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ST. GRATIEN	1st. May.	Wed.	Overcast, dull and misty.	
			1 other rank taken on strength on transfer from 12th. Battery, Australian Field Artillery.	
			1 other rank evacuated wounded; 1 other rank (in hospital) died of wounds. 1 N.C.O. (Serjeant) posted to No. 1 Sub-Section.	
			Personnel of Headquarters and No. 1 Section, totalling 20, bathed at PONT NOYELLES baths.	
			Headquarters and No. 1 Section's fortnightly pay. 5,460 francs (£200.4.0) disbursed.	
			R.E. limbered wagon and harness complete received and issued to No. 2 Sub-Section to make up establishment in transport.	
			Loop wireless set at J 5 a2.9 (Headquarters of Left Battalion, Left Brigade) found unsatisfactory and replaced by a trench wireless set. In communication O.K. at 7.0 p.m. Distance was too great for loop set and screening too heavy.	
			Officer i/c. Signals visited Army Signals at FLEXICOURT with regard to signal matters.	
			Visual station established by Artillery Brigades at Sheet 62D, J 1 c 9.8 for the following units:- 6th. Army Bde., Aust. F. Art., 7th. Aust. F. Art. Bde., 108th. Army Bde., R.F.A. and 189 Army Bde. R.F.A. In communication with central visual station at C 27 c5.4.	
			Brigade relief carried out, 9th. Infantry Brigade taking over from 11th. Infantry Brigade	

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ST. GRATIEN.	1st. Wed. May (continued.)		<p>in line. Communications completely changed over at 4.30 p.m. and all O.K. An advanced exchange for switching to battalions established at J 19 b7.6 to which communication is by line and visual.</p> <p>Strength of unit today: 14 officers, 315 other ranks; 44 ride horses, 76 light draught horses.</p> <p>Appendix No. 1 :- List of returns to be rendered for May.</p> <p>" " 2 :- D.R.L.S. Time-table 1.5.18.</p> <p>" " 3 :- Company Routine Orders 537 - 541.</p> <p>" " 4 :- Correspondence regarding records of the unit and the visit of an officer and orderly room clerk to the Records Section.</p>	
do.	2nd. Thurs May.		<p>Mainly dull, mild.</p> <p>1 other rank taken on strength on transfer from 40th. Battalion. 1 other rank to hospital sick; 8 other ranks reported from Australian Corps Depot for attachment.</p> <p>Major Long (Staff Officer for Wireless, Fourth Army) visited unit in connection with wireless matters.</p> <p>Code Names and Station Code Calls allotted to Signal units of the Division.</p> <p>In connection with Messenger Dog Service, 6 dogs and 2 keepers allotted to the Division by Corps as a Messenger Dog Group. This group was divided between the 9th. and 10th. Infantry Brigades</p>	

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ST. GRATIEN.	2nd. May (continued.)	Thurs	<p>in line. A report on their work is attached as an appendix.</p> <p>Consequent upon breakage by Artillery traffic of the poled route on the road between FRANVILLERS and HEILLY, diversion arranged across country direct from the junction pole of permanent route to HEILLY. 4 pairs were laid by cable wagon, two pairs being connected to 10th. Infantry Brigade Signal Office, 1 to 9th. Infantry Brigade Signal Office and 1 pair to Signal Office of 7th. Artillery Brigade. The lines formerly on the poled route were reeled up.</p> <p>To strengthen forward communications of 9th. Infantry Brigade loops made in the lines from Advanced Brigade Headquarters in HEILLY to Brigade Forward Exchange avoiding the village; and to Right Battalion avoiding brick-works and old concentration camp, which are heavily shelled - existing line to Right Battalion has been partially relaid, one mile of metallic cable being used. Maintenance work in forward areas is heavy owing to constant shelling.</p> <p>Appendix No. 5:- Correspondence regarding supply of damaged cells by D.A.D.O.S.</p> <p>" " 6:- Correspondence regarding limbered G.S. wagons, the partitions of which have been removed.</p>	

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ST. GRATIEN.	3rd. Fri.		Dull and cloudy.	
	May.		1 other rank (attached reinforcement) to hospital with scabies.	
			For gallantry and devotion to duty in recent operations awards were made to the following	
			N.C.Os. and men:- Bar to Military Medal No.29792, Sapper W.S. THOMAS, M.M.; Military Medals -	
			No.10658, 2/Cpl. N.H. RAMSDEN, No.20236, Spr. C.H. BREALEY, No.1659, Spr. W. CRUICKSHANK,	
			No.20272, Spr. C.C. MAZZAROL of No. 2 Sub-Section attached 8th.Australian Field Artillery Brigade.	
			Portion of Headquarters personnel, totalling 28, bathed at PONT NOYELLES baths.	
			Telephone wagons, with Sub-Sections, previously fitted with heavy iron drums sent to Company	
			Headquarters and iron drums replaced by wooden drums fitted on a special spindle devised by the	
			Farrier Serjeant. This idea will enable cable to be laid direct from the wooden reels on which	
			it is supplied without the necessity, which formerly obtained, of being first reeled on to the iron drum.	
			Central visual station of 9th.Infantry Brigade moved to sheet 62D, J 15 d 3 6.owing to hostile	
			shelling and in touch O.K. with all Battalions.	
			Messenger dogs with 9th.and 10th. Infantry Brigades tested with practice messages. Those with	
			10th. Infantry Brigade worked from Company Headquarters back to Battalion Headquarters and those with	
			9th. Infantry Brigade from Battalion Headquarters to Brigade Headquarters. The latter group proved	
			unsatisfactory but the dogs with the 10th. Brigade were very reliable.	

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ST. GRATIEN.	3rd. Fri.		Appendix No. 7 :e Company Routine Orders 542 - 546.	
	May.		" No. 8 :- Copy of recommendation of Lieut. L.V. SMITH for award of Military Cross.	
	(continued.)			
do.	4th. Sat.		Overcast, bright at intervals.	
	May.		1 other rank to hospital. Postings - 4 other ranks to No. 1 Cable Section, 2 other ranks to No. 2 Cable Section, 1 other rank to Headquarters.	
			In 10th. Infantry Brigade sector considerable trouble experienced during day in maintaining forward lines owing to shelling.	
			5 miles of cable in FRANVILLERS and routes between LAHOUSSEYE and BONNAY thrown spare and reeled up by Cable Detachment.	
			In connection with the proposed route from ST. GRATIEN to HEILLY, the reconnaissance for which was made by Cable Section officers on 25.4.18. arrangements made with 144th. Labour Company to use pipe trench which is under construction. Commencing from sheet 62 D, H 12 a 60.80 two 7-pair lead cables laid today up to a distance of 440 yds. This "bury" is only 2' 6" in depth but, owing to shortage of labour and the fact that the route is not likely to be subjected to shelling, advantage was taken of it. Cable will be buried as far as C 28 c 20.80 from whence a 6 feet bury will be continued to HEILLY and from thence to BUIRE, armoured cable will be placed in the River ANCRE.	

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ST. GRATIEN.	4th. May.	Sat.	Between ST. GRATIEN and the commencement of the "pipe-line bury" cable will be poled.	
	(continued.)		Appendix No. 9 :- Company Routine Orders 547 - 550.	
do.	5th. May.	Sun	Dull and showery. Light easterly wind.	
			1 Triumph motor cycle received in lieu of machine evacuated.	
			Line from Corps Heavy Artillery connected to FRANVILLERS exchange and through O.K. at 3.10 p.m.	
			Commencing today, pigeons will be supplied to this Division from Fourth Army lofts at FLEXICOURT. 8 or 10 birds will be supplied daily by despatch rider for use of Brigades in line.	
			Battery signal personnel of 8th. Artillery Brigade being formed into classes for training, special attention being paid to visual. Of the total of 78, 54 are first-class men.	
			8th. Artillery Brigade brought up to establishment in mobilisation cable.	
			Of the 18 telephones obtained from Fourth Army in replacement of unserviceable and old types of ringing 'phones, a percentage allotted to the respective sections.	

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ST. GRATIEN.	6th.	Mon.	Mainly overcast. Wind west, light.	
	May.		2 other ranks (runners attached) to hospital (colds affected by gas).	
			For conspicuous work in recent operations the following awards have been made:	
			Military Medals - No.10799, 2/Cpl. J.P. STEELE, 10697, L/Cpl. J.P. KING, 17459, Spr. W.C.RACHINGER and 5156, Spr. G. MONKHOUSE.	
			Enemy bombed vicinity of FRANVILLERS in early morning. Permanent route near LAHOUSOYE damaged. Several new lengths cable put in to repair breaks in three bays.	
			Lines to Divisional Artillery and Corps Heavy Artillery from FRANVILLERS exchange broken by tanks. Tanks causing much trouble in this regard.	
			Pigeon messages from near the front line occupied 70 minutes in transmission, i.e. from the time the pigeon was liberated until message was received back at Division from Fourth Army.	
			Report submitted.	
			In the enterprise last night of 9th. Infantry Brigade telephone lines to both battalions in line held throughout. Alternative routes and loops made in these lines enabled communication to be continuous. Forward of battalions special lines were laid and held very well. Prior to the further operation tonight lines were cut frequently but linemen worked continuously and breaks	

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ST. GRATIEN.	6th. Mon. May (continued.)		<p>were repaired. Visual communication was also maintained O.K. throughout.</p> <p>Appendix No. 10:- Signal Instructions No. 2 by Officer i/c. Signals, 3rd. Australian Division.</p>	
do.	7th. Tues. May.		<p>Showery, unsettled.</p> <p>1 other rank to hospital. 1 other rank (attached reinforcement) rejoined from hospital,</p> <p>1 other rank to PICQUIGNY to collect one light draught horse.</p> <p>No. 10801, L/Cpl. W.S. TOUCHELL, M.M. proceeded to ENGLAND to Signal Officers' Cadet Course.</p> <p>Battle calls for wireless stations taken into use at midnight 7th./8th.</p> <p>Appendix No. 11 :- Report on Messenger Dog Service.</p> <p>" " 12 :- Company Routine Orders 551 - 554.</p>	
do.	8th. Wed. May		<p>Fair generally.</p> <p>2 other ranks to hospital.</p> <p>Portion of Headquarters and No. 1 Section, totalling 32, bathed at Divisional baths.</p> <p>1 light draught horse evacuated from No. 3 Section and 1 light draught taken on strength from base sent to replace.</p> <p>7th. and 8th. Artillery Brigades arranging to take over from 3rd. and 6th. Australian Army</p>	

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ST. GRATIEN. (continued.)	8th. May	Wed.	<p>Field Artillery Brigades respectively. Communications inspected and signal reliefs arranged.</p> <p>Messenger dog groups with 9th. and 10th. Infantry Brigades relieved by fresh group in charge 2 keepers from Corps Section Kennel. 3 dogs and 1 keeper allotted to 9th. Infantry Brigade to be handed over on relief and 3 dogs and 1 keeper to 6th. Australian Army Field Artillery Brigade to be handed over to the 8th. Artillery Brigade. These latter dogs will work for the Left (10th.) Infantry Brigade but are allotted to the Artillery Brigade for the purposes of liaison and also that the dogs should not be all together. One dog from each "half-group" will work across the respective right and left Brigade sectors as a test of reliability.</p> <p>At 9.55 p.m. enemy shelling at HEILLY commenced. Lines from 10th. Infantry Brigade to 5th. Infantry Brigade, 6th. Australian Army Field Artillery Brigade, 3rd. Machine Gun Battalion, 38th., 39th. and 40th. Battalions, Pioneer Battalion and Tank Company were broken, but communication was maintained by visual and wireless. All Infantry Battalions and Machine Gun Battalion were O.K. again at 10.37 p.m.</p> <p>Appendix No. 13:- Handing Over Report (ST. GRATIEN) to 2nd. Australian Division.</p> <p>" " 14:- Signal Instructions No. 3 by Officer i/c. Signals, 3rd. Australian Division.</p> <p>" " 15:- Report on Pigeon Service.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p>

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ST. GRATIEN.	9th. May.	Thurs	Fine and clear.	
			1 other rank to hospital; 1 other rank rejoined from hospital. Postings: 1 other rank to	
			No. 2 Sub-Section, 2 other ranks (attached reinforcements) to No. 2 Sub-Section, 4 other ranks	
			(attached reinforcements) to No. 1 Sub-Section.	
			Messenger dog group relieved from line returned today to Section Kennel at Corps.	
			It having been found that sealed packets for Batteries were being delivered through channels	
			other than the Artillery Brigade Signal offices, an instruction issued by Divisional Artillery	
			Headquarters that all such packages must be despatched by D.R.L.S. through the Brigade Signal	
			office concerned.	
			Relief of 3rd. and 6th. Austrakian Army Field Artillery Brigades by 7th. and 8th. Artillery	
			Brigades respectively completed O.K. 6th. moved to FRECHENCOURT and communication obtained by	
			teeing into ST. GRATIEN - LAHOUSOYE line.	
			To assist in the charging of accumulators for the wireless section an A.B.C. portable charging	
			set allotted to the unit by Fourth Army.	
			Owing to shelling 8th. Artillery Brigade Headquarters removed to quarry 80 yds. west of	
			original position. Communications O.K. by 1.30 a.m. on 10.5.18.	

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ST. GRATIEN.	9th. Thurs		Advance parties of 5th. and 6th. Infantry Brigades arranging to take over from 9th. and	
	May. (continued.)		10th. Infantry Brigades in HEILLY.. 5th. Infantry Brigade also taking over rear Headquarters	
			of 11th. Infantry Brigade in LAHOUSOYE. The latter office handed over at 6,30 p.m. and 11th.	
			Brigade Headquarters moved to QUERRIEU chateau where office established.	
			Appendix No. 16:- Correspondence regarding Code Names and Station Calls for Signal units	
			of the Division.	
do.	10th. Fri.		Fair generally.	
	May.		1 other rank rejoined from hospital. 1 other rank to hospital (influenza).	
			Division preparing to move from line. Advance party left for ALLONVILLE to take over	
			Signal office 2nd. Australian Division. Personnel at FRANVILLERS exchange and Central Visual	
			Station relieved by 2nd. Australian Divisional Signal Company personnel and former returned to	
			ST. GRATIEN. With the exception of 6 other ranks all wireless personnel and stations relieved.	
			These six operators to remain for duty owing to shortage, through sickness, of personnel of 2nd.	
			Australian Divisional Wireless Section. A power buzzer and amplifier station attached to Right	
			Battery Group remained in position.	
			7th. Artillery Brigade established in new position. Lines and visual tested O.K. Lateral	
			line to 82nd. Brigade arranged.	

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ST. GRATIEN.	10th. Fri.		Communications of Right Infantry Brigade sector handed over by 9th. Infantry Brigade to	
	May.		5th. Infantry Brigade at 7.15 p.m. All lines O.K. 9th. Brigade Headquarters moved to	
	(continued.)		Sheet 62D, I.14 a 1.1.	
			At 2 a.m. Left Infantry Brigade sector was handed over by 10th. Infantry ^B rigade to 6th.	
			Infantry Brigade with communications O.K. 10th. Infantry Brigade proceeded to CARDONETTE	
			near ALLONVILLE, where office had been established with communication to 2nd. Australian	
			Division at ALLONVILLE the previous evening.	
			Communications of Machine Gun Battalion handed over to No. 5 Section of relieving Divisional	
			Signal Company at 2.30 p.m. 3rd. Machine Gun Battalion Headquarters moved to QUERRIEU and	
			office opened same hour with line to 11th. Infantry Brigade exchange at QUERRIEU chateau.	
			Appendix No. 17:- Nominal Roll of Recipients of Awards on Presentation Parade.	
			" " 18:- Copy of instructions issued by Brigade Major, Royal Artillery, regarding	
			D.R.L.S. traffic between Artillery Brigades and Batteries.	
			Appendix No. 19:- Signal Instructions No. 4 by Officer i/c. Signals, 3rd. Australian Division.	

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ST. GRATIEN	11th.	Sat.	Fine with ground mists.	
ALLONVILLE.	May.	X	5 other ranks to hospital, 2 with trench fever, 2 with influenza and 1 with injury to knee.	
			Divisional Headquarters moved to ALLONVILLE taking over Signal office at 10 a.m.	
			In view of Divisional Artillery Headquarters remaining at ST. GRATIEN a Cable Detachment in charge of an N.C.O. remained with Divisional Artillery for duty as required.	
			Wilson wireless set erected at chat eau, ALLONVILLE, and in communication with Corps O.K. at 11 a.m.	
			Power buzzer and amplifier station remaining at chat eau Right Artillery Group relieved by 2nd. Australian Division and returned to ALLONVILLE. Personnel however remained to assist.	
			A.B.C. charging set received and tested with very satisfactory results.	
			9th. Infantry Brigade closed office at sheet 62D, I.14 a 1.1 at noon, Headquarters being established in Hospice St. Victor, RIVERY, near AMIENS. Communication O.K. to Divisional Headquarters and Battalions. Brigade Section personnel reduced owing to several cases of trench fever.	
			Machine Gun Battalion Headquarters moved to new location in QUERRIEU and lines changed over O.K. accordingly.	

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ALLONVILLE.	12th.	Sun.	Overcast, showery.	
	May.		1 other rank to hospital. 1 ride horse destroyed by Veterinary Section owing to illness	
			(internal haemorrhage).	
			Presentation parade held by Corps Commander. The following other ranks from this unit	
			received decorations as follows:- Military Medals - 10596, L/Cpl. W.J.F. Adams, 11019,	
			Sgt. H. Chadwick, M.M. (bar), 10596, Cpl. C.E. Chancellor, 11022, L/Cpl. S.H.E. Hollow,	
			10807, Sgt. W.J. Jameson, 10652, Cpl. P.P. Page, 10696, Spr. J.R. Russell; Military Medal	
			ribbons - 10584, Cpl. E. Benner, 10697, L/Cpl. J.P. King, 10 5756, Spr. G. Monkhouse,	
			17459, Spr. W.C. Rachinger, 10683, Sgt. A.N. Symes, 17077, Spr. J.C. Wallace, 10804,	
			Spr. D.J. Whiteford, 10805, L/Cpl. H.G. Whiteford, 10842, 2/Cpl. T. Houlden, 2028, Pte.	
			F.J. Green (39th.Bn.), 2271, Pte. E. Hynds, (40th.Bn.), 2316, Pte. W.T. O'Donoghue (41st.Bn.);	
			Meritorious Service Medal ribbon - 10638, Cpl. S.F.E. Liebert.	
			Special line laid by cable wagon to COISY to connect Divisional Artillery Headquarters.	
			No accommodation being available Divisional Artillery moved to 9 Rue d'Amiens, LONGPRE, from	
			whence communication obtained to Divisional Headquarters via 6th. Balloon Wing and Australian	
			Corps. Line to COISY reeled up. Cable detachment with Divisional Artillery reported back to	

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ALLONVILLE.	12th. Sun. May (continued.)		Company Headquarters in view of Artillery being now out of the line. Divisional Artillery established direct communication to Corps at 10 p.m. Under instructions from Army, 550 metre wave length to be used instead of 450 by this Division until otherwise notified.	
			2nd. Divisional Artillery Headquarters relieved 3rd. Divisional Artillery Headquarters at 10 a.m. Communications handed over O.K. 3rd. Divisional Artillery Headquarters moved back to LONGPRE where office established. Line arranged to 6th. Balloon Wing exchange.	
		X	Appendix No. 20:- D.R.L.S. time-table 12.5.18.	
do.	13th. Mon. May.		Generally fair, slight showers, wind south twenty five miles per hour. 1 other rank to hospital, 1 other rank (attached) rejoined from hospital. 1 other rank taken on strength on transfer from 25th. Battery, Australian Field Artillery. 2 other ranks reported from Corps Depot for attachment. 1 other rank posted to No. 2 Cable Section. While resting, personnel engaged in recreation and training. Throughout the unit transport and horses being given special attention, and equipment overhauled and brought up to establishment. Bathing parades are being held frequently and new underclothing, as far as possible, being issued.	

