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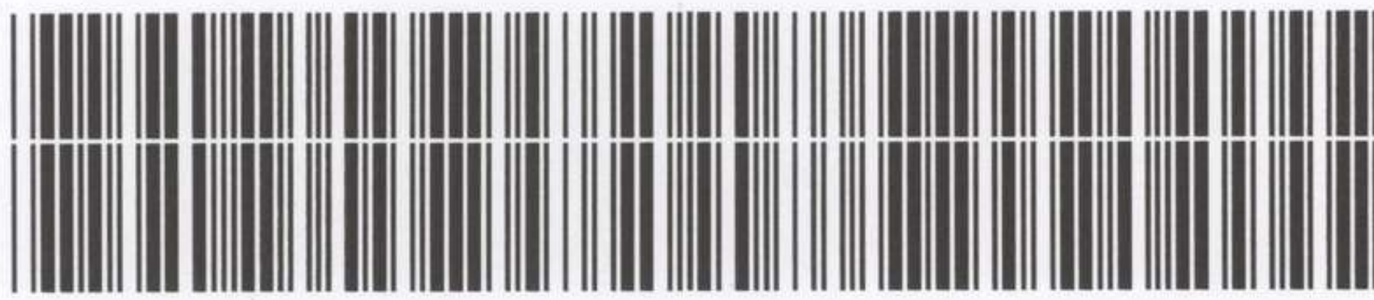

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BERTANGLES	July	1st	Left Division raided enemy line in E.19.b. killing several enemy and capturing 2 O.Rs. Party of same Division rushed post at K.13.d.95.25. capturing 2 Light M.Guns, but all garrison escaped. One wounded prisoner taken by the centre division in P.4.b. Slight shelling of area N. of SAILLY LE SEC, also S. of VILLE SUR ANCRE. M.Gs and T.Ms and rifle grenade more active than usual on centre division front. Weather fine and warm.	
	"	2nd	Very quiet night. One enemy plane brought down in flames at 9 p.m., also a second driven down out of control, both behind enemy's line. During the day SAILLY LE SEC and VILLE SUR ANCRE lightly ~~xii~~ shelled with 77 mms . Captures Nil. Weather fine, N to N.E. wind, 10 m.p.h. Mr HUGHES and Mr COOK spent the day with the Corps.	
	"	3rd	Gas projectors into MORLANCOURT. Light shelling West of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Forward area centre division intermittently shelled . Area N.W. SAILLY LE SEC shelled with H.E. and green cross gas. Enemy plane shot down in flames in W.11 at 7.25 p.m.	
			Australian Corps Order No. 120	App. 1
			Australian Corps Order No. 123	" 2
	"	4th	At 3.10 a.m. 4th Aust. Division attacked HAMEL and the ridge to East and S.E. At the same time 5th Aust. Division carried out the following :- (a) Dummy attack at Square K.25.central (b) A raid on enemy trenches at Square K.13.b.5.8. (c) An operation to capture the enemy's position from K.1.b. 9.2. to River ANCRE. The 2nd Aust. Division advanced their front to join up with the right of the objectiveof the main operation. The troops under the 4th Aust. Division who carried out thr attack were from right to left 6th Bde, 4th Bde, 11th Bde . The 14th Bde carried out raid at K.13.b.5.8. The 15th Bde captured enemy position from K.1.b.9.2. to the ANCRE. The 7th Brigade were concerned in advancing the 2nd Aust. Divn front. In the main attack were advanced our position to an average depth of 1½ miles on a front of 4 miles. 4½ Coys of Tanks (54 tanks) of 5th Tank Bde, Special Coy R.E. 5th Bde R.A.F., and 4 coys of the 33rd American Division co-operated in the attacks. The whole of the operations were entirely successful and resulted in capture to date of prisoners unwounded 34 officers and 1191 O.Rs, wounded 2 officers, 78 O.Rs, M.Guns 103 , trench mortars 12 ,1 77mm gun. Our casualties slight. Enemy arty retaliation slight owing to our good counter battery work . Weather fine.	
			Australian Corps Order No.124	App.3
			Australian Corps Order No.121	" 4
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BERTANGLES	July	5	Enemy reaction to our operation yesterday so far has been as follows .On right Division, Artillery and M.Gs were active chiefly against our ~~own~~ old front line . On centre div. at about 10.20 p.m. hostile infantry action commencedon right near junction of right and centre divs, but failed to develop. Later the right Battalion of the left Bde was counterattacked by enemy in considerable force. Enemy succeeded in establishing himself near our front line but our troops drove him out capturing 50 prisoners 10 M.Gs, and 1 anti tank rifle, as well as killing many Huns. On left Division considerable arty activity but no infantry action. Two prisoners were taken by left Left Division. Total captures for operation of 4th as follows . Passed through Corps Cage 36 Off. 1126 O.Rs. Admitted C.C.S. 4 off. 288 O.Rs, Total 40 off. 1467 O.Rs. Congratulatoty messages received from :- Prime Ministers of Great Britian, Canada, New Zealand, Newfoundland, through the Prime Minister of Australia; The Right Hon. W.M. HUGHES, Prime Minister of Australia , General Birdwood, General Plumer, Lt-Gen. GODLEY, 1st Aust. Division. Weather remains fine. Wind N. to N.W.	
"		6	During the night the right Division advanced its line without opposition to an average depth of 200 yards on a 2,000 yds front. Hostile arty active on forward areas of centre Divn. Concentration of blue cross gas mixed with H.~~E.~~ N.E. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. 196 gas cylinders successfully discharged S. of DERNANCOURT. At 11.30 a.m. post at P.26.b.8.2. was engaged by rifle grenades from our post at P.26.b.8.4. Immediately afterwards one man of 21st Bn went out to examine enemy post and returned with one officer and 12 O.Rs prisoners. During the afternoon enemy post at P.16.b. was rushed, 3 enemy including 1 officer killed and 2 O.Rs and 1 M.G. taken . Total captures 1 off. 15 ~~pr~~ O.Rs prisoners, 1 M.G. Weather - fine wind W. to N.W.	
			Australian Corps Order No.126.	App.7
"		7	4th Aust.Division took prisoner in P.16.b. during night. 160 gas projectors successfully discharged in K.25.d. Slight retaliation to our counter preparation at 3.15 a.m. At 6 a.m. prisoner wandered into 2nd Aust. Division lines at O.36.b. During the day slight shelling of HAMEL and BOIS DE VAIRE. Captures 2 O.Rs. Weather fine.	
			Daily Table of Letters and Colours	App. 8
			Battle Stations Practice- First addendum	" 9
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BERTANGLES	July	8th	Successful operation carried out by the left Bde centre Division in conjunction with right battalion of Left Division . As a result our line was advanced to a depth of 800 yds on a frontage of 3000 yds. Line now runs J.30.d.5.0.- J.3.6.b.1.3. -J.36.c.0.0. P.5.d.0.0.-P.11.a.4.6. -P.1..a.4.0. . 1 Officer and 21 O.Rs were captured by the centre Division in this operation. At 10 a.m. a patrol of right Division captured enemy trench from P.31.b.3.9. - P.31.b.15.45. 0.36.d.95.95. - thence along N. side of road and joins our front line at 0.36.b.53.15. Captures 13 O.Rs 1 M.G. Our casualties nil. Later the enemy trench from 0.36.d.95.95. down to railway at 0.36.d.5.2. was captured with 4 prisoners . Posts were established on line P.26.b. 61.35. -P.26.b.85.4.5., P.27.a.0·6.- P.27.a.25.80.- P.21.c.4.0.- P.21.c.5.2.- P.21.c.6.4. - P.21.c.7.7. P.21.c.80.85. During the afternoon the right Bde right Division were compelled to evacuate post forward of front line in P.16.c. owing to M.W. fire. Total captures 1 off. 38 O.Rs. Practice in Manning Battle Stations carried out during the night.	
			Instructions for the Defensive No. 55.	App.13
	"	9th	Enemy arty was active on forward systems in newly captured area during the night. Counter preparation in anticipation of enemy relief put down from 10.15 p.m. to 10.35 p.m. The right division captured 5 O.Rs during the night as result of minor operation in 0.36.d. , right division also established posts at P.25.d.85.45. P.26.c.80.45.- P.26,d.20.45. - P.26.d. 4.7. P.26.d.8.8. and occupied continuous trench from latter post to our line at P.26.b.55.50. 1 M.W. , 2 M.Gs, and 1 range finder captured in this operation. During the day patrol entered enemy trench in V.6.a.85.90. and now captured enemy trench from railway to U.5.b.8.3. Patrols also reconnoitred MONUMENT WOOD . Enemy resistance was vigorous and 10 were killed, 2 M.Gs, 2 granatenwerfer, 1 large periscope were captured. A patrol of centre division rushed enemy post in W.3.b. capturing 8 prisoners; 1 wounded prisoner was also captured in P.10.d.	
			Departures 23rd Bde R.G.A. transferred to III Corps.	
			Arrivals "N" Battery 5th R.H.A. From III Corps.	
			98th Bde R.G.A. transferred from III Corps.	
			Weather fine.	
			General Staff. Circular No. 32	App.14
			Instructions for the Defensive No.56	" 15
			Australian Corps Order No. 128	" 16
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BERTANGLES	July	10th	Slight shelling of front during night. Enemy M.Gs fairly active. Right Division occupied enemy trench from P.31.b.85.50. to P.31.b.5.2. A large party approached our lines at P.31.c.1.9. but was dispersed. Right Division captured wounded German at U.5.b.9.0. Enemy trench running from P.27.a.3.7. to P.27.a.3.0. - P.27.c.5.4. was rushed and occupied . Centre division captured 1 O.R. Enemy arty quiet throughout the day. HEILLY shelled with 5.9s. Weather- little rain towards night.	
	"	11	Right Division established strong posts at P.31.b.55.30. P.31.b.8.6. P32.a.2.8. during the night. Patrols reported enemy strongly holding position V.1.b.1.9.- P.31.d.1.4. - P.31.d.4.4. Two British soldiers escaped through lines of centre Division. Light scattered shelling throughout the night. Relief. 10th A.I. Bde relieved 13th and 14th A.I.Bde in right sub-sector of centre Division. Weather Wet throughout afternoon and evening.	
	"	12th	Left Brigade, Left Division carried out raid on enemy trench E.26.a.25.90. but the enemy had vacated the post when our barrage fell. Quiet day. Light scattered shelling of areas S. of MERICOURT and S. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. 9th Bde relieved the 12th during the night. Captures nil. Occasional showers during the day. Australian Corps Order No. 129.	App. 18
	"	13th	Light scattered shelling of forward areas. Little gas shelling in the vicinity of HAMEL . Right division captured 2 prisoners in P.31.d. Light shelling of VILLERS BRETONNEUX during day. Command of centre Divisional sector passed from G.O.C. 4th Aust. Divn to G.O.C. 3rd Aust. Divn at 10 a.m. Weather - showery. Disposition Headquarters of Formations as at 6 a.m. 14th	App. 19
	"	14th	Between 8.30 and 10 p.m. few rounds of 15 cm H.E. and gas mixed in vicinity of HAMEL. Right division captured 1 O.R. in P.27.a. at 7 a.m. During the afternoon patrol from right Brigade, right division encountered enemy post at U.5.d.8.8. containing 11 germans. Bombing fight resulted in number of enemy killed and 2 captured. Patrols penetrated MONUMENT WOOD and established posts at U.5.d.7.5., two posts along SYRIA TRENCH and one post U.6.c.4.8. Captures 3 O.Rs. Weather showery.	

