

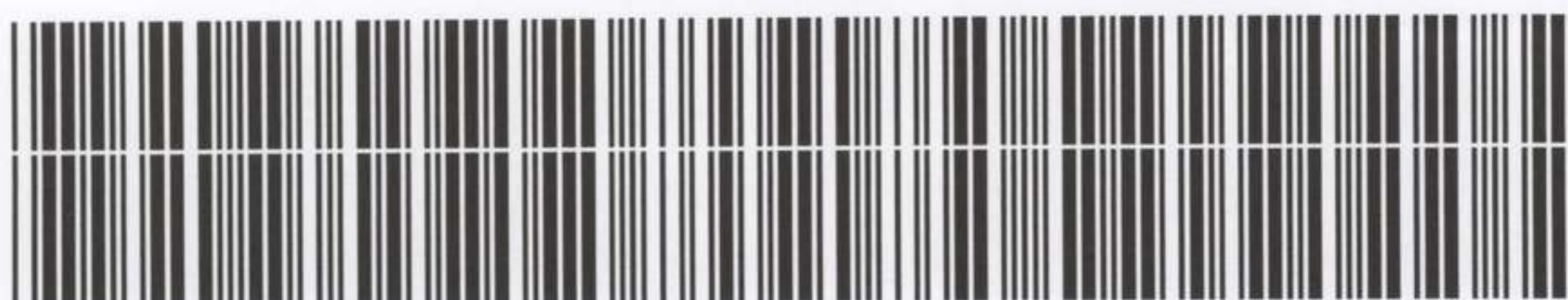
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Headquarters,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade,  
11th August, 1918.

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,

I have the honour to submit herewith a report on the action taken by Units of this Brigade in the operations of August 8th to 10th inclusive:

BRIEF RECOUPEAL OF PLAN:

1. In co-operation with a Major Operation on an extensive front the Brigade was ordered to attack the enemy on "Z" Day and consolidate on the BLUE LINE as shown on Secret Map No. 1. The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade were to attack on the left and the 5th Canadian Infantry Brigade were to attack on the right of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.
2. (a) The objectives and boundaries were as shown on Secret Map No. 1.  
(b) Zero hour was 4.20 a.m. on the 8th August, 1918.
3. The troops comprising the Brigade Group were:
  - Headquarters, 15th A.I. Brigade.
  - 57th Battalion,
  - 58th Battalion,
  - 59th Battalion,
  - 60th Battalion,
  - 18th A.L.F.M.B.
  - 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
  - 2 Sections 14th Field Coy. A.E.
  - 3 Sections 15th Aust. Light Horse Regt.  
(including 1 Hotchkiss Section).
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  Platoon Aust. Corps Cyclist Battalion.
  - 15th Aust. M.G. Company.
  - "A" Company 2nd Tank Battalion. (12 Mark V Tanks).
  - "C" Company 15th Tank Battalion. (9 Mark V Star Tanks carrying 16 Vickers and 16 Lewis Gun Teams in charge of Major H.D.G. Ferris M.C. 58th Battalion).
  - 4 Supply or Carrying Teams.

Troops were disposed for the operation as shown in appendix A attached.
4. The attack was to be carried out in three phases:
  - PHASE 1: The 7th Australian Infantry Brigade were to advance at Zero plus 3 minutes and capture the RED LINE. At Zero plus one hour the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade were to advance from the lie position to the GREEN LINE.
  - PHASE 2: At Zero plus 4 hours the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade were to pass through the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade on the GREEN LINE and advance to the RED LINE which was to be captured and the area between the RED and the GREEN line cleared of the enemy.
  - PHASE 3. At Zero plus 6 hours the Brigade exploiting detachment in 9 Mark V (Star) Tanks was to pass through the RED LINE and advance straight to the BLUE LINE with where the Vickers and Lewis Gun Teams were to disembark and consolidate the line with the assistance of the Tanks pending the arrival of Infantry who would follow from the RED LINE. The BLUE LINE was to be the main line of resistance with an outpost line established not more than 400 yards in advance.
5. The formation for the advance to the attack were as shown on Appendix A Attached. Companies advanced in lines of platoons. They were instructed that if they came under heavy artillery fire they were immediately to advance in lines of sections as for artillery formation

BRIEF NARRATIVE OF EVENTS:

6. Zero hour was fixed for 4.20 a.m. on the 8th August. Units had previously marched to assembly positions immediately WEST of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX where they had spent two days and three nights.
7. Units left their assembly positions at approx. 2 a.m. The approach to and assembly in the "Lie" position was completed satisfactorily. At 3.40 a.m. the movement of tanks and shouting of tank personnel caused the enemy to put down a fairly brisk barrage which, however, did not last long. A heavy fog arose and added difficulty to the assembly on the tapes. It was found that petrol tins with a candle inside and the number of the Battalion stamped on one side in small holes aided the assembly and guiding of units on to the tapes.
8. The barrage opened exactly to time and at Zero plus 1 hour our advance commenced. The difficulty of maintaining direction was very great and was done entirely by compass bearing. At 7 a.m. when the fog lifted it was found that troops were advancing in the right direction but it was necessary to check the pace slightly and correct the intervals between columns. A table was issued to all units to regulate the pace to the GREEN LINE and this was found of great assistance. The vicinity of the GREEN LINE was reached just a little ahead of time and the interval was spent in correcting distances before advancing. The tanks were exactly on time and at Zero plus 2 hours the leading waves of the attacking Battalions passed through the GREEN LINE.
9. The enemy artillery retaliation was practically nil. Shortly after leaving the GREEN LINE the troops came upon the enemy battery positions. The 57th Battalion on the right passed some 77 m.m. guns which had been abandoned in squares V.11.a & b and V.5.d. they encountered a battery of 5.9 guns still in action which were firing at our troops over the sights. One Company manoeuvred to attack them. One tank drove straight at the battery and was put out of action 40 yards before reaching it. Meanwhile another tank had worked round the flank and the gunners jumped out of the pits and surrendered. The left Company of the 57th Battalion was fighting a series of m.g. Nests. Tanks were of great assistance here and many of the guns were captured. On the left, the 59th Battalion were also under fire from enemy artillery firing over direct sights but by a determined advance these guns were captured and the crews either surrendered or were killed. According to plan the 59th Battalion skirted BAYONVILLERS along its southern edge. The Battalion at this stage again came under direct fire from a 77 m.m. gun firing from W.10a. One Lewis gun team of ours was knocked out. The gun and limber were ~~knocked out~~ captured but the waiting team of two horses were almost at the last moment shot by the brave driver who managed to escape. The REDLINE was reached by the two leading Battalions shortly afterwards. Enemy guns of all calibres were passed during the advance but the fighting was too brisk and the advance too rapid to allow the fixing of labels or the marking of captures accurately.
10. At about 8.50 a.m. shortly before reaching the RED LINE, our own guns commenced to shoot short. This was reported but two guns continued to shoot short and hamper the advance. The main body of the Cavalry passed through our line at approx. W.7.b. and d. and W.8.c.. Armoured cars, whippet tanks, and supply tanks also appeared and passed through. The Cavalry

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got well in front and our right Battalion was able to assist the Canadians on our right (there advance having been held up), by firing on the enemy retiring from PLEURET WOOD and VEINCOURT. Two platoons of the 60th Battalion were also detailed to assist with flanking fire. The RED LINE was reached at 10.20 a.m.

11. To the 59th Battalion (following the 59th on the left) was detailed the task of 'mopping up' BAYONVILLERS. To do this C and D Companies moved out from the Ravine in P.35.B. at 8.15 a.m. accompanied by 6 Mark V Tanks. The Tanks moved into the side streets of the village covered by half sections of Vickers Guns on the High ground North and South of the Village. It was found that the preliminary bombardment had knocked the village about to a great extent and the platoons following the Tanks met with practically no resistance. Four prisoners and 2 8.2" Hows. were taken. The prisoners stated that they belonged to the 21st Guards Artillery Regiment. A Motor lorry was also captured here. A report was received at 11 a.m. that BAYONVILLERS had been mopped up.
12. As the Mark V (Star) Tanks had not arrived the leading Battalions at 10.20 a.m. decided to push on from the RED to the BLUE line without them. The Cavalry sent a squadron out and charged the valley running south from HARBONNIERES and rounded up a number of prisoners. They then pushed on to the old AMIENS Defences and sent patrols beyond. At 10.30 a.m. the right Battalion had occupied the BLUE LINE with posts out 400 yards in places. The left Company had captured a German Motor Wagon and sent it back loaded with captured material and some of our wounded. The 59th Battalion advanced from the RED LINE on HARBONNIERES at schedule time and mopped it up, the Australian flag being hoisted on the Church Tower exactly at 11 a.m.. They then pushed on to the BLUE LINE which was reached without difficulty on the left and without assistance from the Brigade exploiting detachment, which was late in arriving. The right section of their sector of the BLUE LINE was not gained at the time.
13. Between 1 and 1.30 p.m. patrols reported that the enemy were gathering for a counter attack. The Brigade Exploiting Detachment having now arrived they were distributed along the front and the Cavalry (dis-mounted) were placed by their C.O. under the orders of the C.O. 57th Battalion for the purpose of meeting the attack. The enemy however failed to come on and remained in the sunken road in W.17.D.1-7.. Messages were sent by the C.O. 57th Battalion to the flank Units asking for co-operation in advancing to the AMIENS defences. The Canadians stated that they were going to remain on their BLUE LINE - W.25.A.5-6. to W.21.D.0-3. The 59th Battalion, who were in the BLUE LINE on the left but were prevented from entering on the right of the Sector, owing to a small wood being very strongly held with Machine Guns just in front of the BLUE LINE, stated that they would be unable to go on without assistance from Tanks and all the Tanks were out of action. The Cavalry were eventually driven back from the old AMIENS line by heavy Machine Gun fire and fell back behind the Infantry.
14. The dismounted Cavalry on the right had, unknown to the 57th Battalion pushed out to the old AMIENS Line South of the Railway. They were subsequently relieved by the 6th Canadian Brigade but owing to a failure in Liaison the 57th Battalion were not informed of this and did not push forward. This left a pocket in our line.
15. There was nothing unusual during the night 8th/9th August. At 6.45 a.m. on the 9th the C.O. 57th Battalion reported that his Patrols had pushed out to the old AMIENS Defences and had found them lightly held. There was also much train movement in VAUVILLERS and the enemy appeared to be dribbling away in twos and threes. The artillery was informed of this and the C.O.'s. 57th and 59th Battalions were instructed to push out patrols and occupy the Old AMIENS Line and also to keep in touch with the enemy if he fell back.

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At 8 a.m. the C.O. 57th Battalion reported that his Battalion had occupied occupied the Old ISNS Line. Shortly afterwards the 59th Battalion reported similarly.

10. Orders were received from Headquarters 5th Australian Division at 8.30 a.m. informing that the advance was to be resumed. At 11 a.m. the 1st Australian Division was to pass through the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade and advance in co-operation with troops on the flanks. The Brigade Major of the 5th Canadian Brigade came across at 9.15 a.m. and informed that the 5th Brigade was attacking at 10 a.m. and asked if I could do anything to protect their left flank. I accordingly spoke to the Divisional Com and he gave permission to push forward and co-operate. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade was accordingly ordered to attack simultaneously with the Canadians. I at once despatched my Brigade Major to order the two supporting Battalions to attack at 10 a.m. as indicated. This order reached the 60th Battalion at 9.14 a.m. and the 58th Battalion at 9.55 a.m.. The 60th Battalion were to move on at 10 a.m. and the 58th Battalion at 10.15 a.m.. Owing to the impossibility of the Battalions being ready to jump off on zero with the troops on the flanks I warned the 57th Battalion to co-operate with the Canadians pending the arrivals of the 60th. Zero hour however was altered to 11 a.m. and though the 57th Battalion had moved, the 60th Battalion screen crossed the BLUE LINE at 10.50 a.m. and passing through the 57th Battalion carried on with the attack. The Battalion at once deployed and met with considerable resistance and consequently the advance was very slow. At 12.45 p.m. the line had only advanced from 500 to 600 yards. Artillery was called for and at 1.40 p.m. the advance continued assisted by the Battalion on the left. The enemy resistance immediately broke down and those who did not surrender ran.

On the left the 58th Battalion first met opposition from the proximity X of the station in V.12.D.3-2. These machine gun posts were rushed from the flanks and 6 heavy and 4 light machine guns were captured. Brisk fighting took place at a long line of dugouts in X.19.A. and wood in rear of same was captured. 13 officers and over 200 other ranks were captured in the dugouts which were fitted up with all sorts of military gear and equipment including a Wireless Set, full Electric Lighting Set, Cases of new Telephones etc. and 15 additional Machine Guns, 1 Anti-Aircraft Gun and one Heavy and two Medium Minewerfers. The prisoners captured were mainly 23th A.I.R. At this stage the 29th Battalion reported that they were held up by Machine Gun fire from Company in VAVILLERS and could not advance. Major BRIDGEMAN of the 2nd Tank Battalion joined Colonel C.V. WATSON, C.O. 58th Battalion at his Headquarters, V.12.A.4-6. and he sent forward his last Tank to assist the 29th Battalion, and the 58th Battalion left Company, to get forward. It arrived about 200 yards from the Company and was knocked out by an anti-Tank gun in VAVILLERS. The artillery support up to this time was practically negligible. Captain LOUGHEAN with left Company experienced heavy machine gun fire from Railway in X.13.B. These were rushed and the crew killed. 11 Machine Guns were captured. Capture of the lastnamed posts put an end to the local opposition and the whole line went forward capturing 3 more medium minewerfers at X.13.D. Gent al. The objective GREEN line was reached in X.14.D. at 1.15 p.m. but on the right the opposition was heavier and the GREEN LINE was not reached until 1.55 p.m. As the 2nd Brigade lost direction in their attack by bearing too much to the right and as none of their troops passed through 58th Battalion Colonel WATSON ordered his Battalion to cover the flank of the 8th Battalion and prevent their flanks being exposed. This necessitated the Battalion advancing to the trench system in X.14.D. and X.20.B. and D.; another battery of 3 heavy minewerfers were captured in front of the hospital.

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The ground occupied by the 58th Battalion was taken over by the 7th and 8th Battalions at 4 p.m.

