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Australian Corps,  
22nd September, 1918.

## BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 2.

1. The Australian Corps, with the II American Corps affiliated, will attack the enemy's positions in the HINDENBURG Line in the sector NAUROY - GOUY on a date and hour to be notified.

### 2. TROOPS AVAILABLE.

#### (a) Divisions.

3rd Australian Division,  
5th Australian Division.  
27th American Division.  
30th American Division.

#### (b) Artillery.

(i) Field Artillery - 23 Field Artillery Brigades.

(ii) Heavy Artillery - 10 Heavy Artillery Brigades.

#### (c) Tanks.

4th Tank Brigade consisting of 84 Tanks, a proportion of which are Mark V and a proportion Mark V (Star) Tanks.

5th Tank Brigade, between 70 and 80 Tanks, portion of which are Mark V and portion of which are Mark V (Star) Tanks.

A portion of 3rd Tank Brigade giving a total of 25 Whippet Tanks and 1 Armoured Car Battalion.

(d) Mounted Troops. - 13th Australian Light Horse Regiment.

(e) Cavalry. It has not yet been determined whether Cavalry will be directly available.

(f) Special Companies, R.E. Several will be available for smoke-screening work.

(g) Air Forces. 3rd Squadron, A.F.C., and Auxiliary assistance from 5th Brigade, R.A.F.

### 3. GENERAL PLAN.

There will be a preliminary bombardment by all available artillery lasting for a considerable period. The object of this preliminary bombardment will be -

- (a) To complete the demoralisation of the enemy;
- (b) The destruction of the enemy's defences, including wire, dugouts, &c.

The attack will be carried out on a frontage of two (2) divisions. The operation will be divided into two phases. The boundaries and objectives of divisions are shown on the attached map.

(a) First Phase. The 30th American Division on the right and the 27th American Division on the left will form up on a taped line prior to the given zero hour and will attack with

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Tanks under a creeping artillery barrage. This barrage will include a considerable proportion of smoke shell.

The start line is shown in BROWN on the attached map and the objectives are shown in a continuous GREEN line.

The flanks of the attack will be protected by a smoke screen which will be provided by one Field Artillery Brigade on each flank. As soon as the artillery barrage programme is completed and the infantry have seized the objective, the smoke barrage on the flanks will lift outwards and the infantry of divisions will exploit their success under the concealment of the flanking smoke barrages.

Definite bodies of troops will be allotted for this exploitation and will require to commence their movement at such a time as will permit them to follow the advance of the battle and to deploy facing south and north according to the flank on which employed, at the conclusion of the advance of the creeping barrage.

In order to secure the northern flank during the early stages of the attack, the battle front west of the canal will be prolonged beyond the northern entrance to the tunnel as shown in GREEN on the attached map.

As soon as the road situation permits the Armoured Car Battalion will be passed through the infantry and despatched on special missions with the object of disorganising the enemy's communications, Headquarters, &c.

(b) Second Phase. The 5th Australian Division on the right and the 3rd Australian Division on the left, each with its own Divisional Artillery and a proportion of Tanks, and organised in Brigade Groups, will pass through the 30th and 27th American Divisions respectively in open warfare formations at a time to be decided later. Their objective is shown in RED on the attached map.

In order to secure the flanks of this operation and to extend the base of the salient created by the advance, the reserve troops of the 30th and 27th American Divisions will extend their operations to the south and north respectively with the object of seizing the objectives shown in RED on the attached map. A proportion of artillery which will be allotted from the barrage guns and will be withdrawn as soon as the barrage programme is completed, will be placed at the disposal of each Divisional Commander for this. A proportion of Tanks will be similarly allotted. A detailed programme and Time Table will be issued.

The troops which captured the first objective will be re-assembled after the whole of the brigades detailed to the second objective have passed through them. The time for this re-assembly will be notified.

#### 4. ASSEMBLY.

The line will be held prior to the operation by the 30th and 27th American Divisions, each with one regiment in the line supported by one regiment, and each with one brigade in reserve.

The capture of the first objective will be carried out by the reserve brigade in each case.

The capture of the second objective allotted to the American Divisions will be carried out by the supporting regiment of the line brigade, the line regiment of the line brigade passing into reserve at a stage which is indicated later.

The programme will be so arranged that the two attacking

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Brigade Groups of the 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions respectively will pass through the American troops as soon as possible after the latter have attained the first objective. These two brigades will follow the regiments of the 30th and 27th American Divisions respectively allotted to the capture of the RED line. The reserve brigades of the 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions will then be passed through the gap. The last infantry to pass through the gap from the west to the east side of the canal will be the regiments of the 30th and 27th American Divisions who were originally holding the line and now pass into reserve.

The order of movement across the tunnel will be therefore -

- "A" and "B" Regiments of the 30th and 27th American Divisions (that is the attacking brigade in each case).
- "C" Regiment of the 30th and 27th American Divisions (that is the supporting regiment of the brigade originally in the line.)
- "A" and "B" Brigades of the 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions.
- "C" Brigade of the 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions moving in Divisional Reserve.
- "D" Regiment of the 30th and 27th American Divisions (that is the regiment which was holding the line when the attack began.) This regiment will be concentrated immediately the last Australian Brigade has passed through and will then move according to the orders of the respective Divisional Commanders.

Assembly areas will be selected and allotted for each American Regiment and each Australian Brigade in such positions as will best permit of this order of movement being carried out.

#### 5. ROAD MOVEMENT.

The country over which the attack will pass in its early stages is very much shell-pitted and all roads have been very badly damaged.

To enable guns and ammunition wagons and the Armoured Cars to pass across this area the Chief Engineer of the Corps has arranged to develop four roads as rapidly as possible.

The Chief Engineer will have at his disposal the five Australian Pioneer Battalions plus such proportion of the American Engineering personnel as may be necessary.

Every body of troops will be allotted its own definite road and will on no account use any other. Maps will be issued later showing the roads allotted in each case.

Careful traffic control will be organised and all ranks must be warned beforehand and must be prepared to adhere to the traffic rules strictly.

The bivouac areas will be selected in positions which will be convenient to the roads to which each body of troops is allotted.

#### 6. PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS.

The present situation on the battle front is as follows :-

The front line is in the advanced HINDENBURG Line as far north as the Inter-Divisional boundary for the operation. North of this the front line is now along the old BRITISH OUTPOST Line. The III Corps has undertaken to make every endeavour to seize the front line of the HINDENBURG system before its relief by the 27th

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American Division. If it succeeds in doing this the forming up line as shown in DOTTED BROWN on the attached map will be available. If the III Corps does not succeed in doing this it will be necessary for the 27th American Division to undertake a definite operation in order to seize the advanced line of the HINDENBURG system. During the period that this operation takes place the 30th American Division will advance posts to such a position as will enable it to ensure that the forming up line on its sector will be sufficiently protected.

7. PRELIMINARY ORGANISATION AND PREPARATION.

(a) Light Signals. The only Light Signals to be employed will be -

(i) The S.O.S. Signal which will be a No. 32 Rifle grenade bursting into three RED lights.

(ii) Success Signal which will be a No. 32 Rifle grenade bursting into three WHITE lights.

(iii) Message Carrying Rockets will be made available and will be issued early.

(b) All ranks will be provided with a metal disc shown on to the reverse side of the Box Respirator, which will be used for signalling to our aeroplanes when they sound the Klaxon horn, to indicate the position of the troops.

RED flares will be issued and will be lit for the same purpose when the aeroplane calls.

All ranks must be made to understand that when the aeroplane calls the flares must be lit and the discs shown.

(c) The organisation of the troops for the first phase of the operation will ensure that definite bodies are allotted for duty at each entrance to the tunnel with the object of dealing with any of the enemy who may have taken refuge in the tunnel during the bombardment and barrage. These troops must on no account be withdrawn from their task until the tunnel is completely clear of the enemy.

(d) All troops must be warned of the absolute necessity of keeping as close up to the barrage as safety permits in order to deal with the enemy before he can recover after the barrage has passed.

(e) A very liberal supply of -

(i) Operation map;

(ii) Message maps;

(iii) Oblique and trench photos

will be issued. All commanders must ensure that these are distributed right down to Non-Commissioned Officers in order that the achievement of their tasks may be facilitated for all ranks.

Special instructions as to Intelligence functions dealing with prisoners of war, etc., will be issued.

(f) A complete system of liaison between flanks and front, front to rear between Companies, Battalions, Regiments and Brigades, and Divisions will be worked out. The responsibility for liaison and for communications will be from right to left.



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- (g) A series of Code Calls for employment between infantry using the Popham Panel and Contact Aeroplanes will be made and issued by Australian Corps. Those now in use by the Australian Divisions will be retained, except in the case of the 1st and 4th Australian Divisions.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*T. Blamey*

Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
Australian Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.

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|------|-----|---|--|
| 1 -  | 2.  | 2nd American Corps (One copy of map only)   |  |
|      | 3.  | 27th American Division.                     |  |
|      | 4.  | 30th American Division.                     |  |
|      | 5.  | 53rd American Infantry Brigade.             |  |
|      | 6.  | 54th American Infantry Brigade.             |  |
|      | 7.  | 59th American Infantry Brigade.             |  |
|      | 8.  | 60th American Infantry Brigade.             |  |
| 9 -  | 11. | Australian Mission with 2nd American Corps. |  |
|      | 12. | File.                                       |  |
|      | 13. | G.O.C., R.A.                                |  |
|      | 14. | A.D.C., for G.O.C.                          |  |
|      | 15. | 2nd Australian Division.                    |  |
|      | 16. | 3rd Australian Division.                    |  |
|      | 17. | 5th Australian Division.                    |  |
|      | 18. | 5th Brigade, F.A.F.                         |  |
|      | 19. | 3rd Tank Brigade.                           |  |
|      | 20. | 5th Tank Brigade.                           |  |
|      | 21. | Fourth Army.                                |  |
|      | 22. | AQ.   |  |
|      | 23. | C.E.  |  |
|      | 24. | 4th Tank Brigade.                           |  |
|      | 25. | III Corps.                                  |  |
|      | 26. | IX Corps.                                   |  |
|      | 27. | B.G.H.A.                                    |  |
|      | 28. | 15th Wing, R.A.F.                           |  |
|      | 29. | 5th Balloon Wing, R.A.F.                    |  |
|      | 30. | 3rd Squadron, A.F.C.                        |  |
|      | 31. | D.D.M.S.                                    |  |
|      | 32. | A.D. Signals.                               |  |
|      | 33. | Iga.  |  |
| 34 - | 36. | War Diary.                                  |  |
| 37 - | 40. | Spares.                                     |  |

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27<sup>th</sup> AM DIV

3<sup>rd</sup> AUST. DIV

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30<sup>th</sup> AM. DIV

5<sup>th</sup> AUST. DIV

30<sup>th</sup>  
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| Corps Boundaries.                         | ... | --- |
| Divisional Boundaries.                    | ... | --- |
| Artillery Start Line.                     | ... | --- |
| Infantry Forming-Up Line.                 | ... | --- |
| First Objective.                          | ... | --- |
| Flank Exploitation of..<br>1st Objective. | ... | --- |
| Second Objective.                         | ... | --- |
| Exploitation of Second<br>Objective       | ... | --- |

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22nd September 1918.DISPOSITIONS - HEADQUARTERS OF FORMATIONS  
as at 6 a.m. 23rd September 1918.Ref. Sheet 62.0.

