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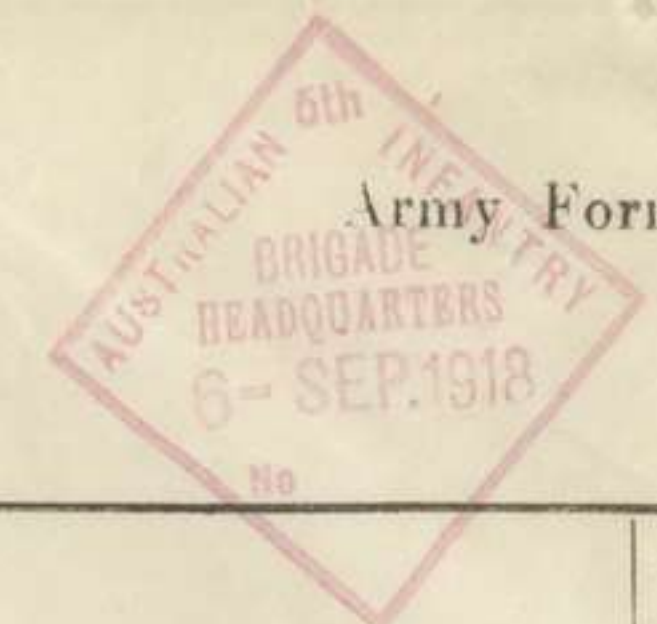
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| O 25 c 6 4. | 1918. Aug. 1st. | 12.50 | am. Enemy aircraft dropped a number of bombs on VILLERS BRETONNEUX, Vicinity of Brigade H.Q. and GLISY. | |
| | | 12.55 | am. 50 15 cm. 10.5 cm. H.E. on O 30 and O 35 from direction of MARCELCAVE. | |
| | | - 1.5 | am. | |
| | | 1.10 | am. Enemy aircraft dropped a number of bombs in vicinity of Brigade H.Q. No damage. | |
| | | 2.45 | am. 20 10.5 cm. H.E. on O 36 and O 35 from direction of BAYONVILLERS. | |
| | | 2.50-3 | am. Concentration of 10.5 cm., 77 mm and 15 cm. on O 36 and O 35. | |
| | | 4 | am. Morning report - Situation unchanged. Quiet night on Brigade front. | |
| | | 4.30 | am. 20th Bn. (Left line Bn.) reported fairly heavy shelling on Bn. front and on fronts of Battalions on either flanks and in consequence anticipate a raid. | |
| | | 4.33 | am. 10th A.I.Bde. Left Bde. reported shelling on their front. | |
| | | 4.35 | am. 18th Bn. (Right Line Bn) reported fairly heavy shelling of their front line and supports. | |
| | | 4.36 | am. Bde. O.P. reported shelling of front line extended from Main road N. to ACCROCHE Wood with the heaviest concentration on P 27 a. | |
| | | 4.37 | am. Artillery notified and ordered to "Stand To". Right Bde. (6th A.I.Bde.) reported shelling on their front. | |
| | | 4.38 | am. 20th Bn. reported hostile fire concentrated on P 27 c. | |
| | | 4.45 | am. 20th Bn. reported that counter battery work had been put in hand. 20th Bn. reported enemy fire slackening. Reported matter to Division. | |
| | | 4.50 | am. 10th A.I.Bde. on left reported practically no fire on their front. | |
| | | 4.57 | am. 20th Bn. reported fire had practically ceased. Also reported that the enemy bombardment had been opened with minenwerfer. | |
| | | 4.58 | am. Bde. O.P. reported situation fairly quiet. | |
| | | 5 | am. 18th Bn. reported shelling quietened down. | |
| | | 5.3. | am. 20th Bn. right Coy. reported enemy artillery now quiet. Bulk of shells fell in the vicinity of main road in P 27 c and on supports. A large number of "pineapple bombs" were sent over by the enemy. | |
| | | 5.10 | am. Shelling of batteries in vicinity of Bde. H.Q. with 15 and 21 cm. | |
| | 5.30 | am. 20th Bn. reported their front lineposts all O.K. Estimated casualties 6. Stated that the continuous front line trench saved many casualties as troops were able to move to a flank. | | |
| | 7 | am. 18th Battalion reported about 6 casualties as the result of the bombardment. | | |
| | 7 | am. Fine sunny morning. Warm. Ground Haze. G.O.C. visited front line with Div. Commander. | | |

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| O 25 c 6 4. | 1918. Aug. 1st | 9 | am. G.S.O.II visited Bde. H.Q. and all Bn. H.Q's. | | |
| | | 11.35 | am. Situation quiet on Bde. front. Very little shelling since 5 a.m. | | |
| | | 2.30 | pm. Situation quiet. No shelling of Bde. front for last 2 hours. | | |
| | | 4 | pm. Evening report - Situation quiet. Enemy artillery quiet. Enemy aircraft nil. Visibility fair. | | |
| | | 6 | pm. All quiet on Bde. front. Very hot sultry day. | | |
| | | 8 | pm. Situation quiet. | | |
| | | 10 | pm. Heavy shelling of Allied forward system between HANGARD and CACHY. | | |
| | | 11 | pm. Situation quiet on Bde. front. | | |
| | | 11.15 | pm. Shelling of 3rd. Aust. Div. front/vicinity of HAMEL. | | |
| | | 12 | Midnight. Situation quiet on Brigade front. Enemy flares white. Normal number being sent up. The following Memos. etc. were issued during the day. Bde. Order No 203 - Extension of 20th Bn. front to the North. Night 1st/2nd August. Bde. Order No 204 - Move of Brigade to reserve area on completion of relief by 6th A.I. Bde. Night 2/3rd August. Bde. No 16/363 Working parties night 1st/2nd. August. Bde. No 9/566 Artillery Night Firing Programme. Night 1st/2nd August. | | |
| | | do | 2nd. Midnight. | Bde. O.P. report for previous 1 1/2 hours. "At 10.40 p.m. 12 10.5 cm. on O 23. At 10.45 p.m. our planes over WARFUSEE bombing and machinegunning. At 10.50 p.m. enemy aircraft dropped 6 bombs over VILLERS BRETONNEUX. At 11.12 p.m. 10.5 cm Gas shells on O 35 and U 5 at rate of 6 rounds per minute. 11.15 - 11.50 p.m. O 35, O 36 and P 31 shelled with 10.5 cm. from direction of LAMOTTE." | app. 2 " 4 " 7 |
| | | | 1.40 | am. Bde. O.P. reported that at 12.30 a.m. enemy aircraft fired tracer bullets on to our front line. | |
| | | | 12.15 | am. 20th Battalion reported front extended in accordance with Brigade order 201 and 203. | |
| | | | 3 | am. Gas blowing across Brigade front. Wind from N.E. | |
| | 1.30 | am.- 3.10 am. 150 10.5 cm. on O 28. | | | |
| | 4 | am. Morning report "Situation unchanged. Quiet night on Brigade front." | | | |
| | 5 | am. Big gun on T.B. 118° from P 25 d 95 55 firing apparently on to GLISY. | | | |
| | 6 | am. Very wet and misty. Heavy rain. | | | |
| | 9 | am. Still raining. Trenches becoming very wet and muddy. | | | |
| | 10 | am. Still raining heavily. Trenches in Reserve Brigade area becoming very wet. Division notified. | | | |

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| 0 25 c 6 4 | 1918. August. 2nd. | | notified that some shelters must be provided for this Brigade in order to give the men some cover when they come back into reserve tonight. Division replied that they could not supply any. | |
| | | 12 Noon. | Still raining. Situation quiet on Brigade front. | |
| | | 1 pm. | 15 cm. Battery shelling P 26 b from S.E. direction. Artillery notified. | |
| | | 4 pm. | Still raining. | |
| | | 6 pm. | Situation quiet on Brigade front. Still raining. | |
| | | 9 pm. | Relief of 19th. Bn. by 25th Bn. complete. | |
| | | 10.30 pm. | Artillery fired on transport movement in P 29. Infantry reported shooting excellent and several blasts heard as if from a strombus horn. Probably call for S.B.R's. | |
| | | 10.55 pm. | 5th A.L.T.M.Bty reported relief complete. | |
| | | 11.30 pm. | 18th Bn. reported P 26 c being shelled by 15 cm. from S.E. direction. Artillery informed. Battery engaged. | |
| | | 12 Midnight. | Situation now quiet on Brigade front. | |
| | | | The following Memos. etc were sent out during the day.- Bde. No 15/544 American Stokes Mortar Platoon to be handed over to 6th A.I.Bde. Bde. No 5/226 List of dugouts in Reserve area. The following Memos. etc. were received during the day and not attached as appendices. 2nd. Ast. Div. Engineer Order No 54. 20th Bn. Orders No 38 and 39. 7th A.I.Bde. Order No 208. 2nd. A.M.G.Bn. Order No 42. Amendment to 2nd. Aust. Div. Order no 207. 10th A.I.Bde. message P 67 Adjustment of Southern Boundary. 2nd. Aust. Div. G 37/619 Salvage of derelict cable. | App 9 |
| do | 3rd | 1 am. | Situation quiet on Brigade front. | |
| | | 3 am. | Relief of 20th Bn. by 23rd Bn. reported complete. | |
| | | 3.30 am. | " " 18th " " 21st " " " | |
| | | 4 am. | " " 17th " " 24th " " " | |
| | | 4 am. | Command of Left Brigade Sub-sector of 2nd. Aust. Div. passed from G.O.C. 5th A.I.Bde. to G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde. | |
| GLISY | | 4.30 am. | G.O.C. and B.M. arrived at Bde. H.Q. GLISY. | |
| | | 9 am. | Raining. | |
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| GLISY. | 1918. AUGUST. 3rd. | 11 | am. Arrangements made for Battalions to attend Tank Demonstration at VAUX-en-AMIENNOIS on 4th and 5th instant. Still raining. G.O.C. visited Div. Commander. Major BATEMAN, 23rd. Bn. reported for duty as C.O., 19th Battalion. | |
| | | 1 | pm. Instructions issued to Battalions to put into force the new platoon organization. | |
| | | 2.30 | pm. Conference at Brigade H.Q. Present G.O.C., B.M., C.O's. 17th., 18th., 19th., 20th., Bns. G.O.C. explained and discussed a number of orders and instructions recently received from 2nd. Aust. Div., the forthcoming Tank Demonstration, several administrative questions, and the new platoon organization of 1 double Lewis gun section and 2 rifle sections. Reorganization to be completed by 12 Noon, 4th instant. | |
| | | 9 | pm. G.O.C., visited Div. Commander. | |
| | | 12. Midnight. | Major MACALLUM reported back for duty from 65th American Infantry Bde. H.Q. | |
| | | | The following Memos. were issued during the day:- Bde. No 16/364. Working parties Night 3rd/4th August. Bde. No 6/179 To units - Gas proof doors. Bde. No 7/458 Translation of German Document "Listening Set Reports" To units. Bde. No 6/178 "First Aid by Gas N.C.O's." Bde. No 12/196 "Experiment of Discs for use with Contact planes". To Units. Bde No 11/872 "Report on Officers and N.C.O's. who attended Div. Signal School." To Units. Bde. No 1/151 Forwarding to Units one revised copy of G.H.Q. Letter A.A. 25 "Firing at Aircraft from the ground at night." Bde. No 7/459 Forwarding to units translation of a captured German document re reconnaissance by Officers. Bde. No 15/545 Tank Demonstration for Units. | app 11 |
| do | 4th | 7.30 | am. Fine warm day but cloudy. 19th Bn. and 5th. A.L.T.M.Bty. proceeded by bus to the vicinity of VAUX-en-AMIENNOIS to witness demonstration in the co-operation of Tanks with Infantry, returning early in the afternoon. During the day 17th., 18th., and 20th Bns. carried on bathing and re-organization. Brigade Memo 11/877 issued. | app 12 |
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| GLISY. | 1918. August. 5th | | Dull day with frequent heavy showers. | |
| | | 7.30 | am. 17th., 18th. and 20th. Battalions embussed to attend practices in attacking with Tanks in the vicinity of VAUX-enAMIENNOIS returning about 6 p.m. | |
| | | 1 | pm. Orders received that moves set out in 2nd. Aust. Div. Order No 208 Para. 4 would take place on night 6/7th. | |
| | | 1.30 | pm. Brigade Order No 205 issued. | |
| | | 3.15 | pm. 2nd. Aust. Div. Order No 210 received. Instructions received from 2nd. Aust. Div. that final preparations were to be made for the proposed operation. Such details as necessary to be communicated communicated to subordinate commanders. | |
| | | 4 | pm. Brigade Order No 206 issued. | |
| | | 8 | pm. Conference held at Brigade H.Q. C.O's. Adjutants and Q.M's. of Battalions. O.C. 6th M.G. Coy, O.C. 5th. A.L.T.M.Bty., O.C. 7th. Field Amb., O.C., 7th. Field Coy. A.E., and D.T.M.O. attended. The whole of the draft Order for the operation was gone through and discussed. The bayonet strength of the Battalions was roughly estimated as follows:- 17th 500, 18th. 305, 19th 315, 20th 310. | App 13 |
| | | 9 | pm. Units informed that "X" day would be the 6th instant. The personnel of the 2nd. Bn., 129th. American Infantry Regiment ceased to be attached to the Brigade and moved to ALLONVILLE during the night. | App 14 |
| do | 6th | | Weather improved but still a few showers especially in the morning. | |
| | | 11 | am. Representatives from each unit and went forward and were allotted quarters in the concentration area (AUBIGNY System). During the day final arrangements re dumps and etc., and final reconnaissances were carried out. The Corps Commander's "Message to the Australian Cops" was received and distributed to Units also "Notes on the Country in the Enemy's occupation between the River SOMME and the AMIENS Railway. | |
| | | 8 | pm. Brigade Order No 207 issued. | |
| | | 9.30 | pm. During the early part of the night Units moved forward into the AUBIGNY System. Brigade Memos. 15/543 and 9/581 issued during the day. | App 15 App 17 App 16 |
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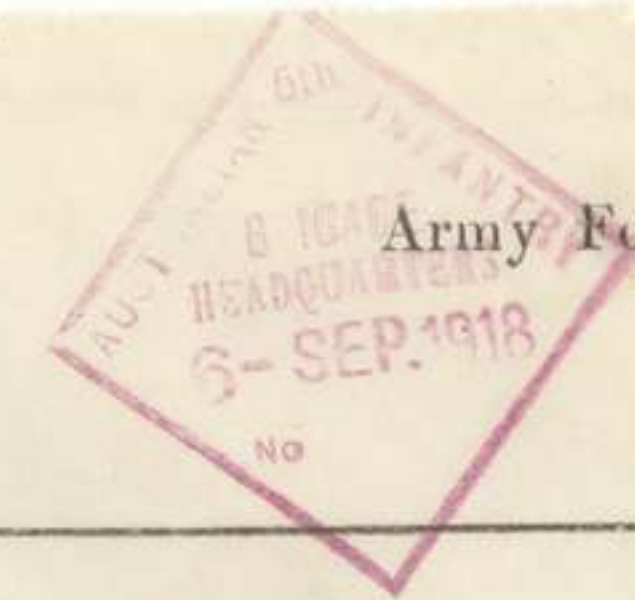
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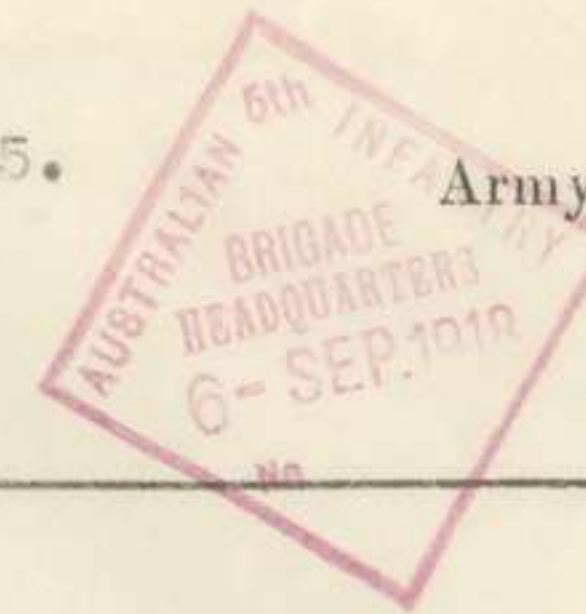
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| Glisy. | 1918. Aug. 7th | | <p>Weather clearing but several heavy showers. Final arrangements made during the day for the forthcoming operations. In the evening troops moved to the AUBIGNY Line. The following memos were issued from the Brigade during the day. Bde. No. 67/14 "Arrangements for the collection of Prisoners of War". 9/586 Series 2, Notes issued in connection with Bde. Order NO 207". No 9/587 Series 3, Notes on Operations - Progress Signals - ACCROCHE WOOD - To be used by 9th A.I.Bde. Memo in connection with Brigade Order No 207 Zero Hour issued to Units.</p> | <p>app 20, 21 app 19</p> |
| VILLERS - BRETONNEUX | 8th | | | |
| | | 12.5 | am. T.M.Bty. reported in position. | |
| | | 1.40 | am. Telephone communications established to all Battalions. O.P. reports sector very quiet. Light scattered shelling. No M.G. fire. Very few flares. All guns firing seem to be a long way back. | |
| | | 1.50 | am. Bde. I.O. reported tapes laid. Men coming on to tapes when he left. Left Boundary laid only 30 yards on account of enemy. | |
| | | 2.7 | am. O.P. reports artillery and M.G. fire nil. Flares going up a great deal further back than usual. | |
| | | 2.50 | am. 20th Bn. report men on jumping off tape. | |
| | | 3.5 | am. O.P. reports enemy shelling P 26 with gas. | |
| | | 3.10 | am. B.M. spoke to Adjt., 19th Bn. who knew nothing of this. | |
| | | 3.30 | am. 18th Bn. report one tank out of action. O.P. reports gas shelling on P 26 ceased. | |
| | | 3.35 | am. 17th Battalion report 3 Coys. in position. 4th Coy. nearly complete. | |
| | | 3.50 | am. 18th Bn. in position. 6th A.I.Bde. report concentration completed. Situation quiet. Enemy flares seem further back than usual. | |
| | | 4 | am. Liaison reports received. 8th and 9th A.I.Bdes. in position. | |
| | | 4.8 | am. B.M. spoke to 19th Bn. They report 3 Coys. in position. some time back. Runner from 4th Coy. evidently gone astray. They are quite confident that everything is O.K. Situation quiet. | |
| | | 4.11 | am. Reported O.K. to 7th. A.I.Bde. | |
| | | 4.15 | am. 19th Bn. reported 4th Coy. in position. | |
| | | 4.28 | am. 18th Bn. report practically no enemy retaliation. A few 5.9's. about VAIRE WOOD. | |
| | | 4.35 | am. O.P. report synchronization excellent. D.H.Q. informed accordingly. | |



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| | 1918 Aug. | | | |
| VILLERS - BRETONNEUX. | 4.45 8th | 4.45 | am. 19th Battalion reports everything going well. Retaliation light on front and flanks. Heavy mist. All troops passed jumping off tape. 18th Battalion reports ditto. | |
| | | 4.57 | am. 7th A.I.Bde. report. Good start. Slight retaliation. | |
| | | 5 | am. 18th Bn. reports not much enemy artillery fire. O.P.L reports everything going well. No retaliation. Enemy sending up flares from the AMIENS LINE. | |
| | | 5.4 | am. 9th. A.I.Bde. report a good start. ACCROCHE WOOD entered 4.30 a.m. Retaliation slight. | |
| | | 5.20 | am. 18th Bn. report some 77 and 5.9 shells falling in P 20 c and P 26 b. Troops seem to be having difficulty in keeping direction owing to fog. | |
| | | 5.25 | am. Liaison 9th A.I.Bde. reports - 3 prisoners captured West of wood. All going well but fog very thick. | |
| | | 5.30 | am. 19th Bn. report Left Coy. apparently lost direction owing to fog. and were followed by part of 17th Battalion. Right Coy. Coy. Commander reports nearing objective. Some prisoners. | |
| | | 5.32 | am. Right Coy. of 19th Bn. on objective. D.H.Q. informed accordingly. | |
| | | 6 | am. 19th Bn. report received message from 20th. Everything appears to be going well. | |
| | | 6.5 | am. 37 prisoners of 152nd, R.I.R. taken by the 17th Bn. Bn. reports that owing to thick fog a certain amount of direction has been lost. 7th A.I.Bde. report gained 1st objective. Hope to get 2nd. objective later. | |
| | | 6.30 | am. 9th Brigade received verbal report timed 5.30 a.m. saying some of 17th Bn. and 18th Bn. at P 24 a 0 6. | |
| | | 6.40 | am. Sig Officer, 19th Bn. states tanks gone forward. No rifle M.G. or artillery fire. | |
| | | 6.45 | am. O.C., 6th M.G. COY reports he is going forward to BLACK LINE to establish H.Q. | |
| | | 6.55 | am. 20th Bn. report in BLACK line. Units mixed up. Have sent up to have them sorted out. Prisoners to date 1 Officer, 55 O.R's. - 13th and 41st Divs. Mist now clearing. 5th Div. have passed through 19th Bn. also in BLACK line. Shell fire practically nil. 17th Bn. report. Right Coy. states forward of BLACK line. 40 prisoners so far. | |
| | | 7 | am. 19th Bn. report 20 prisoners of 127th taken by 18th Bn. Situation and estimate of prisoners wired to Div. H.Q. and flank Bdes. | |
| | | 7.30 | am. 19th Bn. "A" Coy. now astride WARFUSEE ROAD 200 yards West of village. Trench cleaned up. Casualties small. 40 prisoners 152nd. I.R. Village being cleared. H.Q's. being moved forward. 17th Bn. report Coy. rushed the village behind Tank and captured 50 prisoners. /H.Q. | |

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| <p>VILLERS HARPOUNIERIS BRETONNEUX</p> | 1918 Aug. 8th | | H.Q. going forward. 17th Bn. report 34th Bn. have captured some guns. Re-organization proceeding well. D.H.Q. and flank Brigades informed accordingly. | | |
| | | 7.40 | am. 20th Bn. report 34th Bn. have captured some guns. Re-organization proceeding well. D.H.Q. and flank Brigades informed accordingly. | | |
| | | 7.45 | am. 17th Bn. (from Lieut. SMITH, READ and SELLARS) through on both sides of village and have more prisoners than they can deal with. 18th Bn. moving forward. 7th Brigade report that prisoners state two reserve battalions in gully Q 23 and 29 also elements of a M.G. Coy. | | |
| | | 8 | am. Report received from front line that "GREEN" line has been gained and our artillery are going forward. | | |
| | | 8.25 | am. 19th Bn. on "BLACK" line. H.Q. at P 28 d 6 7. Armoured cars and tanks have passed through. Cavalry have also gone through on right of road. 17th and 18th digging in. Lt. GRIFFITHS killed. | | |
| | | 8.25 | am. 20th Bn. report holding "BLACK" line from road to edge of TAILLOUX Wood. In touch with units on flanks. GREEN Line established. Tanks and Cars going through. D.H.Q. and flank Brigades informed accordingly. | | |
| | | 8.40 | am. 20th Bn. report another 150 prisoners and 2 horses. | | |
| | | 8.55 | am. Wire received from D.H.Q. that command of battle front has passed to G.O.C. 5th Aust. Div. 20th Bn. report prisoners to date 9 officers 330 O.R's. Liaison 9th Bde. wires - 34th Bn. consolidating on GREEN line. Enemy retreating hurriedly along whole Brigade front. Hostile artillery practically nil. | | |
| | | 9.5 | am. D.H.Q. and flank Bdes. informed of present situation. | | |
| | | 9.15 | am. Wire received from 6th Bde. that their H.Q. closed at the WHITE CHATEAU and opened at the DOLL'S HOUSE. at 9 a.m. | | |
| | | 9.20 | am. Liaison 8th Bde. reports they made a good start from GREEN line well up to time. | | |
| | | 9.45 | am. Congratulations received from Div. Commander. 17th Bn. report our artillery falling short on GREEN line. Message (times 8.30 a.m.) received from D.H.Q. that main motor transport road from HAMEL to Cross Roads Q 7 a & b to Q 7 c 3 5 fork roads, in good order & motor transport. All roads up to line Q 7 b & c and P 23 b & d fit for horse transport and F.art. | | |
| | | 9.55 | am. 18th Bn. at present well established on GREEN line except left flank from about East and West grid line through P 30 central Northwards. During consolidation the barrage was falling short on the GREEN line, therefore "A" Coy. consolidated on Road 50 yards in rear. Casualties very light estimated at 5 O.R's. wounded. Some men strayed beyond boundaries but are being collected. Bn. strength approximately 320 O.R's. In touch on both flanks. H.Q. at P 30 c 7 8. At least 13 guns passed over by this Bn. | | |
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| VILLERS - BRETONNEUX. | 1818. Aug. 8th | 9.57 | am. 20th Bn. reported dispositions on GREEN Line. Casualties light. | |
| | | 10.40 | am. Message received from 9th A.I.Bde. now consolidating on GREEN line. Casualties light. In touch with both flank Bdes. | |
| | | 10.55 | am. Liaison 9th Bde. reports Bde. H.Q. now at P 17 d 9 5. 4th Div. have now passed through with Tanks and artillery. | |
| | | 11.5 | am. Estimated casualties - 20th Bn. Killed 6 O.R's. Wounded 2 Officers 15 O.R's. | |
| | | 11.45 | am. Message received from G.S.O.I, 2nd. Aust. Div. "Stop consolidation and organise in depth in present position for the night. Stand ready to move at one hours notice. (Not expected to do so before 5 a.m. 9th instant.) | |
| | | 1. | pm. Bde. Major returned from the front. All battalions re-organizing. 17th and 18th each have two Coys. in line, 1 in support and 1 in reserve. Headquarters are. Bde. advanced report centre - P 30 c 8 7. H.Q. 17th Bn. P 30 c 8 8. 18th Bn. P 30 c 75 80, 19th Bn. P 28 c 7 5, 20th Bn. P 21 c 5 4. Men very cherry though tired. Estimated captures :- Prisoners 1,060, Guns 17, T.M.S. 2, M.G's. 100. Estimated casualties 106 for Brigade. | |
| | | 1.10 | pm. Above wired to D.H.Q. Liaison 8th Bde. reports "RED" line captured 10.30 a.m. 6th Bde. report "BLUE" line captured including HARBONNIERES. Cavalry out in front. | |
| | | 2.30 | pm. Disposition map given to G.S.O.II, 2nd. Aust. Div. | |
| | | 3.15 | pm. Liaison 8th A.I.Bde. reports "BLUE" line captured 12 Noon - slight opposition. Bde. H.Q. now at Cross Roads Q 25 d 7 4. | |
| | | 4 | pm. B.M. spoke to D.H.Q. and gave details of casualties also received instructions to fill water bottles when collected at Motor tank and keep in Bde. Dump. | |
| | | 4.5 | pm. C.O., 20th Bn. reports moving H.Q. in 30 minutes to BLACK line. | |
| | | 5.45 | pm. Bde. units instructed to keep check of all prisoners and material captured. Dump to be established at Cross Roads P 26 c 8 5. Bns. to endeavour to drag captured guns and material to this point. | |
| | | 8.45 | pm. Locations of Units as at 5 a.m. 9th instant wired to D.H.Q. Bde. H.Q. O 28 c 7 7, 17th P 30 c 8 7, 18th P 30 c 75 80, 19th P 28 c 65 60, 20th P 23 b 2 3. Advanced report centre P 30 c 8 7. | |



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| VILLERS - BRETONNEUX. | 1918 Aug. 9th | 7.55 am. | Fine clear day with slight ground mist. Wire received from D.H.Q. (G 364) that 1st and 2nd. Aust. Divisions would advance on the 9th. 5th and 6th Brigades to be in position just behind yesterday's BLUE LINE by 11 a.m. G.O.C's. Brigades to meet Div. Commander at 7th Brigade H.Q. at 8.30 a.m. Units warned accordingly, to be ready to move immediately upon receipt of instructions. | |
| | | 9 am. | Instructions (B.M. 15) issued to Brigade units for carrying out above operation. | |
| | | 9.8 am. | Word received from D.H.Q. that 7th Bde. not 6th. would attack on right of 5th. | |
| HARBONNIERES | | 9.40 am. | Units informed accordingly. Brigade H.Q. moved from VILLERS-BRETONNEUX to W 5 c 2 5. Further details (B.M.16) issued. | |
| | | 1.25 pm. | 18th Battalion instructed to send forward a patrol to ascertain if report that our troops are in FRAMERVILLE is correct. | |
| | | 1.35 pm. | Units informed that ZERO hour will be 4.30 p.m. | |
| | | 1.55 pm. | 19th Battalion report moving forward. In touch with 17th Battalion. | |
| | | 2.30 pm. | Liaison with 8th Bde. reports. 8th Brigade objective reached. 1st. Div. not yet up on their right. 8th Brigade now advancing to capture VAUVILLERS. | |
| | | 4 pm. | Message received from 18th Battalion timed 3.30 p.m. Battalion now in position in front and support lines. H.Q. at Q 36 b 80 75. 1 Coy. 6th M.G. Coy. with them. In moving through valley near ASHWELL Wood a good deal of shelling with 4.2's. was met. 1 Officer and 40 O.R's. wounded. No sign of 17th, 19th or 20th Battalions. Enemy artillery quiet forward of Battalion H.Q. M.G's. active from buildings R 25 d 1 4 to R 26 c 3 4. Early supply required of S.A.A., tools, L.G. panniers, water and bombs. Report from 18th Battalion timed 4 p.m. states no sign of enemy infantry. M.G's. have not fired from R 26 c for some time. | |
| | | 4.30 pm. | 17th Battalion report "in position". | |
| | | 4.50 pm. | Message received from 20th Battalion "Attack appears to be going well". | |
| | | 5.15 pm. | 18th Battalion report "Moved off at 4.30 p.m. in touch with 17th. From observation from Battalion H.Q. objective appeared to be reached at 5.10 p.m. Left flank is open as Div. on left do not appear to have moved. 2 platoons of 20th have been sent to form a defensive flank on North side of road. Ammunition and supplies still required. Only 2 tanks moved forward with Battalion. About 25 prisoners are coming down Main road. | |
| | | 5 pm. | Liaison with 8th Brigade reports "Americans advancing North of the SOMME". | |

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| HARBONNIERES | Aug. 29th | 5.20 | pm. 20th Battalion reports VAUVILLERS appears to be in our hands. | | | |
| | | 5.30 | pm. D.H.Q. and flank Bdes informed. Our right Battalion already in FRAMERVILLE. Prisoners so far 60 of 227th Regt. 107th Div. Battalions on Right and Left appear to be going well. | | | |
| | | 6 | pm. 20th Battalion report having sent 2 platoons to form defensive flank to 18th Battalion at R.25 d 1 9 and R 25 d 9 9 as no troops have gone forward on the North of the road. Approval sought for this action. Approval wired to the 20th Bn. 7th A.I.Bde. report Right Bn. state VAUVILLERS in our hands at 5.10 p.m. Enemy shelling light. Dispositions report received from 17th Battalion. | | | |
| | | 6.20 | pm. 18th Bn. informed 17th Bn. on their objective and in touch with you. Arrangements being made for supplies to be sent up. Action re 2 platoons of 20th approved and 20th so informed. If possible run telephone line to 17th Bn. H.Q. at X 1 a 05 35 in dugout. Have you any artillery targets. There are special sniping batteries near you. | | | |
| | | 6.40 | pm. 18th Battalion reported consolidating on line R 26 d 5 4 - R 32 b 90 10 thence South to 17th objective. No sign yet of Division on our left flank. and in touch with 17th Bn. No sign yet of Div. on our left flank. 20th battalion have placed 2 posts each about 12 men at R 26 c 5 7 and R 25 d 5 7. Some of 18th in front of CROSS ROADS at LA FLAQUE. It is proposed to withdraw them and if possible place a Lewis gun in the house of the vicinity. Having trouble on the left from M.G.'s. Casualties estimated 50 - 70. Two tanks seen coming back on the right. Two on Bn. front put out of action. We are too weak to carry up our S.A.A. etc. | | | |
| | | 6.45 | pm. Message sent to 12th A.I.Bde. Right Bn., 17th report on RED line O.K. in touch with 7th Bde. on right and 18th Bn. on left. FRAMERVILLE in our hands. 18th Bn. report think they are on RED line but have had to call on 2 platoons of 20th to form defensive flank on North side of MAIN ROAD. Can you swing your Right flank forward. | | | |
| | | 6.50 | pm. 18th Bn. report getting heavy M.G. fire and barrage from left towards PROYART. Casualties heavy. Tank officer says all nine tanks blown out. Enemy appears to be retiring in a N.E. direction in a line from Cross Roads R 27 d along road R 27 a. Situation satisfactory but wants stiffening. Line along road in R 33 a & c and R 26 c. | | | |
| | | 7.10 | pm. 2nd. Aust. Div. and flank Bdes. informed. Right Bn. on objective. in touch with Bns. on both flanks. Line being advanced slightly to take advantage of the ground. Left Bn. reports in touch with Right Bn., line thence along road R 33 c and a, R 26 c with 2 posts in R 26 c 5 7 and R 25 d 5 7. Casualties estimates 80 all ranks. Prisoners about / | | | |
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| HARBONNIERES | Aug. 9th | | 200. Enemy M.G's. and artillery active from direction of PROYART. Enemy seen on ridge R 35, X 5. | |
| | | 7.35 pm, | 12th Brigade state 45th Bn. have been ordered to move their Right flank to connect with 18th Bn. Left along main road about R 26 c 2 5. Patrol will push along main road until they get in touch with 18th. Bn. This order was issued at 7 p.m. Message repeated to 18th Battalion. | |
| | | 7.45 pm. | 20th Battalion ordered to place two more platoons at the disposal of the 18th Bn. | |
| | | 7.50 pm. | 12th Brigade asked if possible to junction with 18th Bn. at LA FLAQUE. Told that we have been troubled with M.G's. and shell fire from direction of PROYART. | |
| | | 8.35 pm. | Instructions received from D.H.Q. that as soon as objectives are gained tanks are to be rallied in convenient support positions and locations and number of tanks fit for action to be reported. Probably 6th Brigade returning to Division on the 10th. It so will most likely relieve 5th and 7th Brigades in which case 5th and 7th Bdes. will each detail one Bn. as reserve under tactical control of 6th A.I.Bde. | |
| | | 8.50 pm. | 12th Bde. message per runner. Will endeavour to junction at LA FLAQUE. Are arranging to advance line to line LA FLAQUE - Road at R 20 c 3 6 - R 13 central. Strong patrols are also being sent forward through PROYART and if village is found unoccupied will establish standing patrols on East side of it. | |
| | | 9 pm. | 20th Bn. state 2 platoons have been placed at disposal of 18th Bn. as directed. The balance of the Coy. about 20 will move forward to further strengthen this flank. Confirmation of action requested. | app 22 |
| | | 9.20 pm. | 20th Bn. informed action approved and informed of above message from 12th Bde. (8.50 p.m.) Also notified Brigade battle H.Q. moving tonight to W 11 ac 9 5. | |
| | | 10 pm. | Bde. Memo W.M. 9/1 (for relief of 18th by 20th) issued. | app 23 |
| | | 10.10 pm. | 18th Bn. report relief being arranged with 20th Bn. Line being withdrawn to line of LA FLAQUE - FRAMERVILLE - No sign of battalion on left Casualties estimated 150 | |
| do | 10th | | Slight mist early morning. Fine, clear and hot day. | |
| | | 1.20 am. | 12th A.I.Bde. state 45th Bn. in touch with 5th Bde. left. Line advanced on general line Cross roads R 26 d - Road R 20 c 3 6 - Fork Road R 19 b - thence along road to R 13 central. Patrols have gone forward to reconnoitre PROYART. No reports yet. (message received 2.45 a.m.). | |
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| | 10th | 2.40 | am. 18th Bn. report 45th Bn. on their flank and digging in at R 26 d 4 4. | |
| | | 3.15 | am. Heavy shells 8" falling in the vicinity of valley 1 every 10 success. | |
| | | 3.25 | am. 17th report everything quiet. Patrols did not go out to RAINECOURT owing to our shelling. No trace of Lieut. Reed so far but will make search in the morning. | |
| | | 3.50 | am. Enemy transport in X 4 a also noise of tanks. Artillery notified. | |
| | | 4 | am. 20th Bn. report relief complete. | |
| | | 4.15 | am. Enemy dropping heavy bombs in Valley Q 35. | |
| | | 4.25 | am. 17th Bn. report shooting by our artillery good but appears over and under target. Artillery notified they are going to search. | |
| | | 4.27 | am. Enemy still dropping heavy shells about the same rate. Bombing ceased. | |
| | | 4.35 | am. 17th Bn. report noise now ceased. It is thought that it is further away than at first estimated and was probably caused by enemy removing guns. Artillery instructed to cease firing. | |
| | | 5.50 | am. 17th Bn. report sent patrol into RAINECOURT and found it empty. Sending another to occupy it. | |
| | | 6.10 | am. 17th Bn. report gun seen at really post at R 32 c 5 5 firing from approx. Q 5 central. Artillery notified. | |
| | | 7.45 | am. 17th O.P. reports - Enemy about a Bn. moving West in valley between R 35 and 36. Artillery notified also 20th Bn. | |
| | | 8.10 | am. 17th Bn. report - Our 6" and 8" firing heavily on FRAMERVILLE and Orchard. Div. notified. | |
| | 9.20 | am. Message from D.H.Q. that 5th A.I.Bde. has now returned to Div. control and will be held in Div. reserve in its present position. | | |
| | 9.30 | am. Reported to D.H.Q. that 17th Bn. had to withdraw the three posts in RAINECOURT owing to our heavies shell fire. 2 Coys. have also been thoroughly shaken by our shell fire. Brigadier does not feel disposed to make any move until he gets definite news from the 12th Brigade. | | |
| | 9.40 | am. Situation quiet. In touch both flanks. Line now runs - R 26 d 0 3 - R 33 c 5 4 - and thence as before. | | |
| | 9.50 | am. Wire received from 12th A.I.Bde. Their linenew runs R 13 cent. - R 20 c 3 6 - R 33 d 8 4 and is consolidated. Patrols endeavoured to reconnoitre PROYART but were fired on from village One patrol reached R 14 d 1 4. Enemy M.G.'s. active on Eastern outskirts of PROYART. | | |
| | 12.10 | pm. Instructions received from D.H.Q. to establish posts at Cross Roads R 27 c 0 3 or as near that | | |

