

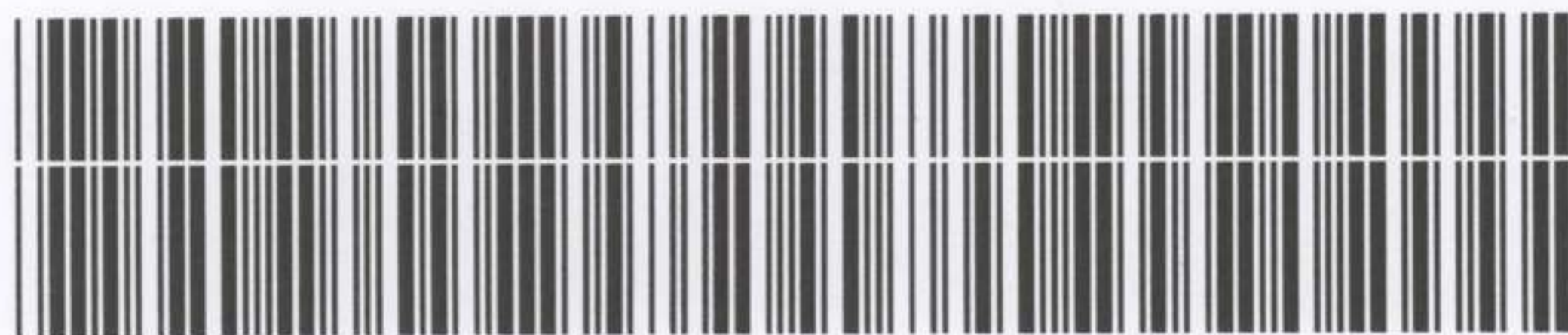
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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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VILLERS BOGAGE	1918 MAY			
	1st		<p>In the morning slight shelling of DAOURS &amp; RIBEMONT was reported. In the evening the situation was reported to be very quiet. Prisoners captured = 3 O.Rs.                      55th Bde. relieved 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. in left Div. sector.                      To all recipients of Aust. Corps Order No. 90 - Movement of 8th Div. ....                      Instructions for the Defensive No. 24                      Aust. Corps Order No. 92 - operation to be carried out S.E. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX 3rd inst.                      Postponement of action ordered in Aust. Corps Order No. 91</p>	<p>App. 1                      App. 2                      App. 3                      App. 4</p>
	2nd		<p>During the night 1st/2nd VILLERS BRETONNEUX was shelled with gas. Our line was slightly advanced just North of the BRETONNEUX-WARFUSEE Rd. During the day 2 enemy aeroplanes were reported to have crashed in flames in MONUMENT WOOD. A third was thought to have landed in rear of the wood.                      140th and 142nd Inf. Bdes. relieved 6th and 5th Aust. Inf. Bdes. respectively.                      9th Aust. Inf. Bde. relieve 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. (right Bde. in line; centre Div. sector).                      2nd Aust. Div. brigades moved into localities as follows :- 5th Bde. = MONTIGNY, 6th Bde. = QUERRIEU, 7th Bde. = CAMON.                      Aust. Corps Order No. 93 (Relief of 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery)                      Instructions for the Defensive No. 25 (S.O.S. rates of fire)</p>	<p>App. 5                      App. 6</p>
	3rd		<p>During the night 2nd/3rd the enemy lightly shelled DAOURS. At 2 a.m. 4th Aust. Div. attacked locality known as the Monument in conjunction with the French. Both flanks encountered heavy M.G. fire and were unable to make progress. In the centre the Monument was reached, but, owing to enemy pressure on the flanks, had to withdraw fighting. 2 Off. &amp; 19 O.Rs. captured by us. 1 of our tanks was stranded in No Man's Land and crew captured. During the day hostile artillery was active and also enemy aeroplanes. 10 bombs were dropped on BOUTILLERIE.                      Instructions for the Defensive No. 26 (Further instructions re nucleus units)                      1st Amendment to Instructions for the Defensive No. 23</p>	<p>App. 7                      App. 8</p>
4th		<p>During the night 3rd/4th the situation remained quiet. A minor enterprise by 3rd Division resulted in 2 prisoners. During the day the enemy shelled VILLERS BRETONNEUX and vicinity of FOUILLOY. 2 prisoners taken.</p>		



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	1918			
VILLERS BOCAGE	MAY 4th (Ctd)		<p>13th Aust. Inf. Bde. relieved 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. on night 3rd/4th                      Aust. Corps Order No. 94 (2nd Aust. Div. H.Q. move to ALLONVILLE)                      " " " " 95 (Transfer of 47th Div. from Aust. Corps to III Corps command)                      " " " " 96 (Area held by 47th Div. to be transferred from Aust. Corps to III Corps)                      " " " " 97 (Trans. of 18th Div. less artillery &amp; 55th Bde. from III Corps to Aust. Corps)</p> <p>Locations H.Q. Formations.                      During the night 4/5th hostile <del>shak</del> artillery was inactive. The 3rd Aust. Div. advanced their line 700 yds. on a frontage of 1500 yds. Our casualties nil. During the day <del>HEILLY</del> HEILLY &amp; the vicinity W. of GLISY were shelled. Considerable train movement was observed in the back area in enemy's territory opposite VILLERS BRETONNEUX.                      1st Amendment to Aust. Corps Order No. 96                      " " " " " " " 93</p>	<p>App. 9                      " 10                      " 11                      " 12                      " 12a</p>
	5th		<p>During the night 5/6th the 3rd Aust. Div. carried out a minor operation advancing their line as far as the 2nd German line. Enemy killed - estimated 150. Besides the garrison, food carriers were killed. Prisoners estimated 200, including 2 officers. At 12 noon the command of the northern sector passed from Aust. Corps to III Corps, Aust. Corps H.Q. moving to BERTANGLES. During the day hostile artillery activity was above normal, MARRETT WOOD, HEILLY &amp; VILLERS BRETONNEUX being shelled.  <del>Telegram of congratulations from Army Commander to 3rd Aust. Div.</del>                      Instns. for Defensive No. 28 (Tanks) Instns. for Defensive No. 27 (Defences)                      Amended tables to Instns. for Defensive No. 23</p>	<p>App. 13                      " 14                      " 15                      " 16                      " 17</p>
BERTANG- LES	7th		<p>During the night 6/7th 20 rounds of blue cross gas were fired into MARRETT WOOD. HAMELET was intermittently shelled. The centre Div. advanced their line. During the day hostile artillery was active on left Div. and on the extreme right of the centre Div. sector. The enemy shelled VILLE SUR ANCRE in error.                      Dispositions H.Q. Formations.                      Aust. Corps Order No. 98                      Congratulatory message received from General RAWLINSON on 3rd Aust. Div. operation of 6th inst.</p>	<p>App. 18                      " 19                      " 20</p>

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BERTANGLFS	1918	MAY	<p>During the night the centre Div. (5th Aust. Div.) advanced their line 500 yds. on a 600 yds. front. The left Div. also advanced their line 300 yds. on a 500 yds. front. Altogether 14 prisoners were taken. During the day the front and support systems W. of VAIRE WOOD were intermittently shelled.</p> <p>Instructions for the Defensive No. 29 (Anti-Aircraft Defence)</p>	App. 21
		8th	<p>During the night 8/9th the centre and left Divs. established touch with each other. Gas was successfully projected into BOIS DE VAIRE. During the day the situation remained quiet. Enemy aeroplanes were active. 11 prisoners taken.</p> <p>Instns. for Defensive No. 30 (Counter preparation)</p> <p>" " " " 31 (Dispositions 10th French Army)</p>	" 22 " 23
		9th	<p>The night 9/10th was quiet. 8 bombs were dropped in vicinity LA HOUSOYE, &amp; SAILLY LE SEC &amp; BUIRE were gas shelled. During the day the batteries of the left Div. were occasionally shelled. Several enemy aeroplanes crossed our lines.</p> <p>1st Amendment to Instns. for Defensive No. 28</p> <p>Instns for Defensive No. 32 (Contact patrols - signals)</p>	" 24 " 25
		10th	<p>During night 10/11th the right Div. heavily bombarded MONUMENT WOOD from 3 am to 3.20 am. During the day the situation quiet. Enemy working parties were successfully engaged by our artillery and Lewis guns.</p> <p>The enemy fired 30 rounds 8" on area W. of RIBEMONT, and several H.V. shells fell in the BLANGY TRONVILLE vicinity. Enemy aeroplanes were active. 3 prisoners taken.</p> <p>3rd Aust. Div. to ALLONVILLE. 2nd Aust. Div. to ST. GRATIEN. (2nd Div. relieved 3rd Div. in left 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. relieved 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. (Divisional sector.</p> <p>Instns. for Defensive No. 33</p>	App. 26
		11th	<p>During night 11/12th enemy slightly shelled front line positions of centre &amp; left Div., especially in vicinity of RIBEMONT, and MERECOURT where he employed gas. During the day his arty. increased opposite the left Div. Several shells fell in BLANGY TRONVILLE. Prisoners nil.</p> <p>Aust. Corps Order No. 99 (relief of 3rd Aust. Div. Arty. by 2nd Div. Arty.)</p> <p>Instns. for Defensive No. 34 (Tanks)</p>	" 27 " 28
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RTANGLES	1918 MAY 13th		<p>In the early morning the left Bde. area was shelled heavily. During the day enemy artillery activity was maintained on the left and started on the right Div., RIBEMONT vicinity &amp; VILLERS BRETONNEUX being shelled. Several bombs were dropped on HEILLY. Prisoners = 1 O.R. Instns for Defensive No. 35 (Machine gun defence) " " " " 36 (Demolitions) Aust. Corps Order No. 100 (Move of 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery)</p>	<p>App. 29 " 30 " 31</p>
	14th		<p>During night 13/14th enemy arty. was active against left Div. front, especially against BUIRE, HEILLY &amp; RIBEMONT. After an arty. preparation, the enemy made a local attack on the right Bn. of the left Bde. of the left division. The situation was obscure. During the day our counterattack cleared and restored the situation. Considerable train movement was observed on PRAY PROYART line both directions. Prisoners 52 O.Rs. 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. relieved 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. during night 13/14th. 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. relieved 3rd Aust. Div. Arty. in left Div. Sector. Instns. for Defensive No. 37 (Supplementary S. O. S. Signals).</p>	<p>" 32</p>
	15th		<p>During night 14/15th hostile artillery was active on the whole corps front. During the day hostile arty. was active in the forward area of the left div. also in the vicinity of HEILLY, N. of BOIS L'ABBE and FOUILLOY. Enemy aeroplanes were active. 50 rounds blue cross gas were fired N. of BOIS L'ABBE. Instns. for the Defensive No. 38 (Dispositions for the defence)</p>	<p>" 33</p>
	16th		<p>During night 15/16th the situation remained quiet. Enemy arty. was active E. &amp; N. of SAILLY LE SEC. One enemy aeroplane was brought down at 8 p.m. During the day situation quiet. Enemy aircraft active. One enemy plane brought down. Also one of our own planes brought down but not certain whether British or French. Daily table of letters and colours. Aust. Corps Order No. 101.</p>	<p>" 34 " 35</p>
	17th		<p>During night 16/17th 2 enemy aeroplanes were brought down, one being a Gotha. During the day the situation remained quiet. Hostile arty. active opposite right Bde. left Div. Prisoners = 1 O.R. (from aeroplane).</p>	<p>" 34 " 35</p>