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BERTANGLES	July	15th	During the night, posts were established by the centre division at P.21.b.80.75.; P.16.c.25.10., P.16.c.50.60. P.16.c.7.9. At 10.30 a.m. the new post at P.16.c.25.10. was attacked and occupied by about 30 of the enemy. Later the enemy were driven out and post reoccupied by us. Right Div. now hold SYRIA TRENCH from U.5.d.7.6. to U.6.c.4.8., thence line of posts from U.6.central to railway at O.36.d.8.0. Captures 2 O.Rs. Weather remains showery.	
			Daily Table of Letters and Colours.	App. 20
			Australian Corps Order No. 130	" 21
		16th	Light scattered shelling of BUIRE,TREUX, and HAMEL. Left Division established posts P.32.a.9.3. P.32.b.3.6. P.32.b.5.8., P.26.d.7.0. P.26.d.9.2. Patrol enetered enemy trench at P.31.d.7.5. and severe fight took place. Our party withdrew after inflicting casualties on the enemy. We had 3 O.Rs missing, believed killed, and 1 off. 4 O.Rs wounded. British plane brought down in flames in K.25. at 1.30 p.m. Forward areas N.W. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX shelled during day. Captures past 24 hours 2 O.Rs Weather- occasional showers.	
			Australian Corps Order No. 131	App. 22
		17th	Enemy arty active on Corps front Reserve areas of right division heavily shelled with gas diphosgene and mustard. In minor operation at P.27.c.4.4. right division captured 12 prisoners and 2 M.Gs. 9 prisoners killed by enemy barrage while being escorted to rear. Enemy attempted to raid our post at U.6.c.5.8. at 3 a.m. but was driven off with loss. Two coys of 4th Aust. Pioneers moved to VAUX-en-AMIENOIS and are temporarily attached to 5th Tank Bde . Weather - rain at intervals.	
			Australian Corps Order No. 132	App.23
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			Amendment to Australian Corps Order No. 134	" 29
		18th	2nd Aust. Division carried out operation last night resulted in capture of further ground E. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX including mound in V.1.a.& b. Our line now runs U.c.d.0.8. V.1.a.6.0. - V1.b.4.5. P.37. central. 1 Off. and 53 unwounded prisoners 7 wounded in addition to 2 77 mm guns and 15 M.Gs. Large number of enemy were killed. During day HEILLY and TREUX lightly shelled. 8th Bde relieved 15th Bde in left subsector, left division. Weather fine and warm .	

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BERTANGLES	July	19th	About a battalion of the enemy attempted to counter attack on positions E. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX during the night. Prompt responce to S.O.S. by artillery and machine guns broke up the attack before it developed and only small isolated parties approached our lines. These were easily dealt with by rifle fire .The enemy were busy until 9 a.m. following day collecting their casualties. The attack was supported by heavy artillery M.W. and M.G. fire. We fired heavy gas concentration on to valley in Q.8.d. 14.b. & d., also 190 gas projectors were discharged into MORLANCOURT. CORBIE and valley NE of VAUX SUR SOMME shelled during the day. E.A. inactive. Two hostile balloons destroyed opposite our front.	
			Departure - The 3 6" How. batteries of the 98th Army Bde R.G.A. move by road to Second Army. Weather fine and warm.	
	"	20	Enemy arty active against centre div. during the night. Steady shelling of VAIRE WOOD and P.14. central from midnight to 4 a.m.. During the day vicinity of HAMEL and valley NW of SAILLY LE SEC intermittently shelled. E.A. inactive.	
			Departure.-The 9.2 How. Battery of the 98th Army Brigade R.G.A. moved by rail to Second Army detraining at ARQUES . No. 3 Messenger Dogs to First Army.	
			Relief.- 6th Bde relieves the 7th in right subsector right Division. Weather - showery during afternoon.	
	"	21st	Ridge S.E. of HAMEL heavily shelled at midnight. Intermittent shelling of forward areas. 236 gas projectors fired on area between MORLANCOURT and SAILLY LAURETTE and 174 on DERNANCOURT. Quiet day. Captures Nil. Weather fine.	
			Garrison for Army System	App. 30
	"	22nd	In connection with the French right battn right divn established posts at U.5.d.70.45. Another party bombed along SYRIA Trench from V.i.a.6.1. to V.1.c.3.7. where block has been established . Four other Ranks and 4 M.Gs were captured in these operations, and estimated enemy killed number 1 off. and 25 O.Rs. During the night enemy fired 350 rounds 10.5 cm H.E. and gas on O.12.b. E.A. bombed VILLERS BRETONNEUX during night. 120 gas projectors were discharged on K.8.c. Quiet day - scattered shelling of VILLE SUR ANCRE - SAILLY LE SEC - and VILLERS BRETONNEUX . Weather - showery at intervals.	
	"	23rd	VILLERS BRETONNEUX and vicinity heavily shelled with green and yellow cross gas between 10 p.m. and 2.10 a.m. Estimated 7000 rounds. Forward areas right division heavily shelled during the night. German Tank in right Bde sector successfully removed by our tanks . Patrol of right Battn right Division encountered enemy post at V.1.c.8.9. and inflicted casualties on the garrison. SYRIA TRENCH made good as far as V.1.c.4.6. Support lines S.E. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX heavily shelled between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Captures 2 wounded O.Rs.Weather-Showery.	

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BERTANGLES	July	24	Quiet night. Light scattered shelling N. of SAILLY LE SEC ,S.of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and N. edge of BOIS L'ABBE. During the day enemy arty active on front posts E. and S.E. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX .Intermittent shelling of area between VAIRE WOOD and BOIS D'ACCROCHE. E.A. inactive . Captures Nil. Weather fine.	
			Australian Corps Order No 135	App. 31
	"	25	At 8 p.m. enemy attacked and occupied our post at U.5.d.6.4., but an immediate counter attack drove them out. Casualties inflicted on enemy and 1 wounded O.R. captured. Four new posts were established by the right Bde "A" Division between V.1.a.7.1. and V.1.b.5.5. At 2.30 a.m. enemy attempted to raid post at P.5.b. under cover of heavy box barrage but was driven off leaving one seriously wounded prisoner and 3 dead. Left Division captured by patrol encounter 1 prisoner and Lewis Gun. 176 projectors were successfully discharged on E.20.central. Hostile arty was quiet during the day, only light scattered shelling of forward area being reported. Weather showery.	
			Australian Corps Order No. 136	App.32
			G. 384.	App.33
	"	26th	Quiet night except for heavy shelling O.12.b. from 10 p.m. to 10.30. p.m. The following localities were lightly shelled during the day- VILLE-SUR-ANCRE, HAMEL- VILLERS BRETONNEUX V.1.a., P.32.a. ,V.9.d., P.10.d., P.9.c., O.12.b., K.6.a., and J.18. At 10 a.m. 196 projectors fired into valleys of MORLANCOURT .	
			G.452 Reference Australian Corps Order 136	App.34
			General Staff Circular No.33	" 35
			Amendment to Australian Corps Order No.135	" 36
	"	27th	Party of our men raided cemetery at J.36.c.9.5. found it unoccupied so rushed post at J.36.c.96.38. Garrison of about 30 fled. No identifications secured. Our casualties one slightly wounded. Hostile artillery active during the night on left divisional front. 200 gas cylinders were successfully discharged on E.20. central . One prisoner captured in P.27. central. One prisoner captured by left divisionas resuly of patrol encounter, also 1 lewis gun. During the day the forward areas were lightly shelled. Weather - showery throughout the day.	
			Australian Corps order No.137	App.37
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BERTANGLES	July	28th	Last night 58th Division relieved troops of 5th Aust.Division in the line N. of K.1.d.6.3. (see App. 31 Corps Order No.135.) Enemy activity quiet during night. 190 gas projectors on positions E. of BOIS D'ACCROCHE and 186 just N. of MORLANCOURT. Enemy aircraft active between 1 and 3 a.m. - bombs dropped vicinity VILLERS BRETONNEUX, BOIS L'ABBE and HAMEL. Nothing to report during day. Captures Nil. Weather fine.	
			Australian Corps.Order No. 138	App.39
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	"	29th	At 12.30 a.m. under an artillery, machine guns and T.M.barrage the 5th Aust. Division attacked enemy's forward defences from K.8.a.10.10. to J.30.d.9.5. and penetrated to an average depth of 500 yards. All objectives were taken together with 4 off. 124 O.Rs 36 M.Guns and 1 T.M. Shortly after dawn enemy made three small counter attacks but they were easily repulsed. The fighting was very severe in places and many enemy were killed. Our casualties were very light. The enemy retaliation was feeble and scattered. Congratulatory messages were received from General BIRDWOOD ~~and~~ and General RAWLINSON. Quiet day. 15th A.I.Bde move to RENANCOURT. MONTIERES Area H.Q. PONT DE METZ .	
			1st Amendment to Australian Corps Order No.139	App.42
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	"	30th	Fairly quiet night. Slight shelling forward areas centre division. Few rounds blue cross gas P.1.a. and few rounds yellow cross gas on J.21. We fired heavy gas concentration on enemy's positions in valley running through WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT. As a result of patrol encounter a prisoner was captured by centre division in P.12.a. Identification normal. Left division captured wounded prisoner right Bde front . During the day, light shelling of area N. of BRAY CORBIE Road and little gas on MARRETT WOOD. Late in the afternoon two enemy approached post in P.16.c. one shot, the other escaped wounded. Weather fine and warm. 8" Howitzer Battery of 40th Bde R.G.A. detrain at SALEUX and move to LONGUEAU Area.	
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BERTANGLES	July	31st	Enemy artillery more active than usual, shelling valley in P.9. and P.14. O.35.c. and U.5.a. Little gas shelling mostly blue cross and yellow cross on Reserve Areas of left division. Two prisoners who had been hiding in No Mans Land in K.14.c. since our operation on the 29th surrendered during the night. Except for lightm scattered shelling of the forward areas the day was quiet. 14th A.I.Bde was relieved in the right subsector left division by a Brigade of 18th Division and moved by bus to VAUX Area with Bde H.Q. at ST VAST . Weather fine and warm. Arrivals. :- 5th Canadian D.A. detrained at BACOUEL and concentrated in CAGNY 8th Canadian Army Bde R.F.A. detrained BACOUEL and moved to Cagny. 86th Bde R.G.A. arrived at LONGUEAU 192nd Siege battery arrived at SALEUX. ~~Second Amendment to Australian Corps Order No.136~~ ~~Australian Corps Order No.142.~~ Gas Report for July. ----------	~~App.46~~ " 47 " 48

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FOR

July, 1918

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Australian Corps.
28th June, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No.120

1. 4th Australian Division will attack HAMEL and the ridge to the east and southeast.

ZERO day and hour will be notified.

The approximate line of the final objective is shown in BLUE on the attached map.

2. (a) The following troops will be placed at the disposal of G.O.C. 4th Australian Division for the operation:-

Artillery - 47th Divisional Artillery.
4th R.H.A. Brigade.
17th Divisional Artillery.
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.
3rd Brigades F.A. to be detailed by 2nd Australian Division.

Infantry - 11 Australian Infantry Brigade.
6th Australian Infantry Brigade (less 2 Bns)
1 Battalion United States Infantry.

M.G's. - 1 Company, 2nd Aust. M.G. Battalion to co-operate with 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
1.Company, 3rd Aust. M.G. Battalion to co-operate with 11th Aust. Inf.Brigade.
1 Company (less 1 section) 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion for barrage fire from the northern flank.

Tanks - A total of 4½ Companies (54 tanks) of 5th Tank Brigade.

Engineers. - No.1 Special Coy R.E. for smoke screening.

(b) Two additional brigades of heavy artillery will be placed at the disposal of G.O.C.,R.A.

3. The operations of the 6th Australian Infantry Brigade will be confined to the objectives on the front of 2nd Australian Division.

The Artillery detailed by 2nd Australian Division will be employed to cover this portion of the operation as its main function.

The 6th Australian Infantry Brigade and 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will remain under the command of 2nd Australian Division until a time prior to the operation to be arranged between the Divisional Commanders when G.O.C. 4th Australian Division will assume command of the whole front of attack.

Preparations on 2nd Australian Division front will be made by G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division in direct communication with G.O.C. 4th Australian Division.

4. To conceal the flanks of the attack diversions will be arranged along the whole corps front at zero hour. Field artillery action to cover these diversions will be of the same nature as that of the field artillery on the front of attack. These diversions will be arranged by flanking divisions in co-operation with 4th Australian Division.

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5.- The defensive organisation of line divisions will remain in operation up to zero hour.

The existing roles of all formations of the Corps in the defence of the Corps area will continue throughout the whole period of preparation for the operation.

6.- Contact planes will be arranged for direct between 4th Australian Division and 3rd Squadron A.F.C.

7.- D.D.M.S. will arrange to reinforce the 4th Australian Division by additional bearer sub-divisions and motor ambulances as may be necessary.

8.- Watches will be synchronised by an officer who will ~~leave Corps Headquarters~~ by car at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on the day prior to zero. He will visit Headquarters in the following order:-

'A' Division.
'B' Division.
'C' Division.
B.G.H.A.
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INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED UNDER AUSTRALIAN CORPS

ORDER NO. 120.

SUBSIDIARY OPERATIONS.

With reference to Australian Corps Order No. 120, the attached map shows the location of the main and subsidiary operations.

These are as follows :-

1. ON THE RIGHT - 2nd Australian Division.

(a) Fifty per cent of the guns remaining under the command of G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division will prolong to the South the barrage of the main operation, moving in co-operation with this barrage, the remainder will open at zero on the artillery start line and remain there.