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| HARBONNIERES | 10th | 12.30 | pm. that as possible, irrespective of action of Brigade on flank. If necessary defensive flank will be formed along main road. | |
| | | 2.8 | pm. Instructions received from D.H.Q. for Brigadiers 5th., 6th., and 7th. Bdes. and C.O's. of 6th Bde. Battalions to meet G.S.O.I at 7th Bde. H.Q. at W 11 b 3 8 at 3.30 p.m. | |
| | | 2.45 | pm. Rear Bde. H.Q. reports Y.M.C.A. have established cocoa and biscuit stall in gully Q 29 c 8 3. | |
| | | 3 | pm. Locations of units wired to D.H.Q. - Bde. H.Q. W 11 b 15 85., 17th Bn. X 1 a 05 35 - 18th Bn. Q 36 a 0 2 - 19th Bn. W 6 a 3 3 - 20th Bn. Q 36 b 7 7. | |
| | | 4 | pm. C.O's. Bns. and O.C. M.G.Coy. instructed to report to Bde. H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. | |
| | | 5.30 | pm. C.O's. given detailed instructions of next mornings advance. | |
| | | 6.17 | pm. D.H.Q. G 87 received. Operation of 5th and 7th Brigade will be carried out at 4 a.m., 11th instant under artillery barrage. 5th Bde. will push forward liaison parties with 10th Brigade at 9.50 p.m. and form defensive flank. | |
| | | 8.30 | pm. Situation quiet. Light scattered shelling of forward area. | |
| | | 8.35 | pm. D.H.Q. state contact aeroplanes will be in the air at 5.30 a.m. 11th instant and will call for flares in the usual way. | |
| | | 8.45 | pm. Heavy shelling of front line and FRAMERVILLE. Enemy troops in R 34 b & d engaged by artillery. D.H.Q. so informed. | |
| | | 9.45 | pm. 18th Bn. report that their H.Q. will move to dugout R 31 a 9 2 at 2 a.m., 11th instant. | |
| | | 10.6 | pm. 10th Bde. states that as soon as 9th Bde. relieves troops of 4th Div. tonight they will move forward through PROYART mopping up the area and taking over from 40th Bn., who will then move back and move Northwards. 39th Bn. will move in rear of 40th and will withdraw from positions along road LA FLAQUE - AVENUE CROSS. This will probably be done by daylight. | |
| | | 10.20 | pm. Report sent to D.H.Q. re 10th A.I.Bde. Troops got good start and appear to be going well. Some artillery and M.G. fire. Enemy aircraft very active bombing forward areas. | |
| | | 11.35 | pm. Message received from D.H.Q. that 1st Div. will complete the capture of the "BLUE LINE" on the 11th instant. ZERO hour will be 4 a.m. | |

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| Harbonnieres | 1918. Aug. 11th | | | |
| | | 1.55 | am. Fine warm day heavy ground mist in early morning. Liaison with 10th A.I. Bde. reports 10th Bde. tanks held up by M.G. fire. 37th Bn. has been scattered. 38th is astride road at Cross Roads in R 27 d. 39th and 40th in rear of 38th. | |
| | | 2.10 | am. Wire from 10th A.I. Bde. to 3rd. Aust. Div. forwarded through 5th. Bde. and 2nd. Aust. Div. on account of broken lines as follows:- Propose dig line from Main Road R 27 d 2 4 across N.E. of LA FLAQUET to front line in R 26 b. Suggest 2nd. Div. advance to R 27 d 2 4 thence to RAINECOURT. Tanks etc. to be withdrawn at 3.30 a.m. as their noise brings heavy fire on Infantry. | 4 |
| | | 3.22 | am. 20th Bn. report since 3 a.m. no enemy flares have gone up on whole front. Noise like tractors heard from direction of RAINECOURT. Enemy has shelled the vicinity of line of posts with H.E. and some gas. | |
| | | 3.24 | am. 19th Bn. established new H.Q. O.K. | |
| | | 3.25 | am. Message from D.H.Q. - 9th and 10th Bdes. are taking up a position from Cross Roads R 27 d 4 5 round Eastern side of PROYART to vicinity of R 13 central. Repeat message to 20th Bn. re 9th and 10th Bdes. 20th report detached Coy. in hand and O.K. | |
| | | 3.55 | am. 10th Bde. say they cannot get further forward than R 27 d 2 4 on account of casualties and M.G. fire. 20th so informed. | |
| | | 4. | am. D.H.Q. report - 3rd. Div. have instructed 38th Bn. to move forward and get in touch with us on objective. 19th Bn. in position O.K. | |
| | | 4.20 | am. C.O., 20th stated he was able to get in touch with Left Coy. just before ZERO and instructed them to put defensive flank along Road to R 27 d if 38th did not come up. | |
| | | 4.30 | am. Line to 19th Bn. cut. | |
| | | 4.45 | am. C.O., 20th Bn. reports wounded men report good start start. Troops going well when they left. M.G. fire from left. Enemy artillery fire fairly hot. | |
| | | 4.55 | am. 24th Bn. reports in position. | |
| | | 5. | am. B.M. spoke to G.S.O. I, 2nd. Aust. Div. Told him line to 10th A.I. Bde. was down. Asked for information re 10th A.I. Bde. moving up on left as it was most important for the protection of our flank. | |
| | | 5.15 | am. 17th Bn. report cannot see anything owing to ground mist. According to wounded man 19th Bn. things were fairly hot on the jumping off tape which he left before ZERO | |
| | | 5.20 | am. 20th Bn. report - Sergeant wounded 10 minutes after Zero says things going well | 10th ---/ |

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| HARBONNIERES | Aug. 11th. | | 10th Bde. do not appear to be so far forward. C.O., 20th. requests one Coy. 18th be placed at his disposal for left flank defence. 18th Bn. report now in position in "BLUE" line. C.O., 18th Bn. instructed to hold one Coy. at disposal of 20th Bn. | |
| | | 5.30 | am. 23 prisoners, 52nd. I.R. captured by 19th Bn. arrived at Bde. H.Q.. Escort reports enemy shelling RAINECOURT heavily. M.G. fire slackened. | |
| | | 5.45 | am. 20th Bn. report situation fairly quiet. Held up at some points. Quantity of gas forward. | |
| | | 5.55 | am. 20th Bn. reports 4 prisoners, 227th Regt., 102nd. Division. | |
| | | 6 | am. 19th Bn. reports 42 more prisoners. 20th Bn. left Coy. reported on objective. Coy. of 18th sent up to take over from Coy. of 20th, forming the defensive flank, latter Coy. to strengthen the line. M.G. fire very heavy from N. and N.E. Prisoners coming in. 19th Bn. report identifications 52, 227, 232, R.I.R., 107th Div. | |
| | | 6.15 | am. 19th Bn. reports RAINECOURT O.K. Heavy M.G. fire and in touch with 20th at J.O.T but smoke prevented touch later on. Enemy barrage came down at once. Minenwerfer fire worst. Large number of Coy. right through to ridge. Unconfirmed report Right Coy. of 20th digging in on line 300 ^x - 400 ^x in advance of cemetery R 34 a. 50 prisoners. | |
| | | 6.30 | am. 10th A.I. Bde. asked to help. They state M.G.'s. engaging enemy M.G.'s. North of the Road. Right Bn. has been instructed to get in touch with our left. | |
| | | 6.35 | am. 19th Bn. report right Coy. on objective and digging in. In touch with 28th Bn. and centre Coy. Left flank uncertain. Line thinly held. Wants S.O.S. rockets and S.A.A. Casualties fairly heavy. Enemy troops reported in R 29 c and R 34 b. Artillery informed. | |
| | | 7 | am. 17th Bn. report heavy shell fire on front. All positions re-occupied. 12 more prisoners passed through. | |
| | | 7.15 | am. 20th Bn. report shelling on front has eased. "C" Coy have reported Coy. of 18th have taken over the defensive flank. "C" Coy. now moving forward to support. | |
| | | 7.30 | am. 19th Bn. report messages through from all Coys. All O.K. have reached objective. Not in touch with 20th on left but all Coys. in touch with each other and with 7th Bde. on right. 20th pushing forward. Casualties about 60 Boche did not offer much resistance. | |
| | | 7.45 | am. Message from 7th A.I. Bde. timed 6.30 a.m. states - Left Bn. gained objective and in touch on both flanks. Right Bn. not yet in touch on the Right but in touch with Left Bn. | |
| | | 8.10 | am. 20th Bn. report detached Coy. has worked up road R 27 d 2 4 "leap frogging", has rushed a couple of hun posts, is gradually working forward. | 8.15 a.m...../ |

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| HARBONNIERES. | 11th | 8.15 | am. Asked D.H.Q. if possible to get Tanks from 3rd Div. to scatter M.G's. firing from direction of PROYART. | |
| | | 8.35 | am. 20th Bn. report Right now on objective. Some 19th men with them. | |
| | | 8.40 | am. Div. G 107 warning order for relief of 5th and 7th Bdes. by 6th Bde. received. | |
| | | 8.45 | am. 19th Bn. report 11 M.G's. captured to date. Major BOYDEN and Lieut. LILLIE wounded. In telephone communication with front line. | |
| | | 10.10 | am. B.M. spoke to 10th Bde. asking for creeping barrage in R 28 a & b and R 29. | |
| | | 10.45 | am. C.O. 20th reported 10th Bde. coy. has arrived at R 27 d 2 4. 20th Bn. instructed while things are hot to dig in and return 18th Bn. Coy to the 18th Bn. at its discretion. All that is required is an approximate line. | |
| | | 11.30 | am. 20th Bn. reports enemy troops thickening up in R 21 c & d. Artillery and M.G's. informed. | |
| | | 12.30 | pm. 20th Bn. report enemy sniping and using M.G's. from direction of RAINECOURT. 17th and 18th patrols instructed to deal with this. | |
| | | 3.55 | pm. C.O., 17th Bn. reports RAINECOURT cleared. One M.G. and one prisoner captured. | |
| | | 6.15 | pm. 2nd. Aust. Div. G 120 order for relief received. | |
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| HARBONNIERES | 1918 Aug. 13th | | Fine warm day. | |
| | | 12.10 | am. 18th Bn. reported relief complete. | |
| | | | 17th Bn. reported relief complete. | |
| | | 1. | am. 19th Bn. reported relief complete. | |
| | | 3.30 | am. 20th Bn. reported relief complete. | |
| | | 6 | am. Situation quiet. | |
| | | 10.15 | am. Order (G 124) received from D.H.Q. for 5th and 7th Bdes. to each detail a battalion as ix reserve to 6th A.I.Bde. These battalions to be available for counter-attack but not to be put in the line. Bn. Commanders to report to G.O.C., 6th Bde. as soon as possible. | |
| | | | (18th Bn. so detailed). | |
| | | 12.45 | pm. Situation normal. | |
| | | 3. | pm. 20th Bn. report enemy shelling FRAMERVILLE, RAINECOURT, LA FLAQUE and forward areas with heavies. | app 27. 428 |
| do | 13th | | Fine warm day. Battalions were in AMIENS line resting as far as possible. During the day units were warned that enemy had fired gas shells into FRAMERVILLE. Necessary precautions to be taken in anticipation of further bombardment. | |
| BAYONVILLERS | | 9 | pm. Brigade H.Q. closed at HARBONNIERES and opened at HARBONNIERES BAYONVILLERS. There was a fair amount of hostile bombing during the night over rear areas. | |
| do | 14th | | Fine and warm fairly clear. | |
| | | 2.15 | am. Valley in Q 35 heavily shelled with gas. D.H.Q. informed. During the morning 2nd. Aust. Div. Order No 213 (Continuation of operation by 6th A.I.bde.) was received. | |
| | | 1 | pm. Instructions issued to Commandant Bde. N.C.O's. School to continue Sig. School for another course if possible. He is to supervise pending Lieut. COOKE'S return. | |
| | | 6 | pm. Wire received from D.H.Q. cancelling Order No 213. | |
| | | 9.45 | pm. Wire to C.O. Units instructing them G.O.C. wishes to meet them Brigade H.Q. at 2.30 p.m. on 15th to discuss pooling of trophies and any other matters they may wish to bring forward. During the night enemy bombing planes were active over rear areas - notably the VILLERS-BRETONNEUX Road | |
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| BAYONVILLERS. | 1918. AUG. | | | |
| | 15th. | | Fine warm day. | |
| | | 2.30 pm. | Meeting of C.O., Units at Brigade H.Q. It was decided to pool all trophies and then split them up equally among battalions. | |
| | | 5.15 pm. | 2nd Aust. Div. G 3/1/974 re movements of 1st and 4th Aust. Divs. received. | |
| do | 16th | | Fine and warm. | |
| | | | During the morning Bde. Memo 8/129 issued. | |
| | | 5 pm. | 2nd. Aust. Div. G 3/1/978 (Warning Order for relief of Div. by 32nd. Div.) received. Brigade warning order issued accordingly. | app 30 " 31 |
| | | | During the night there was a noticeable decrease in hostile bombing owing to the presence of a number of searchlights. | |
| do | 17th | | Warm day and growing cloudy during the day. Quite clouded over by 8 p.m. clearing again about 11 p.m. | |
| | | 7 am. | 2nd. Aust. Div. Order No 214 (Relief of Div. by 32nd Div. and move to rear area) received. | |
| | | | 2nd Aust. Div. G 1/958 "Instructions No 2 Series "C" " received during the day. | |
| | | 12.30 pm. | Brigade Order No 211 issued. | app 32 |
| | | 9.50 pm. | The Bns. of the Brigade, 6th A.M.G.Coy. and 5th Field Ambce. embussed at BAYONVILLERS. The busses were well up to time and embussing was carried out without a hitch. Owing to the cloudy weather there were no E.A. over but there was enough dim moonlight to enable the embussing to be carried out. Bns. columns moved off at 10.10 p.m. During the movement to FOUILLOY as the column was nearing LAMOTTE EN SANTERRE several H.V. shells fell near the road. One of these wounded an officer and man of the 18th Bn. and killed another man of the 18th Bn. | |
| | | 11.30 pm. | Bns. columns arrived at FOUILLOY and troops marched to their billets. Bde. H.Q. opened at FOUILLOY. | |
| | | | During the day instructions were issued to the O.C. Nucleus Bn. to arrange for personnel to rejoin their Battalions on the 18th instant. | |
| FOUILLOY. | 18th | | Fine warm day. | |
| | | | Battalions rested and reorganized. Instructions issued to units re anti-aircraft measures...../ | |

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| FOUILLOY | 1918. AUG. | | | |
| | 18th | | Measures. Each Battalion to mount at least 4 L.G.'s. for A.A. purposes. Lights and fires at night to be properly covered. Instructions issued to units re work in this area. Reorganization, refitting, etc., Majority of time to be given to recreation i.e., facilities for swimming excellent, games etc. - a certain amount of close order drill, L.G. and signal training and short route marches. Personnel from Nucleus Battalion joined their units during the day. | |
| | 19th | 6 pm. | Fine warm weather. Recreational training and re-organization continued. Bns. held swimming carnivals. Brigade Concert Troupe which moved from RIVERY during the day opened at FOUILLOY. | |
| | 20th | | Fine and warm. 3rd This day was the Brigade's anniversary of landing on GALLIPOLI. C.O's. of Bns. and 5th. Field Ambulance dined at Brigade H.Q. | |
| | 21st. | | Weather fine and warm. Full advantage was taken of the bathing facilities offered by the River SOMME and Canal. | |
| | 22nd. | | Bde. Memos. 6/181, 6/182 and 7/477 issued during the day. Weather fine and warm. | |
| | 23rd. | 4 pm. | During the day a copy of the congratulatory letter from General BIRDWOOD to the day Divisional Commander was received and copies distributed to Units. Bde. Memo 15/563 allotting 600 yards range at DAOURS to Bns. for L.G. practice was issued to Bns. Weather fine but slightly cooler, cloudy towards evening. 17th and 19th Bns. carried out L.G. practice on 600 yards Range at DAOURS. Message received from D.H.Q. that a conference would be held at VECQUEMONT of Brigadiers, B.M's., S.C's, Bde. Transport Officers and C.O's. of Units at 3 p.m. on 24th - Subject:- Transport. | |
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| FOUILLOY. | 1918. Aug. 24th | | Fine warm day. | |
| | | 3 pm. | During the day 18th and 20th Bns. carried out Lewis gun practice on 600 yards range DAOURS. Brigadier, B.M. and S.C. attended Divisional conference at VECQUEMONT. It was decided that all good limber horses were to be taken for artillery and replaced by mules. The question of cable burying and the general tactical situation were also discussed. | |
| do | 25th | 11 am. 2.30 pm. | <p>Weather cooler and rather cloudy in the evening. Thunderstorms and some rain.</p> <p>In the morning church parades were held.</p> <p>Brigadier attended conference at D.H.Q.</p> <p>Conference held at Brigade H.Q. attended by C.O's. of battalions, O.C. 5th A.L.T.M.Bty, 5th. Field Coy. and 5th Field Ambce. The following information was given to C.O's. -</p> <p>1st. Aust. Div. has been doing well but has to be relieved owing to success. Objectives unlimited. 1st. Div. being relieved by 2nd and 5th Divs. 3rd. Div. remaining North of SOMME. Div. is attacking on one brigade front. - 1 Bde. in line, 1 in support and 1 in reserve. 6th Bde. going into line moving tonight to close support and taking over the line tomorrow night. 5th Bde. move to support in rear of 6th Brigade tomorrow. 6th Bde. to carry out further advance on Tuesday morning and continue until casualties or exhaustion stops them. Then 5th Bde. goes forward to take over from them and the 7th follows. The division keeping close touch with 3rd and 5th Divs. will push on irrespective of flank checks. Objective for 2nd. Division is PERONNE. for 5th Div. River SOMME South of PERONNE. Right RIX flank boundary of Div. runs East and West along grid between M 9 and M 15. Left Boundary is the River. Advance will not be made in continuous line but if possible with 3 battalions in front line and 1 in support. May have to use 4 Bns. may have to put two Bdes into front line as we get nearer the SOMME. Brigade will be fighting as Brigade Group with Ambulance and Engineers. All possible opportunity to betaken of exploiting success. Each unit will be responsible for its own protection. When in the line and possibly while in support we will have 3 Bdes. of artillery, 1 to each Bn. front to keep in close touch and to watch for targets. Group Commander will be at Brigade H.Q. but deals only with general employment of artillery, ammunition and supply etc.,. No definite barrage. Artillery will not come under orders of C.O's. Bns. Counter batterywork will hardly be possible. Div. may have 12 Tanks but this is subject to alteration..</p> | |

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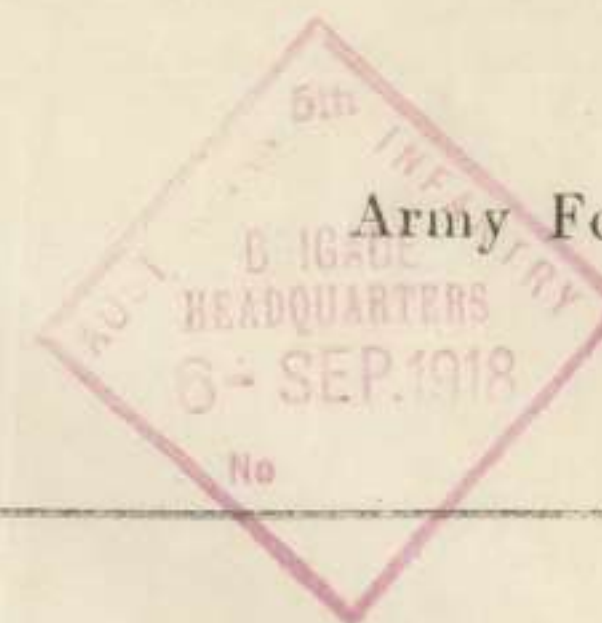
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| FOUILLOY. | 1918. Aug. 25th | | <p><u>Machine Guns.</u> 2 M.G. Coys. will be allotted to attacking Brigade. Brigade Group to be in readiness to move tomorrow. Caution to be maintained. Communication and progress reports as often and as full as possible. Nil reports of value. Suggested that O.C. Coys. should have a man keeping an hourly diary with him. <u>LIAISON.</u> Most important that each body of troops keep liaison with flanks. All H.Q.'s. as far as possible to get underground at night. Advance parties to be held ready. Troops not to move out of billeting area. <u>WATER</u> will be a difficulty especially as regards testing. <u>BEARERS</u> Field Ambulances can assist by attaching bearers to each Battalion. <u>BOOTY</u> which cannot be moved is to be marked and numbers taken. <u>RATIONS</u> - Men must not be extravagant with rations. Supply will be difficult. It is hoped to have refilling point at LA FLAQUE. S.A.A. must be conserved. It will not be easy to replenish. <u>PRISONERS.</u> to be sent to Brigade H.Q. with minimum escort. Maps and papers are of greatest importance. <u>NUCLEUS.</u>- It is proposed to take nucleus along with us, not with Battalions but as a separate body. <u>STRENGTH</u>- Not one man to be away than can possibly be helped. <u>MOPPING UP</u> - Special arrangements must be made. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> - All possible means to be used. Advanced report centre to be fixed, where possible runners to use bikes. Div. will probably be in line a fortnight. <u>T.M'@.</u> Probably 2 guns. At least one to each Battalion to follow up closely. <u>KITS</u> - Being dumped at CORBIE. Any men not fit to be left there. Greatcoats may be dumped here. To travel as lightly as possible. <u>TRANSPORT</u> to be brigaded.</p> | |
| do | 26th | 4.30 9 | <p>Weather still cloudy and showery. am. 2nd. Aust. Div. Order No re move forward received. am. Brigade Order No 212 issued.</p> | aff 37 |

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| FOUILLOY. | 1918. August. 26th | 2 | p.m. Instructions received from D.H.Q. that debussing point would now be Q 27 c 4 4. instead of Q 24 b 5 7. as previously notified. Units informed accordingly. | |
| St. GERMAINE WOOD | | 6.40 | pm. Brigade H.Q. closed at FOUILLOY and opened at R.7.d.5.3. (St. GERMAINE WOOD). Brigade Units arrived at Embussing Point in good time. Busses were a little late not arriving until about 7 p.m. Embussing was carried out without hitch and column moved off at 7.40 p.m. arriving at debussing point about 9 p.m. Troops then had a long march to their positions which were as follows :- (Sheet 62d) 17th Bn. R.7.c.2.7. 18th Bn Q.12.d.7.6., 19th Bn Q.18.c.9.7., 20th Bn, Q.18.b.8.7., 5th A.L.T.M.Bty., R.7.d.5.3., 5th Field Coy. A.E., Q.12.c.9.1., 6th A.M.G.Coy., R.13.c.4.0., | |
| | | 11.45 | p.m. 2nd Aust. Division informed move complete. | |
| | 27th | | Weather fine and warm in the morning becoming overcast with occasional showers towards evening. 2nd Aust. Div. G138 received being instructions for move of 7th A.I.Bde. to forward area Q.12., Q.18., R.7., and R.13., to be vacated by 5th A.I.Bde. by 3 p.m. | |
| | | 6.25 | a.m. 2nd Aust. Div. G132 received. Instructions for 5th A.I.Bde. to keep in close touch with and follow advance of 6th A.I.Bde. keeping about 3,000 yards in rear of 6th A.I.Bde. 5th Brigade to move on day of 27th vacating present positions by 3 p.m. | |
| | | 8.15 | a.m. Brigade Order No. 213 issued. | |
| | | 10 | a.m. Liaison Officer with 6th A.I.Bde. reports present line runs east of Wood in G.28.a. (Sheet 62c) east of NAMELESS WOOD, east of VIRGIN WOOD, thence to G.34.central - G.24.d.0.2. - M.3.c.1.1. - M.9.c.5.2. - Brigade H.Q. and Support Bn at L.34.central. Support Battalion moving today to vicinity of L.36. and G.31. | app 38 |
| | | 11 | a.m. Units informed accordingly. Brigade 9/605 issued. | |
| | | 4.15 | p.m. Message received from 7th A.I.Bde. that their H.Q. would open at R.7.d.4.2. at 7.30 pm. Units warned that a contact plane would fly over our lines daily about dawn. Ground flares or tin discs to be used to signal location of line. | app 40 |
| | | 6 | p.m. 17th Bn reported move complete. 1 Officer (Lieut. T. RIDLEY, M.C.D.C.M.) and 7 O.R. wounded by shell fire during the move. Bn H.Q. at L.34.d.6.3. | |
| | | 6.45 | p.m. Message from 6th A.I.Bde. - their support Bn at G.32.a.9.2. | |
| | | 9.50 | p.m. Liaison 6th A.I.Bde. reports - situation unchanged. | |
| | | 10.15 | p.m. 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. report move complete H.Q. now at L.34.c.9.2. 20th Bn report move complete at 4.50 p.m. H.Q. at R.5.b.5.0. | |

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| ST, GERMAINE WOOD | 27th | 10.25 p.m. | 19th Bn report move complete at 4.45 p.m. | | |
| | 28th | 8.30 a.m. | Weather variable with occasional showers and fine spells. 6th A.I.Bde. reported that their H.Q. would close at L.34.central and open at G.32.a.3.9. at 9 a.m. | | |
| | | 9 a.m. | Brigade units informed that 6th Brigade have advanced east of DOMPIERRE - South of XX FRISE, MEREACOURT WOOD. 18th Bn will move to G.29.b. prepare to advance along southern bank of river to Capture bridgeheads at FEUILLERES and CLERY. 6th A.I.Bde. are continuing advance on HERBECOURT. 19th Bn will move to G.28.a. Moves to take place at once. No. 2 Sections 6th A.M.G.Coy. will be attached to 18th Bn. | | |
| | | 10 a.m. | Message sent to C.O.'s. units to meet at G.O.C. at G.32.a.9.2. at 11 a.m. | | |
| | | 12.30 p.m. | 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. and D.H.Q. notified that battalions would move as follows during the day.- 18th Bn to G.29.b. (preparatory to going into the line) 19th Bn to G.28.b., 17th and 20th Bns to G.26.c., 6th A.M.G.Coy. (less 2 sections) to G.26.c. Advanced Brigade H.Q. at present at G.26.c.5.7. moving forward later to G.28.d. | | |
| | | 12.40 p.m. | Units and rear Brigade H.Q. instructed to move as follows - 17th Bn, 20th Bn, 5th A.L.T.M.Bty., 6th A.M.G.Coy., 5th Field Coy., and Rear Brigade H.Q. to G.26.a. and c., and G.32.a. | | |
| | | 1.15 p.m. | 19th Bn reported move complete. 4. | | |
| | | 3.10 p.m. | 7th A.I.Bde. reported that they were moving forward to R.4., R.5., R.10., and L.34. Brigade H.Q. to be at L.34.central and to open at 4 p.m. | | |
| | | G.21.cent. (sh.62c) | 4.45 p.m. | Notification sent to Rear Bde.H.Q. that advanced Brigade now located at G.21.cent. 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. to be warned to hold section ready to co-operate with 18th Bn. A.A.S.C. to be requested that to supply rations consisting chiefly of tinned stuff. Lieut. LITTLE to get into touch with S.A.A. Section. Proposed to send a Nucleus of 8 boxes S.A.A. to form dump at G.23.d.0.0. under control of 18th Bn. Signal communication not yet established. Rear H.Q. to inform D.H.Q. of location of new H.Q. | |
| | | | 4.50 p.m. | D.H.Q. informed of location of advance Brigade H.Q. and that 18th Bn was preparing to relieve 21st Bn after minor operation to capture FRISE and trenches in H.13 and 19. Phone communication not yet established to advance Brigade H.Q. Situation quiet | |

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| <p>G.5- G.21.central (Sh.62c)</p> | <p>28th</p> | <p>4.50 5.20 6 7.10 7.30 8.25 9 9.30 11 12</p> | <p>p.m. (contd) except for persistent light shelling of valley in G.28. and 27.b. with 4.2. p.m. 5th Field Ambulance notified of location of Brigade units. p.m. Message from D.H.Q. that 6th A.I.Bde. have captured FRISE and were then proceeding with mopping up. p.m. Units informed that Field Ambulance had established a Motor Loading Post at G.28.b.5.3. p.m. Brigade Salvage Dump established at Q.23.a.1.9. p.m. 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. report move complete. H.Q. at G.25.d.9.4. p.m. Brigade Instructions W.M./2/28 issued. p.m. Message received from 7th A.I.Bde. that they were continuing the advance at dawn on 29th. Every effort to be made to secure enemy system from W.7.d.9.0. to H.20.d.5.0. Enemy to be engaged in case of slight opposition but heavy fighting to be avoided. Brigade northern boundary to be east and west grid through H.20.u.0.0. p.m. Report received from 18th Bn that a M.Gunner coming back had reported that two Vickers M.Gs. were established in N.E. corner of MEREACOURT WOOD and that left Coy. 18th Bn had passed beyond the wood. D.H.Q. informed accordingly. Midnight. 7th Brigade reported Brigade move completed. D.H.Q. "Instructions Nos. 1 and 2 Series "D" giving arrangements for the continuation of the advance" were received during the day.</p> | <p></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-style: italic;">Rm 4-1</p> |

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| G 21 central (Sheet 62C) | Aug. | 29th | | |
| | | 12.30 | am. D.H.Q. and flank Bdes. informed that at 10.30 p.m. 18th Bn. reported Left Coy. through wood, not in touch with Right Coy., held up by M.G. fire in wood. M.G. Officer with 23rd Bn. reports by phone that he had heard M.G. fire in MEREACOURT Wood earlier in the night but all quiet now. | |
| | | 12.45 | am. D.H.Q. notify that 3rd. Aust. Div. have taken CLERY and hold line H 6 d 0 0 - B 9 d 5 5 - TERLINE Trench to and including Hill 110. | |
| | | 1.15 | am. 18th Bn. forward copy of report received from their Left Coy. "B" Coy. established in trench from G 14 a 9 9 South to G 14 b 5 5, thence line of "pot holes" from H 14 b 4 4 to G 14 d 2 5, Have met very little opposition. Have lost all trace of "A" Coy. except 2 xxxx sections who are with me, am reconnoitring forward into village and will probably take up line on East side of village at daybreak. Have 4 Vickers M.G's. under Lieut. DUNCAN with me. Enemy appears to be still in MEREACOURT WOOD. 18th Bn. states Left Coy. has been instructed to exploit success and occupy village and line East of FEUILLERES with guard on bridge. Support Coy. has been ordered to move forward in close support of Left Coy. | |
| | | 3.15 | am. 18th Bn. report that at 2.40 a.m. 23rd. Bn. were at Road running through H 26 b & d to HERBECOURT. They were meeting with no opposition. | |
| | | 2.10 | am. 6th Bde. reports patrols from all Bns. state enemy resistance weaker, still some scattered M.G. fire, enemy shelling loghter. Bns now on move forward to vacancies <i>Objectives</i> | |
| | | 3.30 | am. 6th Bde. reports Right Bn. on objective and patrols out ahead. No opposition. Centre Bn. going well. Left Bn. almost on objective. All much quieter now. | |
| | | 3.45 | am. D.H.Q., flank and support Bdes. informed that 18th Bn. reports 2 Coys. on Road N. & S. through H 15 a & c and H 21 a. Enemy exploded 3 mines in FEUILLERES along Sunken Road XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Patrols moving into that village. | |
| | | 5 | am. 6th A.I.Bde. report all objectives gained. | |
| | | 5.30 | am. 18th Bn. report line at 5 a.m. runs East of FEUILLERES along sunken road H 15 a & c and H 21 a. Support Coys. along Road from H 8 d 0 0 to H 14 b is thence between MEREACOURT Wood and SIDDONS Wood to H 20 b 2 0. Half sections M.G. Coy. with each forward Coy., 1 section with support Coys., M.G. ammunition dump 32,000 rounds at Cross Roads H 14 b 45 05. | |
| | | 8.20 | am. D.H.Q. informed of above dispositions also that 19th Bn. now moving forward on right flank of 18th, 17th and 20th Bns. moving up to close support of 19th and 18th Bns. | |