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ALLONVILLE.	13th. Mon. May (continued.)		Trench wireless sets, less amplifiers, installed today at 11th. Infantry Brigade Headquarters at QUERRIEU, and 9th. Infantry Brigade Headquarters at RIVERY. Signals at the latter O.K. and weak at the 11th. Brigade. This is due to inability to erect aerial directional on both stations. 8th. Artillery Brigade (in line) liaison line badly cut near RIBEMONT, but visual maintained O.K. until new line laid. 108th. Battery, owing to shelling, moved to sheet 62D, D.26 a 9.1 during night and ground line run. Lateral line arranged to 29th. Battery. Brigade preparing to hand over to 5th. Artillery Brigade.	
		X	Appendix No. 21:- Company Routine Orders 555 - 560.	
do.	14th. Tues. May.		Bright at intervals, wind south west 15 miles per hour.	
		X	4 other ranks to hospital, - 1 accident, 1 defective vision, 2 P.U.O.	
		X	Cable detachment proceeded to Divisional Artillery Headquarters for duty.	
			Loop wireless set installed at 10th. Infantry Brigade Headquarters, CARDONETTE, working with loop set at Divisional Headquarters O.K. To improve strength of signals with 9th. and 11th. Infantry Brigade trench sets, amplifier installed today in conjunction with trench receiving sets, with satisfactory results.	
			Divisional Artillery Headquarters moved to EPAGNE, near ABBEVILLE. As the formation is	

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ALLONVILLE.	14th. Tues. May.		in rest area communication was arranged to Brigades by D.R.L.S.	
	(continued.)		At 1 p.m. 7th. and 8th. Artillery Brigades relieved by 5th. and 6th. Artillery Brigades and communication handed over O.K. Headquarters of the former Brigades transferred to their respective wagon lines prior to moving back into 4th. Army rest area tomorrow.	
			<p>In connection with a recent remustering to Sapper of a Driver (appointed under A.I.F. Order 785) consequent upon his evacuation sick, it was pointed out to this unit by Australian Section, 3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., that according to A.I.F. Orders 785 and 920 Drivers who are appointed under these orders will not be reverted on evacuation sick or wounded but will retain such rank until they rejoin the unit. Then if their services are no longer required they may then be reverted. This view was disagreed with by the unit but upheld by D.A.G., A.I.F. to whom the matter was referred for a ruling. The reason for this divergence of opinion is due to the different interpretations of A.I.F. Order 785; the wording of para. "b" and "e" is not sufficiently specific. As other units are probably in the same position the Order* in question might, with advantage, be re-printed in definite terms and cleared of its present ambiguity. The paragraph "b" reads:- "Provided that on and after the date of this orders soldiers who are appointed in the Australian Imperial Force as drivers, or as showing smiths or farriers will only</p>	

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ALLONVILLE.	14th. Tues May (continued.)		<p>be entitled to retain these ranks and to receive the rates of pay pertaining thereto whilst employed in the capacity of driver, shoeing smith or farrier as the case may be. In the case of drivers appointed on and after the date of this Order an entry will be made in their records and their paybooks - "Appointed driver (date) under A.I.F. Order No. 785". Para. "e" bearing on the foregoing, reads:- "When drivers who hold their appointments under the conditions specified in para. (a) of this Order are evacuated from their units and their places are filled by appointments under para. (b) care must be taken on the return of the former to the unit that the latter, i.e., the temporary drivers are re-graded as sappers, privates, etc., as the case may be." Drivers referred to in para. (a) of Order 785 are those enlisted as such in Australia. No indication is given whatever that drivers appointed under para. (b) should retain their rank, which is only temporary, i.e., whilst so employed, on evacuation to hospital.</p>	
do.	15th. Wed. May.	X	<p>Fine and clear, wind east five miles per hour. 3 other ranks to hospital (influenza). Fortnightly pay of Headquarters and No. 1 Section. 6,500 francs (£238.6.8.) disbursed. Inspection was made by Officer Commanding today of Headquarters and No. 1 Section less</p>	

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ALLONVILLE.	15th. May. (continued.)	Wed.	<p>transport. Personnel paraded (7 officers and 138 other ranks) in marching order. Equipment was checked and deficiencies - which were very slight - noted for replacement.</p> <p>Circuits from Divisional Headquarters to Divisional Artillery Headquarters and Infantry Brigades arranged.</p> <p>Divisional Artillery Headquarters closed LONGPRE and moved to EPAGNE, office opening and closing at 9.30 a.m. Communication to Divisional Headquarters through Army Signal Office, PONT REMY, and Australian Corps. 7th. and 8th. Artillery Brigades moving to COCQUEREL and PONT REMY respectively.</p>	
do.	16th. May.	Thurs	<p>Fine and warm. Hazy. Light easterly wind.</p> <p>2 other ranks rejoined from hospital; 1 other rank to hospital (influenza).</p> <p>7th. and 8th. Artillery Brigades established in new locations arranged yesterday.</p> <p>Following overhaul of kits and equipment, personnel will indulge in recreational training.</p>	

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ALLONVILLE.	17th. Fri. May.		Fine and clear. Wind light. 3 other ranks to hospital (influenza.) Comforts (cocoa, cigarettes and tobacco) from the Australian Comforts Fund distributed throughout the unit. At midnight wireless sets in the Division changed from 550 to 350 metre wave length. Successful practices carried out by 11th. Infantry Brigade with 3rd. Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, by means of Popham Signalling Panel. Signal section attached 11th. Infantry Brigade participated in the inspection of the Brigade held by the Commander-in-Chief - Sir. Douglas Haig.	
do.	18th. Sat. May.		Fine, warm. 1 other rank to hospital (tonsillitis). D.D. Signals (Col. Earle) and Captain Mold from 4th. Army visited unit to discuss signal matters. Corps Wireless Officer also called. 7th. and 8th. Artillery Brigades in the 4th. Army rest area hitherto in communication with Divisional Artillery Headquarters by D.R.L.S. only, being connected today by telephone owing to pressure of administrative work.	

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ALLONVILLE.	18th.	Sat	Test with Popham Signalling Panel carried out by 9th. and 10th. Infantry Brigades with 3rd.	
	May.		Squadron, Australian Flying Corps. In each case highly satisfactory results. In the 9th. Brigade	
	(continued.)		practice the observers read correctly 34 signals representing 34 distinct messages in 19 minutes.	
			As indicated in a report attached as an appendix the Popham panel will greatly facilitate co-operation between Infantry and aircraft.	
			The new A.F. B.213S (Field Return) for the Signal Service, authorised by G.R.O. 3966, was taken into use today. Page 1 has been adapted for the Signal Service by the omission of such columns as "Ammunition Wagons", "Guns", "Aircraft" and "Motor Ambulances". Otherwise it remains the same. Page 2 is as before. Page 3 has been only slightly altered by the addition of a column to be filled in by units to which it applies, i.e. "Designation of the component units administered by the Company rendering the return". Page 4 has been entirely revised giving, in addition to the headings on the old form, columns for "Strength" and "Establishment" (showing all personnel in their medical categories), a column each for "total establishment" "Total strength" and "Wanting to Complete". The "Total shortage" and "Total excess" columns are a new feature and a decided improvement as all personnel serving with the unit surplus to establishment are now shown as such and classified under their respective ^{Signal} trades. On the A.F. B.213 no provision	

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ALLONVILLE.	18th. Sat. May		was made for this and a separate sheet had always to be added.	
	(continued.)		<p>A very necessary alteration is required on page 1 of the new A.F.B.213S in regard to transport. At present time there are but two columns for horse transport, i.e. 2-wheeled and 4-wheeled. It is essential that, owing to the variety of vehicles held by Signal units, such transport should be shown in detail: "Wagons,G.S.Special 14 ft.", "Wagons,Limbered,R.E." "Wagons, Limbered,G.S." "Carts,Maltese" "Carts,Cable,light" "Wagons,Cable" and "Wagon,telephone".</p> <p>As it stands the new A.F.B.213S has practically no advantage over the A.F. B.213 in so far as Signal Units of the A.I.F. are concerned.</p> <p>Appendix No.22:- Company Routine Orders 561 - 566.</p> <p>" " 22^A:- Copies of A.F. B.213 and A.F.B.213S.</p>	
do.	19th. Sun. May		<p>Warm and sultry. Ground haze.</p> <p>3 other ranks, including 1 other rank (attached) rejoined from hospital; 1 other rank to hospital (P.U.O.)</p> <p>Cable delivered to Brigades and Machine Gun Battalion to complete mobilisation stores.</p> <p>New four letter code calls issued by Corps for all units and formations in the Australian Corps, taken into use throughout the Division at midnight.</p>	


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ALLONVILLE.	19th. Sun. May. (continued.)	/	With regard to the issue of message-carrying rockets, representations were made today to the staff by Officer i/c. Signals that instead of units obtaining supplies direct from the Divisional Ammunition Dump the rockets should be delivered to the Signal Company and from thence a controlled issue made. The Staff concurred in the proposal.	
do.	20th. Mon. May.	/	<p>Fine and warm. Light north easterly wind.</p> <p>2nd.Lieuts. F.R.D. Rogerson and W.A. McPherson reported for duty ex Officers Cadet Course, England.</p> <p>1 other rank to hospital (wounded (bomb)). 2 other ranks reported from Corps Depot for attachment. 1 other rank rejoined from hospital. 3 other ranks to hospital (P.U.O.), 1 other rank reported from Australian Corps for duty as Corps Lineman.</p> <p>6 wireless operators loaned to assist 2nd.Australian Divisional Signal Company reported back to unit.</p> <p>Court of Inquiry held respecting illegal absence of No.1676, Spr. N. Montagu, absent without leave since 26.3.18 and not yet reported. President - Capt. J.L.G. Buckland, M.C.M.M. Members - 2nd.Lieuts. G.T.B. Batty and A.H.Lewis (Divisional Courts Martial Officer.).</p> <p>Warning order received for relief of 4th.Australian Division in GLISY sector by this Division.</p>	

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ALLONVILLE.	20th. Mon. May.	(continued.)	<p>O.C. Signals visited GLISY (Divisional Headquarters) to make necessary arrangements for taking over on 22nd. inst., also to call on Officer i/c. Signals, 37th. French Division (on the right) and arrange liaison. <i>5th Aust Div on Left Flank.</i></p> <p>Units of 11th. Infantry Brigade relieved units of 4th. Infantry Brigade in new sector at 9 p.m. Advance parties from 11th. Brigade Headquarters arranged taking over of Signal office. 3rd. Machine Gun Battalion also took over communications of 4th. Machine Gun Battalion.</p> <p>Advanced position established in railway cutting at sheet 62D, 0.26 d 60.80, where a forward exchange was installed. Rear echelon of Battalion established at CAMON with communication to GLISY and from thence to 11th. Machine Gun Company at sheet 62 D, 0.26 a 75.95. From the advanced exchange direct lines were arranged to positions which will be taken up by 10th. and 23rd. Machine Gun Companies. Machine Gun Battalion Headquarters arranged at LA MOTTE. Office at QUERRIEU closed at 10 10 a.m. and opened same time at GLISY. Move to LA MOTTE will be effected tomorrow.</p> <p>Wireless station with 11th. Infantry Brigade at QUERRIEU dismantled and withdrawn.</p> <p>Direct line to 2nd. Australian Division broken by bomb at 10 p.m. Repairs effected and alternative route through Australian Corps used for traffic in the interim.</p>	

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ALLONVILLE.	21st. May.	Tues.	Fine. Very warm and hazy. Light easterly wind.	
			3 other ranks to hospital (2 influenza and 1 septic hand).	
			Military Cross awarded to Lieut. L.V. Smith (O.C. No.3 Section, attached 10th. Infantry Brigade) for gallantry and devotion to duty in the operations of 24.4.18.	
			9th. Infantry Brigade closed office at RIVERY 5.15 p.m. and moved Headquarters to TRONVILLE CHATEAU (temporarily) in Left Brigade sector with one Battalion in line. Communications taken over from 12th. Infantry Brigade O.K. Wireless station dismantled and returned to Divisional Headquarters.	
			10th. Infantry Brigade advance party arranged office at GLISY CHATEAU as Reserve Brigade Headquarters to be taken over tomorrow.	
			11th. Infantry Brigade Headquarters Signal office opened at Sheet 62D, 0.25 c6.3 at 12.40 a.m. with communications O.K. Communications O.K. to two battalions in line. 3rd. Machine Gun Battalion Signal office opened at LA MOTTE 2 p.m.	
			Advance parties from Divisional Headquarters Signal office and wireless section proceeded to GLISY to arrange necessary reliefs. 1 N.C.O. and 2 other ranks - operators - proceeded to 37th. French Division for liaison duty between the latter and this Division. They will work sounder	

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ALLONVILLE.	21st. Tues.		communication between the Divisions	
	May.		(continued.)	
			Relief of the wireless and power buzzer and amplifier stations in the new sector changed over at 5 p.m. at which hour 4th. Division took over the Divisional station at ALLONVILLE.	
			Approval has been given (and will shortly be notified in A.I.F. Orders) for the transfer of the Signal Officer of a Machine Gun Battalion with one batman and one horse to the Signal	
			Service; and these will in future be included in the establishment of No.5 Section of a Divisional	
			Signal Company. In so far as this unit is concerned an officer from the Company has been with	
			No.5 Section since its formation 20.4.18.	
ALLONVILLE-GLISY.	22nd. Wed.		Fine and clear becoming cooler. Light easterly wind.	
	May.		1 other rank (reinforcement attached) transferred to 3rd. Army Brigade, Australian Field	
			Artillery. 1 other rank evacuated wounded.	
			Divisional Headquarters moved to GLISY and took over Right Divisional area from 4th. Australian	
			Division at 10 a.m. at which hour the respective Signal offices closed and opened. Signal office at GLISY arranged in Chateau cellar.	
			No.1 and No.2 Cable Sections, with transport, left ALLONVILLE at 9 a.m. and arrived at GLISY	
			at noon. Remainder of stores and personnel moved by motor lorry.	

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ALLONVILLE - GLISY. (continued.)	22nd. Wed. May		<p>Communications within the Divisional area O.K. The main route consist of a 7-pair surface cable from GLISY along the river bank to TRONVILLE CHATEAU, from whence 14 pairs are buried to a test point (VS) at sheet 62D, 0.19 a2.central; thence 16 pairs buried to the Headquarters of the two Brigades in line at 0.25 c6.3. From there the bury continues to the two Brigade Report Centres in 0.26 d7.9. This bury will shortly be continued to the Headquarters of the Battalions in line with the cable head at sheet 62D, 028 c8.4.</p> <p>An advanced Divisional exchange opened at TRONVILLE CHATEAU at 6.15 p.m. with a staff of one superintendent, 3 operators; 10-line switchboard installed.</p> <p>9th. Infantry Brigade Headquarters moved from TRONVILLE CHATEAU to sheet 62D, 0.25 c5.3, where signal office of the 12th. Infantry Brigade was taken over at 1.50 a.m. A linesman's test station established at Battalion Headquarters in 0.28 b8.8.</p> <p>10th. Infantry Brigade relieved 4th. Infantry Brigade in reserve position at 10 a.m., when office at GLISY opened and that at CARDONETTES closed. All battalions were in telephonic communication by 5 p.m. Wireless section with 10th. Brigade at CARDONETTES withdrawn.</p> <p>Central (Divisional) Visual Station established at GLISY and in touch with stations of Brigades in line and Reserve Brigade.</p>	

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ALLONVILLE - GLISTY. (continued.)	22nd. Wed. May.		<p>Messenger Dog Group allotted to the 9th. and 11th. Infantry Brigades. Twelve pigeons received from Corps Lofts daily and 4 allotted to 9th. Infantry Brigade (1 Battalion in line) and 8 to 11th. Infantry Brigade (2 battalions in line).</p> <p>4th. Divisional Artillery come under this Division and are covering Divisional front with attached Army Field Artillery Brigades.</p> <p>During enemy bombardment this morning a direct hit on 34th. Battalion (9th. Infantry Brigade) Signal office destroyed the instruments and disorganised communication. Instruments were replaced from the Battalion reserves and communication was restored without serious delay.</p> <p>Wireless and power buzzer and amplifier communication was arranged as follows. The chain of communication is given in the diagram attached as Appendix No. 30. A Wilson set at Divisional Headquarters; Two French sets and amplifiers at the Right and Left Brigade Headquarters and the Advanced Report Centres respectively; a power buzzer and amplifier also installed at the Right Report Centres; power buzzers and amplifiers with the battalion of the Right Brigade and Right and Left Battalions of the Left Brigade, ^{Power Buzzers (for SOS) at Left Battalion of the Left Brigade} and the Support Company of the Right Battalion, Right Brigade.</p> <p>The latter power buzzer was subsequently placed with the Left Company of the Left Battalion, and ^{the Left Battalion changed to.} the S.O.S. power buzzer with ^A the Support Company of the Battalion in line. This resulted in</p>	

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ALLONVILLE - GLISY.	22nd. May.	Wed.	R9 signals being obtained throughout the scheme of communication.	
(continued.)			The A.B.C. portable charging set was taken forward to Brigade Headquarters. In addition to those of our own stations, accumulators for the C.W. station working with French Corps and the 4th. Divisional Artillery C.W. station also being charged with this A.B.C. set.	
			Appendix No. 23:- Handing Over Report (ALLONVILLE) to 4th. Australian Division, 22.5.18.	
GLISY.	23rd. May.	Thurs	Dull and cool. Wind west 20 miles per hour.	
			4 other ranks reported from Corps Depot as Signal reinforcements for attachment. 1 other rank rejoined from hospital. 1 other rank taken on strength on transfer from 39th. Battalion and posted to No. 3 Section.	
			Considerable trouble being experienced with forward lines owing to heavy shelling. Maintenance work is heavy. Battalion lateral lines are proving very useful in providing alternative routes. Messenger dogs and pigeons are fairly satisfactory, messages from Battalion to Brigade Headquarters averaging 40 minutes by each service. The advanced Central Visual Station is manned continuously, and regular tests are made with other stations. The visual station is connected by 'phone to the 9th. Brigade Report Centre.	
			Diagram of adjustable spindle for use on Telephone Wagons - recorded May 3rd. - forwarded	

