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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

by

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In the Field, France,
13th. June, 1918.593. PASSES. (Extract Divl.R.O. 1958.)

" All ranks riding motor cycles or bicycles will be provided with
" a pass entitling them to use a bicycle or motor cycle, signed by
" C.O. and stating name of the Officer or other rank and the number of
" the bicycle or motor cycle.

" On and after 12th. June, 1918, all traffic posts and M.M.P.
" will be empowered to stop all cycles and detain any, the rider of
" which is not in possession of a pass."

594. BOUNDS. (Extract Divl.R.O. 1959.)

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

595. DAMAGE TO CROPS. (Extract G.R.O. 4207.)

" All ranks are reminded of the importance of safeguarding in every
" possible way the productivity of the land. It should be realised
" under what difficulties the country is being cultivated, and what
" splendid services the older men, the women and children of Northern
" France are rendering to the Allied cause by contributing by hard and
" constant toil as much as is in their power to the food supply of
" France.

" Every kind of conduct is forbidden which might cause any avoidable
" damage to crops or sown fields, and severe disciplinary action is to be
" taken in regard to any conduct or neglect leading to such results.

" In particular officers and men are forbidden:-

" (i) To go when off duty, either on foot or on horseback, upon sown
" fields or crops (including clover and hay crops of any kind);

" (ii) To allow horses to graze anywhere unless arrangements have been
" made;

" (iii) To play games in grass fields unless an arrangement has been made
" with the farmer to whom the field belongs.

" Troops on duty or undergoing training must take the greatest care,
" compatible with the requirements of their duty, to avoid causing
" damage to crops.

" This order does not apply to movements of troops in the face of
" the enemy."

596. SANITATION. (Extract Divl.R.O. 1955.)

" In view of the approach of summer weather, and probable concurrent
" increase in diarrhoeal diseases, attention is directed to the urgent
" importance of sanitation.

" The majority of summer diseases are entirely preventable if the
" necessary precautions are taken.

" The protection of food from dust and flies, the removal and
" destruction of all matter which can afford a breeding place for flies,
" the proper disposal of manure and faeces, and provision of fly-proof
" latrines, the provision of pure water and the cleanliness of the
" surroundings of camps and billets require close and constant
" supervision."

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In the Field, France,
14th. June, 1918.

597. ENGINEERS - SIGNAL SERVICE. (Extract A.I.F. List 339.)

" The undermentioned officers are taken on strength from Rfcts.
"(Cadet School):- 20th. May, 1918.
" 2nd. Lieut. W.A. McPHERSON.
" 2nd. Lieut. F.R.D. ROGERSON."

598. WATERING OF HORSES. (Extract Divl.R.O. 1964.)

" Horses will be watered in batches of not more than 50, time being
"allowed for each batch to be clear of the precincts of the troughs
"before the next lot is brought to the water."

599. CENSORSHIP ORDERS. (Extract G.R.O. 4233.)

" A growing tendency has been observed to give an Army Post Office
"designation as part of an address. In the case of complete units
"such addresses are unnecessary and more likely to cause delay than
"expedite the delivery of correspondence."

600. LETTERS TO PRISONERS OF WAR. (Ref. A.I.F. Order dated 7.6.18.)

" Members of the A.I.F. are advised that letters written by them to
"soldiers who are prisoners of war in enemy or neutral countries should
"be addressed as under:-
" No..... Rank..... Name..... Initials.....
" Unit.....
" Australian Imperial Forces,
" Prisoner of War,
" c/o Aust.Base P.O., London.

" Correspondents must be careful not to state their location. Each
"outward letter must contain instructions that the address on any letter
"sent in reply by the prisoner of war is to state only the addressee's
"regimental number, name and initials, c/o. Aust.Base P.O., London."

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NOTICES.

Fragments of German shells from long-range guns of 21 c.m. calibre and over, which show the driving bands clearly engraved, should be forwarded to the Company Orderly Room, as they are required for certain information by G.H.Q.

INDULGENCE PASSAGES TO AUSTRALIA.

Particulars of free "Indulgence Passages" to and from Australia for the wives and dependents of incapacitated soldiers may be had from the Company Orderly Room.

PAYMENT OF DUTY IN AUSTRALIA.

It is notified for information that the exemption from payment of Customs Duty granted by the Commonwealth Government to members of the A.I.F. in regard to goods forwarded to Australia from abroad, to the value of £10 (ten pounds) in any one year, does not apply to Tobacco, Wines, Spirits, etc.

APPENDIX NO. ²¹..... WAR DIARY. VOL. 20.

S.S.O.,
3rd. Aust. Div.

THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL
SIGNAL COMPANY,
A.E.
No. *M.C.B. 1863*
Date. *14. 6. 18.*

Subject: Lubricating Oil.

I have to report that the greater part of the lubricating oil now being supplied to this unit, is unsuitable for motor cycles and other i.c. engines, and is causing an abnormal number of broken piston rings, and also excessive wear in the working parts of the engines.

In addition to the inferior quality, the oil is so thin that it is continually running through the oil pumps and flooding the crank cases with oil.

The efficiency of the machines on charge to this unit will be impaired if a more suitable lubrication is not supplied.

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A.D. Signals,
Aust. Corps.

No. *MO 1847*
Date *15.6.18.*

Subject: Weekly Report on Messenger Dog Service.

I have to report on the messenger dog service for the period ending 11.6.18, as follows:-

The group allotted to the Division for the period worked satisfactorily and all dogs, with one exception, proved reliable.

Dogs No. 110 and 112 were attached to Left (9th.) Inf. Bde. and dogs no. 128 and 129 to Right (10th.) Inf. Bde.

On 7.6.18 Dog No. 112 (bitch) occupied 2 hrs. 47 minutes, and on 8.6.18 3 hrs. 13 minutes, on a run which on 9.6.18 was completed in 15 minutes. In the former instance the animal returned wet and had evidently been in the river.

Dog No. 110 was fast and reliable.

Dog No. 128, although not quite so fast, maintained average speed and was consistent.

Dog No. 129 was unsatisfactory and appeared insufficiently trained.

Records of runs with each Brigade are appended.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.RECORD OF TRAFFIC BY MESSENGER DOG SERVICE.

No. of Dog.	Unit released from.	Time & Date released.	Time of arrival at back station	Time occupied on run.
116.	33rd. Bn.	6.40 a.m. 5.6.1918.	6.58 a.m.	Minutes 18
117.	34th. Bn.	7.2 a.m. 5.6.1918.	7.46 a.m.	44
118.	35th. Bn.	6.0 a.m. 5.6.1918.	6.17 a.m.	17
116.	33rd. Bn.	3.50 a.m. 6.6.1918.	4.8 a.m.	18
117.	35th. Bn.	4.27 a.m. 6.6.1918.	4.40 a.m.	13
118	34th. Bn.	4.30 a.m. 6.6.1918.	5.4 a.m.	34
110	34th. Bn.	6.5 a.m. 7.6.1918.	6.39 a.m.	34
112	35th. Bn.	6.21 a.m. 7.6.1918.	9.8 a.m.	2 hours 47 minutes.
112.	35th. Bn.	4.11 p.m. 7.6.1918.	4.50 p.m.	minutes 39
110.	33rd. Bn.	5.50 a.m. 8.6.1918.	6.13 a.m.	23
112.	35th. Bn.	8.0 a.m. 8.6.1918.	11.13 a.m.	3 hours 13 minutes.
110.	34th. Bn.	6.0 a.m. 9.6.1918.	6.20 a.m.	minutes 20
112.	35th. Bn.	6.5 a.m. 9.6.1918.	6.20 a.m.	15
110.	34th. Bn.	6.18 a.m. 11.6.1918.	6.35 a.m.	17
112.	35th. Bn.	6.0 a.m. 11.6.1918.	6.30 a.m.	30
110.	34th. Bn.	6.0 a.m. 10.6.1918.	6.30 a.m.	30
112.	35th. Bn.	6.5 a.m. 10.6.1918.	6.30 a.m.	25
34th. Bn. to Back Station		3,500 yds.		
33rd. Bn. to Back Station		2,200 "		
35th. Bn. to Back Station		1,200 "	(prior to 6th./7th. June.)	
35th. Bn. to Back Station		2,200 "	(from 6th/7th. June.)	

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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RECORD OF TRAFFIC BY MESSENGER DOG SERVICE.

5-6-18 to 10-6-18.

No. of Dog.	Unit released from	Time & Date released.	Time of arrival at back station	Time occupied on run.
125	Company 38th. Bn.	7.0 a.m. 5.6.1918.	7.13 a.m.	minutes 13
126	37th. Bn.	9.30 a.m. 5.6.1918.	10.3 a.m.	33
125	38th. Bn.	4.30 p.m. 5.6.1918.	4.40 p.m.	10
126	37th. Bn.	4.20 p.m. 5.6.1918.	4.51 p.m.	31
125	Company 38th. Bn.	5.57 a.m. 6.6.1918.	6.13 a.m.	16
126	37th. Bn.	5.30 a.m. 6.6.1918.	6.0 a.m.	30
128	37th. Bn.	6.19 a.m. 7.6.1918.	6.37 a.m.	18
129	38th. Bn.	6.55 a.m. 7.6.1918.	8.15 a.m.	80
128	38th. Bn.	4.5 p.m. 7.6.1918.	4.11 p.m.	6
129	37th. Bn.	5.12 p.m. 7.6.1918.	5.32 p.m.	20
128	38th. Bn.	7.0 a.m. 8.6.1918.	7.20 a.m.	20
129	37th. Bn.	6.32 a.m. 8.6.1918.	7.35 a.m.	63
128	38th. Bn.	4.52 p.m. 8.6.1918.	4.58 p.m.	6
129	37th. Bn.	4.44 p.m. 8.6.1918.	5.18 p.m.	34
129	37th. Bn.	6.50 a.m. 9.6.1918.	7.11 a.m.	21
128	Company 38th. Bn.	7.0 a.m. 9.6.1918.	7.23 a.m.	23
128	Company 38th. Bn.	7.0 a.m. 10.6.1918.	7.10 a.m.	10

Companies of 37th. Bn. to Back Station 1,700 yds.
 " " 38th. " " " " 3,200 "

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 I/C SIGNALS.
 THIRD
 AUSTRALIAN DIV.
 L. 1890.
 17.6.18.

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

Subject: Progress Report No. 1 - Buried Cable Route BTE - SF.

I have to report that work on the abovementioned route was commenced on the morning of the 16th. inst. from BTE (N 22 d) working towards SF (approximately N 23 c).

Parties reported in the morning as mentioned in Progress Report No. 5 - Buried Cable Route GY - BTE. A distance of 200 yds. was completed.

The following party reported at 1.30 p.m.:-

43rd. Bn. 4 Officers, 224 other ranks.

and was employed on the shallow bury BTE to GM (N 24 b 2.6). A distance of approximately 400 yds. was completed.

