

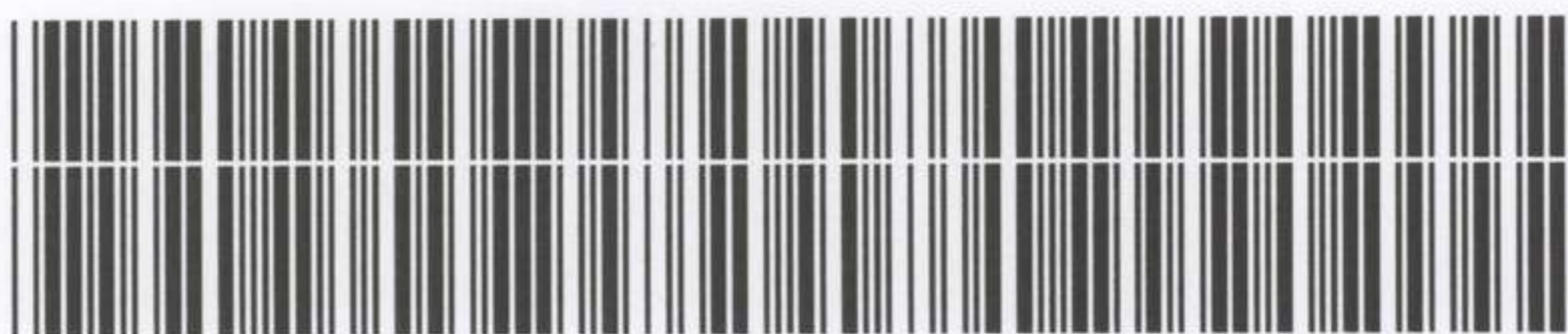
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BERTANGLES	1-6-18.		<p>At 11.45 p.m. 31st the enemy raided one of our posts in P.31.a. He was driven out leaving 1 prisoner in our hands. During the night VILLERS BRETONNEUX and vicinity were shelled with HE and shrapnel. RIBEMONT, MERICOURT and vicinity shelled with yellow cross gas between 1 and 2.30 a.m. Between 4000 and 5000 gas shells (green and yellow cross) fell in and around RIBEMONT between 1 a.m. and 4.8 a.m. The enemy lightly shelled VILLERS BRETONNEUX during the morning. Continuous movement on road in F.29.c. mainly in S. direction.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Second Amendment to Instructions for the Defensive No. 34 Aust. Corps Order No. 108 - gas bombardment.</p>	<p>App. 1 App. 2</p>
	2-6-18		<p>Forward system E. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX was heavily bombarded during the night with H.E. and phosgene. Centre Div. Area fairly heavily shelled from 4 a.m. onwards. Situation during the day was very quiet except for light shelling Left Bde Right Div. Command of Centre Div. Sector passed from 5th Aust. Division to 4th Aust. Divn at 10 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aust. Corps Order No. 109 - Artillery reliefs. Aust. Corps Order No. 110 - Change of Boundary. Instructions for the Defensive No. 42. Instructions for the Defensive No. 43 Instructions for the Defensive No. 44</p>	<p>App. 3 App. 4 App. 5 App. 6 App. 7</p>
	3-6-18		<p>During the night QUERRIEU was shelled with H.E. and gas by H.V. gun. A few rounds of H.E. and green cross gas in O. 12. VILLERS BRETONNEUX was heavily shelled bombarded from 12.30 to 12.45 a.m. Enemy party of 15 attempted to raid our trenches in U.5.b.5.5. but was repulsed leaving two dead and one seriously wounded prisoner. Another prisoner was captured by a patrol of Centre Div. An enemy plane crashed between VAIRE WOOD and HAMEL at 4.30 a.m. after an engagement with one of our planes. The day was quiet except for scattered shelling on centre Div. front.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daily Table of letters and Colours. Action under Aust. Corps Order No. 108 postponed.</p>	<p>App. 8 App. 9</p>

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BERTANGLES	4-6-18		<p>30 rounds green cross gas fell in O.12 and P.7. during the night. Quiet day. Light scattered shelling on villages in forward area. Continuous movement on road in F.29.c. mainly motor transport southwards.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dispositions of Headquarters as at 6 a.m. 5th            Instructions for the Defensive No. 45            Instructions for the Defensive No. 46</p>	<p>App. 10 App. 11 App. 12</p>
	5-6-18		<p>At 3.20 a.m. under cover of a heavy bombardment the enemy attempted to raid on Left Div. front in K.19. Enemy party estimated 4 Officers 250 O.Rs. Raid was repulsed. We captured 8 unwounded and 13 wounded prisoners (two since died) and 3 Machine guns. 25 enemy dead were counted in front of our line. VILLERS BRETONNEUX intermittently shelled Railway line near BLANGY TRONVILLE shelled at intervals during the night. Hostile Artillery was again active in vicinity of VILLERS BRETONNEUX during the day and also S. of MERICOURT.</p>	
	6-6-18		<p>At 1 a.m. enemy party of 30 attempted raid on one of our posts S.W. of MORLANCOURT. Party driven off and casualties inflicted. A patrol encountered an enemy post at E.26.a.1.6. and bombed it. Casualties belived inflicted. During day vicinity NW of VILLERS BRETONNEUX was shelled otherwise situation quiet.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Group "C" Aust. Corps Order No. 109 cancelled.            Aust. Corps Order No. 111            G.S. Circular No. 27            Instructions for the Defensive No. 47</p>	<p>App 13 App.14 App.15 App.16</p>
	7-6-18.		<p>Situation was quiet during the night. Except for slight shelling S. of MERICOURT the day was fairly quiet.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Third Amendment to Instructions for the Defensive No. 34</p>	<p>App.17</p>

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BERTANGLES	8-6-	1918	<p>During the night there was slight shelling S. of BUSSY and in the vicinity of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Gas projectors were successfully discharged into vicinity of MORLANCOURT. During day light scattered shelling right Div. Area and enemy registered on area just N. of RIBEMONT.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Amendment to Australian Corps Order No. 109. Instructions for the Defensive No. 48</p>	App. 18 " 19
	9-6-	18.	<p>Between 12 midnight and 2 a.m. enemy carried out heavy gas and HE bombardment of Corps forward area. All types of gas shell used. Left Div. captured 1 prisoner. Quiet day except for slight hostile artillery activity S. of MERICOURT and N. of RIBEMONT. and forward area Right Division.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">General Staff Circular. No. 28</p>	App. 20
	10-6-	18	<p>During night our line was advanced slightly near BOUZENCOURT and posts established on line J.34.c.2.0. to J.34.d.7.3. W. outskirts of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and road to CACHY received special attention. 5 prisoners were captured by 4th Aust. Division. Situation was quiet during day; a few rounds of shrapnel over HEILLY and MERICOURT, a few gas shells into VAUX and light intermittent shelling of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.</p>	
	11-6-	18	<p>At 9.45 p.m. 10-6-18, we attacked between SAILLY-LAURETTE and MORLANCOURT and advanced our line on a front of 3500 to a depth of 750 yds. The main attack was carried out by the 2nd Aust. Division. The 4th Aust. Division assisted by advancing their left flank. At the same time a successful raid was carried out by 3rd Aust. Division, 6 prisoners and 2 M.guns captured and 30 enemy killed. Total prisoners captured 4 off. 264 O.Rs unwounded and 2 off. 61 O.Rs wounded. During the day there was light shelling on forward areas Left and Right Divisions, also vicinity of VAIRE and FOUILLOY and area N.W. of SAILLY LE SEC. E.A. active 3 bombs were dropped on VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Congratulatory messages re the operation were received from General RAWLINSON and General GODLEY.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dispositions Instructions for the Defensive. No. 49 Instructions for the Defensive No. 50</p>	App. 21 " 22 " 23

