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# WAR DIARY

OF

*1<sup>st</sup> Australian Infantry Brigade.*

FOR

*September 1918.*

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Signature of Officer Commanding

*Amberman Major  
J. G. G.*



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1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Inf. Bde.  
 September 1918.  
 Army Form C. 2118.  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MORCOURT AREA	1 <sup>st</sup>		Fine morning, but becoming showery in the afternoon. Church parades, under Battalion arrangements, were held during the morning. Recreational training was indulged in during the afternoon.	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Fine cool day. Training as per syllabus till 12.30pm then recreational training.	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Fine warm day. Training as per syllabus carried out during the morning. A lecture delivered by Bishop's Song on the "A. I. S. Educational Scheme" was attended by Officers & NCO's of the brigade. Afternoon devoted to recreational training.	
	4 <sup>th</sup>		Fine morning becoming overcast later. Demonstration to battalions by B.G.G.S. training. A lecture on "Intelligence, Work of German Army etc" was delivered by Lieut. Priestley to 4 <sup>th</sup> Bn. during the morning. Training as per syllabus.	



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MORCOURT AREA.	4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup>		Recreational training indulged in during the afternoon. Cloudy, but otherwise fine day. Training in the morning. (Recreational training and arrangements for move during afternoon.) Bde. Order No 118 was issued on 4/9/18 for bussing arrangements attached as appendix. A dinner given by the G.O.C. was attended by Bn. Commanders, 601 <sup>st</sup> F.A. 601 <sup>st</sup> F.B.C. others during the evening, & was very successful. The menu for the dinner is attached as appendix.	1/9/18
St. Quentin AREA.	6 <sup>th</sup>		Clear morning becoming brighter. Preparations for move. Brigade busked at Morcourt at 1.30pm. & arrived at Cleary area at 4.30pm. thence by route march to MO. St. Quentin area, Bde H.Q. being established at I 15 B 5.0. Weather continued fine & battalions were occupied in settling down in the respective positions.	2/9/18.



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MTS Quentin AREA.	7 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Fine clear day. Units all busy improving the sanitation of the old battlefield. Some 50 Australians and large numbers of Germans buried. Orders received to move to DOINGT area the following day.</p>	
	8 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Units move independently. 1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> Battn MG Coy LTMB + Fld Amb DOINGT 4<sup>th</sup> Battn to Courcelles 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 1 1/2 Km NE of DOINGT. Area very dirty. Troops again employed cleaning up. Heavy rain fell during afternoon. Orders received to relieve 11<sup>th</sup> AIBde the following day in Div. Support 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Div.</p>	
	9 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Relief of 11<sup>th</sup> AIBde completed 2<sup>nd</sup> Battn moved to vicinity of HERVILLY 4<sup>th</sup> Battn vicinity of ROISEL 1<sup>st</sup> Battn vicinity of HAMEL 3<sup>rd</sup> Battn J18A Bde HQ J18A 2<sup>nd</sup> AIBde. Fine day. Bde HQ shelled by HV gun for 3 hours during afternoon. No damage done. Orders from division to relieve the 10<sup>th</sup> AIBde in line on night 10/11 Sept and to continue advance. Preparations made accordingly. New Bde HQ built at K27A 6.6</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TINCOURT-HERVILLY AREA	14 <sup>th</sup>		Tuesday. Orders for relief of 10 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde issued. Leading Battalions 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Battalions sent out patrols late afternoon and gained contact. Relief of 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde completed at 10pm.	App.
	11 <sup>th</sup>		Weather fine generally. Happenings in the line are recorded in Narrative of Operations (App 1) and Intelligence Summaries attached. 2 <sup>nd</sup> A.I. Bde relieved on night 14/15.	
BOUCLEY	15 <sup>th</sup>		Bde in Div. Support at BOUCLEY making preparations for attack. Weather fine. Men bathed, changed clothing etc.	
	17/18		Bde Attacked and gained all objectives. Casualties light. Full report vide (App. 1)	
HARGICOURT Area.	19 <sup>th</sup>		Brigade in line. Nothing unusual to note. Raining hard all night. Enemy guns fairly active.	
	20 <sup>th</sup>		Tuesday. Enemy artillery still active. 1pm orders received for minor operation in conjunction with 74 <sup>th</sup> Div. Full details <sup>filed with</sup> separately.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HARGICOURT AREA.	21	540 am	Zero hour. Operation successful as far as our troops concerned. 74 <sup>th</sup> Div retired during morning to their jumping off line. Night 21 2nd A. I. Bde relieved 1st A. I. Bde which moved in to support in HERVILLY area. Raining heavily.	
	22		Raining heavily. Troops resting in dugouts.	
	23.		2nd 74 <sup>th</sup> Battalions moved to BOUCLEY. Large numbers of American troops taking over forward area.	
	24	9 am	Brigade moved to BACHES + vicinity by march route. Fine cool day. Arrived afternoon. Lt Col Mook D.T., 3rd Bn, assumes Command.	
	25		Troops resting. A proportion of transport moved by train from LA CHAPELLETTE to LONG AREA. Remainder of transport moved by road from BACHES to FOUILLOY en route to EPAGNE.	
	26		Brigade group entrained during afternoon at LA CHAPELLETTE and detrained LONGPRE during the night. Then marched to EPAGNE sub-area where	



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Date  
Sept

Hour

Summary of Events and Information

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references to  
Appendices

distributed as under.

Bde HQ

Chateau EPAGNES

1st Batta

BUIGNY L'ABBE

2nd "

EAVCOURT S' SOMME

3rd Batta

BELLANCOURT.

4th Batta

VAVCHELLES les QUESNOY.

1st ITMB.

PONT REMY.

27th

Troops resting & refitting.

Weather good.

28th

do

"

wet.

Preparations for

military training, educational training etc being made.

29th

Church Parades all units.

vide app.

30th

Elementary Platoon Training, barrack square work and  
discipline drill commenced. Syllabi attached  
as app with next months diary.



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FOR

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 118.

Brigade Headquarters,  
5th September, 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS, 62D and 62C.

1. Brigade will move by bus 6th inst. Head of bus column at Q.18.C.8.4. facing North. Busses will be in position at 1.30 p.m. Units will be formed up at 1 p.m. opposite bus assembly position and will be organised in bus parties of 1 Off. and 25 O.R. each at 15 p.ces distance.

Order of embussing - 1st Battalion, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Battalion, 4th Battalion, 1st Aust. L.T.M.Bty., 1st M.G.Coy., 1st Field Coy. A.E., 1st Field Ambulance.

Unit Embussing Officers will meet Brigade Major at Brigade Headquarters at 12 noon for detailed instructions.

Debussing Point H.3.D.9.5. near HEM.

Route from debussing point via CLERY. Guides at CLERY. Advance parties will move independently by bicycle and meet Capt. T.MANN at Church CLERY at 11 a.m.

2. Troops will move in complete marching order with blanket and unexpired position of days ration.

3. Transport of Units will move Brigaded under O.C. No. 2 Coy. Div. Train. Order of march same as set out above. Starting point Q.24.B.5.8. Head of column to pass starting point at 11.30 a.m.

Route for transport - PROYART - GHUIGNES - CAPPY - SUZANNE.

4. Standing Orders re distances on the march will be maintained.

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	12.	4th Aust. Battalion,
	13.	1st Aust. M.G.Coy.,
	14.	1st Aust. L.T.M.Bty.,
	15.	1st Field Coy. A.E.,
	16.	1st Aust. Field Ambulance,
	17.	No. 2 Coy. Div. Train,
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1ST.AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.119.

Brigade Headquarters,  
7th.September,1918.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No.1. - SERIES "C".

Reference Map Sheet 620. 1/40,000.

1. The enemy is retiring on the Corps front, and is being pressed by our advanced guards who have reached the line approx. N. and S. 1000 yards East of TINCOURT.
2. The advance will be continued by the Divisions in the line. Subsequently the 1st. Aust. Division will pass through the 3rd.Aust.Division and, in conjunction with the 4th. Aust. Division on the right and the III Corps on the left, will continue the motion.
3. Objective lines have been allotted and are as per map attached.
4. Booby traps and delay action shells in ammunition dumps have been prepared by the enemy; troops will therefore be camped away from ammunition dumps.
5. The burial of the dead, sanitation, water testing and the prevention of food stuffs from contamination by flies are matters which from now on will require constant attention.

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14.	4th.Aust.Battalion.
15.	1st.Aust.L.T.M.Bty.
16.	1st.Aust.M.G.Compy.
17.	1st.Field Coy.,A.E.
18.	1st.Aust.Field Amb.
19.	2nd.Aust.Inf.Brigade.
20.	3rd.Aust.Inf.Brigade.
21.	No. 2 Coy.,A.A.S.C.
22.	1st.Aust.M.G.Battalion.
23.	3rd.Aust.Division.
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26.	III Corps.



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Brigade Headquarters,  
7th. September, 1918.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No.2. - SERIES "C".

Reference Map - Sheet 62C. 1/40,000.

1. The Brigade Group will move to-morrow, 8th.inst., to DOINGT Area.
2. On arrival Units will be distributed as follows :-

Unit.	Route.	Destination.	Time of marching out.	Remarks.
4th.Battalion.	Via Cross Rds, I.24.C.	J.32.A & C.	9.0 a.m.	If traffic on roads is heavy, over-land routes will be taken. Standard orders re distances to be maintained on the march will be observed.
3rd.Battalion.	do	J.25.C.	9.15a.m.	
2nd.Battalion.	Direct.	I.36.A.	9.45a.m.	
1st.Battalion.	do	I.36.A.& B.	10.15a.m.	
1st.L.T.M.Bty.	do	I.36.	10.40a.m.	
1st.M.G.Compy.	do	I.36.	10.55a.m.	
1st.Fld.Coy,A.E.	do	I.36.	10.45a.m.	
1st.Fld.Ambulance.	do	I.36.	9.30a.m.	
Brigade Hdqrs.	do	I.36.B.4.3.	10.30a.m.	

3. Completion of move, giving location of Headquarters, will be reported to Brigade Headquarters.

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BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No. 3. - SERIES "C".

Brigade Headquarters,  
8th. September, 1918.

Reference Map - Sheet 62C. 1/40,000.

1. The 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade Group (less 1st. Aust. Field Ambulance), will move into Divisional Support, 1st Divisional Sector, to-morrow, 9th. inst., in accordance with the move table overleaf thereby relieving the 11th. Aust. Infantry Brigade, which will withdraw to the DOINGT Area.
2. Advance parties will be despatched at dawn, 9th. inst., to make necessary arrangements with outcoming Units.
3. Units will leave rear parties to hand over Camp to advance parties of incoming Units; these advance parties will arrive about 10 a.m.
4. The O.C., 1st. Field Coy., A.E., will report to Brigade Headquarters, DOINGT, mounted, at 9 a.m.
5. Separate instructions will be issued respecting the Nucleus personnel.
6. Battalion Transport lines will be established in Squares J.23. and J.29., where Units will dump surplus gear.
7. Brigade Headquarters will close at DOINGT at 10.30 a.m. and open at J.18.A.2.4. at the same hour.
8. Units on arrival in new area will get in touch with Units of the 10th. Aust. Infantry Brigade who are to-night pushing on from the line L.13. Central. - VENDELLES, the objective being the BROWN line.  
The 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade will relieve the 10th. Aust. Infantry Brigade in the line on the night 10th/11th. inst.; details of this relief will be issued to Units as they arrive in the new area.
9. Completion of move on 9th. inst. and relief of 11th. Brigade Units will be notified to ~~Brigade Headquarters~~ and location of Headquarters advised.

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## MOVEMENT TABLE.

To accompany Battle Instructions No.3, Series "C".

Serial No.	Unit.	From	Time	Route.	Destination.	In relief of
1.	4th.Battalion.	COUR-CELLES.	9 a.m.	TINCOURT-MARQUAIX.	Sqs.K.9.D. & K.10.C.	43rd.Bn.-H.Q. at K.8.D.2.3.
2.	2nd.Battalion.	DOINGT.	9 a.m.	CARTIGNY.	K.32.C. & D.	44th.Bn.-H.Q. at J.30.B.6.1.
3.	1st.Battalion.	do	9.30a.m.	BUIRE-TINCOURT.	J.18.B. & D.	42nd.Bn.-H.Q. at J.18.D.4.6.7.
4.	3rd.Battalion.	DOINGT Area.	10 a.m.	Cross Rds. J.21.A.	J.18.A. & C.	41st.Bn.-H.Q. at J.18.A.2.4.
5.	1st.L.T.M.Bty.	DOINGT.	10 a.m.	BUIRE-TINCOURT.	BOUCLY.	- - -
6.	1st.M.G.Compy.	do	10.15a.m.	do	K.25.	- - -
7.	1st.Field Coy.	do	10.45a.m.	do	BOUCLY.	- - -
8.	Brigade Hdqrs.	do	10.30a.m.	do	J.18.A.	11th.Bde.Hdqrs.

REMARKS. - 1st.Field Coy., A.E., 1st.Aust.L.T.M.Bty. and 1st.Aust.W.G.Coy. are not relieving opposite numbers but moving merely into new positions.  
Usual distances on the march will be maintained.

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BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No. 4. - SERIES "C".

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9th. September, 1918.

REFERENCE MAP - SHEET 62.C. 1/40,000.

1. Relief of 10th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.  
4th. Battn. relieves 40th. Battn. and elements of 39th. Battn.  
2nd. Battn. relieves 37th. Battn. and elements of 39th. Battn.
2. Inter Battalion boundary will be K.24.D.O.O. - L.19.D.O.O. - L.21. Central. - L.16.D.O.O. - thence due East.
3. 1st. Battalion will move into position of support in Squares K.35. and Q.5.  
3rd. Battalion relieves 38th. Battalion in support in BLUE line, Sq. K.12. and K.18.  
1st. and 3rd. Battalions will echelon their flanks.  
1st. L.T.M. Battery, 1st. M.G. Company and 1st. Field Company will relieve opposite numbers.
4. Battalions in line are weak in numbers. Method of holding line is to establish posts on high ground and patrol low ground between. This method will at the outset be adopted.  
1st. M.G. Company will attach 1 sub-section to each of 2nd. and 4th. Battalions. 1 Section will be emplaced in the vicinity of each of the following locations, viz. Sq. K.36.C., guarding right flank, Sq. K.11.B. and D., guarding left flank, Sq. K.28.A. and C. for defence in depth.  
1st. L.T.M. Battery will attach 2 guns to each of 2nd. and 4th. Battalions. Remainder will be held in reserve.
5. Mobile echelon will move to vicinity of HAMELET.
6. Advance parties will go into line to-night.
7. Details of relief will be arranged between Commanders concerned.
8. Reconnaissance will be carried out by all concerned.
9. Headquarters of Units to be relieved are as follows :-  
37th. Battalion. K.21.C.O.9.  
38th. Battalion. K.21.C.2.9.  
39th. Battalion. K.23.A.2.8.  
40th. Battalion. K.11.C.O.8.  
10th. M.G. Company. J.18.A.O.7.  
10th. L.T.M. Bty. K.21.D.5.9.
10. Brigade Headquarters is now at J.18.A.O.6.

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12. 3rd. Aust. Battalion. ( " " " " )  
13. 4th. Aust. Battalion. ( " " " " )  
14. 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty. ( " " " " )  
15. 1st. Aust. M.G. Compy. ( " " " " )  
16. 1st. Field Coy., A.E. ( " " " " )  
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19. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.  
20. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.  
21. No. 2 Coy., A.A.S.C.  
22. 1st. Aust. M.G. Battalion.  
23. 3rd. Aust. Division.  
24. 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. (Issued under A.W.H.20.)  
25. 4th. Aust. Division.  
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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No. 5. - SERIES "C".

Brigade Headquarters,  
 9th. September, 1918.

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1. The 3rd. Aust. Infantry Brigade will relieve the 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade in Divisional Support, left Divisional Sector, to-morrow, 10th. inst.

9th. Battalion	relieves	3rd. Battalion.
10th. Battalion	"	1st. Battalion.
11th. Battalion	"	4th. Battalion.
12th. Battalion	"	2nd. Battalion.
3rd. L.T.M. Bty.	"	1st. L.T.M. Bty.
3rd. M.G. Company	"	1st. M.G. Company.
3rd. Fld. Coy. A.E.	"	1st. Fld. Coy. A.E.

2. Details of relief will be arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*R. Hau*  
*Huff*

Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at 7.30a.m., 10/9/18.





1st. Aust. Battalion.  
2nd. Aust. Battalion.  
3rd. Aust. Battalion.  
4th. Aust. Battalion.  
1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.  
1st. Aust. M.G. Compy.  
1st. Field Coy., A.E.