It is understood that a party of 40 from the 42nd. Bn. was diverted from the task to VILLERS BRETONNEUX for tunnelling work. Subsequently a party of about 60 arrived about 3.30 p.m. but were not employed owing to the late arrival.

Known Casualties:- Nil.

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Hd. Qrs.,
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No. L. 1896
 Date 18. 6. 18.

Subject: Progress Report No. 2 - Buried Cable Route
 BTE - SF.

I have to report that work was continued on the abovementioned route during the morning and afternoon of the 17th. inst.

Parties as under reported about 7.30 a.m.:-

41st. Bn.	2	officers,	165	other	ranks.
42nd. Bn.	2	"	102	"	"
44th. Bn.	1	"	42	"	"

Work was continued during the afternoon.

The following parties reported at 1.30 p.m.:-

43rd. Bn.	1	officer,	178	other	ranks.
44th. Bn.	1	"	66	"	"

Work on both shifts was commenced in good time and a total distance of 520 yds. was completed by 4.30 p.m.

Jointing and testing is proceeding.

In addition to the above work, 50 men were employed on the shallow bury BTE - GM (N 24 b), a distance of 150 yds. was completed.

The shallow bury from BTE - GM, i.e. from BLANGY TRONVILLE to the Right Art. Sub-Group, has now been completed in so far as actually burying the cable is concerned.

Known casualties:- Nil.

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 O. I/C SIGNALS,
 THIRD
 AUSTRALIAN DIV.
 No. L 1904
 Date 19.6.18.

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

Subject: Progress Report No. 2 - Buried Cable Route
 BTE - SF.

I have to report that work was continued on the abovementioned route during the morning and afternoon of the 18th. inst.

The following parties reported at 7.30 a.m.:-

41st. Bn.	4 officers,	165 other ranks.
42nd. Bn.	1 " "	97 " "
44th. Bn.	1 " "	45 " "

Work was continued during the afternoon.

The following parties reported at 1.30 p.m.:-

41st. Bn.	1 officer,	35 other ranks.
42nd. Bn.	1 " "	42 " "
43rd. Bn.	2 " "	191 " "

Work on both shifts was commenced in good time and a total distance of 560 yds. was completed by 5 p.m.

Jointing and testing is proceeding.

Known casualties:- Nil.

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O. I/C SIGNALS.
THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIV.

No L. 1916.
Date 20.6.18.

Subject: Progress Report No. 3 - Buried Cable Route BTE - 'SF.

I have to report that work was continued on the abovementioned route during the morning and afternoon of the 19th. inst.

The following parties reported at 7.30 a.m.:-

41st. Bn.	3 officers,	165 other ranks.
42nd. Bn.	2 " "	100 " "
44th. Bn.	2 " "	45 " "

Work was continued during the afternoon.

The following parties reported at 1.30 p.m.:-

42nd. Bn.	1 officer,	18 other ranks.
43rd. Bn.	4 " "	183 " "
44th. Bn.	1 " "	59 " "

The afternoon party of 260 other ranks includes 8 N.C.Os., therefore, a shortage of 48 men for digging occurred.

Work on the morning shift was commenced in good time; about an hour's delay occurred during the afternoon shift owing to rain.

A total distance of 550 yds. was completed by 5.30 p.m.

Jointing and testing is proceeding.

Known casualties:- Two (accidental pick injuries).

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Hd. Qrs.,
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O. i/c SIGNALS,
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No. L. 1925
Date 21.6.18.

Subject: Progress Report No.4 - Buried Cable Route BTE - SF - BG.

I have to report that work was continued on the above-mentioned route during the morning and afternoon of the 20th. inst.-

The following parties reported at 7.30 a.m.:-

41st. Bn.	2 officers,	146 other ranks.
42nd. Bn.	2 "	100 " "
44th. Bn.	1 "	42 " "

Work was continued during the afternoon.

The following parties reported at 1.30 p.m.:-

42nd. Bn.	1 officer,	45 other ranks.
43rd. Bn.	3 "	202 " "
44th. Bn.	1 "	58 " "

Work on both shifts was commenced in good time, a total distance of 580 yds. being completed by 5 p.m.

A terminal strip has been installed at BTE and the cables are being led on.

By arrangement with the C.R.E. a dugout is to be constructed at N.23 d 80.30 for a test point (SF) and, pending its completion, all pairs are joined through.

Jointing and testing is proceeding.

Known casualties:- Nil.

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Hd. Qrs.,
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O. I/C SIGNALS,
THIRD
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No. 4, 1940.
Date... 22.6.18.

Subject: Progress Report No. 5 - Buried Cable Route BTE - SF - BG.

I have to report that work was continued on the abovementioned route during the morning and afternoon of the 21st. inst. -

The following parties reported at 7.30 a.m.:-

41st. Bn.	3	officers,	171	other	ranks.
42nd. Bn.	3	"	99	"	"
44th. Bn.	1	"	45	"	"

Work was continued during the afternoon.

The following parties reported at 1.30 p.m.:-

42nd. Bn.	1	officer,	45	other	ranks.
43rd. Bn.	3	"	183	"	"
44th. Bn.	1	"	57	"	"

Work on both shifts was commenced in good time, a total distance of 560 yds. was completed by 5 p.m.

One N.C.O. and 20 men from the morning party were employed to complete leading in to BTE.

The test point at BTE was completed by the evening of the 20th. inst.

Jointing and testing is proceeding.

Known casualties:- Nil.

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3rd. Aust. Div.

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U. I/O SIGNALS,
THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIV.

No. L. 1948.

Date 23.6.18.

Subject: Progress Report No.6 - Buried Cable Route BTE - SF - BG - BA.

I have to report that work on the abovementioned route was continued on the morning of the 22nd. inst.

The following parties reported at 7.30 a.m.:-

42nd. Bn.	3 officers,	155 other ranks.
44th. Bn.	4 " "	140 " "

A distance of 280 yds. was completed by 12 noon.

Jointing and testing is proceeding.

Work on the test point BTE was continued and the cable led on to strips at both ends of the shallow bury-BTE - GM route.

The testing of circuits resulted as follows:-

7 pairs buried - 7 pairs O.K.

Known casualties:- Nil.

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Hd. Qrs.,
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O. I/C SIGNALS,
THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIV.

No. L. 1956.

Date 24.6.18.

Subject: Progress Report No. 7. - Buried Cable Route
BTE - SF - BG - BA.

I have to report that work was continued on the abovementioned route on the afternoon of the 23rd. inst.

The following party reported at 3.0 p.m.:-

37th. Bn. 5 officers, 202 other ranks.

A distance of 150 yds. being completed by about 8.0 p.m.

I desire to bring under notice that the party of 202 other ranks includes 12 N.C.Os., thus there was a shortage of 110 men for digging.

The party arrived on the task an hour late and owing to difficulty with regard to tools not being available for the work, progress was delayed and the time occupied was about 5 hours instead of about 3 hours. Shovels arrived on the job at about 4.0 p.m. and picks about 5.15 p.m. The men apparently were very tired and appeared unfit for the work. It is understood that they were relieved from the line during the early hours of the morning.

Jointing and testing is proceeding.

Known casualties:- Nil.

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

O. i/c SIGNALS,
THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIV.
No. L. 1967
Date 20.6.18.

Subject: Progress Report No. 8 - Buried Cable Route BTE - SF - BG - BA.

I have to report that work was continued on the abovementioned route on the afternoon of the 24th. inst.

No party reported at 8.0 a.m. for work during the morning as laid down in your G.401/80/8 of 10.6.18., no notification was received by this office that the party would not be available; one of my officers and a sapper party waited at the rendezvous from 7.30 a.m. to 10.0 a.m., subsequently, on inquiry from Hd. Qrs., 10th. Inf. Bde., I was informed that the party had been cancelled.

The following party reported about 2.0 p.m.:-

37th. Bn.	4 officers,	208 other ranks.
38th. Bn.	3 " "	101 " "

A distance of 290 yds. was completed by 6.15 p.m.

Jointing and testing is proceeding.

Known casualties:- One (accidental pick injury.).

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O. i/c SIGNALS,
THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIV.
... 4. 1945
Date 26.6.18.

Subject: Progress Report No. 9 - Buried Cable Route BTE - SF - BG - BA.

I have to report that work was continued on the above-mentioned route during the morning and afternoon of the 25th. inst.

The following parties reported at about 8.0 a.m.:-

38th. Bn. 2 officers, 104 other ranks.
40th. Bn. 4 " 187 " "

Work was continued during the afternoon.

The following parties reported at about 1.30 p.m.:-

37th. Bn. 4 officers, 191 other ranks.
38th. Bn. 2 " 98 " "

Work on both shifts was commenced in good time; a total distance of 550 yds. was completed by 5.30 p.m., it being well banked and camouflaged, and leading in to BG was commenced.

Terminal strips were placed at BG for that end of the following sections:-

- BG - SF.
- BG - VS.
- BG - BY.
- BG - BA.

Jointing and testing is proceeding.

In one section, ground that was impregnated with gas was encountered and several men were slightly affected; one man had to be sent off the task.

A distance of about 600 yds. remains to be dug to complete this route.

Known casualties:- Nil.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.	
No.	P. 1901.
Date	18.6.18.

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[Redacted]
A.D. Signals,
Aust. Corps.

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

Reference: Your T.197/5 of 11.6.18.

Subject: Personnel - Qualifications.

In reply to your abovementioned letter, I have to advise that No.19712, Spr. J. Gallaher is unsuitable for any branch of the signal service.

He was taken on the strength of this unit as a reinforcement in May, 1918, having left Australia in August, 1917. Spr. Gallaher is 41 years of age, a building contractor by trade, has weak eyesight, and is unable to see at night; he has no visual signalling qualifications and cannot ride a motor cycle.

His only contact with signal service work is a 6 weeks' permanent line course in England, which is quite negligible to a man who has no rudimentary knowledge to begin with, and it is hopeless to utilise such men in the signal service, who are ill-chosen and meagrely trained.

This is a fair sample of a percentage of the reinforcements received within the last few months, Spr. Gallaher being the only one remaining in this unit at present; others have been transferred to other units and several have been evacuated either sick or medically unfit.

The man cited herein is an honest trier and may do well if he were suitably employed.

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COPY.

T.197/5.
11.6.18.

O.C.,	1st.Aust.Divl.	Signal	Co.
"	2nd.	"	"
"	3rd.	"	"
"	4th.	"	"
"	5th.	"	"
"	Aust. Corps Signal Co.		

Would you please forward to this office at your earliest convenience, the names of Sappers on the strength or attached to your command, who, in your opinion, are not suitable for any branch of the Signal Service.

These men must have been tried in various departments and found wanting in them all. When forwarding names, give length of service with the Signal Company.