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BERTANGLES	1918 MAY 18th		<p>During the night 80 gas shells fell in vicinity FOUILLOY. 3 bombs were dropped E. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and 3 in QUERRIEU.</p> <p>During the day gas was fired into Western part of BOIS L'ABBE. At 10.30 a.m. the left Div. (2nd) rushed and captured a post of 1 aspirant officer and 20 O.Rs. VILLERS BRETONNEUX &amp; vicinity of FOUILLOY were shelled.</p> <p>Prisoners last 24 hrs. 1 off., 25 O.Rs.</p> <p>Aust. Corps Order No.102 (relief of 4th Aust.Div. by 3rd Aust. Div.)</p> <p>" " " " 103 (Change of boundary between French &amp; Fourth Army)</p> <p>" " " " 104 (Move of 118th Siege Battery to Aust. Corps Area)</p> <p>Dispositions H.Q. of Formations.</p>	<p>App. 36</p> <p>" 37</p> <p>" 38</p> <p>" 39</p>
	19th		<p>In the early morning the 2nd (left) division successfully advanced their line near VILLE SUR ANCRE. A later report stated the total prisoners taken as 9 off. &amp; 316 O.Rs. Enemy arty. active on SAILLY LE SEC &amp; DAOURS.</p> <p>During day CORBIE &amp; DAOURS shelled. 10 9" shells fell in vicinity of CARDONNETTE during the morning. A congratulatory message to the 2nd Aust.Div. was received from the Army Commander.</p>	
	20th		<p>During night 19/20th the enemy intermittently shelled the left Div. front. This div. established their line of posts. A few bombs were dropped on ELISY &amp; BUSSY. During the day left Div. was shelled. Also DAOURS, CORBIE &amp; FOUILLOY. The total prisoners as result of yesterday's operations were 9 off., 322 O.Rs., and material 40 M.Gs., 1 Lewis gun and 1 Minenwerfer.</p> <p>During last 24 hrs. 1 enemy aeroplane brought down. Prisoners = 1 O.R.</p> <p>Instns. for Defensive No. 39 (Distribution of S.A.A.)</p>	App.40
	21st		<p>During the night <del>21/22nd</del> the situation remained quiet. Hostile arty. activity was marked on the left Div. front. Enemy aeroplanes were active, bombs being dropped on QUERRIEU, ST. GRATIEN, ALLONVILLE, and BOIS L'ABBE. During the day hostile artillery was active opposite the forward areas of the left Div., especially N. of SAILLY LE SEC. Prisoners nil.</p> <p>G.S. Circular No.25 (Subject "Organisation of machine gun units)</p> <p>Instns. for the Defensive No.40 (A.A. Defence)</p> <p>1st Amendment to Instructions for the Defensive No.36</p> <p>Aust. Corps Order No.105 (Transfer of 5th Army Bde.R.H.A. from III Corps to Aust. Corps)</p> <p>Amendment to Daily Table of letters and colours.</p>	<p>" 41</p> <p>" 42</p> <p>" 43</p> <p>" 44</p> <p>" 45</p>



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BERTANGLES	MAY 1918 22nd		<p>During the night the left Bde. of left Div. was fairly heavily shelled. During the day enemy artillery was still active on the left Div. front, especially against VILLE SUR ANCRE and W. MORLANCOURT. The vicinity of MERICOURT and RIBEMONT was heavily shelled. Prisoners during the last 24 hrs. = 1 O.R.</p> <p>3rd Aust.Div. relieved 4th Aust.Div. in the right Div. sector. The relief was complete by 10 a.m.</p> <p>1st Amendment to G.S. Circular No.25 Dispositions H.Q. of Formations.</p>	App.46 " 47
	23rd		<p>During the night 22/23rd the left of the centre Div. was heavily shelled with gas, and the back areas of the left Div. were shelled. Bombs were dropped in BUSSY &amp; DAOURS.</p> <p>During the day enemy artillery was active on N. RIBEMONT, MERICOURT, RIBEMONT, BUIRE and the area S. of HEILLY &amp; MERICOURT, blue, green and yellow cross gas being employed.</p>	
	24th		<p>During the night 23/24th AUBIGNY was slightly shelled. 1 prisoner was taken by the right Div.</p> <p>During the day the situation remained quiet. Prisoners last 24 hrs. = 2 O.Rs.</p>	
	25th		<p>During night VILLERS BRETONNEUX and BOIS D'AQUENNE were considerably shelled. 2 prisoners captured N. of the SOMME by the centre Div. During day the enemy artillery was more active in the VILLERS BRETONNEUX area and in vicinity of MERICOURT. Prisoners last 24 hrs.= 2 O.Rs.</p> <p>1st Amendment to Instns. for Defensive No. 34</p>	" 48
	26th		<p>During night enemy shelled with gas BOIS D'AQUENNE. Chiefly mustard gas. O.22, 28, 29 also shelled with gas. Over 6000 gas shells southern Bde. sector. An enemy raid S.E. of SAILLY LE SEC driven off by rifle and M.G. fire. We had 1 casualty; none missing. Enemy also gassed BUIRE. Our heavy artillery blew up a large dump in MARCEL CAVE. During the day hostile arty. was active S. of MERICOURT and HEILLY. Estimated 18,000 rounds gas shell right Div. area since 6 p.m. yesterday. Prisoners last 24 hrs. 1, taken as result of patrol encounter.</p> <p>Instns. for Defensive No. 41 (Organization of Defences. Amendment to Daily Table of letters and colours.</p>	" 49 " 50
	27th		<p>During night the vicinity of CORBIE &amp; FOUILLOY was shelled with gas. Light scattered shelling over the forward area. Enemy reply to our arty. was fairly heavy on front line just. W. &amp; N.W. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX with H.E. &amp; gas.</p>	



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BERTANGLES	MAY	27th (Ctd)	A British plane belonging to 35th Squadron crashed in D.22.cent. Pilot and observer alive. Enemy two-seater crashed in flames J.4.a. During the day scattered shelling on area round VILLERS BRETONNEUX, mustard gas being used. FOUILLOY intermittently shelled. E.A. active vicinity of VILLERS BRETONNEUX, DACOURS & CORBIE. Prisoners last 24 hrs. 1 O.R. Aust. Corps Order No.106 (Relief of 4th Div.Arty. by 3rd Div.Arty.)	App. 51
		28th	MARRETT WOOD heavily shelled with gas during the night, mostly yellow cross.- <del>XXXXXX XX</del> <del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> During the day there was increased enemy artillery activity centre Div. front. FOUILLOY and vicinity heavily shelled. The following areas were also shelled :- E. of VAUX SUR SOMME & W. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Considerable movement of transport on roads in K.29. Captures nil. Aust. Corps Order No.107 (Relief of 5th Aust.Div. by 4th Aust. Div.) Locations H.Q. Formations.	" 52 " 53
		29th	HEILLY, area S. of AUBIGNY and E. of VECQUEMONT were shelled. 60 gas shells in J.17.b. AMIENS - VILLERS BRETONNEUX Rd. shelled at intervals during the night. Normal shelling throughout the day. Area S.W. of AUBIGNY heavily shelled., FRANVILLERS and FRANVILLERS System lightly shelled. Captures 2 O.Rs. G.S. Circular No. 26	" 54
		30th	During night O.7 & 13 were slightly shelled. CORBIE shelled with H.E. & gas. Enemy arty. was also active right Div. forward area. The shelling of CORBIE with H.E. and gas continued throughout the day. About 3000 rds. were fired. Following areas were also shelled:- N.W. AUBIGNY, S. of MERICOURT & MARRETT WOOD, VILLERS BRETONNEUX and the AMIENS - VILLERS BRETONNEUX Rd. 3 H.V. shells in FRECHENCOURT. 1 E.A. single seater brought down in J.5.c. Prisoners last 24 hrs. 2 O.Rs. (1 sgt.-major from enemy machine).	
		31st	Slight scattered gas shelling on right Div.front and on BUIRE during night. O.13.a., front line centre Div. and vicinity AUBIGNY & DACOURS shelled. During the day enemy arty. was active on forward areas left Div. and vicinity VILLERS BRETONNEUX. An enemy plane crashed at T.4.a.3.1. 30 H.V. shells in ALLONVILLE causing casualties. 8 H.V.shells between PONT NOYELLES & QUERRIEU, about 7 a.m. Prisoners nil. Command of Australian Corps passed from General BIRDWOOD to Major-General MONASH at 11 a.m.	



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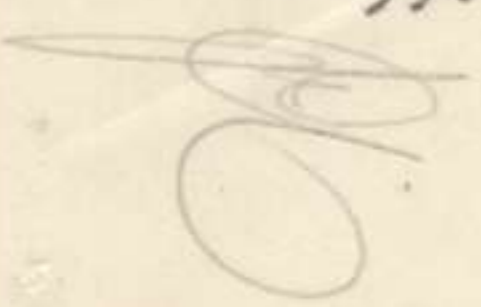
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No. *14356/4*  
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*War Dept* APPENDIX. (1)

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G.  
Australian Corps,  
1st May, 1918.

To all recipients of Aust. Corps Order No.90.  
(By coded wire to 8th Division)  
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G.572 1/5/18.

Ref. Aust. Corps Order 90 dated 30th inst AAA Transport of 8th Div. less 'A' Infantry Brigade Group and Divisional Artillery will move today 1st May under orders of III Corps to III Corps area and on 2nd May to HALLENCOURT West area AA. Personnel of 8th Division less 'A' Infantry Brigade Group will move by bus on 2nd instant to HALLENCOURT west area on orders to be issued later AAA 8th Division will be prepared to entrain at PONT REMY and another station on May 2nd AAA O.O.90 will be amended accordingly AAA ACKNOWLEDGE AAA Admsd 8th Division reptd. all recipients of O.O.90.

8.30 a.m.

*W. G. ...*  
for Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
Australian Corps.



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Copy No. 18

Australian Corps,  
1st May, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.  
No. 4373  
Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 24.

Supplementary S.O.S. Signals.

1.- Enemy attacks have recently been made under cover of fog and in consequence the requisite artillery assistance to our infantry has not be on forthcoming owing to the impossibility of observing the normal S.O.S. Signal.

2.- The corps commander wishes each divisional sector, therefore, to be provided with a supplementary or 'Fog' system of communicating S.O.S. Signals to artillery.  
The means employed will be a short bugle call.

3.- A suggested method of applying the system is as follows :-

- (i) At certain selected positions close to the front line on each brigade sector "bugle alarm posts" will be established.
- (ii) Behind the brigade group of alarm posts will be one or more "alarm repeating stations".
- (iii) Brigade "alarm repeating stations" will be so placed that the bugle sound can be picked up by a special artillery organisation (alarm centres) told off to listen for such sounds.

Divisional commanders may vary this suggestion in any way practice indicates to be necessary.

4.- The system will be put into force at once and will be tested a rep ort of the test being made to this office.

5.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*John Ross Smith*

Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
Australian Corps.

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S E C R E T Copy No.....

Australian Corps,  
1st May, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 62.

- 1.- In conjunction with the 31st French Corps d'Armee, the Australian Corps will on the 3rd instant advance the line east and south east of VILLERS BRETONNE UX.
- 2.- The operation will be carried out by the 4th Australian Division in co-operation with the Moroccan Division of the 31st French Corps.
- 3.- The object of the operation of the 4th Australian Division will be to improve our position by advancing the line further east of VILLERS BRETONNE UX and to drive the enemy out of the locality known as the "MONUMENT" in square U.6. and to occupy suitable ground in the vicinity.
- 4.- (1) The exact limits of the advance will be determined by the G.O.C. 4th Australian Division who will arrange with the G.O.C. Moroccan Division the manner of co-operation and the points of junction.  
(ii) Zero hour will be communicated later.
- 5.- The necessary artillery co-operation will be arranged by the G.O.C. 4th Australian Division; the orders for heavy artillery support will be issued through the G.O.C., R.A.
- 6.- The 3rd Brigade Tanks will in consultation with the G.O.C. 4th Australian Division prepare the plan for the co-operation of tanks and issue the necessary orders.
- 7.- (1) The 35th Squadron R.A.F. will arrange for a contact patrol to be in the air at approximately zero plus 30 minutes (conditions admitting) at which hour and when called for, position signals will be made by advanced troops.  
(ii) RED ground flares will be lit.  
(iii) The contact patrol aeroplane will carry two black streamers.
- 8.- Watches will be synchronised by mutual arrangement between the following formations :-

- 31st French Corps - Australian Corps.
- Moroccan Division - 4th Australian Division.
- Cs.R.A. of flanking divisions of the two Corps.
- 31st French Corps Heavy artillery - Australian Corps Heavy artillery.

9.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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| 12) Army Bdes.      |                      |                        |                  |



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Australian Corps,  
1st May, 1918.

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Action ordered in Aust. Corps Order No.91 dated 30th April  
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 & 4th Aust. Divs., repeated all recipients.

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*G. S. G. S.*  
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Australian Corps,  
2nd May, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER NO. 95

Artillery Moves & Reliefs.

