

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

Infantry

Item number: 23/15/26 PART 3

Title: 15th Infantry Brigade

April 1918 Appendix 30



AWM4-23/15/26PART3

Code *AAA* Words *12 s. d.* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *15*

From *AAA* At *15* m. By *AAA* To

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions *urgent operate by*

Handed in at *AAA* Office *15* m. Received. *4.50 a.m.*

TO *15th Inf Bde*

Sender's Number *999* Day of Month *24* In reply to Number *AAA*

now troop to stand to ready to move at once AAA OC will report to 15th Inf Bde HQ and wait there for orders from HQ AAA addd noel troop at H repts 15th Inf Bde

FROM *5 aus Div* PLACE & TIME *4.30 am*

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Code *AAA* Words *12 s. d.* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *31*

From *AAA* At *15* m. By *AAA* To

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions *urgent operate by*

Handed in at *AAA* Office *15* m. Received. *6.30 a.m.*

TO *15 Inf Bde*

Sender's Number *9901* Day of Month *24th* In reply to Number *AAA*

Following from 8th Div AAA OC Villers Bretonneux reported 6.40 am enemy advancing along Railway VI and 2 AAA enemy reported to be using tanks AAA left in right Bde have given ground AAA situation believed well in hand AAA situation obscure owing to mist AAA at 6.45 enemy was gas shelling N30 and 36 and 025 and 26 with Lachrymatory and phosgene AAA addd all concerned repts 3rd aus Div

FROM *5 aus Div* PLACE & TIME

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

From *to mlf 4* Code *4* Words *4* Received. *awp* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *58*
 £ s. d. From *6605* At. m. *15*
 Charges to Collect By *awp* To
 Service Instructions By *awp*
 Handed in at *awp* Office *awp* m. Received. *7:55*

TO *15th Inf Bde*

Sender's Number *2932* Day of Month *21st* In reply to Number *AAA*

Your Bn 383 aad loc
 directs that sentence in
 your message beginning
 all British troops and
 ending with the word
 shot is to be cancelled
 forthwith

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FROM *f aces Div*
 PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.

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Army Form C. 2123. (In books of 100.)

From *Sm 2500* Code *awp* Words *awp* Received. *awp* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *66*
 £ s. d. From *awp* At. m. *15*
 Charges to Collect By *awp* To
 Service Instructions By *awp*
 Handed in at *awp* Office *awp* m. Received. *15:18*

TO *Book*

Sender's Number *2932* Day of Month *21st* In reply to Number *AAA*

Reference *2926* and
 in confirmation
 of verbal instruction
 aad objective of counter
 attack will now be
 eastern outskirts of
 Villers Bretonneaux
 from *036 central 030122*

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FROM *f aces Div*
 PLACE & TIME

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Prefix *20* Code *20* Words *20*
 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From *aye* At *3:35* m.
 By *W. R. ...* To *...*
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions *urgent operations*

Handed in at *3:35* m. Office *3:35* m. Received *3:44* m.

TO *BM410*

*Sender's Number *1952* Day of Month *24* In reply to Number *AAA*

*5th Aust Div come under
 3rd corps for purpose of
 counter attack operation
 gaa signals will lay
 line to 15th Inf Bde adv
 hq at 0808.8 The HAPSHED
 forthwith aaa added
 15th Inf Bde rptd Div
 sig boy and all
 other units 3rd corps,
 8th Div 3rd Aust Div
 Aust corps*

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FROM *5th Aust Div*
 PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.

Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 Prefix *20* Code *20* Words *20*
 From *...* At *...* m.
 By *...* To *...*
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions *urgent operations*

Handed in at *...* Office *...* m. Received *...* m.

TO *15th Inf Bde*

*Sender's Number *1727* Day of Month *24* In reply to Number *AAA*

*From receipt of this message
 15th at 11.45 and attached
 units come under the
 command of GOC 8th Div
 whose HQs are at
 GLISSY (N200) aaa added
 15th at 12.15 rptd Aust
 Corps 3rd Corps 8th Div
 5th Div army and all
 in divisional units*

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FROM *5th Aust Div*
 PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.

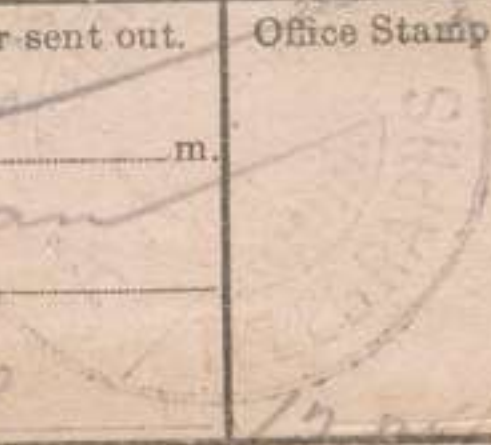
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Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£ s. d.		From <u>3/12/19</u>	At _____ m.	
Charges to Collect		By <u>H. G. Gorman</u>	To _____	
Service Instructions		By _____		
Handed in at <u>H. G. Gorman</u>		Office <u>1215</u>	m. Received <u>12 20/10</u>	
TO <u>GO 15th Bde</u>				
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number		AAA
	<u>24</u>			
<u>Our</u>	<u>front</u>	<u>line</u>	<u>runs</u>	
<u>just</u>	<u>west</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>Hillers</u>	
<u>Bretton</u>	<u>neuse</u>	<u>then</u>	<u>are</u>	
<u>last</u>	<u>along</u>	<u>north</u>	<u>of</u>	
<u>village</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>old</u>	<u>line</u>	
<u>HHH</u>	<u>think</u>	<u>22nd</u>	<u>of</u>	
<u>are</u>	<u>on</u>	<u>your</u>	<u>right</u>	
<u>HHH</u>	<u>1/5</u>	<u>Forresters</u>	<u>are</u>	
<u>going</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>counter</u>	<u>attack</u>	
<u>along</u>	<u>whole</u>	<u>front</u>	<u>of</u>	
<u>village</u>	<u>HHH</u>	<u>Myeovet</u>		
<u>eastern</u>	<u>side</u>			
(73)				
FROM	<u>GO 24th Bde</u>			
PLACE & TIME	<u>8th Division 11.45 AM</u>			

*This line should be erased if not required.

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Prefix 50 Code 10 AM Words 143 Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp

Charges to collect £ s. d. From..... At..... m.

Service Instructions. By..... To.....

Handed in at OXA Office 9.15 m. Received..... m.

TO 15th A 1 Bde

*Sender's Number 90788 Day of Month 24th In reply to Number AAA

All troops taking part in
 the operations tonight will
 be under the orders of
 GOC 8th Div AAA Advt
 AAAs WMI INGA 13th + 15th
 A.B. des 5th Inf Bde 5th Bde
 5th Div

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FROM 8th Div

PLACE & TIME 9.5 pm

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M357 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.



Code Words Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

From At m. 9/6

By 1255 524

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at Har Office m. Received.

TO Book

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

131 24th AAA

You will take over the line from railway incline at 027059 to 020841 aaa 1st Worcester on right 15th aas on side on left aas they may be a field boy in this line which is the old res line well dug and wired and is now front line aas you will come under official command of 24th Bde whose HQ are at Railway arch 025000 aas Report there at once where guides will be picked up aas 13th Bde HQ

FROM

PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.

17802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

Code Words Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

From At m. 9/6

By

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at Office m. Received.

TO T

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

131 24th AAA

will be at Glissy address 49 Bn rept 50 51 and 52 Bns and 13 Bde bog and 24 Bde 8 D's

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FROM 13 aas on side

PLACE & TIME 1:15 pm

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1501-2
 Sent
 At m. Service Date 10/4
 To
 From
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { 15 Aug 2nd Bde

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

A counter attack to recover VILLERS BRETONNEUX and restore the line as held up to this morning will be delivered tonight in conjunction with 5th Bde on right and 15th Aust Inf Bde on left AAA attack will start at 10 pm with 5th Bde on right and 51st Bn on left AAA boundaries and objectives are shown on maps issued herewith AAA assaulting Bns will establish liaison at places marked with a cross on sketch AAA 50th Bn will move forward in rear of assaulting Bns and establish a line from U 6500 to 036d99

From
 Place
 Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (7981) Wt. W. 92/M1647 130,000 Pads 5/17 D. D. & L. E1187

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

TO { (Z)

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

AAA forming up line will be taped by Bde and Div 40's AAA 3rd Bn NORTHANTS Regt will be responsible for mopping up village of VILLERS BRETONNEUX AAA artillery will bombard VILLERS BRETONNEUX and area east of road through U 6a and c until 11 pm when it will lift to beyond the final objective Uda Royal Air Force will bomb VILLERS BRETONNEUX until 11 pm AAA one section 13th MG Coy will take up position in U 5a AAA 2 guns each are allotted to 51 + 52 Bns and will report forthwith

From
 Place
 Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (7981) Wt. W. 92/M1647 130,000 Pads 5/17 D. D. & L. E1187

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

TO (3)

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

AAA 2nd section will be in
 reserve in CACHY switch
 AAA 13th ALTB will move to
 CACHY switch & cooperate with
 2nd as required AAA 13th HQ
 will be at BLANCY TRONVILLE
 CHATEAU with forward report
 centre at 025/000 AAA. All
 units except 49th Bde will
 establish HQ in CACHY SWITCH
 and telephone lines will be run
 forward to this trench as soon as
 possible AAA acknowledge AAA added
 49th SD in 51, 52 Bde 13th MG Coy 13th TMB
 2nd Bde Northants Regt 24th 8th Div
 53rd Bde 15th Aust Inf Bde

From 13th ALTB
 Place
 Time 6:45 p.m.
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
 Cen.or. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (7981) Wt. W. 497/M1647 150,000 Pads 5/17 D. D. & L. E1187

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Charges to Collect From AME At m.
 By MRA To
 Service Instructions By

Handed in at AME Office 10330 m. Received 119 m.

TO Book

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 8913 24 AAA

Following from 8th Div timed
 8 10 am 3aa Right bde
 report right copy of left
 bde has been pushed
 back N of the railway to
 036C and D 3aa Germans
 reported using 3 tanks in
 this area 3aa counter
 attacked has been paused
 and 3 tanks at disposal
 of 8th Div are being
 pushed forward to
 deal with hostile tanks

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FROM
 PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (7981) Wt. W. 432/M1523. [E 980] 100,000 Pads 3/17. M.R. Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

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no. of Message

From: *ap* Code: *2151* Words: *134*

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Received: *ap* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

From: *ap* At: *11* m.

By: *ow* To:

Handed in at: *ap* Office: *134* Received: *134* m.

TO: *Book*

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>9929</i>	<i>24th</i>		<i>AAA</i>
<i>8th Div report aaaa</i>			
<i>CACHY SWITCH is held</i>			
<i>aaa some troops right</i>			
<i>Bde still holding out</i>			
<i>in 035B and C 035D</i>			
<i>036c aaaa some Germans</i>			
<i>in VILLERS BRETTONEAUX</i>			
<i>mixed up with our</i>			
<i>troops aaaa left Bde</i>			
<i>on approx line 024D8-8</i>			
<i>(unconfirmed) 023D28</i>			
<i>024D55 At 104 (P19C18)</i>			

Tools

1 pm

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FROM

PLACE & TIME

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27800 Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at: *ap* Office: *134* Received: *134* m.

TO: *Book*

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>9926</i>	<i>24th</i>		<i>AAA</i>
<i>8th Div report aaaa</i>			
<i>has penetrated the</i>			
<i>western outskirts of</i>			
<i>Villers Brettoneaux aaaa</i>			
<i>23rd Inf Bde will counter</i>			
<i>attack at once with</i>			
<i>reserve Bn against western</i>			
<i>outskirts of Villers</i>			
<i>Bretteaux objective road</i>			
<i>running N and S through</i>			
<i>Town from 035A82 to</i>			
<i>029C59 aaaa 2/Devon R</i>			
<i>will gain touch with</i>			
<i>right of 25th Inf Bde</i>			
<i>which has been thrown</i>			
<i>back to about 022D80</i>			
<i>aaa 2 Tanks arriving</i>			

FROM

PLACE & TIME

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*This line should be erased if not required.

27800 Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

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Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Stamp
£ s. d.		From	At m.	
Charges to Collect		By	To	
Service Instructions			By	
Handed in at		Office	m.	Received.
TO		IV		
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA	
<p>To 077A and will attack from there in an easterly direction objective road junction 029A53 aaa Res Bn of 24th Inf Bde (less 1/cherwoods) is placed at disposal of 23rd Inf Bde for protection of right flank about CACHY and CACHY SWITCH aaa with Inf Bde (less 1/cherwoods) and 22nd Div will hold reserve line under GOC 24th Inf Bde</p>				
FROM	Tools 93			
PLACE & TIME	1 pm			

Charges to Collect	From	At m.		
Service Instructions	By	To		
Handed in at		Office	m.	Received.
TO		Book		
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA	
<p>The 13th a/c Bde group complete is placed under orders of 3rd Corps and will move forthwith to LAMOTTE-BREBIERE reporting to a representative of 3rd Corps on arrival</p>				
FROM	Tools (85)			
PLACE & TIME	1 pm			

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Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp
£ s. d.		From	At m.	
Charges to Collect		By	To	
Service Instructions		By	To	
Handed in at	Office	m.	Received	
TO	Look			
Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA	
9933	74			
Reference	928	aaa		
order	13th	at	Bde	
group	to	BLANGY	TRONVILLE	
instead of	to	Wolke		
aaa	8th	Div	will	
send	representative	to	meet them then	
		aaa		
FROM	Tools			
PLACE & TIME	1 pm			

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 (7800) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

Charges to Collect	From	At m.	Office Stamp
Service Instructions	By	To	
Handed in at	Office	m.	Received
TO	Look		
Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
9967	74		
Following have received from Co 1909. Coy who is responsible for demolition of road mines at 010D5.8 010D6.8 011A6.1 018B5.3 aaa officer responsible for road mines is located at I 33B 3.0 aaa It is however merely necessary that orders for demolition should go straight to the Wco on Guard at any particular crater and duplicate orders should invariably be sent to me at the same time so that I may ensure compliance			
FROM			
PLACE & TIME			

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (7800) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

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WORDS £ s. d. From At 9 m. Office Stamp

Charges to Collect By To

Service Instructions By

Handed in at Office m. Received

TO

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

There with 2aa buds

FROM PLACE & TIME 700L

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 27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

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Profix Code Words Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp

Charges to collect From At m.

Service Instructions By To

Handed in at Office m. Received

TO

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

VILLERS BRETONNEAUX will be captured by a converging attack on the N and S sides and pinning in the old British front line system at 031860 2aa the 15th aus Inf Bde less 1 company will attack from the north 2aa the 13th aus Inf Bde will attack from the south 2aa pumping off line both sides will be the general line of the road from CACHY to FOMLON 2aa 15th aus Inf Bde will attack in a SE direction so that when the objective is reached their right flank will

FROM PLACE & TIME

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 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7495-M357 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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Prefix.....Code.....Words.....	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp.
£ s. d.	From.....	At.....m.	107
Charges to collect	By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions.		By.....	
Handed in at.....		Office.....m.	Received.....m.
TO			

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
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join up with the 13th at 13de
 at the point previously
 mentioned, namely P31/B60
 aaa the limit of the advance
 will be the old British front
 line system aaa "A" battery
 RHa and 8 vickers m/g
 are allotted to 15th Bde
 for the attack aaa zero
 hour will be 1.0 pm aaa
 signals will synchronise
 watches with 15th Bde
 3rd corps 8th Div 13th at 13de
 and artillery aaa there
 will be no artillery barrier
 aaa added 15th at 13de repts
 3rd corps and corps 7th Div 4th

FROM	Art Div Div Art 13th at 13de and
PLACE & TIME	All int Divisional units

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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Prefix.....Code.....Words.....	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp.
£ s. d.	From.....	At.....m.	110
Charges to collect	By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions.		By.....	
Handed in at.....		Office.....m.	Received.....m.

TO

urgent operations

Book

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
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from dusk on-wards until
 midnight artillery will
 fire bursts of fire 600
 yards east of old British
 front line and add
 15th Inf Bde repts 3rd
 corp and corps 8th
 Div 3rd and 4th
 Aust Div 5th BA 13th
 at 13de and all int Divisional
 units

145 Reptd to units

FROM	Tools
PLACE & TIME	

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Prefix *TO* Code *94* Words *13*
 Received From *ayc* Sent, or sent out At *11:47* m. Office Stamp.
 Charges to collect By *W. K.*
 Service Instructions. *urgent operations*
 Handed in at *ayc* Office *7:47* m. Received *7:47* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *9206* Day of Month *24* In reply to Number *AAA*

22nd DLI (pioneers) is placed under command of 50C 15th Inf Bde to be used in conjunction with counter attack to mop up VILLERS BRETTONEUX area addsd 15th Inf Bde plus all recipients of order plus 22nd DLI

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FROM *Tools*
 PLACE & TIME

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 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M357 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.
near 150

Prefix *TO* Code *94* Words *13*
 Received From *ayc* Sent, or sent out At *11:47* m. Office Stamp.
 Charges to collect By *W. K.*
 Service Instructions. *urgent operations*
 Handed in at *ayc* Office *7:47* m. Received *7:47* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *9223* Day of Month *24* In reply to Number *AAA*

Advanced report centre 15th a Bde only will be at 0800.8 aaaa Bde Adgt will remain at TRONVILLE Chateau aaaa addsd 3rd Corps recpts recipient of attack order

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FROM *Tools*
 PLACE & TIME

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 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M357 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

Prefix *Sm* Code *Dba* Words *39* Received. *agu* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *AGU*

From *agu* At *4:10* m. By *EC* To

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at *agu* Office *410A* Received. *4:20a* m.

TO *Bood*

*Sender's Number *R.D 49* Day of Month *24* In reply to Number *AAA*

<i>Enemy</i>	<i>shelling</i>	<i>forward</i>	<i>area</i>
<i>in</i>	<i>vicinity</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>VILLERS</i>
<i>BRETTONEUX</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>Bn</i>	<i>reserve</i>
<i>line</i>	<i>lightly</i>	<i>shelled</i>	<i>with</i>
<i>H.E.</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>green</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>yellow</i>	<i>cross</i>	<i>gas</i>	<i>shells</i>
<i>in</i>	<i>squares</i>	<i>08b</i>	<i>014b</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>020b</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>D</i>			

FROM *Billet* (5)

PLACE & TIME *4:10am*

*This line should be erased if not required.

(27802) Wt. W14832/M1533. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

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Prefix *Sm* Code *Dba* Words *19* Received. *agu* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *AGU*

From *agu* At *6:10* m. By *P* To

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at *agu* Office *610a* Received. *6:10a* m.

TO *Bood*

*Sender's Number *R.D 52* Day of Month *24* In reply to Number *AAA*

Situation forward much

quieter shelling of Batten

area practically ceased

aaa

(14)

FROM *Billet*

PLACE & TIME *6:10am*

*This line should be erased if not required.

(27802) Wt. W14832/M1533. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

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Prefix 28 Code 1 Words 1 Received 3/10 Sent, or sent out 11:50 AM Office Stamp
 £ s. d. From H. Harman At 11:50 m.
 Charges to Collect By H. Harman To
 Service Instructions By
 Handed in at MSW Office 11:30 AM m. Received 11:50 AM m.

TO Book

*Sender's Number 26 Day of Month 24th In reply to Number AAA

General situation
 unchanged. Enemy held
 VILLERS BRETONNEUX
 56th Bn AB Quarry 017C3.7
 this Bn is astride
 FOUILLOY - VILLERS ROAD
 AAA The enemy is held
 & counter attack to clear
 (71)

FROM
 PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27872) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message 27
 Prefix 28 Code 1 Words 1 Received 3/10 Sent, or sent out 11:45 AM Office Stamp
 £ s. d. From H. Harman At 11:45 m.
 Charges to Collect By H. Harman To
 Service Instructions By

Handed in at MSW Office 11:30 AM m. Received 11:45 AM m.
 TO (2)

*Sender's Number 26 Day of Month 24th In reply to Number AAA

him out of billers
 is being prepared
 14th Inf Bde line remains
 intact. Report from 13 Lth
 AAA
 (70)

FROM Billet
 PLACE & TIME 11:45 AM

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27872) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

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Prefix.....Code.....Words.....
 # s. d.
 Received
 Sent, or sent out
 Office Sta. sp.
 From.....
 At..... m.
 By.....
 To.....
 By.....

Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO
 Book

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 B10 24 . A A A

Lieut. Col. Scanlon informs me
 92nd Bde. Arty. are uppt
 on top of his troops
 about 0130.8.43 and are firing
 on S.O.S. line 024d Col
 This matter be rectified please
 before we move
 (2)

FROM
 PLACE & TIME
 Billet
 5pm

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493—M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....
 # s. d.
 Received
 Sent, or sent out
 Office Stamp.
 From.....
 At..... m.
 By.....
 To.....
 By.....

Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO
 Book

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 B11 24 4566 A A A

Major Lanningham has
 shifted from vicinity of
 39th Bn

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FROM
 PLACE & TIME
 Billet
 8pm

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493—M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

No. of Message *4*

Prefix *W* Code *W* Words *10*

Received *W* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

From *W* At *W* m.

By *P* To

By

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at *agw* Office *0524* m. Received *3389* m.

TO

Book

*Sender's Number *R 4/3* Day of Month *24* In reply to Number *Wm 368* **AAA**

Patrols have gone forward

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FROM *Bliss*

PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.

(27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

No. of Message *4*

Prefix *M* Code *W* Words *40*

Received *W* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

From *W* At *W* m.

By *A. G. ...* To

By

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at *AGW* Office *1514* m. Received *1514* m.

TO

Book

*Sender's Number *R 4/4* Day of Month *24* In reply to Number *AAA*

Patrol Report that a few stragglers state they saw enemy tank coming along Railway AAA

No definite information can be obtained from them AAA Enemy still shelling area in squares 28 4 29 Moderate AAA No gas noted

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FROM *Bliss*

PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.

(27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message 29

Prefix *SM* Code *SM* Words *29* Received From *AGW* Sent, or sent out At *11* m. Office Stamp
 Charges to collect By *AGW* To
 Service Instructions

Handed in at *AGW* Office *11* m. Received *11:15* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *RH/3* Day of Month *24* In reply to Number *AAA*

Lt Christian reports his position now runs N and S through O 28B and O 28D ^{AAA} he has collected about 200 East Lancs men and has them in line with him ^{AAA} report enemy to be about 100 ^{AAA} in front of him holding railway embankment also the British flank is back half way through wood square O 33B and D ^{AAA} enemy were in full marching order ^{AAA} enemy tanks located approximately at O 34 A 7-8

Received *1-30*

FROM *Bliss*

PLACE & TIME *1:10 PM*

* This line should be erased if not required. (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

"C" Form.

ARMY FORM (In books of 100)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message 31

Prefix *SM* Code *SM* Words *61* Received From *AGW* Sent, or sent out At *3:55* m. Office Stamp
 Charges to Collect By *AGW* To
 Service Instructions

Handed in at *AGW* Office *3:55* m. Received *4:05* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *10.27* Day of Month *24* In reply to Number *AAA*

Lieut CHRISTIAN in charge 59th Bn patrol reports 3:15pm holding line O 28a 57 to O 28 ~~8.7~~ with Lt-Col of each flank on left BRETONNEUX and in VILLERS L'ABBE ^{AAA} in Bois O 33 and O 34 firing contact ^{AAA} enemy tanks located under bridge have arrived here have been informed

FROM *Bliss*

PLACE & TIME *4pm*

* This line should be erased if not required. (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M1593. (E 9301) 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C (2123).

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No. of Message 80

From *AB* Code *03P* Words *68* Received. *eye* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *APR 1945*

From *eye* At *3:35* m. By *OK*

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions *Priority*

Handed in at *6 am* Office *3:35* m. Received. *4 pm*

TO

Back

*Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

Will support counter attack with 8 mobile guns four to each attacking battery aaa guns to support left battn will be at 048C 54 guns to support right battn will be at 017D53 can section officers instructed to report to battn commanders concerned aaa attack will be covered by overhead fire from 013C and D added 15 and 5de aptd 5 guns 500

FROM PLACE & TIME

5 a/c 1st Bn Battn 3:35 pm

*This line should be erased if not required.

17802 Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms O/2123.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

From *10* Code *03P* Words *24* Received. *eye* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *95*

From *eye* At *5:30* m. By *OK*

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions *urgent Oper to the*

Handed in at *5:30* Office *5:30* m. Received. *5:30*

TO

Back

*Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

Machine gun officer will report at adv. HQ with runner for GOC's instructions

Reptd to
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FROM PLACE & TIME

5 a/c 1st Bn Battn 5:30 pm

*This line should be erased if not required.

17802 Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms O/2123.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at.....m.

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

TO 15th Aus. Inf. Bde.

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

* R.L. 1 24 - A A A

I am with 24th Bde. H.Q. at
 O. 25. C. I. S. aaaa. a man from
 the Bn. which was in the line in
 front of VILLERS BRETONNEUX
 has come through to here and
 reports that enemy have advanced
 through our front line with tanks
 and flammenwerfer and that
 enemy infantry were in open
 order aaaa. Nearly all
 communications have been cut aaaa.
 This report seems fairly
 reliable aaaa. Enemy are reported
 advancing towards VILLERS
 BRETONNEUX but there are some
 troops reported to be making a stand
 in front of the village aaaa

From BLANDFORD
 Place _____
 Time 7:40. AM.

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

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 (4198) Wt. W14042-M14. 30000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at.....m.

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

TO 15th Aus. Inf. Bde.

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

* R.L.O. 2 24 - A A A

wounded soldiers coming back
 from front report that enemy
 is in VILLERS BRETONNEUX and
 is attempting to flank it on either
 side aaaa. I am still with 24th Bde.
 and they are in the rear line and
 report O.K. aaaa This Bde. are in
 touch with their division and
 have received no orders to counter
 attack. aaaa The reserve Bn. of the
 Bde. which were holding the front
 line may be doing this although we
 have no news of them as communications
 are cut with front Brigades aaaa a
 mounted orderly from left Bn. of
 right Division has just come through
 with a verbal report that the enemy

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) 49

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 (4198) Wt. W14042-M14. 30000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at _____ m.

Sent _____ Date _____

At _____ m. Service. From _____

To _____

By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____

TO { II }

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

are attacking between CACHY and DOMART aaa Our tanks have been ordered to support the line and the heavy artillery have been informed aaa The reserve Bn. of this Bde. have now been ordered to counter attack VILLERS BRETONNEUX and join up on the eastern side of the village with the 25th Bde. who are holding the line north of the main road and who are reported to have swung back a defensive flank aaa

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From BLANDFORD

Place O.25.C.1.5.

Time 10. am

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

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at _____ m.

Sent _____ Date _____

At _____ m. Service. From _____

To _____

By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____

TO { 15th Aus. Inf. Bde. }

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

a report came through some time ago that enemy were entering wood in O.34 A. and C. but this seems unreliable as a later report timed 12 noon states that we are holding a line in O.34. A. and C. aaa. The CACHY SWITCH line which runs through U.4. A, U.3. B and D and U.9. A. is being held by Suffolks with a support of our tanks aaa. a fresh enemy attack is reported to be developing ON CACHY aaa Our small tanks (4 or 8) are reported to be operating in that area aaa. The 24th Bde. have shifted their Hqs. slightly and I am now at O.30. D. 9.0. aaa.

From _____

Place _____

Time _____

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

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

TO

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* Sender's Number.

Day of Month

In reply to Number

A A A

Your B.M. 384 and B.M. 390
ackn. aaa enemy shellfire
rather quiet now aaa.
Information from the front line
is very scrappy and not at
all definite aaa Two tanks
passed here on North side of main
road going forward about an
hour ago aaa.

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From **BLANDFORD**
Place 0.30. D.9.0
Time 1.25 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z) *Blandford*

Censor.

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

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(4198) Wt. W14042-M14. 30000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

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

TO

15th Ais. Inf. Bde.

* Sender's Number.