The idea of this is that a Signal Company cannot afford to have men who have no aptitude for the service and it is to be hoped that they will be transferred to another arm and a better class of Sapper obtained in their place.

11th. June, 1918.

(sd) T.R. Williams, Lieut.-Col.
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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS
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In the Field, France,
19th. June, 1918.

601. WEARING OF STEEL HELMETS IN AMIENS. (Extract 4th.A.R.O. 2227.)

" All ranks passing through Amiens or on duty in streets in
"Amiens will wear the steel helmet."

602. AWARD OF CHEVRONS FOR SERVICE OVERSEAS. (Extract G.R.O. 4260.)

" The following para. will be added to Company Routine Order
"No. 590 of 10.6.1918:-

" Chevrons earned by service in the Royal Navy prior to joining
"the Army may be worn on military uniform."

603. EQUIPMENT.

When N.C.Os. or men leave a Section, either sick or wounded, their equipment, other than mess-tin, haversack, water-bottle and respirator, is to be sent to the Company Quartermaster store by first available means.

604. SWIMMING ACCIDENTS. (Extract Aust. Corps R.O. 167.)

" Several accidents have recently occurred through men unable to
"swim, or poor swimmers, bathing in deep water.

" Immediate steps will be taken in all units to ensure that only
"men who are able to swim bathe in deep water, and that when men are
"bathing a small rescue party of good swimmers is available to help
"any men who get into difficulties, and that an Officer or N.C.O.
"able to take charge of the situation in case of emergency is always
"present."

605. HEADLIGHTS. (Extract 4th. A.R.O. 2202.)

" The headlights of M.T. vehicles, including motor cycles, will
"not be used forward of the following line:- Hallue River as far south
"as Pont Noyelles; thence along the south side of the Pont Noyelles -
"Amiens road as far as Amiens; thence along the west side of the
"River Avre to a distance of one mile south of Cagny. Headlights are
"not to be used in any part of the town of Amiens."

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SIGNAL INSTRUCTION NO. 6.

19. BUZZER SWITCH UNITS, 4 x 3.

It has been brought under notice that a large percentage of Buzzer Switch Units 4 x 3 are being sent in for repairs deficient of backs.

Although the backs of these exchanges have to be removed in order to bring the leads on to the instrument, they should be carefully retained and replaced at the first available opportunity in order to minimise the effects of dust and damp.

20. TAPE, ADHESIVE.

Demands for Adhesive Tape from Infantry Battalions, should, in future, be submitted to Signals and not the A.O.D.
(Auth: D.O.S., O.S.A. 1/230 (A.3) of 4.6.1918.)

21. OFFICIAL TELEGRAMS - TRANSMISSION AT AMERICAN SIGNAL OFFICES.
(Extract G.R.O. 4113.)

" It has been arranged for British Official Telegrams to be "accepted for transmission at American Signal Offices in France "on the same conditions as at British Signal Offices, with the "exception that, in addition to the usual signature, the word "Official" must be plainly written at the lower left hand corner "of the telegraph form and be initialled by the sender."

22. METEOROLOGICAL FORECASTS. (Ref.D.Sigs./R537 dated 15.6.18.)

(i) To secure uniformity of practice and to save unnecessary delay the following arrangements will be made for telegraphing meteorological forecasts down to Batteries, Battalions, and Machine Gun Companies.

(ii) Meteor, G.H.Q., will hand in at G.H.Q. Signal Office daily forecast telegrams addressed to various units.

(iii) Telegrams will be signalled forward bearing the address "FORECAST" only.

(iv) Divisional Signals will make sufficient copies and circulate to:-

- General Staff.
- Divisional Artillery Signals.
- Brigade Signals.
- Machine Gun Bn. Signals.

(v) Divisional Artillery Signals will make sufficient copies and circulate to:-

- Divisional Artillery Brigades.
- Army Field Artillery Brigades.

(vi) Artillery Brigade Signals will make sufficient copies and circulate to:-

- Batteries.

(vii) Infantry Brigade Signals will make sufficient copies and circulate to:-

- Bde. Hd. Qrs.
- Battalions.
- Machine Gun Companies.

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These telegrams will be marked "Priority" but other priority work will be given precedence.

Formations and units in rest areas will not be supplied with the service unless the arrangement is specially authorised.

This scheme does not affect Battery Weather Reports distributed from Armies, which should be transmitted on similar lines if this is not already done.

The above arrangement will take effect on and from 21st. inst.

20/6/18

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Distribution:-

<u>Issued to -</u>	<u>For information -</u>
All Battalions.	Hd. Qrs., 3rd. Aust. Div.
All Batteries.	" " 3rd. Aust. Divl. Art.
3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn.	" " 7th. Aust. F. Art. Bde.
3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.	" " 8th. Aust. F. Art. Bde.
D.T.M.O., 3rd. Aust. Div.	" " 14th. Bde. R.F.A.
O.i/c. Signals, 3rd. Aust. Divl. Art.	" " 23rd. " "
" " 7th. Aust. F. Art. Bde.	" " 86th. " "
" " 8th. " " " "	" " 179th. " "
" " 14th. Bde. R.F.A.	" " 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
" " 23rd. " " " "	" " 10th. " " "
" " 86th. " " " "	" " 11th. " " "
" " 179th. " " " "	A.D. Signals, Aust. Corps.
" " 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	
" " 10th. " " " "	
" " 11th. " " " "	
" " 3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn.	

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O. I/C SIGNALS,
THIRD 104
AUSTRALIAN DIV.

No. L.1926

Date 20.6.18.

Subject: Buried Cable Routes - (1) GY - BTE.
(2) BTE - SF.
(3) SF - BG.
(4) VBX - SR.
(5) SR - CH.
(6) BTE - GM.

I have to report on the abovementioned routes as follows:-

(1) GY - BTE.

Work was continued on the morning of the 15th. inst. and completed, as regards actual digging, on the 16th. inst.

The dugout at BTE was completed today and test strips installed, and cables are being led in and connected tomorrow, the 21st. inst.

Testing resulted as follows:-

32 pairs buried - 32 pairs O.K.

Pilot boxes are installed and route markers placed in position.

(2) BTE - SF.

Work was commenced on the morning of the 16th. inst. and completed as regards actual digging on the morning of the 19th. inst., the total distance being 1,320 yds.

Test boxes are installed and jointing is completed.

Tests resulted as follows:-

32 pairs buried - 32 pairs O.K.

By arrangement with C.R.E., 3rd. Aust. Div., a dugout is being constructed at N.23 d 80.30 for a test point (SF) and, pending its completion, all pairs are joined through.

(3) SF - BG.

Work was commenced on the morning of 19th. inst. and continued today, a distance of approximately 1,000 yards being completed.

Jointing and testing is proceeding simultaneously with the placing of pilot boxes.

It is estimated that the section will be ready for working in from two to three days.

In connection with the above section, it is intended to bury 64 pairs from a point where the VS - BY section will be crossed and ultimately to split VS - BY bury and lead it into BG.

(4) VBX - SR.

Work was continued on the night of 14th./15th. inst. and was completed on night of 16th./17th. as far as actual digging is concerned.

Jointing and testing was completed on 17th. inst. and resulted as follows:-

15 pairs buried - 15 pairs O.K.

/Pilot

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Pilot boxes have been installed and terminal strips placed in both test points, with cables connected thereto.

Owing to the fact that no quad was available, and very little armoured twin when this section was commenced, only 15 pairs were buried.

(5). SR - CH.

Work was commenced on night of 17th./18th. and continued on succeeding nights, a total of approximately 600 yds. being completed to night of 19th./20th. inclusive.

An approximate distance of 800 yds. remains, and it is considered this should be completed in 5 days.

(6) BTE - GM. (Average depth - 3 ft.)

Work was continued on the 15th. and completed, as regards actual digging, on 17th. inst.

Jointing has been completed and a terminal strip installed at BTE.

The cable is being led on to a strip at BTE; another strip is being installed at GM (N.18 d 45.05) and cables connected tomorrow. The route will then be ready for working.

Testing resulted as follows:-

7 pairs buried - 7 pairs O.K.

GENERAL.

The nature of the ground is mostly chalk and flint throughout all sections and digging was necessarily heavy.

The weather during the period was fine with one exception and no delay occurred.

The work on all sections was carried out during the day-time with the exception of the VBX - SR - CH route, this latter being done during the night time. A total of 4,500 men were employed during the period.

Known casualties on all sections:-

5 accidental pick injuries.

Route diagram is attached.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.In the Field, France,
21st. June, 1918.606. DISCIPLINE. (Extract Divl. R.O. 1965)

" Attention is again drawn to the fact that Box Respirators
"at the "Alert", and Steel Helmets will be worn by all ranks east
"of a line running north and south through 0.25 c 6.4."

607. SPURS - ISSUE OF.

In future the scale of issue of spurs will be restricted to
one pair each per driver and mounted number.

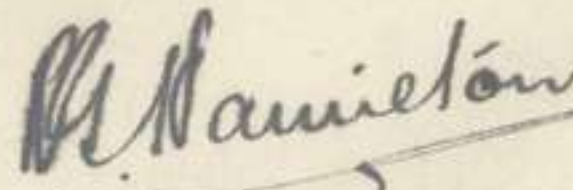
Any spurs rendered surplus consequent on the new scale are
to be withdrawn and returned to the C.Q.M.S. store.

608. LEAVE IN FRANCE - PASSES - REPORTING ADDRESS & ARRIVAL. (Ref. GRO. 4221.)

In future, all officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned
officers and men granted leave to places in France not in the
British Army areas will be provided with a new leave pass (A.F.W. 3774.)
instead of A.F. W. 3105.

It will be presented to the military authorities at the place
to which leave is granted in order that it may be stamped, and will
be returned to the issuing officer on expiration of leave. The
old form of leave pass will be used in cases of leave to places in
British Army areas.

All ranks granted leave to or detained over 48 hours at places
in France where no British troops are quartered will report to the
Commandant d'Armes, or otherwise to the Gendarmerie for endorsement
of passes. In British areas officers will report to the Base
Commandant and other ranks to the A.P.M.

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i/c SIGNALS, THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIV.	
No.	NSC. 1938.
Date	22.6.18

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Subject: Message Rocket Tests.

I have to report on the abovementioned tests as follows:-

Tests were recently carried out by the 9th. and 10th. Inf. Bdes. respectively, and may be regarded as satisfactory. The rockets should provide a valuable means of emergency communication.

In each case rockets were fired from Companies in the front line to intermediate points, and from thence to Brigades.

Several rockets made good flights in perfect alignment and landed within 50 yds. of the objective. In three instances the landings were not within a radius of 400 yds. and a difficulty was experienced in extracting the message owing to the rockets being broken or bent.

As an experiment, a small collar was used for a flight of 1,600 yds. but the rocket carried too far. For this range a medium-size collar is evidently necessary.