- 1.(a)-
  - (i) The 18th Divisional Artillery will move from Corps Reserve (ST.QUEEN Area) to "C" (47th Div.) Area on the 5th instant, in accordance with attached table, and will relieve the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery in the line on the night 6th/7th instant.
  - (ii) Relief to be complete 9 a.m., 7th instant.
- (b)-
  - (i) The 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve the 108th and 189 Army Brigades R.F.A. in the line in "B" (3rd Aust.) Div. sector on the night 7th/8th instant.
  - (ii) Relief to be complete 10 p.m. night 7th/8th.
- (c)-
 

The 108th and 189th Army Brigades R.F.A. will move into Corps Reserve in the ST.QUEEN Area on the 8th instant and to III Corps Artillery Area on the 9th instant (in accordance with attached table) when both brigades will pass under orders of III Corps.
- 2. Separate artillery instructions are being issued by the G.O.C., R.A.
- 3. Supplies:- 18th Div. Artillery will draw rations from 47th Div. pack train at VIGNACOURT, commencing 5th instant. Pending further instructions, 108th and 189th Army Bdes. will continue to be rationed by C.T.M.T. Coy.
- 4. Acknowledge.

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14 5th " "	32 D. A. D. P. S.
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16 189th " " " } GOCRA.	34 A. D. V. S.
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TABLE ISSUED WITH AUST. CORPS ORDER NO. 93 - 2/5/18.

Serial No.	DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
1	May 5th	18th Div. Arty.	ST. OUEN Area	"C" (the 47th) Div. Area	VIGNACOURT - FLESSELLES VILLERS BOCAGE - MOLLIENS-au-BOIS	Representative will report in advance to C. R. A. 2nd Aust. Div. at 47th Div. H. Q. at BEAUCOURT for details of accommodations.
2	8th	108th Army Bde. R. F. A.	"B" (the 3rd Aust) Div. Area	ST. OUEN - BETHENCOURT Area (Southern portion)	ALLONVILLE - COISY BERTANGLES - ST. VAST	Advanced parties to report to Area Comdt. at ST. OUEN for accomdn.
3	8th	189th Army Bde. R. F. A.	"B" (the 3rd Aust) Div. Area	ST. OUEN - BETHENCOURT Area (Northern portion)	MOLLIENS-au-BOIS - V. BOCAGE - FLESSELLES-VIGNACOURT	- do -
4	9th	108th & 189th Army Bdes. R. F. A.	ST. OUEN Area	III Corps Arty. Area	Under orders to be issued later.	

NOTE:- (i) The following minimum distances will be observed on the march :-  
 Between batteries . . . . . - 100 yds.  
 sections of D. A. C. & B. A. C. - 100 "  
 each section of 6 vehicles - 25 "

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S E C R E T. Copy No. 43

Australian Corps,  
2nd May, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 25.

S.O.S. Rates of Fire - Field and Heavy Artillery.

1.- On receipt of the "S.O.S" signal, both Field and Heavy Artillery will open fire. Rates of fire will be as follows :-

FIELD ARTILLERY.

- 3 rounds per gun per minute for first five minutes.
- 2 " " " " " for second five minutes.
- 1 round per gun per minute for next five minutes.

HEAVY ARTILLERY.

- |                    |                      |   |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| First five minutes | 6" How)<br>60pdr)    | 1 round per gun per minute.             |
| First five minutes | 8" How)<br>9.2" How) | $\frac{1}{2}$ round per gun per minute. |
| Next ten minutes   |                      | Half above rates.                       |
| Next five minutes  |                      | $\frac{1}{4}$ above rates.              |

All fire will cease at the end of fifteen minutes in the case of field and 20 minutes in the case of heavy artillery.

If the "S.O.S" signal is repeated after the opening of fire, the maximum rate of fire will be reverted to and the procedure as laid down above carried out.

2.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*CRB White*  
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S E C R E T. Copy No.....

Australian Corps,  
4th May, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 96.  
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- 1.- (i) At 12 noon on the 6th May, that portion of the Australian Corps front and area at present held by the 47th Division will be transferred from the Australian Corps to the III Corps.
- (ii) At the same time, the present inter-divisional boundary between the 3rd Australian Division and the 47th Division (subsequently the 18th Division) will become the inter-corps boundary between the Australian Corps and the III Corps.
- 2.- At 12 noon on the 6th May the Headquarters of the Australian Corps and the III Corps will be established at BERTANGLES and VILLERS BOCACHE respectively.  
Australian Corps Heavy Artillery Headquarters will, by arrangement with the III Corps, remain at MONTIGNY.
- 3.- The counter-battery boundary between the III Corps and the Australian Corps will be the E. and W. grid line through D.23.d.O.O. (Sheet 62 D).
- 4.- (i) The units and formations which will be transferred from the Australian Corps to the III Corps are shown in the attached Appendix 'A'.
- (ii) Tank units disposed as under will be affiliated to respective Corps :-

Australian Corps.  
 No. 8 Tank Bn. (Mark V). Wood in N.34.c.  
 1 Co. No. 2 Tank Bn. (Mk V). MERICOURT - BONNAY Area.

III Corps.  
 No. 2 Tank Bn. (Mark V) )  
 (less 1 Co.) ) BAIZIEUX WOOD (C.11.a.&c.).  
 2 Cos. 3rd Tank Bn. )  
 (Whippets) ) WARLOY.

- 5.- The C.E. Australian Corps will hand to the C.E. III Corps a detailed list of the defences in course of construction and proposed in the area being transferred to the III Corps, together with the tunnelling programme.  
A statement of the forward roads policy will be prepared and handed over by the C.E.
- 6.- A list of roads and bridges, for which the responsibility for demolition will be transferred from Australian Corps to III Corps, is given in Appendix 'B' attached.
- 7.- Administrative, engineer & medical instructions are being issued separately.
- 8.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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30	'D' Special Coy. R.E.
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45	S.M.T.O.
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47	Aust Corps Sig Coy.
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49	Aust Corps School.
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51	D.D.M.S.
52	D.A.D.Posts.
53	A.P.M.
54	A.D.V.S.
55	Labour Commandant.
56	Chemical Adviser.
57	Camp Commandant.
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Australian Corps,

4th May, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 94.

1.- (a) (i) Headquarters 2nd Australian Division will move from BERTANGLES to ALLONVILLE on the 5th instant.

(ii) To be clear of BERTANGLES by 6 p.m.

(b) 4th Australian Division will arrange for 'B' Echelon Headquarters 4th Australian Division, to vacate headquarters in ALLONVILLE by 12 noon on 5th instant.

2.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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FIRST AMENDMENT TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.23,  
dated 30th April, 1918.

1.- Tables 'A' and 'B' issued with Instructions for the Defensive No.23 are amended as follows:-

Table 'A' - Road Craters:

Serial No.	Location	Responsibility for Actual demolition Orders for demolition
V.	M.22.b.central	172nd Tunnelling Coy., R.E. 'A.1' Division

Table 'B' - Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition -

Serial No.	River	Location	Description	Responsibility for - Actual demolition Orders demln.
23	HALLUE	H.17.c.8.5. QUERRIEU	9' span brick work in bad condtn.	238th A.T. Coy. R.E. 'B' Div.
24	HALLUE	H.17.a.9.0. QUERRIEU.T.	21' span masonry arch bridge	238th A.T. Coy. R.E. 'B' Div.
25	HALLUE	H.11.b.6.3. QUERRIEU	Small timber bridge for F.A. rebuilt	238th A.T. Coy. R.E. 'B' Div.
X.26	SOMME	M.15.b.2.3. CANON	Continuous girder bridge with centre pier	172 Tunnelling Coy. 'A.1' Div.
X.27	SOMME	M.15.b.3.1. CANON	Small steel bridge	172 Tunnelling Coy. 'A.1' Div.
X.18	SOMME	M.16.d.7.6. CANON	60 steel trusses on masonry abutments	172 Tunnelling Coy. 'A.1' Div.
X.33.	SOMME	M.22.b.6.1. LONGEAU	19' span girder bridge on masonry abutments	172 Tunnelling Coy. 'A.1' Div.

2.- The following additions will be made to Table 'C' issued with Instructions for the Defensive No.23:-

LAMOTTE BREBIERE N.14.d.1.3.  
BLANGY TRONVILLE N.15.e.1.3.

3.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Agm Ross*  
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Australian Corps,  
3rd May, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.26.

Reference S. S. 135, Section 30.

1.- There is apparently still some misconception as to the numbers to be kept back under the authority quoted above - and as to the occasions when the withdrawal should be made. The following is therefore issued for future guidance :-

- (i) Prior to an offensive operation the "nucleus" will always be withdrawn from the battalion.
- (ii) When detailed for defensive duty in the line it is left to the discretion of divisional commanders to withdraw the "nucleus" from battalions.
- (iii) When a battalion strength falls considerably below establishment the numbers laid down in Section XXX of S.S. 135 will be taken as a guide and the actual composition of the nucleus will be determined by divisional commanders.
- (iv) In brigades of 4 and 3 battalions respectively two and one battalion commanders will be included in the "nucleus".
- (v) The following extract from S.S. 135 is repeated :-

"Not more than two Company commanders are to go in with their Coys" in each battalion.

2.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Australian Corps,  
4th May, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS.	
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AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 95.

1.- The front and area at present held by the 47th Division is being transferred from the Australian Corps to the III Corps at 12 noon 6th May under separate orders.

2.- (i) The 18th Division will relieve the 47th Division in the right of the present 47th Divisional sector as far north as square E.2.a.60.75 on the night 6th/7th May. The G.O.C. 47th Division will effect the relief and allocate brigade and battalion headquarters to the incoming division.

(ii) At the same time the provisional inter-divisional boundary between the 18th and 47th Divisions will be adjusted to run as follows:-

E.2.a.60.75. - along the re-entrant to D.5.d.4.7. - thence along the grid line through D.5.central westwards.

Inter-brigade boundaries will be determined by G.O.C. 47th Division.

(iii) Headquarters of the 18th Division will be established at BAVELINCOURT.

The reserve brigade of the 18th Division will be disposed forward of the HALLUE valley under the orders of the G.O.C. 18th Division and in consultation with G.O.C. 47th Division.

(iv) Command will pass on completion of relief at which hour the 55th Infantry Brigade will revert to the command of the 18th Division.

3.- C.R.A. 18th Division will take over command of the artillery covering the front of the 18th Division at 9 a.m. on 7th May.

C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division will remain in command of the artillery covering the front of the 47th Division.

4.- Headquarters are being prepared for brigades of the 18th Division in the following localities:-

2 forward brigades - D.7. central.  
D.19.a.

Reserve brigade - C.10.a.

5.- Subject to the terms of this order arrangements for relief will be made direct between divisional commanders concerned.

6.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Am Ross Lt Col*  
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## APPENDIX "A".

18th Division (less Artillery).  
47th Division (less Artillery).

Artillery Units.

18th Divisional Artillery.  
96th Army Brigade R.F.A.  
169th " " "  
282nd " " "  
5th Army Brigade R.H.A.  
Medium Trench Mortars in the line  
(in situ to 18th Divisional Artillery).  
76th Brigade R.G.A. (Mixed).  
85th " " (Mobile).  
89th " " (How. 8").  
98th " " (How. 9.2").  
449th Siege Battery (6" Gun Mk. IX).

R.E. Units.

146th A.T. Coy R.E.  
221st do.  
568th do.  
1st Siege Co. R.A.R.E.  
180th Tunnelling Co. R.E.

253rd Tunnelling Co. R.E. will join III Corps  
from Fourth Army on 6th May.

R.A.F. Units.

35th Squadron R.A.F.

Anti-Aircraft Unit.

"C" A.A. Battery.

Administrative Units. (including Labour Units).

As notified by "Q" branch.

Mounted Units.

1 Troop Northumberland Hussars attached  
47th Division.



APPENDIX "B".

Eridges in 'C' Divisional Area.

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Description.</u>
73	U.27.b.3.3. CONTAY-FRANVILLERS Road.	
74	U.21.c.8.2. CONTAY.	
75	U.27.b.3.4. "	
76	U.27.b.4.2. "	
31	C.7.a.8.6. AGNICOURT.	16' Ferro concrete bridge 16' wide.
30	B.18.b.7.8. MONTIGNY	15' span masonry arch. Very bad approaches.
29	B.18.d.2.8. "	T. Masonry arch bridge 12' span.
28	B.18.d.2.5. "	T. Culvert about 9' span across rd.

ROAD CRATERS.

Letter.

- A. C.19.a.1.8.
- B. B.24.b.1.9.
- Q. D.20.b.5.3.
- R. D.20.b.7.4.
- S. D.21.a.4.6.
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Australian Corps,  
4th May, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER NO. 97

1. (i) The 18th Division (less artillery, 55th Inf. Brigade and 2 M.G. Coys. already transferred) is being transferred, personnel by bus and transport by road, from III Corps to Australian Corps on the 4th and 5th May.