The following notes by the G.O.C. with reference to the forthcoming tour of duty in the line are promulgated for general information :-

1. A proper proportion must be maintained in each platoon between Rifles and Lewis Guns.  
Where platoons are less than 20 in strength 1 Lewis Gun only should be taken in.
2. The usual active patrolling policy of the Brigade will be pursued by day and night and constant touch maintained with the enemy.
3. The defences will be organised in such a way as to form a series of mutual supporting points. Frontages are large and Units must depend upon Rifle and M.G. fire and liaison patrols to cover the gaps.
4. 1 Section of Engineers will be allotted to each line Battalion. The remainder of the Field Company will be held in Reserve.  
Engineer assistance will be supplied to Support Battalions on demand.  
Section Officers of 1st. Aust. Field Coy. who will be working with the line Battalions will report to respective Battalion Commanders at 9 a.m., 11th. inst.
5. Particular attention will be paid to keeping Brigade Headquarters posted as to the situation.  
All changes in locations of Headquarters will be notified. When a Headquarters changes its position, a rear party should be left who can guide runners to the new place.
6. Brigade Headquarters will be established at 8 p.m., 11th. inst., at K.27.A.6.6.  
A Brigade Report Centre will be established in a place to be selected, immediately South of HERVILLY.
7. The following are suggestions <sup>ed</sup> ~~as to~~ locations for Headquarters of Units of the Brigade :-

2nd. Aust. Battalion.	K.36.B. or A.
4th. Aust. Battalion.	K.18.A., C. or D.
1st. Aust. Battalion.	K.35.A. or C.
3rd. Aust. Battalion.	K.17.B.
1st. Aust. M.G. Compy.)	Within as easy distance of
1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.)	Brigade Headquarters.

*Am. L. C. H. M.*

Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.



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*Appendix 8*  
1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS  
to  
BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No. 4. - SERIES "C".

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Brigade Headquarters,  
10th. September, 1918.

1. MEDICAL.  
3rd. Field Ambulance will open an A.D.S. at MARQUAIX (K.15.C.1.8.) and receive evacuations from the line from 6 a.m. on the 11th. inst. They will also take over all forward Posts on the night of 10th/11th. instant from 11th. Field Ambulance.  
M.D.S. will open at BUIRE, J.28.A.5.4., at 6 a.m. on 11th. inst.
2. AMMUNITION.  
Each Battalion will detail two G.S. limbers (one with Lewis Gun magazines, one with 20,000 S.A.A.) to report to Staff Captain at K.27.A.5.8. at 6 p.m. on the 10th. inst. to form Brigade Mobile Reserve.  
1st. and 3rd. Battalions will each detail one G.S. limber, empty, to report, in addition to the two detailed above, for the use of L.T.M. Bty. Battalions and L.T.M. Bty., when requiring ammunition, will send a guide with list of requirements to Brigade Headquarters.  
S.A.A. Section of D.A.C. is located at K.20.B.3.8.  
Each Battalion will detail one man, and the 2nd. Battalion one ~~man~~ <sup>NCO</sup> in addition, to report to Staff Captain at 6 p.m. to-day at K.27.A.5.8., as a Detonating Party.
3. Supply Dump will remain at BUIRE.
4. Packs and blankets and surplus gear will be stored at Battalion Transport Lines.
5. Salvage may be delivered to Brigade representative at Supply Dump after 6 a.m. on 11th. inst.
6. Advanced D.A.D.O.S. is established at HAMEL, J.13.C.5.5.

*P. Hau* Capt..  
Staff Captain, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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ADDENDA to ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS -

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No.4. - SERIES "C".

Brigade Headquarters,  
10th. September, 1918.

1. 1st. and 3rd. Battalions will detail two Pack animals complete with 24 hours rations to report at 4 p.m. to-day at Cross Roads, J.24.D.6.1., to 1st.L.T.H. Battery representative. These animals will remain with 1st.L.T.H. Battery.
2. Hot food containers up to 32 per Battalion can be drawn from advanced D.A.D.O.S. on indent signed by Brigade.
3. Prisoners of War will be brought in first instance to Brigade Headquarters.
4. Arrangements re clean sox will be notified later to Q.Ms direct.
5. Horse and Mule Casualty Return will be rendered daily by Battalion Transport Officers before 10 a.m. to Brigade 1st. Line Transport Officer, Lieut. FORREST, who will consolidate and forward direct to Brigade Headquarters before 12 noon.

*P. Hare* Capt.,

Staff Captain, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Also to Lieut. FORREST, 2nd. Battalion.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No. 6. - SERIES "C".

Brigade Headquarters,  
10th. September, 1918.

REFERENCE MAP - SHEET 62.C. 1/40,000.

Information.

1. The enemy is known to be in position WEST of JEANCOURT and Hill 140, Sq. L.8. It is not known in what strength he is present but it is not thought he is very strong. Enemy order of battle from North to South is 80th. Fusiliers, 81st. Infantry Regiment, 87th. Infantry Regiment. These are the troops we defeated on August 23rd.

2. Intentions.

As soon as possible after taking over on the night 10/11th. preparations will be made to advance the line.

The 2nd. Battalion on the right will secure the line, trench from R.2.A.9.4. to L.32.C.3.8., the trench from R.2.A.7.C. to R.2.A.9.4. to R.2.B.4.6.

Bomb stops will be made between the enemy in each case. The sunken road in R.2.B. will be specially watched.

2nd. Battalion will also secure the trench from L.32.B.6.4. to L.26.D.8.8., using bomb stops at the flank and watching the rear as well as the front.

The trench from L.26.B.1.6. to L.20.C.9.6. will also be captured.

On the capture of these objectives, JEANCOURT and all trenches in rear will be mopped up.

4th. Battalion will secure the high ground in L.8.C. and D. and hold the line of the road running L.8.D.0.3. - L.8.D. Central.

*The high ground from L.20.B.3.0 to L.20.B.0.4 will also be secured and touch gained with 2nd Bn.*

In each case success will be exploited within the limits of the Divisional boundary and touch with the enemy will not be lost.

Support Battalions will maintain touch with line Battalions and as the latter move their Battalion reserves forward will garrison these localities with a Company.

1st. M. G. Company will assist with direct fire under arrangements to be made with Battalion Commanders concerned.

1st. L.T.M. Battery will emplace mortars to fire, if required, on the trench L.31.B.7.3. to L.25.D.6.5., trenches in L.25.B. and L.26.A., trenches in L.7.D. and L.13.B.

Field Artillery support will be arranged direct with Field Artillery Brigade Commanders, who will liaison with the respective Battalions which they cover. Special requirements in heavy artillery will be sent in to Brigade.

Bombs and Grenades are available on demand.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Prokuschew*

Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS NO. 7 - SERIES "C".

Brigade Headquarters,  
11th September, 1918.

REFERENCE MAP, SHEET 62C. 1:40,000.

1. INFORMATION. The enemy in front has been considerably reinforced and to-day our foremost troops were forced to come back.

2. INTENTION. The present line will, for the present, be held defensively. It will be considered as the line of main resistance and will be held at all costs. An active patrol policy will be maintained.

3. BOUNDARIES. The South Divisional Boundary will be the line Q.5.D.0.5. - thence the road to the level crossing at L.31.C.2.3. - thence the line L.31.B.8.3. - L.32.B.4.7. - L.28.Central. North Divisional Boundary as at present. Inter-Battalion Boundary, the line K.24.Central - L.19.B.0.5. - L.15.D.0.0.

These boundaries will take effect from to-night when the necessary reliefs will be effected.

4. DISTRIBUTION. The 2nd Battalion will hold the right Battalion Section, the 4th Battalion the Left Battalion Section. Each of these Battalions will have three Companies in the line and one in Battalion reserve.

The 1st Battalion will be in a position of support to the 2nd Battalion, and the 3rd Battalion in support to the 4th Battalion.

An approximate detailed distribution is as per map attached.

Vickers Machine Guns will be distributed according to instructions issued separately.

L.T.Ms. are available to Line Battalions by direct arrangements with the O.C. 1st Aust. L.T.M.Bty. An active shooting programme on known and suspected enemy positions will be maintained.

5. WORKS. The defences will be put in an effective fighting condition. The 1st Pioneer Battalion will supply as from 12th inst., one Company to each Line Battalion to assist in consolidation. Company Commanders concerned will report to their respective Battalion Commanders not later than noon 12th inst.

6. ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK. The front line is the line of main resistance. All troops in rear must be prepared to counter attack and eject the enemy from this line should he succeed in effecting a penetration.

Support Battalions will maintain closest liaison with Line Battalions.

7. ARTILLERY. The 1st Aust. Divisional Artillery will to-night reinforce the artillery at present in the sector.

Liaison arrangements will remain as at present, except that 1 Arty. Capt will do Liaison for 2 Bdes. at each line on HQ.

8. 2nd Aust. Battalion will establish a Headquarters in the bank in K.30.C.0.4.

Necessary assistance will be rendered by 1st Field Coy. A.E.

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*Arthur Mulchin*

Major,

Brigade Major, 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

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16. 1st Aust. Division,
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18. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.,
19. No. 2 Coy. A.A.S.C.
20. 1st Aust. M.G.Battalion,
21. 4th Aust. Division,
22. 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.
23. 230th Infantry Brigade,
24. 16th Bn. Welsh Regiment,
25. 50th Aust. Battalion,
26. 14th Army Bde. R.F.A.,
27. 51st Brigade R.G.A.
28. 3rd Army Bde. A.F.A.
29. 1st Aust. Pioneer Battalion,
30. "A" Squadron, 13th A.L.H.



1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
11th. September, 1918.

1st. Aust. Battalion,  
2nd. Aust. Battalion,  
3rd. Aust. Battalion,  
4th. Aust. Battalion,  
1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.,  
1st. Aust. M.G. Coy.,  
1st. Field Company, A.E.

HEADQUARTERS.	
1ST AUSTRALIAN	
INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No.	18/4120
Date	11.9.18

Sign Boards and Tape Lines.

The following signs will be prepared and placed in position by 1st. Field Company, A.E. :-

To BDE. H.Q.	- Road junction K.14.C.6.6. and K.20.B.9.4.
→	
To LEFT LINE BN.	Road junction, K.14.C.4.6.
→	
To LEFT SUPPORT BN.	Road junction, K.20.B.9.4.
→	
To RIGHT BN. and RIGHT SUPPORT BN.	Road junction, K.27.C.4.5.
→	

The following Tape Tracks will also be laid out for use of relieving troops and strangers to the sector :-

(a) Right Line Battalion, from road junction K.27.C.4.5., direct to K.28.D.0.2., thence cross roads K.34.B.4.6., to 2nd. Battalion Headquarters and 1st. Battalion Headquarters.

A sign will be placed at the cross roads in K.34.B. showing which route is which.

(b) From road junction HAMLET, K.20.B.9.4., Eastwards along the road to K.22.B.2.9., thence to road at K.22.B.9.7.

(c) To Left Line Battalion from road junction, MARQUAIX, K.14.C.4.6. to road K.14.B.5.0., thence direct via the Station in K.16.A. and Cemetery in K.16.B. to the 4th. Battalion.

In addition the following tracks for night movements of supporting troops to the line in the event of attack will be run out by the Battalions now in support and labelled :-

(a) From K.30.C.0.5. to K.36.B.9.8., thence along the road to the line.

(b) From K.30.B.0.2. to L.19.D.0.3.

(c) From K.24.A.6.5. to L.19.A.9.8.

(d) From L.18.C.0.4. via L.18.Central to the line at L.13.A.2.8.

These routes will be made known to all troops concerned.

Map reference sign boards will be arranged for and set in position by the 1st. Field Company at the following places :-

K.20.B.9.4.  
K.33.A.9.4.  
K.28.B.55.00.  
K.34.B.4.6.  
K.16.A.4.8.

K.23.D.6.2.  
K.24.C.6.7.  
K.24.A.25.15.  
K.2.D.2.3.  
K.18.B.25.30.

K.35.B.9.2.

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( 2.)

Sign Board BDE REPORT CENTRE will be supplied to the  
Signals for erection at that place.

Signs THE ENEMY  
CAN SEE THIS PLACE. will be supplied, 10 to each of  
the 1st. and 3rd. Battalions, for erection at the most suitable  
places in their respective areas as a measure for restricting move-  
ment by day.

*Archie W. W. W.*  
Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Report on Operations of 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade  
10/11th September, 1918.

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APPENDIX 3  
AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
No. 18/4121  
Date 12.9.18

REFERENCE MAP, SHEET 620, 1:40,000.

On night 10/11th September, 1918, 1st Brigade took over the 3rd Division front from the 10th Brigade on the line running N. & S. through L.19.Central. Before relief, orders had been issued to 1st Brigade to secure line JEANCOURT (inclusive) - L.20.Central - L.14.Central - L.8.Central as soon as possible after taking over with a view to seizing subsequently the BROWN line. The preliminary move to the JEANCOURT Line was to be a feeler to test the strength of the enemy and from reports received from Line Brigade no particular difficulty was expected in gaining this objective. It was not intended to launch a strong attack, but the method adopted was to send forward numerous patrols and, on the information which they brought back, Battalions were to occupy the required line by peaceful penetration or by outmanoeuvring or rushing the small hostile posts which were to be expected. In order to deal with situations which might arise an Artillery Officer was attached to each Line Company. Each of these Officers had a line to his battery and fire could thus be called for and obtained immediately by the Company Commanders. With this end in view, 2nd Battalion on right and 4th Battalion on left sent patrols into the line and commenced operations in the afternoon and before the inter-Brigade relief had properly commenced. The result on the right was that 2nd Battalion, though opposed by several Machine Guns, were able to secure trench from R.2.A.9.4. to L.32.C.3.8. and to push on to the Western outskirts of JEANCOURT. In this operation many of the enemy were killed and the identification of 449th Regt. secured from shoulder strap. The left Company of 2nd Battalion also moved out to L.20.C.2.2. and during the operation managed to bring under the fire of Lewis Guns, and inflict casualties upon, a body of Germans in column of fours. 4th Battalion on the left, however, encountered the enemy in strength and strong hostile posts and patrols were met with all along the front from L.20.Central to L.14.Central to L.8.Central. In these encounters casualties were both sustained and inflicted upon the enemy. It was obvious, as the result of this patrolling, that no advance could be made without artillery support and it was arranged that at 5.30 a.m. on 11th a barrage should be put down in front of the Infantry and should move East 1,000 yards by successive leaps and that the Infantry should follow closely and attack behind this fire. After heavy fighting, in which over 50 casualties were inflicted on the enemy and 4 machine guns captured, the high ground was reached and platoon posts established at L.20.A.7.5., L.14.D.1.4., L.8.C.9.5. and L.8.A.6.3. At the same time patrols were pushed through GARPEZE COPSE and 2nd Battalion established a post at L.20.A.4.9.

The consolidation was attempted under heavy M.G. fire from TEMPLEUX and direct fire from 77 guns in L.3.A. and B. and HARGICOURT. Practically all of the platoons concerned became casualties and, the enemy threatening the flank, those that were left were forced to come back. Two or Three badly wounded men fell into the hands of the enemy. The Right Company, who captured 10 Huns and 4 M.Gs. and killed some 20 - 30 of the enemy, were now exposed to M.G. fire from the left and were with some difficulty extricated from an untenable position. The enemy continuously barraged the front line, HERVILLY WOOD and the vicinity for about 3 hours, using guns of all calibres.

The 2nd Battalion were able, during the morning, to penetrate the trench system in Sq. R.2. where they captured 15 Huns and killed a number. Their patrols went as far as R.3.A. without gaining contact with the enemy. The posts put out by the 2nd Battalion in R.2.B. were subsequently handed over to the 50th Battalion who had, during the morning, come up to the trench system in R.2.C.

The fact that we were, except on the right and in the vicinity of JEANCOURT, back in the old line and that it had been necessary to send in support platoons to hold the line was communicated to Division and instructions were received to hold the line defensively for the present.

At night fall a re-organisation took place. The new South Div. Boundary was adopted on relief by the 13th Brigade.

The situation has since been quiet. The enemy is known to be on

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Central - L.14.Central - L.20.Central - thence in <sup>Eastern</sup> Western skirts of JEANCOURT.

*J. Y. Mackay* Brig.-General,

Commanding 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Total Captures - 22 prisoners (5th. Bav. Div. and 21st.Div.)  
6 machine guns.

Estimated Casualties :-

	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
2nd. Battalion,	1	30	31
4th. Battalion	6	107	113
<u>Total.</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>144</u>



1. MOVE TO ASSEMBLY. 2nd. and 1st. Battalions will move via HAMEL - L.17.C.0.0. - thence to road in L.24.B.7.3. - fence along road to tape. This route will be taped and marked

ROUTE.  
RIGHT BNS.

4th. and 3rd. Battalions will move in via MARQUAIX, Station at ROISEL - thence to road in L.11.C.8.4. - along road to the EAST and WEST grid through L.11.Central and L.12.Central - thence due EAST to tape. This route will be taped and marked

ROUTE.  
LEFT BNS.

