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OF

3rd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

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LOCK 3. Sheet 28. 1/40,000.	1.4.18.		Fine day. Very quiet. Nothing to report.	
1.32.a.	2.4.18.		Light clouds. Warm. Order No. 89 issued. (Appendix 1) The enemy has been very quiet for the last 24 hours.	JSLi Appendix 1.
	3.4.18.		Overcast but warm. Relief taking place slowly on account of disorganisation of 26th and 27th Brigades - not complete until 4 a.m. (4.1.18). Relieving troops travelled as far as SPOIE BANK by Light Railway, and Units relieved returned in the trains. Order for concentration of the Brigade Group in the CAESTRE Area issued (Appendix 2.)	JSLi Appendix 2.
LA CLYTTÉ Sheet. 28 1/40,000.	4.4.18.		Units concentrated for embussing to CAESTRE - transport moving by road. The weather overcast and rainy. The Group was moved in two parts in 78 lorries - the first at 9 a.m., the second at 2.30 p.m. Brigade H.Qrs. opened at CAESTRE at 2.30 p.m. Orders for entrainment issued (Appendix 3.)	JSLi Appendix 3.
CAESTRE.	5.4.18.	3.25 p.m.	Overcast with light drizzle. All Units preparing to entrain. The first train left CAESTRE. The accommodation for Officers at the present Battalion strength is insufficient. The men travel in closed trucks, which have in most cases carried horses.	JSLi
St. SAUVEUR. (SOMME) AMIENS Sheet. 1/100,000	6.4.18.		First train arrived at St. ROCH (AMIENS) at 2.30 a.m. - very dark - overcast and slushy. Troops marched to the villages allotted. (Appendix 4.). The accommodation is poor owing to the crowded state of the villages, but after Units of 2nd Australian Division moved forward there is enough room. The men are soft and very little marching makes their feet very sore. Div. and Corps H.Qrs. are at BERTANGLES. Brigade H.Qrs. in the Marquis de St. SAUVEUR'S Chateau - with an Office at the School. Rain commenced to fall about 8 p.m.	JSLi Appendix 4.

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	6.4.18.	(Cont).	<p>The following Units have arrived at billets:-</p> <p>3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Qrs. No. 3. Section Div. Sig. Coy. 3rd M.Gun Coy. 3rd L.T.M.Bty. 12th Battalion. No. 4 Coy. Div. Train. 3rd Aust. Field Ambulance. 11th Battalion. 10th Battalion. 9th Battalion.</p>	
	7.4.18.		<p>Bright day, but rain commenced to fall in the evening. The remainder of the Brigade Group arrived and proceeded to their billets. Battalions are resting to-day. The Brigade Billets are very scattered, taking about 6 hours to ride round the area. At Brigade H.Qrs. we have an Office, Mess and sleeping accommodation all about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from each other.</p>	jsh
	8.4.18.		<p>Raining - the whole place is slushy. Warning order received from Division to move two Battalions to FLESSELES; later an order was received to shift the whole Group less the 11th Battalion. Brigade Order for the move issued at 10 p.m. (Appendix 5). The men are in very good spirits, but are soft after their stay in the trenches in the North.</p>	jsh Appendix 5.
Chateau. OLINCOURT. (FLESSELLES) LENS SHEET. 1/100,000.	9.4.18.		<p>Move was completed by 4 p.m. - billets very crowded and uncomfortable. The H.Qrs. 17th Division at FLESSELLES takes up most of the room and according to the Area Commandant has 800 men in its H.Qrs. It has been foggy and warm all day. The roads are very slushy and show signs of wear. The 10th Battalion are to move to RAINNEVILLE tomorrow.</p>	jsh
	10.4.18.		<p>Battalions resting and doing a little training. 10th Bn. moved to RAINNEVILLE. Cold and overcast. Warning order from Division to be prepared to entrain. Disposition Map (Appendix 6.)</p>	jsh Appendix 6.

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	11.4.18.		Cold and overcast. No change in dispositions. Order received to entrain at St. ROCH en 12th. (Brigade Order No. 93 issued) Appendix 7. General situation on SOMME front quiet. enemy attacking French to South.	Appendix 7.
	12.4.18.		Bright and warm. Moved to bivouac positions N of the Citadelle of AMIENS. All Battalions in position by 4 p.m. AMIENS heavily bombed at 8 p.m. A few casualties - Lieut. ARCHIBALD, 11th Battalion, being slightly wounded. Entrained late. 1st train loaded at 1 p.m. 13th.	
SHEET 27. 1/40,000. D.3.b.9.0. and D.3.d.2.0.	13.4.18.		Dull, cold. First train arrived HONDEGHEM 3 p.m. Units to concentrate in MORBECQUE Area. Bde. H.Qrs. at D.3.b.9.0. shelled out at 6 p.m. Moved to D.3.d.2.0. Situation obscure. Boche attacking from VIEUX BERQUIN and MERVILLE, also to the N. Brigade Order ^{ed} to take up a position defending HAZEBROUCK from the E. (Brigade Order No. 94 issued) Units are being given the order as they detrain. The following situation report issued :- "Situation at about 8.30 p.m. (12.4.18) is:- Ref. Sheet 36A..and Sheet 27. The 4th Guard Brigade is holding from about K.10.d.2.2. to K.6.b. where the line side slips along the NEUF BERQUIN-VIEUX BERQUIN Road to about E.24.a.4.1. 29th Division are holding from here along the road running N.E. through Fme. LABIS to the cross roads F.13.a. 92nd Brigade has about 300 men from this point to F.7.a.8.0., from whence they echelon back to E.12.b. MERRIS is now being reoccupied. Enemy is in OUTERSTEENE but apparently not at all in strength in that vicinity." The 1st and 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigades have been pushed up behind these troops and will take over the line from them. This Brigade, Divisional Reserve.	Appendix 8.

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Ref. SHEETS.14.4.18. 27 & 36A. 1/40,000.			<p>Very cold and gale of wind blowing. Battalions in position digging platoon posts. 12th Bn. doing good work. Details of 5th Division Reinforcement Camp attached to Brigade. - they are being organised as a H.Qrs. and 3 Companies under Capt. GILCHRIST, 58th Bn., and are now under O.C. 3rd Field Coy. for works. Boche attacked 3rd Battalion in E.23. - one post blown out by Heavy minenwerfer, and local penetration, but was ejected at once. Weekly Strength Return (Appendix 10.)</p>	<p>Appendix 9. (one copy)</p> <p>Appendix 10.</p>
	15.4.18.		<p>Cold and overcast. Two lines of platoon posts are now serviceable and some wire put out. Duckboards have been salvaged, and old wire netting turned into camouflage, and situation quiet. Lieut. COFFEY reconnoitred a new Headquarters. Instructions issued that men are not to be absent from their billets unless on duty - roll call 3 times daily. Disposition tracing, Appendix 11.</p>	<p>Appendix 11.</p>
D.3.c.9.9.	16.4.18.		<p>Overcast but warmer - a little light rain. HAZEBROUCK lightly shelled at night. Brigade H.Qrs. moving to D.3.c.9.9. Enemy attacked right Brigade on a small front and was repulsed. Following alterations in distribution. 12th Battalion moving forward to PRADELLES as reserve to 1st Brigade (Order No. 95. Appendix 12) 9th Bn. takes place of 12th Bn. in left Sub-Sector. 10th Battalion now Brigade reserve. French Corps attacking the enemy on lines KEMMEL - WULVERGHEM and FLETRE - METEREN; 1st Battalion co-operating to fill up gap if necessary and to cover Left flank of Division if the Boche counter-attacks.</p>	<p>Appendix 12.</p>

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	17.4.18.		<p>Dull with low clouds. Enemy shelled HAZEBROUCK with gas and H.E. during the night. Disposition tracing (Appendix 13). No news of the French attack - it has apparently not come off. The following moves are taking place to day:-</p> <p>11th Bn. to vicinity of COURTE CROIX taking over from one Bn. 29th Division, in W.17.b. and d. with Headquarters at W.17.d.4.9. 10th Bn. to ROUGE CROIX and vicinity. 9th and 12th Battalions unchanged. 3rd Field Company to Square W.7. 5th Div. Details and Mining Coy. to Square W.13. 3rd M.G.Coy. - 1 Section with 11th Bn. one Section with 10th Bn. 1 Section with Brigade H.Qrs. in Square W.13. 3rd L.T.M.Bty. Square W.13.</p> <p>Brigade to be prepared to operate as far N as FLETRE-METEREN Road.</p> <p>The defences E of HAZEBROUCK vacated by the Brigade are to be taken over by the 31st Division - 4th Guards Brigade on the right, 92nd Inf. Brigade on the Left.</p> <p>The M.Gun Battalion is now administering the M.Gun Coy. and arranging reliefs etc., but the Brigadier still controls the tactical handling of the guns. The Battalion organisation does not seem very efficient and ^{companies} except perhaps for training ^{are} is not so well off under the new conditions. It is noticeable that all the "Barrage" ideas for M.Guns have melted and nothing but direct fire is being used in defence.</p> <p>Brigade H.Qrs. opened at W.13.b.1.1. at 4 p.m. - the farmhouse is small and crowded, also too close to a battery of 60-pdrs. to be comfortable.</p>	Appendix 13.
W.13.b.1.1.	18.4.18.		<p>Very cold and windy. Scattered shelling with 4.2s about Brigade H.Qrs. during the night. The enemy is expected to make an attack towards STRAZEELE and CAESTRE, probably <i>along the</i> METEREN-BECQUE. Brigade Major out with C.R.E. (Lieut.Colonel HENDERSON) and Major SAVAGE, 3rd Field Company, reconnoitring a new defence line from STRAZEELE to the old Army line which runs from ^{from} E of FLETRE.</p> <p>The whole area between STRAZEELE and FLETRE has been heavily shelled - roads and cross roads especially - in many places there are dead horse teams, French and English.</p>	<i>15h</i>

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	18.4.18.		<p>Most of the farm houses have been hit by shells, making an awful mess of them. Cows and pigs have suffered from shell fire - many being dead about the fields. One partridge was also found killed by a shell splinter. The enemy's instantaneous shell is very effective, even in soft fields a very shallow crater is made and the marks of the splinters can be seen radiating out from the crater. A Boche carrier pigeon was caught at W.18.b.8.4. to-day, with a number cipher message attached.</p>	
	19.4.18.		<p>Very cold - snow during the night and at intervals during the day. Night quiet except for the usual counter preparation in the early morning. Brigade Major went to 133rd French Infantry Division Headquarters to arrange relief. Order No. 96 issued - Appendix 14. French Order for relief - Appendix 15. Brigade Headquarters moving to X.1.a.5.4. The relief of the British elements on the Left of the French will be difficult, the following Units being represented in a short length of line:- 1st Middlesex - N.Z. Troops - 2nd Bn. A. and S. Highlanders - 5th Bn. Tank Corps - 9th Corps Cyclist Detachment. The taking over from the French has been much easier than expected, and they have done everything possible to make it easy for us. Our cumbersome organisation seems to compare badly with theirs.</p>	<p>Appendix 14. Appendix 15.</p>
	20.4.18.		<p>Overcast and moisty. Reliefs complete 4.55 a.m. The Corps Commander (General DELISLE) visited Brigade H.Qrs. also Major KING, G.S.O.II XV Corps. The Corps Commander emphasised the importance of holding the FONTAINE HOUCK Ridge. Enemy still expected to attack in the direction of CAESTRE. "Action in Case of Attack" issued to Battalions. 11th Battalion ordered to occupy positions covering cross roads at X.11.e.5.9. - if opposition met with T.M.Bty. will co-operate with the Battalion. The following Liaison arrangements are in force:- With 133rd French Inf. Div. on our Left - Lieut. MINING, 10th Bn. With 1st A.I.Bde. on our Right. - Lieut. SANDY, 12th Bn. A French interpreter is at each point of contact with the French, as follows:- Front line - GAILLARD. Left Line Bn. H.Qrs. - GAUTIER. Brigade H.Qrs. - LE GOURD. In addition we have 2 runners at the Poste Commandante of the 401st Regiment, and Inter-national posts of 1 platoon with the French at R.33.d.9.3.; X.4.a.3.3.; X.10.b.6.6.; X.11.e.7.5.</p>	

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	23.4.18.		Projectors were not discharged owing to unfavourable wind.	
		2.55 a.m.	12th Bn. at X.20.Central - one M.Gun captured.	
		3.15 a.m.	12th Bn. advise 2 prisoners captured.	
		3.25	12th Bn. ask for the lift of Artillery to S side of METEREN.	
		3.40	1 prisoner of 269th Regt. and 1 of 94th - wired to Division.	
		4.15	12th Bn. report holding blue line on right, thence along green line to main road and down main road to X.15.a.7.0; Centre Company held up by enemy in hedge from X.15.c.6.9. to X.15.c.9.3.	
		4.40	Prisoners from 12th Bn. arrived.	
		5.20	1 Officer, 1 Sgt. Major and 9 others prisoners arrived from 12th Bn.	
		5.30	11th Bn. report holding the blue line - no prisoners.	
		6.10	12th Bn. report four Machine Guns captured.	
			Overcast and dull with heavy mist.	
			The blue line as shown on tracing attached to report on operations is now consolidated.	
		8.40 p.m.	O.P. reports light M.Gun fire on Right Bn. front - enemy sending up a few red and green flares.	
		8.45	Lieut. MINING reported no attack on 133rd French Inf. Division.	
		9.0	Right Coy. 12th Bn. attacked three times - each repulsed. Light barrage asked for.	
		9.15	Right Brigade asked to assist by enfilade M.Gun fire on Boche in front of 12th Bn.	
		9.30	12th Bn. being strafed lightly in rear of the front line. Artillery doing all that is required.	
		9.45	Artillery stopped.	
		9.46	12th Bn. report situation well in hand; their lines to Right Company are down.	
		10.5.	Colonel MILIGAN and Colonel BLAMEY rang up. Former wants to know if our Right Coy. has been badly handled. Colonel BLAMEY says General VALENTINE, 133rd French Inf. Division, wants to push forward with us. We have agreed and he is to let us know time and how far he is going.	
		10.25	Adjutant 12th Bn. is now in communication with his Companies. The Right Company has repulsed all attacks.	
			Battalion reliefs complete at midnight.	

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	24.4.18.	12.40 a.m.	No information from 9th Bn. Companies. Experiencing opposition in the Centre.	
		12.41.	10th Bn. No reports. Situation favourable.	
		1.50.	10th Bn. reports that they are on red line.	
		1.51.	9th Bn. wire down.	
		1.56.	O.P. reports Boche sending up green and red flares with golden clusters. No S.O.S.	
		2.6.	Touch with 9th Battalion.	
		2.35	9th Battalion on objective. Moppers up not finished.	
		3.15.	Moppers up meeting strong opposition.	
		3.30	10th Battalion being heavily shelled. No more progress.	
		3.45	Heavy fire along the line to the N.	
		3.50	9th Bn. report that they cannot link up along the brown line on account of M.Gun fire.	
		4.15	Battalions consolidating red line.	
		5.10	9th Battalion report consolidation proceeding. No word from Moppers up.	
			10th Bn. report holding red line except in vicinity of X.16.d.7.9. where large farm is giving trouble. Moppers up moving into support.	
		5.45 to 6.10.	Two 15 cm. Hows. shelling Cross roads at X.1.a. - counter batteries notified,	
			Overcast and misty.	
			The Boche has been attacking strongly to the N of KEMMEL and making slow progress.	
		5.55 p.m.	One Company 12th Battalion detailed to act as reserve to 9th Bn. for counter attack purposes only.	
		9.50	The Boche attacked French N of BAILLEUL, but was repulsed. Tracing showing new line. Appendix 22.	Appendix 22 2 copies.
		10 p.m.)	Wind unfavourable for firing gas projectors.	
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	25.4.18.			
		1.30 a.m.	Enemy plane bombed FLETRE.	
		2.30 a.m.	Enemy barrage put down from our Right Boundary Southwards along the Support line.	
		2.38	Enemy bombarding FLETRE heavily with gas shells. ("MUSTARD").	
			Dull and foggy. Report on Operations 22/23rd and 23/24th sent to Division (Appendix 24). Prisoner states that enemy is to attack to-day at 5 a.m., preceded by heavy artillery bombardment - this probably will come on the N of our Sector. Orders issued to Nucleus Bn. to reconnoitre "B" line in the Vicinity of THIESHOUCK - this line will be manned by the Battalion in case of attack. FLETRE placed out of bounds on account of gas shelling. Note from Colonel Commanding 401st Regiment. Appendix 23.	Appendix 24.
		5.0 p.m.	French expect an attack. Battalions warned to maintain special vigilance and be ready to support French if necessary.	
		9.30	Projectors (160) fired; wind N.W. 5 M.P.H. Remainder of night quiet; heavy shower of rain at 12.50 a.m.	Appendix 23
	26.4.18.			
		1.15 a.m.	Dull and misty. 10th Bn. report considerable enemy movement; relief suspected. Orders received from Division to construct line of defence to-night from FLETRE MILL N to COQ de PAILLE; 2 Coys. each 11th and 12th Battalions, 1st Battalion and Pioneers detailed for the work under Major SAVAGE.	
		4.20	Coy. of 12th Battalion in support of 9th Battalion, withdrawn to PHINCBOOM. Further operations against METEREN Cancelled by Division. One Officer captured by Right Coy. of 9th Battalion. He had valuable maps in his possession - states that he was sent up to reconnoitre.	

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	27.4.18.		<p>Quiet night. Dull and overcast weather still prevails. G.O.C. and Brigade Major visited forward area to see the progress of works. There are still a number of cattle and pigs about, though feathers only remain of most of the fowls. The farms have been smashed by shell fire in most cases - the debris in the rooms is pitiful, most of the inhabitants having left at very short notice. Order No. 99 issued. Appendix 25. In case of having to withdraw, detailed orders have been issued of routes, and 1st stage for the 2nd Line Transport to take. Appendix 26. Appendix 27 received from 1st Australian Division.</p>	<p>Appendix 25. Appendix 26. Appendix 27. JBL</p>

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	28.4.18.		<p>Dull and misty weather; no visibility to speak of - Quiet night. 1st Brigade personnel coming up for the relief. The FLETRE-COQ de PAILLE line is almost continuous now, with a little wire out in front. Lieut. MINING, 10th Battalion, is to remain with French Infantry Division as Liaison Officer to the 1st Brigade. Scattered shelling throughout the day, becoming heavier in the evening, especially on our right at MOOLENACKER. About 8 p.m. a heavy bombardment to the N began, Boche guns S of METEREN firing rapidly towards LOCRE. The bombardment became intense about 2 a.m. 29th and continues. Brigade relief complete at 12.30 a.m. Weekly Strength Return, Appendix 28. Map showing progress of defensive Zones. Appendix 29.</p>	<p>Appendix 28 Appendix 29 <i>1 sh. 1 copy</i></p>
SHEET 27 SE. 1/20,000 W.7.b.9.4.	29.4.18.	4.30 a.m.	<p>Intense bombardment continues in the N. Division report our front quiet; shells falling about 300 yards N of the camp. Headquarters were established in the Officers Camp of the C.M.E. near the BORRE Workshops. The location is good, except for the heavy artillery which shakes the wooden huts. Dispositions as in tracing. Appendix 30. Battalions resting - 400 men only being supplied each night. Defence scheme is in the hands of Battalions; we are reserve Brigade and have worked out action to be taken on the enemy penetrating the line at 4 possible places. The motor car we salvaged is causing trouble with the A.P.M. who seems to covet it; the matter has been reported and it is now in the hands of the Division to decide. Lieut. Colonel C.H.ELLIOTT D.S.O., 12th Battalion, has been awarded the Legion of Honour.</p>	<p>Appendix 30 <i>2 copies</i></p>
	30.4.18.		<p>Quiet night. Battalions resting and trying to get a bath. News has been received that the French have held all attacks on the N. Our own front is quiet. Schools are beginning again, so the situation must be causing higher authority less anxiety. Intelligence Summaries Nos. 1 to 9 and 32 and 33, Appendix 31.</p>	<p>Appendix 31 <i>1 sh.</i></p>

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Brigade Headquarters,
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Ref: HOLLEBLIKE 1/10,000.
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1. The 1st Australian Division is being relieved in the line between the 3rd and 5th of April. On relief Units will be concentrated in Brigade Groups for an early move by train.
2. The 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved by the 9th Division in the Left sub-Sector on the afternoon of the 3rd and night 3/4th April, in accordance with the table attached.
3. Advance parties of the relieving Brigades will proceed to the line on the morning of the 3rd instant.
4. Guides will report as follows on the 3rd instant.
 From 9th and 10th Bns. One guide per platoon and one guide per En. H.Qrs. to Bde. H.Qrs. at 6.30 p.m.
 From T.L.Bty. 2 guides to report as above.
 From 12th Battalion. One guide per platoon and one per En. H.Qrs. to Bde. H.Qrs. at 1.30 p.m.
5. The relief of the Outpost line will be protected by strong covering parties which will not be withdrawn until the relief of the posts is complete.
6. All Maps, Defence Schemes, aerial photos etc. will be equally divided between the relieving Units and receipts obtained.
7. Details of relief not provided for herein will be arranged mutually between C.Os. concerned.
8. Area stores will be handed over and receipts obtained on proforma issued.
9. Machine Gun reliefs are being arranged by C.O. 1st M.G.Bn.
10. The Command of the Sector will pass to the G.Os.C. 26th and 27th Brigades on completion of relief.
11. Completion of relief will be notified in code by wire.
12. The location of Bde. H.Qrs. on relief will be notified separately.
13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. S. Anderson Major,
Bde. Mjr. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

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| 11 | 3rd Bde. Mining Coy. | 12. | 4th Coy. A.A.S.C. |
| 13 | Area Comdt. SPOIL BANK | 14. | 1st Aust. Div. |
| 15 | 26th Brigade | 16. | 27th Brigade. |
| 17 | XXII Corps Mounted Troops | 18. | 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 19 | Bde. Signal Officer | 20. | Bde. I.O. |
| 21 | Area Comdt. LA CLYTTE | 22. | Area Comdt. DE ZON |

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RELIEF TABLE issued with 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 89.

Date	Unit	From	To	Relieved by	Remarks.
Afternoon of 3rd Apr.	12th Battalion and 3rd Ede. Min. Coy.	Reserve Line	To BARDENBURG, where they will be met by guides.	8th Black Watch 6th K.O.S.Es.	On relief the Bn. and Mining Coy. will move in small parties to SPOIL BANK, where they will entrain at 4 p.m.
Night 3/4th Apr.	10th Battalion	Front Line Right sub-sector		Seaforth Highlanders Cameron Highlanders	Entrain at SPOIL BANK on relief.
"	9th Battalion	Front Line Left sub-sector		11th Royal Scots. 12th Royal Scots.	Entrain at SPOIL BANK on relief.
"	3rd A.L.T.M.Ety.	Forward Area		T.M.Es. of 26th and 27th Bdes.	Entrain at SPOIL BANK.

Note - Separate instructions will be issued for the relief of the Reserve (11th En.), No. 3 Sig. Section and Ede. H.Qrs.

Brigade Headquarters,
3rd April 1918.

Map ref: Sheet 28. 1/40,000.