(b) 7th Australian Infantry Brigade will advance the front line from P.25.c.7.0. through P.25.d.2.4. to join up with the right of the objective of the main operation at P.25.b.2.0. approximately (marked green on the attached map.)

(c) A detachment of No. 1 Special Coy R.E. will fire inflammable bombs into MONUMENT WOOD and if the wind is favourable will form a smoke screen in the vicinity of the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - WARFUSEE ROAD to hide the main advance. (marked in red hachuring on the attached map).

2. IN THE CENTRE - 4th Australian Division.

The main operation for the capture of HAMEL and HAMEL RIDGE. (Final objective marked in blue on the attached map).

3. ON THE LEFT - 5th Australian Division (marked in brown on the attached map).

(a) A dummy attack at Square K.25. central.

(b) A raid on the enemy trenches at Square K.13.b.5.8.

(c) An operation to capture the enemy's position from Square K.1.b.9.2. to River ANCRE.

(d) A creeping artillery barrage timed to co-operate with the main artillery barrage and including the same proportion of smoke.

(e) No. 1 Special Coy R.E. will arrange a smoke screen to obscure the view from the high ground north of the River SOMME. This will be so arranged in steps and by air bursts as to ensure that the height of the screen at each point is sufficient to obscure the view from

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approximately Square K.31.c. to Square J.36.d. (approximate positions marked in red hachuring on the attached map).

4. RIGHT FLANK CORPS.

The heavy artillery of First French Army is dealing with all guns south of a line running east and west through BAYONVILLERS, and is bringing a powerful concentration of artillery fire on the MARCELCAVE and WIENCOURT groups of batteries.

5. LEFT FLANK CORPS.

(a) III Corps is arranging a rolling barrage which will move at the same rates as the barrage on the left division front for the operation in Squares K.1 and 2 and K.26.

(b) A dummy attack is being carried out on the front of the left division of III Corps.

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Headquarters,
2nd July, 1918.

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Australian Corps,
2nd July,1918.

INSTRUCTIONS issued under Australian Corps

Order No. 120.

S.O.S. Fire prior to Zero hour.

With reference to Australian Corps Order No. 120 and Artillery Instructions issued under this order, in the event of an enemy attack taking place on 'Y/Z' night, S.O.S. arrangements will be as follows :-

(a) Up to 2 a.m. a call for S.O.S. fire will be answered by placing the artillery barrage fire on the present S.O.S. lines.

(b) After 2 a.m. a call for S.O.S. fire will be answered by placing the artillery barrage fire on the 'start line' laid down for artillery for the operation.

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Australian Corps,
28th June 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 121.

1.- (i) The undermentioned Artillery Units will move into Australian Corps Area on the night 29th/30th June, 1918 in accordance with the attached march table.

5th Australian Divisional Artillery
4th Brigade R.H.A.
222nd Siege Battery R.G.A.

2.- Advanced parties will report to Area Commandants of the respective areas by 11 a.m. on the day of the move.

3.- On arrival in RENANCOURT Area, one Section of the 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column will come under the orders of 4th Australian Division.

4.- (i) Attention is directed to Fourth Army Routine Order No.2039 dated 15th March re march discipline and traffic control.
(ii) All moves will take place between 9.30 p.m. and 3.15 a.m.

5.- SUPPLIES.
5th Australian Divisional Artillery will be rationed from 5th Australian Division pack at POULAINVILLE drawing for the first time on the 30th June.
4th Brigade R.H.A. will be rationed from 3rd Australian Division pack at POULAINVILLE drawing for the first time on 30th June.
222nd Siege Battery will be rationed from Australian Corps Troops pack, commencing 30th June, and will draw from POULAINVILLE refilling point.

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Serial No.	DATE	FORMATION.	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
1	Night 29/30th June.	222nd Siege Bty	BELLOY Sub-Area.	ALLONVILLE	LA CHAUSSÈE-PICQUIGNY - AILLY-Cross roads 1½ miles N.E. of ST SAUVEUR-Cross roads 300 yds E.of 2nd "e" in"Citadelle"	To be clear of LA CHAUSSEE by 10.15 p.m.
2	do	4th Bde R.H.A. less Canadian Bty R.H.A.	(i) "K" Bty & D.A.C. ST OUEN Area. (ii) "C" Battery CAVILLON R.A. Area	POULAINVILLE Area. do	ST VAST -VAUX - POULAINVILLE PICQUIGNY -LA CHAUSSEE LONGPRE -POULAINVILLE	Move to be completed by 3.30 a.m. Head of Column to pass Church at LA CHAUSSEE at 10.30 p.m.
3	do	5th Aust.D.A. (less H.Q.& D.A.C.)	BOURDON R.A. Area	CAMON Area	LA CHAUSSEE-LONGPRE - Swithh Road N. of AMIENS-RIVERY.	Head of column to pass Church at LA CHAUSSEE at 11 p.m.
4	do	H.Q.& D.A.C. 5th Aust.D.A.	do	RENANCOURT Area	LA CHAUSSEE -ARGOEUVES DREUIL.	To follow in rear of Serial No.3
5	do	Canadian Bty 4th Bde R.H.A.	MONTIGNY	Wagon Lines in forward position.	BEHENCOURT -PONT NOYELLES	To be completed by 3.30 a.m. Under orders of 3rd Cavalry Division.
6	Night 30th June / 1st July.	Serial No.1	ALLONVILLE	LINE	Under orders of B.G.H.A. Aust. Corps.	
7	do	Serial No.2	POULAINVILLE	LINE	Under orders of 4th Aust. Division.	
8	do	Serial No.3	CAMON Area	LINE	Under orders of 4th Aust. Division.	
9	do	Serial No.5	Wagon Lines	LINE	Under orders of 4th Aust. Division.	

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Australian Corps.
29th June, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 122

1. The undermentioned Artillery Units will join the Australian Corps in accordance with the Movement Table overleaf.

87th Brigade R.G.A. (Mobile.)
78th Brigade R.G.A. (8" Hows.)
17th Divisional Artillery less Headquarters, (with 1 Section D.A.C. only.)

2. All moves will take place between 10 p.m. and 3.30 a.m.

3. The following minimum distances will be maintained on the march :-

Between Batteries of Artillery	100 yds
" Sections of D.A.C.	100 yds
" Artillery Brigades	500 yds
" each section of six vehicles	25 yds.

4. (i) Advanced parties of the 87th Brigade R.G.A. and 78th Brigade R.G.A. will report by midday, 30th June to Headquarters, Australian Corps Heavy Artillery (Sheet 62D/ G.24.b.2.6.) who will allot wagon line positions, to which the incoming units will move.

Guides from these advanced parties will meet their respective units at MONTIGNY.

(ii) Advanced parties of the 17th Divisional Artillery will report by midday 30th June to Headquarters 4th Australian Divisional Artillery (BUSSY-les-DAOURS) who will allot wagon line positions to which incoming units will move.

5. the 17th Divisional Artillery will continue to be administered by Third Army, except for rations.

6. SUPPLIES. The 87th Brigade R.G.A. and the 78th Brigade R.G.A. will be rationed by Australian Corps Troops M.T. Coy at POULAINVILLE dump, and will draw for the first time from the Railhead on the 1st July.

17th Divisional Artillery will be rationed from the 3rd Australian Divisional Pack at POULAINVILLE Railhead, drawing for the first time on the 1st July.

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Ser. No.	DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
1	Night June 30/1st July	87th Bde. R.G.A. (Mobile)	CONTAY	Wagon Lines in rear of "B" Div. Sector	MONTIGNY - PONT NOYELLES - DAOURS	To be clear of MONTIGNY by 11 p.m.
2	-do-	78th Bde. R.G.A. (8" How.)	LA VICOGNE	-do-	VILLERS BOCAGE - MOLLIENS au BOIS - PONT NOYELLES - DAOURS	Head of column to pass church at MONTIGNY at 11.15 p.m.
3	-do-	17th Div. Arty. (less D.A.C.)	LEAL-VILLERS	Wagon Lines N.18.	TOUTENCOURT - CONTAY - BERNEUCOURT - FRECHENCOURT - QUERRIEU - VECQUEMONT	To march at 10 p.m.
4	Night 1/2 July	Serial No.1	Wagon Lines	Line	Under orders of B. G. H. A., Australian Corps.	
5	-do-	Serial No.2	-do-	Line	- do -	
6	-do-	Serial No.3	-do-	Line	Under orders of 4th Australian Division.	

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HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS. No 14740 Date

Australian Corps,
3rd July, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 123.

1.- The boundary between the 'B' and 'C' Divisions will be adjusted during the night 4th/5th July as follows:-

From West to East, present boundary to J.22.d.0.0., thence a line through J.30.c.0.0.

2.- Necessary reliefs will be arranged by Divisions concerned; command of the section affected will pass from 'B' Division to 'C' Division on completion of relief.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Australian Corps.
5th July, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 124

1. The 17th Divisional Artillery (less Headquarters) with one section of the D.A.C. only will move by march route from Australian Corps Area to V Corps Area as follows :-

Date	FROM	TO	REMARKS
Night 5/6th July.	LINE	WAGON LINES	Under orders of 4th Australian Division.
Night 6/7th July.	WAGON LINES	V Corps Area.	Under orders of V Corps. Route :- PONT NOYELLES, BEHENCOURT, CONTAY.

2. All movement will be carried out between 10 p.m. and 3.30 a.m.

3. The following minimum distances will be maintained on the march. :-

Between	Batteries	100 yds
"	Sections of D.A.C.	100 yds
"	Brigades	500 yds
"	each section of six vehicles	25 yds.

4. SUPPLIES.

17th Divisional Artillery will draw from 3rd Australian Divisional Pack for the last time on 6th July, and will draw commencing on the 7th July from the 17th Division in Third Army Area.

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Australian Corps
5th July, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 125

1. The undermentioned Artillery Units will move from Australian Corps Area to Second Army commencing on the night 5th/6th July in accordance with the attached movement table.

87th Brigade R.G.A. } Mobile.)
78th Brigade R.G.A. } 8-in. How.)
150th Army Brigade R.F.A. } Each accompanied by one
179th Army Brigade R.F.A. } park Section.

2. All movement will take place between 10 p.m. and 3.30 a.m.

3. The following minimum distances will be maintained on the march.

Between Batteries	100 yards.
Between Brigades	100 yards
Between each section of six vehicles	25 yards.

4. Advanced parties will report as follows :-
(i) 87th and 78th Brigades R.G.A. on the 5th July to Area Commandant BERNANCOURT, and on the 6th July to the Area Commandants BELLOY-sur-SOMME and LONGPRÉ respectively.
(ii) 150th and 179th Army Brigades R.F.A. on the 5th July to Area Commandant, ST SAUVEUR.

5. (a) Entrainment will take place, commencing on the afternoon of July 7th, under arrangements to be made with TRAFFIC, LONGPRÉ by R.A. Australian Corps and B.G.H.A. Australian Corps for Field and Heavy Artillery Units respectively.
(b) Detrainment will take place under arrangements being made by Second Army as follows :-
179th Brigade R.F.A. at ST OMER
Remainder at ARNEKE and CASSEL.

6. Mechanical transport will move by road under orders to be issued later.
Route. - DOULLENS - ST POL - FRUGES - FAUQUEMBERGUES - ARQUES - CASSEL

7. SUPPLIES
All units will entrain with rations for 9th July (inclusive) 78th Brigade R.G.A. and 87th Brigade R.G.A. will draw from Australian Corps Troops M.T. Coy for the last time on 7th July for consumption on 9th July.
150th Army Brigade R.F.A. and 179th Army Brigade R.F.A. will draw from the packs of 5th Australian Division and 2nd Australian Division respectively for the last time on 7th July for consumption on 9th July.

8. ACCOMMODATION
All huts and trench shelters in use by outgoing units will be handed over to Area Commandants under arrangements to be made by G.O.C. R.A. and B.G.H.A. Australian Corps for Field and Heavy Artillery units respectively.