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	1918			
BERTANGLES	June 12th	-	During night light scattered shelling of forward areas. Throughout the day hostile artillery active right brigade 'C' Div. Sector. E.A. active over right and left division apparently registering arty. Active 77 mm bty located in scrub in K.26.c. and K.31.a. and c. Few H.V. shells into BUSSY. Prisoners 2 O.Rs. unwounded 1 O.R. wounded captured by right brigade left division.	
	13th		Fairly quiet night. A few gas shells north of SAILLY le SEC and light shelling near VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Gas was successfully projected into MORLANCOURT. Enemy arty quiet during the day. Slight gas shelling south of TREUX with 10.5. c.m. BLUE cross. Captures nil. First amendment to Instructions for the Defensive No. 49. First Amendment to Instructions for the Defensive No. 50. Australian Corps Order No. 112. Move of 511 and 512 Siege Btys to Australian Corps Area.	App. 24. " 25. " 26 " 27
	14th		During the night the enemy lightly shelled the forward areas with all calibres. 50 yellow cross shells fell in E.25.b. Patrol of one off and 14 O.Rs. of right bde right div rushed enemy post at P.25.c.9.3. and met with strong opposition. Heavy fighting took place and many casualties caused to the enemy. Our casualties 1 Off 3 O.Rs. wounded 1 O.R. missing. Throughout the day there was light shelling of villages in forward area. Increased enemy movement noticed vicinity MARCELCAVE. Total material captured result of operation 10th/11th instant 34 M.Gs. and 6 T.Ms. Australian Corps Order No. 113	
	15th		Scattered shelling on forward areas during night. Left brigade left div carried out two minor enterprises during night resulting in capture of 5 O.Rs. and 2 M.Gs. Left bde right div also carried out successful raid on enemy post at P.25.b. 3.2. capturing 2 prisoners. Heavy casualties inflicted on enemy in course of above three raids - our casualties slight. All identifications normal. During the day VAIRE, VAUX and area north of RIBEMONT intermittently shelled with H.E. and shrapnel. About 50 c.m. and 21 c.m shells fell in vicinity of HEILLY apparently searching bty positions. Total captures for day 7 O.Rs. (1 died) and 2 M.Gs. Daily table of letters and codes.	App 28.
	16th		Hostile arty active throughout the night on left div sector. Some gas and H.E. north west of VILLERS BRETONNEUX, also on BOIS le ABBE north of railway. Centre div carried out two minor enterprises resulting in capture of 16 o.rs. and 3 m.gs. and in heavy losses being inflicted on enemy. Our casualties slight. Retaliation to our barrage was light and scattered. Left div. captured two prisoners as result of patrol encounter. Two artillery	App 29.

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BERTANGLES	1918 June 16th.		<p>men of 5.9 bty lost their way and wandered into our lines S.E. of BOUZINCOURT, about 5 a.m. During the day hostile arty active south of TREUX and the vicinity of HEILLY was shelled with 150 rounds H.E. abd gas (not identified). 5th Australian Division relieved the 2nd Australian Division in 'C' Divisional Sector, command passing 10 a.m. 16th June. Total captures of prisoners, 20 and 4 m.gs. First Amendment to Aust. Corps Order No. 113. Dispositions H.Q. of formations as at 6 a.m. 16.6.18.</p>	App 30. " 31.
	17th		<p>Light scattered shelling of VILLERS BRETONNEUX during the night. Also light gas shelling on forward areas between the ANCRE and the SOMME. The enemy attempted raid on left div front at K. 25.c. at 3.30. a.m. This was entirely repulsed. The enemy arty was fairly active throughout the day on left divisional sector, shelling VILLE sur ANCRE and vicinity to the South. BUSSY was shelled from 10 a.m to 12.30. a.m. with H.V. 5.9 gun using H.E. and Yellow cross gas. Enemy aircraft above normal. Australian Corps Order No. 114.</p>	App 32. " 33.
	18th		<p>North of RIBEMONT heavily shelled from 11 to 11.40 p.m. also area south of VILLE sur ANCRE, from 11.30.p.m. to 2 a.m. Light shelling VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Enemy party of 2 Officers and 40 O.Rs. attempted to raid our post in U.5.b. - entirely repulsed leaving 5 wounded prisoners in our hands. Gas was successfully projected into MORLANCOURT. A prisoner belonging to 1st Bty 68 F.A.R. wandered into our lines in J.35.a. during the afternoon. During the day enemy arty was inactive on Corps Sector. Total captures 1 unwounded 5 wounded O.Rs.</p>	
	19th		<p>HEILLY and MERICOURT heavily shelled between 6 and 7 p.m. last night. MERICOURT shelled with gas 3 a.m. During day 800 yellow cross gas shells South of MERICOURT and light scattered shelling of forward areas. Hostile artillery and planes inactive on centre and right divs fronts. Captured nil.</p>	
	20th		<p>During the night enemy arty activity was above normal. The front support and reserve systems of left div were shelled with 77s 4.2s and yellow cross gas, also VILLERS BRETONNEUX shelled with 77s. 10.5 c.m. and 15 c.m. At 10.55. p.m. a party of about 60 Bosche seen forming up at K.20.c.5.9. were dispersed by our fire. We raided enemy trench in E.19.d. and inflicted c asualties on the enemy but secured no identifications. A French soldier belonging to 52nd Infantry Regt captured by Bosche on <del>12</del> 12th April escaped through our lines. Hostile arty active throughout the day North West of BOIS le ABBE. E.A. inactive. Captures nil.</p>	
21st		<p>Very quiet night. Some shelling of VILLE sur ANCRE, MARRET WOOD, BUIRE and RIBEMONT. Light shelling bty areas of right div. During day N.E. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX shelled with 15 c.m.</p>		

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BERTANGLES.	1918. June 21st 22nd		<p>and 10.5. cm. HEILLY and GLISY lightly shelled at intervals. Captures nil.</p> <p>During yesterday afternoon from 3.45 p.m. to 5.30.p.m. a patrol of 1 officer and 1 o.r. from the right div examined No Man's Land while an arty shoot was in progress. Several wounded were seen moving from shelled area. Patrol entered enemy trench at P.25.a.10.55. killed 4 Germans and wounded one. Successful operation carried out by right div against the HANGAR in P.25.c. resulting in killed 10 enemy and the capture of 7 o.rs. and 1 M.G. Patrol 6 O.rs. left div encountered enemy post at K.13.b.6.7. inflicting casualties but secured no identifications. Gas projectors were successfully discharged on DERNANCOURT. The centre and left divisions report quiet night, with the exception of light scattered shelling forward areas right division. There was very little hostile activity during the day. Total captures 1 wounded 6 unwounded O.Rs. and 1 M.G.</p> <p>Instructions for the Defensive No. 51. Instructions for the Defensive No. 52. Australian Corps Order No. 115.</p>	<p>App 34. " 35. " 36</p>
	23rd.		<p>Light shelling of BUIRE and VILLE sur ANCRE during night. 40 rds blue cross gas on S. outskirts of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Left div carried out two successful raid. A party of 3 Officers and 50 O.Rs. of right brigade rushed enemy trench in K.13.b. Strong opposition met with resulting in killing of 12 enemy and capturing 1. A party of 1 Officer and 30 O.Rs. left bde entered enemy trench in K.2.5.a. and c. A number of enemy killed and 8 prisoners secured together with 1 light M.G. MORALE of enemy troops poor. During the day back areas of right division were lightly shelled. VILLE sur ANCRE shelled at noon. 20 yellow cross shells in J.17.a. at 11.p.m. E.A. inactive. Total captures 10 O.Rs. (1 since died).</p>	
	24th		<p>Quiet night. Light scattered shelling of forward area left div and left bde centre div. E.A. dropped bombs in vicinity of SAILLY le SEC. The day was quiet with exception of heavy shelling of supports in K.19.a. and c, 550 4.2s reported on this area.</p> <p>Instructions for the Defensive No. 53. Dispositions Headquarters Formations as at 6 a.m. 25.6.18. Australian Corps Order No. 116. Australian Corps Order No. 117.</p>	<p>App 37. " 38. " 39. " 40.</p>

