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GENERAL STAFF, HEADQUARTERS, XV CORPS.	
No.	411
Date	24.10.16.

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<del>III Corps.</del>	<del>Y Corps.</del>
<del>XIV Corps.</del>	<del>Reserve Army.</del>
<del>XV Corps.</del>	<del>Third Army.</del>
<del>4th Bde. R.F.C.</del>	<del>Sixth French Army.</del>
<del>2nd Cav. Div.</del>	<del>Adm. Q.</del>
	<del>2nd Ind. Comd. Div.</del>
	<del>Cavalry Corps.</del>

For information.

GENERAL STAFF, HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.	
No.	299/54(G).
Date	24.10.16.

1. Reference Fourth Army Nos. 299/52(G) of 19.10.16 and 299/53(G) of 22.10.16.
2. The attack of III and XV Corps in conjunction with the attack of the Reserve Army is postponed from 25th to 26th Oct. *30 Oct.*
3. Watches will be synchronized by telephone with Signals, A.H.Q., at 6 p.m. on 25th October. *29 Oct.*
4. Acknowledge by wire.

*Almon*

Major General.  
General Staff, Fourth Army.

H.Q., Fourth Army.  
23rd October, 1916.

Act. *MD*

Issued at 10.45 pm.



SECRET.

1.A./104.G.X.

C. 68/3

29th Division.  
B.G. R.A.  
XIV Corps (for information).

501 9326

1. Herewith copy of XIV Corps Order S.82/79 as regards evacuation of trenches on their left to enable us to bombard STORMY TRENCH.
2. Arrangements will be made by XV Corps with XIV Corps as to the exact hour at which withdrawal will take place on 24th and 25th, also as to hour of re-occupation on evening of 24th. These hours will be notified to 29th Division and B.G.R.A. this evening.
3. 29th Division when arranging for withdrawal from such portions of GREASE TRENCH, as may be necessary to allow of bombardment of STORMY TRENCH, will bear the following points in mind :-
  - (a) Hour of evacuation to be definite and bombardment to begin at once. No interval to be left in which enemy can move forward before bombardment begins.
  - (b) Bombing posts with machine guns to be left as close as is reasonably safe.
  - (c) Arrangements to be made to cover with machine gun fire the area evacuated and to enfilade any trenches leading through the area to our position.
4. 29th Division will get into touch with 8th Division as regards detailed arrangements for withdrawal.

H.Q. XV Corps,  
23/10/16.

*Sp. G. Thompson*  
for  
Brigadier-General,  
General Staff.



SECRET..

C 68/3  
S. 82/79.

8th Div.  
XV Corps (for information).

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1. The XV Corps wish to carry out a complete bombardment of STORMY TRENCH on the 24th inst. and again on the morning of the 25th inst., previous to an attack on this trench on the 25th inst.

2. It will therefore be necessary to withdraw any troops in CLOUDY TRENCH and MILD TRENCH to a position of safety during the hours of daylight.

3. On the 24th inst. and on the morning of the 25th inst., no troops of the 8th Div. will be further N.W. in CLOUDY TRENCH than N 21 d 8 5/8, or in MILD TRENCH than N 81 d 7 3/8.

These portions of the trenches which have to be evacuated will be re-occupied at the hour of zero on the 25th inst., in combination with the attack of the XV Corps.

4. The 8th Div. will get in touch with the right division of the XV Corps and ascertain what steps they are taking to clear their front, and also to cover with machine gun fire the portions of the trenches which have been temporarily evacuated.

5. Acknowledge by wire.

(Sgt.) F. GATHORNE HARDY,

Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
XIV Corps.

22/10/16.



SECRET

1 A/105 G.X.

5th Australian Div.  
B.G., R.A.

1. Advanced trenches evacuated by 5th Australian Div. will be re-occupied at 5 p.m. to-day by such bombing posts, Lewis guns and Machine guns as may be necessary to prevent enemy penetrating into advanced trenches.

At 5 p.m. heavy artillery will cease fire on THE MAZE and BAYONET TRENCH opposite advanced trenches in question.

2. Withdrawal will again be carried out at 7 a.m. on 24th and advanced trenches will be re-occupied at 5 p.m. on 24th

On 25th withdrawal will be carried out at 7 a.m. Heavy Artillery will arrange that their fire on THE MAZE and BAYONET TRENCH commences and ceases in accordance with above times.