(ii) On arrival in Australian Corps Area, the 18th Division (less as above) will be accommodated by the 47th Division in "C" Division Area, with Divisional Headquarters at BAVELINCOURT.

2. The above transfer is being effected as follows : -

(a)

(i) Personnel by bus on 5th instant - embussing under III Corps Orders and debussing under 47th Division Orders on AMIENS - CONTAY Road as follows : -

- "A" Inf. Bde. Group - Head of column at CONTAY facing N.E.
- "B" " " " - Head of column at crossroads B.11.d. 7.2, facing N.E.

(ii) Debussing times will be notified.

(b) Transport by road : -

On 4th inst.

To ECOLE NORMALE (AMIENS) and BOUTILLERIE under orders of III Corps.

On 5th inst.

To 47th Division Area under orders to be issued by Australian Corps.

3. Separate orders are being issued for the 18th Division to relieve the 47th Division in the right of "C"(47th Div.) sector as far North as E.2.a.60.75. Until completion of relief, brigade groups of 18th Division will come under orders of G.O.C., 47th Division.

4. The brigade group of the 2nd Australian Division at present accommodated in the MONTIGNY Area (less one battalion employed on the RAIZIMUX defences) will move to the CARDONNETTE - ALLONVILLE Area on the 5th inst. in accordance with orders already issued.

5. Separate administrative instructions are being issued.

6. Acknowledge.

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<u>Aust. Corps H.Q.</u>	("A" Echelon "B" Echelon)	VILLERS BOCAGE VIGNACOURT
<u>B.G.H.A.</u>	MONTIGNY	
<u>47th Division</u> (Line left)	BFAUCOURT	
142nd Inf.Bde.	V.20.d.2.2	Line left
140th " "	HE NENCOURT	Line centre
55th " "	D.7.b.1.8	Line right
141st " "	WARLOY	Support
<u>3rd Aust. Division</u> (Left centre)	ST. GRATIEN	
10th Aust. Inf. Bde.	HEILLY	Line left
9th " " "	J.1.d.1.3	Line right
11th " " "	FRECHENCOURT	Support
<u>5th Aust. Division</u> (Right Centre)	BUSSY-les-DAOURS	
8th Aust. Inf. Bde.	I.35.c.4.3	Line left
14th " " "	O.5.c.8.6	Line right
15th " " "	N.21.a.9.3	Support
	(BLANGY-TRONVILLE Chau.)	
<u>4th Aust. Division</u> (Line right)	GLISY	
4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	U.19.c.2.4	Line left
12th " " "	GLISY	Support
13th " " "	BLANGY-TRONVILLE Ch.	Line right
<u>2nd Aust. Division</u> (Reserve)	BEPTANGLES	
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	WBAFT Farm (C.1.c.2.3)	
6th " " "	QUERRIEU (Chateau)	
7th " " "	RIVERY (Hospice St. Victor)	
<u>8th Division</u>	Moving.	

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FIRST AMENDMENT TO AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 96.  
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1ST AMENDMENT TO AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER NO.93 dated 3-5-18.

1. Para. 1 (b) is hereby cancelled.
2. On relief, the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will move to an area around and South of FRECHENCOURT.
3. (i) On arrival in the FRECHENCOURT Area, 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery will come into Army Reserve and will be administered by the 2nd Aust. Division.  
  
(ii) The 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery will not be employed without reference to Army Headquarters.
4. Dispositions of units in the area referred to in para. 2 above will be arranged by the 2nd Aust. Division with the 3rd Aust. Division who will provide accommodation and space in the area accordingly.
5. Supplies will continue to be drawn from 2nd Aust. Division.
6. Acknowledge.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 27

Defences. Dispositions for Defence.

Attention is drawn to Instructions for the Defensive No.22.

Consequent upon Corps Order No.96 of 4-5-18, the following changes will be made in defences and dispositions for defence :-

A. DEFENCES.

1. The HALLUE defences within the Corps Area will be formed into 3 sectors as follows :-
  - QUERRIEU Sector - From Northern boundary of Corps South to boundary between "B" (5th Aust.) Div. and "C" (3rd Aust.) Div.
  - DAOURS sector - From Northern boundary of "B" (5th Aust.) Div. to N.12.central.
  - SOMME sector - From N.12.central to CAMON inclusive.

Maps will be amended accordingly.

2. A new Switch, to be known as the BRESLE Switch, is being constructed on the approx. line BUIRE, BRESLE, BAIZIEUX.

B. DISPOSITIONS FOR DEFENCE.

1. Divisional Sectors will be relettered A, B & C. from South to North
2. Relief Division in Corps Reserve:
  - (i) The role of the division in Corps Reserve will remain as before, except that plans will be prepared for nucleus garrisons to occupy any of the three reorganized sectors of the HALLUE defences and for the division to man either the QUERRIEU Sector or one or both the DAOURS and SOMME Sectors.
  - (ii) In addition to the above, the division in Corps Reserve will, while in close support -
    - (a) be prepared to operate defensively or offensively on the left of "C" (3rd Aust.) Div. This will include the occupation of the BRESLE Switch as a temporary defensive;
    - (b) be prepared to form a defensive flank facing N.E. along the spur S. of FRECHENCOURT and the ST. GRATIEN Spur.

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 28.**

**T A N K S**

- 1.- Instructions for the Defensive No. 8 are cancelled.
- 2.- The principles to be observed in the employment of tanks in the present situation are :-
  - (a) In the event of a serious penetration of our defences it will be the duty of the heavy tanks to break up the hostile penetration in close co-operation with the infantry. Heavy tanks will assist organised counter attack; the details of the attack will be carefully worked out between the tank and infantry commanders. Heavy tanks will be responsible for attacking and destroying the enemy's tanks, if they penetrate our defences.
  - (b) Whippet tanks will push through and attack formed bodies of the enemy; they will prevent him from bringing up reserves and massing troops for a further attack. They will not attempt to engage hostile tanks but will work round them and attack the enemy infantry following in rear.
- 3.- Tanks on the corps front are disposed as shown in Appendix 'A'.
- 4.- In each divisional sector plans for the employment of tanks will be prepared to meet probable forms of attack. Such schemes will be prepared by Tank Battalion commanders in consultation with the commander of the division holding the sector. On receipt of information that an enemy attack is taking place the Tank/Company commander concerned will at once move a pre-arranged portion of his command to the "forward assembly position" in the threatened sector. In certain cases sections of tanks will be located at forward positions of assembly in order that they may more readily be available. Divisional commanders will normally issue the order to Tank Battalion commanders for Tanks to move to forward positions of assembly or to execute any portion of a prepared plan of action. In an emergency these orders may be issued by divisions direct to Company commanders.
- 5.- (a) The responsibility for the reconnaissance of the area for tank operations and routes for tanks, will rest with tank battalion commanders. (b) The division in whose area the tanks are to operate will be responsible for warning the tank units of the close approach of the enemy. In the case of No. 8 Tank Battalion this will be 'A' or 'B' Division, according to the front attacked. In the case of No. 2 Tank Battalion this will be 'B' or 'C' Division, according to the front attacked.

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(c) Co-operation between tanks and infantry will be arranged between the infantry commanders on the spot and the officers in command of tanks.

6.- In case of a withdrawal of tanks East of the line BLANGY system - HALLUE Defences being necessitated, tanks will use the following crossings :-

- (a) Tanks operating between the SOMME and the ANCRE by the road South of the ANCRE crossing the latter river at BONNAY.
- (b) Tanks operating North of the ANCRE, although allotted to III Corps, may, if desired, use the PONT NOYELLES and FRECHENCOURT crossings over the HALLUE.

7.- Corps Headquarters is in communication with 5th Tank Brigade Headquarters at VAUX.

No. 8 Tank Battalion, BLANGY TRONVILLE, will be in touch with 'A' Division, GLISY and 'B' Division at BUSSY LES DAOURS.

No. 2 Tank Battalion, FRECHENCOURT, will be in touch with 'B' Division at BUSSY LES DAOURS and with 'C' Division at ST GRATIEN.

8.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Headquarters - 5th Tank Brigade - VAUX.

No. 8 Tank Battalion - Headquarters BLANGY TRONVILLE.  
(27 heavy Mk V Tanks).

- 'B' Coy. No.8 Tank Battalion located in Wood N.34.c. will be responsible for the sector between GENTELLES - CACHY ridge and the VILLERS-BRETONNEUX - AMIENS road:
- 'C' Coy. No.8 Tank Battalion located in O.13.a. will be responsible for the sector between the VILLERS-BRETONNEUX - AMIENS road and the river SOMME:
- 'A' Coy. No. 8 Tank Battalion will be in Corps Reserve about N.21. central prepared to operate in either sector:

No. 2 Tank Battalion (less 2 coys) - H.Q. FRECHENCOURT.

- 'C' Coy. No. 2 Tank Battalion - about J.13. - 14. will be responsible for the sector between the river SOMME and the river ANCRE.
- 'A' & 'B' Coys. No.2 Tank Battalion will be located about BAIZIEUX wood and is allotted to III Corps but will be available to operate in the corps front north of the river ANCRE in case of emergency and in the event of their not being required on the III Corps front.

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S E C R E T.G.  
Australian Corps,  
6th May, 1918.

1.- Reference Australian Corps No. G.30/60 of the  
4th instant.

Amended tables to Instructions for the Defensive  
No. 23, dated 30th April, 1918, are forwarded herewith.

2.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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238th Army Troops Coy.  
172nd Tunnelling Coy.



TABLE 'A' Road Craters.

Serial No.	Location.	Responsibility for Actual Demltn. Orders Dem.
C.	H.6.a.7.4.	172 Tunn Coy R.E. 'C' Div.
D.	H.12.c.5.2.	" " "
E.	H.18.c.3.3.	" " "
F.	H.29.b.5.0.	" " "
G.	N.6.a.4.5.	" " 'B' Div.
H.	M.6.a.5.6.	" " "
I.	I.27.c.3.1.	" " "
J.	I.33.a.0.0.	" " "
L.	I.2.d.7.3.	" " "
M.	I.3.c.5.0.	" " 'C' Div.
N.	C.28.d.9.0.	" " "
O.	C.29.a.7.0.	" " "
P.	C.29.d.7.8.	" " "
T.	N.24.a.8.3.)	" " "
Tl.	N.24.a.7.2.)	" " 'B' Div.
V.	M.22.b.central.	" " "
W.	O.10.d.5.8.	" " 'A' Div.
X.	O.10.d.6.8.	" " 'B' Div.
Y.	O.11.a.6.1.	" " "
Z.	O.18.b.5.4.	" " "
XA.	M.34.b.2.9.	" " "
XB.	N.19.d.8.6.	" " 'A' Div.
XF.	O.27.c.0.3.	" " "
XG.	O.34.d.	" " "



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Table 'B' - Bridges prepared or to be prepared for Demolition.

The following conventional terms have been used :- T - Tanks: X.T. - All traffic except Tanks  
 F.T. - Foot traffic only: F.A. - Field Artillery: I.F.- Infantry in File.

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 Location.                      Name.                      .                      Description.                      To                      Responsibility for  
 carry. Act Dem.                      Orders for Dem.  
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TREUX GROUP.

J.5.d.5.D.	TREUX 2.	Road over river(existing). Masonry Arch bridge 15" ring 15' span.		2nd Aust Tunn Coy.	'C' Div.
E.29.d.5.O.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing) 6 I beams 9" x 4".		"	"

MERICOURT GROUP.

J.4.b.9.3.	MERICOURT 1.	Railway over river (existing).		"	"
J.4.c.7.9.	" 2.	Road over river (existing) Steel girder bridge 18' span x 18' wide.	T.	"	"
J.4.d.4.2.	" 3	Road over stream (existing) Brick arch bridge 8' span 20' wide arch ring 12".	T.	"	"
J.3.c.9.7.	" 4	Road over river (existing) Brick arch 20' span x 18' wide, 22" ring.	T.	"	"

HEILLY GROUP.

J.2.c.5.1.	HEILLY 1.	Track over River (new) 2 small trestle bridges and track connecting MERICOURT and HEILLY.	F.A.	"	"
J.7.b.3.5.	" 2.	Road over river (existing) Masonry arch 8' span. x 18' wide.	T.	"	"
J.7.b.2.7.	" 3.	Road over river (existing) 8' span steel and concrete 20' wide.	T.	"	"
J.7.central.	" 4.	Track over river (new). 2 small timber bridges and track.	F.A.	"	"

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Table 'B' (continued) - Bridges prepared or to be prepared for Demolition.