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BERTANGLES	June 25th		<p>During the night hostile artillery active N. outskirts of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and vicinity of AUBIGNY system to north of BOIS l'ABBE. Fairly heavy gas shelling with blue and green cross north of BOIS l'ABBE. Heavy shelling forward area between SOMME and MORLANCOURT. Gas projectors were successfully discharged North and South of MORLANCOURT also north of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. A prisoner of 202nd R.I.R., 43rd R.Div. was captured by our patrol in J.34.d. 70.15. Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. enemy arty enfiladed supports in K.19.a. and c. and K.25.a. with 4.2s from approximate direction P.25.b. Naval gun registered on Windmill K.27.a. 6.4. at noon. VILLE sur ANCRE lightly shelled during the day. E.A. active over forward systems centre div between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Captures 1 o.r.</p> <p>Australian Corps Order No. 118.</p>	App 41.
	26th		<p>Light scattered shelling over forward areas of right div. During night enemy arty very active east of CORBIE. 500 shells 5.9s and 4.2s on Area south of VILLE sur ANCRE. Left div raided enemy position in K.19.d. Raid carried out by 2 officers and 50 O.Rs. of 30th Battn and resulted in capture of three other ranks and 1 M.G, also 30 enemy killed. Trenches were searched and rations etc brought back to our lines. Our casualties 1 Off and 2 O.Rs. slightly wounded. French prisoners escaped into our lines early in morning and stated that three English prisoners escaped with him from PERONNE camp and were making for BRAY. Enemy arty active South of BUIRE during morning. Few rounds blue cross gas north east SAILLY le SEC. E.A. active over forward areas <del>etc</del> and left div. during morning. Total captures 3 O.rs. 1 M.G.</p> <p>General Staff Circular No. 29. - Wireless Communications.</p>	App 42.
	27th		<p>Quiet night. 14th A.I.Bde relieved the 8th A.I.Bde. Three British prisoners of war entered lines of left division during the night. Area North West SAILLY le SEC shelled with 4.2s. during morning. Light shelling forward area centre division. Abnormal E.A. activity. Captures nil.</p>	
	28th		<p>Situation quiet throughout the night. Patrol of right division entered enemy lines at P.20.c. 50.46. but found it unoccupied. 197 Projectors successfully discharged south of DERNANCOURT. 7th A.I.Brigade relieved the 11th A.I.Brigade in right subsector right div. During day light scattered shelling of forward systems. Few blue cross gas shells in J.22. and J.28. E.A. fairly active.</p> <p>Australian Corps Order No. 119. First Amendment Aust Corps Order No. 119. Australian Corps Order 121. Dispositions H.Q. formation as at 6 a.m. 29th.</p>	App 43. " 44. " 45. " 46.

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BERTANGLES	June 29th		<p>Few gas shells J.21. and 22. 20. Green Cross in C.21.c. Enemy art was active during night on right bde sector centre division. Projectors were successfully discharged on K.25.d. Area North of RIBEMONT and North of VILLERS BRETONNEUX intermittently shelled during day. E.A. active before noon. Captures nil. 3rd Australian Division relieved in 'A' Divisional Sector by 2nd Aust Div. Command passed 10 a.m. Australian Corps Order No. 122 Alteration in Dispositions of H.Q. formations 6 a.m. 29th.</p>	App 47.
	30th		<p>At 9.25. p.m. a three minutes heavy barrage light calibre rear of front line south of VILLE sur ANCRE together with heavy concentration on VILLE sur ANCRE. Two gas shells near BOUZINCOURT. M.Gs. and T.Ms. were active more than usual. 6 bombs dropped on HEILLY. A prisoner strayed into our lines during the night, also fourth P.of W. escaped to our lines. Quiet day. Little shelling of area north of SAILLY le SEC, also north of BUIRE. 66 projectors discharged on K.25.d. E.A. inactive. Instructions for the Defensive No. 54. - Garrison of Army System. General Staff Circular No. 30. - S.O.S. Signals.</p>	48.  49. 50.

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APPENDIX I

SECRET.Copy No. *26*.....Australian Corps,  
1st June, 1918.SECOND AMENDMENT TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 34,  
dated 12th May, 1918.TANKS.

- 1.- In Appendix 'A', under heading No. 8 Tank Battalion 'B' Coy:
- (i) Eliminate the words in brackets "(with 2 Tanks at 0.33.c)".
- (ii) ADD at the end of this para -
- "2 Tanks of this Coy will be held ready for immediate action at short notice, to move forward as and when ordered by G.O.C. 'A' Division."
- 2.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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1st June, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 108.  
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- 1.- (1) The enemy position in the valley east of HAMEL extending south to ARQUAIRE and ACCROCHE Woods will be subjected to a gas bombardment on the night 3rd/4th June.
- 2.- (i) The corps heavy artillery and the field artillery of 'A', 'B' and 'C' divisions will participate.  
(ii) Zero hours will be as follows:-  
Heavy artillery - 9.30 p.m.  
Field artillery - 3.30 a.m.  
(iii) The area of concentration allotted to each artillery is shown in the attached sketch.  
The various areas allotted to the heavy artillery and the field artillery will be engaged simultaneously at the respective zero hours.
- 3.- (i) The operation will take place only if the wind is between the angle north by east through west to south-west.  
(ii) The B.G.H.A. will decide prior to zero hour whether the wind is favourable or not and will notify divisions by priority wire "favourable conditions" or "unfavourable conditions".  
The shoot will only take place if the wind conditions are favourable.
- 4.- Watches will be synchronised one hour prior to zero by telephone from Australian Corps Heavy Artillery Headquarters.
- 5.- Separate artillery instructions are being issued by the G.O.C.R.A. of the corps.
- 6.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Australian Corps,  
2nd June, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER NO. 109