18. Splendid targets for our artillery were offering at the commencement of the attack as the Bossche limbered up his guns and used them with the tears hooked in. Later he formed up (presumably for a counter attack but broke away again. Our artillery support throughout the attack was weak.
19. When the 2nd Brigade had passed through the 15th Australian Infantry and the front covered was rallied in the vicinity of HAMBONNIERES and the 58th and 60th Battalions took up an outpost position for the night along the approximate line X.19.C.9-9. - X.19.A.8-4. - X.15.B.1-9.
20. The advance of the Brigade on the 8th inst. was so rapid that the Mark V (Star) Tanks did not have chance to carry out the task detailed to them, in fact, as far as the BLUE LINE was concerned they were not needed. The fighting personnel were kept out of the Tanks as long as possible. They actually boarded the Tanks 1,000 yards in rear of the RED/LINE and even then many of the men were in a state of exhaustion owing to the great heat inside. 3 Tanks proceeded to the BLUE LINE on the North of HAMBONNIERES and the remaining 6 to the South. They were held on the BLUE LINE for one hour and then returned.
21. A fire occurred among the Supply Tanks parked East of VILMERS-BERTONNEUX on the evening of "Y" Day. Two of the four allotted to this Brigade were destroyed, but one was replaced and three advanced to the RED/LINE.
22. Owing to the rapid advance and the intermingling with other Brigades and Divisions an accurate tally of the number of prisoners could not be kept. Those definitely claimed as being captured by the Brigade are:

First Day (8th)		301.
Second Day (9th)	18 off.	193.
<u>Total</u>	<u>18 off.</u>	<u>494.</u>

There is no doubt that the actual captures by the Brigade were many more than this.

23. The following is a summary of the casualties sustained during the operations:

Unit	Killed		Wounded		Missing		
	Off.	C.R.	Off.	C.R.	Off.	C.R.	
15th A.L.T.M.B.	-	1	-	1	-	-	
57th Battalion	-	12	8	57	-	23	12 believed A.F.I. 11 believed S'd.
58th Battalion	-	18	4	71	-	-	
59th Battalion	-	24	5	74	-	10	
60th Battalion	-	13	6	81	-	-	
15th Bde. H.Q.	-	-	1	-	-	-	
<u>Total</u>	-	<u>68</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>284</u>	-	<u>33</u>	

24. The following guns and material were captured. This list is compiled from returns submitted by Units and is not yet complete. Special parties are still in the forward area collecting the guns and material captured.

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<u>Guns:</u>	3	-	81 C.M.
	7	-	15 C.M.
	8	-	77 M.M.
	2	-	Anti-Tank.

<u>Minimo-fors:</u>	4	-	Heavy.
	9	-	Medium.
	8	-	Light.

<u>Machine Guns:</u>	20	-	Heavy.
	40	-	Light.
	3	-	Motor Lorries.

Great quantity of Spare Parts etc. Huge quantities of ammunition, R.M. Material (including a large Pump) Technical Instruments (Signalling) and other miscellaneous gear of every description.

- 25 Communications: Throughout worked well. At no time was Brigade Headquarters out of touch with Division. The long length of line to be maintained between Division and Brigade made a big drain on the personnel of the Brigade Signal section, who worked at high pressure all the time and did splendid service. Wireless was not used to any extent, most of the work being done by telephons. Pigeons were successfully used. Light Horses were an excellent means of communication. The two men were of the greatest use to Battalions, especially right forward. The men employed were very intelligent and could find their way with ease, even to difficult map references. To be of greater service however it is suggested that a complete squadron be allotted to a Brigade for communication and reconnaissance duties. Cyclists were not a great success owing to the broken and crop sown ground. Some of the cyclists were lost in the march on the assembly positions owing to the fog. Motor R.M. The one with the Brigade section was of immense use especially for very urgent work forward when telephons were temporarily out of order. Message Rockets: Message Rockets were not used. Runners: As always is the case, again worked with untiring energy and were tireless in their efforts to get messages through.

Brigade and Battalion Headquarters in all cases moved by bounds. Headquarters did not move from one location to another until the next place forward had been connected up.

- 26 REDUCTIONS: It is suggested that the period spent by Units in the assembly area near VILLAGE-SHOTOWN was much too long. Troops might well be brought forward on "X/Y" night, thus ensuring them more comfort and consequently better fitted to go through the operation. The risk of enemy observation will also be reduced.

- 27 The close co-operation between all arms of the service was a great factor to the success of the operations. All Specialist Commanders should at once get into touch with Group Commanders to ensure close co-operation right from the commencement of preparations.

- 28 During the 8th Inst. the Field Artillery did not fully realize the importance of closely supporting the Infantry. Battery Commanders should be impressed with the great necessity of keeping close up, where P.O.'s. may quickly communicate with them and where fleeting targets may be engaged, even from the Battery positions direct. P.O.'s. should be in closest touch with Battalion Commanders. They

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should, if possible, be in telephonic communication with their Batteries and in addition should have Gallopers or Cyclists as an auxiliary means of communication. The moral effect of the enemy at seeing the artillery close upon them is very great and of undoubted assistance to the Infantry. Instances occurred of Batteries being unable to fire for hours on end owing to lack of knowledge of the situation forward.

29. It is strongly urged that should similar warfare be engaged in again each front line Battalion be allotted one "Section of opportunity" whose Commander should be with the Battalion Commander throughout and act under his orders.
30. It is advocated that a signal be issued to indicate short shooting by our Artillery.
31. The use of Tanks was fully justified. Their effect was both moral and material. The courage and skill displayed by the crews is beyond all praise but the tasks allotted them on the first day were rather too great.
32. I strongly recommend that the supply of telephone wire issued to Battalions be doubled. Communications are of the utmost importance and Battalions must have the supply in Open Warfare to enable them to keep touch.
33. Stokes Mortars could be made more use of forward if they were more mobile. It is suggested that in future they, with a mobile reserve of ammunition, be carried on Pack Mules.

Brig'-General,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.





To 15th Infantry Brigade,

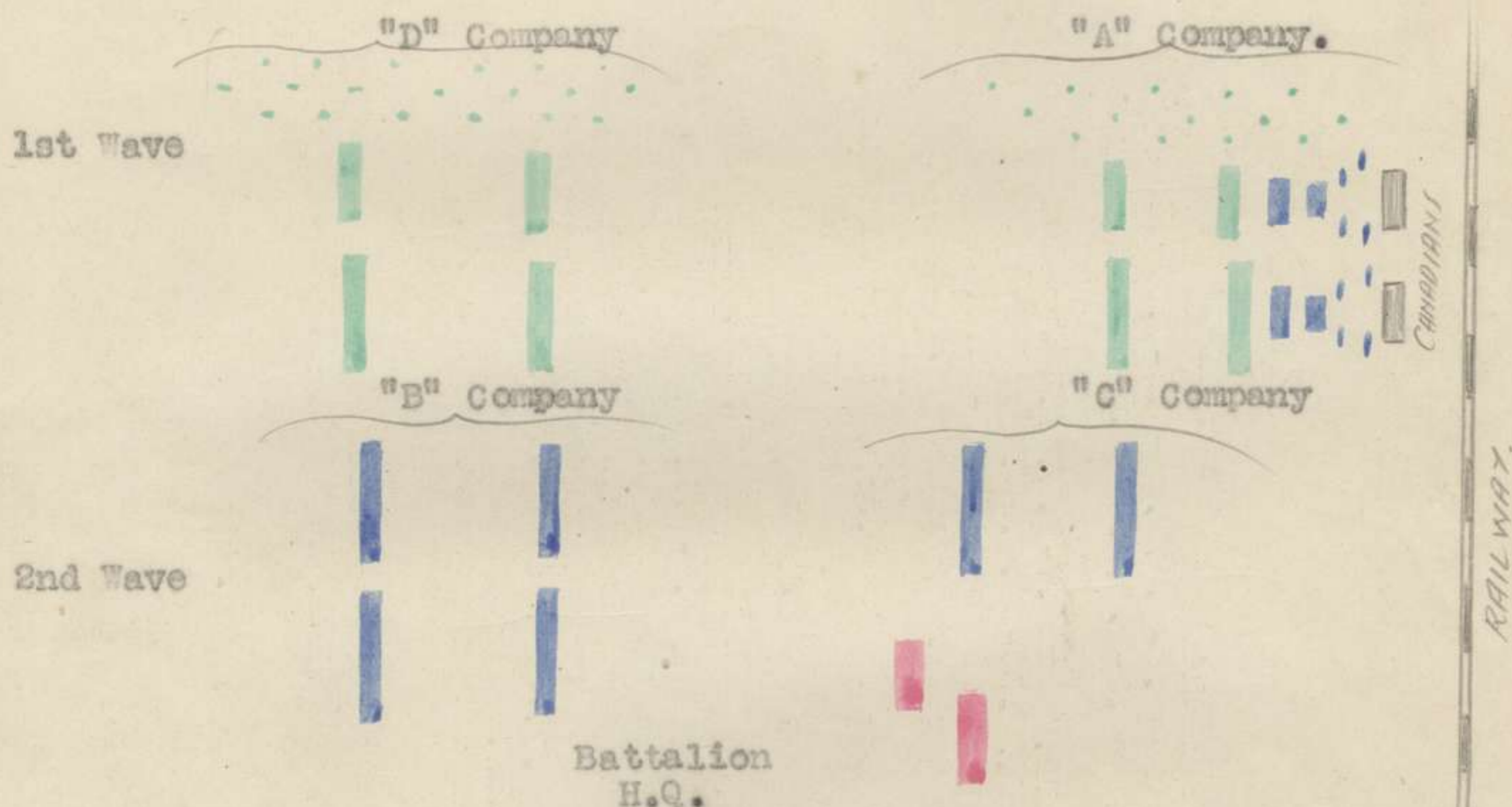
REPORT ON OPERATIONS 8.8.18. to 9.8.18. - VILLERS BRETONNEUX to HARBONNIERES.

A. RECOUNTAL OF PLAN.

I divided the operation into stages.

- (1) The approach march to the "Lie" Position.
- (2) Advance to GREEN LINE.
- (3) Attack from GREEN LINE to RAILWAY SYSTEM N. of GILLAUCOURT.
- (4) Advance to road parallel to and 1,000 yards short of RED LINE.  
Attack on RED LINE.
- (5) Attack on BLUE LINE.
- (6) Possible Advance to and capture of Old AMIENS Line of Defence.

The formation adopted after leaving the "Lie" position was to be two waves each of two lines of Platoons in file. The advance was to be made on a two company frontage, liaison being kept with Canadians by two platoons detailed for the purpose. After passing the GREEN LINE Companies were to attack in the formation as set out in the diagram below. Copy of which was issued to Company Commanders.



"C" Company of Second wave supplied about two platoons strength to first wave to support Canadians to whom the Railway was inclusive. Extension was not to be made unless necessary and reinforcing was not to be indulged in needlessly.

The first wave was to capture the RED LINE. They were then to be leapfrogged by second wave who would capture BLUE LINE in conjunction with the Mark V Star Tanks and Exploiting Party.

Location of Battalion Headquarters was fixed at 6 different places on route. These were communicated to Battalions following in rear.

At the end of the operation further instructions were to be issued with reference to occupation of old AMIENS Defences. The probable method of procedure was outlined for Company Commanders.

Tables showing rates of advance was given to all Officers.

B. Narrative of Events.

Stage 1. 2 a.m.

Left the Bivouac in Railway embankment, the whole of the Battalion being clear at 2.5 a.m. A detour was necessitated during the passage of VILLERS BRETONNEUX to avoid the shelled area. Approach march completed

without casualties.

3.40 a.m. Leading Company reached Taped Line. Movement of Tanks in vicinity and shouting of Tank Personnel alarmed the enemy, who put down a brisk barrage and opened Machine Gun Fire. This delayed the progress of the two rear companies so that although all were in position at 2.10 a.m. the message, "Bad! Nearly Complete" had to be sent instead of report that all was ready. Heavy Fog arose and added to difficulties of Communication. A petrol tin with figures 57th punched in one side with minute holes and with a lighted candle inside served the purpose well. Without such aid it would have been very difficult to locate Battalion Headquarters.

5.20 a.m. Touch was got with all companies and advance commenced to Time. - One hour after Zero owing to fog and smoke it was impossible to distinguish objects more than 20 yards off.

Enemy Shelling decreased considerably soon after the fall of our Barrage and was now scattered and gave very little trouble. For a long time touch was lost with everyone and it was with difficulty that the Headquarters Personnel was able to advance without getting broken up and scattered. Absolutely no guiding land marks could be seen. Anticipating that companies would inevitably lose direction, especially on the left, I pushed ahead with Headquarters to try and locate the leading wave and keep them on their frontage. In this way I reached the enemy front line considerably before Schedule time and succeeded shortly after in getting touch with all companies. Two platoons of the Left forward company had swung right over to the right flank, otherwise very little loss of direction occurred.

6.40 a.m. Fog was now lifting. Advised Brigade we had reached V.2.B.7-6. - all well.

6.56 a.m. "A" Company advised "Canadians Occupy MARCELOAVE" ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

7.35 a.m. Arrived at LA BASTILLE MILL - all well. We were in touch with Canadians, who reported all going well. Enemy shelling MARCELOAVE.

8.20 a.m. We passed through the GREEN LINE which was held by the 2nd Australian Division. All companies of this Battalion were in position as per instructions previously issued, and Tanks were exactly on time - 2 sections of three tanks each being allotted to the Battalion Front.

8.37 a.m. Sent following message to Brigade. "Passed through GREEN LINE 8.20 a.m. Enemy surrendering in small numbers. Hostile shelling not yet ceased. Guns of small calibre firing."

We were now on the enemy Battery positions. Passed some 77 m.m. guns, which had been abandoned but in squares V.11.A. and B. and V.5.D. we encountered a battery of 5.9" guns still in action. They fired on us over the sights.

"A" Company manouvered to attack them. One Tank drove straight at the Battery but was put out of action 40 yards from the battery. Meanwhile another Tank had worked round the flank and the gunners jumped out of the pits and surrendered.

"B" Company on the left was fighting a series of Machine Gun nests. Tanks were of great assistance here. Many Machine Guns were captured.

8.45 a.m. We had now passed through the Guns and were in square W.7.A. I had counted 3 5.9" Guns and two heavy Howitzers, the latter having been abandoned before we got up to them. Several 77 m.m. guns had been noted but exactly how many there were could not be ascertained at the time. I saw the 3 5.9" Guns firing at us and was present at their capture and subsequently saw two heavy howitzers. These things I am certain of. The fighting was too brisk and our advance too rapid at this stage to allow us to fix labels or to mark down captures accurately. We were sustaining casualties and had to press on. I was just behind the leading wave with Headquarters personnel.

8.50 a.m. On both right and left flanks our guns were now commencing to shoot short. This was at once reported. But two guns continued to shoot short and hamper our advance though the rest of the guns had lifted.

Cavalry Patrols now came up to Square W.7.A. and B. Short shooting of our artillery - apparently the same two guns - continued.

At the following times I sent back messages by runner and by pigeons asking to have the trouble remedied 8.55 a.m. 9.40 a.m. and was finally on the point of asking that artillery fire cease when the trouble was remedied.

9.20 a.m. We had now overcome the resistance in the vicinity of the

Railway Switches and had captured dumps of R.E. Material in squares W.7.B. and D. and 8.C. The main body of the Cavalry here passed through us. Armoured Cars and Whippet Tanks and Supply Tanks also appeared and passed through. The sun had now practically dispelled the fog and visibility was fairly good. One of our shells fell among the Cavalry inflicting casualties. Enemy fire has been very light for some time but guns had apparently been got into position and we were subjected to desultory shelling most of which passed over us. As I wished to economise runners and pigeons I determined to establish a 'Phone station in W.9.C. and to run a line forward from there. This was done and proved of great service. I left half of my Headquarters personnel there and pushed on with the remainder. Enemy was now retreating fast and cavalry well in advance of us. We had sent back about 100 prisoners. We had outstripped the Canadians and my flanking platoons had been doing excellent service for them by firing on the enemy as they fell back from PLEURET WOOD and WEINCOURT. On the left we could see the 59th Battalion passing BAYONVILLERS. 9.55 a.m. We reached the factory North of GILLAUCOURT and secured about 40 prisoners from the building. We were able then to advance without opposition to the RED LINE which we reached exactly at 10.20.a.m.

