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COISY.	1st. July.	Mon.	<p>Fine and warm. Wind north east 10 to 15 miles per hour.</p> <p>19997, Cpl. (T/Sgt.) H.S. MARTIN proceeded to England to join Signal Officers' Cadet Course. 1 other rank rejoined from hospital. 1 other rank to hospital with influenza.</p> <p>2nd. Lieut. W.A. McPHERSON posted to No.4 Section (attached 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.) temporarily for purpose of taking charge of Brigade Forward Signal party in forthcoming offensive in HAMEL sector.</p> <p>1 N.C.O. and 6 other ranks with 2 Loop Sets (Wireless) were attached to No.4 Section (11th. Inf. Bde.) for special training.</p> <p>To cope with extra traffic 6 Battery runners are now employed for Despatch Rider Letter Service between No.2 Sub-Section (8th. Art. Bde.) and Batteries.</p> <p>Considerable difficulty is being experienced in maintaining communication from 9th. Inf. Bde. to 23rd. Machine Gun Co. owing to route of line being through fields, where harvesting is proceeding.</p> <p>254 Tunnelling Co. R.E. have been disconnected from 9th. Inf. Bde. exchange and 1st. Aust. Tunnelling Co. A.E. connected in its place.</p> <p>Throughout, the Sections' training is being carried out; men are also given regular bathing parades and re-issue of underclothing is arranged. Gear of all kind is being systematically overhauled.</p> <p>Appendix No.1:- Returns to be rendered for the month of July.</p>	
"	2nd. July.	Tues.	<p>Fine and warm. Wind north east 5 miles per hour.</p> <p>1 other rank rejoined from hospital. 2 other ranks to hospital with haemorrhoids and influenza respectively. 1 N.C.O. rejoined from U.K. leave.</p> <p>3 horses (rides) collected from Remount Depot, PICQUIGNY, for this unit.</p> <p>When the 11th. Inf. Bde. moved out from their reserve position at ALLONVILLE, it was decided to maintain the office there with personnel from Headquarters section in order to meet the requirements of several units situated in that area. 1 Lance Corporal and 5 other ranks were accordingly despatched there today.</p> <p>Mr. W.M. HUGHES, Prime Minister of Australia, in company with General BIRDWOOD and the Corps Commander (General MONASH) visited Divisional Headquarters. 40 members of this unit attended a representative parade, which was inspected by the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Triplex glass eye-pieces were fitted to Box Respirators of Headquarters and No.1 Section today. The new eye-pieces will prevent dimming, which was always a trouble with the old type. Better visibility will now be provided.</p> <p>In order to make the new Wireless personnel proficient at deciphering and enciphering, amplifier and power buzzer stations were established at Divisional Headquarters and at a point 3,000 yards distant. A number of practice messages were dealt with.</p>	

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COISY.	2nd. July. (continued.)	Tues.	At the 9th. Inf. Bde. Horse and Wagon Show held today, the limber of the Signal Section was placed second in a competition for best turn-out, whilst the Maltese Cart, for which class of vehicle there was no competition, was highly praised, and was said to be the best turn-out on the ground. Appendix No.2:- Company Routine Orders 614 - 616.	x
"	3rd. July.	Wed.	Cool and cloudy. Wind north west 10 miles per hour. No.10526, Sgt. W.T. EDWARDS proceeded to Aust. Corps Signal School to perform the work of an Assistant Instructor. Postings:- 2 other ranks to 11th. Inf. Bde. for temporary duty as linemen. 3 other ranks to 11th. Inf. Bde. for duty as Wireless operators. Wireless Officer visited Battle Headquarters of 11th. Inf. Bde. in connection with disposition of Wireless set. Lines from 8th. Artillery Bde. to 3rd. Divl. Artillery and 26th. Battery put into buried routes at BG panel point. In preparation for offensive on 4th. inst. personnel at Visual post at 8th. Artillery Bde. xxxxxxx has been strengthened and now totals 5.	
"	4th. July.	Thurs	Fair generally. Wind north 10 miles per hour. As a result from of a hit from a bomb the route of permanent line between COISY and ALLONVILLE was interrupted for several hours from 11 p.m. Lines to our 10th. Inf. Bde., Divisional Report Centre, and 2nd. Aust. Division were affected. Repairs were carried out by linemen as speedily as possible. The 11th. Inf. Bde. and the 7th. and 8th. Artillery Bdes, of this Division participated in the HAMEL offensive today. This Division being in reserve at COISY, the abovementioned Infantry Bde. came under the command of the 4th. Australian Div. and the latter Artillery Bdes. were controlled by the 2nd. Australian Div. The enterprise was a highly successful one, and communication played an important part in the operation. No.4 Section (11th. Inf. Bde.) provided the carefully selected personnel which comprised the Brigade Forward Party, and which was strengthened by Wireless personnel from the Wireless Section; the whole in charge of 2nd. Lieut. W.A. McPHERSON. At 11 p.m. on 3rd. the Brigade Forward Party left Brigade Hd. Qrs. (VAIRE-SOUS-CORBIE) and assembled with Reserve Company ("D" Company) of 43rd. Battalion at Sheet 62D, P.3.c. The Cable Head party moved into position at Sheet 62D, P.2.b.6.2 and established communication to Brigade Hd. Qrs. (11th. Bde.) and advanced Battalion Hd. Qrs. (44th. Bn.), the latter situated in our front line at Sheet 62D, P.8.b.25.50. The barrage opened at 3.10 a.m. and when it had lifted, the Brigade Forward Party moved over with the third wave of the attacking Infantry.	

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COISY.	4th. Thurs July. (continued.)		<p>A machine gun position in the enemy front line (sheet 62D, P.9.b.15.95) had been selected to accommodate the Signal personnel. En route to this position 1 casualty occurred to a visual signaller, who was wounded in the hand and the forearm.</p> <p>On arrival at the dugout a party of the enemy was in occupation. These were quickly disposed of with bombs, after which the Forward Party settled down in the position.</p> <p>At 3.50 a.m. the first message message was transmitted to Brigade Hd.Qrs. Communication was also established to 42nd. Battalion (on left, J.28.b.75.75) and 43rd. (P.3.d.70.35) and 44th. Battalions (on right, P.9.a.40.40).; also with Central Visual Station of 4th. Aust. Div. (I.30.a.85.70).</p> <p>At 3.58 a.m. communication over a range of 3,500 yards had been established by Wireless Loop Set, and signals were good at both ends.</p> <p>3 lines were run out at 4.15 a.m. to cable head, consisting of 2 Infantry and 1 Artillery circuits, which were through at 4.40 a.m.</p> <p>Subsequently these lines were cut frequently by enemy shellfire, repairs always being quickly effected by No.4 Section (11th. Inf. Bde.) linemen.</p> <p>A satisfactory number of messages were sent dealt with during the operation, and in all cases traffic was speedily disposed of by Lucas Lamp, Telephone and Wireless Wireless. The Brigade Forward Party was withdrawn at 9 p.m. on 6th. inst. when all lines were lead in to Advanced Battalion Hd.Qrs. at Sheet 62D, P.9.a.40.40., after whole position had been consolidated. The Artillery Groups (7th. and 8th. Artillery Bdes.) maintained communication between O.P.s., Batteries and Groups throughout the operation, and messenger dogs were successfully used with No.1 Sub-Section (7th. Artillery Bde.) but 2 dogs released by O.P.s of No.2 Sub-Section (8th. Art. Bde.) were not a success, owing to the fact that they got lost on the journey.</p> <p>Line to Canadian Cavalry Brigade connected to switchboard, ALLONVILLE Report Centre.</p> <p>4 bombs were dropped at 11 p.m. close to No.1 Sub-Section (7th. Art. Bde.) Hd.Qrs. Owing to the substantial nature of the dugouts, no casualties occurred to Signal personnel, but 3 officers and 5 horses belonging to a Tank Battalion, who were in the vicinity, were killed.</p>	
"	5th. Fri. July.		<p>Fine and warm. Wind north 10 to 15 miles per hour.</p> <p>Lieut. J.W. ALLAN proceeded to 4th. Army Signal School for 6 weeks' Officers' Course.</p> <p>Cpl. R.M. TAYLOR left for 4th. Army Signal School to undergo 6 weeks' Course.</p> <p>1 other rank attached No.4 Section from 42nd. Bn. to hospital wounded.</p> <p>2 other ranks taken on strength from Signal reinforcements.</p> <p>179 Bde. R.F.A. relieved by 86 Bde. R.F.A. Both these Bdes, are under the control of 3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery.</p>	

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COISY.	5th. July.	Fri.	<p>8th. Artillery Bde. new Visual Station established at sheet 62D, 0.26.c.3.8 working to Left Group (7th. Artillery Bde.) and Divl. Artillery Hd. Qrs. in case of emergency only. In addition, 8 Batteries can be picked up clearly by visual from mouth of 8th. Art. Bde. dugout.</p> <p>4th. Army Examining Post, AMIENS, connected to 9th. Inf. Bde. exchange.</p> <p>With a view to forming a Brigade nucleus of Regimental signallers from which which selections will be made for Army and Corps Signal Courses, 12 regimental signallers of 9th. Brigade are undergoing a course of instruction with that Section.</p> <p>At a swimming carnival of 9th. Inf. Bde. held today, personnel of the Signal Section who competed were successful in winning a number of events on the programme.</p> <p>Appendix No. 3:- Report on Signal Office Traffic.</p>	
"	6th. July.	Sat.	<p>Fine generally. Wind south west 10 miles per hour.</p> <p>1 N.C.O. to hospital with influenza.</p> <p>In order to treat the personnel to a little relaxation, a party of 10 N.C.Os. and 13 other ranks were conveyed to St. VALERY-SUR-SOMME by motor lorry for a day's outing.</p> <p>The value of stores returned to Salvage by this unit for the week ending today amounted to £6.7.8d.</p> <p>A Sports Meeting was held at QUERRIEU by 10th. Inf. Bde. at which personnel of the Signal Section competed with satisfactory results.</p>	
"	7th. July.	Sun.	<p>Fine and warm. Wind south west 8 miles per hour.</p> <p>1 N.C.O. reported back from Signal School. ABBEVILLE. 1 other rank rejoined from hospital.</p> <p>Captain J.L.G. BUCKLAND, M.C., M.M. rejoined from U.K. leave.</p> <p>Lance Cpl. Faragher and party relieved at ALLONVILLE by No. 4 Section (attached 11th. Inf. Bde.) and returned to Hd. Qrs.</p> <p>3 horses (rides) taken on strength from Remount Depot.</p> <p>Weekly report of Transport Officer comments favorably upon revetting at horse lines carried out by personnel of this unit. The standings being in an open field, much shelter is now afforded the animals. The report states that existing conditions were very unsatisfactory when taken over by this Company.</p> <p>2nd. Lieut. W.A. McPHERSON and Wireless personnel who comprised portion of Brigade Forward Party in HAMEL offensive returned to Headquarters this day.</p> <p>Appendix No. 4:- Company Routine Orders 617 - 620.</p>	

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COISY.	8th. Mon. July.		<p>Fine generally. Wind south west 10 miles per hour. 2 other ranks to hospital with influenza and muscular rheumatism respectively. 1 N.C.O. and 1 other rank to Paris on leave. (10 days). 3 other ranks to U.K. on 14 days' leave. 1 horse (light draught) taken on strength from Remount Depot and 3 horses (rides) posted to No.2 Sub-Section (8th.Art.Bde.) to complete establishment. The 33rd. and 34th. Battalions having relieved 39th. and 40th. Battalions, are now connected to 10th. Brigade Exchange, and 39th. and 40th. Battalions to 9th. Bde. exchange. In view of forthcoming relief of 12th. Bde. by 9th. Bde. all communications in the new sector have been reconnoitred by the Signal Officer of the last named Brigade. A systematic training is being carried out by Brigades during period in reserve; parades are held as often as possible, and inspections of gear and equipment take place regularly. This evening No. 5 Section (3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn.) received orders from C.O., Machine Gun Bn. to "Stand to"; the Section turned out on the road ready to move, with limber packed, in 28 minutes. The Section was inspected by the C.O. who complimented them on their smart and complete turnout. The "Stand to" lasted several hours.</p>	leave.
"	9th. Tues July.		<p>Dull and cool. Light easterly wind. 1 other rank to hospital for eye test. 2 other ranks rejoined from hospital. 1 new motor cycle received from Motor Transport Workshops in replacement for one evacuated. No.2 Sub-Section (8th. Art. Bde.) ran a line to No.3 Kite Balloon Section in Sheet 62D, O.13.c for purpose of providing balloon with facilities for observation to Batteries. During the day the 39th. and 40th. Battalions moved to RIVERY and came under the orders of 9th. Inf. Bde. The 33rd. and 34th. Battalions moved to simultaneously to QUERRIEU, ^{area} and came under command of 10th. Inf. Bde. The method of clearing sealed packets etc. was mutually arranged by units concerned. Signal Officer, Machine Gun Bn. (No.5 Section) Machine Gun Bn. inspected machine gun communications in new sector. The machine guns are operating over a wide area, and existing system of lines appears very complex.</p>	

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COISY.	10th. July.	Wed.	<p>Raining and squally. Wind west 15 to 20 miles per hour.</p> <p>2 other ranks rejoined from hospital. 1 Officer (Lieut. W. J. SUMMERS) rejoined from Hospital. Officer i/c. Signals and Orderly Room Corporal proceeded to Records Section, ROUEN, for the purpose of checking records, etc., of this unit.</p> <p>Pay disbursed to Headquarters and Wireless Section totalling 7,300 francs (£267.13.4d.).</p> <p>7 N.C.Os. and 17 other ranks journeyed to ST. VALERY-SUR-SOMME by motor wagon for a day's outing.</p> <p>Appendix No. 5:- Correspondence regarding reductions in lists of authorised stores.</p> <p>" " 6:- " " power buzzer and amplifiers establishment.</p>	
"	11th. July.	Thurs.	<p>Dull, rain at intervals. Wind west 20 to 30 miles per hour.</p> <p>1 other rank rejoined from hospital. 1 other rank to Hospital with injured back.</p> <p>Postings:- 2 other ranks to Artillery Hd. Qrs. for temporary duty.</p> <p>1 N.C.O. proceeded to Signal School, ABBEVILLE, for 4 weeks' Course.</p> <p>Acting Officer i/c. Signals proceeded to BUSSY-LES-DAOURS to make necessary arrangements for relief of 4th. Australian Div. on July 13th.</p> <p>Party of Wireless personnel took over forward Wireless stations from 4th. Australian Division.</p> <p>Preparatory to move of 10th. Inf. Bde. from QUERRIEU to CORBIE, a reconnaissance of the new area was made by the Signal Officer of the abovementioned Brigade, in company with Section N.C.O.</p> <p>Appendix No. 7:- Handing over report - COISY.</p>	
"	12th. July.	Fri.	<p>Raining. Wind west 15 to 20 miles per hour.</p> <p>1 other rank to hospital with scabies. 1 other rank to hospital with P.U.O.</p> <p>Officer i/c. Signals and Orderly Room Corporal rejoined unit from Records Section, ROUEN.</p> <p>Advance party of Headquarters Signal Office, together with personnel for panel points and balance of Wireless personnel moved to BUSSY-LES-DAOURS in charge of an Officer.</p> <p>9th. Inf. Bde. Signal Office at RIVERY closed down and Section left for new area - CORBIE.</p> <p>Regimental signallers who were undergoing a course of training with this Brigade, have been returned to their unit. Tests held at the conclusion of the course comprised reading of Lamp, Flag, Disc and Buzzer at 8, 6, 5 and 10 words per minute respectively. Only 1 man failed to secure an aggregate of 98%.</p> <p>Advance party from No. 5 Section (3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Bn.) moved to Forward Hd. Qrs. at HAMELBT (sheet 62D, 0.6.b.65.60) and established forward exchange.</p>	

