 31st August. " 20.</p>	<p>App. 18.</p> <p>" 19.</p> <p>" 20.</p>

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

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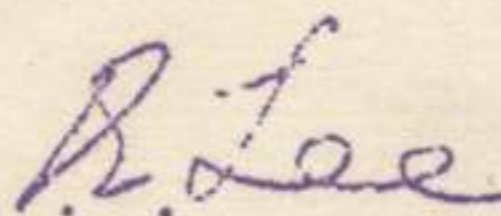
No.	Subject.
1.	Brigade Order No. 208.
2.	" " No. 209.
3.	" " No. 210.
4.	" " No. 211. Maps, Aeroplane photos, Barrage Maps, etc. attached to original copy of War Diary only.
5.	Report on Operations 8/8/18. Bde Reference 262/98.
6.	" " 9/8/18. " " 262/99.
7.	Brigade Order No. 212.
8.	Report on Operations 11/8/18. " " 262/99.
9.	Brigade Order No. 213.
10.	" " No. 214.
11.	Brigade letter 261/245 of 16/8/18.
12.	Brigade Order No. 215.
12A.	Brigade letters 239/12 of 28/8/18 (Attached to original copy of War Diary only)
13.	Brigade Order No. 216 and letter 252/45 of 25/8/18.
14.	Brigade Order No. 217.
15.	Report on Advance to the Somme.
15A.	Report on Operations of 29/8/18, the advance to the River SOMME and capture of BIACHES.
16.	Brigade Order No. 218.
17.	" " No. 219.
18.	Salvage Returns for August 1918.
19.	Casualties for August 1918.
20.	Strength State of Brigade as at 31st August 1918.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.ORDER No. 208.Headquarters,
August 1st 1918.Reference Maps Sheets 62^D. S.E. & S.W., 1/20,000.

1. The Southern and Northern Divisional boundaries will be re-adjusted on the night 2nd/3rd August 1918 to run as follows-
 - (a) Southern Divisional boundary - from front line at V.1.b.6.6. along north side of railway to O.35.a.7.0., thence west along grid line through O.34.central to N.32.central - M.30.c.6.0. - M.29.d.0.0. - M.20.b.0.5.
 - (b) Northern Divisional boundary - from front line at P.21.b.1.5. - QUARRY Crossing P.20.a.6.4. along south side of road to O.11.d.5.2., O.10.b.8.0., O.9.a.7.4., O.3.c.2.2., O.2.c.2.2., O.7.a.2.7., N.12.b.9.0., N.7.a.0.0., M.4.c.7.0.
2. To effect this, the following re-distribution of troops will take place :-
 - (a) The 6th A.I. Brigade will hand over to the 4th A.I. Brigade that portion of the front between the present southern divisional boundary and V.1.b.6.6. on the night 2nd/3rd August 1918.
 - (b) At the same time the 6th A.I. Brigade will take over from the 5th A.I. Brigade the remainder of the present divisional front, and will take over from the 10th A.I. Brigade that portion of the front between our present northern boundary and P.21.b.1.5.
3. On being relieved, the 5th A.I. Brigade will move back to Reserve positions with battalions distributed in the SYDNEY System, BLANGY System, and GLISY-BLANGY Switch, with Brigade H.Q. at GLISY. Units of the 5th A.I. Brigade will be occupying that portion of the BLANGY System now occupied by the 7th A.I. Brigade. Details will follow.
4. The 7th A.I. Brigade will move on the night 2nd/3rd August to support position in accordance with attached table.
5. American Battalions will remain attached as at present, i.e. to the 5th and 6th A.I. Brigades.
6. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.
7. Completion of moves and reliefs will be wired to Brigade H.Q.
8. Brigade H.Q. will close at GLISY at 9 p.m. on August 2nd and will open at the same hour at O.25.c.6.4.
9. Acknowledge.


Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.Issued through Signals at 11.30 p.m.
For distribution P.T.O.

Appendix

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| 1. 25th Bn. | 15. 7th Field Ambulance. |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 16. 5th Field Ambulance. |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 17. 17th Coy A.A.S.C. |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 18. G.O.C. |
| 5. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty. | 19. B.M. |
| 6. 7A Nucleusb Bn. | 20. S.C. |
| 7. 5th A.I. Bde. | 21. Brigade Sig. Officer. |
| 8. 6th A.I. Bde. | 22. Brigade Transport Officer. |
| 9. 9th A.I. Bde. | 23. File. |
| 10. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G' | 24/26. War Diary. |
| 11. " " " 'A.Q' | 27/28. Spares. |
| 12. 2nd A.M.G.Bn. | |
| 13. 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. | |
| 14. 7th Field Coy A.E. | |

MOVE TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 208.

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Date	Unit	New Dispositions.	Relieves.	H.Q. will be at	Remarks
1918 Night 2nd/3rd August.	25th Bn.	O.28.a.& b., O.22.d. O.23.c., O.29.a.	19th Bn.	O.28.b.8.3.	Not to pass O.25.c.7.4. before 9 p.m.
"	26th Bn.	AUBIGNY Sector O.14, O.8.	34th Bn. (H.Q. O.13.c.3.9)	O.26.c.9.3.	To be completed as soon after dark as possible.
"	27th Bn.	Does not move.	-	O.26.c.9.3.	-
"	28th Bn.	2 Coys in AUBIGNY System do not move. 1 Coy will garrison KEEPS A,B,C,D in VILLERS- BRETONNEUX. 1 Coy O.34.b. - - -	1 Coy 22nd Bn. 1 Coy 23rd Bn.	O.28.c.8.5. (23rd Bn. H.Q.) - -	To be completed by 9.30 p.m. Not to pass O.25.c.7.4. before 9 p.m.
"	7th A.L.T.M. Bty	O.27.c.	Personnel of 6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	O.27.c.1.4.	- ditto -
"	7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	-	5th A.I. Bde H.Q.	O.25.c.6.4.	

Movement by day will be made in small parties only.

Appendix 1

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

August 1st 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to accompany Brigade Order No.208.

1. Units will collect packs and dump them in LA MOTTE. Location will be notified later.
2. Transport Lines and Q.M. Stores will remain at present location.
3. Mobile Echelon will be located at Transport Lines as at present.
4. Units will carry 220 rounds S.A.A. and two Bombs per man on the man.
5. All Trench Stores, Trench Shelters, etc. will be handed over on relief. In cases where no unit relieves, the Trench Shelters and other Trench Stores will be gathered together and a guard mounted over them pending instructions. Copies of receipts given and received will be sent to Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours of completion of relief.
6. Trenches, bivouacs and camp areas will be left in a clean and sanitary condition. Receipts will be obtained from relieving units to this effect.
7. Reserve Ration and Ammunition Dumps will be taken over and receipts giving location and contents will be sent to Brigade H.Q. within 24 hours of completion of relief.

C. H. Harrison

Captain, Staff Captain,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to units concerned.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.ORDER No. 209.Headquarters,
August 3rd 1918.Reference Maps Sheets 62^D S.E. & S.W., 1/20,000.

1. The following moves will take place tomorrow the 4th August.
 - (a) The 25th Battalion will move from its present position to the GLISY SYSTEM. The move will commence at 10 p.m. 4th August. Position, including dumps, will be handed over to units of the 5th Australian Division.
 - (b) The Headquarters of 26th Battalion will move to O.13.c.3.9. Present Headquarters will be vacated by 3 p.m. 4th August.
 - (c) The Headquarters of 28th Battalion will move to O.32.a.80.70. Present Headquarters will be vacated by 3 p.m. 4th August.
 - (d) 7th A.I. Brigade Headquarters will close at O.25.c.6.4. at 5 p.m. 4th August, and will open at the same hour at Dugout O.28.c.8.5.
2. 27th Battalion Headquarters will not move.
3. Completion of moves to be reported by wire to Bde H.Q. by code word WALSH.
4. Acknowledge.

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

Issued to Signals at 10.30 p.m.

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1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.L.T.H.B.
6. 7th Field Coy A.E.
7. 7A Nuclous Bn.
8. 2nd Aust. Div.
9. 5th A.I. Bde.
10. 6th A.I. Bde.
11. 2nd Tank Bn.
12. 7th Field Amb.
13. 2nd Div. Arty.
14. 2nd A.M.G.Bn.
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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Order No. 210.

Headquarters,
August 6th 1918.

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

1. Units of the 7th A.I. Brigade will concentrate in their concentration areas tonight August 6th/7th.
2. The necessary moves are :-
 - (a) The 25th Battalion will move from the GLISY SYSTEM to BLANGY WOOD area in squares N.26.a. & b. Move to commence at 8.30 p.m.
 - (b) The 26th Battalion will move from the AUBIGNY SECTOR to BOIS L'ABBE area in squares O.51.a. & b. Move will commence at 9.15 p.m.
 - (c) The 28th Battalion will move one Company now in VILLERS BRETONNEUX Keeps, and one Company in O.54.b., to the CLOCK FACE area in O.52.a. & b. Move to commence at 9.30 p.m.
3. Location of proposed Company and Battalion Headquarters will reach Brigade Headquarters by 6 p.m. tonight.
4. Completion of moves to be wired to Brigade Headquarters by the code word 'TAYLOR'.
5. Acknowledge.

A Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 7.30 a.m.

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1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.L.T.M.B.
6. 7th Field Coy A.E.
7. 7A Nucleus Bn.
8. 5th A.I. Bde.
9. 6th A.I. Bde.
10. 'C' Coy 2nd Tank Bn.
11. 2nd Aust. Div.
12. G.O.C.
13. B.M.
14. S.C.
15. Bde Sig. Officer
16. Bde Transport Officer
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- 18/20. War Diary.

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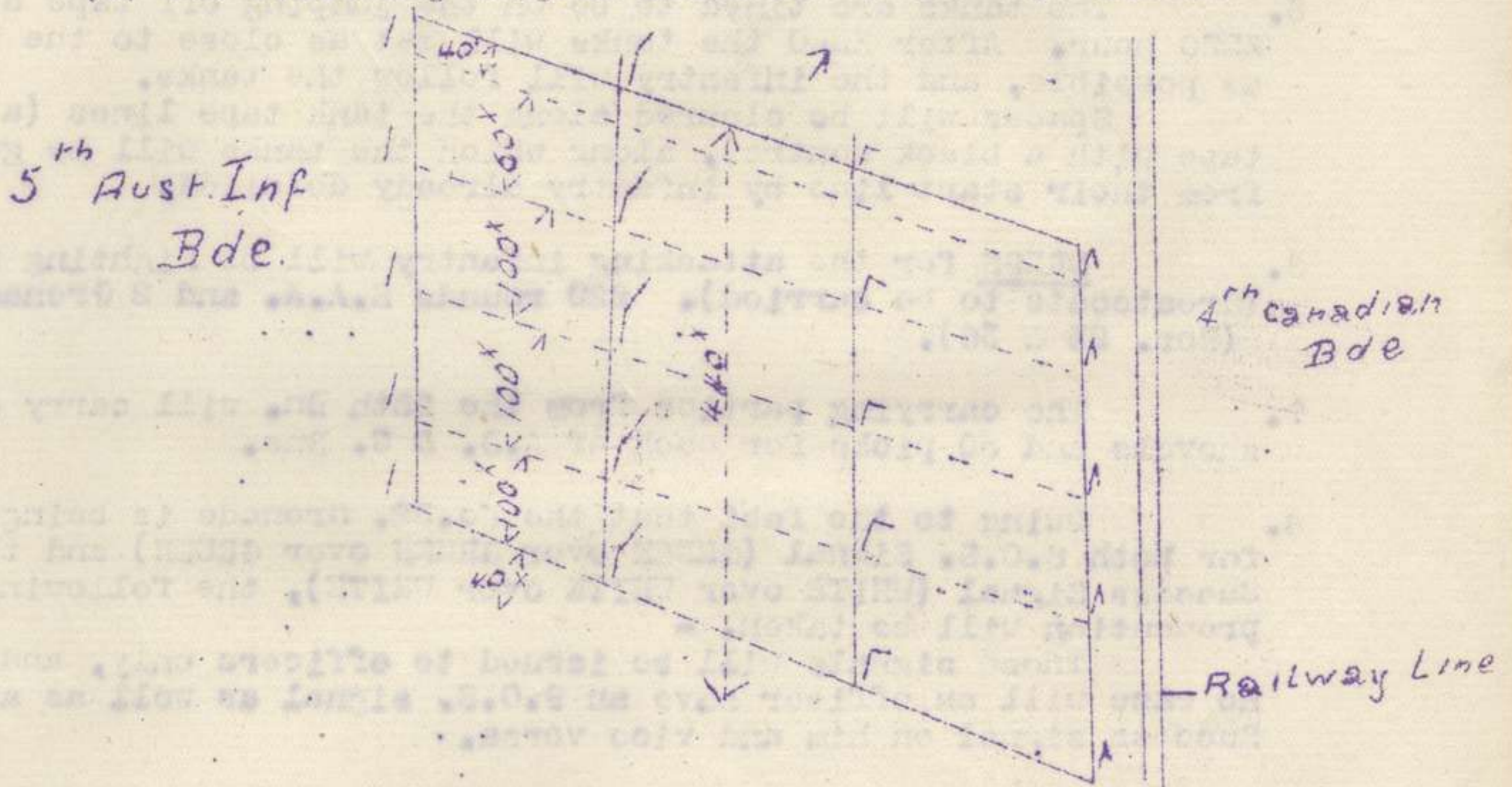
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

FIRST ADDENDUM TO Brigade Order No. 211.

Reference Map Sheet 32 D. S.W. & S.E., 1/20,000

In continuation of 7th A.I.Bde Order No. 211.

1. The Jumping Off Line is as shown on Artillery barrage map.
2. Jumping off Tapes will be laid on night Y/Z by engineer and infantry officers.
3. (a) The following diagram illustrates the tape lines:-



- (b) Full lines indicate tapes; dotted lines indicate pickets to be placed under Battalion arrangements.
- (c) Signs as above will be placed. These will be made from 4" x 1" timber and painted white on the "home" side. They will be 2'6" out of the ground; arms will be 18" clear of the upright. The Right flank of the 5th A.I.Bde will be marked by a cross piece:-
- (d) All signs for the first wave will have one hole 1" in diameter bored one foot from the top.
 For the second wave there will be two holes bored.

"	third	"	"	"	"	three	"	"
"	fourth	"	"	"	"	four	"	"
"	fifth	"	"	"	"	five	"	"

4. Formation for the attack.

(a) On each of A, B. & C. Bn. fronts, the first wave will consist of two companies. Each Company will be on a half-Company front in two lines, in extended order.

(b) The second wave will be one company in artillery formation.

(c) The third wave will be one Company in artillery formation. Vickers Guns with infantry escorts will follow this wave, also four mortars of the Light Trench Mortar Bty.

(d) The fourth wave will consist of six carrying platoons of the 25th Bn; two platoons with each of A.B.&C. Bns.

(e) The fifth wave will consist of the flank liaison parties. The two companies of the 21st Bn. will be in artillery formation behind the Right of A. Bn. They will be in echelon. The two platoons of the 25th Bn. will be in artillery formation behind the left of C. Bn. They will be in echelon.

(f) The remainder of the Trench Mortar Bty. with escort will follow the fifth wave. The Brigade Forward Signal Party will be in the centre of the fifth wave.

5. The tanks are timed to be on the jumping off tape at ZERO hour. After ZERO the tanks will get as close to the barrage as possible, and the infantry will follow the tanks.

Spaces will be cleared along the tank tape lines (a white tape with a black centre), along which the tanks will be guided from their start line by infantry already detailed.

6. DRESS for the attacking infantry will be Fighting Order (Greatcoats to be carried). 220 rounds S.A.A. and 2 Grenades (Nos. 23 & 36).

7. The carrying parties from the 25th Bn. will carry 60 shovels and 50 picks for each of A.B. & C. Bns.

8. Owing to the fact that the No.32. Grenade is being used for both S.O.S. Signal (GREEN over GREEN over GREEN) and the Success Signal (WHITE over WHITE over WHITE), the following precaution will be taken. -

These signals will be issued to officers only, and in no case will an officer have an S.O.S. signal as well as a Success signal on him and vice versa.

9. 1. (a) No gas is being used either by field or heavy artillery during the operations.

(b) A proportion of shrapnel is being employed with the H.E. in the field artillery barrage.

2. In addition to the other means already laid down, ten discs, not less than 8 inches in diameter will be flashed in the sun light when Contact Aeroplanes call for Infantry positions.

3. Major E.G. GLYDE 28th Battalion will act as Liaison with the 15th A.I. Brigade.

J. E. Lee

Major.
Brigade Major, 7th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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August 6th 1918.FIRST AMENDMENT to Brigade Order No. 211.

1. Reference para 12 sub-para (b) last line. For 'O' read 'P' in both cases.
2. Reference para 13 sub-para (b). 21st Bn. H.Q. will be at O.36.d.55.40.
3. Reference para 13 sub-para (c), 25th Bn. H.Q. will be at P.33.c.8.8.
4. Reference para 4 of Administrative Arrangements, read 25th Battalion instead of 21st Battalion.
5. Reference para 5. "Tank Co-Operation".
 - (a) Sub-paras (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) are cancelled and the following substituted :-
 - (b) No.9. Section will move with the 26th Battalion along the north side of the railway line and clean up CARD COPSE and LA BASTILLE MILL and strong point in V.5.c., and then proceed to the GREEN LINE.
 - (c) No.10. Section will move with the Left of the 26th Battalion, cross the wire south of the Strong point in V.4.b. and clean up trench in vicinity of Cross Roads at V.5.a.0.1., then proceeding to the GREEN LINE.
 - (d) No.11. Section will move with the 28th Battalion and clean up P.32.central and old AMIENS line about V.4.b. and P.34.d., then proceeding to the GREEN LINE.
 - (e) No.12. Section will move with the 27th Battalion and clean up vicinity of P.33.central, old AMIENS line P.34.b. and bank in P.35.d., and then proceed to the GREEN LINE.
 - (f) Strong Points will be attacked with one tank frontally and one from either flank.

Tanks will patrol in front of the GREEN LINE, and as soon as the Infantry are on the GREEN LINE and have commenced consolidation, the whole Tank Company will rendezvous in P.35.d. where they will be ready

 - (i) to counter-attack if necessary,
 - (ii) to take part in the 5th Australian Division operation.


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7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Order No. 211.

Headquarters,
August 5th 1918.

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

1. INTENTION

(a) At a date and hour to be notified later, the 7th A.I. Brigade will carry out an attack.

(b) The 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade is on our Right, and the 5th A.I. Brigade is on our Left. The 6th A.I. Brigade will be in Support.

(c) The objective of the 7th A.I. Brigade is shown in GREEN, and the boundary in YELLOW on map issued to Unit Commanders.

(d) The attack will be carried out by

- (i) 23th Battalion - 'A' Bn. on the Right.
- (ii) 23th " " 'B' Bn. in the Centre.
- (iii) 27th " " 'C' Bn. on the Left.
- (iv) 25th " " 'D' Bn. in Support.

(e) The flanks of Battalions will be :-

'A' Battalion - 23th Battalion :- The Right will be the railway line inclusive to the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade (19th Battalion).

'B' Battalion - 23th Battalion :- The Right flank will be from P.30.b.7.6., road junction inclusive at V.3.a.00.75. - road junction V.5.a.0.1. (inclusive) to road V.5.d.20.80.

'C' Battalion - 27th Battalion :- The Right flank will be from P.32.a.3.6. through P.33.central - P.36.c.0.0. The Left flank as shown on map.

(f) At ZERO plus 4 hours, the 5th Australian Division, 15th A.I. Brigade on the Right and 6th A.I. Brigade on the Left, will pass through the 2nd Australian Division and attack the RED and BLUE lines.

2. CONCENTRATION.

(a) On X/Y night, the 7th A.I. Brigade will be concentrated in the area colored BLUE. Units' areas are subdivided and marked A, B, C and D.

(b) The 8th and 15th A.I. Brigades will be located in the area between DIGGERS SUPPORT (inclusive) and the AUBIGNY SYSTEM (exclusive).

(c) The 6th A.I. Brigade will be concentrated forward of DIGGERS SUPPORT.

3. ASSEMBLY.

The assembly on Y/Z night will be carried out as follows -

(a) The 6th A.I. Brigade will leave a thin screen in our present front line, the remainder of the Brigade will be withdrawn and concentrated in the area coloured RED marked '3'. The concentration will be completed by ZERO minus 5 hours.

(b) The screen left by the 6th A.I. Brigade will be

withdrawn to the 6th A.I. Brigade concentration area by ZERO minus 50 minutes.

(c) The 7th A.I. Brigade will move to the assembly area on the jumping off line, move to be complete by ZERO minus one hour. The Brigade assembly area is colored BLUE, and Units' areas are marked A, B, C, D, and E.

(d) APPROACH MARCH. The 26th, 28th and 25th Battalions will use routes through BOIS L'ABBE along side of railway line, bridge at O.38.c.4.4. to assembly areas.