3. When making arrangements for withdrawal 5th Australian Division will bear the following points in mind:-

- (a) Hour of evacuation to be definite and bombardment to begin at once. No interval to be left in which enemy can move forward before bombardment begins.
- (b) Bombing posts with Machine guns to be left as close as is reasonably safe.
- (c) Arrangements to be made to cover with Machine Gun fire the area evacuated, and to enfilade any trenches leading through the area to our position.

H.Q.XV Corps  
23rd October, 1916.

(Sd) C. P. Raymond  
Brigadier-General,  
General Staff.



DIARY

SECRET.

240/26 G.

C 58/5  
510

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30th Division.  
1st Australian Division.  
XIV Corps (for information).

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1. Moves will take place to-morrow, October 24th, in accordance with the attached March Table.
2. Intervals of 200 yards will be kept between each Company and Regimental Transport, and 400 yards between Battalions, Field Companies, R.E., and Field Ambulances.
3. Arrangements for handing over billets and camps will be made between Divisions concerned.
4. Please acknowledge.

H.Q., XV Corps,  
23/10/1918.

*J. H. Stuedgen*  
for Brigadier-General,  
General Staff.

Copy to "Q", XV Corps.



S E C R E T.

MARCH TABLE to ACCOMPANY XV CORPS No. 240/28 G  
of 23/10/18.

Date of Move.	Formation.	From.	To.	Replacing.	Who Proceed to.	Route.	Remarks.
October 24th.	One Inf. Brigade Group.	BUIRE	MAMETZ WOOD (S.20.a.)	1st Australian Divn. 89th Inf. Bde. Group, 30th Division.	BUIRE.	DERNANCOURT - MEUILTE - PRICOURT Road. If weather permits, Horse Track just North of Road will be used both for troops and transport.	Starting point road junction D.30.a.7.4. Time 8 a.m.
do.	One Inf. Brigade Group.	DERNAN-COURT.	POMMIERS Camp. (S.28.c.)	21st Inf. Bde. Group, 30th Division.	DERNANCOURT.		Starting point Forked roads at E.21.a.9.9. Time 1 p.m.
do.	89th Inf. Bde. Group.	MAMETZ WOOD.	BUIRE.	30th Division. One Inf. Bde. Group, 1st Australian Division.	MAMETZ WOOD.		Start at 8 a.m.
do.	21st Inf. Bde. Group.	POMMIERS CAMP.	DERNAN-COURT.	One Inf. Bde. Group, 1st Australian Division.	POMMIERS CAMP.		Start at 1 p.m.

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9376 C. 68/6

*Diary*

S E C R E T.

512

1st Australian Div. Artillery. 240/22/1 G.  
1st Australian Division. ) for  
B.G., R.A., XV Corps. ) information.

1. Two Field Artillery Brigades and Divisional Ammunition Column, 1st Australian Div., will march from BONNAY and LA NEUVILLE to Area A (W.W. of DERBANGOURT) on 24th October.

Starting Point. - Eastern exit of BONNAY.  
Time. - 8.30 a.m.  
Route. - BONNAY - HEILLY - BUIRE.

2. Troops and transport will march via horse track just North of HEILLY - BUIRE Road if weather permits.

3. On the march intervals of 200 yards will be kept between Sections.

4. Please acknowledge.

H.Q., XV Corps.  
23/10/18.

*Platt*  
Brigadier-General.  
General Staff.



SECRET.

*Diary C. 1/2*  
*5/11*  
*9286* G.S. 2/22

1. Operations ordered in XV Corps Order No.72 are postponed 24 hours.

They will now take place on the 26th October.

2.— XV Corps Order No.72 will hold good with the following amendments:—

Para.1 - for "25th Oct." read "26th Oct."

Para.8 - for "24th Oct." read "25th Oct."

Para.9 - for "24th Oct." read "25th Oct."

3. Acknowledge by wire.

H.Q. XV Corps  
23rd October, 1918.

*J. R. Wetters Maj.*  
*JR* Brigadier-General,  
General Staff.

Issued to all recipients of XV Corps Order No.72



S E C R E T.

WAR DIARY - 24th OCTOBER, 1916.

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A P P E N D I C E S.

9396

<u>No.</u>	<u>SUBJECT.</u>
C. 69/1	Morning Situation.
C. 69/2	Fourth Army Wire G.2595 - Postponing Operations from 26th to 28th October.
C. 69/3	XV Corps G.S. 2/23.
C. 69/4	XV Corps 240/28 G.
C. 69/5	XV Corps 240/15 G.
C. 69/6	XV Corps 1 A/106 G.X.
C. 69/7	Evening Situation.