Australian Corps	H.16.c.	
B.G.H.A.	P.15.b.2.4.	
3rd Sqdn A.F.C.	BOUVINCOURT.	
13th A.L.H. Regt	O.16.b.	
1st Australian Division	J.16.b.0.5.	LONG
1st Aust. Inf. Bde	K.27.a.6.8.	
2nd " " "	L.10.a.1.2.	
3rd " " "	L.26.c.4.7.	
2nd Australian Division	G.25.d.1.3.	
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	H.19.a.7.0.	
6th " " "	G.32.a.2.9.	
7th " " "	G.15.c.4.5.	
3rd Australian Division	I.36.b.3.3.	
9th Aust. Inf. Bde.	I.15.d.8.9.	
10th " " "	I.24.a.5.5.	
11th " " "	J.19.c.4.5.	
4th Australian Division	P.8.b.3.5.	
4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	THICOURT Area	
12th " " "	" "	
13th " " "	HERBECOURT Area	
5th Australian Division	M.9.d.7.1.	
8th Aust. Inf. Bde.	O.4.b.4.2.	
14th " " "	O.18.a.central	
15th " " "	O.8.d.9.4.	



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Date  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS  
23rd September 1918.DISPOSITIONS & HEADQUARTERS OF FORMATIONS  
as at 6 a.m. 24th September 1918.Ref Sheet 62.C.

Australian Corps	U.16.c.
B.G.H.A.	J.12.d.6.9.
3rd Sqdn A.F.C.	BOUVINCOURT.
13th A.L.H. Regt	O.16.b.
1st Australian Division	Moving to SUZANNE.
1st Aust. Inf. Bde	Moving to HERBECOURT Area.
2nd " " "	TINCOURT Area.
3rd " " "	TINCOURT Area.
2nd Australian Division	G.25.d.1.3.
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	H.19.a.7.0.
6th " " "	G.32.a.2.9.
7th " " "	G.15.c.4.5.
3rd Australian Division	I.36.b.3.3.
9th Aust. Inf. Bde.	I.15.d.8.9.
10th " " "	I.24.a.5.5.
11th " " "	J.19.c.2.5.
4th Australian Division	Moving to CAVILLON Area.
4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	" " " "
12th " " "	" " " "
13th " " "	" " " "
5th Australian Division	M.9.d.7.1.
8th Aust. Inf. Bde.	O.4.b.4.2.
14th " " "	O.18.a.central
15th " " "	O.8.d.9.4.



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Australian Corps,  
24th September 1918.

## BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES 'E', No. 3.

## CODE CALLS - CONTACT AEROPLANES.

1.- The following Brigade, Regimental, and Battalion code calls will come into operation in the Australian and II American Corps from 12 noon 26th September, for communicating between infantry and aeroplanes.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS.		II AMERICAN CORPS.	
Unit.	Call Letters.	Unit.	Call Letters
<u>2nd Aust Division.</u>		<u>27th American Division.</u>	
5th A.I.Bde H.Q.	D.	53rd Inf.Bde H.Q.	A.
17th Battalion.	D.W.	105th Inf.Regt.	A.A.
18th "	D.X.	1st Battalion.	A.T.
19th "	D.Y.	2nd "	A.V.
20th "	D.Z.	3rd "	A.W.
6th A.I.Bde H.Q.	E.	106th Inf.Regt.	A.B.
21st Battalion.	E.W.	1st Battalion.	A.X.
22nd "	E.X.	2nd "	A.Y.
23rd "	E.Y.	3rd "	A.Z.
24th "	E.Z.	54th Inf.Bde H.Q.	B.
7th A.I.Bde H.Q.	F.	107th Inf. Regt.	B.B.
25th Battalion.	F.W.	1st Battalion.	B.T.
26th "	F.X.	2nd "	B.V.
27th "	F.Y.	3rd "	B.W.
28th "	F.Z.	108th Inf.Regt.	B.C.
		1st Battalion.	B.X.
		2nd "	B.Y.
		3rd "	B.Z.
<u>3rd Aust.Division.</u>		<u>30th American Division.</u>	
9th A.I.Bde H.Q.	G.	59th Inf.Bde H.Q.	K.
33rd Battalion.	G.W.	117th Inf.Regt.	K.A.
34th "	G.X.	1st Battalion.	K.T.
35th "	G.Y.	2nd "	K.V.
10th A.I.Bde H.Q.	H.	3rd "	K.W.
37th Battalion.	H.W.	118th Inf.Regt.	K.B.
38th "	H.X.	1st Battalion.	K.X.
39th "	H.Y.	2nd Battalion.	K.Y.
40th "	H.Z.	3rd Battalion.	K.Z.
11th A.I.Bde H.Q.	I.	60th Inf.Bde H.Q.	L.
41st Battalion.	I.W.	119th Inf.Regt.	L.A.
42nd "	I.X.	1st Battalion.	L.T.
43rd "	I.Y.	2nd "	L.V.
44th "	I.Z.	3rd "	L.W.
<u>5th Aust.Division.</u>		<u>120th Inf.Regt.</u>	
8th A.I.Bde H.Q.	N.	1st Battalion.	L.B.
29th Battalion.	N.W.	2nd "	L.X.
30th "	N.X.	3rd "	L.Y.
31st "	N.Y.		L.Z.
32nd "	N.Z.		

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Australian Corps,  
28th September 1918.

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## AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Unit.	Call Letters.
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## 5th Aust. Division (Contd).

14th A.I. Bde H.Q.	O.
53rd Battalion.	O.W.
54th "	O.X.
55th "	O.Y.
56th "	O.Z.
15th A.I. Bde H.Q.	P.
57th Battalion.	P.W.
58th "	P.X.
59th "	P.Y.
60th "	P.Z.

2.- Brigade, Regimental, and Battalion Headquarters indicate their position by means of ground signal sheets laid on ground near the Headquarters concerned, whilst their identity is disclosed by the above code letters made by ground signal strips laid alongside the sheet.

*J.D. Rogers* Capt  
for

Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
Australian Corps.

## DISTRIBUTION.

2nd Australian Division.	(16 copies).
3rd Australian Division.	(15 copies).
5th Australian Division.	(16 copies).
1st Australian Division.	(1 copy).
4th Australian Division.	(1 copy).
II American Corps.	(50 copies).
5th Brigade R.A.F.	(2 copies).
3rd Squadron A.F.C.	(2 copies).
15th Wing R.A.F.	(2 copies).
A.D. Signals.	(1 copy).



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Australian Corps.  
24th September 1918.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E" No 4.ARTILLERY.1. ARTILLERY TAKEN OVER FROM 111 CORPS.

Field and Heavy Artillery as under will be taken over from 111 Corps at 10 a.m. on 25th September, on command of the 27th American Division Sector passing to the Australian Corps.

(a) FIELD ARTILLERY.

4th Australian Divl Artillery (Headquarters,  
(10th and 11th Brigades, A.F.A.)

25th Divisional Artillery (Headquarters  
(110th and 112th Bdes R.F.A.)

58th Divisional Artillery (Headquarters  
(290th and 291st Bdes R.F.A.)

86th Army Brigade R.F.A.

104th Army Brigade R.F.A.

108th Army Brigade R.F.A.

(b) HEAVY ARTILLERY.

23rd Brigade, R.G.A.

71st Brigade, R.G.A.

85th Brigade, R.G.A.

89th Brigade, R.G.A.

312th Siege Battery, R.G.A.

449th Siege Battery, R.G.A.

2. DISTRIBUTION.

The distribution of Field Artillery on the Corps Front on completion of current moves and reliefs by 27th September, will be as under :-

Right Divisional Sector.under C.R.A., 1st Aust. Division.

1st Aust. Divisional Artillery.  
(1st and 2nd Brigades, A.F.A.)

2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery.  
(4th and 5th Brigades, A.F.A.)

12th Army Brigade, A.F.A.

65th Army Brigade, R.F.A.

84th Army Brigade, R.F.A.

150th Army Brigade, R.F.A.

Left Divisional Sector.under C.R.A., 4th Aust. Division.

4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.  
(10th and 11th Brigades A.F.A.)

25th Divisional Artillery.  
(110th and 112th Brigades R.F.A.)

58th Divisional Artillery.  
(290th and 291st Brigades R.F.A.)

06th Army Brigade, R.F.A.

104th Army Brigade, R.F.A.

108th Army Brigade, R.F.A.

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CORPS RESERVE in Right  
Divisional Sector.  
Under C.R.A., 5th Aust. Divn.

CORPS RESERVE in Left  
Divisional Sector.  
Under C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Divn

5th Aust. Divisional Artillery.  
6th Army Brigade, A.F.A.

3rd Aust. Divisional Artillery  
3rd Army Brigade, A.F.A.

3. HEAVY ARTILLERY.

The Heavy Artillery under the orders of B.G.H.A., Australian Corps will be as follows as at 12 noon on 27th instant :-

9th Brigade, R.G.A.	(Mobile Brigade.)
18th Brigade, R.G.A.	(9.2" How. Brigade.)
23rd Brigade, R.G.A.	(9.2" How. Brigade.)
41st Brigade, R.G.A.	(Mobile Brigade.)
51st Brigade, R.G.A.	(Mixed Brigade.)
68th Brigade, R.G.A.	(8" How. Brigade.)
71st Brigade, R.G.A.	(8" How. Brigade.)
73rd Army Brigade, R.G.A.	
85th Brigade, R.G.A.	(Mobile Brigade.)
89th Brigade, R.G.A.	(8" How. Brigade.)
93rd Brigade, R.G.A.	(Mixed Brigade.)

4. COMMAND.

(a) All artillery of the Corps will pass to the command of G.O.C., R.A., Australian Corps, at 10 a.m. on 25th instant, who will arrange for the allotment of a proportion of field and heavy artillery to each division at the conclusion of the first phase.

(b) Throughout the period of preparation for the operations C.R.A.'s. of line divisions will consult the Divisional Commanders concerned as to their defensive requirements in the emplacement of field artillery.