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COISY - BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.	13th. Sat. July.		<p>Showery. Wind west 10 miles per hour. Value of stores returned to Salvage by this unit for week ending today is £20.9.3.d. The following comforts were received by this unit today and were allotted to the Sections on a strength basis:- Tobacco. Cigarettes. Milk. Fruit. Syrup. Sweets. Biscuits. 480 plugs. 2,400 pkts. 239 tins. 120 tins. 72 tins. 97 tins. 303 pkts. Divisional Hd. Qrs. moved to BUSSY and relieved the 4th. Australian Div. at 10 a.m. No. 1 Section, with transport, left COISY at 8 a.m., arriving at BUSSY at 10 a.m. Other personnel with remainder of stores moved by motor lorry. The quantity of paper, cardboard and jam cartons despatched to Base by this unit for week ending today consisted of:- paper 14 lbs; cardboard 9 lbs; jam cartons 27 lbs. The Wireless A.B.C. Set and Accumulators were despatched to CORBIE Chateau this day, and established at that position. The 6 Infantrymen attached to the Wireless Section for the purpose of conveying Wireless apparatus to forward stations, are located at CORBIE Chateau. At 12.50 a.m. the 9th. Inf. Bde. relieved 12th. Inf. Bde. Signal Section in Left Bde. sector of Centre Division. Bde. Hd. Qrs. established at Sheet 62D, J.19.c.20.30 with Rear Hd. Qrs. at Sheet 62D, I.32.b.20.60. Communications are not very sound. Forward lines are partly by submarine cable, route of which is along SOMME Canal, and partly ground lines. 10th. Inf. Bde. Hd. Qrs. shelled at intervals. Little trouble experienced in keeping lines intact. 3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Bn. Hd. Qrs. moved to BUSSY-LES-DAOURS, and ALLONVILLE office handed over to 4th. Aust. Machine Gun Bn.</p>	
BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.	14th Sun. July.		<p>Dull, cloudy, light wind. 1 N.C.O. and 2 other ranks proceeded to CC panel point and relieved personnel of 4th. Aust. Division. Weekly report on transport by 3rd. Aust. Divisional Train points out that this Company's water cart wheels require cutting and shutting. Steps are being taken to have this cart sent to Mobile Workshops forthwith. Line laid from Divl. Hd. Qrs. to Advanced Dressing Station situated at sheet 62D, N.4.c.90.20. by cable wagon. Three linemen posted to CORBIE Chateau (sheet 62D, O.5.d.05.90.). Trouble is being experienced with the aerial of the Loop Wireless Sets. The transmitting loop has to be erected in an exposed position, which renders it a target for enemy shellfire. In consequence of the difficulty experienced in effectively repairing broken aeriels, it is suggested that they be constructed on a telescopic principle, so that broken joints could be quickly replaced by spares, which could be carried.</p>	

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BUSSY-LES- DAOURS.	14th. Sun. July.	(continued.)	<p>The Right Bn. (37th. Bn.) of the Right Bde. (10th. Inf. Bde.) moved to new position at sheet 62D, P.14.a.90.10 and relieved the 40th. Bn. The Amplifier personnel moved with the Battalion, and before establishing themselves at the new position, it was necessary to build a dugout, to provide accommodation for their instruments and themselves.</p> <p>8th. Artillery Bde. was relieved by 4th. Artillery Bde. at noon today, thence moved to new area CORBIE, and took over from 14th. Aust. Art. Bde. at 5 p.m.</p> <p>No. 5 Section (3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Bn.) established an Advanced Signal Office at sheet 62D, P.1.a.30.40.</p> <p>Appendix No. 8:- Company Routine Orders 621 - 626. " " 9:- D.R.L.S. time-table. " " 10:- Correspondence regarding proposed buried cable routes.</p>	
"	15th. Mon. July.		<p>Fine and warm. Light wind.</p> <p>2 other ranks (attached Pioneers) to United Kingdom on leave. 2 other ranks rejoined from hospital. 1 driver (Huston) remustered as Sapper at own request.</p> <p>The following appointments and promotions appear under A.F. B.213 of 13.7.18.</p> <p>Appointments:- Sprs. D.J. Whiteford, M.M., & V.V. Hallissey, M.M. to be Lance Corporals dated 3.7.18. and 4.7.18. respectively.</p> <p>Promotions:- Cpl. W.A. Kennedy to be Temporary Sergeant dated 25.6.18. 2/Cpl. (T/Cpl.) T. Houlden, M.M. to be Corporal dated 2.7.18. Cpl. T. Houlden, M.M. to be Temporary Sergeant dated 3.7.18. 2/Cpl. W.C. Smith to be Temporary Corporal dated 3.7.18. L/Cpl. H.G. Whiteford, M.M. to be Temporary 2nd. Corporal dated 3.7.18. Cpl. S.H. Brownsmith to be Temporary Sergeant dated 4.7.18. 2/Cpl. J.M. Nelson to be Temporary Corporal dated 4.7.18. L/Cpl. W.J. Easton to be Temporary 2nd. Corporal dated 4.7.18.</p> <p>Posting of N.C.Os:- L/Cpl. (T/2/Cpl.) H.G. Whiteford, M.M. from No. 4 Section (11th. Inf. Bde.) to No. 5 Section (3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Bn.). L/Cpl. V.V. Hallissey, M.M. from No. 3 Section (10th. Inf. Bde.) to No. 5 Section (3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Bn.).</p> <p>12 pigeons are received daily from Australian Corps and 6 each are allotted to Brigades in the line. The Divisional Visual Station is situated at sheet 62D, N.6.a.5.5 and works to a Central Visual Station at sheet 62D, I.30.c.3.8. These stations are manned by Hd. Qrs. personnel</p>	

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BUSSY-LES- DAOURS. (continued.)	15th. Mon. July.		<p>and the latter station is supplemented by additional men from the 9th. and 10th. Inf. Bdes. in an emergency only. Experiments so far carried out go to show that Visual will play no small part in communication in this sector.</p> <p>3rd. Divisional Artillery Hd. Qrs. closed down at GLISY at 2 p.m. and moved to BUSSY, where they took over from 4th. Aust. Divl. Artillery at 8 p.m.</p> <p>Lines Officer inspected system of canal lines, also visited both Brigades in line (9th. and 10th. Inf. Bdes.) and Advanced Divisional Exchange, and arranged for re-organisation of test points.</p> <p>Appendix No. 11:- Company Routine Orders 627 - 631.</p>	
"	16th. Tues. July.		<p>Fine and warm. Wind south east 10 to 15 miles per hour.</p> <p>1 other rank to NICE on 14 days' leave.</p> <p>1 other rank to hospital (defective vision).</p> <p>3 other ranks rejoined from hospital. 1 other rank (attached) to hospital with P.U.O.</p> <p>In consequence of messenger dogs having been withdrawn from this Corps (Australian Corps) area, a report has been submitted to A.D. Signals, Aust. Corps, dealing with the work of the dogs with this Division for a period of three months. This report will be found as Appendix No. 12. <i>under</i></p> <p>Sgt. A.N. Symes from No. 4 Section (11th. Inf. Bde.) and Cpl. N.H. Ramsden, No. 2 Sub-Section, (8th. Art. Bde.) have been selected as Signal Instructors to the American troops for a period of three months. The abovenamed N.C.Os. report to 4th. Aust. Divl. Signal Co., COISY, at 3 p.m. today, preparatory to proceeding to School at BUSSUS-BUSSUEL.</p> <p>Cords of switchboard taken over by 3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery from 2nd. Aust. Divl. Artillery are faulty and consequently holding up traffic. This fact was reported to 2nd. Aust. Div. and the switchboard has now been replaced.</p> <p>Lines to 8th. Art. Bde. (Right Group) and 7th. Art. Bde. (Left Sub-Group) and 69 R.G.A. Bde. transferred to new bury on section BG - VS (Sheet 62D, (BG) 0.25.b.0.8., (VS) 0.19.c.1.9).</p> <p>7th. Art. Bde. moved from Reserve position near BLANGY TRONVILLE to FOUILLOY and established Hd. Qrs. in cellars. New designation, sub-group to 189 Bde. R.F.A. Office at old position handed over to 5th. Aust. Art. Bde.</p> <p>All direct lines from 10th. Bde. Hd. Qrs. to Battalions in line (37th. & 38th. Bns.) were cut. Alternative routes means were used to sustain communication via the Support Bn. (40th. Bn.).</p> <p>Lines of 11th. Inf. Bde. all in buried system, and Battalions connected up satisfactorily.</p>	

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BUSSY-LES- DAOURS.	17th. July.	Wed.	<p>Sultry, threatening rain. Wind south east 10 miles per hour. Cpl. F.F. Lightwood proceeded to London for further instructions prior to commencing Cadet Course with Australian Flying Corps. 1 other rank attached 11th. Inf. Bde. from 42nd. Bn. as pigeonier. Postings:- 2 other ranks to No. 4 Section (10th. Inf. Bde.) Excellent facilities exist for men to bathe in this area. A tributary of the SOMME River flows in a handy direction to the billets, and swimming is indulged in by the majority of the men. In addition, baths exist at DAOURS, and today 15 men bathed there and obtained an issue of clean clothing. — The unit's water cart was returned today, the wheels having been repaired. Wireless Officer visited all Wireless stations of 9th. Inf. Bde. and checked direction of Loop aerials with map and compass. Slightly improved signals were noticed as a result of these experiments. Lateral line communication between 9th. and 10th. Inf. Bdes. which did not exist upon taking over the sector from the 4th. Aust. Div., has now been established. Line is partly submarine and overland. Disses on company lines of 9th. Inf. Bde. are frequent, and are the result of enemy shellfire. In most cases repairs can only be effected at night, owing to enemy observation. The companies are thus deprived of communication periodically throughout the day. Additional lines laid by 9th. Inf. Bde. are:- Lateral line between 35th. and 40th. Bns., 11th. Machine Gun Co. in sheet 62D, J.28.c. and 34th. Bn., Pioneer Co. to 35th. and 40th. Battalions. Signal Officer of 7th. Artillery Bde. (No. 1 Sub-Section) patrolled all Battery lines in area recently occupied, and found lines in a bad condition, many of which are in contact in the buries; much work is necessary to satisfactorily rectify these unsatisfactory conditions. Appendix No. 12:- Report on Messenger Dogs.</p>	
do.	18th. July.	Thurs.	<p>Thunderstorms, muggy. Wind south east 15/miles per hour. Lieut. F.W. OSBORNE and 2nd. Lieut. W.A. McPHERSON posted to No. 2 (9th. Inf. Bde.) and No. 4 (11th. Inf. Bde.) Sections respectively for brief experience preparatory to relieving the regular Section officers of these Brigades for leave. 1 N.C.O. and 1 other rank reported back from Paris leave. 1 N.C.O. and 1 other rank reported back from U.K. leave. Postings:- 2 other ranks to No. 3 Section (10th. Inf. Bde.) and 2 other ranks to No. 4 Section (11th. Inf. Bde.). Horse nails on issue to this unit are now of good serviceable quality; a report dealing with them is included as an appendix (No. 13.).</p>	

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BUSSY-LES- DAOURS.	18th. Thurs July.	(continued).	<p>The practice of throwing hand grenades into the Canal where cable exists, still continues, and is resulting in interruption to communication. A report on the subject appears as an appendix (No.18).</p> <p>Officer i/c. Signals visited Australian Corps Signal School.</p> <p>On the night of 17th./18th. atmospheric disturbances were very pronounced on Wireless and Heterodyne receiving instruments, and were due to the stormy condition of the weather.</p> <p>A visual test was carried out this day between Divisional Visual Station and No.2 Sub-Section (8th.Art.Bde.). Helio. and Lucas Lamp were alternately used with good results. The distance covered was 7,000 yards, and it is considered the experiment over such a long range was a highly satisfactory one.</p> <p>Copies of telegrams from 3rd.Machine Gun Bn. to Divl.Hd.Qrs. reporting expenditure of ammunition for period 15th.to 18th.July, are attached as an appendix (No.15.).</p> <p>At 11 p.m. both lines from 19th.Inf.Bde. to Divl.Hd.Qrs. were interrupted. Emergency communication was arranged via lateral Bde. (10th.Bde.) Faults were cleared after several hours interruption, and were found to be due to indiscriminate bombing of canal by troops for fish. Lines were submarine.</p> <p>Appendix No.13:- Report on horse-shoe nails. " " 14:- Company Routine Orders 632 - 635. " " 15:- Telegrams containing particulars of ammunition expended by 3rd.Aust.Machine Gun Battalion.</p>	
"	19th. Fri. July.		<p>Warm. Wind light, variable.</p> <p>3 other ranks to U.K. on 14 days leave. 1 other rank returned from U.K. leave.</p> <p>The sum of £6.12.0d. was expended from the Regimental Funds of the unit for the purchase of 900 lbs. of potatoes. The latter were distributed throughout the Sections, and should help to meet the existing depleted supplies of vegetables.</p> <p>Corps Wireless Officer called to discuss Wireless communications in this area.</p> <p>Atmospheric disturbances continue to create a disturbance on Wireless and Amplifier sets, as a result much difficulty is experienced in working. The disturbances occur usually for a period of 2 or 3 hours during day and night.</p> <p>Shellfire cut the amplifier bases on two occasions during the night at the Right Bn. (38th.Bn.) of the Right Bde. (10th.Bde.).</p> <p>Canal lines between QP (sheet 62D, 0.3.c.4.5) and FY (sheet 62D, 0.10.a.9.8) cut, owing to bombing of canal for fish.</p>	

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BUSSY - LES DAOURS. (continued.)	19th. Fri. July.		<p>23rd. Army Bde. R.F.A. relieved 298th. Army Bde. R.F.A. and the latter moved to Reserve area LA MOTTE. These Artillery Bdes. are under the command of 3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery.</p> <p>Appendix No. 16:- Correspondence regarding Message Carrying Rockets.</p> <p>" " 17:- " " proposed 20 lb. Paper Covered Cable.</p> <p>" " 18:- " " interference with communications.</p> <p>" " 19:- " " Buried Cable System, "B" Divisional area.</p>	
"	20th. Sat. July.		<p>Warm. Wind west to south 10 to 15 miles per hour.</p> <p>1 N.C.O. and 1 other rank to Paris on 10 days' leave.</p> <p>3 ton lorry proceeded to Workshops, ST. LEGER, for overhaul.</p> <p>6 Pioneers reported for temporary attachment for purpose of salvaging cable throughout the area.</p> <p>Corps Lines Officer called to discuss lines.</p> <p>Despatch Rider on 4 p.m. run to Brigades returned 35 minutes late, and despatch rider on 9.30 p.m. run returned 40 minutes late. Delays were respectively due to the road being blocked by fallen trees, the result of enemy shellfire, and bad condition of roads.</p> <p>In conformity with a Divisional Order, visual signalling was used from Divl. Hd. Qrs. to forward positions between noon and 5 p.m. The weather being of a variable nature, Lucas Lamp and Helio. were used alternately. The Divisional Station situated at sheet 62D, N.6.a.5.5 and the Central Visual Station at sheet 62D, I.30 c.3.8. were fully manned, and at the latter station the personnel was increased by 3 signallers from the 10th. Inf. Bde. Traffic from Division to Central Station was subsequently signalled to the Bdes. in the line (9th. and 10th. Inf. Bdes.) as well as to two Bns. of Right Bde. (10th. Inf. Bde.) (37th. and 40th. Bns.) In addition, the 9th. Inf. Bde. worked with their Right Bn. (33rd. Bn.) The amount of traffic dealt with was very satisfactory, and the exercise was a success. An excellent alternative means of communication now exists in the event of a breakdown of normal methods. To those stations in the line where visual was impracticable owing to enemy observation; power buzzer was used to good advantage.</p> <p>Quantity of paper despatched to Base by this unit for week ending today was:- paper 28 lbs.; cardboard 34 lbs.; jam cartons 17 lbs.;</p> <p>Value of salvage returned for same period £2.4.0d.</p> <p>A disconnection occurred on one of direct lines from 9th. Inf. Bde. to Right Bn. (35th. Bn.) A lineman was despatched from this Bde., and on arrival at the first test panel, he discovered that some unauthorised person, who could not be traced, had disconnected the line referred to and reeled up about 700 yds. of it. This necessitated the laying of a new piece of line, which was done with salvaged cable.</p> <p>This episode is an incident of the keenness of the units in the area in the matter of salvage.</p>	

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BUSSY - LES DAOURS.	20th. Sat. July.		Appendix No. 20:- Correspondence regarding "Okonite" Adhesive Tape. " " 21:- Conventional signs for Message Dogs and Rockets. " " 22:- Company Routine Orders 636 - 640.	
"	21st. Sun. July.		Dull and squally. 1 other rank, who has been pronounced unfit for service in France by A.D.M.S., left for Base today. 1 other rank rejoined from Hospital. Lieut. A.S.H. Gifford, D.C.M. No. 2 Section (9th. Inf. Bde.) and 1 other rank to U.K. on 14 days' leave. Officer i/c. Signals visited D.D. Signals in the afternoon, also Staff Officer, Wireless, and Officer i/c. Signal Stores, at Fourth Army Hd. Qrs., reference to Signal matters. Divl. Wireless Officer in company with Officer i/c. Divl. Artillery Signals visited Artillery Wireless stations, as well as other stations of this Division. During tour of inspection two C.W. instruments were found out of order and steps taken for speedy repair of same. 7th. Art. Bde. (Left Sub-Group) canal route interrupted, owing to bombing of canal for fish, by troops. New lines were laid and communication re-established. No. 3 Section (10th. Inf. Bde.) Hd. Qrs. heavily shelled. Approximately 350 shells of various calibre falling in the vicinity. All direct lines to Bns. of this Bde. failed as a result of the bombardment. Emergency routes were used to maintain communication, which was arranged via lateral Bde. (9th. Inf. Bde.) and lateral Bns. (33rd. and 35th. Bns.) Linemen carried out repairs expeditiously.	
"	22nd. Mon. July.		Warm. Wind light and variable. A Field Signal Platoon of the 65th. American Bde., consisting of 1 officer and 23 other ranks, was today attached to this unit for training. The Platoon was sub-divided into groups which were sent to the various Sections of the Company. From 13th. July to date, 16 miles cable, various types, has been salvaged by this unit in this area. Same is being overhauled and will be used on construction and maintenance work. Officer i/c. Signals, in company with Lines Officer, and B.S.O.2., visited 129th. Regiment and 65th. Bde. Americans, concerning bury to be commenced tomorrow with an American digging party. 9th. Inf. Bde. report further instances of interruption to lines, the result of bombing of SOMME canal for fish. 18 Message Rockets issued to 9th. Inf. Bde. have been issued to Bns. on a scale of 6 per Bn. New four letter code calls taken into use from midnight, throughout the Division.	