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SECRET.

G.S.2/25

52

1. Operations ordered in XV Corps Order No.72 will be postponed a further 48 hours.  
They will now take place on October 28th.

2. XV Corps Order No.72 will be amended as follows:-

(a) Para.1 line 2 - for "26th Oct." read "28th Oct."

(b) Cancel para.2 (a).  
Orders will be issued later giving information as to attack of XIV Corps.

(c) Para.8, line 5.- for "25th Oct." read "27th Oct."

(d) Para.9, line 2.- for "25th Oct." read "27th Oct."

3. Acknowledge.

*J.R.W. Theod. May*

H.Q.XV Corps  
24th October, 1918.

*fw* Brigadier-General,  
General Staff.

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DIARY

9416

SECRET.

240/1210.

1st Australian Div. Artillery.  
1st New Zealand Div. Artillery.  
5th Australian Division )  
XIV Corps ) for information.  
H.Q., H.A., XV Corps. )

C. 69/4  
- 523

1. (a) 1st Australian Div. Artillery will relieve 1st New Zealand Div. Artillery in the line on 25th/26th and 26th/27th October.
- (b) After relief 1st New Zealand Div. Artillery will concentrate in the area BONSAY - LA NEUVILLE.
2. (a) The necessary moves between wagon lines and the back area will be carried out in accordance with the attached March Table.
- (b) On the march minimum intervals of 200 yards will be kept between sections.
- (c) The horse track North of the DEMARCOURT - REAULTRE - PHICOURT Road will be used (if weather permits).

H.Q., XV Corps,  
24/10/1918.

*R. W. Sturges*  
Brigadier-General,  
General Staff.

Copy to ~~H.Q., XV Corps.~~  
~~A.D.A.S., XV Corps.~~



C.69/4

March Table to accompany XV Corps 240/22 (3) 6/24/10/14.

Unit.	Date	From	To	Remarks
<u>1st AUSTRALIAN DIV. ARTILLERY.</u>				
Portion relieving on 25/26th October	25/10/16	Area "A" S.W. of DUFMANCOURT	New Zealand Div. Artillery Wagon Lines	March at 8 a.m.
Remainder	26/10/16	do	do	do
<u>1st NEW ZEALAND DIV. ARTILLERY.</u>				
Portion relieved on night 25/26th October	26/10/16	Wagon Lines	BONNAY - LA NEUVILLE	March at 8 a.m. An Officer will report to "C" XV Corps to make necessary arrangements re billeting
Remainder	27/10/16	do	do	March at 8 a.m.

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DIARY

SECRET.

240/15 G.C.

525  
69/15

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30th Division.  
III Corps (for information).

1. The 30th Division (less Artillery and Pioneer Battalion) will be transferred from Fourth Army (XV Corps) to Third Army from midnight 25th/26th October, and will move to Third Army area in accordance with attached Table.

2. On the march to the assembly position, and during the march of the transport, the following intervals will be maintained :-

(a) Between Companies - 200 yards.  
Between Battalions - 400 yards.

(b) Between transport of Battalions, Field Companies, R.E., and Field Ambulances - 100 yards.  
Between transport of Brigade Groups - 1,000 yards.

3. An Officer of 30th Division should be sent in advance to H.Q., VII Corps, at PAS, to make billeting arrangements in LUCHEUX area.

4. The Pioneer Battalion will rejoin its Division in Third Army area about November 2nd. Orders for the move of the Artillery will be issued later.

5. Please acknowledge by wire.

H.Q., XV Corps,  
24/10/1916.

*J. J. [Signature]*  
1/4  
Brigadier-General,  
General Staff.

Copy to "Q", XV Corps.



SECRET.

Issued with XV Corps No. 240/15 G.

Move of 30th DIVISION (less Artillery and Pioneer Battalion).

Unit.	Road or Bus.	Date.	To.	Route.	Remarks.
All Transport	Road	25/10/16.	TALMAS.	<sup>D.20.b.6.2</sup> Road Junction/- LA HOUSOYE - QUERRIEU - ST. GRATIEN - MOLLIENS.	To be clear of QUERRIEU by 10.30 a.m.
All Transport	Road	26/10/16.	Third Army area. (LUCHEUX area.)	BEAUVAL - DOULLENS - thence as ordered by Third Army.	Head of column to reach DOULLENS at 12 noon.
All Dismounted Personnel.	Bus	26/10/16.	Third Army area. (LUCHEUX area.)	AMIENS - VECQUEMONT - CORBIE BONNAY - RIBEMONT, thence along main ALBERT - QUERRIEU road to AMIENS - MARIEUX - ORVILLE - HALLOY, thence as ordered by Third Army. Busses returning via DOUL- LENS.	Heads of Brigade Groups will arrive at assembly position in D.22.a.&b at 6.45 a.m., 8.15 a.m. and 9.45 a.m. re- spectively. Troops will embus on ALBERT - AMIENS Road. Brigade Group from RIBEMONT will be the first to embus.