5. BOMBARDMENT.

(a) The preliminary bombardment will commence at 10 p.m. on "W" day and will continue until zero hour on "Z" day.  
The bombardment will consist of -

- (i) Special Gas (BB) bombardment;
- (ii) Vigorous counter-battery fire;
- (iii) Intensive harassing fire.
- (iv) Cutting lanes in hostile wire defences;
- (v) Bombardment of selected strong points and localities.

(b) Special Gas (BB) Bombardment.

This bombardment will be carried out by 18-pdrs. and 6" Hows. firing BB gas shells in combination with H.E. during intermittent periods between 10 p.m. on "E" day and 6 a.m. on "X" day. Captured German guns firing yellow cross shells will be employed as far as circumstances permit.

The objectives will be the hostile defensive system and artillery positions along the whole front so far as the range of guns permits. Arrangements will be made with the French to extend the front of bombardment on the right.

Subsequent to 6 a.m. "X" day no BB gas shell will be fired without the authority of the ARMY.

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(c) Vigorous Counter-Battery Fire.

This will commence at 6 a.m. on "X" day. Surprise attacks on hostile artillery positions should be carried out with H.E. (with instantaneous fuzes) and gas shells (CG or NC). For the methodical bombardment of fortified emplacements and dugouts, delay action fuzes should be employed.

(d) Intensive Harassing Fire.

This will commence immediately after the cessation of the special gas (BB) bombardment at 6 a.m. on "X" day. Corps will prepare definite plans for its direction on their respective fronts. The keynote of its application should be variety and surprise, and plans must be so framed that throughout the 24 hours of the day and night the enemy should be permitted no immunity or security from shell fire.

Facilities of observation must be fully exploited in order to limit the area on which unobserved harassing fire will have to be maintained by day. Areas over which no observation is possible must receive special attention.

In allotting tasks for harassing fire, zones in depth must be allotted to different natures of weapons, including infantry weapons and machine guns, according to their range. In this connection the increased range of 18-pdr. guns fitted with air recuperators should be taken into account.

Use should be made of gas shells (CG and NC).

Artillery positions should be included in the programme of harassing fire.

In shelling roads, H.E. with delay action fuzes are NOT to be employed.

(e) Cutting Lanes in Hostile Wire Defences.

This will commence at 6 a.m. on "X" day and will be carried out principally with 4.5" Hows. and 6" Hows. (with instantaneous fuzes) and, where feasible, with 6" Newton mortars. Lanes, once cut, must be kept open by means of rifle and machine gun fire.

(f) Bombardment of Selected Strong Points and Localities.

This bombardment will commence at 6 a.m. on "X" day and will be continued until Zero with a view not only to the destruction of defences but also to the demoralisation of the defenders. Gas shells (CG and NC) should be made use of. It is not considered feasible to carry out a thorough destruction bombardment of concrete dugouts and machine gun emplacements.

The tunnels themselves are impervious to artillery fire. Steps should be taken to concentrate a heavy and unexpected fire on their entrances and exits on the day of battle.

Telephone exchanges and specially defended localities such as BELLENGLISE, NAUROY, BELLICOURT, BONY, LE CATELET - GOUY, should be heavily bombarded.

Blocks in communication trenches should be created where it is considered practicable and advisable.

(g) Long Range Gun Fire.

G.O.C., R.A., Australian Corps, will be responsible for dealing with the following places by means of long range guns :- JONCOURT, RAMIECOURT, MONTBREHAIN, ESTREES, ESTREES-MARETZ Road, BEAUREVOIR.



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Instantaneous fuzes will be used by all guns firing at long ranges.

(h) Resting of Detachments.

Careful arrangements will be made for the relief of detachments during the course of the bombardment.

6. HOSTILE GAS BOMBARDMENT.

In the event of a heavy hostile concentration of fire on "Y/Z" night, especially gas shelling, on any particular part of the Army area, every effort will be made, by concentrating fire of as many guns as possible, to silence the offending groups of hostile artillery.

At the same time the Counter-Battery Staff Officer will indicate as accurately as possible to the 5th Brigade, R.A.F., direct the positions of the active German artillery, with the object of enabling the R.A.F. to bomb the groups concerned.

C.B.S.O. will likewise inform the 5th Balloon Wing, who have arranged to have a balloon standing by ready to take the air within 30 minutes, if weather conditions will permit. It is hoped that this balloon will be able to give useful information as to the positions of the batteries concerned.

G.O.C., R.A., will prepare a plan on these lines.

7. DUMPING OF AMMUNITION.

The following amounts of ammunition are authorised to be held in front of railhead.

25% of these amounts will be held in Corps Reserve.

In addition all echelons are to be kept full.

18-pdr.	..	..	900 rounds per gun.
4.5" How.	..	..	800 rounds per gun.
60-pdr. gun.	..	..	600 rounds per gun.
6" How.	..	..	700 rounds per gun.
8" How.	..	..	500 rounds per gun.
9.2" How.	..	..	500 rounds per gun.
6" Gun.	..	..	400 rounds per gun.
12" How.	..	..	300 rounds per gun.

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Australian Corps,

24th September, 1918.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 5.Intelligence and Disposal of Prisoners of War.1. BATTALION INTELLIGENCE POLICE

One German speaker and two searchers should be allotted to each battalion for use as follows:

(a) German Speaker

(i) To secure immediate identifications quickly so that identifications will reach Corps Headquarters as speedily as possible of enemy units on the battle front.

(ii) To secure immediate information required by the Battalion Commander as regards enemy dispositions, assembly positions, orders for counter-attack, etc.

(iii) To be in charge of the two searchers and separate important documents, orders, maps, etc., translate and convey information of moment to the immediate commander.

(b) Two Searchers

The two searchers under the German speaker systematically search the battle field, enemy positions, suspected headquarters, dead, etc., for papers, documents, maps, etc., have them pecked in sandbags, and sent through the usual channels to the Corps Cage as quickly as possible.

This personnel should carry torches and, besides rifles or revolvers, bombs are recommended as being useful for dealing with any of the enemy who may be found in dug-outs.

2. DIVISIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS

Divisional Intelligence Officers will go forward to an Advanced Divisional Collecting Cage with a view to obtaining, as soon as possible, information of immediate tactical importance.

The Cage will be connected by telephone to Divisional H.Q. and important information obtained should be transmitted as quickly as possible to Divisional and Brigade H.Q.

The main points on which immediate information is required from prisoners are, Order of Battle, Units Seen, Distribution of the Enemy's Forces, Method of Holding the Line, Assembly Positions, Counter-Attack Orders, and Intentions.

This information will be wired to their respective Divisional Headquarters and repeated to Corps Headquarters and Corps Cage by Divisional Intelligence Officers.



Divisional Intelligence Officers will not detain prisoners longer than is necessary to obtain this tactical information of immediate importance, except such as may be necessary for examination as to enemy mines, dug-outs, booby traps, etc.

In case a large number of prisoners are captured, they will detain only one or two from each regiment, and will not delay the passage of the remainder to the Corps Cage.

Any further information required from prisoners by Divisions or lower formations can always be obtained by telephone from the Corps Cage.

### 3. SEARCHING OF PRISONERS

(a) Officers and N.C.O.'s. Officers and N.C.O.'s will be searched as soon as possible after capture by a responsible officer or N.C.O., and all documents taken from them sent back with them (in sacks, labelled by regiments, if a number are captured) to the Divisional Intelligence Officer, at such place as this officer has pre-arranged.

It is left to the discretion of Divisions as to what documents, maps, etc., taken from prisoners they hold back for the information of Brigade and Divisional Commanders. When this is done, Corps "I" will be informed by wire, priority if necessary, of the nature of the documents, etc., held back, and of any points of immediate tactical importance they may contain.

As soon as possible after information has been extracted from them, the documents will be forwarded on to the Corps Cage. Arrangements can be made by Corps, if notified that documents are ready to be sent on, to fetch them by motor cyclist or cycle.

(b) Other Ranks. Prisoners other than officers and N.C.O.'s will be searched on their arrival at the Corps Cage. Their papers, etc., will be taken from them and put into sacks labelled according to regiments.

(c) All ranks should understand that a prisoner's pay-book, identity disc, and personal belongings should not be taken from him. Escorts and guards will be warned to take special precautions to prevent prisoners from destroying papers.

### 4. SEPARATION OF OFFICERS, N.C.O.'s, and MEN.

Care will be taken that officers, N.C.O.'s, and privates are all separated from one another at once, and are not allowed to communicate with one another. Prisoners who have been interrogated should not be allowed to mix with those who have not yet been examined.

### 5. NOTIFICATION OF LOCALITY OF CAPTURE

It is essential that, when prisoners are sent back, information be sent with them which will show where they were captured. Information as to the battalion which made the capture is a useful indication.

### 6. AUTHORIZED PERSONS ONLY TO CONVERSE WITH PRISONERS

It is most important that no officer or N.C.O., except those duly authorized, be allowed to interrogate or converse with prisoners.



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7. PRISONERS OF WAR CAGE

ROISEL,

The Advanced Corps Cage will be situated at Sheet 62c. K.12. Central.

Intelligence Officers and personnel will be stationed here and will carry out a more detailed interrogation and sort out captured documents.

The Advanced Corps Cage will be connected by telephone to Corps H.Q.

8. PRISONERS

The following procedure will be adopted for the disposal of prisoners:

After capture they will be escorted to the Advanced Divisional Collecting Cage, for examination by the Divisional Intelligence Officer, who, after he has finished with them, will send them back to the Advanced Corps Cage.

The sending back of prisoners should be carried out as quickly as possible, and several escorts should be arranged for them to be passed back without any unusual delay. Instructions should be issued to ensure that too many men are not employed on escort duty.

In the forward area directing notices should be placed to show the route to be taken to the Advanced Divisional Collecting Cage.

Traffic control personnel should be conversant with the method of disposing of prisoners.

9. IDENTIFICATIONS

The importance of passing on all identifications as speedily as possible to Corps "I" cannot be too strongly impressed on all concerned. It is essential that special efforts be made to wire at once as soon as identifications are made and the locality in which obtained.

10. MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

The following are being issued:

(i) A large issue of 1/20,000 Special Operations Sheet for distribution to all officers.

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(iii) 1/20,000 Barrage Map, for distribution down to Company Commanders.