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25	A.D. Signals
26	Aust. Corps Sge Park
27	S.M.T.O.
28	Aust. Corps M.T. Col.
29	A.D.O.S.
30	D.D.M.S.
31	D.A.D. Posts
32	A.P.M.
33	A.D.V.S.
34	Chem.Adv.
35	Lt de Floris.
36	Area Commdantant RENANCOURT
37	" " " Saints LONGPRE-les-Corps Saints
38	" " " BELLOY-sur-SOMME
39	" " " ST SAUVEUR
40	Traffic LONGPRE
41	S.S.O. 2nd Aust. Division
42	S.S.O. 5th Aust. Division
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Serial No.	Date.	UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
1	Night 5/6 July	78th Bde R.G.A.	LINE	RENANCOURT Area	No restrictions	Under orders of B.G.H.A. Aust.Corps.
2	do	87th Bde R.G.A.	LINE	do	do	do
3	do	150th Army Bde R.F.A.	LINE	ST SAUVEUR R.A. Sub-Area	QUERRIEU-ALLONVILLE -POULAINVILLE-LONGPRE	Under orddrs of 4th Aust. Division.
4	do	179th Army Bde R.F.A.	LINE	do	CAMON -RIVERY - MONTIERES -DREUIL ARGOEUVES	Under orders of 2nd Aust. Divn.
5	Night 6/7th July	Serial No.2	RENANCOURT Area	ST OUEN Area. (BELLOY Sub-Area)	DREUIL - PICQUIGNY	Head of Column to pass cross roads MONTIERES at 11 p.m.
6	do	Serial No.1	do	HANGEST	do	Head of column to pass cross roads MONTIERES at 10.30 p.m.
7	7th	Serial No.3	ST SAUVEUR R.A. Area	HANGEST Station	LA CHAUSSEE PICQUIGNY	Entraining at HANGEST during afternoon of 7th July under orders of R.A. Australian Corps.
8	do	Serial No.4	do	do	do	do To move in rear of 150th Army Bde R.F.A.
9	do	Serial No.2	BELLOY Sub-A Area	LONGPRÉ Station	FLIXECOURT L'ETOILE CONDE	Not to enter L'ETOILE before 1 p.m. Entraining at LONGPRE under orders of B.G.H.A. Australian Corps.
10	do	Serial No.1	HANGEST	PONT REMY Station	CONDÉ-L'ETOILE PONT REMY	To be clear of L'ETOILE by 1 p.m. Entraining at PONT REMY under orders of B.G.H.A. Aust.Corps

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Australian Corps,
6th July, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No.126.

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1.- (i) The 3rd Australian Division (less artillery) will relieve the 4th Australian Division (less artillery) in 'B' Divisional Sector and Area on the nights 11th/12th and 12th/13th July.

The relief will be carried out under the orders of the G.O.C. 4th Australian Division.

(ii) Command will pass at 10 a.m. on the 13th July.

On completion of relief Headquarters of the 3rd and 4th Australian Divisions will be established at BUSSY and COISY respectively.

(iii) On completion of relief the following artillery will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division :-

4th Australian Divisional Artillery.
189th Army Brigade R.F.A.
236th Brigade R.F.A.
298th Army Brigade R.F.A.
4th Brigade R.H.A.
235th Brigade R.F.A.

(a) The C.R.A. 4th Australian Division will continue to officiate in command of the Divisional Artillery of 'B' Divisional Sector.

(b) The following Heavy Artillery Brigade, now affiliated to the 4th Australian Division, will, on completion of relief, become affiliated to the 3rd Australian Division :-

69th Heavy Brigade.

2.- On relief the 4th Australian Division will move into Corps Reserve, Brigade Groups occupying areas vacated by Brigade Groups of the 3rd Australian Division with nucleus garrison battalions disposed as laid down in Instructions for the Defensive No. 38 of 15th May 1918.

3.- G.O.C. 4th Australian Division will take over from the G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division the orders and responsibilities allotted to the Division in Corps Reserve (Instructions for the Defensive Nos. 38, 43, and 49 paragraph 4 (ii).)

4.- (i) Defence Schemes, Defence works policy and programme, and all Divisional details of the 2nd Zone Defences will be handed over by the 4th Australian Division to the 3rd Australian Division.

(ii) The responsibility for the demolition of roads and bridges will be handed over in accordance with the tables issued under Instructions for the Defensive No. 46 of the 4th June.

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

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

The G.O.C. 4th Australian Division will assume command of all relieving troops in 'B' Divisional Area until command passes.

7.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. J. Malloch Major
for Brigadier-General,
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DAILY TABLE OF LETTERS AND COLOURS—Amendment.

From Noon, July 10th, to Noon, July 20th, 1918.

(Reference G.H.Q. Letter A.A./25, dated 13th April, 1918.)

JULY. From noon	To noon	Letter	Colour
10	11	H	White
11	12	K	Red
12	13	L	*White
13	14	M	Red
14	15	A	Green
15	16	B	White
16	17	R	Red
17	18	O	Green
18	19	G	White
19	20	C	*White

* The French use YELLOW instead of WHITE.

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Australian Corps.
8th July, 1918.

BATTLE STATIONS PRACTICE.

First Addendum to Australian Corps S/4743/2 of 6th July.

The instructions issued under Australian Corps S/4743/2 of 6th July for the manning of battle stations on the Army Front for practice purposes will not apply to Heavy or Field Artillery.

J.D. Rogers Capt
for Brigadier-General
General Staff.
Australian Corps.

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Australian Corps.
8th July, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No.31

1. An incident occurred on the 6th instant, on the Corps Front, which aptly illustrates the many opportunities which occur for the exploitation of a successful battle.

2. A hostile post south of VAIRE WOOD was observed to be occupied, and was engaged by our troops in the front line with rifle grenades. One of our men went forward to examine the post. He was seen and, although the enemy showed a little fight, they were quickly disposed of. With the aid of a few hand grenades, our man subdued the post and personally took prisoner the whole garrison, consisting of one officer and 12 other ranks and brought them back to our lines. On examination of these prisoners, they shewed to a striking degree, the state of utter demoralisation to which the enemy troops had been brought as the result of our operation. It was difficult to imagine men exhibiting greater dejection and a poorer morale than these prisoners. They had been sent forward aimlessly to assist in forming an outpost line to cover the remainder of their Battalion. They had been left without food or water and utterly cut off, not knowing either our situation or that of their own troops. They were indeed quite helpless and fell an easy prey to our enterprise and pressue.

3. Examination of other prisoners disclosed how hopelessly mixed the enemy units became as the result of our attack, small posts being cut off and left without rations or means of communication, owing to the harassing fire of our artillery. This confusion was not confined to the immediate area where the battle was fought, but extended to a considerable distance behind the enemy's most forward troops.

4. The Corps Commander desires that these occurrences should be brought to the notice of regimental officers, in order to stimulate them to spare no effort, immediately after a battle, to exploit our successes to the utmost by the incessant harassing of the enemy and the mopping up of small posts. By judiciously seizing opportunities, by energy and enterprise, and by bold action, the fruits of a victory such as that of July 4th can almost always be largely extended without appreciable cost to ourselves. The Corps Commander hopes that, under similiar circumstances in the future, all front line Commanders will be animated with this spirit of enterprise.

5. The only safeguard which must, however, at all times, be insisted on upon, is that the artillery covering the sector must be kept fully advised as to any such patrolling enterprises, so that no unnecessary risks are taken as regards our own men.

J.W. Rogers Capt
for Brigadier-General
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Australian Corps.
7th July, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 127.

1. The 235th and 236th Brigades of the 47th Divisional Artillery and the 4th Brigade R.H.A. will be withdrawn from the line and will be transferred from Australian Corps to III Corps in accordance with the march table overleaf.
2. All movement will take place between 10 p.m. and 3.30 a.m.
3. On the arrival of the 235th and 236th Brigades in ST SAUVEUR R.A. Area they will come under the orders of C.R.A. 47th Division, and III Corps takes over command of the 47th Divisional Artillery.
4. Attention is drawn to Fourth Army Routine Order No. 2039 dated 15th May, re march discipline and traffic control.
5. Billets in the ST SAUVEUR R.A. Area and POULAINVILLE Area will be obtained from the Sub-Area Commandant, ST SAUVEUR and Area Commandant, POULAINVILLE respectively.
6. Supply arrangements will be notified direct to all concerned by Australian Corps "Q".
7. Receipt of copies 1 to 6 will be ACKNOWLEDGED.

J. B. Rogers Capt
for Brigadier-General
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TABLE ISSUED WITH AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 127

Serial No.	Date.	UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS.
1	Night. 8/9th July.	235th Bde R.F.A. 236th Bde R.F.A.	LINE	Wagon Lines	-	Under orders of 4th Aust. Division.
2	do	4th Bde R.H.A.	LINE	POULAINVILLE Area	QUERRIEU - ALLONVILLE	-do-
3	Night 9/10th July.	Serial No.1	Wagon Lines	ST SAUVEUR R.A. Area.	RIVERY - Switch Road N. of AMIENS,- LONGPRE	-do-
4	do	Serial No. 2	POULAINVILLE Area	III Corps Area	-	Under orders of III Corps.

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Australian Corps.
7th July, 1918.

DISPOSITIONS HEADQUARTERS OF FORMATIONS

AS AT 6 a.m., 8th July, 1918.

Australian Corps		BERTANGLES
B.G.H.A.	G.24.b.2.6.	
1st Aust. Division	DETACHED.	
2nd Aust. Division	GLISY	LINE RIGHT
5th Aust.Inf.Bde	O.25.c.5.3.	LINE LEFT
6th " " "	GLISY	RESERVE
7th " " "	O.25.c.5.3.	LINE RIGHT.
3rd Aust. Division	COISY	RESERVE.
9th Aust.Inf.Bde	RIVERY	
10th " " "	QUERRIEU	
11th " " "	ALLONVILLE	
4th Aust. Division	BUSSY	LINE CENTRE.
4th Aust.Inf.Bde	CORBIE	LINE RIGHT
12th " " "	J.19.c.4.4.	LINE LEFT.
13th " " "	O.12.b.9.4.	LINE CENTRE
5th Aust. Division.	ST GRATIEN	LINE LEFT.
8th Aust.Inf.Bde	FRECHENCOURT	RESERVE.
14th " " "	HEILLY	LINE RIGHT
15th " " "	HEILLY	LINE LEFT.

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Australian Corps,
9th July,1918.

D.F. - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.55.

DEMOLITIONS.

Reference Map, April 1918. 1/20,000. 62D. and 57E.

1.- Instructions for the Defensive Nos. 45 and 46 dated 4th June 1918 are cancelled.

Responsibility for the guarding and demolition of the road mines and bridges will continue with the 2nd Australian Tunnelling Coy and the technical personnel (Engineers and Pioneers) of the Divisions.

2.- Particulars respecting these bridges and road mines and responsibility for their demolition are shown in attached tables as follows :-

TABLE "A". - Road Mines.

TABLE "B". - Bridges in the Corps area showing responsibility for demolition and carrying capacities of bridges.

TABLE"C". - Bridges of Tank carrying capacity.

TABLE "D". - Certain Railway Carrying Bridges.

TABLE "E". - Bridges and Road Mines in and West of AMIENS.

Table "C" is for information only.

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 those 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 separate list of certain bridges of tank carrying capacity is given in Table 'C' for convenienco. These bridges are all included in Table 'B'.

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.- Table 'B'. Charges will be placed in the abutments, fitted and left in place on the girders, or removed and stored, as specified in the Table.

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6.- 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 fuses. 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.

7.- (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 the infantry brigades and arrange that officers commanding rear guards will inform bridge head parties when the rear guards are clear of the bridges.

(c) Divisional Artillery Commanders will inform the Cs.R.E. of the number of guns they propose to bring over each bridge.

(d) Cs.R.A. of Divisions and B.G.H.A. will each arrange for an officer to supervise the crossing of field and heavy artillery respectively at each bridge. These officers will be provided with complete information as to what guns are allotted to the bridge to which each is detailed. They will inform the bridge guards when all the artillery for which they are responsible has crossed.

Failing receipt of definite information and on the close approach of the enemy, officers and N.C.Os. in charge of demolitions will give the orders for actual demolition at their own discretion.

8.- 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 everyfacility to keep in touch with the work and arrangements.

9.- Separate Engineer Instructions regarding handing over of stores and of particulars respecting charges will be issued by the C.E. of the Corps.

10.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

Brigadier-General,
General Staff
Australian Corps.

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TABLE 'B' - Bridges. (see Footnote).

The following conventional terms have been used:- T. - Tanks : XT - All traffic except Tanks FA - Field Artillery: I.F.- Infantry in file : Abt C - Abutment charge in place : C.R. & S.- Girder charges removed and stored: G.C. - Girder charges in place: N.C - Not charged: A.C.- All charges in place.