2. FORMING UP. 2nd. and 1st. Battalions form up on tape in L.14.A. and C. - L.13.B. and D.

4th. and 3rd. Battalions form up on tape in L.7.B. and D. SOUTH of the road which runs from L.7.B.4.7. via CRUCIFIX. ~~Re~~

Bufs form up on tape NORTH of this road.

3. FLANK TROOPS. Left Flank. 230th. Brigade, Suffolks 1st. wave, Bufs leap-frog.

Right Flank. 3rd. Brigade, , 1st. wave, leap-frog.

C.O., Suffolks, Major GRESSELL; Bufs, Lt.-Col. BALSTON.

4. CONTACT. Left Flank. Liaison patrols during advance and joint post (4th. Battalion and Suffolks) at L.4.A.8.3. 4th. Battalion contributes 1 Platoon.

3rd. Battalion liaison patrols meet Bufs patrol at F.29.D.8.0. Joint post on 2nd. objective (3rd. Battalion and Bufs) at A.25.D.2.0. 3rd. Battalion contributes 1 Platoon.

5. COMMUNICATIONS. Brigade Headquarters, K.12.D.3.0. Battalion Headquarters at Zero:-

1st. Battalion. -  
2nd. Battalion. -  
3rd. Battalion. -  
4th. Battalion. -

Forward party under Brigade Signal Officer will move at Zero hour from Cross roads, L.14.C., to HAGSON Quarries, L.10.A., and establish forward station.

During 2nd. phase of the battle, forward station will be carried forward to the vicinity of L.5.D.7.0.

6. MACHINE GUNS. 1 Section Vickers Machine Guns will be allotted to each Battalion.

7. FRENCH MORTARS. 1 sub-section (2 guns) will be allotted to each Battalion.

8. ENGINEERS. Engineers will not be detailed to assist the Infantry, to consolidate. Engineer party will move with each Battalion Headquarters for examination of dugouts and reconnaissance for accommodation generally and water.

9. SYNCHRONISATION. An Officer will leave Brigade Headquarters with a watch at 6 p.m. and midnight on the day prior to the attack and will give each Unit standard time.

10. AMMUNITION SUPPLY.

(a) On the man - 170 rounds S.A.A. per man.  
2 No.23 Grenades per man.  
2 Sandbags per man.  
Ground flares - 1 per two men.  
S.O.S. - 1 Box per Battalion.  
"P" Bombs - 250 per Battalion.

(B). On the wheels.



20. AMMUNITION SUPPLY (Continued).

(b). On the Wheels.

1 G.S.limber S.A.A. and 2 G.S.limbers L.G. S.A.A. per Battalion will assemble in quarry K.23.A.2.8.

8 G.S.wagons loaded with Ammunition and Tools will also concentrate here.

At Zero hour G.S.wagons for 2nd. and 4th.Battalions will move via HERVILLY and HESBECOURT to road junction L.9.D.95.95. At this point guides from Battalions will meet wagons and conduct them to sites selected for Battalion dumps. These wagons will then unload and return.

At Zero plus 30 minutes G.S.wagons of the 1st. and 3rd.Battalions will move by the same route to the same point where guides from Battalions will take them forward to dump sites. These wagons will also return.

The whole will subsequently take a new load to the vicinity of HAGSON Quarries and stand by.

Brigade Mobile reserve will be kept intact as long as possible and will move under orders of the Staff Captain.

11. PACK ANIMALS. 4 pack animals will be allotted to the Trench.Mortar Battery.

12. WATER. 50 petrol tins will be supplied to each Battalion. Battalions will make their own arrangements for getting these tins forward by wagon.

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Brigade Headqrs.,  
1st.Aust.Inf.Bde.,  
15th.Septr.,1918.



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HEADQUARTERS,  
1ST AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 18/4134  
Date 14.9.18

1st Brigade R.G.A.,  
1st Aust. Division (for inf.).  
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1ST AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
14th September, 1918.

The following information received from a General Officer who commanded a Brigade in this sector prior to the enemy offensive in March, is forwarded for your information. You may find them profitable targets.

1. The valley running N.W.E. through L.9.A. is a very suitable position for Field Guns.
2. The light railway running from TEMPLEUX to HARGICOURT through L.3.B. and D. and L.10.A. is almost sure to be used as a track by the enemy.
3. Sunken road at approximately L.3.C. Central leads into quarries which contain large dugouts.
4. At L.10.A.4.7. a track runs S.S.W. and has tunnelled dugouts on Eastern side.
5. Round trees 150 to 200 yards N.W.E. of COTE WOOD in L.10.C. are a lot of tunnelled dugouts.
6. PERVAQUE FARM in L.16.C. has tunnelled dugouts North and South and overlooks a wide area of our country.
7. The quarries at L.3.A. and B. could give cover to a Brigade of Infantry, and were at one time occupied by a Reserve Battalion. They contain large dugouts.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut.,

for Brigade Major, 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.



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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 120.

Brigade Headquarters,  
14th September, 1918.

REFERENCE MAP, SHEET 62C, 1:40,000.

1. 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved in line to-night by the 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. and troops of the 4th Aust. Division.
2. On relief the following adjustments in the Divisional Boundaries will be made :-  
Northern Boundary. East and West Grid Line between Sqs. L.1. and L.7. as far East as L.3.C.0.0., thence to F.29.C.8.0. thence East and West Grid Line between Sqs. F.29. and L.5.  
Southern Boundary. Line drawn from K.35.D.0.0. to L.23.C.0.8. thence to G.20.A.0.5.
3. The following are opposite numbers for the relief:-  
8th Battn., and elements of 49th Battalion relieve 2nd Battn.  
7th Battn., relieves 4th Battn.  
6th Battn., relieves 1st Battn.  
5th Battn., relieves 3rd Battn.  
1st M.G.Coy., will be relieved by the 2nd and 21st M.G.Coys.  
1st L.T.M.Bty., will be relieved by the 2nd Aust. L.T.M.Bty.  
1st Field Coy. A.E. will be relieved by the 2nd Field Coy. A.E.
4. Relieving troops will move in via tape tracks and outgoing troops will move out by these tracks.  
Units will move in small parties with big distances, and roads will be avoided.
5. On relief the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. moves to the BOUCLY Area. Units will take over the billets of the relieving troops.
6. The front will be covered by patrols during the relief.
7. Details not herein provided for will be arranged direct.
8. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters.
9. Brigade Headquarters will close at present location on completion of relief and open at K.30.C.1.8. at the same hour.
10. Units will report arrival in new area to Brigade Headquarters K.30.C.1.8.

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*[Signature]*  
Major,

Brigade Major, 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

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16. 21st Aust. H.G. Coy.,
17. 1st Field Coy. A.E.,
18. 1st Aust. Division,
19. 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.,
20. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.,
21. No. 2 Coy. A.A.S.C.
22. 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.,
23. 1st Aust. L.G. Battalion,
24. 4th Aust. Division,
25. 230th Infantry Brigade,
26. 50th Aust. Battalion,
27. 51st Brigade R.G.A.
28. 1st Aust. F.A. Bde.,
29. 2nd Aust. F.A. Bde.,
30. 3rd Army Bde. A.F.A.
31. 1st Aust. Pioneer Bn.
32. "A" Squadron, 13th A.L.H.



1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No. 8. - SERIES "C".

Brigade Headquarters,  
15th. September, 1918.

Ref. Maps - Sheets 62C & 62B. 1/40,000.

1. (a). The 1st. Aust. Division, in conjunction with the 4th. Aust. Division on the right and the 74th. Division on the left, will attack and capture the enemy positions forward of the HINDENBURG LINE.  
(b). Of the 1st. Aust. Division the 3rd. Brigade on the right and the 1st. Brigade on the left will deliver the assault. The 2nd. Brigade will be in Divisional Reserve.  
(c). Of the 1st. Brigade the 2nd. Battalion on the right and the 4th. Battalion on the left will lead the attack and capture the BROWN LINE.  
The 1st. and 3rd. Battalions will follow the attack, subsequently passing through the 2nd. and 4th. Battalions respectively to the capture of the RED LINE and to the subsequent exploitation.  
(d). Details as to Brigades and Battalions operating on our flanks will be communicated later.
2. Zero day and hour will be communicated separately.
3. (a). The boundaries of the attack for the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade are as follows:-  
North boundary - The line Sq. L.1.C.0.0. - L.2.C.6.1. - F.29.C.8.0. - thence due East.  
South boundary - The line Sq. L.19.B.0.5. - L.14.D.0.6. - L.11.B.3.1. - thence due East.  
Inter-Battalion boundary - The line L.8.C.0.2. - L.10.A.0.2. - L.5.C.2.3. - thence due East.  
(b). The Start Line is the line L.14.D.0.7. - L.2.C.1.0.  
(c). Objective lines are as follows :-  
1. BROWN LINE - The line L.4.B.7.6. - L.5.D.0.0. - L.11.B.2.0.  
2. RED LINE - The line A.25.D.0.0. - G.1.B.2.5. - G.7.E.2.0.  
3. LINE OF EXPLOITATION - The line A.26.D.6.0. - G.2.D.2.0. - G.8.B.2.0.  
(d). The boundaries and objectives are set out on map attached.
4. The attack will be supported by a quick moving field artillery and machine gun barrage.  
Heavy artillery will engage the enemy batteries and other selected targets.  
Barrage maps will be issued in due course.
5. A limited number of tanks will co-operate. Dummy tanks will also be employed.
6. Intelligence Instructions as laid down for the operations of August 23rd. will again take effect.  
The Divisional P.O.W. Cage will be established on the forward slope of the Hill in K.27.B.  
The D.A.P.H. will have a screen of M.H.P. across the Divisional front approximately one mile from the front line. Battalion escorts will hand prisoners over to the P.H.P. and obtain a receipt. Should no M.H.P. be seen prisoners will be taken to the Cage.
7. Further instructions will follow.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*

Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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12. 4th. Aust. Battalion.  
13. 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.  
14. 1st. Aust. M.G. Compy.  
15. 1st. Field Coy., A.E.  
16. 1st. Aust. Division.  
17. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.  
18. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.  
19. No. 2 Coy., A.A.S.C.  
20. 1st. Aust. M.G. Battalion.  
21. 4th. Aust. Division.  
22. 1st. Aust. Pioneer Battn.  
23. 1st. Aust. D.A.  
24. 74th. Division.

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## 1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

## BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No. 9. - SERIES "C".

Brigade Headquarters,  
16th. September, 1918.

Ref. Maps - Sheets 62C &amp; 62B. 1/40,000.

1. The approach to the assembly positions will be made in accordance with March Table attached.  
Troops will be in assembly positions not later than Zero minus 1 hour and will report completion of move to Brigade Headquarters.
2. In the assembly area C.Os of Units will exercise their own discretion as to frontages and depth provided that the 4th. and 3rd. Battalions form up SOUTH of the road which runs L.7.B.4.7. via CRUCIFIX. The Suffolks will form up NORTH of this road.
3. Troops operating on the flanks are as follows :-

(left)	230th. Brigade.	1st. A.I. Bde.	3rd. A.I. Bde.	(right)
	SUFFOLKS.	4th. Bn.	2nd. Bn.	11th. Battalion.
	BUFFS.	3rd. Bn.	1st. Bn.	9th. Battalion.
4. The Infantry Start Line is now amended to read -  
L.27.C.O.A. - L.1.D.7.0.
5. At Zero hour the barrage will fall 200 yards in advance of the Infantry Start Line. The 1st. lift will be at Zero plus 3. The 2nd. lift will be at Zero plus 5. The next and succeeding lifts up to and including the 11th. lift will be at intervals of 3 minutes. The 12th. and following lifts will be made at intervals of 4 minutes. Each lift will be 100 yards.  
The Infantry will, at Zero, close up to the barrage and as it lifts follow to the attack.  
In front of the BROWN line the Artillery will halt until Zero plus 3 hours 10 minutes. During this halt the 2nd. and 4th. Battalions will occupy and consolidate the BROWN line, and the 23rd. H.G. Company will take up suitable positions for their barrage task, covering the advance from the BROWN to the RED lines.  
During this period also the 1st. and 3rd. Battalions will get into position for the resumption of the advance.  
At Zero plus 3 hours 10 minutes the 1st. and 3rd. Battalions will pass to the capture of the RED line. In front of the RED line the protective barrage will dwell for 15 minutes, when it will cease. The 1st. and 3rd. Battalions will then exploit success and gain the BLUE line. This exploitation will be assisted by Field Artillery, Machine Guns and Trench Mortars under direct arrangements between Battalion Commanders concerned and Liaison Officers with them.
6. Two tanks will assist in the operation and will be used against any enemy strongholds which continue resistance.  
They will approach the tape along the NORTH side of the HESBECOURT SPUR and will pass the Infantry Start Line at Zero.  
Having reached a suitable supporting position they will be available to assist Company Commanders as required.  
The Infantry attack will be pressed forward regardless of the action of the Tanks, which, in this action, are to be regarded as supporting Units rather than armoured patrols.  
The tanks will, in addition to the above tasks, make approaches for the Infantry through the wire which exists along the trench systems.  
Their activities will not, however, extend beyond the RED line, upon the capture of which they will return to the rallying point.  
The 1st. and 3rd. Battalions will each attach one man to "B" Company, No. 2 Tank Battalion, for the operation. These men will report at 9 a.m. on "Y" day to a location which will be notified subsequently and will act as ground scouts and connecting files between Tanks and Infantry.

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7. The 1st.H.G.Company will attach one Section V.H.3s to each Battalion.

The 23rd.H.G.Company will on conclusion of the barrage task for the 2nd.phase, organise in depth for defence of the BROWN Line.

The guns of the 1st.H.G.Company will, on the termination of the advance, be disposed in depth for the defence of the RED line.

8. The 1st.L.T.H.Battery will attach one sub-section (2 guns) to each Battalion. Battalions will make provision for supply of ammunition.

9. Provision will be made for defence against enemy counter attack. When the BROWN line is captured it will become the line of resistance. Should the enemy counter attack, the 1st. and 3rd. Battalions will take such action as is necessary to restore any gap in the defence.

On the capture of the RED line this line becomes the line of main resistance.

The 2nd.Battalion will be prepared to move forward in support of the 1st. and 3rd. Battalions or in support of the 9th.Battalion.

The 4th.Battalion will be prepared to garrison the remainder of the BROWN line or to move forward in support of the BUFFS, should the flank be threatened.

Should all objectives be gained all troops will be organised in depth. The BLUE line will be held by the outposts of the 1st. and 3rd. Battalions with their supports in the RED line, the 2nd.Battalion, in supports, will be in rear of the RED line and the 4th.Battalion will be assembled in handy formation for employment as the Brigade Reserve for counter attack.

Instructions regarding this reorganisation will be issued subsequent to the capture of the BLUE line.

10. Battalions will provide for liaison with Battalions on their flanks and with Battalions in front of them.

The following special arrangements for contact on the left flank will obtain. Those for the right flank will be notified later.

4th. and 3rd.Battalions will provide liaison patrols to operate during the advance and will establish joint posts on objectives as under.

4th.Bn. and Suffolks - L.4.A.8.3. ( 1 platoon ).

3rd.Bn. and Buffs - A.25.D.2.0. ( 1 platoon ).

A special patrol of the 3rd.Battalion will meet a patrol of the Buffs at F.29.D.9.0.

The 3rd.Battalion will be prepared to assist in the capture of ~~the objective~~ if necessary.

11. Engineer parties will accompany each Battalion Headquarters for duty in connection with dugouts, water, etc.

A special party will proceed to HAGSON QUARRIES in L.10.A. and prepare a forward Brigade Headquarters.

Pioneers will lay forward tracks after the advance and place in position sign-boards giving map references and names of localities.

The forward tracks will be continuations of the "Approach" Tapes. That on the right will be known as "STACY TRACK", that on the left "MOORE TRACK".

12. An Officer will leave Brigade Headquarters at 6 p.m. "Y" day and 12 midnight "Y"/"Z" night and give standard time to all Units.

13. The following will be carried on the man :-

1 ration.

1 iron ration.

1 filled water bottle.

220 rounds S.A.A.

2 No.36 Grenades.

4 Sandbags.

"P" Bombs will be issued on the scale of 250 per Battalion.

1 box of "S.O.S." Signals will be issued per Battalion.



14. A supply Tank with ammunition, bombs, water and tools will, under arrangements to be made by the Staff Captain, proceed to road junction, L.9.D.95.95., where 2nd. Battalion will provide a guide to conduct it to a suitable dumping ground in the vicinity of HAGSON QUARRIES. It will here unload. Unloading parties of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men will be provided by 4th. Battalion to report at L.9.D.95.95. at Zero plus 30 minutes. The tank will then return, reload, and again proceed to same location where 1st. Battalion will provide a guide to direct it to a suitable dumping place in the vicinity of COLOGNE FARM.