The following points were noted as a result of these tests:-

- (i) Correct angle and direction are imperative.
- (ii) Careful selection of the size of the collar should be made.
- (iii) The spring clip attachment holding the "siren" end to the "message" end should be made secure before ignition.
- (iv) Owing to the smoke caused by the rocket in ignition, it is considered inadvisable to send them up in proximity to any Headquarters under enemy observation.
- (v) The siren whistle cannot be heard when the rocket is in mid-flight, and during shelling it would probably not be heard at all. At night the flare is adequate.
- (vi) In order to efficiently utilise rockets, personnel will require more training by demonstration and actual experiment.

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APPENDIX NO. ³⁰... WAR DIARY. VOL. 20.

O. I/C SIGNALS,
THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIV.

No. ET. 1945.

Date. 22.6.18.

Reference: Your T.126/18 of 19.6.18.

Subject: Lucas Lamp Batteries.

In reply to your abovementioned memo., I have to report that difficulty has been experienced with the Lucas Lamp Batteries and, in most cases, the trouble has been caused by local action destroying the contact between the carbon rod and terminal.

Fully 50% of the batteries received recently have been defective. It was thought the trouble was caused owing to exposure to dampness, and not to faulty construction, which evidently is the real trouble.

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APPENDIX NO. 31 WAR DIARY. VOL. 20.

A.D. Signals,
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Hd. Qrs.,
3rd. Aust. Div.

O. i/c SIGNALS, THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIV.
M.D. 1943
22.6.18.

Subject: Messenger Dog Service.

I have to report on Messenger Dog Service for period 11.6.18 - 20.6.18. as follows:-

3 keepers and 9 dogs were allotted to this Division. Dogs numbers 122, 123 and 124 were attached to Left (9th.) Inf. Bde.; numbers 134, 135 and 136 to Right (10th.) Inf. Bde.; and numbers 146, 147 and 148 to Right Group Artillery (7th. Aust. F. Art. Bde.). The latter had not previously used messenger dogs and considerable interest was taken in their work.

As a test, with a view to ascertaining whether times of the slow and unreliable dogs could be improved, all dogs were muzzled on last two days. The result was negative.

The dogs generally showed an inclination to loiter and in several instances they wandered aimlessly until recovered. All precautions were taken to prevent the dogs making friends with strangers and being fed in any other way than that laid down. The cause of their unreliability appears to be lack of training.

Dogs No. 124, 136 and 146 were the most reliable and appeared keen and fast.

Dog No. 147 was slow and only fairly reliable.

Dogs No. 122, 123, 134, 135 and 148 were unsatisfactory.

Reports from the Bdes. are appended.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.RECORD OF TRAFFIC BY MESSENGER DOG SERVICE 13.6.18 to 20.6.18.

No. of Dog.	Unit released from.	Time and date of release.		Time of arrival at back station.	Time occupied on run.	Distance in yards.
					minutes	
146	25th. Batt.	3.26 p.m.	14.6.18.	3.40 p.m.	14	2,500
148	27th. Batt.	3.35 p.m.	14.6.18.	5.0 p.m.	85	2,500
146	27th. Batt.	7.35 p.m.	14.6.18.	7.43 p.m.	8	2,500
148	27th. Batt.	7.25 p.m.	14.6.18.	7.43 p.m.	18	2,500
147	25th. Batt.	7.15 p.m.	14.6.18.	7.30 p.m.	15	2,500
147	Bde. O.P., 8th. Art. Bde.)	12.55 p.m.	15.6.18.	1.20 p.m.	25	4,500
146	25th. Batt.	5.40 p.m.	16.6.18.	5.50 p.m.	10	2,500
147	25th. Batt.	5.30 p.m.	16.6.18.	5.45 p.m.	15	2,500
148	25th. Batt.	5.30 p.m.	16.6.18.	5.47 p.m.	17	2,500
147	37th. Bn.	8.10 p.m.	18.6.18.			
147	37th. Bn.	8.45 p.m.	18.6.18.	9.35 p.m.	50	4,000
146	37th. Bn.	9.40 p.m.	18.6.18.	3 pm. 19.6.18		4,000
146	25th. Batt.	11.55 a.m.	20.6.18.	12.12 p.m.	17	2,500
147	27th. Batt.	11.47 a.m.	20.6.18.	12 noon	13	2,500
148	25th. Batt.	11.50 a.m.	20.6.18.	12.3 p.m.	15	2,500

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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RECORD OF TRAFFIC BY MESSENGER DOG SERVICE 11.6.18 to 20.6.18.

No. of Dog.	Unit released from.	Time and date of release.		Time of arrival at back station.	Time occupied on run.	Distance in yards.
					minutes.	
128	Co. 38th. Bn.	7.0 a.m.	11.6.18.	7.10 a.m.	10	3,200
128	Co. 40th. Bn.	6.50 a.m.	12.6.18.	7.20 a.m.	30	4,100
129	Co. 39th. Bn.	6.0 a.m.	13.6.18.	9.12 a.m.	192	3,800
128	Co. 40th. Bn.	6.50 a.m.	13.6.18.	7.10 a.m.	20	4,100
136	Co. 39th. Bn.	5.45 a.m.	14.6.18.	6.10 a.m.	25	3,800
134	39th. Bn.	4.5 p.m.	14.6.18.	4.22 p.m.	17	1,800
135	39th. Bn.	4.0 p.m.	14.6.18.	4.21 p.m.	21	1,800
156	40th. Bn.	4.0 p.m.	14.6.18.	4.12 p.m.	12	1,800
134	Co. 39th. Bn.	6.45 a.m.	15.6.18.	7.43 a.m.	58	2,400
135	Co. 39th. Bn.	8.30 a.m.	15.6.18.	9.13 a.m.	43	2,400
136	40th. Bn.	8.12 a.m.	15.6.18.	8.56 a.m.	44	1,800
134	39th. Bn.	5.35 p.m.	15.6.18.	5.53 p.m.	18	1,800
135	39th. Bn.	5.40 p.m.	15.6.18.	5.59 p.m.	19	1,800
136	40th. Bn.	4.5 p.m.	15.6.18.	4.19 p.m.	14	1,800
136	Co. 39th. Bn.	8.0 a.m.	16.6.18.	8.50 a.m.	50	2,400
134	40th. Bn.	8.4 a.m.	16.6.18.	9.7 a.m.	63	1,800
134	39th. Bn.	4.10 p.m.	16.6.18.	4.23 p.m.	13	1,800
135	39th. Bn.	4.15 p.m.	16.6.18.	4.25 p.m.	10	1,800
136	40th. Bn.	4.9 p.m.	16.6.18.	4.23 p.m.	14	1,800
134	Co. 39th. Bn.	4.36 a.m.	17.6.18.	9.5 a.m.	269	2,400
135	Co. 39th. Bn.	4.0 a.m.	17.6.18.	9.7 a.m.	307	2,400
136	Co. 40th. Bn.	6.45 a.m.	17.6.18.	7.35 a.m.	55	4,100
134	39th. Bn.	4.5 p.m.	17.6.18.	4.25 p.m.	20	1,800
135	39th. Bn.	4.0 p.m.	17.6.18.	4.17 p.m.	17	1,800
136	Co. 40th. Bn.	2.10 p.m.	17.6.18.	2.45 p.m.	35	3,600
136	Co. 37th. Bn.	5.0 a.m.	18.6.18.	6.9 a.m.	69	3,200
135	Co. 40th. Bn.	6.0 a.m.	18.6.18.	7.3 a.m.	63	4,100
134	Co. 40th. Bn.	6.10 a.m.	18.6.18.	6.43 a.m.	33	4,100
134	37th. Bn.	4.30 p.m.	18.6.18.	4.50 p.m.	20	1,800
135	37th. Bn.	4.20 p.m.	18.6.18.	4.40 p.m.	20	1,800
136	Co. 40th. Bn.	4.10 p.m.	18.6.18.	4.30 p.m.	20	4,100
136	Co. 38th. Bn.	10.5 a.m.	19.6.18.	10.44 a.m.	39	4,100
134	Co. 37th. Bn.	4.55 a.m.	19.6.18.	6.40 a.m.	105	3,200
135	Co. 37th. Bn.	5.0 a.m.	19.6.18.	8.18 a.m.	198	3,200
135	Co. 37th. Bn.	5.0 a.m.	20.6.18.	5.52 a.m.	52	3,200
134	38th. Bn.	9.55 a.m.	20.6.18.	10.20 a.m.	25	1,800
136	Co. 38th. Bn.	9.55 a.m.	20.6.18.	10.40 a.m.	45	4,100

9TH. AUST. INF. BDE.

RECORD OF TRAFFIC BY MESSENGER DOG SERVICE 12.6.18 to 20.6.18.

No. of Dog.	Unit released from.	Time and date of release.	Time of arrival at back station.	Time occupied on run.	Distance in yards.
110	34th. Bn.	6.5 a.m. 12.6.18.	6.30 a.m.	25 mins.	3,500
112	35th. Bn.	5.20 a.m. 12.6.18.	5.48 a.m.	28 "	3,200
110	34th. Bn.	6.0 a.m. 13.6.18.	6.30 a.m.	30 "	3,500
112	35th. Bn.	6.5 a.m. 13.6.18.	6.30 a.m.	25 "	3,200
124	35th. Bn.	6.0 a.m. 14.6.18.	6.12 a.m.	12 "	2,200
* 123	34th. Bn.	6.5 a.m. 14.6.18.	-	-	3,500
124	34th. Bn.	6.10 a.m. 15.6.18.	7.15 a.m.	65 "	3,500
© 124 122	35th. Bn.	8.5 a.m. 15.6.18.	12.2 p.m.	237 "	2,200
124	34th. Bn.	6.0 a.m. 16.6.18.	6.38 a.m.	38 "	3,500
122	35th. Bn.	7.0 a.m. 16.6.18.	7.33 a.m.	33 "	2,200
124	34th. Bn.	6.5 a.m. 17.6.18.	6.40 a.m.	35 "	3,500
∅ 123	35th. Bn.	7.0 a.m. 17.6.18.	10.15 a.m.	195 "	2,200
124	33rd. Bn.	6.20 a.m. 18.6.18.	6.45 a.m.	25 "	3,500
122	34th. Bn.	6.8 a.m. 18.6.18.	6.45 a.m.	37 "	2,200
122	34th. Bn.	6.0 a.m. 19.6.18.	6.35 a.m.	35 "	2,200
124	33rd. Bn.	6.5 a.m. 19.6.18.	7.1 a.m.	56 "	3,500
124	33rd. Bn.	6.5 a.m. 20.6.18.	6.40 a.m.	35 "	3,500
122	34th. Bn.	6.0 a.m. 20.6.18.	6.50 a.m.	50 "	2,200

* Dog located at Corps Heavy Artillery at 3.30 p.m.

© Dog returned to 35th. Bn. at 11.40 a.m. but was hunted away immediately.