Location.	Name.	DESCRIPTION.	To. carry.	Responsibility for Actl Dem.	Orders Dem.
<u>BONNAY GROUP.</u>					
I.29.a.	BONNAY 1 & 2.	Track over river (new) Small timber & pontoon bridges and track.	F.A.	2nd Aust Tunn Coy.	'B' Div.
I.23.c.	" 3.4.5.&6.	Track over river (new) 4 small timber bridges and track.	F.A.	"	'C' Div.
I.23.d.6.6.	" 7.	Road over railway (existing) Brick & masonry arch	"	"	"
I.23.b.6.4.	" 8.	Road over river (existing) Reinforced concrete bridge 4 girders 12" x 12"	T.	"	"
I.23.b.3.7.	" 9.	Road over stream (existing) Two small masonry arches with central pier 15' roadway.	T.	"	"
I.18.c.	" 10.11.12. 13 & 14.	Track over river (new) 5 small timber bridges and track.	F.A.	"	"
<u>LA NEUVILLE GROUP.</u>					
I.33.c.6.1.	LA NEUVILLE 1.	Track over stream (existing) 4/9"x3" R.S.J. 14' span 12' wide.	"	"	'B' Div.
I.33.d.9.7.	" 2.	Road over stream (existing) Three girders and Jack arches 21'6" span	T	"	"
I.34.a.6.0.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing).	"	"	"
I.28.c.&d.	" 5.6.&7.	Track over river (new) 3 small timber bridges and track.	F.A.	"	"
<u>CORBIE GROUP.</u>					
O.4.d.6.4.	CORBIE 1.	Tow-path over stream (existing).	"	"	'B' Div.
O.11.a.0.9.	" 2.	Road over stream (existing) Masonry arch bridge 12' span.	T.	"	"
O.5.c.2.0.	" 4.	Road over stream (existing) Brick arch bridge 20' span x 16' 3" roadway.	T.	"	"
O.5.c.4.5.	" 6.	Road over stream (existing) Steel girder bridge 50' span x 16' 6".	T.	"	"

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Table 'B' (continued) - Bridges prepared or to be prepared for Demolition.

Location.	Name	DESCRIPTION.	To Responsibility for carry. Actl Dem. Orders for Dem.		
<u>CORBIE GROUP (continued).</u>					
0.5.c.4.5.	CORBIE 7.	Road over stream (new) 60' Mk II.	T.	2nd Aust Tunn Coy.	'B' Div.
0.5.c.7.8.	" 8.	Road over river (existing) Steel girder bridge across lock 33' span x 22' wide.	T.	"	"
0.5.c.7.8.	" 9.	Road over river (new) 21' 6" Mk II	T.	"	"
<u>DAOURS GROUP.</u>					
0.1.d.3.0.	Daours 1.	Road over railway (existing) Masonry arch bridge over railway.	T.	"	"
0.1.c.2.3.	" 3.	Road over river (new) 60' Mk II.	X.T.	"	"
0.1.c.2.5.	" 4.	Road over river (existing) Steel girder bridge 22' span x 20' wide.	T.	"	"
I.1a.2.1.	" 5.	Road over river. Heavy type Inglis.	16 ton axle	"	"
0.1.a.1.1.	" 6.	ditto ditto	"	"	"
N.6.d.8.3.	" 7.	Road over river (new) 90' Hopkins.	T.	"	"
N.6.d.8.5.	" 8.	Road over river (existing) 72' span steel trusses 20' wide on masonry abutments.	T.	"	"
N.5.d.8.6.	" 9.	Road over river.	F.A.	"	"
<u>BUSSY GROUP.</u>					
N.5.b.4.1.	BUSSY. 1.	2 Steel and timber bridges at old railway crossing over stream		238 A.T. F.A. Coy R.E.	"
H.35.d.1.1.	" 3.	Track over river. Footbridge - bridge for F.A. Mud road only.	F.A.	"	"
H.29.c.4.2.	" 4.	Track over river. Small timber bridge for F.A.	"	"	"

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Table 'B' (continued) - Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition.

Location.	Name.	Description.	To	Responsibility for
			carry.	Actual Dem. Orders for Dem.
<u>QUERRIEU GROUP.</u>				
H.23.b.22.12.	QUERRILU 1.2.	Track over stream. 30' span with centre		238 A.T.
H.23.a.8.2.	& 3.	trestle and two small bridges.	F.A.	Coy R.E.
H.17.d.0.6.	" 4.	Track over river. 9' span brick work in bad		"
		condition.	F.A.	"
H.17.b.0.1.	" 5.	Road over river, 21' span masonry arch bridge.	T.	"
H.17.b.3.7.	" 6.	Road over river. 21'6" span heavy bridge.	T.	"
H.17.b.5.9.	" 7.	Road over river. 21'6" span heavy bridge.	T.	"
H.11.b.7.2.	" 9.	Track over river. Small timber bridge rebuilt.	F.A.	"
H.5.d.8.4.	" 10.	Track over river. 30' span x 8'6" wide with		"
		centre trestle.	F.A.	"
<u>FRECHENCOURT GROUP.</u>				
E.30.a.8.7.	FRECHENCOURT 2.	Road over river. 2 small bridges about 9' span.		"
E.29.d.8.8.	" 3.	Road over river. 20' span x 6' wide with central		"
		trestle.	F.A.	"
<u>BLANGY GROUP.</u>				
N.17.c.6.3.	BLANGY 1.	Pontoon over river (new) Pontoon bridge & track.	F.A.	2nd Atst
N.16.c.6.2.	" 2.	Pontoon over stream (new) Pontoon bridge & track		Tunn Coy.
N.15.c.8.4.	" 5.	Towpath over spillway (existing) 3 small spans.	F.A.	"
N.15.c.7.4.	" 6.	Trestle over lock. (new)	F.A.	"
N.15.c.5.4.	" 7.	Towpath over stream (existing). Light reinforced		"
		concrete bridge (150' long carrying towpath.	F.A.	"
N.15.c.2.4.	" 8.	Road over river (new) 2/16' Mark II. 2/21'6" Mark II.	T.	"

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Table 'B' (continued) - Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition.

Location.	Name.	Description.	To carry.	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Orders for Dem.
M.7.b.4.6.	AMIENS 1.	Road over river. Bvde de BEAUVILLE. 7 Girders 80' span.	172 Tunn Coy R.E.	C.E. Aust Corps.	
M.7.b.2.1.	" 2	Road over Canal. " " " 30' span with arch.	"	"	
R.12.a.6.3.	" 3.	Road over Canal. Port d' Amont. 3/20' span masonry arches.	"	"	
R.12.a.3.4.	" 4.	Road over Canal. Rue des Majots. 4 girders 30' span.	"	"	
R.6.c.2.6.	" 5.	Road over canal. Bvde BARAPAN. 3 girders 40' span with jack arches.	"	"	
R.5.d.8.7.	" 6.	Road over canal. Rue ST. LEU. 5 girders 30' span.	"	"	
R.5.d.2.7.	" 7.	Road over canal. Rue du Jardin des Plantes 30' span.	"	"	
R. 5 .d.0.7.	" 8.	Road over Lock. Quai, St. MURICE.	"	"	
R.4.b.7.1.	" 9.	Road over canal. Rue du Chateau MILAN. 2 lattice girders 80' span.	"	"	
R.11.b.0 .9.	" 10.	Road over canal. PONT ST MICHEL. 30' span brick arch.	"	"	

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Table 'C'.  
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List of bridges in Australian Corps Area capable of carrying tanks.

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Reference Map. 62.d.

QUERRIEU	5.	H.17.b.0.1.
"	6.	H.17.b.3.7.
"	7.	H.17.b.5.9.
DAOURS	1.	O.1d. 3.0.
"	4.	O.1.c.2.5.
"	7.	N.6.d.8.3.
"	8.	N.6.d.8.5.
LA NEUVILLE2		I.33.d.9.7.
CORBIE.	2.	O.11.a.0.9.
"	4.	O. 5.c.3.2.
"	6.	O.5.c.4.5.
"	7.	O.5.c.4.5.
"	8.	O.5.c.7.8.
"	9.	O.5.c.7.8.
HEILLY	2.	J.7.b.3.5.
"	3.	J.7.b.2.7.
"	5.	J.7.d.4.6.
MERICOURT	2.	J.4.c.7.9.
"	3.	J.4.a.4.2.
"	4.	J.3.c.9.7.
BONNAY.	3.	I.23.b.6.4.
"	9.	I.23.b.3.7.
GLISY	2.	N.14.c.8.3.
LONGEAU.	3.	M.22.c.4.5.
"	4.	M.21.b.2.2.
"	5.	M.21.b.2.2. (NOT YET FRECTED).
BLANGY	3.	N.15.c.2.4.

  
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DISPOSITIONS HEADQUARTERS OF FORMATIONS

AS AT 6 A.M., 8TH MAY, 1918

Aust. Corps H.Q. "A" Echelon BERTANDES  
"B" Echelon VIGNACOURT

B. G. H. A. MONTIGNY

2nd Aust. Division ALLONVILLE  
5th Aust. Inf. Bde. CARDONNETTE  
6th " " " QUERRIEU  
7th " " " RIVERY

3rd Aust. Division ST. GRATIEN  
(Line Left)  
9th Aust. Inf. Bde. J.1.d.05.50 (HEILLY) Line Right  
10th " " " HEILLY Line Left  
11th " " " FRECHENCOURT

4th Aust. Division GLISY  
(Line Right)  
4th Aust. Inf. Bde. O.25.o.40.25 (FLY.) Line Left  
12th " " " TRONVILLE Chateau  
13th " " " O.25.o.40.25 (FLY.) Line Right

5th Aust. Division BUSSY  
(Line Centre)  
8th Aust. Inf. Bde. I.35.o.4.3 Line Left  
14th " " " O.5.o.8.6 Line Right  
15th " " " BLANGY-TRONVILLE  
Chateau.

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Australian Corps,

7th May, 1918

HEADQUARTERS,  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 98.  
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1.- (i) The 2nd Australian Division (less artillery) will relieve the 3rd Australian Division (less artillery) in 'C' divisional sector and area on the nights 9th/10th and 10th/11th May. The relief will be carried out by G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division.

(ii) Command will pass on completion of relief which will be reported to corps headquarters.

(iii) (a) On completion of relief, the following artillery will pass under the orders of the G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division:-

3rd Australian Divl. Arty.  
3rd Army Bde., A.F.A.  
6th Army Bde., A.F.A.  
108th Army Bde., R.F.A.  
180th Army Bde., R.F.A.

The C.R.A. 3rd Australian Division will continue to officiate in command of the divisional artillery of 'B' divisional sector.

(b) The following heavy artillery brigade now affiliated with the 3rd Australian Division will, on completion of relief, become affiliated with the 2nd Australian Division:-  
6th Brigade, R.G.A.

(iv) On completion of relief headquarters of the 2nd and 3rd Australian Divisions will be established at St. GRATIEN and ALLONVILLE respectively.

2.- On relief, the 3rd Australian Division will move into Corps Reserve, brigade groups occupying the areas vacated by brigade groups of the 2nd Australian Division.

3.- The G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division will take over from the G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division the orders and responsibilities allotted to the division in Corps Reserve (as defined in Instructions for the Defensive Nos. 7 and 21 and subsequent amendment No. 27).

4.- (i) Defence schemes, defence works policy and programme, and all divisional details of second zone defences will be handed over by the 3rd Australian Division to 2nd Australian Division.

(ii) The responsibility for the demolition of roads and bridges will be handed over in accordance with the revised tables sent out under Instructions for the Defensive No. 23.

5.- Administrative, engineer, and medical instructions are being issued separately.

- Subject to the terms of this order, arrangements for relief made direct between divisional commanders concerned; the G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division assuming command of all relieving troops in the divisional area until command passes.

7.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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TO 3rd Aust. Div.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Following from Genl. RAWLINSON begins AAA  
 Please convey to 3rd Aust. Div. my congratu-  
 lations and best thanks for the brilliant  
 piece of work they carried out last night  
 AAA The success is highly creditable to  
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Australian Corps,  
8th May, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 29.

A. A. DEFENCE.

This cancels Instructions for the Defensive No. 14, of 19th April, 1918, and brings the A.A. defence arrangements in the present corps area up to date.

1.- GENERAL.