The 27th Battalion and 7th A.L.T.I. Battery will move North and East of VILLERS BRETONNEUX to assembly areas.

The 21st Battalion will move by most convenient route to assembly area.

Units will provide their own guides, beacons etc. for marking routes.

(e) Units will leave their concentration areas to move to the assembly area at the following times :-

28th Battalion	- 'B' Bn.	ZERO minus 5 1/2 hours
26th	" 'A' Bn.	" " 5 1/4 "
27th	" 'C' Bn.	" " 5 1/4 "
25th	" 'D' Bn.	" " 5 1/4 "
21st.	" (2 Companies)	As most suitable.
7th A.L.T.I. Battery	"	" " "

4. ARTILLERY ACTION.

(a) Preparation. The normal active counter-battery work and harassing fire will be maintained. Special plans are being prepared to deal with a heavy development of hostile fire on Y/Z night; also to deal with any attempt at a deliberate gas bombardment of the VILLERS BRETONNEUX area on Y/Z night.

(b) Field Artillery. The Field Artillery covering the Brigade sector consists of 5 F.A. Brigades. These Brigades will provide a creeping barrage of H.E., starting 200 yards in front of the infantry jumping off line. The barrage remains for three minutes on the start line and then moves forward at the rate of 100 yards every two minutes for 200 yards. 100 yards every three minutes for the next 800 yards and then 100 yards every four minutes to the protective barrage 400 yards beyond the GREEN LINE. It will remain on this protective barrage line until ZERO plus 4 hours, a proportion of guns searching in depth to the limits of their range. Barrage fire will then cease. Barrage map will be issued later down to Company Commanders.

(c) Each 18-pounder is firing 3 rounds Smoke on the Start Line and 3 rounds Smoke on arrival at the protective barrage line.

(d) After the capture of the GREEN LINE, certain Brigades will move forward to support the attack of the 5th Australian Division.

(e) Heavy Artillery. About two thirds of the Heavy Artillery is being allotted to counter-battery work from ZERO onwards. No creeping barrage is being laid down, but available guns are being employed on various trench systems, strong points, and centres of likely activity. Lifts from these points are being made at times to ensure that a distance of 600 yards is maintained East of the 18-pounder barrage line. The special target being

erred on this Brigade front is the old ANIELS line.

(F) Medium Trench Mortars. The Medium Trench Mortar Battery are engaging JAFFA TRENCH north and south of the railway line from ZERO until infantry reach the danger zone.

5. TANK CO-OPERATION.

(a) 'C' Company (12 Tanks) 2nd Tank Battalion will work with this Brigade. It will follow the barrage, being in front of the infantry jumping off line by ZERO plus 1 minute.

(b) No.9. Section will move with the 26th Battalion along the north side of the railway and clean up CARD COPSE vicinity. It will re-assemble about V.3.b.5.0. and be ready to reinforce other sections or operate north of the railway towards MARCELCAVE.

(c) No.10. Section will move across the front of No.9. Section and move with the 26th Battalion and clean up LA BASTILLE HILL vicinity and old trench line in V.5.c.

(d) No.11. Section will move with the 26th Battalion and clean up P.32.central vicinity and old French line about V.4.b. and P.34.d.

(e) No.12. Section will move with the 27th Battalion and clean up P.33.central vicinity, old French line P.34.b. and bank in P.35.d.

(f) These sections will attack strong points with one tank frontally and one tank from each flank.

Tanks will patrol in front of the GREEN LINE until infantry have consolidation well in hand, when they will withdraw, dump their loads at selected points, and rendezvous in P.35.d. where they will be ready for further action on LAIOTTE.

(g) An infantry scout will accompany each tank. They will report to the O.C., 'C' Coy, 2nd Tank Battalion at O.11.a.5.4. at 10 a.m. on 'X' day as under :-

26th Bn.	6	scouts.
28th Bn.	3	"
27th Bn.	3	"

Officers and N.C.Os will become acquainted with the sectional signs. Tanks are at FOUILLOY, O.11.a.5.4.

All necessary details of co-operation between tanks and infantry will be arranged between Infantry Battalion Commanders and Tank Section Commanders. This will include the passage of tanks through troops to jumping off tape.

One baggage tank is allotted to the Brigade for carrying stores.

Battalions will detail guides as under to help Tank Corps lay a tape from infantry jumping off line to tank starting line, and then guide their particular Tank Section to the Battalion's jumping off line.

26th Bn.	4	guides
28th Bn.	2	"
27th Bn.	2	"

Guides will be thoroughly acquainted with the Battalion's assembly area. They will report at Brigade H.Q. at 8.50 p.m. on 1/2 night.

6. MACHINE GUNS.

The 22nd Aust. Machine Gun Company is allotted to this Brigade. They will follow the assaulting troops.

The 25th Battalion will detail two platoons (one section of infantry to each two Vickers Guns) as escort and carrying party. Details to be arranged between Commanding Officers of 25th Battalion and 22nd Machine Gun Company.

On the capture of the GREEN LINE, eight guns will be emplaced for its close defence. The remaining eight guns will be emplaced in four gun batteries and will be allotted S.O.S. lines for the protection of the GREEN LINE.

One battery will be sited to command approaches from MARCELCAVE to LA BASTILLE HILL. They will also act as a reserve in the hands of the Brigade Commander.

The 5th A.M.G. Company is organised on the Right Group in four gun batteries, and will be employed in barrage fire on the old AMIENS Line, opening fire as soon as the infantry are clear. On the infantry approaching the line, one battery will lift on to bank in P.35.a.& b. The remaining guns will cease fire.

The attached map issued to units of the Brigade show positions of barrage guns and their barrage lines. Also approximate positions to be taken up by the 22nd A.M.G. Coy.

7. LIGHT TRENCH MORTAR ACTION.

(a) The 7th A.L.T.M. Battery will co-operate in the initial stage of the barrage from ZERO to ZERO plus 3 minutes, by Stokes Mortar fire on selected targets, e.g. P.32.central and JAFFA TRENCH V.1.b.9.7.

(b) Trench Mortars will then be carried forward by the L.T.M. Battery, moving with the last wave.

(c) Four mortars will be emplaced in the Right Battalion Sector, two with the Centre Battalion Sector and two in the Left Battalion sector.

(d) One platoon of 25th Battalion will be attached to the 7th A.L.T.M. Battery as an escort and for carrying. Details to be arranged between the C.O. 25th Battalion and C.C., 7th A.L.T.M. Battery.

(e) On the capture of LA BASTILLE MILL, mortars with Right Battalion will be emplaced to cover approaches along road through V.11.a.& b., north of railway line and railway cutting at intersection of GREEN LINE.

8. AIRCRAFT.

(a) Low flying aeroplanes are being employed to drown the noise of the assembly of tanks, from 9.30 p.m. to midnight on Y/Z night, and from ZERO minus one hour onwards to ZERO.

(b) Counter-attack patrol will be in the air constantly from ZERO hour. In the event of an enemy concentration indicating a counter-attack, the counter-attack aeroplane will signal this information to the artillery by wireless. In the case of a counter-attack actually developing, a WHITE parachute flare will be fired from the aeroplane in the direction of the troops moving for the impending counter-attack, for the information of the infantry.

(c) A contact aeroplane will fly along the GREEN LINE at ZERO plus 2 hours 30 minutes. Flares will be called for by the aeroplane sounding a succession of 'A's on the Klaxon horn, and by firing a WHITE Very light. If the aeroplane fails to mark the line accurately, it will repeat its call ten minutes later. Should the infantry not have reached the line of the objective at the time laid down above, the contact aeroplane will return at half-hour intervals until flares are thrown.

(d) Rifles may be used as an alternative means of signalling the position of the most forward troops to the aeroplane.

(e) Low flying Scouts are being employed from ZERO to ZERO plus 4 hours eastwards from the GREEN LINE to engage favourable targets.

(f) The following will be the special markings on machines -

(i) Contact aeroplane - Rectangular panels 2' x 1' on both lower planes about 3' from the fuselage.

(ii) Machines working with Tanks - black band on middle of right side of tail.

(g) POPHAM Panels will be taken forward and used whenever possible.

(h) After reaching the GREEN LINE, special Vickers and Lewis Guns will be told off for the purpose of dealing with low flying enemy aircraft. At the same time, their first duty will be to deal with enemy infantry.

9. SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

(a) Prior to ZERO hour, a Brigade Exchange will be established at S.Y. Test Point at O.36.b.8.2. Battalions will run and maintain lines from their Battle H.Q. to this Exchange.

(b) The Brigade forward party will run two pairs of lines from this Exchange to the jumping off tape before ZERO hour. After ZERO hour, following immediately behind the last wave, they will establish a Test Point and Relay Post for Runners in the trench at approx. P.31.d.65.65., and continuing on, establish another at approx. P.33.b.1.2. From here they will continue on and establish the Brigade Forward Station in the strong point at approx. P.34.d.7.1.

(c) A Visual Station will be established at this point, working back to a station in the vicinity of the cable head at S.Y. Test Point.

(d) Four pairs of pigeons will be taken forward by the Brigade forward party, which will be used or disposed of to Companies or Battalions in the advanced positions, at the discretion of the Officer in charge of the Brigade forward party.

(e) POPHAM panels and ground sheets with code calls will be taken forward by the Brigade forward party and Battalion Headquarters.

(f) Three hours after ZERO a trench wireless set will be established at Brigade Forward Station, working back to Brigade H.Q. at O.28.c. 8.5

(g) It is imperative that all communication with the rear should be centralised along this one channel of communication.

(h) Until Battalions move up from their Battle H.Q., Companies in the advanced positions will send all messages or information to the Brigade Forward Station or Relay Post, who will convey same to the rear by whatever means are available, or else direct to their Battalion H.Q.

(i) Immediately on Battalions moving from Battle H.Q. and establishing themselves in the new line, they will get into touch with the Brigade Forward Station by whatever means available, including cable, and send all messages to the rear via this channel.

(j) Lieut. C.G. HOLLOWAY, 26th Battalion will be in charge of the Brigade Forward party.

(k) The use of the telephone from now on, must be reduced to the sub-normal.

(l) Any enemy signal wires found in captured territory will be cut, especially those running laterally.

6. ENGINEER ARRANGEMENTS.

(a) I Section under Lieut. VEALE, 7th Field Coy A.E. will be attached to this Brigade. The Engineers will assist the infantry in laying the tape for the jumping off line.

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(b) After ZERO, the following work will be carried out by the Engineers :-

- (i) Opening up road from Cross Roads at O.36.a.2.5. to V.3.b.0.1., thence overland track to road at V.5.a.0.0.
- (ii) Reconnaissance for and development of temporary water supplies in the captured area.
- (iii) Reconnaissance for and report on dugouts suitable for occupation in captured territory.

11. LIGHT SIGNALS.

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

S.O.S. - No.32 Grenade showing GREEN over GREEN over GREEN.

Success Signal - No.32. Grenade showing WHITE over WHITE over WHITE.

These will be fired by the senior officer of each Company on the spot.

(b) The following light signals will be used by Canadian Corps :-

(i) S.O.S. - No.32. Grenade - RED over RED over RED.
Will also mean :-

- (a) "We are held up and cannot advance without help". A smoke rocket No.27 Grenade will also be fired in the direction of the obstruction to indicate its position.
- (b) "Enemy is counter-attacking".

(ii) "Lift your fire. We are going to advance, Stop Firing" - No.32. Grenade GREEN over GREEN over GREEN.

(iii) "We have reached this point" - Three WHITE Very lights in quick succession.

12. CONSOLIDATION.

(a) As soon as the GREEN LINE has been captured, troops will dig in. Consolidation will be pressed on until orders to discontinue are sent from Brigade H.Q.

(b) As soon as all the troops of the 15th A.I. Bde have passed through the 7th A.I. Bde, the defence of the Brigade sub-sector will be organised in depth.

All units will be re-organised into platoons and companies.

The 28th Battalion normally will be withdrawn on orders from Brigade H.Q. to *support* in the old AMIENS line. Its front will be taken over by the 26th and 27th Battalions. Inter-battalion boundary will be Cross Roads V.5.b.50.60. inclusive to 27th Battalion.

The 28th Battalion will then be ready for eventualities.

The 25th Battalion as soon as its various carrying and other parties are no longer required, will be re-assembled in the old AMIENS line in O.34.b.& d. and flank defences in O.35.a.

(d) The 21st Battalion will move back to the 6th A.I. Brigade concentration area on orders from 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q.

13. FLANK LIAISON.

(a) The 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade (19th Battalion) is detailing one platoon to move north of the railway and keep in touch with the 26th Battalion.

(b) 2 Companies of 21st Battalion will follow the right flank of the rear wave of the 36th Battalion. They will move on the north side of the railway, and will be responsible for liaison with the 19th Canadian Battalion, and for the defence of the Brigade right flank. It will form platoon posts from trench V.2.b.65.00. to V.2.b.70.75. to grid line north and south between V.3. & 4.

(c) The 19th Aust. Infantry Battalion is detailing one platoon to maintain liaison with the 27th Battalion.

(d) The 25th Battalion is detailing two platoons to maintain liaison between the 27th Battalion and the 19th Battalion.

14. LIAISON OFFICERS.

(a) Major H.C. FORD, D.S.O., attached 26th Battalion, will be Brigade Liaison Officer with the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

(b) Each of the 26th, 27th, and 28th Battalions will provide Liaison Officers with units on either flank, the 26th Battalion particularly with the Left Battalion of the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade, and the 27th Battalion with the 19th Aust. Infantry Battalion.

(c) The 25th Battalion will provide a Liaison Officer with the 26th, 27th, and 28th Battalions.

(d) The 21st Battalion will provide a Liaison Officer with the 26th Battalion.

(e) An Engineer Liaison Officer will be attached to the 5th and 7th A.I. Brigade H.Qs.

(f) A Tank Corps Officer will be attached to 7th Brigade H.Q.

(g) Battalion Liaison Officers will report to their respective Battalion H.Q. by ZERO minus 1 hour.

15. INTELLIGENCE AND DISPOSAL OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

(a) One German Speaker will be allotted to each Battalion of the Brigade, reporting on the afternoon of 'Y' day.

Each Battalion will detail two Searchers to work under the German Speaker.

(b) The duties of the German Speaker will be -

- (i) To secure immediate identifications, which will be forwarded on as rapidly as possible to Brigade H.Q.
- (ii) To secure immediate information required by the Battalion Commander as regards enemy dispositions assembly positions, orders for counter-attack, &c.
- (iii) To separate and forward the important documents, orders and maps, to the immediate Commander.

(c) The two Searchers will systematically search the battle field, enemy positions, suspected H.Q., dead etc. for papers, documents, maps, etc. and send them packed in sand-bags, labelled with Units number, through the usual channels to Brigade H.Q.

(d) The German Speakers and Searchers should carry torches, and besides revolvers or rifles, bombs will be carried to deal with any of the enemy found in dugouts which may not have been mopped up.

This personnel will also be provided with arm bands three inches wide made of white cloth, with a central black strip one inch wide. They will be made by the unit, and worn on the left arm above the elbow.

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Officers and N.C.Os will give every possible assistance to these personnel in carrying out their special duties.

(e) The Divisional Intelligence Officer will be at this Brigade H.Q. and will have two German Speakers with him.

(f) All important information obtained from prisoners will be wired to Brigade H.Q. as quickly as possible.

(g) Officers and N.C.Os will be searched as soon as possible after capture, by a responsible officer or N.C.O.

Officers, N.C.O's and men must be separated and not allowed to communicate with one another.

Prisoners who have been interrogated should not be allowed to mix with those who have not been interrogated.

(h) All ranks should understand that a prisoner's paybook, identity disc, and personal belongings should NOT be taken from him. Escorts and guards will be warned to take special precautions to prevent prisoners from destroying papers. No one except an officer or N.C.O. duly authorised to do so, should be allowed to interrogate prisoners.

(i) It is essential that when prisoners are sent back, information should be sent back with them which will show what locality they were captured in.

16. MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS. The following maps and photographs will be issued :-

- (a) 1/20,000, 32D. S.E. - to all Officers.
- (b) 1/20,000, Message Maps - down to N.C.O's.
- (c) 1/10,000, A small issue of 1/10,000 maps of the forward area.
- (d) 1/30,000, Artillery barrage map for distribution down to Company Commanders.
- (e) 1/40,000, Organization map showing enemy defences, together with notes on enemy dispositions.
- (f) Tatget Map showing photograph of forward enemy areas confirmed by air reports.

Photographs will be supplied as follows :-

- (a) A mosaic of the Divisional front, squared and contoured and annotated, for distribution down to N.C.Os.
- (b) An enlargement of WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT.
- (c) Oblique of the Divisional front.
- (d) Vertical of the Divisional front as far as possible, including the area back to N. and S. grid line between Q.26 and Q.27.

17. SECRECY AND MOVEMENT.

(a) The greatest possible secrecy is to be maintained regarding the proposed operation. NO one will be told until it is absolutely necessary to do so. Great care must be taken that no papers or maps relating to the operation are left about. The operation will not be referred to on the telephone. The operation will not be discussed in the presence of mess orderlies or batmen etc.

(b) Owing to the large concentration of troops in the forward area, movement during the day is to be reduced to an absolute minimum, especially around new Headquarters. There is to be no movement whatever during the day forward of VILLERS LINE except through trenches.

All Officers and N.C.Os must be impressed with the necessity of seeing that this order is strictly carried out.

Each Battalion will detail a special officer whose duty will be to see that no movement takes place within the Battalion area during the day.

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18. HEADQUARTERS.

Headquarters for the operation will be as follows :-

(a) 7th A.I. Brigade - C.25.c. ^{4.5}

(b) Units from ZERO minus 2 hours till ZERO plus 90 minutes :-

25th Battalion	C. Dugout	0.36.d.70.65.
26th "	"	0.36.d.6.5.
27th "	"	P.31.b.30.95.
28th "	"	P.31.b.15.50.
7th A.L.T.M.Bty	"	0.36.d.80.75.
21st Battalion	"	P.36.d.55.40.

(c) Units - ~~from~~ ^{at} ZERO plus 90 minutes ~~onward~~ ^{H.Q.s will} ~~move from above positions as under~~

25th Battalion	in vicinity of	0.33.c.8.8.
26th "	" "	V.4.b.2.0.
27th "	" "	P.34.b.9.2.
28th "	" "	P.34.d.7.0.
7th A.L.T.M.Bty	" "	V.4.b.2.0.
21st Battalion	" "	V.3.a.0.8.

(d) Units when they move forward to their new Headquarters will leave a responsible officer at the old H.Q. until the New H.Q. are established.

(e) The route followed by H.Q. of 26th Battalion and 7th A.L.T.M.Battery when moving forward, will be the road in P.31.d., P.32.c., V.2.b., and tramline through V.4.central.

The route followed by H.Q. of 25th, 27th and 28th Battalions when moving forward will be through P.32.central and P.33.central.

19. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES.

(a) Watches of Units will be synchronised at Brigade Headquarters by an officer from each unit, at ZERO minus 10 hours, and at ZERO minus 4 hours.

(b) Synchronization will in no case be made over the telephone.

20. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS are issued with this order to units concerned.

21. ACTION OF ATTACKING INFANTRY will be issued later.

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

A. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 11 a.m. through Bde Signals.

For Distribution, P.T.O.

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Copies to:-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
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5. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty.
6. 7th Field Coy.
9. 21st Bn.
10. 'C' Coy 2nd Tank Bn.
11. 7th Field Amb.
12. 4th Canadian Inf. Bde.
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14. 6th A.I. Bde.
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17. Right Group Arty.
18. G.O.C.
19. B.E.
20. S.C.
21. Bde Sig. Officer.
22. Bde Transport Officer
23. File.
- 24/26. War Diary.
- 27/35. Spare.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
August 6th 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS to accompany Brigade Order No. 211.

1. SUPPLIES. Units will carry 24 hours assault rations and 24 hours iron rations. Pea Soup and Oxo will be issued with assault rations. Rum will be taken forward on Supply Tank.

2. WATER. Units will carry two water bottles per man, both of which will be filled before moving into assembly position.

Supply Tank will take forward 200 tins of water and dump them at the Supply Dumps. Water carts of Battalions will be filled, and will assemble at Brigade Mobile Ammunition Reserve. 100 tins of water will be located at Mobile Ammunition Reserve to be carried forward on packs if required.

Attention is drawn to Divisional Administrative Memo No. 222 para 18, with regard to reserves of water.

The pump at Billet No. 41 is allotted to this Brigade. 35th Battalion will detail two men to take charge of this on the 6th instant.

36th, 27th and 23th Bn. will each carry two notice boards with "Water NOT TESTED" on, to place on wells. Each of these Battalions will also draw two each of boards with "Unfit for Use" and "Fit for Use with --- Scoops", from the Supply Dump at P.35.d.50.60, on arrival at the GREEN LINE.