1. Reliefs of Artillery units will take place as follows :-
  - (a) 73rd H.A.G. will relieve 57th H.A.G. on 5th June, under orders of B.G.H.A., Australian Corps.
  - (b) 169th Army Brigade R.F.A. will relieve 77th Army Bde. R.F.A. on night 8/9th June, under orders of G.O.C.R.A., Aust. Corps.
  - (c) 69th Brigade R.G.A. (Hows. 9.2") will relieve 65th Bde. R.G.A. (Hows. 9.2") on nights 7/8th and 8/9th June, under orders of B.G.H.A., Aust. Corps.
  - (d) 27th Brigade R.G.A. (Mixed) will relieve 6th Bde. R.G.A. (Mixed) on nights 9/10th and 10/11th June, under orders of B.G.H.A., Aust. Corps.
2.
  - (a) Moves occasioned by the above reliefs will take place in accordance with attached table.
  - (b) There will be no restrictions as to times, except as laid down in Serial No. 7. Should the movement of other troops render restrictions necessary, they will be notified on the day previous to a move.
  - (c) Moves between R.A. Rest Area and Staging Areas (ST. CUMBI & RIVIERE Areas) are being ordered by O.C., R.A. Rest Area.
3. Attention is directed to Fourth Army Routine Order No. 2039, dated 15th May, re march discipline and traffic control.
4. Within the Australian Corps Area, the relieved unit will move to the area vacated by the relieving unit.
5. Advanced parties will in each case report to the area commanders of the respective areas by 10 a.m. on the day of the move.
6. Supply arrangements are being notified by Aust. Corps "Q".
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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	Serl. No.	DATE	FORMATION	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
GROUP "A"	1	JUNE 4th	73rd H. A. G.	ST. OUFEN R. A. Area	LONGPRE Area	LA CHAUSSEE - ST. SAUVOUR	-
	2	5th	-do-	LONGPRE Area	Line	-	Interchanging with 57th H. A. G.
	3	6th	57th H. A. G.	LONGPRE Area	RIVIERE R. A. Area	ARGOUEVES - DREUIL - PICQUIGNY	-
GROUP "B"	4	6th	69th Bde. R. G. A.	RIVIERE R. A. Area	LONGPRE Area	PICQUIGNY - DREUIL - MONTIERES	-
	5	Nights 7/8th & 8/9th	-do-	LONGPRE Area	Line	-	Interchanging with 65th Bde. F. G. A.
	6	10th	65th Bde. R. G. A.	LONGPRE Area	RIVIERE R. A. Area	Serial No. 3	-
GROUP "C"	7	7th	169 Army Bde. R. F. A.	ST. OUFEN R. A. Area	RENAN-COURT Area	LA CHAUSSEE - PICQUIGNY - DREUIL	Not to arrive in RENAN COURT Area before 3 pm
	8	Night 8/9th	-do-	RENAN-COURT Area	Line	-	Interchanging with 77th Army Bde. R. F. A.
	9	9th	77th Army Bde. R. F. A.	RENAN-COURT	ST. OUFEN R. A. Area	DREUIL - PICQUIGNY - LA CHAUSSEE	-

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	Serl. No.	DATE	FORMATION	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
GROUP "D"	10	JUNE 8th	27th Bde. R. G. A.	RIVIERRE R. A. Area	CANON Area	PICQUIGNY - AILLY - ST. SAUVEUR - CrossRoads 1 mile N. of "R" in ST. SAUVEUR - RIVIERRE	-
	11	Night 9/10th & 10/11th	-do-	CANON Area	Line	-	Interchanging with 6th Bde. R. G. A.
	12	12th	6th Bde. R. G. A.	CANON Area	RIVIERRE R. A. Area	RIVIERRE - CrossRoads 1 mile N. of "R" in ST. SAUVEUR - AILLY - PICQUIGNY	-

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Australian Corps,  
2nd June, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 110.  
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1.- (i) The forward boundary between 'B' and 'C' Divisions will be adjusted to run as follows :-

From the present front line at K.25.c.O.5. - J.23.c.O.O. - thence westward along the old inter-divisional boundary.

(ii) The necessary arrangements will be made between Divisional Commanders concerned.

(iii) Completion of this adjustment will be reported to Corps Headquarters.

2.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Am. Row Lt Col*  
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Australian Corps,  
2nd June, 1918.INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 42.  
-----Subject: Construction of Machine Gun Dug-outs and Emplacements.  
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1.- Under Instructions from Fourth Army the work of preparing deep dug-outs for machine guns in the forward zone is to be pushed forward.

2.- In order to free additional tunnellers for this work the responsibility for guarding bridges prepared for demolition in the forward divisional sectors will be taken over by the divisions in their respective sectors.

Technical personnel - engineers or pioneers - are to be employed on this duty. The instructions for relieving the tunnelling personnel now employed in the forward divisional areas will be issued by the Chief Engineer.

3.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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D.F. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 43.

ROLE OF THE DIVISION IN CORPS RESERVE.

1.- Alterations in the dispositions of the 31st French Corps on the right of the Australian Corps make it necessary to reconsider the role of the division in corps reserve.

Instructions for the Defensive No. 38 remain in force. The following instructions are additional to those contained therein.

- 2.- The action of the reserve division to deal with an enemy attack south of the river SOMME will be -
- (a) to reinforce the left of the 1st French Army (31st French Corps):  
or  
to counter attack in the event of an enemy success on this portion of the front:
  - (b) to reinforce the right of the Australian Corps or to counter attack in the event of an enemy success on this portion of the front.

The guiding principle of action on the above lines is to secure the point of junction between the 31st French Corps and the Australian Corps.

- 3.- The G.O.C. division in corps reserve will prepare plans in accordance with paragraph 2 -
- (a) to restore the situation in the VILLERS BRETONNEUX locality in the event of an enemy success there:
  - (b) to deal with any success which the enemy may gain towards CACHY and GENTELLES.

The necessary reconnaissances to carry out these plans will be arranged by G.O.C. division in corps reserve.

4.- The reserve division will be prepared to move at short notice.

5.- G.O.C. division in corps reserve will arrange to establish liaison with 31st French Corps. The services of the French Liaison Officer at Australian Corps Headquarters are available to assist.

6.- ACKNOWLEDGES.

*T. Blamey*  
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D.F. - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 44.

Trench Names.

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1.- The attached Fourth Army letter No. 166 (G) dated 30th May 1918, and list of additions thereto, dealing with trench names are forwarded for information and action.

2.- Regarding paragraph 6 as affecting this corps nomenclature will be altered as follows :-

WOOD Sector. T.11 and 12. - will be renamed ARCHIE SECTOR.

VILLA SECTOR rear I.2.C.27 & 21. will be renamed CREST SECTOR REAR.  
front C.29. and 23. will be renamed CREST SECTOR FRONT.

3.- All defence maps will be amended accordingly.

4.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Am Ross Lt Col*

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				11	— 12	O	Red
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Australian Corps,

4th June, 1918.

DISPOSITIONS HEADQUARTERS OF FORMATIONSAS AT 6 A.M., 5TH JUNE, 1918.

<u>Australian Corps</u>	"A" Echelon	BERTANGLES Chateau
	"B" Echelon	VIGNACOURT
<u>B. G. H. A.</u>	G.24.b.2.6	
<u>1st Aust. Division</u>	DETACHED	
<u>2nd Aust. Division</u>	ST. GRATIEN	LINE LEFT
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	HEILLY	Line Right
6th " " "	HEILLY	Line Left
7th " " "	FRECHENCOURT	
<u>3rd Aust. Division</u>	GLISY	LINE RIGHT
9th Aust. Inf. Bde.	O.25.c. 5.3	Line Left
10th " " "	O.25.c. 6.3	Line Right
11th " " "	GLISY	
<u>4th Aust. Division</u>	BUSSY	LINE CENTRE
4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	O.5.c.C.8	Line Right
12th " " "	TRONVILLE Chateau	
13th " " "	J.19.c.25. 55	Line Left
<u>5th Aust. Division</u>	COISY	RESERVE
8th Aust. Inf. Bde.	RIVERY	
14th " " "	QUERRIEU	
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Australian Corps,  
4th June, 1918.

D.F. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 45.

Demolition of Bridges.

- 1.- Owing to detonation of demolition charges placed on girders of bridges by enemy shell fire, these charges will be withdrawn. Charges placed in chambers behind abutments will not be withdrawn.
- 2.- On any indications being received of an enemy offensive in the corps area, the charges will be replaced and arrangements made for demolition under the instructions of divisions responsible for the destruction of the bridges concerned.
- 3.- Demolition charges removed from bridges will be kept in convenient places ready to be replaced.
- 4.- C.E. of Corps will issued instructions for the withdrawal of the charges and a list of bridges from which charges are to be withdrawn in each divisional sector.
- 5.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. Blamey*

Brigadier-General,  
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Australian Corps,  
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D.F. - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 45.