The general disposition of A.A. guns, machine and Lewis guns in the present corps area will follow the lines laid down by the corps for the defence schemes of the past winter.

2.- DEFENCE OF ZONES AND BACK AREAS. A. Defence of forward & second zones.

Since protection against low flying aeroplanes cannot be afforded by A.A. guns only, or by our own squadrons acting offensively, provision will be made for the defence of the forward and second zones on the following lines.

- (i) 1st Echelon.
- (a) Lewis guns placed 200 - 500 yards behind the front system according to the ground and areas which it is found that the enemy shells. Single guns not more than 800 yards apart; guns in groups of two or more not more than 1500.
  - (b) Stokes Mortars whenever the situation admits.
- (ii) 2nd Echelon.
- (a) Vickers or Lewis Guns. If Vickers guns are employed they must also be in such positions as will enable them to play their part in the general scheme of defence.
  - (b) Guns to be placed 1500 - 2000 yards behind the first system of the forward zone. Single guns not more than 800 yards apart. Guns in groups of two or more, not more than 1500 yards apart.
- (iii) 3rd Echelon.  
(Artillery protection, both field and heavy).
- (a) Lewis guns - artillery allotment.
  - (b) Gun teams will consist of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men per gun.
  - (c) Guns will be in groups of 2 or more and not more than 1500 yards apart.
  - (d) Guns should not be placed further than 200 - 300 yards from the battery position itself.

The role of such defences will be to engage all low flying aeroplanes in the forward area.

Lewis and machine gun fire is useless against aeroplanes flying higher than 3000 feet.

(iv) Working parties in the forward area will be specially provided with anti-aircraft defence if the arrangements under subparagraphs (i) to (iii) do not sufficiently protect them.

(v) Units in rest billets, camps and horse lines in areas in rear of the forward zone will provide for their own defence under the orders of the brigade or units commanders.

Guns so mounted for defence will be provided with definite orders.

They will only engage low flying enemy aircraft by day or night when such aircraft clearly disclose their hostile identity. They are not to co-operate in general actions against enemy aircraft.



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(vi) The whole of the above defences will be a divisional responsibility.

(vii) In a moving operation, the whole zone in which troops operate is a forward zone for A.A. defence. Every unit commander therefore must make provision for protection.

The organisation of the 2nd and 3rd Echelons of A.A. defence will conform to the action in front and aim at consistent and methodical protection.

(viii) As pointed out in a previous Instructions for the Defensive there should, within machine gun and Lewis gun organisations, be definite provision and allocation of trained personnel for A.A. duty.

The provision will be made by <sup>selecting</sup> specially trained personnel solely for A.A. duty and using them to form the nucleus and building on this nucleus to meet varying requirements.

#### B. Defence of 2nd zone and back areas.

(i) The anti-aircraft defence of the corps area consists of five sections of 'F' Anti-aircraft battery under O.C. 'F' A.A. Battery, with H.Q. at 62D/ G.29.c.9.2, and three sections of 'G' A.A. Battery: under O.C. 'G' A.A. Battery, with H.Q. at 62E/ L.29.c.8.4.

Three Sections of 'Q' A.A. Battery under O.C. 'Q' A.A. Battery, with H.Q. at 62D/ B.17.b.3.8., situated in III Corps area form part of the defences of the northern flank of the corps area. One section of 'G' A.A. Battery, situated in the French area forms part of the defences of the southern flank of the corps area.

All these sections are armed with two 13 pdr 9 cwt. guns.

(ii) All the A.A. Searchlights in the corps area are engaged in the defence of AMIENS. This is a special A.A. defence area, and the second-line Section of 'F' Battery occupying positions near BUSSY by day returns to LES ALENCONS by night, and then forms part of the AMIENS A.A. defences.

(iii) The general disposition of the A.A. guns has been made with the following objects in view :-

(a) To form a forward barrage of anti-aircraft artillery fire as strong as possible, with the object of preventing hostile aircraft flying at normal altitudes from crossing our line.

(b) To form a back barrage of anti-aircraft artillery which will be continuous across the corps front, and be so placed that hostile aircraft will come under its fire at the same time that they get out of range of the forward barrage.

(c) For the defence of localities of importance, such as H.Q., Dumps, Camps, Railheads, etc.

For this purpose special provision of machine guns has been made under the control of the Anti-Aircraft Defence Commander. There are now four Lewis guns defending VIGNACOURT, four FLENECOURT, and eight FLESSELLES.

As more guns become available additional machine gun defence will be provided for other localities of importance.

(iv) The following table shows the arrangements in detail that have been made regarding the disposition of anti-aircraft guns:-

#### Disposition of A.A. Guns.

Forward barrage.	"F".	62D/	0.11.d.
	" "	"	1.24.a.
	"G".	"	0.21.c.
Second Barrage.	"F".	"	N. 4.d.
	"G".	"	N.19.d.



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## Disposition of A.A. Guns (continued),

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 The positions of the sections of "Q" Battery on the northern flank of the corps area forming part of these barrages are :-

62D / J.S.o.  
 " / I.S.b.

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The position of the section of "G" Battery on the southern flank of the corps area is :-

62D / T.11.d.

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The remaining Sections of "F" and "3" Batteries form part of the defence of AMIENS; at the same time they reinforce the second line barrage.

Defence of BEPLANGES - FLESSELLES - VILLERS BOCCAGE -  
 POULAINVILLE area :-

"F". 62E / F.10.d.  
 "Q". "D / G. 5.d.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.30.

COUNTER PREPARATION.

1. A. COUNTER PREPARATION. (See Instructions for the Defensive Nos. 11 and 18.)

(i) Counter preparation on the corps front will, in future, be put into operation by the following messages :-

(a) "Effect Counter preparation Phase 1 from..... to .....(Or, From beginning of enemy bombardment)"

(b) "Effect counter preparation Phase 2 at plus..... hours from beginning of enemy bombardment for..... minutes".

(ii) Rates of fire when counter preparation Phase 2 is ordered will be in future as follows :-

Field Artillery - 18-pdrs. 3 rounds per gun per minute.  
4.5" Hows2 " " " " "

Heavy Artillery - Rate 1, i.e.

60-pdrs.)  
6" Hows.) 1 round per gun per minute.  
8" Hows.)  
9.2" " ) 1/2 round per gun per minute.

B. S.O.S. Rates of fire.

(This cancels Instructions for the Defensive No.25).

On receipt of the S.O.S. signal, both field and heavy artillery will open fire. Rates of fire will be as follows :-

Field Artillery:

First 8 minutes - 4 rounds per gun per minute.  
Second 7 minutes- 3 " " " " "

Heavy Artillery:

First 8 minutes - 6" Hows.)  
60-pdrs.) 1 round per gun per minute.  
8" Hows.)  
9.2" Hows) 1/2 round per gun per minute.

Second 7 minutes- Half above rates.

All fire will cease at the end of fifteen minutes, unless the S.O.S. signal is repeated after the opening of fire, when the maximum rate of fire will be reverted to and the procedure as laid down above carried out.

2. S.O.S. Signals.

In foggy weather or under conditions impracticable for



the use of light signals, the S.O.S. signal will be sent by bugle call.

This call will be a succession of either G's or E's.

3.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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-----Dispositions - French Xth Army.  
-----HEADQUARTERS.  
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- 1.- The Xth French Army constituted as follows -

20th Corps11th Division.  
153rd Division.46th Division.  
47th Division.

is at present disposed in rear of portions of the Fourth and Third British Armies.

The role of the Xth French Army is to aid in ensuring the maintenance of the general line :-

FRANVILLERS - BAIZEUX - HARPONVILLE - CLAIRFAYE -  
LEALVILLERS , etc.

- 2.- The 153rd French Division with headquarters at FLESSELLES is in rear of this corps and in the event of attack on the whole front from the SOMME to ARRAS its role will be to occupy FRANVILLERS and BAIZEUX each with one battalion, the remainder of the division moving to HERISSART-MIRVAUX area ready either to operate northwards or to move to the BAIZEUX-FRANVILLERS plateau.

In the event of attack from South of BEAUMONT HAMEL only, the 153rd Division will move to the area CONTAY - BEAUCOURT with advanced guard and divisional artillery occupying the BAIZEUX - FRANVILLERS plateau.

- 3.- Every facility will be given to divisional commanders of the Xth French Army to make the necessary reconnaissances and to become acquainted with our plans and dispositions.

- 4.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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FIRST AMENDMENT TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 28.  
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1.- In Appendix 'A', after line 11, ADD the following :-

"Of this company one section is at the direct call  
"of the G.O.C. 'A' Divisional Sector for co-operation  
"in counter attack north of the BOIS L' ABBE".

2.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 32.

Contact patrols - Signals.

1.- It has been found in practice that contact aeroplanes can see, at a height of 1000 feet, groups of rifles laid out by troops as supplemental to or in place of ground flares.

2.- Since ground flares are not always available and are liable to be lost in action, the following method will be adopted in future by this corps :-

When a contact aeroplane calls on the Klaxon Horn for ground signals, and whether or not flares are in use, groups of three rifles each will be placed out on the parapet, two feet between rifles and about ten yards between groups.

3.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Australian Corps,

11th May, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 33.  
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(See Aust. Corps letter No.60/150 of 10th May, 1918, paragraph 3)  
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1.- The following instructions already issued should be incorporated in Defence Schemes and should consequently be prefixed "D. P.":-

Artillery:  
Nos. 228, 230, 231, 234.

Engineer:  
Nos. 88, 93, 97, 115.

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Nos. 192 and 195.

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2.- Some of the above instructions are not now applicable in all details and are in process of revision.

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Australian Corps,  
12th May, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
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AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 99.  
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- 1.- (a)  
 (i) The 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery in Army Reserve at FRECHENCOURT, will relieve the 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery on 'B' (the 2nd Australian) Division front on the night 14th/15th May.  
 (ii) Relief to be complete by 10 p.m. 14th instant.
- (b) On relief, the 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery will concentrate in the FRECHENCOURT area, occupying the wagon lines vacated by the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery.
- 2.- (i) The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery on relief will replace the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery in Army Reserve and will be administered by the 3rd Australian Division.  
 (ii) The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery will not be employed without reference to Army Headquarters.
- 3.- Separate artillery instructions are being issued by the G.O.C., R.A.
- 4.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Australian Corps,  
12th May, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 34.

T A N K S.

- 1.- Instructions for the Defensive No. 28 are cancelled.
- 2.- The principles to be observed in the employment of tanks in the present situation are :-
  - (a) In the event of a serious penetration of our defences it will be the duty of the heavy tanks to break up the hostile penetration in close co-operation with the infantry.  
Heavy tanks will assist organised counter attack; the details of the attack will be carefully worked out between the commanders of tank and infantry units.  
Heavy tanks will be responsible for attacking and destroying the enemy's tanks, if they penetrate our defences.
  - (b) Whippet tanks will push through and attack formed bodies of the enemy; they will prevent him from bringing up reserves and massing troops for a further attack. They will not attempt to engage hostile tanks but will work round them and attack the enemy infantry following in rear.
- 3.- Tanks on corps front are disposed as shown in Appendix 'A'.
- 4.- (i) (a) In each divisional sector plans for the employment of tanks will be prepared to meet probable forms of attack. Such schemes will be prepared by Tank Battalion commanders in consultation with the commander of the division holding the sector.
  - (b) The responsibility for the reconnaissance of the area for tank operations and routes for tanks, will rest with tank battalion commanders.  
Co-operation between tanks and infantry will be arranged between the infantry commanders on the spot and the officers in command of tanks.
  - (ii) On receipt of information that an enemy attack is taking place the Tank company commander concerned will at once move a pre-arranged portion of his command to the "forward assembly position" in the threatened sector. In certain cases sections of tanks will be located at forward positions of assembly in order that they may more readily be available.
    - (a) The division in whose area the tanks are to operate will be responsible for warning the tank units of the close approach of the enemy.  
In the case of No. 8 Tank Battalion this will be 'A' or 'B' Division, according to the front attacked.  
In the case of No. 2 Tank Battalion this will be 'B' or 'C' Division, according to the front attacked.
    - (b) Divisional commanders will normally issue the order to Tank Battalion commanders for Tanks to move to forward positions of assembly or to execute any portion of a prepared plan of action. In an emergency these orders may be issued by divisions direct to company commanders.  
Orders to tanks in corps reserve will be issued to the Tank Battalion Commander through the nearest divisional headquarters.



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Failing receipt of definite orders, Tank Company commanders have received orders that when hostile tanks are reported or seen they are to be attacked on the initiative of the company commander.