15. 4 G.S.Wagons with ammunition and bombs and 4 G.S.Wagons with tools will also be sent forward at Zero hour to L.9.D.95.95.  
Battalions will provide guides to meet these wagons and take them where required. They will then dump, return, reload and stand by at HAGSON QUARRIES.

16. The Brigade Mobile Reserve, 2 Wagons per Battalion, (1 S.A.A. and 1 L.G..S.A.A.), will report at K.23.A.2.5. at Zero plus 1 hour.

17. Brigade Headquarters will at the outset be located at K.12.D.3.0.  
As soon as practicable a Brigade Report Centre will be established at L.10.A.7.5.  
During the 2nd. phase of the battle the Report Centre will be carried forward to the vicinity of L.5.D.7.0.  
Battalions will at all stages of the fight notify locations of Headquarters.

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

*Arthur W. L. ...*  
Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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## APPROACH MARCH TABLE.

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Serial No.	Unit.	Route.	Starting Point.	Time.
1.	2nd. Battalion and attached troops.	HAMELET, K.22.A.3.8., thence RIGHT BATTN. TAPE ROUTE.	K.22.A.3.8.	1.30 a.m.
2.	1st. Battalion and attached troops.	do do do	do	2.15 a.m.
3.	4th. Battalion and attached troops.	MARQUAIX, K.14.D.4.9., thence LEFT BATTN. TAPE ROUTE.	K.14.D.4.9.	1.0 a.m.
4.	3rd. Battalion and attached troops.	do do do	do	1.45 a.m.
5.	23rd. M.G. Company.	HAMELET.	K.22.A.3.8.	2.15 a.m.

Routes will be reconnoitred by at least 1 Officer per Company on the afternoon of "Y" day.

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Appendix 19 War APPENDIX 19.38  
1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No. 10- Series "C".

Brigade Headquarters,  
14th. September, 1918.

Reference Maps, Sheet 62C and 62B. 1:40,000.

1. CONTACT AEROPLANES.

(1). Contact patrol machines (3rd. Squadron, A.F.C.) will carry rectangular BLACK panels 2' x 1' on both lower planes, about three feet from the fuselage.

(ii). Contact patrols will be carried out as follows :-

(a) Machine will fly along the BROWN Line (first objective halt line) at zero plus 2½ hours.

(b) Machine will fly along the RED line (second objective) at zero plus 5 hours.

(c) Machine will fly along the BLUE line (objective line of Exploitation) at zero plus 8 hours.

(iii).

(a) Flares will be called for by the aeroplane sounding a succession of "A's" on the Klaxon Horn and by firing a WHITE Very Light.

(b) Should the aeroplane observer not have located the line accurately on the first attempt he will return and repeat the call 10 minutes later.

Should the Infantry not have reached the objective line at the time laid down above, the machine will return half an hour later and repeat the call.

(iv). Infantry, in the most advanced positions only, will indicate their position to the contact machines.

Infantry will indicate their position by the following means :-

(a) RED ground flares.

(b) BRIGHT Metal Discs.

(c) Rifles laid across the trench in batches of three or four and about a foot apart.

(v). Attacking troops will be provided with bright metal discs about 6 inches square sewn on the reverse side of the Box Respirator.

Troops will be specially warned on parade prior to moving up into the line as to the proper use of ground flares and discs and that considerable risk must be run in signalling to our Contact Machines. It is imperative for the benefit of the troops in general and especially of the heavy artillery that information regarding front line positions be brought back by the quickest method, which is by machine.

(vi). Troops in front line at all times, even after some days subsequent to operations, will be provided with flares and discs, so that positions may be signalled when called for to the ordinary morning and evening Contact Machines.

2. COUNTER-ATTACK MACHINES.

(i). From Zero onwards counter-attack machines will be constantly in the air with the object of observing hostile concentrations or abnormal movement.

(ii). In the event of an enemy concentration indicating a counter-attack, the counter attack aeroplane will signal this information to the artillery by wireless. In the case of a counter attack actually developing a WHITE parachute flare will be fired by the aeroplane in the direction of the troops moving for the impending counter attack, for the information of the infantry.

3. TELEPHONE PRECAUTIONS.

In view of the fact that the enemy has an organised defensive system in the HINDENBURG Line, and that he has probably completed his arrangements for its occupation in case of necessity, it may be taken that his listening sets have been installed.

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Every precaution will, therefore, be taken to prevent unauthorized telephone conversations either in our present forward area or at a later date when we are occupying positions in close contact with the HINDENBURG line.

#### 4. S.O.S. SIGNAL.

S.O.S. Signal on the Army front is a rifle grenade signal RED over RED over RED.

#### 5. POPHAM PANELS.

Code Calls at present in use for the POPHAM PANEL will obtain during the forthcoming operations.

#### 6. LINE OF EXPLOITATION.

It is to be clearly understood that the BLUE line is to be attained solely by means of exploitation. It is not intended that anything in the nature of a set-piece attack is to be made or that the operation shall be costly.

The RED line is to be consolidated as a main line of resistance, and the main object of exploitation is to secure observation over the valleys running Eastward from the line of Squares G.1, 7, and 14.

#### 7. FORMING UP LINE.

Posts in front of the forming up line will be withdrawn one half hour before Zero. Patrols will be WEST of the tape line by Zero minus 15 minutes.

#### ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Frederick*  
Major.

Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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1st. Aust. Battalion.  
2nd. Aust. Battalion.  
3rd. Aust. Battalion.  
4th. Aust. Battalion.  
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HEADQUARTERS. 1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. ....
Date. ....

Brigade Headquarters,  
16th. Sept., 1918.

Medical Arrangements.

Ref. Map - Sheet 62C. 1/40,000.

1. (a). C.O., 3rd. Aust. Field Ambulance, will continue to administer the A.D.S. at J.24.A.5.9. and will be responsible for the evacuation of wounded from the line.  
(b). C.O., 1st. Aust. Field Ambulance, will continue to administer the M.D.S., W.W.D.S. and Gas Centre at J.28.A.5.4.  
(c). 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance will be held in reserve.
2. Bearer Divisions of 1st. and 3rd. Field Ambs. will accompany their respective Brigades when they move.
3. The resuscitation Team, for the present, will be stationed at the M.D.S.
4. When the situation permits, C.O. 3rd. Aust. Field Ambulance, will move the A.D.S. forward to Reserve A.D.S. at K.15.C.1.8., and the present site at J.24.A.5.9. will be taken over by a party from 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance as a W.W.D.S.  
3rd. Field Ambulance transport lines will remain at J.24.A.5.9.

*J. Hall*

Capt.,

Staff Captain, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.



1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

1st. Aust. Battalion.  
2nd. Aust. Battalion.  
3rd. Aust. Battalion.  
4th. Aust. Battalion.  
1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.

HEADQUARTERS. 1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
18/9/18
No. 16918
Date

Brigade Headquarters,  
18th. Sept., 1918.

NUCLEUS BATTALION.

The Nucleus Battalion will be reformed by 12 noon on the 17th. instant and will concentrate at Brigade Headquarters, J.30.C.1.8., at 3 p.m.

Camp at present occupied by Brigade Headquarters (less Brigade Rear Headquarters) and 2nd. Battalion will be taken over by the Nucleus Battalion.

Battalions will arrange to deliver at Brigade Headquarters by 3 p.m. sufficient cooking utensils for their Nucleus quota and will ration their Nucleus direct.

If possible a Battalion Officers' Mess and Sergeants' Mess will be formed.

DETAIL.

All Officers except the following will be left with the Nucleus:-

(a) Battalion Headquarters.

C.O., Adjutant, Intelligence Officer, Signalling Officer, Medical Officer, Q.M. and Transport Officer. (Padre at C.O.'s discretion.)

(b) Companies.

Company Commander and 1 Officer per Platoon.

OTHER RANKS. - The following will be left with Nucleus :-

Band, 2 C.S.Ms (if 4 are available), 1 C.S.M. (if only 3 are available), 3 Battalion Headquarters Signallers, one each Gas, Bombing, Lewis Gun and Musketry N.C.Os.

1 each Sergeant, Corporal, L/Corporal, Signaller and Runner per Company and one Lewis Gunner per Platoon.

Privates ~~are~~ required to make total Nucleus O/Ranks personnel to 10% of O/Ranks ration strength of Battalion.

Officers and Other Ranks on leave and at Schools to be reckoned as at Nucleus Battalion.

The following states are required to reach Brigade Headquarters by 12 noon on 17th. inst. :-

(1) Nucleus State giving names of Officers and where they are; other ranks by numbers stating where they are.

(2) A Hop-over State by Companies and Platoons.

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*R. H. [Signature]*

Capt.,

Staff Captain, 1st. Australian



H.M.O.R.E.T.

Brigade Headquarters,  
17th September, 1918.

War Diary

Commanders and Headquarters of Units.

Unit.	Commander.	L O C A T I O N S.	
		At Zero.	2nd Phase.
1st. Battalion.	Lt.-Col. STACY.	K. 18.D.2.0.	L. 11.A.3.3.
2nd. Battalion.	Major G.S. COOK.	L. 13.D.95.35.	L. 10.D.
3rd. Battalion.	Major A.F. BURRETT.	L. 7.D.1.7.	L. 8.D.7.3.
4th. Battalion.	Major A.K. MACKENZIE.	L. 7.D.1.7.	L. 3.D.7.3.
1st. Aust. M.G. Coy.	Capt. F.H. HUDD.	K. 12.D.3.0.	L. 10.A.
1st. L.T.M. Bty.	Lieut. W.E. BUTCHER.	K. 12.D.3.0.	L. 10.A.
23rd. Aust. M.G. Coy.	Capt. CLEEVE.	L. 19.D.1.6.	L. 10.A.
1st. A.I. Brigade.	Brig-Gen. HACKAY.	K. 12.D.3.0.	L. 10.A.
230th. Inf. Bgde.	Brig-Gen. KENNEDY.	E. 28.D.2.8.	---
3rd. A.I. Brigade.	Brig-Gen. BENNETT.	L. 24.D.5.8.	---
Right Group Artillery.	Lt.-Col. STEVENSON.	K. 12.D.3.0.	L. 10.A.

TROOPS ON THE FLANKS.

Right Flank.

11th. Battalion.	Major DARNELL.	L. 19.D.8.4.	---
9th. Battalion.	Lt-Col. MULLEN.	L. 19.D.8.4.	---

Left Flank.

Suffolks Regt.	Major GRESSELL.	---	---
Buffa Regiment.	Lt-Col. BALSTON.	---	---

*A. Stobo*  
Lieut.,

for Brigade Major, 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.



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1st. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters,  
17th. Sept., 1918.

Reference Battle Instructions No. 9, Series "C", dated 15th. September, 1918.

Zero Hour will be 5.20 a.m. on 18th. September, 1918.

ACKNOWLEDGE.*Arthur Mulchin* Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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2nd.Aust.Battalion.  
3rd.Aust.Battalion.  
4th.Aust.Battalion.  
1st.Aust.L.T.M.Bty.  
1st.Field Coy., A.E.  
1st.Aust.Field Amb.  
3rd.Aust.Inf.Bde.  
230th.Brigade.  
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Brigade Order 121 aaa 2nd.A.I.Bde.relieves 1st.A.I.Bde. in the  
line night 20/21st.inst. aaa

6th.Bn.relieves	1st.Bn.
5th.Bn.	" 3rd.Bn.
8th.Bn.	" 2nd.Bn.
7th.Bn.	" 4th.Bn.

Remaining units opposite numbers aaa On relief units move to loc-  
ations now occupied by relieving units aaa Trench stores, ammunition,  
etc., information and maps of value to incoming units will be handed  
over and receipts obtained aaa Completion of relief will be wired  
to Bde.H.Q. aaa Bde.H.Q.will close at present location on completion  
of relief and open at K.27.A.6.6. at the same hour where completion of  
move to new area will be reported aaa

ACKNOWLEDGE.

1st.A.I.Bde.,  
11.45p.m.

(Sgd.) A.W.HUTCHIN, Major,  
Brigade Major.





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## Appendix 25

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To 1st.Aust.Battalion.  
2nd.Aust.Battalion.  
3rd.Aust.Battalion.  
4th.Aust.Battalion.  
1st.Aust.Field Amb.  
1st.Aust.L.T.M.Bty.  
1st.Field Coy.,A.E.  
3rd.Aust.Inf.Bde.  
230th.Brigade.  
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Cancel Bde. Order 121    aaa    Have informed Q.Ms.direct.

(Sgd.) A.W.HUTCHIN, Major,  
Brigade Major.



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1st.Aust.Battalion.  
 2nd.Aust.Battalion.  
 3rd.Aust.Battalion.  
 4th.Aust.Battalion.  
 1st.Aust.L.T.M.Bty.  
 1st.Aust.Field Amb.  
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Completion of relief will take place to-night aaa In all probability 6th.Battalion will relieve portion of 1st.Battalion and 5th.Battalion will relieve remainder of 1st.Battalion and 3rd.Battalion aaa Other details remain as before.

(Sgd.) A.W.HUTCHIN. Major,  
 Brigade Major.





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C O P Y.

1ST.AUST.INF.BDE.

BS.2. 20/9/18.

HEADQUARTERS.  
1ST AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BDE.  
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As already advised the high ground in G.2.A. has been taken and posts established there but touch has not been established on the flanks aaa Capt. COLLINGWOOD's Coy. of about 50 men will shortly move forward, one platoon into trench on left of RUBY WOOD and one platoon into trench on right of same Wood, with object of supporting front line and enabling the flanks to be protected aaa Enemy shelling has been heavy and still continues intermittently aaa Machine Gun fire is, or was, troublesome from QUENENMONT FARM aaa Efforts to establish telephone communication with you have been unsuccessful and it would be of great assistance if you could send a line forward to these H.Q., as my Signalling Staff is considerably reduced aaa I estimate the number of men in front line at present at 40 to 50 men aaa The Coys. came into the attack with the following strengths:- "A" Coy. 41, "B" 18, "C" 19 aaa "D" Coy., which was in Reserve, refused to be led in except to be used as Supports and on both their Officers being wounded and after the other Coys. had moved to the forming up position they were ordered by Capt. MOFFAT and Lieut. MORTLOCK to join "A" Coy., but refused aaa Lt. MORTLOCK then waited with them and called on the N.C.Os to come with him but they refused and the whole Coy. then walked out to the rear with the exception of one man aaa As numbers show similar occurrences occurred in other Coys., about 40 men of "C" Coy. and smaller numbers from "A" and "B" having apparently just picked up their gear, including Lewis Guns, and walked away aaa I had them told in the afternoon in one Coy. that the men seemed very dissatisfied at having to make another attack after expecting to be relieved, but casually speaking to some of the men things did not seem serious and as the Coy. was in reserve and I had not intended to move them, I presumed everything would be all right aaa Late at night I was advised that things were serious and I went up to see what was going on and found that men from "A", "B" and "C" Coys. had left their position aaa I had a talk with the remainder, who seemed good men, but the feeling existed that they were "not getting a fair deal" and "were doing other people's work" aaa I explained to these how foolish such ideas were apart from the disciplinary side and poor spirit shown, and found that these men were willing to carry on aaa The men have NOT had a hard time as we have known hard times in the past but shelling has been fairly constant near their dugouts and their nerves seemed on edge and they made themselves believe they were not fit to take part in an attack aaa I have not been able of course yet to discover the ringleaders but Capt. MOFFAT informed me he had traced it all to one man in his Coy. who was a suspended sentence man and I think the same will be found in other Coys., namely men with bad records have induced the others to leave and others have been too weak not to follow aaa In the circumstances I would be glad if this Bn. could be relieved for certain to-day as though the men here can be trusted still with all the above hanging over them and the casualties sustained to-day amongst themselves and their Officers - the latter being very heavy - I would not care to keep them in the line to-night aaa The men have done well to-day with their few numbers, accomplishing all that was asked of them - the Officers have behaved splendidly throughout but in many cases N.C.Os have not realised their responsibilities and have sided with the men in the wrong aaa The life of "D" Coy. who all marched out en bloc in this - they were the right attacking Coy. on Sept. 18th. and did very well but lost all platoon Officers and about 20 O/Ranks aaa They were relieved in the line on the night of 19/20th. and rested all day of 20th. in an area intermittently shelled, living in dugouts in a sunken bank aaa I feel it hard to make any recommendation except that in spite of the numbers, about 100, who were timid and deserted, no man be let go free but that the severest punishment be meted out to them aaa I consider the lightness in suspension of sentences in the past for desertion is greatly responsible for the trouble



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trouble and I would not care to have any of them in the Battalion again if they can be transferred aaa I can say that there was no appearance of hostility to their Officers or to me in any man I saw but the loss of their own Officers and the disorganisation following on the attack were greatly responsible for such a breach.

(Sgd.) B. V. STAGY.

Lieut.-Col.,

Commanding 1st. Australian Infantry Battalion.