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BUSSY - LES DAOURS.	23rd. July.	Tues	<p>Raining. Wind south west 15 to 20 miles per hour. 1 other rank taken on strength from Corps Signal Co. Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C. to Paris on 10 days leave. Capt. J.L.G. Buckland, M.C., M.M. acting as O.C. during his absence. As a result of representations made to Divl. Hd. Qrs., work on the Buried Cable route QP-AN-FY was commenced today, starting beyond QP at sheet 62D, 0.3.c.4.5 and working towards FY at sheet 62D, 0.10.a.9.8. A party of 165 men (U.S.A. troops) comprised the digging party, and a distance of 330 yds. was covered. The ground was hard in places and consisted chiefly of chalk and flint. It is estimated that the work will be completed in 5 days, and the result should be a much improved system of communications. 15 other ranks bathed at DAOURS baths today. Wireless personnel at Forward stations relieved by men of this Section from Hd. Qrs. The former now having a rest. A slight smell of gas was detected in cellar at No. 1 Sub-Section (7th. Aust. F. Art. Bde.) Hd. Qrs. at 3 a.m., caused by the wind blowing across the flat. 1 N.C.O. and 1 other rank (personnel of this Sub-Section) were unable to continue duty as a result of its effects. Appendix No. 23:- Progress Reports Nos. 1 to 4 on Buried Cable Route QP-AN-FY.</p>	
"	24th. July.	Wed.	<p>Dull, cloudy. Wind south east 15 to 20 miles per hour. Pay totalling 5,345 francs (£195.19.8d.) disbursed to Hd. Qrs. and No. 1 Section. 1 light draught horse taken on strength from Remount Depot. Wireless personnel with 10th. Inf. Bde. moved into a dugout adjacent to Bde. Qrs. The new position affords better shelter, and more space is obtainable. Work on the buried cable route QP-AN-FY was continued today towards FY (sheet 62D, 0.10.a.9.8) 400 yds. was dug by 3.30 p.m. The digging was generally good but 2 roads and a brick wall had to be crossed. 1 mile salvaged metallic D.II cable has been issued to 3rd. Pioneer Bn. by 9th. Inf. Bde. to provide communications to two companies of that Bn., which are attached to 9th. Inf. Bde. as line troops. A record of telephone calls taken at No. 3 Section (10th. Inf. Bde.) for period noon 23rd. to noon 24th. resulted in a total of 498 calls. Appendix No. 24:- Report on Message Carrying Rockets. " " 25:- Company Routine Orders 641 - 645.</p>	

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BUSSY-LES- DAOURS.	25th. Thurs. July.		<p>Cloudy, occasional showers. Wind south west 15 to 20 miles per hour. 1 other rank rejoined from hospital. As a result of a Board the A.D.M.S. advises that Dvr. W.H.E. Butler is to proceed to Base, for admission to hospital with delayed action of heart. Military Medals awarded to the following for recent operations:- No. 14764, Spr. A.F. Dean & No. 20447, Spr. F. Van de Plasche, No. 4 Section (11th. Inf. Bde.). Bar to Military Medal awarded to No. 10683, Sgt. A.N. Symes, M.M. No. 4 Section (11th. Inf. Bde.). (vide Appendix No. 40.) Work on the buried cable route QP-AN-FY was continued today, working towards FY. 200 men comprised the digging party and completed a distance of 400 yds. Water was struck at four feet. Wireless Officer visited all Wireless stations in the line and found all in good order. Loop set stations still experience bad atmospheric disturbances at night time. Superimposed fullerphone from Divl. Art. to Right and Left Art. Groups (189 Bde. R.F.A., 8th. Aust. F. Art. Bde. respectively) not satisfactory, due to bad condition of lines in river. Testing proceeding and instruments being examined at Group Hd. Qrs. From July 13th. to date over 9,000 yds. of cable has been laid by No. 5 Section (3rd. M.G. Bn.) all of which was salvaged in the area.</p>	
"	26th. Fri. July.		<p>Cloudy. Wind south west 20 to 25 miles per hour. 2 N.C.Os. to U.K. on 14 days' leave. 22 2 other ranks rejoined from U.K. leave. Work was completed on the buried cable route QP-AN-FY this evening, when a distance of 430 yds. was dug by a party consisting of 200 men. The cable was led into FOUILLOY Exchange at sheet 62D, O.10.a.9.8. A 32-pair route now exists from Divl. Hd. Qrs. at BUSSY to Right Infantry Bde. (10th. Inf. Bde.) in line, situated at sheet 62D, P.7.a.0.3. The digging throughout was good and no casualties occurred. Atmospherics still continue to interfere with satisfactory working of wireless Loop sets at night. Line to 26th. Battery from Group Hd. Qrs. (7th. Art. Bde.) cut as result of a direct hit from an 8" inch shell. New line to 8th. Art. Bde. O.P. at sheet 62D, I.24.d.6.2. run run today. Appendix No. 26:- Report on Buried Cable Route QP-AN-FY. " No. 27:- " " Ratchets, Telegraph, Spring, light.</p>	

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BUSSY-LES- DAOURS.	27th. July.	Sat.	<p>Dull, misty, squally. Wind south west 20 to 25 miles per hour. — 1 other rank rejoined from hospital. 1 other rank rejoined from U.K. leave. In accordance with instructions from Divl.Hd.Qrs., visual was used from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. On account of thick mist prevailing between Divl.Station and Central Visual Station, as well as occasional heavy falls of rain, working between these stations was impracticable. A report on the scheme will be found as an appendix (No.32.). As a result of the present bad conditions of the roads, due to the prevailing weather, despatch riders are returning from Brigade runs much overdue. The quantity of paper despatched to Base by this unit for week ending today was:- paper 25 lbs.; cardboard 25 lbs.; jam cartons 20 lbs. Wireless Officer inspected all stations and issued new code calls. It is suggested by this officer that Loop sets be replaced by Trench sets, in order to overcome the continued trouble arising from atmospherics. Appendix No.28:- Report on Buried Cable Routes.</p>	*
"	28th. July.	Sun.	<p>Dull, cloudy. Wind south west 20 miles per hour. 1 other rank to hospital (delayed action of heart). 2 other ranks to U.K. on leave. Military Cross awarded to Lieut.H.W.Groves, Officer i/c.No.4 Section (11th.Inf.Bde.) for recent operations. (vide Appendix No.40.) Officer i/c.Artillery Signals visited Right and Left Groups (7th.& 8th.Art.Bdes.) to make necessary arrangements for Message Rocket test to be held at an early date. In order to obtain satisfactory working, Loop sets were replaced by Trench sets at Right and Left Bns. (33rd.and 35th.Bns.) of Left Bde. (9th.Inf.Bde.). Gas shells fell in vicinity of Hd.Qrs. of No.2 Sub-Section (8th.Art.Bde.) at 10 p.m. No casualties. Amplifier bases situated at Left Bn. (37th.Bn.) of Right Bde.(10th.Inf.Bde.) were cut by enemy shellfire several times during the night of 27th./28th.July. Repairs were effected immediately. — Appendix No.29:- Company Routine Orders 646 - 652.</p>	*
"	29th. July.	Mon.	<p>Fine and warm. Wind light and variable. Consequent on the alteration in Divl.front, 9th.Inf.Bde. has been relieved in the line by the 54th.Imperial Inf.Bde. and 11th.Aust.Inf.Bde. Relief by 54th.Bde.in our Left Bn.sector (33rd.Bn.) - north of SOMME - was complete at 4.40 a.m. on 30th.inst. At the same time two lines to Right Bn. and Support Bn. (34th.and 35th.Bns.) - south of SOMME - were bridged through to 11th.Aust.Inf.Bde., from whence the Right Bn. sector (34th.Bn.) was controlled by 9th.Inf.Bde. All lines handed over were in good working order.</p>	

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BUSSY-LES- DAOURS.	30th. July.	Tues.	<p>Fine generally. Wind south east 5 miles per hour.</p> <p>1 other rank rejoined from Hospital.</p> <p>The Americans attached to Hd.Qrs. and Sections of this Company, are being given every facility to study the work and the various methods employed. Today they were changed round to other Sections. This evening a further party of 5 Americans reported for attachment to No.5 Section. (3rd.Aust.M.G.Bn.)</p> <p>14 men bathed this morning at DAOURS Baths and obtained a clean issue of underclothing.</p> <p>Wireless stations of Left Bde. (9th.Inf.Bde.) moved to CORBIE Chateau to conform to move of this Bde.to Reserve position. 11th.Inf.Bde., who occupy the position at the Chateau, have taken over Wireless communications of sector formerly controlled by 9th.Inf.Bde.</p> <p>Enemy shelling of 10th.Inf.Bde. Hd.Qrs. continues periodically from day to day. Maintenance of lines occasionally calls for much effort from personnel of this Section.</p>	
"	31st. July.	Wed.	<p>Fine generally. Wind south east 8 miles per hour.</p> <p>1st.Bn. of 129th.American Inf. Regt. relieved the 43rd.Aust.Bn. and came under the ^{tactical} command of the G.O.C., 10th.Aust.Inf.Bde. The Americans having no stores of signal personnel, 3 men from No.3 Section (10th.Inf.Bde.) were posted to their Bn. for temporary duty.</p> <p>Central Visual Station of 11th.Inf.Bde. established at Hospice, FOUILLOY, as intervening ridges rendered visibility from sheet 62D, J.19.c. impossible.</p> <p>From the 13th.inst. to date 54½ miles of cable, various types, has been salved by this unit. The quantities required for new routes have been taken from the salved stock, thus keeping intact the supply of new cable held by the unit.</p> <p>Appendix No.30:- D.R.L.S. time-table.</p> <p>" " 31:- Report on Buried Cable Routes.</p> <p>" " 32:- " " Visual Scheme.</p> <p>" " 33:- Details of strength of unit.</p> <p>" " 34:- C.Q.M.S.report.</p> <p>" " 35:- O.C.'s report.</p> <p>" " 36:- Transport Officer's report.</p> <p>" " 37:- Graph shewing message traffic for July.</p> <p>" " 38:- " " D.R.L.S. (sealed packets) traffic for July.</p> <p>" " 39:- Diagram of Communications.</p> <p>" " 40:- Copies of Recommendations for Awards.</p>	

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1st.	Casualty Return Regtl. Trust Funds A/c Nom. roll unit & attd. personnel Anti-Gas return	Divl. Hd. Qrs. " " " A. B. P. O. Divl. Hd. Qrs.	4.30 p.m. ---- ---- 6.0 p.m.
2nd.	Casualty Return Nom. roll of Deserters Trench & Area Stores Stationery Indent	" " " " " " " " " No. 4 Fld. Ptg. & Stat. Depot.	4.30 p.m. 6.0 p.m. 6.0 p.m. 6.0 p.m.
3rd.	Casualty Return Strength Return Message Dogs - report on	Divl. Hd. Qrs. " " " A. D. Signals	4.30 p.m. 6.0 p.m. -----
4th.	Casualty Return Cable and Telephone return	Divl. Hd. Qrs. A. D. Signals	4.30 p.m. Mng. 5th.
5th.	Casualty Return Absentees, Stragglers & C.M. Prisoners Fats to Base Mileage and Petrol return Buried cable - tracing of MESSAGE ROCKETS - NO. ON HAND	Divl. Hd. Qrs. A. P. M. Divl. Hd. Qrs. M. T. Co. A. D. Signals DIVL. HD. QRS.	4.30 p.m. 4.0 p.m. 6.0 p.m. ----- NOON. 10 A.M.
6th.	Casualty Return A. F. B. 213 & A. F. B. 2069 Small Box Respirator Changes in Officers Cardboard and Paper to Base Strength Return Nom. roll of Officers	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " A. D. Signals.	4.30 p.m. 9 am 7th. 6.0 p.m. NOON. NOON. 6.0 p.m. 9.0 p.m.
7th.	Casualty Return Wireless & E. I. Sets & W/T. Traffic return	Divl. Hd. Qrs. Corps W/T. Off.	4.30 p.m. Mng. 8th.
8th.	Casualty Return Anti-Gas return	Divl. Hd. Qrs. " " "	4.30 p.m. 6.0 p.m.
9th.	Casualty Return Stationery Indent	" " " No. 4 Fld. Ptg. & Stat. Depot.	4.30 p.m. 6.0 p.m.
10th.	Casualty Return Strength Return Message Dogs - report on	Divl. Hd. Qrs. " " " A. D. Signals.	4.30 p.m. 6.0 p.m. -----
11th.	Casualty Return Cable and Telephone return	Divl. Hd. Qrs. A. D. Signals	4.30 p.m. Mng. 12th.
12th.	Casualty Return Absentees, Stragglers & C.M. Prisoners Fats to Base Mileage and Petrol return Buried Cable - tracing of MESSAGE ROCKETS - NO. ON HAND	Divl. Hd. Qrs. A. P. M. Divl. Hd. Qrs. M. T. Co. A. D. Signals DIVL. HD. QRS.	4.30 p.m. 4.0 p.m. 6.0 p.m. --- NOON. 10 A.M.
13th.	Casualty Return A. F. B. 213 & A. F. B. 2069 Small Box Respirator Changes in Officers Cardboard & Paper to Base Strength Return Cert. all Cars to Wkshops.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	4.30 pm. 9 am 14th. 6.0 p.m. NOON NOON. 6.0 p.m. 9 am 14th.
14th.	Casualty Return W/T & E. I. Sets & W/T. Traffic returns	" " " Corps W/T. Off.	4.30 p.m. Mng. 15th.
15th.	Casualty Return Anti-Gas Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs. " " "	4.30 p.m. 6.0 p.m.
16th.	Casualty Return Stationery Indent	" " " No. 4 Fld. Ptg. & Stat. Depot.	4.30 p.m. 6.0 p.m.

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17th.	Casualty Return	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	4.30 p.m.
143	Strength Return	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	Message Dogs - report on	A.D.Signals	-----
18th.	Casualty Return	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	4.30 p.m.
	Casualty Cable & Telephone return	A.D.Signals	Mng.19th.
19th.	Casualty Return	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	4.30 p.m.
	Absentees, Stragglers & C.M.Prisoners	A.P.M.	4.0 p.m.
	Fats to Base	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	6.0 p.m.
	Mileage and Petrol return	M.T.Co.	----
	Buried cable - tracing of	A.D.Signals	NOON.
	MESSAGE-ROCKETS - NO.ON HAND	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	10 A.M.
20th.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 p.m.
	A.F.B.213 & A.F.B.2069	" " "	9 am 21st.
	Small Box Respirator	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	Changes in Officers	" " "	NOON
	Cardboard and Paper to Base	" " "	NOON.
	Strength Return	" " "	6.0 p.m.
21st.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 p.m.
	W/T.& E.I.Sets.& W/T.Traffic returns	Corps W/T.Ofcr.	9 am 22nd.
22nd.	Casualty Return	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	4.30 p.m.
	Anti-Gas return	" " "	6.0 p.m.
23rd.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 p.m.
	Stationery Indent	No.4 Fld.Ptg.& Stat.Depot.	
24th.	Casualty Return	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	4.30 p.m.
	Strength Return	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	Message dogs - report on	A.D.Signals	----
25th.	Casualty Return	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	4.30 p.m.
	Cable and Telephone return	A.D.Signals	Mng.26th.
26th.	Casualty Return	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	4.30 p.m.
	Monthly Check of Deficiencies (M.T.)	M.T. Co.	-----
	Inoculation Return	A.D.M.S.	1.0 p.m.
	Absentees Stragglers & C.M.Prisoners	A.P.M.	4.0 p.m.
	Fats to Base	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	6.0 p.m.
	Mileage and Petrol return	M.T.Co.	-----
	Buried Cable - tracing of	A.D.Signals	NOON.
	MESSAGE ROCKETS - NO. ON HAND	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	10 A.M.
27th.	Casualty Return	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	4.30 p.m.
	A.F.B.213 & A.F.B.2069	" " "	9 am 28th.
	Small Box Respirator	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	Changes in Officers	" " "	NOON
	Cardboard and Paper to Base	" " "	NOON
	Strength Return	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	S.A.A. on charge at noon	" " "	----
28th.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 p.m.
	W/T.& E.I.Sets & W/T.Traffic returns	Corps W/T.Ofcr, Mng.	29th.
	Men in France 12 mths.without leave etc.	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	----
29th.	Casualty Return	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	4.30 p.m.
	Anti-Gas return	" " "	6.0 p.m.
30th.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 p.m.
	Stationery Indent	No.4 Fld.Ptg.& Stat.Depot.	
31st.	Casualty Return	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	4.30 p.m.
	Strength Return	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	Message Dogs - report on	A.D.Signals	-----
	CERT.ALL CARS TO WKSHOPS.	DIVL.HD.QRS.	4 9 A.M.
	Cert.re Iron rations	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	Census of Horses	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	A.F.B.158 Nom.roll of Officers (in trip.)	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	A.F.W.3156 Motor Cars and Cycles	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	Return of Accumulators	Corps W/T.Ofcr.	----
	Return of Main Wireless Equipment.	" " "	-----
	History of Field Officers	Divl.Hd.Qrs.	6.0 p.m.