I decided not to wait for the exploiting party in the Mark V Star tank and to push on and occupy the BLUE line with my second wave. I went forward to reconnoitre and encountered Machine Gun Fire from the vicinity of W.7.A. and B. The Cavalry sent a squadron out to charge the valley running South from HARBONNIERES and rounded up a number of prisoners. They then pushed up to the old AMIENS Defences and sent patrols beyond. As I had to leave the Company holding the line on the left flank of the Canadians advance I sent back and asked that a company of the 60th Battalion be sent up. My second wave had advanced and occupied the BLUE LINE at 10.30 a.m. Posts were pushed out 400 yards in places. "B" Company on the left had captured a Motor Wagon and sent it back loaded with captured material and some of our wounded. The Cavalry came back from forward patrol work fired at briskly by Machine Guns from W.8. A. and C. and 24 A. The R.H.A. Opened fire on these places and set several dumps on fire. Patrols reported enemy gathering for counter attack on both flanks. Exploiting Detachment has arrived and I ordered personnel to be distributed on my front and sent for the remainder of 57th Battalion and had distributed them in depth. The Cavalry had dismounted and the C.O. had put at my disposal his personnel for the purpose of meeting the attack. The enemy however refused to come on and I returned to Sunken Road W.17.D.1-7. I sent messages to 59th Battalion and to the Canadians asking them to co-operate with me in an advance on the AMIENS Defences. Canadians stated that they were going to remain on their line W.23.A.5-6. to W.21.D.0-8. The 59th Battalion stated that they were unwilling to go forward without assistance from Tanks owing to string Machine Gun positions which had held them up. (1.30 p.m.) My rear Headquarters were now being heavily shelled by 5.9" and 4.2" Howitzers. The telephone line which I had run from the MILL to this place had been extended to my Forward H.Qrs. at W.7.C.3-3. This line was found of immense service. The 60th Battalion and the 59th Battalion tee'd into it. I also had a line run back from the Mill to meet Brigade Headquarters. Lines frequently required repairs but were never for long out of touch. During the night I sent our patrols to examine the AMIENS DEFENCES. They were reported lightly held.

6.50 a.m. 9.8.18. I sent forward fighting patrols with orders to occupy the line and asked the 59th Battalion to co-operate on my flanks which they agreed to do. The Canadians on my right had already pushed up. I succeeded in getting into the position and then redistributed my Battalion having two lines of two companies in each distributed in depth. Personnel of the exploiting detachment still with me added considerably to my strength.

9.50 a.m. 9.9.18. Word received by phone from Brigade that the Canadians were going to continue the advance, that the first Aust. Division were to go forward on their left but could not arrive in time. The 60th Battalion were to leapfrog the 57th and to protect the left flank of the Canadians. As the 60th were not in sight I moved my rear company forward and my forward companies moved out to protect the Canadian flanks pending the arrival of the 60th. The latter came up at the moment and passed through my Battalion. I ran a line forward to the front line of the AMIENS DEFENCES and when Brigade Forward Headquarters arrived there was telephonic communication

right to the leading companies. Captured German phones and wire with wire borrowed from the Artillery F.O.O. enabled me to put out communications to a total distance of 4,000 yards.

C. DEDUCTIONS:

Light Signals: I stringly advocate the issue of Light Signals to the Infantry advising short shooting by our own Artillery.

TANKS: The use of Tanks was fully justified. Their effect was both moral and material. I cannot speak too highly of the courage and skill displayed by the crews.

Communications: The special Cyclist section detailed for my use did not materialise during the battle. The Light Horse despatch riders were of considerable service during the later stages but were unfortunately both wounded. Pigeons were found most useful. I again strongly recommend that the supply of telephone wire allowed to Battalions be ~~ix~~ doubled. I refer you to my narrative of events in support of this. I made a similar recommendation at the conclusion of the VILLERS - BRETONNEUX Operation, when events also proved the value of a good supply of wire. I strongly advocate this increase and the training of Battalion Signal personnel in establishing relay stations, a matter to which I have always given attention. The work of runners was again most praiseworthy.

Issue of Orders: I cannot speak too highly of the system adopted days before the operation and continued right up to the issue of the final operation order, of giving Battalions advanced information in the shape of preliminary Instructions. The old practice of issuing a large operation order at the last moment when all information had been collected and condensed seldom gave time to Battalions to make their dispositions and arrangements, without imposing tremendous pressure on senior Officers right up to the last moment. Certainly a lot of paper was employed but the "look ahead" principle was amply justified and at no time were we overwhelmed with a mass of orders. We thus had our arrangements thought out and completed well ahead of Time.

Sgd. Chas. A. DENEHY, Lieut. Colonel.  
Commanding 57th Aust. Inf. Battalion.

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Report on Operations in which this Battalion co-operated on August 8th and 9th ~~Aug~~ 1918. 1918

- Plan(a) The 15th Brigade were to leapfrog through the 2nd Aust. Division on the GREEN LINE at Zero plus 4 hours with objectives shown as RED line and BLUE Line. The Brigade attacked on a 2 battalion front, 59th LEFT 57th RIGHT with 2 Battalions in support.
- 58th Bn. supporting 59th Bn. and  
60th Bn. " 57th Bn.
- (b) 59th Battalion to attack on 2 Company front each Coy. on a 2 platoon front.

Formation.

Preceded by 6 fighting tanks two waves each consisting of two lines of sections in file 50 yards between lines and 150 yards between waves. Leading wave to be covered by scouting patrols at about 200 yards distance. The dividing line between Companies was P.23.D.0-7. P.35.D.6-0. O.3.C.0-4. W.11.A.1-0 - Railway Station in W.12.D. line inclusive to RIGHT Company. One officer from each front line companies with 2 scouts advanced immediately in rear of 2nd Aust. Division with object of making a reconnaissance of country forward of GREEN LINE.

Resume

The approach march was made without incident. Enemy was doing harrassing shoots with artillery and machine guns. The Battalion was formed up on tape line at 3.50 a.m. There was some shouting going on away on our RIGHT and the enemy put down a light barrage of H.E. and machine gun fire, thus indicating his nervousness. At ZERO hour a heavy fog had come down and visibility was as a result very poor. AT ZERO plus 1 we moved forward, direction was maintained by compass bearing. But the greatest difficulty was experienced in keeping touch it being impossible to see further than 10 yards. Units became intermixed and a number of the 2nd Division men were befogged. At about 7 a.m. the fog began to lift and then the work of re-organising and collecting was taken in hand. At 7.45 a.m. the battalion was collected and re-organised in the gully in P.35.a and D., here we were under close range artillery fire and observed by enemy low flying planes. Re-organisation was made without casualties and punctually at 8.20 a.m. the battalion advanced behind the screen of tanks. On breasting the ridge the leading companies came under point blank fire from 77 m.m. guns suffering some casualties. These guns (4) were captured and some of the crews killed. According to plan BAYONVILLERS was skirted along its Southern edge. We again came under close range fire from a 77 m.m. gun in W.10.A. One Lewis gun team being knocked out. This gun (77m.m.) and limber was captured, the team of 2 horses was shot by the gunner who got off. From this forward very little serious opposition was encountered. The RED line was passed through on schedule time. HARBONNIERES was mopped up and the Australian flag flown by 11 a.m. The BLUE line was reached except for a pocket of M.G's in W.18.B. The Mark V Star tanks detailed to establish this line did not appear. Communication was kept by runner, & mounted orderly; lamp, and flag were also used successfully. The work of the tanks was splendid and doubtless they saved the infantry from heavy casualties by their prompt neutralising of enemy Machine Gun Nests. The Field Artillery inspired confidence in all by their rapid advance and effective shooting.

Trophies 5 77 m.m. Guns., 5 Machine Guns, 1 Granatenwerfer  
2 Motor Tractors.  
Estimated Prisoners  
Casualties

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 Casualties: Killed 18 O.R.  
 Wounded 4 Off. 58 O.R.  
 Injured 1 O.R.  
 Missing 10 O.R.

Sd/ J.J.SCANLAN Lieut.Col.  
 Commanding 59th Battalion A.I.F.

Operation 9th August 1918

Owing to 1st Aust. Division being late in coming up the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade was ordered to protect the flank of the Canadian Brigade advancing in conjunction with the 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade on our left.

58th Bn. on LEFT and 60th Bn. on RIGHT.

Considerable difficulty was experienced by 58th Battalion from Machine Gun Fire as they attempted to advance through the BLUE line.

Eventually the fire ceased and the advance commenced.

As the 1st Australian Division were not in sight I decided to support the 58th Battalion by advancing about 500<sup>x</sup> in rear.

Formation:- 2 Companies in half platoons artillery formation preceded by Scout Liaison patrols.

1 Company 300<sup>x</sup> in rear in support in half platoon column.

1 Company in Reserve in platoon column 300<sup>x</sup> in rear.

The GREENLINE was reached without serious opposition enemy artillery was not heavy and was scattered. On reaching GREEN LINE the 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade with tanks passed through to further objectives. The 59th were withdrawn at about 6 p.m. to positions in X.7.C. and D.

Trophies:-

1 77 m.m. Gun.  
 2 Light Minenwerfer 76 m.m.  
 6 Machine Guns.  
 1 Motor Car (damaged)

A detailed list of further trophies for two operations is in hand.

Prisoners estimated 50

Casualties 6 O.R. killed.  
 1 Off. 13 O.R. wounded.

Total casualties for 8th and 9th. Killed 24 O.R.  
 Wounded 5 Officers 74 O.Rs.  
 Missing 10 O.R.

Sd/ J.J.SCANLAN Lieut.Col.  
 Commanding 59th Battalion A.I.F.

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OPERATIONS on 8th and 9th August 1918

The orders given for the attack on our sector from the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - ROSIERES Railway on the RIGHT to the River SOMME on the LEFT were to the effect that the attack would be in three phases. The first phase, the taking of the GREEN LINE, to be carried out by the 2nd Australian Division who were to jump off at ZERO hour. At ZERO plus 4 hours the 15th Infantry Brigade now on the Right and 8th Infantry Brigade on the LEFT were to advance through them to the RED LINE and then, with the assistance of exploiting parties in Mark V Star Tanks push on to the OLD AMIENS defence line, in front of HARBONNIERES, known as the BLUE LINE.

ZERO hour was fixed for 4.20 a.m. on 8.8.18 and the 15th Brigade were ordered to be on jumping off tapes at ZERO -  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour.

The 15th Brigade Sector was divided into two battalion front, 57th Battalion RIGHT front line and 59th Battalion LEFT front line with the 60th and 58th Battalions in support on RIGHT and LEFT respectively. At 1.25 a.m. the first party of the 60th Battalion moved forward to the tapes and were reported in position at 3.40 a.m. without casualties. They had been slightly delayed on the way by the congestion caused by several other units of the 2nd Division working along the same route.

At ZERO hour our guns opened an intense barrage on the enemy whose reply was very weak. At 5.20 a.m. our line moved forward. Owing to dense fog, which no doubt was accentuated by the smoke from the guns, direction and touch was very hard to maintain and although when the fog lifted at about 7 a.m. it was found that all were going in the right direction it was necessary to check the pace slightly and correct the intervals between columns. The GREEN LINE was reached a little ahead of time and the interval was spent in correcting disposition before advancing. After crossing the GREEN LINE no incident worthy of note occurred until we reached GUILLAUCOURT when it was found that the Canadians on our RIGHT were having some trouble in cleaning up the village so two platoons "C" Coy. were detailed to assist them with flanking fire at 10.30 a.m. At 11.20 a.m. this situation was cleared up and the platoons rejoined the company. At 10.35 a.m. the RED LINE was reached and immediately started to dig in and put out wire across the front. The 57th Battalion called on me for two companies as it was thought the enemy might counterattack. As no attack developed the companies were returned and I finished consolidating the RED LINE in depth, digging three lines of posts in echelon across the front. During the night nothing happened. At 9.40 a.m. on 9.8.18 I was ordered to move up and support the Canadians, who were attacking at 11 a.m. by advancing from the BLUE LINE and attacking. At 10.50 a.m. my screen crossed the BLUE LINE and immediately met with resistance, the remainder deployed and advanced by short rushes using covering fire, I also got M.G. fire to bear on enemy from the BLUE LINE. Owing to heavy enemy M.G. fire my progress was very slow and at 12.45 p.m. my line had only advanced between five and six hundred yards. Artillery was called for at 12.45 p.m. and again at 1.25 p.m. At 1.40 p.m. fairly heavy artillery fire was opened on the enemy in front and my men moved forward assisted by troops moving across our LEFT FRONT. The enemy resistance immediately broke down and those who did not surrender ran. Just at this point the 1st Australian Division came up and moved through my lines, whereupon I recalled my men, mopped up all dugouts etc. in the vicinity and put out an outpost line for the night. At 10.30 a.m. 10.8.18 we moved back.

The lessons specially brought home to me were fourfold. The necessity of allowing plenty of time for preparatory moves to allow for unforeseen delays. 2nd the necessity of taking advantage of every means for keeping direction. Compass bearings were the only means we had of keeping direction during the fog, landmarks not being distinguishable owing to fog on the first morning. 3rd the inadvisability of moving forward too hurriedly without giving time to explain to officers and N.C.O's the nature of the enterprise and the limits of the attack. 4th The urgent necessity of good communication from front to rear and close liaison with flanks. Even though I had signallers with flags it was extremely difficult to get in touch with Units around. Had I been able to communicate rapidly with the artillery on the morning of the 9th inst. much of the delay in advancing





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BRIEF NARRATIVE OF THE 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY  
BRIGADE EXPLOITING DETACHMENT IN CONNECTION WITH  
MARK V STAR TANKS ON THE MORNING OF 8th AUGUST.

This detachment was detailed to operate on the BLUE LINE. The total strength being 9 Mark V Star Tanks with fighting crews and in addition 6 Officers and 138 Other Ranks drawn from 15th Australian Infantry Brigade and the 14th Machine Gun Company. (4 Officers and 83 Other Ranks from 15th Brigade; 2 Officers and 55 Other Ranks from 14th Machine Gun Company), 10 VICKERS Guns with mountings and Ammunition and 16 Lewis Guns with magazines and in addition ground flares, smoke bombs, water and rations were carried on the Tanks. Owing to the known length of time required to get the Tanks forward to the BLUE LINE it was decided to keep the fighting personnel out of the tanks as long as possible. This was done. The men actually boarded the Tanks approx. 1,000 yards in rear of the RED LINE, even so, it was found on reaching the BLUE LINE some men were in a state of exhaustion. The 9 Tanks reached the RED LINE according to plan. From this point 3 Tanks moved around the Northern side of HARBONNIERES and deposited their crews in the BLUE LINE as shown on attached map. The remaining 6 Tanks moved along the VILLIERS BRETONNEUX - CHAULNES ~~ROAD~~ Railway until the BLUE LINE was reached.

