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OF

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V.10.A.6.0	1st.		2nd. Inf. Bde. completed the relief of the 3rd. Brigade by 1 a.m. Troops move back to camps on relief. Orders for embussing were issued, the 1st. Convoy leaving at 8.25, the 2nd. at 2 a.m. on the 2nd. Capt. W.G. CORNISH 10th. Battalion acted as embussing Officer. Weather hot and dry - all the roads are very dusty.	
HEURINGHEM	2/8/18		Troops arrived in their billeting areas without incident- they are distributed as follows:-	
			Brigade H.Q.) 10th. Bn.) HEURINGHEM T.M. Bty.) No. 2 San Section) 9th. Battalion) LE SABLON	
			10th. Battalion CAMPAGNE	
			12th. Battalion COUBRONNE	
			3rd. Field Coy. BANDRINGHEM	
			3rd. Field Ambulance LE RONS	
			Rain began to fall at 8 a.m. and continued throughout the day.	
	3/8/18		Still raining. Battalions resting - the Brigade will probably entrain on the 5th. from WIZERNES. Battalion church parades, 2 Officers and 100 men from Battalions went to 2nd. Army Parade at TERDEGHEM.	
	4/8/18		Showery still. Battalions bathing and cleaning up. Bde. Order No. 125 issued (Appen. 1)	Appendix 1
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	5/8/18		Brigade was to entrain tonight but the arrangements have been altered to allow the 1st. trains from all Stations to carry the 1st. Brigade. Brigade Order No. 126 issued. (Appendix 2)	Appendix 2
	6/8/18		Broken weather continues - Units of Brigade group entrained at WIZERNES -ST.OMER - ARQUES during the evening - the plan of the whole move is bad and entraining and detraining stations seem to have been chosen irrespective of where the troops have to billet.	
LONG SUR Somme	7/8/18		Detrained at PONT REMY at 2 a.m. Units not all off trains till about 10 a.m. Division ordered the group to go to CAMON Area near AMIENS - then cancelled the order consequently the transport column had to be redirected. We go to COISY Area and embus this evening about 8 p.m. Brigade Order No. 127 issued (Appendix 3)	Appendix 3
	8/8/18		Embussed for COISY Area at 8.30 p.m. last night and reached destination about 3 a.m. Billets very bad in this area as usual - orders from Division to proceed to HAMEL area at midday, marching with double intervals - this stretches the column out to about 10 kilos. and is of no advantage because the gaps always fill up with other troops and transport. Reached billets and bivouacs by 10 p.m. Gen. BENNETT arrived back from leave - Push is reported to be going well. Brigade Order No. 129 issued (Appendix 4)	Appendix 4
CHATEAU VAIRE SUR SOMME	9/8/18		At 2.15 a.m. orders were received to be ready to move by 7 a.m. at 8 a.m. orders received to move to Sq. W.8. - 9th. Battalion moved direct in artillery formation - remainder of Group by road overland - situation quiet in back area - a few H.V. Guns shelling WARFUSE ABANCOURT - Units in position by 2 a.m. - for detailed moves etc. see report on operations (Appendix 13).	Appendix 13
2 p.m. Mill on Rail- way in W.8.D.			The Brigade again moved forward twice during the evening - resting in Squares X.19. & 25. the 11th. Battalion digging platoon posts. At midnight instructions to attack at 8 a.m. on the left of 2nd. Brigade were received - order reached us about 2 a.m. Brigade Order No. 130 issued (Appendix 5)	Appendix 5
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W.24.B.6.6.	10/8/18		Brigade Order No. 131 issued - (Appendix No. 6).	Appendix 6
			Battalions moved forward. 11th. on the left 9th. on the Right - 12th. Left Support - 10th. Right support - The advance was across open flat ground, cut by a few roads bordered by trees, to the high ground above LIHONS and BOIS CREPY - there is a low bare hill on the left front of the 11th. The remains of the old French defences of 1916 are just being met with. The 2nd. Brigade troops had not been reached the red line, consequently our troops even before reaching the front line met with terrific machine gun fire and moderate hostile barrage. Our barrage was wretched - scimpy and without sting - what is worse the start line was 700 yards E of the red line - this allowed room for most of the Boche Machine guns to be on our side of the start line. Little progress was made on the left - the 9th. Battalion made some progress during the day and with the assistance of Capt. McCANN'S Coy. of the 10th. battalion reached the E side of BOIS CREPY. By dark the line was as follows:- X.30.C.2.6. thence along E side of BOIS CREPY thence along tramway Westwards to X.23.D.8.4. - N along old trenches to X.23.D.4.6. thence W of CAMP DES CHASSEURS to X.16.B.9.0.	
	11/8/18		About 10 p.m. last night it was learned that we would attack in the morning at 4 a.m. Divisional Order arrived at 1.50. Arrangements had to be rapidly made. The Colonels of the 13th. Bde. A.F.A. and 298th. British Brigade were summoned and a barrage prepared. The O.C. Tanks was consulted, 4 tanks were available but it was doubtful whether they could be ready in time. The 10th. and 12th. Battalions under the command of Colonel NELIGAN were to attack on the right - the 11th. was to push on to reach the Blue line. At 4 a.m. the troops moved forward - the tanks were late but after hard fighting, the objective on the right was obtained. The 11th. Battalion made some progress. The Boche delivered counter-attacks throughout the day and at one time penetrated from the NW to CREPY WOOD but was eventually driven out. The 11th. Battalion's line is still obscure due to the fact that there is not enough personal supervision of the line by the Battalion Commander (Lieut-Col. J. NEWMAN D.S.O.) For detailed moves see report on operations (Appendix 13.)	
			The night 11th/12th. was without infantry action though enemy shelled the forward areas heavily at times.	
			Brigade Order No. 132 (App. 7)	Appendix 7
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	12/8/18		<p>Weather still fine and hot - roads and tracks extremely dusty. The enemy bombs the area freely every night. 11th. Battalion were able to bring up their line to the old French front line and as far left as X.11.D.4.0.</p> <p>Redistribution of the Brigade Area is to take place tonight in accordance with B.O. 134</p> <p>The enemy is still extremely nervous and shells the forward area a good deal.</p> <p>Summary of hostile counter-attacks on 11th. August (Appendix 10)</p>	Appendix 10
	13/8/18		<p>Fine hot weather continues.</p> <p>The 2nd. Division are taking over the line as far south as X.17. Central tonight - this means 1 Coy. of 23rd. Battalion will take over from 1 Coy. of 12th. Battalion.</p> <p>The Brigade is to be relieved on the night 15th/16th. by the 4th. Aus. Inf. Bde. No further counter-attacks have developed. Our present front line and an approach are being taped to enable the 4th. Brigade to continue the advance.</p>	
	14/8/18		<p>Very hot and dry.</p> <p>The Boche still bombs the area fully at night, otherwise the line is normal again.</p> <p>Inter-battalion reliefs are to take place tonight as follows:- 9th. Bn. Line Right - 11th. Bn. Line left - 12th. Battalion Support - 10th. Bn. Reserve.</p> <p>Some of the Officers and men have been firing captured guns - they put on good elevation and trust to luck where the shell goes.</p> <p>Brigade Order No. 135 Appendix 11.</p> <p>Disposition sketch Appendix 12.</p>	Appendix 11 " 12
	15/8/18		<p>Hot and dry. The line is to be pushed forward this evening before relief as follows:-</p> <p>Line Battalions (9th. and 11th.) will push forward the front line to trench running N & S through X.18.A. & C. The Brigade boundary on the North runs along the E and W grid through X.17. & 1' Central. The gap on the left flank will be covered by Vickers guns until the 6th. Brigade join up. The gap in S.19.6. will be consolidated after dark this evening. Vickers Guns will be employed at X.24.A.6.2. to cover the new posts.</p> <p>Relief complete at 11.50. Brigade H.Q. moved to CORBIE. A bomb killed 6 horses of 10th. Bn. last night and damaged a good deal of their harness.</p>	
	16/7/18		<p>Fine but overcast later in the day.</p> <p>Units moved back independently to the VAIRE Area.</p>	

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	17/8/18		Units bathing and resting. Major G.D. SHAW 10th. Battalion assumed temporary command of 12th. Battalion Report on operations Appendix 13.	Appendix 13
	18/8/18		Battalion church parades - men resting. There was a little rain during the night which has cooled the weather considerably.	
	19/8/18		Overcast but warm. Battalions cleaning up and overhauling their equipment. A practice with tanks is to be carried out near HAMEL on the 21st. Two Battalions watch the demonstration in the morning and two in the afternoon. One company of each Battalion then does the actual practice with the tank. A long conference was held at Divisional H.Q. this afternoon, at which the lessons learnt in the recent operations were discussed. It was also ascertained that we are to do another attack S of the Somme. This Brigade will probably be in reserve. Isn't it about time that some of the English divisions did something and the Australians given a rest. This Brigade has not been out of the line for more than 8 days since the beginning of March.	
	20/8/18		Very hot and dry. All the roads are six inches deep in dust. Battalion Brigade Major forward reconnoitring the 8th. Brigade area. Warning Order issued to Battalions in reference to the relief of the 8th. Brigade on night 21st./22nd. Meeting of Battalion Commanders at H.Q. - Reduction of Companies and platoons on account of low strength, numbers to be left at Nucleus. Reports on operations etc. were discussed. Brigade Order No. 136 issued (Appendix 14) Brigade Order No. 137 " " 15 Letter from Army Commander (Appendix 16)	Appendix 14 Appendix 15 Appendix 16
Q.20.B.2.2.	21/8/18		Weather continues very hot indeed. Brigade Group moved forward in relief of 8th. Brigade. Relief complete at 6 p.m.	
	22/8/18		Fine and hot.	
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	22/8/18		<p>Fine and hote.</p> <p>Battalions preparing for operations. We are at present in Reserve and may be used in any direction. At 5 p.m. the G.O.C. went to Divisional H.Q. for instructions - we now have to pass through the 1st. Brigade and exploit any success they may have. Orders as usual are very late. Battalions move to assembly positions by Zero hour (4.45 a.m.) - these positions are round ST. GERMAINE WOOD in R.8.C.</p> <p>Brigade Order No. 138 issued (Appendix 17)</p> <p>Brigade Order No. 135 " " 18)</p>	Appendix 17 " 18
R.7.D.6.5.	23/8/18		<p>Brigade H.Q. moved forward at 2.45 to 1st. Brigade H.Q. at</p> <p>Battalions moved at the same time and were in position at ST. GERMAINE WOOD at 6 a.m. having suffered casualties from shell fire. The barrage opened at 4.45 a.m. as dawn was breaking. The 1st. Brigade made steady progress but encountered considerable difficulty from LUC - LONG & MALEY WOODS. By 10 a.m. with the assistance of 2 coys. of 10th. Bn. they had practically reached the red line - parts of the wood remained to be cleared up. A barrage was fixed for the barrage to advance under after considerable difficulty owing to the Artillery Group Commander not being on the telephone - zero hour was 2 p.m. The 12th. Bn. attacked on the right the 9th. Bn. on the left - 10th. Bn. two companies were engaged on the left flank remaining coy. in support.</p> <p>11th. Battalion in reserve. The barrage started punctually at 2 p.m. and after very difficult fighting the battalions stormed the high cliffs on the Eastern side of the valley - The 12th. Bn. after overcoming strong resistance in MALEY WOODS routed the enemy from CARENNE WOOD and established their line E of it. One Coy. 12th. Bn. pursued the enemy towards CAPPY. The 9th. Battalion after reaching the top of the cliffs made little progress owing to the lack of initiative of company commanders, and even though on the right flank the 12th. were in front of them they did not come up to the line. The line ran from the 12th. Bn. Left at L.36.C.6.4. westwards to FROISSY BEACON. The enemy was holding firmly and his artillery was active and plentiful. The night passed in reorganisation and patrolling, no progress was made.</p>	
	24/8/18		<p>The weather remains fine - the advance was continued by the 9th. Bn. who reached the CAPPY VALLEY by nightfall after very much pushing. The 12th. made little progress. A set piece attack was arranged for midnight but was abandoned as the enemy weakened and withdrew, his main forces from in front of the 12th. under cover of a smoke and gas barrage.</p>	

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	24/8/18		The 11th. Battalion took over from the 12th. and the 10th. from the 9th. - the lastnamed going into support and the 12th. to Reserve. Arrangements were made for artillery support to assist the advance at 6 a.m. Night passed quietly - the shelling decreasing appreciably.	
	25/8/18		The advance continued in fine clear weather.- the 10th. with its usual determination pushing forward in bounds soon had reached CHATEAU ORCHARD. The 11th. pushed on gradually over the open ground on the right, getting a good deal of trouble from field guns at DOMPIERE. The line as follows was handed over to the 6th. Brigade on relief at midnight. From the high ground on the S bank of the river to SALMON WOOD which was held by patrols, thence SW to G.27.B. thence S through G.33.B. - M.3. Central to M.9.A.8.7. On completion of relief Units moved back to bivouac areas at St. GERMAINE WOOD.	
CERISY	26/8/18		Brigade Group marched to CERISY Area.	
	27/8/18		Cloudy - Men resting and cleaning up.	
	28/8/18		Windy & Stormy - G.O.C. is now temporarily commanding the Division in the absence of the Divisional Commander on leave. Conference of Unit Commanders at Brigade H.Q. to discuss reduction of organisation, training etc. The Brigade will probably be out of the line 14 days.	
	29/8/18		Brigade Major departed on U.K. Leave. Intelligence Officer acting B.M. - GOC Division visited Corps H.Q. at GLISSY - weather still showery.	
	30/8/18		Bishop LONG Victoria, lectured to Brigade Commanders and Senior Officers on the Educational Scheme of training men after the war. Lecture at Y.M.C.A. CERISY 2.30 p.m. Divisional Commander visited Corps H.Q. I.O. lectured 10th. & 11th. Bns. on the situation.	
	31/8/18		Windy and showery. G.O.C. departed for Div. H.Q. CORBIE 9.30 a.m.	
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 125.

Ref. Sheets 5A - 14 & 17.
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Brigade Headquarters,
4th. August, 1918.

1. The 1st. Australian Division less M.T. Vehicles is being transferred by Rail from Second Army to Fourth Army on 5th. - 6th. - and 7th. instant.
2. The 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade Group will entrain at WIZERNES in accordance with table attached.
3. For the purpose of the Move the Brigade Group will be composed as under:-

3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.	H.Q. 4th. Coy. A.S.C.
H.Q. M.G. Battalion	2nd. Aust. Sanitary Section
3rd. & 21st. M.G. Coys.	Mobile Vet. Section.
3rd. Field Coy. A.E.	H.Q. Div. Engineers.
3rd. Field Ambulance.	
4. The following Units will move independently and report to Brigade Representative at Entraining Station three hours before the departure of their trains.-

H.Q. Machine Gun Battalion
3rd. & 21st. M.G. Companies.
H.Q. Divisional Train.
Mobile Vet. Section.
H.Q. Divisional Engineers.
5. Brigade Entraining Officer - WIZERNES - Capt. W.G. CORNISH M.C.
 Brigade Detraining Officer - PONT REMY - Major J. ~~ROBERT~~ 12th. Bn.
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 Each Unit will detail an Officer to act as entraining and detraining Officer; the former will report to Brigade Entraining Officer 3 hours prior to entraining of the Unit.
6. Infantry Transport will arrive at the entraining Station 3 hours before the time of departure of train.
 Infantry Personnel $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours before the time of departure of train.
 Transport and personnel of all other Units will arrive at the entraining station, 3 hours before departure of train.
7. The Company of 9th. Battalion proceeding by Train No. 21 will remain at the Detraining Station and carry out duties of unloading for the Brigade Group.
 The 3rd. Brigade Mining Company will carry out duties of loading for the Brigade Group; for this purpose, arrangements are being made for the Company to be billeted near the WIZERNES Railway Station from 6 p.m. on night 5th. August until their departure by Train No. 42. Details of billeting and duties will be notified direct to O.C. Mining Coy.
8. Entraining States, showing the number of Officers, Other Ranks, horses H.D. & L.D., the number of 4 wheeled vehicles, 2 wheeled vehicles and bicycles, will be handed in by the Unit Entraining Officer on arrival at the Station.

9. Lewis Guns will be provided whenever possible for each train. These guns will be mounted in suitable places on the train and used against low flying hostile aircraft which may attempt to attack the train.
10. Attention is drawn to 1st. Aust. Divisional Memorandum, "Instructions for Entraining" forwarded to Brigade Units under 7/857 of 1st. August.
11. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.Issued atDISTRIBUTION.

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12	3rd. Field Ambulance. ✓
13	4th. Coy. A.A.S.C. ✓
14	Brigade Supply Officer. ✓
15	H.Q. 1st. Aust. Div. Engineers. ✗
16	H.Q. 1st. Aust. M.G. Bn. ✓
17	H.Q. 1st. Aust. Div. Train ✓
18	3rd. M.G. Coy. ✓
19	21st. M.G. Coy. ✓
20	2nd. Aust. Sanitary Section ✓
21	Mob. Vet. Section ✓
22	Capt. W.G. CORNISH M.C. ✗
23	Major J.A. FOSTER
24	Staff Captain ✓
25	1st. Aust. Div. ✗
26	R.T.O. WIZERNES. ✗
27	Area Commandant, WARDRECQUES. ✗
28	Lieut. H.A. HOLLEY. ✓
29	Brigade I.O. ✗
30	Brigade Sig. Officer ✗
31/35	Spare. ✓

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Train No.	Serial No.	U N I T	DEPARTURE.	
			Date.	Time
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	1A35	No. 3 Sect. Sig. Coy.		
	1A36	No. 3 Coy. M.G. Battalion		
	1A37	3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty.		
	1A31A	1 Coy, Cooker & Team of 9th. Battalion		
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	1A75	H.Q. Divl. Train.		
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters,
4th. August, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH BRIGADE ORDER NO. 125

1. Receipts for Area Stores handed over to other Units or to Area Commandant, and Cleanliness Certificates, will be forwarded to reach Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours after completion of move.
2. Advance Billeting Parties. One Officer from each Brigade H.Q. - No. 3 Coy. M. G. Bn. - 3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty. - 9th. Bn. - 11th. Bn. - and 12th. Bn. will report at Brigade Headquarters at 8.30 a.m. tomorrow and will proceed direct to the new area by Car. These Officers will take merely a haversack, containing personal gear and 48 hours rations. One Officer and one N.C.O. from each of the other Units of the Brigade Group and 2 N.C.Os. from each of above-named Units with bicycles will report to the Brigade Entraining Officer at the Station at 10.30 p.m. on the 5th. instant, and will proceed on the first train to the New Area. They will be met at the detraining Station by the Brigade Billeting Officer.
Major A.H. DARNELL D.S.O. 11th. Battalion will proceed by car with the first billeting party and will report at Brigade H.Q. at 8.30 a.m. tomorrow.
3. Supplies. Will be drawn from present dump at Sheet 36A - A.18.D.O.3. at 10 a.m. on 5th. instant, for consumption on the 6th. instant, and again at WIZERNES Station at 5 p.m. on the 5th. instant for consumption on the 7th. instant. Rations will be drawn on the 7th. instant in the New Area for consumption on the 8th. instant.
4. Transport. Baggage Wagons will report to Units at 10 a.m. on the 5th. instant. Supply Wagons will move with Units. Brigade H.Q. will supply one G.S. Limber for the move of the Brigade Mining Coy., and will arrange to clear this Unit from the Detraining Station on its arrival. The 9th. and 10th. Battalions will each detail 1 G.S. Limber for the move of the 3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty.
5. No Area Stores will be taken from the 2nd. Army Area.
6. No troops or transport will enter the Station Yard until permission has been obtained from R.T.O. or Brigade Entraining Officer.
7. After detraining, troops will move clear of Station premises as soon as possible.
8. General. Units will move with full echelons of S.A.A. grenades, tools, etc. All vehicles will be entrained fully loaded. All water-carts will be entrained full. Horses will be watered prior to entraining.
9. All Working Parties, and Detached Personnel will be recalled at once by Units furnishing them. No personnel will be left in the 2nd. Army Area without Authority from D.H.Q.
10. 11th. Battalion will detail 6 men to report to Australian Comforts Fund, WIZERNES Station, at 8.30 p.m. today for duty. This party will remain at the station and will proceed on the last train at 9.24 p.m. on the 6th. instant.

11. One N.C.O. and 3 Military Police will be under the orders of the Entraining Officer at WIZERNES, and another 3 Military Police will proceed by the first train and be under the orders of the Detraining Officer at the detraining STATION.
12. All Units of the 3rd. Brigade Group will forward today, a billeting list, showing the number of Officers, other ranks, vehicles, horses, etc. to be billeted in new area.
13. Brigade Group ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. W. White
..... Lieut.
Staff Captain, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

To all Recipients of Brigade Order No. 125.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP ORDER NO. 126

Ref. Sheets 5A - 14 - 17.
1/100,000.