War Diary

1ST AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.SECRET.Brigade Headquarters,  
9th September, 1918.

1st. Aust. Battalion.  
2nd. Aust. Battalion.  
3rd. Aust. Battalion.  
4th. Aust. Battalion.  
1st. Aust. M. G. Coy.  
1st. Aust. L. T. M. Coy.  
1st. Field Coy., A.E.

HEADQUARTERS.  
1ST AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 184090  
Date 9.9.18

The forward boundary between Aust. Corps and III Corps is amended as follows :-

From K.11.A.O.O. forward the boundary will be the line of the River COULONNE as far as TEMPLEUX ie GUERARD which is inclusive to Aust. Corps, thence from F.26.D.5.O. the boundary runs due East along the grid line through F.30.C.O.O.

The above boundary will come into force forthwith.  
Maps will be amended accordingly.

*A. W. L. S. M.*

Major.

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.



**SECRET**

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1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Order No 122. <sup>who are to capture QUINNE MONT FRI</sup> simultaneously  
with 230<sup>th</sup> Brigade on the left. 1<sup>st</sup> A.I. Bde will  
capture high ground in Square G.2. <sup>aaa</sup>  
Attack will take place 21<sup>st</sup> instant <sup>aaa</sup>  
Zero hour will be notified separately <sup>aaa</sup>  
6<sup>th</sup> Battalion relieves 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in line  
night 20/21 September <sup>aaa</sup> Attack will be made  
by 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion on right, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bat. on left <sup>aaa</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Bat  
co-operates by establishment of platoon post at G.2.C.O.4  
<sup>aaa</sup> Attached maps shows boundaries and objectives,  
also Artillery start line, protective line and M.G.  
standing barrage <sup>aaa</sup> Assaulting units form up  
under unit arrangements 200 yards short of artillery  
start line <sup>aaa</sup> At zero barrage falls on start line  
and swells 3 minutes <sup>aaa</sup> At zero plus 3 barrage  
lifts and travels to protective line at 100 yds in three  
minutes where it rests for a minimum of 30 minutes  
<sup>aaa</sup> M.G. barrage will also continue during same  
period <sup>aaa</sup> Two sections 1<sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy are attached 1<sup>st</sup> Bat.  
and one section 3<sup>rd</sup> Bat. <sup>aaa</sup> Two sub. secs. L.M.F. are  
attached 1<sup>st</sup> Bat. and two sub. secs. less 1 gun. to 3<sup>rd</sup> Bat. <sup>aaa</sup>  
Troops will be in forming up position at zero minus 1 hour  
at which time all troops forward of forming up line will  
be withdrawn <sup>aaa</sup> Patrols will cover the front until zero  
minus 15 mins. when they will come in <sup>aaa</sup> Synchronised  
watches with Bde sigs at 8 pm. and midnight <sup>aaa</sup>  
acknowledge.

M. H. H. H.

Major.

See Major, 1<sup>st</sup> Div. Inf. Brigade



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1st. Aust. Battalion.  
2nd. Aust. Battalion.  
3rd. Aust. Battalion.  
4th. Aust. Battalion.  
6th. Aust. Battalion.  
1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.  
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*Appendix 28.*

My A.W.H.302 is now confirmed   aaa   This arrangement will take place.

(Sgd.) A.W.HUTCHIN, Major,  
Brigade Major.



NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS, SEPTEMBER 10th.-21st., 1918

Reference Map - Sheets 62B & C.

The operations during the period divide themselves into the following phases -

- A. The Reconnaissance period whilst in the line Sept. 10th.-15th.
- B. The major operation for the capture of the outposts of the HINDENBURG LINE, September 18th.
- C. The minor operation for the capture of the under features of MT. OLYMPUS, N.W. of BELLICOURT, September 21st.

PRELIMINARY.

Subsequent to the capture of MT. ST. QUENTIN and PERONNE by the Australian Corps the enemy gave ground freely. Our advanced guards pursued him past DOINGT, TINCOURT and ROISEL and captured the major portion of the rearmost trench line of what was, prior to March 21st., the British defence system facing the HINDENBURG LINE.

The country now became particularly suitable for defence and, having in his possession well sited lines, heavily wired, and having brought into the area fresh troops, the enemy was enabled to arrest temporarily our pursuit.

When the 1st. A. I. Brigade relieved the 10th. A. I. Brigade in the line on the night September 9th/10th. the latter Brigade had been virtually stationary for 72 hours.

Prior to taking over, orders were received from the Division that the advance was to be resumed if possible as an advanced guard action. What occurred now follows.

PHASE "A".

The Brigade came into line with the 2nd. Battalion on the right, the 4th. Battalion on the left and the 1st. and 3rd. Battalions in support (vide Disposition Map "A" attached). One H.G. Company and 2 Brigades Field Artillery at the same time passed to the command of the G.O.C.

To gain contact with the enemy patrols set out in the late afternoon of the 9th. September. These patrols located the Hun in small parties all along the line.

On the information they gained night patrols were instructed to move out and establish themselves in the lines E. of VENDELLES and JEANCOURT and to secure Knoll 140. Strong opposition was met with and it became apparent that some artillery support was necessary to enable our troops to make headway. In consequence a light barrage was put down at 5.30 a.m. 10th. September and under cover of this our patrols re-commenced their operations.

On the right and centre progress was made and our line was advanced 1000 yards. On the left our platoons reached Knoll 140 and dug in but were eventually forced to withdraw owing to heavy hostile artillery fire and the development by the Hun of a strong counter attack down the centre of the position.

In this encounter we sustained casualties and some of our wounded passed to the enemy as prisoners of war.

It now was apparent that to maintain progress would necessitate the preparation of an attack, and, as the situation was very similar along the whole Army front a major operation was conceived, to take place as early as possible.

The 1st. A. I. Brigade was instructed to make ground suitable for a jumping off line, and to gather all possible information of the enemy.

During the succeeding days this was done. JEANCOURT was occupied and the line established roughly on the line Sq. L.26.D.8.0. - Sq. L.8. Central. Contact was gained and maintained with the enemy throughout the sector and his artillery activity was carefully recorded and analysed.

On the night



On the night September 14th/15th, the Brigade was withdrawn into support to rest and prepare for a set piece attack, the sector passing to the command of the G.O.C., 2nd. A. I. Brigade.

During the above period 22 prisoners of war and 6 machine guns were captured. Many Huns were killed. Our casualties were rather heavier than usual being -

UNIT.	Killed.		Wounded.		Missing.	
	Off.	O/Ranks.	Off.	O/Ranks.	Off.	O/Ranks.
1st. Battalion.	-	-	-	4	-	-
2nd. Battalion.	-	4	1	37	-	-
3rd. Battalion.	-	-	2	3	-	-
4th. Battalion.	-	8	6	101	-	5 (bol.
1st. L.T.H. Bty.	-	-	-	4	-	- P.O.V.)
TOTALS.	-	12	9	149	-	5

#### PHASE 2. - The Battle of the 18th. September.

The plan of this action, which extended over the front of 3 Armies, was a frontal attack under a creeping barrage, to capture all enemy defences up to the outliers of the HINDENBURG LINE.

The Australian Corps attacked in the centre of the 4th. Army, the 4th. and 1st. Australian Divisions being employed.

Of the 1st. Aust. Division the 3rd. and 1st. Inf. Brigades attacked with the 2nd. Brigade in Divisional Reserve.

On the left of the 1st. Brigade was the 230th. Brigade of the 74th. Division.

The Brigade plan of attack was that two Battalions (2nd. and 4th.) should capture the 1st. objective and that the 1st. and 3rd. Battalions should leapfrog and pass to the capture of the 2nd. objective, subsequently exploiting success.

Provision was made for the attack to be supported by 4 Brigades of Field Artillery, 1 Brigade R.G.A. and a portion of the 1st. and 3rd. H.G. Battalions.

Attached Map "B" shows details of the approach march, the assembly position, the boundaries of the attack, the objectives allotted and the lines reached.

Map "C" shows the Field Artillery programme.

Map "D" " " Heavy " " "

Map "E" " " H.G. barrage.

The night preceding the attack was quiet on the front. Rain fell almost incessantly but the troops reached the jumping off tape in good order and were in position and in touch with the flanks at Zero minus 1 hour approx.

At 5.20 a.m. in semi darkness and mist the barrage fell and the troops went forward at a rapid rate to the assault.

The first 800 yards was not contested. The greatest difficulty the troops had to contend with was the maintenance of direction and keeping touch with the flanks. In this they did extremely well.

The 1st. Objective (BROWN LINE) was captured with light casualties and prisoners began to come in freely. The 2nd. and 4th. Battalions established a line as follows: - *vide map.*

G.8.A.0.4. - G.8.A.1.1. - G.1.D.60.25. - G.1.D.9.0. - G.1.D.85.15. -  
L.4.A.8.3. - L.5.D.3.3. - L.4.B.7.7.

The enemy reply to our barrage was light and scattered and caused us practically no losses, nor did his artillery subsequently trouble us seriously until our objectives had been gained.

In front of the 1st. objective the barrage dwelt for a period varying from 70 minutes to 90 minutes to cover consolidation and to permit of some of the artillery changing position. During this period the 1st. and 3rd. Battalions re-organized and got into position for the resumption of the advance.

The barrage then thickened and as it commenced again to move forward the 1st. and 3rd. Battalions proceeded to the capture of the 2nd. objective.

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With the 1st. Battalion the fighting went well and the objective line was reached with few casualties, a large number of prisoners being captured in the process. Touch was established with the 9th. Battalion on the right.

The 3rd. Battalion, moving over very difficult country, met with stout opposition from enemy H.G.s and field guns firing over the sights. Their centre was temporarily held up and the barrage rather got away from them. However, unaided, the infantry fought their way to the objective line in a magnificent manner although they suffered greater losses than did any other Unit at the time. Large captures in men and material were made.

The line was established as set out on Map "B". Touch was gained with both flanks and the troops re-organized for defence.

From the high ground in the region of QUINNEMONT Farm heavy H.G. fire was directed on to our positions and all movement and communications became exceedingly difficult.

After the capture of the 2nd. objective the 1st. Battalion were able to exploit success and establish themselves in commanding positions overlooking the main defences of the HINDENBURG LINE. The 3rd. Battalion were not however able to push further forward nor were the troops on their left flank.

Subsequent to the conclusion of our advance the enemy shells remained heavy in the forward area but no sign of any attempt on his part to counter attack was seen. He had been well beaten and his disorganization was apparent.

#### Action of the Artillery.

The barrage was dense and well placed during both phases of the action. The Field Artillery are to be commended for the able manner in which they changed position and continued to barrage according to time table.

Liaison between Field Artillery and Infantry was arranged right down to Companies and was most effective.

The Heavy Artillery sent over a great weight of metal and materially aided the attack by countering the enemy guns. It must be pointed out however that the liaison arrangements were not of the best and it is certain that many moving targets which lay beyond F.A. range might have been successfully engaged had F.O.s been pushed forward on to points where they could see things and get direct on to their forward batteries. The enemy shooting was never of the intensity of some of the battles of other years on this front and telephone lines lasted very well on the whole.

#### Machine Guns.

1 Company of V.H.G.s was attached to the Brigade and 1 Section was allotted to each Battalion as forward guns.

These guns, although of not great value during the advance, did good shooting when the objectives were reached and were in good positions to repel counter attack had such a situation developed.

1 H.G. Company followed the attack for emplacement in defence of the 1st. objective. Their work was normal and calls for no comment.

#### L.T. Mortars.

1 sub-section (2 guns) was allotted to each Battalion. They were not used during the advance but subsequently found profitable targets. The supply of ammunition for these guns presented some difficulty but more was got up than was ever fired.

#### Tanks.

1 fighting tank was allotted to each half of the Brigade frontage. That on the right did quite useful work and assisted the infantry where required.

The left tank did not function very much as it ran over a land mine early in the fight and was put out of action.

The carrying tank performed very well. Two loads of ammunition and tools were carried into forward positions and solved the problem of supply.

#### Engineer co-operation.



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The Field Company attached a party to each Battalion Headquarters and to Brigade Headquarters for duty in connection with dugouts, etc.

Parties were also provided for water supply duties and for reconnaissance for mines and booby-traps.

The Company is to be commended for its general usefulness throughout.

The Pioneer Battalion supplied a track making party which marked out two overland routes throughout the area.

The Signal Section did well. A forward party followed up the attack and the forward station was established and in working order at 7 a.m.

When the advance was again resumed the forward station was again quickly carried East and put right for business.

Touch to Battalions (the 3rd. Battalion excepted) was very good throughout.

Medical arrangements.

The evacuation of the wounded was carried out by the 1st. Field Ambulance with the usual colority and smoothness.

Motor loading posts followed the advance and the carriage of stretchers was thus materially lessened in extent.

I shall submit separately a memorandum giving the more technical particulars, particularly of the Infantry and Machine Gunners, together with a resume of lessons learnt.

The following appendices respecting the operations for the 18th. inst. are attached :-

- App. 1. The Order for the operation.
- App. 2. Prisoners captured and enemy killed.
- App. 3. Material captured.
- App. 4. Casualties.

PHASE 3.

On the afternoon of the 20th. September the Division order<sup>ed</sup> the Brigade to capture the high ground in Sq. G.2.A. in conjunction with the 230th. Brigade on the left who were to take good the high ground including QUINNEMONT FM. "Z" day was September 21st.

The plan was drawn up and provided for the 1st. and 3rd. Battalions to do the attack. The 1st. Battalion was in consequence relieved during the night 20th/21st. September by the 6th. Battalion and withdrawn into support.

The boundaries and objectives for this attack were as set out on Map "F" attached.

An artillery and machine gun barrage were arranged for and the attack delivered at 5.40 a.m. Objectives were quickly gained and the position consolidated.

Enemy shelling remained heavy and on our left the 74th. Division troops during the late forenoon were seen to withdraw to their original starting place. As a result of this the 3rd. Battalion likewise came back and re-occupied its former positions to secure the flank.

No infantry action on the part of the enemy was noticeable except abnormal movement in the area MALAKOFF WOOD - QUINNEMONT FM., where we put down strong shoots intermittently all day.

This minor operation calls for no special comment except that it was effected brilliantly by troops who had already had 3 days' strenuous fighting and working, and whose determination and stamina cannot be too highly praised. Fifty-one prisoners were taken and a number of enemy killed.

On the night 21st/22nd. Septr. the line gained was handed over to the 2nd. A.I. Bde. who came in in relief and the 1st. A.I. Bde. withdrew into Divisional reserve in the HERVILLY area.

Brigade Headquarters,  
1st. A. I. Brigade,

*J. G. Mackay* Brig.-General,

Commanding 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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A.W.H.305.

2nd.Aust.Battalion.  
4th.Aust.Battalion.  
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2nd. and 4th. Battalions will move from present location to TINCOURT area on 23rd.inst. aaa Clear camps by 10 a.m. aaa Billets to be left in a clean and sanitary condition and guides to be left behind to show American troops of 59th.Bde.into suitable accommodation in the area bounded E. of N.& S.grid through L.16.Cent. and W. by N.& S. line between Squares L.13. and 14. aaa Advance parties will report Bde. H.Q. at 9 a.m. 23rd.inst. aaa ACKNOWLEDGE?

(Sgd.) A.W.HUTCHIN. Major,  
Brigade Major.



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1st.Aust.Battalion.

3rd.Aust.Battalion.  
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Move at 9 a.m. 24th.inst. to TINCOURT area aaa Present billets  
to be left in clean and sanitary condition aaa Advance parties report  
Staff Captain at Bde. H.Q. at 2 p.m. 23rd.inst.

(Sgd.) A.W.HUTCHIN. Major,  
Brigade Major.





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1st.Aust.Battalion.  
2nd.Aust.Battalion.  
3rd.Aust.Battalion.  
4th.Aust.Battalion.  
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In all route marches keep off roads as much as possible and Take  
A.A.precautions and keep usual distances.

(Sgd.) A.W.HUTCHIN, Major,

Brigade Major.





SECRET.

1st. Aust. Battalion.  
 2nd. Aust. Battalion.  
 3rd. Aust. Battalion.  
 4th. Aust. Battalion.  
 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.  
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Brigade Headquarters,  
 22nd. Septr., 1918.

1. The 2nd. American Corps, consisting of Corps Headquarters and the 27th. and 30th. American Divisions, will be employed in conjunction with the Australian Corps for the next series of operations.
2. In order to ensure uniformity of tactical methods and complete co-operation between the Australian and American Forces an Australian Mission under the command of Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR-MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O., will be detailed from the 1st. and 4th. Australian Divisions for attachment to American Formations and Units.
3. 1st. Aust. Division will provide the personnel for the 30th. American Division.
4. (i) A table of personnel as far as this Brigade is concerned is appended.  
 (ii) Complete Nominal Rolls of personnel selected by Battalions and L.T.M. Battery in accordance with appended table will be forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs. without fail by 9 a.m. on 23rd. inst.  
 (iii) It will be noted that certain personnel have already been selected by the G.O.C. but their names will be forwarded on Unit rolls.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd.) A. W. HUTCHIN. Major,  
 Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

TABLE.ATTACHMENT OF PERSONNEL, 1ST. AUST. DIVISION.