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| G 21 central (Sheet 620) | Aug. 29th | 8.42 | am. 20th Bn. report received. Bn. H.Q. established at Cross Roads G 18 d 7 0, Coys. moving forward through H 14 b & d. Situation quiet (Timed 7.30 a.m.) | |
| | | 8.45 | am. 19th Bn. report H.Q. at Cross Roads G 18 d 7 0 at 7.30 a.m. | |
| | | 9.4 | am. 20th Bn. report Coys. have reached H 16 c 5 5. No sign of enemy. One 4.2 How. firing otherwise quiet. 2 prisoners sent on to Brigade H.Q. Bn. H.Q. moving to G 15 d 1 9 shortly. | |
| | | 9.15 | am. 20th Bn. reports Coys. held up waiting for 18th Bn. to cross canal. General line runs H 16 b 7 5 - to H 17 c 5 5 a little artillery and M.G. fire reported from left front of 18th Bn. D.H.Q. notified that 2 airmen of 3rd. Squadron, A.F.C. brought down in H 22 report M.G. fire from H 24 a otherwise no movement of trains or men in PERONNE. A number of iron bridges have been destroyed. 20th Bn. report timed 8.30 a.m. states Left Coy. at H 16 central. 18th Bn. 600 yards ahead. The 2 main bridges blown up and xxx still have unexploded mines attached. Small bridge intact being reconnoitred. PICKET Copse H 24 b reported held by enemy. 18th Bn. reported to be at LOCK H 17 a. Bns. informed that 3rd. Div. Artillery have been asked not to fire East of line B 29 - H 5 also that 6th Brigade are to follow closely in rear and take spur C 25. Our objective High ground MT. ST. QUENTIN. 7th Bde. High ground S.E. of PERONNE. PERONNE will be mopped up later. | |
| | | 9.30 | am. D.H.Q., flank and support Bdes. notified of above dispositions (20th Bn. message 9.15 a.m.) also that 2 prisoners captured in FEUILLERES, 26th R.I.R., 109th R. Div. and 87th I.R. 21st Div. states reserves weak. Orders to retire through PERONNE. | |
| | | 9.45 | am. Div. and flank Bdes. informed 18th Bn. left Coys. going well about to cross canal at H 17 b 3 5. Bridges destroyed but using narrow foot bridge. Right Coys. seen in H 23 b. 7th Bde. on Right are almost to Canal. 2 Prisoners captured BOSCOURT 27th F.A.R. and 46th Regt., 21st Div. Latter reports 21st Div. has retired across SOMME blowing up bridges. | |
| | | 9.53 | am. Message received from 6th A.I.Bde. that they were concentrating at N.E. point of present positions ready to move and support 5th Brigade in capture of MT. ST. QUENTIN. | |
| | | 10 | am. Information received from D.H.Q. that 5th. Aust. Div. on a line through O 13 and 19 cent. with Coy. of Left Support Bn. occupying high ground N.W. of BARLEUX in W 12. Prisoner states line of defence through O 8, O 14 central to S.W. ETERPIGNY. 17th Bn. state that wounded men report 18th Bn. held up at Wood in H 17 d and H 23 b. Opposition very strong at this point but now being dealt with by our artillery. Some bridges have | |
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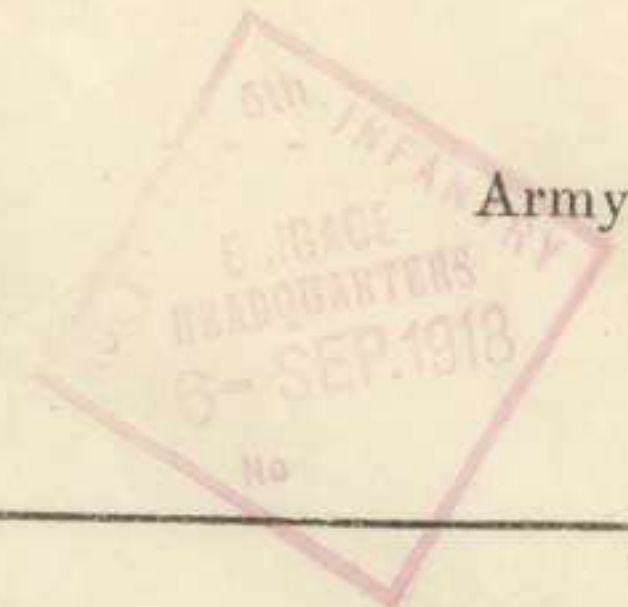
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| G 21 central (Sheet 620) | 1918. Aug. 29th. | 10 | am. been blown up. Enemy 77 mm. guns from direction of CLERY putting a spasmodic barrage on various targets. 17th Bn. H.Q. have not seen anything of 20th Bn. or 7th Bde. Latter reports to be going on well. | |
| | | 10.7 | am. 18th Bn. reports Coys. in H 17 c and d, 2 M.G.'s. captured. Casualties 1 officer 10 O.R.'s. | |
| | | 10.10 | am. Message timed 7.50 a.m. from 17th Bn. states Bn. passed point H 19 c 8 1 at 7.45 a.m. 7th Bde. units on our right moving on. Have not seen 20th Bn. Bns. next bound will be to trenches H 20 a and c. Not yet in touch with 19th Bn. | |
| | | 10.12 | am. 5th. Field Coy. report going to move 3 sections and transport to FRISE, 1 section to H 17. Infantry reported to be across river at H 17. | |
| H 19 a 7 1 (Sheet 620) | | 10.22 | am. Message from 7th Bde. timed 9.30 a.m. states Bde. H.Q. moving to HERBECOURT H 32 c 6 8 at 9.30 a.m. | |
| | | 10.40 | am. Situation reported to D.H.Q. | |
| | | 11 | am. Brigade H.Q. closed at G 21 central (Sheet 620) and opened at H 19 a 7 1. Wire sent to D.H.Q. that 19th Bn. reported - At 9.45 a.m. M.G. fire still from Wood about H 23 b 8 8. Artillery informed. Also M.G. in HALIE. Enemy reported in OMMIECOURT, 3 prisoners taken who state all bridges blown up. | |
| | | 11.15 | am. 17th Bn. reports H.Q. and R.A.P. at H 21 a 6 1. Coys in trenches in H 21 a & c, H 22 b and c and H 23 d. Patrol reports 2 Coys. 19th Bn. held up at H 24 c 4 8 to H 24 d 4 0 with 1 Coy. in line of trenches H 23 d 3 9 and reserve coy. moving forward to that line. Very few casualties seen amongst 17th Battalion. Connected by phone with Bde. H.Q. Will shortly be connected to forward Coys. | |
| | | 11.7 | am. D.H.Q. No G.A. 192 giving instructions for further advance received. | |
| | | 11.12 | am. 20th Bn. reports Bn. H.Q. at H 15 c 15 80 at 9.30 a.m. 19th Bn. about H 17 d and in touch with 7th. Bde. on right. Railway engine reported moving about on other side of river N.W. of PERONNE. ENEMY observed in numbers in Sunken road in H 5 b and d. Enemy appear to be in position about H 5 and 6. Casualties so far nil. | |
| | | 11.45 | am. 6th A.I.Bde. notified us that their H.Q. was moving to G 30 a 1 0. | |
| | | 11.50 | am. D.H.Q. informed 18th Bn. report 9 a.m. some opposition in H 17 d and H 23 b and d. Bridges in H 17 b and a destroyed. 3 Coys. across the canal in H 17 b. One Coy. in H 17 c and d. Field guns firing on canal bank in H 17 d from B 29 and H 6. Enemy M.G.'s firing from H 10 central, H 5 and 6 and H 12 central. Party of 20 enemy seen in H 5 c. | |
| | | 12 Noon. | Locations of battalions wired to D.H.Q. as follows:- 17th H 21 a 5 1, 18th H 15 c 3 3 19th H 15 c 3 3, 20th H 15 d 1 9. | |

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| H 19 a 7 1. (Sheet 62C) | 1918. Aug. | | | |
| | 29th. | 12.30 | pm. Div informed 1st Bn. 4th Bav. Regt. ^{identified} Prisoner taken in H 24 c 1 7. Enemy M.G.'s active from H 5, H 6, H 10 and OMMIECOURT. Enemy 4.2 shelling H 16, H 22 and H 23 from E. and N.E. | |
| | | 12.35 | pm. Report received from 5th. Field Coy. A.E. that road along bank of canal cleared and good for M.T. Road from ECLUSIER to G 22 to G 28 b also cleared and in good condition. Road from FRISE through H 13 c and a, H 14 c & d, H 15 a and B, H 16 a & b to H 17 a 9 8 clear and in fair order. Take M.T. in dry weather. | |
| | | | BRIDGES. FEUILLERES, at H 9 d 9 4 is partly demoli-shed. This is being repaired and will be open for traffic at about 5 p.m. At H 17 a 8 9 Gap 25' to be spanned. Impossible to work in daylight at present but is going ahead at dusk to make fit for first line transport. No information about bridges in H 12 b. No signs of bridges from H 17 a 8 9 to H 18 a 2 2. 5th. Field Coy. H.Q. at G 18 d 8 6. | |
| | | 1.30 | pm. Div. informed 2 enemy 77 batteries located at I 27 c 9 7 and I 21 c 2 6, also M.G. in HALLE and BAZINCOURT Wood. Neutralizing artillery action asked for. | |
| | | 2 | pm. Wire received D.H.Q. closing at Q 13 a 3 6 (Sheet 62D) and opened at G 25 d 2 3 (Sheet 62C) at 2.30 p.m. | |
| | | 2.30 | pm. 20th Bn. report enemy moving E. from I 1 c 0 0 in small parties. Carts also seen moving in same direction at 2.15 p.m. Enemy in single file seen moving towards river from I 14 a to I 19 b at 1.40 p.m. One party consisted of fifty men. Wire sent to Bns. Impossible to effect crossing by daylight. Stand fast till tonight and take advantage of any opportunity offered. Division on left is working forward. Bridges at H 8 a 8 6 will be ready at 5 p.m. Bridges at H 17 a 3 9 and H 24 b 9 1 will be put in hand tonight. Bridge at I 25 a 2 9 reported to be intact. | |
| | | | 5th. A.L.T.M.Bty. ordered to send a detachment and 2 mortars at once to act under 19th Bn. | |
| | 3 | pm. Liaison Officer with 7th. Bde. reports BIECHHES taken. Line runs practically along West bank of Canal. | | |
| | 5.30 | pm. Notification received from D.H.Q. that the 14th A.F.A. Bde. is attached to 5th. A.I.Bde. and 5th. A.F.A. Bde. is attached to 6th A.I.Bde. from receipt of this message. | | |
| | 5.45 | pm. 20th Bn. report enemy horsemen seen at I 14 d 9 9 at 3 p.m. At 3.30 p.m. transport wagons at I 7 a 8 8, 4.10 p.m. enemy in groups of threes at I 3 c, I 9 b and I 10 a 2 5. | | |

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| G 19 a 7 1. | Aug. 29th. | 6 pm. | <p>At 4.10 p.m. enemy horses were seen grazing at I 9 cent. At 4.25 p.m. enemy moved in groups of twenty from Road at H 12 b 8 9 towards the river.</p> <p>B.M. spoke to 18th Bn and informed them of the reported evacuation of CLERY. 18th Bn. stated enemy still holds OMMIECOURT with M.G's. Men on peninsula appear to be having a bad time with shelling.</p> <p>Wire sent to Div. that enemy reported to be evacuating CLERY and moving into trench system East of the village.</p> <p>6.30 pm. C.O's. 5th R.H.A. Bde. and 4th A.F.A.Bde. saw the G.O.C., 5th. A.I.Bde. and discussed position of batteries etc., and next days operations generally.</p> <p>6.45 pm. 19th Bn. reports posts all along the river and patrol reconnoitring the CANAL du NORD.</p> <p>7.20 pm. Message received that G.O.C. 2nd. Aust. Div. would meet G.O.C's. Bdes. at 7th Bde. H.Q. at 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>7.30 p.m. C.O's. Bns. notified that a conference of C.O's. would be held at 19th Bn. H.Q. at 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>8.12 pm. Liaison 7th Bde. reports 7th Bde. have an outpost line along the West bank of the Canal. Along the whole front. One post reported across the canal in O 9. Bridge at I 33 d 6 0 still passable.</p> <p>9.15 pm. Information received from D.H.Q. that bridge at H 8 d 9 2 has been repaired and will carry 60 pdrs.</p> <p>10.20 pm. Message received from D.H.Q. that prisoners state mines laid in PERONNE Station.</p> <p>11.30 pm. Conference of C.O's. held at 19th Bn. H.Q. Brigade Order No 214 was dictated and discussed. Brigade Memo W.M.3/28 issued during the day.</p> | <p>reported</p> <p>app. 42</p> <p>" 43</p> <p>" 45</p> |
| do | 30th. | 1.30 am. | <p>Brigade Order No 215 issued.</p> <p>19th Battalion report Engineer officer has just returned to Bn. H.Q.. Foot-bridge has been strengthened and bridge at I 9 c 3 0 fixed, but there is no definite evidence that crossing can be effected. Patrol being sent out to push along CANAL du NORD which is reported to be marshy and seemingly impassable.</p> <p>1.40 am. 18th Bn. report enemy M.G's. from CLERY still sweeping causeway in H 12 b. Enemy putting gas into H 11a and H 12 c making it impossible for patrols to proceed. Strong patrols are standing by and will move across at earliest opportunity.</p> <p>1.45 am. B.M. spoke to D.H.Q. and gave situation.</p> | <p>2</p> |

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| | 1918. Aug. | | | |
| G 19 a 7 1. | 30th. | 1.45 | am. Div. stated that 3rd. Aust Div. claimed to have post at H 12 a 5 8 and patrols out 200 yards East of village. They are making further inquiries. | |
| | | 2.15 | am. Situation wire sent to D.H.Q. Bridges mentioned above (1.30 a.m.) do not provide sufficiently for crossing on account of marsh. Special patrols out. M.G. and rifle fire coming from Eastern outskirts of CLERY and trenches East of village. | |
| | | 3 | am. 2nd. Aust. Div. "Instruction No 3 - Series "D" " received (Continuing of advance) | |
| | | 3.10 | am. D.H.Q. state 3rd. Div. had instructed their Bdes. to clear up the situation in CLERY. Informed Div. that bridge at H 24 b 7 9 not yet repaired. | |
| | | 3.20 | am. B.M. spoke to 19th Bn. No report to hand yet. Trying to work up pontoons. U.O. 17th Bn. warned. 19th patrols instructed to send word back to 17th Bn. Additional strong patrol sent out to make thorough reconnaissance. C.O. 19th. thinks position unsatisfactory as all reports point to the Canal Du NORD being broken down and marshy. | |
| | | 3.30 | am. Engineers report transport bridge at H 17 a 8 9 completed. Engineer corporal went with patrol through OMMIECOURT and cut leads and trip wires on bridges at H 12 b, H 24 and H 12 b 2 6. On Right Bn. sector position is unsatisfactory. Good foot-bridge has been put across river at I 19 c 3 0 from which it is possible to get along Canal bank to old bridgehead at H 24 b 9 1 and move along road N. from this, for about 200 yards. but both bridges across SOMME have been blown up. Owing to the dark a passage along East bank of CANAL du NORD could not be found. | |
| | | 3.45 | am. 18th Bn. states line forward down. No further news. | |
| | | 3.50 | am. D.H.Q. rang up saying that if it was found impossible to cross on our own front rather than not cross at all we should use 7th. Bde. crossings or go round through FEILLERES. | |
| | | 4.30 | am. G.O.C. spoke to Divisional Commander who instructed that one battalion should be left in the line and other three moved back round through FEILLERES. 6th. Bde. to place Bn. at disposal of 5th. Brigade. | |
| | | 4.40 | am. 17th., 19th., and 20th. Bns. to be withdrawn to N. of MEREACOURT Wood. 18th Bn. to take over front. Orders sent by phone. | |
| | | 4.50 | am. 19th Bn. report that they have found a crossing. 19th Bn. therefore instructed to stand fast and 18th Bn. to be withdrawn. 7th. Bde. and artillery notified of change of plan. | |
| | | 5.5 | am. 10th A.I. Bde. (Left flank) informed of change of plan. | |
| | | 5.10 | am. 20th Bn. report causeway over river blown up in two places and impassable and that 18th Bn. not able to get across and take up bridgehead positions. Owing to congestion of troops in vicinity of Canal and forward and very active enemy artillery troops of 20th Bn...../ | |

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| G 19 a 7 1. | Aug. 30th | | <p>20th Bn. have been recalled in order to save casualties pending further instructions instructions.</p> <p>5.15 am. Instructions issued by phone at 4.40 and 4.50 a.m. confirmed by wire.</p> <p>6.10 am. 6th. Bde. wired saying 22nd. Bn. at disposal of 5th. A.I.Bde.</p> <p>6.50 am. Div. reports 3rd. Div. holding line in H 6 b & d with patrols out. (Timed 4.30 a.m.)</p> <p>C.O's. notified Conference at Bde. H.Q. at 8 a.m.</p> <p>17th. Bn. report in position in trenches at H 13 d. H.Q. at H 13 d 00 55</p> <p>8 am. Conference held at Bde. H.Q., C.O's. of Bns., C.O. 4th A.F.A. Bde. and 2 Battery Commanders who were to cross the river in support of them. Instructions issued that Bns. would cross at FEUILLERES in the following order. 20th., 17th., and 18th., and work along North of CLERY thence swinging S.E. and establish themselves as close to the objective as possible with 20th Bn. on left, 17th on the Right touch to be maintained with 3rd. Div. 2 limbers of mobile echelon would accompany 18th Bn. which would be held in reserve. Visual communications would be arranged from Bridge in H 16 d to H 11a where battalions would probably find H.Q's. in the bank. C.O., 5th. Field Ambulance to arrange to pass any cases he could not deal with through 3rd. Div. Head of column to cross at 10.30 a.m.</p> <p>10 am. Staff Captain reported that a bomb had been dropped at 9.30 p.m. on the 29th amongst Bde. H.Q. transport. 2 men killed and 2 wounded. 5 horses killed, 2 wounded and 2 missing.</p> <p>12.10 pm. 18th Bn. report 20th Bn. crossed over and 17th Bn. crossing.</p> <p>12.35 pm. Men seen in trench H 6 b 7 5 and moving South. Golden flares being fired from H 6 d 2 0 at about I 1 c 5 1.</p> <p>Enemy barrage now opened on N.W. edge of CLERY along line H 6 a and B 30 c.</p> <p>G.S.O. II rang up to say that if crossing in I 19 were found available 27th Bn. could be placed under our orders to go across. 7th. Bde. and 27th Bn. so informed.</p> <p>12.40 pm. 20th. report by visual Bn. past Quarry in H 11 a at 12.30 p.m. Going well no casualties.</p> <p>12.45 pm. G.O.C. Div. rang up to ask location of next Bde. H.Q. Div. Sig Coy. were running a wire from HERBECOURT to H 24 central. H.Q. should be on this line.</p> <p>1 pm. C.O. 18th. Bn. reports Bn. across river ready to move but there appears to have been a block. No shelling that he can see.</p> <p>1.45 pm. 20th. Bn. report 10th. A.I.Bde. captured 40 prisoners. OMMIECOURT not yet cleared. 17th. Bn. now passing 20th. Bn. H.Q. 18th. Bn. report they are through CLERY.</p> <p>1.50 pm. 2nd. Div. reports 3rd. Aust. Div. mounted troops operating in B 18. III Corps have captured RANCOURT.</p> | |

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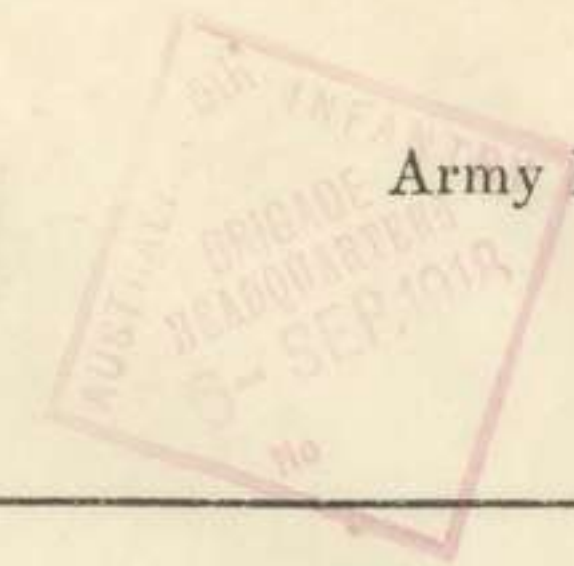
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| | Aug. | | | |
| G 29 a 7 1. | 30th | 2 pm. | Brigade O.P. reports 20th. Bn. have passed CLERY without opposition, but enemy post is still holding out and being strafed by our artillery at H 12 a 55 75. Foremost Coy. of 18th Bn. has now reached cemetery H 11 a 0 3. Enemy at present shelling CLERY in H 11 b. Rear Coy. of 18th Bn. has now reached H 10 a 8 0. 18th Bn. has not yet come under artillery fire. | |
| | | 2.25 pm. | 17th Bn. report report rear Coy. have passed H 11 a at 1.45 p.m. | |
| | | 2.35 pm. | 20th. Bn. report H.Q. at QUARRY in H 11 a. | |
| | | 2.40 pm. | 20th. Bn. report about 60 enemy seen running up ravine in I 1 b & d North of BERLIN Wood. Prisoners state CAUSEWAY in H 12 b intact last night. 19th Bn. instructed to send patrols up to OMMIECOURT. to make certain that it is clear and report on CAUSEWAY. | |
| | | 3 pm. | 18th Bn. report enemy shelling H 15 a and b and FEUILLERES with gas. 6 shells per minute. | |
| | | 3.10 pm. | Gas shelling ceased. | |
| | | 3.20 pm. | 20th Bn. report heavy shelling stopping advance in I 7 b. 10th Bde. moving to the Right down BERLINGOT Trench - I 1 a & c. 10 prisoners, 3 M.G's. captured. Identifications 80, 81 and 82nd Regts. 21st Div. Strong opposition. | |
| | | 3.30 pm. | 20th Bn. asked to give latest definite information re position of 20th., 17th. and 18th Bns. also whether much resistance is being experienced. No movement could be seen on MT. ST. QUENTIN. or FEUILLAUCOURT. Individual movement observed going South East going in I 7. G.O.C. wishes 20th. Bn. to push on with all possible speed. 17th Bn. report leading Coy. in ELEU ALLEY following 20th. Bn. Enemy resistance fairly obstinate. | |
| | | 3.35 pm. | 20th Bn. reports that 10th A.I.Bde. state CLERY now clear. Our progress slow but steady. Situation wired to D.H.Q. | |
| | | 4.15 pm. | O.P. report that at 3.45 enemy counterattacked in the vicinity of CLERY Copse. Counterattack apparently not successful as enemy was seen moving back in small parties. Some movement in I 1 d. 20th. Bn. have taken 40 prisoners and are going well. Considerable movement seen Right of CLERY Copse. Enemy being pushed by our men. Enemy in I apparently being reinforced. Div. and flank Brigades so informed. | |
| | | 4.35 pm. | 20th Bn. report In I 7 a 9 5. OFLANT ALLEY, BARGE ALLEY and ELEU ALLEY. | |
| | | 4.50 pm. | 20th Bn. report now at BARGE ALLEY, GOND TRENCH, ELEU ALLEY. Heavy enemy barrage in valley I 1 d and I 7 a. Strong resistance met with Coys. instructed to make vigorous advance, | |

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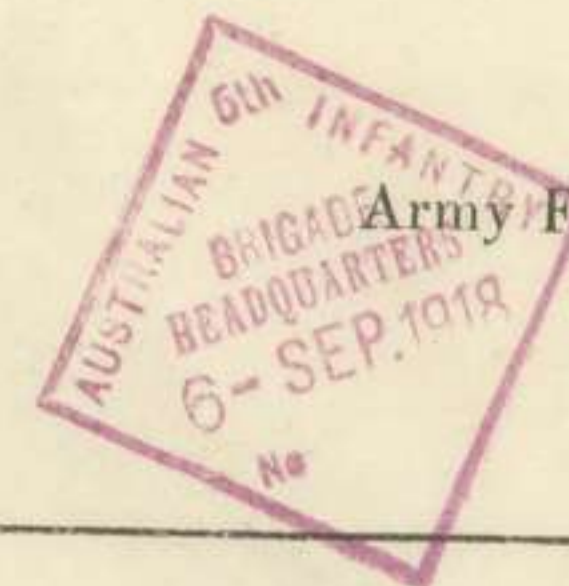
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| G 29 a 7 1. | 30th | 4.50 pm. | 3rd. Div. reported being in VAN Trench to I 1 b 9 0 but this is doubted. 17th Bn. situated in ELEU ALLEY. C.O. has ordered independent action towards S.E. 18th Bn. in H 11 a and H 5 c. | |
| | | 5.10 pm. | 19th. Bn. are sending patrol to mop up/bridgehead in I 12 a. 17th Bn. report 1 Coy. in ELEU ALLEY, in H 6 c, other Coys. in H 5 a. Orders issued to push forward. | |
| | | 6.20 pm. | Telephone through to 20th Bn. B.M. spoke to C.O. line now BARGE ALLEY, GOND Trench ELEU Trench. Making dash for BERLINGOT and VAN Trenches thence to objective. 17th. Bn. working South East, XXXXXXXXXX 3rd. Div. got 60 prisoners out of village and still clearing village. C.O., 18th. Bn. with 17th and 20th Bns. at QUARRY. | |
| | | 6.35 pm. | Enemy dribbling away along I 1 d 4 4. | |
| | | 6.45 pm. | BARGE ALLEY enfiladed also road along river. 20th. Bn. had to mop up part of CLERY. patrol now out. | |
| | | | Prisoners total 43. Move forward in daylight will prove costly. | |
| | | 7 pm. | Units informed that bridge for foot traffic being constructed at approx. H 15 b 9 9 - H 10 c 5 7 tonight. Expected to be completed by 2 a.m. Units notified a rum issue will be available tonight. | |
| | | 7.10 pm. | 19th. Bn. instructed to be prepared to move across river through OMMIECOURT any time after 3 a.m. They are to send platoon across the CAUSEWAY H 12 b as soon as it is dark dusk. | |
| | | 7.20 pm. | 18th. Bn. H.Q. and R.A.P. established in H 11 a 5 9. Coys. in trenches H 11 a & c, standing by until required. | |
| | | 8 pm. | D.H.Q. report 3rd. Aust. Div. line at 6.45 p.m. runs I 7 a 8 4 - I 1 a 3 0 - O 25 a 2 8. | |
| | | 8.50 pm. | 5th. Field Coy. informed of situation and about 19th Battalion covering party. | |
| | | 10.30pm. | Relief of 7th. A.I.Bde. reported complete by 15th A.I.Bde. | |
| | | 12 Midnight. | Brigade Order No 215 dictated to Units. | |

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| | 1918. | | | |
| | August. | | | |
| G 29 a 7 | 1.31st | | Weather cool and cloudy with one or two heavy showers. | |
| | | 1.30 | am. Brigade Order 215 issued. | |
| | | 2.20 | am. Units notified present Motor loading posts at H 15 a and H 10 b 6 4. | |
| | | 2.50 | am. 5th. Field Coy. report footbridge for infantry in single file completed at H 12 b 2 6 | |
| | | 4.30 | am. 17th Battalion report new H.Q. H 12 b 6 9 and that of 20th H 12 b 8 7. Front very quiet, a few M.G.'s. and flares. Going-up-in-same-place-as-last-night.---Visibility-pear-starting-to-drizzle. | |
| | | 5.40 | am. Artillery barrage opened 5 a.m. So far no reply. | |
| | | 5.15 | am. O.P. reports white and green flares going up in same place as last night. Visibility poor starting to drizzle. | |
| | | 5.40 | am. O.P. reports "Light enemy barrage falling on CLERY and West of it. Occasional white flares from behind ridge I 1 d and I 7 a. An occasional flare fired from MT. ST. QUENTIN. | |
| | | 6.40 | am. 18th Bn. report "Out of touch with front but progress appears to be satisfactory. About 40 prisoners reported to be coming in. Enemy shelling heavy to North of CLERY. Liaison with 15th A.I.Bde. (Right flank) reports that Bde. unable to cross river on account of marsh. | |
| | | 7 | am. 19th Bn. reports fair amount of opposition but battalion making good progress. Well over 100 prisoners including 6 officers. On their way to Bde. H.Q. | |
| | | 7.30 | am. 19th Bn. report 8 officers and 360 O.R.'s. prisoners - 81st and 259th Regts, Alexander Guard Regt. and 21st Engineers, identified. Message from ^{a com} Commander 17th Bn. intercepted states "17th well on objective" Enemy barrage on Western slopes of MT. ST. QUENTIN gradually shortening and not very heavy. | |
| | | 8.- | am. 18th Bn. instructed to move to Northern edge of PARK WOOD and establish H.Q. at H 12 b 6 9. 20th Bn. advise (Timed 7.40 a.m.) All objectives taken. Communication by wire impossible at present. 550 prisoners taken. They are in touch with 17th on right who are in touch with 19th on their right. Casualties very light. Enemy seen moving from HALLE, KANVIL WOOD. 19th Bn. report. Information received by Capt. McMEEKIN, who has come back wounded. All has gone well up to GALATZ TRENCH. ^{Up} till then line pushing forward. LIMBER LOST WOOD clear. HALLE and PARK WOODS very quiet. Not very much fire from Right and Right rear. 14th Foot Artillery, 94th Regt. and 14th Coy. Engrs. identified. | |
| | | 8.15 | am. 20th Bn. report unconfirmed report received that objective has been reached. 500 prisoners casualties light. | |

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| G 29 a 7 1. | 1918. August. | 31st | | |
| | 8.20 | am. B.M. spoke to 17th. Bn. Everything O.K. and in touch on flanks. 2 Officers wounded and about 30 O.R's. 250 prisoners so far. 3rd. Div. advancing well and prisoners coming in on their side. | | |
| | 8.30 | am. D.H.Q. informed of situation. | | |
| | 8.15 | am. 18th Bn. objectives apparently gained. Counter attack considered probable from ANVIL Wood, and TOROS ALLEY. Casualties still light. | | |
| | 9.15 | am. Following instructions received from 2nd. Aust. Div. "6th A.I.Bde. to move to I 14 and 20 to support 5th. A.I.Bde. which will seize high ground in I 24 as soon as possible. 7th Bde. to cross river after 6th. Bde. are clear. 14th Bde. has been ordered to cross at CLERY and seize high ground in I 35, 0 5 and 0 11. 18th Bn. informed of move of 6th and 14th Brigades. | | |
| | 9.20 | am. 20th Bn. informed 10th Bde. well up on flank the left. | | |
| | 9.30 | am. Artillery informed of situation and future move to I 24 a. | | |
| | 9.35 | am. D.H.Q. informed that it appears definite that all objectives have been gained. Estimated casualties 80. 888 prisoners to date. 10th Bde. well up on flank. 18th Bn. has been instructed to move forward on to right flank of 19th Bn. 18th, 19th., and 17th Bns. to push on to line I 2 c - I 16 central - MT. ST. QUENTIN WOOD. | | |
| | 9.45 | am. 19th Bn. report H.Q. now at I 7 a 0 2. | | |
| | 9.50 | am. Message (Timed 8.30 a.m.) received from 17th Bn. 3 Coys. now on objective and 4th Coy. which had to deal with PARK WOOD reorganized and moved to objective line in I 15 d at 7.10 a.m. Ridge in I 20 c and I 26 a and b held strongly and giving much trouble with M.G. fire. HALLE and PARK Wood badly need mopping up. Casualties light. Over 300 prisoners. About 10,000 rounds S.A.A. on pack horses required. Situation with 19th and 20th O.K. | | |
| | 9.53 | am. Word received from D.H.Q. that 6th. Bde. would cross the river at FEUILLERES as 14th Bde. crossing at OMMIECOURT. | | |
| | 10.30 | am. 6th A.I.Bde. report H.Q. closes at present location and re-opens at H 15 c 3 4 at 10.30 a.m. | | |
| | 10.45 | am. Instructions wired to units (B.M. 143) . Further objective for Bde. ^{line} from CARDINAL WOOD I 24 a, I 16 central MT. ST. QUENTIN WOOD. 18th Bn. to move to position CARDINAL WOOD - Road I 17 c. 19th Bn. to swing forward and to conform. 17th Bn. right flank will also..../ | | |

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| G 29 a 7 1 | August. 31st | | <p>also conform. 6th. A.I. Bde. will pass through us about 2 p.m. Bde. then to remain in its position at that time as support to 6th. A.I. bde.</p> <p>10.50 am. 6th. Bde. instructions for move received.</p> <p>11 am. Enemy seen reinforcing TOROS ALLEY I 16 a and b also moving S.E. from HALLE to PERONNE. Artillery informed.</p> <p>11.10 am. 2nd. Aust. Div. wire received giving instructions for further advance and passing through of 6th. A.I. Bde.</p> <p>11.30 am. Enemy pushing men into Quarry I 9 d 9 9, thence along trench. Large parties along Main Rd. I 11 d. D.H.Q. informed prisoners passed through Bde. H.Q. now total 9 Officers 615 O.R's. Enemy shelling CLERY FEULLAUCOURT. Forward enemy movement I 9 d 9 9 spreading along road I 11 d, I 17 a. Movement S.E. from HALLE. Artillery engaging. Lines forward cut.</p> <p>11.35 am. 20th Bn. reports situation on MT. ST. QUENTIN unsatisfactory. Enemy have reinforced. 17th have suffered considerable casualties. Have ordered 2 Coys. 18th Bn. to move from present position I 7 b to reinforce 17th Bn. and to take MT. ST. QUENTIN. and WOOD. Other 2 Coys. have been ordered into UBER ALLES Trench, on village being taken. 19th Bn. plus 2 Coys. 18th Bn. will swing round to take up general line CARDINAL WWOOD - ST. DENIS. 19th Bn. has concurred. Artillery action required. Also confirmation of this order. 17th Bn. require urgently S.A.A., rifle grenades, cups and bombs.</p> <p>11.55 am. 17th Bn. report enemy heavily counter attacked MT. ST. QUENTIN. We still hold West ern edge. Casualties heavy. Ammunition urgently required.</p> <p>12 Noon. G.O.C. spoke to 6th. A.I. Bde. and explained situation.</p> <p>12.5 pm. 18th. Bn. report action taken by 20th Bn. (11.35 a.m.) Enemy shelling OMMIED URT crossing with 5.9's. and 77's. Bridge still intact.</p> <p>12.15 pm. 10th. A.I. Bde. advise 11th A.I. Bde. relieving them between 31st August and 1st September. 43rd. Bn. to be on the Right, 41st on the left.</p> <p>12.20 pm. B.M. spoke to 18th Bn. and confirmed action of C.O., 20th Bn.</p> <p>12.25 pm. 2nd. Aust. Div. informed general line now GOTT MIT UNS Trench - FEULLAUCOURT. Strong resistance in MT. ST. QUENTIN village and wood.</p> <p>12.30 pm. 10th A.I. Bde. report now advancing from 1st objective in direction of Main Road. Situation on left not clear and no compact with 2nd. Aust. Div. G.O.C., 6th. A.I. Bde. rang up. In the event of 6th. A.I. Bde. not being able to move further forward they will push on as soon as possible to our objective I 24 central - FEULLAUCOURT and as far forward as they can get tonight. 7th. Bde. will pass through ...</p> | |
| | | | <p style="text-align: center;">D. D. & L., London, E.C. (A10266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 52 Forms/C2118/16.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Dear to remain in the present position for the time being</i></p> |

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| G 29 a 7 l. | 1918. August. 31st | | <p>through us and we will clean up down in ST. RADEGONDE and become reserve Bde. 10th A.I.Bde. report counter attack in I 2 a repulsed.</p> <p>12.45 pm. Present location of H.Q. Advanced Bde. report centre H 17 b 8 9, Visual Station H 16 d 3 3, Bde. H.Q. H 16 a 7 1, 17th Bn. H 12 b 6 7, 18th Bn. H 12 b 7 2, 19th Bn and 20th Bns. H 12 b 9 5, L.T.M.Bty. I 7 c 2 8.</p> <p>12.55 pm. 19th Bn. asked for fire on factory and ST DENIS, I 22 a. Artillery informed. 5th. Field Coy. A.H. report foot bridge for Infantry by 3 p.m. at H 12 b. First line transport by about 10 p.m. Heavy shelling on bridgehead OMMIECOURT and CLERY. C.R.E. informed accordingly.</p> <p>1.15 pm. Instructions to Units issued (B.M. 149) Bns. will endeavour to carry out previous instructions (B.M. 143 10.45 a.m.) If unable to do so they will maintain position gained and 6th. A.I.bde. will pass through to line I 24 a - I 16 central making further advance tonight. 6th. Bde. will probably not move forward from I 14 before 5 p.m. 14th Bde. to cross about 1 p.m. and move South clear of PERONNE. 7th. Bde. to cross after 14th Bde. to I 7 and I 15. When 7th. Bde. pushes through, 5th. Bde. will mop up river angle at PERONNE and will become reserve Bde.</p> <p>1.45 pm. O.P. reports enemy coming across to HAUTALLAINES.</p> <p>1.50 pm. 2nd. Aust. Div. instructions No 5 Series "D" Further instructions for the advance received.</p> <p>1.55 pm. 5th. A.F.A. Bde. ready to cover us now.</p> <p>2.45 pm. 7th. Bde. advise H.Q. moving to H 9 c 5 2.</p> <p>4.10 pm. 18th. Bn. report 2 Coys. on western edge of ANVIL WOOD. Message received from 18th Bn. timed 3.30 p.m. On reaching 17th Bn. position, 18th Bn. found it restored. Casualties nil except Lt. IRVINE wounded. 17th Bn. report 23rd. Bn. passed through and progressing well. O.P. reports enemy seen moving back towards BUSSU from I 17 b. Seem to be abandoning trenches in I 15 a between Brickworks and S.E. corner of MT. ST. QUENTIN.</p> <p>5 pm. 10th. A.I.Bde. reports enemy seen advancing in J 31 and J 32 and P 1 and P 2 being engaged by artillery.</p> <p>5.25 pm. O.C., 20th. Bn. reports had to withdraw about 120 yards from Road owing to enfilade, 77 mm. and M.G. fire from the North. The nearest troops on his left are in PERKE PERKE Trench in I 8 a.</p> <p>5.55 pm. 10th A.I.Bde. report enemy enemy counterattacking across Main Road I 2 b and I 3 c at 5.10 p.M.</p> | |

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| | 1918. August. | | | |
| G 29 a 7 1. | 31st. | 5.55 6 | pm. 40th Bn. have 2 Coys. occupying these roads about C 20 d. pm. Liaison with 15th Bde. report 15th Bde. front quiet. Enemy movement in I 16 c and d, I 17 and U12. | |
| | | 7.30 | pm. 20th Bn. reports Enemy bringing Field Guns into C 27 b and d. | |
| | | 9.15 | pm. 2nd. Aust. Div. advises bridges over SOMME open for use. FEUILLERES for horse transport and Field Artillery. H 15 b 8 8 for Infantry in file, H 12 central to H 12 b 2 7 for H.T. and Fld. Art., H 17 a 5 8 for H.T. and F.A., H 12 b 3 6 for Infantry in file, H 24 d 65 95 to H 19 a 30 5 for Infantry in file, I 19 c 25 05 to I 19 d 0 9 for Infantry in file, I 19 c 25 05 by CANAL du NORD to I 19 a 35 05 for Infantry in file. | |
| | | 11.30 | pm. D.H.Q. informed situation quiet. Light scattered shelling. Line now runs UBER ALLES Trench from I 21 a 9 6 - I 15 d 3 8 - with posts in GOTT MIT UNS Trench - I 15 central along trench I 9 c 95 00 - Posts being established MOINEVILLE ALLEY to I 8 d 7 3, thence line runs along OURCQ Trench to I 8 b 1 3 - (Post at I 8 b 1 7) Vickers M.G's. at I 15 d 2 5, I 15 d 25 55, I 14 d 5 5 and 6 along trenches from I 15 c 1 7 to I 15 a 7 3. Location of M.G's. 20th. Bn. sector not yet to hand. | |

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FOR

AUGUST, 1918



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 31.7.18 to 6 a.m. 1.8.19

OUR OPERATIONS -
ARTILLERY

Usual harassing fire was carried out during the night and tracks, roads, new work, and Dumps were engaged in the following areas:- P 22 d, P 23 c & d, P 27 d, P 28, P 29 a, b & c, P 33 c, P 34 a, b & d, P 35 a. During the enemy barrage this morning our heavy opened up (counter preparation fire).