3. AMMUNITION.

Main Divisional Dump	is at	N.7.b.4.2.
Advanced "	"	No.1. O.28.c.6.5.
"	"	No.2. O.29.a.8.6.
S.A.A. Section D.A.C.		M.28.b.6.8.
Brigade Battle Dump		P.25.d.0.3.
"	"	O.36.d.9.6.

Brigade Mobile Reserve consisting of -

10	limbers	S.A.A.
2	"	Grenades
1	"	Stokes 3" Amn.
56	Pack horses	

will be located at O.32.b.9.7. under the command of Captain J.C. LITTLE, M.C., Brigade Transport Officer.

The Brigade Transport Officer will arrange for two mounted orderlies at Brigade Headquarters, and two at Mobile Reserve, to deliver ammunition demands.

Ammunition sent forward from Brigade Mobile Reserve will be replaced from S.A.A. Section, D.A.C., a guide being sent down to bring the limbers forward.

Pack animals of the 6th A.I. Brigade will be available for this Brigade in case of emergency. They will not be used without reference to the Staff Captain.

4. TANKS. Each assault Tank will carry 3,000 rounds S.A.A., 4 gallons of water, and 24 rounds Stokes 3" ammunition, and will dump at the following locations :-
V.5.c.5.5., Cross Roads V.5.a.30.70, P.35.d.50.60.

The Supply Tank allotted to this Brigade will make two trips forward with loads as follows :-

(1) 200 shovels	100 tins water
100 picks	500 NO.36.Grenades.
200 Stokes 3" Amn.	100 L.G. Panniers.
12,000 S.A.A.	

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| (2) 100 shovels | 100 tins water |
| 50 picks | 500 No. 33 Grenades |
| 200 Stokes 3" Amm. | |
|) S.A.A. 40,000. A Run issue. | |

The load for the second trip will be located at O.22.c.7-0. under a guard.

The load of the first trip will be dumped at Cross Roads at V.5.a.30.70. where a man from 21st Battalion already detailed from the tank will be left in charge. He will erect a notice board to indicate location.

The load of the second trip will be dumped at P.35.d.50.30.

The Supply Tank will have hanging on each side, a board marked "7th Brigade Supply Tank"

5. TRANSPORT. Transport lines will remain at present location.

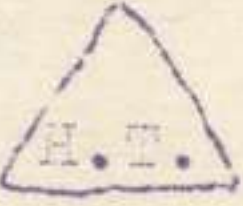
Routes: Horse Transport will as far as possible be kept clear of lorry routes.

The existing dry weather track through N.24.b.0.4. then through squares O.19, O.20, O.27, O.28, O.25, O.24, O.30., P.19. and P.25 will be used as far as possible.

Arrangements are being made to extend track from P.20.c.6.1. to P.21.c.5.9., thence road to P.29.d.0.8. and to open road from O.36.a.2.5. to V.5.b.0.1., thence overland track to U.5.a.0.0.

The following roads will also be opened up :-

- O.13.central to O.9.c.9.1.
- O.9.c.9.1. to O.8.d.0.9.
- O.9.c.9.1. to O.29.d.9.4.
- O.15.b.3.4. to O.10.d.4.6.
- P.25.c.0.3. to P.20.a.5.6.

Horse transport routes will be marked by a triangle thus  Transport Officers will adhere to the above instructions.

6. BRIDGES. Attention is drawn to Divisional Administrative Memo No. 222 of 4th August.

7. AREA STORES. Units will arrange to hand over to special guards detailed by Brigade H.Q., all tentage, shelters, and area stores when vacating their area to go forward to assembly positions. O.C., 7th Brigade Nucleus Bn. will detail 1 Officer 4 H.C.Os and 12 men to report to the Staff Captain at Brigade H.Q. by 11 a.m. on the 8th inst. for instructions as to areas to be taken over.

8. R.E. STORES. Corps Dump H.29.d. Div. Transit Dump H.29.d.3.5.

9. ORDNANCE. D.A.D.O.S. will remain at present location. Stores mentioned in para 8 of Div. Administrative Memo No.222 will be issued from Billet No.26, LANOTTE.

A pool of Lewis Guns is established at LANOTTE. Casualties to Lewis Guns will be reported by wire to Brigade H.Q. Units will state exactly whether a complete gun or only parts required, and arrangements will be made for replacement.

10. PRISONERS OF WAR. The Divisional Cage is located at O.27.d.8.7. 25th Battalion will detail one platoon to act as Escorts from forward area to P.O.W. Cage. At zero hour this party will be in position at P.25.c.8.4., and at Zero plus 1 1/2 hours, half the men will take up position at Cross Roads in P.33. Relays will be arranged by O.C. Escorts from P.33 to Cage.

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All prisoners of war will be sent by units to those places and receipts obtained.

All escorts will take receipts for prisoners handed over.

The O.C. of this platoon will place direction boards along the route.

11. BURIALS.

Attention is drawn to Divisional Administrative Memo No. 222 para 16 "Burials".

25th Battalion will be responsible for the selection of the site and opening of cemetery at V.4.b. approx.

Units will bury all dead as soon as possible, taking care to identify the graves.

12. SALVAGE.

Attention is drawn to para 11 of Divisional Administrative Memo No. 222 re salvage.

13. MEDICAL.

(a) A piece of white cloth will be carried by all troops taking part in the assault. Should man be wounded and unable to walk back, he will tie this piece of white cloth to his rifle, stick butt uppermost in the ground, or tie it to the crop, to mark his position, so that the stretcher bearers may find him more easily.

(b) Details of medical arrangements will be issued.

C.H. HARRISON, Captain,
Staff Captain, 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

SECRET7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEHeadquarters,
August 3th 1918.MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS, to accompany Brigade Order No. 211.

R.A.P.'s will be in vicinity of Battalion Headquarters.

The R.M.O.'s of 26th and 27th Battalions will move forward and establish R.A.P.'s with their Battalion Headquarters. R.M.O.'s of 25th and 28th Battalions will take up R.A.P. at 28th Battalion Headquarters. R.M.O. of 28th Battalion will move forward with his Battalion Headquarters. 25th Battalion will remain until relieved by Ambulance.

The 7th Australian Field Ambulance will clear all wounded from GREEN LINE to M.D.S.

On the capture of the GREEN LINE, 5th Australian Field Ambulance will establish A.D.S. at WHITE CHATEAU.

On the capture of RED LINE, the 7th Australian Field Ambulance will be prepared to establish an A.D.S. at WARFUSEE. Gas Centre will remain at ST. ACHEUL.

Fifty Stretchers and fifty Blankets will be at each R.A.P.

All wells will be tested by R.M.O.'s during the advance.

Walking wounded will follow the same routes as laid down for stretcher cases, and assemble at C.27.d.4.4. From this spot wounded will be removed by lorries, busses, etc. Slightly wounded men will act as escorts for prisoners. Line men will not be allowed to escort wounded men to the rear.

C.O.'s will ensure that walking wounded do not discard their equipment until they can place it on a recognised salvage dump.

C.O., 7th Australian Field Ambulance has issued detailed special instructions to R.M.O.'s.

Units will arrange to mark all R.A.P.'s. Notice Boards will be issued by Brigade Headquarters for this purpose.

C. H. Harrison

Captain, Staff Captain,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to all units concerned.

SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
August 7th 1918.ADDENDUM to ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS accompanying Bde Order No. 211.

1. PRISONERS OF WAR. In addition to the arrangements mentioned in para 10, the 6th A.I. Brigade will be responsible for the collection of Prisoners of War, and will arrange as follows :-

(a) A screen of scouts of 20 to 25 Brigade Snipers under Lieut. GEAR.
Screen to be spread over the Divisional Sector in pairs, whose duty will be to direct prisoners and escorts to 3 posts (para b)

(b) 3 Posts placed as follows:-

1. X Roads at P.21.c.3.9.
2. Road Junction P.26.c.85.35.
3. Railway (N. Side) V.1.a.7.9.

Each post composed of 1 Officer, 2 M.C.O's and 10 men. No.1. Post by 24th Bn., No.2. Post by 23rd Bn., No.3. Post by 22nd Bn.

These Officers will take over all prisoners, giving a receipt to the escort, showing on it the Battalion who took the prisoners. The escorts will be sent back to the firing line. When a number of prisoners are collected, they will be sent back to the Main Collecting Post (c)

(c) Main Collecting Post will be located at O.28.d.8.7. where all prisoners will be handed over to A.P.M. and receipts obtained. When it is possible to send Mounted Military Police escorts forward, they will take over prisoners at DOLLS HOUSE in O.30.c.

All escorts will be provided with a note showing which Unit captured the batch of prisoners they are escorting.

2. BATTLE STRAGGLERS. The parties mentioned in para (1) above will stop all battle stragglers and send them back immediately to the firing line. Names of all such men of this Brigade will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. by 6th A.I. Brigade on the withdrawal of the posts.

J. H. ...
Captain, Staff Captain,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

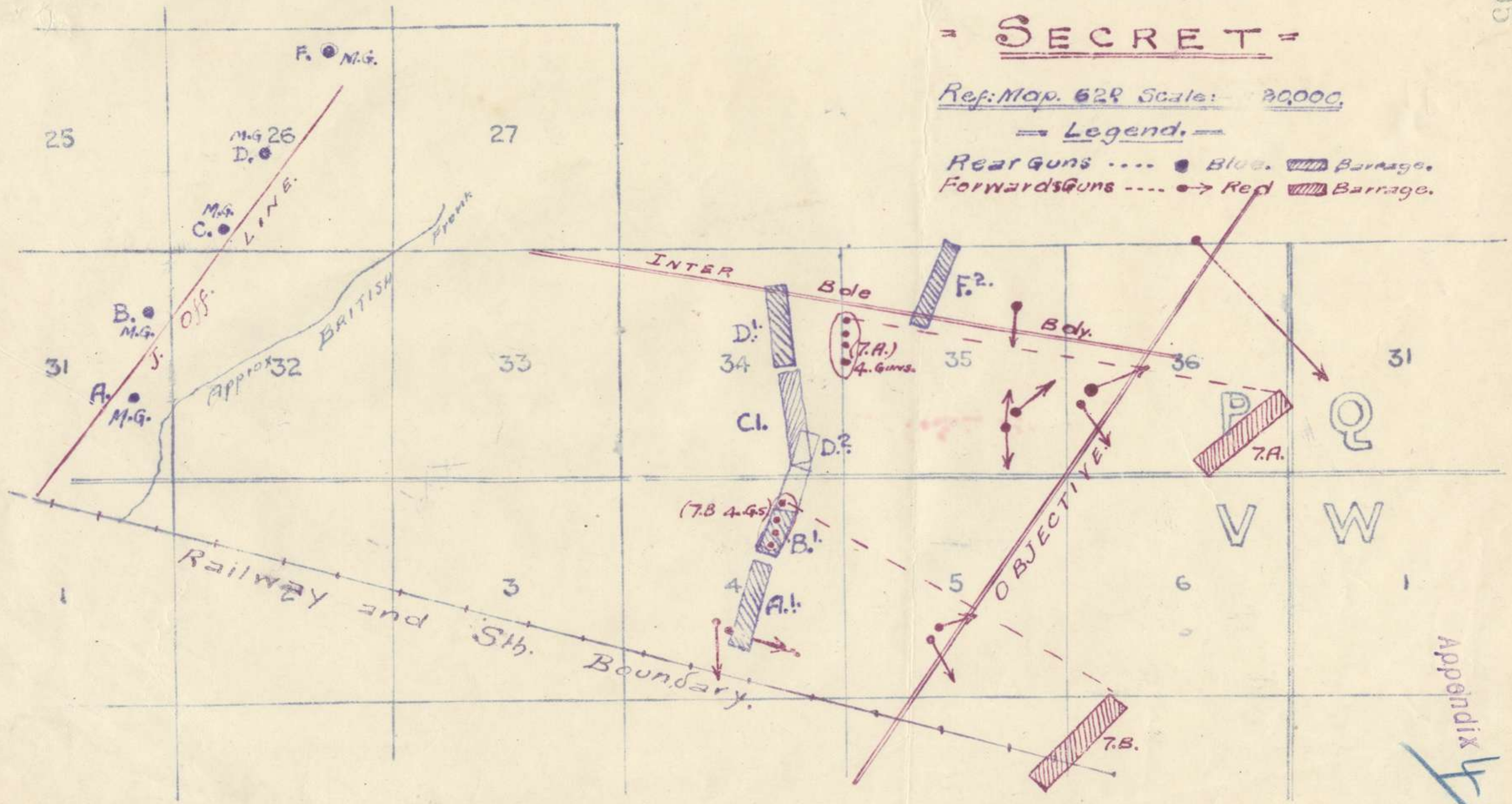
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Legend.

Rear Guns ● Blue. Barrage.
 Forward Guns ● → Red Barrage.



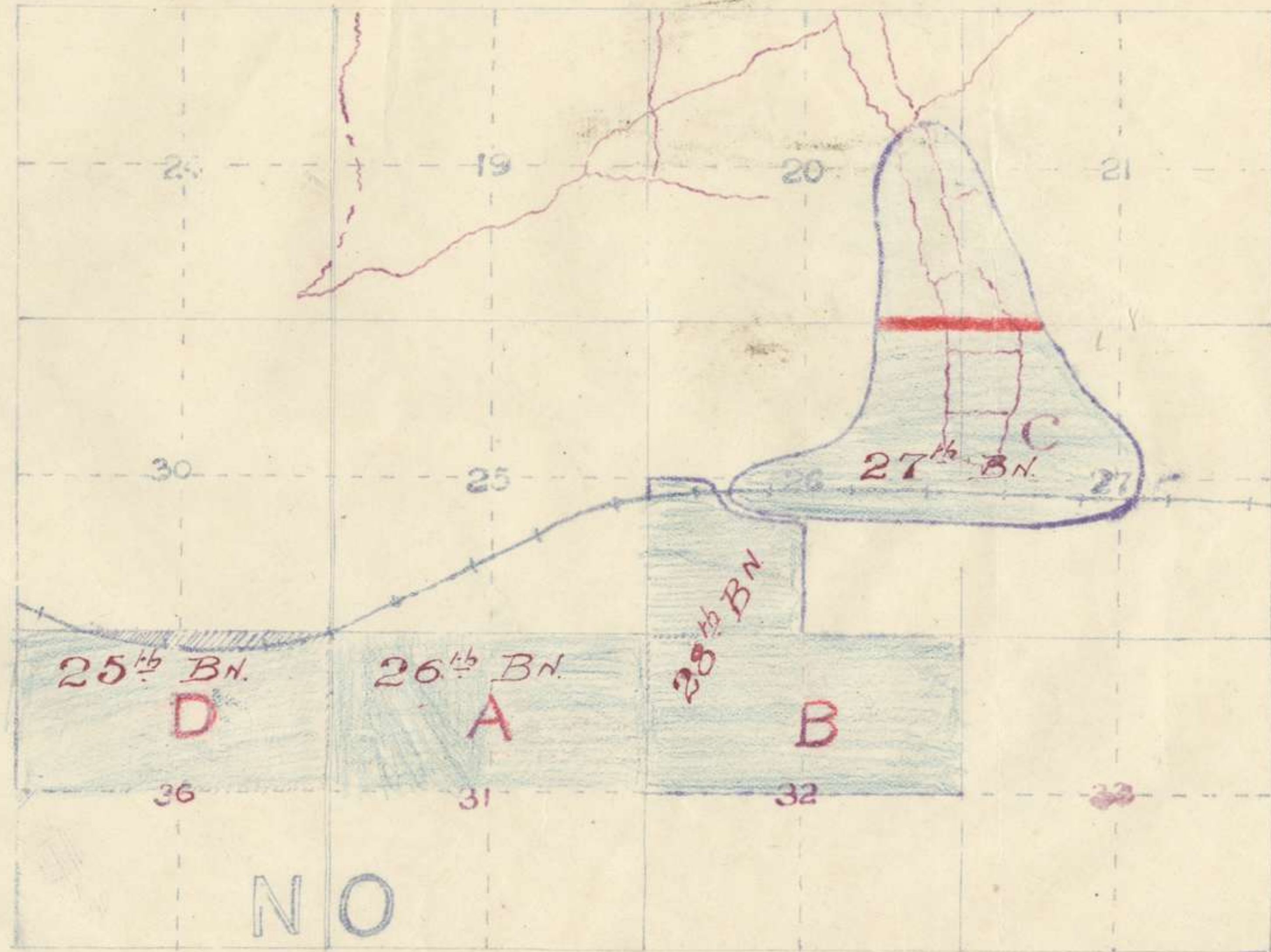
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Area
X/Y NIGHT

DISPOSITION SECRET
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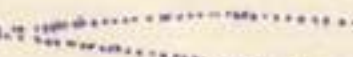


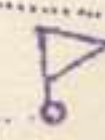


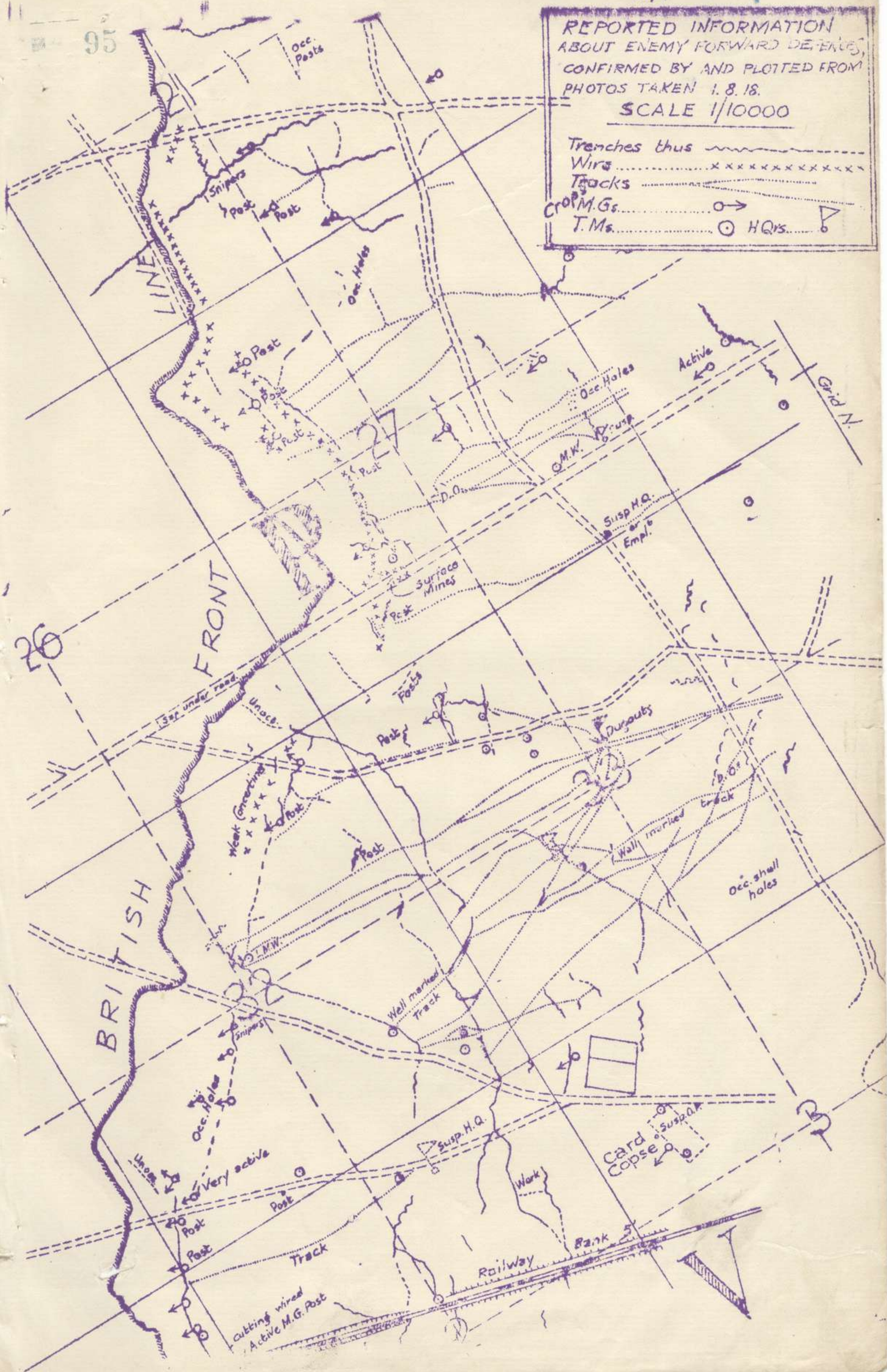
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REPORTED INFORMATION
 ABOUT ENEMY FORWARD DEFENCE,
 CONFIRMED BY AND PLOTTED FROM
 PHOTOS TAKEN 1.8.18.
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Trenches thus 
 Wire 
 Tracks 
 C.M.G.s 
 T.M.s  H.Q.s 