DEMOLITIONS.

1.- (i) Consequent upon Instructions for the Defensive No. 42, dated 2nd June 1918, divisions will arrange to relieve with technical personnel (Engineers or Pioneers) the personnel of the 2nd Australian Tunnelling Coy and of 'C' Coy, 6th Regiment U.S. Engineers at present guarding the bridges and road mines set out in tables 'A' and 'B' of Instructions for the Defensive No. 36, dated 13th May, 1918.

(ii) The relief will be completed by 4 p.m. on the 5th June 1918, at which hour responsibility will pass to the divisions concerned.

(iii) At 4 p.m. on the 5th June, 2nd Australian Tunnelling Coy will take over from 'C' Coy 6th Regiment U.S. Engineers the responsibility for the periodical inspection of the bridges and road mines in and west of AMIENS (Table 'E').

2.- (i) At 4 p.m. on 5th June Instructions for the Defensive No. 36 will be cancelled.

(ii) The following tables attached hereto show the responsibility for the guarding and demolition of bridges after that hour :-

- 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:
- Table 'E' - Bridges and Road mines in and west of AMIENS.

Table 'C' is for information only.

(iii) Demolition maps will be brought up to date accordingly.

3.- Responsibility for the actual demolition of railway bridges shown in Table 'D' will remain with the 263 Railway Coy R.E. Orders for the destruction of these bridges will be given to the demolition party by the divisions concerned. The order for demolition will be repeated to R.C.E.4.

4.- 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. HEILLY, 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 the 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.

5.- The bridges known as 'VILLERS 2,3, and 'D' in VILLERS BRETONNEUX will be prepared for demolition to the extent that charges will be put in place without leads and fuzes.

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These bridges are not to be destroyed in the event of a successful local attack on VILLERS BRETONNEUX, but only under definite orders from Australian Corps.

6.- (a) In all cases units in charge of demolitions will be given definite written instructions as to their duties.

(b) Officers in charge of bridge demolition parties will get into touch with infantry brigades and arrange that officers commanding rear guards will inform bridge head parties when the rear guards are clear of bridges.

(c) Divisional artillery commanders will inform the Cs.R.E. 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.

(d) 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.

7.- Lieut. J.A. BOLTON, A.E., has been detailed by the C.E. 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.- Separate Engineer Instructions regarding the handing over of stores and placing of charges will be issued by the C.E. of the Corps.

9.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A.M. Ross Lt Col*

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TABLE 'A' - Road Craters.

Serial No.	Location.	Responsibility for Actual Dem Orders Dem
C.	H.6.a.7.4.	Reserve Division.
D.	H.12.c.5.2.	ditto
E.	H.18.c.3.3.	ditto
F.	H.29.b.5.0.	ditto
G.	N.6.a.4.5.	ditto
H.	N.6.a.5.6.	ditto
I.	I.27.c.3.1.	'B' Division.
J.	I.33.a.0.0.	ditto
L.	I.2.d.7.3.	'C' Division.
M.	I.3.c.5.0.	ditto
N.	C.28.d.9.0.	ditto
O.	C.29.a.7.0.	ditto
P.	C.29.d.7.8.	ditto
T.	N.24.a.3.5.)	'A' Division.
Tl.	N.24.a.7.2.)	ditto.
V.	M.22.b.central	Reserve Division.
W.	O.10.d.5.8.	'B' Division.
X.	O.10.d.6.8.	ditto
Y.	C.11.a.6.1.	ditto
Z.	O.18.b.5.4.	ditto
XA.	M.34.b.2.9.	Reserve Division.
XB.	N.19.d.8.6.	'A' Division.
XF.	O.27.c.0.3.	ditto
XG.	C.34.d.3.7.	ditto
XH.	I.7.b.6.5.	Reserve Division.
5.	M.32.b.2.8.	ditto.
6.	M.33.d.4.2.	ditto.

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

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 Actl Dem	Orders dem
<u>TREUX GROUP.</u>					
J.5.b.5.9.	TREUX 2.	Road over river (existing) Masonry arch bridge 15" ring 15' span.			'C' Division
D.29.d.5.0.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing) 6 I beams 9" x 4".			"
<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 by 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.	F.A.		"
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 (new) 2 small timber bridges and track.	F.A.		"

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Table 'B' continued - Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition (5).

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 and Pontoon bridges and track.	F.A.	'B' Division.
I.23.c.	" 3.4.5.&.6.	Track over river (now) 4 small timber bridges and track	F.A.	'C' Division.
I.23.d.6.6.	" 7.	Road over railway (existing) brick and masonry arch	T.	ditto
I.23.b.6.4.	" 8.	Road over river (existing) reinforced concrete bridge 4 girders 12" x 12"	T.	ditto
I.23.b.3.7.	" 9.	Road over stream (existing) 2 small masonry arches with central pier 15' roadway	T.	ditto
I.18.c.	" 10.11.12. 13 & 14.	Track over river (now) 5 small timber bridges and track	F.A.	ditto
<u>LA NEUVILLE GROUP.</u>				
I.33.c.6.1.	LA NEUVILLE 1.	Track over stream (existing) 4/9"x3" RSJ. 14' span 12' wide	F.A.	'B' Division.
I.33.d.9.7.	" 2.	Road over stream (existing) 3 girders and Jack arches 21'6" span.	T.	ditto.
I.34.a.6.0.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing)		ditto.
I.28.c. and d.	" 5.6.& 7.	Track over river (now) 3 small timber bridges and track	F.A.	ditto
<u>CORBIE GROUP.</u>				
0.4.d.6.4.	CORBIE 1.	Towpath over stream (existing)	I.F.	ditto
0.11.a.0.9.	" 2.	Road over stream (existing) masonry arch bridge 12' span.	T.	ditto
0.5.c.2.0.	" 4.	Road over stream (existing) brick arch bridge 20' span x 16' 3" roadway.	T.	ditto
0.5.c.4.5.	" 6.	Road over stream (existing) steel girder bridge 50' span x 16'6"	T.	ditto.

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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 Actl Dem	Orders dem
<u>COBBIE GROUP (continued)</u>					
0.5.c.4.5.	CORBIE 7.	Road over stream (new) 60' Mk II.	T.	'B' Division.	ditto
0.5.c.7.8.	" 8.	Road over river (new) 21'6" Class 'A' 10' wide. replacing bridge destroyed by shell.	T.		ditto
0.5.c.7.8.	" 9.	Road over river (new) 21'6" Mk II.	T.		ditto
<u>DAOURS GROUP.</u>					
0.1.d.3.0.	DAOURS 1.	Road over railway (existing) masonry arch bridge over railway.	T.		ditto
0.1.c.2.3.	" 3.	Road over river (new) 60' Mk II.	XT		ditto
0.1.c.2.5.	" 4.	Road over river (existing) Steel girder bridge 22' span x 20' wide.	T.		ditto
0.1.a.2.1.	" 5.	Road over river. Heavy type Inglis.	16 ton axle.		ditto
0.1.a.1.1.	" 6.	ditto ditto	ditto		ditto
N.6.d.8.3.	" 7.	Road over river (new) 90' Hopkins.	T.		ditto
N.6.d.8.5.	" 8.	Road over river (existing) 72' span steel trusses 20' wide on masonry abutments.	T.		ditto
N.5.d.8.6.	" 11.	Track over river.	FA		ditto.
<u>BUSSY GROUP.</u>					
N.5.b.4.1.	BUSSY 1.	2 Steel and timber bridges at old railway crossing over stream.	FA	Reserve division.	
N.5.b.1.9.	" 2.	Track over river. Bridge for F.A. mud road only.	FA		ditto.
H.35.d.1.1.	" 3.	Footbridge.	IF.		ditto
H.29.c.4.2.	" 4.	Track over river. Small timber bridge.	IF		ditto.