MACHINE GUNS - Harassing fire throughout the night. Tracks and roads in P 22 d, Road junction P 29 a, tracks and trenches P 28 a & c, P 22 c, Roads from P 28 c 7 4 to P 28 d 6 4. Trenches and tracks P 28 d 8 8, Suspected ration dump P 28 b, Ground in vicinity P 34 c 3 4. Total rounds expended 24,500.

PATROLS - Four small reconnoitring patrols operated on the Left Battalion front during the night and the following information gained. M.G. post located at approx. P 21 d 1 5, P 21 d 25 15, P 27 a 5 3, P 27 a 50 34, P 27 a 50 36. An unoccupied post lightly wired was located at approx. P 27 c 5 3 which was badly knocked about by artillery fire and another unoccupied post was located at P 27 a 45 60 approx. No working parties were heard or hostile patrols encountered.

Patrol of 1 Off. and 10 O.R.'s. with L.G. went out from P 27 c 05 45 at 10.45 p.m. and moved to Southern side of road. Old German wire runs parallel to road in an Easterly direction for about 300'. This wire is badly broken and would not be a serious obstacle. Patrol advanced to within 50 yards of mangelwurzel heap at approx. P 27 c 6 3. Patrol leader and three men went forward to within 10 yards of heap at Northern end. Coughing was heard about P 27 c 7 3. Party then moved towards right and when about the centre of the heap a challenge was heard. Crop is very high about here and the party withdrew and joined the remainder of the patrol. Patrol then moved in a S.E. direction to crop at approx. P 27 c 3 0 from the Eastern edge of which they were challenged and fired on by M.G. Patrol returned at 1.30 a.m. through P 26 d 6 2.

Patrol of 1 Off. and 10 O.R.'s. went out from P 32 a 8 2 at 1.30 a.m. Pot holes at P 32 b 2 5 showed signs of recent occupation. Post from which flares and M.G.'s. fired was located at approx. P 32 b 4 6. Ground over which patrol moved is covered with high crop. Patrol returned at 3.30 a.m. through P 26 d 50 20.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -
ARTILLERY

Very quiet during the day. Between 6 and 6.30 p.m. 60 5.9 H.E.'s fell on O 28 from a T.B. of 103° from P 26 d 72 70. At 10.15 p.m. 28 4.2 H.E. and gas fell on O 22. Between 11.5 and 11.15 p.m. 110 77 H.E.'s fell on U 6 and O 36 from a T.B. of 115° from O 29 d 95 55. Between 12 Midnight and 1.30 a.m. 90 4.2 gas fell on O 17 a & b. From 12.5 a.m. to 12.45 a.m. O 22 and O 27 were shelled with 4.2 gas at the rate of 6 per minute from a T.B. of 85° from O 29 d 95 55. From 12.55 a.m. to 1.5 a.m. O 30 d and O 35 were shelled by 50 5.9 H.E.'s. Between 1.10 and 1.25 a.m. O 22 and O 27 were shelled by 4.2 gas on a T.B. of 95° from O 29 d 95 55. Between 2.50 and 3 a.m. VILLERS BRETONNEUX was shelled by 77 and 4.2 H.E. from direction of MARCELCAVE. at the rate of 16 per minute. Between 4.30 and 5.30 a.m. a very heavy barrage of 77 4.2 and 5.9's. (H.E., Shrap. and Gas being used) was put down on our front and support lines particular attention being paid to P 27 e, C.T.'s, H.Q.'s. and M.G. positions.

ENEMY ATTITUDE - Artillery, M.G.'s. and T.M.'s. active during the night.

ENEMY DEFENCES -

(a) Trench Mortars - Co-operated with the enemy's artillery and M.G. barrage between 4.30 and 5.30 a.m. Light T.M.'s. were active from trench P 28 c 7 1, P 34 a 3 8 approx. During the bombardment at 4.30 a.m. a Medium T.M. fired from trench P 28 c 7 1.

(b) Machine Guns - Active throughout the night on our tracks and trenches especially during the barrage. M.G.'s. were observed firing from approx. P 21 d 3 1 and P 21 d 05 40. Whilst our planes were over enemy's lines a M.G. fired from a T.B. 110° from P 26 b 85 60.

(c) Flares - WHITES normal. Single and double GREENS brought no apparent enemy action.

AIRCRAFT - At dusk a hostile plane flew low over our lines. Bombing planes were active over our battery positions and rear areas between 12.30 a.m. and 2 a.m. At 5.20 a.m. a balloon was up on a T.B. of 112° from O 29 d 95 55 and at 5.45 a.m. it was pulled down on the

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the approach of our planes. Balloons were observed on T.B.'s 163, 144 and 141° from P 26 d 72 70.

MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION - Owing to the heavy ground mist during the greater part of the day movement on roads in the rear areas could not be observed. Between 5.25 and 7.30 p.m. individual movement was noticed in trench P 32 d 8 2, on railway line P 36 c central towards P 35 b, in P 29 a going towards WARFUSEE, in Q 31 d, on track W 1 b, in V 6 c going towards BAYONVILLERS, in V 6 d going towards WIENCOURT. At 8.50 p.m. a party of 20 mounted men moved in extended order up tram line in W 7 b towards BAYONVILLERS.

MISCELLANEOUS - Visibility low until 5 p.m. Good from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. A periscope was seen above the trench at P 27 a 6 7. At 11 p.m. a message rocket was fired from P 27 c 8 9 to the East. A searchlight was seen on a T.B. of 109° from P 21 c 25 60.

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| Front line Right Bn. | - | Connecting up posts. 40 yards dug to a depth of 3'. 60 yards to a depth of 1'. |
| P 26 b 60 25 to P 26 b 65 10 | -- | Improving C.T. 150 yards deepened to 5'6" and widened 3'6". |
| P 26 c - P 32 a | -- | Digging C.T. 180 yards 4'6" x 3'6" |
| Front line Left Bn. | - | Deepening and widening trenches. Constructing 8 dugouts. |
| P 26 b 8 4 to P 27 a 20 55 | -- | Deepening and widening C.T. |
| P 20 d 6 0 to P 20 d 5 3 | -- | 200 yards of trench deepened. |

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| P 25 b 3 7 - | } | 450 yards x 5' dug and cable buried. |
| P 19 d 0 1 - | | |
| P 19 c 8 1 - | | |

In addition R.E. material, rations and ammunition were carried forward.

J. J. M. Hall
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Brigadier General,
Commanding 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO 203.

Brigade Headquarters,
1st August, 1918.

Reference Map,
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1. On the night 1st/2nd. August the 20th Battalion will take over that portion of the 43rd Battalion front from the present Inter Div. Boundary at P 21 central as far North as P 21 b 1 3.

2. Details of relief will be mutually arranged between G.O's. concerned.

3. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued thro'
Sigs. at 7 p.m.

H. H. G. G.
Major,
Acting Brigade Major,
5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

D I S T R I B U T I O N.

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| 2 | 18th. Bn. | 12 Bde. Major. |
| 3 | 19th. Bn. | 13 Staff Capt. |
| 4 | 20th. Bn. | 14 Int. Off. |
| 5 | 2nd Bn., 129th. U.S. Inf. Regt. | 15 Sig. Off. |
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| 7 | 5th. Field Coy. A.E. | 17 Gas Off. |
| 8 | 6th. A.I.Bde. | 18 2nd. Aust. Div. |
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(In continuation of 5th A.I.Bde. Order No. 202)

Reference Sheets,
Sheets 82d SW and SE, 1/20,000
Edition 3b Local

Headquarters,
1st August 1918.

1. On the night 2nd/3rd August 17th Battalion in Brigade Support and 19th Battalion in Brigade reserve will be relieved by the 24th and 25th Battalions respectively.

On the same night the 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. will be relieved in the line by the 6th A.L.T.M.Bty.

Details of above reliefs will be mutually arranged between C.O's. concerned.

2. On completion of the above reliefs and those set out in para.2 of Brigade Order No. 202, the dispositions of this Brigade will be as given in attached table.

3. No movement of troops will take place east of the N and S. line between squares O.23. and O.24. before 10 pm.

4. All marked maps, aéro. photos., local intelligence and trench stores will be handed over on relief and receipts obtained.

5. Units will report completion of reliefs to Brigade H.Q. by priority wire in code.

6. Advance parties consisting of 1 Officer per Bn H.Q., 1 Off. and 1 N.C.O. per Coy., 1 Officer from T.M. Bty., and 1 American Officer and 1 American N.C.O. from each American Coy., will meet Brigade representative (Captain DOWDEN) at Brigade H.Q. at 10 a.m. to take over and arrange accommodation in the reserve area.

7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued at 9.30 pm
thro' Sigd.

[Signature]
Major,
A/Brigade Major,
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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- 2 18th Bn
- 3 19th Bn
- 4 20th Bn
- 5 5th ALTM Bty.
- 6 2nd Bn, 129 US Inf. Regt
- 7 Major FUSSELL, MC.
- 8 2nd Aust. Div.
- 9 129 U.S. Inf. Regt.
- 10 5th Field Coy. A.E.
- 11 5th Field Amb.
- 12 7th Field Amb.
- 13 15th A.A.S.C.
- 14 8th A.I. Bde.
- 15 7th A.I. Bde.
- 16 10th A.I. Bde.
- 17 2nd A.M.G. Bn.
- 18 G.O.C.
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- 28 O.C. Nucleus Bn.
- 29 Left Group Arty.
- 30 Left Group M.Gs.
- 31 Stokes Mtr. Pltn.
- 129 U.S. Inf. Regt.
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TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 5th. AUST. INF. BRIGADE ORDER No 204.

| Unit. | New Dispositions. | Location of new H.Q. | Taking Over from. |
|--------------------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| 17th Bn. | 4 Coys. in BLANGY System from N 34 cent. to N 22 cent. and from N 35 cent to N 29 d. | Dugout at N 23 b 3 5. | 25th Bn. |
| 18th Bn. | 2 Coys. along bank running E. & W. through N 23 cent. 2 Coys. in BLANGY System from N 29 d 0 7 to N 23 cent. and TRONVILLE SWITCH in N 23 d. | BLANGY - TRONVILLE. Billets to be obtained from Town Major on application. | 2 Coys. 28th Bn. |
| 19th Bn. | 4 Coys. in GLISY - BLANGY SWITCH from N 26 b 1 9 to N 22 c 3 4. | GLISY. Billets to be obtained from Town Major on application. | NIL. |
| 20th Bn. | 4 Coys. in SYDNEY System from N 36 cent. to N 30 a to 0 13 c. | BLANGY - TRONVILLE. Billets to be obtained from Town Major on application. | NIL. |
| 5th ALTM Bty. | BLANGY-TRONVILLE. | do. | NIL. |
| 2nd Bn., 129th U.S. Inf. Regt. | American Platoons with Australian Coys. as at present. | do. | NIL. |

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| 35 BLANGY-TRON | 34 | 34 | 34 |
| 34 Town Major GLISY | 33 | 33 | 33 |
| 33 129 U.S. Inf. Regt. | 32 | 32 | 32 |
| 32 Stokes Mtr. Pltn. | 31 | 31 | 31 |
| 31 Left Group M.G. | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| 30 Left Group Arty. | 29 | 29 | 29 |
| 29 O.C. Wholesaler Bn. | 28 | 28 | 28 |
| 28 O.C. School | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| 27 Bomb. Coy. | 26 | 26 | 26 |
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Appendix *H.**War Diary**(H)*FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
-----5TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE
SECRET.
HEADQUARTERS.No
Headquarters,
1st August, 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS:-

(To accompany Brigade Order No 202).

1. SUPPLIES - Existing supply arrangements will continue.
2. Q.M. STORES AND TRANSPORT LINES - Will remain at present location.
3. NUCLEUS BATTALION - Will remain at present location.
4. AREA STORES - Area Stores including all tents and trench shelters will be handed over and duplicate copies of receipts given and taken will be forwarded to Bde. H.Q. within 24 hours of relief.
5. MOBILE ECHELON - Full echelon of tools will be brought out. The Mobile Brigade Reserve will remain at its present location.
6. BATHS - Are situated at P.O.W. Cage - N 14 o 4 4.
7. A O K N O W L E D G E.

*Rupert Hale*Captain,
A/Staff Captain, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.Distribution as for Brigade Order No 189.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE,
HEADQUARTERS.

No 16/363.

Headquarters,
1st August, 1918.

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17th., 19th. Battalions.

The following working parties will be supplied
night 1st/2nd August.-

17th Battalion-

155 men exclusive of officers and N.C.O's
to bury cable in P 25 a and P 19 c.

Work to commence at approx. P 25 a 65 90.
(YORK STREET) at 10 p.m. Average task per man $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards.

Officer in charge this party will be in
charge of combined 17th and 19th Battalions Cable Burying
Parties and will meet Div. Sig. Coy. Officer at P 25 a 65 90-
at 9 p.m. to reconnoitre the ground and arrange details with
the Signal Officer. Proportion of tools require -

8 pick to 2 shovels.

19th Battalion.-

(a) 100 men exclusive of officers and N.C.O's.
to bury cable in P 25 a and P 19 c.

Work to commence at approx. P 25 a 65 90
(YORK STREET) at 10 p.m.

Average task per man $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards.

Officer in charge this party will arrange to
meet 17th Battalion Officer in charge of combined 17th and 19th
Battalions Cable Burying Parties and arrange details of work
with him. He will also, in company with 17th Bn. Officer, meet
Signal Officer at P 25 a 65 90 at 9 p.m. to reconnoitre the
ground and arrange details.

Proportion of tools required

1 pick to 2 shovels.

(b) A party of 12 men under an N.C.O. for carrying
work. This party will move out with the Cable Burying Party
to P 25 a 65 90 at 10 p.m. where they will work in accordance
with instructions to be given by the Div. Sig. Coy. Officer
in charge of the bury.

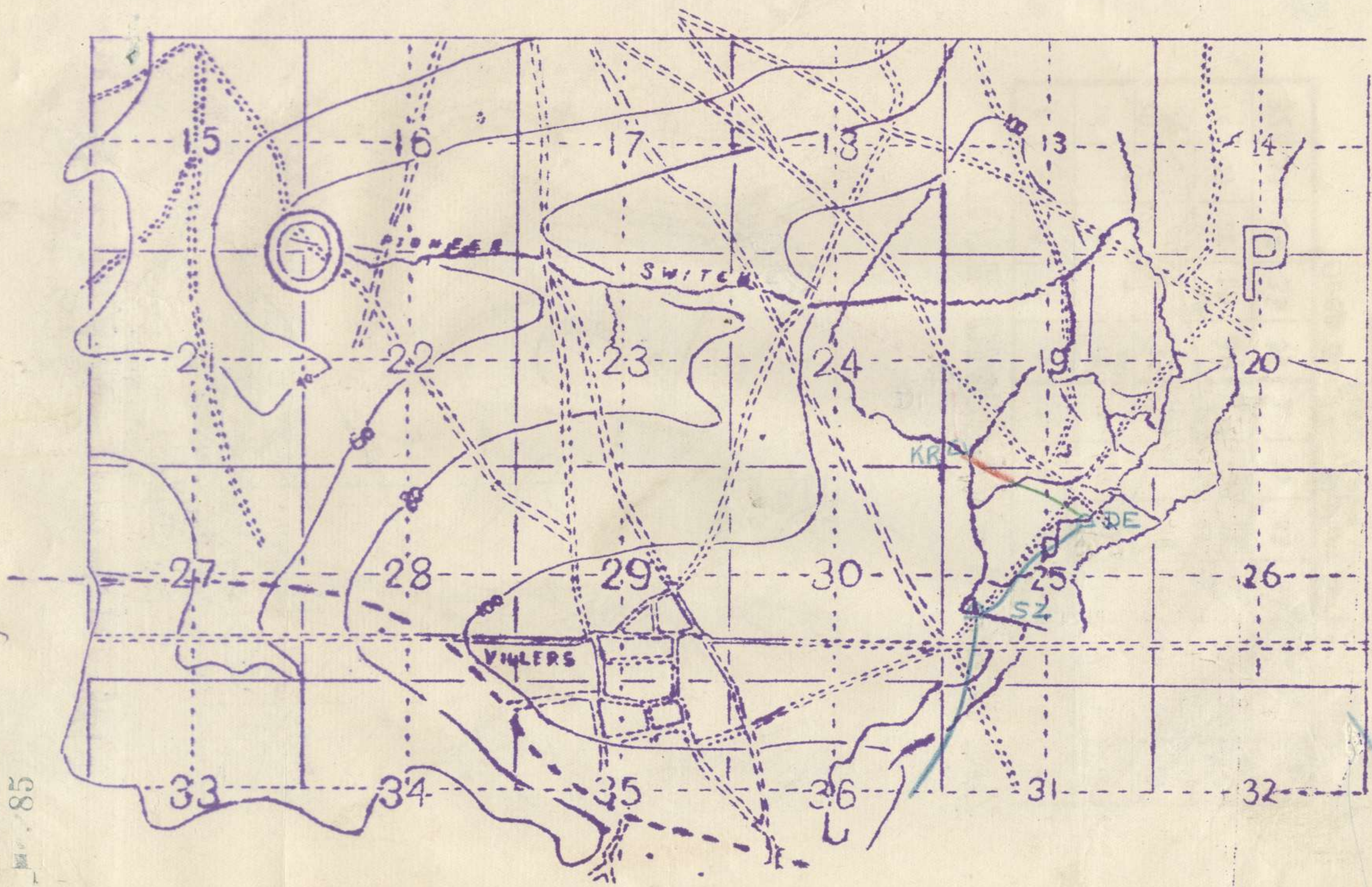
Cable is to be buried to a minimum depth of 6 feet from
approx. P 25 a 65 90 to "K R" Test Point a distance of about 350 yards.
Attached diagrams (copies of which are to be given to Officers in
charge of parties) show in RED the work which MUST be completed tonight.
The bottom of the cable trench must be free from hummocks. Infantry
Officers will allot the tasks and be responsible that the trench is
down to the required depth and uniform throughout. When this is
completed and passed by Div. Sig. Coy. Officer, cable will be laid
in the trench by Signal Coy. personnel under the supervision of the
Sig. Coy. Officer. At his word the Infantry will fill in the trench.
When trench has been filled in to the approval of the Signal Coy.
Officer Infantry working parties may be withdrawn.

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Acting Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

18th, 20th Bns.
2nd. Bn., 129th U.S.A. Inf. Regt.
5th. Field Coy. A.E.
2nd. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.
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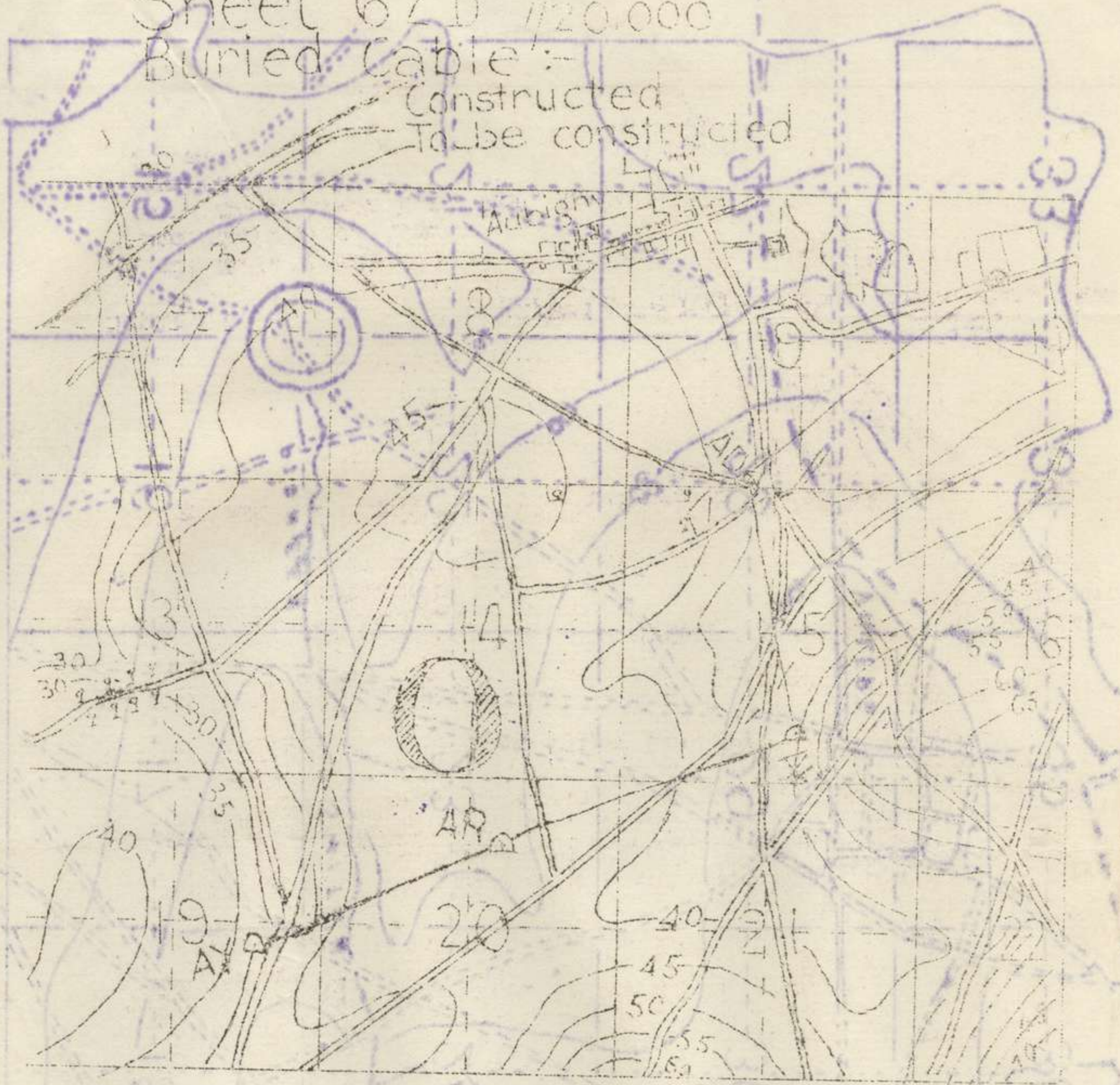
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Buried Cable :-
 Constructed
 To be constructed



ROUTE DIAGRAM - 2ND AUS. DIV.

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| 20 | TC | 22 | | 24 | VS | 19 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 19 |
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Deep Bury —; Shallow Bury - - -
 Potted Cable

Sheet 62D 1/2 inch = 1000 yds

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
1st August, 1918.17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.
5th. A.L.T.M.Bty.NIGHT FIRING 1st/2nd AUGUST.

1. 14th Army Brigade R.F.A. - Selected roads, tracks, new work and Dumps cited in latest Intelligence in P 22 d, P 23 c & d, P 28 a & b, P 20 a & b.

16th Battery - Ditto. P 29 c P 35 a.

17th Battery - Ditto. P 28 d P 34 b.

18th Battery - Ditto P 27 d, P 28 c, P 33 b, P 34 a.

106th Battery - Gas targets as may be ordered.

2. TIMES - 9.50 p.m. 10 p.m. 10.15 p.m. 11.30 p.m. 11.55 p.m.
1.35 a.m. 2.35 a.m. 3.5 a.m. 8.15 a.m. 3.30 a.m.

3. EXPENDITURE - 180 rounds per battery.

4. SPECIAL CONCENTRATION. -

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|---|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| p.m. 14th Bde. All Batteries 16th, 17th 18th & 106th. | Trench P 33 c 90 50 | 3 rounds Gun fire from all Batteries. |
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| 3 am. do. | Centre of Activity P 33 b 20 00. | do. |
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Copies to -

Major,
A/Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Left M.G. Group.
5th Field Coy. A.E.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

5TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE,
HEADQUARTERS.

No. 6/177.

Date

Headquarters,
1st August, 1918.

17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.
2nd. Bn. 129th U.S. Inf. Regt.
5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.
Stokes Mortar Platoon, 129th U.S. Inf. Regt.

1. The Brigade Commander noticed on going round the forward area this morning that not more than about one man in every ten was wearing the S.B.R. in the alert position.
2. This shows very great slackness on the part of Officers and N.C.O.'s. in not enforcing the order that S.B.R.'s are to be worn in the alert position in the Alert Zone.
3. Please issue instructions that this order is to be strictly enforced. It is the duty of every Officer and N.C.O. to see that this order is obeyed both by our own troops and by the American troops attached to our units.
4. Traffic control personnel within the Alert Zone will take the names of all offenders and report them through the A.P.M. to their Commanding Officers.
5. The Western Boundary of the Alert Zone is republished :-

In this Divisional Area it runs :- AUBIGNY -
O 14 central - O 19 b 8 0 - Railway at O 25 o 7 4
- T 6 central.

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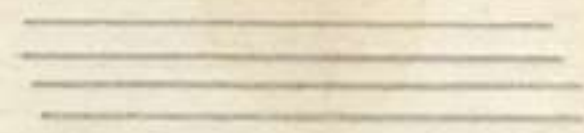
Major,
A/Brigade Major,
5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Sketch illustrating barrage 1/8/18.

Heavily shelled areas

Lightly

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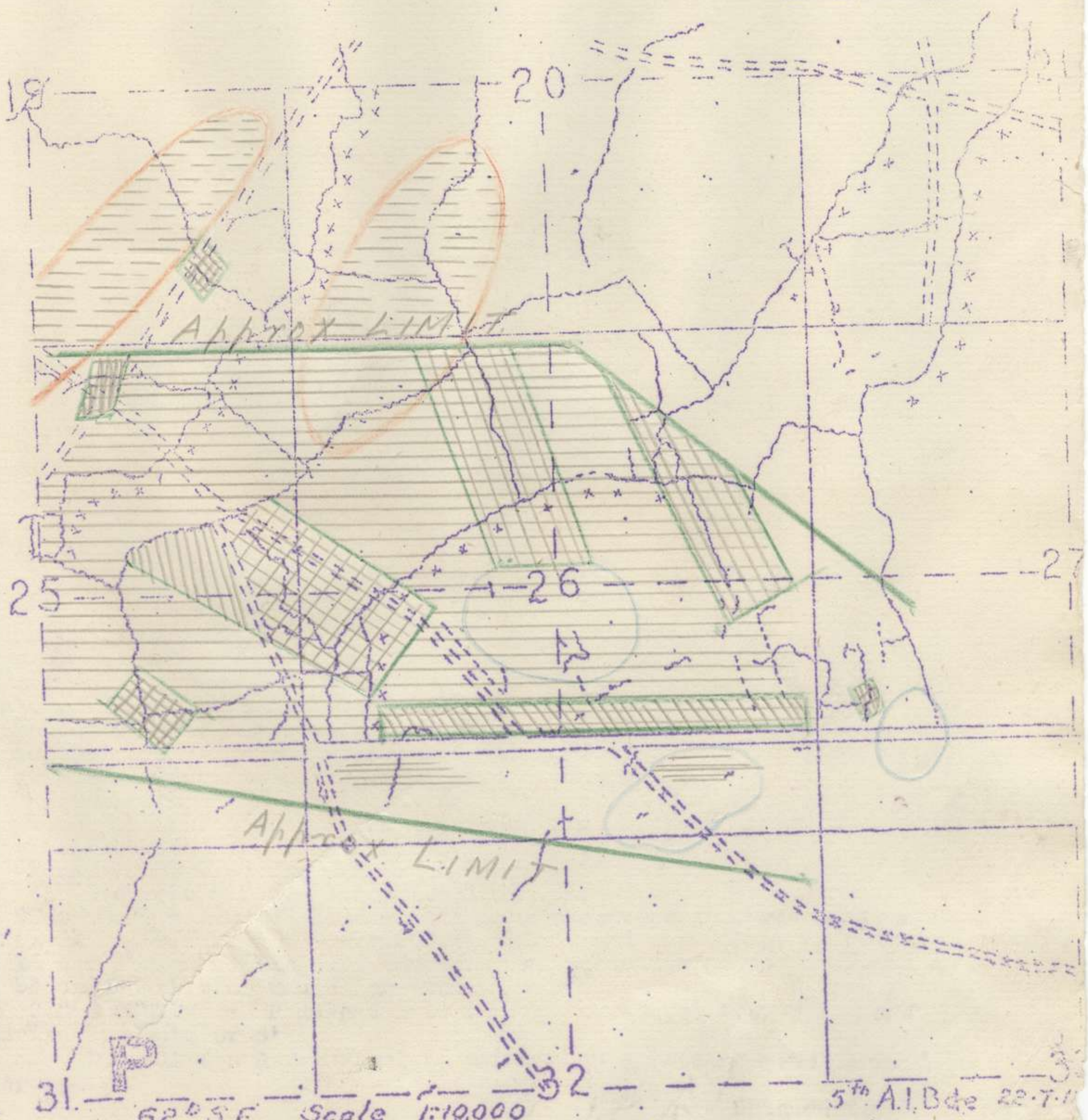
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Approximate

Barrage area

Works office



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INFANTRY BRIGADE,
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 1.8.18 to 6 a.m.

OUR OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY - Active during the night harassing enemy's roads, tracks, trenches and dumps in the forward and rear areas. T.M. positions at P 28 c 7 1, P 28 c 6 5 and P 33 a 8 4 were engaged. Direct hits were obtained on the trench in which the first two T.M.'s. were located and a small dump was fired. The mortar firing from P 33 a 8 4 was silenced. T.M. positions at P 32 c 2 8 and P 34 b 3 4 were also engaged.

MACHINE GUNS - 8,000 rounds were expended by our Vickers on the following targets:- Dump at P 28 d 9 4, Main Rd. P 28 c & d, tracks and trenches P 28 a, Road Junction P 28 b 30 25 and Road junction and track P 29 a.

INFANTRY - Covering patrols were sent out by the Left and Right Bns. to cover the relief of the Left Bn. of portion of its front line by the Right Bn.

AIRCRAFT - Very active at intervals during the day engaging ground targets with M.G.'s. dropping bombs and observing for the artillery. During the night our planes were again active bombing the enemy's back areas.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY - Active during the night. Between 9.15 and 9.20 p.m. P 26 a & c was shelled by 4.2 H.E. & gas on a T.B. of 125° from P 23 d 72 70. At 9.30 p.m. O 35 & O 36 were shelled by 5.9 H.E.'s from a T.B. of 88 & 102° from O 29 d 95 55. Between 11.12 p.m. and 12 Midnight O 35, and U 5 were shelled by 4.2 gas at the rate of 6 per min.. Between 1.30 and 2.10 a.m. O 28 was shelled by 150 4.2 H.E.. Between 3 and 4.45 a.m. a railway gun fired 12 rounds in direction of AMIENS on a T.B. of 113° from O 29 d 95 55 and 129° T.B. from P 26 b 85 50. This gun again fired 6 rounds at 7.15 a.m. A high velocity gun fired on P 25 b and P 26 a during the day. A 4.2 H.V. gun fired on O 23, O 28 and O 29 during the period. The shelling of the remainder of the sector was lightly scattered. Gun flashes were observed on a T.B. of 130, 121 and 108° from O 30 b 4 4 and 106°, 88, 66, and 126° T.B. from P 26 d 72 70.

ENEMY ATTITUDE - Artillery normal. T.M.'s. active. It would appear as if the fire from T.M.'s. on the front line had replaced the shelling by Art.

ENEMY DEFENCES -

(a) **Work & Wire** - Wiring party was heard in P 27 cent. Small trench in P 27 c 45 75 is unoccupied and shows no sign of recent occupation. Flares were fired from post at P 27 a 55 60.

(b) **T.M.'s.** - Active more especially opposite Left Bn. Pineapple firing from P 33 a 8 4 was silenced by our artillery. T.M.'s. were located at P 33 a 7 6, P 33 c 7 7, P 28 c 6 5, P 32 d 8 3, P 32 c 2 8, P 33 a 8 3, P 28 c 7 1, P 34 a 3 8, P 34 b 3 4, P 28 a 2 3.

(c) **M.G.'s.** - M.G. position located at P 27 a 52 70 & P 27 a 50 45. Gun flash 122° T.B. from P 26 d 72 70.

(d) **Flares** - WHITES normal. Single and double GREENS resulted in no apparent enemy action.

AIRCRAFT - Unusually active making reconnaissance flights during the afternoon and evening. At 7.30 p.m. 11 planes in 2 groups flew high over our lines.

MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION - Slight movement was noticed at the following references :- Trench V 2 b 6 8, V 2 b 7 9 (3 men with full pack), V 3 b 0 8 (Work goes on here and it is thought to be a H.Q.), V 3 b 6 3 (Chalk on top of trench, probably a dugout), P 28 c 6 3, Road Q 31 d, P 35 a (2 men appeared to be mending telephone wires). Normal amount of movement on the roads and tracks in the rear areas. At 5.30 a.m. 6 wagons loading hay at P 36 d and Q 31 c were dispersed by our artillery.

MISCELLANEOUS - Visibility fair during the day. Good from 6 to 8.30 pm. Between 3.55 and 5 a.m. fire burned on T.B. 138° from P 26 d 72 70. Searchlight observed on T.B. 85° T.B. from O 29 d 95 55.

WORK - P 26 b 65 10 - Improving G.T. 100" dug to depth of 5' and to P 26 d 7 9. widened 3'6".

P 27 c 28 70 - P 27 c 35 75 - Building firesteps & improving trench. Front line in P 27 c - 5 dugouts completed and camouflaged.

P 21 c 60 35 - Building and camouflaging ammunition dump.

P 25 c 2 7 - Dugout under construction.

CABLE BURYING - P 19 c 8 1 to P 19 c 1 2 - 470" trench dug and cable buried to depth of 6'.

In addition R.E. material, ammunition & rations were carried forward.

Brig.-General,
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE,
HEADQUARTERS,
15/11/43

No. _____

Date _____

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Headquarters,
2nd August 1943.

5th A.I.B.C. Stry.

Reference Brigade Order No. 204

The Stokes Mortar Platoon of the 120th U.S. Inf. Regiment attached to you will not come out of the line, but will be attached to 6th Aust. I.S.M. Stry.

Details will be arranged by you direct with O.C. 6th Aust I.S.M. Stry.

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 - 120th U.S. Inf. Regt.
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J. H. Lewis

Major,
A/Brigade Major,
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Headquarters, 5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, 3rd August, 1918.

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| 5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS |
| No. _____ |

17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.

The following working parties will be supplied night 3rd/4th August:-

125 Americans from each Australian Battalion under their own officers and men to bury cable in O 23 a, b and d.
 Work will commence at O 23 a 85 40 at 7.30 p.m. sharp.
 Tools required 50% picks - 50% shovels.
 Average individual task 1 1/2 yards.

The American Officer in charge of the working party from the 20th Aust. Bn. will be in charge of the whole Brigade party of 500 men. This officer should report to Signal Coy. Officer at O 23 a 85 40 at 6.30 p.m. to arrange details of work and to reconnoitre the ground.

American officers in charge of the working parties from the 17th., 18th., and 19th. Aust. Bns. will get in touch with the American Officer in charge of the 20th. Aust. Bn. party and arrange all further details with him.

Each Aust. Bn. will send one Australian Officer and 4 Australian N.C.O's. with the parties to assist the American Officers and N.C.O's.

The attached sketch shows in RED the work to be done by this Brigade tonight, also work to be done by 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes.

Cable is to be buried to a minimum depth of 6 feet the bottom of the trench to be free from hummocks. Infantry officers will allot the tasks and be responsible that the trench is down to the required depth and uniform throughout. When this is completed and passed by Div. Sig. Coy. Officer, cable will be laid in the trench by Sig. Coy. personnel under the supervision of the Sig. Coy. Officer. At his word the Infantry will fill in the trench. When trench has been filled in to the approval of the Sig. Coy. Officer, Infantry working parties may be withdrawn.

J. L. M. Ball
 Major,

Acting Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
3rd August, 1918.