Brigade Headquarters, AUSTRALIAN
5th. August, 1918. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

3rd
No.
Date

1. Brigade Order No. 125 of 4th. August is cancelled.
2. The 1st. Australian Division less M.T. Vehicles is being transferred by rail from Second Army to Fourth Army on 5th. - 6th. and 7th. instant.
3. The 3rd. Aus. Inf. Brigade Group will entrain as per attached table.
4. Entraining Stations for Brigade Group - WIZERNES
ST. OMER
ARQUES

Detraining Stations PONT REMY
LONGPRE
HANGEST
5. For the purpose of the move, the Brigade Group will be composed as under.-

3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
H.Q. Machine Gun Battalion
3rd. and 21st. Coys. M.G. Bn.
3rd. Field Coy. A.E.
3rd. Field Ambulance.
H.Q. & 4th. Coy. A.S.C.
1st. Pioneer Battalion (less 1 Coy. Cooker & Team).
Mobile Vet. Section.
2nd. Aust. San. Section.

6. Brigade Entraining Officers -

WIZERNES	Capt. W.G. CORNISH M.C.	
ST. OMER	Major C.F. ROSS M.C.	9th. Bn.
ARQUES	Capt. B.J. ANDREW	12th. Bn.

Brigade Detraining Officers -

LONGPRE	Capt. J.P. O'NEILL M.C.	11th. Bn.
HANGEST	Capt. W.R. JORGENSEN	12th. Bn.
PONT REMY	Major. A.H. DARNELL D.S.O.	11th. Bn.

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

7. Infantry Transport will arrive at the Entraining Station Three hours before the departure of train.
Infantry Personnel $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours before the time of departure of train.

Transport and personnel of all other Units will arrive at the entraining station Three hours before the departure of train.

8. Loading Parties. WIZERNES - 3rd. Brigade Mining Coy.
ST. OMER - 21st. M.G. Coy.
ARQUES - 1 Coy. 1st. Pioneer Bn.

Companies detailed above will carry out duties of loading for Units of 3rd. Bde. Group proceeding from their respective Entraining Stations. All Loading Parties will arrive at Entraining Stations Three hours before departure of first train carrying personnel of 3rd. Bde. Group. On completion of duties they will proceed by the last train of Brigade Group from their Entraining Stations.

8. (Cont'd). Unloading Parties. - PONT REMY - 1 Coy. 10th. Battalion
 LONGPRE - 1 Coy. 11th. Battalion
 HANGEST - 1 Coy. 12th. Battalion

These parties will be detailed from the first troops to arrive at the above Stations; they will carry out duties of unloading for Units of 3rd. Bde. Group and on completion of duties will join their respective Units in billeting areas.

9. Entraining States showing the number of Officers, Other Ranks, Horses H.D. & L.D. the number of 4 wheeled vehicles, 2 wheeled vehicles and bicycles will be handed in by the Units' Entraining Officer on arrival at the Station.
10. Lewis Guns will be provided whenever possible for each train. These guns will be mounted in suitable places on the train and used against low flying hostile aircraft which may attempt to attack the train.
11. Attention is drawn to 1st. Australian Divisional Memorandum "Instructions for Entraining" forwarded to Brigade Units under this Office 7/857 of 1st. August.
12. Units will notify Brigade H.Q. of their arrival in Billets in the new area.
13. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.
14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 12 noon.

W.G. Cornish Capt. 30
Major
 Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

To all Recipients of Brigade Order No. 125 and

R.T.O. ARQUES.
 R.T.O. ST. OMER
 Major C.F. ROSS M.C. - 9th. Battalion
 Capt. B.J. ANDREW - 12th. Battalion
 Capt. W.R. JORGENSEN - 12th. Battalion
 Capt. J.P. O'NEILL M.C. 11th. Battalion
 1st. Pioneer Battalion,

Train No.	Serial No.	UNIT	Entraining Stn.	Departure		Detraining Station
				Date	Time	
36	1.A.30 1.A.35 1.A.36 1.A.37 1.A.31.A.	3rd. Inf. Bde. H.Q. No. 3 Sec. Signal Coy. No. 3 Coy. M.G. Bn. 3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty. 1 Coy. Cooker & Team of 10th. Battalion	WIZERNES	6-8-18	1524	PONT REMY
37	1.A.33.	11th. Battalion less 1 Coy Cooker and Team.	ST. OMER	6-8-18	1703	LONGPRE
38	1.A.32	12th. Battalion less 1 Coy Cooker and Team	ARQUES	6-8-18	1739	HANGEST
39	1.A.31	10th. Battalion less 1 Coy Cooker and Team	WIZERNES	6-8-18	1814	PONT REMY
40	1.A.34.	9th. Battalion less 1 Coy Cooker and Team	ST. OMER	6-8-18	2003	LONGPRE
41	1.A.83 1.A.78 1.A.32.A. 1.A.75	3rd. Field Coy. A.E. No. 4 Coy. Div. Train 1 Coy. Cooker and Team of 12th. Battalion H.Q. Div. Train	ARQUES	6-8-18	2049	HANGEST
42	1.A.88. 1.A.33.A. 1.A.34.A.	3rd. Field Ambulance 1 Coy. Cooker & Team of 11th. Bn. 1 Coy. Cooker & Team of 9th. Bn. 3rd. Bde. Mining Coy.	WIZERNES	6-8-18	2124	PONT REMY
43	1.A.08. 1.A.08.A. 1.A.90. 1.A.09.	H.Q. M.G. Bn. 21st. M.G. Coy. Mob. Vet. Section 2nd. Aust. San. Section.	ST. OMER	6-8-18	2303	LONGPRE
44	1.A.04.	1 Pioneer Bn. less 1 Coy. Cooker & Team	ARQUES	6-8-18	2339	HANGEST

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 127

Ref. Sheets - 14, 11 & 17.
1/100,000.

Brigade Headquarters,
7th. August, 1918.

1. The 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade Group will move by bus to the CAMON - QUERRIEU Area today, 7th. August. Orders for embussing will be issued later.

2. On completion of the move Units will be disposed as under:-

1st. M.G. Bn.	RIVERY	9th. Battalion	QUERRIEU Camp 7.
1st. Pioneer Bn.	RIVERY	11th. Battalion	do do 8.
1st. A.L.T.M. Bty.	do	3rd. Field Coy.	P. of W. Cage
			QUERRIEU.
Brigade Headquarters	CAMON	1st. Field Ambce.	PETIT CAMON
10th. Battalion	CAMON	3rd. Field Ambce.	MONTIERS.
12th. Battalion	do	Mob. Vet. Section	ALLONVILLE.
3rd. T.M. Bty.	do	2nd. Sanit. "	do
3rd. Bde. Min. Coy.	QUERRIEU	Salvage Coy.	do
H.Q. Div. Engrs.	ALLONVILLE.		

3. Transport will move by road, head of column passing Cross Roads at B.1.40.85. (South of BOIS du GARD) at 3 p.m.
Route via Cross Roads at B.1.99.90. - ST. VAST EN CHASSSEE - RIVERY.

Order of March -

Pioneer Battalion.
12th. Battalion.
3rd. Field Ambulance.
3rd. Field Coy. A.E.
Mining Coy.
1st. Field Ambulance.
9th. Battalion.
H.Q. Div. Train.
11th. Battalion.
Machine Gun Bn. H.Q.
21st. and 3rd. Coys.
3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty.
Brigade Headquarters
10th. Battalion.

Mob. Vet. Section will move independently.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

..... Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 128

Ref. Sheets 14, 11 & 17,
1/100,000,

Brigade Headquarters,
7th, August, 1918.

1. Third Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 127 is cancelled.
2. The 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade Group will move by bus to the COISY - POULAINVILLE Area today, 7th. August.
3. The 51st. Bus Company is arranging busses in two columns and Units of the Brigade Group will be disposed as under for the purpose of the move.

4. COLUMN NO. 1. - Major H. A. MacPHERSON - 12th. Bn.

Starting Point Head of Column - Bridge on CONDE - le - ETOILE
Road facing North,

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Bus No.</u>	
3rd. Brigade Headquarters	1 - 3	COISY
12th. Battalion	4 - 33	POULAINVILLE Camp " "
		Erected 7-8-18
3rd. T.M. Bty.	34 - 36	Notified later
3rd. M.G. Coy.	37 - 44	do
3rd. Field Ambulance	45 - 49	do
2nd. Sanitary Section	50	
4th. Coy. A.A.S.C.	51	ALLONVILLE.
Debussing Point Cross Roads between COISY & CARDONNETTE. (1.E.10.45)		

- COLUMN NO. 2. Lieut-Col. L.M. MULLEN D.S.O. 9th. Bn.

Starting Point Le CATELET - Column on LIERCOURT - LONGPRE Road
with Head of Column at Le CATELET facing East.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Bus No.</u>	
11th. Battalion	1 - 26	CARDONNETTE
9th. Battalion	27 - 52	COISY
10th. Battalion	53 - 74	POULAINVILLE Billets
3rd. Bde. Mining Coy.	75 - 79	Notified later
3rd. Field Coy.	80 - 88	do
Debussing Point Cross Roads between COISY & CARDONNETTE 1.E.10.45.		

5. Time for troops to be in position for embussing will be notified this afternoon.
6. Units will be formed up in bus parties of 25 on Left of Roads, the Right of Roads being kept clear for motor vehicles.
7. Embussing Officers. No. 1 Column - Capt. A.S. BEIGHLEY M.C.
No. 2 Column - Capt. W.G. CORNISH M.C.
8. Numbers on busses will be marked with chalk.
9. 1 Officer and 1 marker from each Unit will report to Embussing Officers one hour before time for troops to be in position.
10. Each Unit will send a mounted orderly to Brigade H.Q. LONG at 4 p.m. today to obtain embussing time.
11. Transport of Units will move independently to the new area but will not cross the main AMIENS - DOULLENS Road before 9 p.m.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE,

W.G. Cornish
Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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3RD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 129.Ref. sheet 62 D
1/40,000.Brigade Headquarters,
8th. August, 1918.

1. The enemy has been driven back on the whole front of the attack. The Brigad will move to HAMEL Area this afternoon, clearing the line RIVERY - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ BUSY - La NEUVILLE by 4.30 p.m.

Starting Point - Road Junction G.11.A.

2. Order of March -

11th. Battalion
9th. Battalion
12th. Battalion
10th. Battalion
H.Q. Coy.
3rd. T.M. Bty.
3rd. Bde. Mining Coy.
3rd. Field Coy.
Brigade Headquarters.

Head of column to Pass Starting Point at 1.45 p.m.

Route - ALLONVILLE - QUEMURU - PONT NOYELLES - La NEUVILLE -
FU ILLOY.

main

The usual intervals will be retained.

3. 1st. Line Transport will move with Units.
2nd. Line Transport will move Brigaded under G.C. 4th. Coy.
A.A.S.C. passing the Starting Point at 2.30 p.m. in the above order of march.

4. Packs will be dumped under Units' arrangements in their present billeting areas, together with Officers' valises.
A small guard will be left in charge.

5. Location of Ration tomorrow will be notified by wire.

6. Limbers detailed from Battalions as transport for Trench Mortar Battery and from Brigade H.Q. for Mining Coy. will remain detached.

7. Nucleus Battalion will be reformed this after-noon, reporting to Major SHAW, 10th. Battalion, POULAINVILLE Camp "A" 6147

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. S. L. L.
Brigade Major, 3rd. A.S.C., Int. Bde. Major

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3rd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No.
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 130.

Brigade Headquarters,
9th. August, 1918.

The Brigade will not be wanted to operate on the RED Line. Probable move for tomorrow will be to continue the advance to the BLUE Line on left of 2nd. Brigade.

Brigade Boundary - X Roads X.20.B. - Cross Roads X.23.C. - X.30.A.9.0. - S.26.D.8.8.

Canadian line is about 1000 yards in advance of ROZIERES and in front of VRELY.

For advance to BLUE Line 9th. Battalion on right 11th. Battalion on left.

Inter battalion boundary X.16.D.0.0. - X.17.C.7.0. to road junction in S.10.D.3.9.

7th. Battalion on being passed by our troops will be withdrawn.

Location of Support Battalions -

10th. Battalion X.21.E. - 12th. Bn. - X.19.D. & X.15.B.

The above move will not take place unless the Canadians can attack.

J. S. L. L. L.
..... Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Brigade.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 131.Ref. HARBONNIERES Sheet
1/403,000.Brigade Headquarters,
10th. August, 1918.

1. The enemy is believed to have retired from LIONS.
2. The advance will be continued today - 9th. Bn. plus 1 Section T.M. Bty. and 11th. Battalion passing through 2nd. Inf. Bde. troops will cross the red line at 8 a.m.
9th. Battalion on right 11th. Battalion on left. - 10th. Battalion right support - 12th. Battalion left support.
Support Battalions will move 1,000 yards from rear of attacking Battalions.
The 2nd. Inf. Bde. is on the right flank and 7th. Brigade on Left flank.
3. Objective - the blue line. Special Officers will be detailed to keep direction
4. Inter Battalion boundary line through X.23. Central - X.24. Central to S. 20 Central.

Inter Brigade boundaries - Northern E. & W grid between Sqs. X.7. and X.15 - X.10. and X.16. Southern road through X.29.A. and B. to S.26.D.3.7. (inclusive to 3rd. Brigade).
5. Machine guns - 1 Section will be attached to each 9th. and 11th. Battalions.
3rd. M.G. Coy. less 2 Sections will move in rear of support Battalions.
6. The C.R.A. is arranging for a creeping barrage to be put down 700 yards clear of the RED LINE at Zero minus 15 minutes. Lifts of 100 yards in 2 minutes, commencing at zero. On reaching the BLUE Line a protective barrage will be put down.

The Corps Heavy Artillery will cooperate, preparatory to and during the operation.
7. Stokes Mortars - 1 Section will report to 9th. Battalion who will supply pack transport for ammunition.
8. Engineers - At 8 a.m. the Field Coy. will move to Sq. X.14.
9. Mining Coy. and T.M. Battery (less 1 Section) will be in Reserve at Brigade Headquarters at 8.30 a.m.
10. Ammunition. - Refilling Point W.16.D.9.1.
11. Medical wagon Loading Post - X.13.D.4.9.
12. Prisoners of war - Support Battalions will escort prisoners to cage at W.3.A.1.5.
13. Report Centre - W.24.B.5.5.
14. Watches will be synchronised from Bde. H.Q. at 5.30 a.m.
15. Brigade H.Q. at W.24.B.5.5. from 7.30 a.m.
16. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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AUSTRALIAN
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 132.

Brigade Headquarters,
11th. August, 1918.

1. 10th. and 12th. Battalions and Mining Coy. will capture the BLUE Line from S.19.B.5.0. to S.26.D.8.6.
2. Zero hour will be 4 a.m. 11th. instant.
3. 4 tanks will precede the Infantry and will move around Northern End of CREPEY WOOD and thence swinging to Blue Line.
4. Artillery barrage will fall at Zero and rest on starting line for 2 minutes and will then move forward at rate of 100 yards every 3 minutes.

See Sketch attached (to 10th. Battalion only).

5. Boundaries as per attached sketch (to 10th. Bn. only).
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. S. L. O'Connor Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 133

Brigade Headquarters,
11th. August, 1918.

To night 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve that part of
3rd. Brigade South of S.19.B.5.0.

On relief Battalions will be disposed as follows :-

Line - 11th. Battn. plus 1 Section V.M.Guns and 2 Stokes Guns.
Approx. 600 yards) 12th. Battalion plus 1 Section V.M. Guns and
behind 11th. Bn.) 2 Stokes Guns.
Approx. 1000 yards) 10th. Battalion - 3rd. M.G. Coy. less 2 Section
behind 12th. Bn.) 9th. Battalion. - L.T.M. Bty. less 4 guns.
Mining Coy.

12th. Battalion will be prepared to relieve 11th. Battalion
at short notice.

Completion of relief will be notified to Brigade Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

..... Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.

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5	9th. Battalion
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8	12th. Battalion
9	3rd. T.M. Battery.
10	3rd. Bde. Mining Coy.
11	3rd. Field Engineers.
12	1st. Aust. Inf. Bde.
13	2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
14	7th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
15	1st. Aust. Div.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
11th, August, 1918.

In continuation of Brigade Order No. 133 of even date.
Boundaries will be altered to run as follows:-

(1) Southern Divisional Boundary.

~~Reference~~ A.S.D.S.S. - A.4. Central - T.23. Central -
T.31. Central.

Northern Divisional Boundary.

S.7.D.O.O. - Cross Roads S.B.C. - S.O. Central -
S.6. Central - W.35. Central.

(2) New Inter Brigade Boundary.

X.19. Central - Just North of LNU Wood -
Cross Roads S.15.B. (to left Brigade Inclusive) -
DOWNER.

Alterations to take effect from Brigade reliefs during
night 11th./12th.

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

Copies to all recipients of Brigade Order No. 135.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 134Ref. Sheets 62 D S.E. 1/20,000
62 C S.W.Brigade Headquarters,
11th. August, 1918.3rd
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.No.
Date.....

1. The policy to be adopted for the present is:-

- (1) To hold the present line defensively.
- (11) To make reconnaissance and preparations for a set piece attack in the near future.

2. To effect the above, the 3rd. Brigade Sector will be organised as set forth in the following paras.
In addition -

- (1) An active policy of patrolling will be carried on.
 - (11) Every effort will be made to form a suitable and clearly defined front line which can be used for jumping off, and barrage purposes.
- The front line will be wired.

3. Boundaries.
Northern Divisional. East and West Grid between Squares X.10. and X.16. to S.7.D.0.0.Inter Brigade. East and West Grid through X.22. - X.23. - to S.19. Central thence to S.15.B.5.0.Inter Battalion. East and West Line through X.15.D.0.5. and X.17.C.0.5. to Cross Roads X.17.C.6.5. thence to X.23.B.7.3. (where buried cable is shown crossing front line).

4. Troops will be distributed as follows:-

Front Line	-	2 Battalion.
Support	-	1 Battalion
Reserve	-	1 Battalion.

The above distribution will be completed on the night 12th/13th.

Right Section - 10th. Battalion
 Left Section - 12th. Battalion.
 Support Section - 11th. Battalion - On a line through X.16. Central to X.22.B. Central.

Reserve Section - 9th. Battalion - X.15.B. and D. to X.21.B.

Trench Mortar Battery - 2 Sections in Front Line System.
2 Sections in Support position.Vickers Machine Guns - 2 Sections in Support Line.
2 Sections in Reserve with Reserve Bn.Mining Company - Position to be selected in Sq. X.14.
by O.C. Company.

Headquarters will be selected by Unit Commanders within Brigade Boundaries and Brigade H.Q. (W.24.B.5.6.) notified as soon as possible. Liaison posts will be established where the Brigade Boundaries cross the front line.

5. The Support Line will be constructed as follows:-

- (a) Platoon posts dug and wired.
- (b) Line made continuous.

6. Ammunition and bombs will be stored in weather-proof shelters in positions occupied by troops.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. Chaplin
 Major
 Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Brigade.

Reference Sheets 62 D. S.E. & 62 C. S.W.

1/20,000.

Summary of hostile counter-attacks launched against 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
on August 11th, 1918.

AUST. 3rd INF. BDE.
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No.

Date.

- 6 a.m. The first hostile counter attack was launched against the Left Battalion (11th.); coming through the thick ground mist the enemy, in two waves about 150 strong, from the direction of the old hospital in X.24.C. - attacked from a South Easterly direction. This assault was checked and thrown back by our rifle and Lewis Gun Fire; the enemy quickly reforming renewed his attempt to reach our line and this second effort was again driven back by infantry fire and bombing at close range; a third and determined assault followed rapidly, the enemy taking advantage of the mist, formed up in the old trenches in X.24.A. pressed on with great vigour. This last assault was completely smashed by combined artillery and infantry fire, the enemy fleeing in disorder suffered heavy casualties.
- 8.40 a.m. The enemy infantry made a second attempt to throw back our line which had been slowly advancing on the Left; forming up in LIHU WOOD (S.20.A.) and on road in S.19.B. he sent three waves each about 50 strong armed with light machine guns, against our Left Bn. front, from the direction of road in S.19.B. and 100 men armed with light machine guns from the direction LIHU WOOD (S.20.A.) to old hospital in S.24.C. thence due South to North West Corner of CREPY WOOD (S.24.C.) the right attack against our left battalion was completely stopped and driven off before reaching our position by heavy artillery and machine gun fire, the enemy retiring in disorder; The Left attack towards CREPY WOOD came down into a pocket between the right and left battalions, whose inner flanks were swung back onto the supporting battalion in rear; he penetrated a corner of the wood and was cut off; the enemy was killed to a man and 12 machine guns remained in our hands, our line was intact and straightened at 10 a.m.
- 1.20 pm. Hostile Infantry in considerable strength, estimated at 400 strong came out from LIHU WOOD (S.20.A.) and advanced to the attack in extended order in a succession of waves; at 2.10 p.m. he was observed advancing also through S.21. in artillery formation, our artillery barrage was now down and enemy progress slow; at 2.56 pm. he was observed massing and moving in STARY WOOD (S.8.B.), supported by artillery fire from VERMANDOVILLERS (S.9.C. & D.): this appeared to be a last strong and determined effort to assault our new line from three directions with a large number of troops; very heavy artillery fire was brought to bear on all these targets, the enemy was caught forming up as well as in the open and his final attempt was entirely checked and broken up. As a result of all these assaults the enemy suffered very heavy casualties in killed and wounded and a considerable number of prisoners and material remained in our hands, while our line remains firm and intact.

W. Bennett
.....Brig-Gen.
Commanding 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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COPY NO.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 135

Reference Sheet 62D -
1/40,000.Brigade Headquarters,
14th. August, 1918.