Location.	Name.	Description.	Charges.	To carry	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Orders Dem.
		TREUX GROUP.				
J.5.b.7.6.	TREUX 1.	Road over River (existing).	N.C.		'C' Division.	
J.5.b.5.9.	" 2.	" " " " Masonry arch bridge 15" ring 15' span.	A.C.		"	"
D.29.d.5.0.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing) 6 I beams 9" x 4".	A.C.		"	"
D.30.a.5.6.	" 4.	Road over river (existing).	C.R.&S.	60 pdrs.	"	"
		MERICOURT GROUP.				
J.4.b.9.3.	MERICOURT 1.	Railway over river (existing).	A.C.		"	"
J.4.c.7.9.	" 2.	Road over river (existing) steel girder bridge 18' span x 18' wide.	A.C.	T.	"	"
J.4.a.4.2.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing) brick arch bridge 8' span 20' wide arch ring 12".	A.C.	T.	"	"
J.3.c.9.7.	" 4.	Road over river (existing). Brick arch 20' span x 18' wide. 22" ring.	A.C.	T.	"	"
		HEILLY GROUP.				
J.2.c.5.1.	HEILLY 1.	Track over river (new) 2 small trestle bridges and track connecting MERICOURT and HEILLY.	A.C.	FA.	"	"
J.7.b.3.5.	" 2.	Road over river (existing) Masonry arch 8' span by 18' wide.	A.C.	T.	"	"
J.7.b.2.7.	" 3.	Road over river (existing) 8' span steel and concrete 20' wide.	A.C.	T.	"	"
J.7. central.	" 4.	Track over river (new) 2 small timber bridges and track.	A.C.	FA.	"	"

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TABLE 'A' - ROAD CRATERS.

Serial No.	Location.	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Orders Dem.
G.	N.6.a.4.5.	Reserve Division.	
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.9.9.	ditto.	
O.	C.29.a.7.0	ditto.	
P.	C.29.d.7.8.	ditto.	
T.	N.24.a.8.3.	'A' Division.	
T1.	N.24.a.7.2.	ditto.	
V.	M.32.b.central.	Reserve Division.	
XA.	M.33.b.2.9.	ditto.	
XB.	N.19.d.8.6.	'A' Division.	
XF.	O.27.c.0.3.	ditto.	
XG.	O.34.d.3.7.	ditto.	
XH.	I.7.b.6.5.	Reserve Division.	
6.	M.33.d.4.2.	ditto.	

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TABLE 'B' continued - Bridges.

Location	Name.	Description.	Charges.	To carry.	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Responsibility for Orders Dem.
		BONNAY GROUP.				
I.29.a.	BONNAY 1.	Track over river (new) small timber and pontoon bridge and track.	G.C.	FA.	'B' Division.	
" "	" 2.	" " " " " " "	G.C.	FA.	'B' Division.	
I.23.c.	" 3.	Track over river (new) small timber bridge, track.	G.C.	FA.	'C' Division.	
" "	" 4.	" " " " " "	N.C.	FA.	'C' Division.	
" "	" 5.	" " " " " "	G.C.	FA.	"	"
" "	" 6.	" " " " " "	N.C.	FA.	"	"
I.23.d.6.6.	" 7.	Road over railway (existing) brick and masonry arch.	A.C.	T.	"	"
I.23.b.6.4.	" 8.	Road over river (existing) reinforced concrete bridge 4 girders 12" x 12".	A.C.	T.	"	"
I.23.b.3.7.	" 9.	Road over stream (existing). 2 small masonry arches and central pier 15' roadway.	A.C.	T.	"	"
I.18.c.	" 10.	Track over river (new) small timber bridge	N.C.	FA.	"	"
" "	" 11.	" " " " " " "	G.C.	FA	"	"
" "	" 12	" " " " " " "	N.C.	FA	"	"
" "	" 13	" " " " " " "	G.C.	FA	"	"
" "	" 14.	" " " " " " "	N.C.	FA	"	"
		LA NEUVILLE GROUP.				
I.33.c.6.1.	LA NEUVILLE 1.	Track over stream (existing) 4/9" x 3" RSJ. 14' span 12' wide.	C.R.& S.	FA	'B' Division.	
I.33.d.9.7.	" 2.	Road over stream (existing) 3 girders and Jack arches 21'6" span.	(Abt.C. (C.R.& S.		"	"
I.34.a.6.0.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing).	C.R.& S.) & Abt.C.)		"	"
I.35.a.3.4.	" 4.	Railway over river (existing).	Abt.C.		"	"

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TABLE 'B' (continued) - Bridges.

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Location.	Name.	Description.	Charges.	To carry.	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Responsibility for Orders Dem.
		LA NEUVILLE GROUP (continued).				
I.28.c.& d.	LA NEUVILLE 5.	Track over river (new) small timber bridge.	C.R.& S.	FA.	'B' Division.	
" " "	" 6.	" " " " " " "	N.C.	FA.	"	"
" " "	" 7.	" " " " " " "	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
I.35.c.3.8.	" 8.	Road over stream (existing).	C.R.& S.	MT.	"	"
		CORBIE GROUP.				
0.4.d.6.4.	CORBIE 1.	Towpath over stream (existing).				
0.11.a.0.9.	" 2.	Road over stream (existing) Masonry arch bridge 12' span.	C.R.& S.	IF.	"	"
0.5.c.2.0.	" 4.	Road over stream (existing). Brick arch bridge 20' span by 16'3" roadway.	Abt.C.	T.	"	"
0.5.c.4.5.	" 6.	Road over stream (existing) Steel girder bridge 50' span by 16'6".	Abt.C.	T.	"	"
0.5.c.4.5.	" 7.	Road over stream (new) 60' Mark II.	C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
0.5.c.7.8.	" 8.	Road over river (new) 21'6" class 'A' 10' wide, replacing bridge destroyed by shell fire.	C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
0.5.c.7.8.	" 9.	Road over river (new) 21'6" Mark II.	C.R.& S.	XT.	"	"
		DAOURS GROUP.				
0.1.d.3.0.	DAOURS 1.	Road over Railway (existing) Masonry arch bridge over railway.	C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
0.1.c.2.3.	" 3.	Road over river (new) 60' Mark II.	Abt.C.	T.	"	"
0.1.c.2.5.	" 4.	Road over river (existing) Steel girder bridge 22' span by 20' wide.	C.R.& S.	XT.	"	"
0.1.a.2.1.	" 5.	Road over river. Heavy type Inglis.	(Abt.C. (C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
0.1.a.1.1.	" 6.	" " " " " "	C.R.&.S. 16 ton axle.		"	"
			C.R.& S.	"	"	"

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Location.	Name.	Description.	Charges.	To carry.	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Responsibility for Orders Dem.
		DAOURS GROUP (continued).				
N.6.d.8.3.	DAOURS 7.	Road over river (new) 90' Hopkins.	C.R.& S.	T.	'B' Division.	
N.6.d.8.5.	" 8.	Road over river (existing) 72' span steel trusses 20' wide on masonry abutments.	(Abt.C. (C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
N.6.d.3.1.	" 9.	Culvert over stream 3'.	N.C.	T.	"	"
N.6.c.8.1.	" 10.	" " " 2'.	N.C.	T.	"	"
N.5.d.8.6.	" 11.	Track over river.	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
N.6.d.0.5.	" 12.	Road over stream. Masonry (existing).	C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
N.6.d.8.8.	" 13.	Road over stream, Heavy Girder (existing).	C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
		GLISY GROUP.				
N.14.d.3.3.	GLISY 1.	Towpath river (existing).	N.C.	FA.	'A' Division.	
N.14.c.8.3.	" 2.	Road over river. 84' trestle girder bridge.	C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
N.13.c.8.3.	" 3.	Road over river tresle bridges.	C.R.& S.	FA & 60 pdrs.	"	"
N.14.d.0.3.	" 4.	Road over river. Trestle bridges.	C.R.& S.	" "	"	"
		CAMON GROUP.				
M.16.d.5.5.	CAMON 1.	Road over river (new) 60' steel trusses on masonry abutments.	Abt.C. C.R.& S.	XT.	Reserve Division.	
M.15.b.2.2.	" 2.	Road over river (existing) continuous girder bridge with centre pier.	C.R.& S.	8 tons, 5 on 1 axle.	"	"
M.16.a.1.1.	" 4.	Road over stream (existing) small steel bridge.	C.R.& S.	ditto.	"	"
		LONGUEAU GROUP.				
M.22.b.6.1.	LONGUEAU 1.	Road over stream (new) 19' span girder bridge on masonry abutments.	(C.R.& S. (Abt.C.	XT.	"	"
M.22.c.3.4.	" 2.	Road over river (new) 'A' Heavy Bridge.	C.R.& S.	XT.	"	"

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TABLE 'B' (continued) - Bridges.

Location.	Name.	Description.	Charges.	To Carry	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Responsibility for Orders Dem.
		LONGUEAU GROUP (continued).				
M.22.c.4.5.	LONGUEAU 3.	Road over river (existing) Masonry arch 30' span.	Abt.C.	T.	Reserve Division.	
M.21.b.3.2.	" 4.	Road over stream (existing) 2/20' masonry arches.	Abt.C.	T.	"	"
		CAGNY GROUP.				
M.34.a.9.2.	CAGNY 1.	Road over river (new) 60' 'A'.	C.R.& S.	XT.	"	"
M.34.a.8.4.	" 2.	Road over river (new) 60' 'A'.	C.R.& S.	XT.	"	"
M.28.d.2.4.	" 3.	Road over railway (existing).		XT.	"	"
		VILLERS GROUP.				
0.36.c.4.3.	VILLERS 1.	Road over rail (existing).	C.R.& S.	T.	'A' Division.	
0.34.b.9.8.	" 2.	" " " "	"	T.	"	"
0.28.d.3.4.	" 3.	" " " "	"	T.	"	"
0.25.c.7.4.	" 4.	" " " "	(C.R.& S. (Abt.C.	XT.	"	"
0.35.a.5.1.	" D.	Rail over road,.	C.R.&.S.		"	"
		BUSSY GROUP.				
N.5.b.4.1.	BUSSY 1.	2 steel and timber bridges at old railway crossing, over stream.	C.R.&.S.	FA.	Reserve Division.	
N.5.b.1.9.	" 2.	Track over river. Bridge for F.A. Mud road only.	C.R.&.S.	FA.	"	"
H.35.d.1.1.	" 3.	Footbridge.	C.R.&.S.	IF.	"	"
H.29.c.4.2.	" 4.	Track over river, small timber bridge.	C.R.&.S.	FA.	"	"

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Serial No.	Name.	Description.	Charges.	To carry	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Responsibility for Orders Dem.
		QUERRIEU GROUP.				
H.23.b.1.2.	QUERRIEU 2.)	Small bridge.	N.C.	FA.	Reserve Division.	
H.23.a.8.2.	" 3.)	Track over river,30' span with centre trestle.	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
H.17.d.0.6.	" 4.	Track over river. 8' span brickwork in nad condition.	Abt.C.	FA.	"	"
H.17.b.0.1.	" 5.	Road over river. 21' span masonry arch bridge.	Abt.C.	T.	"	"
H.17.b.3.7.	" 6.	Road over river. 21'6" span heavy bridge.	C.R.&.S.	T.	"	"
H.17.b.5.9.	" 7.	" " " " " " "	C.R.& S.	T.	"	"
H.11.b.7.2.	" 9.	Track over river, small timber bridge.	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
H.5.d.8.4.	" 10.	" " " 50' span by 8'6" wide centre trestle.	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
H.23.a.7.0.	" 11.	Track over river 30'span with centre trestle.	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
H.11.b.5.0.	" 12.	Timber bridge over river centre trestle.	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
H.23.a.8.2.	" 13.	Querrieu avoiding road south. 7. 10"x5" RSJ.	C.R.& S.	XT.	"	"
H.23.b.1.2.	" 14.	" " " " " " " "	"	"	"	"
		FRECHENCOURT GROUP.				
B.30.a.0.2.	FRECHENCOURT 1.	Track over river timber bridge and centre trestle.	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
B.30.a.8.7.	" 2.	Road over river, brick arch 9' span.	Abt.C.	XT.	"	"
B.30.a.9.7.	" 3.	Small girder bridge.	C.R.& S.	XT.	"	"
B.24.c.5.9.	" 4.	Track over river, 30' span with centre trestle	C.R.& S.	FA.	"	"
" " "	" 5.	Track over stream, small timber bridge.	N.C.	FA.	"	"
" " "	" 6.	" " " " " "	N.C.	DA.	"	"
		BLANGY GROUP.				
N.17.c.6.3.	BLANGY 1.	Trestle bridge and track over river.	G.C.	FA.	"A" Division.	
N.16.c.6.2.	" 2.	" " " " " "	G.C.	FA.	"	"
N.15.c.8.4.	" 5	Towpath over spillway (existing) 3 small spans	G.C.	FA.	"	"
N.15.c.7.4.	" 6.	Trestle over lock (now).	G.C.	FA.	"	"

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TABLE 'B' (continued) - Bridges. (10).