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17th., 18th., 19th., 20th Bns.
5th. A.L.T.M.Bty.

The following extract from translation of a German document has been received from G.H.Q.:-

"Not to be taken into front line.Divisional Headquarters
4.8.18.LENS DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SHEET No. 33.5 a.m. 3.6.18 to 5 a.m. 4.6.18.(f) Listening Set Reports.

Presence of the 20th and 24th English Divisions confirmed. According to a reliable report two H.Q. moved 2.5 km. further to the North.

A conversation overheard referred to a large explosion on 2.6.18 at H 28 d (MORTAR WOOD).

NOTE- This was captured by the French from an Officer of the 42nd Division, captured near SOISSONS on 1.7.18.

The 42nd Division was relieved in the LENS Sector by the 38th Reserve Division."

The above is an excellent example of what useful information the Germans can obtain by means of their Listening Sets, as well as of the danger of sending injudicious messages over the telephone in the front line system of trenches.

*J. H. M. Case*Copies to -
Sig Officer.
Brigade Staff.Major,
Acting Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE,
Headquarters,
3rd August 1918
No 15/545

17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.,
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.

2. The battalions of the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will carry out exercises in the co-operation of Infantry and Tanks at VAUX-en-AMIENOIS on the 4th and 5th instants, as shewn below.

2. Each battalion will send 350 all ranks, drawing on the Nucleus personnel to complete this strength if necessary. U.S. troops will not be included.

3. Personnel will be conveyed to the training ground by motor lorries. The head of the column of lorries will start from N.27.d.6.4.

4. Each battalion will take with them 24 "P" Smoke rifle grenades, distributed six to each company.

5. Any officers who can be spared from the battalions taking part on the 4th may also attend on the 5th, and vice versa, in order to witness the demonstration twice.

6. Latrines are provided on the training ground, and officers must ensure that men make use of them.

7. One copy of the "Exercises in Co-operation between Infantry and Tanks" and 30 copies of map (T.M.Bty. 5 copies) are attached hereto.

8. Battalions will attend as follows:-

4th instant - 19th Bn busses depart 7.30 am. Midday meal will be carried.

5th instant - 17th, 18th, 20th Bns, 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. - Time of starting to be notified later. Midday meal to be carried.

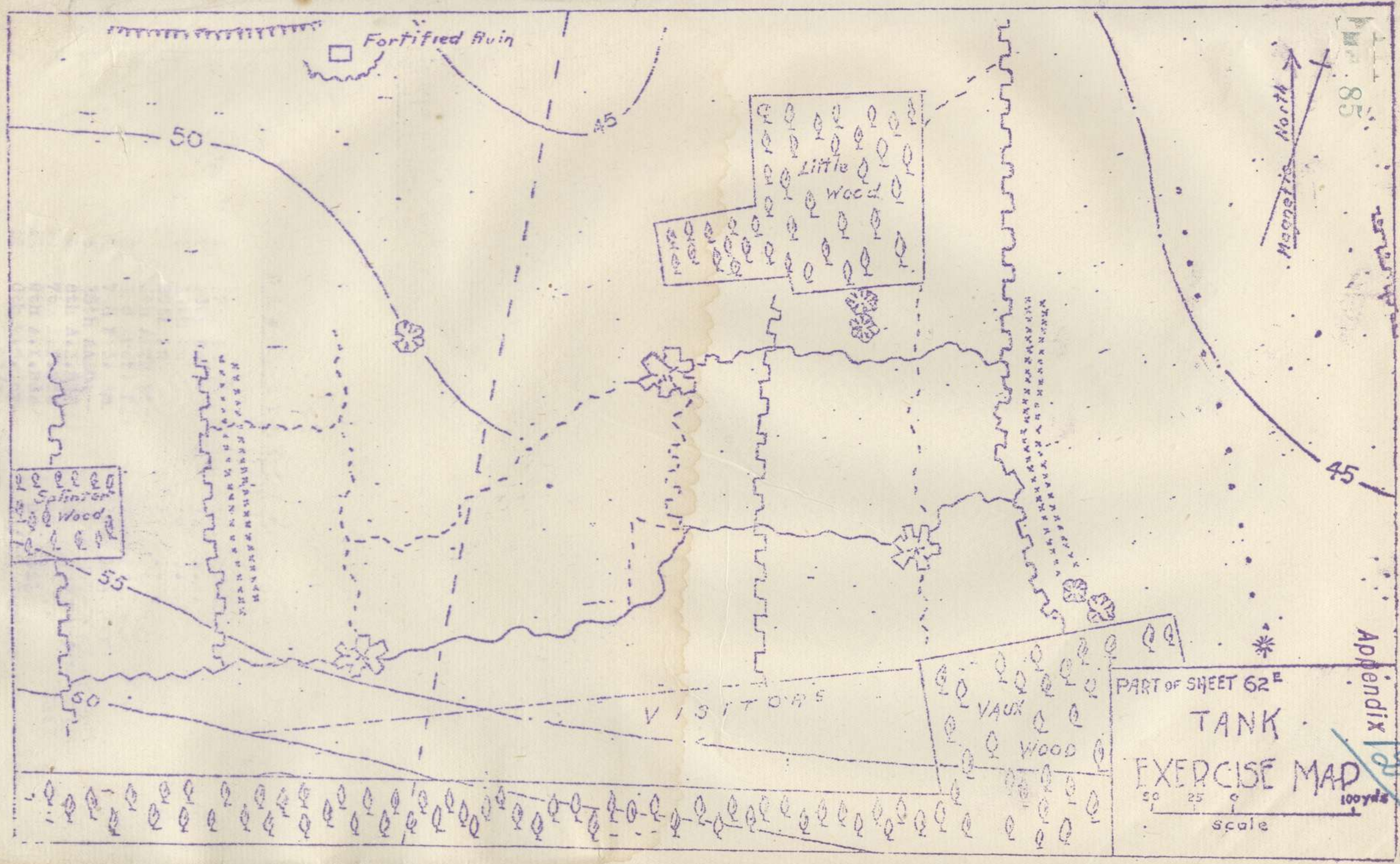
9. All lorries should stop on the AMIEN - ST VAST-en-CHAUSEE road at a point 1 1/4 miles S.E. of ST VAST-en-CHAUSEE (AMIENS 17 C.1.75.55.)

Notice boards shewing the way to the training area are placed on the BERTANGLES - ST SAVVEUR Road close to the windmill due south of VAUX.

10. A C K N O W L E D G E .

R. D. Bowen Capt.
for
Major,
A/Brigade Major,
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE

Copy No.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 205Reference Maps,
Sheets 62d SE and SW, 1/20,000Headquarters,
5th August 1918.

1. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will move to concentration area in the AUBIGNY Sector on X/Y night, in accordance with the attached map. Move to be complete by 3 a.m. on Y day.
2. (a) The necessary reconnaissances will be carried out forthwith.
(b) Advance parties will meet the Assistant Staff Captain at Cross Roads O.13.d.2.7. on X day, at 10.30 a.m.
3. Movement will be by companies at 5 minutes interval. Units will commence movement at the following times :-

| | | |
|------------------|-----|------------|
| 20th Battalion | ... | 9.30 p.m. |
| 18th Battalion) | | |
| 19th Battalion) | ... | 9.45 p.m. |
| 17th Battalion | ... | 10.15 p.m. |
| 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. | ... | 9.30 p.m. |

4. Movement during the day will be reduced to a minimum. There is to be no movement whatever during the day forward of VILLERS LINE except through trenches. All Officers and N.C.Os. must be impressed with the necessity of seeing that this order is strictly enforced.

5. Special precautions will be taken by means of sentries and special officers detailed by each battalion whose duty it will be to see that no unnecessary movement takes place within the Brigade area during the day and that any new work is effectively camouflaged both during progress and after completion.

6. Transport lines and Q.M. Stores will remain at present locations.

7. Completion of move and location of new H.Qrs. will be reported to this office by priority wire in code.

8. Brigade H.Q. will remain in GLISY until 9 p.m. on Y day when advanced H.Q. will open at O.28.c.8.4.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. T. MacCallum

Issued at 1.30 p.m.
thro' Signals.

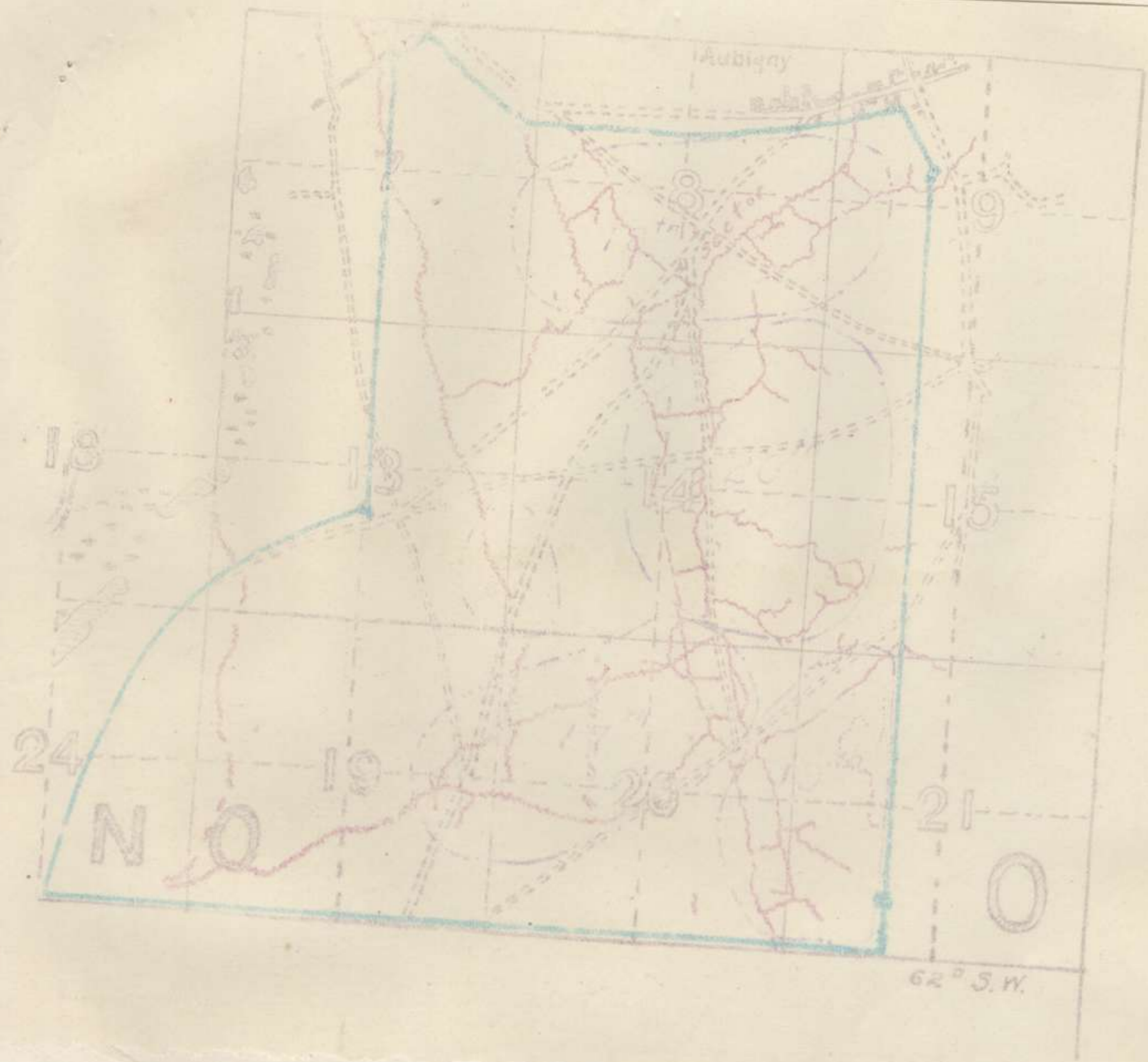
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| 4 | 20th Bn | 16 | I.O. |
| 5 | 5th ALTM Bty | 17 | Sig. Off. |
| 6 | 2nd Aust. Div | 18 | Bde. T.O. |
| 7 | 7th Fld. Amb | 19 | Bde. Q.M. |
| 8 | 15th AASO. | 20 | O.C. Nucleus Bn |
| 9 | 8th A.I.Bde | 21 | Town Major BLANGY |
| 10 | 7th A.I.Bde | 22 | do GLISY |
| 11 | 9th A.I.Bde | 23 | File |
| 12 | 6th M.G.Coy | 24/26 | War Diary |

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 206.

Reference Map
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5th AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE,
HEADQUARTERS.
Brigade Headquarters,
5th August, 1918.
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1. The Units of the 65th American Brigade are being concentrated in the ALLONVILLE area on the night of 5/8th August.
2. The Units of the 129th Infantry Regiment, A.E.F. attached to this Brigade will move in accordance with attached table.
3. On commencement of move, American Units will cease to be under the command of Australian Units to which they are attached, and on arrival in the concentration area they will come under the orders of the 65th American Brigade.
4. 24 hours rations will be carried.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. P. MacCallum
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

DISTRIBUTION.

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| Copy No | 1 | 17th Battalion. |
| | 2 | 18th Battalion. |
| | 3 | 19th Battalion. |
| | 4 | 20th Battalion. |
| | 5 | 5th. A.L.T.M.Bty. |
| | 6 | 2nd. Aust. Div. |
| | 7 | 65th Bde. A.E.F. |
| | 8 | 129th Inf. Regt., A.E.F. |
| | 9 | 2nd Bn., 129th Inf. Regt., A.E.F. |
| | 10 | T.M. Platoon, 129th Inf. Regt., A.E.F. |
| | 11 | G.O.C. |
| | 12 | B.M. |
| | 13 | S.C. |
| | 14 | I.O. |
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 206

Remarks

Approved by the Brigadier General
5th August 1918
W. P. MacCallum
Brigade Major

TABLE TO ACCOMPANY FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 206.

| Date. | Unit. | Move at. | From. | To. | Remarks |
|---------------------------|---|----------|-------------------|-------------|---|
| AUGUST. Night 5/8th .. | T.M. Platoon. H.Q. Coy. 129th Inf. Regt., A.E.F. | 5 p.m. | LAMOTTE. | CANON. | Rejoins H.Q. Coy. |
| do | 2nd Bn., 129th Inf. Regt., A.E.F. | 9 p.m. | BLANGY-TRONVILLE. | ALLONVILLE. | Coys. attached to 17th., 18th. and 20th Bns. will be concentrated at BLANGY- TRONVILLE by 8 p.m.. Coy. attached to 19th Bn. will rejoin Bn. as it passes through GLISY. |

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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**5TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE,
HEADQUARTERS.**

No
Date

Headquarters,
5th August 1918.

Reference 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 205 issued today.

"X" Day will be 6th August.

R. J. ... Capt.

Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued to all recipients of Bde. Order No. 205.

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 INFANTRY BRIGADE
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No 9/581.
 Date

Headquarters,
 6th August, 1918.

17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.

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The following points are issued in conjunction with
 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No 207 :-

1. Every endeavour should be made to utilise captured material, especially S.A.A., M.G's., and Grenados.
2. Battalions will be responsible for providing the necessary escorts for M.G's. attached to them.
3. If, during their approach on Y/Z night, Tanks are heard moving at any considerable distance, the Senior Infantry Officer will warn the tanks by sending a man along the Tank tape lines *to them*
4. Special instructions should be issued to troops on Left flank to look after the interests of this Brigade within its sector with regard to prisoners and material.
5. In this connection, direction is of vital importance; the tendency throughout will be to work South. The Left Coys. of 20th and 18th Battalions should earmark DOG WOOD as direction mark.
6. 17th and 19th Battalion Liaison platoons will, in addition to the duty laid down in the order, act as liaison units with 27th Battalion.
7. The present front (a) and support (b) line belts of wire are being cut by 6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade, (a) just prior to withdrawal of screen, (b) earlier in evening of Y/Z night. 19th and 20th Battalions will however send parties to satisfy themselves of this on Y/Z night.
8. 6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade/battle straggler posts at points in rear of Brigade jumping off area
 is providing
 and detailing parties to take over prisoners from attacking Brigades.
9. Battalions will ensure that information is sent as rapidly as possible to Brigade H.Q. should there be any heavy shelling or gas shelling of our area during Y/Z night so that arrangements may be made for the hostile batteries to be engaged at once. Information should state the direction from which the shelling is coming.
10. Special reports as to when 8th A.I. Brigade commences to pass through, and when it is clear, will be sent in.

W. I. MacCallum

Major,
 Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 207

Reference Maps -
Sheet 62d S.E.
Sheet 62d S.W.

Brigade Headquarters,
8th August 1918.

1. INTENTION -

The 2nd Australian Division will attack the enemy at an date and hour to be notified. The 2nd Canadian Division is co-operating on our right and the 3rd Australian Division on our left. (9th Aust Inf. Brigade next our flank).

2. OBJECTIVES -

- (a) The objective of the Division is shown in GREEN on attached map. The 5th Australian Division is to pass through the 2nd Aust. Division, and attack the RED and BLUE Lines (15th A.I.Bdc. right, 8th A.I.Bdc. Left, 14th A.I.Bdc. Support). Similarly the 4th Australian Division is to pass through the 3rd Australian Division. The 1st Australian Division will be in Corps Reserve.
- (b) The 1st objective of the 5th Australian Inf. Bde. is shown in BLACK on attached map. The GREEN line will be the second objective.

3. DISPOSITION OF FLANK BRIGADES -

The 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. is attacking with 3 battalions, south to north, 26th Bn, 28th Bn and 27th Bns., with 25th Bn in Support.
The 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. is attacking with 2 battalions, south to north, 33rd and 35th Bns., with 34th Bn. in support.

4. The attack will be carried out by the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the right and the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the left.
The 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be in support.

5. METHOD OF ATTACK -

All four battalions 5th A.I.Bdc. will be employed in the attack which will be made on a frontage of two battalions.
The 19th Battalion right, and 20th Battalion left will attack and capture first objective.
The 17th Battalion right and 18th Battalion left will attack and capture the second objective, including the villages WARFUSEE ABANCOURT and LAMOTTE.

6. BOUNDARIES -

The Divisional, inter-brigade and inter-battalion boundaries are shown on attached map.

7. FORMATION -

- (a) Each battalion will be organised in two waves, each of two lines. The 1st and 2nd waves will consist of 19th and 20th Bns, the 3rd and 4th waves will consist of 17th and 18th Bns.
- (b) The following distances will be maintained - between lines at 140 yards, between waves 100 yards.
- (c) The 1st wave will move in extended order, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th waves in artillery formation.

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8. JUMPING OFF LINE -

The jumping off line is shown in BROWN on attached map. Tapes will be laid and signs erected by 7th Field Coy. A.E. as per diagram attached.

On Y/Z night, 1 officer per battalion and 2 N.C.Os. per Coy. will report to 7th Field Coy. Officer at O.23.b.8.5. at 8 p.m. to assist the engineers to lay the tapes. 1 N.C.O. per Coy. will be left as right marker for each Coy. Flank, the remainder under their officer will guide the attacking troops into position meeting them at selected rendezvous.

9. ACTION OF INFANTRY -

(a) Prior to ZERO - The assembly on Y/Z night will be carried out as follows :-

(i) The 6th A.I.Bdo. is leaving a thin screen in our present front line, the remainder of the Brigade is to be withdrawn and concentrated in the area coloured RED and marked "8" on attached map.

This concentration is to be completed by ZERO minus 2 hrs. The screen referred to above is to be withdrawn to 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. concentration area by ZERO minus 30 minutes.

(ii) The battalions of 5th A.I.Bde. will move from Staging area direct to their positions on the jumping off tape in the following order, move to be complete by ZERO minus 1 hour. 19th and 20th Battalions will commence the approach march at 9.30 p.m., 17th and 18th Battalions at 10.30 p.m., movement will be by platoons at 3 minute intervals.

(b) During the attack

(i) All four waves will advance simultaneously preceded by the tanks and conforming to the pace of the barrage. The 1st and 2nd waves will capture the BLACK line (1st objective) P.34.b.3.3. - P.23.d.6.9. They will then be re-organised and each of 19th and 20th battalions will detail one company to act as nucleus garrison for the captured line, and one company to be placed at the disposal of 17th and 18th battalions respectively to be used only in an emergency. The remaining 2 companies per battalion will be held in readiness to repel hostile counter-attack if required.

(ii) As soon as the 1st and 2nd waves have reached the BLACK line, the 3rd and 4th waves will pass through them and close to the barrage.

(iii) The third wave will divide, pass north and south of WARFUSEE and LAHOTTE and consolidate on the GREEN line approximately from P.36.central to Q.19.c.5.0.

(iv) The 4th wave will move in a similar manner north and south of WARFUSEE approximately to the north and south grid line between P.29. and P.30., when it will turn inwards and regulated by the movement of the tanks, will mop up the villages.

(c) Subsequent to the Assault -

Immediately the GREEN line is captured the troops will dig in. 5th Australian Division is passing through the End Australian Division and advancing from the GREEN line at ZERO plus 4 hours for the attack on the RED and BLUE lines. As soon as all the troops of the 5th Aust. Division have passed through the GREEN line the defence of the Brigade sub-sector will be organised in depth. Battalions will be re-organised, and those not detailed to the defence of the line will be withdrawn into support and held in readiness...../

readiness for eventualities. One Battalion will be held as portion of Corps Reserve. Consolidation will be continued until orders to discontinue are sent from Brigade H.Q.

(d) Mopping Up.

Battalions will make special provision for mopping up of enemy strong points and defences in their sub-sector.

10. TANKS.

(1) "B" Coy., 2nd. Tank Bn. (12 tanks) ^{has} been allotted to this Brigade for the operation.

(ii) Action prior to ZERO.

(a) Tanks will move from concentration point on Y/Z night (to 1,000 yard line to points approximately P 20 a 9 4, P 20 c 5 7, P ²⁵ b 7 4, P ²⁵ b 6 3, 1 section to each point, between 9.30 p.m. and 12 Midnight, when lowflying aeroplanes are being employed between those hours to drown the noise of the Tanks.

(b) Tanks will move forward from the intermediate positions referred to above to jumping off points at P 26 c 6 5, P 26 b 3 3, P 21 c 5 5, P 21 a 8 2 (approx), so as to be 100 yards in front of the jumping off line by ZERO plus 3 minutes. South to North - No 8 section, No 7, No 6 and No 5.

(iii) During the Assault.

(a) Tanks will move forward in section formation deployed for action and will precede the Infantry.

(b) For the BLACK line No 5 section is being specially detailed to deal with enemy strong point in P 22 d. The remaining sections will cover the advance along the Brigade front. No 8 Section will cross road immediately after ZERO and will then bunch at the beginning. They will pick up Infantry later.

(c) For the GREEN line and Villages No 8 Section will move South of WARFUSEE to positions East of LAMOTTE. No 7 Section will move to S.W. Outskirts of WARFUSEE. No 6 to N.W. outskirts of WARFUSEE. No 5 Section will move through DOG Wood to GREEN line. Nos. 6 and 7 Sections will proceed to mop up the villages followed and assisted by the 4th infantry wave. Two Tanks each from Nos. 8 and 5 Sections will be available to assist in the mopping up, as soon as the infantry are firmly established on the GREEN line.

(iv) Subsequent Action.

When all objectives including the villages have been taken and mopped up, Tanks will move back to replenish, to positions in Valley in P 30 and will be held in readiness to repel enemy counter-attack and to assist in the advance of the 5th. Aust. Div.. Withdrawal will be carried out under cover of smoke screen provided by No. 27 grenades, which will, with rifles, be given out to Infantry by the Tanks.

(v) Each Battalion will detail 3 observers to accompany the Tanks into action.

They will report to Tanks at intermediate points at 11.30 p.m. (para 2 a)

| | | |
|---------|-------|------------------|
| 20th Bn | | To No 5 Section. |
| 18th Bn | | To No 6 Section. |
| 19th Bn | | To No 7 Section. |
| 17th Bn | | To No 8 Section. |

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After the capture and consolidation of the GREEN line and consequent withdrawal of Tanks, the observers will report to the front line Companies and be available as runners to the Tank Sections.

(vi) All necessary details of co-operation between Tanks and Infantry will be arranged between Infantry Battalion C.O.'s. and Tank Section Commanders. This will include the passage of Tanks through troops to jumping off tape.

(vii) Bns. will detail guides as under to assist the Tank Coy. in laying tapes from Infantry jumping off tape to Tank starting line, and will then guide their particular Tank Sections to the Battalion jumping off tape.

| | | |
|---------|------|-----------|
| 20th Bn | | 2 guides. |
| 19th Bn | | 2 guides. |

Guides will go forward with Tank tape laying party on X/Y night returning to Battalions on Y morning. They will report to Tank Sections at 1,000 yard line at 11.30 p.m. on Y night, rejoining their units when Tanks have been guided to jumping off positions. These guides should carry watches to synchronise with Tank Section Commanders.

(viii) Attacking troops should be warned not to rely on Tanks for direction purposes.

(a) Tanks will move forward in section formation... (b) For the BLUE line No 2 section... (c) For the GREEN line and Villages No 3 section will move south of WABURIE to positions East of HAMOTTE. No 7 section will move to S.W. outskirts of WABURIE. No 6 to N.W. outskirts of WABURIE. No 5 section will move through BOG wood to GREEN line. Nos 8 and 7 sections will proceed to mop up the village followed and assisted by the 4th Infantry wave. Two Tanks each from Nos 8 and 5 sections will be available to assist in the mopping up as soon as the Infantry are timely established on the GREEN line.

(iv) Subsequent Action.

When all objectives including the villages have been taken and mopped up, Tanks will move back to positions in Valley in P 23 and will be held in readiness to repel any counter-attack and to assist in the advance of the 5th Aust. Div. Withdrawal will be carried out under cover of smoke screen provided by No. 27 Squadron, which will, with rifles, be given out to Infantry by the Tanks.

(v) Each Battalion will detail 3 observers to accompany the Tanks into action. They will report to Tanks at intermediate points at 11.30 p.m. (para 25)

| | | |
|-----------------|------|---------|
| To No 5 Section | | 20th Bn |
| To No 6 Section | | 19th Bn |
| To No 7 Section | | 19th Bn |
| To No 8 Section | | 19th Bn |

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11. ARTILLERY

- (a) The attack will be covered by a Field and Heavy Artillery barrage organised in depth. The Field Artillery barrage will be provided by nine Field Artillery Brigades of which four form the left group.
- (b) Those Brigades will provide a creeping barrage of H.E. starting 200 yards in front of infantry jumping off tape. The barrage will remain on the starting line for 3 minutes and will then creep forward at the rate of 100 yards every 2 minutes for 200 yards, 100 yards every 3 minutes for the next 800 yards and then 100 yards every 4 minutes to the protective barrage, 400 yards beyond the GREEN line. It will remain on this protective barrage at a slow rate until ZERO plus 4 hours, a proportion of guns searching in depth to the limits of their range.
Barrage map will be issued later.
- (c) Each 18 pdr gun is firing 3 rounds smoke on the starting line and 3 rounds smoke on arrival on the protective barrage line.
- (d) After the capture of the GREEN line 3 Field Artillery Brigades will move forward to support the attack of the 5th Australian Division and 3 will move to positions from which they can cover the RED line. The other 3 Brigades will remain as a Mobile Reserve.
- (e) Present S.O.S. Line will be inoperative from ZERO minus 15 minutes.

12. ACTION OF MACHINE GUNS

The 6th Aust. M.G.Coy. has been allotted to this Brigade. 2 guns will accompany each battalion as forward guns and will follow in rear of the second wave in the case of 19th and 20th Battalions, and in the rear of the 3rd wave in the case of 17th and 18th Battalions. The guns allotted to 19th and 20th Battalions will take up positions in pairs in advance of the BLACK line.

Those allotted to 17th and 18th Battalions will take up positions in rear of the GREEN line.

Further details will be arranged direct with battalions by I.O.C. 6th Aust. M.G.Coy.

| Number | Approx. Location | Tasks |
|--------|------------------|---|
| 2 | P.30.b.9.2. | 1 gun to fire towards Q.19.d.5.0. 1 " " " " " Q.31.a.centra |
| 2 | P.30.d.2.1. | 1 " " " " " Q.31.b.3.7. 1 " " " " " Q.31.c.5.5. |
| 2 | P.30.central | 1 " " " " " Lamotto Church 1 " " " " " on other bank. |
| 2 | Bank in P.35.b. | 1 " " " " " P.24.central. 1 " " " " " P.30.c.0.5. 1 " " " " " up gully to ar P.35.d.5.5. |

The remaining 8 guns will be held in reserve to be moved later to positions in the BLACK line and in rear of it, and will be allotted S.O.S. Lines for the protection of the GREEN Line.

2 Companies of the 2nd Aust. M.G.Bn. will be emplaced in 4 gun batteries as near as possible to our present front line. They will be employed in barrage fire on the old AMIENS Line, opening fire as soon as sufficient clearance is obtained. On the infantry approaching/

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approaching this line, 2 batteries will lift, one on to enemy works in P.29.a., the other on to bank in P.35.a. and b., the remaining batteries will cease fire. On the approach of infantry to these points batteries will cease fire. Companies will then become a mobile reserve.

13. STOKES MORTARS -

- (a) Four 3" Stokes Mortars and 200 rounds ammunition will be carried forward to the BLACK line approx. at P.28.b.7.9. in the supply tank first load. These Mortars will be emplaced defensively and are available to be moved forward if required by battalions.
- (b) Two 6" Stokes Mortars and 50 rounds ammunition will be carried forward to the same point by the supply tank second load, and will be at the disposal of battalions for engaging any necessary targets.
- (c) Personnel of 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. will rendezvous at ORCHARD O.29.b.8.6, at 9 p.m. Y/Z night, and proceed with the supply tank to their destination. Personnel of 6" Stokes will rendezvous at O.23.c.9.1. at ZERO plus 2 hours.

14. LIAISON -

- (a) Liaison detachments, strength 1 platoon, will be detailed by each battalion; by 17th and 19th battalions to cover any gaps that may occur astride the WARFUSEE - VILLERS BRETONNEUX Road; by 20th Battalion to maintain touch with 33rd Bn (9th A.I.Bdo.) at P.22.central; by 18th Battalion to maintain touch with 33rd Bn at Road junction P.23.c.8.5. and DOG WOOD and Q.19.c.5.1.

- (b) 2 platoons, 25th Battalion 7th A.I.Bdo., are being detailed as liaison platoons to maintain touch between 5th and 7th A.I. Bdes.

- (c) Captain R.J. DOWDEN, 20th Bn, will act as Brigade Liaison Officer with 9th A.I.Bdo.
 Lieut. EDMONDSON, 5th A.I.Bdo. H.Q., as Brigade Liaison Officer with 8th A.I.Bdo.

- (d) Battalions will provide Liaison officer with the battalions on either flank.
 17th and 18th Battalions will each detail an officer for Liaison duty with 19th and 20th Battalions respectively.

15. SIGNALS

- (a) Light Signals - Australian Corps - The following Light Signals will be used.

S.O.S. Signal - No 32 Grenade showing GREEN over GREEN over GREEN.

Success Signal - No. 32 Grenade showing WHITE over WHITE over WHITE.

The above Signal is to denote capture of GREEN, BLUE and RED Lines only, and will, in the case of GREEN Line be fired only when troops are firmly established.

Success Signal for BLACK line will be a succession of RED Very Lights.

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Canadian Corps -

S.O.S. Signal - No 32 Grenade showing RED over RED over RED.

- (a) "Stop firing"-
 (b) "Lift your fire, we are going to advance" } No. 32 Grenade showing GREEN over GREEN over GREEN.

(b) Smoke Signals - During the attack a Smoke Rocket (No. 27 Grenade) will be fired by Infantry in direction of obstacles to indicate ^{their} position to tanks.

16. DRESS

- (a) Battle Order. Each man will carry 220 rounds S.A.A., 48 hours rations, and 2 water bottles (full).
- (b) Each man in 1st and 4th waves will carry 2 bombs No. 25. 50% of each of the 2nd and 3rd waves will carry 2 bombs No. 25 and 50% a shovel or pick in the proportion of 1 pick to 3 shovels.

17. AIRCRAFT -

(i) A contact ^{acropplane} will fly along the line of the 2nd objective - GREEN Line - at ZERO plus 2 hours 30 minutes. Flares will be called for by the 'plane, sounding a succession of "A's" on the Klaxon horn and by firing a WHITE Vory light. If the Acroplane fails to mark the line accurately it will repeat its call 10 minutes later. Should the infantry not have reached the line of the objective at the time laid down above, the contact 'plane will return at half hour intervals until flares are shown.

(ii) In addition to ground flares, discs, not less than 8 inches in diameter will be carried forward, and if the day is fine, flashed when the contact planes call for flares. Rifles may be used as an alternative means of signalling the position of the most forward troops to the acropplane.

(iii) Counter-attack patrols will be in the air constantly from ZERO hour.

(iv) Low flying aeroplanes are being employed to drown the noise of the assembly of tanks from 9.30 p.m. till midnight Y/2 and from ZERO minus 1 hour onwards to ZERO.

(v) Low flying scouts are being employed from ZERO to ZERO plus 48 hours eastwards from the GREEN line to engage favourable targets.

(vi) - The following will be the special markings on machines allotted special duties :-

(a) Contact patrol machine - Rectangular panels 2' x 1' on both lower planes about 3 feet from the fuselage.

(b) Machines working with tanks - black band on middle of right side of tail.

(vii) As soon as battalions have reached their objectives, Lewis Guns will be specially detailed to engage low flying enemy aircraft.

18. INTELLIGENCE -

One German speaker will be allotted to each battalion and will report on the afternoon of Y day. Each battalion will detail 2 searchers to work under the German Speaker. This personnel will...../

will be provided with arm-bands 3 inches wide, made of white cloth with a central black strip one inch wide. These bands will be provided regimentally and will be worn on the left arm above the elbow. Personnel should carry torches and bombs in addition to rifles or revolvers.

19. SYNCHRONIZATION -

Brigade Headquarters ^{Officers} will synchronize with battalions at about 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. at 17th Battalion H.Q. in AUBIGNY SECTOR on Y day, where all representatives will be sent.

20. HEADQUARTERS -

(a) Prior to ZERO

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Brigade Headquarters (Adv.) | O.28.c.8.5. |
| 17th and 18th Battalions | P.25.b.8.8. |
| 19th Battalion | P.26.d.7.9. |
| 20th Battalion | P.21.c.5.4. |
| 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. | O.22.c.7.7z |
| Div. T.M. Officer | O.22.c. 7-7. |
| 6th Machine Gun Coy. | P.26.d.7.9. |

Headquarters will be established as above at least 2 hours before ZERO.

(b) Subsequent to ZERO -

All Battalion Headquarters will move forward to new positions at earliest possible moment.

17th and 18th Battalions final H.Q. to be selected in vicinity of Brigade Forward Station. 19th and 20th Bns Headquarters in vicinity of BLACK LINE in the event of a move forward. Advanced Brigade Headquarters will be established at P.25.b.8.8.

21. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Administrative Instructions are being issued separately.

22. COMMUNICATIONS -

(a) Advanced Brigade Exchange - Cable Head for 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be P.25.b.4.5., where an advanced Brigade exchange will be established.

(b) Communication with Flank Brigades - Brigade will be in touch with flank Brigades from advanced Brigade H.Q. and in touch with 7th A.I.Bco. forward exchange from 5th A.I.Bco. forward exchange.

(c) Establishment of communications in captured area - (Brigade Forward Station parties will be assembled at ZERO minus 3 hours with 2 pairs of cable connected with Brigade cable head. These parties will move forward under the Assistant Brigade Signal Officer and will lay 2 pairs of cable to Brigade Forward Station at P.30.a.4.4. (approx).

Linemen and Runner relay posts will be established in P.26.b. and P.28.b.

The position selected in P.30.a. will be marked by a white flag bearing the inscription "Brigade Forward Station".

Each lineman and runner relay post will be marked by a WHITE flag with BLUE stripe. Battalions will lay lines to Brigade Forward Station as soon as it is established.

(d) Visual - Visual (Lucas Lamp) will be used if required from battalions to Brigade Forward Station, to intermediate stations, to Brigade Advanced exchange.

(e) /

- (e) Popham Panel - Popham Panels and Ground Sheets will be taken forward and displayed for contact work by battalions. The following letter calls will be used :-

| | | |
|---|---------|-----|
| A | 17th Bn | D W |
| B | 18th Bn | D X |
| C | 19th Bn | D Y |
| D | 20th Bn | D Z |

P A R Brigade Forward Station.

Brigade Dropping Station will be established in the vicinity of Advanced Brigade H.Q. where Ground Sheet, and Code Call " D " will be displayed.