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GLISY.	23rd. Thurs. May (continued.)	X	to A.D. Signals, Australian Corps, with an explanatory letter and a suggestion that this type of spindle replace the existing pattern. (See appendix 26).	
		X	Appendix No. 24:- D.R.L.S. Time-table 23.5.18.	
		X	" " 25:- Signal Instruction by Officer i/c. Signals, Third Australian Division.	
		X	" " 26:- Diagram of adjustable spindle for wagon, cable, telephone, devised by the unit.	
do.	24th. Fri. May.	X	Overcast and cold with heavy showers. Wind west twenty five miles per hour.	
		X	1 other rank rejoined from hospital. 1 N.C.O. posted to No. 1 Sub-Section and 1 N.C.O.	
		X	posted from No. 1 Sub-Section to No. 2 Section.	
		X	1 light draught horse (previously with No. 3 Section attached 10th. Infantry Brigade)	
		X	rejoined from Mobile Veterinary Section.	
		X	Appendix No. 27:- Correspondence re details of projected buried cable route from Sheet	
			62D, 0.26.d.6.9 to VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	

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GLISY.	25th. Sat. May.		Fair and mild. Wind west 10 miles per hour.	
			4 other ranks rejoined from hospital.	
			Commencement made tonight with the continuation of the bury from sheet 62D, 0.26 d 6.9 (BA) to 0.28 c 8.4 (VBX), a distance of approximately 2,220 yds., with intermediate test point RB at sheet 62D, 0.27 central. 380 yds. dug and 340 ³⁴⁰ 340 yds. buried by party of 300 workers.	
			Lieuts. S. Fountain, D.C.M. and T.F. Houlihan in charge. Progress report submitted to Headquarters.	
			Reports on this bury submitted to Divisional Headquarters and copies attached as Appendix No. 28	
			This route provides buried cable communication from TRONVILLE CHATEAU to VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	
			A signal competition for Battery signallers of the 7th. Artillery Brigade was conducted today after an inspection by the Divisional Artillery Commander. The competition included discipline and general turnout in addition to technical and signalling abilities - the latter was judged by Capt. J.L.G. Buckland, M.C., M.M. on behalf of the Officer i/c. Signals. The competition was won by the 107th. Howitzer Battery signallers. The men were very keen and general interest was taken in the proceedings.	
			Heavy shelling of forward areas causing frequent breaks on forward lines. Wireless communications O.K. Messenger dogs and pigeons satisfactory	

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GLISY	25th. Sat. May.		New aerial erected at the wireless station with Brigade Report Centre and set now working R9 (strong) signals.	
	(continued.)		Appendix No. 28:- Progress Reports 1 - 6 Buried Cable Route from sheet 62D, 0.26 d 6.9 to VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	
			Appendix No. 29:- Company Routine Orders 567 - 572.	
do.	26th. Sun. May.		Dull and hazy, becoming warmer. Wind north five miles per hour. 1 other rank to hospital (gassed). 1 other rank (attached) rejoined Australian Corps Wireless. 1 other rank reported for attachment and 1 other rank taken on strength from Corps Depot. 1 other rank taken on strength on transfer from 39th. Bn. 1 other rank proceeded to Divisional Staging Camp for further instructions as to disposal. Postings: 1 other rank to No.2 Sub-Section, 1 other rank to No. 2 Section, 2 other ranks to No.4 Section, 1 other rank to power buzzer section. The BA - RB - VBX bury was continued at night. 380 yds. of trench was completed by the party which numbered 200 men, from the 38th. and 40th. Bns. A party of 70 men from 43rd. Battalion dug 140 yds. between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.	
do.	27th. Mon. May.		Fine and warm. Wind north east 15 miles per hour. 1 other rank to hospital (gassed). 1 other rank rejoined from hospital. 2 other ranks	

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GLISY.	27th. Mon. May.		<p>returned from Divisional Artillery Headquarters detachment for duty with Company Headquarters.</p> <p>(continued.) 3 other ranks ex attached reinforcements, 4th. Australian Divisional Signal Company, taken on strength; 13 other ranks ex attached reinforcements, 2nd. Australian Divisional Signal Company taken on strength. 2 other ranks taken on strength from Australian Corps Wireless Section.</p> <p>At a presentation parade held by the G.O.C., A.I.F. today at LA MOTTE, the following were decorated with ribbons:- Military Cross - Lieut. L.V. Smith; Military Medal - No. 6263, Sjt. F.L. Bevan, No. 10799, 2/Cpl. J.P. Steele, No. 21994, 2/Cpl. G.A. Christensen, No. 10658, 2/Cpl. N.H. Ramsden, No. 20272, Spr. C.C. Mazzarol, No. 1659, Spr. W.B.L. Cruickshank, No. 20236, Spr. C.H. Brealey, 22561, L/Cpl. P.D. Phillips, No. 29792, Spr. W.S. Thomas, M.M. & Bar. The Military Medal itself was presented to No. 10669, Spr. G. Sanderson. In addition to the recipients, 2nd. Lieut. G.T.B. Batty and ten other ranks, representing the unit, attended the parade. The majority of the recipients were with Signal units attached to Artillery and were conveyed from the rest area by motor lorry.</p> <p>In consequence of enemy activity, 38th. Battalion moved from reserve into support of 9th. Infantry Brigade with headquarters in BLANGY TRONVILLE. Lines were bridged through and 38th. Battalion put on to 40th. Battalion exchange.</p> <p>At 2.30 a message rocket test was carried out from a front line company to 11th. Infantry Brigade</p>	

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GLISY.	27th.	Mon.	Report Centre and from thence to 41st. Australian Field Artillery Battery. The test was successful and occupied 15 minutes. Rockets have been issued to the respective Brigades.	
	May.		Buried cable route BA - VBX was continued by 140 men of 40th. Battalion, 200 yds. being completed. The construction of a test dugout at N.27.central (RB) was commenced.	
			Appendix No.30 :- Diagram of wireless communications 27.5.18.	
do.	28th.	Tues	Fair generally. Wind north ten miles per hour.	
	May.		4 other ranks (including 2 other ranks attached) rejoined from hospital. 1 other rank to hospital (operation). 3 3 other ranks reported from Depot for attachment. 1 other rank taken on strength from Corps Depot.	
			Sub-Sections in rest area engaged in gas drills, etc. Battery signal training proceeding within the respective Artillery Brigades, special attention being paid to visual and fullerphone working. Sub-Sections' and Batteries' signal equipment practically complete.	
			8th. Artillery Brigade Headquarters moved to EPAGNE.	
			A further 390 yds. of the BA - VBX bury was completed tonight by a party of 360 men from 38th. and 40th. Battalions. Shell fire caused two casualties and cut the six cables, necessitating the cutting out of a 20 yd. length from each.	

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
GLISY.	29th. May.	Wed.	Fine and clear. Wind north east ten miles per hour.	
		X	1 other rank (attached) to hospital. 1 other rank rejoined from hospital. 1 N.C.O. proceeded to Signal Training Depot, England, for instructional duties.	
			Work on the BA - VBX buried route was continued tonight by a digging party of 325 from 38th. and 40th. Battalions, and a distance of 400 yards completed. Testing and jointing is being proceeded with.	
			Area party under Lieut. F. Hobbs, R.E. moved from GLISY to BLANGY TRONVILLE for duty.	
do.	30th. May.	Thurs	Fine, warm and clear. Wind north east ten miles per hour.	
		X	3 other ranks to hospital (influenza). 2 other ranks rejoined from hospital. 1 driver posted to No.5 Section.	
			In anticipation of 3rd.Divisional Artillery taking over from 4th.Divisional Artillery, six C.W. wireless operators reported to GLISY to take over reliefs at Divisional Headquarters and the liaison station with the 37th.French Division on the right.	
			3rd.Divisional Artillery Headquarters closed at EPAGNE in rest area at 10 10 a.m. and movement being made back to this sector. Communication effected by despatch rider. Special messages being delivered to a pre-arranged signal office at HANGEST-SUR-SOMME. 7th.and 8th.Artillery Brigades	

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GLISY.	30th. Thurs.		also moved from PONT REMY and EPAGNE respectively.	
	May.		Except for a section of 40 yards of trench to be filled in at the Brigade Report Centre	
	(continued.)		end, the buried route BA-RB-VBX was completed tonight, when a digging party of 380 men from 38th.	
			and 40th. Battalions completed 300 yards. To disguise the real direction of the bury and the	
			location of the Battalion Headquarters a shallow dummy trench was dug in a straight line from	
			sheet 62D, 0.28 d 2.8 to 0.28 b 3.1, a distance of 300 yds. Three casualties from shell fire.	
			Artillery activity caused slight delays to the work.	
	do.	31st. Fri.	Fine and warm. Wind north east ten miles per hour.	
	May.		1 other rank rejoined from hospital. 1 other rank taken on strength as power buzzer personnel	
			from 40th. Battalion as from 30th. May. Postings: 5 other ranks to No. 1 Sub-Section, 1 other	
			rank to No. 2 Sub-Section, 5 other ranks to No. 2 Section, 4 other ranks to No. 3 Section (includes	
			1 attached reinforcement), 6 other ranks to No. 4 Section, 2 other ranks to No. 5 Section, 1	
			other rank to Headquarters from No. 3 Section.	
			Notification received from that leave for the unit reopens on 1st. June, the allotment being	
			1 per week.	
			Relief of Messenger Dog Group (6 dogs) in charge of 2 keepers reported from Corps Section	

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~~INTELLIGENCE~~ ^{on} ~~SUMMARY.~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
GLISY.	31st. Fri.		Kennel and posted to 9th. and 11th. Infantry Brigades for duty. Personnel and dogs relieved	
	May.		reported back to Divisional Headquarters prior to returning to Corps tomorrow.	
	(continued.)		3rd. Divisional Artillery returning from rest area to the line, moved from EPAGNE to HANGEST-SUR-SOMME where signal office was established at 11.45 a.m. by advance party.	
			Communication arranged through <i>Railway Telegraph Company.</i>	
			10th. Infantry Brigade commenced a Brigade Signal School composed of 10 men from each Battalion in charge of Signalling Officer, 38th. Battalion, assisted by N.C.Os. of the Brigade Signal Section. Necessary equipment and stationery supplied by Signal Company Headquarters.	
			Strength of unit today - 16 officers, 336 other ranks. Horses 119 - 42 rides, 77 light draughts.	
			Appendix No. 31:- Final Report on Buried cable route BA - RB - VBX.	
			" " 32:- Correspondence re scale of Lucas Signalling Lamps.	
			" " 33:- Details of strength of unit.	
			" " 34 :- Quartermaster's report.	
			" " 35 :- Transport Officer's report.	
			" " 36 :- O.C.'s report.	
			" " 37 :- Graph shewing message traffic for month.	
			" " 38 :- " " D.R.L.S. (sealed packets) traffic for month	

WAR DIARY

APPENDIX

OF

3RD. AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A.E.

FOR

M A Y 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No. | Subject. |
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| 1. | List of returns to be rendered for May. |
| 2. | D.R.L.S. time-table 1.5.18. |
| 3. | Company Routine Orders 537 - 541. |
| 4. | Correspondence regarding records of the unit and the visit of an officer and orderly room clerk to the Records Section. |
| 5. | Correspondence regarding supply of damaged cells by D.A.D.O.S. |
| 6. | Correspondence regarding G.S. limbered wagons, the partitions of which have been removed. |
| 7. | Company Routine Orders 542 - 546. |
| 8. | Copy of recommendation for award of Military Cross to Lieut. L.V. Smith. |
| 9. | Company Routine Orders 547 - 550. |
| 10. | Signal Instruction No. 2 by Officer i/c. Signals, 3rd. Australian Division. |
| 11. | Report on Messenger Dog Service. |
| 12. | Company Routine Orders 551 - 554. |
| 13. | Handing over report (St. Gratien) to 2nd. Aust. Div. |
| 14. | Signal Instruction No. 3 by Officer i/c. Signals, 3rd. Australian Division. |
| 15. | Report on Pigeon Service. |
| 16. | Correspondence re Code Names and Station Calls for Signal units of the Division. |
| 17. | Nominal roll of recipients of awards on presentation parade. |
| 18. | Copy of instructions issued by B.M., R.A. regarding D.R.L.S. traffic between Art. Bdes. and Batteries. |
| 19. | Signal Instruction No. 4 by Officer i/c. Signals, 3rd. Australian Division. |
| 20. | D.R.L.S. time-table 12.5.18. |
| 21. | Company Routine Orders 555-560. <i>Copies of AF B213 + AF B213S.</i> |
| 22. | " " " 561-566. |
| 23. | Handing over report (Allonville) 22.5.18 to 4th. Aust. Div. |
| 24. | D.R.L.S. time-table 23.5.18. |
| 25. | Signal Instruction No. 5 by Officer i/c. Signals, 3rd. Australian Division. |
| 26. | Diagram of adjustable spindle for wagon, cable, telephone devised by the unit. |
| 27. | Correspondence re details of projected buried cable route from sheet 62D, 0.26 d 6.9 to Villers Bretonneux. |
| 28. | Progress Reports 1 - 6 of Buried Cable Route from Tronville Chateau to Villers Bretonneux. |
| 29. | Company Routine Orders 567 - 572. |
| 30. | Diagram of communications wireless communications 27.5.18. |
| +31. | Final report on buried cable route BA - RB - VBX. |
| 32. | Correspondence regarding scale of Lucas Signalling Lamps. |
| 33. | Details of strength of unit. |
| +34. | Quartermaster's report. |
| 35. | Transport Officer's report. |
| 36. | O.C.'s report. |
| 37. | Graph shewing message traffic for month. |
| 38. | " " D.R.L.S. (sealed packets) traffic for month. |

Returns to be rendered for the month of May, 1918.

Date	Nature of Return	Rendered to	Time.
1st.	Casualty Return Strength Return Regtl. Trust Funds A/c. Nom. roll unit & attd. personnel.	Divl. Hd. Qrs. " " " Divl. Hd. Qrs. O.C. Aust. Base Post Office	4.30 p.m. 6.0 p.m. ----- -----
2nd.	Casualty Return Cable & Telephone return Trench & Area Stores Nom. roll of Deserters	Divl. Hd. Qrs. A.D. Signals, Divl. Hd. Qrs. " " "	4.30 p.m. Mng. 3rd. 6.0 p.m. 6.0 p.m.
3rd.	Casualty Return Stragglers Absentees Court Martial Prisoners Fats to Base Mileage and Petrol return War Diary	" " " A.P.M. " " Divl. Hd. Qrs. Divl. Supply & M.T. Co. 3 copies to War Records Sec.	4.30 p.m. 4.0 p.m. " " 6.0 p.m. ----- -----
4th.	Casualty Return A.F. B. 213 (Field Return). A.F. B. 2069 (Offence Report). Small Box Respirator Changes in Officers Cardboard & Paper to Base Strength Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs. " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	4.30 p.m. 9 am 5th. " " 6.0 p.m. NOON. NOON. 6.0 p.m.
5th.	Casualty Return Wireless & Earth Induction Sets Wireless Traffic return	" " " Corps W/T Off. " " "	4.30 p.m. Mng. 6th. " "
6th.	Casualty Return Anti-Gas Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs. " " "	4.30 p.m. 6.0 p.m.
7th.	Casualty Return Stationery Indent	" " " Base Stationery Depot.	4.30 p.m. -----
8th.	Casualty Return Strength Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs. " " "	4.30 p.m. 6.0 p.m.
9th.	Casualty Return Cable and Telephone Return Nom. roll of Officers	" " " A.D. Signals " "	4.30 p.m. Mng. 10th. 9.0 p.m.
10th.	Casualty Return Stragglers Absentees Court Martial Prisoners Fats to Base Mileage and Petrol return	Divl. Hd. Qrs. A.P.M. " " Divl. Hd. Qrs. Divl. M.T. Co.	4.30 p.m. 4.0 p.m. 4.0 p.m. 4.0 pm. 6.0 p.m. -----
11th.	Casualty Return A.F. B. 213 (Field Return.) A.F. B. 2069 (Offence report.) Small Box Respirator Changes in Officers Cardboard & Paper to Base Strength Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs. " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	4.30 p.m. 9 am 12th. 9 am 12th. 6.0 p.m. NOON. NOON. 6.0 p.m.
12th.	Casualty Return Wireless & Earth Induction sets Wireless Traffic return	" " " Corps W/T Off. " " "	4.30 p.m. Mng. 13th. " "
13th.	Casualty Return Anti-Gas return Cert. all cars to Wkshps. for inspection	Divl. Hd. Qrs. " " " " " "	4.30 p.m. 6.0 p.m. 9 am 14th
14th.	Casualty Return Stationery Indent	" " " Base Stationery Depot.	4.30 p.m. -----

Date	Nature of Return	Rendered to	Time
14 ³ 15th.	Casualty Return Strength return	Divl.Hd.Qrs. " " "	4.30 p.m. 6.0 p.m.
16th.	Casualty Return Cable and Telephone return	" " " A.D.Signals	4.30 p.m. Mng.17th.
17th.	Casualty Return Stragglers Absentees Court Martial, Prisoners Fats to Base Mileage & Petrol Return	Divl.Hd.Qrs. A.P.M. " " Divl M.T. Co.	4.30 p.m. 4.0 p.m. 4.0 p.m. 4.0 p.m. 6.0 p.m. ---
18th.	Casualty Return A.F. B.213 (Field Return.) A.F.B.2069 (Offence Report.) Small Box Respirator Strength Return Changes in Officers Cardboard & Paper to Base	Divl.Hd.Qrs. " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	4.30 p.m. 9 am 19th 9 am 19th 6.0 p.m. 6.0 p.m. NOON. NOON.
19th.	Casualty Return Wireless & Earth Induction Sets Wireless Traffic return	" " " Corps W/T Off. " " "	4.30 p.m. Mng.20th " "
20th.	Casualty Return Anti-Gas return	Divl.Hd.Qrs. " " "	4.30 p.m. 6.0 p.m.
21st.	Casualty Return Stationery Indent	" " " Base Stationery Depot.	4.30 p.m.
22nd.	Casualty Return Strength Return	Divl.Hd.Qrs. " " "	4.30 p.m. 6.0 p.m.
23rd.	Casualty Return Casualty Cable & Telephone return	" " " A.D.Signals	4.30 p.m. Mng.24th.
24th.	Casualty Return Stragglers Absentees Court Martial Prisoners Fats to Base Mileage & Petrol return	Divl.Hd.Qrs. A.P.M. " " Divl.Hd.Qrs. Divl.M.T.Co.	4.30 p.m. 4.0 p.m. 4.0 p.m. 4.0 p.m. 6.0 p.m. ----
25th.	Casualty Return A.F. B.213 (Field Return). A.F. B.2069 (Offence report.) Small Box Respirator Strength Return Changes in Officers Cardboard and Paper to Base Monthly Check Deficiencies (M.T.)	Divl.Hd.Qrs. " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " M.T. Co.	4.30 p.m. 9 am 26th 9am 26th 6.0 p.m. 6.0 p.m. NOON NOON
26th.	Casualty Return Wireless & Earth Induction sets Wireless Traffic return Inoculation return	Divl.Hd.Qrs. Corps W/T Off. " " " A.D.M.S.	4.30 p.m. Mng.27th " " 1.0 p.m.
27th.	Casualty Return Anti-Gas return Men in France 12 mths. without leave	Divl.Hd.Qrs. " " " " " "	4.30 pm. 6.0 p.m. "
28th.	Casualty Return Stationery Indent Small Arm Ammunition in possession	" " " Base Stationery Depot. Divl.Hd.Qrs.	4.30 p.m. NOON.