Location.	Name.	Description.	Charges.	To Carry	Responsibility for Actual Dem.	Responsibility for Orders Dem.
		BLANGY GROUP. (continued).				
N.15.c.5.4.	BLANGY 7.	Towpath over stream (existing) light reinforced concrete bridge.(150' long carrying towpath).	G.C.	FA.	'A' Division.	
N.15.c.2.4.	" 8.	Road over river (new) 2/16' Mark II 2/ 21'6" Mark II.	C.R.& S.	T.	"	"

NOTE:- Table 'B' includes for clearness several bridges which it is not considered necessary to prepare for demolition.

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TABLE 'C'.

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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.
DAOURS.	1.	O.1d.3.0.
	4.	O.1c.2.5.
	7.	N.6.d.8.3.
	8.	N.6.d.8.5.
	9.	N.6.d.3.1.
	10.	N.6.c.8.1.
	12.	N.6.d.0.5.
	13.	N.6.d.8.8.
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.
	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.	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.
BLANGY.	8.	N.15.c.2.4.
VILLERS.	1.	O.36.c.4.2.
	2.	O.34.b.9.8.
	3.	O.28.d.3.4.
Reference Map 62E. AMIENS AND WEST OF AMIENS.	1.	M.7.b.4.6.
	2.	M.7.b.2.1.
	4.	R.12.a.3.4.
	6.	R.5.d.8.7.
	10.	R.11.b.0.9.
	E.	L.3.b.6.4.
	F.	R.4.a.1.1.
	G.	R.4.c.9.6.
	B.3.	R.10.a.1.0.
	B12.	R.19.d.8.6.

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TABLE 'D'.

Railway Bridges.

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.	"	"
C.	" "	N.13.d.9.1.	"	'A' Div.
H.	" "	N.20.central.	"	"

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

Location	Name.	DESCRIPTION.	Charges.	To carry.	Responsibility for Actual Dem	Orders Dem.
SHEET 62E and 62D.						
M.7.b.4.6.	AMIENS	1. Road over river. Bvde de BEAUVILLE. 7 girders 80' span.	C.R.&S.	T.	2nd Aust Tunn Coy	C.E. Aust Corps.
M.7.b.2.1.	"	2. Road over Canal. " " " 30' span with arch.	Abt.C.	T.	"	"
R.12.a.6.3.	"	3. Road over canal. Port d'Amont.3/20' span masonry arches.	Abt.C.	XT.	"	"
R.12.a.3.4.	"	4. Road over Canal. Rue des Majots.4 girders 30'span.	Abt.C) C.R.&S)	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.	C.R.&S.	FA	"	"
R.4.b.7.1.	"	9. Road over Canal. Rue du Chateau Milan. 2 lattice girders 80' span.	Abt.C.) C.R.&S).	MT.	"	"
R.11.b.0.9.	"	10. Road over Canal. Pont St.Michel.30'span brick arch.	Abt.C.	T.	"	"
L.34.c.3.6.	A.	Road over SOMME Canal.22' span girder bridge 11'wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
L.3.b.6.5.	E.	Road over R.Celle.26'span girder bridge 26'wide.	N.C.	T.	"	"
R .4.a.1.1.	F.	" " " 24' span girder bridge 30' wide.	N.C.	T.	"	"
R.4.c.9.6.	G.	" " " Masonry arch,2 spans,26' wide.	N.C.	T.	"	"
R.3.d. central.	H.	" " " 26' girder bridge,16' wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
R.9.b.1.8.	B.1.	" " " 30' timber bridge,23' wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
R.3.d.6.4.	I.	" " " 26' span Cl girders,17' wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
R.10.a.1.0.	B.3.	" " " 30' span girder bridge,27' wide.	N.C.	T.	"	"
R.14.b.8.5.	B.7.	" " " 11' span timbers,24' wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
R.14.c.2.1.	B.10.	" " " 26' span girder bridge,15' wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
R.19.d.8.6.	B.12.	" " " 27' span masonry arch,19'6"wide.	N.C.	T.	"	"
R.25.a.9.1.	B.14.	" " " 20'6" span reinforced concrete, 14' wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
R.31.a.3.8.	B.15.	" " " 21' span girder bridge,12' wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
R.31.a.4.8.	B.17.	" " " 21'3" span girder bridge,19'4"wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
Q.30.d8.2.	B.19.	" " " 28' span reinforced concrete, 21'6" wide.	N.C.	MT.	"	"
62E/W.6.b.5.7.	No.1.	Road Mine.	N.C.		"	"
" X.1.b.6.3.	No.2.	" "	N.C.		"	"
" R.21.c.2.2.	No.3.	" "	N.C.		"	"
" R.15.a.4.7.	No.4.	" "	N.C.		"	"

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G.
Australian Corps,
9th July, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 32.

Subject:- Giving away information.

The attached lecture is forwarded for distribution down to Platoon Commanders.

The Corps Commander directs that this be given at least one month and where possible once a fortnight to every platoon, and to all reinforcements joining their respective units.

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GIVING AWAY INFORMATION.

To be given to every Platoon of the Australian Corps at fortnightly intervals.

As you all know, information about the enemy is essential to the winning of a battle. The bulk of the information and the most valuable, is that which is obtained from prisoners of war.

If by any chance one of you should be taken prisoner, the only information which you are required to give is your NAME AND RANK. The enemy knows this as well as you do and resorts to many means of endeavouring to obtain the information which he requires in order to make his plans for the slaughter of your comrades. He will bully you, and threaten you, he may even threaten to shoot you or to starve you, in order to try and bluff you into giving away information. Sturdy men will not be overcome by this means, and so, the enemy resorts to more cunning methods. By a careful collection of information from all sorts of sources, he has obtained the names of a certain number of commanders of battalions and brigades. He has also discovered the movement of certain divisions. He uses this knowledge with great cleverness, and the man is sometimes surprised to find that the friendly German he is talking to, appears to know more about the affairs of the A.I.F. than he himself does. This puts him off his guard and he quite unconsciously gives away information which leads to the loss of the lives of many of his comrades.

General Ludendorff in his recent instructions to the German Army on this matter says :- " Recently there has been an "increase in the number of French Prisoners who give extraordinary "little information. They state as a rule they have recently "arrived as drafts or have recently arrived from leave. It appears "that they have been trained to give the replies stated above when "captured and thus avoid being asked further questions. I direct "that the troops be instructed to give similar answers". This method of the French of avoiding giving information is one, which we may well follow. If a man allows himself to be drawn into conversation on military matters he is bound to give away valuable information without the least intention of doing so, and even though he does not know that he is doing so.

The most dangerous method for us, and the cleverest means which the enemy has adopted to outwit our men whom he may capture, is the introduction of decoys for getting information. These are men wearing Australian or British uniforms with Australian or British badges, and with certain knowledge of units to which they pretend to belong. They mingle in an unobtrusive way with the prisoners and listen to their conversation with one another, and engage in conversation with them, and so matters are brought out. These decoys are used in Prisoner of War cages and numerous instances have been discovered where they have been brought into hospitals bandaged up and apparently suffering from wounds. Their dummy wounds are dressed every day and they are put in beds beside the prisoners.

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The enemy has another trick of using a listening instrument which records all conversations carried on between prisoners even when in their huts. Even faint whispers can be recorded by this instrument.

If you want to play the game by your comrades, if you do not want to sacrifice their lives, follow one single rule -- SAY NOTHING TO ANYBODY. Avoid conversation, give your NAME and RANK only, do not start trying to bluff, but refuse to give any further information. The enemy at one time captured some of our Australians in the neighbourhood of WARNETON. A German Intelligence Summary spoke of these Australians as absolutely refusing to give any information whatever and refusing point blank to discuss any military matters at all. The Germans paid a great tribute to these men and held them up as an example to the German Army.

A German Summary of the 109 German Division issued in May, which fell into our hands, gave the details of the Headquarters of a Brigade and a camp where Australian troops were billeted in our present sector. These places were immediately shelld and bombed and several of our good men were killed and wounded. A map captured at HAMEL showed a headquarters of one of our brigades in the vicinity, and the headquarters of two of the battalions in the line, and the boundaries between battalions. All of this information was given by men who had been captured.

A man who is captured should not imagine that he is going to gain any further consideration from the enemy by giving information. It will not make any difference to his treatment. Silence and endurance will gain the respect of the enemy -- giving information will gain their contempt. In either case you will not receive any very great consideration at the hands of the enemy.

Ludendorff in another instruction to the German Army says that it has been established that the German attack of the 9th June was revealed to the French by the statements of prisoners, and it was due to this information alone that the French were able to meet the German attack. He goes on to say the majority of the men who were made prisoners do not realise to what extent statements, even on insignificant matters, not only endanger the lives of their comrades but compromise the success of their attacks and raids. This is equally true in our case.

Remember that your speech may cause the loss of the lives of your best friends and comrades: that no harm can come to you by maintaining silence and keeping a still tongue.

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Australian Corps,
9th July, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No. 4965
Date

D.F. - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 56.

Distribution of Artillery.

1.- Owing to the reduction in the number of brigades of artillery on the corps front, the following will be the distribution of the field artillery of the corps:-

"A" Divisional Sector	...	5 Brigades.
"B" " "	...	6 Brigades.
"C" " "	...	6 Brigades.
	Total	17 Brigade F.A.

This will be brought into operation forthwith.

Owing to the extent of the front it is not possible to withdraw any brigades to the Army Rest Area.

2.- The principle of employment of the brigades in each divisional sector will be as follows :-

	In Line.	Superimposed.	Divnl Mobile Reserve.
"A" Divnl Sector.	4	1	1
"B" " "	4	1	1
"C" " "	5	1	1

3.- Brigades in the Line.

The batteries of these brigades will occupy positions as far forward as possible, and should be able to cover the S.O.S. line at a range of 4,000 yards or less.

4.- Brigades in superimposed positions.

In order to give depth in the disposition of the field artillery one brigade will be in superimposed positions in each division.

The batteries of these brigades should occupy positions from which they can cover the S.O.S. line, and 1,000 yards beyond, within the limit of their effective range.

They will be employed for S.O.S. fire and for counter-preparation, but not for the ordinary daily artillery tasks.

In order to practise officers in coming into action in positions which have not been resected, and to engage targets rapidly and accurately from such positions with observation from the vicinity of the battery position, Brigade Commanders of the superimposed brigades will detail roving sections of guns from time to time to carry out certain daily tasks under divisional arrangements.

5.- Divisional Mobile Reserve Brigades.

These brigades will not be employed in the usual daily tasks but will devote their period whilst in mobile reserve to training and general setting up and smartening of the personnel, and overhaul of equipment.

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During the period of training arrangements will be made whereby each battery will be exercised against the enemy under moving warfare conditions. The Sections may be brought up in daylight or at night, but in all cases conditions such as might hold for moving warfare should be considered, particularly the rapid development of fire from unexpected positions. The targets should be selected sufficiently far back to obviate the danger of shell falling into our own lines and the fire should be capable of being observed from the ground adjacent to the battery position.

These shoots will be supervised by the Brigade Commander, and at the conclusion of the period, a report on the officers conducting the shoot will be furnished by them to the C.R.A.

6.- Period in each role.

Brigades will change round within the divisional sector approximately every fourteen days, i.e., the mobile brigade going into the Line, a brigade from the Line to superimposed position and the superimposed brigade to mobile reserve position.

Heavy Artillery.

Ten Brigades will be employed in the line. One brigade will be withdrawn from the line and undergo training in the Corps Rest Area under orders to be issued from time to time.

7.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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9th July, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No. 24765
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AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 128

1. The 23rd Brigade R.G.A. will be transferred from the Australian Corps to the III Corps at noon on the 10th July, when it will be taken over in situ and will come under the command of the B.G.H.A. III Corps.

2. The 98th Brigade R.G.A. will be transferred on the 11th July from the III Corps to Australian Corps under order of III Corps. On arrival in Australian Corps Area the 98th Brigade R.G.A. will become G.H.Q. Reserve and will occupy Reserve positions in the QUERRIEU-FRECHEMCOURT Area with Headquarters at ST GRATIEN (B.26.b.4.8.) and will be administered by B.G.H.A. Australian Corps.

3. SUPPLIES
(i) The 23rd Brigade R.G.A. will be rationed for consumption 12th July by Australian Corps M.T. Coy. Rations for consumption 13th July and subsequently will be drawn from III Corps M.T. Coy, to whom ration strength will be wired direct by Australian Corps Heavy Artillery.
(ii) The 98th Brigade R.G.A. will be rationed by Australian Corps M.T. Coy from POULAINVILLE dump for consumption on and after 13th July.