- (f) Pigeons - Each battalion will have two pigeons.
- (g) Wireless - Trench wireless set will be moved forward to Brigade Forward Station.
- (h) Extra runners - Each battalion will detail 4 runners to report to Brigade Headquarters for duty with Brigade Signal section at time and date to be arranged by Signal Officer.

23. REPORTS -

Special arrangements will be made to send to Brigade H.Q. the earliest possible information owing to the fact that the 5th Australian Division is passing through us. It is of vital importance that the report of the capture of the GREEN LINE should be received at Brigade at the earliest possible moment. Also information regarding any delays or checks in the advance. All means of Communication will be therefore be exploited to the full.

24. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at
thro' Sigs.

W. P. MacCallum
Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bdo.

D i s t r i b u t i o n

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|------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Copy No. 1 | x 17th Battalion | No. 16 | Staff Captain |
| 2 | x 18th Battalion | 17 | Int. Off. |
| 3 | x 19th Battalion | 18 | Sig. Off. |
| 4 | x 20th Battalion | 19 | Bdo. T.O. |
| 5 | x 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. | 20 | Bdo. Q.M. |
| 6 | D.T.M.O. | 21 | Bde. Bomb. Off. |
| 7 | 8th A.I.Bdo. | x 22 | Left Group Arty |
| 8 | 7th A.I.Bdo. | 23 | 7th Field Amb. |
| 9 | 8th A.I.Bde. | x 24 | 7th Field Coy. A.E. |
| 10 | 9th A.I.Bde. | x 25 | 6th A.M.G.Coy. |
| 11 | x 2nd Aust. Div. | 26 | 2nd A.M.G.Bn. |
| 12 | Capt. DOWDEN | x 27 | "B" Coy. 2nd Tank Bn. |
| 13 | Lt. EDMONDSON | 28 | 8th Tank Bn |
| 14 | G.O.C. | 29 | Filo |
| 15 | B.M. | 30/32 | War Diary |
| | 33/40 Spares. | | |

X Map attached.

ATTACHED DIAGRAM

The following diagram indicates proposed marking out of jumping off tapo :-



Full line represents tapos, dotted lines pickets to be placed by battalion arrangements between signs erected as shown under engineer supervision.

Signs shown will be placed as indicated. Those will be made from 4" x 1" timber and painted WHITE or planed on the "Home side", will be 2' 6" to 3' high, arms will be 18" clear of the upright, the T will have a cross piece 6" from the top projecting 6" on each side.

All sign posts for the 1st wave will have one hole 1" diameter bored within 1 foot of the top; for 2nd wave two holes; for the 3rd wave 3 holes; 4th wave 4 holes, waves being numbered consecutively from front to rear.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE,
HEADQUARTERS.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET
Copy No. 30

No.
Date

Brigade Headquarters,
6th August 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

(Issued in conjunction with Brigade Order No. 207)

1. COMMUNICATIONS - Motor Lorry Routes -

The existing routes are as follows :-

Two way route on main road AMIENS to VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

Two way route from Cross roads N.26.c. to Cross roads at N.26.a.95.95. thence road south BLANGY, TRONVILLE to AUBIGNY.

Single way lorry route road from LONGEAU passing through M.23. and 24. and N.19. to Cross roads N.26.a.95.95.

The main road from VILLERS BRETONNEUX to WARFUSEE ABANCOURT thence to FOUILLOY will be opened as a two way road as soon as possible after completion of the operation.

From 9 p.m. on Y night to 6 a.m. on Z day the main M.T. road AMIENS/VILLERS BRETONNEUX will be closed from AMIENS to Cross roads N.26.c.6.4. and for that period only the road RIVERY - CAMON LONGEAU - GLISY - N.26.c.6.4. will be opened as a two way M.T. road.

Horse Transport routes -

Horse transport will as far as possible be kept clear of lorry routes.

There is an existing dry weather track from N.24.b.0.4. passing through squares O.19., 20., 27., 28., 23., 24., 30., P.19 and 25.

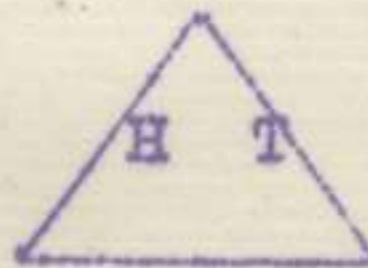
Arrangements will be made by the C.R.E. to extend track from P.20.c.6.1. to P.21.c.5.9. thence road to P.29.d.0.8.

Road from O.36.a.2.5. to V.3.b.0.1. to be opened up thence overland track to V.5.a.0.0.

The following roads are also to be opened for H.T. within the area.-

| | | | |
|------|--------------|----|-------------|
| Road | O.13.central | to | O.9.c.9.1. |
| " | O.9.c.9.1. | to | O.8.d.0.9. |
| " | O.9.c.9.1. | to | O.29.d.9.4. |
| " | O.15.b.3.4. | to | O.10.d.4.8. |
| " | P.25.c.0.3. | to | P.20.a.3.6. |

Motor lorry roads will be marked by 1 foot square sign bearing letters M T, and horse transport routes by triangular sign bearing letters H T. - black letters on white ground.

2. BRIDGES

Traffic across the SOMME will be confined to the under-mentioned bridges -

| | | |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| South to North | BLANGY No. 1 | N.17.c.6.3. |
| | GLISY No. 2 | N.14.c.8.3. |
| North to South | BLANGY No. 2 | N.16.c.6.2. |
| | Blangy No. 8 | N.15.c.2.4. |

3. TRANSPORT LINES

Will remain as at present -

4. PACK ANIMALS /

4. PACK ANIMALS -

The 5th Aust. Inf. Bdo. will have the call over 15 pack animals of the 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion and 12 pack animals from the C.R.E. These animals will be used only if the numbers held by battalions under the Brigade Transport Officer are inadequate.

5. DRESS -

Battle Order.

6. AMMUNITION -

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Main Divisional Dump. | N.7.b.4.2. |
| Adv. Div. Dump No. 1 | O.28.c.8.5. |
| do do No. 2 | O.29.d.8.6. |
| S.A.A. SECTION D.A.C. | N.28.b.8.8. |

Except in the case of emergency units will continue to draw from the D.A.C. echelon reserving the ammunition in advanced Divisional Dumps for the 5th Aust. Division.

D.A.C. will work forward to Brigade Mobile Echelons.

Necessary guides will be arranged. All hand and rifle grenades going forward in tanks and dumped in No. 1 and No. 2 Adv. Divisional Dump have been detonated.

Each man will carry into the forward area 220 rounds S.A.A. with the exception of the men carrying picks or shovels, 3 bombs per man will be carried.

7. MOBILE ECHELON -

Will be at cross roads at O.22.a.6.5. ~~at~~ ZERO
plus show

8. DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN

Will be at N.22.d.2.7.

9. SUPPLIES -

Railhead - LAMOTTE BREBIERE. Refilling point as at present. Train wagons will continue to deliver to Q.M. Stores.

10. EMERGENCY RATIONS

1 iron ration on the man - 1 assault ration on the man. Units will demand on the 20th A.A.S.C. LAMOTTE BREBIERE for the Assault rations.

One week's issue of solidified alcohol will be issued for use of assaulting troops.

Issues of pos soup, oxo and rum have been authorised for issue for 2 day to the assaulting troops.

If assault ration is not consumed units will arrange for the gradual consumption underdrawing indents in the usual way.

11. SUPPLY TANKS -

One supply tank has been allotted to this Brigade.

One N.C.O. and 4 other ranks have been detailed as loading party. This party will remain with the tank until completion of second trip and be responsible for loading of supplies. When the Supply tank dumps at the selected places this loading party will provide dump guard.

A Notice board - a 5' sided green diamond - will be hung on each side of the tank. Approximate dumping places for first load - P.28.b.7.9. and P.28.c.4.6.

Approximate dumping places for second load P.30.b.9.2. and /

P.36.b.2.8.

The following are the proposed loads -

First load

200 shovels
 100 picks
 200 Stokes Shells
 4 Stokes Guns
 200 galls. water
 500 No. 36 Grenados
 200 Lewis Gun Panniers
 18,000 S.A.A. (in boxes)

Second Load

200 galls Water
 600 No. 36 Grenados
 200 Stokes shells
 20,000 S.A.A.
 2 - 8" Newton T.Ms.
 50 Shells
 Issue of rum
 Notice boards.

12. ORDNANCE -

D.A.D.O.S. will remain at present location.
 The following extra stores are available.-

| | | |
|-----------------------|---|------|
| Water bottles | each Bn - 480 | |
| Hot food containers | do | 6 |
| 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. do. | | 1 |
| Wire cutters (large) | 17th & 18th Bns | - 12 |
| do do | 19th & 20th Bns | - 13 |
| 25 Pack Saddles | } Hold by Brigade Transport Officer for | |
| 25 Water Tin carriers | | |

use as required.

A Corps Pool for the replacement of Lewis Guns is at LAMOTTE BREBIERE. Notification of casualties will be wired to Brigade H.Q.

13. SIGNALS -

Ground flares, Success Signals, and S.O.S. will be supplied to units as under :-

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Ground Flares | 1 Box (140) | each battalion |
| Success Signals | 17th Bn | } 50 each. |
| do | 18th Bn | |
| Red Very Flares | 19th Bn | } 50 each |
| do | 20th Bn | |
| S.O.S. | 17th & 18th Bns | 12 each |
| do | 19th and 20th Bns | 8 each. |

14. R.E. STORES AND CAMOUFLAGE -

Corps Dump M.29.d. Div Dump. - Transit Dump - N.29.d.3.5.

15. AREA STORES -

Prior to moving forward to assembly positions, the O.C. Nucleus Battalion will detail one officer (only) and 1 N.C.O. and 3 men per battalion to take charge of all tentage, shelters and area stores in the area units vacate.

It will be the duty of the officer in charge of this party to have all tents, trench shelters and other stores collected into dumps. On completion Brigade H.Q. will be notified of location of dumps. The 2nd Aust. Div. is arranging collection.

After these stores have been collected the officer in charge will forward to Brigade H.Q. a consolidated list of stores, tents, shelters etc., handed over with receipts attached. The party will then report back to Nucleus Battalion.

16. SALVAGE

Main collecting Dump - CAMON. Forward collecting Dump - SLANGY TRONVILLE - Brigade Salvage Dump will be at P.25.c.1.8.

Units .../

Units will make necessary arrangements to deliver to this point and to points on to roads and tracks where their rations are delivered. All parties and individual men will be instructed to pick up and lodge salvage at these dumps and empty transport returning utilized to take it to forward collecting dumps.

17. REINFORCEMENT AND NUCLEUS BATTALION -

As at present.

18. KITS -

As at present under a guard supplied by Nucleus Battalion.

19. PRISONERS OF WAR

Corps main cage N.11.b.2.9.
Divisional Cage O.27.d.8.7.

A.P.M. will receive prisoners at Divisional Cage from Brigades and will be responsible for evacuating them to the Corps Cage. Notice boards will be erected in the forward area showing routes to the Divisional Cage. Units will make necessary arrangements to forward prisoners to Divisional Cage.

20. STRAGGLERS' POSTS -

A.P.M. is making necessary general arrangements. Units will make their own local arrangements.

21. SANITATION -

Unit Commanders are again reminded of the prevalence of dysentery in the area and to avoid an epidemic all steps will be taken to make the necessary sanitary arrangements in the captured areas. Protection of food from flies, and covering latrines are particularly important.

A number of dead horses in the area are causing a great many flies; Units will bury all dead horses in their vicinity immediately.

A supply of chloride of lime and disinfectant will be available at the Divisional Dumps.

22. BURIALS -

The 2nd Aust. Div. Burial Officer together with Burials Officers 5th Aust. Division will be responsible for burials in the sector.

Burials will, as far as possible, be carried out in either established cemeteries or sites selected by the Burials Officers as cemeteries. The following are the locations of cemeteries in the area:

N.29.c.3.5.

N.28.c.6.7.

O.28.c.8.5.

O.25.d.5.3.

O.30.c.2.2.

After the advance the following new cemetery will be opened by Brigade P.28.b. (approx location).

23. VETERINARY -

The Mobile Vet. Section is located at N.9.a.9.8.

24. WATER

Water points at present exist at P.O.W. Cago LAMOTTE
BREBIERE, GLISY, WHITE CHATEAU.

A pipe line is being installed by Corps Water Supply Officer
From VIOUMONT to VILLERS BRETONNEUX and the following water points
will be provided :-

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Dixie filler and horse trough at | 0.7.b.9.5. |
| Stand pipe and dixie filler | 0.15.b.8.0. |
| do do | 0.17.a.1.9. |
| Water point with 8,000 galls. storage | 0.29.b.5.0. |

In addition wells have been tested and approved as fit for
use at

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Old Sawmill | Windlass |
| No. 11 Rue de AMIENS | Pump |
| No. 41 do | Pump |

A reserve of water in petrol tins will be held at No. 1 Adv.
Divisional Dump 0.28.c.6.5. but it is not desired that units draw on
this supply except in the case of emergency.

200 tins of water from the Divisional Reserve will be sent
forward by the Supply Tanks to this Brigade sector.

2 G.S. Wagons each fitted with 300 gall. tanks will be
available for the Brigade.

These vehicles will be parked with the Mobile Ammunition
Reserve Vehicles.

2 water carts are being issued to replace casualties
together with complete sets of harness.

One motor water lorry carrying 135 galls. will be held in
Divisional Reserve. It is not anticipated the necessity will arise
for using all the Reserve vehicles and it is desired units will
continue as far as it is possible, to feed the forward area with the
normal equipment, reserving the reserve vehicles for the Division
passing through to the final objective.

The C.R.E. has been allotted 2 Officers and 30 other ranks
Tunnellers, who will follow the infantry and open up the wells in
captured territory.

Arrangements have been made for notice boards for the
purpose of labelling wells to go on with the second load in the
Supply Tank. - "NOT TESTED" until a test has been made by the R.M.O.,
also a supply marked - "UNFIT FOR USE" or "FIT FOR USE WITH
SCOOPS" as the case may be.

Time will not permit of the erection of horse troughs in
forward area, therefore the watering of horses stationed forward will
be carried out with water buckets.

To regulate the drawing of water as far as possible it is
to be drawn to refill water carts, dixies etc., from No. 11 Rue de
AMIENS (Pump). 17th Battalion will detail a reliable N.C.O. and 3 men
to regulate the supply and fill water carts dixies etc., as required.

Each man will carry one extra water bottle.

25. TRAFFIC CONTROL -

The A.P.H. 2nd Australian Division, assisted by A.P.H.
personnel of the 5th Aust. Division will be responsible for traffic
control in the Divisional sector east of the line running along
the railway from LONGEAU (N.23.central) to N.13.d.4.0. thence to
N.13.d.5.6. Northwards along the W. side of the road to N.7.d.7.7.

26. COOKERS -

Should the situation permit battalion cooks are to move up
forward as far as possible.

27. MEDICAL -

The forward area will be cleared by the 7th Aust. Field Ambulance.

R.M.O.'s will arrange to establish R.A.P.'s in the vicinity of their battalion H.Q.'s. positions to be shown by a Red Cross Flag. Locations to be notified to Brigade H.Q. and Field Ambulance.

Loading posts will be established as far forward as possible.

Advanced crossing station is at O.27.c.8.5. (The

28. ACKNOWLEDGE

Super. Halse

A/Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Captain,

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29. TRAFFIC CONTROL

The A.P.M. and Australian Division, assisted by A.P.M. personnel of the 5th Aust. Division will be responsible for traffic control in the Divisional sector east of the line running along the railway from LONGHAI (M.N. control) to N.13.d.4.0. thence to N.13.d.3.0. Northwards along the N. side of the road to N.7.d.7.7.

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Should the situation permit battalion cooks are to move up as far as possible.

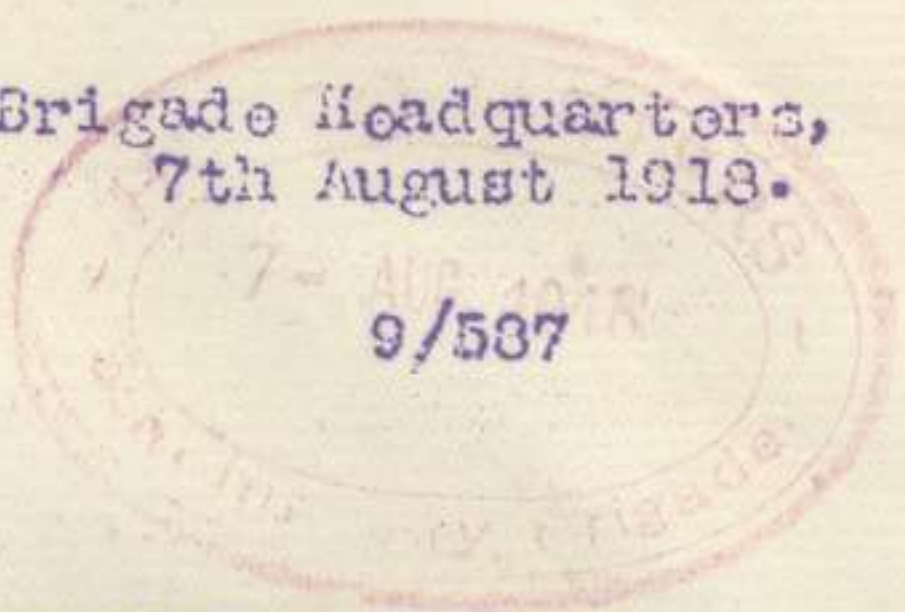
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
7th August 1918.



17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.,
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.
6th Aust. M.G.Coy.

Series B - Notes on Operations - PROGRESS SIGNALS
ACCROCHE WOOD - TO BE USED BY 9th A.I.
Brigade

1. It is of the utmost importance that progress through ACCROCHE, TAILLOUX and ACQUAIRE WOODS be reported quickly and frequently to Brigade Headquarters. To facilitate this, the following signals will be used.

RED Very Light ... We are advancing
GREEN do ... We are held up.

2. Each Company will fire the signal every five minutes. Battalion Headquarters will repeat them by firing similar signals. In the event of only a portion of a battalion advancing, that battalion will fire both a RED and a GREEN Light.

These signals will be fired towards our forming up line and will be operative only between ZERO plus 10 minutes and ZERO plus 40 minutes.

3. Battalions will confirm all signals, supplemented where possible, by detailed information.

4. The necessary Very Lights have been issued to Battalions concerned.

C. P. MacCallum

Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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8th Tank Bn.

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17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.,
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.
-----Series 2 - Notes issued in connection with
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1. No gas is being used by either Field or Heavy Artillery during the operations.
2. A proportion of shrapnel is being employed with the H.E. in the Field Artillery creeping barrage. 18 pdrs. will fire all shrapnel for the first 3 minutes of the barrage.
3. In the event of wet weather small proportion of smoke will be used in the barrage to replace the smoke and dust caused by the burst of the shells in dry weather. This will not be sufficient to confuse the effect with that of the smoke shells proscribed.
4. The 1st Cavalry Brigade plus 1 Company of Whippets attached, comes under the command of the Australian Corps at 9 p.m. on Y/Z night.
It is operating north of the AMIENS - CHAULNES Railway in conjunction with the 5th Aust. Division, moving via the southern side of BOIS L'ABBE and crossing to the north side of the railway east of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.
5. The 17th Armoured Car Battalion has been placed at the disposal of the Australian Corps. One and a half companies of this battalion have been allotted to the 5th Australian Division.

W. P. Marshall

Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.Copies to -
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Date.

Brigade Headquarters,
7th August 1918.*(21)*

2nd Australian Division has approved of the following arrangements made by the 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade for the collection of Prisoners of War.

- (a) A screen of scouts of 20 to 25 men composed of Brigade Snipers under an officer spread over the Divisional sector whose duty will be to direct prisoners and escorts to 3 posts (para (b)).
- (b) 3 Posts placed as follows :-

Cross Roads at P.21.c.5.9.
Road Junction P.23.c.85.35.
Railway (north side) V.1.a.7.9.

each post comprised of 1 Officer, 2 N.C.Os. and 10 o.rs. The Officer will take over all prisoners, giving a receipt shewing the battalion who took the prisoners and he will keep a record so that each unit will be credited with its own prisoners. When a number of prisoners are collected they will be sent to the Main Collecting Post (c).

- (c) Main Collecting Post situated at DOLLS HOUSE, O.30.c., comprised of 1 Officer, 2 N.C.Os. and 3 men, who will hand all prisoners over to M.M.P. of 2nd Aust. Division, getting receipts in the usual way.

This scheme would obviate -

- (1) The chance of any 2nd Aust. Div. prisoners/^{straying} into flank Divisional areas and each battalion will be credited with its own prisoners.
- (2) Would free fighting men more quickly from escort duty and enable them to rejoin their units at once.
- (3) The screen and posts would also send back any stragglers who were wandering back or had lost their way.

Prisoners carrying wounded could be checked at A.D.S. and taken over by Divisional M.M.P.

Rupert Hale

Captain,
A/Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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SECRET AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE,
HEADQUARTERS.

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Brigade Headquarters
8th August 1918.Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.INITIAL REPORT ON OPERATIONS of 8th AUGUST 19181. WEATHER.

Fine, mild with ground mist, which grew increasingly thick towards 6 am, and lifted about 11 am.

2. ASSEMBLY.

The assembly was carried out satisfactorily without any molestation by the enemy M.Gs. or batteries. With the exception of 1 Company 19th Battalion, delayed owing to runner ~~xxx~~ losing his way in the fog, all units were in position by 3-20 am.

3. TANK APPROACH.

Tank approach march to 1000 yard line and subsequently to jumping off tape was carried out without interference. One tank broke down with engine trouble during the march.

As far as can be ascertained no low flying aeroplanes were in the air from ZERO minus one hour to ZERO.

4. ARTILLERY.

Our artillery opened punctually at ZERO hour, the synchronisation being perfect. All ranks agree as to the excellent nature of the barrage.

5. ENEMY ACTIVITY - Artillery.

Enemy reply was very feeble. His barrage being placed mainly on support line in rear of jumping off tape. This soon eased down to intermittent shelling, practically ceasing altogether about 5 am., thus pointing to the effective nature of our counter-battery work.

Machine Guns . With the exception of a few isolated cases where machine guns fired to the last minute, enemy machine gun activity was nil.

Aeroplanes - About 5 am an enemy plane flew low over our sector but was driven back by machine gun fire.

6. NARRATIVE.

Attacking troops followed closely up in rear of tanks under barrage. Owing to thick fog direction was lost temporarily on inter-battalion boundary, but was regained on BLACK Line, which was captured about 5-15 am. 17th and 18th Bns according to programme 'leap-frogged' and their first waves finally established themselves on GREEN line at 7 am. One company 17th Battalion rushed WARFUSEE from S.W. in conjunction with tanks, 18th Battalion co-operating on N.W. sector, and quickly

cleared /

cleared it of enemy. Practically no resistance was met with except at Posts in P 22 d 1 6., P 28 c 7 5., western houses of WARFUSEE on main road, and trenches in P 30 a 00 to 23. At the latter point enemy gunners resisted stoutly using their rifles until surrounded and captured by 18th Battalion. Coy. 17th Battalion which rushed the village captured enemy 5.9 battery complete with officers and crew.

Tanks were of great assistance in attacking WARFUSEE.

By 8 am troops had been reorganised, had partially consolidated and were disposed as follows -

17th Battalion - Headquarters at P 30 c 8 8. All Companies in GREEN Line south of main road (later two companies were withdrawn to support and reserve).

18th Battalion - Headquarters P 30 c 75 80., 2 Companies in GREEN Line north of road, 2 Companies in Support.

19th Battalion - Headquarters P 28 c 7 5. All 4 Companies in BLACK Line within Battalion sector.

20th Battalion - Headquarters P 21 c 5 4. All 4 Companies in BLACK line within Battalion sector.

On each objective battalions were in touch with one another and with battalions on their flanks.

7. COMMUNICATIONS.

Owing to fog it was impossible to see Success Signals and runners constantly missed their way.

All lines with the exception of that running to 20th Battalion held throughout.

Communication to Brigade Forward Station at P 30 c 8 7 was established at 8.30 am.

8. SUPPLY TANK.

Supply Tank made first trip successfully dumping its load on BLACK Line. On the way forward with second load tank was put out of action by land mine in P 27 d.

9. CASUALTIES.

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Killed</u> | | <u>Wounded</u> | |
|-------------------|---------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| | Off. | C.Rs. | Off. | C.Rs. |
| 17th Battalion | - | 4 | 2 | 45 |
| 18th Battalion | - | 3 | 4 | 20 |
| 19th Battalion | 1 | 5 | 1 | 22 |
| 20th Battalion | - | 5 | 2 | 16 |
| 5th A.L.T.M. Bty. | - | - | - | - |
| 6th A.M.G. Coy. | - | -4 | 1 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | |
| TOTAL | 1 | 21 | 10 | 113 |

Names of Officers -

| | | |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| Lieut SULLIVAN | 17th Bn | Wounded |
| ' MAYNARD | 17th Bn | do |
| ' A.R. SHEATH | 18th Bn | do |
| ' W.E. SANSOM | 18th Bn | do |
| ' W. SATCHELL | 18th Bn | do |
| ' L.M. REDGRAVE | 18th Bn | do |

| | | |
|-------------------|---------|----------|
| Lieut GRIFFITHS | 19th Bn | Killed |
| ' BIRD | 19th Bn | Wounded |
| ' A. E. ELKINGTON | 20th Bn | Wounded |
| ' MCKENZIE | 20th Bn | Wounded. |

10. PRISONERS AND TROPHIES.

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Estimated personnel captured | 19 | Officers | 1120 | Other ranks |
| Guns | 5.9's. | 31 | | |
| | 4.2's | 5 | | |
| | 77 mm | 13 9 | including 1 light gun | |
| Trench Mortars and M.W's. | | 19 22 | | |
| Machine Guns | | 68 | | |
| Horses | | 3 | | |
| <i>Wireless Set</i> | | 1 | | |

besides much gun ammunition, S.A.A., Bombs, Signal, Medical, Artillery and Infantry Equipment.

11. GENERAL.

The attack appeared to come as a complete surprise to the enemy. His resistance and artillery reply were feeble. Enemy dead estimated at 50.

A number of documents and maps found in Headquarters situated near or in WARFUSEE and LAMOTTE have already been sent to D.H.Q.

Maister
Brig-General,
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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17th Battalion
18th "
19th "
20th "
12th A.I. Bde.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE,
HEADQUARTERS.
No.....
Dets.....

W.M.9/1

9th August 1918

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1. 20th Bn will relieve 18th Bn in the line left sector tonight 9th/10th instant.
2. On relief 18th Bn will move to reserve in Q.36.a. and b.
3. 19th Bn will become Support Bn and take over the BLUE line within the Brigade sector.
4. Line at present held will be consolidated and Bn disposed in depth.
5. All details regarding relief will be mutually arranged.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(sgd) W.P. MacCALLUM, Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Ref. Map
62d, S.E.

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17th Pm
 18th " "
 19th "
 20th "
 12th A/Bcd

9.8.17

1. 20th Pm will relieve 18th Pm
 in this line left sector
 tonight 9/10th m
2. On relief 18th Pm will
 move to Reserve in W 36a
 + b
3. 19th Pm will become
 Support Pm and take
 over the BLUE line
 within the Red Sector
4. Line at present held will
 be consolidated and Pm
 disposed in depth
5. All details regarding relief
 will ~~not~~ be mutually
 arranged
6. Acknowledge

9/10/17
 G2 DSE.
 (9/10/17 m)

W. Allen Cole
 Major
 Bde Major
 5. A/Bcd

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ~~ORDER~~ - *Warning Order* No 209.

Brigade Headquarters,
11th August, 1918.

Reference sheet -
HARBONNIERES 1/40,000.

1. Should the Australian Corps continue its advance today to a line of the SOMME to conform to the Canadian advance the 6th Aust. Inf. Bdes. will pass through the 5th. and 7th. Brigades.
2. Should there be no further advance today the 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve the 5th and 7th Brigades tonight the 11th/12th instant.
3. During the morning the 11th instant, the 6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will move two rear battalions to positions in Q 36, W 6 and W 12.
4. BOUNDARIES - Northern Divisional Boundary R 27 c 0 9 to N 8 d 4 5. Southern Divisional Boundary X 11 c 0 0 - S 6 central to N 30 d 0 8.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Lgd) W.P. Macbrien

Major,
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 210

SECRETHeadquarters
11th Aug. 1918.

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Reference Map, Sheet 62d SE, 1/20,000

1. 6th A.I. Bde. is relieving 5th and 7th A.I. Bdes. in the line tonight, 11/12th Aug.
2. On relief, 5th and 7th Brigades are being distributed in and around old AMIENS Line Q 36 to W 12.
Inter brigade boundary east and west through W 6 central.
3. Relief will be carried out in accordance with attached table.
4. 6th A.I. Bde. is to be disposed on relief with 3 battalions in the line, 23rd Bn right, 22nd Bn centre, 24th Bn left. and 1 battalion, 21st Bn, in support.
Inter battalion boundaries - between right and centre battalions X 5 b 7 0 - X 10 a 1 7. Between centre and left battalions R 35 c 0 0 - R 32 c 0 0.
5. S.A.A., Grenades, S.O.S., Flares and all available information will be handed over and receipts obtained. Men will come out with full pouches.
6. Subject to the terms of this order, all details will be mutually arranged between C.Os. concerned.
7. Movement in BLUE line will be restricted to a minimum. Men will be warned against crowding.
8. Dispositions in new area will be notified to this office by noon on 12th instant.
6th A.M.G. Coy. is being relieved under the orders of the Group Commander and will be formed into 2 batteries of 4 guns each in Q 32. remainder in AMIENS Line.
9. Completion of relief will be notified to this office by priority wire in code. Command of the sector will pass to G.O.C. 6th A.I. Bde. **XXX** on completion of the relief.
10. **A C K N O W L E D G E .**

W. H. M. Allen

Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distribution -

17th Bn
18th Bn
19th Bn
20th Bn
5th ALTM Bty
6th AMG Coy.
6th A.I. Bde.
7th A.I. Bde.
10th A.I. Bde.
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Relief Table to accompany Brigade Order No. 210

| Serial No. & date | Unit | Relieved by | Moves on relief to | H.Q. to be at- | REMARKS |
|-------------------|----------------|--|---|----------------------------|--|
| 1 11/12th | 17th Bn | - | Trenches XXXXXX in W 6 b & X 1 a | X 1 a 05 35 | Move of at dusk |
| 2 do | 18th Bn | 1 Coy. 21st Bn | Q 36 a, b, & c. west of road running NE & XX SW through Q 36 b and d | Q 36 a 0 2 | |
| 3 do | 19th Bn | portion 22nd Bn portion 24th Bn | Trenches Q 36 c R 31 c, east of road running NE & SW through Q 36 b & d. | W 6 a 3 3 | } 22nd + 24 th Bn H.Q. will probably be at X.3a 51 |
| 4 do | 20th Bn | portion 24th Bn | Trenches Q 36 b, & R 31 a, east of road running through NE & SW through Q 36 b & d. | Q 36 b 7 7 | |
| 5. do | 6th AMG Coy | 7th AMG Coy. | AMIENS Line. | Q 29 d 9 5 | |
| 6 do | 5th Bde. HQ | 6th Bde HQ | | PIGEON HOUSE W 11 b 1 9 | |

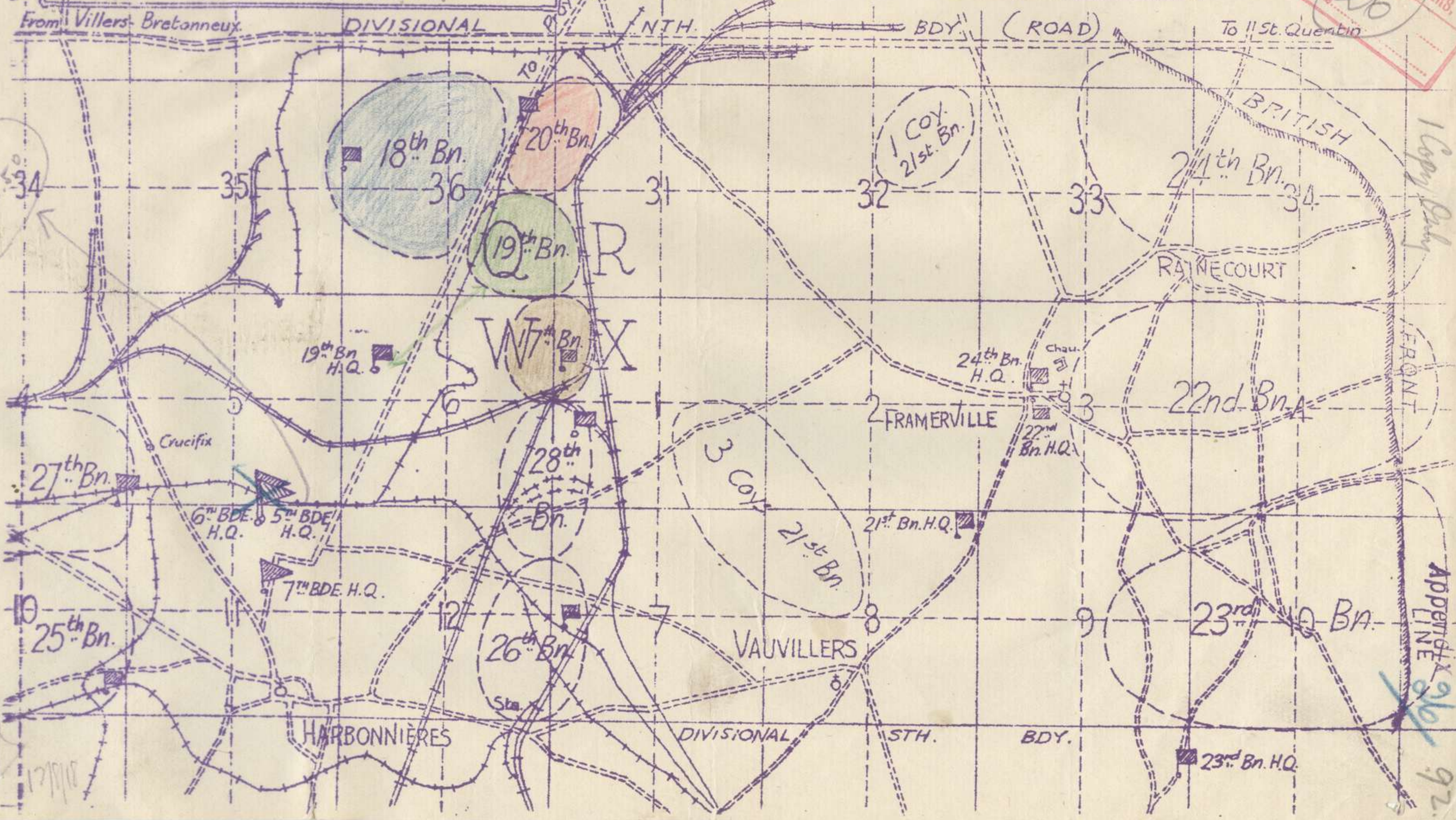
DISPOSITION OF BATTALIONS
AT 8.A.M. 13th AUG. 1918

Ref. Sheet 62d.S.E.
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5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
 HEADQUARTERS
 No. 26
 D.D.S.



5th HQ
 P32.C.50
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1 Coy. Bn.

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2nd Australian Division.

Brigade Headquarters
12th August 1918.
HEADQUARTERS.

No. 9/591

REPORT ON OPERATIONS - 10th/11th and 11th/12th AUGUST 1918.

Preliminary

1 (a) A Conference was held at 5th and 7th A.I. Bde. H.Qrs., W 11 b 2 8 at 3-30 pm 10th instant, at which G.Os.C. of 357th BdeS, C.R.A., G.S.C.I were present. Proposed operation of 3rd Aust. Division for 9-30 pm 10th instant was discussed and co-operation of 2nd Aust. Division. It was decided that ZERO hour for 5th and 7th A.I. Bdes. attack should be 4 am on 11th instant.

(b) At 5-30 pm, Conference of Battalion C.Os., O.C. 6th A.M.G. Coy. was held at Brigade H.Q., and Order No. 208 was dictated to Battalion C.O's.

Weather

2. Weather was fine and warm. Very heavy fog settled down in early morning, finally lifting about noon.

Troops and Dispositions

3. The attack was made by 19th Bn. right and 20th Bn left. The jumping off line was along the road R 26 d 8 3 - R 33 c 8 0 thence taped by 7th Field Coy. A.E. to X 3 b 1 0.

19th and 20th Bns. were in position at ZERO minus 45 minutes. 17th Battalion posts in advance of the jumping off line were withdrawn at ZERO minus 3 minutes.