1. The operations of the Australian Corps are to be continued on 16th. instant.
For this purpose the 4th. and 5th. Australian Divisions are to assemble on the approximate line HARBONNIERES - CAIX on the night 14th/15th. instant.
2. The 1st. Australian Division is being relieved by these Divisions on the night 15th/16th. instant.
The 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade, 1st. Australian Division, is being relieved by 4th. Australian Infantry Brigade, 4th. Australian Division.
The 4th. Aust. Inf. Brigade is also taking over that portion of line of 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade from 3rd. Brigade Southern Boundary to the Northern Corner of BOIS AUGER.
13th Aust. Battalion is relieving 9th. Battalion - Line RIGHT.
14th Aust. Battalion is relieving 11th. Battalion - Line LEFT.
16th. Aust. Battalion is relieving 12th. Battalion - SUPPORT.
10th. Battalion will move to Bivouac Ground in Square W.9.A. & B. at dusk on 15th. instant.
3rd. M.G. Coy. will move to Bivouac Ground in W.17.C. on completion of relief of front line troops.
On relief of front line troops the Command of the Sector will pass from G.O.C. 3rd. A.I. Bde. to G.O.C. 4th. A.I. Bde.
3. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade H.Q. in Code.
4. On completion of relief the Brigade Group will move to HAMELET Area in accordance with table over-leaf.
5. On completion of all moves, Units will at once advise Brigade H.Q. of dispositions.
6. Standing Orders regarding march discipline, distances on the march, and protection against E.A. will be strictly observed during the move.
7. Personnel of NUCLEUS Battalion will rejoin respective Units of Brigade on arrival in HAMELET area.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. S. Anderson
.....Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.

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21	6th. A.I. Bde.	22	Staff Captain.
23	Bde. Int. Officer	24	Bde. Sig. Officer
25	Camp Commandant.		

TABLE to accompany Brigade Order No. 135.

Date	Unit	From	To	Remarks
Night 15th/16th. Aug.	3rd. Brigade H.Q.	W.24.B.5.5.	To be notified later	
do	10th. Battalion	Reserve	Square W.9.A. & B.	Bivouac.
do	9th. Battalion	Line RIGHT	W.16.C. and D.	do
do	12th. Battalion	Support	W.9.C. & D.	do
do	11th. Battalion	Line LEFT	W.16.A. & B.	do
do	3 rd. Bde. Min. Coy.	Reserve	W.17.C.	do
do	3rd. Field Coy. Engrs.	VAUVILLERS	W.17.A.	do
do	3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty.	Line	W.17.C.	do
do	3rd. M.G. Coy.	Line	W.17.C.	
16th. August	3rd. Brigade GROUP	Squares W.9. - W.16. - W.17.	HAMELET Area	Order of march and time of move to be notified.
do	3rd. Field Ambulance less Tent Sub-division	BAYONVILLERS	do	Independently

Troops moving in back area must avoid passing through WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT .

Locations of Units in HAMELET Area will be notified on 15th. instant.

APPENDIX

SECRET.

COPY NO. 4

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters,
15th. August, 1918.ADDENDUM to Brigade Order No. 135.

3RD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No.
Date.....

1. Para. 2,Relief of 3rd. M.G. Coy.

The 3rd. M.G. Coy. will be relieved by 4th. M.G. Battalion in accordance with the following table.

Date	Unit	From	To	Relieving Unit
Night 15th/16th. August	2 Sections 3rd. M.G. Coy.	LINE	W.17.C.	2 Sections 4th. M.G. Bn.
Night 16th/17th. August	2 Sections 3rd. M.G. Coy.	do	do	do
17th. August	3rd. M.G. Coy.	W.17.C.	VAIRE	4th. M.G. Bn.

2. Brigade Headquarters will close at W.24.B.5.5. on completion of relief and open at VAIRE at the same hour.
A Brigade Report Centre will open at W.16.D.9.0. at 7 p.m. on 15th. instant and will close on moving to VAIRE at 9 a.m. on 16th. inst.
3. The move by march route to HAMELET - VAIRE Area will be carried out independently by Units on 16th. instant.
WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT will be avoided and cross country routes will be used where possible.
A billeting list showing dispositions of Units on arrival in HAMELET - VAIRE Area will be issued on night 15th/16th. August.
4. Brigade Units ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. S. Anderson

..... Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.Copies to all recipients of Brigade Order No. 135.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.REPORT ON OPERATIONS from 9th. to 11th. AUGUST, 1918.

Ref. Sheets 62D S.E. - 62C S.W. - 66E N.E. - 66D N.W.
1/20,000.

1. Move to the SOMME.

The Brigade Group entrained at WIZERNES, ST. OMER and ARQUES on the 6th. and night 6th/7th. August.

The last train left ARQUES at 11.40 p.m.

The detraining Stations PONT REMY - HANGEST and LONGPRE were clear of troops by 10.30 a.m. on the 8th. some delay being caused by the trains carrying the 9th. and 12th. Battalions colliding, nine men of the 9th. Battalion being injured.

The transport was ordered to move at once by road to the CAMON Area, and this order was subsequently cancelled when the column was on the road and transport proceeded to POULAINVILLE Area.

The Brigade Group less transport was embussed at LE CATELET and at L'ETOILE by 8.45 p.m. and reached the COISY - POULAINVILLE - CARDONETTE Area by 12.30 a.m. The billeting accommodation was very bad and the troops got little rest.

The Nucleus Battalion was formed and packs dumped.

At Noon on 8th. orders were received to continue the march to the HAMEL Area, a distance of 13 miles. The weather was warm and the roads very dusty, double distances were being maintained, which extended the column to about 10 kilometres.

All Units were concentrated in the HAMEL Area by 11 p.m. on the 8th. and 2 Officers per Battalion were ordered to go forward to reconnoitre in the direction of BAYONVILLERS and HARBONNIERES at daylight.

2. Approach March.

At 2 a.m. on 9th. orders were received for the Brigade Group to be ready to continue the march by 7 a.m. At 7.30 a.m. orders were received to march to Square W.8. and a car was sent to take the G.O.C. Brigade to Divisional Headquarters for instructions.

After a march of 8 miles on very dusty roads, all Units were in position in artillery formation in Square W.8. by 2 p.m. 9th. Battalion on the Right - 11th. Battalion on the left - 10th. Battalion Right Support - 12th. Battalion Left Support - Machine Gun Coy. - 3rd. Field Coy. in rear of Brigade. Mining Coy. and Trench Mortar Battery at Brigade Headquarters, W.9.C.O.O.

A conference was held at 2 p.m. of all Unit Commanders - the plan of operations was explained and maps with objectives marked on them were issued.

At 3 p.m. the Brigade advanced in the same formation to Sq. W.16. and to Squares W.18. 24. and X.13 and 19. at 9.30 p.m.

PHASE 1. 3. Plan of Operations.

At 2 p.m. on 9th. the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade was attacking on the Divisional front, with the Red Line as their objective. Good progress had been made and it was unlikely that the Brigade's assistance would be required.

At midnight on the night 9th/10th. a warning order was issued for the Brigade to attack at 8 a.m. on the 10th. with the Blue Line as the objective. Inter Brigade Boundary HARBONNIERES - LIHONS Road through X.29. and X.30. continued through S.26.D.8.4. road inclusive to 3rd. Brigade. Northern Divisional Boundary - the E and W grid between Sqs. X.7. & X.13.

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Inter Battalion Boundary - the E and W grid through X.23. Central.

The 9th. Battalion was to attack on the Right, 11th. Battalion on Left with 10th. Battalion Right Support, 12th. Battalion Left Support.

1 Section 3rd. M.G. Coy. was attached to each 9th. and 11th. Battalions.

1 Section Stokes Mortars with pack transport was attached to the 9th. Battalion.

4. Operations.

At 6.30 a.m. the Brigade moved forward in artillery formation the Right Battalion reaching the Red Line without casualties. The troops holding this line were on an average 400 yards W of the Red Line. The Left Battalion on reaching X.16.C. met with heavy M.G. fire chiefly from the left flank, and suffered casualties from this point to the Red Line.

At 8 a.m. the Field Artillery Barrage opened - it was weak and ineffective especially on the left where it fell 700 yards in front of the Red Line.

The enemy opened extremely heavy machine gun fire from the left flank and from BOIS CREPEY which swept the open ground continuously and made the further advance extremely difficult. Enemy field guns at point blank range swept the roads and approaches. The Right Battalion up to now had made little progress and the left battalion were unable to get forward.

Right Bn.

Three platoons of the 9th. Battalion were sent forward under covering fire to attack CREPEY WOOD from both flanks and from the S.W. Corner of the Wood. These platoons met with severe resistance and suffered heavy casualties. Lieut. GOWER leading the attack from the S.W. became a casualty but the N.C.O. led the platoon on and established a post X.30.A.8.5.

The platoons attacking from the N and S established a post at X.24.C.2.2. and X.30.C.4.9. respectively.

Patrols from these posts were sent out to gain touch with the flanks but they were unsuccessful; both flanks being in the air, these forward posts were ordered to withdraw and establish themselves in the trench running along the W side of BOIS CREPEY. Owing to a mistake in map reading the O.C. 9th. Battalion reported his position as W. of AUGER WOOD.

Left Bn.

Meanwhile the 11th. Battalion on the left after heavy fighting had made some progress, touch had been gained with the Right Battalion, and the Left and Centre Companies had reached a line from X.23.B.7.0. to CAMP DES CHASSEURS.

The Left Company was still unable to make progress on account of the heavy opposition from the old French Support Line in X.17.A. and C.

The ground over which this Company had to advance is very open and sloped gently E towards the enemy position. The situation at 1 p.m. on the 10th. was as follows:-

Right Battalion

Holding the W side of CREPEY WOOD with the left flank bent back holding the trenches in X.23.D. Touch had not been gained with the Brigade on the Right.

Left Battalion.

After reinforcing the attacking Companies the line ran from X.23.B.7.0. W of CAMP DES CHASSEURS thence along the red line to X.16.B.8.0. The right flank of the Brigade on the left was about X.16. Central having slightly lost direction.

Right Bn.

At 1 p.m. a company of the 10th. Battalion under Capt. McCANN was sent forward to clear CREPEY WOOD and to establish a line of posts on the E and N sides of that wood.

The wood was attacked from the S, a careful reconnaissance having been made by the Company Commander - after astubborn resistance the enemy was driven out and posts established on the N and E of the Wood.

A platoon of the 5th. Battalion which arrived shortly after this operation had commenced were used as supports until the posts were established, they were then instructed to report back to their Unit. Posts were now established at the following location.- X.24.C.3.3. - X.30.A.6.4. - X.30.A.7.7. - X.30.A.60.05. X.30.C.7.6. - X.30. C.4.9. with two platoons in close support in the trenches running N and S along the W edge of BOIS CREPEY. This was completed by 4.30 p.m.

Left Bn.

At 1 p.m. the Left Battalion, after reinforcing the front line were still unable to make any appreciable progress owing to the continuous machine gun fire.

Shortly afterwards, patrols reported the enemy massing for a counter attack, this developed against the right and centre companies of the 11th. Battalion, but was driven off with heavy loss, the Vickers Guns attached to the Battalion doing very good work.

Right Bn.

At 5 p.m. a second counter attack by about 300 of the enemy developed against CREPEY WOOD, after an artillery preparation with 5.9's and 4.2's on the Wood.

Two posts held by "A" Coy. of the 10th. Battalion were knocked out and the enemy after surrounding 2 posts of the 10th. Battalion and driving in the posts on the E side gained a footing in the wood.

The O.C. "A" Company 10th. Battalion immediately counter-attacked with his support platoons, and after one hour's bitter fighting drove the enemy from the wood leaving 90 of his dead - the line was again restored. During this period the 10th. Battalion Company suffered casualties to the extent of 3 Officers killed and 12 other ranks killed and 16 other ranks wounded.

At 9 p.m. the situation was as follows:-

Right Battalion. All available troops in the line - with the remnants of 1 Company 10th. Battalion in addition. Touch had been gained on both flanks.

Left Battalion. All available troops in the line 1 Company of 12th. Battalion in support - in touch on the right and with the left by patrol - the Right Battalion of the left brigade were unable to get forward and the line bent sharply westwards from the flank of the 11th. Battalion. The line ran from X.30.C.2.6. along the E side of BOIS CREPEY thence along the tramway westwards to X.23.D.8.4. North along old trenches to X.23.D.4.6. thence N.W. W. of CAMP DES CHASSEURS to X.16.B.9.0.

Phase 2.

5. Plan. It was proposed with the assistance of tanks to push forward to the Blue line; the 2nd. Brigade cooperating on the right. The 10th. Battalion (less 1 Company) and 12th. Battalion under the command of O.C. 10th. Battalion were to carry out the attack in the right section; the 11th. Battalion to push forward under cover of the operation to the BLUE LINE. Four tanks were required to advance N of CREPEY WOOD and after mopping up AUGER WOOD, 3 to work S to outflank the village of LIHONS and 1 to turn N to assist the 11th. Battalion.

Shortly after 10 p.m. on the 10th. the G.O.C. 2nd. Brigade stated by telephone that the operations to advance to the Blue

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Line was to take place at 4 a.m. on the 11th. with tanks, 4 of which were allotted to the 3rd. Brigade. He added "I have just finished with the tank officer, who is coming over to see you now". He also stated that his artillery barrage had been arranged to fall on the grid line from S.26.C.0.5. due South.

The O.C. 10th. Battalion was immediately informed and ordered to prepare for the operation.

At 10.30 p.m. the O.C. Tanks reported to Brigade H.Q. and arranged to form up in rear of CREPEY WOOD. The tanks were to move forward round the N of the Wood to AUGER WOOD; where they would split up, one going round to the N and the others along the S edge. Maps were issued for the use of tanks as they were without them.

The Commanders of the 3rd. Aust. and 298th. F.A. Brigades were sent for and a creeping barrage arranged to conform with that of the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

It was decided that the barrage should start close to the troops, but on the right flank it had to swing forward to conform with the 2nd. Brigade's barrage.

The artillery arrangements were not complete till about 1 a.m.

Up to this time no order had been received from Division - it was asked for by telephone and this and the original order arrived at 12.50 a.m.

An operation order was then issued and C.O. 10th. Battalion informed of the details by telephone. O.C. 3rd. M.G. Coy. was ordered to detail one section to protect the northern flank of the attack.

At 2.30 a.m. the artillery Brigades covering the operation received orders from Divisional Artillery, but as these varied with what was required and as there was no time to alter the previous orders, they were not carried out.

At this time the line to 2nd. Inf. Bde. was still out of order.

6. Operations.

Order of Battle.

- 2 Companies 10th. Battalion on Right.
- 1 Company 12th. Battalion on Left.
- 2 Companies 12th. Battalion in Support.
- 1 Company 12th. Battalion in Reserve.
- 2 Sections Vickers Guns on the Right.
- 1 Section Vickers Guns on Left.

Right Bn.

The morning was very misty and dark and great difficulty was experienced in maintaining direction.

The artillery barrage opened at zero, lifting 100 yards every three minutes.

As touch had been lost with the Brigade on the right, it became necessary to extend the flank to cover the whole village of LIHONS.

Up to this hour one tank only had reported, the remainder did not arrive until 5 a.m.

The barrage was effective and by 5.15 a.m. the final objective had been reached, the main opposition coming from AUGER WOOD.

Throughout the attack heavy concentrations of machine gun fire hampered the movements of the troops.

As the attack progressed the fire became weaker, owing to the number of machine guns captured and crews killed.

The Right Company after passing through LIHONS put out of action the crews of some light field guns, which were on the Eastern side of the village.

Left Bn.

At 4 a.m. on the 11th., in conjunction with 10th. and 12th. Battalions on the Right and 7th. A.I. Bde. on left the 11th. Battalion was able to push forward. The left flank advancing to X.17.C.9.7. The Right flank of the 7th. Brigade was then at X.17.B.6.2.

Under cover of the fog at 6 a.m. the enemy attacked the junction between the left and centre companies. Two determined attacks were driven off by rifle, lewis gun and rifle grenades, at this point.

At 9 a.m. the enemy attacked the Right Coy. but was driven off and with the assistance of the 10th. Battalion and a section of the Trench Mortar Battery, the right and Centre companies pushed forward to the old French Line in X.24.A. and the Support Line of the same system running N.W. through X.23.B. and X.17.C.

As the Left Company was still meeting with stubborn resistance, a platoon of Headquarters details under Lieut. RICHES was sent at 3 p.m. to the assistance of the Left Company. With this platoon and fire from trench mortars the enemy were driven out of the trenches in X.17.A. and liaison established with the Brigade on the left.

Right Bn.

At 5.15 a.m. C.O. 10th. Battalion found that both flanks were in the air, patrols were sent out to endeavour to gain touch with the 8th. Battalion on the Right and the 11th. Battalion on the Left.

At 6 a.m. an Officer of the 8th. Battalion asked the Right Coy. Commander if he could still hold the line in front of LIHONS as he was unable to gain touch with his men on the Right. The Right Company Commander agreed to do this until the 8th. Battalion could get up into position.

By 7 a.m. this flank was secure and the 8th. Battalion took over a portion of the line on the right.

At 7.25 a.m. the 9th. Battalion who were holding a line along the road through S.25.B. and X.24.C. were ordered to take up a position covering the gap which existed from the Northern Corner of AUGER WOOD to S.19.B.0.0.

At 8.30 a series of counter-attacks developed against the line in S.19.D. and a number of the enemy succeeded in breaking through towards CREPEY WOOD and the hospital at X.24.C.6.8. To deal with this situation the remaining Company of the 10th. Battalion was sent forward to assist the remnants of "A" Coy. 10th. Battalion which was attached to the 9th. Battalion. The Reserve Coy. of the 12th. Battalion was also ordered to move up to assist in filling the gap.

Fierce fighting took place between CREPEY WOOD and the new line in the course of which heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy and a number of prisoners were taken.

The Brigade Mining Coy. which up to this time had been engaged in carrying were now sent forward to take up a position W of CREPEY WOOD.

At 1.20 p.m. the enemy again attacked from the direction of the wood in S.20 under an artillery barrage. It is estimated that at least 1 Battalion of the enemy were employed for this attack.

At 1.30 the 9th. Battalion reported the enemy debouching from LIHU WOOD in extended order. An artillery barrage was put down on S.20.C. and D. and a heavy machine gun fire was brought to bear on the attack, which was stopped and heavy casualties inflicted.

For a time small bodies of the enemy continued to dribble forward through the complicated system of old trenches in this area and a few men penetrated our line, these were either killed or captured.

By 4 p.m. the line was completely established, the 2nd. Battalion which was occupying the Red Line in support of the Brigade not being called upon.

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The line being consolidated at this time ran as follows:-

S.26.D.7.7. - S.26.B.2.5. - S.26.A.5.7. - S.19.D.9.6. -
S.19.B.5.0. - thence along trench to X.24.A.6.3. - X.24.A.0.6. -
X.23.B.9.7. - X.23.B.4.6. - thence along support line to
X.11.D.1.2.

On the 12th. the firing line of the old French System
from X.23.B.9.7. to X.11.D.4.0. was occupied without serious
opposition, and a liaison post established with the
23rd. Battalion at X.11.D.4.0.

On the evening of 15th. the line was again pushed forward
to the following line - S.19.B.6.0. - S.19.B.6.6. - X.24.A.8.8. -
thence along the old front line trench to X.18.A.5.0.

.....Brig-General
Commanding 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

NOTES.

1. The following enemy material (amongst other) was reported as captured but owing to the changes in the line and relief, was not collected.

12	4.2. inch Howitzers.
1	8" (about) gun
3	Heavy Trench Mortars
2	Light Trench Mortars.
142	Machine Guns.

2. Ammunition etc. sent forward from the Brigade Refilling Point.-

	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	TOTAL
S.A.A.	80,000	250,000	130,000	30,000	540,000
Grenades					
No. 36.	720	2,400	1,800	720	5,640
No. 23	720	2,400	2,040	600	5,760
No. 27	120	360	120	120	720
V. Lights	750	1,200	300	300	2,550
S.O.S. Rockets- RRR	12	12	12	12	48
GCG	24	24	24	24	84
Stokes Shells to 3rd. T.M. Bty.					2,496.
Also supplied 4th. A.I. Bde. with -					

S.A.A. 147,000 rounds of which 72,000 rds. were delivered to Tanks.

Gren. No. 36	2,040.
23	1,080
27	1,080
V. Lights	
White	1,500
Ground	
Flares Red	512

3. Casualties. Period 6th. to 18th. August, 1918.

	<u>Officers.</u>			<u>Other Ranks</u>		
	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Killed	Wounded	Missing
9th. Bn.	2	10	-	30	143	10
10th. Bn.	2	2	-	39	86	11
11th. Bn.	7	8	-	36	139	7
12th. Bn.	1	6	-	10	65	4
3rd. T.M. Bty.	-	-	-	-	2	-
	12	26	-	105	435	32

3rd. Brigade Mining Coy. are included in above Figures.

4. During the counter-attack on the morning of the 11th. 1 N.C.O. and 4 men of the 10th. Battalion were captured and taken towards SALAMANDER ALLEY by the enemy. When near this trench the Corporal (Corporal DUNCAN D.C.M. MM. and Bar) noticed between 200 and 300 of the enemy in the maze of trenches in X.24.A. The party was fired on by one of our machine guns with the result that the Germans took cover and Cpl. DUNCAN'S party broke away and regained our lines.