1. The 1st Aust. Division is being transferred by rail to the 3rd Army.
Entrainment of the Brigade Group will commence on the 5th inst., in accordance with the programme to follow.
2. For purposes of the move the Brigade Group will consist of :-

3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	3rd Aust. M.G. Coy.
3rd Aust. Fld. Coy. Engrs.	3rd Aust. Field Ambulance.
No. 4 Coy. Div. Train	21st Aust. M.G. Coy.
1st Aust. M. Gun Bn. H.Qrs.	Cable Section Signal. Coy.
Mobile Veterinary Section	No. 2. Sanitary Section.
H.Qrs. Div. Wing Reinf. Camp	Aust. Corps Salvage Coy.
$\frac{1}{2}$ S.A.A. Section 1st D.A.C.	
3. The 3rd Brigade Group will be concentrated in the LA CLYTTE Area on relief on night 3/4th instant, with the following exceptions:-
 - (a) H.Qrs. 1st A.M.G. Bn. and 21st Aust. M. Gun Coy. will move to STRAZELLE on the 5th instant, personnel by bus and transport by road, independently. On arrival they will come under orders of G.O.C. 3rd Brigade for move
 - (b) Corps Salvage Coy. and H.Qrs. Div. Wing Reinforcement Camp will remain at CAESTRE, and come under orders of G.O.C. 3rd Brigade on 5th instant.
4. Move to entraining Stations:-

The 3rd Brigade Group less personnel enumerated in para. 3 sub-paras. (a) and (b), will move by bus to CAESTRE sub-area on the 4th April, in accordance with the attached Table "A" and will entrain on the 5th instant.
Transport will move by road in accordance with Table "B" attached.
5. Brigade embusing Officer, Captain R.R. AGNEW.
6. The following distances will be maintained on the march:-
 - (a) Between Companies, Unit Transports, and between transport and its Units when brigaded, 100 yards.
 - (b) Between Battalions, 500 yards.
7. The following billeting parties will report to the Brigade Billeting Officer, Lieut. J. FOWLER, at the embusing point at 9 a.m. on the 4th instant, and proceed on the first two lorries.
1 Officer and 4 N.C.Os. per Battalion.
1 Officer and 1 N.C.O. from each of the following:-

3rd A.M.G. Coy.	3rd A.L.T.M. Bty.
3rd Bde. Mining Coy.	3rd Bde. H.Qrs.
3rd Fld. Coy. Aust. Engrs.	3rd Aust. Fld. Ambulance.

1 Officer or 1 N.C.O. from each of the following:-

4th Coy. A.A.S.C.	Cable Section.
Mob. Vet. Section	$\frac{1}{2}$ Section S.A.A. 1st D.A.C.
8. Two G.S. Wagons per Bde. H.Qrs. and Battalion, will report at 7 a.m. on 4th instant to H.Qrs. concerned, and will rejoin transport for move,

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9. Rations will be drawn on the 4th instant at the Church CAESTRE.
10. A Marching Out State will be forwarded to Brigade H.Qrs. LA CLYTTÉ by all Units of 3rd Brigade Group, less personnel enumerated in para. 3 sub-paras (a) and (b), by 8.30 a.m. on 4th inst.
11. Each Unit will detail a cyclist orderly to report to Brigade H.Qrs. on arrival at CAESTRE with 24 hours rations.
12. Brigade H.Qrs. will close at LA CLYTTÉ at 2 p.m. on 4th instant, and re-open at 4 p.m. at CAESTRE the same date.
13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. W. Lynch
for

Major.
Bde. H.Q. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

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11	3rd Bde. Mining Coy.	14.	No. 4 Coy. Div. Train.
13.	3rd Aust. Field Amb.	16.	1st M.G. Bn.
15	21st M.G. Coy.	18.	Mob. Vet. Section.
17	Gable Section Sig. Coy.	20.	Div. Wing Rein. Comp.
19	No. 2 Sanitary Section	22.	1st Aust. Div.
21	Aust. Corps Salvage Coy.		
23	S.A.A. Section 1st D.A.C.		

(A) Embusing Table to accompany 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 90.

Units in the order of embusing	Embusing Pt.	Date and time	Debusing Pt.	Billeting Area	Remarks.
11th Battalion 12th Battalion 3rd H.G.Coy. 3rd A.L.T.M.B. 3rd Bde. Min.Coy.	Sheet. 28. M.17.c.8.4. (CANADA CORNER) facing South West	4th April 9 a.m.	Sheet 27. N.3.b.0.4. (just outside CAESTRE on the CAESTRE-FLETRE Road)	CAESTRE Brigade Sub-Sector	(1) Each lorry holds 25 men. (2) Officers will be distributed on lorries through- out the column. (3) C.O.12th Bn. will be in command of 1st column.
3rd Bde. H.Qrs. No. 3. Sig. Section 9th Battalion. 10th Battalion. 3rd Fld.Coy.Engrs. 3rd Fld. Ambulance	do	4th April 2.30 p.m.	do	do	C.O. 10th Battalion will be in charge of 2nd Column.

(B) Transport Column. Head of Column will pass the STARTING POINT, Cross Roads in LA CLYTTE at N.7.Central at 10 a.m.

Date	Units in order of march	From	To	Route	Remarks.
4th April	11th Battalion. 12th Battalion. 3rd H.G.Coy. 9th Battalion. 10th Battalion. 3rd Bde. H.Qrs. 3rd Fld.Coy. Engrs. Cable Sect. Sig. Coy. Mob. Vet. Section. 1/2 S.A.A. Section D.A.C. 3rd Aust. Fld. Amb.	LA CLYTTE.	CAESTRE.	LOCRE - BAILLEUL.- METEREM - FLETRE	An interval of 100 yds. will be maintained between Unit Transport. 4th Coy. A.A.S.C. will move independently. Bde. Transport Officer will command the column.

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Brigade Headquarters,
4th April 1913.

Ref: SHEET 5A.
HAZEBROUCK 1/10,000.

1. The Brigade Group will entrain at CAESTRE on the 5th and 6th April in accordance with the table attached.

2. Entraining Officer - Capt. R.R. AGNEW, 3rd Battalion.
Detraining Officer - Major C. FURBER M.C. 10th Bn.

Each Unit will detail an Officer to act as entraining and detraining Officer. These Officers will report to the Brigade Entraining Officer 3 hours prior to the entrainment of their Units.

3. The trains are made up as follows:-

1 Officers' coach.
30 covered trucks.
17 flat trucks.
2 brake vans.

Each covered truck will carry 40 men, or L.D. Horses or 6 H.D. horses.
Each covered truck will take on an average 4 axles.

No personnel or stores will be allowed in the brake vans at each end of the train, nor on the roofs of trucks. No covered trucks will be used for baggage.

4. The Brigade Mining Coy. will act as loading party at the entraining station.

The C.O. 12th Battalion will detail one Company to unload trains at the detraining station. This Company with cooker will proceed by the first train.

5. Infantry transport will arrive at the entraining station 3 hours before the time of departure of the train.

Infantry personnel $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours before the time of departure of the train. Transport and personnel of all other units will arrive at the entraining Station 3 hours before departure of the train.

6. Entraining States showing the number of Officers, other ranks, horses H.D. or L.D., the number of 4 wheeled vehicles and 2 wheeled vehicles, bicycles, will be handed in by the Unit Entraining Officers on arrival at the station.

7. Lewis guns will be provided whenever possible for each train. These guns will be mounted in suitable places on the train and used against low flying hostile aircraft which attempt to attack the train.

8. Rations will be drawn tomorrow, 5th instant, from Supply Dump at CAESTRE for consumption on 7th instant. There will be no issue on the 6th instant.

On the 7th instant rations will be drawn from supply dump in the new area, location of which will be notified later.

10. Billeting Parties of 1 Officer and 4 N.C.Os. per Battalion and one Officer or N.C.O. from each of the other Units of the Brigade Group will report with bicycles to Lieut. J. FOWLER at CAESTRE Station at 1.30 p.m. tomorrow.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. S. Anderson Major.
Edo. Mjr. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

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- 11. 3rd Bde. Mining Coy.
- 12. 1st Aust. Division.
- 13. 3rd Flc. Coy. Engrs.
- 14. No. 4 Coy. Div. Train.
- 15. 1st Aust. H. Gun Bn. H. Crs.
- 16. Mobile Vet. Section.
- 17. H. Crs. Div. Wing Reinforcement Camp.
- 18. S.A.A. Section 1st D.A.C.
- 19. 3rd Aust. Field Ambulance.
- 20. 21st Aust. H.G. Coy.
- 21. Cable Section Div. Signal Coy.
- 22. No. 2 Sanitary Section.
- 23. H. Crs. Div. Train.
- 24. Capt. R.R. Agnew.
- 25. Major C. Bumble M.C.
- 26/28. Spares.

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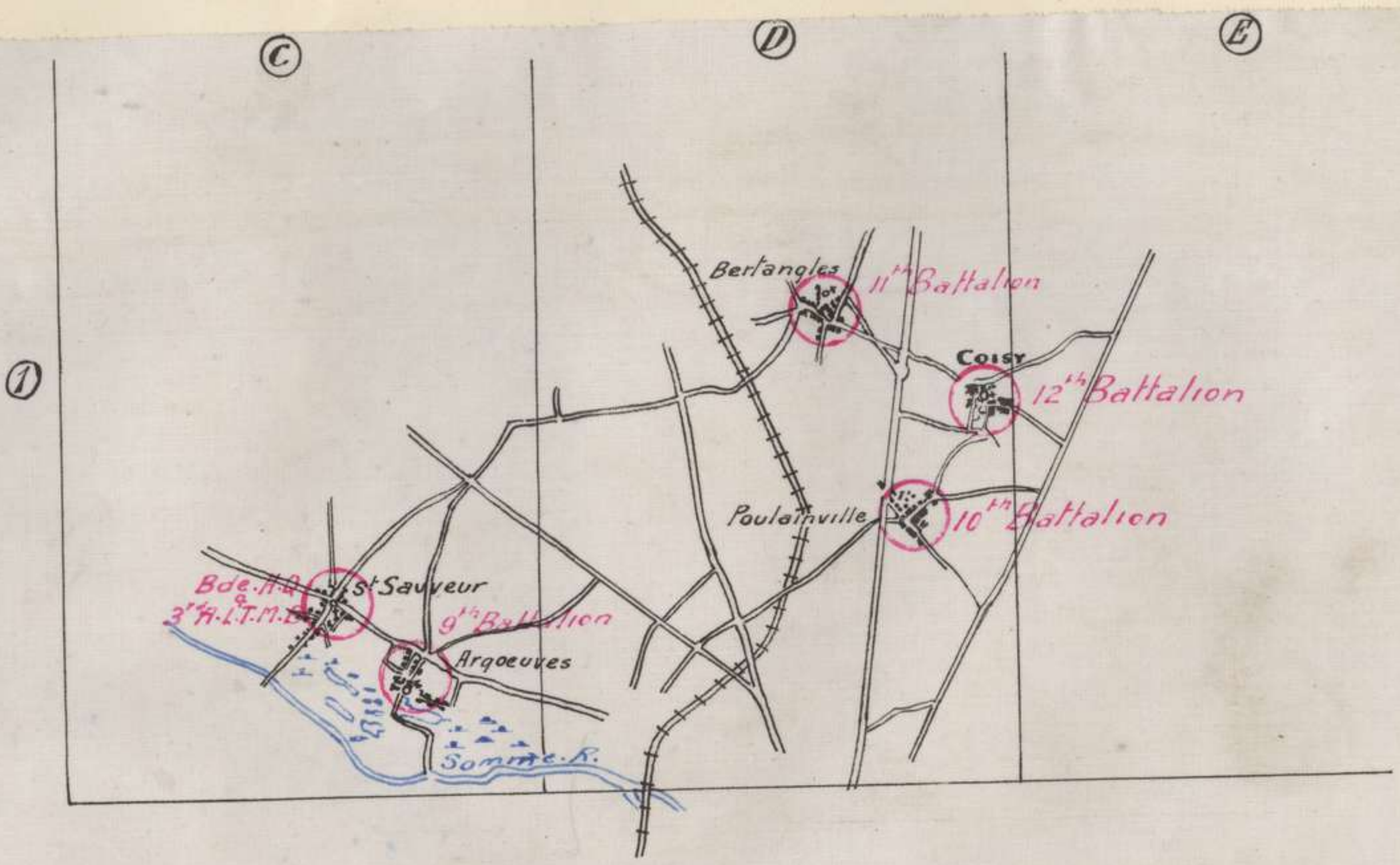
Entraining Station - CAESTRE.
 Detraining Station - St.ROCH.

Train No.	Serial No.	Unit	Departure	
			Date	Time
1	1A30	3rd Aust. Inf. Ede. H.Qrs.	5.4.18	3.25 p.m.
	1A35	No. 3 Section Div. Sig. Coy.	"	"
	1A36	3rd A.M.G. Coy.	"	"
	1A37	3rd A.L.T.H. Bty.	"	"
	1A31A	1 Coy. 12th Bn. 1 Cooker and team 12th Bn.	"	"
4	1A31	12th Bn. (less 1 Coy. and 1 Cooker and team).	5.4.18	6.25 p.m.
7	1A78	No. 4 Coy. Div. Train	5.4.18	9.25 p.m.
	1A83	3rd Fld. Coy. Aust. Engrs.	"	"
	1A32A	1 Coy. with cooker and team 11th En.	"	"
10	1A32	11th Bn. (less 1 Coy. Cooker and team)	6.4.18	12.25 a.m.
13	1A33	10th Bn. (less 1 Coy. with cooker and team)	6.4.18	3.25 a.m.
16	1A34	9th Bn. (less 1 Coy. with cooker and team).	6.4.18	6.25 a.m.
19	1A88	3rd Field Amb.	6.4.18	9.25 a.m.
	1A90	Mobile Vet. Section	"	"
	1A33	1 Coy. with cooker and team 10th Bn.	"	"
	1A09	No. 2 Sanitary Section	"	"
22	1A06	Cable Section Div. Signal Coy.	6.4.18	12.25 p.m.
	1A08	21st A.M.G. Coy.	"	"
	1A08A	H.Qrs. 1st Aust. M. Gun En. 1st Aust. Div. Wing Rein. Camp	"	"
25	1A73	Half S.A.A. Sect. D.A.C.	6.4.18	3.25 p.m.
	1A34A	1 Coy. with Cooker and team 9th En.	"	"
	1A75	H.Qrs. Div. Train	"	"

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Dispositions of 3rd A.I. Brigade

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Brigade Headquarters,
8th April 1918.

Ref: A. IENS
Sheet 1/100,000.

I. The following moves will take place tomorrow, 9th instant, Units moving independently,

To FLESSELLES - 3rd Aust. Inf. Ede. H. Qrs.
3rd Aust. T.M. Bty.
3rd Aust. Field Ambulance.
3rd Field Coy. Aust. Engrs.
3rd Bde. Mining Coy.
9th Battalion.
12th Battalion.
No. 4 Coy. Div. Train.

To VIGNACOURT 10th Aust. Inf. Battalion.

II. The 12th Battalion will clear the road junction immediately S of FLESSELLES STATION by 11 a.m.

III. Billets at present occupied by Units will be vacated by 1.30 p.m.

IV. Distances on the march will be maintained as under:-

Between Companies, Unit Transports and between Transport and its Unit - 100 yards.

Between Battalions - 500 yards.

V. Certificates of cleanliness of billets, latrines and horse lines evacuated, will be forwarded to Brigade H. Qrs. within 24 hours after completion of the move.

VI. Billeting Parties. Lieut. J. FOWLER and Lieut. H. W. LYNCH are appointed Brigade Billeting Officers for FLESSELLES and VIGNACOURT respectively.

Units will detail billeting parties to report, mounted, to the Brigade Billeting Officer in the area in which they are to be billeted. Parties to report at the Church in each town at 9 a.m. tomorrow, with full details of numbers to be accommodated.

VII. Brigade H. Qrs. will close at St. SAUVEUR at 10 a.m. and open at FLESSELLES at 12 noon.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

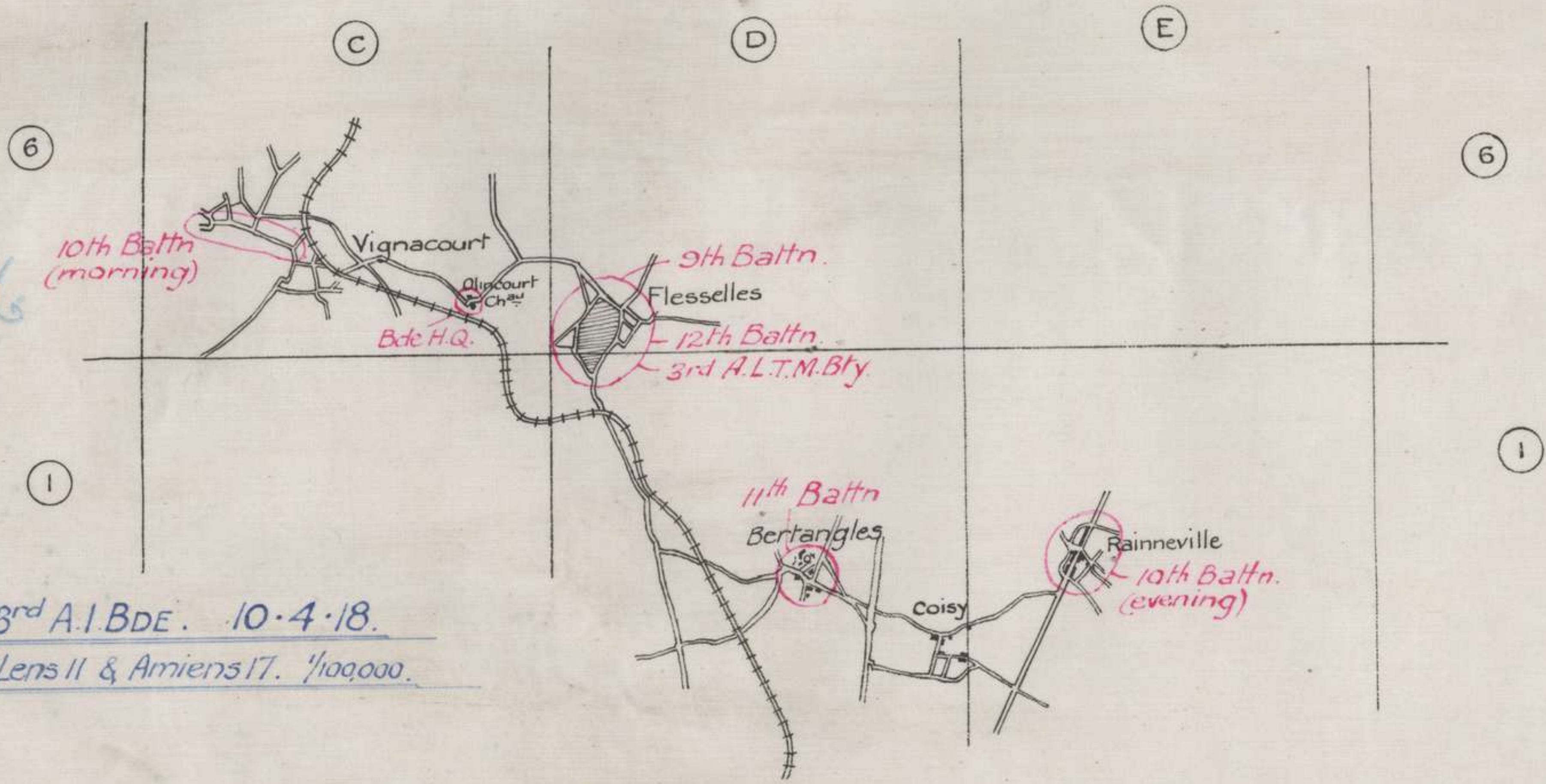
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11	3rd Field Ambulance.	12.	3rd Field Coy. Engrs.
13	No. 4 Coy. Div. Train.	14.	1st Aust. Division.
15/17	Spares.		

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 THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP ORDER No. 93.

Brigade Headquarters,
 11th April 1918.

Ref: AMIEWS 1/100,000
 HAZEBROUCK 1/100,000.

1. The 1st Aust. Div. is being transferred by rail to the 2nd Army on the 11th and 12th instants.
2. The 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. Group will entrain at St. ROCH "A" and "B" Stations in accordance with the table attached.
3. For the purpose of the move the Brigade Group will be composed as under:-

3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	3rd M.G. Coy.
3rd Field Coy. Aust. Engrs.	3rd Field Ambulance.
No. 4 Coy. Div. Train	21st M.G. Coy.
H.Qrs. 1st M.G. Bn.	Mobile Vet. Section.
No. 2 Sanitary Section.	

(a) All troops will be S or E of a line through the following villages (exclusive) by 12 noon on the 12th instant:-
 LONGPRE - CARDOMETTE - RAINNEVILLE.

Each Unit will send a mounted Officer to reconnoitre a bivouac position; these officers will meet the Brigade Major at the cross roads at the E of POULAIN VILLE at 10.30 a.m. on the 12th instant.

(b) Units will move to the bivouac position in accordance with the table attached.

4. Entraining Officer - Capt. F.R. AGNEW, 3rd In.
 Detraining Officer - CASSEL, Capt. B.J. ANDREW, 12th Bn.
 - HONDEGHEM, Major A.H. DARNELL, 11th Bn.

Each Unit will detail an Officer to act as entraining and detraining Officer; the former will report to the Brigade Entraining Officer 3 hours prior to the entraining of the Unit.

5. The C.O. 9th Bn. will detail a loading party of 1 Coy. for St. ROCH. The Brigade Mining Coy. will unload trains at CASSEL. The C.O. 11th Bn. will detail one Coy. as unloading party at HONDEGHEM.
6. Infantry transport will arrive at the entraining station 3 hours before the time of departure of the train. Infantry Personnel $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours before the time of departure of the train. Transport and personnel of all other units will arrive at the entraining station 3 hours before departure of the train.
7. Entraining States showing the number of Officers, other ranks, horses H.D. or L.D., the number of 4 wheeled vehicles and 2 wheeled vehicles, bicycles, will be handed in by the Unit Entraining Officers on arrival at the station.
8. Lewis Guns will be provided whenever possible for each train. These guns will be mounted in suitable places on the train and used against low flying hostile aircraft which attempt to attack the train.
9. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. S. Anderson Major.
 Bde. Mjr 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

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- 13 3rd M.G.Coy.
- 14 21st M.G.Coy.
- 15 1st M.G.Bn. H.Crs.
- 16 No.2 Sanitary Section.
- 17 Mobile Vet. Section.
- 18 No.4 Coy. Div. Train.
- 19 1st Aust. Division.
- 20 Staff Captain,
- 21 Capt. R.R.Arnew.
- 22 Major A.H.Darnell.
- 23 Capt. B.J.Andrew.
- 24 No. 3 Section Div. Sig. Coy.
- 25 Brigade I.O.
- 26/28 Spares.

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Entraining Station St.ROCH "A" and "B".
 Detraining Station CASSEL from St.ROCH "A".
 HONDEGHEM from St.ROCH "B".