Day of Month

In reply to Number

A A A

* R.L.O. 4

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Our line now appears to be held
firmly about 300 yards east of
CAC #4 and thence in a North
easterly direction to approximately
U.3.A.9.8 aaa. It then seems to
end and some of the enemy are
now definitely reported to be
in BOIS D'ADVENNE in the
eastern end aaa. Although the
enemy are in occupation of that
end of the wood it is still being
shelled with enemy 5.9's. aaa
The line which runs through
O.32.A.7.2. is being re-inforced
and re-organised aaa. During
the attack the enemy are reported
to have made full use of his

From
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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(4198) Wt. W14042-M14. 30000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

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

TO { II }
 Sender's Number. _____ Day of Month _____ In reply to Number _____
 * _____ **AAA**

Tanks and machine guns pushing the latter forward rapidly aaa. Enemy infantry were not reported as "massed" at any time but generally followed the tanks in open order aaa. The counter attack Bn. which went forward before midday have as yet sent in no report and their advance appears to have been broken up while going through the BOIS L'ABBE aaa. Correction aaa in my R.L.O. 3 for 0.30. D.9.0. read N.30. D.9.0. aaa 24th Bde. Hqs are now under railway bridge. aaa.

From BLANDFORD
 Place 0.25. C. 1. 1.
 Time 4.50 pm.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.
 (Z) Blandford
 Censor. _____ Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name. _____
 * This line should be erased if not required.

her Blandford
 Sent _____ m. Service _____ Date _____
 At _____ m. _____
 To _____
 By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.") _____

TO { 15th Aus. Inf. Bde. }
 Sender's Number. _____ Day of Month _____ In reply to Number _____
 * R.L.O. 6. 27 **AAA**

Situation unchanged and quiet aaa. I have just returned from the line through BOIS L'ABBE and that line appears quite firm aaa. I have rec'd. your operation order also amendment No. 1. aaa

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From BLANDFORD
 Place 0.25. C. 1. 1.
 Time 7.45 pm.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.
 (Z) Blandford
 Censor. _____ Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name. _____
 * This line should be erased if not required.

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C.O. 50th Bn is here
 is going into the AUBIGNY
 line from 57th E railway
 line. 6/12

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Code *BM* Words *60*
 Received *AM 90* Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.
 From *AM 90* At m.
 By *Greenman* To
 By
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at *AM 90* Office *2109* m. Received *2 309* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *W 1* Day of Month *24th* In reply to Number *AAA*

Our approximate line not certain whether we hold CACHY then through V 4 Central 035 Central then due N on rid 035-29 then due E along bottom of rid line 023 D and 024 C and D hence to 54th Bn through P 19 central AAA Enemy massing in front of 54th Bn sector AAA Repeated 57th Bn

FROM *Lt Col Watson*
 PLACE & TIME *0808.8 215 PM*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message..... (In books of 100.)

Prefix *SM* Code *BM* Words.....
 Received *AM 90* Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.
 From *AM 90* At m.
 By *Greenman* To
 By
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at *AM 90* Office *2109* m. Received *2 351* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *W 6* Day of Month *24th* In reply to Number *AAA*

BM 24th Inf Bde (English) reports that 1/5th Bn FORESTERS will counter attack VILLERS-BRETONEUX AAA Time of attack asked for but not supplied AAA message proceeds if attack is impossible owing to position of enemy the FORESTERS will take up a position along edge of wood and prevent any move of the enemy out of the village AAA what edge of wood not stated read it as eastern side

FROM *Lt Col Watson*
 PLACE & TIME *0808.8 2 PM*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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Prefix *SM* Code *BDPN* Words.....
 Received *MG90* Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.
 From *MG90* At..... m.
 By *Greenman* To.....
 By.....

Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at *MG90* Office *L207* m. Received *7 26 P* m.

TO *Book Reported Col Laph*

*Sender's Number *W 3* Day of Month *24th* In reply to Number *AAA*

My L.H. Patrol reports that English troops on Right of 14th Bde very low as regards morale and officers w/way fell back from last position without firing a shot

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FROM *Lt Col Watson*
 PLACE & TIME *O 8 C 8.8 2.10 PM*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7495-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

Prefix *SM* Code *BDPN* Words.....
 Received *MG90* Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.
 From *MG90* At..... m.
 By *Greenman* To.....
 By.....

Charges to collect
 Service Instructions. *1 of 2 pads*
 Handed in at *MG90* Office *2307* m. Received *2 25 P* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *W 5* Day of Month *24th* In reply to Number *AAA*

A Battery R.H. Artillery are dealing with enemy and tank in O 28 D AAA

FROM *Lt Col Watson*
 PLACE & TIME *O 8 C 8.8 2.15 PM*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7495-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix *SM* Code *BK91* Words.....
 Received From *AKG0* Sent, or sent out At.....m.
 Charges to collect By.....
 Service Instructions *1072 aads*
 Handed in at *AKG0* Office *2508* m. Received *310* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *W 7* Day of Month *24th* In reply to Number *AAA*

Lt. Patrol report 17th Lines in position in 029 A+B just scraped in AAA. Morale very low AAA. Have already dropped back twice without firing a shot AAA Australian sergeant rallying them AAA attack on 54th Battalion in P19 C+B beaten off with heavy enemy losses AAA

FROM *Lt Col Watson*
 PLACE & TIME *0808.8 2.35pm*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8970) Wt. w. 7493—M357 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix *SM* Code *CBWP* Words.....
 Received From *AKG0* Sent, or sent out At.....m.
 Charges to collect By.....
 Service Instructions *1072 aads*
 Handed in at *AKG0* Office *3150* m. Received *327* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *W 9* Day of Month *24* In reply to Number *3m 396* *AAA*

A Battery R14A dealing with letter 3 tanks AAA Location of Battery 016 C3.3

FROM *Lt Col Watson*
 PLACE & TIME *0808.8 3.27pm*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8970) Wt. w. 7493—M357 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message **107**

Prefix **SM** Code **BEA** Words **138** Received **11/10** Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.
 £ s. d. From **11/10** At m.
 Charges to collect By To
 Service Instructions **1072 adds** By
 Handed in at **11/10** Office **255** m. Received **335** m.

TO **Book**

*Sender's Number **W 10** Day of Month **24/10** In reply to Number **AAA**

Cpl Royal Berke 24th Bde with party of 25 stragglers states they were told to fall back to next redoubt from centre of village of VILLERS-BRETONNEAUX by their major his party had not suffered any casualties but shells had fallen close to them AAA party sent back to HQ of 56 Bn at 0 17 C 3.7 for return to the line AAA

FROM Lt Col Watson **108**
 PLACE & TIME **0 8 C 3.8 3.15 PM**

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message **108**

Prefix **SM** Code **BEA** Words **138** Received **11/10** Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.
 £ s. d. From **11/10** At m.
 Charges to Collect By **11/10** To
 Service Instructions **1072 adds** By
 Handed in at **11/10** Office **410** m. Received **450** m.

TO **Book Repeat Bulletin**

*Sender's Number **W 13** Day of Month **24/10** In reply to Number **AAA**

CO 56 Bn reports situation is very obscure on our right AAA 25th Bde have retired through VILLERS-B which enemy now occupy AAA we are collecting men of English units and reorganising them 54th Bn on line still hold their original line AAA 56 Bn Bn is right reserve Bn of 14th Bde and owing to position on right being uncertain have taken up the reserve road FELDY-VILLERS Road AAA our right flank (56th) is approximately at 0 22 B 5.8 AAA there does not appear to be much movement

FROM **in vicinity of VILLERS**
 PLACE & TIME **enemy moving across front**

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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No. of Message

Prefix	Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect			From	At	90
Service Instructions			By	To	
Handed in at			Office	m. Received	

TO

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
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of 54th Bn to VILLERS-B
 Right flank of 54th Bn is at P19B8.0
 from there line runs to 029A7.3
 (approximately) from there
 south to 035 centre from there
 obscure

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FROM	L. Col Watson
PLACE & TIME	08088 345 PM

*This line should be erased if not required.

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

TO { BOOK.

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
1118	24 th		

Herewith dispositions of 25th
 English Bde for to-night
 24/25th April 1918

AUSTRALIAN
 428/371
 7.30 PM
 INFANTRY DIVISION

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From	L. Col Watson
Place	08088
Time	7 PM
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.	
Censor.	(Z) [Signature]
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.	

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

Code Words From At m. By

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at Office m. Received.

alpn

Rock

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

Reason 14th Pde and 25th
 Rifle Brigade report 6.20
 an right Coy 25th on main
 VILLERS-BRETTONEAUX ROAD
 had given ground and
 counter attack arranged
 situation obscure owing
 mist and front on 14th
 Pde report slight arty
 and no infantry action
 and enemy shelling
 CORBIE gas and HES

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FROM PLACE & TIME

McKenna
 8.0

*This line should be erased if not required.

Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

Code Words From At m. By

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at Office m. Received.

alpn

Rock

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

Enemy coming down
 road from VILLERS-BRETTONEAUX
 to FOUILLOY and one
 battalion this brigade
 astride road

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FROM PLACE & TIME

McKenna
 8.45 am

*This line should be erased if not required.

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187

From Code *59* Words *59* Received. Sent, or sent out. Price Stamp.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at *apw* Office *9:40 am* Received. *10:40 am*

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *24* Day of Month *24* In reply to Number *AAA*

Enemy	holds	villers	aaa
Right	flank	this	bde
runs	through	016 D	and 17 C
aaa	line	of	bde
on	right	of	12 th
Thought	run	through	
019 A	and	B aaa	Enemy
tanks	reported	W of	villers
aaa	expect	here strong	
attack	from	south and	
West	of	villers	aaa
8 th Bde	repulsed	two	
enemy	attacks	HO strong	

FROM *Pic Kenna*

PLACE & TIME *9:40 am*

*This line should be erased if not required.

Wt. W14532/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

Code *adi* Received. Sent, or sent out. Price Stamp.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at *apw* Office *10:50 am* Received. *10:50 am*

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *24* Day of Month *24* In reply to Number *AAA*

Message received 14th Bde
10:28 am indications
to show attack
may be expected
from south and west
of VILLERS BRETTONEAUX
Enemy tanks have
been sighted aaa
Ends aaa

66

FROM *Lanson*

PLACE & TIME *8th Bde*

*This line should be erased if not required.

Wt. W14532/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

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Prefix *SM* Code *MLPM* Words *19*
 Received _____ Sent, or sent out _____
 From *HQU* At _____ m.
 By *Greenwood* To _____
 Charges to collect _____
 Service Instructions _____
 Handed in at *HQU* Office *1255A* m. Received *12.22* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *304* Day of Month *24* In reply to Number *B396* **AAA**

Patrol sent out AAA will
report on return AAA

83

FROM *Lt Col Layh*
 PLACE & TIME *12.55 PM*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8970) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

Prefix *SM* Code *AEP* Words *91*
 Received _____ Sent, or sent out _____
 From *HQU* At _____ m.
 By *Layh* To _____
 Charges to collect _____
 Service Instructions _____
 Handed in at *HQU* Office *130P* m. Received *1.30P* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *C05* Day of Month *24* In reply to Number **AAA**

The Rand 59th Bn sent
back from forward reports
that the Christian and
Callender with patrol of
59th Bn are with East Lanes
in 0280 AAA. They hold
railway bank with enemy
in cutting immediately in
front AAA of enemy tanks on
to railway line ahead AAA. Enemy
are in wood on south of
Road AAA. The Rand left
about midday with message
AAA Light Horse patrol mentioned
in Bn. 396 report they could find
no information of tanks AAA. They
have gone out before AAA

FROM *Layh*
 PLACE & TIME *1.25 PM 91*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8970) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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Received. Sent, or sent out. Fee Stamp.

From: *AAA* At: *10:30* m.

By: *[Signature]* To: *Book*

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at: *ACX* Office: *10700* m. Received: *10:31A* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number: *W15* Day of Month: *24* In reply to Number: *AAA*

Moving to assembly position

AAA moving from assembly

position 10:30 AM

59

FROM: *Bracket*

PLACE & TIME: *10:57 AM*

*This line should be erased if not required.

17802) Wt. W14832/M1583. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

Prefix: *13* Code: *13* Words: *13*

From: *10700* At: *10:30* m.

By: *[Signature]* To: *Book*

Charges to collect

Service Instructions.

Handed in at: *ACX* Office: *10700* m. Received: *10:31A* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number: *W15* Day of Month: *24* In reply to Number: *AAA*

Situation Report from Ham

to Gam the enemy shelled

vicinity of camp faintly

heavily with gas + HE AAA

only 1 shell fell in the camp

AAA. Occasional HE + shrapnel

since Gam

122

FROM: *Bracket*

PLACE & TIME: *10:57 AM*

*This line should be erased if not required.

(18 8070) Wt. w. 7496-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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N.Q. 15th Bde N.Q.'s

Report made established at SHED in OGC and runners despatched to inform 59th 60th of this.

Line is down between here and 58th Bn but Lt SCHRODIER is running a new one.

Shelling is mainly concentrated SOUTH of BLANCY NUBICNY ROAD, on the VILLERS DRETTONEUX RIDGE and along NORTH side of DOIS L'ABBE.

ALL high ground in front appears to be in our possession

W Doyle Capt

OGC
11.5 am

65

Prefix <i>110</i> Code <i>FLP</i> Words <i>33</i>	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp
Charges to collect	From <i>1010</i>	At <i>100</i> m.	<i>100</i>
Service Instructions.	By <i>1010</i>	To	
		By	

Handed in at *1010* Office *5257* m. Received *6144* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number <i>DB82</i>	Day of Month <i>24th</i>	In reply to Number	AAA
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We have here a liaison officer of a 6 gun Bty RHA firing from 1016C33 and can they be given task to help 59th and 60th

136

FROM *Doyle*
PLACE & TIME *15.15 pm*

* This line should be erased if not required.
(B 8070) Wt. w. 7493—M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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Prefix *M* Code *16* Words *£ s. d.* Received *9 3*
 From *P. J. ...* Sent, or sent out *9 3*
 By *A. J. ...* At *...* m.
 To *...*
 By *...*
 Handed in at *...* Office *...* m. Received *...* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *51601* Day of Month *24th* In reply to Number *AAA*

Report from Light Horse Patrol
 as follows Situation as far as
 we know AAA 54th report
 that the Troops which were
 massing on their front are
 moving towards our right
 (towards PR5) AAA Morale of
 Troops on our right does
 not appear to be good. I have
 collected a good number of
 Lewis Gunners & some vicars &
 am using them scattered
 amongst my posts AAA Lack of
 Morale seems due to the fact that
 there are no officers with these
 men AAA Our original BoC
 front remains unchanged

FROM *...*
 PLACE & TIME *...*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (D 8970) Wt. w. 7493—M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

Prefix *M* Code *16* Words *£ s. d.* Received *9 3*
 From *P. J. ...* Sent, or sent out *9 3*
 By *A. J. ...* At *...* m.
 To *...*
 By *...*
 Handed in at *...* Office *...* m. Received *...* m.

TO *2*

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

Line falls back from P19
 880 to 029 A73 (approx)
 5 to 35 Central from there
 obscure

125

Book 6.35 pm.

FROM *P. J. ...*
 PLACE & TIME *56th Bn*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (D 8970) Wt. w. 7493—M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

APPENDIX 30 191

Prefix *Am* Code *D* Words *57* Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.
 £ s. d. From *2000* At *9:17*
 Charges to collect By *CC* To
 Service Instructions. By

Handed in at *2000* Office *4* m. Received *5:20* m.

TO *I.O. Book*

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number **AAA**
244

*Situation report vicinity DFOURS and
 our line were heavily shelled
 5.9° and 4.2° and a
 flew 8 ~~mi~~ inch high 4:30 am
 to 12 noon Situation now
 just hostile aircraft enemy plane
 flying low flew backwards and
 forwards along beachway cutting Ord &
 1000' aft of 3.30 pm today*

132

FROM *IO Border*
 PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

Prefix *Am* Code *D* Words *46* Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.
 £ s. d. From At
 Charges to collect By To
 Service Instructions. By

Handed in at *2000* Office *12:13* m. Received *12:17* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number **AAA**
5283 24

*owing lost direction forward
 move did not develop till
 11 pm aaaa all battal now
 report moving in close cooperation
 aaaa should be securing first
 objective aaaa in touch with
 all bn hq aaaa sent 15th
 Repta 14th Bde and 25th Bde*

164

FROM *Rept Centre*
 PLACE & TIME *11.45 pm*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *This message is on a/c of:* Recd. at m.

Sent m. Service. *1*

At m. Service.

To From

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO 57th Bn. 59th Bn.
58th Bn. 60th Bn.

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

* 18 M 367 24

Following liaison officers will move at once and report for duty A.A.A.

Lieut. MCKENNA, 58 Bn.
to 14th Inf Bde. HQ. AAA

Lieut. STALEY, 57 Bn.
to 8th Inf Bde HQ. AAA

Lieut. BLANDFORD
to right reserve Bde HQ.

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From Book
Place
Time 4 15 AM

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

* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.
Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

Prefix. Code. Words. Charge. Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *This message is on a/c of:* Recd. at m.

Sent m. Service. *1*

At m. Service.

To From

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO 59th Bn. 57 Bn.
58th Bn. 60th Bn.
59 Bn.

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

* 18 M 368 24 14 M Bde. 24 HQ. AAA

59th Bn will be prepared to counter attack along the spur running through 10 27, 28, 29 and 30 A.A.A. Send forward independent patrols as far as grid line running north and south between squares 28 and 29 A.A.A. They should have communication with 57 Bn forward companies to you by message and wire if possible A.A.A.

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From
Place
Time

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Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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

TO

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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Roll of mine being forwarded you sent this should not delay party moving off AKA on going through the Reserve line they should notify British troops on sight of 57 Bn that they are going forward to be counter in case of counter attack AKA you will reconnoitre shortest route with gaps in mine at once. AKA.

From Both
 Place 4 4 AM
 Time

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 W.L. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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

TO

3

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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adad 59 Bn repeated
 59 Bn 58 Bn and
 60 Bn. AKA Acknowledged.
 reptd ~~tools~~ tools; 14 A.B.de
 24 A.T.B.de

From Both
 Place 4 50 AM
 Time

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 W.L. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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

TO: 60th Bn, 57 Bn, 58 Bn, 59 Bn, Tools, 74 ATRde

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
BM 369	24	AAA

60th Bn will be prepared to counter attack along the spurs running through O 16 C 018, O 18, O 5, thence along the track through O 24 b, O 19 C, O 25 b AAA send forward independent patrols as far as grid line between O 18 and O 24 AAA. They should have communication between 57 Bn ~~and~~ forward companies to you by signal and

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

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 Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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

TO: 2

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

more if possible AAA. You will recompute shortest route with gaps in mine at once AAA. added to Bn repeated for information to 57 Bn, 58 Bn, and 59 Bn, ~~and~~ Tools, 74 ATRde, 24 ATR Bde.

From	Book.
Place	
Time	5:15 AM.
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)	
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.
 Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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

TO { ~~XXXX LXXX~~ }

Sender's Number. Day of Month In reply to Number
 * Bm 407 24 A A A

The operations mentioned in Bm. 368 + 369 will be carried out in conjunction with 9th Div. at time to be notified later. a a a following alterations to be noted a a a attack to be made by 60 Bn on left 59 Bn on right with 154 Bn in immediate reserve a a a the attack will be made in two bounds 1st objective being the road running from road junction 018 C 5.3

From _____ Place _____ Time _____

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

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

* This line should be erased if not required.

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

TO { 2 }

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

exclusive or sufficiently close thereto to be in close touch with 14th Bde front line which is stated to be about 019 A central a a a a reconnaissance will be made to ascertain definitely where this flank will rest a a a the right of the 60th Bn. will extend to road junction in 024 A 5.2 inclusive a a a 59th Bn. will extend from last mentioned road junction to edge of WILLYERS - BIRETON MEUX.

From _____ Place _____ Time _____

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

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* This line should be erased if not required.

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

TO

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

as the Inter-Bn. Boundary is subject to adjustment by Bn. Comdrs. concerned.
 aaaa When first objective is secured the left of both will swing forward until a point is reached about 013 C 3.0 so as to bring front parallel to road running from ~~020~~ 020 A 3.6 to 025 C 0.3 which will be the second objective.
 aaaa Inter Bn. Boundary is provisionally fixed at road junction in 025 b 2.8 which is

From
Place
Time

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

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

* This line should be erased if not required. (4198) Wt. W14042-M14. 300000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

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

TO

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

inclusive to both Bn.
 aaaa This second movement will pivot on right of the left Bn which will swing round so as to flank VILERS-BRETOANBOUX
 aaaa The object of the movement is to threaten the enemy's communications on the WATRUSEE-ABANCOURT ROAD and regain our front line
 aaaa It ~~may~~ not be necessary to proceed entirely to the second objective as our old front line is no so far forward

From
Place
Time

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

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

* This line should be erased if not required. (4198) Wt. W14042-M14. 300000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

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

TO

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

aaa ~~is~~ if real objective i.e. capture of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX can be obtained and our old front line restored without going so far aaa The 8th Div. is attacking astride the Ry and will clear the railway village aaa The 57 Bn will be in immediate reserve and will be ready to carry out similar duties ~~if~~ in event 8th Div. ~~is~~ not getting forward. aaa

From
Place
Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
(4198) Wt. W14042-M14. 300000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

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

TO

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

Trench mortar Battery will co-operate as in previous order aaa your mobile M.G. have been allotted to each sq and Co Bns aaa ~~the position of guns left~~ position of guns left Bn 018 L & Right Bn 017 D aaa Liaison officer is reporting to Bde advanced report centre where Bns concerned will get touch with him and issue instructions as to task of guns aaa

From
Place
Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
(4198) Wt. W14042-M14. 300000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

(in parts of 100)
No. of Message

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

TO

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

*
Please arrange for mobile horse artillery Batt. to co-operate closely with advanced Bde H.Q. will move to 57 Bn. H.Q. immediately operations are ordered and 59 and 60 Bns. will move at once to positions preparatory to attack on first objective on receipt of this order and medical arrangements will be notified later and acknowledge.

From **Book**
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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

* This line should be erased if not required.

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

TO

57 Bn. 59 Bn.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
* Bm 370 24

Re B.M. 368 AAA you will be prepared to assemble your Bn. and support the attack referred to if required. A.A.A.
Adsd 57 Bn repta
59 Bn.

From **Book**
Place
Time **5.10 A.M.**

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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

* This line should be erased if not required.

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

TO { 58 Bn 60 Bn }

Sender's Number. Day of Month In reply to Number
 * Bm 371 24 AAA

Re Bm 369 A.A.A. You will be prepared to assemble your Bn and support the attack referred to if required A.A.A. Adsd 58 Bn reptd 60 Bn.

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From Book Place 5.15 A.M. Time

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

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

TO { 57 Bn 59 Bn 15th HTMB 58 Bn 60 Bn }

Sender's Number. Day of Month In reply to Number
 * Bm 372 24 AAA

Front has quietened down considerably A.A.A. Take steps to rest and feed the men but remain in state of readiness. A.A.A. adsd. all Bde units.

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From Book Place 6.30 A.M. Time

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

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

TO Lt Reid. No 4 Tp. 13 L.H.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* Bm 373	24		

Message from Div states you are to rest and feed the men and remain in constant state of readiness awaiting further orders.

(17)

From 15 A.T. Bde
 Place
 Time 6.30 AM

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

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

TO 57 Bn 59 Bn 60 Bn 15 A.T. M.B.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* Bm 374	24		

at 6.40 AM Bosche reported to be advancing up railway in V1 and 2 and had driven in left. Bn. of Right Bde of Right Div AAA

Situation believed to be well in hand AAA Right Bde HQ Right Div on 0.31 A. being heavily gas shelled and communications cut.

Verbal (20)

From Bde
 Place
 Time 7.45 AM

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

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

TO { 59 Bm

Sender's Number. Day of Month In reply to Number
 * Bm 375 24 AAA

See B.M. 374 A.A.A.
 Having regard to the message you will be prepared to attack along the railway to the south of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX A.A.A.
 Instruct your independent patrol to reconnoitre in this direction.

(21)

From Book
 Place
 Time 7.55 AM

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

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

TO { 507 Bm 60 Bm
 58 Bm 15 ALT MIB
 59 Bm B.S.O 90 57 Bm

Sender's Number. Day of Month In reply to Number
 * Bm 376 24 AAA

Enemy gas falling in N 30 and 36 also in O 25 and 26 A.A.A.
 Warn everybody and take necessary precautions.

(22)

From Book
 Place
 Time 8 AM

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) G. J. Gallant
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Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Reed. at	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.							Date
Sent			Service.			Date	
At			m.			From	
To						By	
By			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")				

TO { 15 ALT.M.B
57 Bn

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* Bm 377	24		

You will maintain four men on duty continuously at 57 Bn HQ. to receive messages for you AAA
 Added 15 ALT.M.B repected
 57 Bn.

(23)

From	Book
Place	
Time	8 AM

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

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

TO { Tools 57 Bn ✓
57 Bn 50 Bn
58 Bn 15 ALT.M.B

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* Bm 378	24		

7:40 AM Our right liaison reports at 7:40 AM men who were in line in front of VILLERS-BRETTONNEUX had come through and reports enemy have advanced through our front line with ~~5~~ tanks and flamethrower AAA. Enemy infantry in open order AAA nearly all communications have been cut AAA. Enemy reported advancing towards VILLERS-BRETTONNEUX but there are some troops reported to be making a stand in front of the village AAA.

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From	
Place	
Time	

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

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

TO 2

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
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59 Bn. advanced patrol at grid line O 28 and 29 report that a few stragglers have come through who state they saw enemy tank coming along railway AAA. No definite information can be obtained from them AAA. Enemy still shelling area in squares 28 and 29 moderate AAA. No gas noted. AAA message timed 7.50 AM. AAA Adsd Tools reptd units of Bde.

From Book
Place 8.20 pm.
Time

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

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

TO Tools 57 Bn 60 Bn
58 Bn 15 AL TM.B
59 Bn

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
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* Bm 379 2.4
Our 5th Bde liaison reports that ~~the~~ left Bde night Div reports at 6.20 AM. Their ~~reports~~ had given ground AAA. Counter attack arranged AAA. Situation obscure owing to mist AAA. No infantry action this Div. front.

From Book
Place 8.45 AM.
Time

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

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

TO { Lieut. Blanford
Right Liaison.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* Bm 380	24		

57 Bm report verbally at 8.30 Am. that an officer of arty taking horses up to forward 18 pr guns had stated that English troops had retired from f.l. and were half way through VILLERS-BRET. Report entirely unofficial.

From	Book.	(30)
Place		
Time	8.35 A.M.	

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

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

TO { 57 Bm.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* Bm 382	24		

Re your verbal report to P.M. AAA so far as Div. can ascertain ~~report~~ situation is alright P.M. Try and ascertain name of officer giving information and in future take name and full particulars under similar circumstances.

From	Book.	(33)
Place		
Time	8.50 Am.	

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

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

TO 57 Bn 59 Bn 15 MLTB
58 Bn 60 Bn 14th AT Bde
8th A.I. Bde.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* 18M383	24		

~~59 and 60 Bns will~~
59 and 60 Bns will
move at once in
accordance with B.M. 368
and 369 AAA. The night
of the 56 Bn is ~~at~~
~~at~~ at 016 B
AAA. Enemy advances from
WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT
AAA. Get into touch with
troops on either flank
AAA. 57 Bn will move
as soon as possible
echeloned to right rear

From	
Place	
Time	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) 36	
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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

TO 2

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

of 59 Bn and ultimately
attack if required along
railway to right of
VILLERS-BRETONNEUX
clearing it by an
enveloping movement
AAA Scouts in front as
soon as past AUBIGNY
LINE AAA. All British
troops to be rallied and
reformed as our troops
which through them they
selected officers and on
any hesitation to be
shot AAA Bns to
maintain touch AAA.

From	
Place	
Time	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) 35	
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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

TO { 3 }

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

58 Bn to prepare to
 move at once reporting
 when ready A.A.A.
 objective is to restore
 our front line in
 prolongation of 14th
 Bde. A.A.A. all units
 report when ready to move A.A.A.

add 59, 58, 59, 60 Bns reptd 15 ALTME 14 RT Bde 24 RT Bde
 From Book. 54 Tools.
 Place _____
 Time 9.5 A.M.