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5. For the advance on the morning of the 11th, the artillery barrage was very well arranged and carried out; it was thick and regular, and no difficulty was experienced in keeping close up to it.

6. Tanks. The tanks attached for the operation would have been of vast assistance if liaison could have been maintained. They were however, over an hour late and very uncertain of the role they had to play in the operation. The first two tanks to report were sent to the village of LIHONS, as it was doubtful whether this village had been properly mopped up, and the orders given were to continually promenade the streets until the mist lifted, or until they were certain that no considerable numbers of the enemy were left behind. Small mopping up parties of such troops as could be spared were also sent into the village to assist these tanks. Two other tanks did good work round about AUGER WOOD and in front of CREPEY WOOD., and one tank was ordered to move in front of 11th. Battalion and assist them. The Commander of this tank however, reported that if this work were carried out his tank was practically certain to become a casualty as it was then too light. The order was therefore cancelled and the tank released.

Lessons.

1. Artillery Barrage is inadvisable unless it is thick - say one gun per 30 yards. It is thought that concentrated shoots on certain areas would be more effective - e.g. CREPEY WOOD. If a heavy barrage had been concentrated on this during the attack on the 10th. this WOOD could have been occupied easily and the line extended on each flank from the edge of the wood.
A creeping barrage should not be put down more than 250 yards in front of the line held by the troops. Otherwise machine guns close to our line are not dealt with, the attack is held up and the barrage runs away from the troops.
Creeping Barrages should be arranged to commence a certain distance from the line actually held by the troops. Not from an indefinite line drawn on the map.
2. Smoke shells should be carried by the artillery to assist tanks.
3. Stokes mortars with pack transport are invaluable.
4. The system of locating troops in positions by contact planes is not yet satisfactory.
5. Good maps should be issued as early as possible. Maps of 1/40,000 scale are of little use, where the country is intersected by intricate systems of trenches.
6. Machine Guns would be more mobile if pack transport was used for the guns.
7. No. 36 Rifle Grenades were difficult to obtain at the beginning of the operation.
8. A light stokes shell giving an increased range would be useful.
9. The Machine Gun Coy. Commander should be at Brigade H.Q. and Section Commanders at the nearest Battalion H.Q. to establish communication.
10. Not enough consideration is given to the time it takes to issue orders to subordinate Commanders.
11. Brigade Headquarters of the Brigades on flanks of formations should be as close together as possible.

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3RD. AUST. LIGHT TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY.Report on Operations from 10th. to 15th. August, 1918.Ref. Sheet Map - HARBONNIERES - 1/40,000.

On the morning of August 10th. at 5 a.m. Lieut. T.A. MILES reported to C.O. 9th. Battalion at W.24.A.7.5. with 1 Sgt. 2 Crews and 2 Stokes Mortars, and a carrying party of 2 M.C.Os. and 8 men. Five mules were placed at the disposal of Lieut. MILES by C.O. 9th. Battalion.

Orders from the C.O. of the Battery were to follow up the Advance of the 9th. Battalion and give all assistance possible with Mortars if the Advance was held up, particular attention to be paid to enemy machine guns.

At 6.40 a.m. Lieut. MILES moved off from W.24.A.7.5. in rear of 9th. Battalion, who were in artillery formation with two mortars in centre rear of the Battalion, and 5 mules, each carrying 12 rounds Stokes ammunition, extended across the rear of the Battalions, 50 yards between mules.

The Advance continued without incident till road running N.W. through X.32. Central was reached at about 8.45 a.m. where a halt was made until our artillery barrage was put down. Heavy machine gun fire was encountered from Left Flank and detachments and mules were moved to trench slightly in advance of the road. At 8 a.m. when the Infantry had crossed road running N.W. from X.28.B.2.8. to X.17.C.8.4. Lieut. MILES went forward with one gun detachment and two mules, leaving the remaining gun detachment and three mules to follow at a distance of 150 yards - progress was made in this manner by means of short moves to selected cover, to road running N.W. from X.28.B.2.8. to X.17.C.8.4., where Lieut. MILES again assembled the two detachments and 5 mules under cover and went forward to reconnoitre. Mules were then moved forward, one at a time through a trench to X.29.A.7.8. Heavy Machine Gun fire was here encountered from left flank, and it was decided not to take the mules further forward; they were unloaded, dump established at X.29.A.7.8. and mules sent back to W.24.A.7.5. for another load at 8.30 a.m. Lieut. MILES then sent Sgt. McSWENEY forward to get in touch with Company Commanders and to locate the machine guns which appeared to be holding up the advance, whilst he personally reported to C.Os 9th. and 11th. Battalions and told them he was going forward to engage enemy machine guns on left flank. Sgt. McSWENEY had meanwhile pushed one gun and 20 rounds of ammunition forward across country and through trenches to X.23.D.4.7. where he immediately opened fire at 8.45 a.m. on hostile machine gun at X.24.C.5.9. silencing it at the third shot with a direct hit. He then engaged another machine gun at approx. X.24.A.3.0. which appeared to be in an enemy strong post, as our fire drove numbers out of the enemy from the locality, who were fired on by our Vickers and Lewis Guns. Sgt. McSWENEY was badly wounded by Machine gun fire just as he had fired the last of the 20 rounds which he had taken forward. Lieut. MILES then had the remaining 40 rounds ammunition carried forward to gun and continued firing on post and machine gun at X.24.A.3.0. ultimately silencing the machine gun and temporarily driving the enemy from the post, this operation taking 50 rounds.

A machine gun at approx. X.23.A.8.5. was continuing to hold up the advance and after consultation with Company Commander (Capt. O'NEIL M.C. 11th. Battalion), the remaining 10 rounds were fired at this Machine gun temporarily silencing same. Gun was then temporarily withdrawn at 12.30 p.m. to Wood at X.23.C.8.0. to await the arrival of mules with further ammunition.

Lieut. MILES then reconnoitred the whole of the Brigade front and saw all the Company Commanders. The two chief points which appeared to be holding up the advance, were machine guns at X.24. which had been previously fired on, and machine guns at CAMP DE CHASSEURS at X.17.d.1.2. On his return to the guns at approx. 5 p.m. Lieut. MILES found that the second load of ammunition had arrived and preparations were made to have it carried forward and fired at the last mentioned target, when Lieut. MILES^{was} relieved at 5.30 p.m. by Lieut. A MacNEIL.

On the evening of the 10th. slight enemy movements were observed in vicinity of X.24.D.5.9. (near hospital), a few rounds were fired by No. 1 gun, and enemy scattered and dealt with by our M.Guns.

The night 10th/11th. was fairly quiet and Lieut. MacNEIL took full advantage of the opportunity to ascertain exact locations of our outposts, get in touch with Company Commanders in the line and get forward a further supply of ammunition to the guns. During his tour of the outposts he salvaged a Lewis Gun, the gunner apparently having been killed early in the day. The L.G. was very valuable to the Battery, and excellent shooting was done with it by Lieut. MacNEIL, in conjunction with the Stokes, when the enemy attacked CREPEY WOOD on the morning of the 11th.

During ~~the~~ attack on CREPEY WOOD on the morning of the 11th. very excellent shooting was done by Nos. 1 and 2 guns firing from approx. X.23.A.4.7. on enemy advancing through squares X.24.B. & D. and in vicinity of Hospital.

Two more guns Nos. 3 and 4 with Lieut. COOKE in charge reported to Lieut. MacNEIL at X.23.D.4.7. at 5.30 a.m. on 11th. instant. These guns were placed in position approx. X.23.B. both engaging enemy targets in and around the vicinity of Camp de CHASSEURS.

During enemy counter-attack on CREPEY WOOD on the morning of 11th. instant, Nos. 1 and 2 guns and the Lewis Gun fixed by Lieut. MacNEIL did very excellent shooting on the advancing enemy from X.23.A.4.7. on to X.24.B. & D. and Hospital. Nos. 3 and 4 guns firing from X.23.B. engaged enemy machine guns and posts in Square X.17.D. with excellent results. After enemy's counter-attack was repulsed Nos. 1 and 2 guns put down a light barrage on Squares X.24.B. and D. to cover the advance of "C" Coy. of the 11th. Battalion. The barrage was very effective, the Company Commander expressing his appreciation to Lieut. MacNEIL and gun crews on the excellent assistance rendered. Nos. 1 2 and 3 guns were then pushed forward into our new posts and also a supply of ammunition. As there were no enemy within range, the guns were placed on S.O.S. line in positions approx. No. 1 - X.24.D.7.8. - No. 2 X.24.B.4.3. - No. 3 X.24.B.4.5. No. 4 gun being kept in position at X.23.B. to cover the left Company of the 11th. Bn.

Total expenditure by 4 guns during 11th. instant - 550 rounds.

At 6 p.m. by orders from O.C. No. 2 gun was withdrawn from X.24.B.4.3. and sent back as reserve gun to Battalion H.Q. at X.23.B.3.8.

No. 4 gun at X.23.B. under Sgt. HOCKEY, carried out a shoot, engaging enemy machine guns, whilst the left company of the 11th. Battalion advanced their line. This gun was mobile and advanced with the Company, the 11th. Battalion supplying the ammunition carrying party. The gun fired 90 rounds and after consolidation of the line was withdrawn and sent back as reserve gun to Battalion H.Q. at X.23.B.3.8. The night of the 11th./12th. was quiet, no enemy targets being within range, so two guns at X.24.D.7.8. and X.24.B.4.5. were laid on S.O.S. line. At 5 p.m. on the evening of the 12th. instant one gun with Lt. MacNEIL in charge went forward with a patrol of the 11th. Bn. to reconnoitre MADAME BOIS - this gun covered the advance of the patrol firing from approx. S.13.D.1.9. The patrol met with very strong resistance from the enemy and had to withdraw to main line under cover of Stokes barrage. Number of rounds fired covering patrol 120.

Throughout the operation the Infantry assisted greatly in carrying Stokes ammunition and keeping the guns supplied.

The Os. C. Companies speak very highly of the work carried out by these guns on the left sector and the valuable assistance they rendered. Number of rounds expended from Night 10th/11th. to 11th/12th. August 760.

At 8 p.m. on night 12th. August, Lieut. COOKE relieved Lieut. MacNEIL on two right guns. Guns were set up on S.O.S. lines. Very little shooting was done owing to the chief target MADAME BOIS being out of range.

Situation in line was very quiet until 6 p.m. 13/8/18 when Mr. COOKE was relieved by Lieut. MILES.

Two guns were placed in position in the front line at X.17.C.75.90. and X.17.C. 95.90. and 120 rounds ammunition with guns, on 13th. inst, Company Commanders could find no targets within range and guns were set on S.O.S.

During the night 13th/14th. the Left Company Left Battalion was relieved by one Company of the 23rd. Battalion, and as, in the opinion of the Line Officer, the communication trenches leading to the enemy were not sufficiently guarded, two guns were withdrawn to positions X.17.C.7.9. and X.17.C.60.95. and set on S.O.S.

The situation remained quiet until night 15th/16th. when the Battery was relieved by 4th. A.L.T.M. Bty.

18/8/18

(sgd) A MacNEIL Lieut.
for O.C. 3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty.

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APPENDIX

COPY NO.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. ORDER NO. 136.

Ref. HARBOUNIERES Sheet -
1/40,000.

Brigade Headquarters,
20th, August, 1918.

1. Operations by the Corps are to be resumed on "Z" day, Zero hour will probably be about dawn.
1st. Australian Division is to launch its attack from the present front of the 5th. Australian Division.
The method will be for the 5th. Aust. Div. to leave its line battalions in line and 1st. Australian Division to form up on a taped line during "Y - Z" Night.
2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will attack on the Right, 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade on the Left. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. will be in Divisional Reserve.
The objective, the Divisional and Inter-Brigade Boundaries are shown on attached map.
Moves preparatory to the attack will be effected on "X" day.
Artillery available will probably be 8 F.A. Brigades.
A creeping barrage will be put down 200 yards in front of the Infantry Start Line for a period of 3 minutes.
The Barrage will then lift at the rate of 100 yards in 2 minutes for three lifts and thereafter, lift at rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes.
About 24 tanks will be available.
These will be moved to the Tank start line early on "Y - Z" Night, and will pass through the Infantry start line at Zero.
The role of the Pioneers will be to assist in consolidation.
C.R.E. will arrange for two companies to be placed at the disposal of each attacking Brigade.
Portions of these companies will be told off to carry forward material for splinter proof cover for headquarters and to assist in digging such headquarters.
Field Companies will be used in taping the forming-up line and subsequently in consolidation and wiring. Arrangements will be made to carry forward concertina barb wire.
2. The Nucleus Battalion will be at CORBIE under the command of Lieut-Col. L.M. MULLEN D.S.O.
3. The following Officers in addition to the ordinary quota will remain with the Nucleus Battalion,-

Lieut-Col.	L.M. MULLEN D.S.O.	+	9th. Battalion
Lieut-Col.	J. NEWMAN D.S.O.	-	11th. Battalion
Major	H.A. MacPHERSON	-	12th. Battalion
Capt.	R.K. HURCOMBE	M.C.-	10th. Battalion

Major H.A. MacPHERSON will be available as Liaison Officer at 1st. Aust. Div. H.Q. if required.
4. Battalion Commanders will have reconnaissances made of the area as early as possible. Officers reconnoitring must report to the Headquarters of the area which they propose to visit. Parties will not consist of more than 2 Officers.
Location of Headquarters -

Right Brigade	-	5th. Division	-	Q.29.D.
Left Brigade	-	5th. Division	-	Q.16.A.3.4.
Reserve Brigade	-	5th. Division	-	Q.20.B.2.0.
Advance Headquarters	-	5th. Aust. Div.	-	P.7.A.1.3.
5. All ranks will be reminded of the order as to secrecy concerning operations.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. S. Anderson
..... Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 12 noon.

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11	3rd. A.M.G. Coy.
12	3rd. Field Engrs. with Map.
13	3rd. Field Ambulance.
14	Lieut-Col. L.H. MULLEN D.S.O.
15	4th. Coy. A.A.S.C.
16	3rd. Brigade Supply Officer.
17	1st. Aust. Div.
18	1st. Brigade.
19	2nd. Brigade.
20	Staff Captain.
21	Brigade Sig. Officer with Map.
22	Bde. Intelligence Officer
23	Camp Commandant.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 137

Reference

HARBONNIERES - 1/40,000.

Brigade Headquarters,
20th. August, 1918.

Date

1. The 1st. Australian Division is relieving the 5th. Australian Division in the line on the 21st. and night 21st./22nd.
2. The 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 8th. Australian Infantry Brigade in Divisional Reserve in accordance with the table in Para. 3.

3. Troops in order of march.	Starting Time	Destination	In Relief of
12th. Battalion	1 p.m.	Q.22.A. & C.	32nd. Battn.
10th. Battalion	1.45 p.m.	Q.21.B. & C.	30th. Battn.
9th. Battalion	2.30 p.m.	Q.20.B.	31st. Battalion.
11th. Battalion	3.15 p.m.	Q.13. B. & D.	-----
3rd. T.M. Bty.	(4 p.m.	Q.20.A.9.9.	8th. T.M. Bty.
3rd. Bde. Min. Coy.	(Q.20.B.	-----

Brigade Headquarters will march at 2 p.m. direct to 8th. Bde. H.Q. Q.20.B.2.0.

Route. Via HAMEL to P. 17. Central thence by overland tracks through P.18. C. & D. - Q.19.A. & B. to Q.20. Central.

Distances. Between Battalions 1000 yards - Companies 200 yards - Platoons 100 yards - Unit and transport 200 yards.

4. Transport will accompany Units.
5. Administrative arrangements are being issued separately.
6. Disposition sketches will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. on completion of the move.
7. Brigade Units ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 9 p.m.

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

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13	3rd. Field Ambulce.	14	4th. Coy. A.A.S.C.
15	Brigade Supply Off.	16	Lieut-Col. MULLEN D.S.O.
17	1st. Aust. Div.	18	1st. A.I. Bde.
19	2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.	20	8th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
21	Staff Captain	22	Bde. Sig. Officer
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I desire to express officially to all ranks of the Australian Corps my sincere appreciation of their splendid victory over the enemy on August 8th and the succeeding days.

The task that was allotted to them depended largely for its success on the element of surprise. The care that was taken prior to August 8th to camouflage the arrival of the Canadian Corps interfered to some extent with the Australian Corps' dispositions. In spite of this and other difficulties, the assembly of the Corps, the distribution of the tanks, and the disposition of a large force of heavy and field artillery, were accomplished by night without attracting attention.

From zero onwards everything went according to programme and without a hitch. It was no ordinary feat to win all the objectives allotted, to effect a penetration of 10 miles into the hostile position, and to reach the most distant objective half an hour before scheduled time.

The three points which I desire specially to eulogize are (1) the splendid gallantry and drive of the infantry; (2) the thoroughness and precision of the Staff work of the Corps, Divisions, and Brigades, and (3) the skill and rapidity with which the mobile artillery were brought forward in close support of the infantry for the attack of the more distant objectives.

I offer my heartiest congratulations and warm thanks to all ranks of the Australian Corps, though I feel that whatever words I may use all Australians realize that "Victory is her own reward". It was a splendid performance and as fine a feat of arms as any that even this war can produce.

B Pawlun

H.Q., Fourth Army,
16th August, 1918.

General,
Commanding Fourth Army.

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APPENDIX 17

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COPY NO.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 138

Ref. 62D S.E. - 1/20,000.

Brigade Headquarters,
22nd. August, 1918.

1. At Zero hour on the 23rd. August the 1st. and 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigades are attacking on the frontage R.34. Central to R.9. Central (approx.). Inter-Brigade Boundary E and W grid through R.21. Central.
2. At Zero hour the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. will move forward and take up a position in Artillery formation in Sqs. R.19.B. & D. - R.25. B. as under:-
 - 9th. & 12th. Battalions. - Immediately E of a line drawn N & S through R.19.D.5.0.. Inter-Battalion boundary E & W Line through R.19.D.0.5. 9th. Battalion on the right - 12th. Battalion on the Left.
 - 11th. and 10th. Battalions. Immediately W of N and S line through R.19.D.5.0. - inter-battalion boundary as above. 11th. Battn. on the Right.
 - 3rd. Field Coy.)
3rd. Bde. Mining Co.) Near Hospital in R.19.C.9.2.
 - 3rd. Field Amb. Bearer Sub-div. - R.24. Central.
 - 3 rd. A.L.T.M. Bty. - R.19. Central.
3. Order of March - 9th. Bn. - 12th. Bn. - 11th. Bn. - 10th. Bn. 3rd. Field Coy. - 3rd. Bde. Mining Coy. - 3rd. L.T.M. Bty. - 3rd. Field Amb. Bearer Sub-div.
4. Route - Direct by overland tracks.
5. Brigade Headquarters will be established forward at Zero hour - at a location to be notified.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. S. Anderson
..... Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.

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12	1st. Aust. Div.
13	1st. Aust. Inf. Bde.
14	2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde.
15	1st. M.G. Battalion.
16	3rd. Field Ambulance.
17	Staff Captain
18	Brigade I.O.
19	Bde. Sig. Officer
20	Camp Commandant.

Ref. Special Sheet.

Brigade Headquarters.

1/20,000.

22nd. August, 1918.

1. The 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade on reaching objective, (BLACK LINE) will exploit to the RED LINE.

The 3rd. Australian Division North of the River SOMME are attacking and are expecting to reach the following line - G.13.B.O.O. - L.11.D.O.O. L.11. Central - L.5. Central - thence a line running North West.

2. The 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. will pass through the 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde. in the RED LINE and continue the advance at a Zero hour to be notified later.

Objective - The BLUE LINE.

3. Northern Divisional Boundary - the River SOMME.

Inter-Brigade Boundary - E and W Line through R.10.A.O.6.

Inter-battalion Boundary - Northern edge of LONG WOOD. - L.35.D.O.2. - thence to Southern edge of OLYMPIA WOOD.

4. Battalions will move to assembly positions in Squares R.7. and R.13. at 2.30 a.m. keeping close into the Western edge of St. GERMAIN WOOD. 3rd. T.M. Battery and 3rd. Field Coy. will move in rear of Battalions. Route - via Q.22.C.5.O. - South of AMY WOOD - Q.24. Central and R.19.A.

5. Method of attack 12th. Battalion on the Right - 10th. Battalion on Left - 11th. Battalion Left Support 9th. Battalion Left Support. Support Bns. will be responsible for mopping up the area passed over by the Line Battalions in their advance.

6. For the purpose of the operation, the 298th. R.F.A. Brigade will cover the Right Section, 5th. Bde. R.H.A. will cover the Left Section.

7. Machine Guns. One section 1st. M.G. Coy. will be allotted to each 10th. and 12th. Bns. 1st. M.G. Coy. less 2 Sections will remain in Reserve near Bde. H.Q.

8. Stokes Mortars. One section will be attached to each 10th. and 12th. Battalions. 3rd. T.M. Bty. less 2 Sections will be in reserve near Bde. H.Q.

9. Brigade H.Q. will open at Q.18.C. at midnight 22nd./23rd. inst. On reaching the RED LINE Headquarters of attacking Battalions will be located at the Headquarters of the Line Battalions of 1st. A.I. Bde.

10. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(sgd) J.S. ANDERSON Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 140

Brigade Headquarters,
25th. August, 1918.

3RD
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.
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1. (i) The Brigade will be prepared to press any withdrawal of the enemy.
(ii) Orders have already been issued as to the maintenance of contact.
2. Should the enemy withdraw the method of pursuit will be as follows:-
 - (a) The Divisional front will be re-adjusted to form a 2 Brigade front with 3rd. A.I. Bde. on the Left, 1st. A.I. Bde. on Right and 2nd. A.I. Bde. as Divisional Reserve.
 - (b) Brigade and Battalion Boundaries will be as follows:-

Brigade Left Boundary - L.29.D.5.2. to L.30.C.4.5. to G.25.C.7.0. along Grid Line to I.25.C.0.0. to I.31.A.8.3. to I.32.B.0.7.

Brigade Right Boundary. - M.7.D.5.0. along grid line to O.9.C.0.0.

Inter-Battalion Boundary - R.6.A.5.0. along grid line to O.2. Central.
 - (c) Battalions will advance by patrol methods, patrols being well supported.
3. The most important principles to be borne in mind are:-
 - (i) That closest liaison and co-operation is maintained between Artillery, Infantry and Machine Guns.
 - (ii) That Commanders are well forward and that every means of communication is exploited, information being passed to the Brigade H.Q. as accurately and early as possible.
4. (i) The action contained herein is purely a Warning Order. Action will be taken on receipt of wire from Brigade H.Q.
"Adopt Action under Brigade Order No. 140 AAA Zero hour"
- (ii) Until this message is sent the present contact by patrol will be maintained.

J. S. Anderson
..... Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 2.30 p.m.

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13	Field Ambulance	14	3rd. M.G. Coy.
15	1st. A.I. Bde.	16	2nd. A.I. Bde.
17	1st. Aust. Divn.	18	Left Group Arty.
19	10th. A.I. Bde.	20	Staff Capt.
21	Bde. I.O.	22	Bde. Sig. Off.
23	Camp Commandant	24-25	Spares

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 141

Brigade Headquarters,
25th. August, 1918.

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1. The enemy is still holding out in OLYMPIA WOOD and on the high ground to the E of it.
2. At a Zero hour to be notified (probably 10 p.m.) the 11th. and 10th. Battalions will pass through the 12th. and 9th. Battalions and continue the advance.
The 12th. and 9th. Battalions will remain in Close Support to the Line Battalions.
3. The Left Group Artillery will cover the advance.
Detailed arrangements will be issued later.
4. Machine Guns are allotted as follows:-
 - 1 Section with 11th. Battalion
 - 2 Sections with 10th. Battalion.
 - 1 Section Reserve (at present with 9th. Battalion).
5. Trench Mortars Two guns are allotted to each 11th. and 10th. Battalions.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 8 p.m.

T. B. L. Smith
..... Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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12	1st. A.I. Bde.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 142

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Ref. 62C and D. -
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AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters,
26th, August, 1918.

No.

1. The 6th, Aust. Inf. Bde. is relieving the 3rd, Aust. Inf. Bde. in the line on 26th, and night 26th/27th, August.
2. The Boundaries being taken over by the 6th, Brigade are as follows:-

(a) <u>Inter-Brigade.</u>	E and W Grid through M.8.C.O.O.
(b) <u>Inter-Battalion</u>	E and W Grid through M.2.Central.
(c) <u>Inter-Battalion</u>	E and W Grid through G.33.A.O.O.

Headquarters21st. and 22nd. Battalions - G.32.A.2.9.
24th. Battalion - M.7.B. or D.

3. The relief will be carried out as under:-

11th. Battalion will be relieved by the 24th. Battalion as far North as the inter-battalion boundary (b). The 22nd. Battalion will relieve 11th. Battalion elements North of this Boundary.

10th. Battalion. elements South of the Boundary (c) will be relieved by the 22nd. Battalion.

The 21st. Battalion will relieve that part of the 10th. Battalion North of the boundary (c)

9th. & 12th. Battalions withdraw without relief after the line Battalions have been relieved.

3rd. M.G. Coy. will be relieved by 1 Coy. 2nd. M.G. Battalion.

3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty. will be relieved by 6th. A.L.T.M. Bty.

3rd. Field Coy. will be relieved by 6th. Field Coy.

4. The Brigade Group less Field Coy. - Mining Coy. and Field Ambce. will bivouac in the PROYART VALLEY on relief.
The 3rd. Field Coy. - 3rd. Bde. Mining Coy. and 3rd. Field Ambce. will proceed direct to CERISY Area during the evening of 26th. instant.

5. Ammunition, Area Stores, etc. will be handed ^{over} as they stand.

6. Command will pass to G.O.C. 6th. Inf. Bde. on completion of relief.

7. Completion of relief will be notified to Bde. H.Q. in Code by wire.

Brigade H.Q. will remain at present location. (R.7.D.5.4.).

8. Personnel of Nucleus Battalion will rejoin their Units on 27th instant.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 4 p.m.J. S. Anderson, Major
Brigade Major, 3rd, Aus. Inf. Bde.DISTRIBUTION.

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11	3rd. Bde. Nucleus Bn.	12	3rd. Field Coy. A.E.
13	3rd. M.G. Coy.	14	4th. Coy. A.A.S.C.
15	3rd. Bde. Supply Off.	16	6th. A.I. Bde.
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19	10th. A.I. Bde.	20	3rd. Field Ambce.
21	Staff Capt.	22	Bde. I. Officer

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 143

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Brigade Headquarters,
26th. August, 1918.

1. The Brigade Group less 3rd. Field Coy. - 3rd. Field Ambulance and 3rd. Bde. Mining Coy. will march to CERISY Area tomorrow to bivouacs as already allotted.

2. Starting Point - R.8.A.O.O.

3. Starting Times -

12th. Battalion	-	9 a.m.
9th. Battalion	-	9.30 a.m.
3rd. T.M. B ty.	-	10 a.m.
Brigade H.Q. & Sig. Sec.-		10.15 a.m.
11th. Battalion		10.30 a.m.
10th. Battalion	-	11 a.m.
3rd. M.G. Coy.	-	11.30 a.m.

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4. Route- MERICOURT - Bridge at Q.5.D.3.1. - Bridge at Q.4.C.o.3. .

5. The usual distances will be maintained on the march and instructions regarding Defence Against Aircraft complied with.

6. Transport will accompany Units.

7. Units will report arrival in Bivouac to Brigade Headquarters.

8. Brigade Headquarters will close at R.7.D.6.5. at 10 a.m. and open at CERISY at the same hour.

9. Brigade Group ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued at 11.30 p.m.

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12.	3rd. Field Coy. Engrs.
13.	3rd. M.G. COY.
14.	3rd. Field Ambco.
15.	1st. Aust. Div.
16.	Area Commandant, CERISY.
17.	4th. Coy. A.A.S.C.
18.	Bde. Supply Officer.
19.	Bde. Transport Officer.
20.	Staff Capt <i>ain</i> .
21.	B de. Sig. Officer.
22.	Bde. I.O.
23.	Camp Commandant.

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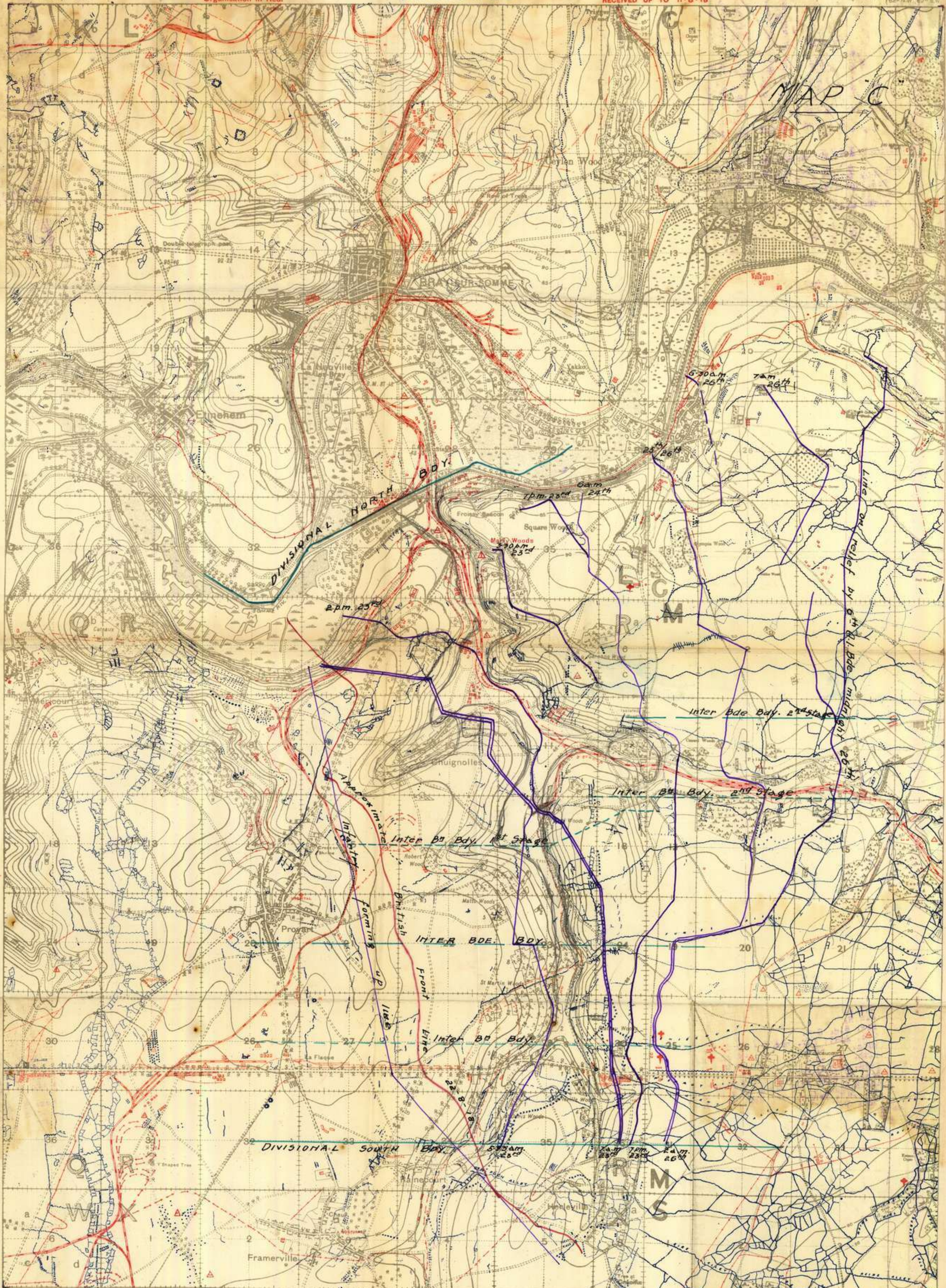
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Report of Operations from the 22nd. to 26th. August, 1918.

At 7 p.m. on 22nd. instant, the G.O.C. Brigade arrived from Division with instructions to move the 3rd. A.I. Brigade through the 1st. A.I. Brigade, which was to come into action and was to reach the Red Line along the valley between CHUIGNOLLES and CHUIGNES running North to the River SOMME, and exploit their success. The 1st. Brigade was to attack at 4.45 a.m. on 23rd. instant.

Unit Commanders were issued with verbal instructions at 9 p.m.

The Divisional Order for attack was received at midnight and the Brigade Staff moved forward at 2.45 a.m. on 23rd. instant to Battle Headquarters at Q.18.C.6.5. where dugouts were in course of erection, and which was also the Headquarters of the 1st. Brigade. The Battalions moved during the night up to the assembly positions in the neighbourhood of ST. GERMAINE WOOD arriving shortly before Zero hour 4.45 a.m.

The barrage opened for the 1st. Brigade attack at 4.45 a.m. and the Battalions were warned to keep in close liaison with the Line Battalions. At 5.45 a.m. the 1st. Brigade reported considerable progress, prisoners coming through freely. At 7.45 a.m. the 1st. Brigade reported their line running R.9.B.2.9. - R.10.B.2.7. - R.10.B.8.5. - R.10.D.8.8.

At 8.25 a.m. the 10th. Battalion reported situation of 1st. Brigade obscure and LUCK WOOD in R.3.B. not cleaned out. At 9 a.m. the 10th. Battalion moved forward one company, supported by one company and established themselves in R.3.C. They then proceeded to clear LUCK WOOD. At 10.4 a.m. the 10th. Battalion reported that LUCK WOOD was in our possession. They had established positions East of it and were in touch with the 1st. Battalion on their right. By 2 p.m. it was reported that the 10th. Battalion Companies had established themselves along the river bank as a flank protection to the Brigade.

At 10.15 a.m. the G.O.C. Brigade decided to attack from the Red Line protected by a creeping barrage provided the supply of ammunition permitted it, and made 2 p.m. his Zero Hour; the Brigade attacking in a N.E. direction with 12th. Bn. on Right 9th. Bn. on Left and 11th. Battalion in Support. The barrage extended over the area from Northern end of MARLY WOOD and a line drawn in a N.E. direction to the South end of CARRENE WOOD, and fell two ~~hundred~~ ^{hundred} yards in front of RED LINE and crept at rate of 100 yards per three minutes to beyond the BLUE LINE. The 9th. Battalion was covered by a smoke barrage only. The high ground in L.17. and 23. ^{was cleared} ~~was dealt with~~ by heavy artillery. The 12th. and 9th. Battalions ^{were ordered} to move over RED LINE, at 2 p.m. The 11th. Battalion was instructed to follow close behind the 12th. Battalion and when clear of RED LINE 2 Companies were to swing to the Left and mop up the valley and high ground in front of the 12th. Battalion, from the flanks.

The 9th. Battalion moved up at 12.30 p.m. in artillery formation from ST. GERMAINE WOOD and proceeded in the direction of CAPPY, with the left flank resting on the Canal.

At 1 p.m. the 12th. Battalion moved off and passed over the high ground in R.9.C. in artillery formation and endeavoured to move into position down the gully on the Northern side of CHUIGNOLLES. Both battalions came under very heavy shelling, and machine gun fire coming particularly from LONG and MARLY WOODS.

At 2 p.m. our barrage came down. LONG WOOD, although reported otherwise, still contained parties of the enemy which were mopped up

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in a stride by the 12th. Battalion. The 9th. Battalion passing through LUCK WOOD, suffered heavy casualties from shell fire and pressed on with their advance to the main road at FROISSY BEACON meeting with little individual opposition. This Battalion was considerably delayed and disorganised by enemy barrage.

The Battalions by this time were mixed and their boundaries indefinite. The heights overlooking CHUIDNOLLES were very gallantly stormed by the 12th. Battalion and a fight ensued on the top in which our troops, although very exhausted, caused the enemy to retire to CARENNE WOOD.

The 11th. Battalion supporting the attack, were quickly involved in the fight. Two Companies of this Battalion operated along the whole of the 9th. Battalion front, and mopping up the enemy from the flank causing him heavy casualties with only slight loss to themselves. MARLY WOOD was held by the enemy and from it he fired with artillery at point-blank range and the position taken up was untenable for the moment. The ground on the North of the Canal, near FROISSY BEACON, was mopped up by the 9th. and 11th. Battalions and later occupied by the 3rd. Divisional Pioneers.

During all this time, the 10th. Battalion were extending their protective flank along the river. On the right it was found by the 12th. Battalion that a frontal attack on CARENNE WOOD was impossible. One Company worked 2 platoons up a Communication Trench on the North of the road and together with another Coy. on the S.E. they rushed the wood and captured 70 prisoners. Meanwhile "D" Coy. of the 12th. Battalion worked over to the left, and meeting less resistance, were able to follow up the retreating enemy to within 400 yards of CAPPY, inflicting heavy casualties on him.

At 5.45 p.m. the C.O. 12th. Battalion reported a gap of 300 yards between the right of his Right Coy. and the left of the Right Brigade. He arranged with the 11th. Bn. to supply one Company to fill the gap. This gap in the meantime had been filled by 1st. Brigade.

The 12th. Battalion had now one Company in front of the 9th. Battalion (Left Battalion Sector), and it was withdrawn at night to the 12th. Battalion's Sector and "D" Company of the 9th. Battalion took up a position from L.35.C.3.8. to L.35.C.7.5. The 12th. Bn. settled on a line approximately L.29.D.0.0. through SQUARE WOOD to L.36.C.2.5. - R.6.A.5.9. and 20 yards beyond the Eastern edge of CARENNE WOOD in R.6.C.8.6.

The 11th. Battalion had moved off at Zero hour during the day. They experienced very stiff fighting, advancing over hills and broken country and gallantly stormed the cliffs of FROISSY BEACON from the canal side, and in spite of exhaustion and severe opposition, established themselves on their objectives by 3.5 p.m.

The night of 23rd/24th was more or less quiet. The Left line Battalion (9th. Battalion) advanced their positions during the night with artillery support and established a new line as follows- L.29.D.6.3. - L.29.D.6.0. - L.35.B.6.6. - thence in front of SQUARE WOOD to L.35.B.8.0. and L.35.D.8.5. and L.36.C.2.3. During the move forward heavy machine gun fire was encountered from the sunken road in L.36.A. and from the canal. The Right Bn. (12th) carried on forward reconnoitring during the 24th. and pushed forward a Company into an old trench running from the S.E. corner of CARENNE WOOD North. At 6 p.m. "B" Coy. of the 12th. Battalion advanced past its bomb stop in the communication trench it was holding at R.6.C.9.6. and encountering the enemy, had a sharp bomb fight, pushing forward its bomb stop 150 yards. During the night

24th/25th, the Battalion extended to its right boundary relieving elements of the 3rd, Battalion 1st, Brigade and was disposed as follows:- "B" Coy. R.12.A.8.5. - R.6.C.8.5. - "A" Coy. R.6.C.8.5. to R.6.A.8.5. - "C" Coy. R.6.C.8.5. to L.3 6.A.8.5.

Patrols were dispatched to locate enemy in front. The enemy were found to hold EARLS WOOD and the sunken road at L.36.A.4.4. and it was decided to straighten the whole Battalion front with a view to a further advance, this being completed by 2.30 a.m. on the 25th. Portion of the 12th, Battalion still in the 9th, Battalion Sector was relieved and the dispositions of the 9th, Battalion were as follows:- "A" Coy. on left L.29.D.4.1. to L.35.A.5.6. - "B" Coy. supports - C Coy. to L.35.D.6.9. - "D" Coy. thence to road L.35.D.8.2.

On the 25th, as a result of the Division on our left having continued their advance North of the River, the Brigade was ~~ordered~~ to attack under artillery barrage. The barrage opened at 4 p.m. and the Right Bn. advanced under heavy machine gun fire from EARLS WOOD and OLYMPIA WOOD and enemy trench in M.2. A. Many casualties were inflicted on us. "C" Coy. 12th, Battalion was prevented from moving and decided to make a further attempt at dusk. "D" Coy. 12th, Bn. pushed up on the right of "A" Coy. and advanced to a position about 200 yards East of road in M.1.A. and and C. "B" Coy. 11th, Battalion also endeavoured to advance but were held up by intense machine gun fire. At this stage three companies of the 12th, Battalion and one Company of the 11th, Bn. bombed their way along Communication trenches and advanced a further 500 yards. The fighting was very severe, the enemy being very obstinate and fighting to the finish. At dusk the 12th, Battalion took up a line as follows - M.8.A.6.5. to M.2, Central to M.2.A.0.5. to G.32.C.1.2.

At this time the 11th, Battalion moved up to positions approximately at S.E. corner of OLYMPIA WOOD, M.2.Central and M.2.C.5.0. The Left Battalion (9th.) had been feeling forward the whole time with patrols, advancing their Left Coy. on the Canal. They advanced under heavy machine gun fire to L.35.C.6.8. touch having now been lost with the 12th, Battalion. At 4.30 p.m. "C" Coy. moved to a position North of OLYMPIA WOOD. The wood was searched and found clear and the line was eventually established, pushing out and including the Wood. At 6.30 p.m. the line ran from the Canal at C.25.D.1.9. to D. Central, thence along the road to the S.E. corner of OLYMPIA WOOD to G.32.C.0.5. where touch was gained with the 11th, Battalion.

As the barrage opened at 4 p.m. "D" Coy. 11th, Battalion was drawn into the fight and as a gap existed between the 9th, and 11th, Battalions, endeavours were made to advance and link up this gap. With the assistance of Stokes Mortar cooperation a Company reached the embankment running from L.36.B.8.0. to L.3 6.B.8.5. Liaison was maintained between them and the 12th, Battalion. The enemy's machine guns could not be accurately located at this time, and he retained superiority of fire. EARLS WOOD and OLYMPIA WOOD were searched by patrols but no enemy was located and touch was gained with the 9th, Bn. at L.36.A.5.2. at 7 p.m.

The enemy then put down a smoke and gas barrage, under cover of which he withdrew his advanced posts. This was discovered quickly by patrols of the 12th, Battalion on the right and the eventual dispositions showed the 12th, Bn. holding the following line in echelon - "C" Coy. L.36.C. to R.6.A.9.6. - "A" & "D" Coys. G.32.C.1.2. - M.2.A.6.6. - M.1.D.8.0. - "B" Coy. and 1 Coy. of 11th, Bn. M.2, Central to M. A.4.5.