Lieut. Col. DENEHY, D.S.O., 57th Battalion was in charge of the BLUE LINE at this point and I reported to him and he stated that an enemy counter attack was expected immediately. He ordered me to form a protective right flank (see sketch) and to place other guns on the line in order to effectively deal with the enemy movement.

The 9 Mark V Star Tanks were held on the BLUE LINE for one hour and were then ordered to return to the rear.

The advance of the Brigade was so rapid that the Mark V Star Tanks did not have a chance to carry out the Tasks detailed to them. In fact as far as the BLUE LINE was concerned they were not needed, but I am sure that had the occasion arose these tanks would have made a very good showing.

The members of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade of this detachment remained under the control of LIEUT. COL DENEHY D.S.O. up to the time of relief.

One member of the TANKCREW was slightly wounded but remained on duty. One Officer and 8 Other Ranks of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Party were wounded.

Signed H.D.G. FERRES Major,  
O.C. 15th A.I. Brigade exploiting Party.

Report on recent operations August 5th - 10th 1918 (inclusive)

Ref. 62D.

On the night of 5th/6th August Battery left Billets in RIVERY area for Front Line System near VILLERS-BRETONNEUX through heavy showers. Keeping Time-Table as per Brigade Order No. 184. Traffic was exceedingly heavy along roads but good time was made and Unit was all got under cover and reported to Brigade as in position at 3 a.m. on August 6th Battery H.Q. being given as O.23.C.30.20. Enemy shelling was normal round area and some Gas was noted. August 6th was spent in reconnoitring position. Light Showers fell. On August 7th preparations were completed and ammunition was fused and made up into 1 man loads.

Major DIAMOND of "A" Coy. 2nd Tank Battalion was located and arrangements made. Mortars and Ammunition were carried to FOUILLOY and loaded in rear of Tanks. Personnel of Battery were made familiar with tanks that they were to follow. Dispositions were 8 detachments each of 5 battery men, and 2 Infantry carriers. Each Subsection consisted of 1 Officer 1 N.C.O. and 2 detachments. Detachments carried 16 rounds of Stokes shells each. Making 128 rounds of mobile ammunition for the Battery. With the exception of 8 rounds carried by 2 men who became casualties the whole of Battery equipment was got right forward to the final objective.

4 mortars were attached to 57th Battalion on Right and 4 to 59th Battalion on Left of attack and were detailed to follow second "wave". On the morning of Aug. 8th Battery was in position agreed on to intercept tanks, everything going well, although a heavy mist coming up made a little delay. Two attached Carriers were wounded at this time. Tanks were followed to P.35.D. and V.5.A. where Mortars and Stokes ammunition were unloaded and thenceforward carried by Battery Personnel and distributed along second wave of attack to "red" and "blue" line. When attack was developed and BLUE line occupied Mortars were distributed along Front in good defensive positions. Ammunition was got forward from Dumps established by Supply Tanks. 12 rounds were expended on M.G. in covering advance of 59th Battalion. Battery was reported in position and Battery H.Q. were given as W.17.C.9-5. During the whole of our advance some of our light and heavy artillery were firing short. Some shells falling well behind our supporting waves. And on the night of 8th/9th August when we were established on BLUE LINE some of our own heavy shells fell on our line and on HARBONNIERES. Enemy were shelling with Heavy artillery. Apparently 1 or 2 Batteries only on our Sector, Very little light artillery. Weather good during period. On the morning of August 9th Our advance was resumed. Enemy M.G.'s were engaged by our Mortars along our front at various points. 38 rounds were expended to good purpose in silencing these. A limited supply was kept in hand in case of COUNTER-ATTACK. (Our former dumps were limited owing to destruction of Supply Tanks on August 7th) However the enemy broke in disorder on our attack being pressed. 3 O.R. were conspicuous in pushing forward a mortar to engage an M.G. at this period against heavy Machine Gun and sniping fire. L.Cpl. HARRIS (wounded) Ptes. SCOTT and SMITH (killed by sniper.) Mortar was brought into action and disposed of M.G. The whole personnel of Battery displayed great courage and endurance during the whole of the advance. Every Mortar being carried right forward and all ammunition with the exception of that carried by the two attached carriers who became casualties (58th Bn.). Some of the Blue Cartridges were found defective, failing to explode. This after they had been carried for miles. At about 2 p.m. the 2nd Brigade passed through us and carried on the Advance. Enemy planes bombed area during the night of 9/10th August. Weather fine. AT 10.30 a.m. on 10th August Battery moved back to Billeting Area near DAOURS and was reported to Brigade as in position at 6.30 p.m. 1 "A" shaped elevating stand and 1 clinometer lost in action. Ammunition expended 50 rounds. Casualties Killed

1 O.R. Wounded 1 O.R. 58th Bn: 2 O.R. Wounded. Sd/ H.C. McColl  
O.C. 15th A.L.T.M.B.

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Headquarters,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade,  
7th August, 1918.

- 57th Battalion,
- 58th Battalion,
- 59th Battalion,
- 60th Battalion,
- 15th A.L.T.M.B.,

1. The following code words are issued for use during the operations in order to facilitate despatch of information and prevent congestion of the Signal Service:

Message	Code
Assembly complete	: BEST
Assembly Delayed	: BAD
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Have reached GREEN LINE	: GREEN
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Advance to RED LINE proceeding satisfactorily	: SAT.
Our Advance to RED LINE held up at.....	: FLIM.....
Canadians held up at.....	: CANUCK.....
Canadians going well...	: WAAC.
BAYONVILLERS mopped up	: BAY..
8th Brigade held up at.....	: YELLOW.....
8th Brigade going well .....	: BLACK.....
Enemy Massing at.....	: MASS.....
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Have Reached RED LINE	: RED
Prisoners (...Number.....)	: P....(number).....
Guns.....(number and nature).....	: G.....
Canadians at.....	: CAN/CP.....
Canadians held up at.....	: CANUCK.....
Much enemy movement at.....	: MOVE.....
Enemy counter attacking at.....	: COUNTER.....
Am Advancing from RED LINE .....	: OFF RED.....
HARBONNIERES mopped up	: HARB.
Have Gained BLUE LINE	: BLUE.
No enemy opposition on BLUE LINE.	: QPP.

  
 Captain,  
 Brigade Major,  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
			From <i>Byer</i>	At.....m.	
Charges to Collect			By <i>5/4</i>		
Service Instructions			To.....		
Handed in at <i>AK</i>			Office <i>345</i>	Received <i>430</i>	
TO <i>Rizzo</i>					
* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA		
<i>4836</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>-</i>			
BEST					
<i>(1)</i>					
FROM <i>HOB 3.40 am</i>					

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
			From <i>Byer</i>	At.....m.	
Charges to Collect			By <i>5/4</i>		
Service Instructions			To.....		
Handed in at <i>Byer</i>			Office <i>432</i>	Received <i>439a</i>	
TO <i>Rizzo</i>					
* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA		
<i>4860</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>-</i>			
I wish you and your troops the best of luck and all possible success and moral					
HOBBS.					
<i>(3)</i>					
FROM <i>Legu</i>					

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At.....m.	.....	.....	.....
To.....	.....	.....	.....
By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....	.....
TO { Lepi			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* Bm 414	8		AAA
All troops safely in position.			
4			
From	Rango 3.40 AM		
Place			
Time			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)			
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.		
* This line should be erased if not required.			

At.....m.	.....	.....	.....
To.....	.....	.....	.....
By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....	.....
TO { Lepi			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* Bm 413	8		AAA
Your 94860 acknowledged with thanks and no enemy retaliation so far.			
5			
From	Rango		
Place			
Time	4.30 AM		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)			
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.		
* This line should be erased if not required.			

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

TO { RUZO

Sender's Number. * WS. 25	Day of Month. 8	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Moving forward (aaa.)  
all O.K. Retaliation  
negligible

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From	GOQE
Place	P 25 C 5-4
Time	5.20 <del>ack</del> Emma
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) WSProm	
Person authorized to telegraph in his name.	

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

TO { GOQE

Sender's Number. * Bm415	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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WS 25 received  
aaa Bryadix has  
gone forward aaa  
nothing to report  
from here. Everything  
going well.

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From	15 ABde
Place	P 24 C 3-2 6.45 AM
Time	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)	
Censor.	Signature of Addressee or person authorized to telegraph in his name.

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Hqs  
15th a.s. Bde

Reference sheet 620.

No 1 8818 Signalling officer 8th Bde  
reports established in P29c  
(near WARFUSSE) static situation  
fairly quiet

Caomalley St.  
at 024.C.33

6.50 AM  
(by runner)

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Prefix <i>Am</i>	Code <i>Spa</i>	Words <i>10</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect			From <i>878</i>	At <i>7:00</i> m.	<i>18</i>
Service instructions			By <i>EC</i>	To <i>20</i>	
Handed in at <i>Ch. Str.</i>			Office <i>5:45</i> m.	Received <i>5:50</i> m.	
TO	<i>Ruizo</i>				
* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA		
<i>H 16</i>	<i>8th</i>				
<i>Bn commencing to advance</i>					
<i>aaa</i>					
<i>10</i>					
FROM	<i>Digo</i>				
PLACE & TIME	<i>5:30am</i>				

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

TO {


Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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loss direction owing  
 mist. Adv. Belu  
 still at O24C 3.2.  
 Trip. gone forward.  
 Adv. adv. as any  
 moment now to  
 2nd position.

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From Puzo

Place

Time 7.25 AM

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

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

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

TO {

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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Your MCV 9 Decd.  
 nothing to tell you  
 from here. Everything  
 seems to be going  
 O.K. Stevenson  
 I.O. 59 would state  
 left gone well  
 except for tempy

From

Place 20

Time

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

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

\* This line should be erased if not required.

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
 £ s. d. From *C 85* At.....m.  
 Charges to Collect By *25* To.....  
 Service Instructions. By.....

Handed in at *RBS* Office.....m. Received *7.40* m.

TO

*Ruzo*

*Sender's Number <i>I 1</i>	Day of Month <i>8th</i>	In reply to Number <i>AAA</i>
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*Located P34 d5.2 aaa  
 Bns passing through  
 satisfactory no definite  
 news from front*

*22*

FROM  
 TIME & PLACE

*Advd Ruzo  
 7.20 am*

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....*12* Received.....  
 £ s. d. From..... At.....m.  
 Charges to Collect By..... To.....  
 Service Instructions *Priority Region* By.....

Handed in at *asa* Office.....m. Received *7.59* m.

TO

*15*

*Bde*

*Sender's Number <i>10</i>	Day of Month <i>8th</i>	In reply to Number <i>AAA</i>
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*We are at V267.6  
 all well*

*23*

FROM

*57 Bn, V267.6*

To 15th AUST. INF. BRIGADE.

M 12

8th

aaa

We are at LABASTILE MILL - All well - Tanks are in  
MARCEL CAVE. Enemy shelling MARCELVAVE. We are in  
touch with CANADIANS who report they are doing well.

8/8/18

57th Bn.

7.35 a.m.

La Bastile Mill

(Sig) J.B. ? Lieut.

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

TO { Popi Ruzo 5th Capt.  
Ruzo Ruzo 11 Ruzo

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 8m46	8		

We close at once  
present location  
open at P34 DS.2  
aaa added flank  
Bales and all  
concerned.

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From	Ruzo
Place	85 AM
Time	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)	
Censor.	Signature of Addressee or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

To 15<sup>th</sup> and out Bourge  
M 12 8<sup>th</sup> aaa  
We are at LABASTILE  
MILL - All well - Tanks  
are in MARCELCAVE -  
Enemy shelling MARCELCAVE  
We are in trench with  
CANADIANS who report they  
are doing well -  
8-8-18 57 low 7-35am  
La Bastille Mill  
Ruzo  
Lieut 25  
Roadhouse  
7.50am

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15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade

H.Q. established V4 D. 8. 8  
on main MARCELCAVE - WARFUSEE  
road a.a.a. Am pushing forward  
over German line a.a.a.

Hay  
Maj.

8.35am 8/8/18

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At.....m.		.....service.	
To.....		From.....	
By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....	
TO { RUSO			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A230	8		
GREEN a.a.a. SAT.			
27			
From	CODE		
Place	8.45AM.		
Time			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z) Stewart [Signature]	
Censor.		Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.	

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions			
Priority		Sent	Date
At	m.	Service	
To		From	
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By	
TO	<del>Burgess</del> RU20 LEVI		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
92	8	Number 7.50	
Right Br reports aaa			
We are at LABASTILE			
MILK aaa All well			
aaa enemy shelling			
MARCELAVE aaa We			
are in touch with			
Canadians on right who			
report they are going			
well and ends aaa			
all our troops now			
advancing from Green			
line aaa Our aeroplanes			
not sufficiently active			
aaa. Every planes very			
active aaa			
29			
From	adv RU20		
Place			
Time	8.20 am		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)			
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name		

Office of Origin and Service Instructions			
Priority		Sent	Date
At	m.	Service	
To		From	
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By	
TO	<del>LEVI</del> RU20		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
94	8		
GOBE report heard 8.35am			
aaa H.Q established V4d88			
on MARCELAVE WARFUSEE			
ROAD aaa Now pushing			
forward over GREENLINE			
aaa apparently all			
well with CANADIANS			
30			
From	<del>8.55 am</del> RU20		
Place			
Time	8.55 am		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)			
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name		

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Sent		Service	Date
At	m.		
To			From
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer")		By
TO	LEVI		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
56	8		
Our attached mobile artillery have arrived and propose get into action near of GREEN line			
32			
From	RU20		
Place			
Time	9.15am		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)			
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name		

Sent		Service	Date
At	m.		
To			From
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer")		By
TO	LEBI		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
57	8		
Left on report turned 9am states advance from GREEN proceeds satisfactorily and cavalry now in rear of GREEN LINE and			
33			
From	RU20		
Place			
Time	9.17am		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)			
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name		

15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade

At V4 D4.7. and am  
establishing H.Q. a.a. Everything  
is going well in front though  
my men appear to be overrunning  
the 57<sup>th</sup> somewhat a.a. Very little  
enemy shelling a.a. Enemy  
shelling MARCEL CAVE a.a.  
Casualties very slight so far a.a.

Raymond  
Sgt.

8.13 am. 8/8/18

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To O to Z 08A

Have five guns.  
The sub section & those of  
No 1 Sect  
Have not been able to find  
Lair Cameron & Plummer to  
date fear they are casualties.  
Sgt Exington & sub section  
have lost direction but are  
in all probability a bit out  
over to right.  
base section light  
ammunition boxes are  
missing as carrying party  
has not come to light yet

V4 D4.7.

8:10 A.M.