(iv) 1/40,000 Organization Map,



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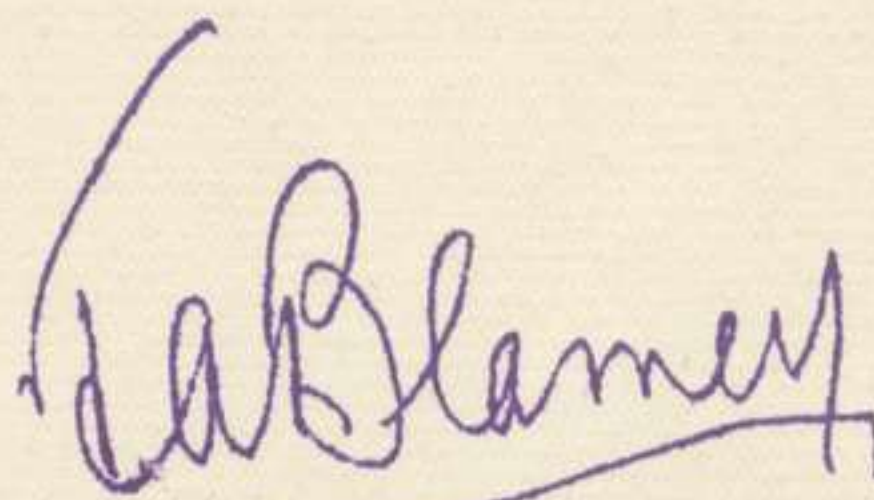
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Copy No. 48Australian Corps,  
24th September, 1918.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 6.SECRECY.

1. It is of first importance that secrecy should be observed prior to all operations in order to effect surprise.  
The necessity for secrecy will be impressed on all ranks.
2. Fourth Army leaflet "Keep your mouth shut" will be pasted in the paybooks of all Australian personnel and will be issued to each individual American soldier. Demands for copies will be submitted by wire direct from Divisions to Fourth Army, General Staff.
3. Commanders will take all possible steps to prevent the scope and date of the operation becoming known, except to those taking part. Any officer, N.C.O. or man found discussing the operation in public or giving details to any person not immediately concerned will be severely dealt with.
4. All movements of troops and transport in an easterly direction within the Corps area will take place by night, except in cases where it is absolutely necessary to move by day.
5. 3rd Squadron, A.F.C. will arrange for aeroplanes to fly over the Corps area during days when flying is possible and will report to Corps Headquarters the approximate location and time of any abnormal movement of troops or transport.
6. No orders will be given or reference made to the operation on any telephone line forward of Divisional Headquarters of line divisions.
7. Commanders will ensure that the number of officers reconnoitring the enemy's positions is limited to those for whom reconnaissance is essential.  
The greatest care will be taken by officers whose duty requires that they should make reconnaissances in the forward area that no map is produced except under cover.  
It has again been proved by information received from German prisoners taken during our recent attacks that the enemy has been able to fix the imminence of an offensive by this means.  
Commanding Officers of units in the front line should report at once to higher authority any disregard of these orders.

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(a) The Australian Corps is taking over portion of the III Corps front as far north as the grid line running east and west through F.5.c.0.0. at 10 a.m. on 25th September.

(b) The Corps front will be held by the 30th American Division on the right and the 27th American Division on the left.

2. INTENTION.

On 27th September, at a zero hour to be notified later, a preliminary operation will be carried out by the left (27th American) division with the object of gaining the Infantry Forming Up line for the main operation, as laid down in Battle Instructions, Series "E", No. 2, dated 22nd September, 1918.

The 30th American Division on the right will co-operate with the object of gaining such portions of the Infantry Forming Up line on their front as they do not yet occupy.

3. METHOD OF ATTACK.

(a) The attack will be carried out by the brigade now holding the line of the 27th American Division, assisted by tanks., and under a creeping barrage which will fall on the artillery start line as shown on attached map, at Zero.

(b) The infantry will form up on a taped line (shown as the Infantry Forming Up line on attached map) prior to Zero.

(c) The barrage will lift at zero plus 3 minutes and thereafter at a uniform rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes until the final protective barrage line is reached. Barrage maps showing the successive "lifts" of the barrage and lift timings will be issued later.

4. ARTILLERY.

9 Brigades of artillery will be available for the operation.

5. TANKS.

G.O.C., 4th Tank Brigade, will detail one company (12 tanks) to assist the infantry in the operation. Details will be arranged direct between the Tank Battalion Commander detailed and the 27th American Division.

6. ACTION OF FLANK CORPS.

The III Corps will co-operate in the advance by forming a defensive flank to the 27th American Division, approximately as shown on the attached map.

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25th September, 1918.ADDENDUM TO BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 7.1. Reference paragraph 3.

One company (12 Tanks) of the 4th Tank Battalion has been detailed for the preliminary operation under G.O.C., 27th American Division.

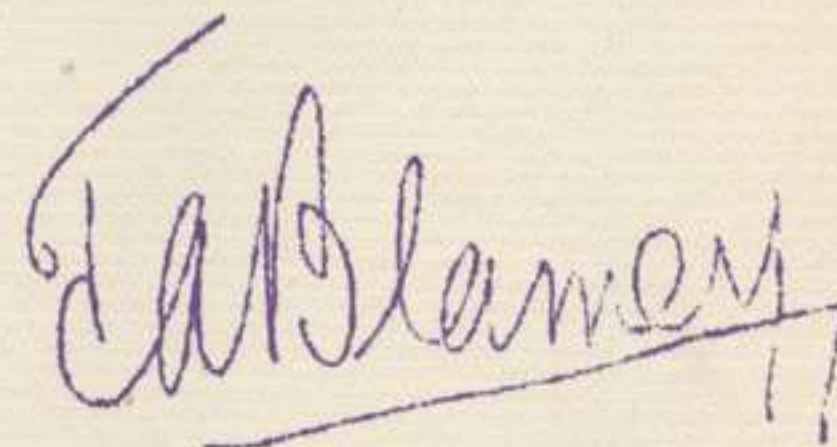
Lying up place has been selected at E.29.b.  
The Starting Points for the various sections are :-

- (i) F.10.b.
- (ii) F.16.d.
- (iii) F.22.d.

The routes from the lying up place to the Starting Points runs through the area Squares F.7. - F.10. - F.25. - F.29.

The 5th Brigade, R.A.F. is arranging to have aeroplanes in the air over this area from zero minus 3 hours to zero to ensure that the noise of the engines is concealed.

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24th September, 1918.AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 169

1. (i) The 1st Australian Division (less Artillery and Pioneer Battalion) will proceed by train and march route from the TINCOURT and HERBECOURT Areas to the LONG Area on the 25th, 26th and 27th September, 1918.  
(ii) On the 25th instant, the 1st Australian Pioneer Battalion will pass to the command of C.E. Australian Corps.
2. (i) Personnel will entrain in supply and ammunition trains, by Brigade groups, on the morning of the 26th instant, in accordance with MOVE TABLE "A" attached.  
(ii) Water carts, cookers, baggage, etc, will be entrained on the evening of the 25th instant as laid down in MOVE TABLE "A". One omnibus train, (details of which are attached for 1st Australian Division) will be available to each Brigade group.  
(iii) The remainder of the transport will move by road commencing on the 25th instant, in accordance with MOVE TABLE "B" attached.
3. Further details of entrainment and detrainment will be arranged direct between 1st Australian Division and Traffic, CORBIE.
4. On arrival in the LONG Area, Brigade groups of 1st Australian Division will be disposed as follows :-  

"A" Brigade Group.	EPAGNE Sub-Area.
"B" do	AILLY Sub-Area.
"C" do	GORENFLOS Sub-Area.
5. The following distances will be maintained on the march :-  

Between battalions.	...	500 yards.
Between companies	...	100 yards.
Between transport of units..	...	100 yards.

except on roads East of PERONNE where a minimum distance of 200 yards will be maintained between companies and between the transport of units.
6. Administrative Instructions are being issued by Australian Corps "Q".
7. Receipt of copies No. 1 to 3 will be ACKNOWLEDGED.

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MOVE TABLE "A" to accompany Australian Corps Order No. 169

Serial No.	Date	Unit.	Entraining at	Detraining at
1	Evening 25th	Transport of "A" Bde Group	LA CHAPELLETTE	PONT REMY
2	do	Transport of "B" Bde Group	do	LONGPRE
3	do	Transport of "C" Bde Group	do	LONGPRE
4	Morning 26th	Personnel "A" Bde Group	LA CHAPELLETTE	PONT REMY
5	do	Personnel "B" Bde Group	TINCOURT	LONGPRE
6	do	Personnel "C" Bde Group	do	LONGPRE



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MOVE TABLE "B" to accompany Australian Corps Order No. 169

Serial No.	Date	Unit.	From.	To	Route	Accommodation from.
1	25	"A" Bde Transport	HERBECOURT Area	Vicinity of FOUILLOY	DOMPIERRE-CHUIGNES-MORCOURT CERISY - HAMEL	Area Comdt CORBIE
2	25	"B" Bde Transport	TINCOURT Area	Vicinity of CERISY	PERONNE-BIACHES-HERBECOURT- thence as Serial No.1	Area Comdt PROYART
3	25	"C" Bde Transport	do	Vicinity of MORCOURT	As for Serial No.2 following in rear.	Area Comdt PROYART
4	26	Serial No.1	FOUILLOY	Vicinity of VIGNACOURT	DAOURS - ALLONVILLE- BERTANGLES-FREMONT	Area Comdt VIGNACOURT
5	26	Serial No.2	CERISY	Vicinity of VAUX	FOUILLOY-DAOURS - ALLONVILLE-BERTANGLES	do
6	26	Serial No.3	MORCOURT	Vicinity of ALLONVILLE	CERISY-FOUILLOY- DAOURS	Area Comdt ALLONVILLE
7	27	Serial No.1	VIGNACOURT	EPAGNE Sub- Area	No restrictions.	Sub-Area Comdt
8	27	Serial No.2	VAUX	AILLY Sub- Area	do	do
9	27	Serial No.3	ALLONVILLE	GORENCLOS Sub-Area	do	do

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24th September 1918.DISPOSITIONS - HEADQUARTERS OF FORMATIONS  
as at 6 a.m. 25th September 1918.  
-----Ref. Sheet 62 C.

Australian Corps

N.16.c.

B.G.H.A.

J.12.d.6.9.

3rd Sqdn A.F.C.

BOUVINCOURT.

13th A.L.H. Regt.

O.16.b.

1st Australian Division

SUZANNE CHATEAU.

1st Aust. Inf. Bde

HERBECOURT Area.

2nd " " "

TINCOURT Area.

3rd " " "

TINCOURT Area.

2nd Australian Division

G.25.d.1.3.

5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

H.19.a.7.0.

6th " " "

G.32.a.2.9.

7th " " "

G.15.o.4.5.

3rd Australian Division

I.36.b.3.3.

9th Aust. Inf. Bde.

I.15.d.8.9.

10th " " "

I.24.a.5.5.

11th " " "

J.19.o.4.5.

4th Australian Division

CAVILLON Area

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.