Train No.	Serial No.	Entraining Station	Unit	Departure		Remarks.
				Date	Time	
19	1A30 1A35 1A36 1A31A	St.ROCH "A"	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Qrs. No. 3 Section Div. Signal Coy. 3rd A.M.G.Coy. 1 Coy. 12th En. with cooker and team. 3rd Bde. Mining Coy. Advanced parties All Units	12.4.18	9.47 p.m.	
20	1A31	St.ROCH "B"	11th Bn. less 1 Coy. with cooker and team	12.4.18.	10.47 p.m.	
21	1A32	St.ROCH "A"	12th Bn. less 1 Coy. with cooker and team	13.4.18	12.47 a.m.	
22	1A73 1A83 1A32A	St.ROCH "B"	No. 4 Coy. Div. Train 3rd Fld.Coy. Aust. Engrs. 1 Coy. 11th Bn. with cooker and team	13.4.18	1.47 a.m.	
23	1A33	St.ROCH "A"	10th Bn. less 1 Coy. with cooker and team	13.4.18	3.47 a.m.	
24	1A34	St.ROCH "B"	9th Bn. less 1 Coy. with cooker and team	13.4.18	4.47 a.m.	

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Train No.	Serial No.	Entraining Station	Unit	Departure Date	Time	Remarks.
25	1A88	St. ROCH "A"	3rd Field Ambulance	13.4.18	6.47 a.m.	10 Officers 12th Bn. may travel on this train.
	1A90		Mobile Veterinary Section			
	1A33		1 Coy. 10th Bn. with cooker and team			
	1A09		No. 2 Sanitary Section			
	1A37		3rd A.L.T.M.Bty.			
26	1A08	St. ROCH "E"	21st A.M.G.Coy.	13.4.18	7.47 a.m.	
	1A08A		H.Qrs. 1st A.M.G.Bn.			
	1A34A		1 Coy. 9th Bn. with cooker and team			

Note. All troops will be warned that trains will leave the station as soon as loaded.

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March Table - Issued with 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. Group Order No. 93.

Troops in order of march	Starting Point	Time	Route.
3rd Bde. H.Qrs.	OLINCOURT CHATEAU	10 a.m.	FLESSELLES - FLESSELLES Station thence via main AMIENS Road.
11th Battalion	Cross roads at the S of VAUX EN AMIENOIS	11.15 a.m.	Via main road to AMIENS.
12th Battalion	FLESSELLES Station	11. 0 a.m.	do
No. 4 Coy. Div. Train	do	11.10 a.m.	do
3rd Fld. Coy. Aust. Engrs.	do	11.15 a.m.	do
10th Battalion	Independently		
9th Battalion	FLESSELLES Station	11.20 a.m.	via main road to AMIENS
3rd Field Ambulance) No. 2 Sanitary Sec.)	do	11.30 a.m.	do
Mobile Vet. Section	Independently		

- Notes.
1. Unit representatives mentioned in Para. 3 (a) Order No. 93 will meet Units on the road.
 2. From the Bivouac positions troops will move independently to the entraining Station.
 3. Distances will be maintained on the march as follows:- Between Companies, 100 yards - Between Unit and its transport 100 yards - Between Battalions 500 yards. between transport of Units when Brigaded 100 yards.
 4. All Units will halt at 10 minutes to the clock hour and resume the march at the clock hour.

* Brigade Headquarters,
14th April 1918.

Ref. Sheets: 27 and 36A
1/40,000.

1. The enemy is concentrating forces in the NEUF BERQUIN - METERN Area.
2. 1st and 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigades are holding a line covering BOIS D'AVAL and STRAZEELE. The French extend the reserve line to N of BORRE.
3. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. will construct and hold a reserve position covering HAZEBROUCK from the E as follows:-

D.18.b. Central - E.1.d.5.0 - to junction of road and railway at E.2.A.0.4., thence along road to W.25.b.4.0. thence to W.19.b.8.4. Under no circumstances will this line be allowed to fall into the enemy's hands.
4. Boundaries.--
Brigade N. - Along an E and W line running through W.20.a.0.5.
Brigade S. - An E and W line through D.18.b.8.4.
Inter-Battalion boundary - the railway line at E.1.b.8.4. inclusive to the S.
5. The 11th Battalion will construct and hold the right sub-sector.
The 12th Battalion will construct and hold the left sub-sector.

The 10th Battalion will construct and hold the support line through the following points:- D.12.Central - E.1.A.0.0. - W.19.a.2.5.

9th Battalion Mining Coy. 21st M.G.Coy.,
5th Aust. Div. Details will be in reserve in the vicinity of D.5.a.
- The 3rd Field Coy., Mining Coy. and 5th Aust. Div. Details will assist in the construction of the works under the direction of the O.C. 3rd Field Coy.
The 3rd Field Coy. will reconnoitre and prepare for demolition bridges over BORRE BEEK.
6. Brigade Reserve of tools at LE BOULEVARD, D.6.a.4.3.
7. Brigade Ammunition reserve located at D.6.a.4.3. Ammunition will be dumped in the position up to an extra 100 rounds per man as soon as possible.
8. 3rd Field Ambulance at V.22.a.0.0.
9. Brigade Headquarters at D.3.d.2.0.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. S. Anderson Major.
Bde. Mjr. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

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3.	10th Battalion	4.	12th Battalion.
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7.	3rd Field Ambulance.	8.	3rd A.L.T.H. Bty.
9.	3rd Bde. Mining Coy.	10.	1st Aust. Div.
11.	21st M.G.Coy.	12.	<i>1st Aust. Bde</i>
13.	<i>2nd Aust. Bde</i>		

3rd Aust. Inftry Bde.

Reference your G.2437 of 15/4/18

Three companies were formed at 5th Aust. Div. Reinfc. wing on March 26th 28th and 29th under orders from Australian Corps and detailed as working companies to proceed to KEMMEL area. These companies were also a reserve to the 1st Aust. Division. They were recalled to CAESTRE on April 3rd and were organised as a battalion and attached to 9th Corps. The undermentioned officers were appointed to the Bn.

O.C. Capt. Gulchrist R.B. 58th Bn (attached 5th Div)
 Adj. & Q.M. Lieut. Robertson A.R. 58th "
 I.O. Lieut. Sherwood E.M. 53rd "

A. Coy. -

O.C. Capt. Viret Hall D.J. 53rd "
 Lieut Potts E.A. 53rd "
 " Stephenson E.L. 58th "
 " Cutts A.P. 32nd "
 " Inglis E.L.S. 55th "

B. Coy. -

O.C. Capt. Allen J.H. 32nd "
 Lieut. Stanton E.J. 29th "
 Lieut. Midgley R.J. 54th "
 " Rowe A.E. 54th "
 " Matthews A.R. 55th "

C. Coy.

O.C. Capt. Johnston J.D. 58th "
~~Lieut. Shearwood E.M. 53rd "~~
 " Rochford P.J. 56th "
 " Paack V.F. 54th "
 "

5th Aust. Div. Details
 15/4/18.

R. B. Gilchrist Com.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN

Unit	Number actually with Unit		Number sick in Divisional Area		Number on command, leave detached duties		Remarks.
	Offrs.	O.R.	Offrs.	O.R.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	
3rd Edo. H.Ors.	9 ^x	64 ^x	-	1	-	-	Including 6 Offrs. and 41 other ranks attached.
9th Battalion.	40	742	8	13	-	87	
10th Battalion.	46	984	-	-	6	90	
11th Battalion.	47	783	7	-	3	92	
12th Battalion.	55	940	3	25	4	111	
3rd A.L.G.Coy.	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3rd A.L.T.H.Bty.	5	67	-	-	-	-	
3rd Edo. Min.Coy.	3	114	-	-	-	-	
3rd Edo. School.	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	205	3694	18	39	13	380	

13th April 1918.

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R. Webster

Licut.
Staff Capt. 3rd Aust. Inf. Edo.

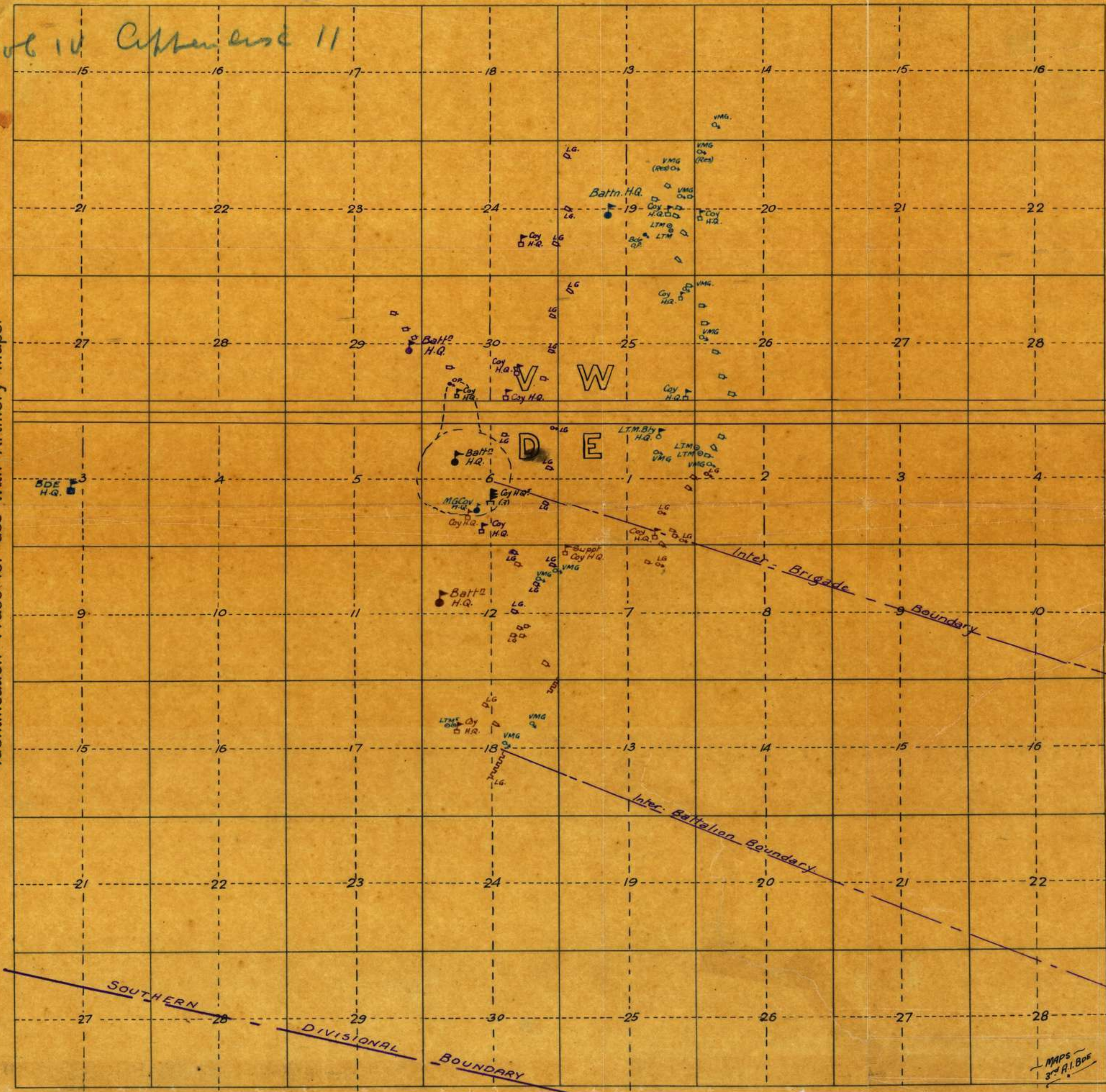
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Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.



Tracing taken from Sheet

of the 1: map of

Signature

Date

3rd Aust. Inf. Bde Dispositions

15:4:18. Scale 1/20,000.

Legend:-

- Bde H.Q. Units shown in Blue
- 9th Battalion " " Black
- 10th " " Violet
- 11th " " Brown
- 12th " " Blue

Reference Sheets:-

275.E & 36^ANE.

NOTE. (1). These traces are intended to facilitate the communication of information as to the position of targets, which have been located on a squared map. (2). The squares on this trace are 800 yards in length on the 1/10,000 scale, 1,000 yards in length on the 1/20,000 scale, and 2,000 yards in length on the 1/40,000 scale. (3). The squares on the trace are fitted to the squares of the map showing the targets, which are then drawn on the trace. Sufficient letters and numbers must also be added to enable the recipient to place the trace in the correct position on his own map. A little detail may also be traced, but this is not essential. The name and scale of the map to which the trace refers must be always given. The trace can be used for the 1/10,000, 1/20,000, or 1/40,000 scale.

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MAPS 3rd A.I. Bde

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 95.Ref: Sheet 27 S.E. 1/40,000.
361..N.E.Brigade Headquarters,
16th April 1918.

- I. The 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Sector is being extended Northwards to a point 200 yards W of the PETEREN BECQUE. The N Divisional Boundary on re-adjustment, will be as follows:-
From a point in the front line 200 yards W of PETEREN BECQUE to FLETRE exclusive to CAESTRE exclusive.
- II. (a) The 12th Battalion will move forward to-night to a position in the vicinity of PRADELLES to act as reserve to the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
(b) The 9th Battalion will relieve the 12th Bn. by mutual arrangement between the C.Os. concerned.
- III. Company Commanders with advance parties will be sent forward at once, to get in touch with 12th and 1st Battalions, the latter reporting to 1st Brigade H.Qrs. en route. *12th Bn*
- IV. Completion of moves will be notified to Brigade H.Qrs. by wire.
- V. On completion of move the 12th Battalion will remain under the orders of G.O.C. 3rd Inf. Brigade, but G.O.C. 1st Inf. Brigade will have direct call on the Battalion in case of emergency. Any order issued to the Battalion by G.O.C. 1st Inf. Brigade will be repeated to 3rd Inf. Brigade by priority wire.
- VI. 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade, and 9th and 12th Battalions please ACKNOWLEDGE.

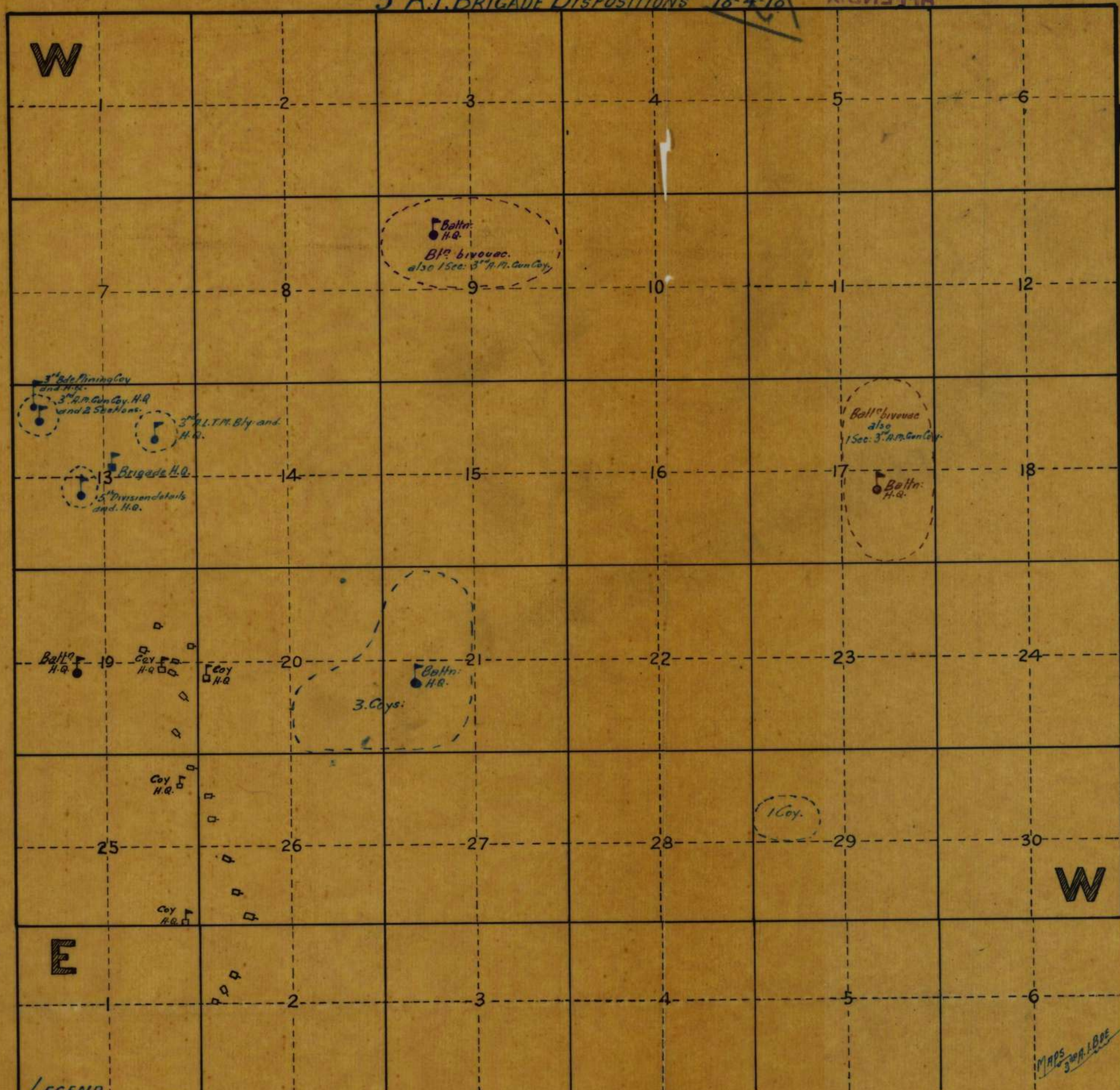
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8	12th Battalion.
9	3rd M.G. Coy.
10	3rd Bde. Nucleus Bn.
11	1st Aust. Division.
12	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
13	2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
14	3rd Bde. I.O.
15/16	Spares.

3rd A.I. BRIGADE DISPOSITIONS 18-7-18

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LEGEND

Brigade H.Q. & Brigade Units shown in Blue
 9th Battalion " " Black
 10th Battalion " " Purple
 11th Battalion " " Brown
 12th Battalion " " Blue.

MAP REFERENCE Sheets 27 S.E. and 36 N.E. Scale 1/20,000

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3rd A.I. BRG

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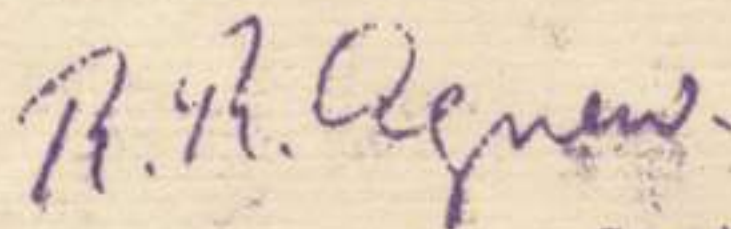
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 96.Map Ref: Sheet 27 S.E.
1/20,000.Brigade Headquarters,
19th April 1918.

1. (a) The 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve elements of the 33rd British Division and 133rd French Division in the Line from the left of the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. at Square X.20.c.8.8. inclusive to Square X.11.a.70.05 (inclusive) to-night 19/20th April.
 - (b) Brigade H.Qrs. will be established at X.1.a.0.0.
 - (c) The whole of the line to be relieved is under the command of G.O.C. 133rd French Division. Details of the Relief will be arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.
 - (d) Interpreters will be forwarded each Unit.
2. The Brigade will take over as under:-

12th Battalion	Right Front Line	(X.20.c.8.8. - X.15.b.7.5. both inclusive)
11th Battalion	Left Front Line	(X.15.b.7.5. exclusive - X.11.a.70.05 inclusive).
10th Battalion	In Support	(LA BESACE vicinity) and occupy Support trench.
9th Battalion	In Reserve	(FONTAINE HOUCK vicinity)
3rd A.L.T.M.Bty.)	in vicinity of Le ROUKLESHILLE.
3rd Bde. Mining Coy.)		
3. In moving forward all units will avoid ground under direct observation to the enemy, and will move troops in small parties at suitable distances, (by day)
4. (a) Outpost System. Continuous line running from X.20.c.8.8. - X.15.b.7.5. - X.16.b.7.5. thence posts to X.11.a.70.05.
 - (b) Support System. A continuous line running from X.13.c.7.6. - X 8 Central - X.9.b.3.7. - X.11.a.1.8. with a switch trench from X.10.a.5.7. - X.4.d.5.4.
 - (c) Inter-Bn. Boundary. - X.15.b.7.5. thence N W along Road through La BESACE.
5. (a) C.O. 1st M.Gun Bn. will make all arrangements for relief of Vickers Guns.
 - (b) 3rd Field Coy. and 3rd Field Ambulance will move under orders direct from C.R.E. and A.D.M.S. respectively.
6. 5th Aust. Div. Details Bn. is transferred to 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. and will remain in present billets.
7. Originals of Company Commanders' sketches showing dispositions, will be forwarded to Brigade H.Qrs. as soon as possible after relief.
8. Completion of relief will be reported by priority wire to Brigade.
9. Command will pass on completion of relief to G.O.C. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



Edo. Mjr. 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade. Capt. for Major.

P.T.O.

Issued at 10. 30 a.m.

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 7 11th Battalion.
 8 12th Battalion.
 9 3rd A.M.G. Coy.
 10 3rd A.L.T. Coy.
 11 3rd Bde. Mining Coy.
 12 3rd Bde. Nucleus Bn.
 13 5th Aust. Div. Details Bn.
 14 3rd Field Coy. Aust. Engrs.
 15 3rd Aust. Field Ambulance.
 16 1st Aust. Division.
 17 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
 18 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
 19 1st Aust. M. Gun Bn.
 20 33rd British Division.
 21 133rd French Division.
 22 - French Brigade.
 23 Staff Captain.
 24 Brigade Signal Officer.
 25 Brigade I.O.
 26/28 Spares.
 29 98th British Brigade.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 96.

Brigade Headquarters,
19th April 1918.

Ref: Sheet 27 S.E.
1/20,000.

1. The dispositions of the 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. will on relief be as under:-

12th Battalion From X.20.Central to X.15.a.9.3.
11th Battalion From X.15.a.9.3. to X.11.c.5.9.
10th Battalion FONTAINE HOUCK - HAUTE PORTE-FARL Area.
9th Battalion PHINCBOOM - LA BESACE Area.

2. Battalions will hold the front line with 3 Companies with one in Support.

12th Battalion

1 Coy. from METEREN BECQUE to X.20.b.7.8.
1 Coy. from X.20.b.7.8. to X.15.c.3.8.
1 Coy. from X.15.c.3.8. to X.15.a.9.3.
1 Coy. from X.14.c.7.3. to X.14.b.5.4.
Bn. H.Qrs. - X.14.c.7.3.

11th Battalion

1 Coy. from X.15.a.9.3. to X.16.a.2.8.
1 Coy. from X.16.a.2.8. to X.16.b.3.9.
1 Coy. from X.16.b.3.9. to X.11.c.5.9.
1 Coy. from X.15.a.9.9. to X.10.c.3.1.
Bn. H.Qrs. - X.15.b.7.7.

The 12th Battalion relieves 2 Companies of 32nd Bn. Chasseurs Rapides and 1 Coy. of 102nd Chasseurs.