∅ No information available re this delay.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

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Divisional Exchange.

3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery.
9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
10th. " " "
11th. " " "
11th. " " " (Rear.)
G.S.O. 1.
General Staff.
A.A. & Q.M.G.
D.A.A.G. and "Q" Branch.
C.R.E.
Officer i/c. Signals.
Officer i/c. Lines.
Signals Store.
A.D.M.S.
D.A.D.O.S.
A.P.M.
Camp Commandant & Divl.
Courts Martial Officer.
3rd. Aust. Divl. Train.
3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn. (rear.)
Signal Company Office.
Aust. Corps.
2nd. Aust. Div.
4th. Aust. Div.
37th. French Div.
French Railway Gun.
"A" & "B" Cos. 8th. Bn. Tanks.
"H" & "Z" Special Cos. R.E.
17th. Aust. Inf. Bn.
Rivory Ammunition Dump
Blangy Sub-Exchange.
Message telephone (Signal office.)
Superintendent (Signal office.)

Divl. Artillery Exchange.

7th. Aust. F. Art. Bde. (Right Group.)
8th. " " " " (" Sub- ")
23rd. Army Bde. (Left Group.)
179th. " " R.F.A. (Superimposed
Brigade.)
14th. Bde. R.G.A.
C.R.A.
Brigade Major.
Staff Captain.
Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Aust. D.A.C.
4th. Aust. Divl. Artillery.
37th. French " "
Aust. Corps Heavies.
Officer i/c. Signals, Divl. Art.
Divl. Art. Wireless Station.
3rd. Aust. Div.
Aust. Corps.
37th. French Division.
7th. Aust. F. Art. Bde. Wagon Lines.
8th. " " " " " "
179th. Army Bde. Wagon Lines.
A.R.P.
Superintendent.
14th. Army Bde. R.F.A. (Reserve
Bde.) through 23rd. Army Bde. RFA.
36th. Army Bde. R.F.A. (Left Sub-
Group) through 23rd. Army Bde. RFA.

Blangy Sub-Exchange.

9th. Field Co. A.E.
10th. " " "
3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.
30th. Area Signal Detachment.
8th. Bn. Tanks.
23rd. Army Bde. R.F.A. Wagon Lines.

Miscellaneous.

11th. Field Co. A.E. through 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn. " 11th. " " "
Advanced Dressing Station through 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
No. 3 Aust. M.T. Co. through Aust. Corps and Saleux.
" " " " Workshops through Aust. Corps, 4th. Army and
Berteaucourt.

All previous lists are cancelled.

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23.6.1918.

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A.D. Signals,
Aust. Corps.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.
No. E.T. 1955
Date 24.6.18.

Reference: Your T.233/15 of 22.6.18 re D.Sigs./4944 of 19.6.18.

Subject: Suggested replacement of Telephone Wagon for G.S. wagon and barrow for Signal Sub-Sections.

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

The suggestion is strongly disapproved.

Recently the telephone wagon was much used for laying cable, not only on roads, but across open fields, etc. under conditions in which it would have been impossible to efficiently use a G.S. wagon and barrow. Apart from recent experience, it is considered the efficiency of the Telephone Wagon has been amply proved; and the suggestion, if carried out, would certainly effect no improvement and would be impracticable in mobile warfare. Especially under present circumstances the retention of the telephone wagon is essential.

The suggestion put forward undoubtedly appears to be, as stated, a desire to meet the need for extra transport. It is agreed that the transport for Signal Sub-Sections is very limited and the provision of a G.S. limbered wagon as originally laid down in W.O. letter 121/France/1435 (S.D.2.) dated 21.1.18 would adequately cover the shortage. But to supply a G.S. wagon and barrow in ~~lieu~~ lieu of the technical vehicle is highly undesirable and against the interests of the service.

It is understood that some 12 to 18 months ago G.H.Q. laid down that no more R.E. limbered wagons would be issued but that G.S. limbered wagons would be supplied as the R.E. limbered wagons became unserviceable.

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

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D.Sigs./4944.

D.D. Signals, Fourth Army.

It has been suggested that a G.S. wagon and barrow for laying cable therefrom would be superior to the wagon telephone. Please give your opinion as regards this change for :-

- (a) R.F.A. Brigade Sub-Sections.
- (b) R.G.A. Brigade Sections (6" How. and 60 Pdrs.)
- (c) R.G.A. Brigade Sections (Heavy).

It is believed that one of the chief reasons for suggesting the change is a desire for extra transport and that regard is not given to the fact that the wagon telephone was intended for mobile and not for trench warfare.

G.H.Q.
19.6.18.

(sd) F.A. Iles, Lieut.-Colonel.
for Director of Signals.

O.C.,
3rd.Div.Sigs.

T.233/15.
22.6.18.

What are your views on this?

21.6.18.

(sd) T.R. Williams, Lieut.-Colonel,
A.D.Signals, Australian Corps.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

by
Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
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In the Field, France,
24th. June, 1918.

609. ENGINEERS - SIGNAL SERVICE. (Extract A.I.F. List 345.)

" 2nd. Lieut. F.W. OSBORNE to be Lieutenant. 5th. March, 1918."

610. REMUSTERING.

10624, Dvr. C.E. HOPKINS is remustered as Sapper at own request,
dated 18.6.1918.

611. HONOURS AND AWARDS. (Extract A.I.F. List 346.)

" Extract from "The London Gazette" Supplement No. 30750, dated
" 17th. June, 1918.

" War Office,
" 17th. June, 1918.

" His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of
" the award of the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL to the undermentioned
" Non-Commissioned Officers in recognition of valuable services rendered
" with the Forces in France during the present war:-

" 10620, Cpl. A.F. HIBBERD. 3rd. Div. Sig. Co.
" 10679, Sgt. J.C. SMITH. 3rd. Div. Sig. Co. (now Aust. Corps Sig. Co.)"

612. FORFEITURE OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES. (Ref. A.I.F. Order 1257.)

The statutory forfeitures to which members of the A.I.F. are subject consequent upon conviction by a Commanding Officer or Courts Martial or during absence without leave, will be governed by Section 119 of the Defence Act as amended by the Defence Act, 1917, and Australian Military Regulation No. 563 and not by the Army Act, King's Regulations and Royal Warrant.

The forfeiture commences on the day on which a charge was first investigated by a C.O. or Court, whichever first occurred, for the period while under any charge of which the accused is convicted, and also for the period of absence without leave.

The method of calculation of the extent of forfeitures for absence is the same under the Defence Regulations as provided for in the Army Act and the Royal Warrant.

613. CLIPPING OF MANES. (Extract Divl. R.O. 1970.)

" The manes and forelocks of all horses and mules will be closely
" clipped."

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

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THIRD 117
 AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL
 SIGNAL COMPANY,
 A.E.
 No. HOR 1991
 Date 27.6.18

HANDING OVER REPORT (GLISY) 27.6.18.

LINES.

(1) The lines in "A" Divisional area are principally buried cable routes and have been satisfactory.
 The route in existence on arriving in the sector was a shallow 14-pair route from TRONVILLE CHATEAU (TC) to Brigades' Report Centres (BA), connected to Division (GY) by an overland 7-pair brass-sheath cable.
 This was considered inadequate and unsafe, and an additional route, dealt with in para. 3, was commenced.
 Of the three lines to Australian Corps, two are on buried routes and one on an open wire route.
 The line to the Division on the left is in a buried system, while that to the Division on the right - French - is field cable poled for about half its length, and maintained by this Division.
 The Artillery Groups are using pairs on the buried system both back to Divl. Art. Hd. Qrs. and forward to Bns. in line, but unfortunately it is of very little service to Batteries.
 It was intended to construct a lateral from BA northwards through the Battery areas to serve Batteries of all Groups, on the completion of the BG - BA section.
 Two 7-pair brass-sheath cables are buried 2 ft. deep from Signal office to the dugouts for locals. A list of same is attached.

2. MAINTENANCE.

The O.C., 30th. Area Signal Detachment - 2/Lt. Hobbs - who is situated at the Mairie, BLANGY TRONVILLE, is responsible for maintenance of buried routes as laid down in Australian Corps "Instructions for the Defensive, No. 53" of 24.6.18., and has his personnel distributed as under at the following test points:-

BG		3 men.
BY	1 Cpl.	3 "
BA	1 "	1 "
VBX		2 "

Three men from this Company are situated at BTE with the following instruments:-

1 P.O. No. 44; 1 D.III; 1 Test set.

In addition, instruments as under have been loaned to O.C., 30th. Area Signal Detachment:-

At BG 1 P.O. No. 44. 1 Test set.
 BY 1 P.O. No. 44. 1 Test set.

A Corps lineman - Spr. Rivett - is attached for the maintenance of the three Corps lines, "H" and "Z" Special Co. line, Lateral Buried route, and open wire routes on which pairs to this Division are in use.

3. WORKS.

A 32-pair buried route, 6 ft. deep, was first constructed from Bdes.' Report Centres to Line Bns. of Right Bde. and is now in use.
 A main 32-pair route was then commenced from Divl. Hd. Qrs. (GY) to Bde. Forward Stations and is completed to within 600 yds. of BA, and lines have been transferred from shallow bury as far as possible.
 In addition, a 15-pair bury was begun between the Line Bns. of Right Bde. and Line Bn. of Left Bde. and this is completed with the exception of the last 70 yds.
 Both these sections could not be completed owing to the fact that the Reserve Bde., which was supplying the parties, has been relieved and has moved out of the area.
 A shallow 7-pair bury was also put down from BTE to GM, thus providing a buried route for the Right Sub-Group to Divl. Art. Hd. Qrs.
 Sufficient cable will be handed over to complete both unfinished sections of buried routes, and cables ~~xxx~~ as under are left at the end of each trench:-

/BG - BA section.

BG - BA Section	4 7-pr.armrd.	290 yds. each.
	4 armrd.twin.	70 " "
SR - CH Section	2 7-pr.b/s	220 " "
	1 armrd.quad.	440 " "

Short lengths of the various cables are available at BTE, VS, BG, BY, BA and VBX in case of a break-down.

4. SUB-OFFICES.

A sub-office has been established at N.22 b 3.1 and is known as BLANGY Sub-Exchange. It is manned by 1 N.C.O. and three men, and the following instruments are installed:-

- 1 10-line cordless switchboard.
- 1 D.III telephone.

A sub-office has been established at Hd. Qrs., 37th. French Div. It is manned by 1 N.C.O. and 2 operators, with the following instruments:-

- 1 S.C. set.
- 1 Transformer.
- 1 10-cell battery box.

The French supply the ringing telephone and two 4-line switchboards.

5. Route diagram is attached together with a plan of local line in the village of ELISY.

6. Line Book will be handed over on relief corrected to 10 a.m. 29th.inst.

7. WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS.

The disposition of wireless and power buzzer and amplifier stations are as per Aust. Corps list S.S.118 of 26.6.18.