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

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

S.D.R.

TO { Rt Blanford
 24th Bde H.Q.
 025 C 15 }

Sender's Number. _____ Day of Month _____ In reply to Number _____
 * BM384 24 A A A

59 Bn are moving at
 once to enter attack along the
 spur running through
 0127, 28, 29 and 30 A.A.A.
 60 Bn are moving at

1.5
4.5

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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

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

TO { 57 Bn 59 Bn 15 ALT. M.B.
 58 Bn 60 Bn

Sender's Number. * BM 385 Day of Month 24 In reply to Number A A A

Brigade Command post
 and report centre will
 be established at once
 at 58 Bn right Company
 Headquarters O 8 C. 8. 8

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From Book Place 9.25 a.m. Time

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

(4198) Wt. W14013-M14. 30000 Pads 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

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

TO { 57 Bn 59 Bn 15 ALT. M.B.
 58 Bn 60 Bn

Sender's Number. * BM 386 Day of Month 24 In reply to Number A A A

~~57 Bn 59 Bn 15 ALT. M.B.~~
 Right flank of 14th A.I. Bde
 is now at P 19 A and
 B A.A.A. 56 Bn is in
 reserve and outside the
 WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT ~~ROAD~~
 FOUILLOY ROAD in 017 C and
 016 B

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From Book Place 9.40 a.m. Time

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

(4198) Wt. W14013-M14. 30000 Pads 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

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

TO { 57 Bn 59 Bn 15 HLTMB
 58 Bn 60 Bn

Sender's Number. Day of Month In reply to Number
 * RM 387 24 A A A

one ~~troop~~ troop 13 #
 A.L.H. under Lieut.
 REID is reporting to
 CO. 59 Bn and later to
 CO. 57 Bn. to watch
 right flank of units.

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From Book.
 Place
 Time 9.40 A.M.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.
 * This line should be erased if not required.

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

TO {

Sender's Number. Day of Month In reply to Number
 * RM 388 A A A

one to counter attack along
 the spur running through
 576 C, 018, 05
 trench along the track
 through 024 b, P. 19
 576 C, P. 25, A.A.H.

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From Book.
 Place
 Time 9.45 A.M.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.
 * This line should be erased if not required.

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Prefix 22 Code TEXT m. Words 22 Charge TEXT
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. 22 TEXT This message is on a ... Recd. at ... m.
also Sent ... Service. Date ...
 At ... m. From ...
 To ... By ... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO Troops. 15ALTM B 14 A1 Bde
All Bns 8th A1 Bde
Right Division 13th L. A.

Sender's Number. B M 390 Day of Month 24 In reply to Number AAA

Stand fast as
 British are endeavoring
 to restore line
 themselves AAA But
 be ready ~~to~~
 for instant
 action. add all Bns except
8th 14 Bde, 13th L. A.
58th R. / 10.5A
60th J. Bde

From Book Place 10 AM Time 10 AM

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

Prefix 22 Code TEXT m. Words 22 Charge TEXT
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. 22 TEXT This message is on a ... Recd. at ... m.
 Sent ... Service. Date ...
 At ... m. From ...
 To ... By ... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO Rt. Col. LATH,
5th Bn

Sender's Number. B M 391 Day of Month 24 In reply to Number AAA

Until you move off from
 present position you will
 act as my representative
 AAA take charge of light
 horse use them ~~to get~~
 tough and information with 8th
 British Div. and 14th Bde
~~AAA~~ AAA ~~units~~ now
 runs P19 C at point
 104 Hence 027 D, 023,
 022 C and D to
 026 B A.A.A. British are
 counter attacking on
 right AAA. L.H. ~~to get~~

From Book Place 10 AM Time 10 AM

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

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

TO { _____

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

in close touch with
 situation and should
 be repulsed, but
 plan with instant operation
~~AAA should put~~
~~it~~
~~at~~
 informing me AAA.
 13th Aust Inf Bde
 are to the right of
 BOIS L'ABBE in support of
 British AAA should you
 attack as ordered

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (4198) Wt. W14013-M14. 300000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

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

TO { _____

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

try to get touch
 with them. AAA Batt of
 Horse Art. reporting
 to you to support the
 attack AAA. He shd
 thoroughly reconnoitre
 position forward
 and if he finds

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (4198) Wt. W14013-M14. 300000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

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

TO { _____

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

Target let him go
 into action without
 waiting for our
 attack but must
 closely support
 when we move.

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From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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

* This line should be erased if not required.

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

TO { 57 B to Bn
 58 B L T M B
 79 B W A Bde

Sender's Number. _____ Day of Month _____ In reply to Number _____
 * BM392 24 A A A

wounded coming back
 from front report enemy
 in Villers Bretonneux
 and is attempting to get
 it on either side. A B T
 24 A Bde are in touch
 with their div. and
 have received no
 orders to counter
 attack. A B B Reserve
 on of Bde which
 were holding front
 line may be
 doing this A B B.

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From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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

* This line should be erased if not required.

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

TO

Sender's Number.

Day of Month

In reply to Number

A A A

*

held orderly from left B
 of report from ~~the post~~
 give verbal report
 that enemy are attacking
 between C & D and
 DO MARK T A.A.A.
 Reserve of the Brigade
 have now been
 ordered to counter attack
 on Villers Bretonneux.

From

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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

* This line should be erased if not required.

(4198) Wt. W14042-M14. 300000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. G. & S

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

TO

Sender's Number.

Day of Month

In reply to Number

A A A

*

and from up on
 Eastern side of
 village with 15th
 Brigade are
 holding line NORTH
 of main road and
 in house spotted
 to have sunk
 back at
 departure from
 A.A.A. Above received from
 report sent timed 10 AM.

From

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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

* This line, except A A A, should be erased if not required.
 Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *D. is message is on a.c. of:* Recd. at _____ m.

Sent _____ Date _____ Service _____

At _____ m. From _____

To _____ By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { 57th 59th
58th 60th
15th L.T.M. B Liaison 24th Pde

Sender's Number. Day of Month In reply to Number
*Bm 393 24 A A A

Following received Liaison 8th
and 2nd Pde Aaa message
received 14th Pde 10.25 am
indications go to show
attack may be expected from
SOUTH and WEST of
VILLERS-BRETTONEAUX. Aaa Enemy
tanks have been sighted and
Ends Aaa as many officers
as possible will reconnoitre
ground over which an advance
if any will be made

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From Book
Place 11-15 am
Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
(4198) Wt. W14042-M44. 300000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Recd. at _____ m.

Sent _____ Date _____ Service _____

At _____ m. From _____

To _____ By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { Tools. *Label for 59th Bn*

Sender's Number. Day of Month In reply to Number
*Bm 394 24 A A A

Cpl. KINCAID, 59th Bn. has
returned from one of
our advanced patrols
and reports our line
runs along North and
South Gild in 028 AAA.
The patrol, in charge of
Lt. CHRISTIAN 59th was
in touch with British on
right but there was 400
yds between our patrol and
troops on left AAA KINCAID
saw tanks or armoured
cars moving in 034B AAA.
All this occurred about
10.15 am.

From Book
Place Book
Time 11.45 am.

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
(4198) Wt. W14042-M44. 300000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

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

TO { 57 Bn
58 Bn
59 Bn } 60 Bn
15 ALT MB

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* BM395	24		

Three tanks have been placed at the disposal of 8th Div. on right to assist their counter attack and deal with hostile tanks.

(59)

From Book
Place
Time 10.55 A.M.

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

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

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

TO { Lt Col. LAYH,
57 Bn }

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* BM396	24		

Enemy tanks are reported in 032 A but this is unconfirmed AAA. These are probably our tanks moving up AAA. Get L.H. to investigate.

(59)

From Book
Place
Time 12.20 A.M.

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

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *This message is on a/c of:* at _____ m.

Sent _____ Service. Date _____

At _____ m. From _____

To _____ By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { 57 Bn 60 Bn adv. Bde.
58 Bn 5 A.L.T.M.B.
59 Bn 13th L.H. B

* Sender's Number 13m 397 Day of Month 24 In reply to Number A A A

message ~~reads~~ from Right Bde reads our front line runs just west of VILLERS - BRETONNEUX. Run due east along North of village to old line A.A.A. Think 22 DLI are on your right A.A.A. 1/5 Foresters are going to counter attack along whole front of village A.A.A. objective Eastern side. Message ends A.A.A. add all Bde units Lt Reid 13 L.H. (74)

From Book Place 12.30 p.m. Time

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

Prefix _____ Code _____ m. Charge _____

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *This message is on a/c of:* Recd. at _____ m.

Sent _____ Service. Date _____

At _____ m. From _____

To _____ By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { Tools 59 Bn. 5 A.L.T.M.B.
57 Bn 60 Bn. 8 A.L. Bde
58 Bn 15 A.L.T.M.B. 14 A.L. Bde.

* Sender's Number 13m 398 Day of Month 24 In reply to Number A A A

See O.M. 383 A.A.A. Cancel para which begins "All British troops" and ends "shot" A.A.A. Add all recipients of P.M. ~~398~~ 383.

From Book Place 12.50 p.m. Time

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

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

TO Bde Units. *for the 24th Central*

Sender's Number. Day of Month In reply to Number * Bm 400 24 A A A

Our line now runs U5 to and C - 035 D to railway Sta - 036 C A.A.A. Our troops mixed with enemy in VILLERS line uncertain. A.A.A. Thence 028 d 8.8 (unconfirmed) 023 d 2.8 - 024 d 5.5 then to point 104 A.A.A. 14th Bde front intact except right platoon which swings back to conform to British A.A.A. 56 Bn in reserve ~~was~~ held from point 104 along the ridge through 24th Central

From Place Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required. (4198) Wt. W14012-M14. 300000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

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

TO *2*

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

down to CROSSROADS in 24 A.

From Place Time Book 15 pm.

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

* This line should be erased if not required. (4198) Wt. W14012-M14. 300000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

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

TO { 24th Inf Bde 57th 58th 60th Pns
 5th Aust Div Bde Report Centre

Sender's Number. * B M 401 Day of Month 24 In reply to Number A A A

Following message received from
 o/c 59th Pn reconnoitering patrol
 lined 1-10 pm aaa his position
 now runs N and S through 0.28 B
 and D aaa He has
 collected about 200 men of
 EAST LANCS and has them
 in line with line aaa
 Reports enemy to be about 100 yds
 directly in front of him
 holding railway embankment
 also the right flank is
 back half way through wood
 Squares 0.33 B and D aaa
 Enemy were in full marching
 order aaa Enemy tanks located
 approximately at 0.34 a-7-8 (aaa)

From _____ Place _____ Time _____

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

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

TO {

Sender's Number. * B M 401 Day of Month 24 In reply to Number A A A

Addressed 24th Inf Bde
 repeated 5th Aust Div 57th
 58th 60th Pns ~~57th~~
 Bde Report Centre Forward

From _____ Place _____ Time 12-35 pm

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

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

TO { 5th Aust Div 58th 59th 60th Pons
 Liaison 8th 14th Pde
 Pde Report Centre

Sender's Number. * BM402 Day of Month 24 In reply to Number A A A

Following report received
 from 13th Light Horse 1-30p
 on 24th Pde HQs aaaa
 22nd D. L. I. have moved forward
 to O. 22c and O. 28a aaaa
 their place has been taken
 by 2nd Field Coy R.E. aaaa
 49 Aust Inf Bde is now
 moving up to take over
 this position remainder of
 13th Aust Inf Bde is moving
 up to Reserve west of
 Bois L'ABBE aaaa 2nd Field
 Coy are in touch with
 Pde on right and
 situation on left is
 obscure but there is no reason

From _____ Place _____ Time _____

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

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

TO {

Sender's Number. * BM402 Day of Month _____ In reply to Number A A A

to believe that Reserve line
 here has been in any
 way affected aaaa
 Boshke // has now entered
 Eastern outskirts of Bois
 AUVENNE aaaa a Pde has been
 pushed forward to drive
 him out of wood and
 hold eastern face aaaa Result
 of this operation not yet
 known aaaa Reserve line, other
 Centre of Bois L'ABBE will
 definitely be held to last
 aaaa Ends aaaa Addressed
 5th Aust Div repeated
 58th 59th 60th Pons Liaison 8th
 14th Pde forward Pde Report Cent

From _____ Place _____ Time 1-50 p.m.

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

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

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

TO TOOLS
Repeat to all units

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <u>Bm 403</u>	<u>24th</u>		

Following	from	reason	24th
Inf Bgde	AAA	Report	came
through	source	time	ago
stating	many	entering	wood
in	034 A	and C	but
is	unusable	later	report
that	12 noon	status	we
are	holding	low	034 A
and C	AAA	CACAY	SWITCH
running	through	04 a	036
and it	will	09 a	in
being	held	by	Suffolk's
with	with	tanks	in
Support	AAA	fresh	many
attack	reported	to	be
developing	on	CACAY	AAA
7 or 8	our	small	tanks

From Book

Place

Time 2 pm

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

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

* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.
 Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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

TO Continued

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <u>Bm 403</u>			

reported	operating	in	most
area	AAA	2nd Bgde	HA
now	030 d 90	AAA	Information
from	front	line	not
at	all	defensive	AAA
Situation	with	quick	AAA
two	tanks	passed	line
going	forward	12 30 p	AAA

Addressed Tools repeat to

All units

From Book

Place

Time 2 pm

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

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

TO { 5th Aust Div
 Liaison
 Bde units

Sender's Number. * BM 404 Day of Month _____ In reply to Number _____ A A A

Following received from man of
 reconnaissance patrol 57th Pw
~~at~~ 12 noon aca Lt
 CHRISTIAN and CALLENDER with
 patrol of 57th Pw are with
 East Lancs in O. 28 D aca
 They hold railway bank with
 enemy in cutting immediately
 in front aca Enemy tank
 is on Railway line ahead
 aca Ends aca
 arranging for Horse artillery
 baggage tank

From _____ Place _____ Time _____

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

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

TO { all Bde units
 13 L. H.
 Adv Bde

Sender's Number. * BM 405 Day of Month 24 In reply to Number _____ A A A

8th Div. Report aca
 Brenner has penetrated
 the Western outskirts of
 Villers A.A. 23rd Inf
 Bde will counter
 attack at once with
 reserve Bn. against
 Western outskirts of Villers
 A.A. objective Road
 road running North and
 South through town from
 O 35 A 9.2 to O 29 C 5.9
 A.A. 2/ beyond will
 gain touch with right of
 125th Inf Bde, which has
 been thrown back to
 about O 22 D 5.0 aca

From _____ Place _____ Time _____

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

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

TO 3

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
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Two tanks are moving to 027A and will attack from there in an easterly direction, objective road junction 029 A 5.3
 aaa Res. Bn. of 24th Inf Bde (less 1/4 Sherwoods) is placed at disposal of 23rd Inf Bde for protection of right flank about CACHY and CACHY SWITCH
 aaa 24th Inf Bde (less 1/4 Sherwoods) and 22nd DL.I will hold Reserve line under 90c. 24th Inf Bde.

Book 2.10 pm
 95
 J. J. Miller
 47 cap

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

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

TO all Bde units.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
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Following information has been received from W.O. 25th Inf. Bde at 017 & 217 which is being badly gassed and over approx. time not certain whether we hold CACHY the through U Central, 035 Central, due north on grid 030 029 then due East along bottom of grid line 023 D1 and 024 J C1 and D1 thence to 54 Bn through P 19 Central AA. enemy massing in front of 54 Bn Sector aaa

From
 Place
 Time

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

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

TO { 2 }

Sender's Number. _____ Day of Month 24 In reply to Number _____
 * _____ A A A

Brosche suffered
 immense casualties
 from our artillery fire.

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From Book
 Place _____
 Time 2.15 pm.

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

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

TO { Torbo }

Sender's Number. _____ Day of Month 24 In reply to Number _____
 * Bm 407 A A A

Information received
 that "A" Batt. R.H.
 Artys. are dealing with
 enemy and tank in 028 D
 mentioned in BM 404.

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From Book
 Place _____
 Time 2.45 pm.

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

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

TO { 60th B

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
* BM 408

Please direct Major CAMERON
to report to O.C. 14th
Aust Inf Brigade at once.
for duty A.A.A.
103

From Book.
Place
Time

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

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

TO { C.O. 5 Aust. M.G. Bn.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
* BM 409 24

G.O.C. approves of
your M.G. arrangements.
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From Book
Place 3.55 p.m.
Time

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

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

TO {

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* BM410			

Amendment No 1 to
 order No.
 attack will now be
 made in accordance with
 my original scheme
 P.M.
 * a a a The
 5th Bn thus making an
 attack simultaneously by
 an enveloping movement
 along the railway
 south of VILLERS -
 BRETONNEUX a a a the
 final objective will be
 our original front line
 east of the village
 junction with the
 159th Bn about its centre

From	
Place	
Time	

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The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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

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

TO {

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

the road junction in
 P 25 C 01.3 its right
 connecting with 13th Aust.
 Inf Bde. about the
 point of the spur in
 U 36 B. 500 yds from
 left point a a a the
 8th Bn will make the
 attack with the 13th Aust.
 Inf Bde. attached to it
 who will move south
 of BOIS L'ABBE and BOIS
 L'AVENNE on the monument a a a
 troops will cross the line
 on the FOUILLOU - CACHERY
 ROAD at 8 p.m. tonight
 24/25 a a a attack will

From	
Place	
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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

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750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ld. 6/16.

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

TO {

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

be carried out as a night operation and white arm bands will be worn. *aaa* all rules for night operations will be enforced until dawn.
aaa

~~Acknowledged~~
 Careful reconnaissance to be made as far possible as forward by all officers and company bearings to be taken to guide column. *aaa*
 Acknowledge *aaa*

From *Book*
 Place
 Time *5.15 pm.*

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
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Prefix Code m. Words Charge
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at m.
 Sent Date
 At m. Service.
 To
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO {

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

added Lt Col. LKH, 57 ~~58~~
 58 59 60 Bns 15 H.L. TMB.
 kept tools, 8 A.T. Bde,
 13th A.T. Bde, 14th A.T. Bde,
 23rd Inf Bde, 24th Inf Bde,
 25th Inf Bde. 5 M. G. Bn,
 13 L. H.

From *Book*
 Place
 Time *5.20 pm.*

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ld. 6/16.

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

TO *All units*

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
 * *A102* *24th*

Following from Liaison 24th
Byde AAA Our line
now appears to be
held firmly 200 yards
East of CACHY and
Thence in NE direction
to approx U3A98 and
seems to end here AAA
Some of many in
BOIS de HAGUENNE position
and last of in line
being situated by S.G. AAA
line running through D32472
being reinforced and reorganised
AAA during attack enemy
reported made full use
of tanks and pushed

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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

* This line, except **AAA**, should be erased if not required.
 Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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

TO *10045*
Continued

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
 * *A102*

in G. forward rapidly AAA
to enemy generally followed tanks
in open order and
did not pass AAA
to what yet from
from which quarter attached
at midday AAA
appear to have been
broken up since through
BOIS de HAGUENNE AAA
to G. and under tanks and
could go to the front AAA
As tanks cannot manoeuvre
well at night should
be sent to defend AAA

From *Boch*
 Place _____
 Time *5.50 pm*

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

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 Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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

TO COL LAYH
BILLET

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 3c66	24	B10	

See MATOR CUNNINGHAM
and give him direct
order from me to
move ~~forward~~ clear of
embankment ~~and~~
he refuses give him
order in writing ~~and~~
inform him fully of
operations now being
prepared ~~and~~ also that
by his ~~conduct~~ ~~is~~
will be held fully
responsible ~~and~~ he
still continues have him
placed under arrest with
guard if necessary and

From
Place
Time

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

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Wt. W 3253/P511, 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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

TO BILLET

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 3c66			

give similar order to
next senior

From Booth
Place
Time 5.30pm

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

* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.
Wt. W 3253/P511, 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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

TO { 57 Bn 60 Bn 8, 13, 14, A. I. Bdes.
 58 Bn 15 ALTB 2, 3, 24, 25 Bdes
 59 Bn Tools 5 M. 5. Bn. 13 L. H.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * 18M 412 24

Re B.M. 410 aaa
 Troops will cross the
 line on the FOUILLOY-
 CATCHY ROAD at 10 p.m.
 and NOT 8 p.m. as
 herein stated. aaa
 Coms. should endeavour
 to give men hot drinks
 shortly before moving
 and make use of additional time
 by further reconnaissance.

From Book added all receipts B.M. 410.
 Place 6.15 p.m.
 Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ld. 6/16.

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

TO { 59 Bn
 60 Bn

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * BM 4-13 24

one guide per Bplatoon
 from 14 Bde will meet
 officers from 59 and 60 Bns
 at O 10 D 5.8 at
 8.30 p.m. tonight aaa
 arrange meet and
 distribute as required.
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From Book
 Place 6.50 p.m.
 Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ld. 6/16.

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Prefix Code m. words Charge
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
 Recd. at m.
 Date
 From
 By
 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { Report Centre. Tools.
 all units. 8th Div.
 22nd D.L.I. Coy 25 Bde. 14 A.I. Bde

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * 18mm 415 24

Bde Report Centre
 will advance from
 O 8 C 8.8 to quarry in
 O 17 C at zero hour.
 a a a
 added Report Centre
 22nd D.L.I. and all Bde
 units reptd Tools, 8th Div.,
 14 A.I. Bde, 25 Inf. Bde.
 24 Inf. Bde. 23 Inf.
 Bde.

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From Book
 Place 8.50 pm.
 Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ld. 6/16.

Prefix Code m. words Charge
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
 This message is on a/d of:
 Recd. at m.
 Date
 From
 By
 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { 57 Bn 59 Bn.
 58 Bn 60 Bn.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * 18mm 416 24

Prisoners will be
 sent to advanced
 report centre.

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From Book
 Place 8.55 pm.
 Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ld. 6/16.

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

TO { 59 Bn 59 Bn 15 ALTM B
 58 Bn 60 Bn

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 * 35417 24

password BIMBO
 will be used
 tonight.
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From Book.
 Place
 Time 9.30 pm.

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ltd. 6/16.

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

TO { Lt. Col. WATSON
 c/o Report Centre.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 * 13m418 24

Inform Mobile Horse
 arty Battery that up to
 zero plus one hour he
 will keep the CEMETERY
 and places in the northern
 outskirts of the village
 which are likely to
 harbour M.G. under
 fire to prevent them
 stopping our advance
 A.A. Wire location of
 Battery.
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From Book.
 Place 10.10 pm.
 Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ltd. 6/16.

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

TO { 22nd Div. c/o 25 Bde
 Tools.
 8th Div. } 14th H. Bde.

* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * BM 420 24

Advanced Report
 Centre established at
 O 17 C.

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From Book.
 Place
 Time 10.15 pm.

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ltd. 6/16.

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

TO { Engineer officer. 58 Bn.
 c/o 58 Bn. }

* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * BM 420 24

~~a confirmed report~~
~~states that there are~~
~~traces of~~
~~activities as at 5 stand,~~
~~by which this is confirmed~~
 + he prepared to move
 forward to construct a trap
 points as follows a/c
 one covering the hip road
 junction at O 30 D 9 3
 a/c one on extreme
 right flank covering the
 road running through
 P 31 D and P 32 C a/c
 one road junction
 P 25 D 9.3 V.A.A.R. points to

From
 Place
 Time 178

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ltd. 6/16.

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

TO { 2 }

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

be prepared for all round defence as probably some of enemy still in VILLERS-B. AAA. Wire our front which will run along the grid line from P 21 D 9. 2 to about P 19 D 9. 5 AAA. ~~Signal here~~ ~~Guides will~~ be arranged to meet you at Report Centre 017 C ~~aaa~~ add Engineer officer C/O 58 Bn repta 58 Bn.

From Book. Place 12.30 Am Time 177

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

TO { 8th Div. Tools. }

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. * Bm 421 25 **AAA**

Kerbal report from front states our troops past first objective at 12.45 Am. add add 8th Div. repta 5th Aust Div.

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From 15th Aust. 2. Bde. Place 1.35 Am Time

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Prefix 50 Code DISAM Words 75 Received
 £ s. d. From OXA Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 Charges to collect By [Signature] At m.
 Service Instructions To
Urgent operation priority By
 Handed in at OXA Office 4:40 m. Received 2:37 m.

TO Book

*Sender's Number GA 799 Day of Month 25 In reply to Number AAA

In Confirmation of telephone conversation at 4.15 AM AAA 25th Inf Bde will employ 2nd R Berks Regt as early as possible to attack and mop up the northern portion of VILLERS BRETONN as far ^{south} as the LONGUEAU-WARFUSEE ROAD inclusive AAA 2nd R Berks will come under orders of 15th Aust Bde as soon as attack is launched AAA Advt 25th Inf Bde and 15th Aust Bde

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FROM OXA
 PLACE & TIME 4:40 AM

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 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7495-M857 250,000 Pads, 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

Prefix 50 Code DISAM Words 75 Received
 £ s. d. From OXA Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 Charges to Collect By [Signature] At m.
 Service Instructions To
 Handed in at OXA Office 6:50 m. Received 7:18 m.

TO 15th A1 Bde

*Sender's Number GA 806 Day of Month 25th In reply to Number AAA

Artillery	have	been	ordered
to	bring	fire	to
bear	on	railway	on
O 36D	and	on	square
U 6 B	AAA	advt	13 th
A1 Bde	Repeated	20 th	JA
15 th	A1 Bde		

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FROM OXA
 PLACE & TIME 6:50 AM

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 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7495-M857 250,000 Pads, 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at DXA Office 10 m. Received 10 m.



TO 15th Aust Inf Bde

*Sender's Number GO 812 Day of Month 25 In reply to Number - **AAA**

From receipt of this message
 15th Aust Inf Bde will report to
 Command of 5th Aust Div and
 5th Inf Bde to Command of 55th
 Div aaa added HA V WMV
NGV 5th Inf Bde 3 Aust
Inf Bde 15th Aust Inf Bde

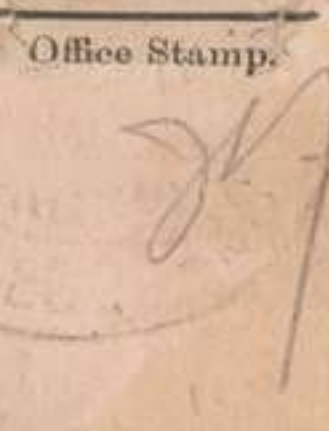
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FROM DXA
 PLACE & TIME 9.50am

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3366.) Wt. W528/M1970. 100,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1213.)

Prefix DXA Code 73 Words 73 Received
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at DXA Office 6.17 m. Received 6.17 m.



TO 15th Aust Inf Bde

*Sender's Number GA 804 Day of Month 25 In reply to Number - **AAA**

2nd and 25th Inf Bde
 will sig on line
 028C8.6 - 028B8.8
 Inf Bde will be
 for Right Sector as
 north as main VILLERS-BRETONNEUX
 Inf Bde from above
 inclusive northwards MA addressed
 25th Inf Bde 13th
 and 16th AI Bde

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FROM DXA
 PLACE & TIME 6.17 AM

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 (B 8970) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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Prefix.....Code.....Words.....
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at.....Office.....Received.....



TO: 15 - Aus Bde

* Sender's Number: 2A 829
 Day of Month: 25th
 In reply to Number: AAA

In confirmation of telephonic instructions to 25th Bde and 2nd R will cooperate in every way possible with the four tanks which are moving from the north into VILLERS BRETONNEUX to mop up the southern portion of the area. Bde 25th Bde 15th Aus Bde

FROM: OXA
 PLACE & TIME: 2 25 pm

* This line should be erased if not required
 (5554). Wt.14832/M1523. 2/17. 400m Books. N.P.Co. (E930). A.F. C2123.

401 273

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at.....Office.....Received.....