Attached to.	Scale of Attachment.	Total Nos.	Detail.
H.Q., 30th. American Division.	Brigadier.	1.	Brig-Gen. I.G. MACKAY, D.S.O.
H.Q., "A" Inf. Bde.	Bn. Commander.	1.	Major G.S. COOK, 2nd. Bn.
H.Q., "B" Inf. Bde.	Signal Officer.	1.	Lieut. A.B. COCHRANE, No. 2 Sig. Sect., attd. 1st. A.I. Bde.
Regimental Headquarters.	Staff Captain.	1.	Capt. R. HALL, "MC", H.Q., 1st. A.I. Bde.
	Q.M.	2.	(Lieut. L. MOLLOY, "MC", 4th. Bn. " R.J. FORREST, "MC", 1st. Bn.)
	Senior Signal N.C.O.	1.	Sgt. A. WALTON, No. 2 Sect., 1st. Div. Signal Company.
Battalion Hdqrs.	Bn. Intell. Officers.	4.	1 per Battalion.
	Senior N.C.Os. (RQMS.) or CQMS. where possible. <del>xxxx</del>	16.	4 per Battalion.
Regt. Stokes Mortar Platoon.	Senior N.C.O.	1.	1 Senior N.C.O., 1st. L.T.M. Battery.



SECRET.

1ST. AUST. DIVISION.

1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. *Appendix 3d*

HEADQUARTERS,  
1ST. AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Brigade Headquarters,  
23rd. Septr., 1918.

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Personnel attached to American Units.

Reference G.S. Circular 84.

Attached is Table, in duplicate, of personnel selected to be attached to American Units.

(Sgd.) A. W. HUTCHIN, Major,  
for Brig.-General,  
Commanding 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.



## Personnel selected to be attached to American Units.

<u>Attached to.</u>	<u>Attachment.</u>	<u>Nominal Roll of personnel selected.</u>
H.Q., 30th. American Division.	Brigadier.	Brig.-Gen. I.G. MACKAY, D.S.O.
H.Q., "A" Inf. Bde.	Bn. Commander.	Major G.S. COOK, 2nd. Battalion.
H.Q., "B" Inf. Bde.	Signal Officer.	Lieut. D. LEITCH, 4th. Battalion.
Regimental Headqrs.	B.M. Trainee.	None available.
	Staff Captain.	Capt. R. HALL, "MC", H.Q., 1st. A.I. Bde.
	Q.Ms.	Lieut. L. MOLLOY, "MC", 4th. Battalion. Lieut. R.J. FORREST, "MC", 1st. Battalion.
	Transport Off.	Lieut. D. McL. FORREST, 2nd. Battalion.
	Signal N.C.O.	2274. Sgt. A. WALTON, No. 2 Sig. Sect., 1st. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy., attached 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
Battalion Headqrs.	Battalion Intelligence Officers.	Lieut. H.V. CHEDGEY, 1st. Battalion. Lieut. A.J.H. STOBO, 1st. Battalion. Lieut. D.R. DESBOIS, "MC", 3rd. Battalion. Lieut. R.E. TAYLOR, "MC", 4th. Battalion.
	Senior N.C.Os.	No. 3092. Sgt. H.M. LANGFORD, 1st. Bn. 3914. Cpl. J.M. STEVENSON, " 5721. " M. KEANE, " 1012. " E.C. GRENFELL, " 50a. Sgt. - DIBBLE, 2nd. Bn. 2650. " - NATHANIEL, " 2196. " A.R. ROBERTSON, " 2351. " - BORGER, " 2389. CQMS. G. CARROLL, 3rd. Bn. 59. CSM. G.H. GREEN, " 2376. Sgt. T.A. TURNER, " 1534. Cpl. R. STEWART, " 1571. CQMS. E. JEAN, 4th. Bn. 2458. " N. WATCHORN, " 2480. Sgt. G.W. MACALPINE, " 2656. " W. POPPLEWELL, "
Regt. Stokes Mortar Platoon.	Senior N.C.O.	No. 1638. Cpl. S. TURNER, "MM", 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.



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TO { 1st., 2nd., 3rd., 4th. Bns., 1st. LTMB., 1st.  
M.G. Coy., 1st. Field Coy., 1st. Field Amb.,  
No. 2 Coy., Div. Train., AYA.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A.W.H. 313.	23/9.		

(Cac. Order 123)  
1st. Brigade Group less 1st. Fld. Coy. will move  
24th. inst. from present locations to N.E.  
portion of HERBECOURT Area aaa Route DOINGT-  
St. DENIS - HALLE - bridge in H. 23B. & D. aaa  
Starting point J. 27. D. 2. 2. BUIRE aaa Times  
of passing S.P. 4th. Bn. 9 a.m., 2nd. Bn. 9.15  
a.m., 3rd. Bn. 9.30 a.m., 1st. Bn. 9.45 a.m.,  
1st. M.G. Coy. 10 a.m., 1st. Field Amb. 10.15 a.m.  
aaa Div. Train move independently aaa LTMB.  
move with 3rd. Battn. aaa Advance parties  
report Bde. I. O. at Area Commandant, HERBE-  
COURT 10 a.m. aaa Usual distances and  
halts on the march aaa Column halts 11.50  
a.m. for 2 hours for midday meal aaa  
ACKNOWLEDGE

From 1st. A. I. Bde.

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z) (Sgd.) A.W. HUTCHIN, Major,  
Brigade Major.

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Reference Addendum Brigade Order 124 and				
Amend times to pass Starting Point to read				
as follows:- 2nd.Bn. 10 a.m., 1st.Bn.10.10a.m.,				
3rd.Bn.10.20a.m., 4th.Bn.10.30a.m., L.T.M.Bty.				
10.40a.m., M.G.Coy.10.45a.m., 1st.Fld.Amb.				
10.50a.m., 1st.Field Coy.10.55a.m., Divisional				
Details 11 a.m.				
From 1st. A. I. Bde.				
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*	25/9.			
Addendum Brigade Order 124 aaa Move to LA CHAPELETTE 26th. inst. aaa Starting point, Church, BIACHES aaa Order of march, 2nd., 1st., 3rd., 4th. Bns., 1st. L.T.M. Bty., 1st. M.G. Coy., 1st. Field Amb., 1st. Field Coy., Div. Details aaa Time of passing, 2nd. Bn. 10.30 a.m., 1st. Bn. 10.40 a.m., 3rd. Bn. 10.50 a.m., 4th. Bn. 11 a.m., L.T.M. Bty. 11.10 a.m., M.G. Coy. 11.15 a.m., Fld. Amb. 11.20 a.m., Fld. Coy. 11.25 a.m., Div. Details 11.30 a.m. aaa Trains leave approximately 12.30-12.45 p.m. aaa Units must furnish entraining states to Entraining Officer (Capt. MACKAY, 2nd. Bn.) at Entraining Station at 11 a.m. aaa Units report to same Officer on arrival aaa Detraining Station will now be LONGPRE.				
From	1st. A. I. Bde.			
Place				
Time				
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z) <i>Mackay</i> Capt., for Brigade Major.		
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* 222. 222.	22/2.		

  

Rations for personnel and animals proceeding by rail will be drawn at PONT RAMP on 22th. for consumption 27th. aaa Lorries will convey rations from dump to Q.M. Stores on 22th.

  

From	1st. A. I. Bdo.		
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TO	1, 2, 3 & 4 Bns., 1st. LTMB., 1st. M. G. Coy., 1st. Pld. Amb., Rear Echelon, D. H. Q., Div. Sig. Coy., Div. Mob. Vet. Sect., Div. Reinf. Camp., Capt. BOOTLE, 1st. Bn.			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.
* D. G. 2.		24/9.		AAA
Transport proceeding by road will pass Starting Point, CHURCH, HERBECOURT, 25th. 1st. at 12 noon aaa Order of march 1st., 2nd., 3rd., 4th. Bns., 1st. M. G. Coy., 1st. Pld. Amb., Divisional Details aaa 100 yards to be maintained between transport of units and 25 yards between each six vehicles aaa Route FOUILLOY - VIGNACOURT - EPARNES aaa Capt. BOOTLE will command aaa ACKNOWLEDGE				
From 1st. A. I. Bde. Place Time				
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)				
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1st. Aust. Battalion.  
2nd. Aust. Battalion.  
3rd. Aust. Battalion.  
4th. Aust. Battalion.  
1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.  
1st. Aust. M.G. Coy.  
1st. Field Coy., A.E.  
1st. Aust. Field Amb.  
Rear Echelon, D.H.Q.  
1st. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. Details.  
1st. Aust. Div. Mob. Vet. Section.  
1st. Aust. Div. Reinft. Camp.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS re MOVE to LONG AREA.

1. BRIGADE GROUP.

The composition of the Brigade Group for the move to LONG Area is as under -

1st. Aust. Battalion.	1st. Aust. M.G. Compy.
2nd. Aust. Battalion.	1st. Field Coy., A.E.
3rd. Aust. Battalion.	1st. Aust. Field Ambulance.
4th. Aust. Battalion.	Rear Echelon, D.H.Q.
1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.	1st. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. Details.
H.Q., 1st. A.I. Bde.	1st. Aust. Div. Mob. Vet. Section.
	1st. Aust. Div. Reinforcement Camp.

2. BILLETING.

1st. Brigade Group (less Rear Echelon, D.H.Q., Sig. Coy. Details, Mob. Vet. Section and Div. Reinft. Camp) will be billeted in the EPAGNE sub-area (Brigade Headquarters EPAGNE).

3. ENTRAINMENT.

The Brigade Group, less Transport (except as detailed in para. 4), will move to the above area by train on the morning of 26th. inst. entraining at LA CHABELETTTE and detraining at PONT REMY.

4. TRANSPORT PROCEEDING BY RAIL.

Transport vehicles as under will entrain at LA CHABELETTTE on 25th. inst. at a time to be notified later.

3 Cookers per Battalion.	1 Water Cart, Brigade H.Q.
1 Cooker, 1st. M.G. Compy.	2 Water Carts per Battalion.
1 Cook's vehicle,	1 Water Cart, 1st. Field Ambulance.
1st. Field Ambulance.	1 Water Cart, D.H.Q.
1 Officer's Mess Cart per Bn.	1 Water Cart, Div. Sig. Coy.
1 Limber, Brigade H.Q.	1 Limber per Battalion.

5. LOADING AND UNLOADING PARTIES.

A party of 1 Officer and 30 O/Ranks will be detailed by 2nd. Aust. Battalion for loading and unloading duties at Entraining and Detraining Stations. This personnel will travel on the same train as the transport vehicles mentioned in para. 4.

6. ENTRAINING AND DETRAINING OFFICERS.

Captain W.M. MACKAY, 2nd. Aust. Battalion, will act as Entraining and Captain G.E. McDONALD, 3rd. Aust. Battalion, as Detraining Officer for Brigade Group, both for transport and personnel.

7. RATIONS. - Two days rations for men and horses will be carried on the trains conveying them.8. TRANSPORT PROCEEDING BY ROAD. - Transport, other than that mentioned in para. 4, will proceed by road on 25th. inst. Capt. J.C. BOOTLE, 1st. Bn., will command the Brigade Group transport.

Transport will stage as under :-

Night 25/26th. FOUILLOY. Night 26/27th. VIGNACOURT.

Supplies for transport moving by road will be dumped at the Church at the staging places mentioned above.

(Sgd.) D. G. OAKLEY. Capt.,  
a/Staff Captain, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.



1ST AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

1st. Aust. Battalion.  
2nd. Aust. Battalion.  
3rd. Aust. Battalion.  
4th. Aust. Battalion.  
1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.  
1st. Aust. M.G. Compy.  
1st. Aust. Field Amb.  
1st. Field Coy., A.E.

C O P Y .	
HEADQUARTERS.	
1ST AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No.	18/4113.
Date	

Brigade Headquarters,  
27th. September, 1918.

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Education Scheme.

It is possible that the Brigade Group may be resting in the present area for some period and, therefore, the Brigade Commander wishes steps taken at once with a view to the initiation within the Brigade of the A.I.F. Education Scheme.

It is desired to make the most of what looks like a very suitable opportunity for launching the scheme.

Each Unit will select an Officer to be temporarily Education Officer.

It will be the duty of this Officer to ascertain the nature and number of the various classes which the members of his Unit require; also the names and full particulars of such instructors as his Unit can find.

On the 30th. instant, Education Officers will meet at Brigade Headquarters, EPAGNES, and will bring with them full particulars of the abovementioned lines, and also particulars of any difficulties which may present themselves, or any facilities which exist where Battalions now live.

At this meeting, programmes will be outlined and the necessary co-ordination between Units arranged.

(Sgd.) A. W. HUTCHIN. Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.



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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
 28th. Sept., 1918.

1st. Aust. Battalion.  
 2nd. Aust. Battalion.  
 3rd. Aust. Battalion.  
 4th. Aust. Battalion.  
 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.  
 1st. Aust. M.G. Compy.  
 1st. Aust. Field Amb.  
 1st. Field Coy., A.E.

HEADQUARTERS. 1ST AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No.	184251
Date	8.9.18

DISCIPLINE.

The Australian Corps Commander recently wrote to the effect that slackness generally in the A.I.F. was perhaps more noticeable at the present time than it has been for a long time previously. Whilst recognising that this slackness was in a large measure due to the almost continuous line work in which the troops have been engaged, and which has denied to Commanders those periods between battles which are so necessary for training and tightening up the discipline, he laid down very clearly that at the first opportunity rigorous steps were to be initiated to rectify a state of affairs which, if unchecked, can only seriously mar the fighting efficiency of the troops.

x The points to which he specially referred included -

- (a) Dress, - Illfitting clothing in a bad state of disrepair.
- (b) Saluting - Gradually becoming extinct.
- (c) Gambling - "Two up" being publicly played on every possible occasion.
- (d) March Discipline - Great slackness in march discipline noticeable amongst the Companies and the Transport; Rules of the road either not known or not adhered to; interval and distance bad; riding on wagons frequent.
- (e) Duties - Guards and Picquets; not uniformly turned out nor quick to turn out when they should; sentries not au fait with the compliments to be paid; etc., etc.

The opportunity is now with us to amend any of the above noted faults which may be present ~~with us~~ in the 1st. Brigade and to produce throughout amongst Officers and men strict attention to duty, dress and personal demeanor, and I am directed to ask that these matters receive your careful attention.

*Frederick*

Major.

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.



HEADQUARTERS, 1st AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. 18/4236
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28th. Sept., 1918.

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1st. Aust. Battalion.  
2nd. Aust. Battalion.  
3rd. Aust. Battalion.  
4th. Aust. Battalion.  
1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.

### TRAINING.

Training will be re-commenced on Monday, 30th. inst.

Four hours Military Training will be provided for in the forenoon of each day and two hours Recreational or Educational Training for the afternoon. The training will be designed for the first week at least to cover elementary work, i.e. the training of the Platoon by its leader. Every Platoon Commander will be tested as to his personal efficiency in Musketry, Bombing, etc. in a manner similar to that which obtained at LA KREULE a couple of months ago, before being allowed to proceed with the training of the platoon.

The re-organizing of the Battalions will be based on the idea that no platoon shall have less than 20 O/ranks. This will probably mean not more than 3 Companies per Battalion.

The 1st. L.T.M. Battery, which will be trained under the supervision of the C.O., 3rd. Battalion, will likewise do Barrack Square drill and Musketry.

Deficiencies in Instructional Stores should be made up either by indent or by unit arrangements.

Training Programmes will be submitted to reach Brigade Headquarters not later than 6 p.m. on 29th. instant.

(Sgd.) A. W. HUTCHIN.

Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.



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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 1.FROM 6 a.m. 10th SEPTEMBER, TO 6 a.m. 11th SEPTEMBER, 1918.A. OUR OPERATIONS.

1. Infantry. (a) Reliefs. 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. relieved the 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. in line, dispositions being taken up by Battalions as follows:-

2nd Aust. Battalion	-	Right Line.
1st Aust. Battalion	-	Right Support.
4th Aust. Battalion	-	Left Line.
3rd Aust. Battalion	-	Left Support.

(b) Patrols. With the object of advancing our line the following patrols were in operation during the afternoon and night:-

Left Battalion. (i) At 3.30 p.m. six patrols of 1 N.C.O. and 5 O.K. set out to make good the ground between our line and a line running North and South through L.8.Central. The left patrol reached L.8.A.2.2., and on being heavily engaged with M.G. fire from the Hill in L.8. and RUELLER WOOD, withdrew.