A. 3. AE. B. 195
62 P. 30 36. a. b. d. Q. 25. C. 31. a
1. 8-18-10-30
F. 6

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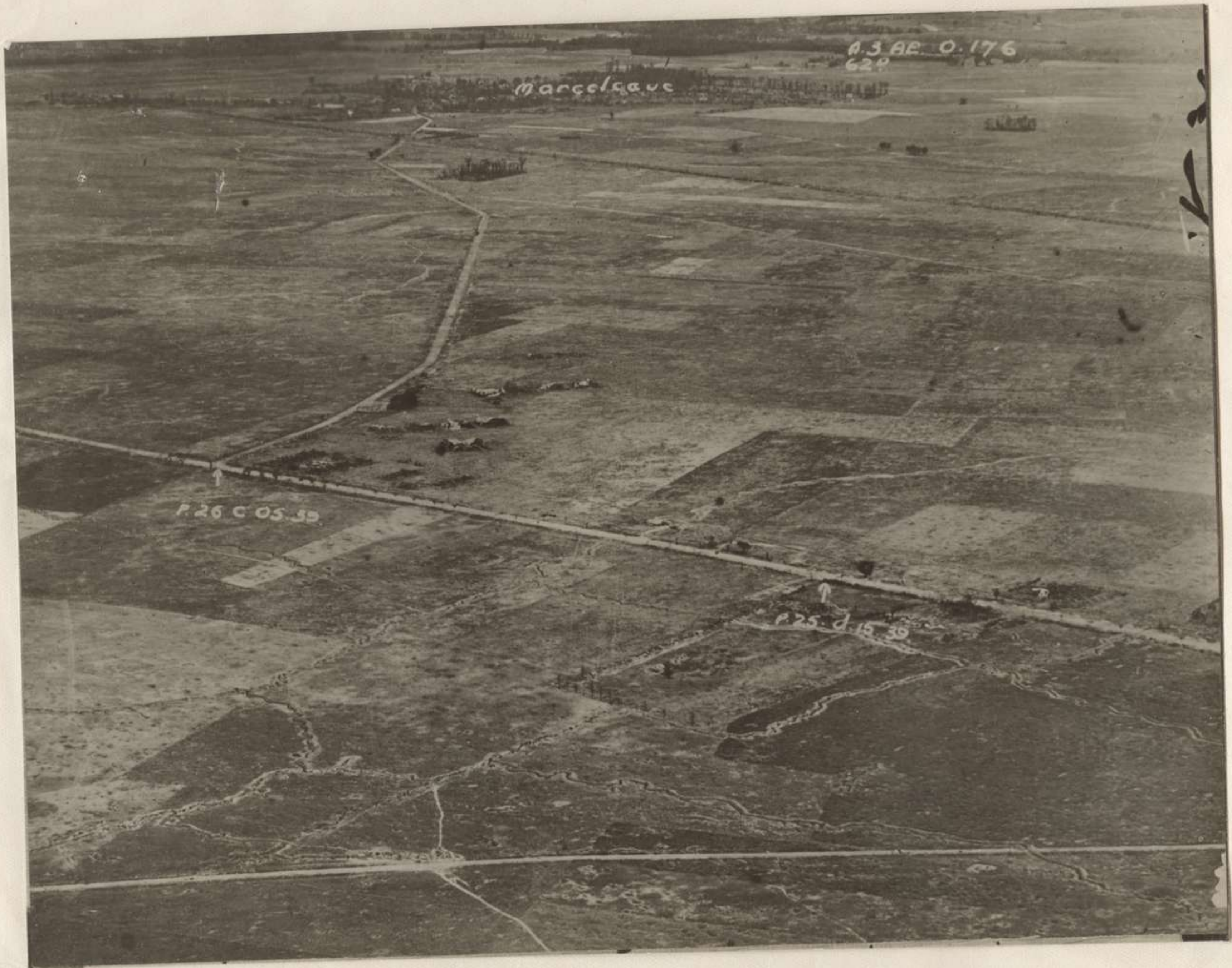
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 21-30
 35-40 = 60
 26 } 60 = 240
 27 }
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 + 200 = 240



WARFUSEE ABANCOURT SECTOR.

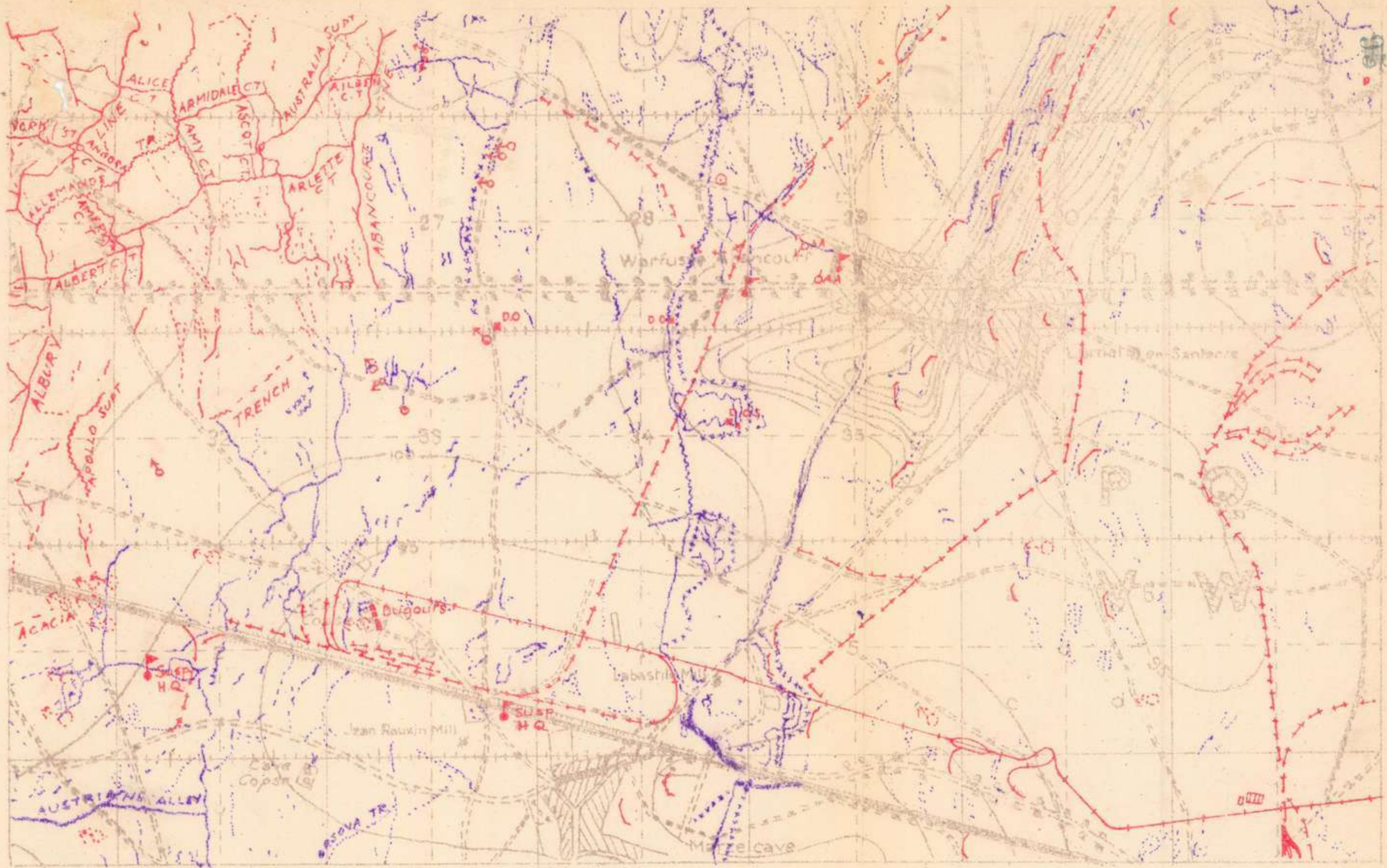
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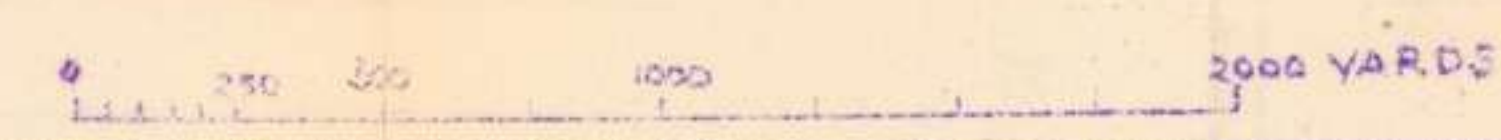
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MESSAGE MAP NO 11

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BRITISH		ENEMY	
Trenches	— — — — —	Battery Positions	⌋
Rifle Pits	•••••	Head Quarters	Ⓜ
Wire	— — — — —	Light Railways-Used,	— — — — —
M.G.S	•	" " -Unused	- - - - -
T.M.'s	○	Hutments	□ □

(Information Corrected to 1.8.18.)

P.T.O.

21st - 20
 25th - 40 = 60
 26 } 50 each = 240
 27 }
 28 }
 T.M. 185 20 = 230
 B.H.Q. 30 = 260

7th
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To _____

1. I am at _____ 2. I have reached the limits of my objective _____

3. My ^(Platoon) ~~(Company)~~ is at _____ 4. ^(is consolidating) ~~(has consolidated)~~ _____

5. Am held up by ^(M.G.) ~~(Wire)~~ at _____ 6. Enemy holding S.P. _____

7. I ^(am) ~~(am not)~~ in touch with _____ on ^(right) ~~(left)~~ at _____

8. Am shelled from _____ 9. Am in need of _____

10. Counter attack forming at _____ 11. Hostile ^(Bary) ~~(M.G.)~~ ^(T.M.) active at _____

12. Reinforcement's wanted at _____

13. Estimate my present strength at _____ rifles

14. Add any other useful information _____

Name _____ Platoon _____ Company _____

Battalion _____ Time _____ m. Date _____ 1918.

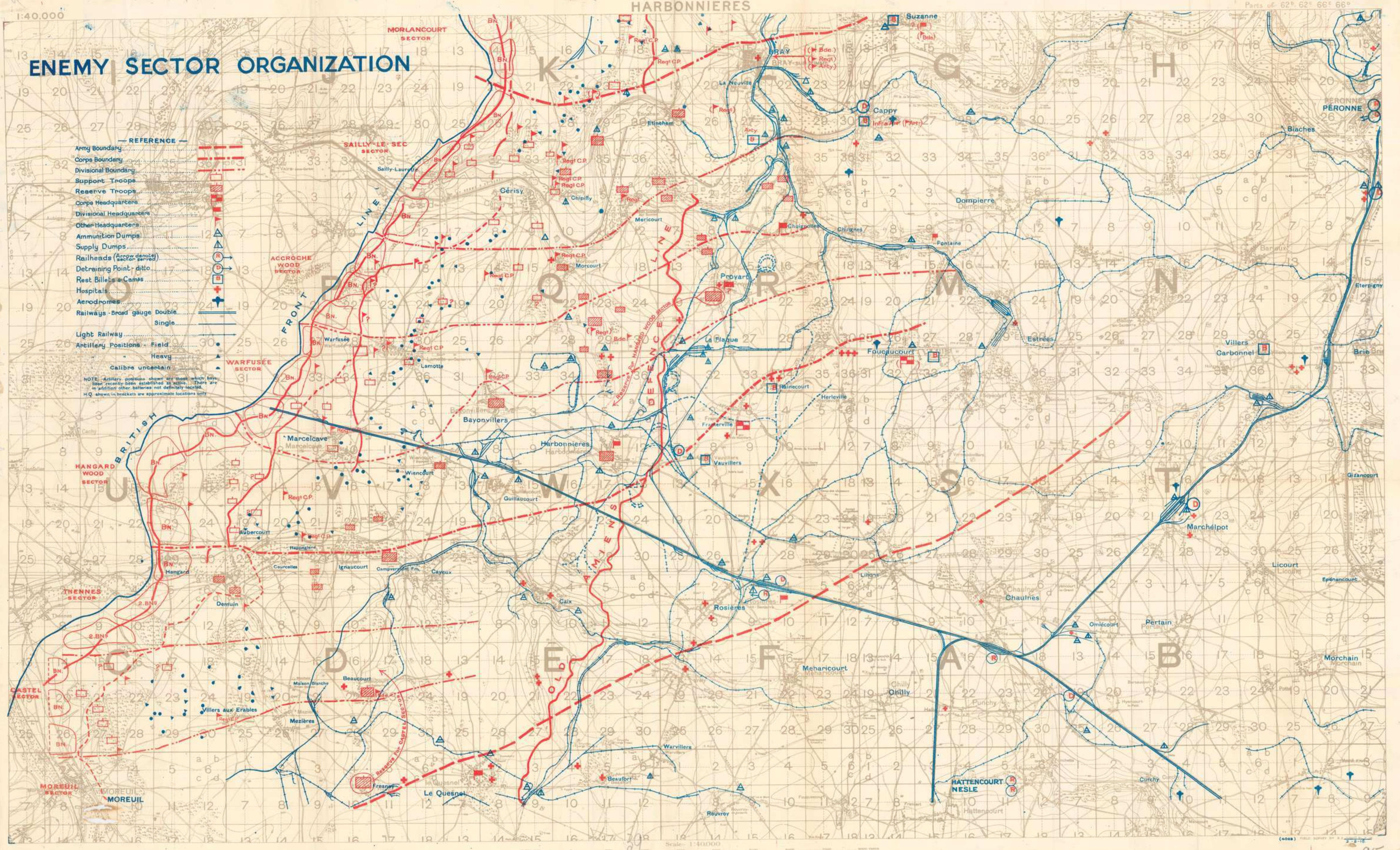
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ENEMY SECTOR ORGANIZATION

REFERENCE

- Army boundary
- Corps boundary
- Divisional boundary
- Support Troops
- Reserve Troops
- Corps Headquarters
- Divisional Headquarters
- Other Headquarters
- Ammunition Dumps
- Supply Dumps
- Railheads (except served)
- Detraining Point - ditto
- Rest Biliets & Camps
- Hospitals
- Aerodromes
- Railways - Broad gauge Double
- Light Railway
- Antillery Positions - Field
- Heavy
- Calibre uncertain

NOTE: Artillery positions shown are those which have been recently been established as active. There are in addition other batteries not definitely located.
H.Q. shown in brackets are approximate locations only.



7th in Bde. 25.

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"A" Divisional Sector (Australian Corps Front)

Date 30/7/18
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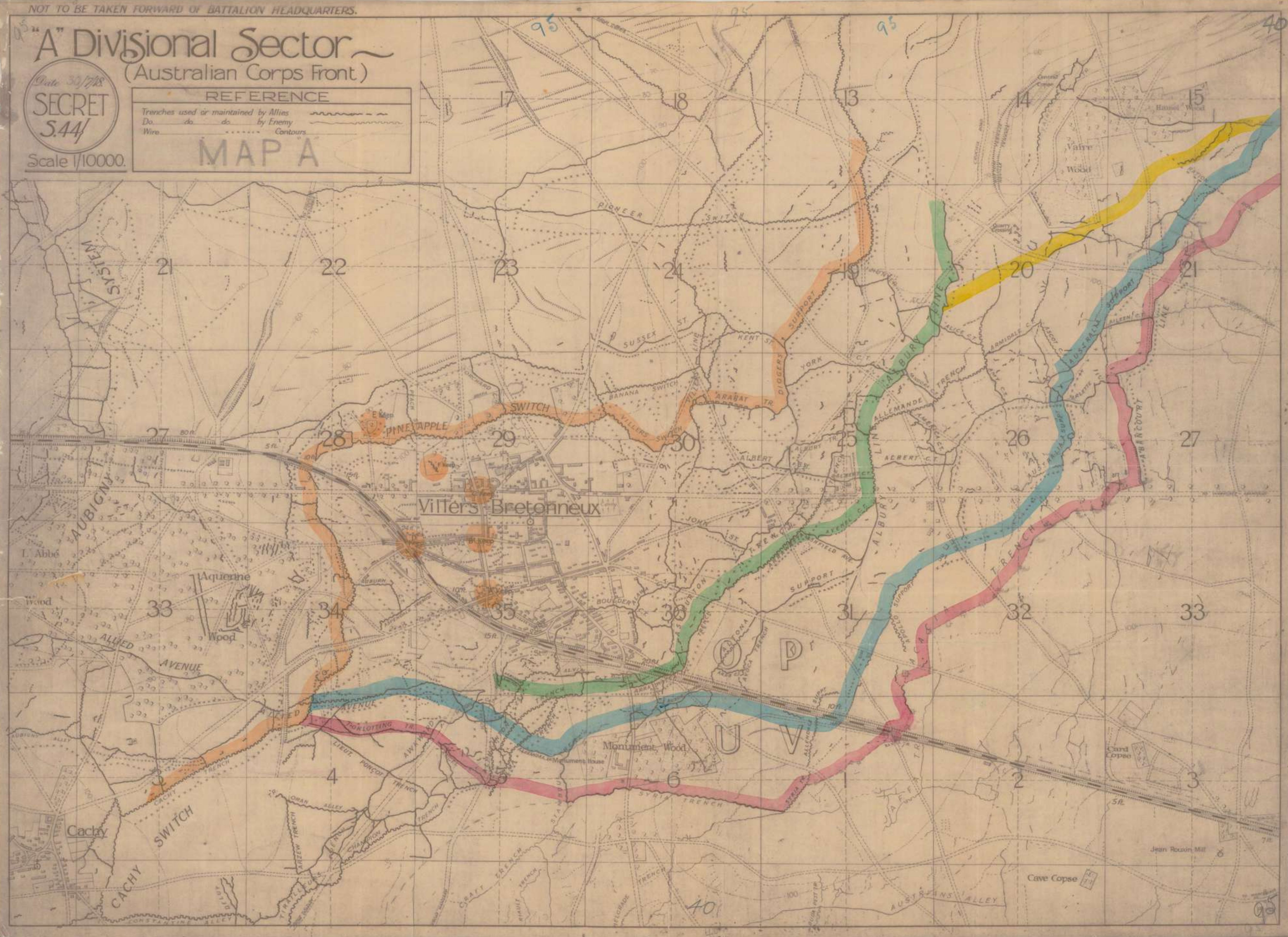
Trenches used or maintained by Allies 

Do do do by Enemy 

Wire 

Contours 

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NOTE CHANGE OF COLOUR.
Enemy Trenches in Blue.
British Trenches in Red.

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

FRANCE

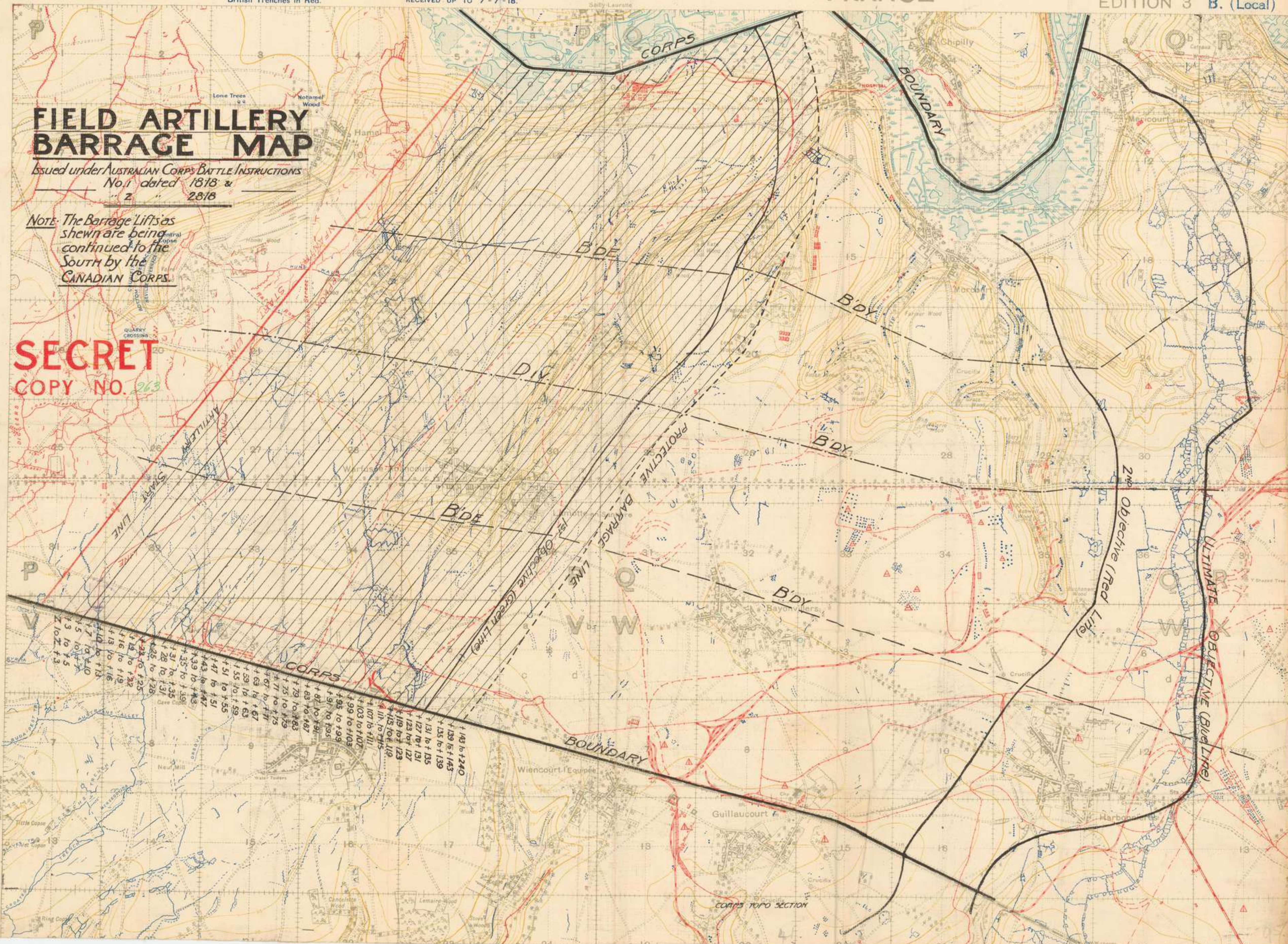
EDITION 3 B. (Local)

FIELD ARTILLERY BARRAGE MAP

Issued under AUSTRALIAN CORPS BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS
No. 1 dated 18/18 &
2 28/18

Note: The Barrage Lifts are
shewn as being
continued to the
South by the
CANADIAN CORPS.