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Location	Name.	Description.	To carry.	Responsibility for Actl Dem Orders dem.
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QUERRIEU GROUP.

H.23.b.2.2.	QUERRIEU 1.)	Track over stream 30' span with centre trestles		Reserve Division.
H.23.b.1.2.	" 2.)	and two small bridges.	FA	
H.23.a.8.2.	" 3.)			
H.17.d.0.6.	" 4	Track over river. 8' span brick work in bad condition	FA	
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.	FA	
H.5.d.8.4.	" 10.	Track over river. 50' span by 8'6" wide.with centre trestle	FA	
H.23.a.7.0.	" 11.	Track over river 30' span with centre trestle.	FA	
H.11.b.5.0.	" 12	Track over river.	FA.	
H.23.a.8.2.	" 13	Querrieu avoiding road S.	XT	

FRECHENCOURT GROUP.

B.30.a.0.2.	FRECHENCOURT 1.	Track over river. Timber bridge with centre trestle.	FA	"
B.30.a.8.7.	" 2.	Road over river brick arch 9' span.	XT	
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.	FA	

BLANGY GROUP.

N.17.c.6.3.	BLANGY 1.	Trestle bridge and track over river.	FA	'A' Division.
N.16.c.6.2.	" 2.	Trestle bridge and track over river.	FA	"
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. v	" 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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Location	Name.	Description.	To carry	Responsibility for Actl Dem Orders dem
<u>GLISY GROUP.</u>				
N.14.c.8.3.	GLISY 2.	Road over river 84' trestle girder bridge & slab rd.	T.	'A' Division.
<u>CAMON GROUP.</u>				
M.16.d.5.5.	CAMON 1.	Road over river (new) 60' steel trusses on masonry abutments.		"
M.16.b.2.2.	" 2.	Road over river (existing) continuous girder bridge 3 tons, 5 with centre pier.	XT	Reserve Division.
M.15.b.2.1.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing) small steel bridge.	"	"
<u>LONGUEAU GROUP.</u>				
M.22.b.6.1.	LONGUEAU 1.	Road over stream (new) 19' span girder bridge on masonry abutments.		"
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.	XT	"
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.	"
<u>CAGNY GROUP.</u>				
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.	"
<u>VILLERS GROUP.</u>				
0.36.c.4.3.	VILLERS 1.	Road over rail (existing).		"
0.34.b.9.8.	" 2.	Road over rail (existing)	T.	'A' Division.
0.28.d.3.4.	" 3.	Road over rail (existing)	T.	"
0.25.c.7.4.	" 4.	Road over rail (existing)	T.	"
0.35.a.5.1.	" D.	Rail over road.		"

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Table 'C'.

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

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.1.d.3.0.
"	4.	O.1.c.2.5.
"	7.	N.6.d.8.3.
"	8.	N.6.d.8.5.
LA NEUVILLE	2.	I.33.d.9.7.
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.8.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	7.	I.23.d.6.6.
"	8.	I.23.b.6.4.
"	9.	I.23.b.3.7.
GLISY.	2.	N.14.c.8.3.
LONGUEAU	3.	M.22.c.4.5.
"	4.	M.21.b.2.2.
"	5.	M.21.b.2.2. (NOT YET ERECTED).
BLANGY.	8.	N.15.c.2.4.
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'.  
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Serial No.	Location.	Responsibility for	
		Actl Dem	Orders Dem.
A.	Sheet 62 D. 0.2.b.8.2.	263 Railway Coy R.E.	'B' Div.
B.	" " N.16.d.8.8.	"	"
C.	" " N.13.d.9.1.	"	'A' "
H.	" " N.20.central.	"	"

(NOT YET ERRECTED)

Table 'E' - Bridges and Road Mines prepared for demolition in or W. of AMIENS.

Location.	Name.	Description.	To carry	Responsibility for Actl Dem.	Orders dem.
M.7.b.4.6.	AMIENS 1.	Road over river. Bvde de BEAUVILLE. 7 girders 80' span.	T.	2nd Aust Tunn Coy.	C.E. Aust Corps.
M.7.b.2.1.	" 2.	Road over canal. " " " 30' span with arch	T.	"	"
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. Qui 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.	"	"
L.34.c.3.6.		Road over SOMME Canal. 22' span girder bridge 11' wide.	MT.	"	"
L.3.b.6.5.		Road over R.CELLE. 26' span girder bridge 26' wide.	T.	"	"
R.4.a.1.1.		Road over R.CELLE. 24' span girder bridge 30' wide.	T.	"	"
R.4.c.9.6.		Road over R.CELLE. Masonry arch, 2 spans, 26' wide.	T.	"	"
R.3.d. central.		Road over R.CELLE. 26' girder bridge, 16' wide.	MT.	"	"
R.9.b.1.8.		Road over R.CELLE. 30' timber bridge, 23' wide.	MT	"	"
R.3.d.6.4.		Road over R.CELLE. 26' span C1 girders, 17' wide.	MT	"	"
R.10.a.1.0.		Road over R.CELLE. 30' span girder bridge, 27' wide.	T.	"	"
R.14.b.8.5.		Road over R.CELLE. 11' span timbers, 24' wide.	MT.	"	"
R.14.c.2.1.		Road over R.CELLE. 26' span girder bridge, 15' wide.	MT.	"	"
R.19.d.8.6.		Road over R.CELLE. 27' span masonry arch, 19'6" wide.	T.	"	"
R.25.a.9.1.		Road over R.CELLE. 20'6" span reinforced concrete, 14' wide.	MT.	"	"
R.31.a.3.8.		Road over R.CELLE. 21' span girder bridge, 12' wide.	MT	"	"
R.31.a.4.8.		Road over R.CELLE. 21'3" span girder bridge, 19'4" wide.	MT.	"	"
Q.38.d.8.2.		Road over R.CELLE. 28' span reinforced concrete, 21'6" wide.	MT	"	"
62E/W.6.b.5.7.	No.1.	Road Mine.		"	"
" X.1.b.6.3.	No.2.	" "		"	"
" R.21.c.2.2.	No.3.	" "		"	"
" R.15.a.4.7.	No.4.	" "		"	"

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*J. D. Rogers*  
 Capt.,  
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Australian Corps,  
6th June, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 111.

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- 1.- The enemy's position on the ridge between SAILLY-LAURETTE and MORLANCOURT will be attacked on a day and hour to be notified.
- 2.- The main portion of the attack will be delivered by the 2nd Australian Division, <sup>who</sup> will advance to the line Road Junction at K.25.c.0.5. (inclusive) - K.19.d.4.6. - K.13.d.65.20 - K.13.b.2.8.
- 3.- The 4th Australian Division will conform at zero hour by swinging its left flank forward to the road junction at K.25.c.0.5. (exclusive) to cover the right of the 2nd Australian Division.
- 4.- Two field artillery brigades of the 4th Australian Division will be detailed to participate in the attack under the orders of the 2nd Australian Division.  
Except for registration and during the operation they will continue to carry out their normal task of covering the 4th Australian Division front.  
The mobile field artillery brigade of the 3rd Australian Division will be placed at the disposal of the 2nd Australian Division forty-eight hours prior to the operation. It will return to its present position and rôle after the completion of the operation.  
The 2nd Australian Division will arrange direct with B.G.H.A. for the co-operation of the heavy artillery.
- 5.- The 2nd Australian Division, in co-operation with the 4th Australian Division, will co-ordinate the action of the artillery and infantry taking part in the attack.
- 6.- The 3rd Australian Division will arrange a diversion at zero hour which will include a creeping barrage against a selected portion of the enemy's position opposite the division's front. Similar participation by III Corps is being asked for.
- 7.- A contact aeroplane will be detailed by No.3 Squadron, A.F.C. to be over the line at dawn following zero hour.
- 8.- Zero hour will be notified by the following code message from Australian Corps to all recipients of this order:-  
"Reference C.O. No.111 tests will be made  
"at (hour) on (day)".
- 9.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. Blamey*  
Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
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Australian Corps,  
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GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 27

Subject - "S.O.S." SIGNALS.