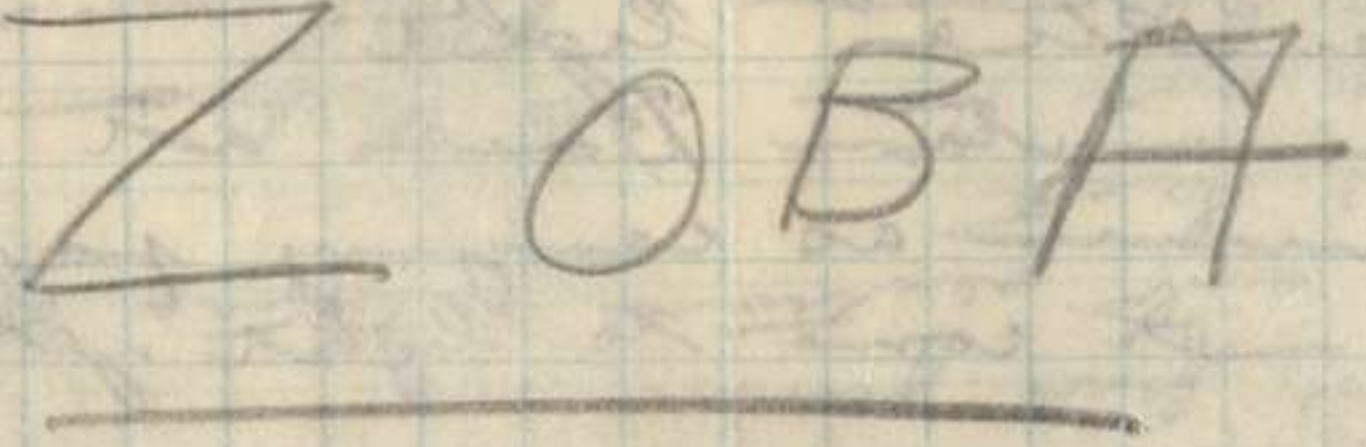
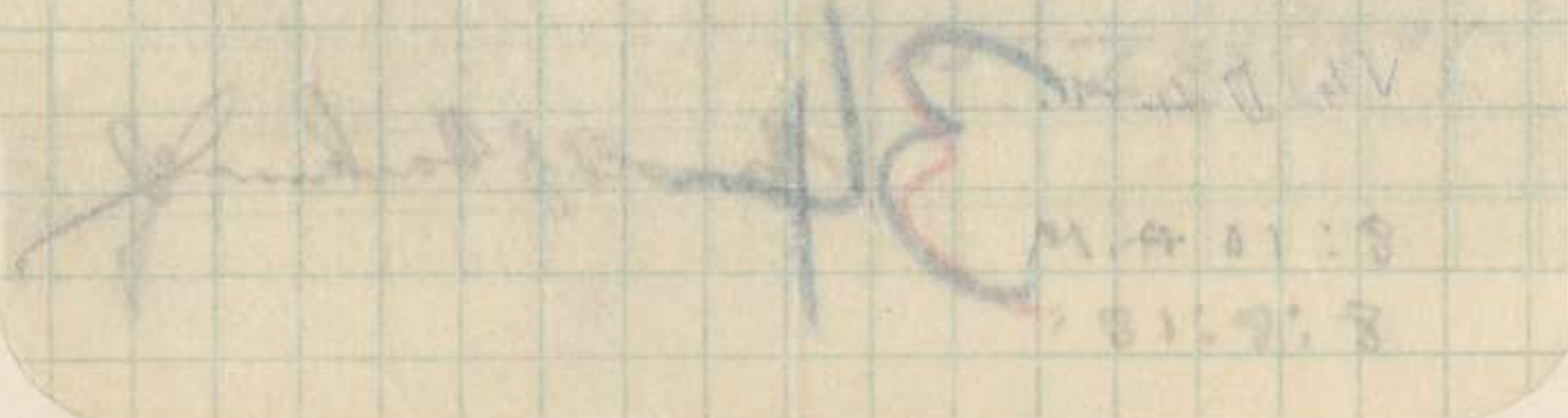
8.18.18

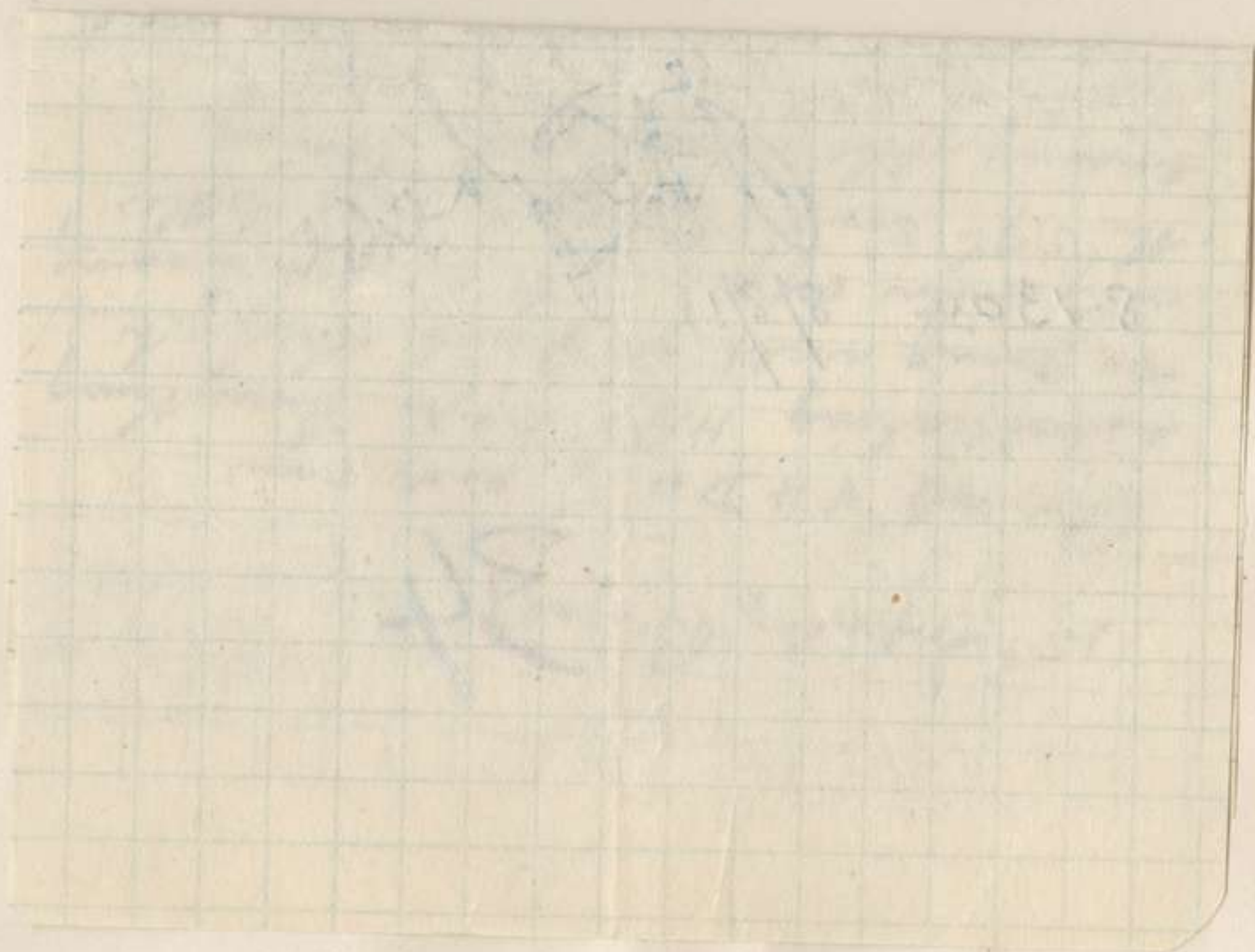
34  
Raymond

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

TO } Ruzo

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* W.S. 27	8th		

54 prisoners 126<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> nd  
 18 R.I.R + 27<sup>th</sup> Regt  
 Artillery sent out along  
 WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT-  
 VILLERS-BRETTON EUX  
 Rd. aaa.

35

From	G O Q E
Place	P 35 d. 6. 7
Time	9.20 am.

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

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

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

TO } G O Q E

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* P/L	8-8-18		

MAP SHEET  
620 S.E.

CODE H.Q. Moving forward  
 V.G.B. X Road in  
 A.A.A.

Ruzo.  
 Forwarded  
*W. Robertson*  
 CO. G O Q E

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From	P. 35 d. Central.
Place	
Time	9.95 AM.

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

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

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At ..... m.		From .....	
To .....		By .....	
By .....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO { Regt.			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* Bm418	8		
<p><del>152nd</del> prisoners 126<sup>th</sup>          152<sup>nd</sup> R.I.R. and          27<sup>th</sup> Rept. Artty.          captured by left          bn.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">37</p>			
From	Ruzo p350 5.2		
Place	9.40 AM		
Time			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)			
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.		
* This line should be erased if not required.			

At ..... m.		From .....	
To .....		By .....	
By .....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO { Staff Capt. Ruzo Rear			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* Bm419	8		
<p>Situation going well          as at this HQ now          at p34 D4.2          as more transport          forward to next          location</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">38</p>			
From	Ruzo		
Place	9.45 AM		
Time			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)			
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.		
* This line should be erased if not required.			

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

TO { R V Z O

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

\* A 232 8  
Have reached pit level with Bayonettes Advance by bell Casualties moderate

40

From GORE 9.50 AM  
Place Indian Roads

Time W. S. C. (Z) Stuart [Signature]

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. \* This line should be erased if not required. (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.....	Sent, or sent out.....	Office Stamp.....
<p style="text-align: center;">£   s.   d.</p>			From.....	At.....m.	
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions				By.....	
Handed in at.....			Office.....	m.	Received.....m.
TO					
*Sender's Number		Day of Month	In reply to Number		AAA
537		8			
<p>Loc 5 must be assumed          command operation 8-30km          address that Corps of          all concerns</p>					
39					
FROM			Lalgi		
TIME & PLACE					

At \_\_\_\_\_ m. \_\_\_\_\_  
 To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
 By \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By \_\_\_\_\_

TO { Legin Rifa Russa

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number.  
 \* Bm 420 8 A A A

GODE report timed  
 9.50 Am. states have  
 reached point  
 level with  
 BAYONVILLERS aaaa  
 Advance going well  
 casualties moderate

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From Russa 9.55 am  
 Place P 35 D 5.2  
 Time  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.  
 \* This line should be erased if not required.

15<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Brigade

Am at V. 12 A 6.4.  
 Canadian going ahead  
 well on my RIGHT aaaa  
 in touch with them aaaa  
 Cavalry passing through us  
 in close formation preceded by  
 scouts aaaa

Very little enemy shelling but  
 one of our 4.5 consistently falling  
 short. Nearly got the cavalry  
 as I wish aaaa Dropping in  
 V. 12 A.

Rayh  
 the

9.30 am 8/8/18

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Prefix	Code	m	Words	Charge	Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at	m.
							Sent	Date
					At	Service	From	
					Tc		By	
					By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By	
TO: L E G I R U F A, R U W A								
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		A A A		
* 10 15 41		8						
<p>Following from Right Battalion moved at 5:30 am across boundary passing through us in close formation preceded by assaults away from us. Much with Canadian on right who are going well ahead and getting little enemy shelling as a result. One of our howitzers consistently dropping short at 1200 yds. Sent D W rptd Frank Bde</p> <p style="text-align: center;">43</p>								
From								
Place								
Time								
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.								
(Z)								
Censor.								
Signature of Addressor or person authorized to telegraph in his name.								

15 Aust Brigade

M/S 8 aaa

our artillery (4.5 hours)

Consistently falling short at V6 a and c.

Causing much damage

J. H. [Signature]

8:55 am

Co 57 Bn

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15<sup>th</sup> Aust Div Brigade

17/14 8th a/c

Passed from mine at  
8.30am Enemy

forward mine in trench

ammunition. <sup>by</sup> Shelling has not

ceased - guns of small

calibre firing

57 Bn

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8.37am  
8.37am

8.37am

VSD 1-3

45

15<sup>th</sup> Aust Brigade -

17/14 8 a/c

Dumps in W7 B and D

contain large quantities

timber wire railway

wire etc a/c Cavalry

passed us at this point.

4.5 hours still shooting

Chose on factory on W9 C

~~to~~ Can nothing be done

to make arty lengthen range.

Cavalry & tanks are catching

our strags 4-6 W9 C

9.40am 8-8-18

J. H. ...  
57 Bn

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Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£ s d.			From.....	At.....m.	Ruzo 8/8
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions			By.....		

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

TO

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
Ruzo	8		

Bde forward station reports	moved 8.55 hr	aaa Bde	Jepson's reports moved
from	from line	about	8.30 hr
will	move	to	Chalk
Pit	P30	CS. 8	

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FROM Ruzo

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Zaba

I am on Gallahue court  
to Bayonvillers wgc  
with 57th so that I can  
see what is necessary  
to do with guns under  
my command

FOO here

10 am

Verbally for 15th MGB

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions

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

TO { *Legi* }

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <i>8m409</i>	<i>8</i>		

*be forwarded Station  
now established in  
~~W8A~~ *aaa*  
GOBE have passed  
this line *aaa* met  
~~with~~ *slight* resistance  
from GILLACOURT but  
overcome this with *49*  
*assistance of tank.**

From *Ruyop 35 D 52*

Place *10 30 AM*

Time

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

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

Office of Origin and Service Instructions

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

TO { *Legi* }

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <i>8m410</i>	<i>8</i>		

*Gohe report our  
beavers fullip  
short ~~line~~  
in W8 A. ~~was~~*

*50*

From *Ruyop 35 D 52*

Place *10 35 AM*

Time

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

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

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

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

TO { Legi.

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

\* 5m411

90PE report profess  
and have captured  
two 5.9 Hows. and  
Wounded Cavalryman  
returning states his  
troops in W10 and  
4 and how high in W. 6  
meeting with opposition  
South of Ry in W16 and  
Aeroplanes are dealing

From  
Place  
Time

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

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

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

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

TO { Legi.

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

\* 5m411

with this and a  
German balloon up  
at ~~W16~~ <sup>map</sup> bearing  
134.30 degrees from  
p 35 d 52.

From Rudys  
Place p 35 d 52  
Time 10.56 AM

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

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

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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AF. . . . . IX 8 J. . . . . 102

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Prefix *AAA* Code *AAA* Words *AAA*  
 Received *Ruzo* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp: *Ruzo 8/8*  
 From *Ruzo* At ..... m.  
 By *[Signature]* To .....  
 Charges to collect  
 Service Instructions.  
 Handed in at *Rufa* Office *ga* m. Received *1057a* m.