After attacking troops had moved forward 17th Bn reoccupied their original line and 18th Bn moved to 20th Bn original line. 24th Bn was in position in AMIENS Line by 5 am on 11th instant.

Artillery

4. The attack was carried out without tanks and was covered by two brigades Field Artillery which provided a creeping barrage under which the infantry advanced. During the day the artillery rendered good assistance in dealing with enemy M.Gs., snipers etc.

Minor Operation 10th/11th inst.

5. One Coy. 20th Bn was detailed to junction with 10th A.I. Bde. at La FLAQUE Cross roads at 9-30 pm 9th instant, and move along with them to cross roads at R 28 d, dropping platoon posts. The 10th A.I. Bde. attack failed owing to very heavy M.G. fire, and C. Coy. 20th Bn re-established protective left flank north of main road to R 27 d 3 4 (approx).

Left Flank Defence

6. The fact that the 10th A.I. Bde. did not succeed in making good their objective on night 10th/11th instant, made it necessary for 20th Bn to modify its plan of action. The left Coy. was accordingly instructed to re-establish a defensive flank along road in R 27 d if the 38th Bn did not come up. This had eventually to be done with assistance from 1 Coy. 18th Battalion.

Narrative

7. At 4 am 11th instant, attacking troops advanced to the general line X 5 a 0 0 - R 35 c 00 45 - R 34 d 8 6 - Cross roads in R 28 c.

Formation /

Formation adopted was two waves, each of 2 Coys. by both Bns. Special parties were detailed for the mopping up of RAINECOURT.

Considerable inconvenience was caused as regards direction by the fog, which lasted for some time after the advance.

As soon as our barrage opened enemy artillery replied vigorously with gas and H.E. Shells of large calibre, which however, did not effect troops on the jumping off line to any extent. Enemy M.Gs. opened vigorously from PROYART, RAINECOURT, Cross roads R 28 c, and posts in R 27., but owing to the fog, casualties on arrival at objectives were found generally to be light.

Owing to the fact that PROYART and country south of it was in enemy hands, it was found necessary in order to safeguard our advanced troops, to form a defensive flank along the main road in R 27 c. The Coy. forming this flank endeavoured to advance to the east, leap-frogging posts, but this was found to be impossible owing to exceptional activity of snipers and M.G. fire, which caused many casualties. After rushing 2 enemy M.G. posts, this Coy. dug in along the line of the road at R 27 d 4 3 - R 27 d 3 4 at 5-20 am. 18th Bn were instructed to hold 1 Coy. at disposal of 20th Bn. It was later used to form this defensive flank and release C Coy. 20th Bn.

10th A.I.Bde. was asked to assist by pushing forward posts. Later in the day 1 Coy. 38th Bn moved up and junctioned with 20th Bn at R 27 d 3 4. Attacking troops reached objective line about 5 am, enemy offering only feeble resistance, and dug in on the approx. line X 4 b 9 0 - R 35 c 00 45 - R 34 d 8 6 - R 34 b 03 - R 27 d 8 1 - R 27 d 3 4. Touch was gained with both flanks. It was impossible to visit the front line posts owing to the heavy M.G. and sniping fire.

At 5-30 am enemy made a local counter attack in R 34 b which was easily dealt with by rifle and M.G. fire. Captured enemy M.Gs. were used with good effect. One enemy 77 mm gun in R 28 d was withdrawn by enemy, although 4 out of 6 horses were shot down by our Lewis gunners.

From ZERO onwards enemy heavy artillery shelled FRAMERVILLE: shelling later spread to RAINECOURT and our new front line. As the day progressed enemy activity died down.

A small enemy post in RAINECOURT was found to have been missed in the mopping up. This was effectively dealt with by patrol from 17th Battalion.

A number of casualties were inflicted on enemy. The number of dead in the area of the attack being estimated at about 200.

On the night 11th/12th instant the 6th A.I.Bde. relieved the 5th A.I.Bde., relief being complete by 3 am.

Prisoners

8. Prisoners and material captured - 4 Officers 223 other ranks - (receipts held for 4 Officers and 185 other ranks).

Identifications - 53rd, 227th, 232nd R.I.R., 107th Division. 2nd Gren. Regt. 109th Infantry (Landstrum) some left of this sector.

35 Machine guns, 1 Trench Mortar, 2 Lewis Guns, 2 Listening Sets, Signalling gear (1 Signalling Lamp and Stand, Magneto Switch board, 1 Telescope, 1 Carbide signalling lamp, 1 box signallers' tools.

Casualties

| 9. | <u>Killed</u> | <u>Wounded</u> | <u>Missing</u> | <u>Totals</u> |
|---|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 17th Battalion | 6 OR | 1 - 28 | - 2 OR | 1 - 36 |
| 18th Battalion | 1 OR | - 6 | - - | - 7 |
| 19th Battalion | 10 OR | 2 44 | - 11 | 2 65 |
| 20th Battalion | 3 Off 16 OR | 2 52 | - 10 | 5 78 |
| Officers - 17th Bn. - Lieut WARNER, 19th Bn - Major BOYDEN, Lieut LILLIE, Lieut GARDINER, 20th Bn - Lieut. OLIVER, 2/Lt MOSS, Lieut. GARDINER, Killed. Captain MOORE and Lieut. THOMAS Wounded. | | | | 8 165. |

Dispositions .../

Dispositions prior to relief 11th instant -

17th Battalion - As in previous disposition report (See Report on Operations of 9th August).

18th Battalion - H.Qrs. R 31 a 90 45.
 A Coy. - R 26 d 5 4 - R 32 b 8 7.
 B Coy. R 32 b 8 7 - R 33 a 2 0
 C Coy. R 33 a 2 0 - R 33 c 60 45
 D Coy. Forming a defensive flank in R 27 d.

19th Battalion - H.Qrs. X 3 a 6 3.
 All 4 Coys, in line with local supports. 18 posts along line X 4 b 8 0 - X 4 a 9 9 - R 34 d 3 5.

20th Battalion - H.Qrs. Q 36 b 7 7.
 All 4 Coys. in line with local supports. R 34 d 1 9 - R 34 a - R 27 d 8 2 - R 27 d 3 4.

6th A.M.G. Coy. Guns were placed in the following positions -

R 33 c 9 3
 R 33 d 0 0
 R 32 d 9 8
 R 32 b 6 1 (2 guns)
 R 32 a 5 1
 X 3 b 4 4
 X 3 b 4 5
 X 4 b 7 2
 X 4 b 7 5
 X 4 b 8 7
 X 4 b 8 6
 R 33 b 8 5
 R 33 b 8 6
 R 33 b 8 7
 R 34 a 2 6

Dispositions on relief on 12th instant -

17th Battalion - H.Q. X 1 a 05 35
 A Coy W 6 b 9 6 $\frac{3}{2}$ W 6 b 9 9
 B Coy. W 6 b 9 6 - W 6 b 8 4
 C Coy. W 6 b 8 4 - W 6 b 7 0
 D Coy X 1 a 2 5 - ~~X 1 a 2 5~~ X 1 a 2 9

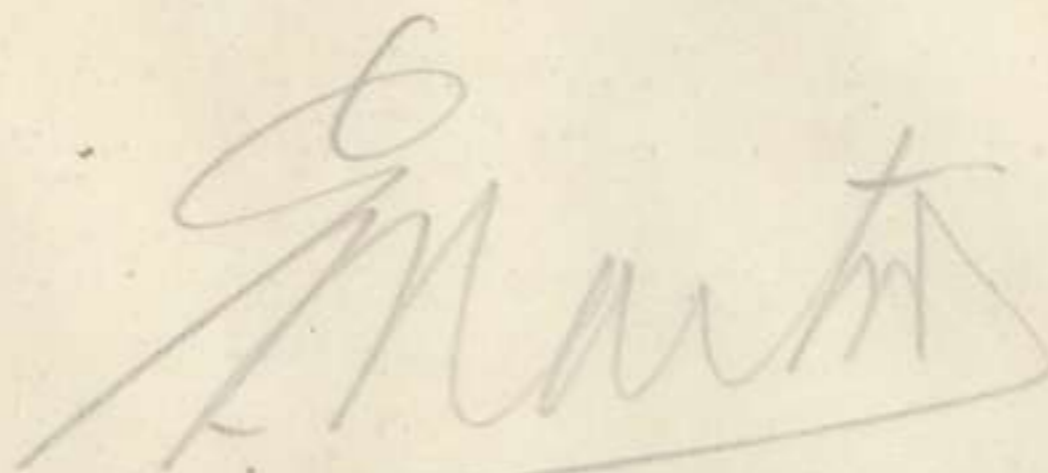
18th Battalion H.Q. Q 36 a 05 25
 A Coy. & B Coy. Q 36 b 5 5 - Q 36 b 65 50
 C Coy. & D Coy. Q 36 a 15 20 - Q 36 a 2 4.

19th Battalion H.Q. W 6 a 3 3
 A Coy. R 31 c 10 35 - R 31 c 15 15
 B Coy R 31 c 15 15 - R 31 c 15 10
 C Coy. X 1 a 20 85 - R 31 c 15 00
 D Coy X 1 a 15 60 - X 1 a 20 85

20th Battalion...

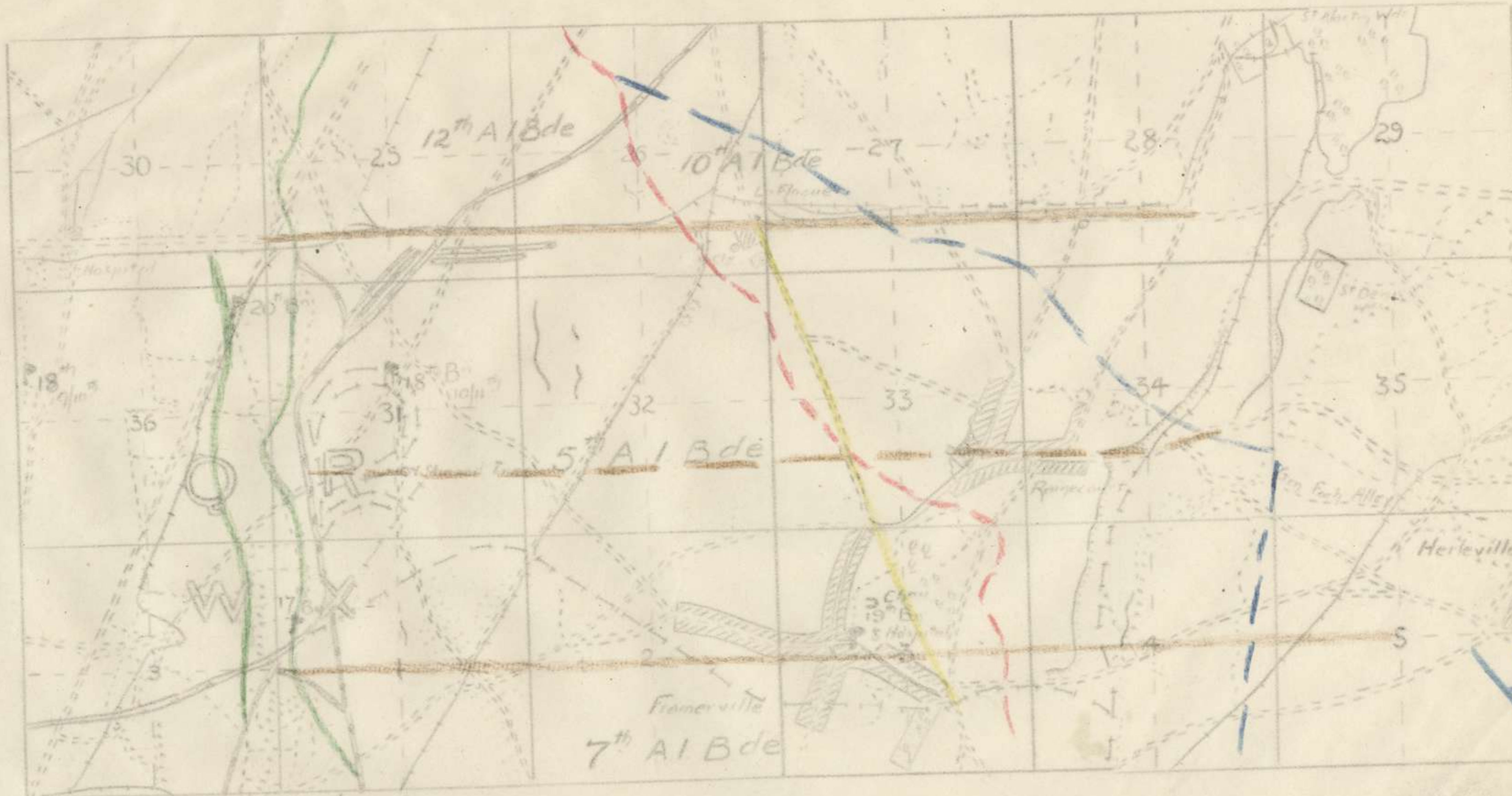
20th Battalion - H. Qrs. Q 36 b 85 75
 A Coy. Q 36 b 15 70 - Q 36 b 7 4
 B Coy. R 31 a 2 9 - R 31 a 2 7
 C Coy. R 31 a 2 7 - R 31 a 1 4
 D Coy. Q 36 b 7 4 - Q 36 b 52

6th A.M.G. Coy. 4 guns - Q 36 d 9 4
 do R 31 a 2 9
 do R 31 a 1 1
 do Q 36 d 7 5



Brig-General,
 Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Boundaries
 Line 9th/10th
 Line 11th/12th
 Jumping off Line 9th
 do do do 11th



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Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.

Brigade Headquarters,
12th August 1918.

5TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE,
HEADQUARTERS.

No. 9/590
Date.

BRIEF REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF 9th AUGUST 1918

Early on the morning of 9th instant a message was received from D.H.Q. to the effect that the success of 8th instant was to be further exploited by 1st Aust. Division, and that consequent on this attack the 2nd Aust. Division would attack the line LA FLAQUE, FRAMERVILLE, VAUVILLERS. The attack was to be made by 7th A.I. Bde. on right and 5th A.I. Bde. on left.

Dispositions of 5th A.I. Bde. as at 8 am. 9th instant were as follows - 17th and 18th Bns east of WARFUSEE in GREEN Line, S. and N. respectively of main road. 19th and 20th Bns in Support. Inter brigade boundary was to be E. and W. line through Y shaped tree R 31 d 0 5. Brigade southern boundary east and west through railway junction X 1 a 0 0. Brigade ~~southern~~ northern boundary main road exclusive - objective X 3 b 3 0 - R 33 c 8 5 - R 26 c 0 4.

Battalions were instructed to concentrate in Q 32. N.E. of ~~XXXXX~~ BAYONVILLERS. Battalions C. O's. and Tank Section C.O's. to meet at Brigade Battle H.Q., CRUCIFIX W 5 c 2 5 at 11 am.

Details of attack were discussed as to method, in conjunction with 7th A.I. Bde., who also established H. Q. at the CRUCIFIX. ZERO hour was fixed at 4-30 pm.

It was decided that owing to the uncertain nature of the situation definite artillery barrage was impossible. Batteries were therefore given selected targets, and controlled by F.O.O's. Forward sections were sent up to take advantage of fleeting targets. Battalions moved forward into jumping off position without many casualties and were all in position by 4-30 pm. Attacking troops moved forward with the tanks allotted to them. The tanks moved up well and inspired great confidence in the men, using their guns with great effect on huts and buildings. Owing however to the fact that they had to advance over open flat country, the essential element of surprise was lost. Anti-tank guns were apparently in wait for them and proved most effective. A number of tanks were partially or totally incapacitated, others had engine trouble. Simultaneously with advance of attacking battalions, 19th and 20th battalions moved toward AMIENS LINE.

Battalions kept direction well and reached their objectives with little opposition about 5-15 pm. Tough was maintained throughout with 7th A.I. Bde and between battalions of ^{these} brigades. On passing on to R. 32. heavy enemy machine gun fire was encountered, this continued for a considerable time and many casualties inflicted.

In order to secure our left flank two platoons 20th Bn were placed at the disposal of C.O. 18th Bn. Platoon posts were established at Q 26 c 5 7 and R 25 d 5 7.

Meanwhile 17th and 18th Battalions advanced and consolidated on the line X 3 d 8 9 - X 3 b 7 5 - R 33 c 8 0 - R 33 c 8 2 - along road to La FLAQUE Cross roads. The left flank was later swung back to avoid an exposed flank subjected to heavy enfilade M.G. fire from direction of PROYART, and line R 26 c 7 5 - R 32 b 8 8 - R 33 a 0 3 - R 33 c 8 2 thence as ~~before~~ above was consolidated.

12th A.I. Bde. was asked at 6-45 pm to swing forward their right flank to conform with our advance to vicinity of La FLAQUE. 12th Bde. already had the matter in hand, first establishing touch by patrol, later swinging their right flank posts forward to this point.

About .../

About 2 am 45th Bn, 12th A.I. Bde. had established post about R 26 d 7 4 in advance of our line, which had previously been withdrawn slightly.

Owing to 18th Bn heavy casualties it was decided to relieve them with 20th Bn. This operation was complete by 3-5 am 10th instant. 18th Bn withdrawing to AMIENS Line. *19th Bn to take over Amiens line in support.*

The enemy was not organised against us opposite us, his men undoubtedly retreated from a number of positions to a considerable distance. Nor was his barrage heavy; he appeared to be using mostly guns of heavy calibre, and devoted particular attention to FRAMERVILLE after its capture. The main trouble was experienced during consolidation when the enemy crept forward with machine guns.

A conservative estimate of number of casualties inflicted on the enemy is placed at 150.

The following prisoners and material were captured -

3 officers - 250 other ranks belonging to 109th and 107th Divisions -

14 Machine guns

13 Heavy M.W.

1 Medium M.W.

2 Lewis Guns

1 ~~Mitrailleuse~~ Anti Tank Gun

3 ~~M guns, anti tank gun~~ 3 Field Kitchens.

1 G.S. Wagon Kit

5 G.S. Wagons

1 Large R.E. Dump

A large quantity of valuable material in villages, medical, Signal, Armourers' equipment, saddlery etc.

It is estimated that at least 150 enemy dead are lying the area of the attack.

Casualties -

| | <u>Killed</u> | | <u>wounded</u> | | <u>Missing</u> | | <u>Totals</u> | |
|-----------------|---------------|------|----------------|------|----------------|------|---------------|------------|
| | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. |
| 17th Battalion | - | 5 | 3 | 22 | 1 | - | 4 | 27 |
| 18th Battalion | - | 9 | 10 | 77 | - | 18 | 10 | 104 |
| 19th Battalion | - | - | - | 5 | - | - | 5 | 5 |
| 20th Battalion | - | - | - | 8 | - | - | - | 8 |
| 6th A.M.G. Coy. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | 14 | 144 |

Officers - Lieut. T.R. READ, Missing. 17th Bn

Wounded - 17th Bn - Capt. HARNETT, Lieuts MILLER, HARRIES.

18th Bn - captains LANE, GRAHAM. Lieuts. DUNCAN, JONES, HOLDSWORTH, WILKINS, MURRAY, HARRISON, JOHNSON, ELDRIDGE.

Dispositions of night 9th/10th were -

17th Bn - H.Q. X 1 a 05 35.

Right line, D Coy. R 33 c 8 2 to road leading into RAINECOURT thence conforming to the line of orchard to X 3 b 6 9.

C Coy. X 3 b 6 9 - X 3 b 6 5.

A Coy. X 3 b 6 5 - X 3 d 8 9.

B Coy. in close support west side of orchard in X 3 b.

18th Bn - H.Q. - Q 36 a 05 20.

Left support - A and B Coys. Q 36 b 6 2 - Q 36 b 7 8.

C and D Coys Q 36 b 0 2 - Q 36 b 6 0.

19th Bn

19th Bn - H.Q. W 6 a 3 2.
 A Coy. Q 36 d 6 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ R 31 a 2 3.
 B Coy. X 1 a 1 3 - X 1 a 1 7 - ~~R 31 a 1 9~~ - ~~Q 36 d 8 2~~.
 C Coy. R 31 a 1 2 - Q 36 d 8 2.
 D Coy. R 31 c 1 2 - X 1 a 1 8.

20th Bn - H.Q. Q 36 b 7 7
 A Coy. R 33 c 5 5 - R 32 b 9 1.
 B Coy. R 32 b 9 1 - R 32 b 3 8
 B Coy. R 32 b 3 8 - R 26 d 0 3
 C Coy. R 31 a. *Support*

6th A.M.G. Coy. - Coy. H.Q. Q 36 c 5 3.
 R R 32 a 4 2 1 gun
 R 32 b 4 6 1 gun
 R 32 d 7 7 2 guns
 R 33 c 6 4 2 guns
 R 33 d 0 0 1 gun
 X 3 b 5 3 1 gun
 Q 36 b 1 9 3 guns
 Q 36 b 8 2 2 guns
 X 2 a 3 8 1 gun
 X 2 a 4 7 1 gun

J. M. Smith
 Brig-General,
 Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

5TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE
HEADQUARTERS.
No. 9/593
Date

OPERATION MEMO. No. 18

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Headquarters
14th August 1918

Reference Map - NARBONNIERES, 1/40,000

1. The Australian Corps in conjunction with the Canadian Corps is to continue operations against the enemy on 16th instant. ZERO will be at dawn, exact hour will be notified later.
2. The 4th Australian Division with tanks is to attack on our right. The 17th Division is holding the line on our left, but is not advancing.
3. The role of the Division is to advance its right flank in conjunction with the 4th Australian Division.
4. The operations is to be carried out by the 6th A.I. Bde. The 5th and 7th A.I. Bdes. will be in support and remain in their present tank positions.
5. Division southern and northern boundaries are east and west line through X 16 central, S 14 central, and east and west line through R 23 central - R 35 central.
6. The objective for 2nd Aust. Division is S 14 central - R 35 c o o
7. Further south the general objective includes PONCHETTE, PUZEAU, CHAULNES, and the exploitation of BERSAUCOURT, OMIECOURT, HYENCOURT le GRAND.
8. ~~After completion of the operation on 16th instant the 6th A.I. Bde. will consolidate their position, construct front and support lines consisting of a series of posts which will be wired, as it is not anticipated that the next advance will be made for some days.~~
9. 19th Battalion will still be prepared to act under orders from G.C.C. 6th A.I. Bde.
10. All battalions will ensure that the maximum protection against enemy shelling and gas is obtained, and movement restricted.
11. 19th Battalion will detail an officer for Liaison with 6th A.I. Bde.

12. A C K N O W L E D G E .

John A. Callaghan
Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Headquarters,
16th August 1942

5TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE,
HEADQUARTERS.

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No. *8/29*
Date

17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.
5th A.L.T.M. Bty.

1. The 4th Aust. Division will relieve the 1st Aust. Division in 'A' Div. Sector, (sector on our right) between 15th and 17th instant.
2. The 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. will hold the Brigade Sector immediately on our right of 6th A.I. Bde.
3. The 5th Aust. Division is relieving 17th Division in 'C' sector (sector on our left) between 16th and 18th instant.
4. The 14th A.I. Bde. will hold the Brigade sector immediately on left of 6th A.I. Bde.

J. R. Borne

Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.

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Brigade Headquarters,
16th August 1918.

5TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE,
HEADQUARTERS.
No. 9/594
Date.

INSTRUCTIONS No. 1 - Series 'C'

1. Under instructions from Australian Corps operations on this front have been postponed until further orders.
2. In order to prepare for these future operations, the nibbling tactics lately employed will be continued. The general objective which should be the aim of these tactics is a GREEN Line running approx. M 25 b 50 95 - M 31 b 45 00 - M 31 d 30 00 - S 1 d 30 00 - S 7 d 90 00 - S 14 c 70 00 (Sheet 62c SW).
3. The 6th A.I.Bde. will push out on to the line of this objective keeping close liaison with the brigades on either flank.
4. As soon as the GREEN line has been reached, it will be consolidated and organised as a main line of resistance. It is not desired to go beyond this line without further orders but outposts may be pushed further out if so desired.
5. The 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes. will remain in their present positions and will continue with the work of salvage. It is desired that as much Signal cable as possible should be salvaged and returned to the Div. Signal Dump.
6. Reports tend to shew that the present enemy artillery activity is almost entirely based on the employment of larger guns such as 5-9 gins. The enemy has however employed heavy gas shoots on the fronts on the French, Canadian and III Corps. It is therefore, to be anticipated that these tactics will be pursued, and careful arrangements will be made with regard to all places likely to be objectives of artillery action of this nature. Troops should be withdrawn from woods and villages and from any other places which it may be anticipated that the enemy will shell. Where carrying parties are required to pass through such localities special measures will be prepared to ensure that they are checked and ~~xxxx~~ adequate police ~~xxxxxxxx~~ arrangements made in the event of a gas bombardment.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. H. ...
Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 211

Reference Maps

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Headquarters,

17th August 1918

1. The Division (less Artillery) is being relieved by 32nd Division (less Artillery) in 'B' Div. Sector and area between 17th and 19th August 1918.

2. The 5th A.I. Bde. less 18th Battalion will be relieved in Reserve left by 97th Inf. Bde. on night 17th/18th instant. Transport will move by road on 17th instant. 18th Battalion will move without relief.

3. Command will pass on completion of relief which will be notified by wire to Brigade H.Q.

4. Moves and reliefs will be carried out in accordance with the attached table. Brigade Group will be constituted as laid down in Warning Order of 16th instant.

5. Guides from 17th, 19th and 20th Battalions as specified in Warning Order of 16th instant, will meet relieving units at 97th Inf. Bde. debussing point at W 11 c 8 7 at 9 pm, 17th inst.

6. Administrative arrangements are being issued separately, including detailed bus arrangements.

7. S.O.S. Signals, Area stores etc. ^{marked maps} will be handed over and receipts obtained. Copies of receipts will be forwarded to this office 24 hours after relief.

8. Movement during daylight either of troops or transport, east of VILLERS BRETONNEUX, must be made in small bodies.

9. Completion of move and location of new H.Q. will be notified to this office on arrival in new area.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at
through Sigs.

W. P. MacCallum
Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

D i s t r i b u t i o n

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|------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Copy No. 1 | 17th Bn. | Copy No. 13 | 6th Bde |
| 2 | 18th Bn. | 14 | 7th Bde. |
| 3 | 19th Bn | 15 | 97th Inf. Bde. |
| 4 | 20th Bn | 16 | 2nd Aust. Div |
| 5 | 5th ALEMBty | 17 | G.O.C. |
| 6 | 6th AMG Coy. | 18 | B.M. |
| 7 | 5th Field Coy. | 19 | S.O. |
| 8 | 5th Field Amb. | 20 | Int. Off. |
| 9 | 15th A A S C | 21 | Bde. Bomb. Off |
| 10 | Rear Bde. | 22 | Sig. Off. |
| 11 | Nucleus Bn | 23 | Bde. T.O. |
| 12 | Bde. School | 24 | Bde. Q.M. |
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TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 5th A.I. BDE. ORDER No. 211

| Serial No. | Date | Unit | To | Relieved by | Remarks |
|------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. | 17th | Transport 5th A.I. Bde. Group | FOULLOY Area | | By Road |
| 2. | 17th | 5th A.L.T. M. Bty. | do | | do |
| 3. | 17/18th | 18th Bn | do | | Moves without relief. To arrive at embussing point W 3 a 6 3 at 9-40 pm. |
| 4. | do | 17th Bn | do | 2nd K.O.Y.L.I. | To arrive at embussing point at 9-45 pm. |
| 5. | do | 19th Bn | do | 10th A. & S. Highlanders | do do 9-50 pm. |
| 6. | do | 20th Bn | do | 1/5th Border Regiment | do do 9-55 pm. |
| 7. | do | 6th AMG Coy. | do | | do do 10 pm |
| 8. | do | 5th Fld. Amb. | do | | do do 10 pm |

Embussing point for Brigade Group W 3 a 6 3 facing N.W.

Debussing Point do O 11 a 6 1 facing N.W.

Units will arrive at the embussing point divided into groups of 25.

Should relieving units not have arrived by time units of 5th A.I. Bde. group require to start, parties will be left behind to hand over.

Issued at ... through sign.

| Copy No. | Unit | Copy No. | Unit |
|----------|----------------|----------|-----------------|
| 1 | 17th Bn | 13 | 5th Bde |
| 2 | 18th Bn | 14 | 7th Bde |
| 3 | 19th Bn | 15 | 27th Inf. Bde. |
| 4 | 20th Bn | 16 | 2nd Army Div. |
| 5 | 5th ALMNTY | 17 | G.O.C. |
| 6 | 6th AMG Coy. | 18 | B.M. |
| 7 | 5th Field Coy. | 19 | S.O. |
| 8 | 5th Field Amb. | 20 | Inf. Cpl. |
| 9 | 15th A & S C | 21 | Bde. Bomb. Cpl. |
| 10 | Rear Bde. | 22 | Sig. Cpl. |
| 11 | Nucleus Bn | 23 | Bde. F.O. |
| 12 | Bde. School | 24 | Bde. Q.M. |

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRETReference Map, Sheet 62dHeadquarters,
17th August 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(To accompany Brigade Order No. 211)

1. BILLETING - Advance parties from Nucleus Bn for units have been arranged for, and are meeting the Staff Captain in FOUILLOY at noon today.
2. SUPPLIES - Arrangements have been made for supplies to be delivered direct to Q.M. Stores in the new area.
3. AMMUNITION - Full echelon will be carried.
4. Units will arrange to return all battle stores issued for use during the operation on 8th instant, to D.A.D.C.S. A statement of all stores returned will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. by 6 pm on 19th instant.
5. Extra water carts and wagons will be retained by units pending further instructions.
6. Nucleus personnel will rejoin units on 18th instant under instructions to be issued later. All tents and shelters will be collected and dumped under a guard near a lorry route. Location of dump will be immediately notified to Brigade H.Q., when lorry will be arranged for collection.
7. EMBUSSING.-
 - (a) Brigade Embussing Point is W 3 a 6 3 facing N.W.
Brigade Debussing Point is O 11 a 6 1 facing N.W.
 - (b) Units will embus in the following order -

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Starting 9-40 pm | 18th Bn |
| 9-45 pm | 17th Bn |
| 9-50 pm | 19th Bn |
| 9-55 pm | 20th Bn |
| 10 - pm | 6th A.M.G. Coy. |
| 10-5 pm | 5th Field Amb. |
 - (c) Brigade Embussing Officer, Captain R.J. DOWDEN, 20th Bn
Brigade Debussing Officer, Lieut. J.G. EDMONDSON, Bde. Gas Off.
 - (d) Units embussing will send 1 officer to report to
Captain R.J. DOWDEN at W 3 a 6 3 at 9-30 pm 17th instant.

*R. J. Dowden*Captain,
A/Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.Distribution as for Bde. Order No. 211

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

2nd Australian Division.

Brigade Headquarters,
20th August 1918.

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|--|-------|
| 5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE | |
| Brigade Headquarters, 20th August 1918. | |
| No. | 9/599 |
| Date | |

With reference to your G.3/235 dated 18th instant, the following notes are forwarded.

(a) GENERAL =

The evacuation of wounded was excellent. The attachment of 8 stretcher bearers from the Ambulance to the Battalions proving entirely satisfactory. The Ford Ambulances worked well forward with the result that, the amount of carrying was considerably reduced.

The formation adopted on 8th, 9th and 11th August - 1st line extended, remainder in line of sections in file - was found to be most satisfactory for the class of fighting in which the Brigade was engaged. The sector of the advance was held by scattered enemy posts. Commanders had their men in hand and were able to deal with the situation quickly. It is generally considered to be the best that can be adopted when co-operating with Tanks.

Hip firing. - The Lewis Gun was used from the hip during all three advances. The "hosing" fire proved most effective and the expenditure of ammunition not extravagant.

(b) TANKS -

The experiment in placing an infantry observer in each tank on 8th instant, had excellent results. This of course is only practicable where the observers have previously been able to watch the country opposite for some time. During the early part of the advance on 8th instant, co-operation by Signals, as taught, was impossible on account of the fog. When a tank was needed men had to go to a tank and lead it to the required position. This method was carried out satisfactorily on several occasions. During the advance from the BLUE line on the afternoon of 9th instant, the Infantry were able by means of Signals to direct the Tanks working on the battalion sectors.

In connection with the operation on 9th instant, the tanks suffered considerably from enemy anti-tank guns and 77 batteries. I am strongly of the opinion that Tanks should not be employed unless there is a definite previous artillery preparation which should include a percentage of smoke.

R. A. F. - On mornings of 8th and 11th instants, low flying planes were apparently able to pick up our positions with ease owing to the tin discs which were carried and shewn after the rising of the sun, but on both occasions observation from the air was much hampered owing to fog.

(c) No opportunity was afforded this Brigade of seeing any cavalry action.

(d) The artillery action on 8th and 11th instants left nothing to be desired. All ranks are unanimous in their praise of it on the above occasions. The condition of the prisoners was also a fair testimony of its effective nature.

During the advance on afternoon of 9th instant there was no artillery co-operation in the form of covering barrage.

Sections were pushed forward to deal with fleeting targets. Officers were sent forward with lines to their batteries. Unfortunately these were repeatedly broken and many targets were missed. Subsequently enemy Gs. and movement were very satisfactorily engaged.

It is suggested for consideration whether in operations of this nature it would not be advisable to attach definite sections of Field Artillery to Infantry Battalions to work in close touch with them.

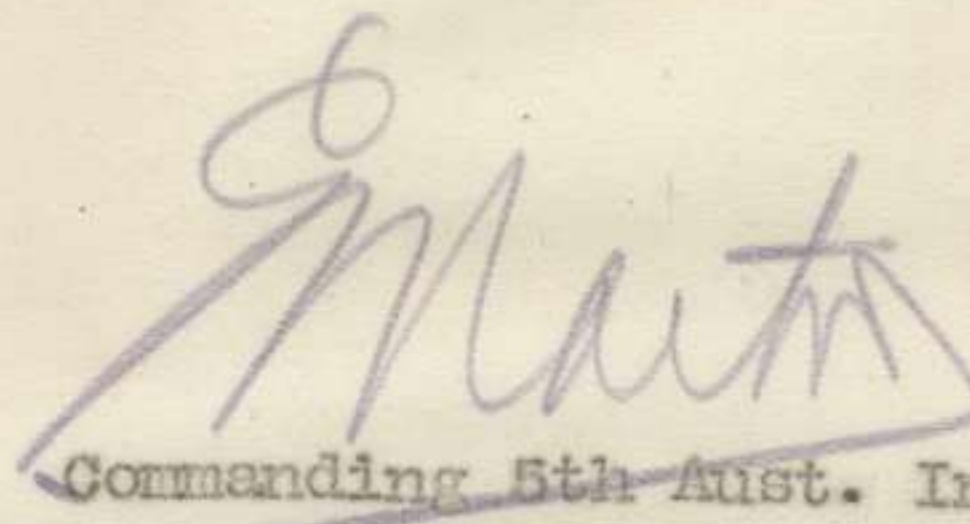
The need for much closer liaison between Heavy Artillery and Infantry was borne out during the past operations. Although the co-ordinates .../

co-ordinates of the front line were repeatedly given to R.G.A. Officers, there were many instances of short shooting. It was often exceedingly difficult to obtain definite information regarding the heavy artillery, the liaison officers being invariably junior officers.

(e) Copy of 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 207 and 18th Battalion Order No. 44, for operation on 8th instant, are attached.

(f) Good communication was maintained throughout. Owing to the fog on 8th and 11th instants visual was out of the question. Ground lines - proved to be more reliable than is generally conceded, owing no doubt to the fact that the enemy artillery fire was neutralised from the outset, and thereafter disorganisation prevented any heavy concentration of fire. Signal parties followed the attacking troops laying lines. Telephonic communication to the objectives was established on every occasion shortly after the objective had been gained.

On 8th instant telephonic communication with Brigade Forward Report Centre was established in the vicinity of the GREEN line at 8.15 a.m. approximately.


Brig-General,
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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War Diary (3).