1. Beginning at 12 noon on the 15th June the "S.O.S." Signal on the Fourth Army front will be a Rifle Grenade Signal bursting into 3 red lights, one over another.
2. Australian Corps "Q" will arrange to issue to each the 3rd, 4th, and 2nd Aust. Divisions 300 of the above signals.
3. All "S.O.S." Signals now in use will be collected for return by the 3rd, 4th and 2nd Aust. Divisions after the 15th June. Divisions will inform the Ammunition Officer, Aust. Corps M.T. Column where to collect.
4. Acknowledge.

*A.M. Ross W.L.*  
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D.F. - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 47.

Organization of Defences.

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1.- In continuation of Instructions for the Defensive No.41 dated 26th May, 1918, paragraph 2, and consequent upon the amendment to Fourth Army No. 108(G) dated 28th April, 1918, issued under Aust. Corps No. S/4590 of 5th June, 1918:-

(i) Under Army orders the Army system to be specially strengthened will include the BLANGY system as shown on defence maps of current issue, but a new line forming portion of the BLANGY system is in process of construction and will form the front line of the Army system. The title of "BLANGY SYSTEM" will be retained for this portion of the defences.

(ii) The new line under construction runs as shown in GREEN on attached map.

2.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Wm. Ross*  
for Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
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G. Australian Corps,  
7th June, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN CORPS
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THIRD AMENDMENT TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 34  
dated 12th May, 1918.

TANKS.

- 1.- Owing to the 17th Armoured Car Battalion having left the Corps area, paragraph 3 will be amended as follows:-  
delete all after the words "There is also".
- 2.- In appendix 'A' delete "No.17 Armoured Car Battalion" onwards.

*Am. Ross*

*for* Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
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Ref. Aust. Corps Order No.109 of 2nd inst. AAA Para. 1(d) and Group 'D' will be amended thus AAA 27th Bde. R.G.A. (Mixed) will relieve 6th Bde. R.G.A. (Mixed) on nights 12th/13th and 13th/14th under orders of B.G.H.A. AAA 27th Bde. R.G.A. will remain in CAMON area during 9th, 10th and 11th inst AAA 6th Bde. R.G.A. will move from CAMON area to RIVIERE area on 15th inst AAA 6th and 27th Bdes. RGA and B.G.H.A. to acknowledge AAA Addsd all recipients of O.O. 109.



Captain, G.S.  
for B.G.G.S.

Aust. Corps.

(By wire to 6th and 27th Bdes., R.G.A. and B.G.H.A.)  
(By D.R.L.S. to remainder.)

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Australian Corps,  
8th June, 1918.

D.F. - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 48.

MARKING OF BRIDGES.

- 1.- The Army Commander has called attention to the fact that in many cases provision of directing boards for bridges in the army area is unsatisfactory.
- 2.- (1) It is not sufficient for boards to be placed on or close to a bridge, but, in addition, they must be established at the point on the main traffic route where the road leading to a bridge branches off and at all subsequent turnings leading to it. Blocks in the traffic are now frequently caused by a driver finding out at the last moment that the bridge he is intending to cross is either not capable of carrying the vehicle he is driving or is available for one way traffic only, and that he is compelled to either turn or move backwards.
- (ii) Notices, on boards or on walls, at the junction of main traffic routes and branch roads leading to bridges, should give the following information :-
- (a) Name and number of bridge with arrow pointing in the required direction.
- (b) The word "Tanks" or if not up to that carrying capacity, then the maximum load in tons.
- (c) In the case of "one way" bridges the necessary information must be included on the directing notice board containing (a) and (b).
- (iii) Notices on, or in the immediate vicinity of bridges, should show :-
- (a) The name and number of the bridge.
- (b) Carrying capacity.
- 3.- (1) In order to put the above orders into effect in the Corps area, bridges will be marked under divisional arrangements accordingly.
- (ii) The responsibility for these notices will be the same as in the case of the actual orders for demolition given in Table 'B' of Instructions for the Defensive No.46.
- (iii) In cases where bridges are not prepared for demolition notices will be provided by divisions according to divisional areas.
- (iv) The bridges in and west of AMIENS (see Table 'E' of Instructions for the Defensive No.46) will be marked under arrangements to be made by the field engineer for demolitions detailed by the C.E. of corps.

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(i) The names and number of bridges with arrows pointing in the required direction.

(ii) The word "Tanks" or it may be "one way" bridges, then the direction of traffic.

(iii) In the case of "one way" bridges the necessary information must be included on the direction notice board containing (a) and (b).

(iv) Notices on, or in the immediate vicinity of bridges, should show:-

- (a) The name and number of the bridge.
- (b) Carrying capacity.

(v) In order to put the above orders into effect in the Corps area, bridges will be marked under divisional arrangements accordingly.

(vi) The responsibility for these notices will be the same as in the case of the actual orders for demolition given in Table 'B' of Instructions for the Detonative No. 45.

(vii) In cases where bridges are not prepared for demolition notices will be provided by divisions according to divisional arrangements.

(viii) The bridges in and west of WILKINS (see Table 'B' of Instructions for the Detonative No. 45) will be marked under arrangements to be made by the field engineer for demolitions detailed by the C.E. of Corps.

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SECRET.  
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Australian Corps.  
9th June, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 28.

Subject :- Popham Signalling Panel  
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1. In order to perfect co-operation between flying units and infantry in the use of the Popham Signalling Panel, Divisions in the line will arrange that each Brigade in the line sends three practice messages daily on the Panel.
2. These Instructions will be put into effect forthwith and carried out until further notice.
3. Divisions will make arrangements direct with the 3rd Squadron A.F.C., and will furnish pericdical reports.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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S E C R E T.

Australian Corps.

11th June, 1918.

DISPOSITIONS HEADQUARTERS OF FORMATIONS.

AS AT 6 A.M. , 12th JUNE, 1918.

<u>Australian Corps.</u>	"A" Echelon	BERTANGLES Chateau.
	"B" Echelon	VIGNACOURT
<u>B.G. , H.A.</u>	G.24.b.2.6.	
<u>1st Aust. Division.</u>	DETACHED.	
<u>2nd Aust. Division.</u>	ST GRATIEN	LINE LEFT.
5th Aust. Inf. Bde	FRECHENCOURT	
6th " " "	HEILLY	LINE LEFT.
7th " " "	HEILLY	LINE RIGHT.
<u>3rd Aust. Division</u>	GLISY	LINE RIGHT.
9th Aust. Inf. Bde	0.25.c.5.3.	LINE LEFT.
10th " " "	0.25.c.6.3.	LINE RIGHT.
11th " " "	GLISY	
<u>4th Aust. Division</u>	BUSSY	LINE CENTRE.
4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	0.5.c.6.8.	LINE RIGHT.
12th " " "	N.14.b.9.9.	
13th " " "	J.19.c.3.6.	LINE LEFT.
<u>5th Aust. Division.</u>	COISY	RESERVE.
8th Aust. Inf. Bde.	RIVERY.	
14th " " "	QUERRIEU.	
15th " " "	H.1.a.3.4.	