The centre and right patrols worked forward almost to objective when they were fired on from the trenches in L.8.C. and L.29.D., and a strong enemy party endeavoured to cut off a patrol in L.14.A.. These patrols also withdrew after sustaining and inflicting casualties.

After dark strong patrols were again sent out and encountered strong opposition. At L.8.C.2.1. a reliable estimate placed enemy strength at 50 - 80.

At 5.30 a.m. a barrage was put down on a line running approx. L.8.C.0.5. to L.20.A.0.0. and crept at 100 yard leaps to approximate line 1,000 yards East in order to facilitate work of our patrols.

Right Battalion. (ii). At 7 p.m. a platoon advanced from R.1.A.9.3. and captured trench systems in R.2.A. and B. and L.32.C. gaining their objectives.

M.G. fire was encountered during the advance. Immediately after position was taken enemy placed fairly heavy barrage on the posts. Patrols operated about 300 yards in front of these positions but no touch with enemy was gained.

On Left Company front of this Battalion a reconnoitring patrol was operating and M.G. fire was encountered.

At 12 p.m. a platoon pushed forward and occupied trenches at L.20.C.2.2. after strong resistance by M.G. fire.

At 3.30 a.m. a platoon was ordered to pass through this former platoon and occupy trench at L.20.C.8.1.; while operating this platoon was engaged by M.G. fire from approx. L.20.C.5.0. No detail are yet to hand re this operation.

The centre line Company took up a position in front of JEANCOURT in hedge at L.32.A.3.7. and vicinity. The Right Battalion is establishing posts at L.32.A.7.0. - L.32.C.7.0. and R.2.B.9.5.

2. Our Artillery. Our artillery was fairly quiet during the night. At 5.30 a.m. a barrage was put down on line L.20.A.0.0. L.8.C.0.5. and worked forward in 100 yard leaps to 1,000 yards East.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

1. Infantry. (a) Activity. Wherever met enemy infantry offered resistance and his M.Gs. were very active against any movement.

2 Trench Mortars. At 4.30 a.m. a fairly heavy barrage of Medium and Light T.M.S. was placed on front line in L.7. and 13. and lasted for 20 minutes.

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3 Artillery. Enemy artillery has been active. Squares K.10., 11. and 18. were intermittently shelled with 10 and 15 cms. and the front line in L.7. and 13. was constantly harassed.

At 4.30 a barrage of 10 and 15 cms. was put down on front line in L.7. and 13. and lasted 20 minutes.

HERVILLY WOOD and K.35.B. and D. were fairly heavily shelled during the period.

4 Aircraft. During the night E.A. were active, bombs being dropped in HAMELET and vicinity.

At 6.30 a.m. a low flying plane flew over the forward area and when over front line fired a flare bursting into a cluster of WHITE lights. This was apparently answered by a sharp burst of artillery in L.7. and 13. Later small bombs were dropped by this plane.

5 Miscellaneous. 2nd Battalion report having seen a large party of enemy marching in fours in vicinity of JEANCOURT. They were engaged by Lewis Guns and casualties estimated at 100 were caused.

6. Identifications. (i) 7 prisoners captured in L.14. and L.20. belonged to 11th Company, 21st Bav. Inf. Regt., 5th Bav. Division.

(ii) 19th Bav. Inf. Regt., 5th Bav. Division identified by Left Battalion.

(iii) 449th Inf. Regt., 233rd Division identified by shoulder strap taken from enemy killed near TINGOURT last night.

Prisoners belonging to 11th Company, 21st Bav. Inf. Regt., 5th Bav. Division state that the 4th, 8th and 12th Companies are divided up amongst the other Battalions.

Company strength at the most is 30. 10 men per Company hold the Outpost Line, remainder are 1 kilo back; supports are 3 kilos back; expect to be relieved by 6th Bav. Reserve Division.

Morale is low owing to being a long time in the line and heavy losses.

*Stob*

Lieut.,

for Brigade Major, 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.



CONFIDENTIAL.FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 2.FROM 6 a.m. 11th SEPTEMBER, TO 6 a.m. 12th SEPTEMBER, 1918.A. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) 1. Left Battalion. At 5.30 a.m. yesterday morning two Companies of 4th Battalion attacked under cover of a specially arranged artillery barrage with the high ground in L.8. and a line running approx. North and South through L.8. Central as objective.

Considerable opposition was encountered from Machine Guns, but notwithstanding all platoons reached their objective. The two posts of the Left Company were located at L.8.A.6.3. and L.8.D.1.4. and while digging in were subjected to very heavy M.G. fire from TEMPLEUX, and to direct 77 cm gunfire from the quarries in L.3.A. and B. and HARGICOURT, and heavy casualties resulted.

Under a heavy barrage the enemy counter attacked from the sunken road running North and South through L.8.A. and our men, who were able, withdrew, while 2 or 3 badly wounded men could not be removed and were taken prisoner.

The Right Company came under M.G. fire from the ridge in L.15.C. and L.8.D.4.4.; a M.G. nest was encountered round L.14.A.6.8. - here 10 enemy and 4 M.Gs. were captured and 20 - 30 of the enemy killed.

This Company established posts at L.15.A.1.6., L.14.D.7.5. and L.20. Central. When the Left Company withdrew these posts were subjected to extremely heavy M.G. fire from the high ground in L.8.D. and L.15.D. and some of enemy entered trench at L.8.D.3.0. with a M.G. The platoons were ordered to withdraw to the objective line and the Left Platoon had hard fighting to get back and suffered severely.

Owing to severe shelling and enfilade M.G. fire from L.8.D. the platoons withdrew to the old front line position about 1.30 p.m.

2. Right Battalion. At 12 noon 2 platoons from Right Coy. successfully attacked and occupied trench system in R.2.B.

As a preparatory measure for the attack a Brigade of Artillery fired shrapnel for 10 minutes in rear of objective, and L.T.M. Bty., and 2 guns of 1st M.G. Coy., assisted on right flank of attack.

Slight opposition was met and 15 prisoners and 2 Light M.Gs. were captured. 7 enemy dead were counted though more casualties were inflicted.

Immediately after capture patrols pushed out into L.32.D. and L.33.C. but did not come into contact with any enemy posts. Bomb blocks were established and a position consolidated in R.3.A.1.6.

During the night the Right Company was relieved by a Company from the 50th Aust. Battalion and withdrew to support in L.25.C. where they dug in.

The Company which had previously been in support took up front line positions in L.25.D. and consolidated. Company Headquarters was established at L.31.B.4.8.

A Platoon from Left Company took over a post from Left Battalion at L.19.D.8.6., the other two posts of Left Company remaining at L.26.D.5.8. and L.20.C.2.2. with Company Headquarters at L.19.C.9.7.

(b) Machine Guns and Snipers. During the day Lewis Gun and rifle fire was opened on enemy concentrations and casualties inflicted.

(c) Stokes Mortars. 50 rounds were fired in support of operation by Right Battalion and excellent results were observed.

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(d) Artillery. Throughout the day our artillery was active. All concentrations of enemy were engaged wherever observed and in several instances were broken up.

At 7.30 p.m. the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Aust. F.A. Bdes. and 14th Bde. R.F.A. searched and swept the area in front of front line for 20 minutes.

The start line ran L.27.C.4.2. - L.13.D.9.5. - L.1.D.9.6.

Searching fire was delivered up to 1,000 yards East of above line. It was noticeable that no enemy flares were sent up till the fire had almost reached the East Line.

(e) Aircraft. Our planes were not very active on account of the weather, but during fine spells patrolled our line.

### B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

(a) Infantry. During the operations the enemy generally fought to the last and had to be killed. On one of our platoons approaching an enemy post 6 enemy jumped out with their hands up but on seeing the small number of attackers got back into the trench and used the rifle and bombs. M.Gs. and snipers were very active and it was not till nearly dark that they were subdued.

(b) Machine Guns. The enemy machine guns were very active during the period, located at :-

	L.30.B.4.5.
	L.14.D.9.0.
High ground in	L.8.D. and L.15.D.
Quarry at	L.26.B.5.2.

(c) Artillery. Enemy artillery was very active during the morning. Following Squares received most attention - R.2., L.3., K.35.B. and D., K.36.C., K.27.D., E.26., K.2. and HERVILLY WOOD and vicinity.

Between 10 and 11 a.m. a fairly heavy barrage was put down on forward positions and from 6.23 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. a light barrage fell in forward area. The valley in K.20.A. and C. and K.26.A. and C. was searched by 5.9s. during the afternoon.

The shelling was of 77, 4.2 and 5.9 calibre, H.E. and Gas.

(d) Aircraft. At 2.30 p.m. and 3 p.m. an E.A. flew over our line.

(e) Movement. A considerable amount of movement was observed during the day in the neighbourhood of CARPEZE COPSE and JEANCOURT and trenches in their vicinity. The artillery were notified and shoots carried out which practically stopped the movement in the open.

(f) Identifications. 15 prisoners belonging to 87th I.R., 21st Division captured in R.2.D.

(g) Material Captured. 6 Light M.Gs.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 3.FROM 6 a.m. 12th SEPTEMBER, TO 6 a.m. 13th SEPTEMBER, 1918.A. OUR OPERATIONS.

1. Infantry. (a) Patrols. Left Battalion. During the night an inter-Company relief took place and at 11 p.m. patrols of both Companies went forward to the road running N. and S. through L.14.A. and C. Very little opposition was encountered and posts were established at approx. L.8.C.3.2., L.14.A.6.8., L.14.A.6.2., L.14.C.6.6. and L.20.A.4.9.

An enemy post was encountered at L.14.A.9.9. Patrol moved along a road towards this position but came under rifle, M.G. and bomb fire. Flares were being fired from about L.8.D. and L.15.A.

Right Battalion. The whole Battalion line was advanced during the night to a position in trench system East of JEAN COURT. At 5.30 p.m. patrols were pushed out from right and centre line Companies who searched JEAN COURT and found it unoccupied. On the approach of darkness two companies advanced and occupied the trench system running through L.26.B. and D. without opposition and the previous post of the left line Company at L.26.A.4.8. was pushed forward into the same trench and established at L.20.C.8.5. In the whole of this operation only one man was wounded.

Dispositions of Right Line Battalion now are:-

Battalion Headquarters - L.25.C.0.4.

Right Coy. H.Qrs. - L.32.B.4.9.

Posts. - L.32.B.6.8., L.26.D.5.1.

Centre Coy. H.Qrs. - L.26.D.5.4.

Posts. - L.26.D.6.5., L.26.D.5.8., L.26.B.4.4.

Left Coy. H.Qrs. - L.25.B.2.8.

Posts. - L.20.C.8.5., L.20.C.6.9., L.20.B.2.2.

Support Coy. (less 1 ptn) L.25.D.3.3.

1 platoon. - L.26.B.4.8.

2. Machine Guns. Lewis Guns engaged all suitable targets.

Vickers guns engaged the following targets with harassing fire - Wood in L.21.B., Woods in L.21.C. and L.21.D., Copse in L.14.D. and L.15.C. 11,000 rounds were expended.

3. Artillery. Our artillery fired intermittently throughout the period. 60 pounders were most consistent. 18 pdr. shrap. was observed bursting at L.15. and 21. 60 pdrs. were firing on L.20.D.

4. Aircraft. Reconnaissance machines kept the front line under observation practically the whole day in spite of the inclemency of the weather.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

1. (a) Infantry Activity. Enemy Infantry were much quieter during the period and it would appear that they have withdrawn their former line of outposts to a rear position. No large enemy parties were observed during the day.

At 11.30 p.m. on night 11/12th an enemy party of about 15 attempted to raid our posts in E.3.A. They were observed approaching and were driven off by Lewis Gun and bomb fire. Patrols followed up immediately but were unable to obtain indentifications.

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(b) Machine Guns. These were not as active as usual, just firing short bursts at intervals.

(c) Trench Mortars. Nil.

2. Artillery. Enemy artillery was fairly active. No concentrations were noticeable, with the exception of the villages of HARVILLY and ROISEL. The former was shelled at intervals during the night whilst the latter received much attention from guns of all calibre up to 8 inch.

At 6 p.m. enemy heavily shelled the sunken road running through K.30.C.0.0. Between 7 p.m. and 8.15 p.m. ROISEL was shelled by 10 and 15 cms.

Generally speaking the shelling was very scattered.

3. Aircraft. At 1.40 p.m. 4 hostile machines flew high along our front line and were engaged and driven off by A.A. fire. At 6.50 p.m. the same thing occurred. At 7 p.m. one hostile machine over our forward area was driven off by A.A. fire.

4. Defences. New earth was observed along trench at L.15.A.5.2. and at L.21.A.2.8. and L.15.C.3.6.

5. Movement. Movement observed during the day was less than usual and in most instances individual. Movement was observed in BROSSE and PIEUMEL WOODS and their vicinity and in CARPEZA COPSE. At 9 a.m. two men moving about near what appeared to be a post at F.27.A.15.63. At 2.10 p.m. three enemy were seen moving about in trench at L.15.A.5.2. At 3.40 p.m. several enemy were observed working in trench at L.21.A.2.8. At 5.45 p.m. 5 enemy working in trench at L.15.C.3.6. Throughout afternoon good deal of individual movement was observed in F.27.

6. Miscellaneous. (a) Double RED and single WHITE flares brought down a light barrage on L.25. and 31. lasting 5 minutes.

(b) At 6.30 p.m. an enemy wiring party in L.8.C. was dispersed by L.3. fire.

7. Identifications. Shoulder strap taken from enemy killed on night 10/11th near JEANCOURT showed him as belonging to 81st Inf. Regt., 21st Division.

Near this dead Hun were 20 discarded rifles showing signs that the party attacked by our patrol on night 10/11th suffered heavy casualties.

CORRIGENDUM. Summary of Intelligence No. 2.

Enemy M.Gs. for L.30.B.4.5. read L.20.B.4.5.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 4.

FROM 6 a.m. 13th SEPTEMBER, TO 6 a.m. 14th SEPTEMBER, 1918.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

1. Infantry. (a) Patrols. ~~Left~~ <sup>RIGHT</sup> Battalion. (i) Patrol of 1 Officer and 6 O.R. left L.32.B.2.5. and proceeded to L.32.B.9.8. No enemy were located though flares were being fired from approx. L.33.A.4.6., which point patrol tried to reach but were unable on account of very thick wire.

(ii) Patrol of 1 Officer and 6 O.R. left L.32.B.3.9. and moved along East of road for 200 yards. From here flares were seen to be fired from approx. L.33.A.0.6. Patrol then moved N.E. to about L.27.C.25.10. and area round this point was searched. Sounds of transport on the roads were coming from direction of LE VERGUIER. French, trip and barbed wire encountered at L.27.C.4.1. running from JEANCOURT - LE VERGUIER Road northwards.

(iii) A patrol of 7 O.R. left L.26.D.4.7. and proceeded in E. direction for approx. 400 yards where a party of 6 enemy was encountered; they were bombed and hurriedly withdrew. Proceeding Northward two more enemy patrols were encountered of two men each but these returned on approach of our patrol. Patrol moved 400 yards along FERVAQUE SWITCH without seeing any signs of enemy.

Bombing block established at L.20.C.9.7. in FERVAQUE SWITCH. Pioneer Battalion party consolidated post at L.20.B.2.2. Post at L.32.B.6.8. was consolidated and new trench dug at L.26.D.7.2.

~~Right~~ <sup>LEFT</sup> Battalion. During the night the line was advanced slightly without opposition.

(i) At 11 p.m. patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 3 O.R. left L.7.C.8.5. and moved to L.8.C.50.75. No enemy were encountered. M.G. fire appeared to come from Hill 140. Small post was dug at L.8.C.5.7. and occupied. Enemy posts exist at L.8.C.8.2. and L.8.D.2.3.

(ii) Patrol of one N.C.O. and 3 O.R. left L.14.C.9.3. and proceeded towards CARPEZE COPSE which was found to be occupied by enemy. Enemy posts were located at L.15.A.5.2. and on Eastern side of CARPEZA COPSE.

Left Battalion line now runs :- L.20.B.3.8., L.14.D.2.2., L.14.A.9.1., L.14.A.7.7., L.8.C.3.2., L.7.D.8.8. and L.8.C.0.5.

(b) Machine Guns. Our Lewis Guns fired on all suitable targets. Vickers Guns did not fire during the night owing to our patrols being out to some depth.

(c) Stokes Mortars. Inactive during the period.

2. Artillery. Our artillery shewed a marked increase in volume of fire during the period and enemy rear areas received considerable attention. CARPEZA COPSE and Sq. L.15. were searched with 18 pdr. shrapnel.

3. Aircraft. Our planes were very active, particularly so during the afternoon. In every instance when over enemy lines they were engaged by enemy A.A. fire.

At 3.20 p.m. 5 of our planes flew in direction of 3 enemy balloons. The balloons were withdrawn and the planes came under very heavy A.A. fire. Four planes only were seen to return.