8. ACCUMULATOR CHARGING.

The A.B.C. Forward Charging set is situated under the railway embankment near Right and Left Bde. Hd.Qrs. Accumulators are charged here for the forward stations and conveyed to stations by 6 carriers attached from the Infantry, who live in close proximity to the charging set.

Accumulators for the Divl. Art. C.W. sets and Wilson sets are charged on the P.E.L. set at Divl.Hd.Qrs., 2 6-volt accumulators every second day. This set also does the charging for the 14th. Bde. R.G.A. and large French gun on the railway at BLANGY TRONVILLE.

9. Wireless calls will be handed over on relief in accordance with Aust.Corps Signal Instructions No. 11, Series No. 9, dated 26.6.18.

10. VISUAL.

Bdes.' Visual Station has been established for the Right and Left Inf. Bdes. at 0.26 a 7.9 (Bdes.' Report Centres); and for Art. (Right Group) at N.35 d 5.9. Both these stations, in event of line communication breaking down, transmit to Central Station (Art. and Inf.) at GLISY (N.20 c 0.4).

11. PIGEONS.

14 received daily from Corps by 5.15 p.m. d.r. 8 birds are allotted to Right Inf. Bde. and 4 to Left Inf. Bde., delivered by d.r.; and 2 are called for at Divl.Signal office by runner from 14th.Bde., R.G.A.

/12.MESSENGER DOGS.

12. MESSENGER DOGS.

A group of 2 keepers and 6 dogs is supplied weekly from Corps Kennel, and distributed, 1 keeper and 3 dogs to each Inf.Bde. Dogs stay at Bdes.' Report Centres and are taken forward to Bns. and Cos. in line. The present group went into the line on 27.6.18. and consists of 3 keepers and 8 dogs - 1 keeper and Dogs Nos. 130, 131, and 132 with Right Inf.Bde.; 1 keeper and Dogs Nos. 101 and 102 with Left Inf.Bde., and Dogs Nos. 104, 105, and 106 with Right Art. Group; the latter are sent forward to Batteries.

13. MESSAGE-CARRYING ROCKETS.

Supplied to all Cos. and Bns. in line (2 per station) and 4 to Bde. Report Centre. Chain of communication is from Cos. to Bns., Bns. to Bdes.' Visual Station, and if necessary, from Bdes.' Visual Station to Bdes.' Hd.Qrs.

14. D.R.L.S.

Four runs daily to each Inf. Bde. - as per time-table attached - thence despatches are taken forward to Bns. by cyclists and runners. Three runs are made daily from Divl.Art.Hd.Qrs. to Art. Groups and from thence to Batteries by cyclists and runners - time-table attached. The following units (other than 3rd.Divl.units) are at present being served in this area:-

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Area Commandant	GLISY	
French Railway Gun	GLISY	
75th.Regt., French Art.	GLISY	
"H" & "Z" Spec.Cos.R.E.	CAMON	Calls after each Corps d.r.
567 A.T.Co.R.E.	N.31 a 2.5	Calls 9 a.m., 2 p.m., and
C.R.E., R.Z.D.(S) (Care 567 Co.)	N.31 a 2.5	9.30 p.m.

Circular D.R.

Area Comdt. La Motte	LA MOTTE Chateau.	
" " CAMON	LA MOTTE Chateau.	
" " CAGNY		
Corps Agricultural Officer	LA MOTTE CHATEAU.	
8th. Labour Group	LA MOTTE.	
Chateau Dump	M.36 b 2.2.	
867 Co. A.S.C.	M.10 b 7.4.	
4th.Aust.Sanitary Section	CAGNY.	
83rd. Labour Co.	N.31 a 6.4.	
90th. Labour Co.	N.31 a 2.5.	
105th.Labour Co.	N.15 d 4.7.	
15th.Observation Group	S.12 d 6.6.	
13th.Observation Group	S.5 d 62.65.	To 37th.French Div.
Det.No.1 Spec. Co. R.E.		To Left Bde.
193rd. Labour Co.		To 37th.French Div.
8th. Tank Bn.		To Blangy Exchange.
30th.Area Signal Det.		To Blangy Exchange.

15. TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS.

As per list attached herewith.

16. STORES.

The following stores will be handed over on relief:-

Tents	-at-GLISY-
Trench shelters	4 at GLISY.
Water tins	30 at Right Bde.Hd.Qrs.
Armd.cable 7-pr.	220 yds. (1 coil.)
" " quad.	6 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles.(27 coils.)

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Armd. cable, twin miles $5\frac{1}{4}$ (21 coils.)
 Trench markers 296.
 Terminal strips, 32-pr. 3.
 Pilot boxes 7.
 Terminal strips 15-pr. 1.

In addition, the following cable is forward:-
 At. Advd. Bde. - 280 yds. of 28-pr. (4 - 7-prs.)
 At 34th. Bn. - 440 yds. 7-prs.
 440 yds. twin.

17. RATIONS.

26 men are detached for rations, as follows:-

16 are rationed by Right Bde. (Wireless personnel.)
 3 " " " Left " (" ")
 3 " " " French Div. (Sub-office ")
 4 " " " Pioneer Bn. (Blangy sub-office personnel.)

17 are attached, made up as follows:-

13 from 30th. Area Signal Detachment.
 2 Corps telegraph operators.
 1 " wireless "
 1 " lineman.

A limber leaves C.Q.M.S. store at 1.30 p.m. daily, taking rations as under:-

To BY test-point - rations for 10 men.
 " VS " " - " " 3 "

In addition, 5 tins of water are sent forward daily to BY.

3 Company linemen, stationed at BTE, draw their rations daily from C.Q.M.S. store.

18. ACCOMMODATION.

2 billets in dug-outs are allotted for Officers - Nos. 11 and 12, and will accommodate 9. O.C.'s office on verandah of dugout - No. 14.
 Officers' Mess - Nissen Bow Hut. Orderly Room, C.Q.M.S. and W/T. Stores, Mechanics' Shop and personnel in GLISY.
 Transport and horse lines in open, adjacent to Co. Hd. Qrs. at western end of GLISY.

19. Please acknowledge receipt.

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

O. I/C SIGNALS,
THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIV.

L. 1987
Date 27.6.18.

Subject: Cable Burying.

In connection with the recent burying of cable, it is desired to express appreciation of the work done by the parties supplied by the 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. for this work.

The total parties supplied from 12th. to 22nd. inst. (inc.) amounted to 7,830, which gave an average of 605 for day working and 178 for night parties. The distance completed was 7,800 yards.

The parties, practically without exception, arrived on the tasks punctually, and the work generally was very satisfactory.

Few casualties occurred, and these were practically all due to pick accidents.

The nature of the ground, which was chiefly chalk and flint, made digging difficult, and consequently the work was harder and more fatiguing than usual on similar tasks.

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Aust. Corps.

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

APPENDIX NO. 37 WAR DIARY. VOL. 20.

O. I/C SIGNALS,
THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIV.
No. MD. 1995
Date 28.6.18.

Subject: Messenger Dog Service.

I have to report as follows on the Messenger Dog Service in this Division for period 21.6.18. - 27.6.18.-

Dogs Nos. 107, 108, and 109 were allotted to Left (9th.) Inf. Bde., and Dogs Nos. 140 and 141 to Right (11th.) Inf. Bde.

The dogs performed good all-round work and made satisfactory times.

Slow times made by the dogs of the Left Bde. on 26.6.18. are believed due to the dogs having been fed at some intermediate kitchen, but so far this has not been verified.

On the same occasion dogs numbers 107 and 108 returned together after 50 minutes delay on a 30 minute run.

Dogs Nos. 108 and 140 were fast and reliable; the remainder, although slower, could also be depended on.

Reports from Bdes. are appended.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RECORD OF TRAFFIC BY MESSENGER DOG SERVICE

21.6.18. - 27.6.18.

No. of Dog.	Unit released from	Time and date of release.	Time of arrival at back station	Time occupied on run.	Distance in yards.
				minutes	
108	33rd. Bn.	3.11 p.m. 21.6.18.	3.29 p.m.	18	3,500
109	34th. Bn.	3.20 p.m. 21.6.18.	3.39 p.m.	19	2,200
107	34th. Bn.	8.5 p.m. 21.6.18.	8.14 p.m.	9	2,200
108	33rd. Bn.	6.15 a.m. 22.6.18.	6.37 a.m.	22	3,500
109	34th. Bn.	6.5 a.m. 22.6.18.	6.35 a.m.	30	2,200
107	33rd. Bn.	3.48 p.m. 22.6.18.	4.55 p.m.	67	3,500
108	33rd. Bn.	6.8 a.m. 23.6.18.	6.30 a.m.	22	3,500
109	34th. Bn.	6.0 a.m. 23.6.18.	6.30 a.m.	30	2,200
107	34th. Bn.	6.20 a.m. 24.6.18.	6.35 a.m.	15	2,200
108	Left Lateral Bn.	6.0 a.m. 24.6.18.	6.35 a.m.	35	4,500
109	33rd. Bn.	6.20 a.m. 24.6.18.	7.5 a.m.	45	3,500
107	34th. Bn.	6.0 a.m. 25.6.18.	6.35 a.m.	35	2,200
109	33rd. Bn.	6.25 a.m. 25.6.18.	7.45 a.m.	80	3,500
108	Left Lateral Bn.	6.0 a.m. 25.6.18.	6.35 a.m.	35	4,500
107	34th. Bn.	6.0 a.m. 26.6.18.	7.20 a.m.	80	2,200
108	Left Lateral Bn.	6.0 a.m. 26.6.18.	7.20 a.m.	80	4,500
109	35th. Bn.	6.0 a.m. 26.6.18.	7.54 a.m.	114	3,300
107	34th. Bn.	6.0 a.m. 27.6.18.	7.43 a.m.	103	2,200
108	35th. Bn.	9.0 a.m. 27.6.18.	9.15 a.m.	15	3,500
109	35th. Bn.	9.33 a.m. 27.6.18.	10.5 a.m.	32	3,500

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RECORD OF TRAFFIC BY MESSENGER DOG SERVICE.

21.6.18. - 27.6.18.