During the night the 12th, Battalion was relieved by the 11th, Battalion and the 9th, Bn. by the 10th, Bn. and an advance of

the whole line at midnight having been ordered was cancelled. At 4 a.m. the 12th. Battalion were back in support positions and a new line was taken up by the 11th. Battalion at dawn as follows:- G.31.C. to M.2.A.8.6. to M.2.C.9.7. to M.8.A.5.1. The 10th. Battalion relieved the 9th. Battalion by 2 a.m. and the Brigade was ordered to advance at 6 a.m. under protection of creeping barrage. The 10th. Battalion were assisted by three sections of machine guns, two sections of trench mortars and 2 Brigades of horse artillery.

At 6 a.m. the Brigade advanced, the right flank of the 11th. Battalion remaining as a pivot while the left came forward to 300 yards S.W. of YAKKA WOOD. At 9.45 a.m. liaison was established with the 10th. Battalion on the left and the Battalion advanced in conjunction with the 10th. Battalion at 10.30 a.m. and by 2 p.m. had consolidated on the line M.3.A.2.1. to M.3.C.5.0. to M.9.A.8.8. to M.9.A.6.5. where liaison was established with the 3rd. Battalion.

The 10th. Battalion advanced at Zero hour steadily towards their objective, meeting with little opposition. The objective was approximately a line running South from Quarry in G.26.C. This was reached at 6.30 a.m. and the companies settled down to prepare for the second stage of their advance. During this portion of the operations, the 10th. Battalion left platoon of "A" Coy. advanced to the village of CAPPY, clearing out the remnants of the enemy and finally securing full possession of the village.

The enemy's first line of resistance having been overcome, the Companies were at once ordered to move forward by means of patrols to reach the line approximately from G.21. Central to 27 Central to 35 Central. Artillery was not necessary to cover this advance but in order to cover the large area between the Left Coy. and the river a section of machine guns was emplaced behind the left flank of the advance. The chief opposition encountered was through machine guns, lightly manned. As the Companies pressed forward, the enemy hastily retreated, not seeking any close encounters.

The 10th. Battalion reached and held CHATEAU ORCHARD by 7 a.m. At this stage the position in front of CHATEAU ORCHARD was the most advanced of the line, with its right flank bent back to YAKKA WOOD and the left to the East of JUSTICE WOOD which was taken from the enemy after a sharp struggle. The troops having been fed and rested, the advance was continued.

By this time the enemy's artillery had become active, harassing the right flank coy. from NAMELESS WOOD. It was necessary then to move forward in very small groups, taking advantage of all ground cover. The right flank established its positions by 7 p.m. in G.33.B. Meanwhile the left flank of the 10th. Battalion being protected by two batteries of artillery which were in position near OLYMPIA WOOD, were pushing forward in a spirited manner. 30TH OF OCTOBER WOOD was defended vigorously and was gallantly attacked and captured. The enemy's next defensive line on the left was in SALMON WOOD but, in spite of exhaustion, the gallantry of the troops cleared this position and a line of positions was dug behind SALMON WOOD, while the wood itself was kept clear by patrols. The final line taken up by the 10th. Battalion at 7 p.m. ran G.33.B.25.20. due North to G.27.B.3 0.40. to G.27.B.80.90. to G.21.D.80.60 to G.21.D.50.90.

At 2 p.m. the 11th. Battalion were given artillery support touch was maintained with the enemy along the whole front and the line was slightly advanced. At 6 p.m. under arrangements

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with the C.O. 10th. Battalion the 11th. Battalion took over 300 yards of his line and pushed forward in conjunction with the 10th. Battalion to the line G.33.D.3.0. - M.3.B.3.5. - to M.30.C.3.1. linking up with the 3rd. Battalion at M.9.A.5.0.

At 12.30 a.m. on 27th. instant the relief of the Brigade by the 6th. Brigade was complete.

During the whole of these operations for the period, the attacking Battalions were greatly assisted by the machine guns and trench mortars, as also by the Artillery, which moved forward and kept up with the infantry in a very gallant manner.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

TOTAL AMMUNITION SENT FORWARD FROM THE BRIGADE
REFILLING POINT.

S.A.A.	150,000 rounds.
No. 36 Grenades	1,500 "
No. 23 "	1,000 "
Stokes 3" Shells	2,000 "
Very Lights White 1"	150 "
Tins of water	100

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AMMUNITION SENT FORWARD.

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Date 24/8/18.
 Stokes Shells 960 to Dump at L.34.C.3.8.

Issued to Battalions. 22/8/18.
 S.O.S. Rockets R.R.R. 54
 S.A.A. 60,000.
 Grenades No. 36 840
 23 840

TOTALS FOR EACH DAY.

	<u>23-8-18</u>	<u>24-8-18</u>	<u>Total</u>
S.A.A.	80,000	50,000	130,000.
Grenades No. 36	960	240	1,200
" 23	744	240	984
Water tins	50	50	100
Stokes shells	32	1,968	2,000
Very Lights		150	150

AMMUNITION SENT TO LINE.

Date 24-8-18.

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 Grenades No. 36 744)
 " 23 600) 9th. Battalion.
 Water Tins 20)

23-8-18

S.A.A. 20,000)
 Grenades No. 36 216)
 Grenades No. 23 144) 10th. Battalion
 Water Tins 12)
 Stokes shells 30)

S.A.A.)
 Grenades No. 36)
 Grenades No. 23) 11th. Battalion
 Water Tins 12)
 Stokes shells)

24-8-18

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 Water Tins 50)
 Stokes shells 240)

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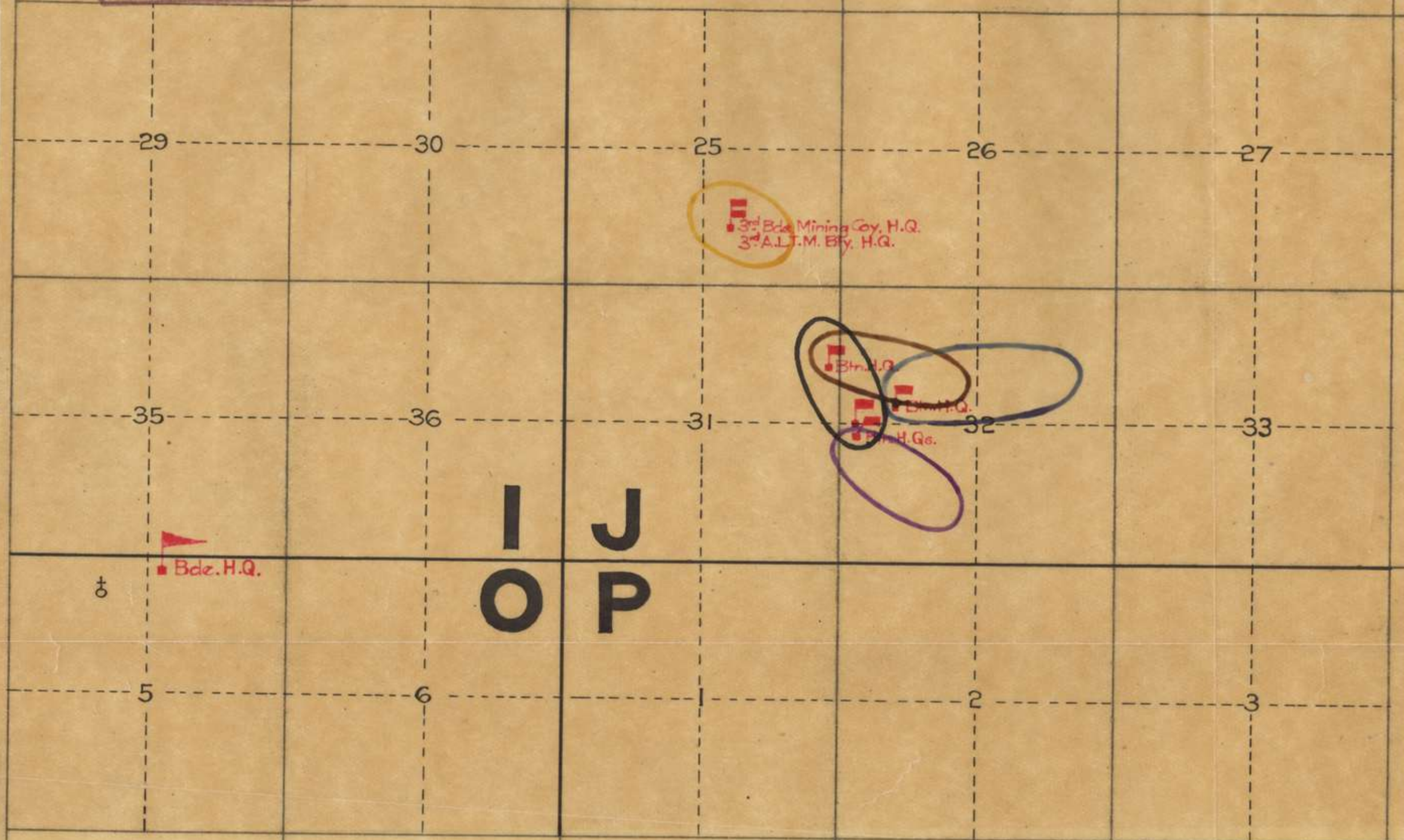
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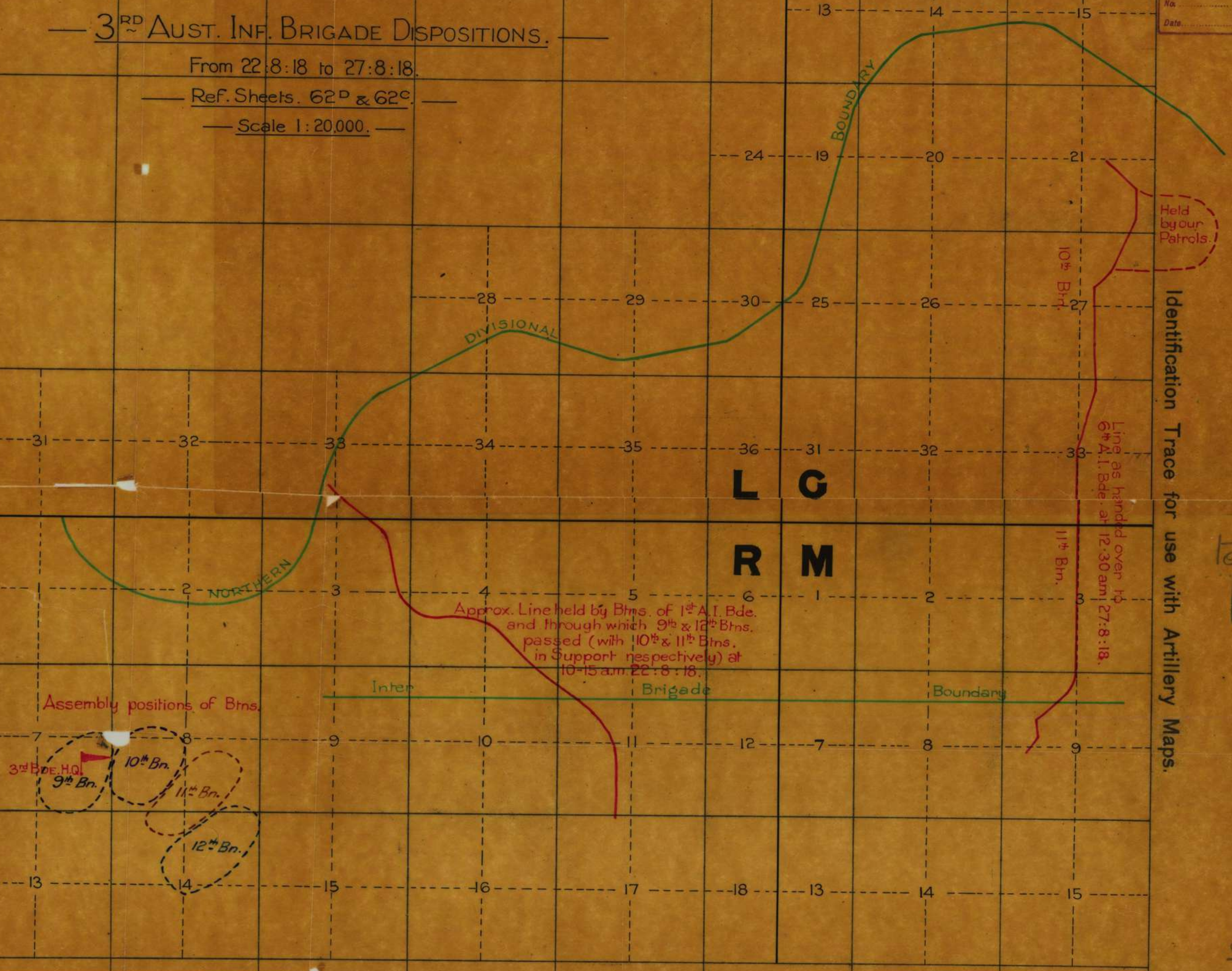
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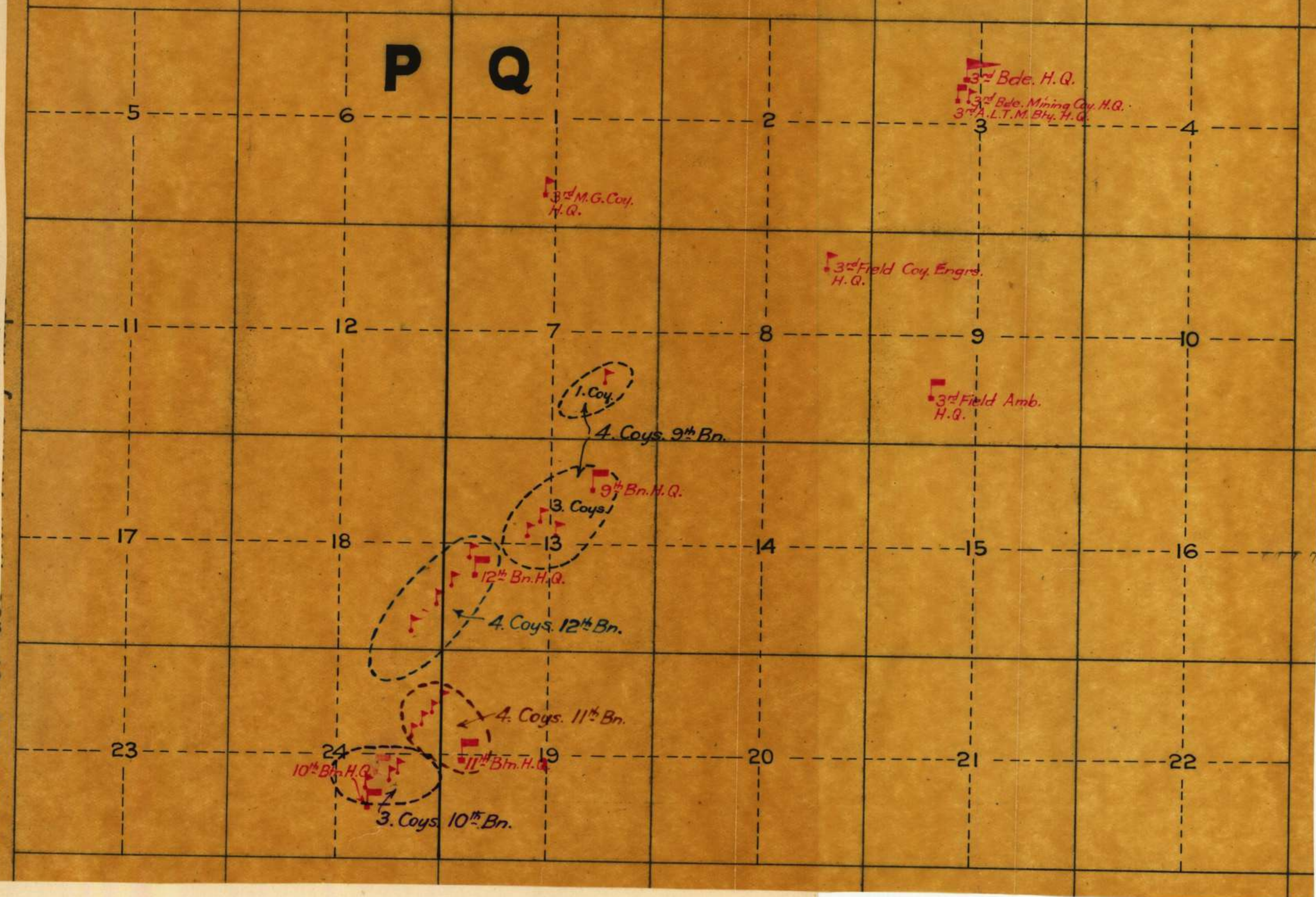
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3rd Bde.

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1918	9th Battalion		10th Battalion		11th Battalion.		12th Battalion		3rd L.T.M.Bty.		Date	3rd Bde.	H.Qrs.																												
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August	9th Battalion		10th Battalion		11th Battalion		12th Battalion		3rd L.T.M.Bty.		3rd Bde. H.Qrs.	
	Offrs. K.W.M.S.	O.Rs. K.W.M.S.	Offrs. K.W.M.S.	O.Rs. K.W.M.S.	Offrs. K.W.M.S.	O.Rs. K.W.M.S.	Offrs. K.W.M.S.	O.Rs. K.W.M.S.	Offrs. K.W.M.S.	O.Rs. K.W.M.S.	Offrs. K.W.M.S.	O.Rs. K.W.M.S.
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23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	4	8	55	2	1	3	1	10	49	5	2	1
25	-	-	7	1	-	4	3	-	3	-	-	-
26	-	6	18	2	-	-	4	1	9	1	1	1
27	-	-	-	-	3	6	3	1	9	1	-	1
28	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	-
29	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	5	-	-	-
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APPENDIX

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 6 a.m. 12/8/18 to 6 a.m. 13/8/18.

Map Ref. Sheets 62D S.E. and 62C, S.W.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

INFANTRY Relief. An inter-battalion relief was carried out during the night, the 10th, and 12th. Battalions now being Right Line and Left Line Battalions respectively, and 11th and 9th, Battalions in Support and Reserve.

Patrols. During the afternoon and night, patrols reconnoitred on the Brigade front and gained touch with the enemy. At 3.30 p.m. 1 Officer and 20 men moved out from our Right Coy. of Left Battalion to gain touch with the enemy and ascertain if BOIS MADAM was occupied. The party moved down GENERAL DUBOIS to old enemy system in Sq. X.18.C. when a patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men were sent forward down SATRAPE ALLEY. This party brought back information that enemy were in MADAM WOOD and in posts on right and left of wood. As the wood was out of range of Trench Mortars a trench mortar was moved down trench with covering party in front and fired on wood, while infantry party advanced down to edge of wood, a Lewis Gun being opened on either flank simultaneously. Enemy was found to be in strength and opened with M.G. Fire and sniped severely. As position was much too strong for further progress, the patrol and T.W. were withdrawn to our lines.

Simultaneously Left Coy. of Left Bn. sent out a patrol from X.17.A.9.6. along to FRAIDHERBE Alley examining trench system en route. No enemy were located in front. Party then moved down FAIDHERBE Avenue for 300 yards; enemy movement was seen in MADAM WOOD. Party was sniped at vigorously from H ILL 90 WORK (X.12.A.0.3.). After examining trench spurs in vicinity party withdrew to our lines. There was no machine gun fire except from MADAM COPSE.

At 2 a.m. (13th.) one patrol of 12th. Battalion at X.17.D.8.4. was bombed by enemy patrol, to which they retaliated in like manner. Trench from X.17.D.4.6. to X.18.C.0.6. was entered and no enemy encountered. Machine Gun was active from MADAM WOOD (S.13.); this Wood appears to be strongly held. On other parts of the front flares were being fired from points estimated at as much as 800 yards from our positions.

In conjunction with Battalion on our left a daylight patrol operated and established a Liaison Post at X.11.D.5.2.

Vickers Machine Guns. Were active against enemy positions and hostile aircraft.

Stokes Mortars. Nil.

Artillery. Our artillery was very active throughout the period on enemy front line, and targets in Wood and Trenches observed in rear of his line. Particular attention was paid to MADAM WOOD (S.13.B.) - STARRY WOOD (S.8.A. & B.) - LIHON FARM AND WOOD (S.20. A. & B.). Our heavies were also engaged in counter-battery work.

Aerial. Our aircraft were active throughout the day patrolling enemy's lines and observing shoots. At night they were especially active bombing behind enemy's lines.

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

INFANTRY. After the counter-attacks of preceding period the enemy appears to have exhausted his aggressive attitude and appeared to be content to hold his position. He displayed his nervousness by the prompt use of machine guns against any targets we offered him. At night time he was lavish in the use of Flares all along our front.

Artillery. Was active during the day and night on our front line and 1,000 yards in rear of same; towards daylight he increased his activity. Heavy shelling was brought to bear on Cross Roads X.28.B.15.70. Road X.29.B.6.2. - to Corner of Wood X.29.B.99.20. - chiefly with 5.9. - 8" H.E. and gas and 7.7. cm. Between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. his rate of fire quickened and he appeared to be doing a counter preparation shoot. Other targets shelled were X.23.A. & C. - X.22.A. & C. - X.29. A. & X.27.B. Shelling appeared to be coming from the direction of ABLAINCOURT (S.18.D. and S.24.B.), and from STARRY WOOD (S.8.B.), and copses around village of VERMANDOVILLERS (S.9.D. & S.15.A.) and HERLEVILLE Area (X.6.A. & C.).