TO: 15th A Bde

* Sender's Number: 2124
 Day of Month: 25
 In reply to Number: AAA

Following from Aus Bde...
 23rd 2nd 25th 15th 13th Aus Bde
 52nd Inf Bde & 20th Div

FROM: OXA
 PLACE & TIME: 2 45 pm

* This line should be erased if not required
 (5554). Wt.14832/M1523. 2/17. 400m Books. N.P.Co. (E930). A.F. C2123.

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Charges to Collect By To By

Service Instructions OXA 2 Adds

Handed in at Office m. Received m.

TO 12th Inf Bde Aug 25

* Sender's Number GH 811 Day of Month 25 In reply to Number AAA

The tanks under Major HUNICAN have been placed at disposal of GOC 5th Div for an attack on Villers Bretonneux from North and these tanks will move at once via O15-O22 and will enter Villers Bretonneux on North side and will mop up the village. These tanks will operate under orders of GOC 15th Aust Bde. Hqs O17 & 2.2 general line around Villers Bretonneux at present as follows: P19 & d P25 b & c O36 b then go on to U5 b & 8 a a line runs thence U5 d & 2 U11 central U16 d a a 23 Inf Bde is on general line O34 Central C3 & a 9-9 25th Inf Bde

FROM PLACE & TIME

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* This line should be erased if not required.

Code Words Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp

From At m. To By

Charges to Collect Service Instructions

Handed in at Office m. Received m.

TO

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

On general line O28 central O24 central 2nd Royal Bde of 25th Inf Bde now attacking Villers Bretonneux from North and have entered North outskirts of village. Major HUNICAN will report to 15th Aust Bde for further detailed orders.

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FROM TIME & PLACE

OXA

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Prefix *217A* Code *0411* Words *22* Received *REV* Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 £ s. d. From *REV* At *17* m.
 Charges to collect By *REV* To
 Service Instructions. By
 Handed in at *REV* Office *24* m. Received *5 10/19* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *M 20* Day of Month *25th* In reply to Number *AAA*

*All Corps on the move
 MHA Bn HQ closing and
 moving to 017C37 Engineer
 off and party accompanying*

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FROM *Bunder*
 PLACE & TIME *H 55 AM*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8970) Wt. w. 7493—M357 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

Prefix *217A* Code *0411* Words *22* Received *REV* Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 £ s. d. From *REV* At *17* m.
 Charges to collect By *REV* To
 Service Instructions. By
 Handed in at *REV* Office *24* m. Received *5 10/19* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *W 24* Day of Month *25th* In reply to Number *AAA*

*Bn Hqrs established at
 017C37*

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FROM *Bunder*
 PLACE & TIME *6 30 AM*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8970) Wt. w. 7493—M357 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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Prefix *SM* Code *EA* Words *217* Received
 From *Agd* Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 Charges to collect At.....m. *19*
 By *Bender* To.....m.
 Service Instructions. By.....m.
 Handed in at *Agd* Office.....m. Received *5:15*m.

TO *20 Book*

*Sender's Number *D 4/35* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

Situation Report AAA Enemy
 lightly shelling our line with
 59 and shrapnel during the
 night AAA H Enemy planes
 over our lines between 7 PM
 and 1 1/2 PM

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FROM *Bender*
 PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

Prefix *AD* Code *EA* Words *19* Received
 From *Agd* Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 Charges to collect At.....m. *19*
 By *Bender* To.....m.
 Service Instructions. By.....m.
 Handed in at *Agd* Office *4:25*m. Received *5:15*m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *Dm 18v* Day of Month *5/6* In reply to Number *AAA*

Situation quiet nothing to
 report visibility fair
 added Tools reptd
 Block Book anchor

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FROM *Agd*
 PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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

TO 15th Aus. Inf. Bde.

Sender's Number. Day of Month In reply to Number
 * K.L.O. 8 25 — A A A

a message from C.O. DEVONS at
 0.27.D and timed 3.30 pm. stated
 that Australians + Devons appeared
 to be withdrawing from U.S. B. a.a.
 At about same time enemy were
 reported to be massing in MONUMENT
 WOOD, U.6.A. and artillery had been
 informed and had put down an
 excellent barrage. a.a. B.G.C.
 24th Bde. spoke to his Division on the
 phone and they stated that the people
 referred to were withdrawing for
 a very good reason and knew
 what they were doing. a.a. Three
 tanks of ours were reported to
 be on their way to "mop up" the
 railway bridge in 0.36.C. and

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____ (Continued.)

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) 285
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (4195) Wt. W14042-M14. 30000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

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

TO II

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

were then to go on to MONUMENT
 WOOD and do likewise. a.a.
 G.S.O. II 8th Div. then came in from
 VILLERS BRETOTNEUX and
 reported the village clear of the
 enemy with the exception of the
 railway bridge in 0.36.C. a.a.
 He also reported that two of the
 tanks which were on their way
 up to village had gone astray.
 a.a. More tanks have been ordered
 to proceed with the original job of
 clearing MONUMENT WOOD but they will
 probably take some time to get into
 action. a.a. The latest report is
 that British troops (NORTHAMPTONS)
 are holding the railway bridge

From _____
 Place _____ (Continued)
 Time _____

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) 284
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (4195) Wt. W14042-M14. 30000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

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of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on 1/5

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

TO { III }

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

in 0.36.C. and facing W. aaa.
 I understand that when the tanks
 operate and clear Monday
 WOOD to Br. of the 15th Bde. will
 advance, consolidate and link
 up on the left with the 15th Bde.
 aaa.

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From BLANDFORD
 Place 0.25.C.1.1.
 Time 6.5 pm.

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (4198) Wt. W14042-M14. 30000 Pads. 12/15 Sir J. C. & S

of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on 1/5

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

TO { Book }

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

Frontage of Bliss as
 follows ANH Left 025 B1.8
 along Road to junction
 at 025C1.3 hence along
 main road running EAST
 and WEST to 030D1.2

From Bliss
 Place 1 km
 Time _____

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

* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.
 Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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15th H. Bde
 G.



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Code 1711
 Date 25/4
 Sent At m. Service
 To Book
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")
 Sender's Number: * 29
 Day of Month: 25th
 In reply to Number: —
 AAA

Early part of morning enemy shelling normal at 9 AM lasting till about 10 AM enemy shelled 023D and 029B heavily with 8 inch 5.9 and 4.2 at the same time shelling the support trenches in 024D with Whiz-bangs during this time the front line was not shelled Between 2.30 PM and 3.30 PM back area in 017 was shelled with 5.9 & AAA. 023D and 029B was also subjected to heavy shelling with 8 inch & 5.9. Enemy aircraft inactive visibility low no movement observed All prisoners direct through Bde.

From Bliss
 Place 3.50 PM 280
 Time
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 Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNATURES
 No. of Message
 Prefix Code Words Received Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From To
 Charges to Collect By
 Service Instructions Urgent Opns. Priority
 Handed in at Office 4.31 PM Received 4.45 PM
 TO Book
 *Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number AAA
 B0.18 25

Situation report aaaa Enemy concentration in P20 25 and 26 at 2pm dealt with by our artillery fire effectively aaaa further concentrations in P20 14 and 9 about 3pm. also dispersed aaaa Enemy party reported still on the move in P20 A at 4pm. appeared to be lost aaaa Guns were informed and fired on them with shrapnel aaaa Enemy retaliation to our shoots very feeble aaaa One EA low over left reserve bn at 12 noon aaaa situation now quiet aaaa Added Fools report flank Bdis.

FROM
 PLACE & TIME
 Place 269
 4.25 PM

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads—3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C.2123.

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Code _____ Words _____ Clipping _____
 This message is on air
 Service _____ Date _____
 From _____
 By _____

TO: 406
15th Aust. Bde

Sender's Number: 25th Day of Month: 25th In reply to Number: AAA

<u>25th</u>	<u>Infantry</u>	<u>Brigade</u>	<u>Order No 1</u>
<u>Reference</u>	<u>Warning</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>issued</u>
<u>for night</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>all</u>	<u>troops</u>
<u>of</u>	<u>25th</u>	<u>Infantry</u>	<u>Brigade</u>
<u>can</u>	<u>be</u>	<u>withdrawn</u>	<u>from</u>
<u>then</u>	<u>present</u>	<u>positions</u>	<u>without</u>
<u>waiting</u>	<u>for</u>	<u>relief</u>	<u>except</u>
<u>the</u>	<u>left</u>	<u>B Coy</u>	<u>2/1st</u>
<u>Brigade</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>the</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>machine</u>	<u>guns</u>	<u>coming</u>	<u>the</u>
<u>Coy</u>	<u>front</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>all</u>
<u>troops</u>	<u>will</u>	<u>be</u>	<u>moved</u>
<u>to</u>	<u>the</u>	<u>positions</u>	<u>detailed</u>
<u>in</u>	<u>the</u>	<u>warning</u>	<u>order</u>
<u>with</u>	<u>the</u>	<u>at most</u>	<u>despatched</u>
<u>AAA</u>	<u>Acknowledge</u>		

From: 331 Bde Base Captan
 Place: Brigade Major
 Time: 25th Infantry Brigade

This line should be erased if not required.
(18065.) Wt. Wra95/M1201 18065 Pads. 117 H.P.L.D.S. (E. 81R).

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message _____

Prefix SB Code Infantry Words 13 Received _____ Sent, or sent out _____ Office Stamp _____

Charges to collect _____ From eye At _____

By W. R. A. To _____

Service Instructions not 4 adds Prouh By _____

Handed in at 2000 Office 12.35 m. Received 1.4 m.

TO: 15th Aust Bde

*Sender's Number SBCH Day of Month 25th In reply to Number AAA

Prisoner taken english
troops in vicinity of BOIS L'ARBE
reg 178 rept 243 seen and
later his battal only come
into line tonight thinks
German intends serious attack
tomorrow as first and second
battal attack north of rollers
a facade road and two
battal of each regiment
of division also attack
and south of road
Prussian division attack
seen and 15th Reptd 13th
14th Aust Bde 25th Bde

FROM: 166 Rept Repte
 PLACE & TIME: 11.55 pm

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(18070) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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No. of Message 6

Prefix Sm Code 1E Words 16 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From alex At _____ m.
 By gc To _____
 Charges to Collect _____
 Service Instructions _____
 Handed in at alex Office 925p Received 1.10a m.

TO Book

*Sender's Number W 20 Day of Month 25 In reply to Number AAA

We are moving our
Bn HQs to 017C0.6

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FROM
PLACE & TIME

Bracket
9pm

*This line should be erased if not required.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix Sm Code 1E Words 21 Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.
 From alex At _____ m.
 By gc To _____
 Charges to collect _____
 Service Instructions _____
 Handed in at alex Office 925p Received 1.10a m.

TO Book

*Sender's Number W 20 Day of Month 25 In reply to Number AAA

In intermittent shelling
14th Bde front but
situation normal aaa
has been so all
morning

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FROM
PLACE & TIME

McKenna
11.30 am

* This line should be erased if not required.

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"C" Form.

(In books of 100.)

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No. of Message 61

Prefix *Ln B* Code *20* Words *20* Received. *By* Sent, or sent out. *2:27* Office Stamp.

Charges to Collect
Service Instructions

Handed in at *aln* Office *27* m. Received. *2:27* m.

TO

Book

*Sender's Number *MK12* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

*RIGHT bn 14th bde reports
Enemy advancing large
numbers P26A and C
P25D.*

Auth formed

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FROM
PLACE & TIME

*Antenna
2pm*

*This line should be erased if not required.

(27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

"C" Form.

(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 265

Prefix *Ln B* Code *29* Words *29* Received. *By* Sent, or sent out. *2:47* Office Stamp.

Charges to Collect
Service Instructions

Handed in at *aln* Office *27* m. Received. *2:47* m.

TO

Book

*Sender's Number *MK12* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

*Right bn reports
then retiring from
attack on book's front
aaa artillery here
using shrapnel
on line P20 central
to P26 central*

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FROM
PLACE & TIME

*Antenna
3:20pm*

*This line should be erased if not required.

(27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

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LIASON REPORT

Ref. map.
FRANCE 62.D.

14th AIBN
25.4.1918
Time, 5.15 pm.

1. Operations.



During operations of 15th Bde night 24/25th 14th Bde sector remained quiet. The situation was unchanged until 2 pm when a report from RIGHT bn. stated that "large bodies" of the enemy were advancing in P26 a and c and P25d. As this affected 15th Bde front, I wired you at once (MK 12.) The 29th Bde, British artillery concentrated on the places indicated. At 3 pm the Right bn. reported that the enemy were retiring from the attack. The GOC 14th Bde, ordered shrapnel fire on the line P20 central - P23 central. Whilst the attack on 15th Bde was in progress, enemy concentration was

observed in BOIS de VAIRE. He advanced from there through P14c and the Northern portion of P20a. One battery of the artillery firing on 15th Bde sector was switched on to deal with the new attack.

The enemy's retirement here was reported in full progress at 3 pm.

MORALE

2. The morale of men of 14th Bde is excellent. A front line battalion offered relief to-night requested postponement.

COMMUNICATIONS.

3. Communications have held throughout. No interruption reported since early morning of 24th.

ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY.

4. Enemy's artillery very quiet to-day. No repetition of gas bombardment of CORBIE FOUILLOY.

DISPOSITIONS

5. Attached is sketch of 14th Bde's dispositions. It is not very clear, but has only just reached me, so

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I am sending it on just as it is. Better one will follow. It is correct to date, except that the 56th Bn. is extended across VILLERS-FOUILLOY RD., approximately along line 016 c 6.0, 017 c 2.4, 023 b central. There is a battalion of RIPLE BRIGADE between 54th and 56th Bns.

J. J. J. Lt.
Do with 14th Bn

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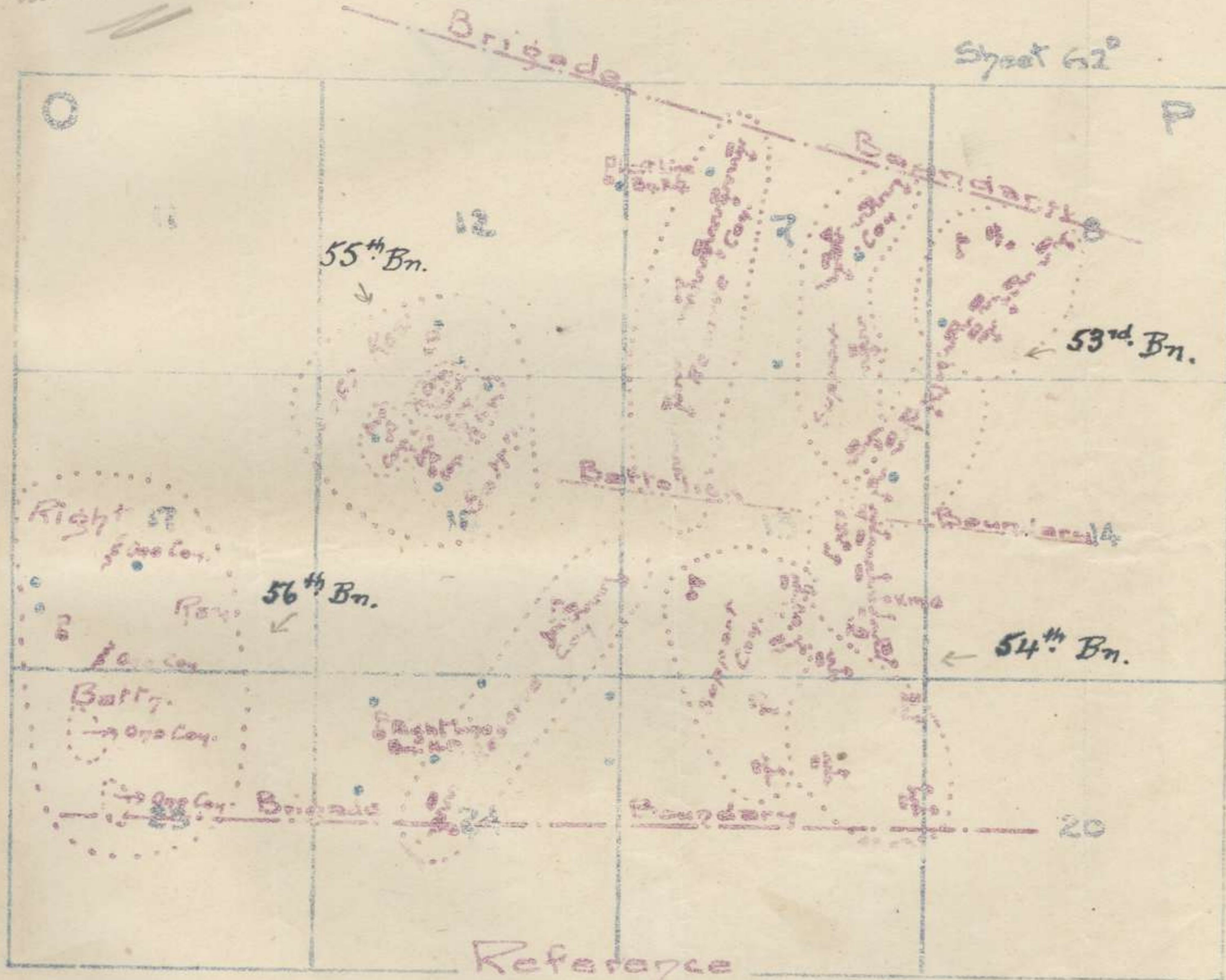
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attached to
reason Report
25/4/1918 Anchemunski
LO with 14th as A.D.C.

Distribution Plan

14th A.I. Bde.

Sheet 62



Reference

- One Platoon ○
- Half Platoon ○
- Coy. M. G. ○
- Lewis Gun ○
- R.A.L.G. ○

1:20,000.





29. 200

22. 200

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

TO 15th Aus. Inf. Bde.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* R.L.O. 7	25	/	

English troops are now reported to have cleared BOIS C'ARBRE and BOIS D'AQUENNE of the enemy. aaa. a party of about 40 of the MIDDLESEX with their C.O. are reported to be at O.27. D. Central on North side of main road. aaa. The WEST YORKS are in touch with the latter and are reported to be holding the eastern edge of the wood from O.27. D.43. to O.34. A. 6.7. (approx) aaa. This unit has sent back 44 prisoners aaa. The DEVONS are reported to be in touch with WEST YORKS and holding eastern edge of wood

From	
Place	(continued)
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) 246

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

* This line should be erased if not required.

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

TO II

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

to approx. O.34. C.3.1. aaa. These units are being troubled with enemy M.G. fire from approx. O.34. B.8.8. aaa. The ROYAL BERKS attacked the northern part of the village to clear same and have reached approx. the main road O.29. C.0.4 to O.29. D.7.4. aaa. They are definitely reported to have taken 200 prisoners and six (6) M.G. aaa. They have now been ordered to turn SOUTH and WEST to clear remainder of village and take enemy M.G. which are giving trouble, in the rear. aaa.

From	BLANDFORD
Place	O.25. C.1.1.
Time	9.55 am.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Blandford 245

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

* This line should be erased if not required.

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(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received
	£ s. d.		From.....
Charges to collect			By.....
Service Instructions.			At.....m.
			To.....
			By.....

Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
	<i>25th</i>		

Education continues very quiet

~~231~~
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FROM *Liaison*

PLACE & TIME *6th of Dec*

* This line should be erased if not required.
(B 8970) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.



MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message *8*

Prefix	Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp
		£ s. d.	From	At m.	
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions			By	To	
Handed in at			Office	m.	Received <i>234</i> m.

TO *15th Aust Bde*

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>195</i>	<i>23</i>		

Personnel 43 Division captured north of better Bretonneaux road last night. Attack was made yesterday morning by two Bns each Regt in front line north of road with a German Division south of road. AAA

FROM _____
PLACE & TIME _____

*This line should be erased if not required.

Prefix	Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp
		£ s. d.	From	At m.	
Charges to collect			By	To	
Service Instructions			By	To	
Handed in at			Office	m.	Received m.

TO _____

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

Remaining Bns moved up tonight to relieve front line troops with the view of continuing the attack this morning. AAA

FROM *8 Division*
PLACE & TIME *1.20pm*

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Prefix.....Code.....Words.....
 Received
 Sent, or sent out
 Office Stamp.
 From.....
 At.....m.
 By.....
 To.....
 By.....

Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO
 15th Div Encl Bde

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 15/96 20 AAA

58th Division report objective
 gained that were counter
 attacked & since driven back
 about 200 yds where they
 are digging in AAA they
 are in touch on left with
 13th Div Bde at MONUMENT
 AAA They have not touch

FROM
 PLACE & TIME
 175

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8970) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....
 Received
 Sent, or sent out
 Office Stamp.
 From.....
 At.....m.
 By.....
 To.....
 By.....

Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

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

On right with Bn of 1st Bde
 AAA M.G. fire from direction
 of BOIS D'HANGARD to
 being directed on them AAA
 58th Divn are sending two tanks
 to BOIS D'HANGARD to reach them
 at dawn & close gap between
 9th Bn London Regt & 154th Bde

FROM
 PLACE & TIME
 8 Divn
 2.5 Aug

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8970) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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Prefix SM Code 91A Words 100
 Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.
 From OXA At.....m.
 By CAF To.....m.
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.

Handed in at OXA Office 745A m. Received 8:2A m.

TO Book

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number **AAA**
CA 809 25

Centre Battalion 15th ABde reported at 745 AM as follows 030D9.2 along road P25B88 AAA Left Bn on our old front line in touch on the right & left right Bn believed to extend as far south 036B but this is uncertain AAA 13th ABde holds from 05D4.4 to 05B4.2 AAA 5th ABde hold from U16D5.5 U11C5.0 to U8D4.4 AAA enemy believed to be still in E end of Bois de la quenette AAA 23rd Bde has been ordered to attack & drive them out AAA Prisoners reported to date 145

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FROM 8th Div
 PLACE & TIME 7.40 AM

* This line should be erased if not required.

Prefix SM Code 91A Words 100
 Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.
 From.....m.
 By.....m.
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.

Handed in at 745A Office 745A m. Received 8:2A m.

TO Book

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number **AAA**
CA 809 25

wire approx no of prisoners captured by you

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FROM 8th Div
 PLACE & TIME 12.45 PM

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Prefix *me* Code *mt* Words *27*
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.

From *dep* At *8-25 IV 8*
 By *dep* To
 By

Handed in at *dep* Office *dep* m. Received *1.16 p* m.

TO *Book*

Sender's Number *9384* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

Following from 3rd Corps
 R A aaa artillery support
 of 15th aus Inf Bde by 92nd
 R 2a bde Lt-Col BALSTON
 aaa 13th aus Inf Bde by
 29th R 2a Bde 1st Army
 R 2a Bde 14th Army R 2a
 Bde Lt Col ST-JOHN aaa
 9th R 2a Bde now being
 relieved by 14th Army R 2a
 bde aaa liaison officer
 from each Group at each
 Inf Bde HQs aaa ends
 Acknowledge aaa added
 15th aus Inf Bde and
 5th Div artillery

FROM *8 aus Div*
 PLACE & TIME *1.25 pm*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7496-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

Prefix *me* Code *mt* Words *27*
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.

Received
 Sent, or sent out
 Office Stamp
 From *dep* At *8-25 IV 8*
 By *dep* To
 By

Handed in at *dep* Office *dep* m. Received *1.16 p* m.

TO *Book*

Sender's Number *9384* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

Ref my Ga 811 in the
 event of the tanks not
 being required for
 mopping up tanks -
 Bretonneux the rallying
 point is NZ central

FROM *8th Div*
 PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7496-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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Prefix.....Code.....Words.....
 Received
 From.....
 At.....m.
 To.....
 By.....
 Office Stamp
 NDC-25/IV.18
 SIGNALS
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO { 15th Bde

* Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 20 131 25th AAA

A staff officer of 8th Division accompanied VILLERS BRETONNEUX and the wooded ground all the streets of the town & saw no enemy with the exception of a machine post at railway cutting O36 66.3 where enemy is being engaged by a party of 22 A.P. firecrews and tanks are being guided to this point across railway bridge to deal with enemy post and engage enemy in wood in U6 area. The 13 Trust Bde is attacking its left flank to railway and will move forward its right flank when tanks enter wood in U6.

FROM 8th Division 281 (59)
 PLACE & TIME 4.40 pm

* This line should be erased if not required
 (5554). Wt.14832/M1523. 2/17. 400m Books. N.P.Co. (E930). A.F. C2123.

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Prefix.....Code.....Words.....
 Received
 From.....
 At.....m.
 To.....
 By.....
 Office Stamp
 NDC-25/IV.18
 SIGNALS
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO { 15th Bde

* Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 2100 25th AAA

1 tank accompanied by
 1 to honours unit
 move at once and not up to
 corner of VILLERS BRETONNEUX about
 railway bridge O36 64.4 and when
 the place is clear party with tank
 will move on Monument Wood U6A
 area 13 Trust Bde are co-operating
 with attack on Monument Wood area
 Staff Officer is proceeding now to
 U6 22 A.P. to order the move and
 Release Tank 22 O36 25 Bde right
 13 Area Bde 15 Area Bde

FROM 8th Division 287 (59)
 PLACE & TIME 5.25 pm

* This line should be erased if not required
 (5554). Wt.14832/M1523. 2/17. 400m Books. N.P.Co. (E930). A.F. C2123.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix *M* Code *22* Words *22* Received. *dep* Sent, or sent out. *106* Office Stamp.

From *dep* At *m.*

By *ebow* To

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at *dep* Office *15th mif Bde* m. Received. *6:50 p* m.

TO *15th mif Bde*

*Sender's Number *9428* Day of Month *28* In reply to Number *aaa* **AAA**

Ref. 9412 aaa no

further developments

aaa Roche appears

to have taken

cover Bois de vaire

and Hamel

FROM *J. Gust Dr.*

PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix *M* Code *22* Words *22* Received. *dep* Sent, or sent out. *106* Office Stamp.

From *dep* At *m.*

By *ebow* To

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at *dep* Office *15th mif Bde* m. Received. *7 64* m.

TO *15th mif Bde*

*Sender's Number *9438* Day of Month *28* In reply to Number *aaa* **AAA**

Following from Army

begins deal understood

from prisoners that

special ointment called

Selbolin is issued to troops

as preventive against

injury by yellow cross

gas also most important

to obtain samples aaa

ends

FROM *J. Gust Dr.*

PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

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Prefix *M* Code *25* Words *25*
 Received *25* Sent or sent on *25* Office Stamp
 From *Sebas* At *m*
 By *Sebas* To
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *dep* Office *6.51* Received *7.12* m.



TO *15th Inf Bde*

*Sender's Number *9516* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

*Line now runs aaa
 Junction with french
 U29A5.8 U22D7.0 U22B5.8
 U22A2.9 cross roads U15B
 U4D5.3 aaa posts to U5D5.0
 aaa thence line to U5B8.6
 where gap to U36B1.2 is
 being filled aaa thence to
 P20A0.0 thence original
 front line aaa VILLERS
 Bretonneux believed entirely
 in our possession air reports
 indicate our advanced posts
 U6C2.0 to south of monument
 U6A*

FROM *5 aus Div*
 PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.

Prefix *M* Code *25* Words *25*
 Received *25* Sent or sent on *25* Office Stamp
 From *Sebas* At *m*
 By *Sebas* To
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *dep* Office *6.51* Received *7.12* m.

TO *15th Inf Bde*

*Sender's Number *9523* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

*Following from GNA
 10.40 am aaaa enemy
 attacked detachment
 Des armées Du Nord late
 yesterday evening north east
 of BAILLEUL and was repulsed
 further hostile attacks
 on this front develops
 early this morning aaa
 no details yet reported
 aaa no further change
 on British front aaa in
 the AVRE valley the french
 are reported to hold SENECA
 wood hill 82 Halled Hill
 36 Hill 63 and mill at
 68D3.0*

FROM *5 aus Div*
 PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.

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Prefix Code Words
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at Office m. Received m.

TO
 15th Inf Bde

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 239 25th AAA

Artillery shoot will be carried out against enemy defences opposite Div sector night 25/26th April at following times
 000 Two minute burst at 8.53pm 10.55pm
 12.33am 000 Five minute bursts 9.57pm 3.20am and 4.40am

Sent all Div units
 B.M. 459
 8.30pm Curkey Col
 303

FROM PLACE & TIME
 Aus Div

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

Prefix Code Words
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at Office m. Received m.