24/10/1916.

24/10/16



*Diary*

SECRET. *C. 69/6*

1.A/100 B.X.

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B.G., R.A.  
29th Division.  
1st Australian Division.  
5th Australian Division.  
XIV Corps. (for information)

1. Heavy Artillery will not bombard on October 25th those portions of STORMY TRENCH, Trenches in M 30 c and d, BAYONET TRENCH and THE MAZE which are within 300 yards of our advanced trenches.

No withdrawal of troops of 29th Division and 5th Australian Division will therefore be necessary on the 25th October.

2. The order that no Heavy Artillery are to fire on enemy front or support trenches between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. will also hold good for nights of 25th/26th, 26th/27th and 27th/28th October.

*C. H. Helliwell*

Brigadier-General,  
General Staff.

H.Q., XV Corps,  
24/10/18.



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S E C R E T.

WAR DIARY - 25th OCTOBER, 1916. <sup>529</sup>

A P P E N D I C E S.

<u>No.</u>	<u>SUBJECT.</u>
C. 70/1	Morning Situation Reports.
C. 70/2	G.436 - Instructing New Zealand Divisional Artillery not to pass CARCAILLOT FARM before 9.30 a.m. on 26/10/16.
C. 70/3	Evening Situation Reports.
C. 70/4	Fourth Army letter 311/109 (G) of 24/10/16, re transfer of 2nd Australian Division to XV Corps.

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SECRET

GENERAL STAFF,  
HEADQUARTERS  
XV CORPS  
No. 240/309  
Date 25.10.16

C 70/4

GENERAL STAFF,  
HEADQUARTERS,  
4th ARMY.  
No. 311/109 (G)  
Date 24-10-16

~~Fourth Army "LONG"~~

XV Corps. )  
~~III Corps~~ ) For information.  
~~XIV Corps~~ )

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1. The 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery) will be transferred from X Corps to XV Corps from midnight 26th/27th and will move to XV Corps area in accordance with attached table.

2. An officer of the 2nd Australian Division should be sent as soon as possible to the XV Corps H.Q., at HILLY, to make billeting arrangements.

3. If possible the personnel of the Pioneer Battalion should accompany the leading infantry brigade on the 26th inst..

In the event of there being insufficient busses to take the whole of 1 infantry brigade and the Pioneer Battalion, 1 infantry battalion should be left behind until the 27th.

4. Please acknowledge by wire.

*Acknowledged  
done  
ME*

*White-taylor*  
Major-General,  
General Staff, Fourth Army.

H.Q., Fourth Army,  
24th October, 1916.

Issued at 4.30 pm

Copies to :-  
"A".  
"Q".  
R.A.  
Camp Commandant.  
A.P.M., AMIENS.



(Issued with Fourth Army No. 311/109(G), dated 24/10/16.)

MOVE OF 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION (LESS ARTILLERY.)

Unit	Road or Bus	Date	To	Route	Remarks.
(A) All Transport	road	25/10/16	ARGOEUVES ST. SAUVEUR	Under orders X Corps.	
(B) Personnel 1 Inf. Bde Group and Pioneer Bn.	bus	26/10/16	XV Corps area	FLIXECOURT - PICQUIGNY - S. of SOMME - AMIENS - QUERRIEU - D.20.b.6.2. - RIBEMONT, return- ing via MERICOURT - CORBIE.	"Q" Fourth Army will arrange for provision of busses. Busses on return journey not to enter AMIENS before 2 p.m.
(C) All Transport	road	27/10/16	XV Corps area	AMIENS - QUERRIEU - LA HOUSOYE - D.12.d.8.8.	Start 9 a.m.
(D) Personnel 2 Inf. Bde. Groups.	bus	27/10/16	XV Corps area	FLIXECOURT - N. of SOMME - AMIENS - QUERRIEU - D.20.b.6.2. - RIBEMONT, returning via MERICOURT - CORBIE.	"Q" Fourth Army will arrange for busses of 1st Bde. Group to reach assembly point at 8 a.m. Busses should not reach AMIENS on return journey before 10-30 a.m.