Machine Guns. Were active firing on our front at the sign of the least movement and occasionally sweeping rear positions in X.22. and X.28.B. They were active from MADAM WOOD (S.13.) against our daylight patrol.

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Machine Guns (Continued). Their activity was not as great as in the previous 24 hours.

Trench Mortars. Were slightly active on portions of our front line during the night.

Snipers. Were active from HILL 90WORK (X.12.A.), also from MADAM WOOD against our daylight patrols.

Aerial. During the day his aircraft was fairly active, apparently seizing odd moments when our planes were inactive to come over our lines, in each case being engaged by A.A. and M.G. Fire and driven off.

8 p.m. one plane nationality unknown crashed to ground at X.8. Central Approx. During the night from 10 p.m. to midnight, his bombing planes were again very active, bombing in X.27. - X.8.-14-15- and W.11.-12-17-18.

Balloons. Two enemy balloons observed from X.29.A.6.2. on grid bearings of 54 and 65 deg.

Defences. Contact with the enemy has been established. He appears to have a strong post in Madam Wood and to be occupying trench and road East of same running North and South through S.13.B.-D. and S.19.B.

Movement. At 8.30 a.m. three parties about 30 men in Fighting Order, entered MADAM WOOD coming from direction of STARRY WOOD. Individual movement was seen amongst trenches opposite our front during the day.

Miscellaneous. A great number of flares were used during the night, long strings of white signals for aeroplane direction being fired to guide aerial bombing attackers home.

Identification. 1 prisoner - Signaller of 19th. Bavarian Regiment, 5th. Bavarian Division.

W. Thos. S. Keighly
capt

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

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEINTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 6 a.m. 13/8/18 to 6 a.m. 14/8/18.

Map Reference Sheets 62D S.E. and 62 C S.W.

OUR OPERATIONS.

INFANTRY Reliefs. An inter-company relief took place during the night on Right Battalion (10th.) Sector. Left Coy. of Left Bn. (12th) was also relieved by one company of 23rd. Battalion, the former taking up a position in X.15.D. The Left of our Sector is now X.17. Central. Patrols. Between 1 and 2 p.m. 1 Officer and 3 men patrolled from X.24.A.0.6. to S.19.B.6.6. and moved down GENERAL DUBOIS C.T. for 300 yards; enemy movement was observed in MADAME WOOD (S.13.), and also machine gun fire and sniping from that position. Between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. the above patrol reconnoitred the same ground; at S.19.B.6.6. signs of trench having been occupied by the enemy within the last 24 hours were observed. Movement was again seen in MADAME WOOD also in trench in rear of huts East of Wood. A M.G. is suspected at S.E. Corner of wood.

A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men left at 3 p.m. and proceeded along CASTLENAU ALLEY as far as X.18.B.2.2. without observing any of the enemy. They report wire in front to be in good order. At 12.45 a.m. 1 Officer and 15 men proceeded along C.T. to X.18.C.1.6. and thence 100 yards South and from there on a 100 yards' front back to our lines at X.17.D.6.1. No trace was found of the enemy. The ground covered was level and unbroken except for a few shallow holes. The experience of this patrol proves that it was only a hostile reconnoitring patrol which was encountered the previous night in this vicinity.

Vickers M.Guns. Were active at intervals during the night; hostile aircraft were also actively engaged during the period.

Stokes Mortars. 35 rounds were fired on enemy positions during the last 24 hours. The shelling of MADAME WOOD was short, same being out of range of our mortars.

Snipers and Lewis Gunners. Some sniping was carried out but very few enemy targets presented themselves. Suspected occupied enemy positions were also fired on by Lewis Gunners.

Artillery. Our field batteries have been very active throughout the period. The following targets were observed to be shelled. MADAME WOOD (S.13.) - Cross Roads in X.6.A. and enemy positions in X.12. - S.14. - S.20. At 8.30 p.m. a lively bombardment was put over S.20. which drew enemy retaliation.

Aerial Our aircraft were not as active as during the preceding period. At 4.30 p.m. as the result of a combat over enemy lines opposite Division on our right, one plane nationality unknown, was set on fire and crashed to earth.

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

INFANTRY Very alert and nervous; he called down artillery fire often during the night.

Artillery Moderately quiet during the day, becoming very active towards evening and at night, while he increased his intermittent shelling to periodical heavy bursts of fire from 2 a.m. to early morning. At 8.47 p.m. a heavy barrage of 15 cms. came down on our front line system in retaliation to our fire; the shelling came from the direction of S.16. & ABLAINCOURT. A battery of 77 mm. also shelled X.16. - X.22. and X.23. coming from direction of STARRY WOOD. Other targets subjected to whirlwind shoots were X.16 - X.17. C. & D. - X.22.B. - X.23. and 24. - also on CREPEY WOOD, Cross Roads in X.13.D. - and Railway Siding in X.13. A & B. received a great deal of attention from 8" and 5.9" shells, while the road from VAUVILLERS to HARBONNIERES was subjected to searching fire by H.V. gun. A certain amount of gas shelling was placed on Brigade front on our left. His artillery tactics were of a harassing and searching nature throughout, displaying acute nervousness.

Gun Flashes. Observed from X.23.C.4.6.

21 cm. how. at 32 deg. 30 mins. grid firing on FRAMEVILLE, appears to be on E. Hedge of Village N.N.E. of FOUCAUCOURT (M.27.).

Guns Located. Battery of 7.7 cms. in STARRY WOOD.

15 cm. shells fell short at 8.25 p.m. in enemy lines and flares were immediately sent up from 100 yards S.E. of MADAME WOOD along ridge to about 50 yards North of Wood.

Trench Mortars. L.T.Ms. fired on front line at S.19.B.6.0. during the afternoon.
Machine Guns. Were active at night from MADAME WOOD but not so active as in previous 24 hours.
Snipers. Active from direction of MADAME WOOD during the day.
Aerial. Hostile aircraft displayed much more activity than during the previous period; many attempts were made from early morning throughout the day, by his reconnaissance machines to cross our lines - this combined with his artillery fire appears to prove his apprehensive attitude.
At 7.40 p.m. - 8.15 p.m. no less than 18 machines in one squadron flew North and South over our lines - all were subjected to and driven off by L.G. and A.A. fire. This morning early at 5 a.m. 1 E.A. was over our back areas and driven off by A.A. fire and at 5.50 a.m. 1 E.A. was brought down by L.G. fire and crashed in X.29.D. (approx.)
Balloons. One observed at 47 deg. G.B. from X.23.C.4.6.
Defences. Enemy is apparently holding trench from S.13.C.35.30. to S.13.A.20.35. Fresh earth observed by patrol at S.13.C.1.9. M.G. Position and snipers post located in MADAME WOOD. Snipers post in sunken road S.19.B.6.4. (approx.).
Movement. Individual movement observed in the vicinity of trenches in S.3.D. 3 or 4 men observed by patrol at S.13.D.1.9.
Miscellaneous. Flares were sent up at frequent intervals by the enemy during the night. Double reds sent up at 8.46 p.m. brought down 5.9 barrage on our front line in one minute.
Identifications. Nil.

Locations of enemy machine guns and other materials in forward areas unable to be salvaged.-

1 T.M.	X.29.B.5.1.
2 Food Containers	X.29.B.9.5.
1 M.Gun	S.25.B.3.5.
1 "	S.25.D.8.8.
6 wagons Loaded	S.25.B.8.1.
1 Gun Wagon	S.25.B.9.1.
1 Wagon Loaded	S.25.D.9.9.
1 M.Gun	S.26.C.1.7.
6 Limbers)	
1 M.G.)	
1 Field Gun	

Near enemy camp in Vicinity of S.26.C.
in No Mans Land and about 30 yards from our front
line near road at A.2.B.8.4.

A. S. Knightly Capt
402 Major

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

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARYFrom 6 a.m. 14/8/18 to 6 a.m. 15/8/18.Map Reference Sheets 62d S.E. and 62c S.W.OUR OPERATIONS.

INFANTRY Reliefs. Right and Left Line Battalions (10th. and 12th) were relieved by 9th. and 11th. Battalions respectively during the night.

Patrols. Between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. one patrol of 1 Officer and 16 men examined trenches from X.17.D.4.7. to X.18.C.3.7. thence X.18.C.6.0. returning via X.18.C.3.7. and X.17.D.4.7. No enemy were encountered or sign of recent enemy occupation observed.

Another patrol reconnoitred trench X.17.D.4.7. as far as X.18.C.3.7. and NO MANS LAND on either side. No signs of the enemy were observed. He was abnormally quiet in direction of MADAME Wood, neither flares nor machine gun fire being observed from that quarter.

SALAMANDER TRENCH was penetrated to a depth of 400 yards from X.24.A.1.7. and no enemy were encountered or observed. Hostile gas shelling hampered work of the patrol.

Patrol of 1 NCO and 8 men left our lines X.24.A.7.2. at 11.5 p.m. and reconnoitred in an Easterly direction on a front of 150 yards to a depth of 250 yards. No signs of the enemy were observed excepting for a Machine Gun firing from S.8.C.9.4. (approx.)

Another patrol moved via X.23.B.9.7. - X.18.C.6.5. - and across our front to S.13.D.3.3. coming into our lines at X.24.A.2.7. The front was very quiet and only occasional bursts of M.G. fire was observed which appeared to come from vicinity of S.13.D.5.2. (Vickers Machine Guns) Expended 2,000 rounds S.A.A. MADAME WOOD was subjected to bursts of harassing fire throughout the night, as also were enemy positions opposite the Brigade frontage, Lewis Guns also cooperated in this firing.

Stokes. Expended 40 rounds on hostile positions opposite the Brigade frontage.

Artillery. Our field batteries have been very active against HERLEVILLE, VERMANDOVILLERS, STARRY WOOD, MADAME WOOD, Roads and Trenches in S.8.-9. 13 and 14 in addition to other targets further in rear of enemy's lines. At 2.30 p.m. heavies shelled SOYECOURT - ABLAINCOURT road where much traffic was reported.

Retali ation shelling asked for by Line Battalions was instrumental in curtailing enemy's shelling particularly of his heavy guns.

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

INFANTRY His infantry has been quiet but alert displaying similar nervousness as on the previous 24 hours.

Artillery During the day the enemy put down several heavy bursts of fire; these appeared to be more in the nature of practice on barrage lines than indiscriminate harassing fire - general duration of these shoots was 2 minutes. A good deal of fire was directed against FRAMERVILLE and back areas by K.V. gun and 5.9 and 8", while X.17. was subjected to gas shelling at night. 7.7. and 10 cm. guns were the most frequently used, and 8 and 9" at times from a N.E. direction. Gas shells were used in proportion of 1 to 3 H.E. and shrap. CREPEY WOOD was subjected to a considerable concentration of gas shelling. The following were the targets chiefly treated:- X.9.-10-29- A.-B. and 30.A. (roads and trenches in these areas). In our forward system X.15.D.-16-17-22-23-24.A. & C. were subjected to considerable shelling by day and night. Most of the fire came from sound bearings of 58-60 and 66-68 deg. from X.23.C.4.6.

Location of Guns. 15 cm. guns located by sound and flash at approx. S.15.A.7.8. They were successfully treated by our artillery.

Trench Mortars. Were inactive.

Machine Guns. Were quiet during the day, and at night time our right flank was enfiladed by machine guns shooting wildly. It is noteworthy that there no machine guns firing from Madame Wood during the night.

Snipers. Nil

Aerial There was considerable activity by enemy aircraft; they appeared to be more active than our own machines. Low flying patrol planes and larger formations of higher flying machines were observed, while the usual heavy bombing of back areas took place during the night.

6 a.m. 1 E.A. brought down in NO MANS LAND by Lewis Gun fire.

7.20 a.m. / 8 a.m. 2 planes patrolled our lines.

3.35 p.m. / 4.20 p.m.) Five planes (single machines each time) flew over
5 p.m. / 7 p.m.) our back areas and were engaged and driven off by
A.A. machine gun fire.

3.35 p.m. - enemy aircraft brought down one of our observation machines in flames in X.8. approx.

5.45 p.m. E.A. and one of our planes fought, one crashed in S.20. nationality unknown.

Bombs were dropped in X.23.A. and also in transport lines W.24. - X.13. - 14- and 19.

Balloons. Were observed at intervals throughout the day at G.B. 45 deg. from X.23.C.4.6.

Enemy Defences. M.G. positions located at X.8.C.9.4. and S.13.D.5.2. approx. No other positions or defences located. It is noteworthy that whilst our patrols were operating, no flares were fired from trench running East of MADAME WOOD, which was reported occupied in our last summary.

Movement. 1.30/2 p.m. - there was considerable amount of motor traffic backwards and forwards on road between SOYECOURT and ABLAINCOURT in S.4. & 5. Several single vehicles were noticed on this road during the afternoon.

2 p.m. - 4 men seen coming towards their line down GENERAL DUBOIS Alley

2.25 p.m. - 2 men entered MERCURE TRENCH (S.14.A.)

2.30 p.m. - 3 men walking along road S.8.C. disappeared in vicinity of trench at S.8.C.2.2.

10.30 a.m. / 4 p.m. - slight individual movement in S.8. & 9.

6.5 p.m. - 2 men running along VENUS Trench (S.14.A.) while it was being shelled by our artillery.

Miscellaneous. Red Cross Flag seen flying from building in S.9.

VERMANDOVILLERS on western side of Village.

Gas. Enemy appears to be using a considerable amount of pepper gas in his heavy shells -

Identification NIL.

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

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEINTELLIGENCE SUMMARYFrom 6 a.m. 23/3/18 to 6 a.m. 24/3/18.Ref. Map Sheets 62D S.E. and 62 C.S.W.OUR OPERATIONS.

INFANTRY. The 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade moved into forward assembly area in R.8.C. & D. and R.14.A. during early morning of 22nd/23rd. instant, in preparation for exploiting success gained after the attack by 1st. and 2nd. Brigades - 12th. Bn. on right and 9th. on Left with 11th. and 10th. Bns. as supporting Battalions. About 7 a.m. the 10th. Battalion moved forward from R.8.D. and established themselves in R.3.C. - they reconnoitred LUC WOOD and occupied Northern edge; they proceeded to clear LUC WOOD and by 2 p.m. had established themselves as a flank protection to the Brigade, as shown on disposition map attached (Div.).

At 1 p.m. Companies of 12th. and 9th. Battalions were dribbled forward onto Table Line which was approximately the Red Line from which the Battalions moved forward at Zero hour (2 p.m.), through Blue Line. LONG WOOD, MARLY WOOD were mopped up after considerable fighting and also the Chalk Pits and steep shifts in R.5.A.-C. and D; the troops scaling these reached the crest where the Right Bn. (12th.) came in for considerable opposition from CARENNA WOOD and sunken roads in R.5.B.5.0. These positions were enveloped and mopped up by dusk. The support coy. of 12th. Bn. filled a gap between the left flank of right bn. and Right flank of Left attacking Battalion (9th.) and chased the enemy who were retiring in disorder right to CATTY VILLAGE, inflicting severe casualties on him the whole time. They then withdrew and formed a protective flank with elements of 11th. Battalion.

The 11th. Battalion (Support and Mopping Up Battalion) moved forward at 12.45 p.m. and followed through at Zero hour; they experienced stiff fighting advancing over the hills and broken country. Their objectives were reached at 3.5 p.m.

During the operation the Brigade captured about 300 prisoners several guns, machine guns, mortars and material. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy who stubbornly contested the positions lost. Disposition map with line attached (Div.).

Patrols. The 10th. Battalion (flank protective battalion) patrolled during the night about 400 yards along the river and saw no signs of the enemy. Machine Guns were firing down the canal for a distance of 1,000 yards. No. 2 patrol patrolled in Squares L.33. C. & D. and regained contact with an Officer of 3rd. Pioneer Battalion in L.33.D.2.6. who was in charge of a party digging from L.33.A. Central to CANAL. It is impossible to cross the CANAL at this point. No signs of the enemy were seen. The other Battalions carried out Liaison patrols with Companies and flanking battalions during the night.

Artillery. Our artillery fire was very active during the day, firing on enemy front line and targets in rear, both before and after the set-piece barrage which was put down very heavily from Zero hour (2 p.m.) till 3 p.m.

Stokes Mortars. Were very active on targets and enemy huts in L.34.D.1.1.

Vickers Machine Guns. Actively participated in the operation and are sited as per disposition sketch attached.

Aerial Our aeroplanes were active at periods during the day with contact and observation machines.

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

INFANTRY During the attack by the Brigade, the enemy were stubborn and put up stiff fights in the woods and positions captured. For the remainder of the period he has been generally nervous and alert, calling on Artillery and using machine gun fire at the sign of the slightest movement. He did a certain amount of sniping during the night.

Artillery. Very active during the day and in reply to our barrage; quiet at night.

His particular targets shelled were the ridge in R.15.A-C and D. with 8" - 5.9 and 4.2 and also shelled with a H.V. flat trajectory, ST. GERMAIN WOODS in R.8.C. - R.7.D. and R.14.A. and neighbouring gullies and LUQ WOOD.

He used a considerable amount of gas in his shelling both in the morning and afternoon. Squares R.9. and 21 were shelled by 4.2 from E and E.N.E. direction during the night.

At 4 to 5 a.m. (24th. instant) a light barrage was put down on West bank of Ravine in R.11. and 17 by 77 and 10 cm. on G.D. of 63 and 69 deg. from R.16.C.1.8.

Trench mortars. Inactive.

Machine Guns. Very active during advance.

Snipers. Active periodically, chiefly from Left Flank along River.

Aerial. The enemy showed particular aerial activity during the period under review crossing our line on several occasions and machine running targets on the ground. At 7.30 a.m. a squadron of 14 E.A. flew low over our positions in R.7.D. and were engaged by A.A. and Lewis Guns.

At 11 a.m. 6 enemy planes flew at an altitude of 3,000 feet over R.3. At 6 p.m. 4 E.A. flew at 3,000 feet over R.3-9- and 15. 23 planes were over our lines 8 to 10 p.m. One E.A. was brought down in the morning in approx. Q.11. by L.G. fire. In the evening E.A. fired flares bursting into 2 whites over our Left Battalion positions.

Balloons. Nil

Enemy Defences. None observed or met with by patrols.

Movement. No enemy movement was observed except during the operation.

Miscellaneous. The enemy used a great number of flares during the night.

Identifications. About 330 prisoners were captured during the operation.

Identifications obtained - 30th. - 81st. I.R.

202nd. R.I.R.

87 I.R.

3 men of 21st. Div. Pioneers. 1 Stretcher Bearer.

Material Captured. 1 - 15 cm. how. - 5 - 7.7 cm. guns. - barrel of 8" how. - 6 heavy and light T. mortars and many machine guns not yet counted. - 1 railway engine and trucks (Decauville gauge), letters and documents, etc.

..... Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 6 a.m. 24/8/18 to 6 a.m. 25/8/18

Ref. Map Sheets 62D S.E. & 62C S.W.

OUR OPERATIONS.

INFANTRY The Right Line Battalion (12th.) improved their position during yesterday and pushed forward their posts 200 yards without opposition. A Bomb-stop was erected in trench at R.6.C.9.6. At 6.30 p.m. a party moved out from this point along trench towards enemy positions and after proceeding 200 yards, encountered the enemy and drove them out of their posts. Our party then withdrew and erected a new bomb-stop 100 yards in advance of the first.

Left Line Battalion (9th) advanced their position during the night with artillery support and established a new line as follows. - L.29.D.6.3. - L.29.D.6.0. to L.35.B.6.6. - thence in front of SQUARE WOOD to L.35.B.8.0. - L.35.D.8.5. - and L.36.C.25.30. During the move forward heavy machine gun fire was encountered from Sunken Road in L.36.A. and from the CANAL.

Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained touch between companies and with flanking Units.

Artillery. Field batteries supported the operations of Line Battalions at 2 p.m. and during the night, with barrage fire on enemy positions opposite the Brigade front. The remainder of the period our field batteries vigorously shelled enemy positions in rear at intervals, paying particular attention to roads and woods M.8.-9-14-15 - L.36. and G.31. At 8.50/ 9.20 p.m. and 2.50/4.10 a.m. Squares L.36. and M.1. & 2. were subjected to barrage fire.

Stokes Mortars. Shelled enemy positions in L.36.C. during the night.

Aerial. Our aircraft were active, more particularly during the afternoon and evening, no combats were observed.

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE. Very alert and nervous, calling on his artillery for support on several occasions without apparent reason. He also shelled the slightest movement in our forward areas.

Artillery. Hostile artillery has been very active throughout the period. CHUIGNES - L.34.B. and Ravines in R.4.-5-11-A were subjected to several heavy bursts of fire during the period. Hillcrest at PROISSY BEACON was accurately shelled by 7.7. cm. guns from direction of SUZANNE at half-hourly intervals. At 7 p.m. / 8 p.m. 7.7. and 10 cm. guns fired violent bursts onto R.4.B. & D. and R.5.A. & C. - from direction of 127 deg. G.B. from R.5.A.10.55. PROYART was occasionally shelled by 21 cm. and also low ground in R.4. & 10. the latter between 4 and 6 p.m. Squares R.8. A. - B. and D. were intermittently searched. During the minor operation of Right Bn. at 6.30 p.m. various flares fired by the enemy drew his barrage fire onto the sloping country in R.5.D. and 11 B. Between 8 p.m. and 8.25 p.m. a light barrage of 7.7. and 10 cm. was also put down on L.34.D. and 34. A.