Date	Nature of Return	Rendered to	Time
29th.	Casualty Return	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	4.30 p.m.
	Strength return	" " "	6.0 p.m.
30th.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 p.m.
	Cable and Telephone return	A.D.Signals	Mng.31st
	Cert.all cars to workshops for inspection	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	9 am 31st
31st.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 p.m.
	Stragglers	A.P.M.	4.0 p.m.
	Absentees	"	4.0 p.m.
	Court Martial Prisoners	"	4.0 p.m.
	Fats to Base	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	6.0 p.m.
	Mileage and Petrol return	Divl.M.T.Co.	
	Cert. re Iron Rations	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	Census of Horses	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	A.F.B.158, Nom.roll of Officers (trip.)	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	A.F.W.3156, Motor Cars and Cycles	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	ditto.	"Q" Corps	---
Return of Accumulators	Corps W/T. Off.		
Return of Main Wireless Equipment.	" " "		

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
1st. May, 1918.

D. R. L. S. TIME - TABLE.

FROM & TO AUST. CORPS.

Leaves Corps	7.0 a.m.	11.0 a.m.	4.0 p.m.	8.15 p.m.
Arrives 3rd. Aust. Div.)	8.0 a.m.	12.0 noon.	5.0 p.m.	9.15 p.m.
Leaves 3rd. Aust. Div.)	8.0 a.m.	12.0 noon.	5.0 p.m.	9.15 p.m.
Arrives Corps	8.30 a.m.	12.30 p.m.	5.30 p.m.	9.45 p.m.

TO & FROM ARTILLERY & INFANTRY BDES., DIVL. TRAIN & A.P.M.

Divl. Hd. Qrs. dep.	8.0 a.m.	12.0 noon.	4.0 p.m.	9.30 p.m.
11th. Aust. Inf. Bde (Frechencourt.)	8.20 a.m.	12.20 p.m.	4.20 p.m.	9.50 p.m.
A.Y.C.R. (Franvillers.)	8.45 a.m.	12.45 p.m.	4.45 p.m.	10.15 p.m.
10th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	8.55 a.m.	12.55 p.m.	4.55 p.m.	10.25 p.m.
9th. " " " Advanced.	9.5 a.m.	1.5 p.m.	5.5 p.m.	10.35 p.m.
9th. Aust. Inf. Bde Rear.	9.35 a.m.	1.35 p.m.	5.35 p.m.	11.5 p.m.
Divl. Hd. Qrs. arr.	10.10 a.m.	2.10 p.m.	6.10 p.m.	11.40 p.m.

NOTE: Packets are delivered at and collected from A.Y.C.R., Franvillers, for 3rd. Aust. Divl. Train, A.P.M. and other Divisional Units in Franvillers.

8th. Bde., Aust. F. Art., is in continuation of 11th. Bde. run.

3rd. and 6th. Bdes. (Left Group Art.) and 108th. and 189th. Bdes. (Right Group Art.) are in continuation of 9th. Bde. (Advanced) run.

TO D.A.C., M.T. CO., D.A.D.O.S. & OTHER DIVL. UNITS & UNITS IN DIVL. AREA.

No. 1 to ALLONVILLE, CARDONETTE, 9th. Aust. Field Amb. (PONT CAMON.)

No. 2 to QUERRIEU, PONT NOYELLES, LAHOUSOYE.

Divl. Hd. Qrs. dep. 9.0 a.m. 2.0 p.m. 7.0 p.m.

Times of closing - ten minutes before time of departure of D.R.

All previous time-tables are cancelled.

R.L. Hamilton
Major.
Officer i/c. Signals.
3rd. Australian Division.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

APPENDIX 3

By
Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

In the Field, France,
1st. May, 1918.

537. POSTING OF N.C.Os.

The following postings are approved :-

10541 2/Cpl. J.M. NELSON from No.2 Section to No. 1 Sub-Section.
10535 T/2/Cpl. W.J. EASTON from No.1 Sub-Section to No. 2 Section.

538. IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS IN BRITISH UNIFORM. (Extract G.R.O.3868.)

" Orders have been issued by the French Military Authorities for
"strangers wearing British uniform and circulating in areas occupied by
"French troops, to be carefully examined whenever necessary.
" Officers and other ranks must therefore be prepared to prove
"their identity when called upon to do so by French troops by producing
"identity discs, record of services books, paybooks and any other papers
"of identification in their possession."

539. RATE OF EXCHANGE. (Extract G.R.O. 3882.)

" The rate of exchange for the issue of cash to the troops of the
"Expeditionary Force has been fixed at the rate of five francs equals
"three shillings and eightpence for the month of May, 1918."

540. LAUDATORY. (Extract Divl.R.O.1872.)

" The following copy of a tablegram which has been received by the
"G.O.C., A.I.F. - from the Minister for Defence, Melbourne, is
"promulgated for the information of all ranks:-

" "Will be glad if following message to troops can be promulgated
" "begins - Australian people proud of what Field Marshal
" "HAIG says of you - 'Well done Australians' - Senator Pearce".

541. LAUDATORY. (Extract Divl.R.O. 1876.)

" The following wire received from Australian Corps is promulgated
"for the information of all ranks:-

" "Following from Military Secretary begins aaa Please ask
" "General BIRDWOOD to inform all ranks of the Australian Corps
" "that the Field Marshal is fully aware of the gallant conduct
" "and magnificent achievement of the Australians and wishes to
" "thank them aaa The splendid service of the 1st. Australian
" "Division in the North has not escaped his notice and the
" "Field Marshal desires to include them in this expression of
" "his appreciation aaa ends."

R.G. Hamilton
Major.
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

Officer i/c. Records,
Aust. Section.
3rd. Echelon.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.
No. M5 1453
Date 1/5/18

Reference: Your AUS.137101 of 27.4.18.

Subject: Records: 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

In reply to your abovementioned memo. regarding the visit of an officer and the orderly room clerk from this unit to your Section for the purpose of conferring upon record work, it is advised that your suggestion will be carried out at the earliest possible date when tactical conditions permit.

Your AUS.122063 of 22.2.18 refers to the same matter. It is regretted that a reply was not sent before, but as the Division was recently in rest for only a very short while, advantage could not be taken of that opportunity to visit your Section.

It may be mentioned that the absence of provision on the establishment of the unit of an orderly room clerk is greatly felt, as during the last twelve months the development of the Signal Service, with corresponding growth in administration, has been abnormal. Despite this development, however, the need of an adequate orderly room staff has not yet been met in the establishment.

In so far as an orderly room clerk (serjeant or corporal) is concerned, it is suggested that an appointment might be made under A.I.F. Order 962 of 13.11.17 - E.R. rank - were such a course permissible.

On this point, may I be advised, please, of any steps which might be taken to have such an appointment authorised?

R. Hamilton
Major.
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A. E.

APPENDIX NO...⁵ WAR DIARY. VOL. 19.D.A.D.O.S.,
3rd. Aust. Div.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.
No. <i>ECS 1462</i>
Date <i>2/5/18</i>

Subject: Damaged Batteries for Lucas Lamps.

I have to bring under notice the condition in which twelve Lucas Lamp batteries were received from Ordnance on 30.4.18.

The composition in all the batteries was much broken, and at least one terminal missing from each; thus all are rendered unserviceable. In the majority of cases corrosion had set in owing to exposure to moisture.

It is desired to point out it is absolutely essential that these stores be handled carefully and protected from moisture, that the composition be preserved, and the terminals be kept intact.

R. Hamilton

Major.
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

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Hd. Qrs.,
3rd. Aust. Div.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY. A.E.	
No.	HT. 1460
Date	2.5.18

Reference :- Your Q.354 of 30.4.18 and A.R.O. 1953.

Subject :- Removal of partitions in Limbered G.S. Wagons.

In reply to your abovementioned message with regard to 4th. A.R.O. 1953 on the subject quoted, I have to report that the removal of the partitions from Limbered G.S. Wagons has not resulted in weakening the vehicles in any way.

M. Hamilton

Major.
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co., A.E.



COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

by
Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

In the Field, France,
3rd. May, 1918.

542. HONORS AND REWARDS. (Extract A.I.F. List 325.)

" Extract from "The London Gazette" Supplement No. 30636, dated
"17th. April, 1918.

" With reference to the announcement of the award of the DISTINGUISHED
"CONDUCT MEDAL in the Honours Supplement to the London Gazette dated 1st.
"January, 1918, the following is the act of gallantry for which the
"decoration has been awarded:-

" 10609 Sgt. (now 2nd.Lieut.) S. FOUNTAIN, 3rd.Div.Sig.Co.

" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signalling N.C.O.
"He showed great ability in handling difficult situations during an
"engagement, and by his initiative and coolness succeeded in maintaining
"communication, in spite of casualties among his men and heavy shelling."

543. HONORS AND REWARDS. (Extract Divl.R.O. 1880.)

" Under authority delegated to him the Corps Commander has awarded
"the following decorations:-

" BAR TO THE MILITARY MEDAL.

" No.29792, Sapper W.S. THOMAS, M.M. 3rd.Div.Sig.Co. attached
" 8th.Aust.F.Art.Bde.

" THE MILITARY MEDAL.

" No.10658, 2/Cpl. N.H. RAMSDEN 3rd.Div.Sig.Co. attached
" 8th.Aust.F.Art.Bde.

" 20236, Sapper C.H. BREALEY " "
" 1659, " W. CRUICKSHANK " "
" 20272, " C.C. MAZZAROL " "

" The Army, Army-Corps and Divisional Commanders desire that their
"congratulations be conveyed to the recipients where possible.

" Their names will be published in the London Gazette in due course."

544. REVERSION.

No.11022, T/2/Cpl. S.H.E. HOLLOW reverts to the rank of Lance Corporal
upon return to duty of Cpl.V.Allsop, M.M. Dated 2.5.1918.

545. TAKEN ON STRENGTH. (Extract A.I.F. List 324.)

" The undermentioned Officers are taken on strength from reinforcements
"Cadet Bn.) 13th. April, 1918.

" 2nd.Lieut. B.E. GEORGE.
" 2nd.Lieut. G.T.B. BATTY."

546. RETURN OF BOOTS, F.S.

In accordance with General Routine Orders recalling Winter issues of
clothing and equipment, all Field Service Boots will be returned to
C.Q.M.S. store forthwith without regard to their serviceable or
unserviceable condition.

Os. C. Sections will report by 6 p.m., 6th.inst., that this order
has been complied with.

R.G. Hamilton Major
R.G. 3rd Div. Signal Coy. A.I.F.

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Army Form W. 3121.

10th. Australian Inf. Brigade. 3rd. Australian Division. Australian Corps. 3-5-18. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	3rd Divisional Signal Company. Attached 10th. Australian Infantry Brigade.	-	Lieutenant Louis Victor SMITH.	<p>At HEILLY, on 24th and 25th of April, 1918, during an intense enemy bombardment of the villages occupied by this Brigade, Lieut. SMITH did splendid work in keeping communications both forward and to the rear. The bombardment was so intense that all lines went immediately and all available linesmen were out repairing breaks. Lieut. SMITH himself, worked throughout the period of bombardment directing and assisting the repairers and by his tireless efforts succeeded in maintaining communication with practically no intermission after the first breaks, although the severity of the bombardment is evidenced by the fact that many hundreds of yards of lines had been repaired in so many places that they had to be renewed when the situation became quieter.</p> <p>The wireless section were all disabled by a shell and position blown in just after firing commenced and Lieut. SMITH soon organised a fresh squad in a new site and re-established communication.</p> <p>Owing to heavy shelling, the Right flank Brigade had to evacuate their forward Headquarters and remove to HEILLY, and Lieut. SMITH was instrumental in establishing fresh lines for them although he had been continuously on duty for over 24 hours.</p>	(SIGNED) W. RAMSAY MCNICOLL Brigadier-General. Commanding 10th. Australian Infantry Brigade.	MILITARY CROSS.	

APPENDIX

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

by
Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

In the Field, France,
4th. May, 1918.

547. PRISONERS TAKEN BY THE ENEMY: CAUTION AS TO REVEALING INFORMATION.
(Extract G.R.O. 3891.)

" In the event of being taken prisoner by the enemy, all ranks
" should bear in mind that the Germans will make every effort, both by
" open examination and artifice, to extract information of military
" importance. Not only do Germans dressed as British soldiers
" (either officers or men) mingle with prisoners, but dictaphones are
" installed in prisoners' camps and cages for the purpose of overhearing
" conversations.

" In addition to refusing to give any information beyond name and
" rank, prisoners should be very careful and reticent in conversation
" among themselves after capture.

" It is possible that prisoners may be threatened in order to
" make them disclose information, but it can be definitely stated that
" no instance is known of a refusal to give information resulting in a
" threat of ill-treatment being carried into effect."

548. LEAVE - DELAY AT LONDON RAILWAY STATIONS. (Extract G.R.O. 3892.)

" Stamps of Y.M.C.A., Church Army, Salvation Army or other huts,
" rest-houses, or institutes which bear a date subsequent to April
" 30th., 1918, will not be recognized as proof that a soldier has
" reported himself at a London Railway Station.

" Stamps of Railway Transport Officers only will be accepted after
" that date."

549. BOUNDS. (Extract Aust. Corps R.O. 122.)

" The FRENCH Area is out of bounds to all troops other than those
" on duty or belonging to units granted special permission to be
" quartered in the Area. No leave will be granted to visit the
" FRENCH Area."

550. ABANDONED WINE. (Extract Fourth Army R.O. 1965.)

" If military exigencies demand it, stocks of abandoned wine which
" cannot be guarded may be destroyed.

" Abandoned wines are not to be taken either by troops or by
" messes or canteens."

R.G. Hamilton
Major.
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SIGNAL INSTRUCTION NO.2.

4. TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT. (Extract G.R.O. 3887.)

" As a temporary measure the scale of issue of the under-mentioned items of telephone equipment -
 " Fullerphones, Buzzer Switch Units,
 " Telephones, D.III, Trench magneto telephones,
 " will be as follows:-

Unit	Fuller-phones.	Tele-phones D.III.	Buzzer Switch Units.	Magneto Tele-phones.
Divisional Signal Company:-				
Headquarters & No.1 Section	6	16	-	18
Nos. 2, 3 & 4 Sections, each	2	8	2	3
Each R.F.A. Brigade Signal Sub-Section (Division & Army)	2	6	1	3
R.H.A. Brigade Headquarters	2	6	1	3
Infantry Battalion	2	3	1	-
Machine Gun Bn. (per Company)	1	3	1	-
Pioneer Battalion	-	2	-	-

" This G.R.O. will, in the case of the above-mentioned units, be regarded for the present as the sole authority for the issue of these stores.

" Any equipment rendered surplus by this reduction of scale will be utilized within Divisions and Corps to make up any deficiencies under the instructions of the D.D. Signals of the Army concerned.

5. CABLE - SCALE OF ISSUE (Extract G.R.O. 3888.)

" In view of recent experience it has been decided that all field cable carried as unit equipment shall be single cable. At the same time twisted cable will continue to be issued for expendable use during trench warfare.

" The following scale of field cable to be carried by units is therefore substituted for all previous authorities, and the Mobilization Store Tables of the units concerned will be amended accordingly in due course:-

Will carry in future:-

Divisional Signal Co.-	Cable D8 or		(c) 12 lengths
Headquarters & No.1 Sec.	D5 single ... miles	52 (c)	of 100 yards to be carried in addition for lineman's use.
	Drums, cart, cable		
	Mk. III	30 (d)	(d) Four carried empty
Nos. 2, 3 & 4 Sections each	Cable D2 single miles	8	
	Reels, cable, No.1	18 (e)	(e) Two carried empty.
No. 5 Section.	Cable D2 single miles	8	
	Reels, cable, No.1	18 (e)	
R.F.A. Brigade Signal Sub-Sec. each, (Divl. or Army)	Cable D3 single miles	7	
	Drums, cable, wagon telephone	8 (f)	(f) One drum carried empty
Machine Gun Bn. (per Company)	Cable D2 single miles	4	
	Reels, cable, No.1	8	

Distribution:-

Issued to -

For Information -

All Battalions.
 All Batteries.
 3rd. Aust. M. G. Bn.
 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.
 O. i/c. Signals, 3rd. Aust. Divl. Art.
 " " " 7th. Aust. F. Art. Bde.
 " " " 8th. " " " "
 " " " 3rd. Army Bde. Aust. F. Art.
 " " " 6th. " " " "
 " " " 108th. Army Bde., R.F.A.
 " " " 189th. " " R.F.A.
 " " " 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
 " " " 10th. " " "
 " " " 11th. " " "
 " " " 3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn.
 D.T.M.O., 3rd. Aust. Div.

Hd. Qrs., 3rd. Aust. Div.
 " " 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
 " " 10th. " " "
 " " 11th. " " "
 " " 3rd. Aust. Divl. Art.
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6. TAPE, ADHESIVE.

Demands for Adhesive Tape by Artillery units, Infantry Bns., Pioneer Bns. and Machine Gun Bns. should be submitted to the A.O.D.

(Authority: D.D.O.S., 4th. Army O/9/11 of 2nd. May, 1918.)

7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. (Extract G.R.O. 3913.)

" The address on all telegrams and D.R.L.S. letters intended for units and formations of the American Expeditionary Force should include the designation "American E.F." after the name of the unit or formation."

8. LAMPS - ELECTRIC SIGNALLING. (Extract 4th. Army R.O. 1908.)

" Spare parts of Daylight Electric Signalling Lamps will be demanded from Army Ordnance Department."

9. TELEPHONE CALLS. (Extract 4th. Army R.O. 1910.)

" The Telephone Service is congested, and inconvenience is caused by officers keeping telephone lines engaged for long periods at a time. Telephone conversations must be kept as short as possible and will not exceed 10 minutes' duration."