" "

12th " " "

" "

13th " " "

" "

5th Australian Division

M.9.d.7.1.

8th Aust. Inf. Bde.

O.4.b.4.2.

14th " " "

O.18.a.central

15th " " "

O.8.d.9.4.

27th American Division

J.11.o.4.9.

53rd American Bde

E.18.d.0.8.

105th Inf. Regt.

F.21.a.7.4.

106th " "

F.22.o.

30th American Division

J.16.b.0.5.

59th American Bde

L.26.c.4.7.

117th Inf. Regt.

K.12.d.2.0.

118th " "

L.10.a.1.2.

60th American Bde.

K.27.a.6.8.

119th Inf. Regt.

K.11.o.5.7.

120th " "

K.30.a.1.4.

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Australian Corps,  
25th September, 1918.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 8.

1. The order of assembly of formations on "Y/Z" night (the night preceding zero) will be as shewn in the attached diagram, Appendix "B".
2. The numbers on the diagrams refer to the numbered bivouac areas on the attached map.
3. Divisions will reconnoitre the areas given and will mark out the actual sites of bivouacs for "Y/Z" night.  
Very close liaison must be maintained between each pair of leap frogging divisions - the 30th American Division and the 5th Australian Division on the one hand, and 27th American Division and 3rd Australian Division on the other hand.
4. Arrangements as to time and other details of occupation of bivouac areas must be arranged in a spirit of mutual concession and conciliation direct between divisions.
5. Troops will move into bivouac areas by night.  
All movements by day in assembly bivouac areas must be reduced to an absolute minimum.  
The lighting of fires, &c., must be carefully controlled.
6. Bivouac areas have been selected with regard to the routes by which brigade and regimental groups will advance, and the order of movement to the east side of the Canal.
7. The Inter-Divisional boundary in rear of TEMPLEUX-le-GUERARD is altered in accordance with attached map.

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|         | 28. | S.M.T.O.                                    |
|         | 29. | Aust. Corps M.T. Column.                    |
|         | 30. | A.D. Signals.                               |
|         | 31. | O.C. Corps Signal Company.                  |
|         | 32. | Headquarters, Special Companies, R.E.       |
|         |     | Fourth Army.                                |
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@ Map attached.

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APPENDIX "B"AREAS OF ASSEMBLY FOR "Y/Z" NIGHT

EACH AREA IS ALLOTTED TO ONE AMERICAN REGIMENT OR ONE AUSTRALIAN BRIGADE.

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<p>LEFT DIVISION 27th American Division</p>	<p>RIGHT DIVISION 30th American Division.</p>
<p>AREA OF LINE REGIMENTS</p>	<p>AREA OF LINE REGIMENTS</p>
<p>"B" Regt.</p> <p>"A" Regt.</p> <p>"C" Regt. 27th Amer.Div. Area No.6</p>	<p>"B" Regt.</p> <p>"A" Regt.</p> <p>"C" Regt. 30th Amer.. Divn. Area No.1</p>
<p>3rd Australian Division</p> <p>"B" Bde. Area No.8</p> <p>"A" Bde Area No.7</p>	<p>5th Australian Division</p> <p>"B" Bde Area No.3</p> <p>"A" Bde Area No.2</p>
<p>"D" Regt. 27th Amer.Div. Area No.9</p>	<p>"D" Regt. 30th Amer.Div. Area No.4</p>
<p>"C" Bde. 3rd Aust.Div. Area No.10</p>	<p>"C" Bde. 5th Aust.Div. Area No.5.</p>



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Copy No. 39Australian Corps,  
25th September, 1918.AMENDMENT TO APPENDIX "B", BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 3.

1. The order of movement as laid down in Battle Instructions, Series "E", No. 2, paragraph 4, will be adhered to. The table given in Appendix "B", Battle Instructions, SERIES "E", No. 8, will be amended as follows :-

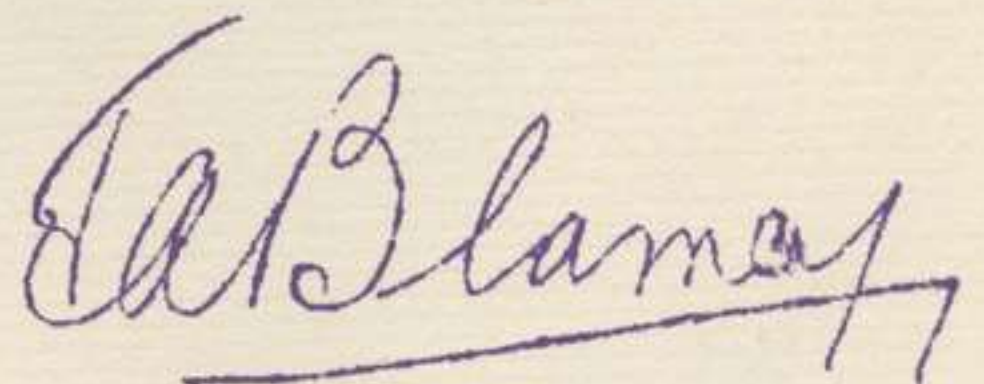
"C" Brigade, 5th Australian Division will occupy Area No. 4.

"D" Regiment, 30th American Division, will occupy Area No. 5.

"C" Brigade, 3rd Australian Division, will occupy Area No. 9.

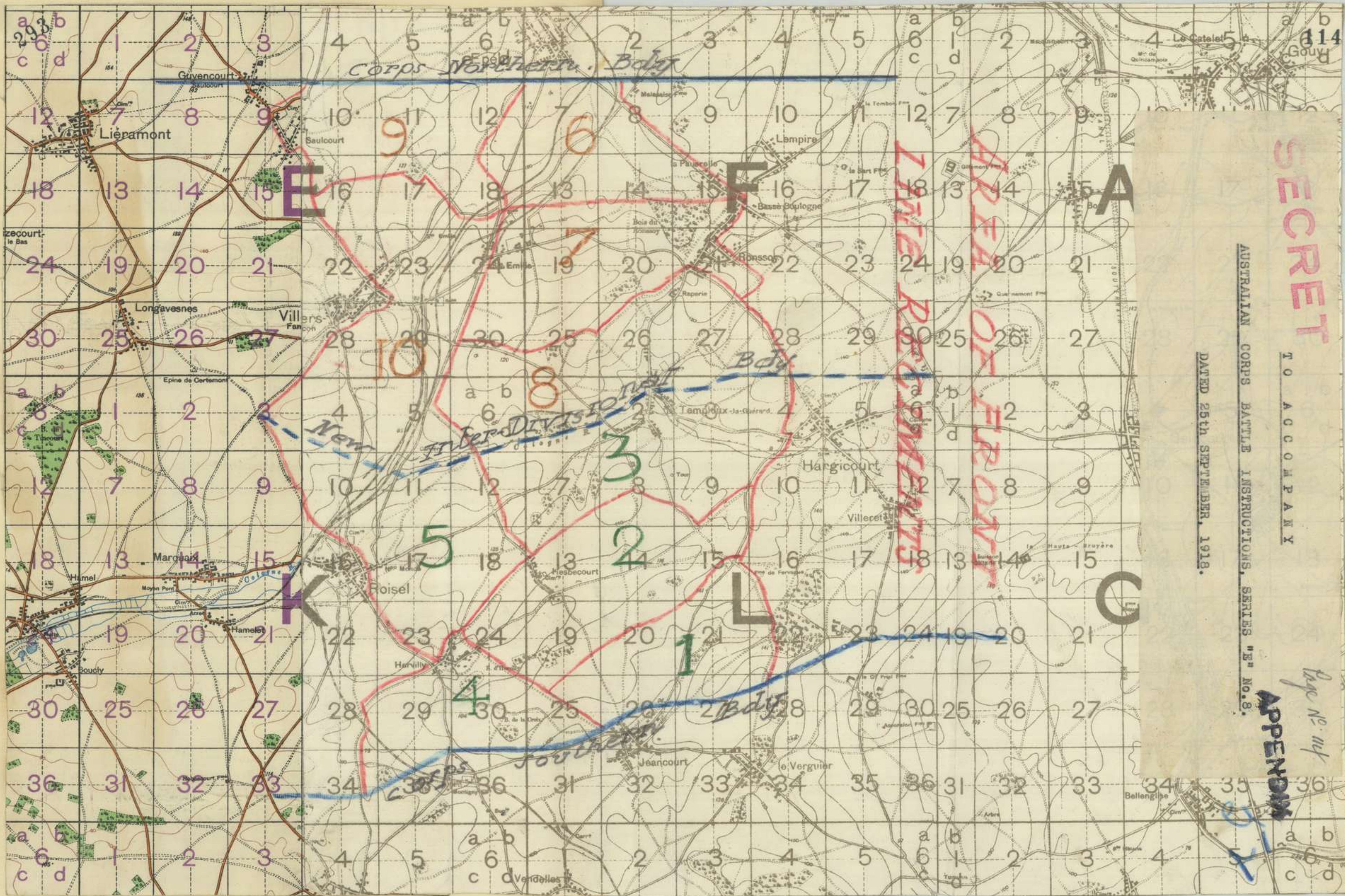
"D" Regiment 27th American Division, will occupy Area No. 10.

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Australian Corps,  
25th September, 1918.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "B", No. 9.ORGANISATION OF ROADS, TRAFFIC AND TROOP MOVEMENTS.

1. Four main roads will be developed for traffic under arrangements to be made by C.E., Australian Corps.

From the West as far East as our Start Line - Before Zero Day.

Eastwards from the Start Line - After Zero Hour on Zero Day.

These roads are coloured on the attached map respectively BLACK, RED, YELLOW and BLUE.

They will be respectively marked on the ground by sign boards, painted in the same sequence of colours.

Of these roads, the red and yellow roads will probably be developed into M.T. Roads. The black road is not likely to be suitable for any but pedestrian and Horse Transport traffic.

2. C.E., Australian Corps will arrange for parties of Engineers and Pioneers to commence work on these roads, East of the Start Line, as soon after zero hour as practicable in order to :-

- (a) Mark the routes with coloured signboards.
- (b) Clear obstructions.
- (c) Clear land mines.
- (d) Fill in shell holes and craters.
- (e) Fill in trenches.
- (f) Render the road practicable for Horse drawn artillery.

All necessary material will be prepared in advance.

It is anticipated that all four roads will be suitable for the use of Horse drawn artillery, as far east as the LE CATELET trench line, (inclusive) by 9 a.m. on zero day.

3. No traffic of any description - other than urgent signal traffic - will be permitted on any of these roads East of the Start Line until after 9 a.m.

4. The roads West of the Start Line will be kept clear of all traffic after zero hour, except for the battle troops, in accordance with the time table in paragraph 9.