4. AMMUNITION.
Australian Corps Heavy Artillery will wire to Australian Corps "Q" figures of guns and ammunition as follows :-
(i) Amount transferred with 23rd Brigade R.G.A.
(ii) Amount brought in by 98th Brigade R.G.A.

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Australian Corps.
12th July, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 129

1. The distribution of the Field Artillery of the Corps will be adjusted to complete the organisation of divisions between 13th and 17th July. Moves will take place as detailed in the attached table.

2. (a) Except in Serial No.1, no movement of Field Artillery guns will take place; guns will be taken over in situ in accordance with G.R.O. 3202 as amended by G.R.O. 3771.
(b) Movement of wagon lines will be carried out in all instances between 9.30 and 3.30 a.m.
(c) Arrangements re advanced parties and other details will be made mutually between C's R.A. concerned.

3. Units will move with full echelons.

4. On completion of all reliefs detailed, the Field Artillery in the Corps will be distributed as follows :-

(a) "A" Divisional Sector

C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division.
2nd Aust. Div. Artillery (less D.T.M.O. and M.T.M. Batteries.)
14th Army Brigade R.F.A.
23rd " " "
86th " " "
D.T.M.O. and M.T.M. Batteries ,4th Aust. Division.

(b) "B" Divisional Sector

C.R.A. 3rd Australian Division
3rd Aust. Div. Artillery
3rd Army Brigade A.F.A.
189th " " R.F.A.
298th " " "
16th " " R.H.A.

(c) "C" Divisional Sector.

C.R.A. 5th Australian Division.
5th Aust. Div. Artillery
4th Aust. Div. Artillery (less D.T.M.O. and M.T.M. Batteries)
5th Army Brigade R.H.A.
6th Army Brigade A.F.A.

(d) In Reserve.

C.R.A. 4th Aust. Div. Artillery
D.T.M.O. and M.T.M.Batteries 2nd Aust. Div.Artillery.

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1	Night 13/14 July	13th A.F.A. Bde	LINE "B" Divl.Sector	Superimposed "C" Divl.Sector	3 a.m. July 14th	Withdrawing guns from "B" Divl.Sector.
2	Night 13/14th	4th A.F.A. Bde (1 section per Bty)	LINE "C" Divl.Sector	LINE "A" Divl.Sector	11 p.m. July 13th	Relieving 8th A.F.A. Bde
	Night 14/15	4th A.F.A.Bde (2 sections per Bty)	"	"	11 p.m. July 14th	"
	do	H.Q. 4th A.F.A. Bde	"	"	12 midnight 14/15th July	"
3	Night 13/14	8th A.F.A.Bde (1 section per Bty)	LINE "A" Divl. Sector	LINE "B" Divl.Sector.	11 p.m. July 13th	Relieving 14th A.F.A. Bde
	Night 14/15	8th A.F.A.Bde (2 sections per Bty)	"	"	11 p.m. July 14th	"
	do	H.Q. 8th A.F.A. Bde	"	"	12 midnight 14/15th July	"
4	Night 13/14	14th A.F.A.Bde (1 section per Bty)	LINE "B" Divl.Sector	LINE "C" Divl.Sector.	11 p.m. July 13th	Relieving 4th A.F.A. Bde
	Night 14/15	14th A.F.A.Bde (2 sections per Bty)	"	"	11 p.m. July 14th	"
	do	H.Q. 14th A.F.A. Bde	"	"	12 midnight 14/15th July	"
5	Night 13/14	D.T.M.O. & M.T.M. Batteries, 5th Aust. Divn Arty	Reserve	LINE "C" Divl.sector	12 noon 14th July	Relieving D.T.M.O. and M.T.M.Btys 2nd Aust. Divn which on relief moves into Reserve at RENANCOURT Trench Mortars will be taken over in the line in situ in exchange for an equivalent number handed over by 5th D.T.M.O.
6	Night 14/15	D.T.M.O. & M.T.M. Batteries, 3rd Aust. Divn Arty.	LINE "A" Divl. Sector	LINE "B" Divl. Sector	12 noon. July 15th	Exchanging with D.T.M.O. and M.T.M.Btys 4th A.D.A. Trench mortars to be taken over in the line in situ in exchange for a similiar number handed over to 4th D.T.M.O.

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7	Night 14/15	D.M.T.O. & M.T.M. Batteries 4th Aust.D.A.	LINE "B" Divl.Sector	LINE "A" Divl.Sector	12 noon 15th July.	Exchanging with D.M.T.O. & M.T.M. Btys 3rd A.D.A. Trench mortars to be taken over in the line in situ in exchange for a similiar Number handed over to 3rd .D.T.M.O.
8	Night 15/16	5th A.F.A. Brigade (one sector per Bty)	LINE "C" Div.Sector	LINE "A" Div.Sector	11 p.m. July 15th	Relieving 7th A.F.A. Bde
	Night 16/17	5th A.F.A. Brigade (2 Sections per Bty)	"	"	11 p.m. July 16th	"
	do	H.Q. 5th A.F.A.Bde	"	"	12 midnight 16/17th July.	"
9	Night 15/16th	7th A.F.A. Brigade (1 section per Bty)	LINE "A" Divl. Sector	LINE "B" Divl. Sector	11 p.m. 15th July	Relieving 10th A.F.A. Bde
	Night 16th/17th	7th A.F.A. Brigade. (2 Sections per Bty)	"	"	11 p.m. 16th July	"
	do	H.Q. 7th A.F.A.Bde	"	"	12 midnight 16/17th July.	"
10	Night 15/16	10th A.F.A. Brigade (1 section per Bty)	LINE "B" Divl. Sector.	LINE "C" Divl. Sector.	11 p.m. July 15th	Relieving 5th A.F.A. Bde
	Night 16/17	10th A.F.A. Brigade (2 Sections per Bty)	"	"	11 p.m. July 16th	"
	do	H.Q. 10th A.F.A.Bde	"	"	12 midnight 16/17th July.	"
11	Night 15/16th	11th A.F.A. Brigade (1 section per Bty)	LINE "B" Divl. Sector	LINE "C" Divl. Sector	11 p.m. July 15th	Relieving 3rd Army Bde A.F.A.
	Night 16/17th	11th A.F.A. Brigade (2 sections per Bty)	"	"	11 p.m. July 16th	"
	do	H.Q. 11th A.F.A.Bde	"	"	12 midnight 16/17th July.	"
12	Night 15/16	3rd Army Bde A.F.A. (1 section per Bty)	LINE "C" Divl. Sector	LINE "B" Divl. Sector.	11 p.m. July 15th	Relieving 11th A.F.A. Bde

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12 Contd.	Night 16/17	3rd Army Bde A.F.A. (2 sections per Bty)	LINE "C" Divl. Sector	LINE "B" Divl. Sector	11 p.m. July 16th	Relieving 11th A.F.A.Bde
	do	H.Q. 3rd Army Bde A.F.A.			12 midnight 16/17th July.	"
13	Night 13/14	1 Section 5th D.A.C.	LINE "B" Divl. Sector	LINE "C" Divl.Sector	12 midnight 13/14th July	
	Night 14/15	do	"	"	12 midnight 14/15th July	
14	Night 14/15	1 Section 2nd D.A.C.	LINE "C" Divl. Sector	LINE "A" Divl. Sector.	12 midnight 14/15th July	Relieving 3rd D.A.C. Relief of D.A.C. to be completed by 12 midnight 15/16th July.
	Night 15/16	do	"	"	12 midnight 15/16th July	"
15	Night 14/15	1 Section 3rd D.A.C.	LINE "A" Divl. Sector	LINE "B" Divl. Sector.	12 midnight 14/15th July	Relieving 4th D.A.C. Relief of D.A.C. to be completed by 12 midnight, 15/16th July
	Night 15/16	do	"	"	12 midnight 15/16th July	"
16	Night 14/15	1 Section 4th D.A.C.	LINE "B" Divl. Sector.	LINE "C" Divl. Sector.	12 midnight 14/15th July	Relieving 2nd D.A.C. Relief of D.A.C. to be completed by 12 midnight 15/16th July
	Night 15/16th	do	"	"	12 midnight 15/16th July	"
17	July 15	C.R.A. 5th Aust.Div.	Reserve D.A.H.Q.	LINE "C" Divl. Sector	9 a.m. 15th July	Relieving C.R.A. 2nd Aust.Div.
18	do	C.R.A. 2nd Aust.Div.	LINE "C" Div. Sector	LINE "A" Divl. Sector	2 p.m. July 15th	Relieving C.R.A. 3rd Aust.Div.
19	do	C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Divn.	LINE "A" Divl.Sector	LINE "B" Divl Sector.	8 pm. July 15th	Relieving C.R.A. 4th Aust.Divn. C.R.A. 4th Aust.Divn on relief proceeding to reserve D.A.H.Q. at RENANCOURT

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B.G.H.A.	G.24.b.2.6.	
1st Aust. Division.	DETACHED.	
2nd Aust. Division	GLISY	LINE RIGHT.
5th Aust.Inf. Bde	0.25.c.5.3.	LINE LEFT
6th " " "	GLISY	RESERVE.
7th " " "	0.25.c.5.3.	LINE RIGHT.
3rd Aust.Division	BUSSY	LINE CENTRE
9th Aust.Inf. Bde	J.19.c.20.30.	LINE LEFT
10th " " "	0.12.b.85.20.	LINE RIGHT
11th " " "	0.5.c.45.60.	RESERVE.
4th Aust.Division	COISY	RESERVE.
4th Aust.Inf.Bde	QUERRIEU	
12th " " "	ALLONVILLE	
13th " " "	RIVERY	
5th Aust. Division	ST GRATIEN	LINE LEFT
8th Aust.Inf. Bde	FRECHENCOURT	RESERVE
14th " " "	HEILLY	LINE RIGHT
15th " " "	HEILLY	LINE LEFT.

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24	25	M	Red and Green	5	6	L	White and Green
25	26	V	Red and White	6	7	I	Green and Red
26	27	B	Green and Red	7	8	M	White and Red
27	28	U	Red and Green	8	9	X	Red and White
28	29	M	White and Red	9	10	H	White and Green
29	30	W	Red and Green	10	11	F	Red and Green
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Australian Corps.
16th July, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 130.

1. One 18-pdr Battery of the 23rd Army Brigade R.F.A. will move by road from Australian Corps to Fourth Army Artillery School, SAILLY FLIBEAUCOURT as follows :-

Date	FROM	TO	REMARKS
Night 16/17 July	LINE	RIVERY	Under orders of 2nd Australian Division
17th July	RIVERY	BELLOY -SUR-SOMME	Route ST.SAUVEUR -HANGEST - MAREUIL -ABBEVILLE- SAILLY FLIBEAUCOURT
18th July	BELLOY-SUR-SOMME	LIERCOURT	Billets. Billets from respective Area Commandants.
19th July	LIERCOURT	SAILLY FLIBEAUCOURT.	

2. On arrival of the battery of the 23rd Army Brigade R.F.A. at the Army Artillery School, C/189 Battery is to move by road to Australian Corps Area, under orders of the O.C. Fourth Army Artillery School, and arrives at RIVERY on the 21st July.

3. On the night 22/23rd July, C/189th Battery will move from RIVERY to the Line under orders of the Division to which 189th Brigade is attached.

4. Rations /-----

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4. RATIONS

(a) Rations for consumption on 19th instant will be carried by the battery of the 23rd Army Brigade R.F.A., and rations for consumption on the 20th inst. will be drawn on the 19th inst. from the R.S.O. PONT REMY.

(b) C/ 189th Battery will arrive in Australian Corps Area rationed for consumption 22nd July. 189th Army Brigade will notify Supply Officer concerned as soon as possible, additional ration strength for consumption 23rd July.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 131

1. The No.3 Section Kennel Messenger Dogs will be transferred from Australian Corps to VIII Corps (First Army) on July 18th.

2. On arrival in VIII Corps Area the above section will report to A.D. Signals, VIII Corps at CAMBLAIN L'ABBE.

3. (a) The S.M.T.O., Australian Corps will detail 4 lorries to report to A.D. Signals, Australian Corps at 8 a.m. 18th inst. to convey personnel, dogs, and equipment.
(b) Route .- DOULLENS - LUCHEUX - AVESNES LE COMTE - AUBIGNY.

4. Rations for consumption 20th inst. will be carried . Rations for consumption 21st inst. will be drawn under instructions from VIII Corps.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No.132.

Reference Sheets 1/20,000 and 1/40,000.

1.- The 65th American Brigade will occupy the ARMY SYSTEM in Australian Corps area commencing on the 19th July in accordance with attached table.