10. UNSKILLED LABOR - WITHDRAWAL OF (Extract 4th. Army R.O. 1912.)

" If it is necessary for labor to be withdrawn on account of the military situation or severe shelling, a written order to this effect must be given by the Senior Technical Officer present. No labor must be withdrawn unless this order is received by the officer in charge of the labor."

11. "NOTES ON FIELD TELEPHONES" (40/W.O./4553).

Copies of this Publication, up to six per Infantry and Machine Gun Battalion, and one per Field Artillery Battery, may be obtained on indent from the Publications Department, Army Printing and Stationery Services, Boulogne.

6.5.1918.

R. Hamilton
Major.
Officer i/c. Signals.
3rd. Australian Division.

A.D. Signals,
Aust. Corps.

Hd. Qrs.,
3rd. Aust. Div. (for information.)

SIGNALS, 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	NSC 1508
Date	2/5/18

Reference: Your T.143/2 of 3.5.18 and 5.5.18.

Subject: Messenger Dogs.

As requested in your abovementioned memos. I have to report, with regard to the work of the messenger dog group attached to this unit, as follows:-

The group in charge of two keepers was allotted to the Right and Left Infantry Brigades in HEILLY on 2.5.18. 3 dogs, numbered 122, 123 and 124, worked between Battalion and Brigade Hd. Qrs. in the case of the Right Bde., and with the Left Brigade the Battalion Hd. Qrs. was the back station, the dogs (numbers 125, 126 and 127) working from Company Hd. Qrs. as the forward station. This arrangement was subsequently made vice versa by the respective Brigades to prove the testing. Prior to being worked the dogs were taken over the routes to the various stations and as far as possible were made familiar with the particular route by which it was expected they would travel.

Subsequently, practice messages were sent. The Right Infantry Bde. dogs proved mainly unreliable, but those working in the forward area of Left Inf. Bde. worked most satisfactorily.

No. 122 dog on two occasions took an hour to cover a distance of three miles, and on another occasion refused to move from the forward station owing to slight shelling.

No. 123 dog acted similarly and on the night of 5th./6th. was released at 8 p.m. and did not return at all. It was found by a runner the following morning.

No. 124 (bitch) was on heat and not used.

The remaining dogs, numbers 125, 126 and 127 worked well and covered distances in times varying from 3 to 8 minutes where runners take 15 to 20 minutes.

Commanders of units with which these three dogs worked were very satisfied as to their reliability.

R. Hamilton
Major.
Officer i/c. Signals.
3rd. Australian Division.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
O.C., 3rd. Aust.Divl.Signal Co. A. E.

In the Field, France,
7th. May, 1918.

551. HONOURS AND REWARDS. (Extract Divl.R.O. 1884.)

" Under authority delegated to him, the Corps Commander has awarded
"the MILITARY MEDAL to the undermentioned Other Ranks :-

" No.10799, 2/Cpl. J.P. STEELE.	3rd.Aust.Divl.Signal Co.A.E.
"	Attached 11th.Aust.Inf. Bde.
" 5156, Sapper G. MONKHOUSE	-do- -do- -do-
" 10697, L/Cpl. J.P. KING	3rd.Aust.Divl.Signal Co.A.E.
" 17459, Sapper W.C. RACHINGER	3rd.Aust.Divl.Signal Co.A.E.

" The Army-Corps and Divisional Commanders desire that their
"congratulations be conveyed to the recipients."

552. POSTING OF N.C.Os.

10578, Cpl. V. ALLSOP, M.M. is posted to No. 2 Cable Section on
rejoining unit from Hospital.

10600, L/Cpl. G.L. DAY from No. 2 Cable Section to Hd. Qrs.

553. PRIVATE TELEGRAMS FOR UNITED KINGDOM. (Extract G.R.O.3919.)

" 1. Private telegrams may now be handed in at all Army Post Offices
"in the Field and at certain Army Post Offices on the L. of C.

" 2. The telegrams will be forwarded by post to Folkestone, whence
"they will be transmitted by telegraph to their destinations.

" 3. The charge for these telegrams is 9d. for the first 12 words,
"including the address, and 1/2d. for every additional word.

" 4. Telegrams will only be accepted subject to the following
"regulations:-

" (a) The telegrams must be written in plain language, self-explanatory
"English or French only being allowed. Telegrams without text are
"prohibited; the use of Cypher or Code is prohibited.

" (b) Each telegram must be franked by an Officer and stamped with a
" "Passed by Censor" stamp with a registered number. The Censorship
"orders governing the contents of letters apply to the contents of
"telegrams.

" (c) Each telegram must bear the sender's surname (the Christian name
"alone is insufficient) at the end of the text. The surname will be
"included in the number of words charged for. The sender's full postal
"address must be written on the back of the telegraph form, but will
"not be charged for, nor transmitted by telegraph.

" 5. Telegrams can only be accepted at "Sender's Risk". No enquiry can
"be made as to the disposal of the telegrams and claims for reimbursement
"of the amounts paid for transmission cannot be considered.

" 6. Replies to the telegrams cannot be prepaid by the senders."

554. REMOVAL OF LEATHER OR COMPOSITION BUTTONS FROM GARMENTS BEFORE
FUMIGATION. (Extract G.R.O. 3901.)

" It has been found that during the process of disinfection of clothing
"by fumigation composition buttons are melted by the great heat developed,
"injury being caused to the garments. All leather or composition
"leather buttons should, therefore, be removed from garments before they
"are fumigated."

R.G. Hamilton

Major.
O.C., 3rd. Aust.Divl.Signal Co.A.E.

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APPENDIX 13⁵⁵

A.D. Signals,
Aust. Corps.

SIGNALS, 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	L 1480.
Date	5/5/18.

Subject: Buried Cable Routes.

In response to our telephone conversation,
I have to advise that the following cable is required for
the projected buried route from C28 c9.2 (near FRANVILLERS)
to J1 d1.3 (HEILLY). -

15 miles 7-pair.
5 " twin armoured.

M. Hamilton

Major.
Officer i/c. Signals.
Third Australian Division.



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 THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.
 No. HOR 1575
 Date 8/5/18

THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A.E.

HANDING OVER REPORT (ST. GRATIEN) 8.5.18.

1. COMMUNICATIONS.

By permanent route (RUQ) from ST. GRATIEN to QUERRIEU - there is also a 7-pair brass sheath cable slung along the permanent poles for this section. From QUERRIEU to FRANVILLERS by 7-pair permanent route along northern side of main AMIENS - ALBERT road as far as "F" pole at (C28 d9.1) FRANVILLERS and from there 4 pairs poled cable to HEILLY also locals into FRANVILLERS exchange.

The rest of the communications are by poled and ground cables and include pairs from LH pole (I2 d4.3) to Brigade offices at the following points I14 a 3.1 and I15 bl.1.

Two pairs across country from Divisional Hd. Qrs. to LH pole as emergencies.

One pair Divl. Hd. Qrs. to FRECHENCOURT (Bde.Hd.Qrs.)

One pair FRECHENCOURT to LAHOUSOYE to Advd. Bde. Hd. Qrs. (I3 c6.0).

Pairs from Advd. Bde. Hd. Qrs., LAHOUSOYE, to Central Visual Station (C27 c5.4) and Advd. Bde. Hd. Qrs. at (I14 a3.1).

2. TESTING.

Convenient points for testing are:-

On RUQ route:- "G" pole at (B27 d7.9) and in "Q" test hut in Chateau grounds, QUERRIEU where RUQ and QAF routes converge. ("Q" test is manned by Corps).

On QAF route:-

At "LH" pole (I2 d4.3).

At "F" pole (C28 d9.1).

3. MAINTENANCE.

Linemen are posted as follows:-

3 at Visual Station (C27 c5.9).

4 at FRANVILLERS exchange (C28 d9.6).

3 at Bde. Hd. Qrs., HEILLY (J1 d1.3).

These men have P.O. 44 telephones and repairing gear.

4. FORWARD EXCHANGE, FRANVILLERS.

The following personnel are employed:-

- 1 Officer.
- 2 N.C.O.'s.
- 3 Operators and Clerks.
- 3 Telephonists.
- 3 Push Cyclist Orderlies.

This exchange is a switching point for both Artillery and Infantry lines, and requires accommodation for 20 magneto circuits and one 4 x 3 unit.

One S.C. set with cells and transformer are also required.

5. WORKS.

(a) A pipe line is under construction by 144th. Army Troops Co. R.E. from (H12 a 5.7) to a point adjacent to LAHOUSOYE about (I3 c4.9) and thence to FRANVILLERS.

2 7-pair lead cables are being put into the trench with the water pipes - portion of it is already in and sufficient cable on the job and in hand to complete two miles.

Another pipe line is proposed from ST. GRATIEN along the road to FRECHENCOURT and may be utilised.

(b) A general scheme of buried routes for the Corps front has been laid down by A.D.Signals - the first work to be done in this area is from C28 c9.2 to J1 d1.3 (HEILLY) as per my L.1480 of 5.5.18 (copy attached.)

6. STORES.

(a) Two Bell tents are being handed over "in situ" - one at Central Visual Station at C27 c5.4 and one at FRANVILLERS exchange, C28 d9.6.
 (b) 4 1/2 miles 7-pair lead cable and quantity lead sleeves for jointing at Co. Hd. Qrs. 1 1/2 miles 7-pair lead partly in trench and on pipe line job mentioned in para. 4 (a).

7. WIRELESS, AMPLIFIER & POWER BUZZER.

Disposition of stations is as follows:-

Divl. Directing Station, ST. GRATIEN. Divl. Hd. Qrs.	Calls.		
	YEU	LAF	DHU
Trench Set, Left. Bde. Hd. Qrs., J1 c6.2 (wave length 450 m.)	DBG	YET	LAG
Trench Set, Left Bn. Left Bde. J5 a2.9 (wave length 450 m.)	LAH	DHS	DBI
Loop Set, Advd. Hd. Qrs., Right Bde. J1 d0.5 (wave length 80 m.)	DOH	LMS	DKI
Loop Set, Left Bn. Right Bde. J17 b3.7 (wave length 80 m.)	YLR	DOI	LMR
Amp. & P.B. Hd. Qrs. Art. Group J1 d0.5	DKJ	YLQ	DOJ
" " " Left Battery " J9 d7.4	LMQ	DKK	YLP
" " " Right " " J14 c6.9	DOK	LMP	DKL

Battle Calls underlined.

The remainder of Wireless Section and equipment is held in reserve at Co. Hd. Qrs.

8. ACCUMULATORS.

The accumulators are charged from the electric light lorry at Co. Hd. Qrs. and conveyed forward to Left Bde. Hd. Qrs. by lorry, where small reserve is held. They are conveyed to forward stations by a carrying party of 1 Lance Corporal and 6 men (supplied by Inf. Bdes. in line) under the supervision of an N.C.O. from the Wireless Section

9. VISUAL.

Stations have been established as per attached diagram; the Central Station at C27 c5.4 is permanently manned by 4 other ranks, and they have one magneto telephone (working to exchange at Advd. Bde. Hd. Qrs. (Reserve Bde.) in LAHOUSOYE) in addition to visual apparatus.

10. PIGEONS.

8 or 10 birds are delivered at Co. Hd. Qrs. daily about 5 p.m. from 4th. Army - these are sent forward by special D.R. to Bde. Hd. Qrs. (HEILLY) and thence to Bns. by Bde. pigeoneers. - They are released from forward points not later than 7.30 p.m. following day if weather permits.

11. MESSENGER DOGS.

A messenger dog group of 2 keepers and 6 dogs is attached to the Division and is allotted one keeper and 3 dogs to each Inf. Bde. in line and work forward as directed.

12. D.R.L.S.

By motor cyclist to all Brigades and Artillery groups as per attached D.R.L.S. time-table.
 The following units are at present being served in the area:-

Unit	Location.	D.R.L.S.	Telegrams.
Aust. Corps R.E. Dump	H16 d2.7 (QUERRIEU)	Circular	QUERRIEU
Aust. Corps Agricultural Officer	No.9 Billet, Drapery St., LAHOUSOYE	"	LAHOUSOYE.
2nd. Batt. A.A. 15th. Sec.	Franvillers	Franvillers	Franvillers.
C.R.E. Querrieu Group Defences	St. Gratien	Local	Local
"C" Co. 6th. Regt. U.S. Engineers	Frechencourt.	Bde. run.	Frechencourt
C.R.E. Rear Zone Defences	St. Gratien	Local	Local

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Unit.	Location.	D.R.L.S.	Telegrams.
86th. Labor Co.	c/o 63rd. Labour Group, Querrieu.	Circular	Querrieu.
63rd. Labor Group "E" Co. 6th. Regt.	Querrieu	"	"
U.S. Engineers	Franvillers.	Franvillers.	Franvillers
47th. Labor Co.	St. Gratien	Local	Local.
57th. Labor Co.	St. Gratien	"	"
14th. Labor Co.	St. Gratien	"	"
49th. Labor Co.	c/o 63rd. Labor Group, Querrieu.	Circular.	Querrieu.
"F" Co. 6th. Regt.			
U.S. Engineers.	Franvillers.	Franvillers.	Franvillers
16th. Balloon Co.	B20 d	Circular	Heavy Art.
55th. Field Amb.	Franvillers.	Franvillers.	Franvillers
5th. Bde. R.G.A.	8 Church St., Pont Noyelles.	Circular	Circular
2/3rd. Field Amb., 58th. Div.	B20 d3.4	"	"
5th. Field Co.	Frechencourt.	Bde. run.	Frechencourt.
Troop 13th. Light Horse.	Lahoussoye.	Franvillers.	Franvillers
107th. Labor Co.	St. Gratien	Local	Local.
177th. Labor Co.	St. Gratien	"	"
1st. Labor Co.	c/o 63rd. Labor Group, Querrieu.	Circular	Querrieu.
168th. Labor Co.	ditto	"	"
105th. Labor Co.	ditto	"	"
114th. Labor Co.	Frechencourt.	Bde. run.	Frechencourt.
173rd. Labor Co.	St. Gratien.	Local	Local.
146th. A.T. Co.	Pont Noyelles	Circular	Querrieu.
144th. A.T. Co.	St. Gratien	Local	Local.
2nd. Aust. Tunnelling Co.	Querrieu.	Circular	Querrieu.
72nd. Labor Co.	Lahoussoye.	Circular	Lahoussoye.
6th. Bde. R.G.A.	Frechencourt.	Bde. run.	Frechencourt.
2nd. Tank Bn.	Frechencourt.	" "	" "
238th. Army Troops Co.	Pont Noyelles.	Circular	Querrieu.
283rd. " " "	Franvillers.	Franvillers.	Franvillers
Town Major, Querrieu.	Querrieu	Circular	Querrieu.
6th. B.W.I. (B Detachment).	Pont Noyelles.	Circular	"

13. RATIONS. No additional personnel are being rationed.
 The men at Franvillers exchange are rationed by arrangement with units in the village.
 The men at Central Visual Station are rationed from Co. Hd. Qrs. each alternate day.

14. ACCOMMODATION. 4 officers and all other ranks, offices, Q.M. store and Officers' Mess are located in Chateau buildings. -
 One billet in village with room for 3 or 4 officers.
 Transport and horse-lines in open, adjacent to Co. Hd. Qrs.

15. Diagram of *Divl.* communications attached.

16. Please acknowledge receipt.

Al. Hamilton

Major.
 O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
.....SIGNAL INSTRUCTION NO. 3.12. DELIVERY OF TELEGRAMS & D.R.L.S. (Ref. 4th. Army No. G.S. 28 of 28.4.18.)

- i. The following instructions are issued regarding the collection of telegrams and D.R.L.S. letters for units which do not belong to a formation with a Signal unit on its establishment, or are temporarily detached from their formation.
- ii. As soon as such a unit billets in a new area it will send two orderlies (with bicycles if necessary) to the nearest Signal Office. These orderlies will deliver any messages (either telegrams or D.R.L.S.) received by the Signal Office for the unit.
- iii. Signal Offices will report to their Corps and the Army Signal Office, as soon as the orderlies arrive, that they are prepared to accept messages for the unit.
- iv. In cases where a unit is temporarily billeted in a locality which is not reasonably near a Signal Office, and there is an Area Commandant in the vicinity, then two orderlies will be sent to the Area Commandant's office to deal with the delivery of messages and letters for the unit. The Area Commandant will arrange to have "Priority" telegrams taken on the telephone. Ordinary telegrams will be sent by D.R.L.S. to the Area Commandant's office and will be delivered to the unit by the orderlies.
The Area Commandant will immediately inform the Signal Office with which he is in communication whenever this arrangement is made.

13. TRAINING MANUAL - SIGNALLING, 1917. (Ref. No. 4 F.P. & S.D. letter N. 3152 of 30.4.18.)

Army Printing and Stationery Services state that the issue of this manual is suspended until further notice.

14. MESSENGER DOGS.

- I. The following hints are drawn from practical points which have been noticed and which seriously tend to spoil the efficiency of this service:-
 - (a) Passing Battery positions men have tried to entice dogs away, thus hampering their run.
 - (b) That the dogs must be kept away from any ordinary dogs in the vicinity of their work, as these dogs hinder the runs of messenger dogs.
 - (c) If possible owners with their dogs should be given some shelter by themselves apart from other troops.
 - (d) On no account should the dogs be petted, or offered food, or made much of by persons other than their keepers.
- II. Lost messenger dogs should be taken to the nearest Signal Service unit.
- III. A longer run than four miles is not advised unless absolutely necessary.

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"

Will carry in future:-

R.F.A. Battery	Cable D.3 or D.2	(g) It will not be possible to supply the full quantity of reels cable No.1 to carry all this cable (if D.2), which will be carried on rough drums or on coils.
"	single miles 6 (g)	"
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R.L. Hamilton

Major.
Officer i/c. Signals.
Third Australian Division.

8.5.1918.

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A.D. Signals,
Aust. Corps.

Hd. Qrs.,
3rd. Aust.Div. (for information).

SIGNALS, 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	PY 1524
Date	8/5/18

Subject: Pigeon Service.

The following report in regard to pigeon messages is forwarded for your information, please.-

Two liberations were made from the line approximately Sheet 62.D, J11 a, on 6.5.18 - one at 4.25 p.m. and the other at 5.25 p.m. The birds on both occasions flew to the Army Loft at FLIXECOURT covering a distance of 25 miles.

The first message was handed in to Fourth Army Signal office at 5.21 p.m. and reached 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Signal office at 5.45 p.m. The time in flight occupied 56 minutes, and in being transmitted by wire 21 minutes.

The second message occupied 50 minutes by flight and 20 minutes by wire.

The rate of flight in each case was 26 and 30 miles per hour.

As these were pigeon service messages thus being "priority" and taking precedence of other "priority" traffic, and were only of 28 and 34 words respectively, it is considered that the time occupied between arrival of the messages at the loft and receipt at Division could have been considerably lessened.