5. The Armoured Car Battalion (and Whippet Tanks accompanying it) will use the YELLOW Road. The accompanying Whippets will, whenever practicable, march close beside, and not actually on these roads.

6. No transverse crossing of any of these roads, from North to South, or vice versa, will be permitted on zero day, except for single vehicles or Single Tanks or small bodies of troops. All north and south traffic must give way to, and avoid blocking, all East bound traffic.

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7. All Tanks accompanying Australian Troops, or moving east to Assembly positions, or moving west to Rallying points, must keep clear of these roads, and must not cross them unless absolutely unavoidable. Whenever practicable, Tanks will move in columns, close beside these roads, so as to consolidate an alternative marching track for infantry.

8. The following is the allocation of roads to Battle Troops, and the order of movement in each case :-

## BLACK ROAD.

"A" Regiment of 60th American Brigade.	} as far as Start Line only.
"A" Brigade Group of 5th Aust. Divn. with accompanying artillery.	
Reserve Brigade Group of 5th Aust. Divn. with artillery	
"D" Regiment of 59th American Brigade.	
@ 5th Cavalry Brigade.	} throughout.

## RED ROAD.

"B" Regiment of 60th American Brigade.	} As far as Start Line only.
"B" Brigade of 3rd Aust. Divn. with artillery.	
@ 5th Cavalry Brigade.	

## YELLOW ROAD.

"A" Regiment of 54th American Brigade.	} As far as Start Line only.
Armoured Car Battalion.	
"A" Brigade Group of 3rd Aust. Divn. with artillery.	} throughout.

## BLUE ROAD.

"B" Regiment of 54th American Brigade.	} As far as Start Line only.
"B" Brigade Group of 3rd Aust. Divn. with artillery.	
Reserve Brigade Group of 3rd Aust. Divn.	} throughout.
"D" Regiment of 54th American Brigade.	

@ 5th Cavalry Brigade will be prepared to move via either the BLACK or the RED Road

9. The following time-table will control the use of these four roads by the several formations to which they have been allotted :-

(a) American troops have right of way and preferential use of all four roads, as far East as the "Start" line, up to zero hour on zero day. After that hour, no troops of the American Corps (other than the "D" Regiments of each American Division) are to use any of these roads.

(b) From zero hour on zero day, four of the roads east of the "Start" line will be under the exclusive control of the Engineers and Pioneers until 9 a.m. No traffic of any description, other than for the service of these Engineers and Pioneers and urgent Signal traffic, may use those roads east of the "Start" line going east before 9 a.m.

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- (c) During the remainder of zero day, troops will have right of precedence going east on these four roads, for the whole length, in the following order :-

Between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. - Artillery detailed to support "C" American Regiments east of the control line shown in green.

3rd and 5th Australian Divisions Battle Brigades and Artillery.

Between 11 a.m. and 12 noon- 3rd and 5th Australian Divisions Reserve Brigades and artillery, followed by "D" Regiments of American Divisions.

After 2 p.m.

5th Cavalry Brigade on BLACK and RED roads only.

- (1) The Armoured Car Battalion will have precedence of all other traffic on the YELLOW Road.

- (11) If the Artillery detailed to support "C" American Regiments require to move east of the canal to carry out their task they will have precedence at 9 a.m. on the BLACK and BLUE Roads.

- (d) No Mechanical Transport or Tractor drawn artillery may use any of these roads until after 5 p.m. on zero day. After that hour one or more of these roads will be allocated for the use of Heavy Artillery, according to the situation.

10. The 5th Cavalry Brigade will not cross the "Start" Line of the Main Operation before 2 p.m., by which hour our situation on the red line should be definitely known.

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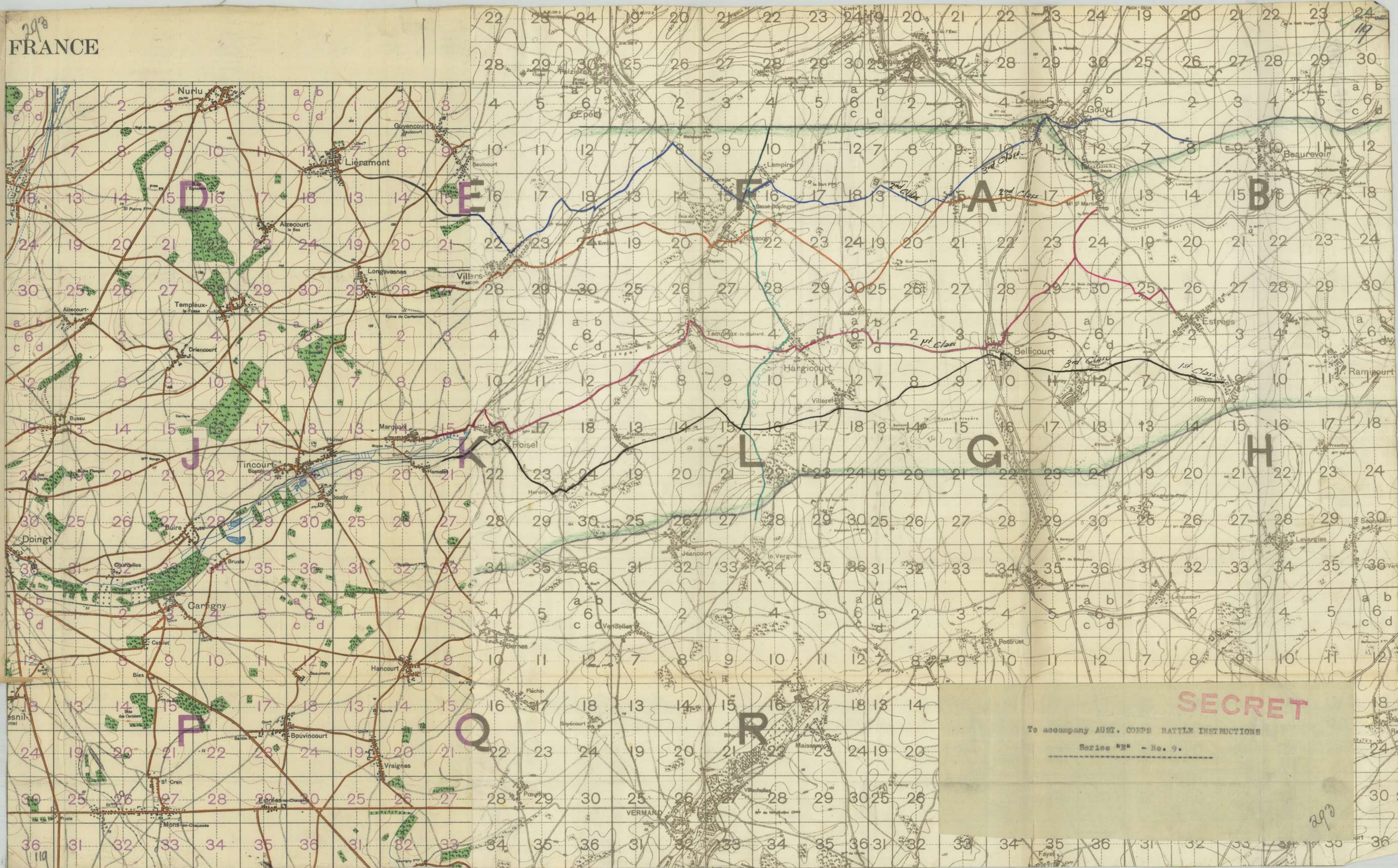
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@ Map attached.

0 Map follows.







Coron	Workmen's dwellings.
Cour des marchan-	Goods yard.
dises	
Couvent	Convent.
Crassier	Slag heap.
Croix	Cross.
Darse	Inner dock.
Démoli-e	Destroyed.
Détruit - e	
Déversoir	Weir.
Digue	Dyke, causeway.
Distillerie, Dist <sup>ie</sup>	Distillery.
Douane	Custom-house.
Bureau de douane	Custom warehouse.
Entrepôt de douane	Dynamite
Dynamitière, Dynam <sup>te</sup>	magazine.
Dynamitane	Dynamite factory.
Ecluse	Sluice, Lock.
Ecluse, Ecl <sup>ie</sup>	Sluice.
Ecole	School.
Ecurie	Stable.
Eglise	Church.
Emaillerie	Enamel works.
Embarcadere, Embr <sup>e</sup>	Landing-place.
Estaminet, Estam <sup>t</sup>	Inn.
Etang	Pond.
Fabrique, Fab <sup>e</sup>	Factory.
Fab <sup>e</sup> de produits chimiques	Chemical works.
Fab <sup>e</sup> de faïence	Pottery.
Falencerie	
Ferme, Fer <sup>e</sup>	Farm.
Filature, Fil <sup>re</sup>	Spinning mill.
Fonderie, Fond <sup>re</sup>	Foundry.
Fontaine, Font <sup>ne</sup>	Spring, fountain.
Forêt	Forest.
Forme de radoub	Dry dock.
Forge	Smithy.
Fosse	Mine, Pit.
Fossé	Moat, Ditch.
Four	Kiln.
" à chaux	Lime-kiln.

Four à coke	Coke oven.
Ganterie	Glove Factory.
Gare	Station.
Garenne	Warren.
Garnison	Garrison.
Gazomètre	Gasometer.
Glacière	
Fab <sup>e</sup> de glaces	Mirror Factory.
Glacière	Ice factory.
Grue	Crane.
Gué	Ford.
Guérite	Sentry-box, Turret.
" à signaux	Signal-box (Ry.)
Halte	Halt.
Hangar	Shed, Hangar.
Hôpital	Hospital.
Hôtel-de-Ville	Town hall.
Houillère	Colliery.
Huilerie	Oil factory.
Imprimerie, Impr <sup>ie</sup>	Printing works.
Jetée	Pier.
Laminerie	Rolling mills.
Ligne } de haute	High water mark.
Laine } marée	
" de basse marée	Low " "
Maison Forestière } Men. For.	Forester's house.
Malterie	Malt-house.
Marbrerie	Marble works.
Marais	Marsh.
Marais salant	Salt marsh.
Marché	Market.
Mare	Pool.
Moule	Rick.
Minière	Mine.
Monastère	Monastery.
Moulin, M <sup>in</sup>	Mill.
" à vapeur	Steam mill.
Mur	Wall.
" crénelé	Loop-holed wall.



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Copy No. 41Australian Corps,  
25th September, 1918.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 10.TANKS.1. ALLOTMENT OF TANKS.

The principle of the allotment of tanks is to ensure that sufficient tanks are available for each task and that all tanks will be employed on one task only.

Tanks will be employed in action under the command of the Infantry Commanders of the units to which they are attached.

Tanks are allotted as follows :-

(a) 4th Tank Brigade.(i) 1st Tank Battalion.