5.- Tank company commanders have received orders that they are to remain in constant liaison with brigades which are detailed for counter-attack.

6.- (a) In case of a withdrawal of tanks to one of the rear defensive zones west of the ANCRE, HALLUE or SOMME rivers being necessitated, tanks will use the following crossings:-

(i) Tanks operating within this corps area -

MERICOURT.  
HEILLY.  
BONHAY.  
QUERRIEU.  
DAOURS.  
LONGUEAU.

(ii) Tanks operating within the III Corps area, may if desired, use the PONT NOYELLES and FRECHENCOURT crossings over the HALLUE.

(b) Tanks will be ordered to hold the east bank of the rivers until all the infantry have crossed, when they will then take up a position on the west bank and prevent the enemy from effecting a crossing.

Bridges will not be blown until all tanks which are in action have crossed.

Orders have been issued for a tank officer to be posted at each bridge-head to control withdrawal and to advise bridge-head demolition parties.

(c) In the event of a bridge being unsuccessfully demolished the crossing can be obstructed effectively by placing a Mark IV or V tank across the bridge and there destroying it.

7.- (i) Instructions regarding the manner in which tanks are painted have already been issued (G.94/3/12).

(ii) Tanks are provided with yellow and black flags. These flags will not be flown on the tanks normally as a distinctive tank flag, but are available for use under special circumstances by previous arrangement made by the Tank company commander with either infantry or artillery.

8.- Corps Headquarters is in communication with 5th Tank Brigade headquarters at VAUX.

No.8 Tank Battalion, BLANGY TRONVILLE, will be in touch with 'A' division, GLISY and 'E' Division at BUSSY les DAOURS.

No.2 Tank Battalion, FRECHENCOURT, will be in touch with 'B' Division at BUSSY les DAOURS and with 'C' Division at ST GRATIEN.

9.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Headquarters- 5th Tank Brigade - VAUX-en-AMIENOIS.

No. 8 Tank Battalion - Headquarters BLANGY TRONVILLE.

- 'B' Coy. No. 8 Tank Battalion located in Wood N.34.c. (with 2 Tanks at O.33.c) will be responsible for the sector between GENTELLES - CACHY ridge and the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - AMIENS road.
- 'C' Coy. No. 8 Tank Battalion located in O.13.a. will be responsible for the sector between the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - AMIENS road and the river SOMME.
- 'A' Coy. No. 8 Tank Battalion will be in Corps Reserve about N.21.central. Of this company one section is at the direct call of the G.O.C. 'A' Divisional sector for co-operation in counter-attack north of the BOIS l'ABBE.

No. 2 Tank Battalion (less 2 Coys) - Headquarters FRECHENCOURT.

- 'C' Coy. No. 2 Tank Battalion is located at MERICOURT QUARRY (2 sections) and J.13.b. (one section) and will be responsible for the sector between the river SOMME and the river ANCRE.
- 'A' and 'B' Coys. No. 2 Tank Battalion will be located as follows:-

'A' Company -

2 Sections	-	BAIZIEUX.
1 Section.	-	HENENCOURT.

'B' Company -

2 Sections	-	BAIZIEUX WOOD.
1 Section	-	D.21.b.7.3.

These two companies are allotted to III Corps but will be available to operate in the corps front north of the river ANCRE in case of emergency and in the event of their not being required on the III Corps front.



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Australian Corps,  
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D.F. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.35.

Machine Gun Defence.

HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS.	
No.	<i>10/10/18</i>
Date	<i>10/10/18</i>

1.- A tracing is issued herewith showing -

- (i) M.G. positions in forward divisional areas, according to the latest divisional disposition report.
- (ii) Deep dug-outs sited for M.G. positions in the second zone either completed or in hand.
- (iii) All deep dug-outs, either completed or under construction, for purposes other than the above.

2.- Divisions will arrange for reconnaissance to be made of all dugouts selected for M.G. positions in the second zone within their divisional boundaries and on their flanks and, in addition, of all deep dugouts constructed for headquarters and other purposes within their area. The latter are shown in yellow on attached tracing.

They should prove of value for the protection of M.G. crews and as centres of resistance in an emergency; if suitably situated, they may be noted as M.G. positions and taken into the Scheme of Defence as such.

3.- Army headquarters has been asked if approval may be given for dumping a certain amount of S.A.A. as a reserve in defensive positions in the first and second zones.

Pending approval being given, divisions in line will arrange for a proportion of the S.A.A. now held in excess of establishment to be redistributed as follows :-

At least 6000 rounds of bundle packed ammunition will be dumped in each deep dugout selected as a M.G. position in the second zone within their boundaries, and at each other deep dugout selected as a possible M.G. position, although now used as a Headquarters or for other purposes.

4.- Divisions will arrange for range charts and a "local information card" to be compiled and placed in each M.G. dugout in the first and second zones. The local information card will show the map coordinate of the dugout as well as those of the nearest M.G. dugouts on the flanks, the name of the sector and system, and any other local information of value.

5.- The numbering of deep dugouts throughout the Army is being carried out by map squares, i.e. dugouts will be numbered from right to left in each 1000 yard map square and will be called, say, P.20/1, P.20/2, etc, throughout the square. M.G. dugouts, headquarters and dugouts constructed for other purposes are being numbered alike. A list of dugouts with their allotted numbers will be issued shortly. The erection of the number boards is being put in hand.

6.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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They should have of value for the protection of W.O. crews and as general resistance in an emergency. It is likely, however, that they may be used as M.O. positions and taken into the hands of the enemy as such.

Army headquarters has been asked if approval may be given for carrying a certain amount of S.A.A. as a reserve in defensive positions in the line and second echelon.

Leading approval to be given, divisions in line will arrange for a proportion of the S.A.A. now held in excess of establishment to be retained as follows:-

At least 5000 rounds in battle packed ammunition will be dumped in each deep dugout selected as a M.O. position in the second echelon within their command, and at each other deep dugout selected as a possible M.O. position, although now used as a headquarters or for other purposes.

Divisions will arrange for range charts and a "local information card" to be compiled and placed in each M.O. dugout in the line and second echelon. The local information card will show the coordinates of the dugout as well as those of the nearest M.O. dugout on the line, the name of the parent and system, and any other local information of value.

The numbering of deep dugouts throughout the Army is being carried out by map squares. The dugouts will be numbered from north to south in each 1000 yard square and will be called, for example, F.100, etc. This system is being used for the numbering of deep dugouts and dugouts connected to other dugouts are being numbered alike. A list of dugouts with their allocated numbers will be issued shortly. The evolution of the numbering system is being put in hand.

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Australian Corps,  
13th May, 1918.

D.F. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 36.

DEMOLITIONS.

- 1.- Instructions for the Defensive No. 23 is cancelled.
- 2.- DEMOLITION OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.
  - (i) A map was issued with Instructions for the Defensive No. 3 showing the points at which preparations had been or were being made for the demolition of roads and bridges. These maps will be brought up to date in accordance with the new inter-divisional boundaries and will be kept up under divisional arrangements.
  - (ii) Attached hereto are the following tables brought up to date-
    - Table 'A' - Road Demolitions:
    - Table 'B' - Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition within the corps area:
    - Table 'C' - Bridges of tank carrying capacity:
    - Table 'D' - Railway carrying bridges.
 Tables 'A', 'B' and 'D' shew the allotment of responsibility for the issue of the order to demolish and for the actual demolition. Table 'C' is for information only.
- 3.- RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEMOLITION OF ROADS:

172nd Tunnelling Coy. and 2nd Australian Tunnelling Coy. will be responsible for guarding and for actual demolition of all road craters. Orders for the demolition will be given by the divisions detailed in Table 'A', but in the event of the enemy appearing at close quarters before these orders are received the officer or M.C.O. in charge of the crater will order actual demolition.
- 4.- RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEMOLITION OF BRIDGES:
  - (a) The 172nd Tunnelling Coy., R.E., the 2nd Australian Tunnelling Coy., A.E., and, in the case of railway carrying bridges, the 263rd Railway Coy., R.E., will be responsible for the guarding and for actual demolition of all bridges within the corps area.
  - (b) The officers commanding these companies will maintain close personal communication with divisions and will give them all information as to the arrangements for demolition. Divisions detailed in Table 'B' will give the actual orders for demolition.
  - (c) Group commanders of bridge demolition parties will get into touch with infantry ~~brigades~~ brigades and arrange that officers commanding rear guards will inform bridge head parties when the rear guards are clear of bridges.
  - (d) Divisional artillery commanders will inform the Os.C. these companies of the number of guns they propose to bring over each bridge. Artillery officers will be made responsible for informing bridge guards when their guns are being withdrawn.
  - (e) Failing receipt of definite information and on the close approach of the enemy, officers and M.C.Os. in charge of demolitions will give the orders for actual demolition at their own discretion.
  - (f) Regarding the railway carrying bridges referred to in Table 'D' it has been arranged that the orders for the destruction of these bridges shall be given to the demolition party by the division

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repeated vide Table 'D'. The order for demolition will be repeated to E.C.E. (IV).

Failing receipt of definite orders and on the close approach of the enemy, the officer or N.C.O. in charge of the demolitions will destroy the bridge at his own discretion.

5.- DEMOLITION OF TANK BRIDGES:

A list of certain bridges of tank carrying capacity is given in Table 'C'.

These bridges are all included in Table 'B' with the exception of the bridge at J.7.d.4.6. HILLY, which it has not been considered necessary to prepare for demolition.

The tanks, which will normally be amongst the last to cross these bridges, have orders to cover, firstly from the eastern bank, and then from the western bank, of the river HALLUE both the actual process of demolition of the bridges and the withdrawal of the bridge head defending troops.

Orders have been issued for a tank officer to be posted at each bridge-head to control the withdrawal of tanks and advise demolition parties.

Failing receipt of definite orders and on the close approach of the enemy the officer or N.C.O. in charge of the demolitions will destroy the bridge at his own discretion.

6.- DUTIES OF UNITS IN CHARGE OF DEMOLITIONS:

In all cases units in charge of demolitions will be given definite written instructions as to their duties.

7.- FIELD ENGINEER FOR DEMOLITIONS:

Captain BURNELL, M.C., A.E., has been detailed by the Chief Engineer as Field Engineer for demolitions and all formations and units will give him every facility to keep in touch with the work and arrangements.

8.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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TABLE 'A' Read Craters.

Serial No.	Location.	Responsibility for Actual Dem	Orders Dem.
C.	H.6.a.7.4.	172 Tunn Coy RE	'C' Div.
D.	H.12.c.5.2.	"	"
E.	H.18.c.3.3.	"	"
F.	H.29.b.5.0.	"	'B' "
G.	N.6.a.4.5.	"	"
H.	N.6.a.5.6.	"	"
I.	I.27.c.3.1.	"	"
J.	I.33.a.0.0.	"	B <del>'B'</del> Div.
L.	I.2.d.7.3.	"	'C' "
M.	I.3.e.5.0.	"	"
N.	C.28.d.9.0.	"	"
O.	C.29.a.7.0.	"	"
P.	C.29.d.7.8.	"	'B' Div.
T.	N.24.a.8.3. )	"	'B' "
Tl.	N.24.a.7.2. )	"	B <del>'B'</del> Div.
V.	M.22.b.central.	"	'A' Div.
W.	O.10.d.5.8.	"	'B' Div.
X.	O.10.d.6.8.	"	"
Y.	9.11.a.6.1.	"	"
Z.	O.18.b.5.4.	"	"
XA.	M.34.b.2.9.	"	'A' Div.
XB.	N.19.d.8.6.	2nd Aust T. Coy.	"
XF.	O.27.c.0.3.	172 Tunn Coy RE.	"
XG.	O.34.d.3.7.	"	"
XH.	I.7.b.6.5.	"	C <del>'B'</del> Div.



Table 'B' - Bridges prepared or to be prepared for Demolition.

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The following conventional terms have been used: - T - Tanks: XT - All traffic except Tanks.  
F.A.- Field Artillery: I.F. - Infantry in File.