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Third Australian Division.

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SIGNALS, 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No. C.551538	Date 9/5/18.

Hd. Qrs.,
3rd. Aust. Div.

A. D. Signals,
Aust. Corps. (for information.)

Reference: Your SG.15/80 of 30.4.18.

Subject: Code Names and Station Calls for Signal Units.

With reference to the abovementioned memo, it is desired to point out that the units stated are incorrectly described, May they be shown as indicated hereunder :-

No. 2 Section,	3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co., A. E.	attached	9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
" 3 "	" " " "	" "	10th. " " "
" 4 "	" " " "	" "	11th. " " "
" 5 "	" " " "	" "	3rd. Aust. M. G. Bn.
" 1 Sub-Section	" " " "	" "	7th. Aust. F. Art. Bde
" 2 " "	" " " "	" "	8th. " " " "

The Code Names referred to which have been allotted are the outcome of a suggestion and recommendation made by myself to the Corps Wireless Officer about two weeks ago. It had come under my notice that when sending Signal messages by Wireless which were addressed, e.g. "Sigs. HAWSER", if sent in clear, would give information to the enemy that HAWSER was a formation. It was intended that all units of the Divl. Signal Cos. should be given a Code Name.

May Code Names be allotted for the Wireless Section and D.A.H.Q. Detachment, please? A Code Name for the D.A.H.Q. detachment is very necessary, and especially so for the Wireless Section, both of which are at present unprovided for. The correct designation of these two units is as follows :-

D.A.H.Q. Detachment,	3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A. E.	attached	Hd. Qrs. 3rd. Aust. Divl. Art.
WIRELESS Section	" " " "	" "	" "

It is considered that Station Code Calls are unnecessary and these were not suggested as the Code Name is sufficient for all purposes.

R. Hamilton
Major.
Officer i/c. Signals.
Third Australian Division.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

S E C R E T.

Divisional Headquarters,
30th. April, 1918.

SG.15/80.

3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co.

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In instructions have been received that Code Names and Station Code Calls are to be allotted to signal units of Divisions.

The following are accordingly allotted to signal units of this Division.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>Code Names</u>	<u>Station Code Call.</u>
9th. A. I. Bde. Sig. Section	SINEW	W I A
10th. A. I. Bde. Sig. Section.	SHIFTER	R W A
11th. A. I. Bde. Sig. Section.	SHARP	B G L
No. 1 Artillery sub-section.	SKEWER	J S R
No. 2 Artillery sub-section.	SLICK	J S T
3rd. M. G. Bn. section.	SILVER	W I X

(sd) S. H. Jackson, Captain.
General Staff.

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Hd. Qrs.,
3rd. Aust. Div.

17	THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.
No. H.A. 1543.	
Date... 10/5/18	

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Reference: Your Q.74/242 of 8.5.18.

Subject: Honors and Awards - Presentation Parade.

In accordance with your abovementioned instruction a nominal roll of recipients is given as under:-

(a) Available for Presentation of Medal.

Regtl. No.	Rank.	Name.	Decoration.
10576	Spr. (now L/Cpl.)	W, J.F. ADAMS	MILITARY MEDAL.
11019	Cpl. (" Sjt.)	H. CHADWICK	BAR to MILITARY MEDAL.
10596	Spr. (" Cpl.)	C.E. CHANCELLOR.	MILITARY MEDAL.
11022	" (" L/Cpl.)	S.H.E. HOLLOW	" "
10807	Sjt.	W.J. JAMESON.	" "
10652	Spr. (now Cpl.)	P.P. PAGE	" "
10696	"	J.R. RUSSELL	" "
10669	"	G. SANDERSON	" "
Not Available.			
18401	L/Cpl. (now Cpl.)	H.M. WILLIAMS	Evacuated - wounded.
10854	Spr. F.C.	TUCKETT	Sent to Admin. Hd. Qrs., A.I.F. for Return to Australia.

(b) Available for Presentation of Ribbon - not included in (a)

Regtl. No.	Rank.	Name.	Decoration
10584	Cpl.	E. BENNER	MILITARY MEDAL.
6263	Sjt.	F.L. BEVAN	" "
20236	Spr.	C.H. BREALEY	" "
1659A	"	W. CRUICKSHANK	" "
10697	L/Cpl.	J.P. KING	" "
10638	Cpl.	S.F.E. LIEBERT	MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.
20247	Spr.	C.C. MAZZAROL	MILITARY MEDAL.
5156	"	G. MONKHOUSE	" "
22561	L/Cpl. (T/2/Cpl.)	P.D. PHILLIPS	" "
17459	Spr.	W.C. RACHINGER	" "
10658	2/Cpl. (T/Cpl.)	N.H. RAMSDEN	" "
10799	2/Cpl.	J.P. STEELE	" "
10682	Sjt.	A.N. SYMES	" "
29792	Spr.	W.S. THOMAS	MILITARY MEDAL AND BAR.
17077	"	J.C. WALLACE	MILITARY MEDAL.
10804	"	D.J. WHITEFORD	" "
10805	L/Cpl.	H.G. WHITEFORD	" "

Al. Hamilton

Major.
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

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Hd. Qrs.,
3rd. Aust. Div.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.
No. HA 1543/2
Date. 10/5/18

Reference: Your Q.74/242 of 8.5.18.

Subject: Honours and Awards - Presentation Parade.

Further to my HA.1543 of 10.5.18, please add the following names to para. (b) :-

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|---|---|------------------------|
| 10842, 2/Cpl. (now T/Cpl.) T. HOULDEN, M.M. | | BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL. |
| 2028, Pte. F.J. GREEN, | 39th. Bn. permanently attached 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E. | MILITARY MEDAL |
| 2271, Pte. E. HYNDS, | 40th. Bn. permanently attached 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E. | MILITARY MEDAL. |
| 2316, Pte. W.T. O'DONOGHUE, | 41st. Bn. permanently attached 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E. | MILITARY MEDAL. |

R. Hamilton
 Major.
 O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

B.M.434/3.

To.
7th. & 8th. A.F.A.Bdes.
O/c. Signals, 3rd.Aust.Div.)
O/c. Signals, 3rd.Aust.D.Art.) for information.

In future all D.R.L.S. traffic from Brigade to Batteries, and vice-versa, will be handled by the Signal Sub-Section.

For this purpose one Orderly from each Battery will be posted at Brigade Headquarters under the orders of the Brigade Signal Officer, who will make all necessary arrangements for deliveries.

Headquarters.
10.5.1918.

(sd) W.F. Nicholls, Major, R.A.,
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Division.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SIGNAL INSTRUCTION NO.4.

17. SUPPLY OF CONTROLLED SIGNAL STORES.

" The following method of supply of controlled Signal Stores
 "to Army Field Artillery Brigades and Field Artillery Brigades
 "when detached from their Division will be adopted:-

" I. WHEN IN THE LINE.

" When these Brigades are attached to a Division they
 " will be treated as regards indenting for controlled Signal
 " Stores as if they belonged to that Division, i.e. the
 " Officer i/c. F.A. Brigade Signal Sub-Section will indent on
 " the Officer i/c. D.A. Signals of the Division to which the
 " Brigade is attached. The O.C. Divisional Signal Company
 " in forwarding his weekly return of requirements of controlled
 " Signal Stores to the A.D. Signals of the Corps will keep the
 " requirements of Army Field Art. Bdes. and of Field Art. Bdes.
 " attached from other Divisions separate from the requirements
 " of his own Divisional Artillery.

" This is necessary in case the Brigades are transferred
 " and in order that the A.D. Signals of the Corps after issuing
 " the stores can check the distribution.

" II. WHEN OUT OF THE LINE.

" Whether these Brigades are being administered by a
 " Division or not they will indent for controlled Signal
 " Stores direct on the O.C. Army Signal Company of the Army
 " to which they for the time being belong."

The above direction does not necessitate any departure
 from the present system of demanding Signal stores which exists in
 the Division.

(Authority: D.Sigs./4484 of 7.5.1918.)

R. Hamilton
 Major.
 Officer i/c. Signals.
 Third Australian Division.

10.5.1918.

Distribution:-

Issued to -

For information -

D.T.M.O., 3rd.Aust.Div.	Hd.Qrs., 3rd.Aust.Div.
O.i/c. Signals, 3rd.Aust.Divl.Art.	" " 3rd.Aust.Divl.Art.
" " " 7th.Aust.F.Art.Bde.	" " 7th.Aust.F.Art.Bde.
" " " 8th. " " " "	" " 8th. " " " "
" " " 3rd.Army Bde.Aust.F.Art.	" " 3rd.Army Bde.Aust.F.Art.
" " " 6th. " " " " "	" " 6th. " " " " "
" " " 108th. " " R.F.A.	" " 108th. " " R.F.A.
" " " 189th. " " R.F.A.	" " 189th. " " R.F.A.
	A.D.Signals, Aust. Corps.

War Diary (4).
 File (1).

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
12th. May, 1918.

D.R.L.S. TIME - TABLE.FROM & TO AUST. CORPS.

Leaves Corps	7.0 a.m.	11.0 a.m.	4.0 p.m.	8.0 p.m.
Arrives 3rd. Aust. Div.	7.30 a.m.	11.30 a.m.	4.30 p.m.	8.30 p.m.
" Corps	8.45 a.m.	12.45 p.m.	5.45 p.m.	9.45 p.m.

TO & FROM INFANTRY BRIGADES.

Leaves D.H.Q.	8.0 a.m.	12.0 noon.	4.0 p.m.	9.0 p.m.
10th. Bde.	8.10 a.m.	12.10 p.m.	4.10 p.m.	9.10 p.m.
9th. "	8.35 a.m.	12.35 p.m.	4.35 p.m.	9.35 p.m.
11th. "	9.0 a.m.	1.0 p.m.	5.0 p.m.	10.0 p.m.
Arrives D.H.Q.	9.20 a.m.	1.20 p.m.	5.20 p.m.	10.20 p.m.

CIRCULAR D.R. TO C.R.A., DIVL. UNITS & OTHER UNITS IN DIVL. AREA.

Leaves D.H.Q.	9.0 a.m.	2.0 p.m.	7.0 p.m.
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NOTE:

9th. Field Co., 9th. Field Amb., 869 Co. A.A.S.C., and Divl. Salvage Co. are in continuation of 9th. Bde. run.

11th. M.G. Co., 23rd. M.G. Co., 3rd. M.G. Bn., 11th. Field Co., 11th. Field Amb., 3rd. Mobile Vet. Sec., 867 and 870 Cos. A.A.S.C., Troop 13th. Light Horse and platoon Cyclist Bn. are in continuation of 11th. Bde. run.

10th. Field Co. ^{is} delivered by
2nd. Aust. Div.

9th. M.G. Co. is delivered by 4th. Aust. Div.

3rd. Pioneer Bn. is delivered by 5th. Aust. Div.

Times of closing - ten minutes before time of departure of D.R.

All previous time-tables are cancelled.

R. Hamilton

Major.
Officer i/c. Signals.
Third Australian Division.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS
by
Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

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In the Field, France,
13th. May, 1918.555. HONOURS AND REWARDS. (Extract Divl.R.O.1884.)

" Under authority delegated to him, the Corps Commander has
" awarded the MILITARY MEDAL to the undermentioned other rank:-
"

" 2316, Pte. W.T. O'DONOGHUE, 41st. Bn. attached 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal
Co. A.E."

556. HONOURS AND REWARDS. (Extract Divl.R.O.1890.)

" Under authority delegated to him, the Corps Commander has awarded
" the following decorations:-
"

" BAR TO THE MILITARY MEDAL.
"

" 10842, 2/Cpl. T. HOULDEN, M.M. 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.
" attached 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
"

" THE MILITARY MEDAL.
"

" 2028, Pte. F.J. GREEN 39th. Bn. attached 3rd. Aust. Divl.
" Signal Co. A.E.

" 2271, " E. HYNDS 40th. Bn. attached 3rd. Aust. Divl.
" Signal Co. A.E."

557. APPOINTMENT.

10605, Spr. H.P. FARRINGTON to be Lance Corporal, vice L/Cpl.
W.S. Touchell, M.M. to Signal Officers' Cadet
Course. Dated 8.5.1918.

558. SIGNAL OFFICERS' CADET COURSE:

10801, L/Cpl. W.S. TOUCHELL, M.M. has been selected to attend the next
Signal Officers' Cadet Course. He proceeded to
England on 7.5.1918.

559. WASTE OF PETROL TINS. (Ref. 4th. Army R.O. 1987.)

Attention is drawn to the great waste in petrol tins. With
the exception of those tins authorised for the carriage of water or
which are in legitimate use, all tins scattered about the areas occupied
by this unit will be returned to C.Q.M.S. store forthwith.

Disciplinary action will be taken where petrol tins are being
retained for unauthorised purposes.

560. CLOSING OF ESTAMINETS. (Extract G.R.O.3938.)

" Until further notice Estaminets in Army and G.H.Q. Areas will be
" closed to British troops except between the hours of 10.30 a.m. to
" 1.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

" In the L. of C. Area the hours during which troops may enter
" Estaminets will remain as at present from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and from
" 6 p.m. to 8 p.m."

R.G. Hamilton
Major.
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.In the Field, France,
18th. May, 1918.561. PUNISHMENT.

On 18.5.18, Sapper S. SMITH was tried on the following charge:-

On 1.5.18, When on active service neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he received signal service messages at 2.20 a.m. and 6 a.m. on 1.5.18 and neglected to deliver same to the officer on duty until 8.45 a.m.

Sentence: ~~xxxxx~~ Two day's Field Punishment No.2.

562. LOOTING. (Extract Fourth Army R.O. 2014.)

" Stern measures are to be taken to prevent looting. It is the duty of every officer, non-commissioned officer and man to do his utmost to prevent this offence against the inhabitants of a friendly and allied country and against the traditions of the British Army."

563. HORSES - PROTECTION OF AGAINST GAS (Extract Fourth Army R.O. 2047.)

" Horses which are in areas which are liable to be gas-shelled should not be kept in stables or buildings which only intensify the effect of gas."

564. DUBBIN TINS - CARE OF (Extract G.R.O. 3993.)

" Dubbin is now supplied in bulk from the Base. All ranks are warned that small dubbin tins when emptied are not to be thrown away, but are to be returned to the C.Q.M.S. store for refilling."

565. WATER. (Extract Divl. R.O. 1904.)

" Water will not be drawn from wells on private property in ALLONVILLE or CARDONETTE.- All water must be drawn from Army Water points.

" Horses will not be watered at village ponds except at water troughs provided for the purpose; the practice of leading horses into ponds for watering, or the washing of vehicles at the ponds will cease."

566. DRESS. (Extract G.R.O. 4019.)

" A.C.I. 235 of 1918 is published for information:-

"(1) Owing to the shortage of leather, it has been decided that brown shoes may be worn by officers when employed in offices or off duty. Officers who are unable to wear boots owing to wounds may wear shoes at all times.

"(2) Khaki-coloured socks will always be worn with brown shoes."

R.G. Hamilton
Major.
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

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Issued with Co.R.O. dated 18.5.1918.

NOTICE.

A football match was played on 13.5.18 between teams from the Corps Signal Co. and this unit. The scores were :-

Corps Signal Co.	2 goals, 7 behinds.	19 points.
3rd.Aust.Divl.Signal Co.A.E..	5	" 13 "	43 "



THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A.E. **APPENDIX**

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 THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.
 No. HOR 1638
 Date 22/5/18.

HANDING OVER REPORT (ALLONVILLE) 22.5.1918.

1. COMMUNICATIONS.

Direct lines to Aust. Corps, 2nd. Aust. Div., all Brigades of this Division and other circuits as follows:-

Lines in use in ALLONVILLE.

To AUO AL 1/2 P.T.C.
 " AL 9/10 AW 9/10 CA 9/10 CO 9/10 CP.
 Bde. in QUERRIEU, AL 11/12 PTC 19/20.
 " " RIVERY AL 3/4 PTC 19/20 AW.
 " " CARDONETTE Field Cable.
 AYB Field cable through edge of wood, thence airline to ST. GRATIEN.
 2nd. Tank Bn. Field cable maintained by Tank personnel.
 "A" Co. 1st. Tank Bn. ditto.
 13 Balloon Co. Field cable.
 Corps Wireless Local.
 " Cable Sec. "

Locals - Two Bn.s of Bde. at CARDONETTE.

C.R.E. Ecole.
 Camp Commandant.
 Divl. Train.
 3rd. Divl. & 2nd. Divl. D.A.D.O.S.
 G.O.C.)
 G.S.O.I.)
 "Q") Chateau.
 "A")
 Clerks)
 A.D.M.S.
 O.C. Signals, Q.M.S., Orderly Room, Signals.
 Signals Mess.

NOTE: All open wire pairs are picked up on 30 foot pole at end of main street on left hand side except 1 pair finishing on swinging insulators half way down street on left.

All locals will remain.

2. MAINTENANCE.

One lineman from Aust. Corps (Spr. L.A. Kay) is attached for maintenance of Corps lines; Tank units are responsible for their own lines; balance by Divisional linemen.

3. STORES.

Twelve bell tents are being handed over "in situ" which have accommodated portion of Hd. Qrs. and No. 1 Section personnel.

4. WIRELESS.

Stations are located as follows:-

Divl. Hd. Qrs. ALLONVILLE	Wilson Set	Call LAL
Bde. Hd. Qrs. RIVERY	Trench	DBO
Bde. Hd. Qrs. QUERRIEU	"	YEN
Divl. Hd. Qrs. ALLONVILLE	Loop Set	YLF
Bde. Hd. Qrs. CARDONETTES	Loop Set	LMG

The Loop Sets keep watch 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Balance of stations continuous watch.