The 11th Bn. relieves 2 Companies 116th Chasseurs in the line and elements of British troops on the French Left Flank.

The 9th Bn. will relieve the 5th Bn. of the 321st Regiment.

3. Relief will take place in accordance with the table overleaf.
4. Details not mentioned in this Order will be arranged direct.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. S. Anderson Major,
Bde. Mjr. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 2.20 pm

To all recipients of 3rd A.I. Bde. Order No. 96.

Issued with 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 96.

Unit	To	In relief of	Route	Guides at Place, Time
11th Bn.	Line Left Sub-Sector	2 Coys. 32nd Chasseurs 2 Coys. 102nd Chasseurs	COURTE-CROIX - W.12.b.8.3. X.7.d.2.5.	X.7.d.2.5. at 8.30 p.m.
12th Bn.	Line-Right Sub-Sector	2 Coys. 116th Chasseurs and elements of 98th British Brigade	PRADELLES - ROUGE CROIX - COURTE CROIX Cross.Roads.	COURTE CROIX Cross Roads at 9.30 p.m.
9th Bn.	PHINCBOOM - LA BESACE Area	5th Bn. 321st Regt.	ROUGE CROIX - LE BEURRE - FLETRE - X.7.d.2.5. (Cross Roads).	X.7.d.2.5. (Cross Roads at 11.30 p.m.
10th Bn.	FONTAINE HOUCK Area	Elements of 98th British Brigade	W.9.b.2.9. - W.3.b.4.2. - FLETRE - LE ROUKLOSHILLE - FONTAINE HOUCK - R.32.Central.	As arranged by Lieut. SEARCY

- Note.
1. A distance of 200 yards will be maintained between Companies E of the line PRADELLES-FLETRE.
 2. The Officers Commanding 32nd and 116th Chasseurs will remain at the Bn. H.Qrs. with an interpreter until 10 a.m. on 20th instant.
 3. The elements of British troops in the line will rejoin their Units on relief.

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Ordre de détail pour la relève du 1^{er} groupe BCP et du 5/321 par la 3^e brigade australienne -

I - La 3^e brigade australienne relèvera dans la nuit du 19 au 20 le 15^e groupe de BC, le 5/321 et les éléments de la 33^e DIW ^{jusqu'au} chemin Fontaine-Houck Baillenc -

II - Cette brigade qui comprend 4 bataillons à 4 C^{ie} portera 3 B^{tn} en 1^{re} ligne, 2 en soutien - Son dispositif en fin de relève sera =

12^e B^{tn} de X 20 Central à X 15 a 9-3 -

11^e B^{tn} de X 15 a 9-3 à X 11 c 5-9 -

10^e B^{tn} zone Fontaine-Houck - Haute Porte F^o -

9^e B^{tn} zone Phucboom - La Besace -

III - Les B^{tn} de 1^{re} ligne auront chacun 3 C^{ie} en 1^{re} ligne, 1 C^{ie} en soutien.

12^e B^{tn} - 1 C^{ie} du Meteor Regue à X 20 7-7-8

1 C^{ie} de X 20 6-7-8 à X 15 c 3-8

1 C^{ie} de X 11 c-3-8 à X 15 a 9-3

1 C^{ie} de X 14 c-7-3 à X 14 5-5-4

11^e B^{tn} - 1 C^{ie} de X-15 a 9-3 à X-16 a 2-8

1 C^{ie} de X-16 a 2-8 à X 16 5-3-9

1 C^{ie} de X-16 5-3-9 à X 11 c-5-9

1 C^{ie} de X 15 a 9-9 à X 10 c 3-8.

PC du C^o du B^{tn} X 15. 5. 7-7 -

Donc: le 12^e B^{tn} relève en 1^{re} ligne 2 C^{ie} du 32^e BCP et 1 C^{ie} du 102^e BCP, en soutien il relève des éléments du 102^e BCP -

le 11^e B^{tn} relève en 1^{re} ligne 2 C^{ie} du 106^e BCP et les éléments anglais à la gauche du 106^e - la C^{ie} de soutien se placera plus en arrière - le 9^e B^{tn} relève le 5/321

IV - Exécution de la relève - Mouvement des bataillons australiens -

12^e B^{tn} suivra l'itinéraire Pradelles -

Rouge - Loix - Courte Loix - (conform)

où sa tête se présentera pour 21^h 30

Des guides à raison de 1 homme-off et 4

hommes par C^{ie} seront rendus au

conform de Courte-Loix pour 20^h 15 -

Guides à fournir par le 32^e BCP et le

102^e BCP -

11^e B^{tn} suivra l'itinéraire Courte-Loix

point W 13 5 8-3 point X 7 d 2-5 (con-

form) où sa tête se présentera à 20^h 30

Des guides comme ci dessus seront

rendus au camp X 7 d 2-5 à 46
20^h. Guides à fournir par le 116^e BCP
pour les C^{ies} qui l'intéressent -
9^e Bts suivra l'itinéraire Borve
Pradelles - Roux - Croix - Le Beune
Flêtre - X 7 d 2-5 (comfom) où il pré-
sentera sa tête à 22^h 30. Il trouvera
en ce point des guides comme ci
dessus fournis par le 5/321.

Le mouvement du 10^e Bts, qui ne relève
aucune unité de la 133^e DI, sera réglé
par le Général C^{te} la 8^e brigade Austra-
lienne.

Pour tous ces mouvements, il y au-
ra lieu de laisser 200 m entre cha-
que C^{ie} à l'Est de la ligne Pradelles-
Flêtre.

Les C^{tes} du 32^e, 102^e, 116^e BCP appuient
leurs interprètes avec les guides pour
tout agir au point de contact
entre les unités australiennes et
les guides.

Unités relevées vont continuer à
Kamm Hof - Thiersouk - Le Coq de Paille

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Cantonnements à faire par le 47
C^{te} du 1^{er} gr - qui s'installera personnel-
lement à Thiersouk - le 5/321 à Pibrouck
le Ronigrot -

V - Relève des mitrailleuses -

La brigade Australienne qui dispose de
15 mitrailleuses relèvera avec 1 pièce
chaque des sections des 32 - 102 -
116^e BCP de 5/321 - cette relève fera
l'objet d'un petit ordre temporaire
après entente avec le C^{te} des mitrail-
leuses de la Bde Australienne -

VI - Les C^{tes} des Bts Australiens prendront le commandement le 20 avril à 7^h.

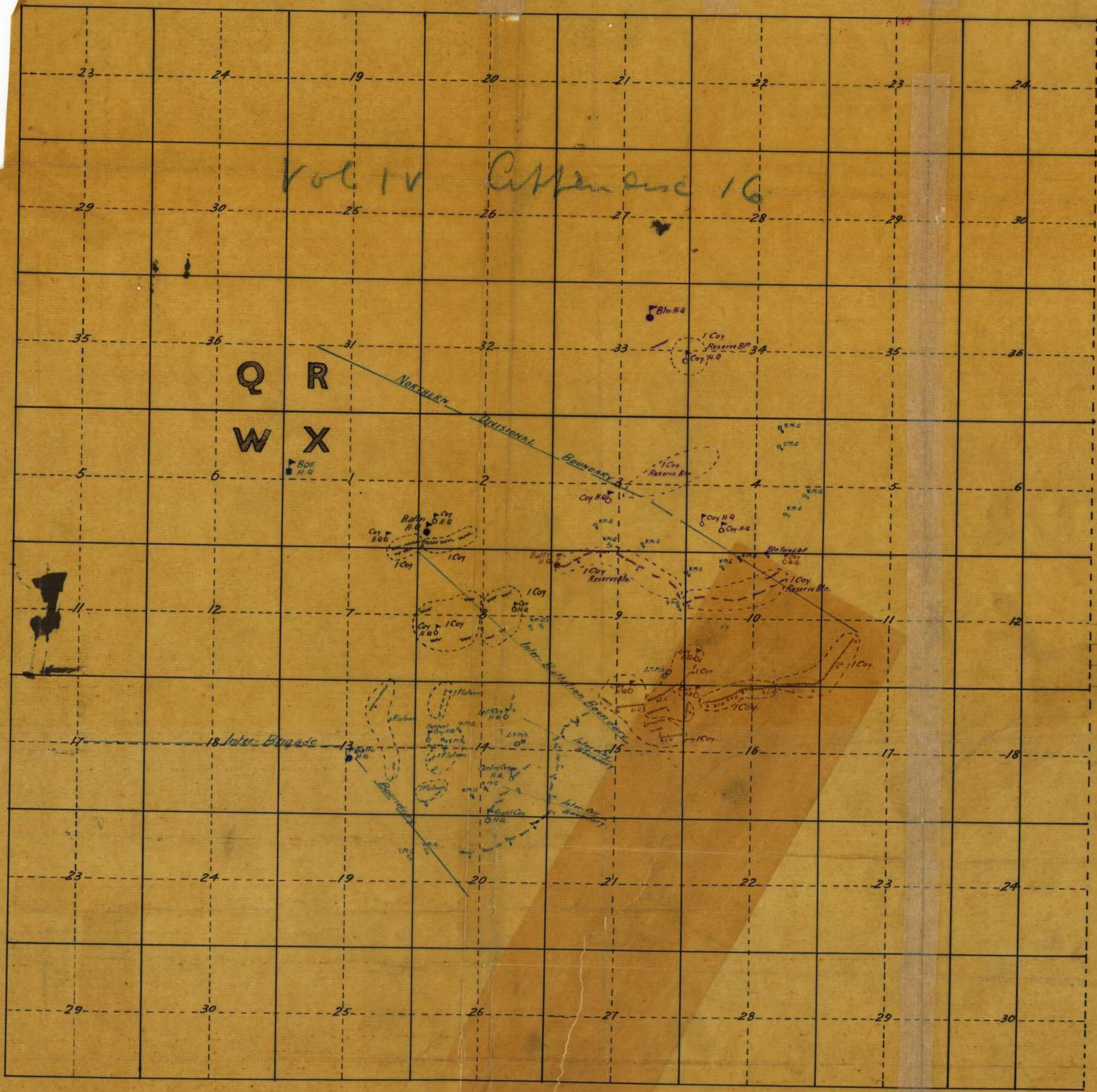
Toutefois, les C^{tes} du 32^e BCP et
du 116^e BCP resteront à leur PC
avec l'interprète jusqu'à 10^h
après quoi un officier par C^{ie} de
la ligne.

VII - Les éléments anglais actuellement en ligne avec le 32^e et le 116^e BCP seront libérés après cette relève et rejoindront leur unité.

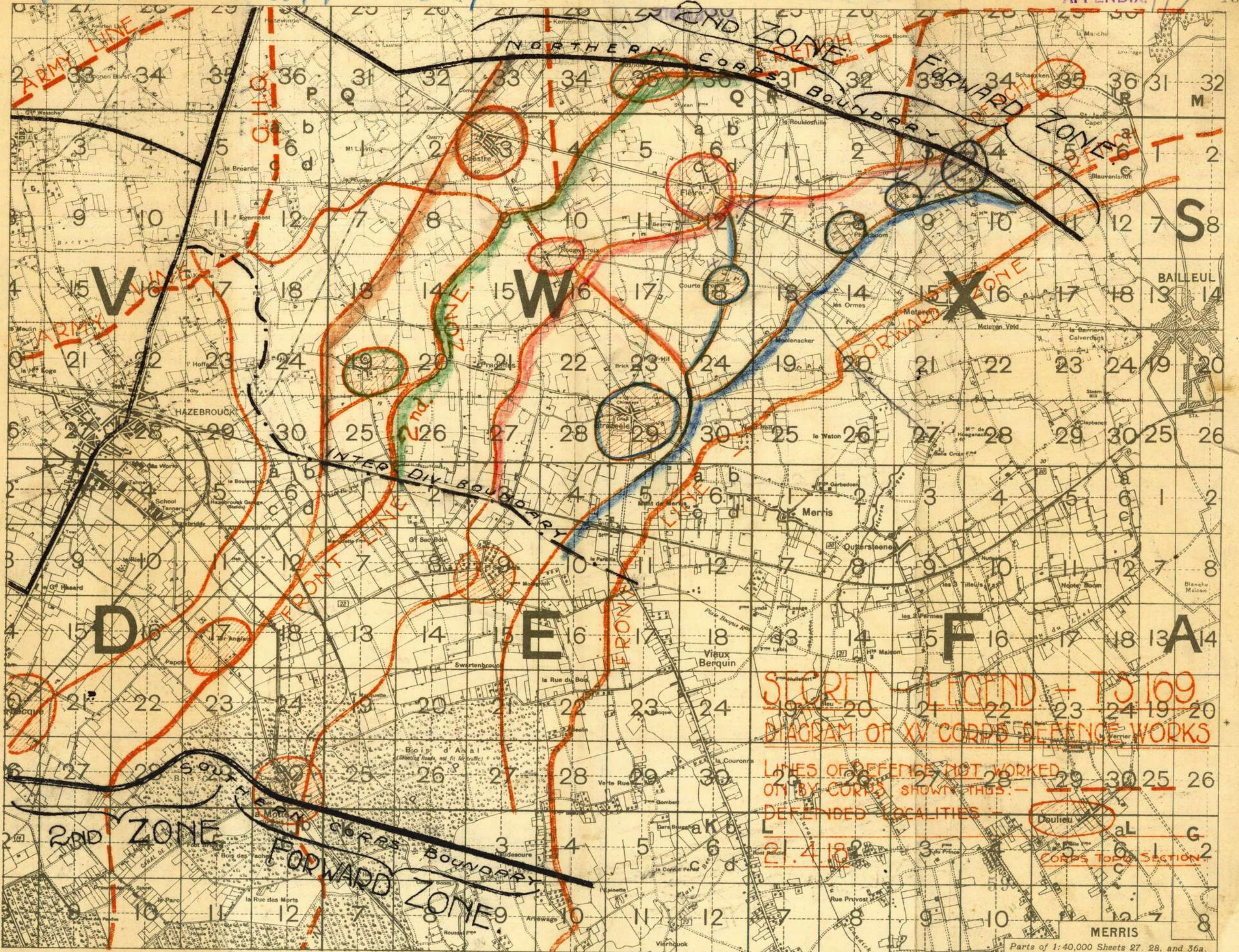
Détachements - 133^e DI à tête de CR.
8^e brig. Aust. pour exécution
5/321 & pour exécution

J. Perrot

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3RD AUS. INF. BRIGADE.
DISPOSITIONS 21-4-18
 REF. MAP SHEET 27 S.E. Scale 1:20,000
 9th Battalion shown in Black
 10th Battalion " " Purple
 11th Battalion " " Brown
 12th Battalion " " Blue



SECRET - LEGEND - TS 169
 DIAGRAM OF XV CORPS DEFENCE WORKS

LINES OF DEFENCE NOT WORKED ON BY CORPS SHOWN THIS: -
 DEFENDED LOCALITIES: -
 21.4.18
 CORPS TOP SECTION

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

- 9th Battalion.
- 10th Battalion.
- 11th Battalion.
- 12th Battalion.
- 3rd M.G.Coy.
- 3rd L.F.M.Bty.

G.2490

The Brigade has been ordered to capture METEREN. The operation will be carried out gradually by advancing our line on the flanks, with the idea of squeezing the enemy out and then mopping up the town itself.

To-night 22/23rd instant 12th Battalion will push forward to 20.Central, -20.b.9.5. - 15.c.2.1.

11th Battalion will push forward to 16.a.0.3. - 16.b.0.1. - 16.b.9.4. - 17.a.2.8. thence to cross roads X.11.c.5.9.

If possible this line will be further extended to-night, but these points are the minimum limits.

Tomorrow night the line will be further advanced in the same direction, details of which will follow later.

Four guns of L.F.M.Bty. will report to each Battalion Headquarters for instructions. Artillery arrangements will be made by Battlions.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

22nd April 1918.

Major.
Bde. Mjr. 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 97.

Brigade Headquarters,
22nd April 1918.

Ref: Sheet 27 S.E. 1/20,000.

1. A Gas Projector operation against MERRIS and METEREN will be carried out as soon as suitable conditions prevail.
2. 200 projectors will be emplaced in the vicinity of X.14.d.3.7. to X.14.d.2.5.
3. Projectors will only be fired if the wind is in a direction from N N W to W.
4. All troops located in Squares X.14. - 15. - 16. will wear Box respirators from Zero minus 5 minutes until Zero plus 15 minutes.
5. Zero hour will be communicated by code wire "Opening at (Zero hour)".
6. Should unfavourable weather conditions prevail, the above instructions will hold good for the day on which it is decided the operation shall take place.

J. S. Anderson Major.
Ede. Mjr. 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12	3rd Field Coy.
13	1st Field Ambulance.
14	1st Aust. Division.
15	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
16	2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
17	133rd French Division.
18/20	Spares.

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"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

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

TO { 9th - 10th - 11th - 12th Bns. 3rd M.G.Coy.
3rd L.T.M.B. - French Div. - 1st A.I.Bde.
1st Aust. Div.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B.M.447	22		

The 12th and 11th Battalions will be relieved by the 9th and 10th Battalions respectively on the night 23/24th instant under mutual arrangement between C.Os. concerned aaa 12th and 11th Bns. will take over the dispositions of their opposite numbers aaa Completion of relief will be notified in code by wire aaa ACKNOWLEDGE.

From	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
Place	
Time	2.40 p.m.
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.	
Censor.	(Z) <i>Slinden</i> Major.
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.	

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Ref: Sheet 27 S.E. 1/40,000.

Brigade Headquarters,
22nd April 1918.Phase 2 of Capture of METEREN by 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Phase 2 of operations will take place after relief by 9th and 10th Battalions of 12th and 11th Battalions respectively, on night 23/24th April.
2. Relief will be completed by 11 p.m.
3. 9th Battalion will at midnight push forward its line to the line X.20.c.8.8. - X.21.a.3.5. - X.15.c.5.0. - X.15.a.5.0 - X.15.a.7.5.
10th Bn. will at midnight push forward to the line from right boundary as at present to X.16.a.0.2. thence to X.16.c.7.7. - X.16.d.7.8. - X.17.a.4.8. - to cross roads at X.11.c.5.9.
4. At 2.30 a.m. a mopping up party consisting of 3 Officers, 50 men and 2 Lewis Guns from each of 11th and 12th Battalions, under command of Officer to be detailed by C.O. 12th Bn., will enter the town from WEST, NORTH and EAST, and will clear the town of the enemy. Each party will be responsible for clearing the town to the inter-battalion boundary mentioned in following paragraph.
5. Inter-battalion boundary will be as at present to X.15.b.0.4. thence along the line to X.15.b.5.0 - cross roads at X.15.d.6.7. - East to Cross roads at X.15.d.30.65 - X.15.d.8.4. - X.22.Central.
6. Completion of mopping up will be reported to Company H.Qrs. at X.15.b.30.95, which will be H.Qrs. of Mopping up party; completion will be signalled from this point by firing 2 green flares. Party will then withdraw to positions selected by Bn. Commanders.
7. At 5 a.m. the reserve Companies of 9th and 10th Battalions will move through our line at X.21.a.5.8., and X.16.c.7.7., and establish posts across the Southern outskirts of METEREN, taking the necessary tools with them.
8. The garrisons of the line on our side of METEREN will remain in position until further orders.
9. Battalions must be prepared at all times to meet an enemy attack.
10. C.Os. 11th and 12th Battalions will remain at the H.Qrs. with the C.Os. 10th and 9th Battalions respectively, until the operation is completed.
11. Password for operation will be DARLING and countersign will be DOWNS.
12. Four L.T.Mortars will co-operate with each Bn. under orders of Battalion Commander.
13. Artillery will shell the town of METEREN intermittently during the night until 2.30 a.m.
S.O.S. barrage line will, from 2.30 a.m. onwards be 250 yards in advance of new line as follows:-
the following lines
X.20.c.9.8. - X.21.a.0.2. - X.21.a.60.65. - X.21.b.0.9. - X.16.c.0.0.
X.16.c.5.2. - X.16.c.8.7. - X.16.d.7.8. - X.16.b.95.10 - X.17.a.2.7. -
to X.11.c.5.9.
- Battalion Commanders will make arrangements for artillery support required, direct through the liaison officer attached to them.
14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. S. Anderson Major.
Bde. Mjr. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

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To All recipients of 3rd A.I.Bde. Order No. 98.

Para 4. for 2.30 a.m. read 1.30 a.m.

Para. 7. for 3 a.m. read 2. a.m.

Para 13. for 2.30 a.m. read 1.30 a.m.

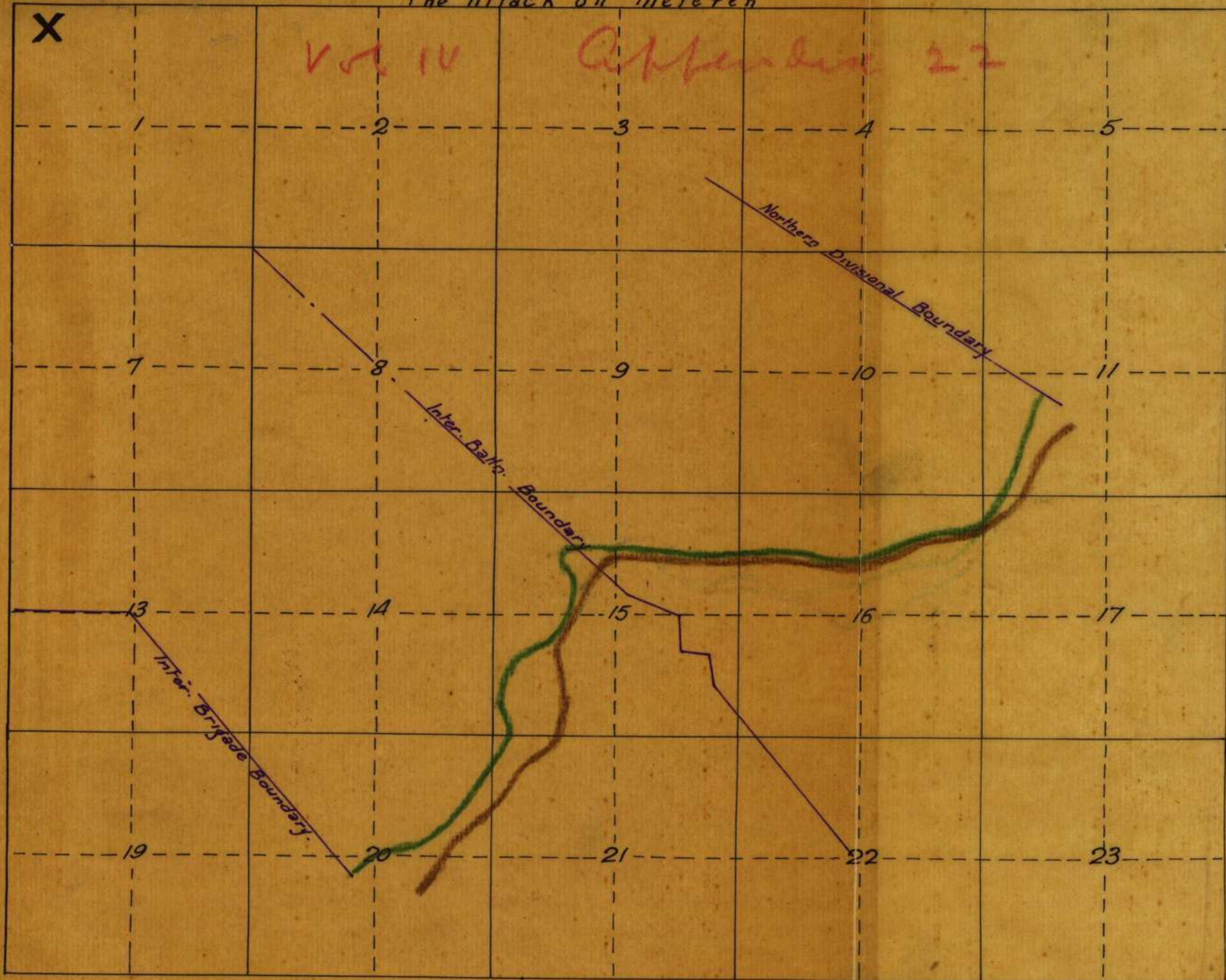
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J. Sturges Major.
Bde. Mjr. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B.M.458	23rd		
Ref. Order, para 4. Mopping parties will consist of 1 Coy. from each 11th and 12th Bns. aaa All ranks of these parties will wear a patch of white sheeting on the front of the respirator.			
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401° R.I.