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## B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

1. (a) Infantry. Enemy Infantry remained quiet during the period and on all occasions his patrols withdrew on the approach of ours.

(b) Machins Guns. Were not so active during the night. Enemy M.G. at L.14.B.5.9. was forced to abandon its position on account of our fire.

M.G. at L.14.B.1.8. fired almost continuously during the night.

(c) Trench Mortars. Inactive.

2. Artillery. A slight decrease in artillery fire was noticeable; it is still very scattered.

HERVILLY, HERVILLY WOOD and ROISEL received special attention. Railway in K.35.B., L.25.C., L.31.A., K.30.D., K.36.A. together with the forward positions generally were subjected to intermittent fire. No heavy concentrations occurred. Enemy shelling tables attached (to ~~artillery~~ *Division*).

3. Aircraft. At 6.25 a.m. an E.A. flew over our forward area. At 7.45 a.m. E.A. flew over JEANCOURT and was turned by A.A. fire. At 7 p.m. an E.A. flying over Battalion on our right fired RED and WHITE flares and a barrage immediately fell on their front.

During the early evening bombing machines crossed our area. Two were caught in the beams of searchlights and were brought down.

4. Movement. During early morning several men seen moving in vicinity of L.33.C.7.8. Movement in rear of mound in L.3.B. continues. During morning considerable enemy movement was observed on crest of ridge at L.22.A. Five 2 horse G.S. wagons and 4 horsemen were observed here.

At 1.30 p.m. small parties were observed on ridge in L.21.

5. Miscellaneous. Enemy balloons at grid bearings of 37° 69° and 94° were up during periods during afternoon. O.P. - K.27.B.1.4.

During operations on night 12/13th an N.C.O. of 4th Battalion was carrying to outpost line and strayed into enemy territory. He was surprised and taken by a patrol of 6 enemy and relieved of his rifle and equipment but not searched.

The party was then fired on by one of our posts and the enemy sought cover. Taking advantage of the confusion the N.C.O. made off in direction of the firing and eventually returned to our lines.

RED and WHITE flare fired by E.A. brought down barrage on Battalion on our right.

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## 1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

## SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE No. 5.

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From 6 a.m. 14/9/18 to 6 a.m. 15/9/18.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

1. Infantry. (a) Reliefs. The 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade was relieved by the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade in the line, 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade on completion of relief taking over the dispositions vacated by 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

(b) Patrols. At 3 p.m. a patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 2 other ranks left our post at L.26.D.5.8. to find if trenches in L.27.A. were occupied by the enemy. Patrol proceeded to L.26.B.8.6. and were fired on by enemy sniper from L.27.A.1.8. The patrol returned to point of departure at 4.15 p.m.

2. Artillery. Our artillery was active during the period and particularly so between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. 18 pdrs. shelled CARPEZA COPSE, L.21.C. and L.27.A. with H.E. and Shrapnel. Between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. a 6" Howitzer shelled L.22.C. with good result, men being seen to run in all directions. During the day our heavies shelled enemy rear areas.

3. Aircraft. Our planes were very active in large numbers during the period and several actions with enemy planes at high altitudes took place, enemy planes being without exception driven off.

On several occasions our planes flew very low over Squares L.13., 14., 19., 20., 25. and 26 without interference by enemy A.A. or M.G. fire; on bearing NORTH or SOUTH of this area however they were actively engaged by A.A. and M.G. fire. This was a very noticeable feature of air operations.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

1. Infantry. No new feature of enemy infantry activity was noticeable.

2. Artillery. A slight decrease in enemy artillery fire was noticeable. At 11.30 a.m. a concentration was put down in K.36.A. and C. and K.35.D. by 10 cm. howitzer, 6 guns being active.

At 11.50 a.m. three 10 cm. howitzers fired approx. 40 rounds on K.23.A. and K.22.B.

HERVILLY, HERVILLY WOOD, ROISEL and forward areas generally were intermittently shelled.

Shelling tables attached (to Division).

3. Aircraft. Enemy planes were seen at high altitude behind enemy lines but in few instances only approached our line. Between 1 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. an E.A. flying high approached our line but was driven off by A.A. fire.

At 3.45 p.m. 4 hostile machines flew along the front and were engaged by A.A. fire and driven off.

At 10.10 a.m. enemy observation balloons at grid bearings of 47°, 87°, 91° and 95° from K.27.B.1.4. were forced to descend by our planes. At 10.30 a.m. an enemy balloon got adrift and disappeared at a great height; two observers were seen to descend in parachutes.

4. Movement. (a) Hostile movement in L.22 was observed at intervals throughout the day. Artillery were informed and a battery shelled the vicinity with good effect.

(b) Shortly after daybreak small parties numbering approx. 50 in all were seen to enter PIEUMEL WOOD in L.28.C.

(c) Movement was seen at cunning at L.22.C.5.8.

(d) At 10.30 a.m. 3 men left GRAND PRIEL WOOD and ran across to trench system in L.22.A.

5. Miscellaneous. (a) At 11.50 a.m. a white flare was sent up from BROSS WOOD on which a brisk bombardment of rear areas followed.

(b) At 2.40 a.m. a small trail of smoke was seen at L.21.D.9.9.; no movement could be seen.

(c) At 9.30 a.m. a heavy white smoke screen was seen at a grid bearing of 81° from K.27.B.1.4. and appeared to be a dump on fire; no explosion was distinguishable.

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At 5.20 am the Brigade with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn on the right and the 4<sup>th</sup> Bn on the left and the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn & 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn on the right and left respectively attacked with the object of gaining the Brown and the red objective lines.

Right Battalion 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn.

Our barrage fell at 5.20 am and was replied to by shells of large calibre on deep barrage lines. Owing to the dense mist a certain amount of difficulty was experienced in keeping direction and the work of scouts in keeping touch on the flanks is worthy of much praise. Very little enemy resistance was met during the first 800 yds and up to this point only 9 prisoners were taken. From then on resistance stiffened and in several instances our advance was temporarily checked. Our Lewis guns did excellent work and by firing both from the hip and shoulder silenced many enemy machine guns. When nearing the Brown Line an enemy Machine Gun checked our advance but with the assistance of a tank overcame.

Left Battalion 4<sup>th</sup> Bn.

The left Battalion found it hard to



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maintain direction and touch with flanking units owing to the dense mist and the work of scouts was again highly praised. The first definite opposition encountered was on the east side of the sunken road in L. 8. b. This was dealt with promptly and the first prisoners were sent back. The wire in L. 3. d and L. 9. a - as found in good condition and while crossing it our troops were subjected to M.G. fire from the quarries in L. 3. d. and the scarp in L. 9. b. The left coy took prisoners at L. 3. d central and killed between 20-30 enemy who attempted to escape. British opposition was met from the quarries and the support company was used to assist in mopping up.

At 7.10 am our troops were EAST of HARGICOURT and the village was mopped up from N to S.

The Battalion dug in on the line L. 5. d. 3.3. — L. 4. b. 7.7. and a combined post was established with the Buffs at L. 4. a. 8.3. and touch on right established.

Right Battalion 1st Bn (200 objectives.)

Having advanced behind the 2nd Bn to the Brown Line the 1st Bn reorganised on the sunken road running N & S through L. 9. a and



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and at 8.30 am moved through the BROWN LINE and captured the RED LINE, ultimately exploiting and establishing a line G.I.d. 85.15, G.I.d. 9.0, G.I.d. 60.25, G.8.a. 1.1., G.8.a. 0.4.

Immediately the left coy was established a patrol under cover of smoke bombs patrolled the high ground in L.2.C, a few enemy were seen but no posts were encountered.

Patrols worked along the front to a depth of 200 yards and no opposition was encountered.

Left Battalion. 3rd Bn (2nd Objective)

Until reaching the Brown Line, this Bn remained in support and on the 4th Bn capturing the BROWN LINE moved through them to attack the RED LINE.

The Left Company moved slightly N and mopped up NEW QUARRY in F.29.C. and trenches in F.29.d. Much machine gun fire was encountered E of HARGICOURT. which prevented the attacking troops from keeping up with the barrage. By outflanking these machine gun nests the RED LINE was gained, many of the enemy withdrawing from trenches in G.I.b. to trenches on the crest of the ridge. From here and also from the ridge on the left flank, snipers



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and M. G. fire prevented exploitation to any depth. Eventually a position was taken up in WINNOWER TRENCH and reorganisation commenced.

(b) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained touch between Rno and flank Brigades during the night.

(c) Machine Guns. There were no MGs during the barrage and moved up with the Battalion eventually taking up a position for defence. Lewis guns did excellent work in silencing enemy M. G. s.

## 2. Artillery.

The Barrage put down at zero was very effective and excellent shooting was carried out during the whole of the attack. Throughout the night harassing fire and a counter preparation shoot at 5 am was carried out.

## 3. Aircraft.

Our contact planes were over during the attack but the 3rd Bn state they were not sufficiently far forward when calling for signals.

Our fighting planes were up continuously but did not increase



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B. Enemy Intelligence @ Infantry.

Enemy infantry did not offer much resistance though in some instances their M.L.'s held up our troops momentarily. One instance is C.T.A. of a machine gun nest leaving their position and guns on the approach of a tank.

(2) Artillery.

Enemy retaliation to our barrage was not heavy. He did not appear to attempt to put down anything in the nature of a barrage but rather more a sort of lane shoot of considerable depth. The most conspicuous gun was the 4.2. how, though 7.7's and 5.9's were also in evidence.

The majority of shelling was HE though a large amount of scattered yellow X occurred. A good many of his gas shells fell on high ground which would suggest that his shooting was very erratic.



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Throughout the whole period no concentrations occurred.

VILLEPET and HARGICOURT and their vicinity were shelled by s.g.'s after their capture. C. Y. L. was intermittently shelled by s.g.'s. Generally speaking during the whole period the shelling was light and scattered.

(3) Aircraft.

Low flying planes were active during the period and very daring.

Enemy battle planes were active at 2.30 pm, one flight of 9 being observed.

At about 11 am two of our s.g.'s were shot down by the same enemy plane. It appeared to be a new type of machine, about the size of an SE 5 with no stagger, ~~pronounced~~ finetail and overhang, painted grey and carried what would appear to be a machine gun installation forward of the front edge of the upper plane, two seats and carried two machine guns. Observation was obtained on this machine when at a height of less than 200 feet.

(4) Housework

Between 6 pm and 7 pm about 200 of enemy in small groups



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moved along ridge through G.2. and appeared to occupy old trenches in G.2.a. During the night there was continual activity behind the enemy lines, consolidation work, and shouting being continually heard.

(5) Miscellaneous.

About 8.30 pm single and double red flares were fired along whole of enemy front. Shortly afterwards a short barrage from field guns fell on our positions.

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1<sup>st</sup> Australian Infantry Brigade  
Summary of Intelligence No 2  
from 6am 19 9 18 to 6am 20 9 18

A Our operations ① Patrols Right Bn

- ① Liaison patrols maintained touch between posts and flanker units during the night
- ② A patrol of 1 mes and 6 men left C 7 b 57 at 10 pm and moved forward to a depth of 300 yds returning to C 1 d 5.1 at 11 30 pm. An enemy post was located at C 2 c 3.0
- ③ Protective patrols were in operation between 3 am and 5 30 am but no movement of enemy was detected

Left Bn

- ① The trench system running through C 2 a 4 4 and WOOD TRENCH were reconnoitred and found unoccupied. There are no enemy troops forward of main line running round crest of ridge from A 20 c 0.4 to A 26 central to A 26 d 4.0. Liaison patrols maintained touch between posts and with flanking Battalions.



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(2) Snipers and Machine Guns

Our snipers and machine guns found many targets during the day and enemy parties were dispersed. Machine guns carried out a harassing programme.

(3) Aircraft

Our contact planes were active during the day calling for our line. At 10 am a DH 4 dropped bombs from a low altitude on enemy positions in C 2 b.

Large formations were seen crossing into enemy at 11 am, 3 pm and 5 pm.

(4) Artillery

Our artillery has been very active during the period. A barrage was put down at 7 30 pm and 5 15 am and the shooting was very accurate.

Shots on observed movement was carried out at all opportunities occurred.

B Enemy Intelligence

Enemy machine guns and snipers were quieter during the period. From movement observed as described under "Movement" it would appear as if the enemy has either been relieved or reinforced.



(a) Machine guns

There was a decrease in machine gun fire during the day, though they became more active during the night.

(b) Artillery

Enemy artillery was slightly more active in reply to our counter preparation was fairly heavy. The forward barrage line appears to be between MINNOW & FERRET TRENCH. Shelling tables attached (to Division).

(c) Aircraft

Enemy planes were not so active as during the previous period. A flight crossed our line at high altitude. At 5.40 pm a low flying reconnaissance machine crossed our line.

(d) Defences

Enemy occupy trenches running along high ground from F 24 d 4 4 cross roads at A 20 c 0.5 in rear of farm at A 20 c 4 1 thence along QUENNEMONT TRENCH & PIT LANE to A 26 d 5 0.



Enemy M Gs at

A 19 d 00

C 8 a 86

C 8 a 46

Post at C 2 c 3.0

(c) Movement

Enemy movement was observed round trenches in C 2 c

Approx 40 enemy were seen near Railway Embankment in C 4 d.

Considerable movement seen round trench at C 4 d. 9.5

During the night an enemy limber came down road towards A 25 b 55 apparently to try and remove shells & battery stores.

In all instances artillery & M Gs dispersed enemy movement & some excellent shooting was observed.

(d) Miscellaneous. A battery of 5 Gs is still just in front of our left Coy. Breech blocks have been removed.

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1st A.I. BDE.

6 am - 6 am 20/21st Sept 18.

A. Our Operations.

1. Patrols scoured the front during the period, maintained touch and covered the assembly for this morning's attack.
2. The 6th Bn relieved 1st Bn who subsequently attacked through the right half of the left Bn sectors.

The 3rd Bn simultaneously advanced on their left and the 6th Bn established a platoon post at

G. 2. C. 0. 4.

Our line now runs A. 25. D. 86, A. 26 C. 24 - G. 2. A. 98 - G. 2. A. 80 - G. 2. C. 04 - thence as before.

Approximately 50 prisoners resulted from the enterprises.

3. Our Artillery carried out strong area strafes and C.B. shoots throughout the period, and at 5.40 am put down the barrage.

4. Our aircraft were active.

B. The Enemy.

5. His artillery was consistently active during the period, all calibre up to 5.9 being employed.

A noticeable increase in guns as opposed to hows.

6. His planes were active in the late afternoon when none of ours were up. They flew about fairly freely but eventually returned.

Our A.A.s and M.G.s did what they could to engage them.

His large bombing machines were active in the forward area at night. No damage is reported.

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Brigade Major 1st A.I. Bde.



Summary of Intelligence No. 34 from 6 am 21/9/18  
to 6 am 22/9/18

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A. Our Operations -

1. Infantry - (a) The 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Inf Battalion after relief by the 6<sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Batt. formed up on a line running approx G 1 D 6 5 - G 1 B 4 4. and at 5.40 am on 21<sup>st</sup> inst attacked enemy defences in G 2 A B and C under cover of an artillery barrage.

By 7 am all objectives had been gained and posts established at G 2 B 0 7, G 2 B 0 5 50 and G 2 A 9 0.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Inf Batt. also advanced their line without oppositions but in view of the situation on their left they were afterwards withdrawn.

(b) Reliefs - On the night 21/22 inst. the 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Inf Bde was relieved by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Inf Bde; the 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Inf Bde taking over the dispositions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Inf Bde as support Brigade.

(c) Machine Guns - Vickers guns fired a barrage table during the operation and engaged selected targets as protection for the advance.

Lewis Guns fired on enemy movement at various times seen in vicinity of trench systems in G 2 B and G 3 A and C.

(d) Snipers - Many opportunities were offered to snipers and as many as 20 hits are claimed.

② Artillery - Our artillery was very active during the period. The barrage in the morning was excellent and a protective barrage was maintained in front of our positions for about an hour after they were gained.

③ Aircraft - Our planes were active during the period.

(B) Enemy Intelligence



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1. Infantry Enemy did not offer much resistance during the attack. This was probably due to the completeness of our barrage.

Afterwards however he was very alert, and his Machine guns and snipers were very active.

2. Artillery - Enemy barrage during the attack was heavy and consisted for the main part of 4.2s and 5.9s. This activity was maintained on our forward positions throughout the day though a considerable slackening was noticeable from 10 am onwards.

3. Aircraft - At 6.30 am 6 enemy low flying planes flew over our lines, but were driven off by AA and MG fire.

At 10.30 and 10.55 am a hostile plane flew along our forward area.

At 11 am 7 enemy planes flew south along our front at a high altitude.

Enemy bombing machines were active during the night.

4. Miscellaneous - At 8.30 am a large explosion giving off dense clouds of black smoke occurred in enemy rear area TB of 58° from L 4 A. 7.6.

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