5. D.R.L.S.

By motor cyclist to all units as per attached timetable. The following units are also being served in the area:-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>D.R.L.S.</u>	<u>Telegrams.</u>
Aust. Corps Cyclist Bn.	ALLONVILLE	Local	Local
Area Comdt., Les Alecons	c/o 7th. Field Amb.	Circular	
Aust. Corps W/T Officer	ALLONVILLE	Local	Local
Aust. Corps H.A.	G24 b2.6	Corps D.R. direct	Aust. Corps.
85 Labor Co.	H20 b	Circular	
86 " "	QUERRIEU	Bde. Querrieu	Bde. Querrieu.
15 " "	c/o 63 Labor Group.	" "	" "
44 " "	QUERRIEU	" "	" "
47 Siege Batt.	PONT NOYELLES	" "	" "
1st. Bn. U.S. Engrs.	QUERRIEU	" "	" "
4th. Aust. Div. Staging Depot.	M5 c central	Circular	Circular
15th. Aust. Field Amb.	LES ALECONS	"	"
4th. Cav. H.T. Co.	QUERRIEU	Bde. Querrieu.	Bde. Querrieu.
F. Batt. A.A.	G29 c9.2	Circular	Circular.
K Siege Park	K22 a	Calls	Calls.
K Working Co.	ALLONVILLE	Local	Local.
No. 1 Aust. Cable Sec.	CARDONETTES.	Bde. Cardonettes.	Bde. Cardonettes.
146 A.T. Co.	H21 b8.2	Bde. Querrieu	Bde. Querrieu.
175 Labor Co.	(unknown)	Calls	Calls
160 " "	QUERRIEU	Bde. Querrieu	Bde. Querrieu.
63rd. Labor Group	"	" "	" "
735 Area Employment Co.	"	" "	" "
743 " "	"	" "	" "
16 Searchlight Co.	H12 c6.4	Local	Local.
6th. B.W.I. Regt.	c/o K Siege Park.	Calls	Calls.
2nd. Aust. Divl. Staging Depot.	ALLONVILLE WOOD.	Circular	Circular.
13 & 16 K Balloon Cos.	G23 b5.3	Circular	'Phone.
2nd. Aust. Tunnelling Co.	QUERRIEU	Bde. Querrieu.	Bde. Querrieu.
74th. Labor Co.	"	" "	" "
17 & 47 IOM Workshops	CARDONETTES.	Bde. Cardonettes.	" Cardonettes.
S.I.O.M. Aust. Corps	"	" "	" "
313 Road Construction Co.	G26 c9.2	Calls	Calls.
254 A.T. Co	M2 a7.4	Bde. Rivery	Bde. Rivery.
346 Road Construction Co.	H15 b2.2	Circular	Circular.
No. 2 Airline Sec.	CARDONETTES	Bde. Cardonettes.	Bde. Cardonettes.
238 A.T. Co.	H18 a2.2	Bde. Querrieu	Bde. Querrieu
29 K Balloon Co.	c/o 13 K Balloon Co.	Circular	'Phone.
2nd. Aust. D.A.D.O.S.	G6 b5.0		'Phone.
1st. A.T. Co. A.E.	QUERRIEU	Bde. Querrieu	Bde. Querrieu.

6. TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS.

The following outside units are connected to the telephone exchange:-

2nd. Aust. D.A.D.O.S.
 2nd. Aust. Div.
 Aust. Corps Wireless.
 2nd. Bn. Tanks.
 "A" Co. Tanks.
 13th. Balloon Co.

Through Bde. at Rivery - 254 Tunnelling Co.
 " " " Cardonettes - 17th. and 47th. Mobile Wkshops

Major Hamilton

22.5.1918.

Major.
 O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
23rd. May, 1918.

D.R.L.S. TIME - TABLE.

FROM & TO AUST. CORPS.

Leaves Aust. Corps	7.15 a.m.	11.15 a.m.	4.15 p.m.	8.0 p.m.
Arrives 3rd. Aust. Div.	8.15 a.m.	12.15 p.m.	5.15 p.m.	9.15 p.m.
" Aust. Corps.	8.45 a.m.	12.45 p.m.	5.45 p.m.	9.45 p.m.

TO & FROM INF. BDES.

Leaves D.H.Q.	8.0 a.m.	12.0 noon.	4.0 p.m.	9.30 p.m.
Right Inf. Bde. Advd.	8.15 a.m.	12.15 p.m.	4.15 p.m.	9.50 p.m.
Left " " "	8.20 a.m.	12.20 p.m.	4.20 p.m.	9.55 p.m.
Blangy Tronville) Signal Office)	8.30 a.m.	12.30 p.m.	4.30 p.m.	10.10 p.m.
Left Inf. Bde. Rear) Tronville Chateau)	8.40 a.m.	12.40 p.m.	4.40 p.m.	10.20 p.m.
Arrives D.H.Q.	8.50 a.m.	12.50 p.m.	4.50 p.m.	10.30 p.m.

- NOTE:
1. Units in Blangy Tronville and immediate vicinity should collect D.R.L.S. at Blangy Tronville Signal office at times stated.
 2. Reserve Infantry Brigade adjacent to Divisional Headquarters.

CIRCULAR RUN TO DIVL. UNITS, RIGHT INF. BDE. REAR, & OTHER UNITS IN DIVL. AREA, EXCLUSIVE OF THOSE UNITS IN VICINITY OF BLANGY TRONVILLE.

Leaves D.H.Q.	9.0 a.m.	2.0 p.m.	7.0 p.m.
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TO & FROM FRENCH DIVISION.

Leaves 3rd. Aust. Div.		10.30 a.m.	6.0 p.m.
Arrives French Div.		10.40 a.m.	6.10 p.m.
Leaves " "	9.20 a.m.		6.15 p.m.
Arrives 3rd. Aust. Div.	9.30 a.m.		6.25 p.m.

Times of closingg - ten minutes before time of departure of D.R.

All previous time-tables are cancelled.

R. G. Hamilton
Major.
Officer i/c. Signals.
Third Australian Division.

SIGNAL INSTRUCTION NO. 5.

18. PIGEON SERVICE.

- (i) Pigeons will not be supplied from the Army Lofts from 22.5.18.
- (ii) Commencing today, 23.5.18, pigeons will be supplied to this Division from -
No. 101, Horse Drawn Loft,
which is situated at BERTANGLES.
- (iii) The daily allotment at present is 12 birds, which will be distributed as follows:-
Right Inf. Bde. 6 birds.
Left " " 4 "
- Should additional birds be required, 24 hours' notice should be given.
- (iv) Pigeons are due to arrive at the Divl. Signal Office from Corps at 4.30 p.m. They will be sent to Brigades in line by despatch rider immediately on arrival.
- (v) No. 101 Loft is connected by telephone to the Aust. Corps Exchange.
- (vi) The pigeoneers of these lofts have been trained to transmit messages over the 'phone.
On receipt of a message pigeoneers will immediately ring up the Exchange they are connected to and say "Pigeon Priority" for "Third Aust. Division".
Switchboard Operators will be instructed to assist the pigeoneers in every available way by plugging them through to the Division concerned as soon as possible.
Should there be any difficulty in obtaining a clear line for telephoning the message the pigeoneer will at once hand in the message to the Signal Office in order that it may be wired "priority".
The pigeoneer after telephoning his messages will confirm the same by copying out the message and handing it into the Signal Office for despatch by D.R.L.S.
- (vii) Birds are to be released by 7.30 p.m. daily, weather permitting.
- (viii) A message should be sent with each bird, for preference a situation or intelligence message.

23rd. May, 1918.

R. G. Macintosh
Major,
Officer i/c. Signals.
Third Australian Division.

Distribution.- P.T.O.

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Distribution:-

Issued to -

For information -

All Battalions.
 O.i/c. Signals, 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
 " " 10th. " " "
 " " 11th. " " "

Hd. Qrs., 3rd. Aust. Div.
 Hd. Qrs., 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
 " " 10th. " " "
 " " 11th. " " "

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APPENDIX NO. 26 WAR DIARY. VOL. 29.

A.D. Signals,
Aust. Corps.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.
No. <u>E.T. 1639</u>
Date <u>23.5.18</u>

Subject: Adjustable Spindle for Wagons, Cable Telephone.

The attached print of an adjustable spindle for use with Telephone Wagons is forwarded for your information, please.

In the recent operations when telephone wagons were much used, the need of an adjustable spindle on which could be placed for immediate use the drums, wood packing, containing D.3 or D.7 cable, was greatly felt. To unreel the cable from the drums, wood packing, on which it is supplied, on to the iron drum in which the spindle is a permanent fixture, involved much loss of time and labour.

An adjustable spindle, as illustrated in the print, was devised by this unit and tried out with excellent results.

It is suggested that the combined iron drum and spindle at present on Telephone Wagons might be replaced with advantage by a separate spindle of the pattern illustrated.

R.H. Hamilton

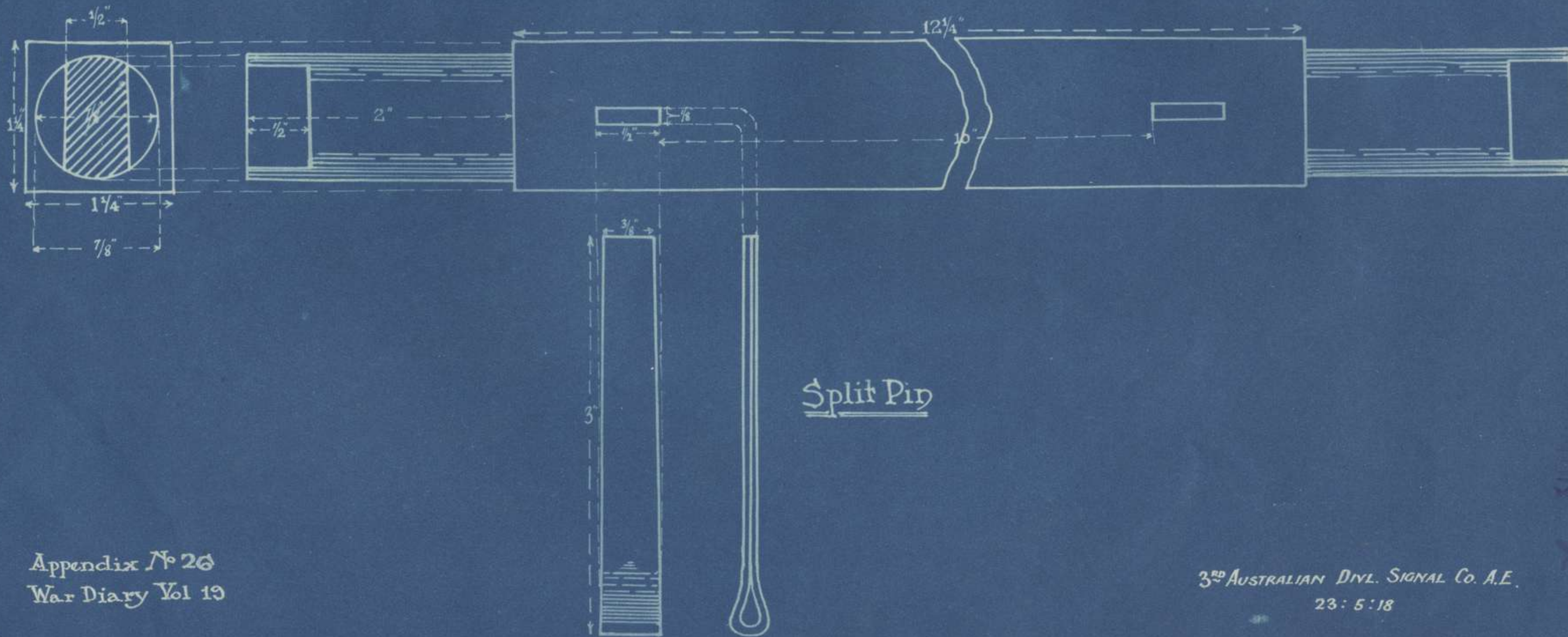
Major.
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A. E.



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Adjustable Spindle for Wagon Cable Telephone

Scale: Full Size



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3RD AUSTRALIAN DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A.E.
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THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL
SIGNAL COMPANY,
A.E.

No.

Date. 23.5.18

SIGNALS.	
3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	L. 1652
Date	31.5.18

Hd. Qrs.,
3rd. Aust. Div.

Subject: Buried Cable Route - MB, VBX.

In connection with the projected buried cable route from Advanced Brigade Hd. Qrs. - Q26 d6.9 to Hd. Qrs. Bns. in line Q28 c8.4 - vide Aust. Corps Signal Instruction No. 3, Series No. 9, of 11.5.18, it is laid down that 30 pairs of cable shall be buried 6 to 7 feet deep. The total distance to be buried is 2,200 yards and it is submitted the work should be carried out in two sections on two successive nights as follows:-

1st. Section.-

Working party of 600, exclusive of Officers and N.C.Os., with 600 shovels and 300 picks.- Half the party to rendezvous at Q26 d6.9 and the other half at Q27 b7.0 - each man to carry a shovel and each alternate man to carry a pick and shovel.

In addition, a carrying party of 2 N.C.Os. and 30 men without tools to report at Q26 d6.9.

Parties to arrive at 9.30 p.m.. One officer of rank not lower than Captain to be in charge of the Infantry parties.

2nd. Section.-

Working parties to be the same strength as for 1st. Section and to carry same number of tools, and rendezvous as follows:- half at Q27 b7.0 and half at Q28 c8.4.

Carrying party same strength as for 1st. Section - rendezvous Q27 b7.0.

Parties to arrive same hour - 9.30 p.m.

R. Hamilton

Major.
Officer i/c. Signals.
Third Australian Division.

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SIGNALS
 APPENDIX AUSTRALIAN
 DIVISION. 28

No. L. 1701
 Date 29/5/18.

Hd. Qrs.,
 3rd. Aust. Div.

Reference: My L.1652 of 24.5.18.

Subject: Progress Report No.1 - Buried Cable Route MB - VBX.

I have to report that work on the abovementioned route was commenced on the night 25th./26th. inst. from the MB end.

The following parties arrived at the times stated hereunder and commenced work:-

7 p.m.	43rd. Bn.	- 2 Officers,	4 N.C.Os.	66 men.
9 p.m.	40th. Bn.	- 2 "	9 "	80 "
9 p.m.	38th. Bn.	- 4 "	16 "	154 "

At 9 p.m. 30 carriers also arrived from the 38th. Bn.

Total:-	Officers	8
	N.C.Os.	29
	Workers	300
	Carriers	30

The 43rd. Bn. party commenced work at 7 p.m. but, owing to enemy gas shelling, digging had to be discontinued from 8.15 p.m. until 10 p.m. This party had to leave at 12.30 a.m. to take up a position as garrison of a reserve line, and, in their portion of trench, a piece about 40 yards long had to be left open owing to insufficient depth.

A second party of the 43rd. Bn. was unable to report on the task owing to severe enemy gas shelling.

The 40th. Bn. party was small owing to the fact that one Company which was to supply men, was unable to do so as the Officer in charge - Major Giblin - considered that his men, having been out as a working party during the day, were not fit for the night's work.

Both the 40th. Bn. and 38th. Bn. parties could not commence until 10 p.m. owing to enemy gas shelling.

The total distance dug was approximately 380 yards, of which about 340 yards was completed.

During the time 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., two 7-pair cables were cut in two separate places by a gas shell, and sections of about 40 yards had to be cut out of each.

At 3.30 a.m. the work was completed, with the exception of the portion to which reference has been made.

The digging is very heavy, the country being chiefly chalk.

Casualties known :- Nil.

R. Hamilton
 Major.
 Officer i/c. Signals.
 Third Australian Division.

SIGNALS
3rd AUSTRALIAN
DIVISION.Hd. Qrs.,
3rd Aust. Div.
-----No. L. 1702.
Date 29.5.18.

Subject: Progress Report No.2 - Buried Cable Route MB - VBX.

I have to report that work was continued on the abovementioned route on the night 26th./27th. inst.

A party of 70 from 43rd. Bn. commenced work at 2 p.m. and working until 6 p.m. dug about 140 yards to a depth varying from 3 to 5 feet.

The following parties arrived at 9 p.m. and commenced work:-

40th. Bn.	3 Officers,	7 N.C.Os.	60 men.
38th. Bn.	5 "	18 "	140 "

The 38th. Bn. party includes 25 carriers.

Only 200 men arrived as digging parties instead of 360.

A distance of 380 yards of trench was completed.

No interruption was caused by enemy shell fire.

Jointing and testing is being proceeded with.

By arrangement with the C.R.E. a dugout is being constructed at N 27 central, where a test point will be established.

Casualties known :- Nil.

R. Hamilton
Major.
Officer i/c. Signals.
Third Australian Division.

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Hd. Qrs.,
3rd. Aust. Div.

SIGNALS, 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	L. 1703
Date	29.5.18.

Subject: Progress Report No.3 - Buried Cable Route MB - VBX.

I have to report that work on the abovementioned route was continued on the night 27th./28th. inst.

The following party arrived at 9 p.m. and commenced work:-

40th. Bn. 6 Officers, 10 N.C.Os. 140 men.

Only 140 men arrived as a digging party instead of 360, thus only a distance of 200 yards was completed.

Jointing and testing is being proceeded with.

The dugout referred to in Progress Report No. 2 is in course of construction.

Casualties known :- Nil.

R. Hamilton
 Major.
 Officer i/c. Signals.
 Third Australian Division.

SIGNALS, 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. L. 1704 ...
Date. 29.5.18.

Hd. Qrs.,
3rd. Aust. Div.

Subject: Progress Report No.4 - Buried Cable Route MB - VBX.

I have to report that work on the abovementioned route was continued on the night 28th./29th. inst.

The following parties reported at 9 p.m. and commenced work:-

40th. Bn.	4 Officers,	16 N.C.Os.	110 men digging.
38th. Bn.	4 "	19 "	180 " " & 30 men carrying.

290 men arrived as digging parties instead of 360.

A distance of 390 yards was completed.

The ground being chiefly chalk, the digging is very heavy, and the progress made is consequently much slower than usual.

There was intermittent shelling during the night and the work was slightly interfered with on this account.

The 6 cables were cut by enemy shell fire, necessitating lengths of 20 yards being cut out.

Jointing and testing is being proceeded with.

Casualties known:- 5, three being due to pick accidents, and two to enemy shellfire, but all were slight.

R. Hamilton
Major.
Officer i/c. Signals.
Third Australian Division.

APPENDIX 28
 SIGNALS
 3rd AUSTRALIAN
 DIVISION.
 No. 1711
 Date 30.5.18.

Hd. Qrs.,
 3rd. Aust. Div.

Subject: Progress Report No.5 - Buried Cable Route MB - VBX.

I have to report that work on the abovementioned route was continued on the night 29th./30th. inst.

The following parties reported at 9 p.m. and commenced work:-

38th. Bn.	-	4 Officers,	16 N.C.Os.	150 men.
40th. Bn.	-	5 "	18 "	175 "
"	"			30 " (carrying.)

A distance of 400 yards was completed.

The distance remaining to complete the bury is approximately 350 yards, and this should be completed in one night providing that sufficient men are made available.

Testing and jointing is being proceeded with.

Casualties known:- Nil.

R. Hamilton

Major.
 Officer i/c. Signals.
 Third Australian Division.

In the Field, France,
25th. May, 1918.

567. HONORS AND AWARDS. (Extract Divl.R.O.1910.)

" Under authority granted by His Majesty the King, the Field-Marshal
"Commanding-in-Chief has awarded the MILITARY CROSS to :-

" Lieut. L.V. SMITH, 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E. attached
" 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

" The Army, Army-Corps, and Divisional Commanders desire that their
"congratulations be conveyed to the recipient."

568. REVERSION.

No.10535, L/Cpl. (T/2/Cpl.) W.J. EASTON reverts to his substantive rank of Lance Corporal upon return to duty of 2/Cpl. G.A. Christensen, M.M. dated 17.5.18.