TO

*Ruzo*

\*Sender's Number *4279* Day of Month *8* In reply to Number *AAA*

<i>Rusa</i>	<i>report</i>	<i>time</i>	<i>955am</i>
<i>aaa</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Battys</i>	<i>haul</i>
<i>engaged</i>	<i>target</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>49</i>
<i>Batty</i>	<i>SB</i>	<i>Warfusce</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>54</i>	<i>P35a</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>NE</i>
<i>Warfusce</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Btys</i>	<i>are</i>
<i>moving</i>	<i>forward</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>Present</i>

FROM

*Rufa*

*54*

Prefix *AAA* Code *AAA* Words *AAA*  
 Received *Ruzo* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp: *Ruzo 8/8*  
 From *Ruzo* At ..... m.  
 By *[Signature]* To .....  
 Charges to collect  
 Service Instructions. *Repeated from OA*  
 Handed in at *Rufa* Office *ga* m. Received *1057a* m.

TO

*Ruzo*

\*Sender's Number *4279* Day of Month *8* In reply to Number *AAA*

<i>disc</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>eight</i>	<i>Inch</i>
<i>How</i>	<i>falling</i>	<i>short</i>	<i>v6a</i>
<i>causing</i>	<i>much</i>	<i>damage</i>	<i>we</i>
<i>are</i>	<i>dang</i>	<i>well</i>	<i>captured</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>How</i>	

FROM

*A GOLF*

*51*

*13/4/30*

AF 1008622

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

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

TO { *Ruzo*

Sender's Number. * <i>2m414</i>	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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*Gode report - turned  
10.21 AM states we  
have found RED  
line and estimated  
Casualties with the Bn  
about 50 AAA  
Cavalry, armored  
cars and whippets  
have been through  
Red line and flank  
attack.*

*57*

From <i>Ruzo</i>	Place <i>11.40 AM</i>	Time <i>5.25</i>
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

TO { *Ruzo*

Sender's Number. * <i>A233</i>	Day of Month. <i>9</i>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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*RED aaa estimated  
casualties about 50 aaa  
Cavalry, - Armored Cars  
whippets have been  
through Red line  
flank intact.*

*58*

From <i>RODE</i>	Place <i>X Roads 10.10 AM</i>	Time <i>10.21 AM</i>
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*The above must be forwarded as soon corrected.*

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AFR 11.21X8 134



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Prefix *Rufa* le. *17* Words *17*  
£ s. d.  
 Received. *Ruzor* Sent, or sent out. *Ruzor* Office Stamp. *Ruzor*  
 From *Ruzor* At *8/8*  
 By *Ruzor* To *8/8*  
 Charges to Collect  
 Service Instructions.  
 Handed in at *Rufa* Office *9<sup>00</sup>* m. Received *11<sup>30</sup>* m.  
 TO *Ruzor*  
 \*Sender's Number *BM 300* Day of Month *8* In reply to Number *AAA*  
 Bde HQ Closing up  
 O 24 C23 now and opening  
 P 30 C88 on arrival 9.15 am  
 FROM *Rufa*

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....  
 Prefix *Rufa* Code *53* Words *53*  
£ s. d.  
 Received. *Ruzor* Sent, or sent out. *Ruzor* Office Stamp. *Ruzor*  
 From *Ruzor* At *8/8*  
 By *Ruzor* To *8/8*  
 Charges to Collect  
 Service Instructions.  
 Handed in at *Rufa* Office *9<sup>00</sup>* m. Received *11<sup>30</sup>* m.  
 TO *Ruzor*  
 \*Sender's Number *BM 301* Day of Month *8* In reply to Number *AAA*  
 Bde HQ established at  
 Quarry P30 C50 Report from  
 Bde HQ who is  
 O 25 C73 aad Bde moved  
 past at 9.15 am *aad* forward  
 Bde have not deployed  
 and were moving along  
 in good order aad  
 in front and on flanks  
 and they was moving  
 in the rear  
 FROM *Rufa*

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No. of Message.....

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

TO { Bde Forward Str

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 413			

Run lines to all  
Bns as soon as  
possible and inform  
them your location  
and receive messages  
yourself.

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From Ruys  
Place 1120 Am  
Time

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

TO { Repi.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 413			

How are shooting  
short on right just  
North of R/L 16  
and can nothing be  
done make them  
lengthen rope

55

From Ruys  
Place p35d92  
Time 11:10 AM

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

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

TO { GOQE. MAP SHEET.  
620 S.E.

Sender's Number * <u>R16</u>	Day of Month <u>8-8-18</u>	In reply to Number	AAA
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W.H.A. 9.0  
GOQE Have looked through  
HARBONNIERES.  
Remaining troops are  
disappearing to the  
through to BLUE LINE.  
V.V.M. marking  
the RED LINE.

61

From <u>W.H.A. 9.0</u>	
Place <u>11.50 AM</u>	
Time	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) <u>Robertson. H.</u>	
Censor	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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

TO { RUZO

Sender's Number * <u>A 234</u>	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
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HARB aaa BLUE aaa  
OPP aaa  
Cavalry well at  
part of Blue line

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From <u>GOQE</u>	
Place <u>W.H.A. 6.0</u>	
Time <u>11.7.A</u>	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) <u>Robertson. H.</u>	
Censor	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

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

Spent 10  
Priority

TO

Kepi. 20 hrs know  
Sufft Capt Bearley

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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\* 8m 416

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AAA

our troops established  
on BLUE LINE with  
Cavalry operating  
EAST of this line  
and HERR BONNIERES  
mopped up also  
BAYONVILLE area  
in summit of  
prisoners get to  
hand ask for  
entirely blowing  
at night Hobs the dump  
W 7 B 3.1

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From

Ramp 23-23.2

Place

Unknown

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

Prefix.....	Code <i>LFA</i>	Words <i>524</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£ s. d.			From <i>Ruzon</i>	At.....m.	
Charges to Collect			By <i>LFA</i>	To.....	
Service Instructions.			By.....		
<i>9th Priority</i>					
Handed in at.....			Office <i>11:30 a.m.</i>	Received <i>11:30 a.m.</i>	m.
TO <i>Ruzon</i>					
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number		<b>AAA</b>	
	<i>3m</i>				
<i>Forecast</i>	<i>10 to 15 M</i>	<i>PH</i>	<i>10 SW</i>		
<i>towards west</i>	<i>overcast with</i>	<i>occasional</i>	<i>clouds probably</i>		
<i>perhaps clearing</i>	<i>temporarily</i>	<i>visibility</i>	<i>Indifferent</i>		
<i>early</i>	<i>fair</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>also</i>		
<i>made up</i>	<i>temp</i>	<i>65 to 70</i>	<i>Temp</i>		
<i>day</i>			<i>light</i>		
<i>58</i>					
				<b>64</b>	

"I" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

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

TO { Lepi. Bde Ford Str. Flank  
Bdes.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
\* Bm 421 8 A235

Further report untimed from front received there at 2.40 pm from Engineer Coy. states that our front line on the right is established at approx W 17 A 00 - W 17 A 6.6 but is at present held there. AAA  
holding up four overland traffic near the line. AAA  
Lepi. Bde Ford Str. Flank Bdes.

From Ruys  
Place Op 34 D 5.2  
Time 2.50 pm  
Galle  
A

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

"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

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

TO { Gade

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
\* Bm 421 8 A235

Have arranged for arty on the areas you mention. AAA  
58 Bn report line runs approx W 17 A 00 - W 17 A 6.6. AAA  
Have you any estimate of prisoners captured?

From Ruys  
Place 3.50 pm  
Time  
Galle  
A

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

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"C" Form.

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

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....Words..... g s d	Received. From <i>Ruzo</i>	Sent, or sent out. At.....m.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect	By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions.	By.....		
Handed in at..... <i>Ruzo</i> .....Office.....m.		Received <i>322p</i> m.	

TO	<i>Ruzo</i>		
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>208</i>	<i>8</i>		
<i>9</i>	<i>Offrs</i>	<i>375</i>	<i>OK</i>
<i>have passed through Bde</i>			
<i>Collecting Station aaa latest</i>			
<i>Identifications 11 Gren</i>			
<i>Regt</i>	<i>109</i>	<i>BW</i>	<i>120</i>
<i>Aircraft</i>	<i>Def.</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>4001</i>
<i>Army</i>	<i>BW</i>	<i>aga</i>	<i>76</i>
FROM	<i>Ruzo</i>		

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Prefix.....Code.....Words..... g s d	Received. From <i>Ruzo</i>	Sent, or sent out. At.....m.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect	By <i>Miller</i>	To.....	<i>RUZO</i> <i>3/18/18</i>
Service Instructions.	<i>BAR</i>		
Handed in at.....Office.....m.		Received <i>2:37p</i> m.	
TO	<i>RUZO</i>		
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>W 7</i>	<i>8th</i>		
<i>4</i>	<i>Officers</i>	<i>366</i>	<i>other</i>
<i>ranks passed through Brigade</i>			
<i>Collecting Station prisoners still</i>			
<i>arriving aaa</i>			
<i>73</i>			
FROM	<i>8th Bde.</i>		
TIME & PLACE	<i>12.30pm</i>		

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AMT 141 85

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MESSAGES AND SERVICE No. of Message.....

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

TO { 2

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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\* hours rest but they must be ready for employment anywhere on the present front on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. a report is urgently required as to the number of tanks in each Bn. fit to go into action on the 9<sup>th</sup>. ends.

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From Rango.  
 Place 2.10 A.M.  
 Time [Signature]

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

TO { O.C. "C" Co. 15<sup>th</sup> Tank Bn  
 O.C. "A" Co. 2nd Tank Bn

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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\* B.M. 4/8. 8  
 The following message has been received from HQ. 5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Divs  
 aaa "Rally all fighting tanks at suitable places not too far in the rear. The rallying places shall be in the vicinity of BAYONKILLERS - WEINCOURTT. Tanks which have survived will be refitted as soon as possible. It is proposed to fire them 2:4

From  
 Place  
 Time

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



15.60 pms.  
8 6" Hours

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

TO {


Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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light railway to B line line can  
 We are in touch with 57 & Ryle  
 & 31<sup>st</sup> on left. aac  
 Information will be made tonight  
 to push forward to Blue line aac  
 Considerable M.G. fire is now coming  
 from that line.

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From CODE  
 Place W. H. A. H. D.  
 Time 1.25 p

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Stewart not cap.

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

TO {

R	U	Z	O

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Considerable enemy movement in  
 repairs. X7C & 13B. aac  
 enemy apparently assembling aac  
 can artillery be advised please  
 aac  
 Our line except at the left did  
 not reach the Blue line during  
 strong M.G. fire encountered from  
 the wood. & building on left  
 since dealt with by artillery aac  
 Our line runs generally a line  
 of railway through 12 C 40. these

From  
 Place  
 Time

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

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

TO { 2 }

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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runs generally on the  
line of the railway  
through W 12 C and D  
then a light railway  
to BLUE LINE area  
efforts being made  
to push out to the  
BLUE LINE from  
where at present  
considerably M.G.  
fire is coming.

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From	Rango
Place	P 34 D 5.2
Time	2500m

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

TO { Legi Bde 7nd Str }

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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\* Bm. 419. 8  
Go DE report timed  
1.25 p.m. states  
considerable enemy  
movement in X 7 C  
and 13 B area enemy  
apparently assembling  
aaa The line on the  
left except on the  
extreme NORTH did not  
reach the BLUE LINE  
owing to strong M.G.  
fire from the southern  
flank since dealt  
with by arty. Bde  
aaa The line at  
the left Bn sector

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From	
Place	
Time	

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APPROX 8.5  
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"C" Form.

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

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

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

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

TO

\*Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

may be required for  
 action pm Inst. has  
 This confirms verbal instructions  
 given to staff - Captains  
 aaa aadst 14<sup>th</sup> B.L.  
 Bde Repeated 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian  
 Div 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div  
 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div Aust  
 Corps 8 Inf Bde 15 Inf Bde

FROM

Head 77

"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123  
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

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

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

TO

\*Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

10<sup>th</sup> A Bde (Reserve) will  
 be disposed in depth  
 between the ~~RED~~ and  
 GREEN LINES ready to  
 support troops in front  
 or on flanks aac  
 over distribution is to be  
 avoided the Brigade may  
 be wanted to act  
 quickly aac Bde

FROM

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APPENDIX 85  
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PREFIX ..... COU ..... m. Words Charge.  
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions  
 This message is on a/c of: Sent  
 Date ..... Service.  
 At ..... m.  
 To .....  
 By ..... (Signature of "Franking Officer")

TO { 2  
 Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

Will you please  
 act in the matter and  
 detail several sections  
 to report at once to  
 the 575 Bn. in W16 B  
 who are waiting to  
 restore the situation  
 in cooperation with  
 the Canadians who  
 are on their right

G.S.O. 5th Div has  
 instructed us to get in  
 touch with you

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From 15 A 7 Bde  
 Place P34 D52 340 pm  
 Time  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)  
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PREFIX ..... COU ..... m. Words Charge.  
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions  
 This message is on a/c of: Sent  
 Date ..... Service.  
 At ..... m.  
 To .....  
 By ..... (Signature of "Franking Officer")

TO { OC  
 15th Bn Tanks  
 Morcourt Valley.  
 Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 Bm. 423

The situation on the  
 side front is not at  
 all satisfactory. The  
 troops have not yet  
 gained the BLUE line  
 and are meeting  
 with opposition from  
 that side now. The  
 line appears to be  
 held strongly with M.G.  
 and our troops are  
 meeting with resistance.  
 The tanks detailed to  
 our front have nearly  
 all become casualties  
 or cannot be traced.

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

TO	Lepi.		
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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
Bm 422/8/	9	101	

Noted

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From	Rwyo		
Place			
Time	3.40 pm		

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

TO	RUZO.		
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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 4237	9		

Time Captured - fine 77°

From	CODE		
Place	N.H.A.4.0		
Time	2.40 pm		

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

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\* This line should be erased if not required.

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*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

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*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

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No. of Message.....

**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

Prefix..... Code..... Words..... <small>£ s. d.</small>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect	From <i>Rufa</i>	At.....m.	
Service Instructions.	By <i>Hedlands</i>	To.....	
		By.....	
Handed in at..... Office..... m.		Received <i>10:30</i> m.	
TO <i>Rufa</i>			
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>14</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>76</i>
<i>move</i>	<i>so</i>	<i>GREEN</i>	<i>LINE</i>
<i>aaa</i>	<i>13, 14</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>F.A. Bole</i>
<i>will</i>	<i>revert</i>	<i>to command</i>	<i>of</i>
<i>CRP</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>at</i>
<i>11. 30th</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>Ackdgd</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
FROM <i>Legi</i>			<b>79</b>
TIME & PLACE <i>11. 30th</i>			

\*This line should be erased if not required

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Prefix..... Code..... Words..... <small>£ s. d.</small>	From <i>Rufa</i>	At.....m.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect	By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions.		By.....	
Handed in at..... Office <i>Rufa</i> m.		Received <i>4:7 p</i> m.	
TO <i>Rufa</i>			
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>13M 214</i>	<i>8th</i>		
<i>consolidation</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>line</i>
<i>proceeding</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>Bns</i>	<i>report</i>
<i>no</i>	<i>touch</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>both</i>
<i>flanks</i>			
FROM <i>Rufa</i>			<b>83</b>
TIME & PLACE			

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TO Ruzo

Senders Number Day of Month In reply to Number

D 8/1

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AAA

Am Holding Blue line with posts 400 yds out in touch  
with Canadians and 59 Bn. Cavalry are helping tremendously  
I hope to be able to stick out on the old British  
Front line.