L.3 5. C. & D. and L.34.C. & D. were intermittently shelled at night. Our positions in R.5-6-11-A & B. were shelled by 7.7 - 10 and 15 cm. guns during the period, on occasions heavily, the bulk of the fire coming from the direction of CHATEAU ORCHARD (G.27.) and Sugar Factory (M.10.). Scattered and light shelling occurred over other forward areas during the 24 hours. A good deal of gas was mixed with the enemy shelling of our positions, being fairly heavy along Valley in R.5.C. and E.11.A. & B.

Trench Mortars. 12 Pineapple bombs were fired from direction of EARLS WOOD (G.31 D.); this location was immediately engaged by our rifle gunnadiers and hostile bombing ceased.

Machine Guns. Were very active during Left Bn. operation and have since been active at times from Sunken Road in L.36.A. and from direction of OLYMPIA WOOD (G.31.). At night the gully in R.5.A.2.4. was subjected to indirect fire from a long range.

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Aerial. Between 7 and 8 a.m. and 5 and 8 p.m. single hostile machines patrolled our forward areas and were engaged by our M.G. Hostile bombing machines were very active in the early part of the night in rear of our Sector.

Balloons. One was observed during the day at G.B. of 81 deg. 30 mins. from E.9.B.10.3 5.

Enemy Defences. Sunken Road in L'36.A. contains hostile machine guns which have been active during latter part of the period.

Movement. Movement was observed on ridge in vicinity of G.32.C. and dispersed by Machine Guns. These men appeared to be digging.

Miscellaneous. Various valuable documents, books and papers etc. were found on the Brigade forward areas (forwarded to Division).

Identification. Three wounded prisoners were brought in - 2 of 87th I.R. and 1 of 202 nd. I.R.

A. J. Hughes Capt

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

32 THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEINTELLIGENCE SUMMARYFrom 6 a. m. 25/8/18 to 6 a.m. 26/8/18Ref. Maps 62D. - 1/40,000.& 62C.OUR OPERATIONS.

INFANTRY. Our line was advanced during the day by the two line Bns. (9th. and 12th). In the morning the 9th. Battalion (Line Left). 2 left companies moved forward in direction of GAPPY, but were held up for a time by hostile machine gun fire, the companies finally resting in G.25.C. Shortly after midday the two Right Companies moved forward despite intense M.G. fire from EARL AND OLYMPIA WOODS and had established a line on Eastern side of OLYMPIA WOOD by 10 p.m.

At 1 p.m. the 12th. Bn. (Line Right) left company by a flanking movement, endeavoured to enfilade sunken road just west of EARLS WOOD. A small party rushed and captured the quarry in L.35.C.8.3. with little opposition; on attempting a further advance, extremely heavy M.G. fire was directed against the remainder of the Company. At 4 p.m. with some artillery support an advance was commenced on this battalion front, one coy. in centre reaching a line about 200 yards east of road through M.I. A and C. when they were held up by M.G. fire. The right company acted in a similar manner and were also held up. The left coy. suffered heavy casualties from M.G. fire from the vicinity of Eastern hedge of OLYMPIA WOOD. At this stage the 3 companies then bombed their way along C.Ts. and with one company of 11th. Bn. advanced a further 500 yards. The fighting at this time was very severe, the enemy being very obstinate and fought to the last. After dusk each coy. again advanced with little opposition and took up a line as follows:-

M.8.A.6.5. - M.2.Central - M.2.A.0.5. - G.32.C.1.2. - By this time the 11th. Bn. coys. were all moving to a position approx. S.E. corner of OLYMPIA WOOD, M.2.Central and M.2.C.5.0. and at dawn a line had been established by 11th. Battalion in front of the 12th. Bn. and command of front line passed to 11th. Bn. At 4.45 a.m. relief of 9th. Bn. by 10th. Bn. (Line Left) was completed.

Artillery. Have been very active during the period and supplied barrages in support of Infantry Operation over G.32. and CANARD WOOD, at different times during the period. Enemy rear areas also received a good deal of attention from our heavies.

Stokes Mortars. One section in action with 11th. Bn. effectively silenced hostile H.Gs. at G.31.D.4.5. whilst the company advanced through EARL WOOD. A captured minenwerfer was also put in action and shelled enemy posts in EARLS WOOD. Lieut. MacNEIL D.S.O. and personnel manned a 7.7. cm. gun at R.5.B.2.5. (approx) and fired 100 rounds with open sights onto the enemy in G.27.C; this gun drew heavy hostile retaliation and had to be abandoned.

Aerial. Our observation machines patrolled our lines practically throughout the day.

Vickers Machine Guns. Cooperated with the Infantry in their attacks and fired on barrage lines. In all 13,500 rounds were expended.

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE. Infantry Exceptionally alert. During bombing fight in M.I.A. & C? he was very obstinate and fought to the last. His machine gunners have been quick to use their guns and accurate in their fire, whilst his artillery have shelled the slightest movement.

Artillery. His artillery has been very active during the day but quieter by night. CHUIGNES and Area was shelled consistently from 11.25 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. with 10 and 15 cm. H.E. L.34. was subjected to a heavy burst of 7.7. and 10 cm. at 12.10 p.m. which exploded a shell dump in L.34.D. The valley through R.4.B. & D. - R.5.C. and R.11.A. and 3qs. R.3.-4-and L.34. received a good deal of attention during the day. GARENNA WOOD was barraged, evidently in retaliation to our shelling of G.32. - this barrage ceased at 12.50 p.m. when it swung N.W. along road through L.35.C. The wood was again shelled at 3.5 p.m. CHUIGNES was also intermittently shelled during the day. At night searching fire was directed over our front line and support areas. Between 8 and 10 p.m. R.4. and L.34. were shelled by 10 cm. gas from direction of M.10. & 11. A good deal of the shelling appeared to come from the direction of VERMANDOVILLERS, during the period.

Snipers. Very active all day.

Machine Guns. Hostile machine gun fire was normal until about 10 a.m. when it increased considerably, and at 2 p.m. / 5 p.m. the fire was exceptionally heavy, mainly from OLYMPIA WOOD and Eastern vicinity. Aerial. Single machines were active at times during the day over forward positions - one 2 seater machine evidently directing artillery fire and observing our operations at 5 p.m. / 6 p.m. being prominent. Balloons. Were observed from R.9.B.10.35. as follows:-

10.30 a.m. - one at 87 deg. G.B.
11.35 a.m. - one at 66 deg. G.B.
1.30 p.m. - 2 at 56 deg. and 51 deg. G.B.

Enemy Defences. NIL

Movement. At 11.45 a.m. about 100 of the enemy were observed to retire from Sunken Road in L.36. A. to EARLS WOOD. 12 midday to 2 p.m. much movement was observed on outskirts of OLYMPIA WOOD and CHATEAU ORCHARD. In the early part of the day much movement was observed between G.32. and G.33. going in the direction of CHATEAU ORCHARD.

Miscellaneous. The enemy blew up a mine in CAPPY during the afternoon.

Identification. 1 other rank 148 Regt. 41st. Div. captured in CAPPY early morning of 25th. inst.
1 other rank 80th. Regt. H.Q. Staff 21st. Div.
1 other rank 87th. Regt. 21st. Div.

H. H. Lighter, Capt
Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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3RD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
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Eing.: 6.8.18 -

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Vermutung

Einem Kaporal der 4. Komp. 5. Div. 42. Division, der am 4. August 1918 morgens gegen 3 Uhr etwa 500 m südöstlich Thennes durch eine Bahnlinie gebracht wurde.

[Vermutung und Entdeckung werden bestätigt.]

Die beiden Jägerbataillone der 42. Div. bestehen aus 5 Jägerbataillonen und 2 M. K. Kompanien. Von Angehörigen Formationen sind zwei Gefangenen bekannt:

1) Divisionen - Tappan:

Feldartillerie - Regt 61.

Reine: 9 Regt. Kompanie mit Bataillon kann Gefangenen nicht anzeigen.

20. Division d'Alger.

2) Im letzten Abschnitt hat Gefangener gesehen: T. 145. Er ist ein Teil des Armeekorps zugeordnet, weiß er nicht. Er kennt T. 67 und Reine 7, weiß aber nicht, ob sie zum Corps oder zu einer Division gehören.

Zugehörigkeit der Divisionen im letzten Abschnitt: I. Armeekorps, IX. A. K.

Reine: 42. Division: General Deville.

Infanterie - Kommandant: Colonel Foyer

Kommandant 8. Bataillon: de Villot.

16. : d'Agui.

Hilfskräfte

Abteilung. Am 1. Div. Bataillon, selbst nach Süden das 16. Div. Bataillon zur Hilfe, südlich der Höhe der 42. Division an. Hört man an südlich am 1. Div. Bataillon. J. Bataillon der 7. R. 94 weiter hinten. 4 australische Division - V. O., die seit einigen Tagen südlich der Höhe, der alten Division abgetrennt, Teile der 42. Division 7 R 332? V. O. abgetrennt hat.

Ablösung

Die im bisherigen Abschnitt noch stehenden Teile der 42. Division sollen im Laufe der nächsten 4 Tage durch Australier in bekannter Eingekerkung abgelöst werden. Die 42. Division soll dann, die Gefangenen auch in einem Kompanieführer geführt haben soll, die Hauptkampfsfront abtransportiert werden, da sie bisher so lange Zeit in einem ruhigen Abschnitt eingesetzt war.

andere Truppen.

Nur wenigen englischen Kompanien, die im Bore so eingesetzt in der Woche in Ruhe lagen, hat Gefangenen von anderen Truppen nichts gesehen.

Im Einzelnen.

Art der Gefangenennahme.

Gefangenen soll sich beim Essen holen der Laufenden haben, zwischen die Linien geraten, ist fort von einer fiktiven Patrouille abgefangen worden sein.

Worte.

In der Liste vom 1. 1. 18. Liste der Bataillon der Gefangenen ein Bataillon der Rgt. 132 ab.

Stärken.

Befestigungsstärke: 3 Offiziere, 100 Mann pro Kompanie.

Körperpflegungsstärke: 3 Offiziere 120.

Frontbesetzung.

Eine Kompanie der Bataillons liegt in vorderster Linie, die übrigen Bataillone gestaffelt in Unterstützung der Reserve. Eine Kompanie liegt los von hinten der vordersten in Höhe, eine andere in Vertiefung in den Hellen, zwei im Preis in Tapir ist bestimmt der Strom Bore. Theatrum in Unterständen.

Veraffung.

Die Kompanie ist mit 2 l. h. f. mit etwa 20 v. B. ausgerüstet. Facile Automatiques sind nicht vorhanden.

Waffen in Panzergeschütze.

Dem Bataillon ist eine 3,7 cm Kanone beigegeben. Über andere Panzerkriegsgeschütze wurde Gefangener nichts.

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Nach der Zahl der Organisation der
Minenwerfer, die Gefangenen im hiesigen Block nicht gesehen hat, war
nichts zu ermitteln.

Stellungsbauten.

Die vorterste Linie besteht aus einzelnen Grabenstücken, die, soweit es
den Gefangenen bekannt ist, durch Drahtlinien nicht gesichert sind.

Der 2. Graben, der im Oktober, ist durch Laufgräben gebaut, durch
ein starkes Drahtlinienwerk gesichert, jedoch an vielen Stellen durch das
deutsche Artilleriefeuer zerstört.

Artillerieziele.

Der Bataillionsgefechtsstand liegt in Plangietres 608, etwa in der Mitte
zwischen den beiden Häufchen nördlich der Straße Berkaucori - Dorres.
Vorherige Geschützstände sind durch Grabgräben kennt Gefangener nicht.

Unterstützung ist Bereitschaften. Bereitschaftsstellungen sind die
hauptsächlich nördlich der Straße Sentes - Thery. Aufgegraben befinden sich
im Dorres mit Götting. Götting soll v. g. T. zerstört sein. Die Ruhe
quartiere befinden sich dort in Kellern. Dorres ist nur teilweise zer-
stört. Dort sollen sich in geringer Zahl noch Zivilpersonen aufhalten.

Einige Lebensmitteldepots sind in Kellern lagern — befinden sich
in Götting.

Die beiden markierten Ferrier, Kautzner liegen am Vortritt des Feldes
von Dorres.

Nachrichtstellungen mit Kommandostapel soll Gefangener am
Konstrukt des Feldes von Dorres gesehen haben.

Humanitäres. Presse von Dorres und Plennes von dort über-
lassen.

Der Kommandant, der während der letzten deutschen Offensive gespart war,
sitzt in P., wieder gewählet.

Discipline soll gut sein. Sie wird hauptsächlich durch das Verhalten
der Kommandanten aufrechterhalten. Die Strafen wegen Ungehorsams
sind häufig und streng.

Persönliches.

Gefangener, ein 22-jähriger Arbeiter aus Paris, macht seine Aussagen
mit größter Bereitwilligkeit. Er berichtet, dass infolge seiner langen Abwesenheit
von der Gruppe seine Aussagen häufig sind. Er erkrankte Anfang Juni schwer
an Vergiftung und lebte erst vor 5 Tagen zu seinen Kameraden zurück. Dieser

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WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN

Week Ending .31st. August .1918..

3RD
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No
Date

UNIT	Number actually with Unit		Number sick in Divisional Area		Number on command, leave and detached duties.		REMARKS
	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	
3rd. Brigade H.Q.	6 %	51 %	-	-	1	1	% Includes 2 officers and 28 other ranks attached. (Leave)
9th. Battalion	25	497	-	7	11	78	
10th. Battalion	25	512	-	18	14	66	
11th. Battalion	27	471	3	-	10	74	
12th. Battalion	25	541	3	28	8	96	
3rd. A.L.F.M.Bty.	4	52	1	2	-	2	Leave. Schools
	112	2124	7	55	45	319	

.....31st... August.....1918

(Signed) R.G. WEBSTER..... Captain.
Staff Captain, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. Lieut.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V 17 D 1-2	1/8/18		Troops engaged cleaning Equipment, guns etc. - Afternoon Recreational Training.	REF SHEET
Heuringhen Area	2/8/18	3 a.m.	Embussed at La Kreule for Heuringhen Area. arrived A 15 a 35 25 7 a.m.	27 SE
A 15 a 35 25	3/8/18		Troops resting.	1/20,000.
WIZERNES.	4/8/18		Battery attended 10 th Btn Church Parade.	36 A 1/40000
PONT REMY.	5/8/18		Gas drill, & Inspection of helmets. Battery drill - Gun drill - Afternoon Recreational Training.	5 A. 14 9 17
LONG.	6/8/18		12 noon moved by Route March to Wizernes, entrained 3-3 pm. arrived Pont Remy 12 midnight.	1/100,000.
COISY.	7/8/18		Moved by Route March to Long and 3 a.m. moved by Route March to Bonde L'Étoile embussed 7.30 pm - arrived Coisy 1.10 a.m. Left Coisy 1.30 pm. arr @ Vaire-sous-Corbie 7.15 pm.	
VAIRE. S. CORBIE	8/8/18			
GILLACOURT	9/8/18		Left Vaire 9.15 a.m. moved by Route March to Guillaucourt arrived 1 pm. Left for Wib 4 pm. arrd 4.40 pm	
LINE	10/8/18		2 a.m. 2 crews + mortars in charge of Lt Miles + Sgt MacSweeney went into line: Good work done in silencing hostile M.G. which were holding up the advance of the Infantry. Sgt MacSweeney wounded. Lt MacNeil relieved Lt Miles. Lewis Gun salvaged by Lt MacNeil with which he did good work in conjunction with Stokes. Ammunition expended 120 rds. During our attack on Brepey Wood. excellent shooting was done by Nos 1 + 2 guns on enemy advancing thro' squares X 24 B + D and in vicinity of hospital. Lt Cooke. two crews + mortars go in line and engage enemy targets in vicinity of Camp de Chasseurs. During enemy's attack on Brepey Wood. No 1 + 2 guns and the Lewis Gun fired by Lt MacNeil did very excellent shooting on advancing enemy from X 23 a. 4. 7. on to X 24 b + d and hospital. Nos 3 + 4 guns firing from X 23 b. engaged enemy M.G. + posts in square X 17 d with excellent results. After enemy's counter attack was repulsed. Nos 1 + 2 guns put down a light barrage on squares X 24 b + d. to cover the advance of "C" Coy 11 th Btn. The barrage was very effective. Coy Commander expressing his appreciation to Lt MacNeil + gun crews on the excellent assistance rendered. Nos 1, 2 + 3 guns were then pushed forward into our new posts. No enemy being within range guns were laid on S.O.S. Ammunition expd 550 rds. No 4 gun under Sgt Hockey. engaged enemy M.G. whilst left Coy of 11 th Btn advanced their line. 90 rds were expended and after the line was consolidated, gun was withdrawn.	HARBONNIERES 1/40,000.
	11-8-18			

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LINE	12-8-18		at 5 pm one Mortar with Lt Mackel in charge went forward with patrol of 11 th Btn. This gun covered the advance of the patrol, firing from approx S 13 d. 1. q. No of rds fired covering patrol - 120 rds. Throughout the operation the Infantry greatly assisted in carrying ammunition & keeping the guns supplied. No 230 Pte A. J. Blackmore wounded.	HARBONNIERES 1/40,000.
	13-8-18		at 8 pm Lt Cooke relieved Lt Mackel on two night guns. Guns were set up on S.O.S. very little shooting was done owing to the chief target Madame Bois being out of range. Situation in line very quiet until 6 pm 13/8/18. when Lt Miles relieved Lt Cooke. Two guns were placed in position in front line at X 17. C 75. 90 and X 17. C 95. 90. and 120 rds ammunition with guns. Coy commanders could find no targets within range & guns were set on S.O.S.	
	14-8-18		Two guns were withdrawn to X 17. C 7. 9. and X 17. C 60. 95.	
W 17. C.	15-8-18		Situation in line remained quiet until Battery was relieved by 4 th ALTMB on night 15/16 th . Moved to W 17. C and bivouaced for the night. 3728 Pte J. Barry evacuated sick.	
VAIRE-S-CORBIE	16-8-18	10 am	Moved by Route march to Vaire-sous-Corbis arrived 2.30 pm. Troops enjoyed a swim in canal. Hqs Chateau - Vaire.	
	17/8/18		Troops bathed at Div Baths - Troops resting. Capt. A. J. Newlands proceeded on UK leave.	
	18/8/18		Battery attended 9 th Btn Church Parade - Troops cleaning clothing & equipment etc.	
	19/8/18		Gas drill & inspection of helmets Gun drill. Battery drill. Afternoon Recreational Training - Swimming etc. Good gift from Aust Comforts Funds.	
	20/8/18		No Parades - Brigade Aquatic Sports	
Q 14 d. 3. 7	21/8/18		Moved by Route March to Q 14 d. 3. 7.	
LINE	22/8/18		Moved to Q 18 A 60. 25. Lt Lay and two crews with 10 th Btn in line and Lt Cooke & two crews with 12 th Btn. Rear Hqs moved to Q 18 A 60. 25. Lt Miles relieved Lt Lay.	62 D 1/40000
	23/8/18		1628 B 6/4 E. V. Peterson evacuated. Battery moved by Route march to R 7 D. 4. 3.	
R 7 D. 4. 3	24/8/18		24 rds were expended on enemy positions L 34 d. 1. 1. from approx R 4 A. 6. 3. 101 R wounded 3802 Pte Madgeford & W.	

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for Aug 1918

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LINE R 7 D 4 3	24.8.18		One mortar was taken forward to Square Wood L 35 D 5.4 4 50 rds ammunition. 15 rds were fired into sunken road at L 36 C 8.8 at Hostile MG	REF SHEET 62 ^D 1/40000.
	25.8.18		40 Rds Stokes were fired from L 36 C 5.2. on to enemy M.G.s at approx G 31 D 4.5. effectively silencing same while 1 Coy of 11 th Bttn advanced thro' Earls Wood. 42 Rds were fired from Captured Minnenwerfer on to Earls Wood & Strong Posts at approx G 31 D 3.7. from position in Square Wood. Captured 7.7 cm gun was manned by Lt McNeil D.S.O. and personnel of this Battery and 100 rds were fired with open sights on to enemy in Square G 27. C firing from approx R 5 B 2.5. This gun drew heavy retaliation from the enemy. Every available man employed carrying ammunition	
	26.8.18		During the afternoon 42 rds were fired from approx G 33 central on to targets in squares G 34 B. C. & D. snipers positions. etc. 151. Cpl G. B. Farham D.C.M. M.M. evacuated sick at 10 pm Battery was relieved by 6 th A.L.T.M.B. and moved to R 8 D 3.4.	
Verisy	27.8.18		Moved by Route march to Q 13 A 9.4 thence to Q 3 A 8.2. Verisy. and 8.30 pm. no 907 Plt Bone V.A. evacuated sick	
	28.8.18		Troops resting.	
	29.8.18		Gas drill - Inspection of Helmets - cleaning guns - afternoon Recreational Training.	
	30.8.18		Battery drill - Section drill - Gun drill - afternoon - Recreational Training	
	31.8.18		Tactical Exercises with mortars - Gun drill - Battery drill.	

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