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Headquarters,
August 8th 1918.

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Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.

Appendix 5

REPORT ON OPERATION carried out on morning of August 8th 1918.

1. On the morning of August 8th - zero hour 4.20 a.m., the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade took part in a big attack (see Brigade Order No. 211 with Amendment and Addendum).
2. Though the night was dark, the approach march was made without the slightest hitch. This was largely due to the thorough reconnaissance of the route, and the placing of guides at intervals &c. The jumping off tapes had been well laid by Lieut. VEALE of the 7th Field Coy A.E. and the Intelligence Officers of the Battalions, by 12 midnight. This was done with detailed thoroughness to ensure that the various waves could not possibly mistake their positions. The assembly on the jumping off tapes was complete by zero minus one hour. At zero minus 40 minutes, the enemy artillery opened up a heavy 5.9 and .77 barrage on 'A' and 'C' Battalion sectors, inflicting about 15 casualties. Prompt counter-battery work caused this shelling to ease down.
3. At zero hour the artillery barrage opened up well. It was very heavy, and on the whole, very accurate. The infantry kept close to the barrage. In fact, owing to the extraordinarily heavy ground mist, which, combined with the smoke and dust, it was very difficult to keep direction. A large number of casualties were caused owing to our men getting into our own barrage. Some heavies were firing short on the protective barrage.
4. The co-operation between Tanks and Infantry on the whole was good, though here again the very bad visibility made it very difficult to get the best out of the tanks. Groups of Infantry however attached themselves to tanks, and so when the mist began to clear off towards 8 a.m., co-operation became better. All 12 Tanks left the jumping off line with the Infantry. As far as is known, none of these 12 went out of action permanently, though one in the centre Battalion sector was working up for half an hour, before the GREEN line was reached. The tanks did exceptionally fine work in the capturing of the last line before the GREEN line was reached, especially in clearing up machine gun nests.
5. The Infantry reached the GREEN line just after the barrage lifted on to the protective barrage. Consolidation was proceeded with, especially platoon posts being dug. Machine Guns and Trench Mortars were emplaced in defensive positions. By 7.30 a.m. there was a good defensive line established.
6. At 8.20 a.m. the 15th A.I. Brigade passed through our Infantry, accompanied by Tanks, including our 12 Tanks which had already re-assembled after dumping their loads. The cavalry passed through our Infantry about 9 a.m.
7. There was very little enemy retaliation in the way of artillery or machine gun fire. The enemy infantry surrendered freely, though machine gunners in a good number of places fought strongly.

8. Captures of prisoners and war material are as follows:-

By 26th Battalion. 2 - 4.5 Guns.
 5 - 5.9 "
 6 - .77 "
 15 Machine Guns
 6 Switch Board Magnetos
 6 Electric Signalling Lamps.
 4 Double Eye Telescopic Periscopes.
 1 Traversing Compass & Stand.
 2 Officers, 250 o/ranks prisoners.
 (estimated, of which receipts are held for 160)

By 27th Battalion. 9 - .77 mm Guns.
 1 Wireless Plant
 11 Machine Guns
 14 More M.Guns estimated.
 2 Officers 200 o/ranks prisoners.

By 28th Battalion. 3 - .77 mm Guns.
 10 Machine Guns.
 4 Light Trench Mortars.
 6 Officers 70 o/ranks prisoners.

Estimated Total :- 25 Guns
 50 Machine Guns.
 10 Officers 520 o/ranks prisoners.

9. Our Casualties were :-

	Officers		Other Ranks.		Unaccounted for
	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded.	
25th Bn.	1	-	3	16	
26th Bn.	2	6	36	95	11 (not P.O.W.)
27th Bn.	-	1	5	42	
28th Bn.	1	4	1	14	14 (not P.O.W.)
T.M.Bty	-	-	-	-	
<u>Estimated Total</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>25</u>

Of the 25 o/ranks unaccounted for, a large number may have been wounded and evacuated. Some may have lost direction owing to the fog. Details are being ascertained.

22nd M/Gun Coy Casualties :- 1 o/r killed, 1 o/r missing, 5 o/r wounded.

Enemy casualties are estimated at 300 killed.

10. GENERAL. The whole operation was a complete success, chiefly due to :-

- (a) thorough preliminary reconnaissance, & arrangements.
- (b) the offensive spirit and moral of the troops,
- (c) the excellent barrage,
- (d) the co-operation of the Tanks,
- (e) the feature of the surprise, due to the efforts made by all ranks to produce this,

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At 9 a.m. the 93th Battalion were withdrawn to the old AMIENS line in P.34.d., in Support. The 85th Battalion are in Support in P.34.b. Units are now concentrated between GREEN line and old AMIENS line.

Flank liaison with the Canadians on our Right, and the 5th A.I. Brigade on our Left was maintained throughout the operation.

The 2 Companies of the 21st Bn. which supplied Right flank liaison, did exceptionally fine work. They were instrumental in overcoming enemy resistance in V.3.d. thus enabling the Canadians to continue their advance.

Brig. General,
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

HEADQUARTERS,
7th AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE
August 11 1918.

No. 267/99
Date.....

Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.

REPORT ON OPERATION - August 9th 1918.

1. On the morning of August 9th, orders were received that the 7th A.I. Brigade would take part in the general advance to the RED LINE, of the Australian Corps during the day.

The Brigade at the time was situated as under :-

25th and 28th Battalions, 7th A.L.T.M.Bty and 22nd A.M.G.Coy in the old AMIENS line about P.34.d.
26th and 27th Battalions were on the GREEN LINE in V.5.
Headquarters of Brigade at O.28.c.82

Units which were under orders to move at an hour's notice, were ordered to move at once to the following assembly areas :-

25th Battalion	W.7.central
26th "	W.1. "
27th "	W.3. "
28th "	V.6. "
7th A.L.T.M.Bty	W.3. "
22nd A.M.G.Coy	W.2. "
Adv. Brigade H.Q.	CRUCIFIX W.5.c.2.5.
Rear "	P.34.d.7.0.

2. A conference of Commanding Officers of Units was held at W.8.central at 11.30 a.m. and orders for the attack issued.

3. The 7th A.I. Brigade were to attack the RED LINE with two Battalions: the 25th Battalion on the Right and 27th Battalion on the Left. 26th Battalion in Support and 28th Battalion in Reserve.

4. The 2nd A.I. Brigade on the Right were already attacking the GREEN LINE and were going to continue on to the RED LINE.

The 5th A.I. Brigade on the Left were to attack the RED LINE at the same time as the 7th A.I. Brigade.

Tanks were to co-operate by preceding the infantry.

There was to be no artillery barrage - only artillery fire on selected points.

Four Vickers guns of 22nd A.M.G.Coy were to advance with each of 25th and 27th Bns, the remaining guns to be held in reserve - as also was the Trench Mortar Battery.

5. Units moved forward to their forming up line just West of the old AMIENS line, and at 4.30 p.m. moved forward to the attack. The objectives were :-

25th Battalion from X.10.d.3.0. to X.10.central.

27th Battalion from X.10.central to FRAMERVILLE (excl)

6. Each of the 25th and 27th Battalions attacked on a two company front, with one company in Support and one in Reserve.

The 26th Battalion in Support, followed in artillery formation at 1000 yards distance, and 28th Battalion in Reserve followed in artillery formation at 1000 yards distance from 26th Battalion.

7. 25th Battalion passed through almost to the eastern outskirts of FRAMERVILLE, which in the meanwhile had been captured by the 8th A.I. Brigade. Here they met a certain amount of machine gun fire from a fair number of the enemy, who kept retiring as/

Our troops approached. The 25th Battalion was not in touch with the 2nd A.I. Brigade, and so gradually worked to the Right across the divisional boundary.

When the maze of trenches about X.16.central was reached, very heavy machine gun fire and rifle fire was met with from X.16.b. and X.17.a.

At 6.30 p.m. a line was taken up from X.16.central to X.10.d.4.0. where touch was established with the 27th Battalion who had advanced to that point, and then along a line - X.10.central to X.4.c.7.0. to X.4.c.2.4. On the Left, the 27th Battalion were beyond the RED LINE.

The 25th Battalion did not establish touch with the 2nd A.I. Brigade until 8 p.m.

The 27th Battalion in their advance had met with some machine gun fire and considerable artillery fire.

The 26th Battalion took up a support position east of VAUVILLERS, and the 28th Battalion a reserve position in X.1.d. and X.7.b.

8. As the 1st Australian Division were advancing to their BLUE LINE at 8 a.m. on the 10th August, the 25th Battalion advanced their Right to conform to this advance.

The 1st Division moved to the Right and touch was once again lost between them.

The 25th Battalion advanced 500 yards under fairly heavy machine gun fire; when a line - X.16.d.7.5. - X.16.b.3.7. was reached, very heavy machine gun fire was encountered. This line was taken up as a further advance in daylight across the slope would cause too many casualties.

9. The total casualties for the Operation were :-

		Off. o/r.	
25th Battalion Aug. 9th. & 10th.	<u>Killed</u>	1	4
	<u>Wounded</u>	2	29
27th Battalion	<u>Killed</u>	-	9
	<u>Wounded</u>	5	67.

10. Our Captures were :-

Prisoners :- 3 Officers and 79 o/ranks.

Material :-
 1 - 4.2 Howitzer
 1 - .77 mm Gun.
 24 - Machine Guns.

Estimated enemy casualties 250.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.ORDER No. 212.Headquarters,
August 10th 1918.Reference Map Sheet 62 D. S.E., 1/20,000.

1. (a) At 4 a.m. on August 11th, the 7th A.I. Brigade will carry out an attack in conjunction with the 3rd A.I. Brigade on the Right, and the 5th A.I. Brigade on the Left.
(b) The objective of the 2nd Australian Division is the line X.11.c.0.0. - R.35.c.0.0. - Cross Roads R.28.c.5.4.
(c) The 3rd Australian Division will push forward to the approximate line Cross Roads R.28.c.5.4. - CHUIGNOLLES - Piver at L.33.c.0.7., passing LA FLAQUE at 9.30 p.m. tonight.
2. (a) The 7th A.I. Brigade will capture and consolidate the line X.11.c.0.0. - X.5.c.0.0. - X.5.a.0.0.
(b) The 26th Battalion will carry out the attack on the Right and the 28th Battalion will attack on the Left. 25th Battalion will be Right Support, and 27th Battalion will be Left Support.
3. The 12th Battalion is attacking the line from X.17.a.8.5. - X.11.c.0.0.
4. Artillery Action. Details will be issued separately.
5. The 22nd A.H.G. Coy will support the attack. Four Vickers Guns will be attached to and move with each of 26th and 28th Battalions.
Eight guns will support the attack by two machine gun barrages
The first will be on the objective, and will lift 400 yards in front of the artillery barrage.
The second, will be on the protective barrage.
The forward guns will move behind the last wave of the attacking infantry.
6. Light Trench Mortar Co-Operation. The 7th A.L.T.H. Battery will co-operate by firing from zero to zero plus 3 minutes on the copse at X.16.b.8.2.
(b) Two mortars will accompany each of the 26th and 28th Battalions. A carrying party of 1 N.C.O. and 12 men from each of the 25th and 27th Battalions will be supplied, as already arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.
These four mortars will move forward as soon as possible after the attacking infantry.
7. Signal arrangements. Each Battalion will help to maintain telephonic communication with Advanced Brigade Station at W.12.b.9.3., which will also be a relay post for runners.
Visual signalling will be maintained.
8. Prisoners of war will be sent to Brigade Headquarters at the PIGEON HOUSE.
9. Headquarters of units for, and after the operation will be :-

Brigade H.Q. - PIGEON HOUSE,	W.1.b.5.8.
25th Battalion	-- X.8.c.8.8.
23th "	-- X.15.b.9.5.
27th "	-- X.3.d.25.30.
28th "	-- X.10.a.6.9.
22nd A.I.F.G.Coy	-- PIGEON HOUSE.
7th A.L.T.M.Bty	-- CRUCIFIX, W.5.c.0.5.
23rd Battalion	-- X.13.b.9.9.
12th "	-- X.21.b.8.7.
19th "	--

Headquarters of Brigade Units will be established by ZERO minus $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

10. (a) The jumping off line runs from X.10.c.8.0. - X.10.b.8.0. - X.4.c.7.0. - X.4.c.3.4.

(b) Jumping off tapes will be laid where necessary for the 26th Battalion (for the 12th Battalion to X.13.a.8.5.) by the 25th Battalion.

(c) Attacking troops will be on the jumping off line by zero minus 1 hour.

11. (a) On the 26th and 28th Battalions gaining their objectives, the 25th and 27th Battalions will be re-organised in depth.

(b) Necessary movement of troops who must be moved on account of the barrage start line, will be completed by zero minus 1 hour.

(c) The attacking troops will pass through the remainder of the 25th and 27th Battalions who are in front of the jumping off line.

(d) The 23rd Battalion will be in reserve West of VAUVILLERS in X.7.b.8 d.

12. (a) Success Signals. Three WHITE Very Lights fired in quick succession will be the success signal.

(b) Contact aeroplanes will be in the air from 5.30 a.m. and call for flares in the usual manner.

13. Liaison. (a) Each of the line units will detail a liaison officer with units on either flank. Bn.

(b) The 25th Battalion will maintain liaison with the 23th and 27th Battalion/ with the 28th Battalion.

(c) On arrival at the final objective, the 26th Battalion will maintain a mutual post with the 12th Battalion, and the 28th Battalion one with the 19th Battalion.

14. Watches will be synchronised at the present Headquarters of 26th and 28th Battalions at 11 p.m. tonight 10th inst.

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

Rice Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 10 p.m.
For distribution P.T.O.

Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.L.F.H. Bty
6. 22nd A.M.G. Coy
7. 5th A.I. Bde.
8. 3rd A.I. Bde.
9. ditto
10. 6th A.I. Bde.
11. 7th Field Ambulance.
12. Right Group Arty
13. Major GLYDE.
14. 2nd Aust. Div.
15. G.O.C.
16. B.M.
17. S.C.
18. Bde Sig. Officer.
19. Bde Transport Officer
20. File.
- 21/23. War Diary.
- 23/26. Spares.

SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
August 10th 1918.ARTILLERY ARRANGEMENTS to accompany Brigade Order No. 212.

1. Our front is covered by two Field Artillery Brigades
2. Zero hour will be 4 a.m. on the 11th August, but our infantry will not jump off from their jumping off line until 4.15 a.m. because the jumping off line of the 5th A.I. Brigade is 750 yards behind the left of our jumping off line. Special arrangements are therefore made for our advance to commence at the same time as the first wave of the 5th A.I. Brigade reach the line of our jumping off line.
3. Batteries will fire on the lines for two minutes. They will then lift 100 yards where they will remain for 19 minutes.
At zero plus 21 minutes all batteries will lift at the rate of 100 yards each three minutes, until they reach a North and South line through X.11.central and X.5.central. Howitzers will then be 200 yards further East.
All batteries will remain on their PROTECTIVE BARRAGE Lines until Zero plus 75 minutes, when all fire will stop.
4. Should smoke shell be available, batteries will fire three rounds gun fire on reaching the PROTECTIVE BARRAGE Line at zero plus 36 minutes.
106 Fuses will not be fired within 400 yards of our Infantry, or when firing on the PROTECTIVE BARRAGE line.
5. On conclusion of the above operation, batteries will adopt the PROTECTIVE BARRAGE Line as the S.O.S. line.
6. Acknowledge.

A. J. McC
Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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REPORT ON OPERATION - August 11th 1918.

HEADQUARTERS
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE
No. 26799
Date

1. On the morning of August 11th at 4 a.m., the 7th A.I. Brigade attacked and advanced to a line from X.11.c.0.0. to X.5.a.0.0. The 26th Battalion attacked on the Right, and the 28th Battalion on the Left.

The 11th Battalion, 3rd A.I. Brigade was advancing to the BLUE LINE on the Right, and the 5th A.I. Brigade on the Left.

The 25th and 27th Battalions were in the line. The 26th Battalion moved through the 25th Battalion, and the 28th Battalion moved through the 27th Battalion.

Each Battalion attacked on a three - company frontage, with the fourth company in Reserve.

The attacking battalions were on the jumping off line at zero minus 1 hour.

The attack was supported by an artillery barrage which was a very good one, being both thick and accurate.

2. As the jumping off line of the 5th A.I. Brigade was 750 yards behind the left of the 28th Battalion, our infantry were ordered not to jump off until 4.15 a.m.

3. Very little enemy resistance was met with on the Right, except machine gun fire. Considerable enemy machine gun fire was met with on the Left. There was a considerable amount of enemy artillery fire.

4. Casualties were :-

	Officers		o/ranks.	
	K'd	W'ded.	K'd.	W'ded.
26th Battalion	-	2	2	40
28th "	1	2	7	54
Total	1	4	9	94

Estimated enemy casualties 150.

5. Captures :- Prisoners 2 Officers 67 o/ranks.
Material 18 Machine Guns.

6. As the 11th Battalion did not advance its left flank as intended, there was a gap of about 700 yards between the right flank of the 26th Battalion and the left of the 11th Battalion. The C.O. decided to form a right defensive flank by establishing posts from X.17.a.00.50. to X.11.c.0.0.

7. The position captured was a good one, and well consolidated.

8. Four Vickers M.G. 72 mm G moved with each of the 26 & 28 Bns. Two T.M.G. moved with the 28 Bn. Two mortar covered the advance of the 26 Bn by a mortar mortar battery on COPPER in COPPER X17C3.7
Lieutenant Colonel,
Tempy Commanding 7th Australian Inf. Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
11th August, 1918.

Order No. 213.

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

1. The 6th A.I.Bde will relieve the 7th and 5th A.I.Bdes tonight August 11th/12th 1918.
2. (a) The inter-battalion boundary between the right and centre battalions of the 6th A.I.Bde will be a line drawn from road at X.5.c.0.4. to X.10.a.1.7.
(b) The 25th Battalion will take over from the 26th Battalion and that portion of the 23th Battalion South of this line.
(c) The 22nd Battalion will take over that portion of the 23th Battalion North of this line.
3. The two mortars of the 7th A.L.T.M.Battery will be relieved by the 6th A.L.T.M.Battery.
4. The 5th A.M.G.Company will relieve the 22nd A.M.G.Company.
5. Units will move out complete with 220 rounds S.A.A. and two Grenades per man. Units will also bring out sufficient tools to complete their echelon.
6. S.O.S. rockets and all other trench stores will be handed over and receipts obtained. In cases of no reliefs, dumps will be formed and a list of contents forwarded to Brigade H.Q.
7. The relief of the two line battalions, Trench Mortar Battery and Machine Gun Company will take place as soon after dark as possible. The 25th Battalion and 27th Battalion will begin to move from their present positions not before 9.30 p.m. They will not be relieved. They will notify time they commence to move, to Brigade H.Q.
8. Units on relief will move to the following areas :-
25th Battalion to squares W.10.c.& d. and southern half of W.10.a.& b.
26th Battalion - Old AMIENS line from X.7.c.0.0. to X.7.a.0.5.
27th Battalion - Squares W.4.c.& d. and northern half of W.10.a.& b.
23th Battalion - Old AMIENS line from X.7.a.0.5. to X.1.a.0.0.
7th A.L.T.M.Battery - Vicinity of CRUCIFIX.
22nd A.M.G.Coy - Vicinity of W. .central.
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9. Units will forward locations of troops to Brigade H.Q. as soon as possible. The locations of Headquarters of units will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. as soon as decided, so that telephone lines can be laid.
10. No troops will be quartered in HARBONNIERES.
11. Completion of reliefs, and moves in cases of 25th and 27th Battalions, will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.
12. Brigade Headquarters will close at present location, and open at W.11.b.4.2. in HARBONNIERES, on completion of relief.
13. Acknowledge.