APPENDIX 10

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

by

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

APPENDIX 2

In the Field, France,
2nd. July, 1918.614. REMUSTERINGS.34185, Dvr. G.C. MULDOON is remustered as Sapper at own request,
dated 5.6.1918.5851, Dvr. R.A. SMART is remustered as Sapper at own request,
dated 16.6.1918.615. RATE OF EXCHANGE. (Extract G.R.O. 4385.)" The rate of exchange for the issue of cash to the troops of the
"Expeditionary Force has been fixed at the rate of five francs equals
"three shillings and eightpence for the month of July, 1918."616. POSTAL. (Extract A.I.F. Order 1266.)" In the case of letters written by members of the A.I.F. TO AN
"ADDRESS IN AUSTRALIA ONLY, the signature at the foot of such letters
"should include a clear statement of designation and unit in the
"following form:-" No..... Rank..... Name.....Initials.
" Company or Section.....
" Unit.....
" Australian Imperial Force,
" Abroad." This is necessary to ensure that reply mail posted to members
"of the A.I.F. from Australia is correctly addressed." Officers censoring mail should note that such statement of name,
"designation, and unit appearing at the foot of a letter is proper
"to censorship regulations and should not be deleted."

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

NOTICES.MARRIAGES IN ENGLAND OR WALES. (Extract A.I.F. Order dated 21.6.18.)" Before the marriage of a member of the A.I.F. will be celebrated in
"England or Wales by the Church of England, the soldier concerned will
"be required to produce to the clergyman officiating a certificate showing
"his marital condition. This certificate will be obtained from the
"Officer i/c. Records, Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London, to whom
"application should be made." In regard to all other marriages action will be taken by Registrars
"to correspond direct with Officer i/c. Records to obtain particulars of
"marital condition of soldiers applying to be married."FRENCH MONEY.It is advised that in accordance with a recent French Law small silver
coins (2 francs, 1 franc and 0.50 centimes) bearing the face of NAPOLEON III
with a laurel wreath shall cease to be currency for civilians and will be
refused by French Government Offices on and after 1st. August, 1918.

Hd. Qrs., APPENDIX NO. ³ WAR DIARY. VOL. 21.
3rd. Aust. Div.

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

O. I/C SIGNALS. THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIV.	
No.	507. 2020.
Date	5. 7. 18.

Subject: Signal Office Traffic.

I have to report that for the period 16th. to 30th. June, inc., the telegrams of the Divl. Signal Office have been checked daily by an officer of the unit. This officer was directed to bring under my notice anything superfluous as regards the number of words in the messages.

The check disclosed many messages which would be quite intelligible with the exclusion of certain words both in the address "TO" and "FROM", and also the text.

In most instances several words were included which were unnecessary, and in some cases there were even up to 20.

It is particularly noticeable that the word "please" is still frequently made use of, and units outside the Division were the principal offenders.

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

APPENDIX 3.

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

617. TRAFFIC CONTROL - MOTOR TRAFFIC CIRCUITS. (Ref. 4th. A.R.O. 2256.)

No restriction is placed upon the movements of Signal box-cars carrying officers on duty or breakdown parties, if labelled "on duty". Under these circumstances Signal box-cars are to be treated as motor cars carrying officers on duty.

618. SIGNAL LORRIES. (Extract 4th. Army R.O. 2257.)

" Lorries proceeding on duty in connection with the construction of new signal routes, or with the repair of breakdowns, are authorised to use roads not classified as lorry routes, and to move in either direction on one-way lorry routes, provided that they are carrying a board inscribed "URGENT SIGNAL DUTY."

619. UNOCCUPIED PREMISES - AMIENS. (Extract 4th. Army R.O. 2281.)

" Officers or men will not enter any unoccupied premises in Amiens except on duty."

620. CHEVRONS FOR SERVICE OVERSEAS. (Ref. A.I.F. Order 1272.)

In connexion with the award of chevrons for overseas service the following interpretations have been given.-

The term "overseas" for the A.I.F. means anywhere outside Australia.

Periods of Field Punishment No. 1 and No. 2 may be calculated towards total service overseas. Only periods actually spent in prison, detention, or in hospital through avoidable causes, are excluded.

Service on hospital ships may be calculated; and service with the Island Contingents (New Guinea Force).

Time spent in captivity as Prisoner of War or internment in neutral countries is not calculated as overseas service; and no period in Australia will count other than leave not exceeding one month.

R.G. Hamilton

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

NOTICES.

POSTAL. (Extract A.I.F. Order dated 25.6.18.)

Members of the A.I.F. are advised that mails from Australia are placed on board steamers travelling by various routes. It sometimes happens that mail posted in Australia after the preceding mail has closed and been despatched may arrive in London before such preceding mail.

If two mails arrive simultaneously such letters are "grouped" before delivery, and economy in circulation results. The receipt of letters of varying Australian dates in one covering envelope does not necessarily mean that delay has occurred at the Base Post Office.

OFFICERS CLOTHING DEPOT. (Ref. 4th. Army R.O. dated 30.6.18.)

An Officers' Clothing Depot has been established at Melbourne Road, Vignacourt, and will be open daily, from the 1st. July inclusive, at the following hours:-

Week-days - 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
 2 p.m. to 6.0 p.m.
Sundays - 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

All sales will be on repayment. Ready money will not be

accepted.

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Fourth Army.

I shall be glad if the recommendations called for in G.R.O. 3472 can now be forwarded.

It is desired to proceed with the revision of all Mobilization Store Tables as soon as possible and to make definite reductions in scale wherever practicable.

The question of allowing units to return to Base authorised stores which they consider additional to requirements has been carefully considered, but it has been decided that this policy would not be feasible in that it would make provision impossible.

It is important therefore that recommendations should give definite reductions in scale.

I shall be glad to receive your report as early as possible.

G.H.Q.
21.6.18.

Sd. R.S. MAY, M.G.
for Q. M. G.

(ii)

D.D. Signals,
Fourth Army.

1. Reference above. Will you kindly let me have your remarks on the revision of Mobilization Store Tables of Signal units that come under your command.

2. When making your recommendations will you kindly show the present establishment and the proposed establishment e.g.,

	<u>Present List.</u>	<u>Proposed List.</u>
Heliographs, 5" Mk.V.	5	2
Gloves rubber prs.	6	3
Bells Signal	3	NIL.

3. I attach some suggested recommendations.

4. I shall be glad to receive your remarks as early as possible.

H.Q., Fourth Army.
24.6.18.

(sd) R.S. HAMILTON.
Colonel.
D.D.O.S.

(iii)

O.C. Signals, 3rd. Aust. Division.

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Will you please submit a list of any REDUCTIONS you suggest as early as possible.

H.Q., Fourth Army.
25th. June, 1918.

(sd) W. MOTT, Captain R.E.
for D.D. Signals, Fourth Army.

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APPENDIX NO. ⁵ WAR DIARY. VOL. 21.

D.D. Signals,
4th. Army.

OFFICER i/c SIGNALS
THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. ES. 2049
Date. 10.7.18

Reference: Your 614 of 25.6.1918.

Subject: Reductions in Lists of Authorised Stores.

Replying to above, I have to advise that
it is considered the following reductions could be made:-

- Bicycles - Hd.Qrs.Sec., Establishment 21, reduced to 15.
- Wire, steel, hard, enamelled. - Abolished.
- Lanterns, Field Telegraph . - Abolished.
- Plates, earth, heel. - Abolished.

R. Hamilton

~~For~~ ^{MAJOR} ~~Captain.~~
Officer i/c. Signals.
Third Australian Division.

APPENDIX 5

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APPENDIX NO. 6 WAR DIARY. VOL. 21.

OFFICER i/c SIGNALS
THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.No. ES. 2048Date 10. 7. 18A.D. Signals,
Aust. Corps.
-----Reference: Your T.83/5 of 8.7.1918.Subject: P.B. and Amplifiers - Establishment.

In reply to above, I have to advise that it is considered that in addition to the present establishment for a Division, two separate Power Buzzers should be carried for use as S.O.S. or raid communication, etc.

R. Hamilton
MAJOR
Captain.
for Officer i/c. Signals.
Third Australian Division.

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A.D. Signals, Aust. Corps.

D.Sigs./4504.

Would you please say if you consider that Divisions should be equipped with separate Power Buzzers as well as Combined Power Buzzer-Amplifiers, and if so on what scale.

The present establishment for Divisions is:-

P.B.-Amplifiers	6.
Loop Sets	8. (4 front & 4 rear).

Gen.H.Q.
6th. July, 1918.

(sd) R.F.J. Trew, Lieut.-Colonel,
for Director of Signals.

O.C. Signals, 3rd. Aust. Div.

T.83/5.

Will you please let me have your opinion on the above G.H.Q. letter.

8th. July, 1918.

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

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

HANDING OVER REPORT (COISY) 13.7.1918.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.
No. <u>HOR. 2050</u>
Date <u>11.7.18</u>

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

Lines in use in COISY.

To AUO CY 9/10 CO 9/10 CP 9/10
 " CY 7/8 CO 1/2 CP 1/2
 Bde. in RIVERY CY 11/12 CO 3/4 PV 6/7 to AMIENS
 Test, thence on bobbins to Hospice RIVERY.
 Bde. in QUERRIEU CY 1/2 CA 3/4 AW 3/4 AL 3/4
 HAP 13/14 PTC 13/14 QUERRIEU Test 19/20.
 Bde. in ALLONVILLE CY 5/6 CA 1/2 AW 1/2 AL 5/6
 ALLONVILLE CHATEAU 3/4.
 AYB CY 3/4 CA 9/10 AW 9/10 AL 1/2

Locals.

"A")
 "Q") Chateau.
 GSO 1)
 "G")
 CRE.
 ADMS.
 APM .
 Camp Commdt.
 O.C. Signals, QMS. Orderly Room, Signals.
 3rd. Aust. M.T. Co.
 Light Railway District Control.

2. MAINTENANCE. One lineman from Aust. Corps (Sapper A. L. KAY) is attached for maintenance of Corps and Brigade lines.

3. STORES. 8 tents are being handed over "in situ" which have accommodated No. 1 Section and Officers.

4. WIRELESS. One Station located at Divisional Headquarters COISY. Wilson Set, Call DAE. Continuous watch. Wave length 350.

5. D.R.L.S. By motor cyclist to all Units as per attached time table table.
 The following units are also served in the area.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Disposal.</u>
Aust. Corps.) K Seige Park)	LA HAYETTE	Calls ALLONVILLE
Area Commandant	LES ALENCONS	Circular
Corps Wireless	ALLONVILLE	ALLONVILLE Bde.
Chief Inst. Divl. Schools	ALLONVILLE	" "
D.A.D. Roads	CARDONETTE	" "
18 L.R. Train Crew.	A26 d 5.4	Local
8th. Aust. Field Amb.	PETIT CAMON	Circular
87 Labor Co.	G26 c 9.2	RIVERY Bde.
86 " "	H14 c 7.6	ALLONVILLE Bde.
49 " "	H15 b 3.6	QUERRIEU "
15 Labor Co.	"	" "
63 " Group	"	" "
1st. Aust. Tun. Co.	M2 a 5.6	RIVERY Bde.
57 Labor Co.	G3 c 3.9	Local
S.A.A. Section 4 D.A.C.	M2 d 7.0	RIVERY Bde.
5th. San. Sec.	G33 d 8.4	" "
5th. M.T. Co.	G3 d 8.2	Circular
4th. Divl. Salvage Co.	H15 a 2.2	QUERRIEU Bde.
Det. 44 Aux. S&P Co.	A27 c 5.5	Local
F.I.E.P.	Angus St.	"
5th. Divl. Salvage Co.	H16 b 2.5	QUERRIEU Bde.

143	Unit.	Location	Disposal
	4th. Cav. M.T. Co.	QUERRIEU	QUERRIEU Bde.
	1st. Bn. U.S. Engineers.	"	" "
	53rd. Labor Group	"	" "
	No. 1 Corps Cable Section.	CARDONETTE	ALLONVILLE "
	0 Section 5th. Field Survey	H8 c 2.2	" "
	17 and 47 O.M.W. (L)	CARDONETTE	" "
	50 Search Light Co.	G15 a 0.0	Circular
	5th. Divl. Staging Camp	H7 c 5.4	ALLONVILLE Bde.
	122 U.S. M.G. Bn.	H19 c	" "
	187 Labor Co.	A27 c 1.4	Local
	108 U.S. Engineers	H15 c	QUERRIEU Bde.
	146 A.T. Co.	H21 b 8.2	" "
	114 Labor Co.	QUERRIEU WOOD	" "
	168 " "	H9 d 5.1	" "
	74 " "	H14 c 7.4	" "
	16 Aux. H.T. Co.	H14 d 2.8	" "
	722 Labor Co.	A26 d 7.7	Local
	S.A.A. Section 2nd. D.A.C.	M3 c 7.9	RIVERY Bde.
	6th. Bn. B.W.I.	c/o. K Seige Park	ALLONVILLE Bde.
	6 Light Railway Co.	A26 d 5.4	Local
	17 Search Light Co.	G2 d 2.4	Circular
	2nd. Aust. Tun. Co.	H14 central	QUERRIEU Bde.
	2 M.A.L. Section	CARDONETTE	ALLONVILLE Bde.
	6 Search Light Co.	RIVERY	RIVERY Bde.
	715 Labor Co.	H20 b	QUERRIEU Bde.
	238 A.T. Co.	H1 a 3.9	ALLONVILLE Bde.
	12 Balloon Co.	PONT NOYELLES	QUERRIEU Bde.
	346 R.C. Co.	H15 a 3.2	" "
	27 Co. A.A.S.C.	RIVERY	RIVERY Bde.
	29 Search Light Sec.	c/o. 50 Search Light	Co. Circular
	313 R.C. Co.	A26 d 7.7	Local
	21 Labor Co.	COISY	"
	13 C.R.T. Det.	A27 d 2.5	"
	27 Labor Co	A27 a 9.4	"
	V/Aust. T.M. Battery	H17 a 2.2	QUERRIEU Bde

6. TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS. The following outside units are connected to the Telephone Exchange.

2nd. Aust. Division.
 Light Railway Dist. Control.
 Through Bde at RIVERY.
 1st. Aust. Tun. Co.
 4th. Army Examining Post
 Through Bde at QUERRIEU.
 108 U.S. Engineers
 122 U.S. M.G. Bn.
 Through Bde. at ALLONVILLE
 17 and 47 O.M.W. (L)
 2nd. Aust. Divl. Train
 D.A.D. Roads

11.7.18

L. S. Duckland
 for O.C. 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co., A.E. Captain

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.In the Field, France,
14th. July, 1918.621. PUNISHMENTS.

On 4.7.18. No. 48, Pte. P.F. MCKINLEY (40th. Bn. attached 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.) was tried on the following charge:-

On 30.6.18. when on Active Service absent without leave from 9.0 a.m. until about 7.0 p.m. on 2nd. July, 1918 = 3 days.

Sentence: 3 days' Field Punishment No. 2 - Forfeits 3 days' pay R.P.W.

On 4.7.18. No. 5786, Dvr. T.C. WILLIAMS was tried on the following charge:-

On 29.6.18. when on Active Service neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he failed to observe march discipline, thereby causing an injury to a horse of which he was in charge.

Sentence: Three days' extra picquets and fatigues.

622. BOATING - RIVER SOMME. (Extract Aust. Corps R.O. 187.)

" All boating on the River SOMME East of Amiens, except on duty, "is prohibited."