65th Brigade Headquarters will be at ALLONVILLE CHATEAU.

2.- Inter-Regimental boundary will be the East and West grid line separating H. and N. Squares.

3.- Regiments will occupy the ARMY SYSTEM with 2 battalions and 1 M.G.Company in line and one battalion in support.

4.- In addition to the normal communication to Brigade H.Q. A.D.Signals will arrange for communication between Regimental H.Q. and Brigade H.Q. of the 65th American Brigade.

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Serial No.	Date.	Formation.	From	To	Headquarters.
1.	19th July.	129th Regimental Group. Composition:- H.Q. 129th Regt. 129th H.Q.Coy. 129th M.G.Coy. 129th Supply Coy. 3 Battalions Inf.	Camp near ALLONVILLE.	Occupying right sub-section ARMY SYSTEM T.4. central to H.36.c.8.0.	Regimental - M.17.d.6.8. Support Battalion- M.17.d.3.3. Right Battalion - dugout at N.27.d.6.0. Left Battalion - dugout in N.10.b.0.8.
2.	20th July.	130th Regimental Group. H.Q. 130th Regt. 130th H.Q.Coy. 130th M.G.Coy. 130th Supply Coy. 3 Battalions Inf.	Camp near ALLONVILLE.	Occupying left sub-section ARMY SYSTEM.H.36.c.8.0. to C.21.b.8.0.	Regimental - H.20.b.3.2. QUERRIEU WOOD. Support Battalion- E.2.central BOIS de MAI. Right Battalion - PONT NOYELLES I.18.a.5.3. Left Battalion - dugout in I.1.d.9.4

NOTE: (i) 1 M.G.Battalion (123rd) is already disposed in the ARMY SYSTEM.

(ii) The 129th Field Ambulance will be disposed under orders of 65th Brigade Headquarters.

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Australian Corps.
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AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 133

The following change in the disposition of Field Artillery will be effected on the Australian Corps Front. :-

1. (a) The 23rd Army Brigade R.F.A. in "A" Divisional Sector will interchange with the 298th Army Brigade R.F.A. in "B" Divisional Sector.
(b) Move to be completed by 6 p.m., 19th July.

2. The above will be effected under arrangements made mutually between G.Os.C. 2nd and 3rd Australian Divisions.

3. Units will move with full echelons.

4. SUPPLIES
(a) The 23rd Army Brigade R.F.A. will be transferred for rations to 3rd Australian Divisional Pack at POULAINVILLE, commencing 20th instant.
Supplies will be taken forward to QUERRIEU by light railway and will be drawn from there by horse transport.
(b) The 298th Army Brigade will be transferred for rations to 2nd Australian Divisional Pack at LAMOTTE BRETBIERE, commencing 20th instant. Rations will be drawn by horse transport.

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Australian Corps,
18th July, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER NO. 134.

1. The enemy's position in the valley running south from CERISY-GAILLY in Sq. Q.14.b.&.d. and Q.8.d. will be subjected to a gas bombardment on the night 19/20th July.

2. Corps Heavy Artillery and Field Artillery of B. Division will participate.
4.5" howitzers detailed will be moved into forward positions on the night 18 /19th July.

3. Zero hour will be -

Heavy Artillery	..	9.30 p.m.
Field Artillery	..	3. a.m.

4. The operation will only take place if the wind is between the angle N.E. through N. and W. to S.
Divisions and Heavy Artillery will be notified from Corps Headquarters prior to the operation as to wind conditions by one of the following priority messages :-

"Corps Order No. 134 Wind favourable;"
"Corps Order No. 134 Wind unfavourable."

5. Watches will be synchronised at Divisional Headquarters and Heavy Artillery Headquarters with Corps Signal Company by telephone on zero day between noon and 12.30 p.m. and between 6 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

6. G.O.C., R.A.. will issue detailed artillery instructions.

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D.F. - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 57.

ROLE OF DIVISION IN CORPS RESERVE.

The following Instructions cancel Instructions for the Defensive No. 43, dated 2.6.18. and No. 38 dated 15.5.18.

1.- The division in corps reserve will normally be employed offensively for the maintenance of the present positions of forward divisions.

The division will be located by brigade groups in "close support" in the following areas :-

(a) ALLONVILLE - CARDONETTE
with a battalion about FRECHENCOURT.

(b) QUERRIEU - DAOURS
with a battalion about LA HOUSSOYE.

(c) RIVERY - CAMON
with a battalion about LA MOTTE.

2.- The defensive role of the division will be either the retention of the LA HOUSSOYE plateau or the covering of AMIENS.

Advanced battalions from the northern and centre brigade groups will be regarded as the nucleus garrisons of the "systems" as below :-

Brigade.	Designated nucleus garrison of-
(a) ALLONVILLE - CARDONETTE.	ST. GRATIEN - LA HOUSSOYE switch defences:
(b) QUERRIEU - DAOURS.	FRANVILLERS system.

The necessary reconnaissances, dispositions and plans will be effected accordingly - only wardens and guides need actually live in the defensive systems.

3.- The division in Corps reserve may find itself called upon to operate :-

(a) On the south of the SOMME.
(b) Between the SOMME and the ANCRE.
(c) To the north of the ANCRE.

The conditions under which it will be employed for counter-attack are dependent -

(a) Upon the degree of success which any enemy attack may achieve:
(b) On the extent of front on which the enemy attacks.

These considerations will determine whether a counter-attack will be made with all three brigades of the Reserve Division or with only one or two.

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4.- Recapture of Hill 104 and VILLERS BRETONNEUX in any single locality.

The most vulnerable and the most vital position on the Corps front is the VILLERS BRETONNEUX Plateau. There are two localities which are vital for our retention of our present position on this Plateau. These are - Hill 104 and VILLERS BRETONNEUX. An enemy attack may be made for the capture of either or for the capture of both.

In the event of both being captured and no operation developing north of the SOMME it is probable that the whole of the Reserve Division will be employed for the recapture of the Plateau. The actual positions of assembly for this action would be determined in a considerable measure by the degree of penetration which the enemy succeeded in achieving. If an enemy attack were made as an isolated operation without any action north of the SOMME or further to the south against the French positions, it is improbable that the attack would penetrate beyond the VILLERS SYSTEM, and the valley running through Squares O.15. O.21. and O.27. In the event of the enemy attaining this degree of success, the action of the Reserve Division would be limited on the north by the valley of the SOMME and on the south by the BOIS L' ABBEY. It would be necessary to make -

(a) a direct attack in an easterly direction from the AUBIGNY line as a base of departure, or

(b) a converging attack with one brigade from the direction of FOUILLOY and one brigade from the AUBIGNY line.

Troops would require to be assembled by night in either case.

In order to make this attack at dawn, they would require to be ready in battle positions not later than 3 a.m. on the day following the enemy attack. It is necessary, therefore, for the reserve division to select assembly positions and routes to bases of departure and to work out the time required to arrive at the AUBIGNY SYSTEM and the vicinity of FOUILLOY.

Arrangements for action in both case (a) and ase (b) will be considered by the G.O.C. Reserve Division who will work out detailed plans, as far as can be done at this stage, after the necessary reconnaissances are completed.

Recapture of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

It is possible that the enemy might decide to carry out an operation on a smaller scale in order to seize either Hill 104 or VILLERS BRETONNEUX. An attack against VILLERS BRETONNEUX appears to present the easier task since we now have considerable depth in front of Hill 104. 'B' Division has plans in hand for limiting the enemy's offensive by holding PIONEER SWITCH in the event of a successful attack being made on VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

There appear to be three alternative methods of recapturing VILLERS BRETONNEUX should it be lost. The first is an operation advancing from FOUILLOY and attacking as early as possible, using PIONEER SWITCH as the base of departure, the second is an advance south of the BOIS L' ABBE from the area of the Corps on our right and the third an attack from the AUBIGNY line.

It cannot be laid down at this stage which operation would be most likely to meet with success since this will depend upon the direction of the enemy's attack, the extent of ground captured, and the situation at the time when it becomes necessary to launch the

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counter-attack. All alternatives should be considered. The number of troops required for the counter-attack would be 1 or 2 brigades. The position of assembly for either alternative will be selected and routes forward carefully reconnoitred by the Reserve Division and by all subordinate commanders liable to take part in the attack.

Order of employment of brigades.

For these operations the brigades to be employed would be selected in the following order :-

(a) RIVERY - CAMON Brigade.
(b) QUERRIEU - DAOURS Brigade.

The employment of the ALLONVILLE - CARDONETTE Brigade will be determined according to circumstances. The orders for action will state whether this brigade will be available. G.O.C. Reserve Division in working out plans will take into consideration the possibility of this brigade not being available.

5.- Counter-attack between the SOMME and the ANCRE.

It is unlikely that the enemy will endeavour to effect a serious penetration of our position between the SOMME and the ANCRE except as part of larger operations to the north or south, or both. One battalion of the Reserve Brigade of 'B' Division is responsible for manning the Bridgehead defences south of HEILLY to prevent the enemy gaining the high ground north of CORBIE in the event of any break through on the ridge and so to deny him the observation which the complete possession of the ground between the rivers would give. In the event of a successful enemy attack it is probable that the base of departure for a counter-attack would be either the Bridgehead defences or a line to be fixed further to the east, according to the extent to which the enemy had penetrated. Not more than 2 brigades are likely to be called upon to carry out a counter-attack in this sector, and the brigades will be called upon in the following order -

(a) Centre Brigade group QUERRIEU - DAOURS.
(b) Left Brigade group ALLONVILLE - CARDONETTE.

Either of these brigades should be prepared to act in this role under the orders of 'C' Division instead of under the orders of the Reserve Division. Reserve division will arrange details with 'C' Division accordingly.

Assembly positions will be chosen with the idea of employing either one or two brigades. Crossings of the river and routes will be selected and laid down, and the times that will be required to move from alarm posts to assembly positions and the base of departure will be worked out.

6.- Action north of the River ANCRE.

With reference to operations to the north, the reserve division of the Corps is liable to be involved in the event of a successful enemy operation which would affect the corps on our left.

An enemy attack north of the ANCRE working with its left flank on the river would require to achieve a considerable penetration before the flank of our left divisional sector would be imperilled. The reserve division might be called upon to launch a counter-attack from the line RIBEMONT - BAIZIEUX with the object of gaining -

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(a) The high ground in the vicinity of LAVIEVILLE:
(b) The HENENCOURT - LAVIEVILLE position:

If the enemy advanced more rapidly the division might be called upon to counter-attack with a view to recapturing the BAIZIEUX-RIBEMONT line.

The base of departure for an operation to recapture this line would probably be the FRANVILLERS SYSTEM with the right flank about Square C.17.a.6.0. The actual frontage cannot be determined. It would depend to some extent upon whether BAIZIEUX itself were included in the objective. If this were the case the base of departure would probably be along the road from FRANVILLERS through Square C.3.central.

The order of employment of brigades in this operation would be -

(a) Left Brigade ALLONVILLE - CARDONETTE.
(b) Centre Brigade QUERRIEU - DAOURS.
(c) Right Brigade RIVERY - CAMON.

7.- Artillery.

Two alternative methods for the employment and command of field artillery to cover a counter-attack will be considered :-

(a) Where the artillery defence of a division which is attacked is maintained, the infantry counter-attack will be made under cover of the artillery of the sector attacked, reinforced by the mobile brigades of other sectors if circumstances permit. This will be considered by the divisions in the line and the proposed arrangements will be embodied in the defence instructions of divisions. G.O.C. Reserve Division will be furnished with a copy of the proposals in each case and will consult with G.O.C. Line Divisions concerned.

(b) Where the counter-attack is made to the flank and beyond the limits of command of line divisions the C.R.A. in reserve will take over command of the mobile brigades of all divisions, if available, and will come under the command of the G.O.C. Reserve Division.

Details will be worked out as far as practicable by C.R.A. in Reserve in co-operation with the Reserve Division.

8.-Preparation of plans.

The various alternative probabilities laid down in the preceding paragraphs will be considered, and details will be worked out and embodied in a Reserve Division Defence Instructions.

Full details as to administrative arrangements to put each scheme into operation will be prepared.

Reconnaissances will be carried out by all concerned. Alarm posts will be determined and assembly areas will be selected and marked. Routes and march orders for movement to the base of departure for the attack will be worked out as far as practicable.

9.- Nucleus practices.

Nucleus practices will be carried out to test communications and time taken to move to assembly positions under arrangements to be made by the Reserve Division and reports rendered to Corps Headquarters at the conclusion of each.

All movements in connection with these exercises will be carried out during the hours of darkness.

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