TO
 Bde

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 239 25th AAA

High Bde can be Bde report
 in Bde on enemy advance
 in large numbers in
 Pz6A and C and Pz5D aaa
 add 20 3rd Corps repto Aust
 Corps 3 Pz 1st Div Party
 High Bde Frank Bde

FROM PLACE & TIME
 Aus Div

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7496-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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No. of Message

Prefix 20 Code 20 Words 20 Received 20 Sent, or sent out 20 Office Stamp 20

From alp At 20 m. 20

By slow To 20

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions urgent operatn by

Handed in at alp Office 20 m. Received 20 m.

TO Book

*Sender's Number 9406 Day of Month 25 In reply to Number AAA

Ref my 9391, aaa attack broke down under our arty and machine gun fire aaa front line report 7.40 pm. Enemy seen to scatter and take cover aaa guns making excellent shooting and inflicting casualties in p25 aaa added 3rd corps rept to all recipients 9391

FROM Sauss Dns

PLACE & TIME 25 PM

(27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

No. of Message

Prefix 20 Code 20 Words 20 Received 20 Sent, or sent out 20 Office Stamp 20

From alp At 20 m. 20

By slow To 20

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions urgent operatn by

Handed in at alp Office 20 m. Received 20 m.

TO Book

*Sender's Number 9401 Day of Month 25 In reply to Number AAA

Instruct oc "A" Battery RHa attached to you that he is to deal with enemy tanks in addition to present tasks aaa actual method and positions for dealing with tanks to be left to Discretion of Battery commander aaa. It has been definitely established that success of enemy attacks in Hillers Breffonnew attack was largely due to tanks aaa added 15th Inf Bde rept to 5 Div arty 14th Inf Bde 8th Inf Bde

FROM Sauss Dns

PLACE & TIME 25 PM

(27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

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Prefix Code Words
 £ s. d. From By
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at Office m. Received m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
2379 25 **AAA**

*Following from left Bde.
 begins aaa enemy plane
 brought down in I 35A
 aaa burst into flames
 on landing aaa time 11.28
 an end to aaa add to
 corps repts Aust corps and
 all concerned*

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FROM *5 Aust Div*
 PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7496-M357 250,000 Pads. 10/18 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

Prefix Code Words 91 Received.
 £ s. d. From By
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at Office m. Received m.

TO *15th Inf Bde*

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
431 25 **AAA**

*5th Aust Div are responsible for
 front system from E and W grid
 line through P19 central to 036
 central aaa this front held
 by 15th Aust Inf Bde 8th Div respons-
 ible for front from 036 central
 to their present right boundary
 in U4D aaa 8th Div responsible
 for the reserve lines in their former
 divl area and also for garrison-
 ing of VILLERS BRETENNEUX
 defences aaa add to 15th
 Inf Bde rptd Aust corps 14th and
 8th Inf Bdes divl art pioneers
 2nd Bn div engrs*

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FROM *5th Aust Div*
 PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. w. 14832/M1583. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

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Prefix *Am* Code *44* Words *57*
 Received. From *aye* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *100*
 Charges to Collect By *then* At _____ m.
 Service Instructions To _____

Handed in at *aye* Office *63P* m. Received *6 10P* m.

TO *15th Inf Bde*

*Sender's Number *5 437* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

*2nd corps avr report aaa
 no shelling or movement
 in Villers Bretonneux. our
 men strongly entrenched
 in O21, 27, 33, U10 and 11
 aaa several tanks between
 BOIS L'ABBE and Bachy
 aaa many enemy troops
 in WIENCOURT and small
 groups in MARCELCOVE
 aaa considerable shelling
 of Sentelles Bachy and
 Bertancourt*

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FROM *5th Aust Div*
 PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.

(27802) Wt. w. 14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

Prefix _____ Code _____ Words _____
 Charges to collect From *aye* At _____ m.
 Service Instructions By *then* To _____
 Handed in at *aye* Office *6 15* m. Received *6 29P* m.

TO *15th Inf Bde*

*Sender's Number *5 1012* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

*Morning report aaa situation
 is now as follows aaa
 Two bdes are in old line
 unchanged from P19B to N of the
 Somme aaa Line established
 by counter attack bde runs
 approx along road running
 NE through P25 with right flank
 resting on main Villers Bretonneux
 Warfussee abancourt road
 aaa Troops have been heavily
 engaged but report killing
 large numbers of enemy and
 prisoners and material up to
 time of wire estimated 80 and
 4 mps aaa added 3rd corps and
 corps flank Divs 8th 14th 15th Bdes 4th and 20th
 and all interdivisional units*

FROM _____
 PLACE & TIME *5th Aust Div 220*

* This line should be erased if not required.

(B 8370) Wt. w. 7493-M357 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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Prefix Code MDS
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
 Words Charge
 Sent
 At m.
 To
 By
 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")
 Recd. at
 Date
 From
 By

Priority
 OXAG
 TO
 Northern Group - Southern
 8th Div 9 - 13th Div 1300
 15th Div 1300

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * F/201 25 -

S/O S. Group will be VII central
 U12a 5.5 - VIC 0.0 - P31A 00 -
 P32A 20 - P26C 4.5 -



12:15 pm
 From: [unclear] at [unclear]
 Place
 Time

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

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (18965.) Wt. W12952/M1294. 187,500 Pads. 1/17. M.C. & Co., Ltd. (E. 818.)
 Brigade Major, R.A. 20th Division

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
 Sent
 At m.
 To
 By
 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")
 Recd. at
 Date
 From
 By

TO
 15th A. I. Bde

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * B 417 25 -

2 officers 107 of prisoners sent to BOVES compound
 aaa identifications 413th Regt. 5th Grenadier Guards
 5th Grenadier 93rd Regt (Metallens) 99th Regt.
 3rd Regt. Artillery (S. 9) aaa Officers one 3rd
 Regt. (S. 9) is a liaison officer one of 5th
 Gren. Guards aaa Addnl 8th Div report 54th Div Bde
 15 A. I. Bde

207 (5)

From: 13 A. I. Bde
 Place
 Time: 24.30 am.

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

*This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.
 Wt. W 3258/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at m.

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

TO { (3) }

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

at 036 c 43 aaa If necessary
 the 52nd Bn will cooperate by
 swinging their left flank forward
 AAA The general line to be held is
 from 011 a 16 - 5 central to 36
 Central aaa When this line is
 occupied patrols must be
 pushed forward to mark good
 the MONUMENT WOOD & Railway
 as far as P 31 C 00 AAA MG Coy will
 cooperate direct with 06. 50th Bn
 AAA addso 50th 52 MG Coy & P 10
 51st Bn 15th Inf Bde 8th Div
 54 Bde

From 13th Inf Bde (249)

Place 9.50 a

Time

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

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3198.) Wt. W 12952/M1294. 375,000 Pads. 1/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 818.)

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at m.

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

TO { ~~54 Inf Bde~~
 15th Inf Bde }

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

Report from 51 Bn
 re left side attack
 progressing personally but
 definite news from 1st
 yet no. every artillery
 and M.G.s very active
 aaa Verbal report from
 50 Bn support that
 they have gone forward
 a mile and a
 half aa HQ of all 3
 Bns are in CACHY switch at
 COs have gone forward
 personally and accurate
 information will not be
 available until they return on
 road 8 Div & 13th Inf Bdes

From 13th Inf Bde

Place 1.35 pm

Time

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

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3198.) Wt. W 12952/M1294. 375,000 Pads. 1/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 818.)

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NO. OF MESSAGE 07

Words 112

Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

From *hac* At *11.30* m.

By *hca* To *15th Aust Bde*

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions *Priority*

Handed in at *450* Office *11.30* m. Received. *11.30* m.

TO *15th Aust Bde*

*Sender's Number *37* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

Latest reports show enemy is still in southeast corner of Villers Bretonneux near Rly Bridge in O36C. but rest of village clear and 3 tanks are now on their way to mop up railway bridge and go on to Troniment and Monument Wood and afterwards while two of the tanks clear up monument wood one will go west towards our lines and cover advance of 50th Bn to form up with 15th but Bde has added 50

FROM *268*

PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.
(27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C.2123.

NO. OF MESSAGE

Words

Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

From At m.

By To

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at Office m. Received. m.

TO *(2)*

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

51 52 Bns rptd 49 Bn
13 MG com 13 a L T M B
15 Aust Inf Bde

FROM *18th Aust Inf Bde*

PLACE & TIME *4.15p*

*This line should be erased if not required.
(27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C.2123.

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Prefix *NDC* Code *45* Words *45* Received *NDC*
 Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 At *12* m. *25* *V.18*
 To *15th Aust Inf Bde*
 By *[Signature]*

Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *NDC* Office *410* m. Received *10:30* m.

TO *15th Aust Inf Bde*

Sender's Number *3428* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

*2 boys 49 km will fill
 in line between Railway line
 at 036 d 12 and main flank
 at 57 km at 036 d 58. ab 50.
 The new line up with 49 km
 at 036 d 12 and head of 49
 km boys to be at crossroads
 027 d 3 at 11 pm where
 they will be met by Guder
 from 57 km and 49 km
 to remain with 50th Hq and
 9571 and 13 1/2 Coy 15th Aust Inf Bde*

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FROM *13th Aust Inf Bde*
 PLACE & TIME *10:10 pm*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 W. 528-102-008-10 4/47-E.P.Co. (E1213)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Prefix *Am* Code *28* Words *46* Received *hsc*
 Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 At *12* m. *25*
 To *15th Aust Inf Bde*
 By *[Signature]*

Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *NDC* Office *410* m. Received *11:15* m.

TO *15th Aust Inf Bde*

Sender's Number *3426* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

*Enemy assembling in
 MONUMENT WOOD and some
 movement northwards in direction
 Villers Bretonneux area. Artillery have
 been informed and are firing
 in wood and Railway east of
 036 042 and added 8 bis
 and flanks Bdes 272*

FROM *13th Aust Inf Bde*
 PLACE & TIME *11:15 pm*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *This message is on a/c of:* Recd. atm.
 Sent Date
 Atm. Service.
 To From
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { 15 Aust. Inf Bde

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * B 429 25.

The French are attacking from HANGARD wood to MONUMENT at U6a 66 tomorrow morning. The 8th ZOUAVES Regt will be on the left and will conform to attack and join up their right flank with the MONUMENT with the French. Barrage will come down at 5.15 am and all troops must be moved clear of following line by 4 am U10 8.0.7 - 4d 5.5 - 5 Central - 5 B 9.5 - 0.36 C 8.3. As soon as the French pass through to the attack 51 Bn will move out and take up positions in O34 & rd and the 52 Bn will move to BOIS de BLANGY N35 and 2 Coys 49

From
 Place
 Time 3/16 Court Street

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

* This line should be erased if not required. 750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ld. 6/16.

Prefix m. Charge
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *This message is on a/c of:* Recd. atm.
 Sent Date
 Atm. Service.
 To From
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { (2)

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
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~~At 11.52 Bn will move to Bois de Blangy N35 and 2 Coys 49~~
 will remain at O33 a and 2 Coys 49 Bn in front line will be under tactical command of OC 50 Bn and 1 section 13 m/ls Coy are placed at disposal 50 Bn remainder in present position and 13 LT MB. at disposal 50 Bn and all head-quarters except 52 Bn will remain as at present and a sketch map being forwarded and added all Bns 13 m/ls Coy 13 L 2 MB. who will acknowledge by wire. Reptd 15 Aust Inf Bde 8th Div 7th Inf Bde.

From 13 Aust Inf Bde 3/16
 Place
 Time 11.30 pm

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

* This line should be erased if not required. 750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ld. 6/16.

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sent *15th* Ser
 At m. From
 To
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { ~~8th Div~~
 15th Div on Pde

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
 * ~~B 44~~ 11/30 25

Reports now show that French have not reached MONUMENT but are held up West of it in U 6 a by heavy MG fire One Coy ~~of~~ of 50th are on the railway in 036 c 20.35 waiting to go forward with the trench attack one officer 50 OFR from second NORTH HANTS are detailed to go forward with them 3 companies strength about 100 (apparently 2nd NORTH HANTS also) to be in close support. Timed 9.30 am. MIA Message from Liaison Officer with French says "French are shelling monument and are going to attack it timed 9.45 am. There is one 13th V MG at railway crossing 036 c 4.3 and two Stokes mortars at 035 d 55 ready to cooperate

From 13th A 913de 340
 Place
 Time 1155
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *Russell*
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 750,000. W.2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ltd. 6/16.

Words *104* Office Stamp
 Charges to collect From *arrive* At m.
 Service Instructions. By *W. Ke...* To
 Handed in at *10/4 adds* Office *11/4* Received m.

TO *15th Div*

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number **AAA**
 B 586 25

30 prisoners to date and
 1 light machine gun
 2aa sent book/rep'd
 plants Pdes 2aa
 192

FROM *book*
 PLACE & TIME *3.17 am*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8970) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

APPENDIX 3070

Prefix 10 Code 15 Words 20 Received
 From are Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 Charges to collect £ s. d. By W. Keane At m.
 Service Instructions. 3 advisors about To
 Handed in at 2050 Office m. Received 2:29 m.

TO 15th Bde

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
5889 25 AAA

59th Report timed 2am
 We are established in
 old front line
 about 20 prisoners
 our casualties very light
 estimated 20
 15th Bde reptd flank
 sides

193

FROM Book
 PLACE & TIME 3:20 am

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M357 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

Prefix 10 Code 15 Words 20 Received
 From are Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 Charges to collect £ s. d. By W. Keane At m.
 Service Instructions. 1st 4 advisors To
 Handed in at 2050 Office m. Received 4:16 m.

TO 15th and 1st Bde

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
5889 25 AAA

Right Coy 60th report timed
 2:45 am
 along line 40 yds west of
 final objective road
 opposition easily overcome
 casualties extremely light
 our right and D company
 our left
 15th Bde reptd
 flank sides

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FROM Book
 PLACE & TIME 3:50 am

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M357 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

APPENDIX 30 241

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....
 Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.
 From.....
 At.....m.
 By.....
 To.....
 By.....
 Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO
 15 Inf Bde

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 5593 25 AAA

59th Latest report begins aaaa a large number of the enemy is still in Villers Bretonneux aaaa are still advancing east of Villers Bretonneux Hamel road in direction of old British front line aaaa ends 59th Bn confirm this aaaa they are in close touch with 59th on left and are patrolling to obtain touch with 51st Bn on right aaaa 59th expect no difficulty in clearing Villers Bretonneux in the morning aaaa 25th Bde have received instructions

FROM
 PLACE & TIME
 219

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8970) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....
 Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.
 From.....
 At.....m.
 By.....
 To.....
 By.....
 Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO
 15 Inf Bde

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 5590 25 AAA

59th Bn report aaaa our line now runs cross road 0300 9.0 along road to P.3581.8 enemy casualties heavy our casualties moderate aaaa we have two German machine guns in action aaaa are in touch with Bellef and bracket aaaa ends aaaa send 15th Bde report flank aaaa

199

FROM
 PLACE & TIME
 Ado Book
 430m

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8970) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

APPENDIX 50 272

Prefix..... Code..... Words.....
 £ s. d.
 Received..... Sent, or sent out..... Office Stamp.
 From..... At..... m.
 By..... To.....
 By.....

Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m.

TO
 (2)

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 A A A

to clear vicerois bretonaux
 north of main abancourt
 road near sent 15 Bde reptd
 flank Bde

FROM Ado Book
 PLACE & TIME 4-55

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M357 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

Prefix..... Code..... Words.....
 £ s. d.
 From..... At..... m.
 By..... To.....
 By.....

Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m.

TO
 15th at Bde

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 B 92 23th A A A

Prisoners to date 66 aaa
 many light machine guns

FROM Ado Book
 PLACE & TIME 510 am

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M357 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

APPENDIX 30 273

Prefix *Am* Code *12194* Words *9600* Received. *Am* Sent, or sent out. *Am* Office Stamp. *TELEGRAM*

From *9600* At *Am* To *Am* By *Am*

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions *1 of 3 adds*

Handed in at *dago* Office *Am* Received. *Am*

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *2593* Day of Month *15th* In reply to Number *AAA*

at *2 pm* about *3*
 Coy's *enemy* advanced
 through *P19* and *20* and
 along *WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT*
 road *aaa* artillery
 fire dispersed *parches*
 and they *bought* cover
aaa now reported
 returning to their
 own lines

264

FROM *ado Book*
 PLACE & TIME *7.40 pm*

*This line should be erased if not required.

Prefix *Am* Code *27* Words *26* Received. *Am* Sent, or sent out. *Am* Office Stamp. *TELEGRAM*

From *Am* At *Am* To *Am* By *Am*

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions *1 of 3 adds*

Handed in at *dago* Office *Am* Received. *Am*

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *5595* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

Bracketed reports *aaa*
 line now runs from
P19 B9-3 to *P19 B6-1* thence
 running along just west
 of road to *P25 B1-8*

FROM *ado Book*
 PLACE & TIME *4.20 pm*

*This line should be erased if not required.

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Operation
Priority
APCO

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

Date APCO
From
By



TO Book

Sender's Number. * DB 97 Day of Month. 25th In reply to Number. — **AAA**

enemy shelling QUIETENED down
considerably

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From Advanced Book
Place
Time 7.50 PM

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

* This line, except **AAA**, should be erased if not required.
Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

Prefix Code Words
Charges to collect £ s. d.
From one At m.
By W. Watson To
Service Instructions. By

Handed in at Apco Office 1.42 m. Received 7.5 m.

TO Book

*Sender's Number W 211 Day of Month 25th In reply to Number — **AAA**

Tracked report first
objective taken at
twelve forty ackenna

FROM Watson
PLACE & TIME 0170/307 1.450m

* This line should be erased if not required.
(B8070) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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Code *W 14* Words *14*

Received. *MP 20*

Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions *3*

From *MP 20*

By *MB*

At _____ m.

To _____

By _____

Office *644* m. Received. *7.21A* m.

Handed in at *MP 40*

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *W 25* Day of Month *25th* In reply to Number *AAA*

<i>your</i>	<i>BM 435</i>	<i>handed</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>to</i>	<i>Bunder</i>		

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FROM *Watson*

PLACE & TIME *017c B-7 6.40AM*

*This line should be erased if not required.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *531*

Sent _____ Service _____ Date _____

At _____ m.

To _____

By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO *Book*

Sender's Number *W-26* Day of Month *25th* In reply to Number *AAA*

Eight guns of 14th M.G. Coy
disposed. as follows.

- 0.30 Central*
- 0.30 b a 2.*
- 0.30 b a 4*
- 0.24 d 0.2*
- p. 25 c 2.8*
- p. 25 a 2.2*
- p. 25 a 2.6*
- p. 25 a 5.7*

Two Captured German guns
mounted at

- p. 25 a 7.4*
- p. 25 a 2.8*

From *Watson*

Place *017c 37*

Time *8 a.m.*

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

Censor. _____ Signature of Addressee or person to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

(7700.) Wt. W492/M1647 110,000 Pads. 5/17 C. & R. Ltd. (E. 1187.)

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *W* *2*
 This message is on a/c of: *W* Recd. at *0840* m.
 Sent *0840* Date *25/4/14*
 At *0840* m. Service
 To
 From
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { *BOOK* }

Sender's Number * *W 27* Day of Month *25th* In reply to Number *BN 439* AAA

VILLERS-BRETTENEUX being mopped up and an additional 150 prisoners have already been sent back to camp and Light Horse being used are already out making reconnaissance in your message

252

From *Watson*
 Place *017C 37*
 Time *8.30*
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *Chas. Watson*
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required. (7700.) Wt. W492/M1647 110,000 Pads. 5/17 C & R. Ltd. (E. 1187.)

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *W* *2*
 This message is on a/c of: *W* Recd. at *0840* m.
 Sent *0840* Date *25/4/14*
 At *0840* m. Service
 To
 From
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { *BOOK* }

Sender's Number * *W 28* Day of Month *25th* In reply to Number *AAA* AAA

B. Coy. 57th have taken 4 machine-guns in mopping up Villers-BRETTENEUX

253

From *Watson*
 Place *017C 37*
 Time *8.50 am*
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *Chas. Watson*
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required. (7700.) Wt. W492/M1647 110,000 Pads. 5/17 C & R. Ltd. (E. 1187.)

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

TO { BOOK.

Sender's Number * W. 29. Day of Month 25-15 In reply to Number AAA

BILLETS Line approx runs
through 030d.85, 036b.8.9, 030c.9.2

254

From Matson
 Place 07c.3.7
 Time 19.7 30 am
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (7700.) Wt. W492/M1647 110,000 Pads. 5/17 C. & R. Ltd. (E. 1187.)

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

TO { BOOK.

Sender's Number * W. 31 Day of Month 25 In reply to Number BM. 445 AAA

Completed with 7 officers +
prisoners mopped up by 400
of Bde + 2nd Bn 15.5
on road to cage now

255

From Matson
 Place 10.40 am
 Time
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (7700.) Wt. W492/M1647 110,000 Pads. 5/17 C. & R. Ltd. (E. 1187.)

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At *10/1* Service *ACW*
 To *ACW*
 By *ACW*
 (Signature of "Ranking Officer.")

TO *Book*

Sender's Number. *DB96* Day of Month. *25th* In reply to Number. *AAA*

Heavy enemy bombardment
 N 35 + 36 and O 31, 32, 33, 34, 35
 AAA light reaching Barrage
 in P 1 2 7 8 and O 11 + 12 AAA
 our Artillery Replying AAA
 Bombardment started 6.30pm

295

From *watson*
 Place *O 17 C 37*
 Time *7.15 PM*

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

*This line, except **AAA**, should be erased if not required.
 Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

Prefix *ACW* Code *10*
 Charges to Collect *ACW* By *ACW*
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *ACW* Office *11.7p* m. Received *11.27p* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *W 33* Day of Month *25th* In reply to Number *AAA*

Phone communication established
 with *49th* and *50th*
 Bn *Hq* near *CHCHY*

306

FROM *Watson*
 PLACE & TIME *O 17 C 37 11.10 PM*

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (E27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads—3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C./2123.

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Prefix Code Words
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions
 From At m.
 By To
 By

Handed in at Office 12.3.14 Received 12.4.14

TO { Book

*Sender's Number W 50 Day of Month 15 In reply to Number AAA

Line through to A Bly
 Rha
 163

FROM Lt Col Watson
 PLACE & TIME 017 C 3.7
 11.50pm

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M357 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E438.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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

TO { Book

Sender's Number * W 34 Day of Month 25 In reply to Number AAA

Herewith order of G.O.C 25th
 Bnt. Bde for Defence of
 Villers-Bretonneux

332
 579

From Lt Col Watson
 Place 017 C 3.7
 Time 12 Midnight
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected (Z) Lt Col Watson
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (7700.) Wt. W492/M1647 110,000 Pads. 5/17 C & R. Ltd. (E. 1187.)

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Code..... Words.....
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 From *15th Aus Inf Bde* At.....m.
 By *E. W. [unclear]* To.....
 Handed in at *15th Aus Inf Bde* Office.....m. Received.....m.

*Sender's Number *M 9214* Day of Month *25th* In reply to Number **AAA**

Following from 06 14h A.M. by
 key turned 7-am begins
 AAA approximate disposition
 of 8 guns sent forward
 with infantry as under
 NO 7 030 Central (8) 030 A 00.25 (9)
 030 A 00.45 (27) 024 D 00.25 (3) (9)
 P 25 C 20.80 (4) P 25 A 20.20 (5)
 P 25 A 20.60 (6) P 25 A 50.75
 two German guns mounted at
 P 25 A 76.45 and P 25 A 85.85
 AAA our line now runs
 030 D 00.30 to 030 C 95.30 thence
 along road leading to HAMEL
 officers in charge of guns
 no 7. 8. 9. and 27. in
 touch with 15th Pm who

FROM
 PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7496-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

Code..... Words.....
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 From..... At.....m.
 By..... To.....
 Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m.

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

is satisfied with present
 disposition of guns AAA
 other 4 guns working with
 60th Pm AAA ends AAA

FROM *15th Aus Inf Bde*
 PLACE & TIME *130*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8070) Wt. w. 7496-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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 TELETYPE
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 30281

From: [unclear] At: [unclear] m.
 Charges to Collect By: [unclear]
 Service Instructions To: [unclear]
 Handed in at Adgo Office 11.40 m. Received 11.40 m.
 TO Book
 *Sender's Number 254 Day of Month 25 In reply to Number AAA
 Everything satisfactory as regards
 machine guns slight alteration
 in disposition of forward
 guns right flank details
 following total casualties to
 date killed 2 wounded
14
 FROM CO 14th Inf Coy
Adgo
 PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C.2123.

From: [unclear] At: [unclear] m.
 Charges to Collect By: [unclear]
 Service Instructions To: [unclear]
 Handed in at Adgo Office 1.00 m. Received 12.43 m.
 TO Book
 *Sender's Number 488 Day of Month 25 In reply to Number AAA
 an attack is being carried
 out tomorrow 26th inst
 on front the monument
 (UBA55) to U10020 to re-
 establish the line from the
 southern edge of Bois de
 Sangard (U32818) to the
 monument inclusive aaaa
 motorized div will have
 for their objective line from
 U17A15 to monument inclusive
 aaaa 8th Div will conform
 and bring up their right
 flank so as to establish
 the line from the monument
 (exclusive) to the road about
 036 central aaaa attack
 FROM 377320
 PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C.2123.

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

Handed in at Office m. Received m.

TO

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

will be carried out under a creeping barrage advancing at rate of 100 yards in four minutes. There will be no preliminary bombardment. There will be no infantry advance by 5th Aus Div. 5th Aus Div army will make a demonstration in form of a creeping barrage. Zero hour 5.15 am. Acknowledge. 8th 14th 15th Inf Bdes. Div army inf. Pioneer. 3rd 4th Div. 8th Div. Aust Corps 4th Aus Div.

FROM Tools
 PLACE & TIME 319

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

Charges to Collect By
 Service Instructions To
 By
 Handed in at Office m. Received m.

TO Book

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

Following from 3rd Corps begins a contact patrol report from 7 to 5.15 pm. No sign of any concentration of trenches as heavily held as ours in the area P20. 25 and 26. We hold a small trench in advance of our strongly held trench P25C03 to P19C62 to P19B55 with a strong point at point P19C00 along a line of small rifle pits and shell holes 036B75 to 036C43 through U5B and A and thence across U5C00 to cross roads U15B. The enemy occupy the line.

FROM
 PLACE & TIME 312

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

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Prefix *M* Code *209* Words *09*
 Received *1309* Sent, or sent out. *1309*
 From *EABW* At *A* m.
 By *EABW* To
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *dep Book* Office *1309* m. Received *1309* m.
 TO
 *Sender's Number *2462* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*
air recon mission aaa
following from army begins
aaa 5.30 to 6 pm no
concentration in valley SW
of Hamel in 19 and 14 aaa
Enemy in strength in trenches
along the east side of
Bois de vauve and the
Bois de Hanfars also in
trenches in 132 and 12
aaa situation unchanged aaa
ends aaa add 9 and 13 deo
in 13 pm pms and arty
 FROM *Tools*
 PLACE & TIME *313*

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

From *EABW* At *A* m.
 By *EABW* To
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *dep Book* Office *1309* m. Received *1309* m.
 TO
 *Sender's Number *2461* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*
following from GPO 3.45
to aaa enemy attacked
on LYS front extending
from N of Baillieux to
wytschaete and has made
progress about DRANOUTRE
where situation is
obscure and S of KEMMEL
French believed to hold
mont Kemmel aaa
 FROM *Tools*
 PLACE & TIME *314*

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

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Charges to Collect _____ By _____
 Service Instructions _____ To _____
 _____ By _____

Handed in at _____ Office _____ m. Received _____ m.