623. LOOTING. (Extract Aust. Corps R.O. 188.)

" Men charged by the Military Police or the Gendarmerie with "looting or analagous offences, will not be dealt with summarily by "their Commanding Officer but will be tried by a Court Martial."

624. FORFEITURE OF PAY - VENEREAL DISEASE. (Extract A.I.F. Order 1282.)

" 1. A member of the Australian Imperial Force will forfeit one-third of his full daily rate of pay (including deferred pay) for every "day he is in hospital suffering from venereal disease, unless it can be "proved to the satisfaction of the D.M.S., A.I.F., that such venereal "disease was inherited or acquired prior to his enlistment in the A.I.F."

" 2. Officers who forfeit one-third of their pay in accordance with "para. 1. will, in ~~addition~~, addition, forfeit the whole of their field "allowance whilst in hospital suffering from venereal disease.

" 3. This Order will operate and take effect as from 1st. January "1918."

625. DISCHARGE OF FIRE-ARMS. (Ref. Q.47/325 of 8.7.18.)

No rifle or revolver is to be discharged except in action or at an authorised practice.

/PASSES.

APPENDIX 8.

626. PASSES. (Extract 4th Army R.O. 2303.)

" Officers and other ranks, when travelling in a motor car or on a
 "motor cycle, must be in possession of a one-day pass, signed by a
 "commanding or staff officer, authorising the journey and stating the
 "nature of their duty. One pass for a party is sufficient. In the
 "case of officers and other ranks who have to travel by motor car or
 "motor cycle in the normal course of duty, a weekly pass may be issued."

W. Hamilton

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

NOTICES.POSTAL. (Ref. A.I.F. Orders dated 2.7.18.)

1. A number of parcels posted by members of the A.I.F. to Australia from France have become undeliverable owing to their being insecurely packed by the senders.
2. Owing to the many trans-shipments of mails in transit from France to Australia, it is very necessary that all articles sent by post should be carefully addressed and packed in strong covers.
3. It is suggested that the boxes, tins, wrappers, etc. received as covers with Australian posted parcels, might be again used to enclose goods sent from France to Australia. Every care must, however, be taken to destroy the original address if such are used.

APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE A.F.C. (Ref. Q.33/51 of 6.7.18.)

In order to allow the present applications for appointment to the A.F.C. to be disposed of, no further applications are to be submitted until called for.

CONGRATULATORY. (Ref. Q.74/286 of 11.7.18.)

The following from Aust. Corps is repeated for information:-

" Following cable received from Defence Melbourne Begins
 "AAA WS 262 Commonwealth of Australia desire to congratulate
 "Monash and all ranks in his command on the splendid success
 "attending the recent operations at HAMEL and VAIRE WOODS AAA
 "That the casualties sustained were slight in character is
 "especially pleasing and adds to the gratification with which
 "the news has been received AAA Ends D.A.G., A.I.F."

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION APPENDIX 9.Divisional Headquarters,
14th. July, 1918.D.R.L.S. TIME - TABLE.TO & FROM AUST. CORPS.

Leaves Aust. Corps	7.15 a.m.	11.15 a.m.	4.15 p.m.	8.00 p.m.
Arrives 3rd. Aust. Div.	7.50 a.m.	11.50 a.m.	4.50 p.m.	8.50 p.m.
Arrives Aust. Corps	8.45 a.m.	12.45 p.m.	5.45 p.m.	9.45 p.m.

TO INF. BDES. & PIONEER BN.

Leaves D.H.Q.	8.00 a.m.	12.00 noon.	4.00 p.m.	9.30 p.m.
Arr. Rt. Inf. Bde.	8.35 a.m.	12.35 p.m.	4.35 p.m.	10.10 p.m.
" Left " "	8.55 a.m.	12.55 p.m.	4.55 p.m.	10.35 p.m.
" Pioneer Bn.	9.05 a.m.	1.05 p.m.	5.05 p.m.	10.45 p.m.
" Reserve Bde.	9.15 a.m.	1.15 p.m.	5.15 p.m.	10.55 p.m.
" D.H.Q.	9.35 a.m.	1.35 p.m.	5.35 p.m.	11.15 p.m.

NOTE:

Salvage Co., 10th. and 11th. Field Companies are in continuation of Reserve Bde. run.

9th. M.G. Co., 9th. Field Co. are in continuation of Left Bde. run.

10th., 11th. and 23rd. Machine Gun Companies are in continuation of Right Bde. run.

3rd. Aust. M.T. Co. disposed of through Division at COISY.

CIRCULAR RUNS TO DIVL. TRAIN, D.A.D.O.S. AND OTHER DIVL. UNITS NOT MENTIONED ABOVE, AND OTHER UNITS IN DIVL. AREA.

Leave Divl. Hd. Qrs.	9.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.	7.00 p.m.
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Times of closing - 10 minutes prior to departure of D.R.

All previous time-tables are cancelled.

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

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

OFFICER i/c SIGNALS	
THIRD	
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	1.2083
Date	14.7.18.

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Subject: Proposed Buried Cable Routes.

It is submitted that the buried cable policies laid down for Aust. Corps sector shall be pursued in this divisional area.

In order to obtain entire buried routes to both Inf. Bdes. in line, it is suggested to proceed with the following works as soon as working parties can be made available.

(a) To bury from O.3 c 6.1 to O.10 a 9.8 which fills a gap in existing routes and will complete a 32 pair route from Divl. Hd. Qrs. to Right Inf. Bde. in line. The distance to be buried is approximately 1,500 yds. and the work may be continued during daylight. Working parties of any number up to 500 men are suggested, each man carrying a shovel and each alternate man a pick in addition.

(b) To continue the route from I.28 a 4.5 to J.19 c 2.3, the Hd. Qrs. of the Left Inf. Bde. in line, a distance of approximately 4,000 yds. requires to be buried. The work may be carried out during daylight; other conditions will be the same as those appertaining to task (a).

The apparent excessive distance to be buried to connect the points in each case is due to deviations necessary to avoid marshy and unsuitable country.

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Officer i/c. Signals.
Third Australian Division.

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

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In the Field, France,
15th. July, 1918.

627. STRENGTH. (Extract A.I.F. List 353.)

" 2nd. Lieut. J.S. SIMS, D.C.M., M.M. is taken on strength from
"rfcts. (Cadet School.) 24th. June, 1918."

628. APPOINTMENTS.

10804, Spr. D. J. WHITEFORD, M.M. to be Lance Corporal, dated 3.7.18.
10840, " V.V. HALLISSEY, M.M. to be Lance Corporal, dated 4.7.18.

629. PROMOTIONS.

10792, Cpl. W.A. KENNEDY to be Tempy. Sgt. vice Sgt. W.J. JAMESON, M.M.
to Engr. Tng. Depot. (Signal Sec.) dated 25.6.18.

²
10840, 2/Cpl. (T/Cpl.) T. HOULDEN, M.M. to be Corporal vice T/Sgt.
H.S. MARTIN to Signal Cadet Course. dated 2.7.18.

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10840, Cpl. T. HOULDEN, M.M. to be Tempy. Sgt. vice Sgt. R.K. PATRICK
evacuated wounded. dated 3.7.18.

10547, 2/Cpl. W.C. SMITH to be Tempy. Cpl. vice Cpl. T. HOULDEN, M.M.
promoted. dated 3.7.18.

10805, L/Cpl. H.G. WHITEFORD, M.M. to be Tempy. 2nd. Cpl. vice 2nd. Cpl.
W.C. SMITH promoted. dated 3.7.18.

10532, Cpl. S.H. BROWNSMITH to be Tempy. Sgt. vice Sgt. W.T. EDWARDS
to Aust. Corps Signal School. dated 4.7.18.

10541, 2/Cpl. J.M. NELSON, M.M. to be Tempy. Cpl. vice Cpl.
S.H. BROWNSMITH promoted. dated 4.7.18.

10535, L/Cpl. W.J. EASTON to be Tempy. 2nd. Cpl. vice 2nd. Cpl.
J.M. NELSON, M.M. promoted. dated 4.7.18.

630. POSTING OF N.C.Os.

10805, L/Cpl. (T/2/Cpl.) H.G. WHITEFORD, M.M. from No. 4 Section
to No. 5 Section.

10840, L/Cpl. V.V. HALLISSEY, M.M. from No. 3 Section to No. 5
Section.

Os. C. Sections concerned will take action accordingly.
Changes to be completed by 6 p.m., 17th. July.

631. BOUNDS. (Ref. A.661 of 14.7.18.)

AILLY-SUR-SOMME is out of bounds to all ranks not on duty.

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

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OFFICER i/c SIGNALS
12 THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. MD. 2110
Date 17.7.18

Subject: Messenger Dogs.

In view of the withdrawal of messenger dogs from this Corps area, it is desired to submit a few points which were noted during their service with this Division, extending over a period of three months.

The dogs were posted regularly to Infantry Brigades in the line, and latterly Artillery Brigades were provided with them.

Only variable success can be said to have been achieved with dogs used in this Division. For reliability they cannot be recommended, too often they are found to stray from the correct route and reach wrong destinations. This latter characteristic robs the service of much success, as the animals are undoubtedly a quick means of communication.

It is feared that the petting and feeding of the animals is still practised by the troops, more through the latter's ignorance in relation to the use of the dogs. Under such circumstances, good work cannot be expected of them.

It is suggested that a fortnightly relief should supercede the present weekly system. In support of this, I would point out that it is frequently the case that dogs return to their old stations. This is the result of the dogs having previously worked in an adjacent sector. It is claimed that one week is quite inadequate a period whereby a dog can be made accustomed to a new route and new surroundings.

I consider that dogs should not be worked so far forward as companies, except in an emergency in connection with special operations.

The dogs are too liable to disclose the identification of a position by their barking. Furthermore, the enemy, being quick to grasp such a situation, could place bitches on heat in his front line and endeavour to encourage our animals across. The congested surroundings existing at companies provides more scope for petting, in addition to the greater risk of casualty by gas.

In a number of cases dogs appear to be insufficiently trained.

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APPENDIX NO. 13. WAR DIARY. VOL. 21.

O.C.,
23rd. Co. A.A.S.C.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.
No. <i>MS. 2114</i>
Date <i>18. 7. 18.</i>

Subject: Horse-shoe nails.

The class of horse-shoe nails used by this unit is branded with letter "M" and is a good, serviceable article.

A nail on issue prior to this type was an unfinished manufacture and could be identified by its thick head. No brand was visible on the nail, which was of very inferior quality.

L.A. Buckland Capt
for O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A. E.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
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In the Field, France,
18th. July, 1918.632. REMUSTERED.

10628, Dvr. G.F. HUSTON is remustered as Sapper at own request, 15.7.18.
10845, Dvr. H.G. JARMAN is remustered as Sapper at own request, 17.7.18.

633. RETURN OF "OLD" PAYBOOKS. (Extract A.I.F. Order 1292.)

" 1. Members of the A.I.F. are informed that their old paybooks, which
"were withdrawn last year upon the issue of the new form of paybook, are
"now available for return to them.

" 2. It has been decided not to forward the old paybooks for
"distribution in the Field, as originally intended, but members when in
"London, on leave or otherwise, may obtain them upon personal application
"to the Reconciliation Sub-Section of the Chief Pay Office, Church House,
"Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1. The old paybooks of members
"who are discharged abroad, or who are returning to Australia, will be
"returned to them as formerly.

" 3. The paybooks at present in use, which will shortly be withdrawn
"and replaced by a new issue, will also be returnable to members on a
"date to be notified later."

634. A.A.S.C. COMPANIES - NUMBERING OF (Extract Divl.R.O.1994.)

" Companies of A.A.S.C. have been given Imperial numbers in
"addition to their Australian numbers.

" In future, the Australian numbers of A.A.S.C. Companies will
"alone be used."

635. WATER. (Extract Divl.R.O. 1995.)

" Water from River SOMME is on no account to be used for cooking
"or drinking purposes. Water is to be drawn from Water Point, BUSSY,
"or from civilian wells. These have all been tested and notices
"posted of chlorination required."

R.G. Hamilton

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

Prefix XM	Code KA	Received	Sent	Office Stamp
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		At 9-20 a.m.	At 9-21 a.m.	AYC-15 VII 18 SIGNALS
BOGA		From BOGA	To DENI	
11		By English	By English	

TO } G DENI
 (3rd Aust Div)

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
M321	15		AAA

Twenty seven thousand rounds expended

From BOGA (3rd Aust Machine Gun Battalion)
 Place

Prefix XM	Code KA	Received	Sent	Office Stamp
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		At 10-12 a.m.	At 10-15 a.m.	AYC-16 VII 18 SIGNALS
BOGA		From BOGA	To DENI	
10		By English	By English	

TO } G DENI
 (3rd Aust Div)

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
M35	16		AAA

Twenty four thousand rounds expended

From BOGA (3rd Aust Machine Gun Battalion)
 Place

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Prefix *XM* Code *IHA* m.
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *BOGA* 13
 Received At *9.45 a.m.* Sent At *9.50 a.m.*
 From *BOGA* To *AYC*
 By *hostin* By *hostin*



TO } *G DENI (3rd Aust Div)*

Sender's Number. *M40* Day of Month. *17* In reply to Number. *AAA*

Fifty one thousand seven hundred rounds expended

From *BOGA (Aust) 1. D. Battalion*

Prefix *XM* Code *KAA* m.
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *BOGA* 13
 Received At *10.50 a.m.* Sent At *10.10 a.m.*
 From *BOGA* To *AYC*
 By *Greelid* By *Greelid*



TO } *G DENI (3rd Aust Div)*

Sender's Number. *M42* Day of Month. *18th* In reply to Number. *AAA*

Thirty eight thousand rounds expended last night

From *BOGA (Aust) 1. D. Battalion*

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APPENDIX NO. 16 WAR DIARY. VOL. 21.

A.D. Signals,
Aust. Corps.

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

OFFICER i/c SIGNALS THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. <i>NSC. 2129</i>
Date <i>19.7.18</i>

Reference :- Your T.9/1 of 13.7.18 and D.Sigs. 716 of 11.7.18.

Subject :- Message Carrying Rockets.

In reply to your abovementioned memo I have to report that no difficulty has been experienced in opening rockets preparatory to inserting messages.

In a few instances the flares failed to light, but the cause is believed to be due to the rockets being damp.

It seldom happens that the smoke composition fails to burn on landing.

With regard to the second para. of D.Sigs. memo, it is thought that the word "insert" should read "extract", if this is so, it has been found that in many cases much difficulty has been experienced in extracting messages, owing to the force of impact breaking the spring, bending the pinion and stem, when the rockets land.

It is suggested that a collar be placed on the stem of each rocket so as to prevent it from telescoping at the point where the stem slides into the head of the rocket.

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Major.
Officer i/c. Signals,
3rd. Aust. Div.

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APPENDIX 716.

A.D. Signals, Aust. Corps.

Message Carrying Rockets.

A complaint has been received that in some cases the flare failed to light and the smoke composition to burn on alighting, thus making the rocket difficult to find.

It was also reported that the same rockets could not be opened to insert the messages.

I would be glad to know if you have experienced any trouble in this respect and if so to what extent.

(sgd.) A.St. YATES,
Lieut-Colonel.
For Director of Signals.

G.H.Q.
11th. July 1918.

- O.C., Signals, 2nd. Aust. Div.
 - O.C., Signals, 3rd. Aust. Div.
 - O.C., Signals, 4th. Aust. Div.
 - O.C., Signals, 5th. Aust. Div.
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T.9/1.
13.7.18

Will you please let me have a report.

(sgd.) J.M. GRANT Captain.
for Lt. Col. A.D. Signals, Aust. Corps.



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D.Sigs./4209.

D.D. Signals,
Armies.

It is proposed to introduce a 20 lb. conductor paper core cable for long distance circuits. Its provision should not affect the output of other cables.

An 8 pair 20 lb. conductor cable is suggested as being suitable as it will easily be distinguished from existing patterns and should provide sufficient long distance circuits in any particular bury.

Will you please let me have your views and the proportion required as compared with 25 pair and 10 pair 10 lb. conductor P.C. cables.

Gen.H.Q.
13.7.18.

(Sd) A.St.J. YATES, Lieut.-Col.,
For Director of Signals.

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A.D. Signals, Aust. Corps.

For your remarks, please.

This type of cable has been recently suggested by this Army as necessary to avoid use of several twin or quad cables for long distance speaking circuits.

The weight of conductor will not materially affect the weight of cable and I should like your views on number of pairs which you think would be most suitable. The standard capacity of a bury should be taken as 50 pairs.

H.Q., Fourth Army.
17th. July, 1918.

(sd) Captain MOLD, R.E.
for D.D. Signals, Fourth Army.

O.C. Signals, 2nd. Aust. Div.
O.C. Signals, 3rd. Aust. Div.
O.C. Signals, 4th. Aust. Div.
O.C. Signals, 5th. Aust. Div.