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S E C R E T.

WAR DIARY - 26th OCTOBER, 1916.

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A P P E N D I C E S.

<u>No.</u>	<u>SUBJECT.</u>
C. 71/1	Morning Situation Reports.
C. 71/2	Move of 30th Division Headquarters.
C. 71/3	Fourth Army G.2632.
C. 71/3a	XV Corps G.S. 2/24.
C. 71/4	Evening Situation Reports.
C. 71/5	XV Corps 1 A/107 G.X.



9506 diary 41/3a

SECRET.

539

Copy No. 31.  
G.S. 3/24.

1. Operations ordered in XV Corps Order No. 72 will be postponed a further 48 hours.

They will now take place on October 30th.

2. XV Corps Order No. 72 will be amended as follows :-

(a) Para. 1 line 2 - for "28th Oct." read "30th Oct."

(b) Orders will be issued later giving information as to attack of XIV Corps.

(c) Para. 8 line 5 - for "27th Oct." read "29th Oct."

(d) Para. 9 line 2 - for "27th Oct." read "29th Oct."

3. Acknowledge.

H.Q. XV Corps,  
26th Oct. 1918

*F. H. Currie*  
Capt  
Brigadier-General,  
General Staff.

Issued to all recipients of XV Corps Order No. 72.



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WAR DIARY - 27th OCTOBER, 1916. 543

A P P E N D I C E S. 9516

<u>No.</u>	<u>SUBJECT.</u>
C. 72/1	Morning Situation Reports.
C. 72/2	XV Corps 1 A/108 G.X.
C. 72/3	Fourth Army Wire G.2699, postponing operations for 48 hours.
C. 72/4	XV Corps G.S. 2/25.
C. 72/5	XV Corps 240/30 G.
C. 72/6	Evening Situation Reports.
C. 72/7	XV Corps 144 G.

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*Diary*

*C. 70/12*

SECRET.

1 A/108 G.X.

*547*

29th Division.  
5th Australian Division.  
B.G., R.A.  
III Corps } for information.  
XIV Corps }

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1. The bombardment ordered in XV Corps Artillery Operation Order No. 57 of 22nd October will recommence at half rate at 8 a.m. to-morrow, 28th inst.

2. (a) In order to allow of heavy artillery bombardment of STORMY TRENCH, The MAZE, and BAYONET TRENCHES, 29th Div. and 5th Australian Div. will arrange for such advanced trenches as may be necessary, to be cleared from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

(b) Heavy Artillery will arrange that their fire on the enemy's trenches mentioned above commences and ceases in accordance with the above times.

3. 29th Div. and 5th Australian Div., when arranging for withdrawal, will bear the following points in mind :-

(a) Hour of evacuation to be definite and bombardment to begin at once. No interval to be left in which enemy can move forward before bombardment begins.

(b) Bombing posts with Machine Guns to be left as close as is reasonably safe.

(c) Arrangements to be made to cover with Machine Gun fire the area evacuated, and to enfilade any trenches leading through the area to our position.

4. 29th Div. will get into touch with 5th Div. as regards detailed arrangements for withdrawal.

*W. Hudson*

H.Q., XV Corps,  
27/10/1916.

Brigadier-General,  
General Staff.







*Plan*

*C. 42/4*

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Copy No

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G.S. 2/25.

SECRET.

1. Operations ordered in XV Corps Order No. 72 will be postponed a further 48 hours.

They will now take place on November 1st.

2. XV Corps Order No. 72 will be amended as follows:-

(a) Para. 1 Line 2 for 30th October read 1st November.

(b) Orders will issued later giving information as to attack of XIV Corps.

(c) Para. 8 Line 5 for 29th October read 31st October.

(d) Para. 9 Line 2 for 29th October read 31st October.

3. Acknowledge.

*F. S. Currie*  
*Capt*

H.Q. XV Corps.  
27/10/16.

*For* Brigadier-General,  
General Staff.

Issued to all recipients of XV Corps Order No. 72.



C. 42/5

9556

550

2nd Australian Divl. Artillery.  
5th Australian Division.  
18th Divisional Artillery Group.  
2nd Australian Division (for information).