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le 25 Avril 1918

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N O T E

Le Général vient d'appeler le Lt Colonel au téléphone pour lui faire connaître que le Secteur du Régiment serait très probablement attaqué ce soir .

En conséquence , que tout le monde se tienne prêt à recevoir cette attaque . Il ne faut pas que l'ennemi pénètre dans nos tranchées de première ligne (ou s'il y pénètre , qu'il soit rejeté instantanément par les sections de soutien .

Les 2 Compagnies de réserve de bataillon (SAVAL et ZUCARELLI) seront alertées et maintiendront comme en première ligne la liaison avec les Régiments voisins .)

J'appelle l'attention du Commandant du 11/401 sur l'importance de la position de FONTAINE - HOUCK qui ne devra en aucun cas être abandonnée .

La 6° Compagnie conservera ses emplacements actuels , se tiendra ~~et~~ prête elle aussi et ~~poussera~~ néanmoins l'achèvement de l'organisation du point d'appui de ~~SCHANKEN~~ SCHANKEN . Elle se tiendra en liaison effective avec l'unité du 321° à sa gauche .

L'artillerie française et britannique se tiendra prête à exécuter les tirs qui lui seront demandés !

Tous les éléments voisins de la D.I.A.W. devront être prévenus par les agents de liaison de cette D.I. et par les interprètes .

Le Lt Colonel recommande instamment aux éléments de première ligne de conserver leur sang-froid et de ne demander le barrage qu'au moment opportun , c'est-à-dire au débouché de l'attaque ;

Le Lt Colonel BORNE QUE
Commandant le 401° R.I.

M. M. M. M.

Destinataires :
1.11.111/401

2° Brigade australienne

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Ref: Sheet 27 SE. 1/40,000.

Brigade Headquarters,
25th April 1918.

Report on Operation 22/23rd and 23/24th April 1918.

1. OBJECT.

To capture METELEN by a series of flanking movements from the S W and N E.

2. METHOD.

The phases are shown on the attached sketch.
Phase 1 to be completed on the night 22/23rd instant.
Phase 2 on the night 23/24th instant.

The 12th and 11th Battalions were detailed to carry out phase 1 assisted by 4 Stokes Mortars each and the 33rd Div. Artly.

The 9th and 10th Battalions with Artillery and Stokes Mortars as above, were to complete the movement assisted by one Company from each 11th and 12th Battalions as "moppers up." These Companies wore a piece of white calico on the respirator as a distinguishing mark.

3. NARRATIVE.

Phase (1).

RIGHT BN. Nos. 6 and 7 platoons (Right Coy.) pushed forward to the line X.20.b.6.3. - X.15.c.2.1. establishing themselves in a line of posts. No casualties occurred during this part of the operation.

At 12.30 a.m. both platoon commanders reported the new line consolidated.

On the right, Nos. 5 and 8 platoons were to push forward to a line from X.20.Central to X.20.b.2.2. At 1.30 a.m. No. 8 platoon which was to capture a strong post at X.20.b.1.1. moved forward along the METELEN BEEQUE towards their objective; No. 5 platoon moved out from X.20.b.1.7. and took up a position in No Mans Land to wait until No. 8 had captured the strong post.

At 2.30 a.m. No. 8 had gained contact with the enemy and attacked. At the same time No. 5 platoon noticed a post on the left of X.20.b.1.1. and pushed forward to the attack. These posts were clear of the enemy by 3 a.m.

The Left Coy. 1st Battalion, lent valuable assistance to the right Company by placing 3 Lewis and 2 Vickers guns on the right flank.

Centre Company, in co-operation with Left Company, attacked the houses along the FLEURE-METELEN Road from X.15.a.4.0. to X.15.c.55.90. The Company reached their objective after house to house fighting and bombing the enemy out of the trench running from X.15.c.55.90. to X.15.c.4.7.

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Left Coy. The Company was distributed prior to the advance in posts at X.15.a.2.1. to X.15.a.3.6. The attack was preceded by a very effective shoot by 3 Stokes Mortars on a house and along the objective - the hedge and houses astride the road at X.15.a.5.1. - Germans were seen to leave the trench immediately. No resistance was met with in the early stages of the advance. The objective was gained after a slight resistance from the garrison with rifle and M.G. fire.

Trench Mortars. Three guns opened harassing fire along FLEURE-METEREN Road X.15.a.5.0 to X.15.c.85.85, and along the hedge at X.15.c.55.95.

LEFT BN.

The Battalion advanced its line to the following position with little opposition:-

X.16.a.4.2. - X.16.a.9.2. - X.16.b.8.5. - X.17.a.1.8. - X.11.c.5.9.

Trench Mortars. 4 guns were placed at the disposal of the Bn. Commander but were not required.

Casualties.

2 Officers wounded - Lieut. D.A.JAMES 11th Bn.
Lieut. G.H.C.HART 12th Bn.

9 other ranks killed, 24 other ranks wounded.

Prisoners.

1 Officer and 29 other ranks of -

94th Inf. Reft.	1 Officer	13 other ranks.
269th R.I.R.		5 "
267th R.I.R.		11 "

Machine Guns. 5 enemy machine guns were captured by the Right Bn.

Phase (2).

RIGHT BN. The flank Companies reached their objectives without a great deal of opposition. The centre Companies were subjected to heavy M.G. fire from the immediate front and from the Chateau at X.15.c.7.8. on their left flank and were unable to make much progress.

A Company which was detailed to envelop METEREN from the S W were unable to advance on account of the very heavy M.G. fire from the outskirts of the village and withdrew to their original positions.

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Trench Mortars. Two guns opened fire along the FLETRE-METEREN Road from X.15.a.5.0. to X.15.c.9.8. and along the hedge from X.15.c.55.95 to X.15.c.8.4. - 240 rounds were fired.

One gun at 3 a.m. fired 20 rounds on the road junction and at X.20.b.5.2. and at 3.30 ten rounds on M.G. position at X.21.a.50.05.

LEFT BN.

Right Company met with very strong opposition and were unable to advance.

Centre Company advanced and met heavy opposition; both flanks were subjected to enfilade fire from the village and from a farm at X.16.d.7.9. After heavy fighting they were forced to withdraw to their original line.

Left Company established their left flank at X.11.c.65.60. The Right flank advanced until held up by a nest of M.Gs. at X.16.d.7.9. The attack on this point failed.

At 2.59 a.m. the Artillery shelled the enemy positions along the road from X.16.c.7.8. to X.17.a.3.1.

The Company detailed to make the enveloping movement from the N E were unable to advance on account of heavy opposition, Lieut. Du RIEU, 10th Battalion, directing the advance, being wounded.

Trench Mortars. 2 guns fired 40 rounds on M.G. positions at X.16.a.10.20 and X.16.a.45.10.

2 guns engaged the house at X.16.d.7.9.

Searching fire was carried out from X.16.d.7.9. to X.17.a.5.0. 120 rounds being expended.

"Mopping Up" Companies. Were unable to make any progress against the M.G. and T.M. fire from the N outskirts of the village. Several attempts were made to get within bombing distance of the enemy Machine guns, but without success.

Casualties.

9th Bn. 1 Officer killed - Lieut. A.W.WHEATLEY.
11 other ranks killed and 30 wounded.

10th Bn. 2 Officers killed - Lieut. A.H.JACKSON, Lieut. J.SPROTT.
3 Officers wounded. Lieut. F.J.W.SCHNEIDER, Lieut. C.B.FENN
and Lieut. D.T. De RIEU.
19 other ranks killed and 55 wounded.

11th Bn. 1 Officer killed - Lieut. S.M.WOOD
1 Officer wounded - Lieut. F.J.STAHL.
3 other ranks killed and 2 wounded.

12th Bn. 1 Officer killed - Lieut. W.SAYER.
1 Officer wounded and missing, believed killed - Lt.H.REED.
1 Officer wounded - Lieut. A.W.CLEMES.
6 other ranks killed and 21 wounded.

3rd L.T.B. 2 other ranks wounded.

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Estimated Casualties of Enemy.

It is considered that the enemy suffered about 300 casualties from infantry action during the operations.

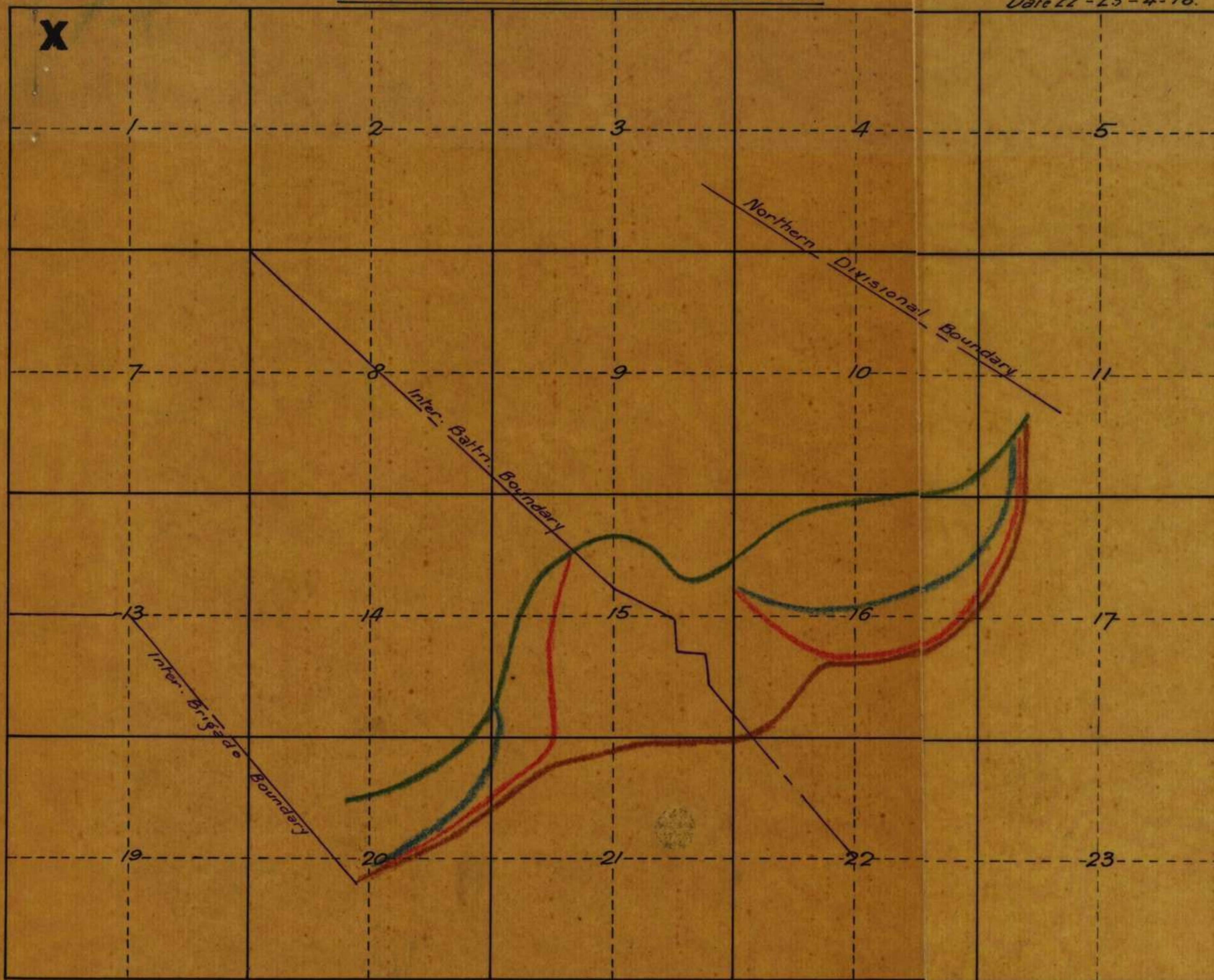
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PHASES OF THE ATTACK ON METEREN

Date 22nd-23rd-4-18.

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Original Line

1st. Phase

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 99.

Ref: Sheet 27 SE. 1/40,000.

Brigade Headquarters,
27th April 1917.

I. The 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. is being relieved by the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. during the night 28/29th April.

II. Battalions will be relieved as under:-

9th Bn.	by	3rd Bn.
10th Bn.	by	2nd Bn.
11th Bn.	by	1st Bn.
12th Bn.	by	4th Bn.

Advance parties of relieving Battalions are proceeding to the line on the night 27/28th instant.

III. (a) On relief Battalions will take over the areas/vacated by their opposite numbers of the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde., moving by the following routes:- and dispositions

9th Bn. to Square W.13. via COURTE CROIX Cross Roads W.17.b. - Cross roads W.17.d.

10th Bn. to ROUGE CROIX via Cross Roads X.7.d. - Cross Roads W.12.b. - COURTE CROIX.

11th Bn. to THIEUSHOUK via Cross Roads R.32.c. - road junction R.31.c.7.1. - road junction W.6.a.5.5.

12th Bn. to LE PEUPLIER CAMP (V.7.b.) via COURTE CROIX - ROUGE CROIX.

Distances of 200 yards will be maintained between platoons.

(b) The 3rd A.L.P. Bty. will be relieved by the 1st A.L.P. Bty. under arrangements between the Battery Commanders.

(c) The 3rd Bde. Mining Coy. to W.7.b.9.4., leaving present location at 6.30 p.m. in small parties.

(d) The Nucleus Bn. will remain in its present location, but will take over the role of the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Nucleus Bn. in case of attack.

IV. All aerial photos etc. and documents of value to incoming troops will be handed over and receipts obtained.

V. The International Posts manned by the 10th and 11th Battalions will not be withdrawn until relieved by Units of the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

VI. Details of relief not provided for in this Order will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.

VII. Completion of relief will be notified in code by wire.

VIII. Units will take over the Wagon Lines at present occupied by their opposite numbers of the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde., on the 28th instant, under arrangements to be made direct between Units.

Trench and Area Stores will be handed over complete and receipts obtained in triplicate. Two copies will be forwarded to Bde. H.Qrs. within 24 hours of completion of relief.

Cleanliness Certificates will be obtained for Wagon Lines vacated and will be forwarded to Brigade H.Qrs. with receipts for trench stores.

Supply Arrangements will be notified direct to Quartermasters at the Supply Dump.

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IX. A Staff Officer will be at the new Brigade H.Q.s. (17.b.9.4.) from 9 p.m. on the day of relief.

X. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. J. Newman
for
Major

Bde. Mjr. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 8 a.m.

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- 6 10th Battalion.
- 7 11th Battalion.
- 8 12th Battalion.
- 9 3rd Field Coy. Aust. Engrs.
- 10 3rd M.G. Coy.
- 11 3rd A.L.T.M. Bty.
- 12 3rd Bde. Mining Coy.
- 13 3rd Bde. Nucleus Bn.
- 14 3rd Field Ambulance.
- 15 No. 4 Coy. Div. Train.
- 16 1st Aust. Division.
- 17 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 18 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 19 Lieut. Mining for 133rd French Div.
- 20 401st French Inf. Regt.
- 21 Bde. Signal Officer.
- 22 Bde. Intelligence Officer.
- 23/25 Spares.

IV. All aerial photos etc. and documents of value to incoming troops will be handed over and receipts obtained.

V. The International Posts carried by the 10th and 11th Battalions will be withdrawn until relieved by units of the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

VI. Details of relief not provided for in this Order will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.

VII. Completion of relief will be notified in order by wire.

VIII. Units will take over the wagon lines at present occupied by their opposite numbers of the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde., on the 23rd instant, under arrangements to be made direct between units.

Trench and area maps will be handed over complete and receipts obtained in triplicate. The copies will be forwarded to Bde. Staff within 24 hours of completion of relief.

Classified Certificates will be obtained for each line vacated and will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q.s. with receipts for trench maps.

Supply arrangements will be notified direct to Quartermasters at the completion.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 100.

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Ref: Sheet 27 1/40,000.

Brigade Headquarters,
27th April 1918.

1. It is the function of the Division to hold its present position against all attacks. It is necessary however to consider the methods by which the roads in rear can be cleared, should the Division be ordered to withdraw to conform to the movement of other troops. To guard against the possibility of being taken unawares, the following instructions will be carefully complied with.
2. In the event of a westerly movement being ordered, the following general instructions will remain in force for every day's move.
 - (i) First line transport of Battalions will be divided into two echelons :-
 - "A" Echelon - comprising G.S. Limbers: 2 Water Carts: 1 Maltese Cart.
 - "B" Echelon - comprising 4 cookers: 1 Mess Cart.
 - "A" Echelon will remain with Battalions.
 - "B" Echelon will be prepared to move Westward by the prescribed routes, immediately on receipt of the move order.
 - (ii) Movement Westward will be by stages. The Brigade Transport Group will be allotted an area at the end of each stage, and a road route to that area.
 - (iii) Brigade Transport Officer, Capt. A.G. EURGESS, 11th Bn., will be responsible for the complete traffic control of the routes allotted to transport of the Brigade Group. For this purpose the services of all possible spare men of the First Line Transport will be utilized. Immediately on receipt of the move order, these men, who will be distinguished by traffic control brassards (obtained on indent) will be sent forward to previously allotted stations, such as cross roads etc., on the allotted route of the Brigade. They will be instructed to keep all traffic moving in the one direction, to allow on the road no vehicle likely to block traffic, to prevent traffic moving in the opposite direction and to remove obstacles and blockages. Military traffic will have priority. Allotted routes for each stage will be carefully reconnoitred and the positions of traffic control posts selected, as soon as routes are allotted. The number of men available for this traffic control duty will be reported to Brigade Headquarters as soon as convenient.
 - (iv) Orders for the move of transport will be issued by the signal message "Transport will move tostage."
3. The following are the detailed arrangements for the first day's move:-
 - (i) First stage transport areas are allotted as follows:-
 - Right Brigade Group Transport. Railway from U.19.a.5.2. to U.15.d.7.4. - road from U.15.d.7.4. - U.8.b.6.6. - U.7.b.2.3. - T.18.c.8.9. to U.19.a.5.2.
 - Left Brigade Group Transport. Road from U.5.a.4.1. - 0.29.b.0.5. - railway to 0.23.c.5.3. - road from 0.23.c.5.3. - 0.27.b.1.0. - 0.33.d.5.2. to U.5.a.4.1.
 - Reserve Brigade Group Transport. Road from U.8.b.8.7. - U.4.c.4.2. - U.4.b.2.3. - 0.33.b.5.2. - 0.31.d.6.6. - U.8.b.8.7.

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(ii) Routes are allotted as follows:-

Right Brigade Group Transport.

Route "A" :- Road BORRE - L'HOFFAND - V.22.d.0.0. - V.21.c. and d. - V.20.d. and a. - V.14.c. and a. - V.7.d.3.1. - V.13.b. a. and c. - U.17. - U.16.b. and a. to Area.

Left Brigade Group Transport.

Route "E" :- P.35.b. and a. - P.29.b.5,6. - P.29.a. and c. - P.28.d. and c. - P.34.a. - KOORTEN LOOP - P.32.b. a. and c. - P.31. - O.36.d. - U.6.b. and a. - U.5.b.c. and d. to Area.

Reserve Brigade Group Transport.

Route "C" :- Road LE PEUPLIER - LA BREARDT - LONGUE CROIX.

(iii) Transport columns will join prescribed routes at the point nearest to their transport lines, in accordance with march tables attached.

(iv) Main lorry routes, roads in P.35.d., V.3.a and d., V.10.d., V.11.c. V.13.a. c. and d., V.13.c. and d. will be avoided.

J.S. Anderson Major,
Ede. Mjr. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

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15/16	3rd Field Coy.
17	No.4 Coy. Div. Train.
18	Staff Captain.
19/20	1st Aust. Division.
21	Capt. H.S. Burgess

(iv) Orders for the use of transport will be issued by the signal...

The following are the detailed arrangements for the first day's move:-

- (1) Right Brigade Group Transport. Road from U.13.d.3. to U.13.c.1. - Road from U.13.d.3. - U.13.d.3. - U.13.c.1. to U.13.d.3.
- Left Brigade Group Transport. Road from U.13.d.3. - U.13.d.3. - U.13.c.1. to U.13.d.3.
- Reserve Brigade Group Transport. Road from U.13.d.3. - U.13.d.3. - U.13.c.1. to U.13.d.3.

MARCH TABLE - First Line Transport "B" Echelon.LEFT BRIGADE GROUP.

Serial No.	Unit in order of march	Location of lines	Starting Point	Time of passing Starting point	Remarks.
1	3rd Bde. H.Q.	P.29.c.4.1.	P.29.a.3.0.	Zero plus 120	200 yds. between Unit transport.
2	9th Bn.	Q.31.a.1.9.	"	Zero plus 121	"
3	12th Bn.	Q.31.a.1.9.	"	Zero plus 124	"
4	10th Bn.	Q.32.c.1.5.	"	Zero plus 127	"
5	11th Bn.	Q.32.c.1.5.	"	Zero plus 130	"

RESERVE BRIGADE GROUP.

1	12th Bn.	P.34.d.6.1.	V.5.c.4.1.	Zero plus 120	200 yds. between Unit transport.
2	10th Bn.	P.6.d.3.5.	"	Zero plus 123	"
3	9th Bn.	W.2.c.4.1.	"	Zero plus 126	"
4	11th Bn.	W.2.d.0.2.	"	Zero plus 129	"
5	3rd Bde. H.Q.	W.7.b.5.1.	"	Zero plus 131	"

RIGHT BRIGADE GROUP.

1	3rd Bde. H.Q.	V.15.d.2.3.	V.21.b.4.0.	ZERO plus 120	200 yds. between Unit transport
2	9th Bn.	"	"	Zero plus 121	"
3	10th Bn.	"	"	Zero plus 124	"
4	11th Bn.	"	"	Zero plus 127	"
5	12th Bn.	"	"	Zero plus 130	"

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No. 42532
Date 28/4/18

HEADQUARTERS,
1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
118/351.
Headquarters.
27th. April. 1918.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

3rd Order

I desire to express my deep appreciation of the work of the Division since it came into its present sector - The zeal and energy shown by all ranks is beyond all praise - We took over a sector scarcely touched as regards defensive preparations - Tho' much remains to be done we have now a position on which we can confidently engage and defeat the enemy should he be rash enough to attack us. And every days work will add to our security - I thank all Staff, Commanders, and the members of every unit for so ably maintaining and adding to the reputation of the 1st Australian Division - Yesterday the Field Marshall Commanding in Chief paid a visit to Divisional Headquarters and expressly desired me to convey his personal thanks to the Division for all they have done and his confidence of their being able to hold their line against any attack, And I have the greatest pleasure in now conveying his message to all ranks of the Division.