T.4/3.
18.7.18.

Forwarded for your remarks, please.

18th. J U L Y.
1 9 1 8.

(sd) J.M. GRANT, Capt.
for Lieut.-Colonel.
A.D. Signals,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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A.D. Signals,
Aust. Corps.

OFFICER i/c SIGNALS THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No.....ESC.2130.
Date..19.7.18.

Reference: Your T.4/3 of 18.7.18. and D.Sigs./4209 of 13.7.18.

Subject: Proposed 20 lb. P.C. Cable.

In reply to your abovementioned memo., I have to advise it is considered that the inclusion of a certain number of 20 lb. conductors would be a decided advantage in a bury, and the proportion suggested is as follows:-

2	8-pr. 20 lb. cables	=	16 prs.
5	7-pr. 10 lb. "	=	35 "
1	Armd.quad (or 2 twin) Pilots		2 "

			53 prs.

The use of paper covered cables for burying in forward areas is generally deprecated, while cotton and wax covered lead cables are no greater in size and are much more satisfactory from every point of view.

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 Officer i/c. Signals.
 Third Australian Division.



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APPENDIX

OFFICER i/c SIGNALS	
THIRD	
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.....	L. 2135.
	19.7.18.
Date.....	

Subject: Interference with Communications.

The attached report from the Officer i/c. Signals, 7th. Aust. F. Art. Bde. is forwarded for your information, please.

This is a further instance of bombs being thrown into the river, apparently with a view of obtaining fish.

Direct line communication on this occasion, was interrupted between right Sub-Group and the Bde. O.P.

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



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

OFFICER i/c SIGNALS	
THIRD	
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.....	L.2131.
Date.....	19.7.18.

Subject: Buried Cable System "B" Divisional area.

It is desired to bring under notice the urgent necessity of completing at least one section of the Buried Cable System, which is at present uncompleted.

It is suggested that work should be continued between QP (0.2 a 9.5) and FY (0.10 a 8.8), and on its completion a 32 pair buried route would exist from Divl. Hd. Qrs. to Hd. Qrs. of Right Inf. Bde., and the canal lines to the Left Inf. Bde. would be reduced by approximately 4,400 yards (2½ miles), and line communication to the Left Group, Left Sub-Group and Superimposed Group would also be greatly improved.

The canal lines which are in use between points where buried routes do not at present exist, are liable to frequent interruption, principally due to promiscuous bombing of the canal and river.

A party of 300 men, if made available for 5 days, could complete the above work in daylight - thus placing the communications in this area on a much sounder footing.

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A.D. Signals,
Aust. Corps.
-----OFFICER i/c SIGNALS
THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.No. ECS. 2149Date. 20.7.18.Reference: Your T.218/1 of 1.7.18.Subject: "Okonite" Adhesive Tape.

I have to report that, during recent tests with this tape, it was found to possess good qualities as an adhesive tape. It is, however, desired to point out that in no case was a joint subjected to severe conditions such as would prevail during the winter months, or after long exposure to heat.

In view of the fact that perfect insulation of a joint may be obtained by using a layer of ordinary adhesive tape over a layer of "Okonite", it is suggested that "Okonite" be used in lieu of Pure Rubber tape.

It is considered that the utility of "Okonite" cannot compare with that of adhesive tape, and it is strongly recommended that it shall not be allowed to supersede it as a supply.

More definite information could be given if quantities of "Okonite" were supplied and given a reasonable time - say 3 months - for experiment and test under variable conditions.

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

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O.C. Signals, 3rd. Aust. Div.
O.C. Signals, 4th. Aust. Div.
O.C. Signals, 5th. Aust. Div.
O.C. Signals, Corps H.A.

T.218/1.
1.7.18.

2 lbs. of a new form of Adhesive tape known as "Okonite" is being sent to you.

Will you please give this tape a trial and report as to its qualities.

1. st. J U L Y.
1 9 1 8.

(sd) C.R. Murfitt, 2nd. Lieut.
for A.D. Signals, Aust. Corps.

APPENDIX NO. 21 WAR DIARY. VOL. 21.

D. Signals,
G.H.Q.

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

OFFICER i/c SIGNALS THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. <u>M.S. 2145</u>
Date <u>20.7.18.</u>

Subject: Conventional Signs for Messenger Dogs and
Message Carrying Rockets.

With regard to the abovementioned subject, it is suggested that if no other conventional signs have been arranged for Messenger Dogs and Message Carrying Rockets, the following symbols be used:-

Messenger Dogs:-

Message Carrying Rockets:-

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by
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In the Field, France,
20th. July, 1918.

636. ENGINEERS (SIGNAL SERVICE). Extract A.I.F. List 356.)

" The undermentioned Cadet having qualified for a commission in
"the Engineers (Signal Service) is appointed a 2nd. Lieutenant in the
"A.I.F. and posted to Engineer (Signal Service) Rfts. 13th. July, 1918.-

" 10790, Sgt. Frederick William HOWIE, late 3rd. Div. Sig. Co.

" The undermentioned N.C.O. joined Signal Service Training Centre,
"Bedford, and is appointed a Cadet:- 14th. July, 1918.:-

" 19997, T/Sgt. Harold Stanley MARTIN, 3rd. Div. Sig. Co."

637. ORDER IN WHICH ORDERS, DECORATIONS & MEDALS SHOULD BE WORN. (Extract G.R.O. 4520.)

" The following revised list showing the order in which Orders,
"Decorations and Medals are to be worn, is published for information
"and guidance:-

" Victoria Cross.

" Order of the Garter.

" Order of the Thistle.

" Order of St. Patrick.

" Order of the Bath.

" * Order of Merit (Immediately after Knights Grand Cross of the Order
" of the Bath.)

" Order of the Star of India.

" Order of St. Michael and St. George.

" Order of the Indian Empire.

" Order of the Crown of India.

" Royal Victorian Order (Classes I, II and III).

" Order of the British Empire (Classes I, II and III).

" Order of the Companions of Honour (immediately after Knights and
" Dames Grand Cross of the Order of the British
" Empire).

" Distinguished Service Order.

" Royal Victorian Order (Class IV).

" Order of the British Empire (Class IV).

" Imperial Service Order.

" Royal Victorian Order (Class V).

" Order of the British Empire (Class V).

" Royal Red Cross (Class I).

" Distinguished Service Cross (Naval).

" Military Cross.

" Distinguished Flying Cross.

" Air Force Cross.

" Royal Red Cross (Class II).

" Order of British India.

" Indian Order of Merit (Military).

" Kaiser-i-hind Medal.

" Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

" Albert Medal.

" Queen Victoria's Jubilee Medal, 1887, (Gold, Silver and Bronze).

" Queen Victoria's Police Jubilee Medal, 1887.

" Queen Victoria's Jubilee Medal, 1897, (Gold, Silver and Bronze).

" Queen Victoria's Police Jubilee Medal, 1897.

" Queen Victoria's Commemoration Medal, 1900. (Ireland).

" King Edward's Coronation Medal.

" King Edward's Police Coronation Medal.

" King Edward's Durbar Medal, (Gold, Silver and Bronze).

" King Edward's Police Medal (Scotland).

" King's Medal, 1903. (Ireland.)

637. ORDER IN WHICH ORDERS, DECORATIONS & MEDALS SHOULD BE WORN. (continued).

- " King George's Coronation Medal.
- " King George's Police Coronation Medal.
- " King's Visit Police Commemoration Medal, 1911, (Ireland).
- " @ King George's Durbar Medal (Gold, Silver and Bronze).
- " Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field (Military).
- " Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Naval).
- " Distinguished Service Medal (Naval).
- " Military Medal.
- " Distinguished Flying Medal.
- " Air Force Medal.
- " War Medals. (in order of date).
- " Arctic Medal (1815 - 1855).
- " Arctic Medal (1876).
- " Antarctic Medal (1901 - 1903).
- " Constabulary Medal (Ireland).
- " Board of Trade Medal for Saving Life at Sea.
- " ∅ Indian Order of Merit (Civil).
- " Edward Medal.
- " Indian Distinguished Service Medal.
- " King's Police Medal.
- " Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.
- " Naval Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.
- " Medal for Meritorious Service.
- " Indian Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (for Europeans of Indian Army.)
- " Indian Meritorious Service Medal (for Europeans of Indian Army).
- " Royal Marine Meritorious Service Medal
- " Indian Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (for Native Army).
- " Indian Meritorious Service Medal (for Native Army).
- " Volunteer Officers' Decoration.
- " Volunteer Long Service Medal.
- " Volunteer Officers' Decoration (for India and the Colonies).
- " Volunteer Long Service Medal (for India and the Colonies.)
- " Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decorations.
- " Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal.
- " Medal for Good Shooting (Naval).
- " Militia Long Service Medal.
- " Imperial Yeomanry Long Service Medal.
- " Territorial Force Efficiency Medal.
- " Territorial Decoration.
- " Special Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.
- " Decoration for Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve.
- " Decoration for Officers of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.
- " Royal Naval Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.
- " Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Long Service Medal.
- " Union of South Africa Commemoration Medal.
- " Royal Victorian Medal (Gold and Silver).
- " Imperial Service Medal.
- " Medal of the Order of the British Empire.
- " Medal of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England.
- " Badge of the Order of the League of Mercy.
- " Royal Victorian Medal (Bronze).
- " Foreign Orders (in date of order of award).
- " Foreign Decorations (in date of order of award).
- " Foreign Medals (in date of order of award).

The above order of decorations applies to those of similar grades. The miniature decoration or riband representing the higher grades of a junior order will, however, when worn with that representing the lower grade of a senior order, be placed before the latter, e.g., the miniature or riband of the "Indian Empire" when worn by a G.C.I.E. who is also a K.C.B. will come before the miniature or riband of the "Bath".

- * The Order of Merit is worn round the neck on all occasions.
- ∅ The Indian Order of Merit (Military and Civil) is distinct from

637. ORDER IN WHICH ORDERS, DECORATIONS & MEDALS SHOULD BE WORN. (Continued.)

"from
" the Order of Merit instituted in 1902.
" @ King George's Durbar Medal in Gold can be worn in the
" United Kingdom by Ruling Chiefs of India only."

638. POSTAL ADDRESSES. (Extract G.R.O. 4531.)

" The Home Postal authorities report that considerable difficulty
"is now experienced in dealing with letters, etc., for the Troops in
"France, owing to the increasing extent to which initials, representing
"the titles of units, appointments, etc., are used for address purposes.
"This practice not only tends to delay the letters bearing the "initial"
"addresses, but appreciably retards the work of dealing with letters that
"are properly addressed.

" All ranks are, therefore, urged to furnish their correspondents
"with an adequate and intelligible postal address, avoiding as far as
"possible the use of initials for this purpose."

639. TENTS. (Extract Aust. Corps R.O. 204.)

" All tents and shelters are area stores except those shown as unit
"equipment in mobilisation store tables. When a unit moves out of an
"area all tents and shelters will be handed over to the Area Commandant,
"or, if he so instructs, to the relieving unit. Disciplinary action
"will be taken against any units carrying tents or shelters out of an
"area."

640. ENEMY LITERATURE. (Extract Divl. R.O. 1997.)

- " (a) Any instances of papers, books, pamphlets or other literature
" being dropped by enemy aeroplanes or balloons will be at
" once reported to the Company Hd. Qrs.
- " (b) Date, time, locality and names of actual witnesses to be stated.
- " (c) All such papers, books and pamphlets will be forwarded to
" the Company Orderly Room."

R. Hamilton

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

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

APPENDIX 73

OFFICER i/c SIGNALS THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. L. 2178
Date 23.7.18

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Subject: Progress Report No. 1 - Buried Cable Route QP - AN - FY.

I have to report that work on the abovementioned route was commenced today beyond QP at 0.3 c 4.5 working towards FY (0.10 a 9.8).

A party of 2 officers, 3 N.C.Os. and 165 men reported at 9.0 a.m. and a distance of 330 yards was completed.

The digging was fairly good generally, but hard in places through chalk and flint.

The cables were led into a cellar at 0.9 a 7.9, where a test-point (AN) is being made.

Casualties known:- Nil.

L. P. Suckland
Captain.
for Officer i/c. Signals.
3rd. Australian Division.

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

OFFICER i/c SIGNALS THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. L. 2188
Date 24.7.18

Subject :- Progress Report No. 2, Buried Cable Route QP - AN - FY

I have to report that work on the abovementioned route was continued today towards FY (0 10 a 9.8).

A party of 2 Officers, 6 N.C.Os. and 200 men reported at 8.45 a.m. and completed a distance of 400 yards by 3.30 p.m.

The digging was generally good, but two roads and a brick wall were crossed.

Casualties known :- 1 (accidental pick injury).

L. P. Suckland
Captain.
for Officer i/c. Signals,
3rd. Aust. Div.

Hd. Qrs. ⁴³
3rd. Aust. Div.

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OFFICER i/c SIGNALS	57
THIRD	
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No. L. 2193	
Date 25.7.18.	

Subject: Progress Report No.3 - Buried Cable Route QP - AN - FY.

I have to report that work on the abovementioned route was continued today, working towards FY (0.10 a 9.8).

A party of 4 officers, 10 n.c.os. and 200 men commenced at 9.15 a.m. and completed a distance of 400 yards by 1.15 p.m.

The digging was generally good, but water was struck at about 4 feet.

Casualties known:- Nil.

Testing and jointing are proceeding.

It is anticipated that the digging of this section to FY will be complete tomorrow.

R. G. Buckland
Captain.
for Officer i/c. Signals.
Third Australian Division.

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

OFFICER i/c SIGNALS
THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. L. 2205
Date 26.7.18

Subject: Progress Report No.4 - Buried Cable Route QP - AN - FY.

I have to report that work was continued on the abovementioned route today, and the digging was completed and cable buried into FY (0.10 a 9.8).

A party of 4 officers, 10 n.c.os. and 200 men commenced at 9 a.m. and completed a distance of 430 yards by 2 p.m.

The digging was generally good, except for the last 70 yards to FY where it was very hard.

Testing and jointing are proceeding.

Casualties known:- Nil.

R. G. Buckland
Captain.
for Officer i/c. Signals
3rd. Australian Division.

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

OFFICER i/c SIGNALS.
THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. MR. 2179
Date 24.7.18

Reference: Your S.G.401/37/16 of 18.7.18.

Subject: Message Carrying Rockets.

Adverting to the abovementioned subject, I have to report as follows:-

(A) Transport presents little difficulty as the vulnerable parts are well protected. If carefully packed, rockets occupy little space, and the liability of damage is small.

The light canvas carriers about to be issued should materially facilitate the work of carrying. Appended is a diagram of a carrier which was submitted by an Officer of this unit. It is of 5 rocket capacity, and is, in my opinion, a very desirable type of carrier.

(B) A solid trough for firing is essential. In one instance, angle iron was used firmly embedded in the earth built up to an angle of 45 degrees, and gave excellent results. Sighting of the trough is most important.

In view of the risk of the message getting scorched, it is suggested that it be folded in a blank form before insertion. An asbestos or papier mache cylinder in which to place the message, to be inserted in the present position of the wire, would also greatly lessen risk of scorching.

(C) In recent tests, all rockets fell near enough to collecting stations to enable them to be picked up quickly.

In some cases, the rockets, which maintained direction and elevation well until propellant was expended, appeared to be affected by lateral winds.

The accuracy of the rocket is undoubted, but too much cannot be said concerning the necessity for correctly aligning the trough.

(D) As the visibility of the rocket is dependent on the smoke from the tail, it is very important that the latter be kept dry. Consequent on the removal of the waterproof covers, the risk of damage through dampness becomes apparent. Too much attention cannot be paid to keeping the base of the trough where the rocket tail rests, perfectly dry.

It is suggested that if a flare on the principle of the Roman Candle firework were set alight, the upward stream of sparks would be more easily detected. If a rocket lands in a crop or bushy undergrowth, it is liable to cling to the ground and be hidden from sight.

L.A. Buckland
Captain.
for Officer i/c. Signals.
3rd. Australian Division.

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9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
 O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

S.G. 401/37/16.

Will you please forward a report to reach Divisional Headquarters by 24th. instant on Message Carrying rockets, dealing specially with the following points:-

- (a) Ease of handling and transport.
- (b) Ease of operating.
- (c) Accuracy.
- (d) Visibility during and after flight, and ease of collection.

In connection with (a) above, it should be noted that rockets will shortly be issued in light canvas carriers complete with trough for firing.

In addition to the report called for above, will you please forward any suggestions you may wish to make as regards improvements to the rockets in addition to those already submitted by you.

18th. July, 1918.

(sd) Eric W. Connolly, Major, G.S.
 for Lieut.-Colonel, G.S.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

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

In the Field, France,
24th. July, 1918.