From W 10 a 6 4

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
 £ s. d. From *Ruzo* At.....m.  
 Charges to Collect By..... To.....  
 Service Instructions. By.....

Handed in at *Ruzo* Office *4100* m. Received *11:32a* m.

TO *15 Bae Rear Forward*

\*Sender's Number *SC 719* Day of Month *8m* In reply to Number *AAA*

*Transport moving 9:30am from  
 present location to 028c  
 messengers to air bomb  
 dump*

FROM *15 Bae Rear*  
 TIME & PLACE *9:20am*

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Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
 £ s. d. Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From *Ruzo* At.....m.  
 Charges to Collect By..... To.....  
 Service Instructions. By.....

Handed in at *Ruzo* Office *2400* m. Received *3:55p* m.

TO *Ruzo*

\*Sender's Number *D8/13* Day of Month *8* In reply to Number *AAA*

*Am holding Blue Line with  
 posts 400 yds out  
 in power with Canadians  
 and 59 Bn Cavalry  
 are helping tremendously  
 hope to be able  
 to step out on  
 the old British front line*

FROM *W10 A64*

*87*

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Charges to Collect  
 Service Instructions.  
 By *em* To .....  
 By .....  
 Handed in at *BAR* Office *2/10* m. Received *5P* m.

TO *Rungo*

\*Sender's Number *1010* Day of Month *8* In reply to Number *AAA*

<i>1000</i>	<i>captures</i>	<i>Include 12</i>	
<i>MG</i>	<i>4 wkd</i>	<i>Ambulance RE</i>	
<i>dump</i>	<i>well</i>	<i><del>stopped</del></i>	
<i>Searchlight</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Kitchens</i>	
<i>and</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>canteen</i>	

FROM *Rupa*  
 TIME & PLACE *2.10pm*

\*This line should be erased if not required  
 C & R 7300. Wt. W14832/M1523 100.000 3/17 (EP30) Forme C/2123

Charges to Collect  
 Service Instructions.  
 By *em* To .....  
 By .....  
 Handed in at *BAR* Office *11/10* m. Received *4.5P* m.

TO *Rungo*

\*Sender's Number *209* Day of Month *8* In reply to Number *AAA*

<i>9</i>	<i>offro</i>	<i>482</i>	<i>ORs</i>
<i>have</i>	<i>passed</i>	<i>through</i>	<i>Bac</i>
<i>Collecting</i>	<i>str</i>	<i>Includes 1250</i>	
<i>ORs</i>	<i>captured</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>Dragon</i>
<i>guards</i>	<i>AAA</i>	<i>this</i>	<i>Bac</i>
<i>total</i>	<i>now</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>offro</i>
<i>357</i>	<i>ORs</i>	<i>aaa</i>	

FROM *Rupa*  
 TIME & PLACE *4.5pm*

\*This line should be erased if not required

Charges to Collect \_\_\_\_\_ By Hedderman To \_\_\_\_\_  
 Service Instructions \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handed in at Agst Office 1500 m. Received 6.54 m.  
 TO \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Sender's Number 15321 Day of Month 8 In reply to Number \_\_\_\_\_ AAA  
 The Divl Commander most  
 heartily congratulates and thanks  
 you for your share in the  
 magnificent result of today's  
 action  
 FROM Legg  
 TIME & PLACE \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*This line should be erased if not required  
 C & R 7300. Wt. W14832/M1523 100,000 3/17 (E930) Form C/2123

Prefix SM Code \_\_\_\_\_ Words 15 Received \_\_\_\_\_ Sent, or sent out. \_\_\_\_\_ Office Stamp. \_\_\_\_\_  
 £ s. d. From Agst At \_\_\_\_\_ m.  
 Charges to Collect \_\_\_\_\_ By Hedderman To \_\_\_\_\_  
 Service Instructions \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handed in at Agst Office \_\_\_\_\_ m. Received 6.56 m.  
 TO \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Sender's Number 15321 Day of Month 8 In reply to Number \_\_\_\_\_ AAA  
 Situation quiet consolidating  
 good progress being made  
 107  
 FROM 60 Bm  
 TIME & PLACE 1500

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

TO { Legi.  
 Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 Bm 434 8

Captured guns two 8 in  
 ones in BAYONVILLEERS  
 and one in Sunkers Road  
 K10C 9.2 also Sauer  
 5.9 and fine 77 mm  
 also arrangements  
 made to destroy it  
 necessary and attempt  
 will be made to  
 get to pass out earliest  
 opportunity.

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From Ruzo  
 Place Ruzo  
 Time 5:25pm  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name  
 \* This line should be erased if not required.

Order No. 1625. Wt. W3253/ P 511. 27/2. H. & K., Ltd. (E. 2634).

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

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

TO { Legi.  
 Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 Bm 435 8

Estimated Casualty  
 Wire No 1 for period  
~~18.8.18 to~~  
 8pm 8.8.18 aaaa  
 57 Bm 5 O/R K 10 O/R  
 W aaaa 5 Bm 2 O/R  
 W 1 O/R K 4 O/R W aaaa  
 59 Bm 4 O/R W clients  
 STEVENSON, STEWART,  
 FINCHER, and MAMKEY  
 45 O/R W, 12 O/R K  
 aaaa 60 Bm 6 O/R K  
 15 O/R W

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From Ruzo  
 Place Ruzo  
 Time 8:30pm  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)  
 Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

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Charges to Collect  
 Service Instructions.  
 Handed in at... *Ruizo* Office... *1300* m. Received... *4 45* m.

TO *Ruizo*

\*Sender's Number *CF 3* Day of Month *8* In reply to Number *AAA*

*making food profess aaa*  
*Support Battalion reached*  
*Eastern end of PIRRET*  
*Wood 9 30 am and*  
*still going strong aaa*  
*am now located at*  
*V 15 B65*  
*90*

FROM *Leason Offs with*  
 TIME & PLACE *5 Canadian Bde 1040am*

\*This line should be erased if not required

*266*

Prefix... *Q* Col... *13* Words...  
 Received... *QFS*  
 Sent, or sent out.  
 Office Stamp.  
 From... *QFS*  
 At... m.  
 To...  
 By...  
 Charges to Collect  
 Service Instructions.  
 Handed in at... *QFS* Office... *1300* m. Received... *8 15* m.

TO *Ruizo*

\*Sender's Number *4238* Day of Month *8* In reply to Number *AAA*

*Let's Stevenson Stewart Finch*  
*2nd bat Monkey wounded*  
*102*

FROM *QFS*  
 TIME & PLACE *W 11 B 4.0 7/12*

APP... *85* *153*  
*103*



Prefix *51* Code *444* Words *87* Received. *Rungo* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *Rungo*  
 From *Kunok* At.....m. *8/8/18*  
 By *Miller* To.....m.  
 Charges to Collect  
 Service Instructions.

Handed in at *RUWA* Office.....m. Received *1153p* m.

TO *Rungo*

\*Sender's Number *955* Day of Month *8th* In reply to Number *AAA*

Situation report Cavalry Corps  
 5.30pm daa Cavalry have  
 reached their first objective  
 on the whole line  
 with the exception of  
 a portion in K9a  
 to K6d S of  
 LE QUESNEL daa 2nd  
 Cavalry Division has been  
 ordered to push forward  
 on Brigade which has  
 not been engaged up  
 to the present in  
 the direction of CHAULNES  
 daa Cavalry have captured  
 during day a Mountain

FROM  
 TIME & PLACE *106*

\*This line should be erased if not required

Prefix *51* Code *144* Words *51* Received. *Rungo* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *Rungo*  
 From *Kunok* At.....m. *9/8/18*  
 By *Miller* To.....m.  
 Charges to Collect  
 Service Instructions.

Handed in at *RUWA* Office.....m. Received *1220p* m.

TO *15th Bde*

\*Sender's Number *SC 64* Day of Month *8th* In reply to Number *AAA*

Bde HQs established Q27(33)  
 addressed LEGI repeated 12K  
 Brigade 15th Brigade 8K  
 Tank Batta 13th Bde  
 HFA 8th Field Coy 89, 30, 31  
 and 32 Bns 8th L ImB 9K MTM  
 Bty 25 MG Coy A Coy 13K  
 Tank Bn 14th Brigade

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FROM  
 TIME & PLACE *8th Bde 855pm*

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M. 105



Prefix *44* Code *44* Words *33* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 £ s. d. From *Ruzo* At.....m.  
 Charges to Collect By *ep* To.....  
 Service Instructions. By.....

Handed in at *Byer* Office *9.15 a.m.* Received *4.30 p.m.*

TO *Ruzo / ad B...*

\*Sender's Number *9260* Day of Month *8* In reply to Number *AAA*

<i>Following</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>Ado.</i>	<i>Canadian</i>
<i>corps</i>	<i>begins</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>contact</i>
<i>Patrol</i>	<i>reports</i>	<i>received</i>	<i>4.20</i>
<i>pm</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>considerable</i>	<i>foot</i>
<i>traffic</i>	<i>making</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>front</i>
<i>up</i>	<i>roads</i>	<i>through</i>	<i>ROUVROY</i>
<i>VRELY</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>ROSIERES</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>enemies</i>	<i>have</i>	<i>infantry</i>	<i>defenses</i>
<i>in</i>	<i>front</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>ROSIERES</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>LE</i>	<i>DOESNEL</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>heavy</i>	<i>army</i>	<i>ordered</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>from</i>	<i>ROUVROY</i>	<i>VRELY</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>ROSIERES</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>Byer</i>	

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FROM *Legat Ruzo*  
 TIME & PLACE

Prefix *44* Code *44* Words *25* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 £ s. d. From *Ruzo* At.....m.  
 Charges to Collect By *ep* To.....  
 Service Instructions. By.....

Handed in at *Byer* Office *9.15 a.m.* Received *4.30 p.m.*

TO *Ruzo*

\*Sender's Number *9267* Day of Month *8* In reply to Number *AAA*

<i>Gen</i>	<i>Burdwood</i>	<i>sends</i>	<i>his</i>
<i>heartiest</i>	<i>congratulations</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>all</i>
<i>troops</i>	<i>engaged</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>actions</i>
<i>successful</i>	<i>operations</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>All</i>	<i>concerned</i>		

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FROM *5th Aust Div*  
 TIME & PLACE

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			
At .....m.			From .....	By.....
To .....				
By .....				

TO { Gode Gope

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
Bm 436	9		

Reported enemy returning across Verifys and endeavour to keep touch by means of patrols.

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From Ruzgo

Place

Time 7:35 AM

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

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

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

TO { Ft. Forrest 57 Bn A.I.F.  
Liam C/O Can Bde HQ.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
Bm 438	9		

We have not had much news from you. Where are your runners? You must let us have a despatch every couple of hours unless there is absolutely nothing to report.

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From Ruzgo

Place

Time 7:15 AM

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\* This line should be erased if not required.

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15<sup>th</sup> A L T M B

Field  
Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1918

Battery HQ is in  
sunk Rd in W 14 C 85

H. S. McCall Capt  
15<sup>th</sup> A L T M B

Field  
Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1918

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Secret

copy No 4

Right Group Artillery order No 1

H.Q. 5/8/18

1) SOS lines for Right Group have been allotted  
as follows:

5<sup>th</sup> Bde HFA Blue line from X 7 A 05.40 to W 18 b 4000

55<sup>th</sup> Bty .. Blue line from W 18 b 40.00 to  
W 15 C 92.30.

54<sup>th</sup> Bty .. Blue line from W 15 C. 92.30 to  
W ~~18~~ 24 A 2090.

53<sup>rd</sup> Bty Blue line from W 24 A 2090 to  
W 23 b 65.10.

14<sup>th</sup> Bty Blue line from W 18 b 40.00 to W. 28 b  
6.510.

4<sup>th</sup> Bde HFA superimposed on 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> HFA  
Battalies

4.5 How 200 yards in rear of 18 Pdr's.

2) Rates of fire for SOS: 4 rds per gun and 3  
rounds per how per minute for 8 minutes and  
then 3 rounds per gun and 2 rounds per how  
per minute for 7 minutes and then cease  
fire and stand by for a repetition of signal  
or further orders.

3) Acknowledge

*[Signature]*

Adjutant Right Group <sup>capt</sup> Bty

met at 7 pm to: 1) 4<sup>th</sup> HFA Bde 2) 53<sup>rd</sup> Bty  
3) 5<sup>th</sup> HFA Bde 4) 54<sup>th</sup> ..  
5) 13<sup>th</sup> HFA Bde 6) 55 ..  
7) 15<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde 8) 114<sup>th</sup> ..

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Secret

Right Group Artillery order No. 2  
copy No. 4  
H.O. 8/5/18

① zones are allotted to Batteries as follows:--  
5<sup>th</sup> Bde Artillery Eastward of Blue Line from X 7a 05 40 to  
W 18 b 40.00.

53<sup>rd</sup> Bly Blue Line from W 18 b 40.00 to W 18 c 92.30

54<sup>th</sup> " " " " W 18 c 92.30 to W 24 a 20.70

55<sup>th</sup> " " " " W 24 a 20.70 to W 23 b 65.10

114<sup>th</sup> " " " " W 18 b 40.00 to W 23 b 65.10

4<sup>th</sup> FA Bde superimposed on 5<sup>th</sup> FA Bde and 114<sup>th</sup> FA Bde

② S.O.S. lines will be:--

15<sup>th</sup> Bly 600 yds East of Blue Line

45<sup>th</sup> Hows 700 yds East of Blue Line

3. Rates of fire for S.O.S. will be 4 rounds per  
15<sup>th</sup> Bly and 2 rounds per 45<sup>th</sup> Hows per minute for  
first 5 minutes and 2 rounds per 15<sup>th</sup> Bly and 2 rounds  
per 45<sup>th</sup> Hows for rest of minutes. When cease  
fire and stand by for repetition of signal or  
further orders.

4. Cancelling Right Group Artillery order No. 1.

5. Acknowledge.

W. A. C. C.

Forwarded at 11. pm

4<sup>th</sup> Bde Right Group Artillery

1) 4<sup>th</sup> Bde Artillery

(3) 53<sup>rd</sup> Bly

2) 5<sup>th</sup> Bde Artillery

(1) 34<sup>th</sup> Bly

3) 15<sup>th</sup> Bly

(4) 55<sup>th</sup> Bly

4) 114<sup>th</sup> Bly

(2) 114<sup>th</sup> Bly

(1) 15<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde.

(4) 114<sup>th</sup> Bly

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

W. A. C. C.

TO

Lepi

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
Pm 4 37	9		

Reports indicate enemy  
retiring area Home instruct  
leading bus to keep touch  
by patrols area train  
activity reported in  
VAUVILLERS area city  
informed.

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From	Place	Time	(Z)
Rugs	7 AM		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.			
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name		

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APP-111X 805 160

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
 £ s. d. From..... At..... m.  
 Charges to Collect By..... To.....  
 Service Instructions. By.....  
 Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m.