MA

H. B. Walker

Major-General.
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

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WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN

Unit	Number actually with Unit		Number sick in Divisional Area		Number on command, leave detached duties		Remarks.
	Offrs.	O.R.	Offrs.	O.R.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	
3rd Bde. H.Qrs.	9 ^x	64 ^x	-	-	-	-	* Including 6 officers and 41 other ranks attached which includes Reinforcements not taken on strength of Battalions.
9th Battalion.	28	518	8	15	10	216	
10th Battalion.	26	678	-	-	21	260	
11th Battalion.	30	645	3	-	13	181	
12th Battalion.	30	593	3	29	23	286	
3rd A.I.C. Coy.	57 ^x	667 ^x	-	-	-	-	
3rd Bde. Nucleus Bn.	5	74	-	-	-	-	
3rd A.L.T.E. Bty.	3	105	-	4	-	-	
3rd Bde. Min. Coy.	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3rd Bde. School.	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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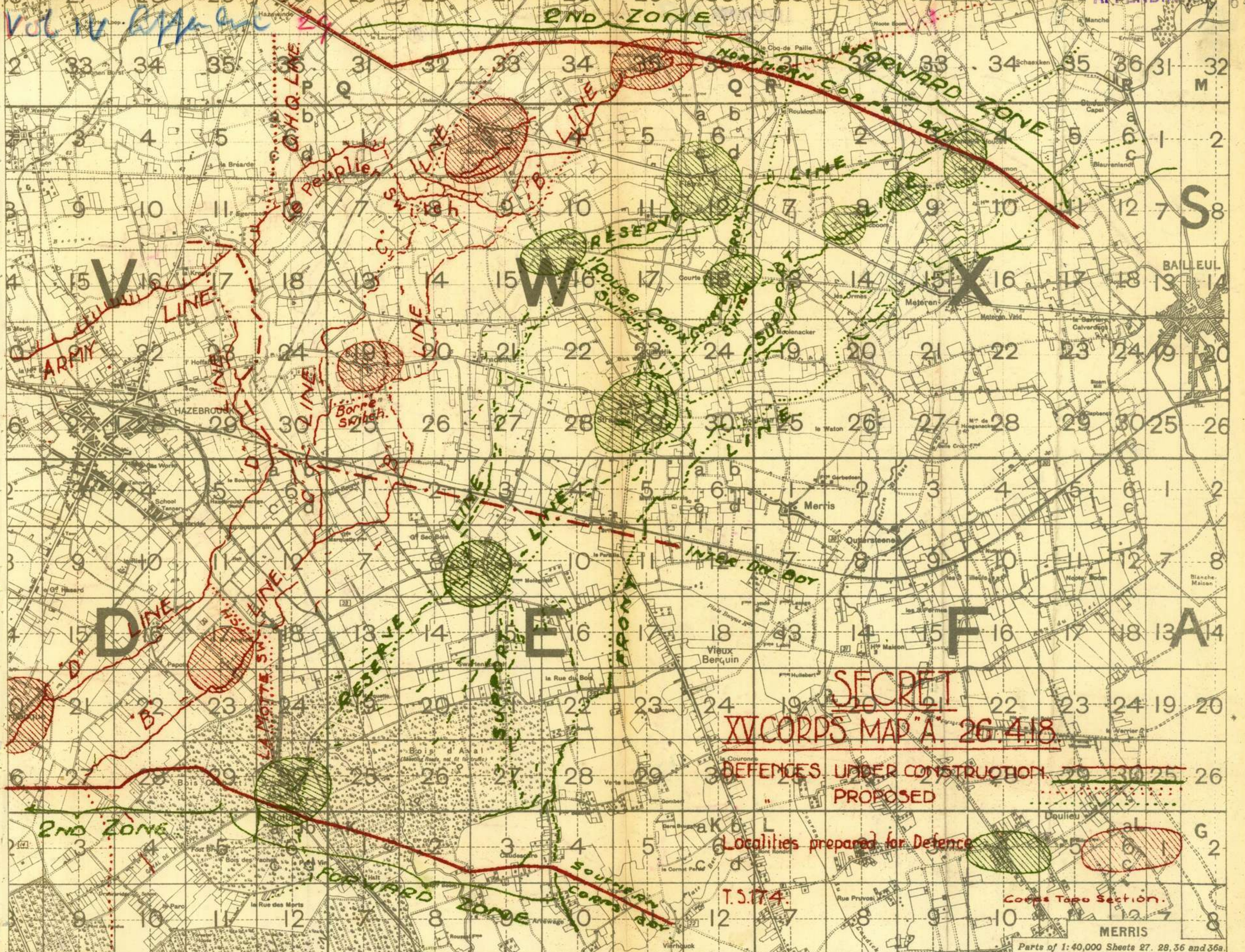
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J. Fowler
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No. 32.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 1.4.18 to 6 a.m. 2.4.18.

Brigade Headquarter,
2nd April 1918.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Increased activity is reported.

During the day enemy's forward defences and M.Gun and T. mortars in P.1., P.3., P.7., O.6.d., and O.12. came in for a good deal of shelling by our 18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows., numerous direct hits on pillboxes being observed. Between 1.25 a.m. and 2.5. a.m. our field batteries barraged the enemy's forward positions from opposite HESSIAN WOOD to LOCK 5 with gas H.E. and shrapnel in conjunction with gas projector operation on LOCK 5.

In addition CHALK FARM and LOCKS 5 and 6 were shelled during the night.

At 3.30 a.m. a hostile working party forward of our post M.O.6. was dispersed.

Our heavies also engaged hostile batteries in TINDRIELEN, WERVICQ, P.17.d. and P.29.

Machine Guns. Vickers guns maintained harassing fire on the following targets, expending 10,000 rounds S.A.A.

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| BASSEVILLE FARM | PIN ROUSE |
| O.6.d.7.1. | |
| Railway Embankment from O.12.d.8.9. to P.7.c.4. | |
| Road from P.7.c.5.4. to P.7.b.4.3. | |
| Road from P.2.c.5.7. to P.2.a.9. | |

In addition 5,000 rounds were expended on low-flying hostile aeroplanes during the day.

Trench Mortars. Our Stokes Mortars carried out harassing fire on GAMB COPSE, expending 25 rounds, and also fired 10 rounds on hostile M.Gun at P.1.c.6.5.

Aerial activity. Our planes actively patrolled our own and the enemy's forward positions, on occasions flying well to rear of enemy lines in face of heavy A.A. defence. About mid-day one of our planes attacked a hostile plane flying low over our rear areas, but intervening clouds prevented observation of results.

Patrols. Two special patrols reconnoitred the front of Left Bn. and three front of the Right Bn. They report:-

Hostile M.Guns active from MAY FARM and CIRCUS POINT.

Whilst observing from Crater in our wire at O.6.d.10.45. an enemy party of about 15 strong moving in single file from Canal towards our post M.O.6. was sighted at approx. O.6.d.2.3. Our patrol opened rifle fire and dispersed them. Owing to dawn breaking it was not advisable to search for enemy casualties.

Except for party mentioned above, the enemy was generally very quiet.

No Mens Land is improving, but still remains muddy.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Prisoners of the 76th R.I.R. were captured at WHIZ FARM last night by the 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. Normal.

Enemy's Order of Battle and Dispositions.
As regards 76th R.I.R. unchanged.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Shelling was normal during the period being chiefly directed against the forward areas.

Shelling Table for 24 hours:-

J.31.c.	20 rounds	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.	from TENBRILEN
J.31.d.	20 "	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.	"
I.34. and	15 "	15 cm.	
I.33.c. and d.			
O.4.a. and d.	10	7.7 and 10 cm.	from TENBRILEN
O.11.a.	5 "	15 cm.	WERVICQ

Rear Areas, barraged by 10 cm. gas from ZIMMOCKLE between 8.25 p.m. and 8.45 p.m.
O.6.b. - shoot by 7.7 and 10 cm. (gas) between 7.40 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Light retaliation to our barrage was made by the enemy over our forward area from HESSIAN WOOD to HOLLEBEKE using 7.7 and 10 cm. shells, which lasted from 1.35 a.m. to 1.55 a.m.

ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

Work. Working parties on enemy wire opposite our posts 2.0.6. and 11.0.6. were dispersed by artillery and H.Gun fire at 1.15 a.m. and 3.30 a.m. respectively.

Machine Guns. were quiet throughout the day, but slight activity was shown by night.

Trench Mortars. activity much below normal.

Shelling table for 24 hours:-

O.6.b.	12 rounds	L.T.L. (gas)	
J.31.c. and d.	16 "	L.T.L.	
Outposts O.12.a.	7 "	L.T.L.	from LOCKS 5 and 6.
O.11.b. and c.	11 "	H.T.L.	" " "

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 7 a.m., 11.55 a.m. and 7 p.m. enemy machines were observed flying very high; all were engaged by our A.A. and H.Guns.

Between 3.45 p.m. and 4.55 p.m. an enemy scout flew five times at about 600 feet over our Outpost System from HOLLEBEKE to CHELUVELT. He was heavily engaged by A.A. and H.Guns.

MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION in and behind the Enemy's LINES.

Movement. 6.40 a.m. Six men left pillbox P.8.c.7.1. 6.45 a.m. two men passed between pillboxes at P.8.c.3.3. and P.3.c.85.40. 6.55 a.m. two men appeared to mend telephone wire at P.7.c.7.7., then moved in direction of KORTEVILLE.

9.5. a.m. two men entered SUBURB VILLAS.

Movement also observed at the following locations:-

P.8.c.8.5., P.8.c.75.30., LOCK 4, P.13.b.9.7., P.2.c.7.1., P.2.c.35.00., P.7.c.35.10., P.7.c.1.5. P.7.d.2.8.

Snipers. A snipers post previously located at O.12.a.5.7. was examined and found unoccupied, but contained about 8 doz. bombs.

Light Signals. At 4 a.m. five single white flares were fired from points along the canal bank; no action followed.

At 1.35 a.m. in answer to double red and double green flares, and in retaliation to our fire, enemy placed a light barrage over our forward areas.

MISCELLANEOUS: At 3.15 p.m. two 21 c.m. Hows. were observed firing in direction of HILL 60 from P.17.c.70.85 (approx).

Balloons were observed at the following grid bearings from O.5.c.3.2. - 83, 85, 99, 117 and 127 degrees,

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet but has shown a defensive spirit.

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No. 33.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 6 a.m. 2.4.18 to 6 a.m. 3.4.18.Brigade Headquarters,
3rd April 1918.OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our field batteries maintained their increased activity during the 24 hours.

At 11 a.m. a hostile party at O.12.b.4.6. was dispersed by our 18-pdrs.

4.5" Hows. and 19-pdrs. also shelled LOCK 6, and enemy outposts in O.6.d., O.12. P.1. and J.32.

Our heavies engaged battery positions in vicinity of WERVICQ, ZNADVOOFDE and TEMERIELEN. They caused an explosion at 4.45 p.m. at True bearing of 125 degrees from O.5.d.5.6. at about 4,060 yards distance.

Machine Guns. Our Vickers guns expended 10,000 rounds S.A.A. in maintaining harassing fire on the following targets during the night:-

BASSEVILLE FARM

PIN HOUSE

PIE FARM

O.6.d.7.1.

CIRCUS POINT

Road from P.2.c.5.7. to P.2.a.9.3.

Railway embankment from O.12.d.8.9. to P.7.c.4.2.

Road from P.7.a.5.4. to P.7.b.4.3.

Trench Mortars. Stokes mortars expended in all 70 rounds on the following targets:-

30 rounds harassing fire on LOCK 5., Canal and Embankment between LOCKS 5 and 6, and HOLLEBEKE CEMETERY U. Grounds. GALE COPSE and hostile M. Gun in vicinity were shelled by 30 rounds, and hostile M. Gun at P.1.c.10.45 by 10 rounds.

Snipers were active at early morning.

Aerial Activity. Our aircraft were very active during daylight - patrolled our own and the enemy's position, and on occasions flew low over the latter and fired on ground targets.

Patrols. Our Left Bn. sent out strong covering parties during Company relief. They have nothing unusual to report.

On Right Bn. front, 3 special patrols reconnoitred No Mans Land. They report - No Mans Land in vicinity of O.6.d.2.2. is very wet and muddy. Enemy very active with his flares. Much movement could be seen and sounds of work were heard in vicinity of LOCK 6.

Vicinity of O.6.d.2.2. was searched for enemy dead (whose enemy party were fired on previous night), but none could be found.

Two of the enemy were observed to evacuate O.6.d.4.4. (suspected Listening Post) on approach of patrol.

No hostile patrols were observed.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Nil.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Hostile shelling was again markedly quiet, both by day and night, and of a harassing nature. Shelling table for 24 hours as under:-

J.31.c. and d.	12	rounds	10 cm. H.E.
I.36. b. and c.	32	"	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.
Rear Areas Left Bn.	25	"	15 and 21 cm. H.E.
O.10.d. and 11.c.	42	"	7.7 H.E. from KORTENILDE.
P.1.a.	15	"	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.
O.5.c. and O.11.b.	30	"	7.7 cm. from HOUTHEN.
I.32. c. and d.	20	"	10 cm. H.E. COLINES
O.6.c.	15	"	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E. from WERVICQ.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Work. Patrols report working parties heard at LOCK 6. Between 2.40 a.m. and dawn enemy working party was observed driving in pegs about 200 yards E of post 1.0.6. (dispersed by Lewis Gunners.

Machine Guns. Were very active during the darker periods of the night, otherwise normal. M.Guns at CHALK FARM fired intermittently during the night.

Trench Mortars. Inactive for the greater part of the day and night. Shelling table for 24 hours:-

0.12.a. and 0.6.c.	27 rounds	L.T. mortar bombs	from LOCK 5.
0.11.d.	7 "	H.T. mortar	" "
0.6.b.	23 "	L.T. mortar	" " P.1.c.

HOSTILE AIRIAL ACTIVITY. One low flying plane patrolled our forward positions at 6.45 a.m./7.20 a.m. was driven off by our A.A.Guns.

Between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. five hostile planes patrolled their positions opposite us.

MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Transport. Sounds of transport in rear of enemy lines could be heard at night and early morning.

Trains.

8.30 a.m.	1 train	in C INES.
12.15 p.m.	1 train	moving N from HALLUIN.
1 p.m.	1 train	moving S from "
2.20 p.m.	1 train	" " S " "
5.20 p.m.	1 train	" " S " "
6.50 p.m.	1 train	" " N E " WERVICQ.

Dumps. A small ammunition dump is located at P.1.b.3.0.

Movement. At 10.35 a.m. five men with packs and rifles were observed to leave pillbox at P.7.a.55.70. and move to LOCK 5.

At 11 a.m. 3 parties of men, 15 in all, observed at pillboxes near 0.12.b.4.6. evidently observing points in our lines. (dispersed by artillery).

Two men with packs left P.13.b.40.65 and moved to LOCK 4.

Individual movement was observed on ZANIVOORDE Ridge, P.2.c. and d., 0.12.b.4.6. LOCK 5, P.2.c.7.1. Road in P.16.b. HOUBEBEKE MILL, P.2.d.60.35. P.14.b.40.65. and SUBURE VILLAS.

MISCELLANEOUS. From factories in vicinity of TIMFRIELEN, smoke was observed rising during the day.

Hostile balloons were observed at grid bearings of 108, 118 and 84 degrees from 0.5.c.75.20.

Battery flashes of 15 cm. Howitzer firing in direction of HILL 60, were observed on grid bearing of 106 degrees from 0.5.c.75.20.

Gun emplacements are suspected in P.7.a. and b. and at true bearings of 145 and 135 degrees from 0.5.b.5.7. at distances of 6,000 and 4,500 (approx.) yards respectively.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. During the night he showed increased nervousness and was very alert. Since the increased activity of our field guns, most of the individual movement is observed to be done at the double.

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No. 2.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARYFrom 6 a.m. 20.4.13 to 6 a.m. 21.4.13.Brigade Headquarters,
21st April 1913.OPERATIONS.

Our Left Bn. established a new post at X.15.b.6.5, also a Lewis gun position at X.15.b.70.65. A Listening Post was pushed forward to X.15.b.5.5.

Artillery. Our Artillery was active throughout the day on enemy forward areas. Direct hits were observed on several farm houses which could not be definitely located on account of mist.

Patrols. In addition to usual liaison patrols fighting patrols were operating throughout the night for the purpose of obtaining identifications. No enemy movement was seen. At X.15.c.3.0 a shoulder strap bearing number 268 was taken from a dead German, also an anti-aircraft sight for 4. Gun.

Snipers. Our snipers engaged all targets which presented themselves, five hits are claimed.

Aerial Activity. Our machines were active throughout the day, continually crossing the line into enemy territory. On all occasions they were engaged by anti-aircraft and machine guns.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS. Nil.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy Artillery was active over the 24 hours under review, the majority of which was harassing fire on cross-roads and centres of activity.

X.1.	50 rounds	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E. and Sharp.
CAESTRE	10 "	24 cm. from S S E.
COURTE CROIS (W.12.b.)	50 "	7.7 cm.
Le COQ de PAILLE (R.31)	30 "	10 cm.
FONTAINE HOUCK (X.3.c. and d.)	135 rds.	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E. shrap & gas.
THIESHOUK	30 rounds	10 cm. H.E.
X.7. and 8. c.	40 "	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E. and Shrap.
R.32.	100 "	10 cm. H.E.
Front Line and Support Posts (X.9)	50 "	10 and 7.7 cm. H.E. and Gas.
FELS AYMON (X.4.c.)	70 "	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E. shrap and Gas
		from BAILLEUL and METEREN.
Support Posts (X.14. a & c)	100 rds.	7.7 cm. H.E.
Front Line posts	30 rounds	7.7 H.E.
Right Coy. (X.20.)		
X.13.	40 rounds	7.7 cm. H.E.

Intermittent and scattered shelling of roads forward of FLETRE occurred during the 24 hours.

ENEMY ACTIVITY. Quiet but alert.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Work. The enemy is working at several points on his forward lines. New work is very conspicuous at X.15.b.0.1.

Machine Guns. Machine guns were quiet by day and only slight activity is reported by night, when the greater part of the fire came from houses on the outskirts of METEREN. One located firing from X.15.b.9.0.

Trench Mortars. At 9 a.m. a trench mortar was located firing from base of chimney at X.15.d.1.9. on to our post at X.15.a.65.60., otherwise very little activity was reported.

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HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Hostile aircraft were active both by day and night. On several occasions our forward areas were patrolled by low-flying machines. At 10.30 p.m. bombs were dropped in X.7.a.

MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY'S LINES. House at X.15.b.5.1. is used as an O.P. A man could be seen observing from this place and was hit by one of our snipers. House at X.15.c.75.90. appears to be a Headquarters. Messengers have been seen approaching it, two of which were sniped.

MISCELLANEOUS. When enemy shells fell short in his lines in vicinity of X.15. Central, green flares (single) were fired, and firing immediately ceased.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 3.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 21.4.18. to 6 a.m. 22.4.18.

Brigade Headquarters,
22nd April 1918.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our artillery was active throughout the 24 hours engaging all targets in enemy territory, also firing on centres of activity. Counter preparation shoots were carried out between 4 and 5.30 a.m. on morning of 21st instant.

French Mortars. Between 11.30 p.m. and midnight 10 rounds were fired by our L.T.Ms. on M.Gun at X.15.d.6.8. which was effectively silenced. 10 rounds were also fired on suspected position at X.15.d.4.4. 10 rounds on to suspected O.P. in house at X.15.d.15.80. Direct hits were obtained. 60 rounds were expended on house in vicinity of X.15.a.5.0. Men were seen to leave the house and were engaged by M.Guns inflicting casualties.

Machine Guns. Our machine guns engaged several targets in enemy lines and some casualties were observed. Enemy aircraft were also heavily engaged on all occasions.

Snipers. Our snipers were active throughout the day and engaged all movement within range; 15 casualties are claimed.

Aerial Activity. Aircraft were active at intervals during the day and were heavily engaged by enemy anti-aircraft guns on nearing front line. Between 4 and 5 p.m. two machines fell in enemy lines S of METEREN, nationality doubtful. At 6.30 a.m. 31 machines crossed into enemy territory.

Patrols. In addition to the liaison patrols between our own flanking Units, fighting patrols operated across our front for the purpose of obtaining identifications. Touch was not gained with the enemy although our patrols were engaged on several occasions by snipers and machine guns.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS.

Reliefs. At dusk men wearing packs passed S over cross-roads at X.15.a.55.05. These men indicate a relief on sector.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was normally active throughout the 24 hours; some concentrated shoots were carried out on battery positions, otherwise it was chiefly harassing fire over our forward areas.

Shelling table for 24 hours:-

X.4.	200	rounds	7.7 10 and 15 cm. H.E. and Shrap.
X.9., 10, and 5.	220	"	7.7, 10 and 15 cm. H.E. and Shrap.
Road X.3.b. and c.	20	"	10 cm. H.E.
X.3.a. and b.	95	"	7.7, 10 and 15 cm. Gas and Shrap.
X.14.	75	"	7.7 cm. H.E.
X.13.a. abd b.	40	"	7.7, 10 and 15 cm. H.E.
R.25.d.	95	"	10 cm. H.E.
X.1.a. and c.	36	"	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.
W.6., W.11. and W.12.	125	"	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.
X.10.a. b abd c.) and X.9.d.)	100	"	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E. Shrap and gas.
R.31.c. and a.	115	"	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.
Q.36.Central	20	"	10 cm. H.E.
Outposts W.15.b.	120	"	Pineapple bombs.
Outposts X.10.c.	50	"	Pineapple bombs.

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ENEMY ATTITUDE. Harassing and alert and is doing considerable amount of digging on his forward defences.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Work. Two new posts have been located at X.20.b.2.1. and X.20.b.30.25. Enemy also has posts from X.15.c.65.55 to X.15.d.1.0.

Machine Guns. Enemy machine guns kept roads in our forward area under fire throughout the night. They also engaged our aeroplanes on all occasions. Machine Guns are suspected at:-

- X.20.b.95.40; X.20.b.7.2.; X.15.b.9.1.; X.15.b.1.5. and X.15.d.7.8.

Trench Mortars. Light minenwerfer fire on left Coy. of Right En. during the afternoon. Trench mortar was located at X.15.c.85.25. Our 18-pdrs. were informed and on the first shoot 2 men were seen to leave this position.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy machines flew over our forward and rear areas continually throughout the day; on several occasions they fired on our Guns and small movement, and also dropped light bombs, thought to be grenade and werfer bombs. Following one enemy air reconnaissance, a heavy concentrated shoot was put down on square R.31.a. in vicinity of battery positions.

MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

Movement. three men seen standing in posts at X.17.a.30.85. A party of the enemy was seen at midnight at X.15.b.2.3. and was dispersed by M.G. fire. Movement also seen at X.15.a.4.1. and X.15.a.5.0. At 5.40 p.m. a vehicle was seen on road in X.15.c. At 6.20 p.m. horse ambulance observed at cross road at X.17.c.7.2. Enemy working party seen at X.15.b.1.3. and at 15.a.7.3. during the night. They were dispersed by M.G. fire.

Arms and Equipment. Two enemy M.Gs. found in No Mans Land at about X.21.a.1.9.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 4.30 p.m. fires observed burning in METEREN. At 5 p.m. dense cloud of black smoke was observed. 150 degrees Grid bearing from R.31.c.7.2. At 6.50 p.m. fire in OOUTERSTEENE burning till 8.30 p.m. fire started by our artillery S of BAILLEUL burnt till 4.30 a.m. 7.5. p.m. gun flashes observed at Grid bearing of 164 degrees from R.31.c.7.2. Enemy observation balloons were observed at the following grid bearings from R.31.c.7.2.:- 120 degrees, 130 deg., 163 deg., 157 deg., 138 deg., 158 deg., 152 deg.

Enemy O.P. suspected in house at X.15.b.50.15. Enemy H.Qrs. suspected at X.15.c.75.80. Enemy Light trench mortar located at X.15.c.65.00.

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X.20.b.2.1.	10	10	10
X.20.b.30.25	10	10	10
X.15.c.65.55	10	10	10
X.15.d.1.0	10	10	10
X.20.b.95.40	10	10	10
X.20.b.7.2.	10	10	10
X.15.b.9.1.	10	10	10
X.15.b.1.5.	10	10	10
X.15.d.7.8.	10	10	10
X.17.a.30.85	10	10	10
X.15.b.2.3.	10	10	10
X.15.a.4.1.	10	10	10
X.15.a.5.0.	10	10	10
X.15.c.	10	10	10
X.17.c.7.2.	10	10	10
X.15.b.1.3.	10	10	10
15.a.7.3.	10	10	10
X.21.a.1.9.	10	10	10
METEREN	10	10	10
R.31.c.7.2.	10	10	10
OOUTERSTEENE	10	10	10
BAILLEUL	10	10	10
R.31.c.7.2.	10	10	10
X.15.b.50.15.	10	10	10
X.15.c.75.80.	10	10	10
X.15.c.65.00.	10	10	10

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 6 a.m. 22.4.18 to 6 a.m. 23.4.18.

Brigade Headquarters,
3rd April 1918.OPERATIONS. Included in Annexe.ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.Hostile Activity - Infantry. Indirect fire from hostile H.Guns was very active throughout the night; otherwise he was very quiet.Hostile Activity - Artillery.(1) Trench System. - The chief characteristics of the enemy shelling for the 24 hours was of a harassing nature, roads and hedges being intermittently searched. Shelling table as under:-

X.9.a. and c.	70 rounds	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.
X.19 and 13.	55 "	7.7 cm. H.E.
X.3.c.	60 "	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.
X.2.d.	30 "	7.7 cm. H.E.
X.8.b. c. and d.	280 "	Chiefly 7.7 cm. H.E.

(2) Concentrations. Farms in vicinity of X.1.b., X.2.c. and X.2.d. and X.9.a. were shelled in the course of the day. No damage reported.(3) Gas Shelling. Nil.(4) Back Area Shoots. Only light and scattered shelling is reported. Shelling table as under:-

W.6.c. and d.	45 rounds	7.7 cm. H.E.
R.25.a.	10 "	15 cm. H.E.
R.31. b. c. and d.	35 "	10 cm. H.E.
X.1.b.	30 "	10 cm. H.E.
FLETRE	30 "	10 cm. H.E.
X.2.	55 "	chiefly 10 cm. H.E.

(5) Shelling of O.Ps. Nil.Hostile Activity - Trench Mortars:

Between 2.30 a.m. and 3 a.m. about 50 light minenwerfer bombs fell in the Right Battalion forward system.

Hostile Activity - Aerial.

Enemy aeroplanes continued to be active and at dawn reconnoitred our front unchallenged. On occasions they fired on our troops with their H.Gs. and on one occasion two light bombs were dropped doing no damage. At 10 a.m. an enemy plane was driven down by our H.Gun fire and landed in R.32.a. The pilot was wounded and the plane only slightly damaged.

Working Parties. Nil.Movement. Generally very quiet. Troops could be observed in houses at X.29.b. apparently in billets. A party of the enemy moving down road X.15.d.9.9. was dispersed by our rifle fire.Defences. Nil.Miscellaneous. During the bombardment on our left numerous single green and double red flares were fired; but no enemy action was observed to follow opposite our front.

At 7.30 p.m. a fire was observed in Western outskirts of FLETRE. A house in OOUTERSTELNE was observed burning from 12.20 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

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ANNEXE to INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 4.

Brigade Headquarters,
23rd April 1918.

OPERATIONS. Commencing

Infantry. Commencing at 1 a.m. our two line Battalions carried out minor operations, in the course of which we captured 1 Officer and 29 other ranks and 4 machine guns.

Prisoners belong to -

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| 267th R.I.R. | 11 other ranks. |
| 269th R.I.R. | 5 " |
| 94th I.R. | 1 Officer and 3 other ranks. |

Our line now runs :-

X.20.a.95.00 - X.20.b.3.1. - X.20.b.60.25 - X.20.b.95.60 -
 X.15.c.2.1. - X.15.c.1.3. - X.15.c.2.7. - X.15.c.65.95 - X.15.c.8.2. -
 X.15.a.6.3. - X.15.a.6.6. - X.15.a.9.6. - X.15.b.30.55. - X.15.b.5.3. -
 X.15.b.80.25. - X.16.a.0.4. - X.16.a.3.4. - X.16.a.4.3. - X.16.b.00.25. -
 X.16.b.7.5. - X.16.b.3.4. - X.17.a.1.7. - X.11.c.3.2. - X.11.c.5.9.

The Left Battalion established their line without opposition. All the prisoners were captured on the right En. Front.

Order of battle from North to South appears to be -

- 94th I.R.
- 267th R.I.R.
- 269th R.I.R.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 23.4.18 to 6 a.m. 24.4.18.

Brigade Headquarters,
24th April 1918.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

I. Infantry. The 2nd phase of the capture of METHEREN was commenced at 12 midnight. At 2.35 a.m. the Right Bn. reported having gained their objective. The Left Bn. moved forward towards the 2nd phase line, but met with strong opposition from the farm house at X.16.d.7.9, which was strongly garrisoned and contained many M.Guns. The moppers up met with exceptionally strong opposition at the points at which they were to enter the town; after heavy fighting in which they reached the outskirts of the town, they were forced to retire. Fighting was carried on, until daylight rendered further fighting impossible. Our line is now established as follows:-
X.15.d.0.3. - X.21.a.0.4. - X.21.a.6.9. - X.15.c.6.3. - X.15.c.4.3. -
X.15.a.65.40. - X.15.a.85.55. - X.15.b.0.6. - X.15.b.55.50. - X.16.a.0.4. -
X.16.c.8.9. - X.16.d.0.9. - X.17.a.0.4. - X.17.a.3.8. -
X.17.a.50.95.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

I. HOSTILE ACTIVITY. - (a) Infantry.

Throughout the period the enemy has shown a very aggressive attitude and repeated attempts were made during the day to recapture Right Bn. posts N of the main FLETRE-METHEREN Road by attempting to crawl along ditches on N side of road, all of which were repulsed. At 9 p.m. two attempts were also made to push back our forward posts of Right Coy. Right Bn. The enemy attacked in two waves, bombers first and riflemen second, but on each occasion he was dispersed by our rifle and Lewis gun fire before reaching our positions.

(b) Artillery. (1) Trench System.

Shelling of posts and roads in our forward system has showed a marked increase. Posts in O.15.a. and c. were intermittently shelled by bursts from 7.7 cm. battery. Cross Roads at X.13.b.6.0. and X.13.b. and d. were heavily shelled at intervals by a 10 cm. battery, on a sound bearing of 145 degrees Grid from X.14.a.4.1. Our posts in X.15. received the greatest attention, in all 210 rounds of 7.7 and 10 cm. being fired at intervals in light and heavy concentrations. Squares X.4, X.10 and X.9.a. and d. were also shelled in similar manner.

(2) Concentrations on Billeting Areas.

Short bursts of fire from 7.7 and 10 cm. batteries were directed on to our billets in X.13.Central and X.8.c. and d.

(3) Gas Shelling. Nil.

(c) Trench Mortars.

Hostile trench mortars also showed increased activity and shelled our posts in X.15.a. and b. with 140 light and medium minenwerfer bombs; X.16.a. with 50 rounds, X.10.c. and d. with 30 rounds. Light minenwerfer in vicinity of ch imvey at X.15.d.1.8. is suspected of having again been active. Two heavy minenwerfer bombs were also fired on X.15.a. from direction of X.15.d.

(4) Aerial.

Several enemy planes were over our areas, chiefly during the morning, and one low-flying plane is reported which used its M.Gun on our troops

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II. WORKING PARTIES.

Back Areas. Enemy could be observed digging but was too far away to definitely locate.

III. MOVEMENT. Nil.

IV. DEFENCES. A nest of Machine Guns is located in farm at X.16.d.7.9. Other Machine guns have been located at X.15.c.2.9., X.15.d.1.8., (3 guns) and X.15.d.65.15. His M.Guns are cleverly placed and well manned.

V. MISCELLANEOUS. When our Stokes mortars opened fire the enemy was observed to fire one light red flare, which was immediately answered by 7.7 guns firing on our forward positions. In answer to one green flare and single flare bursting into two reds, enemy batteries shelled our outpost system. During our attack the enemy fired double green flares and single and double reds.

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(a) Hostile Activity. - Throughout the period the enemy has shown a very active attitude and repeated attempts were made during the day to re-occupy the main WILKINSON ROAD by attempting to cross on the side of road, all of which were repulsed. The enemy were also made to push back our forward posts. The enemy attacked in the usual manner, but on each occasion he was dispersed and failed to reach our positions.

(b) Artillery. (1) French System. Shelling of posts and trench in our forward system has ceased. Posts in X.15.a. and X.15.b. were intensively shelled by mortar from V.V. and battery. Green House at X.15.c.0.0. and X.15.d.0.0. were heavily shelled as indicated by a 10 cm. mortar. Our posts in X.15.b. and X.15.c. were heavily shelled as indicated by 100 pound and 150 pound mortar. In all 150 pounds of V.V. and 10 cm. mortar were expended in light and heavy concentrations. The enemy also shelled in similar manner. (2) Concentration of Artillery. Concentration of five from V.V. and 10 cm. batteries were directed on our position in X.15.central and X.15.a. and b. (3) Gas Shelling. Hostile mortar. Hostile mortar also showed increased activity and shelled our posts in X.15.a. and b. with 100 pound and 150 pound mortar. Light concentration in vicinity of X.15.d.1.8. is suggested of having again been active. Two heavy mortar posts were also shelled on X.15.a. from direction of X.15.d.1.8. Several enemy planes were over our area, chiefly during the morning, and one low-flying plane is reported which used the M.Gun on our troops.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 24.4.18 to 6 a.m. 25.4.18.

Brigade Headquarters,
25th April 1918.A. OPERATIONS.

1. Infantry. The Brigade frontage was actively patrolled throughout the night. Enemy posts and M.Guns were located as follow:-
M.Gun at X.16.d.3.9.; post from X.16.a.5.1. to X.16.c.5.9.; sniper at X.15.b.7.2.; M.Guns at X.16.b.3.1. and X.16.d.3.9. and X.15.c.75.90; house at X.15.c.75.80 is occupied.

Owing to the brightness of the night patrols were unable to penetrate to any great depth.

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars. During the 24 hours under review our Artillery was active, firing against enemy forward defences. METEREN was heavily shelled. Between 6. and 7.30 p.m. three fires were started by incendiary shells in METEREN; these burned all night. At 3 p.m. medium trench mortars fired 22 rounds on to house at X.21.a.5.9. Several direct hits were obtained and later six stretcher cases were taken away by the enemy under cover of red cross flag. A Light Trench Mortar fired 20 rounds on to M.Gun position at X.21.a.50.05, and at 3.30 a.m. 15 rounds on to house at X.15.d.7.9. and 15 rounds on to Cross Roads at X.15.d.8.7. Total ammunition expended by Light Trench Mortars 50 rounds.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.1. HOSTILE ACTIVITY.

(a) Infantry. Enemy Snipers were very active during the day firing on the slightest movement in the forward area. By night M.Gun fire was very active over the forward area.

(b) Artillery. (1) Trench System.

Our forward system received attention throughout the day from 7.7 and 10 cm. guns. From 4 p.m. to 10.45 p.m. light barrages were put down at intervals over our forward system. From 9.15 to 9.45 p.m. heavy barrage opened on the right Brigade front. Our Right Battalion received a little of this barrage, the boundary of which appeared to be the COURTE CROIX-METEREN Road.

(2) Counter Battery Work.

From 2 to 2.30 p.m. a concentrated shoot by 10 and 15 cm. Hows. was put down on R.31.c. From 2.30 to 4 p.m. 10 cm. gun fire on R.31.a.; from 8 to 8.40 p.m. R.31.a. was again shelled with 15 cm. H.E.

(3) Concentrations.

Light concentration shoots were carried out on various farm houses and cross roads in our area, no serious damage being done.

(4) Gas Shelling. From 2.30 a.m. to 4.30 a.m.

FLETRE and vicinity received gas concentration, chiefly mustard gas. Throughout the night gas shells were thrown at random over the whole of our Sector.

(c) Trench Mortars. The following areas were shelled by Light and Medium Trench Mortars during the period:-
X.10.c. 120 rounds; X.15.a. and b. 38 rounds.

One enemy trench mortar shelling X.10.c. was located at X.15.b.5.1.

(d) Aerial. His aerial activity was much less than on previous two or three days, only six machines were reported over our sector. At 1.30 a.m. several bombs were dropped on FLETRE.

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II. WORKING PARTIES.

A working party was observed at X.15.c.8.2. and was dispersed by Lewis gun fire.

III. MOVEMENT. No enemy movement was observed on account of heavy mist.

IV. DEFENCES. The enemy is occupying hedge line. from X.15.c.9.2. to X.15.c.6.9. also from X.15.a.65.00 to X.15.b.30.15 to X.15.b.5.1.

An enemy post is located between houses at X.15.a.4.1. and X.16.c.50.95.

V. IDENTIFICATIONS. Documents were taken from a dead German found at X.15.b.3.2. He belonged to 1st M. Gun Company, 1st Battalion, 96th I.R. He did not appear to have been dead more than 48 hours.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 6 a.m. 25.4.13 to 6 a.m. 26.4.13.

Brigade Headquarters,
26th April 1913.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

1. Infantry. The Brigade frontage was actively patrolled throughout the night. Much enemy movement was noticed, and it is suspected that a relief took place opposite our Left Bn. A small party of the enemy was observed at X.16.a.2.4, and was dispersed by rifle grenades and Lewis gun fire. Movement was seen at intervals during the night to and from farmhouse at X.16.d.7.9. (during the day this farm was set on fire by our artillery)

2. Trench Mortars. Our Light trench mortars fired 40 rounds on to Chateau at X.15.c.75.30. Medium T. s. fired 15 rounds on to factory in X.15.d.1.3. Very good shooting is reported.

3. Snipers and Lewis Gunners. Fired on enemy movement throughout the night and five casualties are claimed by the former. Also enemy M. Gun firing from X.16.b.7.5. was silenced by our rifle grenadiers.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

1. HOSTILE ACTIVITY.

(a) Infantry. Very alert but quiet with his M. Guns, probably owing to presence of our gas in METEREN and to suspected relief being in progress opposite our Left Bn.; but movement on our side would always draw artillery and M. Gun fire. Further signs of consolidating the enemy's lines were observed.

(b) Artillery. (1) Trench Systems. The enemy carried out harassing shoots by day on our positions in X.10.a. b. and c., X.9.a. and b., X.16.a., X.14.b. c. and e., X.20.b. X.7.1. and c., chiefly with 10 and 15 cm. shells. He was much quieter by night. Apparent registration was carried out on positions in X.15.b. at 11.30 a.m.; on Trench mortars in X.10.c. from 3.45 p.m. to 4.50 p.m. with shrapnel; and on our posts in X.17.a. at 5.30 p.m. No damage was done.

(2) Counter-Battery Work. Trench mortars at X.10.c. were subjected to bursts of fire between 5.30 a.m. and 7.30 a.m. and from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

(3) Concentration. Company H. was in X.10.c. was shelled by 10 cm. guns from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 a.m. No damage reported. Shells in X.8.a. and b. were shelled by 80 rounds 7.7 cm. between 2.30 a.m. and 4.30 a.m., and X.13. by 60 rounds 10 cm. at 9.15 p.m.

(4) Gas Shelling. Nil.

(5) Mask Areas. Throughout the 24 hours FLETCHER was shelled by 125 rounds various calibre guns. Cross Roads in X.1.a. were also subjected to intermittent bursts of fire from 1 and 15 cm. guns.

(c) Trench Mortars. 6 rounds of light T. s. bombs fell in X.15.c. at 2.40 p.m.; 50 rounds L.T.M. in X.16.a. and 12 rounds of H.T.M. in X.10.c.

(d) Aerial. The enemy flew over our positions on several occasions during daylight.

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II. WORKING PARTIES. Working parties could be heard in rear of enemy's lines, but could not be located.

III. MOVEMENT. Movement during enemy relief was plainly observed and trench at X.16.c.3.5. was much used. Movement was observed in workshops South of factory (X.15.c.) and in other parts of METERLIN.

IV. DEFENCES. Opposite the light n. the enemy appears to be holding a line of posts from X.20.a.1.1. to X.20.a.50.65. to X.15.c.35.10 thence along hedge X.15.c.9.2. to X.15.c.7.3. Machine guns were reported at points along this line, but could not be definitely located as they appeared to be continually changing their positions. Enemy is occupying house at X.16.a.00.55. Enemy posts have been located at X.16.c.3.5., X.16.c.3.2., X.16.a.4.1. (1 M. Gun and house occupied), X.16.c.5.8., X.16.c.7.9. (1 M. Gun), X.16.c.1.9., X.16.d.3.9. (1 M. Gun) X.16.b.3.3. (1 M. Gun) X.16.b.5.2., X.15.b.3.4., M. Gun at X.16.b.3.5. Hedge at X.15.b.8.4. to X.16.a.3.5. appears to be heavily wired. It is evident that Chateau at X.15.c.7.9. contains a large number of M. Guns. Hedge from X.15.c.7.3. to X.15.c.9.2. is strongly entrenched and wired, and strongly held with M. Guns. M. Guns were also located in long barn at X.15.d.73.92. Other M. Guns have been located at buildings at X.15.d.1.3., X.15.c.9.9, and in three trees from X.15.b.6.1. to X.15.b.6.5.

V. MISCELLANEOUS. One red flare appears to be the enemy's signal for lengthen range. A flash of 21 cm. How. was observed at Grid bearing of 151 Degrees from R.31.c.7.2. firing on MONT NOIR between 6 and 8 p.m.

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VI. IDENTIFICATIONS. At 3.30 a.m./an Officer belonging to 7th Coy, 2nd Bn. 62nd Inf. Regt. 12th Division, strayed into our line in X.20.b. He states he was reconnoitering and lost his way.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 26.4.18. to 6 a.m. 27.4.18.

Brigade Headquarters,
27th April 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. METEREN was heavily shelled throughout the day and night. Chateau at X.15.c.7.8. was fired on by our 4.5 Hows. and good shooting was observed. About 20 of the enemy were observed to leave this target when shelling commenced. Enemy roads and tracks were subjected to intermittent bursts of fire from our field batteries.

Trench Mortars. Our Stokes mortars engaged the following targets:-

House and enemy post at X.20.d.25.80 (house set on fire and enemy M. Gun silenced); 15 rounds were fired on to road junction at X.20.b.6.2. and enemy working party was dispersed; hostile M. Gun positions in Chateau at X.15.c.7.8. were subjected to 58 rounds of harassing fire since when no enemy M. Guns have been observed to fire from this position; 40 rounds were expended on enemy M. Gun positions at X.15.d.6.8. and X.15.c.7.8. which drew retaliation from enemy medium and light minenwerfer. Total ammunition expended 143 rounds.

Lewis Guns and Snipers fired on enemy movement whenever opportunities occurred.

Aerial Activity. Adverse weather conditions probably account for the little flying reported over our Sector.

Patrols. Six patrols reconnoitred the front of our Right Bn. and maintained communication with flanking Units. They report the enemy fairly quiet and M. Gun activity less than previous night. On a few occasions numerous flares were fired. Wiring of his front line posts is in progress.

Our Left Bn. despatched eight patrols which reconnoitred the Battalion frontage, and they report:-

At several points opposite our front enemy working parties could be heard wiring and digging. At times our patrols were engaged by enemy M. Gun fire, but this was less than usual. A little individual movement was observed in METEREN. No Mans Land is in good condition but does not afford much cover.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Documents taken from a decomposed body at X.15.c.7.3. showed that he belonged to No. 3 Company, 1st Bn. 167th Inf. Regt. but the man had probably been dead about a fortnight.

ENEMY'S ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS. Nil.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy shelling was considerably less than on previous days, although light harassing fire was carried out on the forward area throughout the 24 hours.

Shelling table for 24 hours:-

X.14.a. and b.	200 rounds	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.
X.14.c. and d.	100	chiefly 7.7 cm. H.E.
X.9.a.	35	10 cm. H.E.
X.8. Central	30	10 cm. H.E.
X.15.a., b. and c.	65	chiefly 10 cm. H.E.
X.13.b., c and d.	150	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.
X.19.	75	10 cm. H.E.
X.20.a., and b.	35	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.
W.18.b.	70	7.7 and 15 cm. H.E.
X.10.	320	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E. and few 15 cm.
X.16.a. and b.	200	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.
X.4.c.	80	10 and 15 cm. H.E.
X.3.a. and c.	25	10 cm. H.E.
FLETRE	70	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.
X.1.a. and b.	65	7.7 cm. H.E.
R.31.c.	40	7.7 cm. H.E.

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ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Enemy is working hard on his trench systems. He appears to be making a continuous front line with specially selected places as strong points.

ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

Work. Enemy is working hard along the hedge from X.15.c.7.3. to X.15.c.9.2. and it is now well wired. New work was located at X.15.b.8.2., X.15.b.3.1., X.16.b.90.35 and X.15.b.7.0. also trench from X.15.d.4.2. to X.21.b.2.8.

Machine Guns. Enemy is not using indirect fire, but a large number of M.Guns are kept in his forward positions, which continually sweep our Outpost line and roads in the forward area. Two were located at X.16.b.3.2. and X.16.b.3.5. (Previously reported).

Snipers. Much quieter than usual and movement was not always fired on. Two were located at X.15.b.5.1. and X.17.a.20.55.

Trench Mortars. Less active than usual. On one occasion they retaliated to our Light T.M. fire.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Hostile aircraft were less active than usual, only nine machines being reported over our Sector. None of them were at a greater altitude than 3,000 feet.

MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES. House at X.15.b.85.15 is occupied.

ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. Nil.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 2.20 p.m. dense cloud of smoke rising from vicinity of OOSTERSTEENE. At 2.30 p.m. flash of H.V. gun observed at Grid bearing of 148 degrees from R.31.c.7.2. Gun flashes were also observed at a Grid bearing of 148 degrees from R.31.c.7.2.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARYFrom 6 a.m. 27.4.18 to 6 a.m. 28.4.18.Brigade Headquarters,
23th April 1918.OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. All Field batteries were actively engaged throughout the 24 hours in shelling the enemy's forward positions and approaches. Excellent shooting by our 4.5 Hows. was again observed on Chateau at X.15.c.7.8. where five direct hits were obtained. Entrenched hedge running from this position was also accurately shelled, and men were observed to leave and take cover in hedge in rear, from which they were again dispersed. Farm house at X.16.d.7.9. was also shelled and good shooting is reported.

Trench Mortars. Our Stokes Mortars carried out three harassing shoots during the night; the first at midnight, the second at 1 a.m. and third at 2.30 a.m.

On the Right Sector two guns fired 130 rounds on occupied houses and barricade on the main FLETRE-METEREN Road from X.15.c.8.9. to X.15.d.2.8. Two guns fired 200 rounds on trench system at X.20.b.6.2. to house at X.20.d.40.75. Opposite the left Sector two guns carried out harassing fire, expending 180 rounds on trench system from X.16.c.1.8. to X.16.a.5.0; and suspected M.Gun positions in METEREN. Two other guns fired 203 rounds of harassing fire on trench systems from X.16.b.3.2. to X.17.a.0.5., on house at X.16.d.7.9., at Cross roads at X.17.a.5.0. The enemy did not retaliate.

In all 718 rounds of ammunition were expended.

Our 6" mortars expended 55 rounds on enemy positions at X.15.b.5.0. to X.15.d.8.9. several direct hits were obtained.

Vickers Machine Guns. 1,000 rounds of S.A.A. were expended on hostile aircraft during the early part of the evening.

Activity. Towards evening one of our aeroplanes patrolled our sector for a short time.

Patrols. Six patrols operated on front of our Right Bn. They report:-

Enemy very quiet, and only on one occasion were numerous flares fired. M.Gun activity was much less than usual. A hostile working party was observed in wood at X.15.b.4.2.

Our left Bn. front was reconnoitred by several patrols. They report:-

Hostile M.Guns fired occasional bursts at our patrols, but were generally very quiet. No enemy movement or working parties were observed.

Snipers. Ten hits are claimed by our snipers. Two men were killed as the bodies were visible until recovered by the enemy under cover of the Red Cross flag.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

ENEMY'S ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS. Nil.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy field guns were active during the 24 hours carrying our harassing fire on the forward area. A few destructive shoots were carried out on farm houses and cross roads between the support and front line.

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Shelling table for 24 hours:-

X.14.b. and d.	260 rounds	chiefly 10 cm. H.E. a few 7.7 cm.
X.15.a.	60	10 cm. H.E.
X.16.a. and b.	155	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.
X.19. and 20.	80	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.
X.10.	100	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.
X.9.c. and d.	120	chiefly 7.7 cm. and few 10 C.H. H.E.
X.4.c.	20	10 cm. H.E.
X.11.b.	25	7.7 cm. H.E.
R.32.d.	40	15 cm. H.E.
R.33.c. and d.	55	15 cm. H.E.
X.14.a. and c.	170	7.7 and 10 cm. H.E.
X.13.d.	45	10 cm. H.E.
X.7.d. and X.8.	55	10 cm. H.E.
W.17. and 18	50	10 cm. H.E.
FLETRE	166	10 and 15 cm. H.E.

In addition a destructive barrage by 7.7 and 10 cm. shells was put over X.10.c. and b. between 5.45 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Enemy was quieter than usual but maintained his alertness; since the suspected relief opposite the left Bn. a noticeable decrease in the amount of work done is reported.

ENEMY DEFENCES. A working party was located at X.15.b.4.2. and was dispersed by M.Gun fire. Enemy posts were located by patrols at X.15.b.4.2., X.15.b.3.1.; X.15.c.95.95.; X.15.a.8.0. and X.15.c.25.70. Enemy is not making any attempt to wire the forward system.

Machine Guns. Less active than usual. Three were located by patrols at X.16.b.3.2., X.16.b.7.5. and X.16.d.3.9. Two others located at X.17.a.30.55. and X.17.a.3.4.

Trench Mortars. Enemy T.Ms. were quieter than usual, and did not retaliate to our T.M. activity during the night.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Until evening no enemy machines were observed. Enemy planes then crossed our line on three occasions, and used M.Guns on our posts. During the night enemy planes are reported to have dropped light bombs in vicinity of his forward posts.

MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES. Individual movement was observed during the day on a track running N.W. to S.E. across fields in X.22.d.

ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. A large number of enemy 7.7 cm. shells were defective. There were numerous duds and others ricocheted.

MISCELLANEOUS. Flares. Double red flares appear to be the enemy's signal for lengthen range. 2.55 p.m. gun flashes were observed at Grid bearings of 148 degrees 35 minutes and 148 degrees 15 minutes from R.31.c.7.2.

Two fires were observed during the night in rear of enemy's lines.

About 9 p.m. houses in FLETRE were set on fire by enemy shelling; later another part of the village was set on fire and both burned until daylight.

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	1.4.18.		<p>F.G.C.M. held to-day. President MAJOR C.F.S.ROSS M.C., 9th Bn. tried 12 cases.</p> <p>Brigade Dump of surplus kits, valises etc. established at DEZON Camp, was moved under Divisional arrangements to White Chateau Farm 57, main road between WALLON CAPPEL - EBBLINGHEM. Brigade Guard of 2 N.C.Os. and 6 men has been put in charge. Division will arrange rations for this guard.</p> <p>Brigade Concert Party closed down temporarily and stores have been sent to Brigade Dump. Personnel now standing by at Brigade H.Qrs. Rear. Brigade School is carrying on, with practically no apparatus, excepting dummy cartridges.</p> <p>Divisional Order No. 558 orders 3rd M.G.Coy. to come under 1st A.M.G.Bn. for administration, as from midnight 31.3.18 - 1.4.18.</p> <p>Considerable amount of clerical work now in hand - squaring up trench store lists and Reserve Iron Rations.</p> <p>Lieut. E.E.TERRY M.M., 12th Battalion, attached to Brigade H.Qrs. as Bde. Bombing Officer.</p>	
	2.4.18.		<p>11th Bn. Raid declared off. Orders issued for return to D.A.D.O.S. of Ordnance Stores. Brigade Canteen closed - profit 2423 francs on working capital of 8500 francs. No orders yet received for relief (9 p.m.) - now received 11 p.m.</p>	
	3.4.18.		<p>Brigade relieved from the line by 2 weak Brigades from the SOMME.Battle (26th and 27th Brigades, 9th Division). Battalions come out from line on Light Railway to KILMARNOCK SIDING. Brigade H.Qrs. in LA CLYTTE. Units of Brigade in Camps near by.</p>	
	4.4.18.		<p>Brigade embuses at SCHERPENBERG. At 9 a.m. 11th and 12th Battalions leave and remainder at 2.30 p.m. Brigade H.Qrs. in CAESTRE. Units billeted in CAESTRE Area. Brigade Transport moves to CAESTRE Area by road. Following Units attached to Brigade to form Brigade Group for move:- 3rd Field Coy, Engrs.; No. 4 Coy, Div. Train; 1st Aust. M.G.Bn. H.Qrs.; Mobile Vet. Sect; H.Qrs. 1st Aust. Div. Wing Rein. Camp; $\frac{1}{2}$ S.A.A. Sect. 1st D.A.C.; 3rd Field Ambulance; 21st M.G.Coy., Cable Section Div. Signal Coy; No. 2 Sanitary Section; H.Qrs. Div. Train. All these Units billeted in CAESTRE Area.</p>	

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	6.4.18.		Brigade Group entrains for SOMME. First Train leaving CAESTRE at 2.45 p.m. with H.Qrs. and details. Trains at 3 hours intervals. Capt. R.R.AGNEW, Entraining Officer. Last train leaves CAESTRE 2.30 p.m. (on 6.4.18.).	
	6.4.18.		<p>First Train arrives at St.ROCH, AMIENS, at 3.30 a.m. Major C.RUMBLE M.C., 10th Bn., Detraining Officer. Last train arrives at St.ROCH at 4 a.m. (on 7.4.18).</p> <p>Brigade Group billeted as follows:-</p> <p>St.SAUVEUR - Bde. H.Qrs. T.M.Bty. 3rd Field Coy. 3rd Field Amb. No. 2 Sanitary Sec.</p> <p>ARGOUVRES - 9th Bn. Bde. Mining Coy. H.Qrs. Div. Reinf. Camp.</p> <p>POULAINVILLE - 10th Bn.</p> <p>BERTANGLES - 11th Bn. Mobile Vet. Section. Cable Section Div. Sig. Coy.</p> <p>COISY - 12th Bn.</p> <p>VAUX - 1st M.G.Bn. H.Qrs. 21st M.G.Coy. 3rd M.G.Coy.</p> <p>LONGPRE - No. 4 Coy. Div. Train. $\frac{1}{2}$ S.A.A. Section 1st D.A.C. H.Qrs. Div. Train.</p>	
	7.4.18.		<p>All Units of Group billeted in new area by 8 a.m.</p> <p>Division allow each Battalion to dump one limber load of surplus stores at Ordnance at L.c.12.84. (AMINES Sheet).</p>	
	8.4.18.		Nothing of importance occurred. Division order for all Units, except 11th Bn., to move on 9th instant, received at 9 p.m.	
	9.4.18.		<p>Units move independently as follows:-</p> <p>Bde. H.Qrs. to OLINCOURT CHATEAU, near FLESSELLES.</p> <p>3rd Field Coy. 3rd Field Ambulance, 3rd L.T.M.Bty., 9th Bn., 12th Bn., No. 4 Coy. Div. Train, to FLESSELLES.</p> <p>10th Bn. to VIGNACOURT.</p> <p>Brigade Mining Coy. to OLINCOURT CHATEAU.</p> <p>Very close billeting. All Units clear of old area by 1.30 p.m.</p>	

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	10.4.18.		Nothing of importance to report. 10th Bn. move from VIGNACOURT to RAINNEVILLE. Div. wire received at 8 p.m. Brigade to be prepared to entrain on 11th instant.	
	11.4.18.		Draft of 15 Officers and 250 men arrive from base for Brigade. Division Movement Order received at 12.30 p.m. for Brigade to entrain on 12th. Bde. Group the same except for Div. Reinforcement Camp, $\frac{1}{2}$ S.A.A. Section 1st D.A.C., Cable Section Div. Sig. Coy.	
	12.4.18.		Billeting party leaves at 8 a.m. in Field Ambulance Car for HONDEGHEM and CASSEL. All Units clear of billets and Area by noon. Entraining Station - St.ROCH. Units bivouac in previously reconnoitred places, until time to move in to entrain. Entraining Station bombed. Trains leave late. Men's packs and blankets taken to bivouac area by motor lorries.	
	13.4.18.		Owing to HAZEBROUCK being shelled, all trains run to HONDEGHEM Siding, CASSEL being cut out. First train arrives at HONDEGHEM 4 p.m. Bde. H.Qrs. established in HAZEBROUCK - MERVILLE Road, taken over from 2nd Brigade H.Qrs., shelled, and house evacuated, H.Qrs. being located at small house 800 yards S of 1st location. Detraining carried out during remainder of day. Last train arrived at 5.45 a.m. on 14.4.18. Owing to enemy attack on 1st and 2nd Bde. fronts, all battalions, M.G.Coy. Engrs. and Mining Coy. have to proceed direct to a concentration Area about 2 miles E of HAZEBROUCK and prepare a defensive position. All packs dumped at railway siding. Open warfare conditions prevail. Brigade Bomb. Officer established with Brigade Ammunition Reserve at Le BOULEVARD, East of HAZEBROUCK. Brigade Transport lines in area close to and West of MORBECQUE.	
	14.4.18.		Units preparing defensive position on line from BORRE at North end to point on railway near NIEPPE Forest in South.	

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	15.4.18.		All Units still in same locations. At 9 p.m. Bde. H.Qrs. moves into Chateau in HAZEBROUCK at D.3.c.8.9.	
	16.4.18.		All Units same locations. Parties from Battalions out collecting stray and abandoned cattle. These sent to rear under A.P.M.'s instructions. Brigade Ammunition Refilling Point shelled out and take up new position. 12th Battalion move forward in rear of 1st Brigade.	
	17.4.18.		At 12.30 p.m. order received for Brigade to move North into next Sector, and to be ready for immediate action. Brigade H.Qrs. moves to W.13.b.1.1. (Sheet 27) - 9th Bn. to BOBRE - 10th Bn. to ROUGE CROIX - 11th Bn. to PRADELLES - 12th Bn. to COURTE CROIX.	
	18.4.18.		Warning wire to go into line to-night received at noon. 2 p.m. order received for relief tomorrow night.	
	19.4.18.		At 6 p.m. Brigade H.Qrs. and Units move into line. Position in front of METEREN. Relieve French Brigade. Wagon Lines move into CAESTRE Area. Brigade H.Qrs. at Q.32.b.6.5. 9th and 12th Bns. at Q.31.a.1.9. 10th and 11th Bns. at Q.32.c.1.6. 3rd M.G.Coy. and 3rd L.T.M.Bty. at Q.26.d.5.7. 3rd Field Coy. at Q.26.b.4.1. No. 4 Coy. A.A.S.C. at P.36.b.5.7. Supply Dump at Q.31.b.6.1. 200 trench shelters received at midnight from D.A.D.O.S. for 9th and 10th Battalions, in Reserve and Support. Five interpreters report during day for duty in connection with the relief. F.G.C.M. held at Nucleus Bn. H.Qrs. - 10 cases tried.	

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	20.4.18.		<p>110 trench shelters forwarded to 10th Bn. and 90 to the 9th Bn. 9th Bn. in reserve at La BESACE Farm have cookers forward. 10th Bn. at FONTAINE HOUCK and 11th Bn. (line Left) 12th Bn. (line Right) have hot food containers. Rations taken forward on limbers leaving wagon lines at about 7 p.m. Hot tea and bacon for breakfast sent up later at night. Nucleus Bn. in billets near HAZEWINDE.</p>	
	21.4.18.		<p>Following reinforcements reported to Nucleus Bn. 9th Bn. 7 other ranks; 10th Bn. 1 Officer and 13 other ranks; 11th Bn. 1 Officer and 19 other ranks; 12th Bn. 1 Officer and 18 other ranks. All baggage and supply wagons returned to 4th Coy. A.S.C. Leather jerkins and sheepskins made available for issue to men.</p>	
	22.4.18.		<p>30 prisoners captured in attack made on METEREN by 11th and 12th Bns.</p>	
	23.4.18.		<p>9th Bn. relieve 12th Bn. and 10th relieve 11th Bn. in line. 9th Bn. to arrange to draw and deliver rations of Bde. Mining Coy. and T.M.Bty. Distribution of hot food containers:- 9th Bn. 28 - 10th Bn. 28 - 11th Bn. 19 - 12th Bn. 19. 3rd M.G.Coy. move forward to M.G.Bn. H.Qrs.</p>	
	24.4.18.		<p>T.M.Bty. Rear H.Qrs. moves to Q.31.b.70.05. to be near 9th Bn. lines for ration supply. Bde. H.Qrs. lines shelled. One groom wounded. 3 Heavy Draft horses of A.S.C. killed. Brigade Major's two horses killed, 1 horse wounded. Bde. H.Qrs. lines move to field at Q.25.d.8.8. 10 additional hot food containers received from D.A.D.O.S. 5 issued to 9th Bn. 5 issued to 10th Bn. Brigade H.Qrs. draw 10 trench shelters from 10th Bn.</p>	

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	25.4.18.		<p>At noon Division order received for all wagon lines to move into Left Brigade Area to-day. 10th and 11th Bns. already in area. 9th and 12th Bn. lines move across CASSEL Road.</p> <p>Brigade H.Qrs. wagon lines at P.29.c.4.1. 9th and 12th Battalions at Q.31.a.1.9. 10th and 11th Battalions at Q.32.c.1.6. T.M.Bty. at Q.31.b.70.05. 3rd Field Coy. at P.35.c. 4th Coy. A.A.S.C. at P.22.d.2.7. Supply Dump at Q.31.b.6.1.</p>																									
	26.4.18.		<p>Following reinforcement draft for Brigade marched in to Nucleus Bn. - 5 Officers 82 other ranks.</p>																									
	27.4.18.		<p>Division Order received for relief by 1st Brigade 28/29th instant. Ammunition at Brigade Refilling Point to be dumped. D.A.C. deliver 180 boxes S.A.A. to Brigade Wagon Lines.</p>																									
	28.4.18.		<p>Battalions and Brigade H.Qrs. Wagon lines change over with 1st Brigade Units during afternoon.</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>New locations -</td> <td>9th Bn. Lines</td> <td>Sheet 27</td> <td>W.2.c.4.1.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>10th Bn.</td> <td>"</td> <td>V.6.d.2.5.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>11th Bn.</td> <td>"</td> <td>W.2.d.2.1.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>12th Bn.</td> <td>"</td> <td>P.34.d.6.1.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Bde. H.Qrs.</td> <td>"</td> <td>W.7.c.6.8.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Supply Dump</td> <td>"</td> <td>La BREARDE</td> </tr> </table> <p>Brigade H.Qrs. on relief moves to W.7.b.9.4. Draft of 1 Officer and 83 other ranks march in to Nucleus Bn.</p>	New locations -	9th Bn. Lines	Sheet 27	W.2.c.4.1.		10th Bn.	"	V.6.d.2.5.		11th Bn.	"	W.2.d.2.1.		12th Bn.	"	P.34.d.6.1.		Bde. H.Qrs.	"	W.7.c.6.8.		Supply Dump	"	La BREARDE	
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	29.4.18.		9th and 11th Bn. Wagon lines shelled out. Both move to new locations.	
	30.4.18.		<p>Draft of 12 other ranks reported to Nucleus Bn. Wire received from Division re moving of wagon lines in wrong area. 11th Bn. have to move to V.9.b.4.2. 12th Bn. " " " V.9.a.7.4. 3rd Field Coy. " " V.9.a.8.5. 9th Bn. on being shelled out removed to P.36.a.9.2. Divisional Commander directs that all band instruments be returned to EBBLINGHEM Dump, from where Division will move same to Base at CALAIS. 20,000 cigarettes issued to each 10th and 11th Bns by YMCA 9th Bn. bathing at Dowl Baths. Clean clothing issued</p>	

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Total Casualties - month of April 1918.

Officers. 7 killed 13 wounded 1 wounded and missing.

<u>Other ranks.</u>	<u>killed</u>	<u>wounded</u>	<u>missing.</u>
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9th Bn.	32	91	-
10th Bn.	26	93	6
11th Bn.	11	35	-
12th Bn.	33	123	8
3rd T.M.Bty.	-	3	-
3rd Bde. Min.Co.	-	1	-
3rd Bde. H.Qrs.	-	↓	-
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Total	102	347	14

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Casualties - Month of April 1918.

Date	9th Bn.			10th Bn.			11th Bn.			12th Bn.			3rd T.M.Bty.			Mining Coy.		
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* Indicates Officer.

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Spoils Bank J 33 D 40.60	1/4/18		Between 3.30 - 4.15 am No 4 gun fired 20 rds harrassing fire on to enemy positions in Game Copse and 10 rds on to enemy M.G position P.I.C. 60.50. No 3 gun withdrawn with Infantry during our gas bombardment on enemy positions at LOCK 5.	Sheet 28 1/40000
	2/4/18		70 rds expended in harrassing fire on enemy positions at LOCK 5, Hollebeke Chan, Game Copse and hostile MG at P.I.C. 10.45	
Caestre Area	3-4-18		Guns inactive. Relieved by 26 th - 27 th LTMB. Relief completed 11.30 pm. moved to Babblington Camp. Left 6 am - Embussed near Locre 2 pm for Caestre Area -	Sheet 27 1/40000
	4-4-18		and Billets V. 6 A. 8.2. - 6 pm	
St Laveur	5-4-18		Entrained at Caestre 3 pm for St Roch - and St Roch 4 am - Marched to St Laveur	
	6-4-18		arrived 7 am -	
Flesselles	7-4-18		Training - Inspection of B.R.S. & Gas drills - Gun drill - Tactical exercises.	
	8-4-18		Platoon drill - Semaphore signalling - Section drill - Battery drill -	
	9-4-18		Left for Flesselles at 3.30 pm	
	10-4-18		Inspection of B.R.S & Gas drill - Gun drill - Tactical Exercises -	
St Roch	11-4-18		Battery drill - Tactical Exercises - T.Ms in cooperation with Infantry in Attack	
	12-4-18		Left Flesselles 11 am - Camped in outskirts of Poulainville - left 10 pm for St Roch	
	13-4-18		arrived 2.30 am - Entrained 12 noon	
H. Morbecque	14-4-18		Detrained 5 am near Hazebrouck - Marched to Billets near Morbecque D 13. B 5.8.	Sheet 36 ^A
	15-4-18		Lt Wagner & Lt Lay with 2 sections went into line	27 95

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N. Morbecque	16/4/18		Hqrs moved to E. 1. B. 6. 8. Lt Miles and one section take two guns to defensive positions
Borre	17. 4/18		Lt Wagner + Lt Miles' sections withdrawn - Hqrs moved to W 13. B. 1. 1.
	18. 4/18		Lt Lay + sections arrive Hqrs
Roukloshille	19 4/18		Moved to Roukloshille move completed 5.15 pm.
Meteren sector.	20. 4/18		4 guns emplaced in defensive positions in line X 9. D 8. 2 - X 14 B 55. 05 - X 14 B 55. 20. Lt Lay, Lt Wagner in line
	21/4/18		90 Rds expended on Enemy M.G positions + occupied buildings. Direct hits were obtained on buildings and M.G fire was directed on enemy leaving the buildings
	22/4/18		200 Rds expended on various enemy positions - Good shooting reported by Line Officers
	23/4/18		Lt Miles in line - 8 guns in action - 430 rds expended in cooperation with Infantry attack on Meteren. No 3 guns put out of action by shell fire - 2 O/Rs wounded
	24/4/18		50 rds expended on Hostile M.G positions + occupied buildings Inter Battery Relief. 1 O/R wounded
	25/4/18		40 Rds fired on to Chaw. X 15 C. 75. 80 - 850 Rds ammunition carried fwd
	26/4/18		35 rds expended on enemy posts + House at X 20 & 25. 80 - Good shooting reported from front line posts a fire being started and enemy M.G silenced. 183 rds expended on various enemy targets with good results
	27/4/18		Three harassing shoots carried out at midnight 1 am + 2.30 am. 718 Rds expended on known targets - Hostile M.G positions - Trench systems - occupied houses etc
	28/4/18		Guns inactive - Relieved by 1 st ALT.M.B. - Relief completed 11.30 pm. moved to Le Puyliet camp W 7. B.
	29/4/18		Noon meeting. Inspection B.R.S. - Gas drill - Battery drill. Tactical Exercises.
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