No. of Dog.	Unit released from.	Time and date of release.	Time of arrival at back station	Time occupied on run. minutes.	Distance in yards.
140	Raiding Party	3.20 a.m. 22.6.18.	3.50 a.m.	30	4,800
141	Co. in Line 37th. Bn.	5.0 a.m. 22.6.18.	5.30 a.m.	30	3,000
140	38th. Bn.	9.25 a.m. 23.6.18.	9.45 a.m.	20	4,000
141	Co. in Line 37th. Bn.	5.0 a.m. 23.6.18.	5.28 a.m.	28	3,000
140	Co. in Line 37th. Bn.	7.0 a.m. 24.6.18.	7.30 a.m.	30	4,400
141	44th. Bn.	9.45 a.m. 24.6.18.	10.2 a.m.	17	2,000
140	Co. in Line) 37th. Bn.)	6.45 a.m. 25.6.18.	7.30 a.m.	45	4,400
141	44th. Bn.	7.0 a.m. 25.6.18.	7.40 a.m.	40	2,000
140	Co. in Line 41st. Bn.	2.45 p.m. 25.6.18.	3.10 p.m.	25	4,400
141	44th. Bn.	2.35 p.m. 25.6.18.	3.0 p.m.	25	2,000
141	Co. in Line 44th. Bn.	7.0 a.m. 26.6.18.	7.20 a.m.	20	4,400
140	41st. Bn.	8.0 a.m. 26.6.18.	8.30 a.m.	30	2,000
140	Co. in Line 44th. Bn.	3.20 p.m. 26.6.18.	3.45 p.m.	25	4,400
141	41st. Bn.	4.26 p.m. 26.6.18.	4.45 p.m.	17	2,000
141	42nd. Bn.	6.10 a.m. 27.6.18.	6.45 a.m.	35	4,000
140	37th. Bn.	7.47 a.m. 27.6.18.	8.35 a.m.	48	2,000

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Aust. Corps.

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A.D. SIGNALS, THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIV.	
No	L. 1997
Date	30.6.18

Subject: Buried Cable Routes:- GY - BTE - SF - BG - BA.
VBX - SR - CH.

I have to report on the abovementioned routes as follows:-

1. SF - BG - BA.

Work was continued on the morning of the 21st. inst. and a total distance of 1,800 yds. was completed before the Brigade which supplied the parties, was relieved.

A distance of approximately 600 yds. remains to be completed.

Terminal strips have been installed at BG and cables connected thereto.

In addition, the route VS - BY has been split and led into BG.

All jointing and testing is complete up to end of cable buried. Result as follows:-

32 pairs buried - 32 pairs O.K.

2. SR - CH.

Work was continued on the night of 20th./21st. inst. and a total distance of 750 yds. completed when the working party was withdrawn.

A distance of approximately 70 yds. remains to be completed.

A terminal strip has been installed at SR and cables connected thereto.

All testing and jointing is complete to end of cable buried. Result as follows:-

32 pairs buried - 32 pairs O.K.

All cable required to complete both routes has been handed over to 2nd. Aust. Div.

The weather throughout was fine and practically no delay occurred.

3. Markers have been placed along the whole of the completed sections.

4. Known casualties:- Three (accidental pick injuries.)

5. Route diagram is attached.

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Third Australian Division.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
30th. June, 1918.

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

FROM & TO AUST. CORPS.

Leaves Aust. Corps	7.0 a.m.	11.0 a.m.	4.15 p.m.	8.0 p.m.
Arrives 3rd.Aust.Div.	8.20 a.m.	12.20 p.m.	5.35 p.m.	9.20 p.m.
Arrives Aust. Corps	8.35 a.m.	12.35 p.m.	5.50 p.m.	9.35 p.m.

TO & FROM INF. BDES.

Leaves Divl.Hd.Qrs.	8.0 a.m.	12.0 noon.	4.0 p.m.	9.30 p.m.
11th. Bde.	8.15 a.m.	12.15 p.m.	4.15 p.m.	9.45 p.m.
10th. Bde.	8.35 a.m.	12.35 p.m.	4.35 p.m.	10.5 p.m.
9th. Bde.	9.0 a.m.	1.0 p.m.	5.0 p.m.	10.30 p.m.
Arrives Divl.Hd.Qrs.	9.25 a.m.	1.25 p.m.	5.25 p.m.	10.55 p.m.

- NOTE: (1) 11th. Field Co., 9th. Field Amb. and Salvage Co. are in continuation of 9th. Bde. run.
- (2) 10th. Field Co., Mob. Vet. Sec., 869 Co. A.A.S.C., Troop 13th. Light Horse and Platoon Cyclist Bn. are in continuation of 10th. Bde. run.
- (3) 3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn., 11th. Field Amb., 868 Co. A.A.S.C., 870 Co. A.A.S.C. and D.A.D.O.S. are in continuation of 11th. Bde. run.
- (4) 3rd. Pioneer Bn. disposed of through 4th. Aust. Div.
- (5) 9th. Field Co. disposed of through 5th. Aust. Div.

CIRCULAR RUN TO DIVL. UNITS AND OTHER UNITS IN DIVL. AREA.

Leaves Divl. Hd. Qrs.	9.0 a.m.	2.0 p.m.	7.0 p.m.
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Times of closing - Ten minutes prior to departure of D.R.

All previous time-tables are cancelled.

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

APPENDIX NO. *40* WAR DIARY.

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL CO., A.E.

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

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.
No. <i>P.A. 2002</i>
Date <i>1. 7. 1918</i>

Regimental Funds - Cash Statement.

Month ending 30th. June 1918.

Receipts	£	s	d	Expenditure.	£	s	d
1.6.18. By balance brought forward	63	5	5	5.6.18. To purchase of printed cards.	1	4	
11.6.18. " proceeds of sale of dripping		7	8	6.6.18 " purchase of cricket material	2	9	1
11.6.18. " proceeds of sale of dripping.	1	3	1	30.6.18 " balance carried forward.	61	3	1
Total	£ 64	16	2		£ 64	16	2

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Throughout the month demands for clothing were fairly well met, whilst equipment demands were well met.

S.D. Jackets received were of good quality but all sizes were not available. Supplies of Breeches, M.S. consisted of 70% which were new and of good quality, and 30% part worn. Sizes were not restricted. Hats, felt, were available up to demand and were of English manufacture. The quality was inferior to that of the Australian pattern. The quantity of boots received comprised 50% Australian pattern. The remaining 50%, which were of English make, consisted of repaired boots. The Company saddler repaired 46 pairs of boots during the month.

Owing to the inability to obtain leggings, personnel transferred to the unit were issued with putties. Fittings for the bayonet attachments of folding signalling shutters as laid down in G.R.O. 4067, were received and the work of fitting was carried out by the Company mechanics.

Additional electric torches authorised under G.R.O. 3287 were supplied, also 3 sets G.S. Packsaddlery vide G.R.O. 4046, for the transport of wireless equipment, etc. 2 Light Cable Carts received during the month completed the establishment of No.1 Section.

The quantity of comforts received in June exceeded all previous records for a month and comprised the following:-

Sugar	210 lbs.
Milk	273 tins.
Coffee & Milk	48 "
Oatmeal	595 lbs.
Honey	378 (10 oz.) tins.
Biscuits	270 ($\frac{1}{2}$ lb.) packets.
Cigarettes	10,000.
Playing Cards	12 pkts.

Honey and biscuits were gifts from the Australian Engineers' Comforts Fund and the balance from Australian Comforts Fund.

The following instruments were received for overhaul and repair from Divisional and attached units:-

15 Telephones (various types.)
3 Fullerphones.
4 Handsets.

Same were repaired and overhauled by the Company mechanics and returned to the units concerned.

A 40-line double-cord switchboard was received from Army through Australian Corps in replacement for a single-cord board of 30-line capacity. The latter, besides being inadequate for present requirements, was more difficult to operate, and also the cord of the operator's plug was a frequent source of trouble owing to the excessive amount of usage imposed on this particular cord. The springs required much attention and often resulted in an indicator being put out of action. The new board has the advantage of minimising the necessity for a number of party lines.

30.6.18.

S. P. R. G. R. G.
C.Q.M.S.
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[REDACTED] TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT.

On June 4th. 2 horses were killed and 2 wounded as a result of a shell falling in the wagon lines. The wounded animals were subsequently evacuated.

In order to provide more effective shelter for the animals against similar occurrences the wagon lines were removed to a position half a mile distant.

The D.A.D.V.S. authorised the evacuation of 7 aged horses during the month which were unsuitable for Signal Service work. In addition, 1 horse was shot by the D.A.D.V.S. as a result of injuries received in an accident.

The move of the unit to Coisy on June 29th. found the new horse lines, vacated by 2nd. Australian Division, in an unsatisfactory condition. Much work was carried out when the lines were taken over, and revetting constructed to the regulation 5 feet. Subsequently, in a weekly report from the Divisional Train, the unit was commended for the work which had been done.

The weather throughout has been fine and warm, which has contributed largely to the general good health of the horses.

The harness is in good condition.

The wagons are in a good state of repair, but require painting, which it is hoped will shortly be taken in hand.

Rations have been satisfactory.

[Handwritten Signature]

30.6.1918.

Lieut.
Officer i/c. Transport.

O.Cs. REPORT.

MOVE.

On June 29th. the Division was relieved and went into the Reserve Area with Headquarters at COISY. This was the only move during the month.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The period in the line was devoted to the extension of the buried routes to conform to the Corps scheme. On handing over the sector to the 2nd. Australian Division on June 29th. the major part of this work had been completed.

ALTERNATIVE MEANS.

All Sections of the Unit were provided with message rockets and demonstrations were carried out from time to time in the presence of the Staff, in addition to the use of rockets in all emergency cases have been highly satisfactory.

In consequence of more usage having been given the Popham panel for communication between Aircraft and Infantry, Observers are showing marked improvement in the time taken to read the groups.

Messenger Dogs on the whole justified their use and could be regarded as satisfactory.

Periodically throughout the month a time was set aside for the exclusive use of visual in order to accustom the personnel to its use in the event of a breakdown in normal communication methods.

DISCIPLINE.

Good throughout.

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GRAPH SHOWING DAILY NUMBER of
A.B & C Messages

3rd Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.