A. De Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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3. 27th Bn.
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5. 7th A.L.T.H. Bty.
6. 22nd A.H.G. Coy.
7. 5th A.I. Bde.
8. 6th A.I. Bde.
9. 3rd A.I. Bde.
10. 2nd Aust. Division.
11. 2nd A.H.G. Bn.
12. G.O.C.
13. B.H.
14. S.C.
15. Bde Signal Officer
16. Bde Transport Officer.
17. File
- 18/20. War Diary.
- 21/22. Spare.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.ORDER No. 214.Headquarters,
August 14th 1918.Reference Map HARBONNIERES 1/40,000.

1. The Australian Corps, in conjunction with the Canadian Corps is to continue operations against the enemy on the 16th instant.
Zero hour will be at dawn - exact hour will be notified later.
2. The 4th Australian Division is attacking on our Right. The 17th Division is holding the line on our Left, but is not advancing.
3. (a) The role of this Division is to advance its right flank in conjunction with the advance by the 4th Australian Division.
(b) The operation will be carried out by the 6th A.I. Brigade. The objective for the 6th A.I. Brigade is from S.14.central to R.35.c.0.0.
(c) The objective for the ⁵4th and ⁴5th Australian Divisions is from B.13.d.0.0. - T.25.c.0.0. - S.21.b.0.2. - S.14.central.
4. Inter-divisional boundaries will be :-
(a) Between Canadian Corps and 5th Australian Division, an east and west line between A.15. and A.21.
(b) Between 5th Australian Division and 4th Australian Division, an east and west line between S.26. and A.2.
(c) Between 4th Australian Division and 2nd Australian Division, an east and west line through X.17.central.
(d) Between 2nd Australian Division and 17th Division, an east and west line through R.54.central.
5. (a) The attack will be carried out under an artillery barrage which will include 15% of smoke shell.
(b) Tanks are being used by the 4th Australian Division, but not by the 6th A.I. Brigade.
6. The 7th A.I. Brigade will remain in support in its present position. All units will be prepared to move at 15 minutes' notice after zero hour.

7. Acknowledge.

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

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| 1. 25th Bn. | 7. 7th Field Coy A.E. |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 8. 6th A.I. Bdo. |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 9. G.O.C. |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 10. B.H. |
| 5. 7th A.L.T.H. Bty | 11. S.C. |
| 6. 22nd H.G. Coy. | 12. File. |

13/15. War Diary.
16. 2nd Aust. Div

Headquarters,
August 18th 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS No. 1. SERIES 'C'.

1. Under instructions from Australian Corps, operations on this front have been postponed until further orders.
2. In order to prepare for these future operations, the nibbling tactics lately employed, will be continued. The attached trace issued to units shows in GREEN the general objective which should be the aim of these tactics.
3. The 6th A.I. Brigade, in conjunction with Brigades on the flanks, are pushing on to this objective, which will be consolidated and organised as the main line of resistance.
4. The 7th A.I. Brigade will remain in its present position. Salvage will be continued. As much signal cable as possible will be salvaged as already ordered. Engineering material, both German and our own will be salvaged, as well as other stores, and collected in a central dump in each unit's area. A list of the total contents of these dumps as at 9 a.m., will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. by 12 noon daily. The burying of our own and enemy dead, and also dead horses, will be done at once.
5. Reports tend to show that the present enemy artillery activity is almost entirely based on the employment of large guns such as 5.9's. The enemy has however employed heavy gas shoots on the fronts of the French, Canadian, and 111 Corps. In order to combat the effects of a heavy gas shelling of the Brigade area, special arrangements must be made by Commanding Officers to ensure that every precaution is taken, e.g., gas sentries, constant inspection of and practice with the Small Box Respirator, avoidance of certain areas likely to be gassed - villages and woods, the removal of troops quickly from a heavily gassed area.
6. Acknowledge.

Rice
Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Copies to :-
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.
7th A.L.T.M.Bty,
22nd A.M.G.Coy,
File,
War Diary.

SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Copy No. 18

Headquarters,
August 16th 1918.WARNING ORDER.

1. The 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery) will be relieved by the 52nd Division (less Artillery) between the 17th and 19th August 1918.

2. On relief, Brigade Groups will be concentrated in the following areas :-

5th Aust. Inf. Brigade Group	-	FOUILLOY Area.
6th " " " "	-	AUBIGNY "
7th " " " "	-	VECCOURMONT Area.

The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will consist of

7th Aust. Infantry Brigade,
22nd A.M.G. Company,
7th Field Company A.E.
7th Aust. Field Ambulance.
2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion.

3. Probable moves for the relief will be :-

(a) Night 17th/18th August :-

96th Inf. Brigade will relieve the 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade, taking over positions of 26th Bn., 27th Bn., 28th Bn., and 7th A.L.T.M. Battery.

(b) The position to be vacated by the 25th Bn. will not be taken over.

(c) Each of the units being relieved will send guides to meet the relieving unit at the debussing point; Guides in the proportion of one per platoon and Company or Battalion H.Q. Details of place and time to be notified later.

4. The 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade moves by bus on the night 17th/18th August to the ~~VECCOURMONT~~ area.

5. Advance parties from the 96th Infantry Brigade will report to 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q. at 12 noon on 17th inst. Units, less 25th Battalion will each detail two guides to report at Brigade H.Q. at that hour.

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

A. Lee Major, Brigade Major,
7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 10 p.m.

Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.	6. 7th Field Coy.	11. <i>96 Inf Bde</i>
2. 26th Bn.	7. 7th Field Amb.	12. B.M.
3. 27th Bn.	8. 22nd A.M.G. Coy	13. S.C.
4. 28th Bn.	9. 2nd Pioneer Bn.	14. Bde Sig. Officer
5. 7th ALTB.	10. G.O.C.	15. B.T.O.
		16. File.
		17/19. War Diary

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters,
Aug. 16th 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS to accompany Bde Warning Order of 16/3/18.

1. SUPPLIES. On the 17th inst. rations will remain on A.S.C. Supply Wagons, and units will send a guide to take them to the new billeting areas.
2. MOBILE ECHELON. Units will move with echelon complete. The Brigade Mobile Echelon will move out as at present constituted, and will be located in a position selected by Captain J.C. LITTLE, M.C., Brigade Transport Officer.
3. BAGGAGE WAGONS. One baggage wagon at present with Q.M. Stores will move units back to BUSSY AREA. The remaining baggage wagons will proceed to Units' Stores at LA MOTTE and collect blankets and packs. Units will send loaders to 17th A.A.S.C. lines to guide the wagons to stores. These will be dumped at Units' Q.M. Stores in BUSSY AREA.
4. AMMUNITION & S.O.S. Units will form a dump of the 100 extra rounds S.A.A. and 2 Bombs per man, and hand them over to incoming units. 25th Battalion will dump theirs at 27th Battalion Headquarters.
S.O.S. will be handed over and receipts obtained. 25th Battalion will hand their S.O.S. over to the Brigade Bomb Officer at Brigade H.Q. by 12 noon on 17th inst.
Receipts will be taken for all stores handed over, and forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within 24 hours of relief.
5. CLEANLINESS OF AREAS. Units will ensure that the area at present occupied by them is left in a clean and sanitary condition. Statements will be obtained from incoming units to this effect.
6. EQUIPMENT. Units will ensure that they march out fully equipped, and that each man has the second water bottle that was issued. The greatest care must be taken of all battle stores.
7. Captain J.C. LITTLE, M.C., Brigade Transport Officer, will arrange to move 7th A.L.T.M. Battery.
8. BILLETING. Advanced parties as under will meet the Staff Captain at BUSSY 11 a.m. tomorrow 17th inst. at Town Major's Office.

Each Battalion	1	Officer	2	M.C.Os.
22nd M.G. Coy	1	"	1	"
7th Field Coy	1	"	1	"
7th Field Amb.	1	"	1	"
2nd Pioneer Bn.	1	"	2	"
7th A.L.T.M. Bty		1	Officer.	
9. KITS & BAGGAGE. The Dump at ABBEVILLE is being cleared, and stores there will be brought to Units' lines in BUSSY AREA where they will be sorted out and either sent or in the case of Officers' spare kit, sent to Base Store, LONDON.

Charles Harrison
Captain, Staff Captain,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

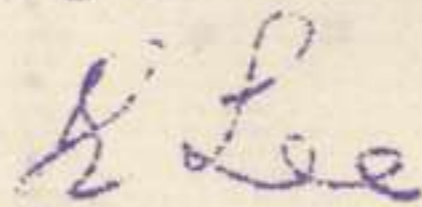
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Order No. 213.Headquarters,
August 17th 1918.Reference Map Sheet 62 D. 1/40,000.

In continuation of 7th A.I. Brigade Warning Order of 16th instant.

1. The 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery) will be relieved by the 32nd Division (less Artillery) between 17th and 19th August 1918.
2. (a) The 7th A.I. Brigade will be relieved by the 96th Infantry Brigade.
(b) Guides from all units being relieved, will meet the relieving units of the 96th Infantry Brigade Group at the latter's debussing point at W.11.c.8.7. at 10 p.m. tonight.
3. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group (less 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion which will move by march route today) will move by bus tonight 17th/18th instant to the BUSSY AREA, in accordance with attached move table.
4. (a) Transport - less Lewis Gun limbers as under, will move by road during daylight.
(b) Each Battalion will retain 16 Lewis Guns on limbers at the Battalion Transport Lines until completion of the embussing.
(c) Movement during daylight either of troops or transport, must be made in small bodies east of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.
5. (a) Captain E.F. TRUNDLE, Brigade Bombing Officer, will be the Brigade Embussing Officer.
(b) Each unit will detail an Embussing Officer who will report to Captain E.F. TRUNDLE at the Brigade Embussing Point at 10 p.m. tonight.
(c) Capt. C.H. HARRISON, M.C. will be Bde Debussing Officer.
6. (a) All precautions will be taken regarding lights etc to prevent enemy night bombing planes from discovering infantry movement.
(b) The 22nd A.M. Gun Company will mount four A.A. Vickers Guns in the vicinity of the Embussing Point from 10 p.m. until completion of embussing.
7. (a) Units will move to Brigade H.Q. when they vacate their present positions.
(b) Arrival in new area, and location of new Headquarters will be notified to Brigade H.Q.
8. Acknowledge.


Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 1.30 p.m.

Copies to :-

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| 2. 26th Bn. | 8. 7th F. Ambulance. | 14. G.O.C. |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 9. 2nd Pioneer Bn. | 15. B.M. |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 10. 2nd Aust. Div. | 16. S.C. |
| 5. 7th A.L.T.M.B. | 11. 96th Inf. Bde. | 17. Bde Sig. Off. |
| 6. 22nd A.M.G. Coy | 12. 5th A.I. Bde. | 18. B.T.O. |
| | | 19. File. 20/22. W. Diary. |

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

MOVE TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 215.

Appendix 12158

Date.	Unit	Is relieved by	Embussing Point.	Arrives at Embussing Point	Debussing Point.
1918					
August 17th.	7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	96th Bde H.Q.	W.3.a.6.3. facing N.W.	10.30 p.m.	N.4.c.7.5.
"	7th A.L.T.M. Bty	96th L.T.M. Bty	"	10.35 p.m.	facing West,
"	25th Battalion	----	"	10.40 p.m.	where guides
"	27th "	13th Lanc. Fusiliers	"	10.50 p.m.	will meet
"	26th "	15th " "	"	11.00 p.m.	Units.
"	28th "	2nd Manchester Regt.	"	11.10 p.m.	
"	22nd A.M.G. Coy.	218 M.G. Coy	"	11.20 p.m.	
"	7th Field Coy A.E.		"	11.25 p.m.	
"	7th Field Ambulance		"	11.30 p.m.	

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
August 21st 1918.

Dear Colonel CHALMERS,

I want to say how pleased I was today with the appearance of the men on my inspection.

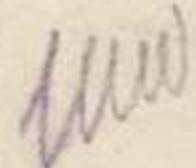
The clothing leaves a good deal to be desired, and I am sure it need only be mentioned for you to do all you can to see the men are decently clad.

The equipment appeared to be satisfactory, and the transport was very creditably turned out. I was especially pleased with the fit appearance of the horses. This showed care and good horsemastership. The personnel of the transport also looked fit, and were well trained.

The whole turnout was very good, and reflects great credit on yourself, your officers, N.C.Os and the men themselves. Please convey my congratulations to all concerned.

I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the Battalion on, and thanking it for its splendid work during the late fighting. I cannot say anything greater in its praise than that it was no more than I expected of them. It would be impossible for me to tell you how proud I am of the whole Brigade, and of having the honour to command such a grand lot of fellows. I hope you may have a few days breathing space, but it must be realised that at the present juncture, when we have got the Hun on the move, we must take every advantage of the situation, and defeat him as soon as possible. It is the time to force the fighting, and get in the King Hit'. Every man will, I am sure realise this, and exert every ounce of his fighting strength to end the war by outing once and for all the horrible military menace which threatens our liberty and our homes.

Yours sincerely,



Appendix 12A 60

HEADQUARTERS, 7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. 239/12
Date

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters
August 28th 1918.

Dear Colonel DAVIS,

It may seem somewhat belated to now refer to my inspection of your Battalion, but you know how busy I have been since that date.

Although taken generally the Battalion turned out well, there were indications that more attention was necessary by your officers, as regards the welfare of the men. They did not look or move as brightly as might have been expected, nor did they seem to be as interested as usual. Making all allowances for all they have been through, they suffer by comparison with other units which have done as much. The transport was also not as good as I would have expected, but of course I know you have been particularly unfortunate in your losses of horses.

Taken all round however, the turnout was pretty good, and I have no doubt with the added rest and the measures you indicated you were taking, the Battalion is in good trim now.

I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the Battalion on, and thanking it for its splendid work during the late fighting. I cannot say anything greater in its praise than that it was no more than I expected of them. It would be impossible for me to tell you how proud I am of the whole Brigade, and of having the honour to command such a grand lot of fellows. It must be realised that at the present juncture, when we have got the Hun on the move, we must take every advantage of the situation, and defeat him as soon as possible. It is the time to force the fighting, and get in the 'King Hit'. Every man will, I am sure realise this, and exert every ounce of his fighting strength to end the way by outing once and for all the horrible military menace which threatens our liberty and our homes.

Yours sincerely,
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Appendix 12A

HEADQUARTERS,
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.No. 239/12.
Date.....7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

August 28th 1918.

Dear Colonel ROBINSON,

My remarks on the inspection of your Battalion may seem somewhat belated, but you know how busy I have been since that date, and I want to say how pleased I was with the turnout of the whole Battalion. The men especially looked fit, and were very steady on parade. The equipment left little to be desired. The clothing left room for improvement, but I hope you may be able to remedy that when next we come out. The transport, although serviceable and efficient, could have been better turned out, and was not up to your well known standard.

The whole turnout was a credit to yourself, your Officers, N.C.O's, and the men themselves. Please convey my congratulations to all concerned.

I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the Battalion on, and thanking it for its splendid work during the late fighting. I cannot say anything greater in its praise than that it was no more than I expected of them. It would be impossible for me to tell you how proud I am of the whole Brigade, and of having the honour to command such a grand lot of fellows. It must be realised that at the present juncture, when we have got the Hun on the move, we must take every advantage of the situation, and defeat him as soon as possible. It is the time to force the fighting, and get in the 'King Hit'. Every man will, I am sure realise this, and exert every ounce of his fighting strength to end the war by ousting once and for all the horrible military menace which threatens our liberty and our homes.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. Murray

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters,

HEADQUARTERS,
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.No. 239/12
Date.....

August 28th 1918.

Dear Colonel CURRIE,

I am somewhat belated in writing you about my inspection of your unit, but you will understand that I have been somewhat busy.

I want to say how pleased I was with the whole turnout, and particularly with the appearance of the men and of the transport. The clothing left a good deal to be desired, but that I hope may be made right as soon as we come out again. Your equipment seemed to be good, and the condition of the rifles good.

As you will readily appreciate, considerable thought and care will have to be exercised in the proper organization of the platoons, and every platoon must have an officer in command.

The whole turnout reflects great credit on all concerned. Please convey my congratulations to every one.

I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the Battalion on, and thanking it, for its splendid work during the late fighting. I cannot say anything greater in its praise than that it was no more than I expected of them. It would be impossible for me to tell you how proud I am of the whole Brigade, and of having the honour to command such a grand lot of fellows. It must be realised that at the present juncture, when we have got the Hun on the move, we must take every advantage of the situation, and defeat him as soon as possible. It is the time to force the fighting, and get in the 'King Hit'. Every man will, I am sure realise this, and exert every ounce of his fighting strength to end the war by outing once and for all the horrible military menace which threatens our liberty and our homes.

Yours sincerely,

W. W.

SECRET.HEADQUARTERS
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Copy No. 15

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEWARNING ORDER.Headquarters,
August 25th 1918.

1. (a) The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move by bus on the evening of the 26th August 1918 to the forward area South of the SOMME RIVER.
- (b) The Brigade Group for the move will consist of -
 - 7th A.I. Brigade
 - 7th Field Coy A.E.
 - 7th Field Ambulance,
 - 22nd A.M.G. Coy.
 - 2nd Pioneer Battalion.
2. The Brigade Baggage Dump will be located at CORBIE. Exact location will be notified later. Packs, blankets, and surplus baggage will be dumped there by 12 noon on 26th inst.
3. (a) Any nucleus personnel left behind, e.g. bands, instructors &c. will also be located at CORBIE. Each Battalion will detail an officer to be in charge of the Battalion's nucleus. Major P.J. THORN, 26th Battalion will be in charge of the nucleus of the Brigade Group. The whole nucleus will be under the Command of the C.C., 2nd Aust. Division Reinforcement Camp, CORBIE.
- (b) The personnel to be left behind will proceed by march route to CORBIE, leaving BUSSY at 5 p.m. 26th instant.
4. Each Unit will forward to Brigade H.Q. the number of officers and other ranks to be left behind, by 6 a.m. 26th inst.
5. Acknowledge.

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

Issued through Signals at 11 p.m.

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1. 25th Bn.
 2. 26th Bn.
 3. 27th Bn.
 4. 28th Bn.
 5. T.M.Bty.
 6. 7th Field Coy.
 7. 7th Field Ambulance.
 8. 22nd M.G. Coy.
 9. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
 10. G.O.C.
 11. B.M.
 12. S.C.
 13. Bde Sig. Officer.
 14. File.
 - 15/17. War Diary.

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Appendix 13
64.
Copy No. 27
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Order No. 216.

Headquarters,
August 26th 1918.

Reference Maps - Sheets 62 C. & 62 D. 1/40,000.

1. The 2nd Australian Division, less Artillery, will relieve the 1st Australian Division, less Artillery, in 'C' Divisional Sector and area on night 26th/27th August 1918.
2. The forward Divisional boundaries will be :-
On the north - The SOMME CANAL inclusive to the 2nd Aust. Division.
On the South - The grid line running East & West between squares R.12. and R.13.
3. (a) The 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade will take over the divisional front on the night 26th/27th August 1918.
(b) The 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade will move into Support Brigade area Squares Q.12 & 13, R. 7 & 13, on the night 26th/27th August 1918.
(c) The 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade Group will move by bus to the Reserve Brigade area on the night 27th/28th August 1918, in accordance with attached move table.
4. (a) Lieut. D.A. DOWLING, Brigade Gas Officer, will be the Brigade Embussing Officer.
(b) Each Unit will detail an Officer who will be the unit's Embussing Officer, to report to Lieut. DOWLING at the embussing point at 5.50 p.m., 27th instant.
(c) Embussing point and head of column at H.5.d.7.0. facing East.
(d) Debussing point, head of column at Q.20.b.6.4. facing North. (Debussing Officer.)
(e) Capt. C.H. HARRISON, M.C. Staff Captain, will be Bde
5. Advance parties from each unit will report to Lieut. G. HARRY, M.C., Brigade Intelligence Officer, at the debussing point Q.20.b.6.4. at 11 a.m. 27th instant.
6. Administrative instructions will be issued separately.
7. Arrival in the new area and location of new Headquarters will be wired to Brigade H.Q.
8. (a) Brigade H.Q. will close at BUSBY at 7.30 p.m. 27th August, and open at the same hour at MORGOURT, Q.16.a.55.05.
(b) Advanced Divisional H.Q. will be established in dugout at Q.13.a.3.6. on evening of 26th August.
Rear Divisional H.Q. will remain at ALLOUVILLE.
9. A c k n o w l e d g e.

R Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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- 2. 26th Bn.
- 3. 27th Bn.
- 4. 28th Bn.
- 5. 7th A.L.F.A.D.
- 6. 7th Field Coy A.B.
- 7. 7th Field Ambulance.
- 8. 22nd H.G. Coy.
- 9. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
- 10. 17th A.A.S.C.
- 11. 5th A.I. Brigade.
- 12. 6th A.I. Brigade.
- 13. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
- 14. " " " 'A.Q'
- 15. G.O.C.
- 16. B.H.
- 17. S.C.
- 18. Bde Signal Officer.
- 19. B.T.O.
- 20. B.I.O.
- 21. Bde Embussing Officer.
- 22. Town Major, BUSSY.
- 23. " " MORCOURT.
- 24. File.
- 25/27. War Diary.
- 28/30. Spares.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

August 26th 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to accompany Brigade Order No.216.

1. TENTS & TRENCH SHELTERS. Units will arrange to return ^{all} trench shelters and tents to Area Commandant or his representative tomorrow, and obtain receipts. Units will forward a statement showing number drawn and number returned accounting for deficiencies, if any.
2. BAGGAGE & SURPLUS KITS. Units will arrange to have dumping of kits and baggage in LA NEUVILLE completed by 12 noon 27th inst. A guard of men, unfitted temporarily for the line, will be detailed as follows :-
- | | | |
|----------|---|-----------|
| 25th Bn. | 1 | Sergeant. |
| 26th Bn. | 1 | c/r |
| 27th Bn. | 2 | " |
| 28th Bn. | 1 | " |
- No other men will be allowed to enter the pack store.
3. AMMUNITION. Main Divisional Dump Q.9.a.9.4.
S.A.A. Section D.A.C. Q.9.a.9.4.
Brigade Mobile Reserve of Ammunition, water and tools as follows will be detailed to report to Captain J.C.LITTLE M.C., at Billet No.15, BUSSY, at 9 a.m. 27th inst.
- | | | |
|------------------|---|--|
| Each Battalion, | 2 | G.S. limbers with S.A.A. |
| 25th & 26th Bns. | 1 | empty G.S.limber each for
Grenades. |
| 27th Bn. | 1 | G.S. Limber for petrol tins with
water. |
| 28th Bn. | 1 | G.S. limber for shovels & picks. |
- The following will be attached to Reserve :-
- | | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| 2 | G.S. wagons with full water tanks, |
| 1 | " " " empty tanks. |
| 2 | Water carts. |
- Each Battalion will detail 3 pack horses for Stokes Guns and ammunition.
- 27th and 28th Bns will each detail a Sergeant, and 25th and 26th Bns. a Corporal each to report to Captain LITTLE with the wagons detailed above.
- Brigade Transport Officer will detail two mounted orderlies to remain at Brigade H.Q. to carry demands to Mobile Reserve, and two mounted orderlies to carry demands to D.A.C. and guide wagons forward. Unit Commanders will ensure that at all times guides who know the exact location of H.Q. are with the Brigade Mobile Column.
- Unit Commanders will maintain their ammunition and tool echelons at full strength at all times.
4. WATER. A supply of 400 tins water and one 400 gallon tank filled is stored at Advanced Brigade Dump R.5.a.5.3. Arrangements will be made to instal a sterilizing motor lorry capable of sterilizing 500 gallons per hour in the vicinity of Q.11.b. Detailed location will be advised by wire later.

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Wells at the following locations have been tested and are fit for use :-

Q.3.c.9.3.	Q.3.a.9.1.	Q.16.a.2.4.
Q.27.c.2.6.	R.9.d.3.5.	Q.3.c.7.2.
Q.24.d.4.3.	Q.23.c.1.8.	R.17.b.5.0.
R.10.b.1.5.		

One motor lorry, capacity 135 gallons will be held in Divisional Reserve. Application will be made should this vehicle be required by units in the line to supplement existing supplies.

5. BRIGADE MOBILE COLUMN and Units' Transport (less Cookers, and water carts) will leave BUSSY at 2 p.m. on 27th inst. Captain LITTLE will arrange direct with units as to place of rendezvous.
6. TRANSPORT LINES. Captain J.C. LITTLE, M.C., Brigade Transport Officer will select suitable sites for transport lines as the situation demands. No unit will move transport lines without reference to Brigade H.Q.
7. VETERINARY. 2nd Aust. Div. Mobile Veterinary Section will open at CERISY by noon 27th inst. Advanced Collecting Station will be established at R.S.a.9.6. Transport Officers will make every effort to save horses, and any horses wounded in the area will be moved to the Veterinary Section if possible. This is particularly to be done with cavalry horses.
8. ORDNANCE will remain at present location. Arrangements for refilling and location will be notified by wire.
9. PRISONERS OF WAR. Corps Cage is situated at Q.3.d.0.0. Divisional Cage is situated at Q.17.c. (East of MORCOURT). All prisoners are to be sent to the South side of the Canal where collecting posts are being established.
10. CANTEEN. Divisional Canteen will open at MORCOURT by noon 27th inst.
11. CLOTHING STORE. Divisional Clothing Store will be moved to MORCOURT. Date of move and location selected will be notified later.
12. BURIALS. Cometeries are established at Q.2.d.5.3, Q.6.c.4.9, Q.16.c.3.9. Units will ensure that burials are made in these cometeries when possible.
13. SUPPLIES. Supplies for consumption on 28th inst. will be refilled into Supply Wagons at 2 p.m. on 27th inst. and will be delivered to units as soon as guides arrive at Refilling Point Q.9.d.8.3. Supplies for consumption on 29th inst. and following days will be drawn from Refilling Point to Q.M. Stores by baggage wagons attached to units. Time of refilling same as above.
14. MEDICAL. The 7th Aust. Field Ambulance will accompany this Brigade and clear sick and casualties.

C. H. Harrison

Captain, Staff Captain,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
August 27th 1918.AMENDMENT to 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 213.

1. Owing to the rapid advance of the front line, the following alterations will be made in the move of the 7th A.I. Brigade Group to the forward area on 27th August.
2. The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion will embus at PETIT BLANGY CABARET N.23.d., column facing East, at 11.30 a.m. on 27th August, and debus at Cross Roads Q.28.d. The Pioneer Battalion will provide its own embussing officer.
3. The 7th Field Company A.E. and 7th Aust. Field Ambulance will embus at 11.30 a.m. 27th August at N.5.d.7.0. and debus at Q.28.d.0.6. facing South.
These units' embussing officers will report to Lieut. D.A. DOWLING at 11.15 a.m. 27th August at the embussing point.
4. The embussing arrangements for the remainder of the Brigade Group remain unaltered. The debussing point however will be the Cross Roads in Q.24.b., where their guides will meet them.
5. The locations allotted to units of the Brigade Group are cancelled, and the following substituted.
 - (a) The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will take over the area Squares Q.12. & 18, and R.7 & 15 at present occupied by the 5th A.I. Brigade Group which will have vacated this area by 3 p.m. 27th inst.
 - (b) Units will take over the following areas :-

25th Bn.	from	17th Bn.
26th Bn.	"	18th Bn.
27th Bn.	"	19th Bn.
28th Bn.	"	20th Bn.
7th A.L.T.M.Bty	"	5th A.L.T.M.Bty
7th Field Coy	"	5th Field Coy.
7th Field Amb.	"	5th Field Amb.
22nd H.G.Coy	"	6th H.G.Coy.

 2nd Pioneer Bn. to be selected in above mentioned squares.
6. Advance parties will meet Lieut. G. HARRY, M.C., Brigade Intelligence Officer at 5th A.I. Brigade H.Q. which is at R.7.d.4.5. at 11 a.m. 27th August. Advance parties will provide guides for their units at the debussing point.
7. Pending further instructions, 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q. will open at Q.16.a.55.05. at 7.30 p.m. 27th August.
8. Acknowledge.

Ace
Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 3 a.m. 27/8/18.
Copies to all recipients of Bde Order No. 213.

Order No. 217.

Headquarters, L.34.d.6.7.
August 28th 1918.Reference Map Sheet 32 C, 1/40,000.

1. (a) The 2nd Australian Division will advance the line to the River SOMME tomorrow morning, August 29th, with the object of covering the crossings.
The 7th A.I. Brigade will attack on the Right, and the 5th A.I. Brigade on the Left (19th Battalion).
The Right boundary of the Brigade will be the divisional boundary between squares M.12 and M.18.
The Left Brigade boundary will be an East and West grid line between squares H.19. and H.25.
The 8th A.I. Brigade will be on the Right, and is continuing its advance to the SOMME.

(b) The 26th Bn., 28th Bn. and 27th Bn. will pass through the 6th A.I. Brigade front line at 7.30 a.m. The 6th A.I. Bde intend to capture and occupy the general line along the enemy trench system running North and South through H.26. and H.32. including HERBECOURT, N.2, N.7.b. & d. tonight 28th/29th August. The 8th A.I. Bde intend to capture ASSEVILLERS tonight.
2. The attack will be made by three battalions in the line :-
26th Bn. on the Right,
28th Bn. in the centre,
27th Bn. on the Left,
25th Bn. in Reserve.

The inter-battalion boundaries will be :-
Between the 26th and 28th Bns an East and West line drawn through Cross Roads at H.2.d.C.6. passing South of FLAUCOURT.
Between 28th and 27th Bns, an East and West line through H.32.central passing North of FLAUCOURT.
3. Two Brigades of artillery will cover the Brigade front. The 16th R.H.A. Brigade will cover the advance of the 26th Bn. The 298th R.F.A. Brigade will cover the advance of the 28th Bn. and 27th Bn.
Detailed arrangements re attachment of Artillery to Infantry will be made. There will be close liaison between Artillery and Infantry. One section of artillery will be attached to each of the three Battalions.
4. The 22nd Aust. Machine Gun Company will co-operate in the advance. One section will be allotted to each of the 26th Bn., 28th Bn. and 27th Bn. One section will be held in Reserve. Detailed arrangements will be made direct between Commanding Officers concerned.
5. Two Mortars of the 7th A.L.T.H. Battery will be allotted to each of the 26th Bn., 28th Bn. and 27th Bn. Two mortars will be held in Reserve.
6. Brigade Headquarters will be established at present 23rd Battalion Headquarters at G.30.a.1.0. at 6.30 a.m. 29th August.
The Brigade Forward Signal Party will lay a line from Brigade Headquarters along road through G.30.c.2.d. - Cross Roads at HERBECOURT, through H.32.b.2.d., thence H.33.c.2.d. to Cross Roads South of FLAUCOURT at H.4.a.5.2. - thence along road to H.36.c.4.5., where Brigade Forward Station will be established.
Relay Station will be established at H.32.b.3.2. and Cross Roads N.4.a.5.2.

7. Prisoners of war will be passed back to the 25th Battalion, who will collect them and send them, in the first stage to Brigade Headquarters, and in the latter stage to HERBECOURT Signal Relay Station, where mounted escort will collect them.
8. Medical and Administrative arrangements have been made separately.
9. Acknowledge.

Rice Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.L.F.I.B.
6. 32nd H.G. Coy
7. 7th Field Coy.
8. 5th Field Ambulance,
9. 5th A.I. Bde.
10. 6th A.I. Bde.
11. 2nd Aust. Div.
12. 8th A.I. Bde.
13. 298 R.F.A. Bde.
14. 16th R.H.A. Bde.
- 15/16. Liaison Officers.
17. G.O.C.
18. B.M.
19. S.C.
20. Bde Signal Officer.
21. File
- 22/24. War Diary.
- 25/28. Spare.

August 29th 1918.

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War Diary

REPORT ON ADVANCE OF 7th A.I. Brigade to the SOMME,
W. & S.W. of PERONNE.

Reference Map Sheet 62 C. N.W., 1/20,000.

The 26th, 28th and 27th Battalions passed through the 6th A.I. Brigade and crossed the line running N. & S. through N.4.central at 8.10 a.m. and met no opposition until they approached the crest of the ridge running through N.6.a.& c. and H.36.central, where they were met with vigorous sniping and machine gun fire. The chief point of resistance appeared to ~~be~~ be the Copse at H.36.d.O.O., and this point held up the centre Battalion for a short period until the flank Battalions had forced the enemy to evacuate this position by pushing ahead on each flank.

The ridge was successfully negotiated, and the next opposition was from BIACHES in the Somme valley, where M.G. activity was violent as soon as our troops crossed the skyline. Fortunately there was plenty of cover, under which our troops could advance, and no attempt was made to rush the village frontally. Every advantage was taken of the cover available, such as banks and old trenches, to outflank the village, and in this manner the evacuation of the village was forced.

The next point of resistance proved equally formidable, namely LA MAISONETTE, and the centre Battalion was again hung up and it is doubtful whether the strong point would have been negotiated had not the Right Battalion pushed ahead and forced the enemy to withdraw by outflanking it. The action of the Right Bn was so rapid and effective that 15 prisoners were captured at this point.

Descending into the valley our troops were able to make good the western bank of the river in spite of very heavy M.G. and direct .77 fire from enemy positions East of the river.

Touch was maintained with flank units in all cases, and although small gaps existed at the consolidation, each post was covered from the flanks.

There were two outstanding features very noticeable, namely

(1) The perfect co-ordination of movement on the part of our advancing troops. Wherever a point of resistance was encountered, it was not allowed to hang up the whole line, but troops on the flanks pushed steadily ahead, forcing the enemy to withdraw in every case. Heavy casualties were undoubtedly obviated in this manner.

(2) The masterly manner in which the enemy carried out his rearguard action. From the moment resistance was first encountered, our troops were constantly harassed by snipers and M.G. fire, and yet a withdrawal was effected each time before any number of prisoners could be captured. The retreat was carried out in bounds of approx. 1,000 yards depth, a 4.2 and .77 H.E. barrage covering the withdrawal. This barrage was almost negligible, and was well synchronised with the movement of the enemy infantry.

Only two bridges apparently remain intact, i.e. O.15.a., I.33.d and I.19.c., the remainder have been demolished.

The Hun strongly holds the trench near the eastern bank of the river where M.G. fire is very heavy at times, on movement west of the river. He also has .77 guns concealed in the undergrowth here which fire direct on to the western bank, which consists of a very gradual slope particularly devoid of cover.

There is very heavy wire encircling MONT ST. QUENTIN, but south of PERONNE it appears negligible.

(signed) G. HARRY, Lieut,

I.O., 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. The Brigade.

(attached) G. H. V. M. G. H. V. M.

Headquarters, September 6th

These are the details of the operations of the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade during the night of 5th/6th September 1942. The operations were conducted in the area of the beach between H.Q. and the sea, and the results were as follows:

The first operation was the capture of the beach between H.Q. and the sea, and the results were as follows: (1) The beach was captured and the enemy was driven back to the sea. (2) The beach was captured and the enemy was driven back to the sea.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
September 8th 1918.REPORT ON OPERATIONS ON AUGUST 29th 1918 :- "The Advance
to the RIVER SOMME, and Capture of BIACHES "

Reference Map Sheet 62° 1/40,000.

- PART I
1. On the evening of August 28th 1918, the Brigade Group was bivouacked South West of CAPPY in the vicinity of Brigade Headquarters, which was at L.34.central. Orders were received from Divisional Headquarters that evening that the Brigade was to continue the advance of the Division to the SOMME RIVER. A Conference of Commanding Officers was held at 9 p.m., and verbal instructions were issued (see Bde. Order No. 217 issued that night) The intention was to pass through the 6th A.I.Bde., on a north and south line through HERBECOURT (inclusive) at 7.30 a.m. August 29th, and advance to the RIVER SOMME in conjunction with the 8th A.I.Bde., on the Right, and the 5th A.I.Bde., on the Left.
 2. The Brigade advanced 9,500 yards that morning and passed through the 6th Brigade on the HERBECOURT line at 7.30 a.m. However, a portion of the 6th Brigade had during the morning, advanced as far East as FLAUCOURT.
 3. The formation for the attack was :-
 - (a) 26th Battalion on the Right,
28th " in the Centre,
27th " on the Left,
25th " in Reserve.
 - (b) One Section of the 22nd A.M.G.Coy was attached to each of the 26th, 28th and 27th Bns, and one Section in Reserve.
 - (c) Two Mortars of the 7th A.L.T.H.Battery were attached to each of 26th, 27th and 28th Bns, two mortars being held in reserve.
 4. The three attacking Battalions moved forward in artillery formation, with a line of scouts preceding them. The Reserve Battalion moved in artillery formation with connecting scouts out. Each Battalion advanced on a three company frontage, with one company in local reserve. Battalion Headquarters moved in all cases with the Reserve Company.
 5. On the 26th Battalion (Right) front, no opposition was met with until the Battalion was on a line N. and S. through O.7.central. Heavy machine gun fire was met with from the front and left front. This held up the Left Company temporarily, but the Centre and Right Companies pushed on and reached the canal at 9.30 a.m. The Left Company was

was ordered to proceed through O.7.d. and work up in rear of the opposing machine guns. The enemy seeing that they were in danger of being cut off, broke and ran, thus allowing the Left Company to reach its objective.

The Battalion right flank rested at O.15.a.5.6., and the left at O.3.a.3.2.

At BARLEUX the 26th Battalion got in touch with the 8th A.I. Brigade. Posts, which had been established on the bank of the canal, were withdrawn to an average distance of 300 yards, for two reasons :-

- (i) To improve the field of fire,
- (ii) Because our 4.5 Hows. were firing short, causing casualties.

Patrols of the 26th Battalion attempted to cross the canal repeatedly.

On the morning of August 30th, this Battalion managed to get three platoons across. These however could not cross the marsh in the river valley, which was in most cases 1,000 yards in width, and had six feet of water in it.

6. On the 28th Battalion (Centre) front, FLAUCOURT was passed without meeting opposition. When the high ground in O.2.a. near LA MAISONNETTE, South of BIACHES WOOD was reached, the Battalion was met with heavy machine gun fire. These machine guns were soon located, a difficult task in country which was a maze of old trenches, wire and dugouts. The positions were soon turned from the right flank by the 26th Battalion continuing its advance, and so making the enemy think that his line of retreat might be cut off, and the enemy were either killed or captured, or hurriedly retreated across the canal, blowing up the bridges.

The Battalion advanced to its objective, and immediately pushed out patrols to the railway bridge, which was almost intact. They attempted to cross it, but were met with very heavy machine gun fire. By 2.30 p.m. four separate explosions took place on the bridge, which from 12 noon was kept under a heavy enemy artillery fire.

7. On the 27th Battalion (Left Bn) front, after the Battalion passed a north and south line through H.27.central it came under shell fire from the direction of MONT ST. QUENTIN. On reaching the high ground west of BIACHES, the battalion came under heavy machine gun fire from the direction of HALLE, BIACHES and ST. RADEGONDE. Enemy machine gun positions were outflanked by excellent Lewis Gun and rifle co-operation between sections, and the crews killed.

The objective, including BIACHES, was captured by 9.30 a.m. Patrols were pushed out along the Canal, over which all bridges had been destroyed. About 1 p.m., the enemy commenced shelling BIACHES with 5.9's from the direction of I.17. and I.23.

8. The 25th Battalion advanced 1,000 yards in rear of the Centre Battalion, to a position in the vicinity of N.6.b., without incident.

9. The Vickers guns attached to battalions kept well up, being transported as far as possible in limbers. They took up defensive positions on objective being gained.

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10. The Trench Mortars were carried on pack animals which served their purpose particularly well, the country being so intersected by old trenches and wire entanglements.
11. The section of Artillery kept well up, having however to follow roads and well defined tracks, and as soon as the objectives were gained, Battalion Commanders got in touch with the Section Commanders and targets were engaged.
12. Brigade Headquarters were established at G.30.a.1.0. at 6.30 a.m., and then moved forward to H.52.c.7.7. South of HERBECOURT at 8.30 a.m.
The Brigade Forward Signal Station was established at H.36.c.2.3. at 8.30 a.m., leaving a relay station at HERBECOURT and FLAUCOURT in their advance. Battalions knowing beforehand the location of the Brigade Forward Station quickly got in telephone communication with Brigade.
13. Information was quickly passed to the rear. The Brigade Intelligence Officer kept in touch with events by following up the attack and phoning information back to Brigade Headquarters through the Brigade Forward Signal line.
14. Our casualties were :-

	Killed.		Wounded.	
	Off.	o/r.	Off.	o/r.
25th Battalion (Reserve)	-	2	-	5
26th " Line Right,	-	15	3	35
27th " Line Left	1	6	1	26
28th " Line Centre	-	1	-	12
7th A.L.T.ii. Battery	-	1	-	1
TOTAL	1	25	4	79

15. Enemy killed, estimated :-

By 26th Battalion	30 Germans
" 28th "	20 "
" 27th "	40 "
TOTAL	90 "

16. Prisoners and Captured Trophies :-

	Off.	o/r.
By 26th Battalion	-	20
" 28th "	1	23
" 27th "	-	3
TOTAL	1	46

- By 26th Battalion
- 6 Machine Guns, ✓
 - 1 Minenwerfer, ✓
 - 1 Lighting Set.
- By 28th Battalion
- 1 Decauville Engine & ✓
 - 4 Trucks.
 - 6 Machine Guns. ✓
- By 27th Battalion
- 3 Machine Guns. ✓

See Major
Brigade Major

PART 11.