641. REMUSTERED.

24457, Dvr. S.J. CASE is remustered as Sapper at own request, dated
23rd. July, 1918.

642. APPOINTMENT.

16731, Spr. W.M. FAIR is appointed driver under A.I.F. Order 785, vice
Dvr. S.J. Case remustered. Dated 23rd. July, 1918.

643. SCHOOLS.

The report from the Chief Instructor, Signal Depot, R.E. regarding
10697, L/Cpl. J.P. KING, M.M. who attended a Junior N.C.Os.' Course, is
as follows:-

DRILL	(Handling Arms	Very Good.
	(Knowledge of detail	Good.
	(Suitability as Instructor	Very Good.
	(Word of Command	Very Good.
PHYSICAL TRAINING.		Good.
Progress of TECHNICAL TRAINING during Course	(Jointing (general)	Very Good.
	(Instruments	Very fair.
	(Permanent line	Very fair.
	(Testing (field lines)	Good.
SUITABILITY as an N.C.O. or INSTRUCTOR	(Suitability as N.C.O.	Very Good.
	(Suitability as Instructor	Very Good.
	(Suitability as Lecturer	Very Good.
	(General appearance	Very Smart.
	(Map Reading	Good.

644. QUEEN MARY'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS. (Ref. G.R.O. 4368.)

The Corps is composed of two grades:-

- (a) Officials (Controllers and Administrators).
- (b) Forewomen and Workers.

These two grades are respectively comparable with the two
Army ranks of:-

- (a) Officers
- (b) Other ranks.

Members of the Q.M.A.A.C. when off duty will not, without special
permission, associate with officers or other ranks of the Forces in
France, except with those holding ranks comparable with their own grades.
Special permission in individual cases may be given by an Administrator.

Military camps, billets, etc. and private houses, other than those
occupied by members of the Corps are out of bounds to all grades of the
Q.M.A.A.C., except in the course of duty, or when they are provided with
a pass.

All grades of the Corps are forbidden to enter any hotel, cafe or
estaminet, to attend any place of public entertainment, or to be absent
from any meal, except in the course of duty, without written permission
of a Controller or Administrator.

Smoking on duty and in public places and thoroughfares is forbidden.
The consumption of alcohol will not be permitted, except under medical
advice.

Women Disciplinary Patrols have been appointed with functions and
powers similar to military police. They wear a yellow armlet with
Q.M.A.A.C. in black letters thereon.

/Disciplinary.

644. QUEEN MARY'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS. (Ref.G.R.O.4368.) (continued.)

Disciplinary action will be taken against any officer or other rank who disobeys this order, and similar action will be taken against any officer or other rank or member of Q.M.A.A.C. who is concerned in the disobedience of these orders.

645. SICK FURLOUGH & SICK LEAVE ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF RATIONS & QUARTERS.

Company Routine Order 313 of 6.12.1917 is cancelled and the following substituted therefor:-

On and after 8th. June, 1917, members of the A.I.F. who are granted

- (a) Sick Furlough, or
- (b) Sick leave

will, when rations and quarters, or allowance in lieu thereof are not provided, be entitled to draw an allowance of 4/- per diem for such period of (a) Sick Furlough or (b) Sick Leave, i.e.

(a) Sick Furlough, granted upon discharge from hospital, or subsequently from Command Depots in the United Kingdom to members who have been evacuated sick or wounded from France to hospitals in the United Kingdom by Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London, or the Command Depot concerned, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding 14 days.

(b) Sick Leave, granted upon the recommendation of the D.M.S., A.I.F. or a Medical Officer in the United Kingdom specifically authorised by him in this respect, for such period as may be recommended.

The allowance referred to will not be payable in respect of any furlough or leave other than that specified in the foregoing paras. (a) and (b); nor will members suffering from Venereal Disease or illness or injuries caused through their own misconduct be entitled to sick furlough or ~~leave~~ sick leave within the meaning of the order.

Where a member, who has been paid 14 days ration allowance in respect of sick furlough is recalled or returns voluntarily to duty, or is re-admitted to hospital, before the expiry of the 14 days, he will not be required to refund any portion of the amount already drawn; but whether he has been re-admitted to hospital before or after the expiry of his furlough and is later granted a further term of sick furlough, no additional ration allowance will be paid in respect of the further term.

Members granted sick furlough or sick leave allowance will not be entitled to free railway warrants but the usual concession warrants may be obtained.

L. P. Suckland
 Captain.
 for O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

NOTICE.

The sum of £6.12.0d. from Regimental Funds was expended for the purchase of 900 lbs. of Potatoes, which were distributed throughout the unit on the 20th. inst.

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OFFICER i/c SIGNALS THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. <u>L.2204</u>
Date. <u>26.7.18.</u>

Subject: Buried Cable Routes, week ending 25.7.18., QP - AN - FY.

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

A party, whose daily average strength was 200, has completed a distance of 1,200 yards to date, giving a daily average of 400 yards.

A distance of approximately 400 yards remains to complete the section and it is anticipated that, as regards actual digging, it will be finished on the 26th. inst.

A terminal strip has been installed at QP where the cables were led across the river in a section of iron piping.

Terminal strips are also being placed at AN (0.9.a.7.9) and FY..

Testing and jointing are proceeding and pilot boxes are being installed.

On the completion of this section a 32 pair route will exist from Division to Right Inf. Bde. in Line via BS - YS - LN - QP - AN - FY - HM.

Diagram attached.

L. A. Buckland
Captain.
for Officer i/c. Signals.
3rd. Australian Division.

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D. Signals,
Aust. Corps.

THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL
SIGNAL COMPANY,
A.E.

No. ET. 2011

Date 26.7.18.

Reference :- D. Sigs./5077 and your T.28/1 of 23.7.18.

Subject. Ratchets Telegraph Spring, Light.

Replying to above, I have to report that no fault has been found with the Ratchets Telegraph Spring, Light, with which this unit is equipped.

It is pointed out that as we have such infrequent use for permanent line tackle, we are scarcely able to judge carefully the merits of such gear.

L. A. Suckland Captain.
for Major.
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.



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

OFFICER i/c SIGNALS THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	<u>L. 2015</u>
Date	<u>27.7.18.</u>

Subject :- Buried Cable Routes.

In conformity with the policy laid down for buried cable routes in this Divisional area, it is proposed to continue the existing route at H M (P 7 a 0.3) on to H W (P 15 a 2.3), thereby connecting the Right Inf. Bde. in line with its Right and Left Bns. in line. Intermediate test points have been selected and will be installed at C P (P 8 c 2.2) and V W (P 14 central).

A thorough reconnaissance of the area has been made and a diagram of the route chosen is submitted herewith.

All arrangements for the work are complete and may be put in motion as soon as a digging party can be made available.

It is suggested that the working party shall arrive at the rendezvous at 10 p.m. and that the rendezvous shall be P.15 a 2.3 in order that the work may proceed from front to rear.

The estimated distance of bury is 3,000 yards.

200 shovels and 100 picks are available at FOUILLOY
HOSPICE for the work. Particular attention will be paid to the
camouflaging of the route.

L. A. Buckland
Captain.
for Officer i/c. Signals.
3rd. Australian Division.

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

In the Field, France,
28th. July, 1918.

646. ENGINEERS (SIGNAL SERVICE). (Extract A.I.F. List 360.)

"Lieut. W. J. SUMMERS resumed duty from Regtl. Seconded List, 10.7.1918.
"2/Lt. G. T. B. BATTY is placed on Regtl. Seconded List (invalided) 21.6.1918."

647. OFFICERS ARRIVED FROM AUSTRALIA. (Extract A.I.F. List 360.)

"Officers returning to duty:- Capt. L. TUCKETT, M.C., M.M., 3rd. Divl.
" Signal Co. A.E. "

648. HONOURS AND REWARDS. (Extract Special Divl. Order.)

" The following decorations have been awarded. In publishing the
" names of the recipients, the Corps and Divisional Commanders wish to
" convey their congratulations to them.-

" BAR TO THE MILITARY MEDAL.

" No. 10683, Sgt. A. N. SYMES, M.M. 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

" While in charge of a forward party of a Signal Section, he
" established communication under heavy artillery fire.

" THE MILITARY MEDAL.

" No. 14764, Spr. A. F. DEAN) 3rd. Aust. Divl.

" No. 20447, Spr. F. VAN de PLASCHE) Signal Co. A.E.

" For capturing a machine gun and 5 men firing on their party
" while they were advancing to establish communication."

649. 1ST. ANZAC WIRELESS SIGNAL SQUADRON - CHANGE OF TITLE. (Extract A.I.F. Order 1308.)

" The title of the above unit is hereby changed to "1st. Australian
" Wireless Signal Squadron."

650. INVENTIONS. (Extract G.R.O. 4577.)

" Cases of unauthorised trials and inspections of new inventions have
" recently been brought to the notice of the Army Council.

" Every encouragement must be given officers and soldiers to put
" forward new ideas which may be of military value, and all such informa-
" tion should be forwarded through the proper channel to the War Office.

" The following paragraph (1379) of King's Regulations must be
" rigidly adhered to in all cases:-

" All inventors suggesting patterns of military stores or
" alterations to them are firstly to be referred to the War Office
" In no cases will Generals Commanding authorise the trial of any
" invention without first obtaining sanction from the War Office."

" All suggestions for new design, and applications for stores of every
" description, must be submitted to General Headquarters, and all ranks
" are forbidden to correspond with or to visit Departments of the Ministry
" of Munitions on such matters without written authority of General Head-
" quarters."

/GRAZING:

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651. GRAZING. (Extract 3rd.Aust.Div.Administrative Instruction No.47.)

" Grazing or cutting Grass, Clover, Lucerne, Sanfoin or any fodder
 "which is not grain crop is permitted east of the HALLUE VALLEY and a
 "line running south through N.5 central to N.23 central.
 " Grazing west of this line must be arranged through French Mission.
 "If such arrangements are made, the Officer or N.C.O. in charge of each
 "grazing parade will be in possession of a written authority which must
 "be produced on demand."

652. DAMAGE TO CROPS. (Extract 3rd.Aust.Div.Administrative Instruction No.47.)

" 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:-
 " (1) To go when off duty, either on foot or on horseback, upon
 " sown fields or crops (including clover and hay crops of any kind);
 " (2) To allow horses to graze anywhere unless arrangements have
 " been made in the manner laid down.
 " (3) 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 the movements of troops in the face of
 "the enemy."

L.A. Buckland
 Captain.
 for Major.
 O.C., 3rd.Aust.Divl.Signal Co.A.E.

NOTICE.CABLES TO AUSTRALIA.

It is notified that owing to line interruptions and congestion of business, cables accepted from members of the A.I.F. at E.F.M. rates by the Eastern Route, as well as Pacific Route (see notice in Company R.O. dated 6.6.18.) are subject to considerable delay. This should be brought to the notice of all ranks, who should be informed that all telegrams sent at reduced rates are liable to delay.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,
31st. July, 1918.D.R.L.S. TIME - TABLE.TO & FROM AUST. CORPS.

Leaves Aust. Corps	7.15 a.m.	11.15 a.m.	4.15 p.m.	8.00 p.m.
Arrives 3rd. Aust. Div.	7.50 a.m.	11.50 a.m.	4.50 p.m.	8.50 p.m.
Arrives Aust. Corps	8.45 a.m.	12.45 p.m.	5.45 p.m.	9.45 p.m.

TO INF. BDES. & PIONEER BN.

Leaves Divl. Hd. Qrs.	8.00 a.m.	12.00 noon.	4.00 p.m.	9.30 p.m.
" Left Inf. Bde.	8.20 a.m.	12.20 p.m.	4.20 p.m.	9.50 p.m.
" Right " "	8.35 a.m.	12.35 p.m.	4.35 p.m.	10.5 p.m.
" Pioneer Bn.	8.50 a.m.	12.50 p.m.	4.50 p.m.	10.25 p.m.
" Res. Inf. Bde.	9.15 a.m.	1.15 p.m.	5.15 p.m.	10.55 p.m.
Arrives Divl. Hd. Qrs.	9.35 a.m.	1.35 p.m.	5.35 p.m.	11.15 p.m.

NOTE: Salvage Company, 9th. Field Co. are in continuation of Reserve Brigade run.

10th. and 11th. Field Cos. are in continuation of Left Bde. runs.

3rd. Aust. M.T. Co. disposed of through Division at COISY.

CIRCULAR RUNS TO DIVL. TRAIN, D.A.D.O.S. AND OTHER DIVL. UNITS NOT MENTIONED ABOVE, AND OTHER UNITS IN DIVL. AREA.

Leaves Divl. Hd. Qrs.	9.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.	7.00 p.m.
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Times of closing - 10 minutes prior to departure of D.R.

All previous time-tables are cancelled.

J. P. ...
Captain.
for Officer i/c. Signals.
3rd. Australian Division.

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

OFFICER i/c SIGNALS
THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No L. 2245.
Date 31.7.18.

Subject: Buried Cable Routes.

In succession to my L.2015 of 27.7.18. it is advised that owing to a change of policy it is now proposed to bury forward from HM (P.7 a 0.3) to HA (P.9 a 4.4), with an intermediate test point at CP (P.8 a 5.4).

A reconnaissance of the area has been made and a plan of the route chosen is submitted herewith.

The estimated distance of the bury is 3,000 yards - or 1,800 man tasks.

Arrangements are on foot for the work to proceed tonight starting from HA and working towards CP and HM.

A dugout will be required for the test-point at HA and it is submitted that it shall be not less than 6' x 6' x 6', and requested that the work shall be put in hand as early as possible.

R. B. Auckland
Captain.
for Officer i/c. Signals.
3rd. Australian Division.

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

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OFFICER i/c SIGNALS	
THIRD	
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
NSC.2255.	
No.
Date	31.7.18.

Reference: Your GB.189 of 27.7.18.

Subject: Visual Signalling.

The visual scheme carried out on 27th. inst. was not so successful as previous exercises, owing to the inclemency of the weather. The stormy conditions prevailing, combined with a heavy mist made visibility bad.

The divisional and central visual stations, which are 6,000 yards apart, suffered most in this respect, and as a result ~~the~~ reliable working between these stations was found impracticable.

The Artillery Groups maintained communication to batteries spasmodically. The 7th. Brigade was more successful than the 8th. Brigade who were unable to work from noon to 3.30 p.m. owing to bad visibility.

For the same reason the 16th. Army Bde. R.H.A. was forced to abandon visual at 2.0 p.m. to which time they had progressed without interruption.

In the case of the 189 Army Bde. R.F.A. the scheme worked well but indifferent visibility was responsible for cessation of work between this Group, the central visual station and lateral groups.

The Divl. Artillery station could not effectively work with central visual station owing to the pronounced ground mist. The 9th. Bde. worked satisfactorily with their Right Bn. and line communication was used with remaining battalions of this Bde. owing to the topographical features of the area.

Traffic was handled steadily throughout the 10th. Bde. where visual was successfully used with 37th., 38th. and 40th. Bns. via central visual station.

The 39th. Bn. used power buzzer and amplifier as an alternative means, owing to visual being impracticable.

The 11th. Bde. kept in touch with their battalions and dealt with a number of messages. Lateral communication was satisfactorily maintained between Bdes. in line and the Reserve Bde.

On the whole the traffic handled was light, and the abnormal weather conditions prevented the scheme being carried out with the success attending previous schemes of a similar nature.

R.A. Buckland
Captain.
for Officer i/c. Signals.
3rd. Australian Division.

	Off.	O.R.
Strength of unit as on 31.7.18.-		
Actually with unit	15	354
Effective Strength	17	364.
Total struck off strength during month.-		
Sick and wounded	-	11
Transferred to other units ..	-	2
Total to Hospital during the month	-	17
1 D.A.H.		1 Persisten Occipital headache.
1 Dysentery.		1 Injury to Back.
1 Septic Foot.		1 Scabies.
1 Unknown.		2 P.U.O.
4 Influenza		2 Haemorrhoids.
1 Defective Eyesight.		
Reinforcements received during the month.-		
From Base	-	-
On transfer from other units	-	* 1
* From Aust. Corps Signal Co. A.E.		
Taken on strength from Reinforcements attached	-	-
Reinforcements attached as on 31.7.18.	-	6
Total rejoined unit... ..	* 1	23
* Lt.W.J.Summers from Regtl. Seconded List.		
Surplus to Establishment	1	15
Wanting to Complete	-	-
Total sent on Leave during month.-		
To United Kingdom	1	10
To Paris	1	5
To Nice	-	1

Horses.

	Ride.	L.D.
Strength as on 31.7.18.	45	77
Evacuated during the month... ..	1	-
Taken on strength from Remount Depot	7	1

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Clothing demands were fairly well met whilst equipment demands were well met.

A limited number of Jackets, S.D. (large size) were available during the month. All sizes of Breeches, M.S. were available; a very small percentage being partly worn garments, otherwise the quality was good.