3 sections each of 4 tanks, total 12 tanks, to each of "A" and "B" Regiments of 30th American Division.

2 sections each of 5 tanks, total 10 tanks, to "C" Regiment of 30th American Division.

Total allotment to 30th American Division - 34 Tanks.

(ii) 301st American Battalion - total 47 tanks.

3 sections each of 5 tanks, total 15 tanks, to each of "A" and "B" Regiments of 27th American Division.

2 sections each of 5 tanks, total 10 tanks, to "C" Regiment of 27th American Division.

Total allotment to 27th American Division - 40 Tanks.

(iii) Corps Reserve.

4th Tank Battalion - 2 companies each of 12 tanks, total 24 tanks, and 7 tanks of the 301st American Battalion.

One company of the 4th Tank Battalion is detailed for employment in the preliminary minor operation and the total number of tanks as laid down for this battalion may not be available for the main operation.

(b) 5th Tank Brigade.

(i) 8th Tank Battalion - Total 24 Tanks to 5th Australian Division.

(ii) 16th Tank Battalion - Total 24 Tanks to 3rd Australian Division.

(iii) 13th Tank Battalion - Total 24 Tanks to Corps Reserve.

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- (c) The allotment of Tanks to the 3rd and 5th Australian Divisions allows for a proportion to be retained in Divisional Reserve.

2. TANKS IN CORPS RESERVE.

The Tanks retained in Corps Reserve will remain under the command of Tank Brigade Commanders.

They will be moved forward the night after the battle to suitable lying up positions from which it will be convenient to advance to the battle front.

3. MOPPING UP OF TUNNEL.

The tanks allotted to infantry units detailed for the mopping up of the tunnel will be given the most stringent orders to ensure that they carry out this role thoroughly and do not advance beyond the tunnel line except to deal with dugout entrances, &c., leading into the tunnel.

4. ASSEMBLY - 4th TANK BRIGADE.

(a) Lying up positions.

Lying up positions for tanks detailed to the first phase of the operations have been selected in E.15.d. (for 301st American Battalion) and K.11.b. (for 1st Tank Battalion.) They will occupy their lying up positions on "X/Y" night. On "Y/Z" night they will move forward from their lying up places to Starting Points at zero minus 6 hours. They will move with full engines to positions not nearer to their Starting Points than 3,000 yards. Thenceforward they will continue the movement to the Tank Start Line at a slow rate and as quietly as possible.

Starting Points will be fixed approximately 1,000 yards in rear of the infantry taped line.

Tanks will leave their Starting Points at such times as will ensure that they arrive on the infantry Forming Up Line at zero.

(b) Concealment of Engine Noise.

To conceal the noise of the engines during the advance of the tanks to the zero line the 5th Brigade, R.A.F. is arranging to have aeroplanes flying continuously over the Corps area from zero minus 6 hours onwards to zero.

5. ASSEMBLY - 5th TANK BRIGADE.

The forming up places for Tanks of the 5th Tank Brigade allotted to the 3rd and 5th Australian Divisions will be selected by G.O.C., 5th Tank Brigade in consultation with the Divisions to which the Tanks are allotted.

These Tanks will advance with the infantry units to which they are attached.

6. ARTILLERY BRIDGES.

The Tanks of the 5th Tank Brigade will carry artillery bridges which they will unload at various trench systems to be arranged between Divisions and 5th Tank Brigade.

These bridges should be so placed at selected points in the various trench systems as to permit of their being employed for the passage of infantry and later for horse drawn artillery and transport.

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RE-ASSEMBLY.

- (a) Tanks detailed to the first phase of the operation.

Tanks detailed to the first phase of the operation will be re-assembled under arrangements to be made between G. O. C., 4th Tank Brigade and Divisional Commanders, as soon as the battle troops and Tanks detailed for the second phase have passed the green line.

Divisional Commanders will ensure that Tanks allotted to the mopping up of the Tunnel are not withdrawn until the mopping up is completed.

- (b) Tanks detailed to the second phase of the operation.

The Tanks detailed to the second phase of the operation will be re-assembled under arrangements to be made between Divisional Commanders and G.O.C., 5th Tank Brigade.

The Tanks should be collected in such positions as will ensure that a reserve of Tanks is available to deal rapidly with any counter-attack.

8.

LIAISON.

Tank Brigade Commanders will ensure that each Division deals with one Tank Commander only.

Tank Battalion Commanders detailed to the various Divisions should be put in direct touch with Divisional Commanders as early as possible.

9.

WHIPPETS and ARMoured CARS.

Instructions as to the employment of Whippet Tanks and the 17th Armoured Car Battalion will be issued separately.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



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25th September, 1918.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 11.WHIPPET TANKS AND ARMoured CARS.

## 1. Whippet Tanks are detailed as follows :-

- 1 Company (8 Tanks) to 5th Australian Division;
- 1 Company (8 Tanks) to 3rd Australian Division;
- 1 Company (8 Tanks) to 17th Armoured Car Battalion.

## 2. The 17th Armoured Car Battalion, with Whippet Tanks attached, will be allotted an independent role.

It will pass through the battle line via the YELLOW Road as soon after the completion of the field artillery barrage programme as the condition of the road will permit.

After 9 a.m. the 17th Armoured Car Battalion will have priority of movement on the YELLOW Road.

## 3. The role of the 17th Armoured Car Battalion will be to move via main roads against enemy centres of importance. By vigorous action the Armoured Car Battalion will endeavour to cause as much confusion in, and inflict as much damage as possible on, enemy headquarters, centres of communications, railway points, etc.

## 4. A.D. Signals will arrange to provide pigeons on demand of O.C., 17th Armoured Car Battalion.

## 5. Armoured Cars are distinguished by the same markings as tanks - three broad painted bands, WHITE - RED - WHITE.

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Australian Corps.  
25th September, 1918.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E" No. 12.ROLE OF 5th CAVALRY BRIGADE.

1. 5th Cavalry Brigade is allotted to the Australian Corps for the forthcoming operations.
2. The 5th Cavalry Brigade will keep in touch with the advance of the infantry of 5th Australian Division. It will be prepared to pass through the infantry after the latter have reached the RED Line.
3. The role of the 5th Cavalry Brigade will be to seize and hold the line of high ground, Map Sheets No. 57B. E.W. and 62B N.W., HAMAGE FARM - U.25.a. and c. - C.8.central. - I.3.central - I.9.Central - I.14.central - I.19.central until the arrival of the Infantry.
4. Should the enemy retreat the 5th Cavalry Brigade will maintain contact.
5. Restrictions as to routes and times are contained in Australian Corps Battle Instructions Series "E" No. 9 dated 25th September, 1918.

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13	30th American Division		
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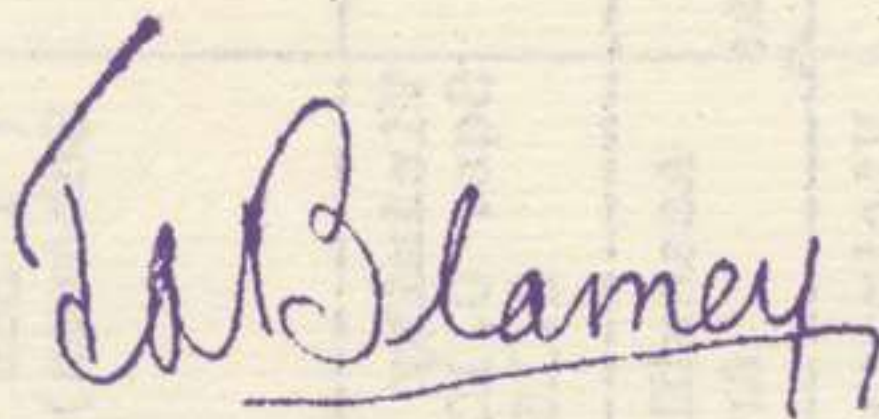
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Australian Corps,  
25th September, 1918.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 13.MOVEMENTS TO ASSEMBLY AND CONCENTRATION AREAS.

1. Prior to zero day formations will move into ~~assembly and~~ concentration areas in accordance with the attached table.
2. Except within brigade areas, no other routes than those laid down in the attached table will be used.
3. All routes allotted will be used, to ensure that no large columns will move along any single road.
4. Field Artillery Brigades, which will move forward with the 3rd and 5th Australian Divisions, will be concentrated in the respective Divisional assembly areas on "X/Y" and "Y/Z" nights under orders of the Divisions concerned.

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| 1. Fourth Army.              | 16. 5th Cavalry Brigade.    |
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| 3. III Corps.                | 18. Corps Mounted Troops.   |
| 4. IX Corps.                 | 19. G.C.C., R.A.            |
| 5. Cavalry Corps.            | 20. B.G.H.A.                |
| 6. Aust. Mission with        | 21. A.Q.                    |
| II American Corps.           | 22. C.E.                    |
| 7. 1st Australian Division.  | 23. A.D. Signals.           |
| 8. 2nd Australian Division.  | 24. "A".                    |
| 9. 3rd Australian Division.  | 25. "Q".                    |
| 10. 4th Australian Division. | 26. Iga.                    |
| 11. 5th Australian Division. | 27. A.D.C. for G.C.C.       |
| 12. 27th American Division.  | 28. A.P.M.                  |
| 13. 30th American Division.  | 29 - 31. War Diary.         |
| 14. 4th Tank Brigade.        | 32. File.                   |
| 15. 5th Tank Brigade.        | 33 - 36. Spares.            |



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## MOVE TABLE ISSUED WITH BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS SERIES "E" No.13.

Serial No.	Date	Unit	From.	To	Route	Remarks
1	W.	5th Cav. Bde	QUERRIEU	Vicinity of CERISY	LA NEUVILLE-CORBIE -HAMELET-HAMEL .	Accommodation from Area Comdt PROYART.
2	Night X/Y	3rd Aust. Div.	PERONNE Area	Assembly Areas	(a) MT ST QUENTIN-BUSSU-TEMPLEUX VILLERS FAUCON -ST EMILIE. (b) MOULIN ROUGE-HAMEL-Northern road in ROISEL -Cross roads K.5.b.	
3	do	5th Aust. Div.	MESNIL Area	Assembly Areas	(a) Road Junction O.6.b.3.2.- CARTIGNY-BRUSLE-BOUCLY- ROISEL-TEMPLEUX-le-GUERARD (b) Bridge at Fm.LAMIRE - LE MESNIL-CATELET Cross Roads P.4.c.-Q.2.a.-HERVILLY-HESBECOURT	
4	do	2nd Aust. Div.	CAPPY Area	PERONNE Area ( 2 Bdes) MESNIL Area ( 1 Bde in N.E. SubArea)	(a) PRISE -FEUILLERES-HEM-CLERY ALLAINES -BUSSU (b) CAPPY -HERBECOURT -BIACHES Bridge H.24.b.- HALLE - QUINCONCE -ST DENIS-Cross Roads I.24.c. (c) CAPPY-DOMPIERRE-ASSEVILLERS BARLEUX-Fm LAMIRE-LE MESNIL	All troops to be quartered East of the line I.15.cent. I.27.cent. River SOMME.
5	do	5th Cav.Bde	CERISY	Vicinity LE MESNIL Sqs. O.10. O.11. O.16. & O.17.	MORCOURT-PROYART-Cross Roads R.27.c.O.4.-VILLERS CARBONNEL- BRIE - LE MESNIL.	Accommodation from Area Comdt MESNIL
6	Night Y/Z	2nd Aust. Div.	PERONNE & MESNIL Areas	Assembly Areas	Serial 2 (a) and (b) and Serial 3 (b)	
7	do	5th Cav. Bde	MESNIL Area	Vicinity of BOUCLY and HAMELET	Serial 3 (a)	Accommodation from Area Comdt TINCOURT

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BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 14.