1. The opposition was not as severe as was expected, owing to the enemy having evidently commenced to evacuate ground west of the SOMME the night before the attack. This withdrawal enabled the scouts of the 6th Brigade to get as far as the eastern edge of FLAUCOURT. From there on, the enemy rearguard was well organised, and their tactics excellent. Had they been more determined, the task would have been much more difficult, and our losses heavy. The influence of having the river in their rear, and the Australians in front, evidently sapped their determination, and the advance was made almost as quickly as the ground could have been covered in peace manoeuvres. The enemy withdrawal was excellently carried out, posts pulling out in succession, covered by their artillery, which shortened range from time to time in perfect synchronization with the infantry movements. Our men had little opportunity of fight until near the river, when in one or two places the enemy put up a fight - our tactics then were exceedingly good, all ranks seemed to know instinctively what to do, and the right thing was invariably done without the least hesitation.
2. The lessons so long and carefully taught, that "those who can get on, and those who can't get round" have been well learnt, and the principle was acted on by every unit from Battalions to Sections, and even individuals.
3. The river was a formidable obstacle, and in my opinion at the time a crossing would have involved much preparation, and would have taken three days. The attack on MONT ST. QUENTIN round by the north, although bold, was undoubtedly the proper course. By this means the key to the whole position was struck at and captured.
4. The Artillery worked well in conjunction with our advance, but there was little for the mobile sections to do until the river was reached. I think it is better to give the Section Commanders a more free hand, and not to tie them strictly down to the Battalion Commanders, who invariably have their hands full, and have great difficulty in keeping communication with the guns. I think it better to give the Section Commanders general instructions to follow the infantry closely, render all the support possible, and engage targets as they occur. They would of course maintain as close liaison as possible with the Battalion Commanders.
5. I cannot speak too highly of the work of the 7th Field Company Engineers, and particularly that of Major E.N. WEBB and Captain NOEL. The reconnaissances made by these Officers of the river were most valuable, and the bridging of the river under heavy artillery and machine gun fire was most creditable. In all four footbridges were put across the canal and two across the canal and river. One of the latter was later developed into a traffic bridge. This work was all done under fire. In connection with the construction of the last two bridges, special praise is due to Captain NOEL, who overcame great difficulties under fire in pushing these bridges over.

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6. The work of the machine gunners was excellent, the guns kept close up to the infantry, and were in position to cover a crossing very quickly.
7. The Trench Mortars were also well handled, but had little opportunity of opening fire. The use of pack horses, twelve for the Battery, worked very well.
8. The clearing of the battlefield was very good, the wounded being got away very quickly. In this connection, Major DUNLOP did excellent work.
9. The Signalling Section did excellent work, the forward stations being kept well up with the infantry and well forward, and communication was maintained extremely well throughout. I desire to mention Lieutenant J. C. PRICE for his good work in this connection.
10. A word of praise is due to the Light Horse, who although there was no great scope for their employment, did what was set them with great keenness and daring.

W. A. G. G. G.

Brig. General,
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.ORDER No. 218.Headquarters,
August 29th 1918.Reference Maps Sheets 62 C. N.W. & S.W., 1/20,000

1. On the morning of August 30th, the village of DOIGNT and the trench system S.W. of this village will be captured by the 7th A.I. Brigade. The trench system includes trenches in squares O.10.b.& d, O.11, O.4.b.& d., O.5, O.6.a.& c., O.35, and the village in DOIGNT.
2. The 26th Battalion will cross by foot bridges constructed by the 7th Field Company A.E., at 5 a.m., or before if possible, the Canal and the SOMME River.
The 28th Battalion will follow closely the 26th Battalion and take over the defence of the trench systems South of a line running East and West between I.35 and O.5.
The 27th Battalion will extend its right flank, holding the West bank of the canal within the brigade boundary by posts covering crossings, bridges etc.
The 25th Battalion will be in reserve in present positions, in vicinity of N.6.
3. The artillery programme is as follows :-
The attack will be covered by two Brigades of Artillery, the 16th R.H.A. Brigade and the 298th R.F.A. Brigade.
ZERO hour is 5 a.m. 30th August 1918.
The 16th R.H.A. Brigade will co-operate as under -
Artillery fire on trenches in O.10.b., c, & d, and O.4.d.
Zero plus 15 minutes till Zero plus 35 minutes, on trenches in O.11.a, c & d. and O.4.d.
Zero plus 35 till Zero plus 37 minutes, trenches in O.11.b. & O.5.c.& d.
Zero plus 37 till Zero plus 45 minutes, trenches in O.5.a.& b.
Zero plus 45 till Zero plus 95 minutes, trench System South West of DOIGNT in I.36. and DOIGNT.

The 298th R.F.A. Brigade will co-operate as under -
Zero to Zero plus 45 minutes, trenches in I.34.b. and d. and O.5.a.
Zero plus 45 to Zero plus 60 minutes, trenches in O.6.a. and O.4.b. and O.4.d.
Zero plus 60 till Zero plus 70, trenches in O.4.b. and I.35.a.
Zero plus 70 till Zero plus 80, trenches in I.29.c.& d., trenches West of DOIGNT in I.35 and 36 b., and DOIGNT.
Zero plus 80 till Zero plus 95, trenches in I.35.b., I.36.a. and DOIGNT.

Howitzers - a standing barrage on FLAMICOURT and CHAIR WOOD.

From Zero plus 95 minutes onwards, S.O.S. line will be 500 yards in an easterly direction from line of objective.

The dividing line between the 16th R.H.A. and 298th R.F.A. Brigades is an East and West line through O.5.central.

Rates of fire :-

From Zero till Zero plus 45 minutes, 2 rounds per gun per minute.

From Zero plus 45 till Zero plus 95 minutes, 1 round per gun per minute.

The 5th Australian Division Artillery will co-operate by a standing barrage for one hour on LE MESNIL - BRUNTEL and O.13.b. and O.17.a. & O 22.

Heavy artillery will fire on selected targets.

4. Vickers Machine Gun and Trench Mortar attachments will remain as at present.
5. The closest liaison must be maintained between all Battalions.
6. Acknowledge.

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Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 1.30 a.m. 30/8/18.

Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.
- 2 to 11. 26th Bn.
- 12 to 16. 27th Bn.
- 17 to 26. 28th Bn.
27. 7th T.M. Bty
28. 22nd M.G. Coy
29. 298 R.F.A. Bde
30. 16th R.H.A. Bde.
31. 2nd Aust. Div.
32. 5th A.I. Bde.
33. 15th A.I. Bde.
34. G.O.C.
35. B.M.
36. S.C.
37. Bde Signal Officer.
38. File.
- 39/41. War Diary.

SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.ORDER No. 219.Headquarters,
August 31st 1918.Reference Map Sheet 62 C. S.W.

1. (a) The 5th A.I. Brigade is taking up a position - ST.DENIS in I.22.b.central - Mt. ST. QUENTIN, and FEUILLAUCOURT, with the intention of pushing forward to I.24.central.
(b) The 6th A.I. Brigade is proceeding to clear up situation in I.14, I.20, and I.26.
(c) The 14th A.I. Brigade is to seize the high ground in I.35, O.5, and O.11.
2. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move to Squares I.7 and I.13 today as under :-

25th Battalion	to	I.13.a.
26th "	to	I.13.c.& d.
27th "	to	I.7.a.& b.
28th "	to	I.7.c.
7th T.M.Bty	to	I.7.a.
22nd H.G.Coy	to	I.7.c.
7th Field Coy	to	I.7.c.
7th Bde H.Q.		H.15.a.3.2.

7th Brigade Forward Signal Station - Railway Station
H.12.b.7.3.
3. The 25th and 27th Battalions will cross the SOMME at the bridge at OMMIECOURT les CLERY. The remainder of the Brigade Group will cross the SOMME RIVER at FEUILLEURES.
All transport of the brigade group will cross at FEUILLEURES.
4. The 14th A.I. Brigade will cross the river at OMMIECOURT les-CLERY.
The 6th A.I. Brigade will cross the river at FEUILLEURES.
5. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will not cross the river until the 6th and 14th A.I. Brigades are across. It will probably move from present location about 12.30 p.m. today. The time at which the river is to be crossed will be notified to units by wire. There is a traffic bridge at H.17.a.3.9., and a foot bridge for infantry in single file at H.12.b.3.6.
6. Units on arrival in new positions will notify locations to Brigade H.Q. by wire, connecting up with the Brigade Forward Station at Railway Station H.12.b.7.3.
7. Acknowledge.

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

Issued through Sigs at noon.

Copies to :-

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|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. 25th Bn. | 9. 5th A.I.Bde. | |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 10. 15th A.I.Bde. | |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 11. 14th A.I.Bde. | |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 12. G.O.C. | |
| 5. 7th T.M.B. | 13. B.M. | 17. Bde Sig. Officer. |
| 6. 7th F.Coy | 14. S.C. | 18. File. |
| 7. 22nd H.G.Coy | 15. B.T.O. | 19/21. War Diary. |
| 8. 6th A.I.Bde. | 16. B.I.O. | 22/24. Spares. |

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
August 1st 1918.Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.
Div. Salvage Officer.HEADQUARTERS,
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.No. 17/99
DateSALVAGE RETURN - Week ending 1/8/1918.

Article	35th Bn.	33rd Bn.
Web Equipments, Fighting Order	9	-
Haversack	-	1
Entrenching Tools	-	3
" " Carriers	-	4
Pouches	-	8
Packs	-	5
Belts, Waist	-	10
Braces, Web.	-	4
Bayonet Frogs	-	6
" Scabbards	-	3
Water Bottles	-	8
" " Carriers	-	5
Breech Covers	-	9
Mess Tins	-	1
Cardigan Jackets	3	25
Jerkins	-	7
Great Coats	-	5
Jacket S.D.	1	-
Shirts	-	19
Singlets	-	6
Drawers	-	7
Sox	-	10 prs
Steel Helmets	-	8
Caps "Tommy"	-	6
Gun Boots	-	2 prs
Bench Screw Gptr	-	1
Bicycle Frame	-	1
" Wheel	-	1
Cycle Wheels Tubes & Tyres	2	-
French Bicycle	1	-
Spades	-	1
Rifles	19	3
S.A.A.	1 Sandbag	1/2 box
German Rifles	10	-
Magazine Carriers L.G.	-	2
Magazines Lewis Gun	5	-
Wheels, Motor Car	2	-
Covers and Tubes Motor Car	2	-
Small Box Respirators	5	-
Saddle Universal	1	-
Bolts and nuts 2 1/2" x 1/2"	22	-
Woollens	3 cases	-
Lead	20 lbs	-
Zinc	15 lbs	-
Rum Jars	6	-

C. H. Martin
 Captain, Staff Captain,
 for G.O.C., 7th Australian Inf. Brigade.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

August 15th 1918.

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

HEADQUARTERS,
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No.
Date..... 17/102

SALVAGE RETURN - Handed in to 2nd Div. Salvage
Company 8/8/1918.

28th Battalion.

Braces, Web.	11
Belts, Waist.	8
Bayonets	3
Bayonet Scabbards	13
Bayonet Frogs	6
Entrenching Tools	6
" " Carriers	12
Haversacks	6
Packs	3
Pouches, Web.	19
Water Bottle	1
" " Carriers	3
Bandolier	1
Spurs,	2 prs
Magazine L.M.G.	1
Pamier "	1
Barrell "	1
Sundries	1 sandbag
S.A.A.	1 "
Steel Helmets	4
Amm. Carriers - Enemy.	4
Boots, ankle	1 pr
Rev. Holster, American	1
Lamp G.S.	1
Bomb Boxes	2
Bicycle, incomplete	1
Rifles	10
Great Coat	1
Woollens	1 bag.

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

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEHEADQUARTERS,
7th AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
August 22nd 1918.

Date..... 27/10/18

Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.
Div. Salvage Officer.SALVAGE RETURN - Week ending 22/8/1918.

Article	25th Bn.	26th Bn.	28th Bn.
18 pdr Shell cases	50	-	-
12" " "	-	-	10
S.A.A.	2,000	5,900	1 box & 3 bandls
Smoke Bombs	-	4	3
Bombs No. 38.	2 bk	50	-
" Acroplane	-	3	-
German Gun Water Tanks	2	-	-
Bols S.A.A. German	3	-	-
Panniers, German	2	-	-
Steel Helmets	13	2	-
" " German	3	-	-
Box Respirators	7	-	3
Waterproof sheet	2	2	-
German Equipment	-	3	1
Full Brit. "	17	45	2
Shovels	22	15	12
Picks	9	10	10
Great Coats	4	-	1
Tunics	2	-	-
Cardigan Jacket	1	-	-
Stretchers	1	5	-
" slings	-	3	-
Bandoliers, leather	5	-	-
Equipment pouches	12	6	-
" entrenching tool covers	9	6	-
Bayonets	-	6	-
" Frogs	11	3	-
Water Bottles	-	15	-
" " Carriers	5	10	-
Scabbards	15	14	-
Entrenching Tool Handles	5	-	-
Supporting Straps	3	-	-
Petrol Tins	2	-	-
Mess Tins	2	-	-
Haversacks Hammers	2	-	-
German Gas Helmets	1	7	1
Wire Cutters	-	5	1
Telephone Wire	-	1 coil	-
Web Belts	-	10	-
Braces	-	3	-
German S.A.A.	-	-	17 bandls
Plain wire	-	-	1 coil.
Rifles	-	52	9
" German	-	9	50
Entrenching Tools	-	15	-
L.G. Panniers	-	6	-
L.G. Magazines	-	11	-
L.G. Carriers.	-	1	-
Haversacks	-	3	-
Packs, German	-	13	-
Vickers M.G. Damaged	-	1	-
German M.G. Belts	-	8	-
" M.G. Belts & Boxes	-	2	-

Article	25th Bn.	26th Bn.	28th Bn.
M.G. Barrels (German)	-	9	7
German Spare Parts bag	-	1	-
Hotchkiss Amn. boxes	-	4	-
Empty Cart. Cases	-	-	1 box
Flares	-	36	-
" German	-	6	-
S.O.S. (3 Greens)	-	1	-
Jumping off Tape	-	1 roll	-
Bicycle Tyres	-	1	1
Aerial M.Gs	-	2	-
German Boots	-	8 prs	2
Armour P. Amn.	-	1 prt	-
Bomb Bag	-	1	-
Kess Tins	-	2	-
Rope 1 1/2"	-	30 ft	-
Cocks Dixie	-	1	-
Sword (Cavalry)	-	1	-
Tent Mallet & Bag	-	1	-
Odd pieces equipment	-	40	-
" " clothing	-	8	-
Hatchet	-	-	1
Saddles	-	-	2
Horse Respirator	-	-	1
Wheel Barrow	-	-	1
Horse Shoes	-	-	30
German Reels	-	-	6
" Breast Plates	-	-	2
Horse Collar	-	-	1

E. F. Trundle

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

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 Headquarters,
 August 29th 1918.

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

HEADQUARTERS,
 7TH AUSTRALIAN
 INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No.
 Date 12/10/18

SALVAGE RETURN - 30/8/18.

Articles.	25th Bn.	28th Bn.
S.A.A. Empty Boxes	5	-
" Pistol Webley Empty	1	-
S.A.A.	500 rnds	3 boxes 4 bags
Becessaries, personal kit,	1 bag	-
Woollen goods	1 "	3 bags
Boots Ankle u/s	30 prs	-
Pistols, Flare 1½"	1	-
Stove, Heating	1	-
Wire, Sig. Insulated, approx.	1 mile	-
Switchboard, Field telephone	1	-
Case " " "	1	-
Horse Rugs, u/s	2	-
Grenade Phosphorous No. 27.	12 & 1 c/s	-
Grenades Signal (3 greens)	1	-
Bayonets S.	4	3
Scabbards S.B.	8	'
Cycle Lamp	1	-
Sig. Lamp, daylight Fld Mnts	1	-
Saddle Pack Telephone	1	-
Web Equipment, USA pattern	2	-
Ground Sheets	5	11
Leather Jerkins	2	2
S.B. Respirators	11	-
Greatcoats	23	2
Jackets S.D.	8	-
Web Packs	59	109
" Fighting Order Equipment	2	-
Water Bottle M.S.	8	-
Water Bottles D.S.	10	4
Carrier Water Bottle M.S.	8	-
" " " D.S.	-	4
Rum Jars	1	-
Hats C.P.	18	-
S.B.R. Containers	3	-
Harness P.D.G.S.	2 bags	-
Steel Helmets	12	14
Rifles S.M.L.E.	21	32
Forks Bicycle, front	1	-
Carrier Bicycle, rear,	1	-
Breeches, D.S. prs	5	-
Cardigan Jackets	11	-
Coat, Drivers	1	-
Lamp, Gas Acetylene	1	-
Web Packs	-	6
Side Drum	-	1
Rifle Cover, Leather	-	1
Enemy M.G. Bipods	-	2
M.G. Targets	-	4
Woollens	-	2 bags
Rifles, S.M.L.E.	-	9
German M.G.	-	1
" Flare Pistol	-	1

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Articles	25th Bn.	28th Bn.
S.A.A. Clips	-	1 bag
Cycle Tyres	-	3
Web Belts	-	15
Part Pack Saddle	-	1
Camp Kettle	-	1
German Bayonets	-	3
Cartridge Cases S.A.A.	-	1 bag
Carrier Lewis Gun	-	1
Web Braces	-	7
Entrenching Tool Carriers	-	2
Ground Flares	-	1 bag
L.G. Magazine	-	1
Revolver Holster	-	1
Primus Stove	-	1
Sundries	-	2 bags
Bayonets	-	12
Rifle Slings	-	20
Bombs	-	3 c/s
Flares	-	1 "
Chargers (Bombs)	-	2 "
Empty S.A.A. boxes	-	2
Pump Handle	-	1
German Water Bottles	-	2
Food Container	-	1

L. H. Harris

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

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

HEADQUARTERS
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters, 17/105
September 11th 1918.
Date.....

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

Salvage collected by 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q. Details.

Articles.	Collected 23/8/18. Dumped at R.7.d.4.5.	Collected 30/8/18 Dumped at G.52.c.64
M.G. S.A.A.	1 case	
Bandoliers	56	5
Magazines L.G.	59	5
Panniers (Covers)	10½	
L.G. Breech Cover	1	1
Stretcher	1	
Mills Bombs	95	42
Bombs (Percussion)	2	
Rifles	47	3
Slings	52	3
Bayonets	14	
Scabbards	5	
Wire Cutters	5	
Screw Wrench	1	
German Rifles	3	2
Breech Covers	9	
Gas Helmets	2	2
Oil Bottles	2	
Pincers	1 pair	
Entrenching Tool Blades	3	
" " Handles	4	
" " Carriers	2	
Bayonet Frogs	2	
Shovels	8	4
Picks	1	1
Water Bottles	5	
" " Carriers	1	
Supporting Strap	1	
Web Belts	3	
Web Pouches	7	1
Web Braces	4	
Haversacks	5	
Hammers	3	
Saws	3	
Oil Lamp	1	
Handcart	1	1
Bridle	1	
Four Wheeled Farm Cart	-	1
Wheel Barrows	-	2
Stokes Mortar Shells	-	1 case
Top Boots	-	1 pr
L.G. Pannier	-	1
German S.A.A. (in boxes 1400)	-	120,400 rounds
" " (in packets)	-	5,200 "
" " (loose)	-	1,500 "
Portable T.M. badly damaged	-	1
Signal Flares	-	53 boxes
Bandoliers S.A.A.	-	18
Rifle Grenade Cups	-	5
M.G. Belts - full	-	1
" " empty	-	8
Artillery powder wads	-	20 boxes

Articles	Collected 28/8/18. Dumped at R.7.d.4.5.	Collected 30/8/18 Dumped at G.52.c.8.4.
German Water Bottle	-	1
" Gas Helmet	-	1
" Wire cutters, broken	-	1 pr
Grenades (not detonated)	-	11 cases
German Steel M.G. Belts	-	53 cases
" Charged .77 cartridge cases	-	86
" Discharged ditto	-	150

R. H. H. H.

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

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APPENDIX 19

CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 1918.

	<u>Killed.</u>		<u>Wounded.</u>		<u>Missing.</u>	
	Off.	o/r.	Off.	o/r.	Off.	o/r.
25th Battalion	2	8	4	71	-	4
26th "	2	39	12	220	-	2
27th "	1	26	10	149	-	-
28th "	2	14	8	103	-	3
7th A.L.T.M. Battery	-	1	-	3	-	2
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<u>TOTAL</u>	7	88	34	546	-	11



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APPENDIX 20

STRENGTH STATE AS AT 31st AUGUST 1918.

	Off.	o/r.
25th Battalion	44	706
26th "	41	654
27th "	37	649
28th "	39	671
7th A.L.T.M. Battery	4	58
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>2738</u>