TO _____

*Sender's Number _____ of Month _____ In reply to Number **AAA**

The Monument to cross roads V5C in which area his trenches are strongly held and several lines of good trenches in V5C and D and U11 to north corner of Hanford wood east and also occupies trench U10D95 to Hanford wood west U16A and 4.35 pm an enemy Battery seen coming to open complete with limbers at V2C32 and ends and address 3 Inf Bde 7th Div pioneers arty signals and "Q"

FROM *Tools*
 PLACE & TIME _____

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. w14832/M1533. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

Charges to collect _____ By _____
 Service Instructions _____ To _____
 _____ By _____

Handed in at _____ Office _____ m. Received _____ m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number _____ Day of Month *25* In reply to Number **AAA**

15th Aust Inf Bde reports to command of 8th Aust Division on receipt of these instructions and added 15th Aust Inf Bde repld 8th Division 5th Div artillery 14th Aust Inf Bde

FROM *Tools*
 PLACE & TIME _____

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

TO { ~~8th Div~~ 8th Div
 Tools

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 *BM 422 25

Following from Forward Report centre as a prisoner taken in vicinity of Bois L'ABBE 478 Regt. 1243 Div. states his Bn. only came into line tonight and he thinks Germans intend renew attack tomorrow and 1st and 2nd Bns attack north of VILLERS-ABANCOURT ROAD today. Two Bns of each regt. of Div. also attack and on South of road prussian Div. attack and sent 8th Div. and 5th Aust. Div.

From 15 A.I. Bde. 166 A
 Place
 Time 2.5 A.M.

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

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 750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ld. 6/16.

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 By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { 8th Div
 5th Aust. Div

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 *BM 423 25

Our left Bn. now officially report having passed first objective at 12.40 A.M.

From 15 A.I. Bde.
 Place
 Time 2 A.M.

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

TO { 8th Div.
 5th Aust. Div.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 * Bm. 424 25

at 2.15 A.M. prisoner
 taken by our ~~platoon~~ right
 Bn. in 029 B aca. 48 I., R
 228 Div. aca This
 was one of a part of
 20 men aca Remainder
 found all killed.

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From 15 A.I. Bde.
 Place 245 A.M.
 Time

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

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 To By
 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { 8th Div.
 5th Aust. Div.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 * Bm 425 25

Three more
 prisoners captured aca
 Wounded report our
 troops heavily engaged
 but killing enemy
 in large numbers.
 aca adsd 8th Div. reptd
 5th Aust. Div.

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From 15 A.I. Bde.
 Place 245 A.M.
 Time

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

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 750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ltd. 6/16.

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

TO

58 Bm.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B.M. 426	25		

Our attack is reported to have been very successful and practically all objectives achieved. Casualties reported in great numbers but fighting poorly. Our men killed him in hundreds.

You will move at once ~~at~~ out to ~~two~~ resume ~~operation~~

From
Place
Time

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

TO

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

line of our front system about 024 Central getting communication through to advanced report centre at Quarry at 017 C A.A.A. Report arrived

From
Place
Time

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

TO

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

You will send patrols in advance to fully clear up situation for you on arrival see you will be prepared
 (1) To reinforce front line if heavily

From
 Place 182
 Time

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

TO

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

counter attached on (2) to further exploit success if conditions favourable by pushing along high ground towards WARFUSEE-
 ABAN COURT and turning woods in
 141, 21, and 22

From
 Place 181
 Time

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

TO _____

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

It must be left to your discretion as to how far you consider it safe to advance as both flanks may be somewhat exposed and necessary to turn

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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This message is on a/c of: _____
 Sent _____ Date _____
 At _____ m. Service _____
 To _____ From _____
 By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____

TO _____

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

them back.

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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Words
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions
 From
 By
 At
 To
 By

Handed in at Office m. Received m.

TO
 5 Div, 15th Gen

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 B.M. 429 25 AAA

Report centres take
 2 prisoners 10th Coy 48th IR
 228 down outskirts Villers
 Bretonneux aaa Battalion
 was in support yesterday
 morning moving to line
 by evening ash had
 heavy casualties yesterday
 morning ~~but 15th~~

Added 8 PW reptd
 5 Aust Div

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FROM
 PLACE & TIME
 Book
 7.55 am

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (P 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M357 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H&S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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

TO
 Engineer Officer
 58 Bn.

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 * B.M. 429 25 AAA

Cancel B.M.
 427.

1090

From 15 A.T. Bde.
 Place
 Time 4.30 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.
 (Z)
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Sent At m. Service. Date
 To From
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO 8th Div.
 5th Aust. Div.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * B.M. 480 25

59th (C) Bn report
 timed 2 A.M. states
 we are established in
 old front line and
 taken about 20 prisoners
 our casualties
 estimated 20 oaa
 Advanced Bde report
 30 prisoners to date
 and one light
 M.G. oaa

Reference above it
 is thought that old
 CAVALRY SWITCH is
 meant by 'old front line' as
 message is timed 2 A.M.

From 15 A.I. Bde. 195
 Place
 Time 4.5 AM

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
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Sent At m. Service. Date
 To From
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO Lt Col. LAYH
 5th Bn.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * B.M. 431 25

59 Bn report timed 2 A.M.
 states we are
 established in old front
 line and taken about
 20 prisoners oaa
 # message ends oaa

G.O.C. thinks "old front
 line must mean"
 CAVALRY SWITCH running
 through D 19 D and 25 A
 because message
 is timed 2 A.M. oaa
 take necessary steps
 to secure your flank.

From 15 A.I. Bde. 196
 Place
 Time 4.10 A.M.

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

TO 8th Div
5th Aust. Div

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
* BM 432 25

Left and Centre Bns
in position on old
front line aaaa.
Total prisoners 60
also 3 M.G. aaaa
added 8th Div reptd
5th Aust. Div. added
8th Div reptd 5 Aust. Div.

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From 15 A.T. Bde.
Place
Time 4.35 A.M.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
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Instructions. Sent At m. Service Date From By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO 8th Div
5th Aust. Div

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
* BM 433 25

Right Co. 60th Bn report
timed 2.45 A.M. states
We are digging in along
line 40 yds west of
final objective road aaaa
opposition easily overcome
old casualties extremely
light aaaa are in touch
with 59th on right and
"D" Company on left aaaa
59th Bn report our line
now runs cross roads
0.30 d 9.0 along road to
p25 B1.8 aaaa enemy
casualties heavy ours
moderate aaaa
We have two enemy

From
Place
Time 201

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
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At m. Service. Date
 To From
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO 3

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

M.G. in action ooa
 Am in touch with
 Bns on night and left
 ooa these reports
 show that previous
 reports re occupation
 of old front line were
 incorrect ooa ~~reports~~
 Report still awaiting
 report from night Pm.
 adsd 8th Div. reptd 5th Aust
 Div

200

From 15 A.T. Bde.
 Place 5 AM
 Time

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

TO Report Centre 59 Bn. include H.A. By.
 57 Bn. 08 Bn. 22nd DLI
 58 Bn. 15 ALTMB. ~~DLI~~

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

* BM434 25

13th Aust. Inf. Bde. have
 been driven back to U5
 D5.5 hence north to
 USB 5.9 hence O 34 to 9.1
 ooa strenuous fighting
 in this sector AAT 57 Bn.
 take steps to protect
 flanks and gain touch
 at first opportunity.
 adsd adsd 57 Bn reptd
 Rept Centre all Bns,
 ALTMB. H.A. Batts 22nd
 DLI.

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From 15 A.T. Bde
 Place 5 AM
 Time

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Sent Date

At m. Service. From

To

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO Lt. Col. WATSON
Report Centre

Sender's Number: *B.M. 436 Day of Month: 25 In reply to Number: AAA

As soon as 58 Bn. arrive in forward area and have had something to eat hand B.M. 435 to C.O. 58th for action.

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From 15 A.I. Bde.
Place
Time 6 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) J. J. [Signature]

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: recd. at: m.

Sent Date

At m. Service. From

To

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO 59 Bn 60 Bn
58 Bn Took
59 Bn 13 A.I. Bde

Sender's Number: *B.M. 438 Day of Month: 25 In reply to Number: AAA

Following from 8th Div. begins abt 25th Int. Bde will employ 2/R Bn as ready as possible to attack and mop up the northern portion of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX as far south as the LONGUEAU-WARFUSEE ROAD indicate AAA. 2/R Bn will come under orders of 15th A.I. Bde. Int. Bde as soon as attack is launched see message

From
Place
Time

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

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

TO 2

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

make use of light horse to fully clear up situation to south of VILLERS-BRETONNOUX particularly if necessary let them proceed down western edge of Bois L'ABBE until they get in touch with the 13th Bde aka Bn. H.Q. of 13th Bde are ~~at~~ all situated in U3 Central added H.H. Watson reptd 58 Bn. **214**

From 15th A.I. Bde
 Place
 Time 6.40 A.M.

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

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

TO Report Centre mobile H.A. By
 all Bns 13 Light Horse
 22nd D.L.I.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
 BM 443 25

artillery have been ordered to bring fire to bear on railway in O 36 D and on square U 6 B aka added all concerned.

From 15th A.I. Bde.
 Place
 Time 8.10 A.M.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *H. J. Galt*
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					Date	
					From	
					By	

TO Lt. Col. WATSON
57 Bn.
58 Bn.
60 Bn
15 ALTMB.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* Bm 444			

Four tanks now at AUBIGNY are being placed under my orders to attack VILLERS-B from the north and assist Col. LAYH. ATT: The ~~58 Bn~~ 58 Bn ~~is~~ your ~~place~~ placed at his disposal for purpose of attack for a village ~~and~~ no more troops however shd be employed than absolutely essential ~~and~~ get into touch

From	
Place	227
Time	

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					Date	
					From	
					By	

TO Col. Watson
57 Bn.
58 Bn.
60 Bn
15 ALTMB.

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

with tanks and issue instructions for their employment in conjunction with Col LAYH and understand 2/3 BERS how attacking village with other tanks and are sending back prisoners and their H.Q. hear yours are you in touch and 13th Bde report evening in city formation hear BOLS (HANGARD) advanced against VILLERS-B.

From	15th Bde.
Place	227
Time	8:30 PM

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

TO 3

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

adad Col. Watson,
 (Report centre), reptd
 5ny, 58, 59, ~~CO~~ Bus,
 and 15 A L TMB.

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From 15 A. T. Bde
 Place
 Time 8.30 am

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

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

TO Col. Watson
 Advanced Bde.

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

* BM445

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please request C.O.
 2/1 BERKS when he has
 completely mopped
 up northern part of
 VILLERS-B. to clean up
 the southern half from
 the north which
 commands it aaaa
 congratulate him for
 we on his success
 to date.

~~228~~
 230

From 15 A. T. Bde.
 Place
 Time 8.50 am

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

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

TO Report Centre

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* Bm 446	25		

13th Bde. report timed
 10.15 Am. roads left
 flank is being
 moved forward to
 junction with 15th
 Bde right in @ 36
 aaaa Inform all
 concerned.

242

From 15th A.I. Bde.
 Place 10.45 Am
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
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		At m.		Service.	From
		To			By
		By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By

TO Col. Watson
 Report Centre.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* Bm 449	25		

Inform Engineer
 Officer with 50 Bn to prepare
~~roads by road~~ to
 construct strong points if
 required as follows aaaa one
 covering the big road
 junction at 0130 @ 9.3
 aaaa one on the extreme
 right flank covering the
 road running through
 P 31, D and P 32, C
 aaaa one at road
 junction P 25 @ 9.3
 aaaa points to be
 prepared for all round
 defence.

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From 15th A.I. Bde.
 Place 10.50 Am
 Time

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

TO 57 Bn. 59 Bn.
58 Bn. 60 Bn.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* Bm 447.	25		

Submit to Bde H.Q.
every hour commencing
1 p.m. today a
correct statement of
frontage held giving
map references.

From 15 A.T. Bde.
Place
Time 11.50 A.M.

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

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Wt. W 3253/P511. 506,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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

TO Lt. STALEY Co ACID.
57 Bn.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* Bm 448	25		

Return to your
\$ Unit for duty
as soon as possible
and add Lt. Staley
reptd 57 Bn.

From 15 A.T. Bde.
Place
Time 11.50 A.M.

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

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Wt. W 3253/P511. 506,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

This message is on a/c of:		Recd. at..... m.
Sent		Date
At..... m.	Service.	From
To		By
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO

~~333~~ 8th Div.

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

* BM 450

25

91824

approx number of
prisoners captured
Senior officers
320 others.

260

From

15 A.I. Bde.

Place

2.20 PM.

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

This message is on a/c of:		Recd. at..... m.
Sent		Date
At..... m.	Service.	From
To		By
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO

5th Aust. Div.

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

* BM 451

25

noted

From

15 A.I. Bde.

Place

2.25 PM.

Time

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302

Sent
At m.
To
By

Service.
Date
From
By
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO Toob.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
* 8M 452 25

approx. frontages held by
units on this Bde area
Right to left 57 Bn
from 0 36 D 1.2 -
036 B.5.9 - 030
D 9.3 area 59 Bn
030 D 9.3 to p 25h
2.6 area
to 60 Bn p 25 h 2.6
to p 20 A 4.5. area
58 Bn in reserve
in Reserve line of
front system 0/24
Central area
Right Bde flank
not yet connected with
13th Inf Bde area

From
Place
Time

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Sent
At m.
To
By

Service.
Date
From
By
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO 2

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
* 8M 452 25

difficult to do this in
daylight owing to
evenly M.G. activity
area V 13th Inf Bde
flank will come up
tonight and connection
established.

From 15 A.7. Bde.
Place
Time 3.5 p.m.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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Pr.lix. Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp
Charges to collect	£ s. d.	From	At	
Service Instructions		By	To	
			By	

Handed in at 10/3 add Office 10/3 m. Received 10/3 m.

TO 8th Div
5th Aust Bde

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<u>DM 2112</u>	<u>25th</u>		

Prisoners of War taken 29 B. states that his division was in attack this morning south of Villers Bretonneux warfuse about Rd his battery was in reserve 1st support and in front line states that troops generally are tired of war knows nothing of resumption of attack ~~add of the Div reptd 5 A.P.~~

FROM 15 A.I. Bde
PLACE & TIME 3:10 PM

* This line should be erased if not required.
(D 8070) Wt. w. 7493-M857 250,000 Pads. 10/16 H & S (E436.) Forms/C.2123/3.

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Office of Origin and Service	Actions	This message is on file of	Recd. at
	Sent		m.
	At	Service	Date
	To		From
	By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By

TO 5th Bn
58 Bn
60 Bn

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<u>DM 454</u>	<u>25</u>		

Following moves will take place as soon as can be conveniently arranged aaaa

- Lt Col. Kayk to 60 Bn.
- Lt Col. Watson to 58 Bn.
- Lt Col. Donnelly to 5th Bn.

aaa Report to Bde HQ. before move is actually completed aaaa
Lt. Col. Marshall moves to 14th Bde on being relieved.

FROM 15 A.I. Bde. 282
PLACE 5.45 PM
Time

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Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

This message is on a/c of:

Reed. at m.

Sent

Date

At m.

Service.

To

From

By

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

By

TO 5th Aust Div
8th Div

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

* BM 456 25

Heavy enemy bombardment
N. 35 and 36 and O. 31. 32. 33.
34. 35 aaa light searching
barrage in P. 1. 2. 7-8 and
O. 11 and 12 aaa bar
Artillery reply in aaa
Bombardment started 6-50
per

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From

BOOK

Place

Time

7 per

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

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

Cowley Capt

* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.
Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

This message is on a/c of:

Reed. at m.

Sent

Date

At m.

Service.

To

From

By

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

By

TO 5th Aust Div

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

* BM 457 25

Following from advanced HQs
twice 7-50 per aaa
Enemy shelling quietened
down considerably aaa
Ends

298

From

BOOK

Place

Time

8-5 per

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

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

Cowley Capt

* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.
Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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This message is on a/c of: Recd. at m.

Sent m. Service. Date

To From

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { 57th 59th
58th 50th
151 T.M.B. Bde Gas Office

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

* BM 458 25

Following from Army begins
aaa understood from
prisoner that specific criticism
called Gelboin is issued
to troops as preventative
against injury by YELLOW
CROSS GAS data most
important to obtain sample
with Bde add
all Bde units and
Bde Gas Office

302

From Book

Place

Time 8-25 pm

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

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

* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.
Wt. W 3253/P511. 506,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

Prefix Code m. Words Charge

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at m.

Sent Service. Date

To From

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { 8th Bde 18th Bde 51st Australian Mt
57th Bde 53rd Bde

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

* B.M.A.7 25

Situation	6th Bde	and	Bde	in
S. 14th	Bois de ARVENNE	and	VILLERS	
PROTONNOIX	and	Line	approximately U. 6. 20	
U. 6. 42 - U. 10. 20 - U. 16. 20	and	U. 16. 20 - U. 16. 20	U. 16. 20	90
Line	gap	and	U. 10. 20	Boch
in	U. 10. 20	and	9th London	not
located	on U. 16	and	Line	held
Bedford	on left	and	Road	west
Rent	right	-	with	Road
west	Rent	and	9th	London
at	present	and	Line	held
own	thing	held	with	to
rents	and	Casualties	heavy	7th
Bedford	have	and	21st Coy	officers
are	Every	effort	being	made
to	find	to	maintain	operations
forward	away	to	workpoint	time

From being advised for to form up

Place

Time 8 AM

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

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
750,000. W 2193 - M509. H. W. & V., Ltd. 6/16.

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

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

TO {

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

*
 was 20 minutes late reported fairly that DOMESTIC wires at 10.1 pm from Central Wood at
 Australia and late 9.50 pm just then one for BOYS d'ARQUONNE and M.G. from HATFIELD also
 R.W.K. were London had and near received at 10 pm came 0.33 of BOYS down.
 9th Coy. were near received at 10 pm came 0.33 of BOYS down.
 M.G. from HATFIELD also
 S. Edge of BOYS down.

From
 Place
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.
 * This line should be erased if not required.
 750,000. W 2185-M509. H. W. & V., Ltd. 6/16.

Recd. at.....
 Sent
 At.....
 To.....
 By.....
 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO {

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

1) 11. 15th Brigade has been made responsible for the immediate defence of VILLERS BRETONNEUX
 2) When the Brigade is in position Battalion will be disposed as follows
 Right Battalion. The 22nd Det will hold a line round the S.E. corner of VILLERS BRETONNEUX from approx. 0.35. c. 9.5 to 0.36. a. 8.6.
 Left Battalion. 2nd Royal Bn. Right. will hold a line round the NE corner of VILLERS BRETONNEUX from approx. 0.36. a. 8.6 to 0.29. b. 6.0.

From
 Place
 Time

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 (1806g.) Wt. W1202/M1204 187,500 Pads. 1/17 H P Ltd. S. (E. 818).

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307.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions

Code m. word Charge.

This message is on a/c of:

Sent

At

To

By

Head. st.

Date

Place

By

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO {

(Bombay)

(14)

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

2nd Rifle Bde, at Backing
 These 2 Bde's will have
 6 machine HQ at about 0.22. a. O. S.

(1) All other companies will send
 officers to receive the postbags
 they will take up immediately they
 receive the warrant order.

(2) MACHINE GUNS The guns now under
 the orders of 2 R Bde HQ will remain
 under that order.
 The guns now under the orders
 of 2/14th Bde will be placed in
 the first line posts.
 The M. G. Bde is now all dead.

From

Place

Time

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

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* This line should be erased if not required.
 (1896g.) Wt. W12050/M1204 187.500 2ads. 1/17 H P Ltd. S. (E. 818).

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions

Code m. word Charge.

This message is on a/c of:

Sent

At

To

By

Head. st.

Date

Place

By

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO {

(Bombay)

(15)

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

to 2/14th Bde. will have their guns
 to 25th Bde. as soon as they
 are relieved on the position they are
 now occupying. 22 DLI will send
 under 2 R Bde HQ. to make the
 teams to their post locations.

(9) MOPPING UP. It is reported that
 there are still small parties of the
 enemy in the S.E. corner of the
 village. 22 DLI must clear this
 up tonight and afterwards kill
 all the enemy.

(10) PATROL 2 R Bde HQ and 22 DLI
 will send a patrol to search for
 the enemy to be done with any

From

Place

Time

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

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 (1896g.) Wt. W12050/M1204 187.500 2ads. 1/17 H P Ltd. S. (E. 818).

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Code *W 23* Received. *eye* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp
 From *W 23* At *4.30* m.
 By *W 23* To
 By

Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions

Handed in at *ago* Office *H 5* m. Received. *4.29 p*

TO *Book*

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>1031</i>	<i>26th</i>		<i>AAA</i>

Enemy shelling quiet up to 2.30pm when he put down a barrage of 5.9° and 4.2° along line in O 2H and O 30 at the same time putting over whizzbangs and 5.9° fired on support and front line systems occasional shells

FROM *5.9° and 4.2° on O 17*
 PLACE & TIME *Book 4pm*

Charges to Collect By *W 23* To
 Service Instructions By

Handed in at *ago* Office *H 40 p* m. Received. *4.45 p*

TO *Book*

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>W 54</i>	<i>26th</i>		<i>AAA</i>

Ref *R 4/34* map location should read *P 25 D* *aaa* machine is a three seater biplane and fell in enemy lines

358

FROM *ad. Book*
 PLACE & TIME *O 17 C 3.7 4.40 pm*

*This line should be erased if not required.
 17832) Ws. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C /2123.

*This line should be erased if not required.
 17832) Ws. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C /2123.

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From HAGO At 5 m.
 By Miss Gilbert To _____
 Charges to Collect _____
 Service Instructions _____

Handed in at HAGO Office 5 p.m. Received 5.17 m.

TO Book

* Sender's Number W 56 Day of Month 26
 In reply to Number BM 470 A A A

Acknowledged

(Message to Col. [unclear] announcing posthumous of attach [unclear])

[Signature]

364

FROM Advanced Book
 PLACE & TIME 017 C3.7 4.50 pm

* This line should be erased if not required.
 9310-W.528-100,000-10/5/17-E.P.Co.-(E1213).

From HAGO At 6.15 m.
 By [unclear] To _____
 Charges to Collect _____
 Service Instructions _____

Handed in at HAGO Office 6.15 m. Received 6.27 m.

TO BOOK

* Sender's Number W 57 Day of Month 26
 In reply to Number _____ A A A

Situation unchanged and everything exceptionally quiet

369

FROM Advanced Book 017 C3.7
 PLACE & TIME 6 pm

* This line should be erased if not required.
 9310-W.528-100,000-10/5/17-E.P.Co.-(E1213).

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From *Admiral* At *8:10* m.
 By *W. C. ...* To
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions

Handed in at *AACO* Office *8:10* m. Received *8:45* m.

TO *Book*

* Sender's Number *W61* Day of Month *26* In reply to Number *AAA*

Situation normal
now aaaa

374

FROM *Advanced Book*
 PLACE & TIME *017C37 8pm*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 9310-W.528-100,000-10/5/17-E.P.Co.-(E1213).

From *Admiral* At *8:55* m.
 By *W. C. ...* To
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions

Handed in at *AACO* Office *8:55* m. Received *8:55* m.

TO *Book*

* Sender's Number *W62* Day of Month *26* In reply to Number *AAA*

LOS fired 8:20pm South
of Vickers Battery cause AAA
Artillery replying.

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FROM *Advanced Book*
 PLACE & TIME *017C37 8:55pm*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 9310-W.528-100,000-10/5/17-E.P.Co.-(E1213).

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Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp
From	At	By	To	
Charges to Collect		Service Instructions		
Handed in at		Office	Received	
TO	Book			
Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA	
2544	26			
Following from GNR 11:20 an counter attack by allied troops launched about 3 am to recapture Mont Kemmel and reports indicate we have made some progress but not reached objectives and line runs approx S3 central butterfly farm (N19A) N of Kemmel where British are heavily engaged S of VIERSTRAAT VOORMEIELE and STELOI to canal bank (I3400.0) last night 5th Div advanced line slightly W of Merville took 50 prisoners 5th Div				

*This line should be erased if not required.

(27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp
From	At	By	To	
Charges to Collect		Service Instructions		
Handed in at		Office	Received	
TO	Book			
Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA	
2544	26			
War news and following from G.H.Q. times 10:25pm. 25th situation on BAILLEUL WYTSCHAETE front still obscure and French reported still on KEMMEL HILL and in village at 6pm but parties of enemy had penetrated beyond KEMMEL and allied line to west and east has been forced back and on remainder of front no change				
FROM	5 Aus. Div.			
PLACE & TIME				

*This line should be erased if not required.

(27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

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Prefix	Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	From	At	m.	
Charges to Collect		By	To		
Service Instructions		By	To		
Handed in at	Office	m.	Received	m.	
TO	15 Aca in p/ode				
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA		
2206	26th				
Ref this Da order no 9 a aa map 2 line two for "2 batteries southern group" read "3 batteries southern group"					
334					
FROM	8 Div arty group				
PLACE & TIME					

(27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C.2123.

Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp
£ s. d.	From	At	m.	
Charges to Collect	By	To		
Service Instructions	By	To		
Handed in at	Office	m.	Received	m.
TO	15th Aust Bde			
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA	
10.869	26th			
Officers - patrol sent to report non situation in VILLERS BRETONNEUX a aa states that at 2pm today all was quiet in the town and there was no signs of a hostile attack aaa the officer went as far as bridge over the railway 0.3664.5 aaa added 3 Corps MOROCCAN and 58th Div 2.3.24 24.5.25 15th Aust 13th Aust Inf Bde 5th Aust Div.				
352				
FROM	8th Division			
PLACE & TIME	3.5pm			

(27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C.2123.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at m.

Sent Date

At m. Service.

To

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { 49 50 51 ~~49 50 51~~ 15 Aug 49
15 Aug 49
15 Aug 49

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

* B 431 21

F.O.O. reports that enemy
are attacking in U to
with tanks and Heavy
and Field arty are
~~engaged~~ firing on MONUMENT
wood and anti tank
guns at 0300 and
U 3 a have been warned
and added 49
+ 51 Bn 15 Aug 49
15 Aug 49 24
15 Aug 49 24

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From 15 Aug 49
Place
Time

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Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

Sent Recd. at m.

At m. Date

To

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { Lt. Col. WATSON 57 Bn
Report Centre 58 Bn.
59 Bn.
59 Bn.

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

* B.M. 461 22

Instant O.C. "A" Battery
R.M.A. attached this Bde
that he is to deal
with enemy tanks
in addition to present
tasks and actual
methods and positions for
dealing with tanks to
be left to discretion of
Battery Commanders
It has been definitely
established that
Success of enemy attacks
in VILLERSI-B. attack was
largely due to tanks and
added Lt. Col. WATSON for trans-
mission to O.C. A. Battery

From
Place
Time

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(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 600,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (S. 1487.)

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

TO {

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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R.H.A. reptd 577, 58
 59, 60 Bms aaa Lt. Col.
 WATSON to report
 completion.

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From 15 A-1. Bde.
 Place
 Time 12.40 AM

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (E, 1187.)

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

TO { *Took*

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

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From *Book*
 Place
 Time 12.5 AM

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (E, 1187.)

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

TO { 54 Bn. 00 Bn. mobile Hq By
 55 Bn. 15 A L T M B 22 D L I.
 59 Bn. Report Centre. 13 L. H.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B 463	26		

The French are attacking this morning 26th next from HANGAR D WOOD, to MOVEMENT (U6 A 5 5) and Moroccan Div. will have for their objective line from U17 A 15 to MOVEMENT inclusive. AM

The 8th DIVISION Regt. will be on the left and zero hour 5.15 AM and 150th Bn. 13th Bde A.T.F. will conform to attack joining with French on right, 2 Companies 49 Bn. join with 8th Bn. on left and desert 038 Central Regt.

From
Place
Time

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

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

TO { 2

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

Attack will be carried out under a creeping barrage advancing at rate of 100 yds in four minutes and preliminary bombardment. There will be no ~~advance~~ infantry advance by 5th Aust Div. 5th Div. arty are making a demonstration in front of a creeping barrage and all troops must be drawn clear of line 036 ~~C 8.3~~ D 9.19, P 31 A 4 8, 2 5 D 4.6,

From
Place
Time

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* This line should be erased if not required. (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 5.0,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (S. 1187.)

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Original of Origin and Service Instructions.

Sent At m. Service. Date.....

To..... From.....