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S E C R E T.  
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Australian Corps,  
11th June 1918.

D.F. - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.49.

Subject:- Defences - Army System.

- 1.- Consequent upon paragraph 4 of amendment to Fourth Army No. 108 (G) and Australian Corps Instructions for the Defensive No. 41, the rear system of the second zone (BLANGY system - LA HOUSOYE system) will be known as the Army system.
- 2.- (i) The Army System within the corps area is as shown in BLUE wash on the attached map.  
 (ii) On this map are shown deep dug-outs for machine guns, O.P's, and battalion headquarters proposed, under construction, or actually completed.  
 The approximate sites selected for brigade headquarters within this system are also shown.
- 3.- A buried cable scheme for the system will be submitted by the A.D.Signals of the Corps.
- 4.- (i) Reconnaissances of all second zone defences in detail, including the Army system, will be carried out by divisions in line within respective divisional sectors, in order that plans may be prepared rapidly should it become necessary to occupy these defences.  
 (ii) The Division in corps reserve will carry out reconnaissances of the whole system within the corps area special attention being paid to the points of junction with flanking corps.
- 5.- Separate Engineer Instructions have already been issued by the C.E. of the Corps (Engineer Instructions No. 102 dated 28.4.1918).
- 6.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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| 4     | 15th Wing R.A.F. (without map).         |                            |
| 5     | III Corps.                              |                            |
| 6     | 31st French Corps 2me Bureau.           |                            |
| 7 -12 | 2nd Aust Div. ) 1 for each Bde          |                            |
| 13-18 | 3rd Aust Div. ) C.R.E. and              |                            |
| 19-24 | 4th Aust Div. ) D/A.                    |                            |
| 25-30 | 5th Aust Div. )                         |                            |
| 31    | B.G.H.A.                                | 42 D.D.M.S. (without map). |
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| 34    | AQ (without map).                       |                            |
| 35    | G.O.C.R.A.                              |                            |
| 36-59 | C.E. (1 for each C.R.E. zone defences). |                            |
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Australian Corps, 11th June 1918.

D.F. - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 50.

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TANKS.

- 1.- Instructions for the Defensive No. 34 is 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 and affiliated 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 be prepared to launch a counter-attack immediately to check the enemy advance.
    - (a) The division to whom Tanks are affiliated and in whose area the tanks are to operate will be responsible for warning the tank units of the close approach of the enemy.  
In addition, Tank Company Commanders, will maintain constant liaison with line brigade headquarters of the division to whom they are affiliated.
    - (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.  
BONNAY.  
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 'B' Division at BUSSY les DAOURS.

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

9.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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A P P E N D I X 'A'.

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

No.8 Tank Battalion. - Headquarters - BLANGY TRONVILLE.

<u>Company.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Affiliation.</u>
'A'.	N.31.a.	In corps reserve.
'B'.	WOOD N.34.c.	'A' Div. area.
'C'.	C.13.a.	'B' Div. area.

No.13 Tank Battalion. - Headquarters - QUERRIEU WOOD.

<u>Company.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Affiliation.</u>
'A'.	J.13.b.	'C' Division.

NOTE:- No. 8 Tank Battalion.

For operations not co-ordinated by divisions, e.g., immediate counter-attack (see para 4 (ii) (b) last para of this Instruction.)

'B' Coy will be prepared to operate South of the AMIENS - VILLERS BRETONNEUX road and 'C' Coy North of that road.

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.50 of 11.6.18.

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Australian Corps,  
13th June, 1918.

D.F. - FIRST AMENDMENT TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 49.  
dated 11th June, 1918.

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To: 1/4624/1  
Date:

In paragraph 5, cancel all in brackets and read -  
"(Chief Engineer No. S.0964 dated 25.5.1918)".

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Australian Corps,  
 12th June 1918.

D.F.- FIRST AMENDMENT TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 50.

T A N K S.

- 1.- Paragraph 8 - cancel last two lines and substitute:-  
 "No. 13 Tank Battalion, B.28.central, will be  
 "in touch with 'C' Division at ST GRATIEN."
- 2.- Appendix 'A'- No. 13 Tank Battalion - Headquarters -  
 For "QUERRIEU WOOD" read "B.28.central".
- 3.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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S E C R E T.

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Australian Corps,  
12th June, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 112.

1.- (1) The 5th Australian Division (less artillery) will relieve the 2nd Australian Division (less artillery) in 'C' Divisional sector and area on the nights 14th/15th and 15th/16th June.

The relief will be carried out under the orders of the G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division.

(ii) Command will pass at 10 a.m. on the 16th June.

On completion of relief Headquarters of the 5th and 2nd Australian Divisions will be established at ST.GRATIEN and COISY respectively.

(iii) (a) On completion of relief the following artillery will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 5th Australian Division:-

- 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery.
- 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A.
- 6th Army Brigade A.F.A.
- 96th Army Brigade R.F.A.
- 5th Army Brigade R.H.A.

The C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division will continue to officiate in command of the divisional artillery covering the front of 'C' Divisional sector.

(b) The 27th Brigade R.G.A. now affiliated to the 2nd Australian Division will become affiliated to the 5th Australian Division on completion of relief.

2.- (1) On relief the 2nd Australian Division will move into Corps Reserve, brigade groups occupying areas vacated by brigade groups of the 5th Australian Division with nucleus garrison battalions disposed as laid down in Instructions for the Defensive No. 38 of 15th May, 1918.

(ii) The relief of the brigade group located in the RIVERY area will be effected by bus under arrangements to be made by 'Q' branch of the corps.

3.- G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division will take over from the G.O.C. 5th Australian Division the orders and responsibilities allotted to the division in Corps Reserve (Instructions for the Defensive Nos. 27, 38 and 43).

4.- (1) Defence schemes, defence works policy and programme and all divisional details of second zone defences will be handed over by the 2nd Australian Division to the 5th Australian Division.

(ii) Responsibility for the demolition of roads and bridges will be handed over in accordance with Instructions for the Defensive No. 46, of 4th June 1918.

5.- Administrative, Engineer and Medical Instructions are being issued separately.

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

7.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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- 12 3rd Aust Div.
- 13 4th Aust Div.
- 14 3rd Army Bde A.F.A. } Thro'
- 15 6th " " " } G.O.C., R.A.
- 16 5th Army Bde R.H.A. }
- 17 96th Army Bde R.F.A. }
- 18 B.G.H.A.
- 19 Corps Mounted Troops.
- 20 Aust Corps Cyclist Bn.
- 21 3rd Sqn A.F.C.
- 22 13th Balloon Coy.
- 23 Branch Intelligence Section.
- 24 5th Tank Brigade.
- 25 4th Army A.A. Defence Commander.
- 26 A.Q.
- 27 A.
- 28 Q.
- 29 Corps Transport Officer.
- 30 Ig.
- 31 G.O.C., R.A.
- 32 C.E.
- 33 C.R.E. Corps Troops.
- 34 A.D. Signals.
- 3 5 S.M.T.O.
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- 37 Aust Corps Sig Coy.
- 38 Aust Corps Topo Section.
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- 40 D.D.M.S.
- 41 D.A.D. Posts.
- 42 A.P.M.
- 43 A.D.V.S.
- 44 Labour Commandant.
- 45 Chemical Adviser.
- 46 Camp Commandant.
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