1. (a) That portion of 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery which has already arrived will march from BUSBY - LA NEUVILLE Area to Camp at Area A (N.W. of BERWANGOURT) on October 28th. Remainder will follow on October 29th.
- (b) Starting Point Road Junction (I 35 b 96) N.W. of LA NEUVILLE.  
Time 8.30 a.m.  
Route BONNAY - HILLY - BUIRE.
- (c) Officer to report in advance to "Q" XV Corps to arrange details of accommodation.
2. (a) Four 18 pr. Batteries and one <sup>Artillery</sup> Brigade Headquarters of 2nd Australian Division ~~etc.~~ will go into action on night 29th/30th October. They will form part of the 18th Divisional Artillery Group under the tactical command of G.O.C. 5th Australian Division, who will issue orders as to positions to be occupied.
- (b) Reconnaissance of positions, wagon lines etc., will be carried out on the 28th and 29th October.
- (c) All details will be arranged direct by 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery with G.O.C. 5th Australian Division.

*J. R. Weathered M.G.*

H.Q., XV Corps,  
27/10/16.

Brigadier-General,  
General Staff.

Copy to :-

H.Q., R.A. XV Corps  
"C" XV Corps.



S E C R E T.

WAR DIARY - 28th OCTOBER, 1918. 555

A P P E N D I C E S. 7566

<u>No.</u>	<u>SUBJECT.</u>
C. 73/1	Morning Situation Reports.
C. 73/2	XV Corps G. 497, warning 1st Australian Division to be prepared to take over line held by 29th Division.
C. 73/3	Fourth Army G.2673 ordering I Anzac Corps to take over from XV Corps.
C. 73/3a	XV Corps Order No. 73.
C. 73/4	XV Corps Order No. 74.
C. 73/5	Evening Situation Reports.
C. 73/6	XV Corps 240/28 G.
C. 73/7	G.2682 from Fourth Army ordering move of 41st Divisional Artillery to TALMAS and VILLERS BOCAGE on 1st November.



SECRET.

*Diary* 73/3a  
copy no. 37

XV CORPS ORDER NO. 73.

9574

598  
26th October, 1918.

Reference Map  
Sheet 57 c S.W. 1/20,000.

1. (a) 1st Australian Div. (less Artillery) will relieve 29th Div. (less Artillery) in the Right Sector of the Corps front on the night 29/30th October.
- (b) All arrangements for the relief will be made direct between 1st Australian Div. and 29th Div.
- (c) 1st Australian Div. will report to Corps H.Q. the hour of taking over command.
2. (a) After relief 29th Div. will be accommodated as follows:-
  - 1 Brigade Group - POMMIERS CAMP  
(less 1 Battn.)
  - 1 Battalion - ALBERT
  - 1 Brigade Group - MAMETZ WOOD
  - 1 Brigade Group - FRICOURT CAMP
  - Divisional H.Q. - BELLEVUE FARM
- (b) Arrangements for taking over Camps will be made direct between 1st Australian Div. and 29th Div.
3. The Artillery Group supporting the Right Sector will come under the orders of G.O.C., 1st Australian Division from the hour of taking over command.
4. The troop and orderlies of <sup>1st Anzac</sup> Corps Mounted Troops attached to 29th Div. will be transferred to 1st Australian Div.
5. After relief the Pioneer Battalion of 29th Div. will work under the orders of C.E., XV Corps, and will take over the camp at present occupied by the Pioneer Battalion, 1st Australian Div.

*W. H. Anderson*

Brigadier-General,  
General Staff.

Issued at 8 p.m.

to

- Copy No. 1 A.D.C. to Corps Commander
- " 2-3 29th Div.
  - " 4-5 1st Australian Div.
  - " 6-7 2nd Australian Div.
  - " 8-9 5th Australian Div.
  - " 10-12 B.G., R.A.
  - " 13 C.E.
  - " 14 "Q" XV Corps
  - " 15 Corps Mtd. Tps.
  - " 16 A.D.A.S.
  - " 17 D.D.M.S.
  - " 18 3rd Sqn. R.F.C.
  - " 19 No. 3 K.D. Section.
  - " 20 No. 4 K.D. Section.
  - " 21 Det. Special Bde. R.E.
  - " 22 No. 3 Special Coy. R.E.
  - " 23 Corps Observation Officer.
  - " 24-25 Fourth Army ) for
  - " 26 III Corps ) information.
  - " 27 XIV Corps )
  - " 28 1st ANZAC Corps )
  - " 29-32 G.S. and record.



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XV CORPS ORDER NO. 74.

28th October, 1916.