HEADQUARTERS and SYNCHRONISATION.

1. HEADQUARTERS.

Headquarters of formations for the main operations will be located as under :-

Headquarters, Australian Corps.	N.16.a.5.0. (West of BARLEUX)
Advanced Headquarters II American Corps.	N.16.a. MERICOURT.
Rear Headquarters II American Corps.	J.12.d.4.3. (TINGOURT WOOD.)
Headquarters, B.G.H.A., Australian Corps.	J.16.a.8.2. (BUIRE WOOD.)
Headquarters 30th American Division.	J.11.c.4.9. (BUIRE WOOD.)
Headquarters, 27th American Division.	K.23.d.5.2. (EERVILLY.)
Headquarters, 5th Australian Divn.	F.26.c.8.8. (N. of TEMPLEUX - 10 - GUERARD.)
Headquarters, 3rd Australian Divn.	D.28.central (TEMPLEUX - 10 - FOSEE.)
Headquarters, 4th Tank Brigade.	J.10.b.9.1. (BUIRE WOOD.)
Headquarters, 5th Tank Brigade.	

2. SYNCHRONISATION.

Synchronisation will be carried out as follows :-

- (1) 2nd, 3rd and 5th Australian Divisions and B.G.H.A., Australian Corps will use the specially selected "rated" watches on issue to their Signal Companies.

These will be synchronised twice daily with the "rated" watch at the Corps Signal office in the usual way.

All units of the above formations will then synchronise with the Signal Company "rated" watch.

- (11) 27th and 30th American Divisions.

A Staff Officer will leave Corps Headquarters at 12 mid-day and at 5 p.m. with a watch, synchronised at these times with the "rated" watch at the Corps Signal office, and will visit the Headquarters of the 27th and 30th American Divisions.

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9. 5th Australian Division.
10. 27th American Division.
11. 30th American Division.
12. 3rd Tank Brigade.
13. 4th Tank Brigade.
14. 5th Tank Brigade.
15. 5th Brigade, R.A.F.
16. 5th Cavalry Brigade.
17. 15th Wing, R.A.F.
18. 5th Balloon Co, R.A.F.
19. 3rd Squadron, F.C.
20. G.O.C., R.A.
21. B.G.H.
22. A.C.
23. C.E.
24. D.D.L.S.
25. A.D. Signals.
26. O.C. Corps Signal Company.
27. Headquarters Special Companies, Fourth Army.
28. Iga.
29. Branch Intelligence Section.
30. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
- 31 - 33. War Diary.
34. File.
- 35 - 40. Spares.



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25th September, 1918.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 15.FLANK ACTION.1. SOUTH FLANK.(1) Limit of Artillery Barrage.

The artillery barrage will extend south to the line Sq. G.21.a.00.75 - G.12.d.00.10. vide map issued with Battle Instructions, Series "E" No. 2.

(11) Action West of Canal.(a) Infantry Action.

The infantry attack west of the Canal will extend southwards as far as the line of the field artillery barrage.

(b) Smoke Screen.

The area between this line and the southern Corps Boundary (the grid line Sq. G.20.central - Sq. G.22.cent.) as far east as the Canal will be kept under a heavy smoke screen by No. 4 Special Company, R.E.

(111) Action East of Canal.

(a) The first objective of "C" Regiment, 30th American Division will be the GREEN DOTTED line as shown on the map issued with Battle Instructions, Series "E", No. 2.

(b) Arrangements have been made with IX Corps for all artillery fire west and north of this line to cease at 8 a.m., by which time troops should be in position to push southward.

(c) Troops of 30th American Division will not advance from the GREEN to the RED line before 11 a.m. After this hour artillery fire of IX Corps will lift clear of the area between the GREEN and RED Lines.

(d) Exploitation to the DOTTED RED line will only be necessary in the event of troops of IX Corps being unable to force the passage of the Canal.

The closest liaison will be necessary between the 46th British Division and the Commander of "C" Regiment, 30th American Division, to ensure that the troops of the two formations do not come into conflict, and at the same time to ensure that no opportunity be lost of clearing the passages across the Canal.

(e) The <sup>artillery</sup> smoke barrage on the flank will be timed to lift southwards in accordance with the above.

(iv) Arrangements will be made direct between G.O.C., 30th American Division and G.O.C., 46th British Division, for the passage of tanks of III Corps between the southern exit of the Tunnel and BLACK Road.

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NORTH FLANK.(1) West of the Canal.

(a) The III Corps will advance at zero in co-operation with 27th American Division. Its objective will be a line to be selected to cover the flank of the 27th Division. It is not intended that the III Corps shall enter the village of VENDHUILLE during the first phase.

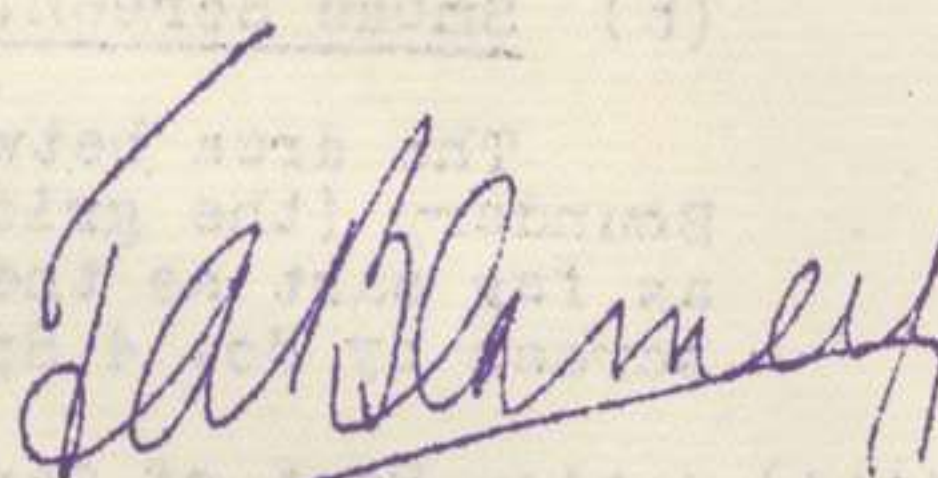
(b) 27th American Division will give right of way to troops of III Corps Division to form up in rear of 27th American Division in the vicinity of the KNOLL, to permit of the attack being developed in a north easterly direction down the spur running through Square A.1.

(11) East of the Canal.

The GREEN DOTTED line shewn on the map issued with Battle Instructions, Series "E", No. 2, will be the first objective of "C" Regiment, 27th American Division.

The RED Line allotted to 27th American Division will be the line of exploitation.

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13. B.G.H.A.
14. A.Q.
15. C.E.
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18. Iga.
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28. File.



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26th September 1918.DISPOSITIONS - HEADQUARTERS OF FORMATIONS  
as at 6 a.m. 27th September 1918.Ref. Sheet 62.C.

Australian Corps	N.16.c.	
B.G.H.A.	J.12.d.6.9.	
3rd Sqdn A.F.C.	BOUVINCOURT.	
13th A.L.H. Regt.	O.16.b.	
1st Australian Division	LONG Area	
1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	" "	
2nd " " "	" "	
3rd " " "	" "	
2nd Australian Division	G.25.d.1.3.	
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	H.19.a.7.0.	
6th " " "	G.2.32.a.2.9.	
7th " " "	G.15.c.4.5.	
3rd Australian Division	I.36.b.3.3.	
9th Aust. Inf. Bde.	I.15.d.8.9.	
10th " " "	I.24.a.5.5.	
11th " " "	J.19.c.4.5.	
4th Australian Division	CAVILLON	
4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	PIQUIGNY	
12th " " "	PISSY Area	
13th " " "	BOVELLES	
5th Australian Division	M.9.d.7.1.	
8th Aust. Inf. Bde.	O.4.b.4.2.	
14th " " "	O.18.a.central	
15th " " "	O.8.d.9.4.	
II American Corps	N.16.c.	
27th American Division	J.11.c.4.9.	
53rd American Bde.	E.18.d.0.8.	
105th Inf. Regt.	F.21.a.7.4.	
106th " "	F.22.c.	
54th American Bde.	D.22.a.	
107th Inf. Regt.	ALLAINES.	
108th " "	D.21.c.	
30th American Division	J.16.b.0.5.	
59th American Bde.	L.26.c.4.7.	LINE
117th Inf. Regt.	K.12.d.2.0.	
118th " "	L.10.a.1.2.	
60th American Bde.	K.27.a.6.8.	
119th Inf. Regt.	K.11.c.35.70.	
120th " "	K.30.c.2.7.	
3rd Tank Brigade	O.13.b.4.7.	
4th Tank Brigade	D.28.central	
5th Tank Brigade	FEUILLERES.	
5th Cavalry Brigade.	PROYART.	



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Australian Corps.  
26th September, 1918.1st AMENDMENT TO BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS SERIES "E" No.9

Para. 8 will be amended as follows :-

" RED ROAD. For "B" Brigade of 3rd Aust. Division, read  
"B" Brigade of 5th Aust. Division.BLUE ROAD. For "D" Regiment of 54th American Brigade, read  
"D" Regiment of 53rd American Brigade. "*R. Casermain*/m Brigadier-General  
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27th September, 1918.

SECOND AMENDMENT TO BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 9.

1. Paragraph 8 will be amended as follows :-

BLACK ROAD. After "A" Regiment of 60th American Brigade"  
insert "'C' Regiment of 59th American Brigade."

BLUE ROAD. After "'B' Regiment of 54th American Brigade"  
insert "'C' Regiment of 53rd American Brigade".

2. 27th and 30th American Divisions, and 3rd and 5th  
Australian Divisions to ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

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