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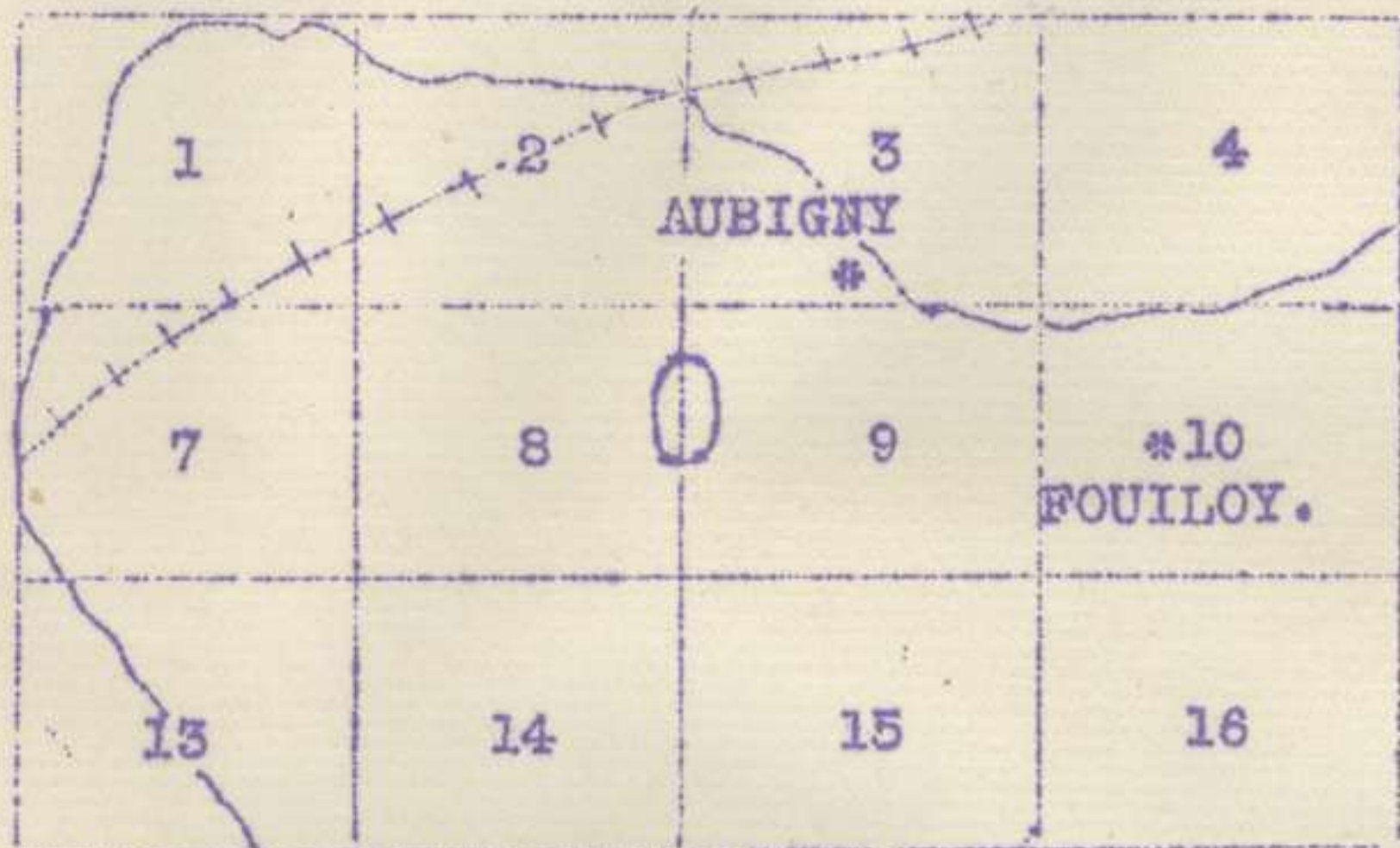
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-----5TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE,
HEADQUARTERS.

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Headquarters,
21st August, 1918.

The sketch hereunder shows the Brigade Salvage area. Units are to collect as much salvage as possible in the areas around them. A dump will be selected near a main road by the Brigade Q.M., location to be notified to Brigade.

*Super Halz*Captain,
Acting Staff Captain, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.D I S T R I B U T I O N .

17th Battalion.
18th Battalion.
19th Battalion.
20th Battalion.
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.
6th. A.M.G. Coy.
5th Field Coy. A.E.
5th Aust. Field Amb.
Bde. Q.M.
File.
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1st Division

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

81/24.

Headquarters,
25th August, 1918.

2nd. Australian Division.

STATEMENT OF GUNS, ETC., CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH.

Reference this office 81/24 dated 24th instant.
to the list

The following are additions/forwarded with above letter:-

| Nature of Gun. | Registered No | Captured by | Date of Capture, | Partic. of Despatch. | Whether Claim is being made. | Remarks |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 3/5.9 Hows. | 2101 2691 2244 | 17th Bn. | 8.8.18 | - | Yes. | Being traced. |
| 2/4.2 Hows. | 3220 238 | 17th Bn. | 8.8.18 | - | Yes | Memo sent 2nd Aust Div re tracing where these guns are. |

(Sgd) RUPERT HALE, Capt. for
Brigadier General,
Commanding, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

STATEMENT OF GUNS, MACHINE GUNS and TRENCH MORTARS INCLUDING MINENWERFERS, GRANATENWERFERS, BOMB THROWERS, ETC.

CAPTURED DURING MONTH ENDING 24th AUGUST, 1918 AND AWAITING DESPATCH TO BASE.

5th AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE
HEADQUARTERS.

| Nature of Machine Gun or Trench Mortar. | Registered No of Machine Gun or Mortar. | | | Captured By. | Date of Capture. | Particulars of Despatch to Base. | | Whether claim is being submitted. | Remarks. |
|--|---|-------|-------|--|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|----------|
| | | | | | | Railhead. | Date. Truck No. | | |
| 3 77 Fld. Guns. | 2864 | | | 17th Bn. | 8.8.18 | | | | |
| | 13741 | | | WARFUSEE. | | | Delivered to D.A.D.O.S. | Yes. | |
| | 27507 | | | | | | 2nd. Aust. Div. | | |
| 1 4.2 How. | 2701 | | | do | do | | do | do | |
| 3 77 Fld. Guns. | 818 | | | 18th Bn. | | | | | |
| | 3220 | | | WARFUSEE. | do | | do | do | |
| | 27452 | | | | | | | | |
| 3 77 Fld. Guns. | 1581 | | | 19th Bn. | | | | | |
| | 1000 | | | WARFUSEE. | do | | do | do | |
| | 1993 | | | | | | | | |
| 1 4.2 How. | 3210 | | | do | do | | do | do | |
| 3 77 Fld. Guns. | 5361 | | | 20th Bn. | | | | | |
| | 8253 | | | WARFUSEE. | do | | do | do | |
| | 7247 | | | | | | | | |
| 1 4.2 How. | 822 | | | do | do | | do | do | |
| 12 Light M.G's. | 413 | 354 | 2211 | 18th Bn. WARFUSEE & FRAMERVILLE. | do and 9.8.18. | | do | do | |
| | 1617 | 9736 | 6438 | | | | | | |
| | 6674 | 9857 | 3273 | | | | | | |
| | 4641 | 1500 | 25254 | | | | | | |
| 8 Heavy M.G's. | 1952 | 6059 | 1333 | do | do | | do | do | |
| | 2091 | 5645 | 29 | | | | | | |
| | 2169 | 7459 | | | | | | | |
| 9 Heavy M.G's. | 2221 | 4278 | 4313 | 17th Bn. do | do | | do | do | |
| | 467 | 28090 | 470 | | | | | | |
| | 23779 | 9348 | 27964 | | | | | | |
| 10 Light M.G's. | 24156 | 3810 | 5305 | do | do | | do | do | |
| | 464 | 1811 | 5024 | | | | | | |
| | 6640 | 2486 | 1952 | | | | | | |
| | 2047 | | | | | | | | |

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| Nature of Machine Gun or Trench Mortar. | Registered No of Machine Gun or Mortar. | | | Captured By. | Date of Capture. | Particulars of Despatch to Base. | | Whether claim is being submitted. | Remarks. |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------|--|------|--|----------|
| | Railhead. | Date. | Truck No. | | | | | | |
| 8 Heavy M.G's. | 1542 2399 30224 | 135 4 25117 | 5010) 4745)) | 19th Bn. WARFUSEE & FRAMERVILLE | 8.8.18 & 9.8.18. | Delivered to D.A.D.O.S. 2nd. Aust. Div. | Yes. | | |
| 9 Light M.G's. | 532 3705 5975 | 4758 6761 4961 | 245 () 3306 () 352 () | do | do | do | do | | |
| 7 Heavy M.G's. | 4408 6782 24688 | 18989 2184 | 9884d) 5703)) | 20th Bn. WARFUSEE & FRAMERVILLE. | do | do | do | | |
| 15 Light M.G's. | 6692 6442 6315 1376 6897 | 4169 768 3684 8059 5306 | 6082b () 9604 () 9489 () 4354 () 6659 () | do | do | do | do | | |
| 4 Light M.G's. | 4923 | 434 3190 | 420)) | 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. WARFUSEE & FRAMERVILLE. | do | do | do | | |
| 3 do | 1773 | 5493 | 6774 () | 5th Field Coy. A.E. WARFUSEE & FRAMERVILLE. | do | do | do | | |
| 7 Light Minen- werfers. | 7200 26067 5391 | 1604 11146 | 28119) 14777)) | 17th Bn. WARFUSEE & FRAMERVILLE. | do | do | do | | |
| 2 Medium do | 3626 | 1570 | () | do | do | do | do | | |
| 2 Heavy do | 1918 | 1480 | () | do | do | do | do | | |
| 10 Light do | 28542 864 11882 10719 | 25776 13927 15903 | 14886 () 26203 () 27466 () () | 18th Bn. WARFUSEE & FRAMERVILLE | do | do | do | | |
| 3 Medium do | 1568 | 3349 | 6624) | do | do | do | do | | |
| 2 Heavy do | 4177 | 4140 | () | do | do | do | do | | |
| 5 Light do | 4028 28768 | 28063 34678 | 19332 () () | 19th Bn. WARFUSEE & FRAMERVILLE. | do | do | do | | |

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| Nature of Machine Gun or Trench Mortar. | Registered No of. | | Captured By. | Date of Capture. | Particulars of Despatch to Base. | | Whether claim is being submitted. | Remarks. |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|--|-----------------------|--|-------|---|----------|
| | Machine gun or Mortar. | | | | Railhead. | Date. | | |
| 3 Medium Minenwerfers. | 26 | 2215 | 361 19th Bn. WARFUSEE & FRAMERVILLE. | 8.8.19 and 9.8.18. | Delivered to D.A.D.O.S. 2nd. Aust. Div. | | Yes. | 85 |
| 2 Heavy do | 840 | 3260 | do | do | do | | do | |
| 5 Light do | 7492 7967 | 7304 26464 | 15057 20th Bn. WARFUSEE & FRAMERVILLE. | do | do | | do | |
| 2 Medium do | 5030 | 2279 | do | do | do | | do | |
| 2 Heavy do | 4499 | 3348 | do | do | do | | do | |
| 1 Light do | 3059 | | 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. WARFUSEE & FRAMERVILLE. | do | do | | do | |

Miscellaneous.

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|--|------------------------------------|---------------|----|--|----|--|
| 1 Light Minenwerfer Trailer. | 311 | | 17th Bn. WARFUSEE & FRAMERVILLE | | do | | do | |
| 1 Ammn. Limber. Front 37 Rear 38. | | | do | 8 and 9.8.18. | do | | do | |
| 5 Heavy M.G. Stands. | | | do | do | do | | do | |
| 1 Granatenwerfer G 15. | | | 18th Bn. | do | do | | do | |
| 1 Extra large M.G. Stand. | | | do | do | do | | do | |
| 3 Heavy M.G. Stands 388, 3576, 10634 | | | do | do | do | | do | |
| 1 do small. | | | do | do | do | | do | |
| 4 Minenwerfer Trailers without wheels. | | | 19th Bn. | do | do | | do | |
| 1 Trailer with wheels. | | | do | do | do | | do | |
| 8 M.G. slings. | | | 20th Bn. | do | do | | do | |
| 6 Light M.G. Mountings. | | | do | do | do | | do | |
| 3 Heavy M.G. Stands. | | | do | do | do | | do | |
| 8 M.G. Mountings. | | | do | do | do | | do | |

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STATEMENT OF GUNS, MACHINE GUNS and TRENCH MORTARS INCLUDING MINENWERFERS, GRANATENWERFERS, BOMB THROWERS, ETC.

CAPTURED DURING MONTH ENDING 24th AUGUST, 1918 AND AWAITING DESPATCH TO BASE.

| Nature of Machine Gun or Trench mortar. | Registered No of | | | Captured by. | Date of Capture | Particulars of Despatch to Base. | | | Whether claim is being submitted. | Remarks. |
|---|------------------|---------|-----------|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| | Machine Gun | Mortar. | Mounting. | | | Railhead. | Date. | Truck No. | | |
| 3 77 Fld.Guns. | 2864 | | | 17th Bn. WARFUSEE. | 8.8.18. | | Delivered to D.A.D.O.S. 2nd Aust. Div. | Yes. | | |
| | 13741 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 27507 | | | do | do | | do | do | | |
| 1 4.2 How. | 2701 | | | do | do | | do | do | | |
| 3 77 Fld. Guns. | 818 | | | 18th Bn. WARFUSEE. | do | | do | do | | |
| | 3220 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 27452 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 77 Fld Guns. | 1581 | | | 19th Bn. WARFUSEE. | do | | do | do | | |
| | 1000 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1993 | | | do | do | | do | do | | |
| 1 4.2 How. | 3210 | | | do | do | | do | do | | |
| 3 77 Fld. Guns. | 5361 | | | 20th Bn. WARFUSEE. | do | | do | do | | |
| | 8253 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 7247 | | | do | do | | do | do | | |
| 1 4.2 How. | 822 | | | do | do | | do | do | | |
| 12 Light M.G's. | 413 | 354 | 2211 | 18th Bn. WARFUSEE & FRAMERVILLE. | do & 9.8.18. | | do | do | | |
| | 1616 | 9736 | 6438 | | | | | | | |
| | 6674 | 9857 | 3273 | | | | | | | |
| | 4641 | 1500 | 25254 | | | | | | | |
| 8 Heavy M.G's. | 1952 | 6059 | 1533 | do | do | | do | do | | |
| | 2091 | 5645 | 29 | | | | | | | |
| | 2169 | 7459 | | | | | | | | |
| 9 Heavy M.G's. | 2221 | 4278 | 4313 | 17th Bn. | do | | do | do | | |
| | 467 | 28090 | 470 | do | | | | | | |
| | 23779 | 9348 | 27964 | | | | | | | |
| 10 Light M.G's. | 24156 | 3810 | 5305 | | | | | | | |
| | 464 | 1811 | 5024 | do | | | | | | |
| | 6640 | 2486 | 1952 | | do | | do | do | | |
| | 2047 | | | | | | | | | |

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET

ORDER No. 212

Copy No. *26*Reference Maps,
Sheets 62c and 62d 1/40,000Headquarters,
26th August 1918.

1. (a) The 2nd Aust. Division (less Artillery) is relieving the 1st Aust. Division (less artillery) in "C" Div. Sector and area on night 26th/27th August.
- (b) 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. is relieving 3rd A.I. Bde. and portion 1st A.I. Bde. on night 26th/27th August.
- (c) Command of "C" Div. Sector will pass to G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Division on completion of relief of front line by 6th A.I. Bde.
2. The forward Divisional boundaries will be on the north - The SOMME Canal (inclusive to 2nd Aust. Division.)
On the south the grid line running E. and W. between squares R.12 and R.18.
3. The 5th A.I. Bde. Group will move by bus into Support Bde. area, Q.12. and 18., R.7 and 13. on night 26th/27th August in accordance with attached table.
The Group will consist of -
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.
5th Field Coy.
5th Field Ambulance.
6th Aust. M.G. Coy.
4. Advance parties are proceeding to new area to arrange for accommodation. These parties will act as guides at the Debussing point.
5. Captain R.J. DOWDEN/^{20th Bn} will act as Brigade Debussing Officer. Units will detail an Officer to report to him at Debussing Point at 6 pm with the unit Debussing strength.
Licut EDMONDSON Gas Officer, will act as Brigade Debussing Officer.
6. Administrative instructions are being issued separately.
7. First Line Transport will be brigaded and move by road during the day.
8. Completion of move and new dispositions will be notified to Brigade H.Q. immediately on arrival.
9. Brigade H.Q. will close at FOUILLOY at 5.30 pm and reopen on completion of move in the vicinity of R.7.d.5.3. (6th Brigade H.Q.)
10. A C K N O W L E D G E .

*L. P. MacCallan*Issued at 9 am
thro' Sigs.Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distribution overleaf.

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Distribution

- Copy No. 1 17th Bn
- 2 18th Bn
- 3 19th Bn
- 4 20th Bn
- 5 5th A.L.T.M. Bty
- 6 5th Field Coy.
- 7 5th Field Ambulance
- 8 8th A.I.G. Coy.
- 9 2nd Aust. Div.
- 10 6th A.I. Bdo.
- 11 7th A.I. Bdo.
- 12 1st Aust. Division.
- 13 G.O.C.
- 14 B.H.
- 15 S.C.
- 16 I.O.
- 17 Sig. Off.
- 18 Bomb. Off.
- 19 Capt. DOWDEN
- 20 Lt. EDMONDSON
- 21 School
- 22 15th A.A.S.C.
- 23 Bdo. T.O.
- 24 Bdo. C.H.
- 25 File

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1. Captain R.L. DUNN will act as Brigade Adjutant Officer. He will report to the Brigade Officer at 8 pm on the night of the departure.

2. Administrative instructions are being issued separately.

3. First Line Transport will be brigaded and move by road during the day.

4. Completion of move and new dispositions will be notified to Brigade H.Q. immediately on arrival.

5. Brigade H.Q. will close at 5.30 pm and report on completion of move in the vicinity of R.V.D. 3.3 (8th Brigade H.Q.)

L.P. West-Collins

Major, Brigade Major, 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. Landed at 9 am. Line, 8th.

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RELIEF TABLE to Accompany Brigade Order No. 212

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| Serial No. | Date | Unit | Time to reach Embussing Point | Embussing Point | Debussing Point |
|------------|----------------|--|-------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | 26/27th August | Bdo. H. Q. & Sig. Sect. 5th ALTM Bty. | 6.40 pm | Head of column at O.12.c.O.O. on road running from O.11.cent. facing S.E. | Head of column at Q.24.b.5.7. facing north. |
| 2. | do | 18th Bn | 6.45 pm | do | do |
| 3. | do | 19th Bn | 6.50 pm | do | do |
| 4. | do | 20th Bn | 6.55 pm | do | do |
| 5. | do | 17th Bn | 7- pm | do | do |
| 6. | do | 3th A.M.G. Coy. | 7.3 pm | do | do |
| 7 | do | 5th Field Coy. | 7.10 pm | do | do |
| 8 | do | 5th Field Amb. | 7.15 pm | do | do |

All troops to arrive divided into groups of 25.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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ORDER No. 213

Reference Map,
Sheet 62E, 62D, 1/40,000

Headquarters
27th August 1918.

1. The 5th A.I.Bde. Group will conform to the forward movement of 6th A.I.Bde. Group keeping approx. 3,000 yards in rear of 6th A.I.Bde. front.
2. 5th A.I.Bde. Group will move forward during day of 27th instant Eivouac sites will be selected so as to avoid possible enemy gas areas.
3. Area at present occupied by group is to be cleared by 3 p.m. 27th.
4. Full precautions against hostile observation will be taken. Advance will be made in artillery formation with platoons at considerable distances apart.
5. Advance parties (mounted) will report to Brigade Headquarters 9-30 a.m. and will subsequently act as guides. Rendezvous will be arranged with their units by them.
6. Approx. area to be occupied by the group - L.35., L.36., R.4., and R.5.
7. Location of new H.Q. and dispositions will be sent to this office immediately on arrival.
8. Bde.H.Q. will close at ^R 7.4.3.5. at ^B p.m. and open in the vicinity of L.34. central (6th A.I.Bde. present H.Q.).
Exact location will be notified. (on completion of move,
9. A C K N O W L E D G E .

W P MacCallum

Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 8.15 am
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| Copy No. | 1 | 17th Bn |
| | 2 | 18th Bn |
| | 3 | 19th Bn |
| | 4 | 20th Bn |
| | 5 | 5th A.L.T.M.Bty |
| | 6 | 5th Field Coy. |
| | 7 | 5th Field Amb. |
| | 8 | 6th A.M.G.Coy. |
| | 9 | 15th A.A.S.C. |
| | 10 | Bde. Transport Officer |
| | 11 | File |
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRETBrigade Headquarters,
27th August 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM MEMO. No. 213

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TRENCH SHELTERS and TENTS

Area Commandants returns show that in nearly every case Units issued with trench shelters returned a number short of that issue. In forwarding receipts please give details of numbers received and numbers returned, and if deficient, reasons for deficiency.

F.P. COMPOUND -

Will be located at P.O.W. Camp, N.11.b.9.9.

SALVAGE

Salvage will be returned to a Brigade Dump in vicinity of MORECOURT.

ORDNANCE -

Refilling Point R.8.b.9.7. on 28th instant at 4 p.m., and every alternate day until further notice.

WATER

Water refilling point (5 water carts per hour) at L.28.c.0.2. on 28th instant.

CANTEN -

Located at Q.17.a.9.1. (approx)

BURIALS -

Cemeteries are established at Sheet 82d/Q.2.d.5.3., Q.8.c.4.9., Q.16.c.3.3.
Cemeteries further east will be formed as required.

TRANSPORT LINES -

Transport Lines will as far as possible remain brigaded.

PACKS AND VALISES -

Are stored at the Div. Wing Reinforcement Camp, LA NEUVILLE, (I.53.)

NUCLEUS -

Nucleus Battalion is at LA NEUVILLE.

DIVISIONAL WING -

No. 17, Rue de la GARE, LA NEUVILLE.

SUPPLIES -

Railhead - CORBIE. - Refilling point on 28th instant, Q.23.a.2.2.

AMMUNITION -

Main Div. Dump, Q.9.a.9.4. S.A.A. Section, D.A.C., Q.9.a.9.4.,
Normal system of supply.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. J. Hales
Captain,
A/Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distributed to all recipients Brigade Order No. 213.

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Brigade Headquarters,
27th August 1918.

17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.
6th A.M.G.Coy.
5th Field Coy.,
5th Field Ambulance

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1. It is anticipated that the Brigade Group will be moving forward almost daily. Units will therefore be prepared for this and have permanent advance parties detailed.

2. The 5th A.I.Bdo. Group will probably relieve the 6th A.I.Bdo. Group in the line in three or four days time.

Special measures will therefore be taken for mutual liaison, and liaison with 6th A.I.Bdo.

Approximate
Location of present
Headqrs.

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|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 20th Battalion with Right Bn (24th) | M.7.b. and d. |
| 19th Battalion with Centre Bn (22nd) | G.26.c.5.0. |
| 18th Battalion with Left Bn (21st) | G.26.c.5.0. |
| 17th Battalion with Support Bn (23rd) | L.34.central. |
| 6th A.M.G.Coy. with M.G.Group. | |

3. Special precautions will be taken with reference to movement and keeping men under cover.

4. Battalions and M.G.Coy. will mount A.A. Guns at each Bivouac. Men will be warned not to gather together in large numbers, and against the exposure of light at night.

W. P. MacCallum

Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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28/8/16.

Reference Map,
Sheet 62c NW,

1. Information has been received that the enemy is to retire fighting.
2. A vigorous offensive policy will therefore be adopted.
3. 18th Battalion will push forward as quickly as possible within its sector.
At 5 a.m. tomorrow, 29th instant, the 19th Bn. will move forward, taking over 500 yards of 18th Battalion frontage, and 300 yards of 21st Bn. front.
4. Brigade southern boundary will be east and west line through H.19.c.0.0. - I.19.c.0.0.
Inter-battalion boundary east and west grid line through H.13.c.0.0. - H.17.c.0.0.
5. The 17th and 20th Battalions will move from present location tomorrow 29th instant.
20th Battalion at 4.45 a.m. to follow in close support of 18th Bn.
17th Bn. at 5.15 a.m. in close support of 19th Bn.
6. The ultimate objective of the Brigade is Mt. ST. QUENTIN (I.16.).
Crossings will be effected by 19th and 17th Battalions at Canal du NORD (I.19.a. and c.), by 18th and 20th Bns. at GOMMIECOURT les CLERY (H.12.central) - Mt. ST. QUENTIN will then be attacked by converging movement - 19th and 17th Battalions from S.W., 18th and 20th Bns. from N.W.
7. 7th A.I.Bde. are passing through 6th A.I.Bde. at dawn 29th instant.
8. The above operation calls for the closest liaison between battalions and a most vigorous push forward irrespective of positions of flank Brigades.
9. Mobile echelon will be located in QUARRY, G.28.b. at 6 a.m. 29th instant.
10. 5th Field Amb. will detail ambulances to follow up the advance and keep in close touch with battalions.
11. Arrangements will be made for one section 13th A.L.H. to follow in rear of each of 17th and 20th Bns to collect prisoners.
12. Battalions should take forward rations (tinned if possible) and full water bottles.
13. T.M. Battery will move to QUARRY, G.28.b. at 5 a.m. 29th inst.
14. Remaining 2 sections 6th A.M.G.Coy. will be attached to and move with 19th Battalion.
15. Movement of H.Q. will be at once notified and frequent reports sent in by phone and confirmed later by wire or written.
16. Brigade advanced report centre will remain temporarily at G.28.b.9.5.
17. A C K N O W L E D G E.

(sgd) W.P. MacCALLUM, Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.Issued to Bde Group, Liaison Officers, 2nd Aust. Div., 6th & 7th Bdes
10th A.I.Bde. -

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Reference Map, 62c N.W. 1/20,000

1. The 4th A.F.A. Brigade has been attached to 5th A.I. Bde. The front has therefore been divided between 5th Brigade R.H.A. and 4th A.F.A. Brigade. 5th Brigade R.H.A. will cover right battalions (19th and 17th Bns), 4th A.F.A. Brigade left battalions (18th and 20th Battalions).

Above will be operative from morning of 30th instant.

2. Night firing is being carried out on squares I 13 a and b I.1.c., I.7.a., H.6.d. PARK WOOD and HALLE until 11 pm tonight.

3. During the night 19th and 18th Battalions will effect crossings at I.19.c. and OMNIECOURT les CLERY respectively and will form bridge-head guards on east bank of the river. 17th and 20th Bns. will pass through them and occupy high ground in I.9, I.10, Q.15., I.16.

Inter battalion boundary for this purpose will be east and west grid line separating I.10. and I.16.

4. ~~19th Battalion will mop up HALLE. 18th Battalion will guard left flank of 21st Battalion moving later to occupy FEUILLERAUCOURT.~~

19th Battalion will be prepared to cover right flank of 17th Bn and will arrange to mop up HALLE.

18th Battalion will be prepared to cover left flank of 20th Battalion and to occupy ~~FEUILLERAUCOURT~~. FEUILLERAUCOURT.

5. 6th A.I. Bde. is in close support and ready to exploit any success gained east of the river or to counter any determined attack by the enemy.

L. P. MacCallum

Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

29/8/18

- 17th Bn, 18th Bn, 19th Bn, 20th Bn.
- 5th A.L.T.M. Bty., 6th A.M.G. Coy.,
- 6th, 7th and 10th A.I. Bdes.
- 3rd Aust. Division.
- 5th Brigade R.H.A., 4th Bde. A.F.A.
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Add para 6. Footbridges exist at I 19 c 3 0 and H 17 a 8 9. Alternative bridge will be constructed at H 24 b 9 0 if necessary. Bridge for 1st line transport will be constructed at H 17 a 9 9.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ORDER No. 214

Reference Map
Sheet 6Sc N.W. 1/20,000Headquarters,
29th August 1918.

1. The Australian Corps is continuing its advance on tomorrow 30th instant.
2. The initial attack is to be made by 5th A.I. Bde. Dependant on this 7th A.I. Bde. is to attack DOIGT and swing east clear of PERONNE and 3rd Aust. Division to attack CLERY and swing North-east through CLERY COPSE.
3. The objective of 5th A.I. Bde. will be high ground between I 16 central - Mt. ST. QUENTIN - BERLIN WOOD.
4. The attack will be carried out in two stages -
 - (a) Bridgehead guards will be established by 19th and 18th Bns on east bank of river during night at I 19 a and H 13 b respectively with 2 Coys. each.
 - (b) At ZERO - 17th Battalion right and 20th Battalion left will move across river and will advance to the objective line, remaining two companies 18th and 19th Bns will follow and join the bridgehead guards.
5. Inter-battalion boundary will be MOINEVILLE ALLEY - BRASSO REDOUBT inclusive to 17th Battalion.
6. 19th Bn. will mop up HALLE and act as close support to 17th Bn, guarding its right flank.
- 18th Bn will act as close support to 20th Bn, guarding its left flank.
7. The 6th A.I. Bde. will be in close support to the attack of 5th A.I. Bde.
8. ZERO hour will be 5 a.m.
9. Advance will be covered by Field Artillery barrage which will open on start line 400 yards East of line between bridgeheads remaining there from ZERO to ZERO plus 8 minutes. Barrage will then lift 100 yards every 4 minutes. Barrage will consist of area shoots. All lifts will be in line and simultaneously:

Heavy artillery will fire on selected targets.
10. 1 Section 6th A.M.G. Coy. will be attached to each battalion. Those attached to 17th and 20th Bns will be primarily used for direct fire to engage any enemy M.Gs. passed over by artillery barrage. They will follow with their respective battalions at ZERO plus 30 minutes.
11. 5th Field Coy. will arrange to have material ready to bridge river at H 12 central should this be blown also to follow up with bridging material to construct additional bridges.
12. 5th Field Coy Ambulance will arrange for evacuation of wounded.
13. Arrangements for S.A.A., Grenades, water and rations are being issued separately.
14. Troop 13th A.L.H. will detail 1 section each to collect prisoners at the two bridgeheads from ZERO plus 1½ hours onwards.
15. Battalions will arrange for telephone communication across the river. All other means of communication will be utilised as information is of vital importance.
16. Advanced Brigade Report centre will be established at H-14- H 15 c 3 3 at ZERO.
17. 5th A.L.T.M. Bty. will rendezvous in H 20 b at ZERO.
18. Brigade Headquarters will remain at H 19 a 7 1 until further notice.

19. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W.F. MacCALLUM Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.Distributed to all concerned.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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29th August 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Issued with Brigade Order No. 214.

1. AMMUNITION - Units will maintain the 220 rounds per man S. A. A. and 2 bombs per man. Requirements will be drawn from Brigade Mobile Echelon (H 19 b 9 4).
Divisional Bomb Dump and S. A. A. Section D. A. C. are located at G 32 b 2 8.
Mobile Echelon will be established at approx. H 15 d 4 4 at ZERO plus 3 hours.
2. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS - A. D. S. is situated at HERBECOURT (H 32 a 0 8).
M. D. S. and W. W. D. S. are at CAPPY (G 25 d 2 8)
M. D. S. at BRAY has been closed and a gas centre has been established.
3. SUPPLIES - Battalions will make necessary arrangements for supply of water and rations on 30th instant.
4. BRIDGES - Footbridges at present exist at I 19 c 3 0 and H 17 a 8 4. Alternative bridges will be constructed at H 24 b 9 0 if necessary. Bridge for 1st line transport will be constructed at H 17 a 9 9.

R Bonney

A/Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Captain.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 215

Reference Map
Sheet 82c, 1/20,000

Headquarters,
30th August 1918.

1. Attack will be continued tomorrow 31st instant.
2. General objective will be ANVIL WOOD - Mt. ST. QUENTIN - FEUILLAUCOURT.
3. 3rd Aust. Div. is attacking on left of 5th A.I. Bde. by bounds. First bound will be to C.20.d. - C.21.a. and c. by 9th A.I. Bde. 10th A.I. Bde. will then swing forward left flank and take up line I.2.c. - I.2.a. - C.26.a.. Further move of 10th A.I. Bde. will be governed by rate of advance of 5th A.I. Bde.
4. The attack will be made by 19th Bn right, 17th Bn centre, 20th Bn left. 18th Bn will be in reserve.
5. Objectives will be 19th Bn - UBER ALLEY and GOTT MIT UNS TRENCH to I.15.d.9.8.
17th Bn. - I.15.d.9.8. - I.9.c.5.4. - high ground and Mt. ST. QUENTIN.
20th Bn - I.9.c.9.4. - FEUILLAUCOURT inclusive to I.3.c.0.0.
6. Bns will be in the following areas for jumping off by ZERO -
17th Bn - I.13.a.
20th Bn - I.7.c.
19th Bn - On east bank of SOMME in H.12.b. and d.
No troops to be East of line I.14.c.0.0. - I.8.a.0.0.
18th Bn will stand by from ZERO onwards, ready to move under Brigade instructions.
7. Brigade boundaries - On south I.27.central - I.23.central. On north H.12.central along road through I.7.a. and c. - I.8.a. - I.2.d. - I.3.c. and d. - I.4.a.0.0.
Inter battalion boundary - Between 19th and 17th Bns - I.15.d.9.8. - AGRAM ALLEY.
Between 17th and 20th Battalion - I.9.c.5.4. - MOINVILLE ALLEY - BRASSO REDOUBT.
8. ZERO hour will be 5 a.m.
9. Advance is being covered by 5 Field Artillery Brigades. Start line I.20.a.0.0. - I.14.d.0.0. along GOTLIEB Trench to I.8.central. Barrage remains there from ZERO to ZERO plus 30 minutes, then lifts to line ANVIL WOOD - UBER ALLEY TRENCH - Mt. ST. QUENTIN - FEUILLAUCOURT where it remains from ZERO plus 30 minutes to ZERO plus 60 minutes, then lifts to protective line ANVIL WOOD - Sugar Factory (I.22.a.) Mt. ST. QUENTIN WOOD (I.16.a.) - trench system I.10.a. and c. - I.4.a.0.0. from ZERO plus 60 minutes onwards. Heavy artillery will fire on selected targets.
10. One section 6th A.H.G. Coy. will be attached to and move with each battalion.
11. Troop 13th A.L.H. will arrange to collect prisoners at bridges H.12.central, and QUARRY H.11.a. from ZERO plus 1 hour onwards. Prisoners will be brought to Brigade Headquarters at H.19.a.7.1.
12. 5th Field Coy. is bridging causeway at H.12.central which will take infantry in single file. Bridge will be completed at 3 a.m. when 19th Bn will cross.
13. Arrangements for S.A.A., Grenades, water and rations, and evacuation of wounded are being issued separately.
14. Advanced Brigade Report Centre will be established at H.17.a.3.9. Line will be run by Brigade Forward party from H.17.a.3.9. to embankment along railway at I.7.a.0.0.
Visual signal station is situated at H.16.d.3.3.
Every means of communication possible will be utilised.

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15. 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. will detail 6 Mortars to move across river in rear of 19th Battalion and take up positions in trenches I.7.a.0.0. (approx).

2 Mortars will be at the disposal of each of 17th, 19th and 20th Bn C.O's.

16. Brigade Headquarters will remain in present position.

17. A C K N O W L E D G E .

W. P. MacCallum

Issued at 1.30 am 31st
Through Signals. Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

- Copy No. 1 17th Bn
- 2 18th Bn
- 3 19th Bn
- 4 20th Bn
- 5 5th A.L.T.M.Bty.
- 6 6th A.M.G.Coy.
- 7 5th Field Amb.
- 8 5th Field Coy.
- 9 6th A.I.Bde.
- 10 7th A.I.Bde.
- 11 10th A.I.Bde.
- 12 2nd Aust. Div.
- 13 15th A.I.Bde.
- 14-15th A.A.S.C.
- 15 4th A.F.A.Bde.
- 16 5th A.F.A.Bde.
- 17 5th R.H.A.Bde.
- 18 18th R.H.A.Bde.
- 19 295th Army Bde.R.F.A.
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Heavy artillery will fire on selected targets.

One section 6th A.M.G.Coy. will be attached to and move with each battalion.

11. Troop 15th A.I.Bde. will arrange to collect prisoners at bridges R.H.A. and G.H.A. from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.

12. 5th Field Coy. is bridging across at H.M. central which will take infantry in single file. Bridge will be completed at 2.00 am when 19th Bn will pass.

13. Arrangements for S.A.A., Grana, water and rations, and evacuation of wounded are being made separately.

14. Advanced Brigade Report Centre will be established at H.M. S. Line will be run by Brigade Forward Party from H.M. S. S. to H.M. S. S. along railway at I.V. S. S.

Visual signal station is situated at H.M. S. S.

Every means of communication possible will be utilized.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS
To accompany Brigade Order 215 -

Headquarters,
31st August 1918.

AMMUNITION - 2 Limbers of Mobile Echelon and plus 6 pack animals will move to bank at H.12.b.9.4. by ZERO plus 3 hours and requirements will be drawn from this dump. The remaining 6 limbers will move forward to approx. H.10.b. Former part of Echelon will be refilled from latter.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

NERBECOURT

A.D.S. is now in Motor ambulances will move along road MONACU - CLERY - thence along main road to PERONNE to pick up wounded.

SUPPLIES -

Will be brought up to battalions by bridge at FEILLERES thence along road to CLERY until more convenient bridges have been established.

15th A.A.S.C. now at G.28.a.6.4.

J. H. Bonny

A/Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Captain,