1. Anzac Corps will take over the line now held by XV Corps. The G.O.C., 1st Anzac Corps will assume command at 11 a.m. on 30th October.
2. XV Corps H.Q. will close at HEILLY at 11 a.m. on 30th October and re-open at LONG at the same hour.

*J. K. Lunn*  
Capt  
701 Brigadier-General,  
General Staff.

Issued at 8 p.m.

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| "        | 2-3   | 29th Division             |                   |
| "        | 4-5   | 1st Australian Div.       |                   |
| "        | 6-7   | 2nd Australian Div.       |                   |
| "        | 8-9   | 5th Australian Div.       |                   |
| "        | 10-12 | B.C., R.A.                |                   |
| "        | 13    | C.E.                      |                   |
| "        | 14    | "G" XV Corps              |                   |
| "        | 15    | A.D.A.S.                  |                   |
| "        | 16    | D.D.A.S.                  |                   |
| "        | 17    | Corps Lt. Tps.            |                   |
| "        | 18    | 3rd Sqdn. R.F.C.          |                   |
| "        | 19    | No. 3 K.B. Section        |                   |
| "        | 20    | No. 4 K.B. Section        |                   |
| "        | 21    | Det. Special Dns. R.E.    |                   |
| "        | 22    | No. 3 Special Coy. R.E.   |                   |
| "        | 23    | Corps Observation Officer |                   |
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| "        | 26    | III Corps                 |                   |
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WAR DIARY - 29th OCTOBER, 1916.

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A P P E N D I C E S.

<u>No.</u>	<u>SUBJECT.</u>
C. 74/1	Morning Situation Reports.
C. 74/2	XV Corps 240/24 G.
C. 74/3	XV Corps 240/30 G.
C. 74/4	Evening Situation Reports.

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29th Division.

1st Anzac Corps (for information).

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29th Division (less Artillery) will be transferred to the XIV Corps on November 1st, and will move to XIV Corps Area on that date under arrangements which will be notified later.

H.Q. XV Corps,

29/10/16.

Copy to Q.

A.D.A.S.

*J.W. Thompson*  
Brigadier-General,

General Staff.



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240/30. G.

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Artillery, 30th Div.	1st Aust. Div.	} for information.
Artillery, 41st Div.	2nd Aust. Div.	
Artillery, 2nd Aust. Div.	5th Aust. Div.	
	Artillery, 12th Div.	
	XIV Corps.	
	1st Anzac Corps.	

1. Para 2 of XV Corps 240/30.G of 27th Oct. is cancelled (issued only to Artillery, 2nd Aust. Div., 5th Aust. Div., Artillery, 12th Div, 2nd Aust. Div.)
2. (a) If the tactical situation admits, Artillery 2nd Australian Div. will relieve Artillery 41st Div. by sections on the nights 30th/31st Oct. and 31st Oct./1st Nov. On completion of relief G.O.C. R.A. 30th Div. will assume command of the 41st Div. Artillery Group, which will thence-forward be known as the 30th Div. Artillery Group.  
 (b) Commands of batteries, groups, and D.A's will pass when the respective reliefs are completed.  
 (c) All details of relief will be arranged direct between the G.O.C. R.A. 41st Div. and G.O.C. R.A. 2nd Aust. Div.
3. Reconnaissance of positions, O.Ps etc. will be carried out as early as possible by Artillery, 2nd Australian Div.
4. (a) Artillery 41st Div. will hand over all communications, orders, registrations, air photos, and maps to Artillery, 2nd Australian Div.  
 (b) All dumped ammunition will also be handed over: Amounts taken over will be reported to Corps Headquarters.
5. Divisional Artilleries will retain their own guns and howitzers, except in those forward positions from which, in the mutual opinion of the respective G.O.C., R.A., it is impracticable to withdraw the guns.
6. Detachments of Artillery 2nd Australian Div. marching from Area A (N.W. of BERNANCOURT) will march at 8.30 a.m. on Oct. 30th and 31st respectively. Intervals of at least 100 yards will be maintained between sections.  
Route - BERNANCOURT - MEAULTE - FRICOURT. (Horse Track North of road will be used if weather permits).
7. Artillery 41st Div. will on relief be withdrawn to Area BONNAY - LA NEUVILLE under orders which will be issued by 1st Anzac Corps.

H.Q. XV Corps,  
29/10/16.

*W. S. Hudson*  
Brigadier-General,  
General Staff.

Copy to:- "Q" XV Corps.  
R.O.C.A. XV Corps.