TO *Rango*

\*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number AAA  
*9276 8 BM436*

*Ref your BM.436 such action has already been taken will report shortly*

*120*

FROM *60 Hope*  
 TIME & PLACE

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

TO *Rango*

\*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number AAA  
*9276 8*

*Aeroplane message from to 6 Squadron to Cavalry Corps formed 7 pm state 250 our Cavalry in sunken Road from W 17047 to W 28 C 39 with outpost in front*

FROM *Legn 113*  
 TIME & PLACE

APPENDIX 8161



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

TO { Lepi : 1st Aust. Div.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<u>Bm 439</u>	<u>9</u>		

Right Bn. now occupy  
old AMIENS LINE aka  
Uncertain if Right Bn  
left Bn yet in Taaa  
left Bn report out  
on the aircraft gun along  
the railway line about  
900 yards from bridge  
X24 C149 Taaa two  
lines of ~~the~~ trenches run  
from the railway at  
W24 D4. & aaal Our  
Cavalry about the  
bridge ~~traps~~ at  
nearby in trenches aa

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From	
Place	
Time	

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

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

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

TO { 2

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

a few men with full  
packs approaching from  
X25 D along the  
By gubentent aaal  
Cavalry intend working  
round banks of party  
in trenches in W24 D.  
aaal adad Lepi reptd  
1st Aust Div.

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From	<u>Ruyg</u>
Place	
Time	<u>8.35 AM</u>

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

Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

APPENDIX 80 163



Prefix *SM 711* Code *11* Words *21* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 £ s. d. From *Lode* At.....m.  
 Charges to Collect By *[initials]* To.....  
 Service Instructions. By.....  
 Handed in at *Lode* Office *1400* m. Received *9:57a* m.

TO *Ruys*

\*Sender's Number *SM 10* Day of Month *9* In reply to Number *AAA*

*Western end of Hartonniers  
 being shelled by 5.9  
 Hows from directions  
 behind Neuwillers*

FROM *Lode*  
 TIME & PLACE *W 11 a 5:17 Boom*

*127*

Prefix *SM 711* Code *11* Words *16* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 £ s. d. From *Ruys* At.....m.  
 Charges to Collect By *[initials]* To.....  
 Service Instructions. By.....  
 Handed in at *Ruys* Office..... m. Received *8:55a* m.

TO *Ruys*

\*Sender's Number *SM 10* Day of Month *9* In reply to Number *AAA*

*Reserve Bales now in  
 vicinity of Bayonwillers  
 with 140 at 7:29d 9.1*

FROM *Ruys*  
 TIME & PLACE *128*

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Prefix *140* Code *PAH* Words *124*  
 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From *Rungo* At.....m.  
 By..... To.....  
 Charges to Collect  
 Service Instructions. *urgent op Priority*  
 Handed in at *Legu* Office..... m. Received *7:50* m.

TO *Rungo*

\*Sender's Number *4309* Day of Month *9m* In reply to Number *AAA*

*Canadian zero hour will  
 be 10 am aaa  
 Please acknowledge  
 Acknowledged  
 9.45 am  
 Miller*

FROM *Legu*  
 TIME & PLACE

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Prefix *140* Code *PAH* Words *124*  
 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From *GODE* At.....m.  
 By *Miller* To.....  
 Charges to Collect  
 Service Instructions.  
 Handed in at *GODE* Office..... m. Received *9/8/18* m.

TO *Rungo*

\*Sender's Number *A24* Day of Month *9th* In reply to Number *AAA*

*We now occupy whole  
 of old British line  
 in WISB aaa  
 Troops two heavy machine  
 guns*

FROM *GODE*  
 TIME & PLACE *W11 a 5.7*

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

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

TO { *Legi.*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>B.M. 451</i>	<i>9</i>		

*Int. Series B No 1 noted.*

*127*

From *Ruys*  
 Place *W8A45*  
 Time *9 AM*  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)  
 Censor ..... Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

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

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

TO { *Legi*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>B.M. 452</i>	<i>9</i>		

<i>AM</i>	<i>BM</i>	<i>439</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>the</i>	<i>new</i>	<i>field</i>	<i>whole</i>
<i>of</i>	<i>AMIEHS</i>	<i>Line</i>	<i>one</i>
<i>Opinion</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Sumadua</i>	<i>Post</i>
<i>109<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>DIV</i>	<i>also</i>	<i>time</i>
<i>heavy</i>	<i>M.G.</i>	<i>aaa</i>	

*133*

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

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

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

TO { *GOPE*  
*GOPE*

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

*Bm 453. 9<sup>th</sup>*

<i>You</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>follow</i>	<i>me</i>
<i>close</i>	<i>support</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>GOPE</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>GOPE</i>	<i>aba.</i>	<i>me</i>
<i>your</i>	<i>discretion</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>distance</i>	<i>aba</i>		

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From *Amys*

Place

Time

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

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

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

TO { LEGI

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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*PM 454 9<sup>th</sup>*  
*Following from right forward*  
*Ben aaa Ben program*  
*standing moving to 14 9*  
*fire aaa Left appears*  
*to be moving up*  
*all right aaa verbal*  
*aaa position of moving*  
*moving towards line aaa*  
*artillery have been prepared*  
*aaa*

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From Ruyo  
 Place  
 Time

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

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

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

TO { GOPE

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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*PM 454 9<sup>th</sup>*  
*You will follow any*  
*in close support of*  
*GOPE aaa we your*  
*direction as to distance*  
*aaa*

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From Ruyo  
 Place  
 Time

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

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

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

TO { G O O E

Sender's Number. SC 453 Day of Month. 9<sup>th</sup> In reply to Number. AAA

You will follow me  
in close support to  
G O O E and  
direction on  
and

From Ruzo Place Malaterra Co. Time 138  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

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

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

TO { Legi

Sender's Number. Bm 456 Day of Month. 9<sup>th</sup> In reply to Number. AAA

Head quarters established at  
W 8 d 8 s. and

From Ruzo Place Malaterra Co. Time 139  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

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

TO { Legi

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Adv Bde NA now established  
 W 17 C 904

From	Place	Time	The above may be forwarded as now corrected.	(Z)	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name
<u>Ruzo</u>		<u>2.15 pm</u>			<u>[Signature]</u>

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

TO { LEG

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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512  
 Reports having reached me  
 that our troops having  
 very bad time for  
 want artillery support  
 aca Most tanks knocked  
 out aca Enemy artillery  
 reported firing point  
 blank at our men short  
 range aca Have taken  
 responsibility ordering our  
 artillery take action  
 protect them aca

From	Place	Time	The above may be forwarded as now corrected.	(Z)	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name
<u>BGO</u>	<u>RUZO</u>				<u>[Signature]</u>

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

TO { LEGI LEVI  
RUFA

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
912	9		

Canadian liaison report  
 Arrived 4:35 pm aaa  
 At 3pm Infantry had passed  
 ROZIERES and VRALEY to  
 a depth of 2/3000  
 yds aaa Enemy counter  
 attacked front of ROZIERES  
 but was repulsed aaa  
 Our tanks short of petrol  
 and ammunition aaa  
 Prisoners state enemy  
 has Div with tanks  
 in rear aaa  
 sent LEGI rpt 2nd  
 Div and 8th Bde

From RUZO  
 Place  
 Time

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

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

TO { Legi

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
10458	9		

prisoners since  
 10 am minimum  
 estimate 125

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From Legi  
 Place  
 Time

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

Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
57 9/2 W 17 2 33	At.....m.	.....Service.	From.....	
To.....	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....

TO {


Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
453	9 <sup>th</sup>		

Advancing over old  
 line Canadian's  
 morning on night  
 can see the  
 movement on  
 get

4 1/2  
 11 15 am  
 got Sunday, 2207 morning  
 night ordered  
 am moving very slowly  
 owing to m/s line.

From	Place	Time
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)		
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	At.....m.	.....Service.	From.....	
To.....	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....

TO {


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99	9		

2<sup>nd</sup> Bde have passed  
 through aaa We have  
 halted and are reforming  
 on and in front of  
 BLUE line aaa sent  
 sw rpd flank Bdes

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RUZO

2.30 pm

*[Signature]*

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To .....		By .....	(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....
TO {		LEG-1		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA	
98	9			
Prisoner taken in	W. 86			
this morning	2nd			
Rgt 109	Div			
		144		
From	RUZO			
Place	11 am			
Time				
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RUZO Forward Station

58<sup>th</sup> have been held up  
 about 100 yds in advance  
 of Rautah line

I have taken charge  
 & am getting Stabs  
 and Artillery to be  
 left flank in new  
 advance

30<sup>th</sup>  
 12 / 10-8-18

GODE  
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RUZO

Reference sheet 62D

No 2 9/8/16

Enemy nly. nest at X7D52  
 being dealt with by tank  
 31st Bde holding line from  
 X1d79 to X7A99  
 29th + 31st Bdes are in touch  
~~but~~ position of road line is  
 approx X7C51 to X7A99 to  
 X1d52 to X1d98 to X1d20  
 Casualties fairly heavy  
 Our cavalry seen east of  
 VAUVILLERS  
 Enemy apparently seen advance-  
 ing in fairly large numbers  
 from direction of X1d and  
 X20.  
 Artillery have been advised  
 and are firing on these  
 points

1.70 PM  
(by runner)

149<sup>th</sup> Assault Coy  
sent  
at Q27C23

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

TO: RUZO

Sender's Number: \* W38 Day of Month: 9th In reply to Number: AAA

14<sup>th</sup> M.G. any report that  
 enemy is in strong force  
 opposite 29<sup>th</sup> + 31<sup>st</sup> Bdes. also  
 M.G. opposition still being  
 encountered movement forward  
 is very slow. also  
 189<sup>th</sup> Bde artillery are  
 supporting us. also  
 3 tanks ~~knocked out~~  
 Major Bennet is with us +  
 has sent forward another tank.

From: CO. GOOE

Place: W12a 4.6

Time: 146

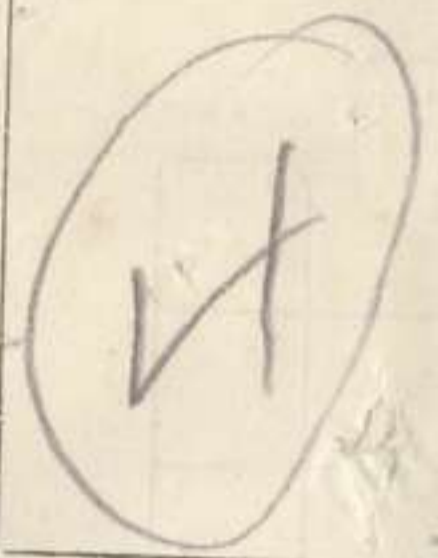
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Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name: [Signature]

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Abfender:	te Meldung	Ort	Datum	Zeit
	Abgegangen			
	Angekommen			

An 15<sup>th</sup> Aus Inf Bde

Our line runs from W 24 a 5-8 to W 24 C 4 P

Enemy are on ridge in front 1500 yds in front with machine guns in old position about 400 yds ahead of my men AAA

Put down heavy barrage immediately from X 13 E to X 19 a Strong machine gun emplacement there

Send to NUQA and please pass to 2<sup>nd</sup> INF Bde also 298 Army bde RFA

Col [Signature]  
1490 pm

R020.

2nd Bde passed through with tanks at 2.15 pm.

[Signature]

for 60  
594 Pm

2.30 pm  
10-8-18

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NUQA

Please give artillery assistance immediately from point X 13C to X 19A. Enemy in fairly large numbers holding up my advance. ~~will~~

Barrage this point for 5 minutes & slowly creep up for 1000 yds. Will require fairly strong ~~concentration~~ concentration for first few minutes.

Steady liaison officer will send you messages re artillery again later.

Raymond  
12.5am 9/8/18

NUQA

Sweep 3 degrees RIGHT  
~~for~~ and 3 degrees LEFT

As enemy is deploying to flanks and shelling barrage 100 yds from starting point

Raymond

1.5pm 9/8/18

Barrage not sufficient as enemy is digging in in large numbers

HR

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RUZO

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no 3. 9/8/18

8th Bde objective gained 2.15 PM  
(X1.C38 to X7D9.0)  
now advancing and  
encircling VAUVILLERS. 1st Div.  
not yet arrived.

(later) VAUVILLERS captured  
2.55 PM and mopping up  
in process. Line being  
consolidated in front of  
village. Prisoners taken - number  
not yet known.

3.5 PM  
(by runner)

Chomalley  
Lieut  
at Q 27 C 23

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Office of Origin and other information

Sent	Service	Date
At		From
To	(Signature of Franking Office)	By

TO { ~~W/36~~ RUZO

Sender's Number * W/36	Day of Month 9/8	In reply to Number	AAA
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F.O.O of 12th Bty a/c  
reports square X 13 b to  
central face of enemy  
troops. This Bty is  
~~deployed~~ has been  
reformed.

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From Co. GOPE  
Place W 12 a 4.6  
Time 12.35

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W.17.C.94

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Return to ...

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Sent  
 At ..... m.  
 To .....  
 By ..... (Signature of "Franking Officer")

Service  
 Date.....  
 From.....  
 By.....

TO { R U Z O

Sender's Number \* W 37 Day of Month In reply to Number AAA

C Coy reports that they are held up by MG fresh in trench near Station W12 d 8.1 they are being pushed from flanks. As a result report that strong M.G. opposition is being met with X 1 b + d.

From Co. G O P L 154  
 Place W12 a 4.6  
 Time 12.35 pm

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

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 From.....  
 By.....

TO { CO 58 Bn

Sender's Number 8m 459 Day of Month 9 In reply to Number. AAA

You will rally the Bn at once and take up a position in trench at Station W18 C. See an officer to report to 8m at once to receive instructions re dispositions for outpost Co.

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From Poye / 15 A 7 Bde  
 Place W 24 1354  
 Time 4.45 pm

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By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO { RUZO

Sender's Number * <u>W43</u>	Day of Month <u>9th</u>	In reply to Number	<b>AAA</b>
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M.G. opposition overcome  
 whole line advancing fast.  
 Am moving forward to new  
 H.Q. location follows.

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From GORE  
 Place W12a 4.6  
 Time 3 pm

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To		From
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")

TO { RUZO

Sender's Number * <u>W42</u>	Day of Month <u>9th</u>	In reply to Number	<b>AAA</b>
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D(Reserve) Coy reports that he is  
 advancing keeping Rd clear  
 X13 a 46. on this night.

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From GORE  
 Place W12a 4.6  
 Time 2:56 pm

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

TO { *Legi*

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
*Bm 461 9*

*Adv. Bde HQ. now established at W 24 B 4.8 former enemy line. N.Q.*

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From *Ruzo*  
 Place  
 Time  
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 At .....m. Service.  
 To ..... From .....  
 By ..... (Signature of "Franking Officer") By.....

TO { *S. I. a.*

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
*Bm 460 9 Inst. 106*

*Noted.*

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From *Ruzo*  
 Place  
 Time  
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