Totals

A Messages	* Divl. Hd. Qrs	11836
B "	— No 2 Sec. att. 9 th Inf. Bde.	2979
C "	— No 3 " " 10 th " "	4944
	— No 4 " " 11 th " "	1368
	— No 5 " " 3 rd M.G. Bn.	581
	— D.A. Hd. Qrs.	5349
	— No 1 Sub. Sec. att. 7 th FA Bde.	2980
	— No 2 " " " 8 th " "	2018
	<u>Totals</u>	<u>32055</u>

* Blangy Ex, French Divn, and
Wireless Figures included in
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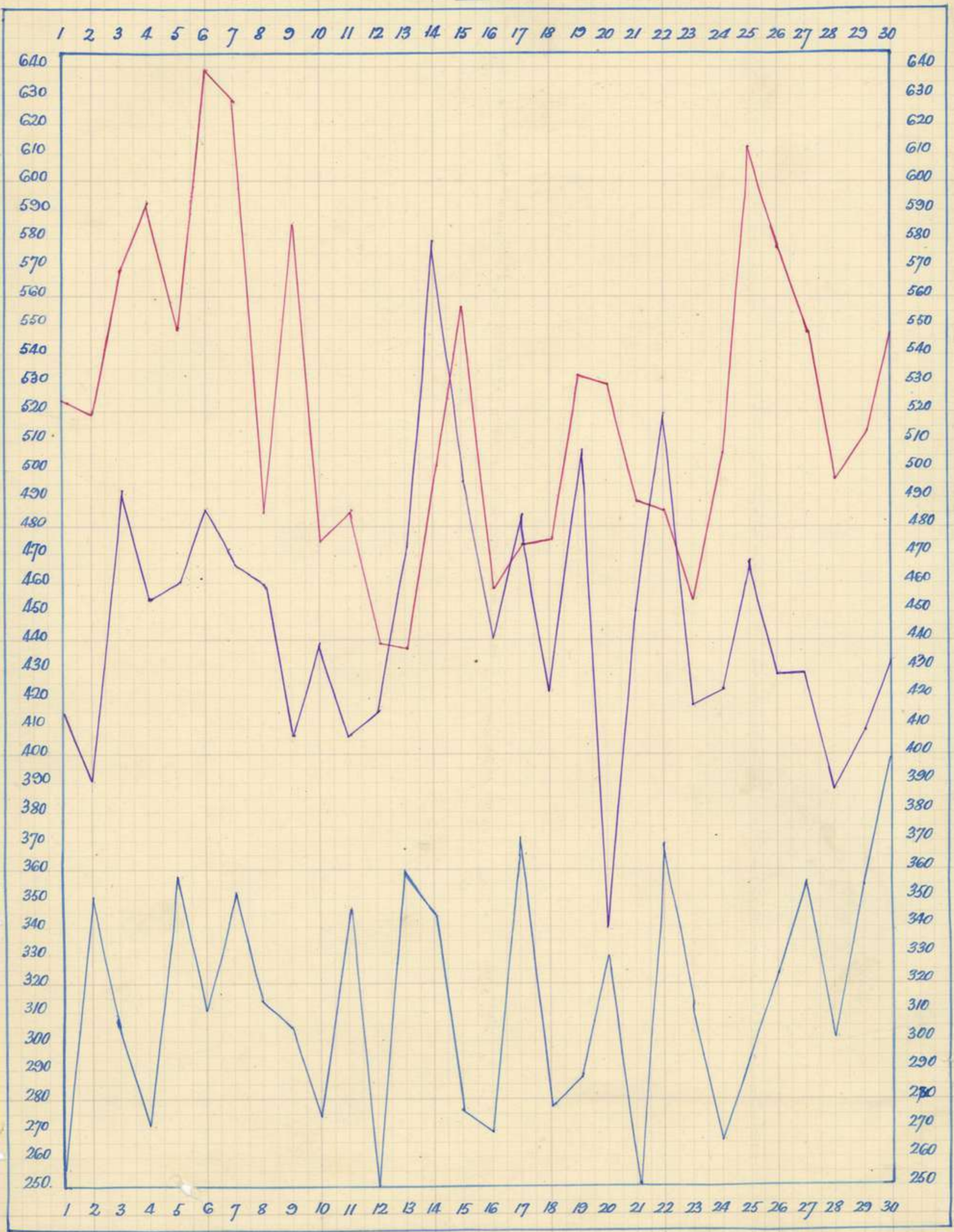
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GRAPH SHEWING DAILY NUMBER OF — AB&C Sealed Packets — 3rd Aust. Divl. Signal Co A.E.



— Totals —

A S.P.s.	— * Divl. Hd. Qrs.	14533	
B "	— No 2 Sec. att 9 th Inf Bde.	5358	
C "	— No 3 " " 10 th " "	5879	
	— No 4 " " 11 th " "	4457	
	— No 5 " " 3 rd M.G. Bn.	1816	
	— DA Hd. Qrs.	6040	
	— No 1 Sub. Sec. att. 7 th F.A. Bde.	1172	
	— No 2 " " " 8 th " "	1209	
	Total	40464	

* Blangy Ex., French Som., and
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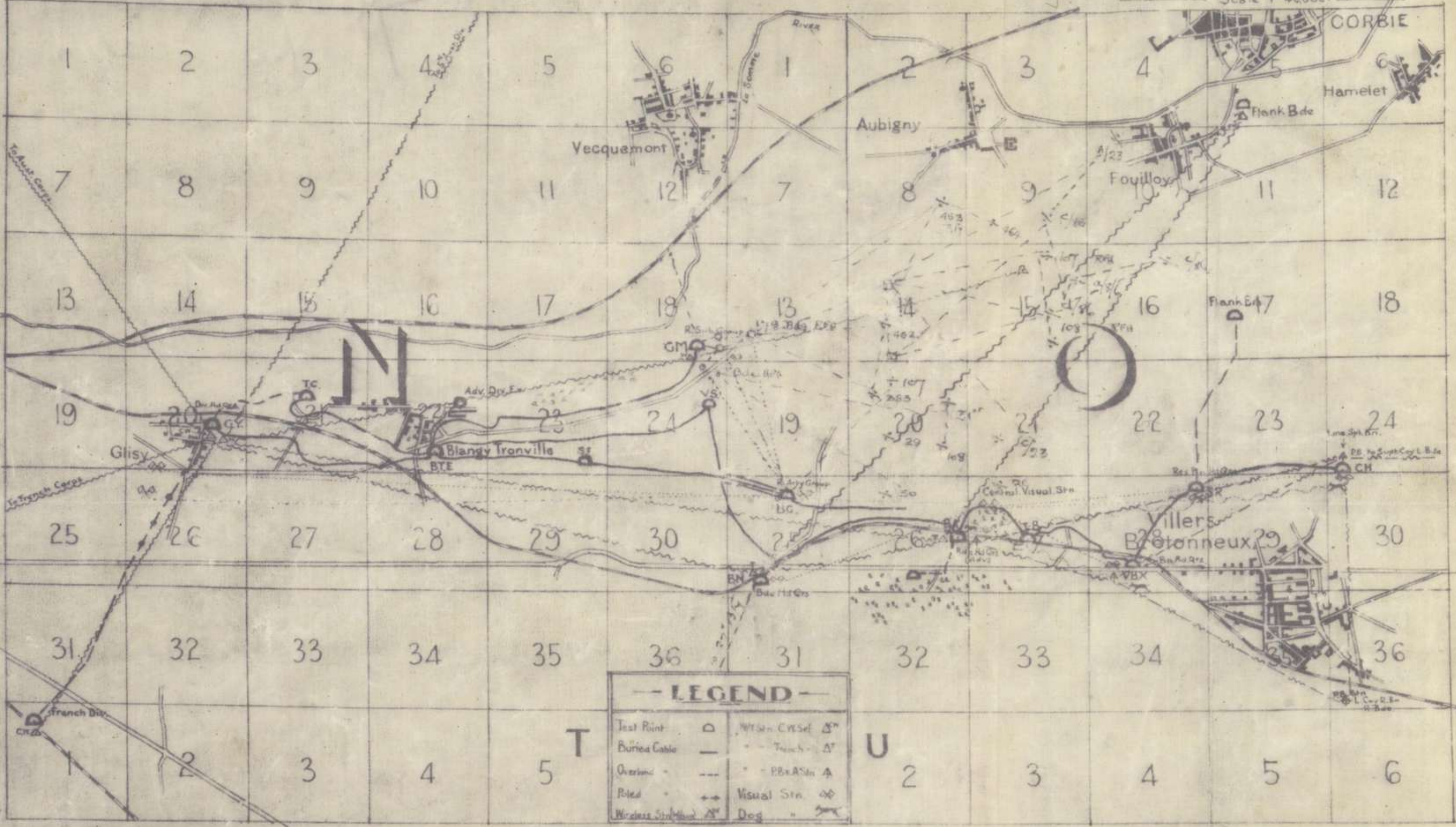
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DIAGRAM of COMMUNICATIONS of THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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Officer in Charge Signals
— THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION —
22.6.18

D.D. Signals,
4th. Army.

SUBJECT: LISTER PORTABLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING SET.

I herewith submit for your information a report on the abovenamed Electric Lighting Set which has been in use in this unit for the past six months.

From the date of installation of this plant, excellent results have been achieved. Its consistent smooth running produces a brilliant, even light, which is appreciated by all users, and has been favourably commented on by Headquarters Staff.

Divisional

The efficient system of governing which it possesses permits of a minimum to a maximum load, or vice-versa, being placed on the engine without requiring the attention of the mechanic. The same can be said of the carburetter and the magneto in relation to the last-mentioned advantage.

The dynamo, which has worked well, can be used most effectively for accumulator charging, as it permits of a maximum voltage being placed on the charging frame.

A few minor defects have made themselves manifest. Owing to the tappet heads being soft, a groove was worn in them by the valve stem, making it impossible to adjust the valve without throwing it out of alignment with its guide, thus causing it to seize.

Periodically, a defect in the oil and petrol pump is noticed, which is probably due to the wear of the brass plunger against the brass. A re-adjustment of the packing from time to time is necessary to prevent the consequent waste of oil.

It can be said of the Set that it can be worked with a minimum of attention, and is, so far, the best plant used by this unit.

30.6.1918.

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

	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
Strength of Unit as on 30.6.18.		
Actually with unit	15	364
Effective Strength	16	368
Total struck off strength during month.-		
* Sick, wounded, etc.	19	
Transferred to other units	3	
Illegal Absentee	<u>1</u>	
	1	22
* Includes 1 officer - 2/Lt.G.T.B.Batty.		
Total to Hospital during month.-		
1 Disease unknown (2/Lt.Batty.)	1 Tachycardia.	
4 Wounded (shell).	2 Hernia.	
5 Influenza	1 Bruised Calf.	
1 D.A.H.	1 Tonsillitis.	
2 Pyrexia.	1 Growth on Lip.	
1 P.U.O.	1 Dislocated shoulder	
	1 Swollen ankle.	
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Reinforcements received during month.-		
From Base	* 1	6
On transfer from other units:-		
1 from 39th. Bn.		
1 " Sig.Sub-Sec.attd.3rd.Army Bde.		
1 5th.Aust.Divl.Signal Co.A.E.		
1 from Aust.Corps Signal Co.A.E.		
1 " 43rd. Bn.		
1 " 44th. Bn.		
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* 2/Lt.J.F.Sims,D.C.M., M.M. from rfcts.(Cadet School.)		
Taken on strength from Rfcts. attached -	-	13
Reinforcements attached as on 30.6.18. -	-	4
Total rejoined unit -	-	31
Wanting to Complete $\frac{3}{4}$	-	-
Surplus to Establishment -	-	19
Total sent on leave to U.K. -	* 1	5
" " " " " Paris (leave cancelled)	-	-
* Capt.J.L.G.Buckland, M.C.M.M.		
	<u>Rides.</u>	<u>Light Draught.</u>
Strength as on 30.6.18.	39	76
Evacuated etc. during the month	* 7	9
Taken on strength from Remount Depot	4	7
* Includes 1 Ride and 1 L.D. killed by shell-fire.		