By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { 2 }

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

20 C 5.5 and to 5.5
 before 4 Am. aaaa
 ACKNOWLEDGE aaaa addsd
 Report Centre all Bns
 15 ALTMB. A Battery
 H7A 13 L.H.

321

From Book
 Place 1.40 Am.
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
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Sent At m. Service. Date.....

To..... From.....

By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { 57 Bn 60 Bn
 58 Bn 15 ALTMB.
 59 Bn }

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

Line Bns to have
 Liaison officers
 with front ~~Battalions~~
 Bns ~~and~~ Reserve Bns
 with ~~them~~ in front.
 one

From Book
 Place 8.50 Am.
 Time

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

TO { all Bms. Report centre

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * Bm 467 26

Hourly situation reports will in future be reported verbally to Report Centre from whence they will be forwarded to Bde HQ.

341

From Book
 Place
 Time 12.20 pm

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

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

TO { Forward Report Centre
 57th Bm 59th Bm
 55th Bm 60th Bm

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * BM 470 26

Re COS Conference
 AAA action of 13th Aust. Inf Bde cancelled A.A.A.
 action of 15th Aust. Inf. Bde is postponed as definite instructions will be issued later. A.A.A. Adsd
 Rept. Centre Reptd. all Bms.
 AAA ACKNOWLEDGE.

From 15th Inf. Bde.
 Place
 Time 4.25 pm

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

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.
 * This line should be erased if not required.

(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 60,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (S. 1137.)

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Recd. at m.
 Date
 From
 By
 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { Rept Centre
 All Bns

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * Bm 471 26

8th Div report that officers
 patrol returned from
 VILLERS-B report all
 quiet in the town and
 no signs of hostile
 attack and officer went
 as far as bridge over
 Ry 036 to 4.3 and
 adv all Bde units.

351

From 15 AT Bde
 Place
 Time 4.30 pm
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
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Sent
 At m. Service. Date
 To From
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { 3rd Aust Div

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * Bm 472 26

Message from 59th Bn
 to land 4.20 pm begins aad
 an enemy plane has
 been shot down in
 031 Central by Lewis Gun
 Fire of one of our
 posts aad Ends

354

From BOOK
 Place
 Time 4.50 pm
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6.0.000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (S. 1187.)

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Recd. at _____ in _____
 Sent _____ Service _____ Date _____
 At _____ m. _____
 To _____
 From _____
 By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____

TO { Col LAYH
 58 59 60th Bns
 13th 14th Aust Bdes 5th Aust Div

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * BM 474 26

Reference BM 470 and if fresh instructions not issued in time for attack ^{tonight} would like you to at your entire discretion to reorganise the line so that it will be held by 60th on left and 59th on right and suggest boundary about P25 Central and also if any of present posts are apparently marked down by enemy or position can be improved instruct Bn concerned to be forwarded with this object and ~~acknowledge~~ 59th Bn to be withdrawn

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6.0.000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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 59th

Recd. at _____ in _____
 Sent _____ Service _____ Date _____
 At _____ m. _____
 To _____
 From _____
 By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____

TO {

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

into suitable position in reserve ~~and~~ ~~acknowledge~~ can if no other instructions received by 8 p.m. this message will be taken into effect and acknowledge and
 Sent Col LAYH rfd
 58 59th 60th Bns 13th
 and 14th Aust Bdes 5th
 Aust Div

From BOOK
 Place _____
 Time 5 10 pm

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6.0.000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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J.B. Doyle Capt.

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

TO { 5th Div
14th Bde
13th Bde

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* BM 477	26		

~~Probably was~~
Very little enemy shelling
in Bde Sector up till
2.30 pm a/c at that
time enemy shelled O24
and O30 with 5.9's a/c
Simultaneously shelled O17
with whizzbangs a/c This
lasted ten minutes a/c
situation now extremely
quiet a/c Sent 5th Div
D r rptd 14th 13th Bdes

366

From	BOOK
Place	
Time	5.50

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *D. Day (Capt)*

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (S. 1137.)

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

TO { ~~BOOK~~
57th 58th 59th 60th
Col Watson

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* BM 478	26		

You will move your
~~57th Bn~~ respective Battalion
HQ to a ^{another} forward
position tonight a/c In
case of 57th Bn Colonel
LAYH will remain at
present Bde Report Centre to
represent BCC a/c Major
Arthur will establish ^{57th} ~~forward~~
HQ a/c Colonel WATSON
will remain with Colonel
LAYH until change of
command.

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From	BOOK
Place	
Time	6.27

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *D. Day (Capt)*

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (S. 1137.)

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

TO { 5th Aust Div
 14th Inf Bde

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * BM 479 26

at 7.25pm German artillery opened SOUTH EAST of VILVERS BRETTONEUX area Two S.O.S. signals seen in this direction and our artillery opened area at 7.55pm our advanced report centre state no enemy activity on our Brigade front area
 See addressed 5th Div rptd 14th Bde

375

From BOOK
 Place
 Time 8.4 pm
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6.0.000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (S. 1187.)

Prefix..... Code..... m. Words. Charge.
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
 Sent At m. Service. Date
 To From
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { Col LAYH
 57 58 59 60th

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * BM 481 26

Changes in line are to be reported by wire as soon as they occur area In addition each Bn will forward tracing as early as possible tomorrow morning showing new dispositions

383

From BOOK
 Place
 Time 10.30 pm
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6.0.000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (S. 1187.)

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

TO { TOOLS

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * BM 484 27th *

Situation unchanged AAA Liaison
 49th Bn reports situation about
 MONUMENT WOOD obscure from
 thence to left good
 AAA casualties during two
 bombardments during evening
 very slight AAA from
 1.30 am HQ of 49th
 50th and 51st Bns
 will be at 026d8095
 ends AAA

391

From Book
 Place
 Time 1.30 am

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6.0.000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (E 1187.)

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

TO { TOOLS

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * BM 486 27th *

Front line in P 19
 and 25 subjected to
 some heavy shelling at
 3 am now quiet AAA

Situation unchanged otherwise
 AAA Inter - Bn relief complete
 2.40 am AAA

396

From Book
 Place
 Time 3.25 am

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6.0.000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (E 1187.)

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of:

Words: _____ Charge: _____

Sent _____ m. Recd. at _____ m.

At _____ m. Date _____

To _____ Service _____

By _____ From _____

(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____

TO { TOOLS }

Sender's Number. *BM 487 Day of Month. 27 In reply to Number. AAA

Situation report AAA 57th
58th and 60th Para
 report unchanged AAA
 our army has been
 firing bursts on night
 lines since 3-20 am Heavies
 engaged counter battery work
 since 3 am

400

From Book

Place _____

Time 11-45 am

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

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

(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6.0.000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (S. 1187.)

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of:

Words: _____ Charge: _____

Sent _____ m. Recd. at _____ m.

At _____ m. Date _____

To _____ Service _____

By _____ From _____

(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____

TO { 57th Aust Div }

Sender's Number. *BM 488 Day of Month. 27 In reply to Number. AAA

Advanced HQ Para report
SOS sent up night
 of 60th Para Sidon
 (P 25 a 7-3) at 6-5 am
 also from South eastern
 side of VILLERS-BRETTON

404

From Book

Place _____

Time 6-20 am

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

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

(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6.0.000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (S. 1187.)

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

TO { 5th Aust Div

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* BM 489	27		

Following from
aaa message
front line
aaa Enemy
yards away
Open order
he is
force and
on our
ends
same
missing
dealing

Advanced Hqs
from BRACKET
lined 6-25 am
about 1500
advancing in
towards us
in strong
coming direct
from aaa
further message
states enemy
P.27 Artillery
situation

409

From Book

Place

Time 7-14 am

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

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

* This line should be erased if not required.

(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 600,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (S. 1167.)

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Words.	Charge.
	Sent	
	At.....m.	Service.
	To.....	Date.....
	By.....	From.....
		By.....

TO { Tools
C.R.A. Tools
20th DA

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* P.M. 490	26		

Our line now runs
59th Bn. aaa 036
B 2.2 to 0 30 D 8.4 to
P 25 A 9.8 aaa 60 Bn.
from P 25 A 9.8 along
HAMEL-VILLERS-B. ROAD
to P 19 A 8.1 A.A. In touch
on both flanks aaa Six
heavy M.G. captured and
some light M.G. also few
of our Lewis G. aaa
5th Bn. now withdrawn to
reserve position 029 B
33 024 C 33 024 B 9.9.

412

From 15 A.I. Bde.

Place

Time 7.55 am

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

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

* This line should be erased if not required.

(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 600,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (S. 1167.)

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

TO { 5th Aust. Div. 14th A.T. Bde
20 D.A.
13th A.T. Bde

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
* BM 495 27

Following received from advt. H.Q. timed 9 A.M. aaaa Situation now quiet aaaa Bosche night is at P 20 C 6.8 and he extends S.W. 700 yds in a line parallel to line we now hold. aaaa Advd 5th Aust. Div. reptd 20 D.A. 13 and 14 A.T. Bdes.

417

From 15 A.T. Bde.
Place
Time 9.50 A.M.

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6.0.000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (S. 1187.)

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	This message is on alc of:	Recd. at.....m.
Sent	Service.	Date.....
At.....m.		From.....
To.....		By.....
By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { Tools 13th A.T. Bde.
C.R.H. Tools 14th A.T. Bde
20th D.A.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
* BM 496 27

Re BM. 490 aaaa Lt Col. LAYH. returned from forward reports our line running north cuts VILLERS L B. - HAMMEL road at P 25 A 9.5 and then runs north from there to P 20 A 4.0 aaaa in touch with 14th A.T. Bde ~~is~~ right post.

412

From 15 A.T. Bde.
Place
Time 11.15 A.M.

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6.0.000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (S. 1187.)

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and Service Instructions.	This message is on a/c of:		Recd. at m.
	Sent	Service.	Date.....
	At.....m.		From.....
	To.....		By.....
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { Tools
13 A.I. Bde
14 A.I. Bde.
20 D.A.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* BM498	27		

Reports from front line
state enemy ^{tried} digging
digging in 400 yds in
front of our left Bn
aaa our arty
causing many casualties
as he is approx.
digging in on our
S.O.S. line aaa The
enemy advanced in
mass and slaughter
caused by our arty
was terrible aaa all
arrangements well in
handy for counter
attack by us if

From
Place
Time

419

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6.0.000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (E, 1187.)

and Service Instructions.	This message is on a/c of:		Recd. at m.
	Sent	Service.	Date.....
	At.....m.		From.....
	To.....		By.....
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { 2

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

necessary aaa
add 5th Aust Div,
13 A.I. Bde, 14 A.I.
Bde, 20 D.A.

418

From 15 A.I. Bde.
Place
Time 8.45 AM.

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

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(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6.0.000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (E, 1187.)

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

TO { Tools

Sender's Number. * <u>BMM 500</u>	Day of Month. <u>27</u>	In reply to Number.	<u>AAA</u>
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Enemy shelling
60th Bn front line
and his planes
dropping flares
evidently directing
his artillery
Our artillery is
replying.

414

From	<u>15 A.I. Bde.</u>
Place	
Time	<u>11.45 AM</u>

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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

TO { Rept Centre

Sender's Number. * <u>BMM 501</u>	Day of Month. <u>27</u>	In reply to Number. <u>W81</u>	<u>AAA</u>
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Fighting patrols
have been
despatched to
counteract.

416

From	<u>15 A.I. Bde.</u>
Place	
Time	<u>12.15 pm</u>

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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

TO { Took.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * Bm 502 27 AAA

Re Bm. 500 aaa
 Our planes have
 driven enemy
 planes away.

418

From Book.
 Place
 Time 12.20 A.M.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) J. J. Golden
 Censor. Signature of Addressee or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187.)

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

TO { Rept centre
all Bms.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * Bm 503 27 AAA

13th Aust. Inf. Bde
line now runs
U5 central, 036 C5.3
036 B22 aaa french
continue south to
U5 D5.2 - U10 central
- U16 A55 - U16 D5.1 -
U22 D9.1 - U29 A6.4
U22 8 D 9.1. aaa
Sent rept centre and
all Bms.

419

From 15 A.I. Bde.
 Place
 Time 1.55 pm.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) J. J. Golden
 Censor. Signature of Addressee or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187.)

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

TO { 59 Bn. Rept Centre.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 * B.M. 504 27

59 Bn. will send an officer to Report Centre at 4 p.m. today 27th with full particulars of dispositions to meet C.O. 46 Bn. and arrange details of relief. a.a.a. adsd.
 59 Bn. reptd rept centre

422

From 15 A.I. Bde.
 Place 1.50 pm.
 Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650.000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

Office of Origin Sent At m. Service. Date
 To From
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

Operations priority
 TO { Tools.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 * B.M. 506 27

60 Bn. report enemy barrage falling on their front and infantry assembly in rear. a.a.a.
 Our artillery informed.

423

From 15 A.I. Bde.
 Place 2.50 pm.
 Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650.000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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

TO { Rept. Centre
 all Bm.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 * Bm. 506 27

air report aaa
 our troops seen on
 line p10 D, p25 B,
 and D main road
 p25 D' 3.3, p25 C 4.3
 L 036 D 6.10 -
 U5 B, D, and C
 west of XRds U15 B
 aaa
 trench hold
 p/26 A, and
 C North of XRds
 U6 C.

424

From 15 A. T. Bde.
 Place 155 pm.
 Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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

TO { Rept. Centre.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 * Bm 507 27

Report exact
 position left Bn.
 left post.

425

From 15 A. T. Bde.
 Place
 Time 2 pm.

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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

TO { Tools.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 * BM 508 27

Re B.M. 505. aaaa
 Front line report
 enemy troops scattered
 in Square 27 by
 our arty aaaa may
 searching fire be
 arranged, ~~please~~.

426

From 15 A.I. Bde.
 Place
 Time 2.15 pm.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) J. Gallant
 Censor. Signature of Addresser or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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

TO { Tools 14 A.I. Bde.
 13 A.I. Bde. 20 D. A.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 * 509

Further to B.M. 508 A.A.A.
 at 1.50 pm. Shelling
 was heavy on 60 Pm.
 front ~~the~~ and enemy
 have reported
 advancing in P 27
 aaaa our artillery
 opened dispersing them
 to cover aaaa our
 heavies. Then caused
 them further trouble
 aaaa. Situation now
 normal aaaa added
 Tools reptd 13 and 14
 A.I. Bdes and 20 D.A.

427

From 15 A.I. Bde.
 Place
 Time 2.30 pm.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) J. Gallant
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 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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

TO { Rept centre
 all Bns.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 Pm 510 27

anti tank guns with
 100 rds of 8mm. are
 in position as follows
 aaa 018 B central
 026 D 8.2, U 3, 034
 A 8.4 the last three
 belong to 8th Div.
 aaa In addition one
 section per Battery are
 told off for Anti-tank tasks
 aaa A Battery R.H.A.
 deals with tanks in
 5th Div. area in addition
 as far south as Villers-
 B-~~3~~ - Warfussee Road.

From 15 A.I. Bde. 429
 Place 2.40 pm
 Time

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

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 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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

TO { Rept centre
 all Bns.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * Pm 511 27

Army report enemy
 trenches in p2A and
 C strongly held.
~~strongly~~ otherwise
 no movement on front
 for depth of five
 miles plus the Somme
 and face aaa
 arty. fire being
 arranged for area
 held.

432
 From 15 A.I. Bde.
 Place 3.45 pm
 Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { 59 Bn. tools 13 A.I. Bde.
 Rept centre 15 A.I. Bde.
 all Bns.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A

* Bm 512 27

59 Bn. will be relieved by 46 Bn. tonight 27/28 April ~~in~~ in area south of the VILLERS-BRETONNEUX - WARFUSEE ABANCOURT ROAD. This road will be inclusive to 15th Bde. A.A.A.

Details of relief will be arranged between Bn. Commands concerned A.A.A. on relief one company of 59 Bn. may, at the discretion of the Co. be quartered in previous position

From
 Place
 Time

434

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

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 497/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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

TO { 2

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A

*

in the AUBIGNY zone
 aaaa
 Acknowledged
 aaaa Adsd tools.
 59 Bn. reptd Report Centre all Bde units
 13 A.I. Bde.

433

From 15 A.I. Bde.
 Place
 Time 3.40 pm.

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

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 497/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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

TO ~~14 A.I. Bde~~ Tools.
 14 A.I. Bde

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 *BM 512A 27

WWW 58 358
 60 837 849 A.A.A.
 adsd Tools reptd
 14 A.I. Bde.
 445

From 15 A.I. Bde
 Place 8.25 pm
 Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187.)

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

TO 15th A.L.T.M.B.
 12th A.L.T.M.B. 59 Bn.
 Report Centre

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 *B.M. 513 27

Two mortars of 15th
 A.L.T.M.B. - at 036 B.O.2
 will be relieved by
 12th A.L.T.M.B. tonight
 27/28 aaaa mortar
 transport relief will be
 disposed as CO. 15th A.L.T.M.B.
 may direct. aaaa mortars
 will be mutually
 exchanged and real
 guns collected by
 15th A.L.T.M.B. from 12th
 A.L.T.M.B. at N/13 B aaaa
 Acknowledge aaaa
 adsd 15 and ~~12th A.L.T.M.B.~~
 reptd Rept. Centre, 59 Bn.

From 15 A.I. Bde
 Place 4 pm
 Time 4.25

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187.)

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

TO { Tools.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * BM 514 27

left post left Bn.
 P 19 D 9. 8.

436

From 15 A.T. Bde.
 Place
 Time 4.5 p.m.

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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

TO { 5th Aust Div. 13 A.T. Bde.
 14 A.T. Bde. 20 D.A.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * BM 517 27

In P 21 and 27
 evening are dribbling
 forward in twos and
 threes apparently
 strengthening their line
 A.T.A. Have arranged
 for artillery to search
 valley in P 21 area
 evening appears to be
 holding strongly the
 trench in P 26 area
 to P 26 close our
 lately flying planes
 have been doing
 very good work in
 P 26 and 27 area

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From
 Place
 Time

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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Reccd. at m.

Sent Service. Date.....

At m. Service. Date.....

To..... From.....

By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { 2 }

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A

occasional enemy salvos of 59s on our reserve line otherwise quiet.

A.A.A. advised 5th Aust. Div. Sept'd 14 A.I. Bde, 13 A.I. Bde 20 F.D.A.

440

From 15 A.I. Bde.

Place 5.20 p.m.

Time

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

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187.)

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Reccd. at m.

Sent Service. Date.....

At m. Service. Date.....

To..... From.....

By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { Tools }

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A

our adv. HQ reports timed 6.50 p.m. our S.O.S. Signal fired about opposite MONUMENT WOOD A.A.A. our arty replying A.A.A. our own ~~front~~ Bde front ~~quiet~~ quiet.

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From 15 A.I. Bde.

Place 7.25 p.m.

Time

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

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187.)

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

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

TO { Tools

Sender's Number. * 8m 526 Day of Month. 28 In reply to Number. AAA

Relief complete
WWW 348
Binder and Bracket
12.35 A.M. 373
396.

459

From Book
 Place 1 A.M.
 Time 1 A.M.
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) J.P. Gallany
 Censor. Signature of Addressee or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187.)

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

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

TO { Tools

Sender's Number. * 8m 527 Day of Month. 28 In reply to Number. AAA

WWW 348 373
BLISS and GAG.
1.15 A.M. 355 A.A.A.

462

From Book
 Place 1.35 A.M.
 Time 1.35 A.M.
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) J.P. Gallany
 Censor. Signature of Addressee or person authorised to telegraph in his name.


* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187.)

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

10 {	4th Aust. Div.		
	5th Aust. Div.		

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B.M. 536	28		

WWW	R/c	14th Bde
316	348	15th Bde
AAA	adst	
4th Aust. Div.		
reptd 5th Aust. Div.		

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From	15 A.I. Bde.
Place	
Time	11.50 P.M.

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

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

* This line should be erased if not required.

(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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

TO 51 Bde, 49, 50 Bns, 13 M Bde, 15 A Bde

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B 432	26		

2 corps 51 Bde will move to CACHY switch and 2 corps to Reserve line to relieve troops of 24 Inf Bde and 1051 Bde to report to GEN HAIGH of 24 Inf Bde at Railway arch 025000 at once and will there be told which portion of line to take over which troops to relieve and details of relief and COL CHRISTIE to msg 13 M Bde HQ from 025000. after seeing GEN HAIGH addid 51 Bde 24 Inf Bde up to 49 50 Bns 13 M Bde 8 Div 15 A Bde.

Cancelled by 434 346 35

From	13 M Bde
Place	
Time	2 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*

* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required. Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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

TO 15 Aust 24 Bde

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B 433	26		

Following report from front line issued 2 pm a.m. 49 and 50 Bns in touch on Railway line and right of 50 Bn in touch with French at a point about 400 yards west of MONUMENT and 2 corps 50 Bn in close support 2 of our Stokes mortars and 2 English Stokes Mortars near Railway line also 2 Australian and 2 English Vickers guns in some vicinity and 1 Coy DLI near Railway line

From	
Place	
Time	362

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*

* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required. Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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

TO _____

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

Position at that time seemed satisfactory and it was moderately quiet and there were no signs of hostile Tank attacks. 8 Div 24 Bde 15 Amst. Inf Bde 8. Zone Rept.

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From 15 and Inf Bde
 Place _____
 Time 5 5 pm

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

* This line, except **AAA**, should be erased if not required.
 Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2388.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message _____

Prefix _____ Code _____ Words _____ Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From _____ At _____ m.
 By _____ To _____
 Charges to Collect _____ Service Instructions _____

Handed in at _____ Office _____ m. Received. _____ m.

TO _____

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

Following from army begins
 aaa air report 5 to 5:15.
 for aaa 5 companies 100
 each on road 5.15 from
 MARCELCAVE in V14B and V9C
 aaa 5 companies going
 west towards IGNAUCOURT
 in V24B and 29A aaa. No
 other road movement
 seen in air from SOMME
 to Mortuill as far east
 as BAYONVILLER'S beaucourt
 aaa ends aaa

315

FROM 20018
 PLACE & TIME 17 35 am

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C 2123.

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Received. Sent, or sent out. Office stamp

Code Words £ s. d. From At m.

Charges to Collect By To

Service Instructions

Handed in at *A. Y. G.* Office *7:30 p.m.* Received *7:50 p.m.*

TO *Booth*

*Sender's Number *5606* Day of Month *26* In reply to Number *AAA*

Following from 3rd Corps begins a/c prisoner 9th Coy 78th I.R. 19th Div captured about U 6 or U 11 26th inst status relieved 4:19 p.m. I.R. early this morning a/c ends

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Tools

FROM PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.

Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp

Code Words £ s. d. From At m.

Charges to Collect By To

Service Instructions

Handed in at *Booth* Office *5:30 p.m.* Received *4:00 p.m.*

TO *Booth*

*Sender's Number *5579* Day of Month *16* In reply to Number *AAA*

Following from 3rd Corps time 11:30 a.m. begins a/c line runs approximately as follows N to S a/c Cross roads p20A - p25C12 - 036D11 - U5B55 - U5C00 - U10B30 - U10C90 - thence to wood U16A where our line now reported advancing after being held up by the fire from BOIS DE HANGARD a/c thence line runs to U16D55 - U22D55 a/c Heavy enemy attacks against right of Moroccan Div beaten off and enemy driven from NW corner Bois de Hangard a/c French

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FROM PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.

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Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From _____ At _____ m.
 By _____ To _____
 Charges to Collect _____
 Service Instructions _____

Handed in at _____ Office _____ m. Received _____ m.

TO II

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

state they hold monument
and CO PS/E UGA but not
confirmed aaa bnda

(Out of date so not forwarded)
units
QBW

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FROM Tools
 PLACE & TIME _____

*This line should be erased if not required.
 27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2143.

Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From _____ At _____ m.
 By _____ To _____
 Charges to Collect _____
 Service Instructions _____

Handed in at A.Y.C. Office 7.30p m. Received 7.25p m.

TO Book

*Sender's Number 1.595 Day of Month 26 In reply to Number BM 474
 AAA

B. Ref my 4570 aaa line at
 present held to be consolidated
 tonight aaa by #538 is cancelled
 aad Div command approves
 bde fantasia be held with
 two bns. line and two
 bns. in bde reserve in
 024 aad Ad. 15th Lt. Pde
 reptd all recipients 4570.

Colonel HAYN informed

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FROM Tools
 PLACE & TIME 7.10pm

*This line should be erased if not required.
 27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2143.

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Prefix *11* Code *11* Words *6*
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *A. 76* Office *10.20* m. Received. *11.20* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *N 664* Day of Month *10th* In reply to Number *AAA*

Lieut Beat and party will be detached from 15th Aust Lf Bde and will carry out Coy duties area 8th Field Coy will work with this brigade area address 14th Field Coy reptd 15th Aust Lf Brigade area

Col high informed
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FROM *CR6*
 PLACE & TIME *Tools 9.30pm*

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

Prefix *11* Code *11* Words *6*
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *A. 76* Office *12.57* m. Received. *1.45* m.

TO *15th Aust Bde*

*Sender's Number *BI 82* Day of Month *26* In reply to Number *AAA*

Arrangements have been made for two anti tank guns to be placed one about 034a and one about U3a ~~area~~ ^{area} being created by artillery ~~area~~ ^{area} in charge of each of these guns ~~area~~ ^{area} will get touch with these guns and be responsible for giving them adequate protection ~~area~~ ^{area}

FROM *NGV*
 PLACE & TIME *12.45pm*

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

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HEV 25 Byk
HAV 23 Byk

Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp
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Charges to Collect	From	At	m.	
Service Instructions	By	To		
Handed in at	Office	Received	m.	
TO				
Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number		
N 664	10th	AAA		

Code <i>47</i>		Words <i>47</i>		Office Stamp	
Charges to Collect		From <i>Age</i>		Sent, or sent out, At <i>5:50 a.m.</i> m.	
Service Instructions		By <i>Reg</i>		To <i>phone</i>	
Handed in at <i>agn</i>		Office <i>550 a.m.</i>		Received <i>6:25 a.m.</i> m.	
TO <i>BOOK</i>					
*Sender's Number <i>5032</i>		Day of Month <i>26</i>		In reply to Number <i>AAA</i>	
<p>Enemy shelling on front line light consisting of occasional 77 mm^s enemy shelled Tellers Bretonneux heavily with 5.9^s between 2:30 am and 3:15 am two enemy planes over our lines during the afternoon</p>					
FROM		Bliss 3:5 am			
PLACE & TIME					

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

Code <i>47</i>		Words <i>47</i>		Office Stamp	
Charges to Collect		From <i>Age</i>		Sent, or sent out, At <i>11:57</i> m.	
Service Instructions		By <i>Reg</i>		To <i>phone</i>	
Handed in at <i>agn</i>		Office <i>11:57</i> m.		Received <i>11:57</i> m.	
TO <i>BOOK</i>					
*Sender's Number <i>5030</i>		Day of Month <i>26</i>		In reply to Number <i>AAA</i>	
<p>From 7 pm to 7:30 pm enemy put over heavy barrage in 0230 & 0248 using 8 inch & 5.9 at the same time a large number of Whizzbangs on support line and front line, and enemy planes over our line at 6 pm 18th shell dropped in bunker road at 017C</p>					
FROM		Bliss 3:50 am			
PLACE & TIME					

*This line should be erased if not required.
 (27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 80

From *Am 26* Code *26* Words *26* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 £ s. d. From *Agw* At *Agw* m.
 By *17/10/44* To
 By

Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *Agw* Office *4 25* m. Received *4 31* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *R 4/34* Day of Month *26* In reply to Number *BM 470* A A A

An enemy plane has
 been shot down in
 031 central by
 heavy gun fire of
 one of our posts

FROM *Agw*
 PLACE & TIME *4 20 pm*

*This line should be erased if not required.

37832) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2113.

Prefix *SM* Code *EDP* Words *11* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 £ s. d. From *Agw* At *Agw* m.
 By *17/10/44* To
 By

Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *Agw* Office *5 20* m. Received *5 20* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *R 4/35* Day of Month *26* In reply to Number *BM 470* A A A

BM 470 received

FROM *Agw*
 PLACE & TIME *5 10 pm*

* This line should be erased if not required.