569. POSTING OF N.C.Os.

10541, 2/Cpl. J.M. NELSON, M.M. from No.1 Sub-Section to No. 2 Section.

570. HAY NETS.

Hay nets, on the scale of one per horse, are available, and will be issued forthwith.

In future, they will invariably be used when horses are given hay.

On no account will hay be given loose or placed in any receptacle other than the hay net which will be removed immediately the horse has finished feeding.

Os.C. Sections will be held responsible that N.C.Os. i/c. horse lines are fully aware of this instruction and that it is strictly adhered to at all times.

Requirements in hay nets should be anticipated in the usual weekly demands.

571. REMOVAL OF PROPERTY FROM HOUSES IN ABANDONED VILLAGES (Extract Aust. Corps R.O. 141.)

" The Corps Commander finds that though repeated orders have been
"issued forbidding the removal of property from houses in abandoned
"villages, the orders are not being obeyed. It is understood that
"Officers are offenders in this respect. Divisional Commanders will
"take steps to ensure that orders on this subject are being obeyed,
"and will instruct their police to arrest anyone, officer or man, of
"any unit who is found looting property."

572. BURIAL STORES. (Extract Divl.R.O. 1915.)

" It is reported that official Crosses and Graves Registration
"tabs are being removed from cemeteries.

" These stores are not to be removed except on authority of
"Divisional Burials Officer."

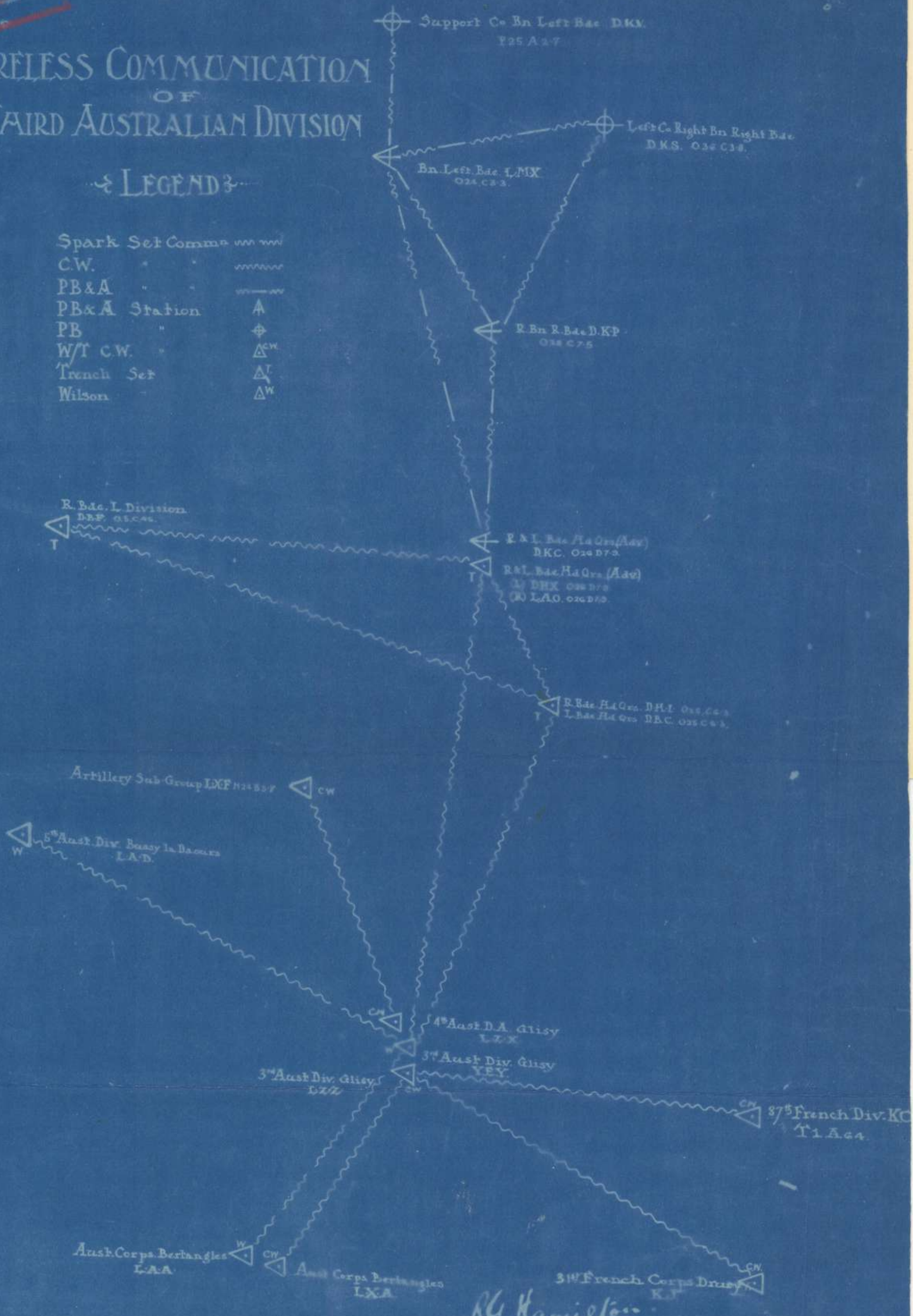
R.G. Hamilton
Major.
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

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WIRELESS COMMUNICATION OF THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

LEGEND

- Spark Set Commo 
- C.W. 
- PB&A 
- PB&A Station 
- PB 
- W/T C.W. 
- Trench Set 
- Wilson 



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R.G. Hamilton
OFFICER IN CHARGE
THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
27. 5. 18

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A.D. Signals,
Aust. Corps.

Subject: Report on Buried Cable Route BA-RB-VBX.

I have to report that work on the above mentioned route, which was commenced on the night of 25th./26th. May, has been completed with the exception of 40 yards of trench which still needs to be deepened and filled in at the Bde. Report Centre end of the bury. Arrangements have been made for this work to be completed forthwith.

The total distance was approximately 2,100 yards, and an average of 350 yards was obtained each night with a depth of 6 feet, by a party whose average strength was 270.

The digging throughout was heavy, the nature of the country being chiefly chalk and flint.

The work was subjected to interruption by shellfire and on the first night the delay amounted to two and a half hours through gas shelling. The cables were cut on two occasions by shellfire, necessitating lengths being cut out where damaged.

The weather during the whole period was fine and as the work commenced at 9 p.m. each night it was then too dark for enemy observation, and work was completed before the moon rose.

Known casualties throughout the task were eight, three being due to pick accidents and five to enemy shellfire.

By arrangement with the C.R.E., 3rd.Aust.Div. a dugout is in course of construction at N 27 central where a test point - RB - will be established.

A very shallow dummy trench was dug practically in a straight line from O 28 d 2.8 to O 28 b 3.1, a distance of approximately 300 yards, the object being to disguise the real direction of the bury and the location of the Bn. Hd. Qrs.

Joint holes have been filled in and pilot boxes erected with pilot pairs led up.

Other joints have been marked.

Terminal strips have been installed at the respective test points and the cables are being led in and connected.

The testing of circuits resulted as follows:-

BA - RB	32 pairs buried.	32 pairs O.K.
RB - VBX.	32 " " "	32 " " " to last joint.

Testing is proceeding.

Trench markers have been asked for and will be placed as soon as delivery is made.

It is estimated that the route will be completed and ready for working in two days' time.

M. Hamilton

Major.
Officer i/c. Signals.
Third Australian Division.

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APPENDIX NO. ³² WAR DIARY. VOL. 19.

Hd. Qrs.,
3rd Aust. Div.

SIGNALS, 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. E.T. 1726
Date 31.5.18

Reference: Your Q.138/709 of 25.5.18 re G.R.O. 4078.

Subject: Scale of Lucas Signalling Lamps.

In reply to your abovementioned memo. I have to report as follows:-

- (1) The scale of Lucas Signalling Lamps at present authorised for Brigade Signal Sections, Sub-Sections and Battalions is considered adequate.
- (2) Recent experience has demonstrated the necessity of an increase of one lamp per F. Art. Batt. making the total establishment three, this would enable each Batt. to maintain visual communication to its Brigade and its O.P. simultaneously, the need for this increase has been keenly felt and three lamps is considered to be a fair working minimum.
- (3) The definite scale of issue to units should be adhered to; when disposition or other circumstances demand it, units mutually arrange the loaning of gear to meet the contingencies on the advice of the Officer in charge Signals of the formation; such a practice works admirably, therefore it is considered that the handing over of lamps to signal units would not be productive of a better system, nor would it be as economical as the present system.
- (4) The difficulties experienced with the transport of signal units is also a factor which would be seriously to the detriment of the proposed alteration.

M. Hamilton

Major.
Officer i/c. Signals.
Third Australian Division.



STRENGTH OF UNIT.

May 1st. 1918.	Strength of Unit today	Off. 14	O.R. 315.
" 31st. 1918.	Actually with unit	16	331.
	Effective Strength	16	336.
	Struck off strength during month	-	34.
	Total to Hospital during month	-	41.

(Sick are as follows:-

- (2 Pyrexia. 1 Septic arm.
- (4 Gas 2 Wounded (shell).
- (2 Unknown. 1 Injured (accidentally).
- (2 Scabies. 1 Defective vision.
- (1 Pulmonary Tuberculosis. 1 Tonsillitis.
- (13 Influenza. 1 Hemorrhoids.
- (3 Trench fever. 1 Synovitis of knee.
- (4 P.U.O. 1 Septic hand.
- (1 Delayed action of the heart.

Reinforcements attached posted to other units - 1.

Reinforcements arrived during month

From Base * 2 Officers	17 other ranks.		
On transfer)	14 " "		
from other)			
units.	-----		
	2 Officers 31 other ranks	2	31.

* 2nd. Lieuts. F.R.D. Rogerson and W.A. McPherson from Signal Officers' Cadet Course.

Taken on strength from attached rfcts.	-	7.
Reinforcements attached as on 31.5.18.	-	14.
Total rejoined unit during month	-	26.
Wanting to complete	-	11.
Total sent on leave (all leave cancelled)	-	-

<u>Horses.</u>	<u>Rides.</u>	<u>L.D.</u>
Strength 1.5.18.	44	76
" 31.5.18.	42	77
Evacuated during month	2	1
On strength from Base during month	-	2

R. Hamilton

MAJOR,
O.C. THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIV: SIGNAL CO, A.S.

 QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

CLOTHING &
 EQUIPMENT.

Demands for clothing were large and fairly well met. Demands for equipment were also fairly well supplied.

Jacket, S.D.

24 were received and issued; about 40% being partly worn garments.

Breeches, M.S.

95 pairs were received and issued. All were of good quality.

Hats, felt.

The shortage of hats is still very marked, 4 only coming to hand during the month.

Boots, ankle

31 pairs were received and mostly issued. All were of good quality.

Repairs:- During the month, 48 pairs were repaired by the Company saddler and re-issued.

Shoes, horse

166 pairs were received during the month. These were sufficient for all requirements.

Winter issues.

Clothing issued for winter use was returned with the exception of woollen drawers, which were retained pending the arrival of the summer issue.

Horse rugs on charge were all returned.

COMFORTS.

The following comforts were received from the Australian Comforts Fund and distributed throughout the unit:- Cocoa and milk 190 tins; cigarettes, 8,000; Sugar, 50 lbs.; The gifts were much appreciated.

PIGEON
 EQUIPMENT.

All deficiencies were made good and sections completed to establishment.

TECHNICAL
 EQUIPMENT.

Instruments.

Instruments received for overhaul and repair from Divisional units were as follows:- 1, Buzzer unit, 22 telephones (various types), 2 Lucas lamps. All of these were repaired and overhauled in the mechanics' shop and returned to the units concerned.

In addition to the above, 12 pairs of buzzer unit plugs and cords were repaired.

Cable.

A large quantity of single cable was required to complete units to new establishment laid down in G.R.O.3888. For this purpose 196 miles were received from A.D.Signals and distributed. Quantities and classes were as follows:-

D.5	52 miles.
D.3	20 "
D 2	124 "

In addition, 50 miles of D.2 twisted and D.7 was expended throughout the Division.

31.5.18.

St. Pym
 C.Q.M.S.
 3rd.Aust.Divl. Signal Co.A.E.

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TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT.

The finer weather conditions have had an appreciable effect on the horses and they are free from sickness.

The move of the Division to ALLONVILLE brought no change in the nature of the horse-lines; nor did the subsequent move to GLISY. Fine, dry weather however enabled the lines to be kept in a satisfactory state.

Rations have been satisfactory.

Wagons and harness are in good condition.

W. H. Houlahan

Lieut.
Officer i/c. Transport.
3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A. E.



O.C.'s REPORT.MOVES:

Two moves occurred during the month. On May 11th. the Division shifted into reserve with Headquarters at ALLONVILLE, returning to the line on the left of the French in the GLISY sector on May 22nd. The liaison between the Division and the French insofar as communications were concerned was satisfactory.

COMMUNICA-
TIONS:

The new sector differs greatly from that previously occupied by the Division. The distance separating Divisional Headquarters and Brigades is much less than before and there is an entire absence of permanent airline routes. Buried routes have been commenced in conformity with an extensive scheme laid down by Corps. Communications, on taking over the sector, were as stated in the Diary under date 22.5.18.

ALTERNATIVE
MEANS:

The Popham Panel for communication between Aircraft and Infantry, and messenger dogs, and message-carrying rockets for communication between fighting units and their Headquarters in rear, have been brought into frequent use with satisfactory results. These respective means of communication are of comparatively recent introduction and they are being tested as fully and thoroughly as possible.

NO. 5
SECTION:

On 21.5.18. it was notified by A.I.F. Orders that the Officer i/c. Machine Gun Battalion communications would be of the Signal Service, thus bringing the unit's establishment in Officers to 16.

STRENGTH:

The unit's effective strength on 31.5.18. was 16 officers and 336 other ranks, wanting 11 other ranks to complete. Horses 42 rides, 77 draughts.

DISCIPLINE:

Good.

1.6.18.

R. Hamilton
Major.
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

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— GRAPH SHEWING DAILY NUMBER —
AB&C MESSAGES
 — 3rd DIV SIGNAL CO. A.E. —



A —	* Div. H ^o Q ^{rs}	17,372
B —	D.A.H.O. ^{rs}	1,112
C —	N ^o 2 SECTION — A ^{rs} 9 th INF BDE	3,153
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R. Hamilton Major
 OC, 3rd Div Signal Co. A.E.

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* Wireless, French Div, A.Y.C.R., & Bligny Exchange figures included with Div. H. Q^{rs}.

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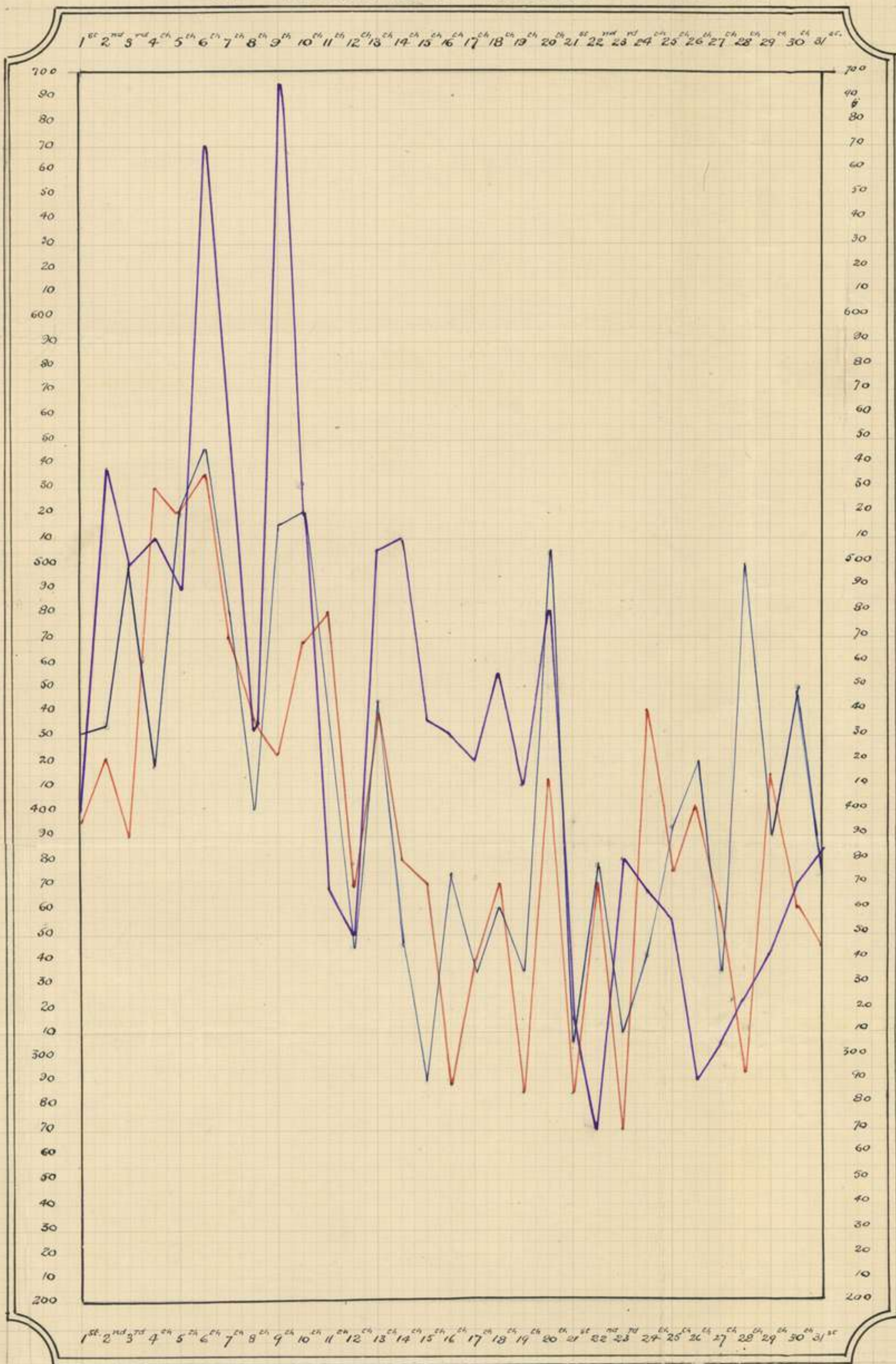
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B	—	D.A.H.Q.	3012
C	—	N ^o 2 Sect. A ^{lt} 9 th Inf. Bde	4998
		N ^o 3 " " 10 th	4328
		N ^o 4 " " 11 th	4924
		N ^o 1 Sub. " 7 th FA	190
		N ^o 2 " " 8 th	240
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* French Div, A.M.C.R., & Blangy. Exch.
included in D.H.Q. figures.

K. Hamilton Major
O.C. 3rd Div. Signal. Co. A.E.