The demand for Hats was well met, the issue consisting of the Imperial made articles. The Boots received were of good quality and all sizes were available. The smaller sizes were of English manufacture. During the month 54 pairs were repaired by the Company saddler and re-issued.

14 Cooks' suits (blue drill) were received and distributed ~~am~~ to all cooks of the unit. These are a decided improvement on any suits previously supplied for cooks. These were purchased from Regimental Funds.

The following comforts were received from the Australian Comforts Fund during the month and were distributed throughout the unit:-

Tobacco	480	2 oz. plugs.
Cigarettes	2,400	packets of 10.
Milk	239	tins.
Fruit	120	tins.
Syrup	72	tins.
Sweets	97	tins.
Biscuits	300	Packets ($\frac{1}{2}$ lb.)
Cricket Bats	2	
" Balls	2	

78 Message Rockets were issued to Divisional and attached units during the month.

Technical Equipment.

Instruments received from Divisional and attached units for repair and overhaul were as follows:-

20 Telephones (various types).
7 Fullerphones.
4 Handsets.

Repairs were effected by the unit's mechanics and instruments returned to units concerned. In addition, 4 telephones were received badly damaged by shell fire and were returned to Corps for replacement.

2 10-line cordless Switchboards were received to replace 5-line Magneto boards held by Sub-Sections. These were issued and 5-line boards returned.

Additional items authorised for Sub-Sections vide new establishment A.F.G.1098-349 dated May, 1918, were demanded from A.D.Signals.

Large quantities of Compound, No.5. and Tape, adhesive have been required for jointing in connection with new buried routes, but the supply has always been equal to the demand.

A fair amount of field cable has been required during the month but the quantities received have been partly obtained by salvaging unused lines. Quantities and classes of cable salvaged are as follows:-

D.8	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
D.7	16 "
D.2 twin	17 "
D.2 single	10 miles.
D. twin	1 mile.

31.7.18.

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

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VOL. 21.O.C.'s REPORT.MOVES.

On July 13th. the Division returned to the line and took over the Centre Division sector from 4th. Aust. Div. with Hd. Qrs. at BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.

COMMUNICA-TIONS.

The path of the SOMME Canal lends itself to the extensive use of submarine lines, but, owing to the indiscriminate bombing of the River for fish by the troops in the area, these routes suffer much interruption.

A start was made on 23rd. inst. to extend the existing buried system, in order to make more adequate provision for communication to Brigades and other forward units. The Canal routes will be materially reduced upon the completion of this work.

ALTERNATIVE MEANS.MESSENGER DOGS.

In compliance with an order from Aust. Corps, Messenger Dogs were withdrawn from the area simultaneous to this Division taking over the sector, consequently no use has been made of this Service.

PIGEONS.

The Corps Mobile Loft is now situated at ALLONVILLE. Birds allotted to this Division are collected daily and posted to Battalions in the line, from whence they are released. Very satisfactory times are being made by the birds.

VISUAL.

The topographical features of the area allow of visibility over a long range, and good results have been achieved with this kind of communication. In some cases, however, enemy observation renders it impossible to signal forward without the enemy having full view of the signals. Messenger Rockets are coming into prominence as a reliable alternative means of communication.

STRENGTH.

The effective strength of the unit on 31.7.18. was 17 officers, 364 other ranks.

DISCIPLINE.

Good.

HEALTH.

Good.

31.7.18.

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

TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT.

In consequence of the continued fine weather conditions no sickness of any importance has made itself manifest.

The new horse lines occupied on 13th. inst. as a result of the move from GOISY to BUSSY-LES-DAOURS are in a sheltered position.

Owing to injuries received on line of march from GOISY, one light draught was evacuated during the month.

The re-painting of the wagons is proceeding.

With the exception of one ride the Company is up to strength in horses.

The harness is in a very good condition, and a good deal of attention is being paid to its care.

James F. Smith

31.7.18.

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

— JULY 1918 —
 GRAPH SHOWING DAILY NUMBER of
 — AB & C MESSAGES —
 3rd Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.



— Totals —

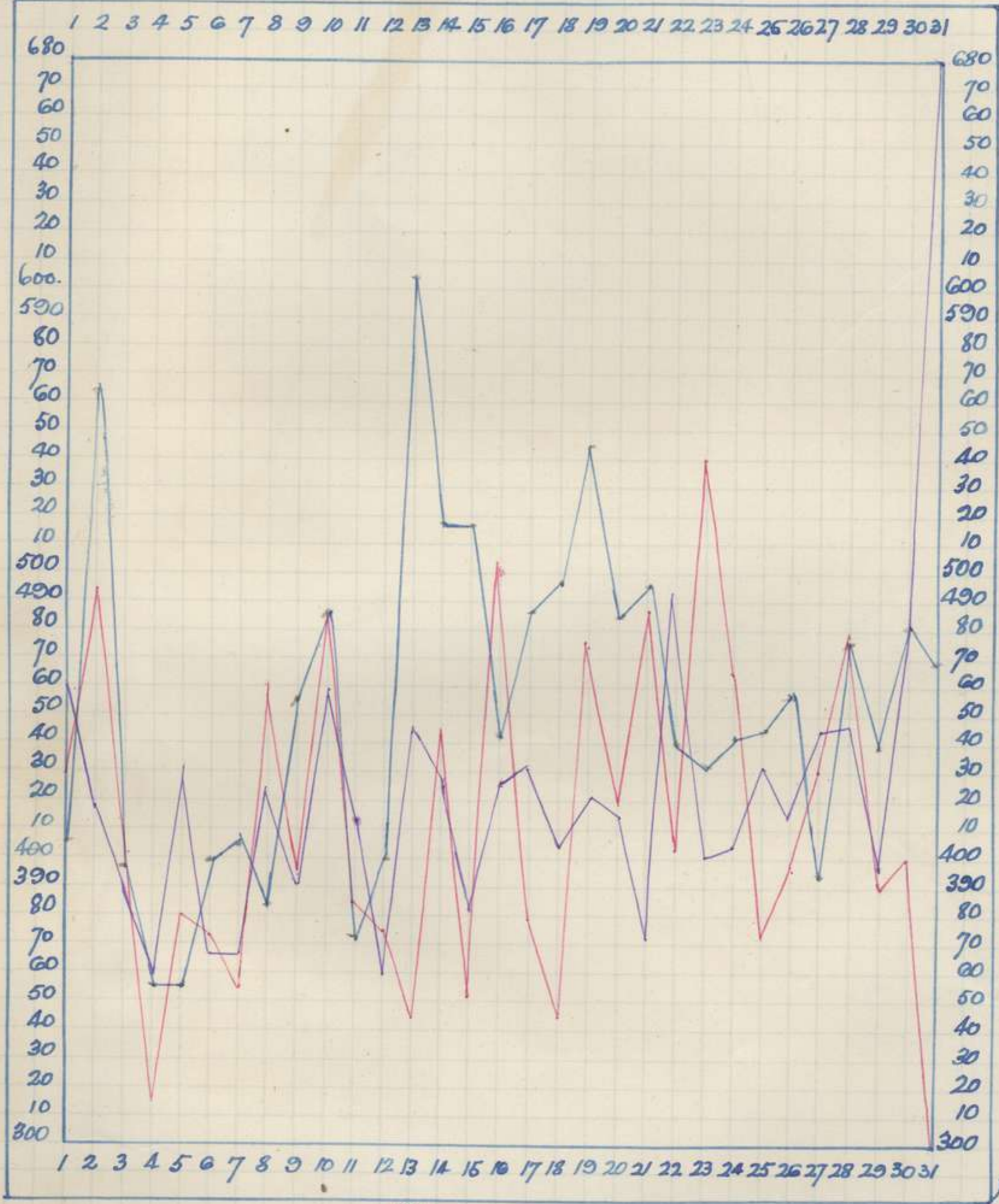
A Messages	* Divl. Ad. Qrs.	12519
B "	— No 2 Sec att. 9 th Inf Bde	2545
C "	— No 3 " " 10 th " "	3021
	No 4 " " 11 th " "	1900
	No 5 " " 3 rd M.G. Bn.	654
	DA Ad. Qrs.	6049
	No 1 Sub Sec. att 7 th AFA Bde	2477
	No 2 " " " 8 th " "	4159
	Total	<u>33324</u>

* Fouilly Fr. and Allenville " figures included in Divl. Ad. Qrs. Totals.

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— JULY 1918 —
 GRAPH SHOWING DAILY NUMBER OF
 — A B & C SEALED PACKETS —
 3rd Aust Divl. Signal Co A.F.



Totals.

A	S.P.s	—	Divl. Hd. Qrs	17333
B	"	—	Nº2 Sec. att. 9 th Inf Bde.	4397
C	"	—	Nº3 " " 10 th " "	4609
			Nº4 " " 11 th " "	4238
			Nº5 " " 3 rd MG Bn.	1737
			DA Hd. Qrs.	5336
			Nº1 Sub Sec att. 7 th A.F.A Bde.	1116
			Nº2 " " 8 th " "	2016
			<u>Total.</u>	<u>40782</u>

* Foxilloy P.s. and Altonville " figures included in Divl. Hd. Qrs. Totals.

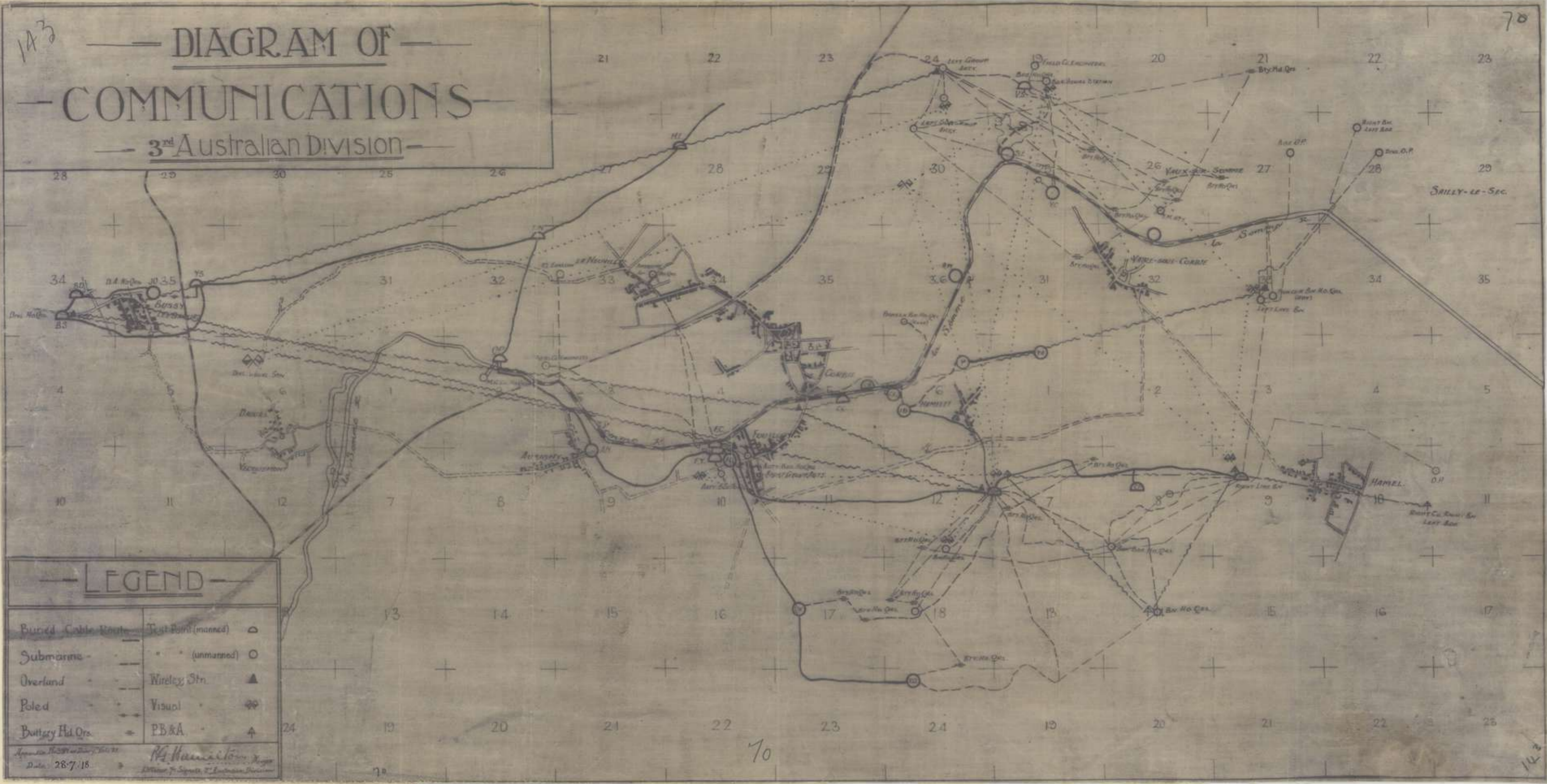
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DIAGRAM OF COMMUNICATIONS

3rd Australian Division



LEGEND

Buried Cable Route	Test Point (manned)	△
Submarine	Test Point (unmanned)	○
Overland	Wireless Stn.	▲
Poled	Visual	⊗
Battery Hd. Qrs.	PB&A	⊕

Approved: *H. Hamilton*
 Date: 28.7.18
 Major, Signals, 3rd Australian Division

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11. Australian Infantry Brigade. 3rd. Australian Division. Australian Corps. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	3rd. Australian Divisional Signal Coy. (Attached 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q.).		Lieutenant Harold Walter GROVES.	<p>On the night of 2nd./3rd. July, 1918, at HAMEL, Lieutenant GROVES while in charge of the Brigade Signal Section successfully took over and maintained under difficult conditions communication with the forward Units. He personally supervised and established a Forward Brigade Cable Head.</p> <p>On the night of the 3rd./4th. July, he personally saw to the movements, dispositions, and equipment of his Forward Brigade Signal Section with such success that they were able to establish their Forward Station in spite of heavy enemy opposition and open up communication with Units and Brigade Headquarters within 30 minutes of the commencement of the barrage.</p> <p>On the morning of the 4th. July he visited his Forward Station, improving the position and arrangements so as to ensure of the communications being maintained.</p> <p>The traffic handled by Brigade Signal Section was extremely heavy, and the rapid transmission of information throughout the operations was a tribute to the excellent arrangements made by this Officer.</p>	(Sgd) Jas. H. CANNAN, Brigadier General. Commanding 11th. Inf. Bde. A.I.F.	Military Cross.	

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Received. Passed.
Brigade 8.7.18. 9.7.18.

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	3rd. Australian Divisional Signal Coy. (Attached 11th. Aust. Infantry Brigade H.Q.)	10683	Sergeant Albert Norman SYMES, M.M. (Military Medal - Australian Corps Routine Order 126 dated 6th. May, 1918).	On the 4th. July, 1918, during the attack on the enemy trenches east of HAMEL, Sergeant SYMES, M.M. was in charge of No. 2 Forward party of the Brigade Signal Section. He skilfully manoeuvred his party forward under heavy artillery fire, and succeeded in establishing communication with Rear Brigade Headquarters within 30 minutes of the commencement of the barrage. Throughout the whole operation he set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.	(Sgd) Jas. H. CANNAN, Brigadier-General. Commanding 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. A.I.F.	Bar to Military Medal.	

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	3rd. Aust. Divisional Signal Coy. (Attached 11th Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q.)	20447	Sapper Frank VAN de PLASCHE	<p>On the 4th. July, 1918, during the attack on enemy trenches East of HAMEL, Sapper VAN de PLASCHE was a member of Forward Brigade Signal Section. While attempting to establish their position they came under fire of an enemy Machine Gun. Sapper VAN de PLASCHE immediately rushed the gun, capturing same and taking three prisoners.</p> <p>By his conspicuous gallantry and disregard of personal safety under heavy fire he set an excellent example to the other members of his Section in maintaining his lines and enabling communication to be kept with the forward Units.</p>	(Sgd) Jas. H. CANNAN, Brigadier-General. Commanding 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. A. I. F.	Military Medal.	

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	3rd. Aust. Divisional Signal Coy. (Attached 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q.)	14764	Sapper Albert Frederick <u>DEAN.</u>	<p>On the 4th. July, 1918, during the attack on HAMEL, Sapper DEAN was a member of a party of Linesmen sent forward to establish Brigade forward communication.</p> <p>During the advance the party was held up by an enemy Machine Gun. DEAN, together with Sapper VAN de PLASCHE, immediately rushed the gun, killing two of the crew and taking five prisoners. He then rejoined his Section.</p> <p>He set an excellent example of bravery and devotion to duty, materially assisting his party in maintaining communications during a critical operation.</p>	(Sgd) Jas. H. CANNAN, Brigadier.-General. Commanding 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. A. I. F.	MILITARY MEDAL.	

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