Location.	Name	Description.	To carry	Responsibility for Act Dem	Orders for Dem
<u>TREUX GROUP.</u>					
J.5.b.5.9.	TREUX 2.	Road over river (existing) Masonry arch bridge 15" ring 15' span.		2nd Aust TunnCoy.	'C' Div.
D.29.d.5.0.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing) 6 I beams 9"x4"		"	"
<u>MERICOURT GROUP.</u>					
J.4.b.9.3.	MERICOURT 1.	Railway over river (existing)		"	"
J.4.c.7.9.	" 2.	Road over river (existing) steel girder bridge 18' span by 18 foot wide.	T	"	"
J.4.a.4.2.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing) Brick arch bridge 8' span 20' wide arch ring 12"	T	"	"
J.3.c.9.7.	" 4.	Road over river (existing) brick arch 20' span x 18' wide, 22" ring.	T	"	"
<u>HEILLY GROUP.</u>					
J.2.c.5.1.	HEILLY 1.	Track over river (new) 2 small trestle bridges and track connecting MERICOURT & HEILLY.	FA	"	"
J.7.b.3.5.	" 2.	Road over river (existing) Masonry arch 8' span by 18' wide.	T.	"	"
J.7.b.2.7.	" 3.	Road over river (existing) 8' span steel and concrete 20' wide.	T	"	"
J.7.central	" 4.	Track over river (now) 2 small timber bridges and track.	FA	"	"

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Table 'B' (continued) - Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition.

Location.	Name.	Description.	To carry	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Orders Dem.
<u>BONNAY GROUP.</u>					
I.29.a.	BONNAY 1 & 2.	Track over river (new) small timber and pontoon bridges and track.	FA	2nd Aust Tunn Coy.	'B' Div.
I.23.c.	" 3.4.5.&6.	Track over river (new) 4 small timber bridges and track.	FA	"	'C' "
I.23.d.6.6.	" 7.	Road over railway (existing) brick and masonry arch.	"	"	"
I.23.b.6.4.	" 8.	Road over river (existing) reinforced concrete bridge 4 girders 12" x 12".	T	"	"
I.23.b.3.7.	" 9.	Road over stream (existing) 2 small masonry arch <sup>es</sup> with central pier 15' roadway.	T	"	"
I.18.c.	" 10.11.12.13 and 14.	Track over river (new) 5 small timber bridges and track.	FA	"	"
<u>LA NEUVILLE GROUP.</u>					
I.33.c.6.1.	LA NEUVILLE 1.	Track over stream (existing) 4/9"x3" R.S.J. 14' span 12' wide.	FA	"	'B' Div.
I.33.d.9.7.	" 2.	Road over stream (existing) 3 girders and Jack arches 21'6" span.	T	"	"
I.34.a.6.0.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing).	"	"	"
I.28.c. & d.	" 5.6 & 7.	Track over river (new) 3 small timber bridges and track.	FA	"	"
<u>CORBIE GROUP.</u>					
0.4.d.6.4.	CORBIE 1.	Towpath over stream (existing).	IF	"	'B' Div.
0.11.a.0.9.	" 2.	Road over stream (existing) Masonry arch bridge 12' span.	T	"	"
0.5.c.2.0.	" 4.	Road over stream (existing) brick arch bridge 20' span x 16'3" roadway.	T.	"	"
0.5.c.4.5.	" 6.	Road over stream (existing) Steel girder bridge 50' span x 16'6".	T.	"	"

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Table 'B' (continued) - Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition. (6)

Location.	Name	Description.	To Carry	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Orders Dem
<u>CORBIE GROUP (continued).</u>					
0.5.c.4.5.	CORBIE 7.	Road over stream (new) 60' MkII.	T.	2nd Aust Tunn Coy.	'B' Div.
0.5.c.7.8.	" 8.	Road over river (existing) steel girder bridge across lock 33' span x 22' wide.	T.	"	"
0.5.c.7.8.	" 9.	Road over river (new) 21'6" Mk II.	T.	"	"
<u>DAOURS GROUP.</u>					
0.1.d.3.0.	DAOURS 1.	Road over railway (existing) masonry arch bridge over railway.			
0.1.c.2.3.	" 3.	Road over river (new) 60' Mk II	T	"	"
0.1.c.2.5	" 4.	Road over river (existing) steel girder bridge 22' span x 20' wide.	XT	"	"
0.1.a.2.1.	" 5.	Road over river. Heavy type Inglis.	T.	"	"
0.1.a.1.1.	" 6.	do. do. do.	16 ton axle.	"	"
N.6.d.8.3.	" 7.	Road over river (new) 90' Hopkins.	T	"	"
N.6.d.8.5.	" 8.	Road over river (existing) 72' span steel trusses 20' wide on masonry abutments.	T	"	"
N.5.d.8.6.	" 11.	Track over river.	FA	172 Tunn Co RE.	"
<u>BUSSY GROUP.</u>					
N.5.b.4.1.	BUSSY 1.	2 Steel and timber bridges at old railway crossing over stream.			
N.5.d.1.9.	" 2.	Track over river. Bridge for F.A. mud road only.	FA	"	"
H.35.d.1.1.	" 3.	Footbridge.	FA	"	"
H.29.c.4.2.	" 4.	Track over river. Small timber bridge.	IF	"	"
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Table 'B' (Continued) - Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition.

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Location.	Name.	Description.	To carry.	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Orders Dem.
<u>QUERPIEU GROUP.</u>					
H.23.b.2.2.	QUERRIEU 1.)	Track over stream. 30' span with centre trestle and 2 small bridges.	FA	172 Tunn Coy R.E.	'C' Div.
H.23.b.1.2.	" 2.)				
H.23.a.8.2.	" 3.)				
H.17.d.0.6.	" 4.	Track over river. 8' span brick work in bad condition.			
H.17.b.0.1.	" 5.	Road over river, 21' span masonry arch bridge.	FA	"	"
H.17.b.3.7.	" 6.	Road over river, 21'6" span heavy bridge.	T	"	"
H.17.b.5.9.	" 7.	Road over river, 21'6" span heavy bridge.	T	"	"
H.11.b.7.2.	" 9.	Track over river small timber bridge rebuilt.	T	"	"
H.5.d.8.4.	" 10.	Track over river. 30' span x 8'6" wide with centre trestle.	FA	"	"
H.23.a.7.0.	" 11.	Track over river. 30' span with centre trestle.	FA	"	"
<u>FRECHENCOURT GROUP.</u>					
B.30.a.0.2.	FRECHENCOURT 1.	Track over river. Timber bridge with centre trestle			
B.30.a.8.7.	" 2.	Road over river. Brick arch 9' span.	FA	"	"
B.30.a.9.7.	" 3.	Small girder bridge.	XT.	"	"
B.24.c.5.9.	" 4.5. & 6.	Track over river 30' span with centre trestle 2 small bridges.	XT	"	"
			FA	"	"
<u>BLANGY GROUP.</u>					
N.17.c.6.3.	BLANGY 1.	Pontoon over river (new) pontoon bridge and track.	FA	2nd Aust Tunn Coy.	'B' Div.
N.16.c.6.2.	" 2.	Pontoon over stream (now). Pontoon bridge and track		"	"
N.15.c.8.4.	" 5.	Towpath over spillway (existing) 3 small spans	FA	"	"
N.15.c.7.4.	" 6.	Trestle over lock (new).	FA	"	"
N.15.c.5.4.	" 7.	Towpath over stream (existing). Light reinforced concrete bridge (150' long carrying towpath).	FA	"	"
N.15.c.2.4.	" 8.	Road over river (new). 2/16' Mk II. 2/21'6" Mk II.	T	"	"

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Table 'B' (continued) - Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition. (8)

Location.	Name.	Description.	To	Responsibility for
			carry.	Actual Dem. Orders Dem.

GLISY GROUP.

N.14.c.8.3.	GLISY 2.	Road over river. 84' trestle girder bridge and slab road.	T.	2nd Aust Tunn Coy. 'B' Div.
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CAMON GROUP.

M.16.d.5.5.	CAMON 1.	Road over river (new) 60' steel trusses on masonry abutments.	XT	172 Tunn Coy R.E. A' Div.
M.16.b.2.2.	" 2.	Road over river (existing) continuous girder bridge with centre pier. 8 tons, 5 on 1 axlo.	"	" " " "
M.15.b.2.1.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing). small steel bridge.	"	" " " "

LONGUEAU GROUP.

M.22.b.6.1.	LONGUEAU 1.	Road over stream (new) 19' span girder bridge on masonry abutments.	XT	" " " "
M.22.c.3.4.	" 2.	Road over river (new) 'A' Heavy bridge.	XT	" " " "
M.22.c.4.5.	" 3.	Road over river (existing) Masonry arch 38' span.	T.	" " " "
M.21.b.2.2.	" 4.	Road over stream (existing) 2/20' masonry arches.	T.	" " " "
M.21.b.2.2.	" 5.	Road over stream (new) NOT YET ERECTED.	T	" " " "

CAGNY GROUP.

M.34.a.9.2.	CAGNY 1.	Road over river (new) 60' 'A'.	XT	" " " "
M.34.a.8.4.	" 2.	Road over river (new) 60' 'A'.	XT	" " " "

VILLERS GROUP.

0.36.c.4.3.	VILLERS 1.	Road over rail (existing).	T.	" " " "
0.34.b.9.8.	" 2.	Road over rail (existing) charges withdrawn.	T.	" " " "
0.28.d.3.4.	" 3.	Road over rail (existing) 6.5.1918.	T	" " " "
0.25.c.7.4.	" 4.	Road over rail (existing)	"	" " " "
0.35.a.5.1.	" D.	Rail over road.	"	" " " "



Table 'B' (continued) - Bridge prepared or to be prepared for demolition.

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Location.	Name.	Description.	To carry.	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Orders Dem.
M.7.b.4.6.	AMIENS 1.	Road over river. Bvde de BEAUVILLE. 7 girders 80' span.	T.	172 Tunn Coy	C.E. Aust Corp.
M.7.b.2.1.	" 2.	Road over Canal. " " " 30' span with arch	T.	R.E.	
R.12.a.6.3.	" 3.	Road over Canal. Port d' Amont. 3/20' span masonry arches.	XT	"	"
R.12.a.3.4.	" 4.	Road over canal. Rue des Majots. 4 girders 30' span.	T.	"	"
R.6.c.2.6.	" 5.	Road over canal. Bvde BARABAN. 3 girders 40' span with jack arches.	"	"	"
R.5.d.8.7.	" 6.	Road over canal. Rue St LEU. 5 girders 30' span.	T	"	"
R.5.d.2.7.	" 7.	Road over canal. Rue du Jardin des Plantes 30' span.	MT	"	"
R.5.d.0.7.	" 8.	Road over lock. Quai St Maurice.	FA	"	"
R.4.b.7.1.	" 9.	Road over canal. Rue du Chateau Milan. 2 lattice girders 80' span.	MT	"	"
R.11.b.0.9.	" 10.	Road over canal. Pont St MICHEL. 30' span brick arch.	T.	"	"

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List of bridges in Australian Corps Area capable of carrying tanks.

Reference Map 62d.

QUERRIEU	5.	H.17.b.0.1.
"	6.	H.17.b.3.7.
"	7.	H.17.b.5.9.
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DACURS	1.	O.1.d.3.0.
"	4.	O.1.c.2.5.
"	7.	N.6.d.8.3.
"	8.	N.6.d.8.5.
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LA NEUVILLE	2.	I.33.d.9.7.
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CORBIE	2.	O.11.a.0.9.
"	4.	O.5.c.2.0.
"	6.	O.5.c.4.5.
"	7.	O.5.c.4.5.
"	8.	O.5.c.7.8.
"	9.	O.5.c.7.8.
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HEILLY.	2.	J.7.b.3.5.
"	3.	J.7.b.2.7.
"	5.	J.7.d.4.6.
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MERICOURT	2.	J.4.c.7.9.
"	3.	J.4.a.4.2.
"	4.	J.3.c.9.7.
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BONNAY.	8.	I.23.b.6.4.
"	9.	I.23.b.3.7.
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GLISY.	2.	N.14.c.8.3.
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LONGUEAU	3.	M.22.c.4.5.
"	4.	M.21.b.2.2.
"	5.	M.21.b.2.2. (NOT YET ERECTED).
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BLANGY	8.	N.15.c.2.4.
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VILLERS	1.	O.36.c.4.3.
"	2.	O.34.b.9.8.
"	3.	O.28.d.3.4.



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Table 'D'.

Serial No.	Location.	Responsibility for Actual Dem Orders Dem.	
A.	Sheet 62 D. O.2.b.8.2.	263 Railway Coy R.E.	'B' Div.
B.	" " N.16.d.8.8.	"	'B' "
C.	" " N.13.d.9.1.	"	'A' "
H.	" " N.20.central.	"	'A' "