9370-W.528-100,000-10/15/17-E.P.Co.-(E1213).

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

(In books of 100.)

No. of Message **12**

Prefix **Am** Code **SR** Wc **70**

Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

From **unc** At **10** m.

By **Whe** To

By

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at **Am** Office **44** m. Received **4 37** m.

TO **Book**

*Sender's Number **W 39** Day of Month **26** In reply to Number **AAA**

Situation report **aaa** Quiet at present with light intermittent shelling at 0240 our artillery active during day from 4 am to 7 am and 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm **aaa** enemy massing and movements in P27 **aaa** enemy aeroplanes active this morning and engaged by our **aa** and **LB** fire **aaa** our planes active this afternoon **aaa** sent **Pool's** rptd flank **Sdes**

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FROM **Block**

PLACE & TIME **4 20 pm**

*This line should be erased if not required.
(27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads—3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

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Sent At **10** m. To By

Date **25/4** Service **Am** From **unc**

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO **Book**

Sender's Number **W 39** Day of Month **26** In reply to Number **BMT46** **AAA**

Instruction carried out

256

From **Watson** **017 C 3.7**

Place **11.25 am** **017 C 3.7**

Time

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

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

*This line, except **AAA**, should be erased if not required.
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2123. (In books of 100.)

Prefix *SM* Code *H* Words *21* Received. From *Byls* Sent, or sent out. At *11:40* m. Office Stamp. *11:50*

Charges to Collect Service Instructions Handed in at *AAAO* Office *11:40* m. Received *11:50* m.

TO *BM Book*

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

Sos line from P31 A2.0 is now P31 A2.0 to P31 63.0 to U6D 3.0. aaa

FROM *Artillery Liaison Office 11:40 AM* PLACE & TIME

*This line should be erased if not required.

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(In books of 100.) No. of Message *265*

Prefix *SM* Code *KP* Words *12* Received. From *AAAO* Sent, or sent out. At *5:59* m. Office Stamp. *6:18* m. By *Wm Silber*

Charges to Collect Service Instructions Handed in at *AAAO* Office *5:59* m. Received *6:18* m.

TO *Book*

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

Your BM 470 and BM 474 received

FROM *Bomber* PLACE & TIME *5:45 pm*

* This line should be erased if not required.

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No. of Message 19

Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£ s. d.		From <u>aaa</u>	At _____ m.	
Charges to Collect		By <u>EC</u>	To _____	
Service Instructions		By _____		

Handed in at aaa Office _____ m. Received 4:56 m.

TO Book

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A
<u>W 69</u>	<u>26</u>		<u>AAA</u>

BRACKET has pushed forward along whole front to P 1989 along HAMEL-VILLERS-BRETONNEUX ROAD to P25273 aaa Exact line not definitely known but have gained road aaa Am in touch with units on both flanks aaa very heavy fighting encountered capuades heavy

FROM Bracket 017 PLACE & TIME C.37 4450m

* This line should be erased if not required.
9310—W 528—100,000—10/5/17—E.P.Co.—(E1213).

No. of Message 265

Prefix	Code	Words	Received.	Office Stamp.
	£ s. d.	<u>77</u>	From <u>aaa</u>	
Charges to Collect		By <u>EC</u>	To _____	
Service Instructions		By _____		

Handed in at _____ Office _____ m. Received _____ m.

TO 52nd Bde 15th A.I. Bde

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A
<u>Barb X 5</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>AAA</u>

This office B432 is cancelled. aaa 51 Bde remain in 0300 and aaa 2 Bde + 9 Bde in 0300 may be used by 60 50th Bde to strengthen front line if considered necessary aaa Inform Bde. If these units are moved aaa 2 Bde + 13 th Bde are placed at disposal 50 Bde and officers reporting to you for instruction aaa (Added 50 th Bde Rept) & 51 th Bde with Coy at inf for 15 th Am Inf Bde & Kenan Rept

FROM Kupe 380 PLACE & TIME 4:00pm

* This line should be erased if not required.
9310—W 528—100,000—10/5/17—E.P.Co.—(E1213).

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Prefix MM Code UN Words 14 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From 2474 At 2 m.
 By 6000 To 2
 By 2506

Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at 2474 Office 2474 m. Received 2506 m.

TO Book

* Sender's Number Day of Month. In reply to Number A A A
85 27 A A A

Relief reported complete
 at 2:40 am

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FROM Advanced Book
 PLACE & TIME 2:45 am

* This line should be erased if not required.
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Prefix MM Code UN Words 14 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From 2474 At 2 m.
 By 6000 To 2
 By 2506

Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at 2474 Office 2474 m. Received 321 m.

TO Book

* Sender's Number Day of Month. In reply to Number A A A
36 27th A A A

Situation Report Burst of
 Hostile Artillery fire upon our
 front line NORTH of VILLERS-
 BRETONNEUX which lasted for
 10 minutes at 2:45 AM
 Situation much quieter now AAA
 57th 58th & 60th Divs Report
 unchanged line to 59th
 still down

FROM Advanced Book
 PLACE & TIME 8 AM

* This line should be erased if not required.
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NO. of Message _____

Prefix SM Code CFSM 39 Words 39 Received: _____ Sent, or sent out. _____ Office Stamp. _____
 From M490 At _____ m. 9
 By [Signature] To _____
 By _____

*Charges to Collect _____
 Service Instructions _____

Handed in at M490 Office 337A m. Received 3.34 m.

TO Book

* Sender's Number B7 Day of Month. 27 In reply to Number _____ A A A

The following Report received from 57th Bn at 3.20 AM AAA
 Bullet now moved back to support and occupy line from 029 B19 to 024 A17 Bn HQ at 017 D.27. Time 3.10 AM

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FROM Advanced Book
 PLACE & TIME 3.25 AM

Prefix SM Code CFSM 39 Words 39 Received. _____ Sent, or sent out. _____ Office Stamp. _____
 From ago At _____ m.
 By whea To _____
 By _____

Charges to Collect _____
 Service Instructions _____

Handed in at ago Office 350 a m. Received 4.50 a m.

TO Book

* Sender's Number B8 Day of Month. 27 In reply to Number _____ A A A

Report from 59th Bn received 3.45 am relief complete Bn Bq situated in cellar in chateau at 030 C34 aaa Line with Bde B6 Bns has been put for past half hour line men have gone along from this end lined

FROM 398 ago Book 3.50 am
 PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.
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Charges to Collect By CC At 5 m.
 Service Instructions To _____
 By _____

Handed in at 0040 Office 4.50 m. Received 4.15a m.

TO Book

* Sender's Number Day of Month. In reply to Number A A A
B 9 27 _____

Situation report aaa 57th
58th and 60th Bns
 report unchanged aaa Our
 arty has been firing
 bursts on night lines
 since 3.30am Heavies have
 been on counter battery
 work since 3am

FROM 399 Advanced Book
 PLACE & TIME 4am

* This line should be erased if not required.
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Charges to Collect By CC To _____
 Service Instructions By _____

Handed in at 0040 Office 5.30 m. Received 5.25a m.

TO Book

* Sender's Number Day of Month. In reply to Number A A A
W 70 27 _____

Situation normal in regard
 to 57th 58th 59th
Bns see W 69 re
60th

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FROM Advanced Book
 PLACE & TIME 017 @ 3.7 5.7am

* This line should be erased if not required.
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No. of Message 15

Prefix *SB* Code *DL* Words *46*
Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
From *eye* At _____ m.
By *W. Ben* To _____

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at *adigo* Office *530* m. Received *6.25a*

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *1071* Day of Month *27* In reply to Number *AAA*

co (bracket) reports operation complete success and new position being consolidated. at least 6 heavy enemy mcs captured also some light mcs and a few Lewis guns. our casualties estimated at between 50 and 60.

405

FROM *Advance Book*
PLACE & TIME *017637 550am*

*This line should be erased if not required.

2787) Wt. W14632/M1533. [E 93D] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2143.

No. of Message *15*

Prefix *SB* Code *DL* Words *72*
Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
From *11450* At _____ m.
By *W. Ben* To _____

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at *11450* Office *438* m. Received *459* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *DB 107* Day of Month *27* In reply to Number *AAA*

In P 21 and P 27 enemy are dribbling forward in two and three AA. Apparently strengthening their line. AA. Our artillery is going to search valley in P 21. AA enemy appears to be holding trench P 26 a 00 to P 26 C 00 strongly. AA our low flying planes have been doing very good work in P 26 and 27. AA enemy firing occasional salvoes 5.9. otherwise quiet AA. Situation satisfactory.

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FROM *Advanced Book*
PLACE & TIME *455 PM*

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Code <i>66</i>	Words <i>29</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£ s. d.		From <i>ayl</i>	At _____ m.	
Charges to Collect		By <i>W.R.</i>	To _____	
Service Instructions		By _____		

Code <i>66</i>	Words <i>20</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£ s. d.		From <i>ayl</i>	At _____ m.	
Charges to Collect		By <i>W.R.</i>	To _____	
Service Instructions		By _____		

Handed in at *adgo* Office *6254* m. Received *637* m.

Handed in at *adgo* Office *67* m. Received *630* m.

TO *Book*

TO *Book*

Sender's Number <i>1063</i>	Day of Month <i>27</i>	In reply to Number <i>AAA</i>
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Sender's Number <i>1072</i>	Day of Month <i>27</i>	In reply to Number <i>AAA</i>
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60 *Billet* reports his
line now running from
approx *024C22* *029B99*
029B central to road
029B34 battn Hq approx
017 central

60 *Bless* reports his
line is from *036B14* *030D83*
P25A88 *aaa* advance
book *017C37* *baw* *tax*

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411

FROM *Advance Book*
 PLACE & TIME *017C37. 6:10am*

FROM _____
 PLACE & TIME _____

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

Prefix *M* Code *TH* Words *22* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From *Book* At *5:50* m.
 By *A. Harman* To *5-11*
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *Book* Office *6th* m. Received *6:57* m.

TO *Book*
 *Sender's Number *B 16* Day of Month *28* In reply to Number *AAA*

One prisoner 8th Coy 2nd
 Bn 35th Regt 228 Inf Div
 brought in wounded and
 has been buried in cellar
 in VILLERS BRETTONNEAUX
 since night 24/25 aaa
171

FROM *Adv Book*
 PLACE & TIME *5:40 AM*

This line should be erased if not required.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of message

Prefix *10* Code *900* Words *17* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From *adv* At *6:55* m.
 By *rwc* To *6-11*
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions *urg operation priority*
 Handed in at *adv* Office *6-11* m. Received *7:5* m.
 TO *Book*

*Sender's Number *W 75* Day of Month *27* In reply to Number *AAA*

Message from BRACKET front
 line timed 6:25 am
 aaaa coming about 1500
 yards away advancing in
 open order towards us
 the is in strong
 force and is coming
 direct on out front
 message ends aaaa further
 message from same source
 states that enemy is
 massing in A97 aaaa
 our arty is dealing
 with that situation
408

FROM *Advanced Book*
 PLACE & TIME *6:17 P.M. 6:55 am*

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at AAAO Office 1P m. Received 7.6P m.

TO Book

*Sender's Number W 83 Day of Month 27th In reply to Number AAA

our S.O.S. Signal fired
 about opposite MONUMENT
 WOOD AAA our artillery
 replying AAA our front
 Quiet

444

FROM Advanced Book
 PLACE & TIME 017C37 6.50pm

*This line should be erased if not required.
 17802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123

Received. 1A
 Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions W 0
 Handed in at ago Office 6.35a m. Received 6.36a m.

TO Book

*Sender's Number W 73 Day of Month 27 In reply to Number AAA

Situation obscure at
 present our sos fired at 6.5am
 in P19D aaa our
 artillery replying

W 017

FROM Advanced Book
 PLACE & TIME 017C37 6.10am

*This line should be erased if not required.
 17802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123

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No. of message _____

Prefix <u>XO</u>	Code <u>35</u>	Words <u>35</u>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect			From <u>advt</u>	At _____ m.	
Service Instructions <u>wy operation prompt</u>			By <u>gc</u>	To _____	
Handed in at <u>Advt</u>			Office <u>739</u> m.	Received <u>745</u> m.	
TO <u>Book</u>					
*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A		
<u>W 76</u>	<u>27</u>				
From <u>Col. Fayh</u> all necessary steps taken for launching a counter attack if necessary as <u>Bosche</u> does not appear to have yet advanced to close range.					
<u>413</u>					
FROM	<u>Advanced Book</u>				
PLACE & TIME	<u>017C.37 7.30a</u>				

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Service Instructions <u>wy operation prompt</u>	To _____		
By _____			
Handed in at <u>Advt</u>	Office <u>710</u> m. Received <u>712</u> m.		
TO <u>Book</u>			
*Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A
<u>W 77</u>	<u>27</u>		
Wounded man from <u>Brosche</u> front line informed Major Keering that <u>Brosche</u> never got nearer our front line than <u>400 yds</u> and that they could deal with him effectively.			
<u>415</u>			
FROM	<u>Advanced Book</u>		
PLACE & TIME	<u>017C.37 7am</u>		

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Prefix *SO* Code *HH* Words *43* Received *aaao* Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 From *aaao* At _____ m.
 By *EC* To _____
 Charges to Collect _____
 Service Instructions *urgent operation pt.*
 Handed in at *aaao* Office *8:40* m. Received *8:47* m.

TO *Book*

* Sender's Number *W 78* Day of Month *27th* In reply to Number *AAA*

*Message to 25th English
 Bde commences aaa Ave
 report states enemy appears
 to be holding french
 P26a0.0 to P26c0.0 aaa
 Strongly aaa movement observed
 in P27 between 4
 and 5pm message ends
 450*

FROM *Advanced Book*
 PLACE & TIME *017E3.7 8:40pm*

* This line should be erased if not required.
 27800 W. 14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C (2123)

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Prefix *SO* Code *HH* Words *44* Received *aaao* Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 From *aaao* At _____ m.
 By *EC* To _____
 Charges to Collect _____
 Service Instructions *urgent operation pt.*
 Handed in at *aaao* Office *7:20* m. Received *8:30* m.

TO *Book*

* Sender's Number *W 78* Day of Month *27th* In reply to Number *AAA*

*From Major Kuring enemy
 digging in about 400
 yards in front of
 BRACKET aaa Ave abty
 causing many casualties as
 he is approx digging
 in on one *410*
 line aaa He advanced
 in ~~pass~~ and slaughter
 was terrible*

FROM *Advanced Book*
 PLACE & TIME *017E3.7 8:15am*

* This line should be erased if not required.

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From *SM* Code *1000* Words *73* Received *11:40* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 £ s. d. From *CAF* At. m.
 Charges to Collect By *CAF* To
 Service Instructions By *CAF*
 Handed in at *11:40* Office *9:50* m. Received *9:15* A

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>W 91</i>	<i>27th</i>		<i>AAA</i>
<i>Two</i>	<i>prisoners</i>	<i>4th Coy</i>	
<i>1st</i>	<i>Bn</i>	<i>48th Bde</i>	
<i>228th</i>	<i>Inf</i>	<i>Division brought</i>	
<i>in</i>	<i>AAA</i>	<i>found in</i>	
<i>cellar</i>	<i>Villers-Bretonneux</i>	<i>states</i>	
<i>our</i>	<i>counter attack</i>	<i>was a</i>	
<i>complete surprise</i>	<i>AAA</i>	<i>the</i>	
<i>228th</i>	<i>Inf</i>	<i>Div</i>	<i>was</i>
<i>to</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>relieved</i>	<i>night</i>
<i>24/25</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>AAA</i>	<i>228th</i>
<i>Div</i>	<i>made</i>	<i>first</i>	<i>attack</i>
<i>on</i>	<i>Villers-Bretonneux</i>	<i>from</i>	
<i>trenches</i>	<i>after</i>	<i>occupying</i>	<i>the</i>
<i>trenches</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>three</i>	<i>or four</i>
<i>days</i>	<i>AAA</i>	<i>situation unchanged</i>	

FROM *Advanced Book*
 PLACE & TIME *01703.7 9 AM*

*This line should be erased if not required.

Charges to Collect By *CAF* To
 Service Instructions *Message operation priority* By *CAF*

Handed in at *01750* Office *9:25* m. Received *9:35* m.

TO *Book*

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>W 79</i>	<i>27th</i>		<i>AAA</i>

Situation now quiet *aaa*
Bosche right is at
Pro C 6.8 and he
extends S.W. 700 yards
in a line parallel
to line we hold
aaa

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FROM *Advanced Book*
 PLACE & TIME *01703.7 9 am*

* This line should be erased if not required.

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From: *W. Book* At: *2:10 p.m.*
 By: *W. Book* To: *Book*
 Charges to Collect: *4460*
 Service Instructions: *Operation Priority*
 Handed in at: *2:10 p.m.* Office: *2:10 p.m.* Received: *2:10 p.m.*

TO: *Book*

*Sender's Number: *W 82* Day of Month: *27* In reply to Number: *AAA*

At 1:50pm shelling was heavy on our Bns. aaa enemy wave reported advancing in p27 aaa our Artillery opened dispersing them to cover. aaa Our Heavies then caused them further trouble. aaa Situation now normal.

42F

FROM: *W. Book*
 PLACE & TIME: *2:10 p.m.*

* This line should be erased if not required.
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 From: *W. Book* At: *12:10 p.m.*
 By: *W. Book* To: *Book*
 Charges to Collect: *4460*
 Service Instructions: *Operation Priority*
 Handed in at: *12:10 p.m.* Office: *12:10 p.m.* Received: *12:10 p.m.*

TO: *Book*

*Sender's Number: *W 82* Day of Month: *27* In reply to Number: *AAA*

Our planes have driven off enemy planes from our front line.

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FROM: *W. Book*
 PLACE & TIME: *017637 12:50*

* This line should be erased if not required.
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Charges to Collect _____ By WJ To _____
 Service Instructions _____
 Handed in at 1440 Office 1247A m. Received 1A m.
 TO Book
 *Sender's Number 82 Day of Month 27th In reply to Number _____ A A A
 Lt Forrest with 49th Bn Reports
 Situation about MONUMENT WOOD
 obscure from thence to left
 good casualties during the two
 bombardments during evening
 very slight from 130 AM the 140
 of 49, 50 & 51 Bn will be at
 026 080095 390
 FROM Advanced Book
 PLACE & TIME 1245 AM
 * This line should be erased if not required.

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 Prefix WJ Charges to Collect _____ From WJ At _____ m.
 Service Instructions _____ By EWC To _____
 Handed in at 1440 Office 3587 m. Received 4:30 m.
 TO Book
 *Sender's Number W 53 Day of Month 27 In reply to Number _____ A A A
 Situation unchanged asg Lieut
 Forrest liaison with 49th
 Bn reports that he
 Cap see no movement
 of enemy or tanks
 at MONUMENT WOOD U623.3
 350
 FROM Advanced Book
 PLACE & TIME 01703.7 4pm
 * This line should be erased if not required.

9310-W.528-100,000-10/5/17-E.P.Co.-(E1213).

(57302) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C./2123.

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Prefix W Code 63 Words 11
 Received 9:50 Sent, or sent out. 9:50 Office Stamp
 From How Book At 9:50 m.
 By German To
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions

Handed in at How Book Office 9:50 m. Received 9:50 m.

TO

*Sender's Number W 63 Day of Month 29 In reply to Number AAA

Situation quite normal
 now

379

FROM How Book
 PLACE & TIME 017037 9:50 PM

*This line should be erased if not required.

(37802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930] 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C./2123.

Prefix W Code 63 Words 11
 Received 8:17 Sent, or sent out. 8:17 Office Stamp
 From How Book At 8:17 m.
 By EC To
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions

Handed in at How Book Office 8:17 m. Received 8:17 m.

TO

*Sender's Number B 437 Day of Month 29 In reply to Number AAA

49th 50th 95th Bus
 Regts 13th M.P. Coy and
 13 LAMB of Australians
 are now situated at
 O 26 to 8.0

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FROM How Book
 PLACE & TIME 017037 9:50 PM

* This line should be erased if not required.

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No. of Message 09

Prefix	Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp
		£ s. d.	From	At	
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions			By	To	

Handed in at *aye* Office *7.12 p.m.* Received *7.35 p.m.*

TO *Booth*

*Sender's Number *9946* Day of Month *27* In reply to Number *AAA*

avv report 10.45 to 11.45 am
2000/1000 feet area aaa
Buelennues warfused
Harbonnieres caix cayens
Marcelcave aaa 11.5 am
body of troops in four
estimated 200 stationary
on Warfused Marcelcave
road in P35A aaa 11.10 am
body enemy troops estimated
2000 resting in H lines in
Valley W of WIENCOURT in
V18A and C-V23B-V24A
aaa scattered transport
and HT about 12 in all
moving S from HARBONN-
IERES to CAIX aaa 5 Bodies

FROM
 PLACE & TIME *453*

*This line should be erased if not required.

(27802) Wt. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms/C.2123.

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No. of Message 07

Prefix	Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp
		£ s. d.	From	At	
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions			By	To	

Handed in at _____ Office _____ m. Received _____ m.

TO *II*

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

infantry 20 30 each
moving W of caix and
entering woods of CHAYFUX
in E 13C and E 7A and
aaa 10 houses on
road BAYONVILLERS to
HARBONNIERES aaa Railway
between Wincourt and
Amiens clear aaa
line appears broken
by bomb or shell half
mile E of Guillaucourt
aaa number of batteries
in position along WARFUSEE
Bayonvillers Road in
P36B and Q31 central aaa
two heavy guns firing from

FROM
 PLACE & TIME *452*

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message 01

Prefix	Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp.
	£ s. d.		From	At	
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions				By	

Handed in at _____ Office _____ m. Received _____ m.

TO III

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

E side woods S of CAIX
in 615D aaa during at
3 minute intervals aaa
front quiet no EA seen

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FROM Pools.
PLACE & TIME

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message 01

Prefix	Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp.
	£ s. d.		From	At	
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions				By	

Handed in at air Office 100 m. Received _____ m.

TO Book

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

air report to 8.15 am aaa
no troops seen on line
P10D P25B and D to main
road P25D33 - P25C43 - 036D00
- USB. D. and C west of
cross roads to U4C50 along
road to cross road U15B
thence west of HANGARD
Road aaa enemy hold
trench P26A and C and
north of cross roads U6C
aaa no movement or
concentrations seen aaa

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FROM Pools
PLACE & TIME

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Code *01* Words *01* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp
 From *By* At *10* m. Received.
 Charges to Collect By *By* To
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *at* Office *at* Received.
 TO *Book*
 Sender's Number *9697* Day of Month *17th* In reply to Number *AAA*
Anti-tank guns with 100 rounds of ammunition are in position as follows aaa 018B central 026D82 U3 034A82 the last three belong to 8th Division aaa in addition one section per battery are sent off for anti-tank task aaa "A" battery RNA deals with tanks in 5th Div area in addition as far south as Villers Bretonneux-warifusee road
 FROM *Tools* PLACE & TIME *430*

Code *01* Words *01* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp
 From *By* At *10* m. Received.
 Charges to Collect By *By* To
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *at* Office *at* Received.
 TO *Book*
 Sender's Number *9688* Day of Month *27th* In reply to Number *AAA*
Army wire begins aaa French seen in Quarry east side of road 078D88 and western part of Mangard and along road in U29A and C aaa enemy trenches in P26A and C and across aerodrome strongly held otherwise no movement on front for depth of 5 miles between Comme and here aaa ends
 FROM *Tools* PLACE & TIME *431*

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Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp
£ s. d.		From ayc	At m.	
Charges to Collect		By aya	To	
Service Instructions		By	By	
Handed in at ayc	Office 7:10 p	Received 7:17 p		
TO	Book			
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA	
737	27th			
Artillery shoots will be carried out on enemy defences opposite divisional sector on night 27/28 April at following times aac 2 minute bursts at 9.55pm 11.50pm 3am aac 5 minute bursts at 10.50pm 4.25am 5.20am				
447				
FROM	Tools			
PLACE & TIME	7pm			

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Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp
£ s. d.		From ayc	At m.	
Charges to Collect		By	To	
Service Instructions		By	By	
Handed in at ayc	Office 12:34 p	Received 12:40 p		
TO	Book			
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA	
5538	29			
15th Aus Inf Bde in cooperation with 13th Aus Inf Bde will carry out reconnaissance to ascertain possibility of occupying old British front line during daylight today aac If it is not considered advisable to advance to it during daylight the advance will be made during darkness tonight aac Details will be arranged by Brigadiers 13th and 15th Aus Inf Bdes direct aac Boundary between 13th and 15th Aust Inf Bdes will be road running through O36-B P316 and				
FROM	347			
PLACE & TIME				

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Prefix AW Code RC words 35 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 £ s. d. From aye At 12:40 m.
 Charges to Collect By Whea To
 Service Instructions By

Handed in at aye Office 10:15 m. Received 10:25 m.

TO

II

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
580 29th AAA

Daaa This road will be inclusive to 15th Aus Inf Bde. aaa The right flank of 15th Aus Inf Bde after the advance will rest where old British line crosses the road in vicinity P31836. aaa Acknowledge aaa. Addsd. 15th A.I. Bde reptd 5th Aus. Div Arty 8th Div Arty Corps 3rd Aust Div 4th Aust Div 14th Aust Inf Bde.

Noted.

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FROM
PLACE & TIME

Fools

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Prefix AW Code RC words 35 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 £ s. d. From aye At 10:15 m.
 Charges to Collect By Whea To
 Service Instructions By

Handed in at aye Office 10:15 m. Received 10:25 m.

TO

Book

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
580 29th AAA

Reports received indicate objective gained on front of 8th Div front U6H85 to O36 D39. aaa Pouch is being maintained with a trench on right and 15th Aus Inf Bde on left.

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FROM
PLACE & TIME

Fools

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. (In books 51-100.)

No. of Message: 73

Prefix: AB	Code: SA	Words: 33	Received:	Sent, or sent out:	Office Stamp:
Charges to collect			From: aye	At: . . . m.	
Service Instructions: Precourt			By: Mea	To: . . .	
Handed in at: 4/11		Office: 420	Received: 4:55		
TO: Book					
*Sender's Number: 8/215	Day of Month: 27	In reply to Number: AAA			

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20 W D A

H 10 pm

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. (In books 101-150.)

No. of Message: 446

Prefix: SB	Code: GP	Words: 102	Received:	Sent, or sent out:	Office Stamp:
Charges to collect			From: OVA	At: . . . m.	
Service Instructions: OVA Precourt			By: Precourt	To: . . .	
Handed in at: 13th + 15th A.T. Bales		Office: . . .	Received: 7:30		
TO: . . .					
*Sender's Number: F/216	Day of Month: 27	In reply to Number: AAA			

Night firing tonight aaa bursts of fire will be fired at following times

aaa 9.55 am	2 minutes
10.50 am	5 min
3 am	2 min
11.50 am	2 min
11.25 am	5 min

aaa target areas selected by group commander special attention to squares P26 27 UL 6 7 d

Via 4-6 P20 c and d aaa

at 5.20 am a rolling barrage will be fired commencing on SOS line and lifting 100 yds per minute for 5 min then add 1st North & Southern groups N.P.T.A. 13th 4.15 am by Paul

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20 W D A

6.55 am

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H.O.s.

15th Australian Infantry Bde

Ref. attached map showing Front
line Infantry dispositions in **BLUE**
and S.O.S Lines in **RED**

In addition to the above and in
conjunction with the Liaison Officer
of A Battery RHA and after
consultation with Battalion
Commanders I have been able
to switch A Battery on to any
particular threatened point or
enemy assembly position on any
point of the front from the S.O.S line
Eastwards.

I usually found that this
Battery was able to do very effective
work during an enemy attack
by employing it in searching P. 26
a + c.

At the same time it was latterly

advisable to employ certain Heavy
Batteries in searching P. 21, 26,
27, 28 and 29 as it is thought
that during an attack the
enemy uses P. 21 a + c and
P. 26 d as positions of assembly.

J. P. Belcher

Liaison Officer, 15th Australian
Infantry Bde.

28/4/18