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HEADQUARTERS,  
XV CORPS.  
No. 5.41  
Date 3/10

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GENERAL STAFF,  
HEADQUARTERS,  
AIR ARMY.  
No. 299/56(G)  
Date 30/10/16

	XV Corps.	}
	<del>Fifth Army</del>	
	<del>Third Army</del>	
III Corps	<del>Sixth French Army</del>	
XIV Corps	<del>4th Div.</del>	
I Anzac Corps	<del>2nd In-Dep. Div.</del>	
4th Bde. R.F.C.	<del>Cavalry Corps</del>	}
2nd Cav. Div.		

For information.

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1. Owing to the weather conditions the major operations planned by the Fifth Army and Sixth French Army have been again postponed.

The provisional date now fixed for these major operations is the 3rd November, or if it is wet tomorrow (31st) there will be a further postponement till the 5th November.

2. In order that the right of the Fourth Army may be able to co-operate with the French attack on the above date, the XIV Corps will continue to advance its line so as to be within assaulting distance of the LE TRANSLOY line.

This advance must be continued gradually whenever weather conditions permit, and, on the right flank, will be made in conjunction with the French IX Corps.

The approximate line to be reached is shown in Brown on the attached map.

3. On the left of the Fourth Army the date of the attack of the left Division of the III Corps, West of the ALBERT - BAPAUME road, is dependant on the action of the Fifth Army and will be carried out in conjunction with the attack of that army.

The objectives of this attack are shown in Green on attached map.

4. It is most important that the BUTTE DE WARLENCOURT and the part of the GIRD trench still in the enemy's possession should be captured as early as possible. The right Division of the III Corps and the left Division of the I Anzac Corps will therefore be prepared to carry out an attack on these objectives as soon as weather conditions permit and irrespective of the attacks of the Fifth Army and Sixth French Army.

The objectives of this attack are shown in Brown dotted line on attached map.

The date and hour of Zero will be communicated later to III Corps and I Anzac Corps.



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5. The right Division of the I Anzac Corps will clear up the situation in N.20. central at the first opportunity. It will continue its preparations for the attack on the objectives allotted to it as part of the major operations; these are shown in Green on the attached map

6. The artillery bombardment of objectives will be continued whenever the weather permits

7. Acknowledge by wire

*Done file*

*W. H. T. Taylor*  
*1st Lt*  
*Mr.*

H.Q., Fourth Army,  
30th October, 1916

Major-General,  
General Staff, Fourth Army.

Issued at 3.15 pm



TRENCH MAP, 4th ARMY FRONT. MAP D.

Trenches corrected to 27-16

TRENCH MAP, 4th ARMY FRONT. MAP E.

Trenches corrected to 27-16



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GENERAL STAFF  
HEADQUARTERS  
XV CORPS.

No. 3245  
Date 31.10.18

C. 7574

XV Corps.  
I Anzac Corps.) For  
XIV Corps. ) Information.

GENERAL STAFF,  
4th ARMY.  
311/124.(3)  
No. 30.10.18.  
Date.....

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In confirmation of Fourth Army telegrams No .  
G.2711, G.2716, G.2717 dated 30.10.18.

1. The 2nd Indian Cavalry Division (less Artillery)  
will march from Area 3 to the Cavalry Corps Area west of  
Area 7 on November 1st under orders of the Cavalry Corps.

The Cavalry Corps to have priority of roads in  
Areas 4, 6 and 7 for this move.

The Cavalry Corps has been requested to inform  
the XV Corps of the hours of march and routes selected.

2. The following moves will be ordered by the XV  
Corps :-

(a) The 20th Division (less Artillery) to  
Area 3. The movement to commence  
November 1st.

(b) The 4th Australian Division (less  
Artillery) to Area C and D (less  
ST. SAUVEUR, ARGONNES, AILLY-sur-SOMME,  
HAVERNAS, WARGHIES, SAOUBS). The  
movement to be completed by the 3rd  
November.

The Division to be billeted with a  
view to moving by route march at a later  
date to the I Anzac Corps Area.

(c) The 4th Division (less Artillery) from  
Area 5 to Area 7. The movement to be  
completed by November 3rd.

3. The 60th Division will march from Area A (about  
BERNAVILLE) to Area 6 on the 3rd and 4th November under  
orders which will be issued later.

4. Acknowledge by word

for file

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W. G. H.

H.Q., Fourth Army.  
30th October, 1918.

Major General.  
General Staff, Fourth Army.

Copies to "Q", "A", R.A.



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WAR DIARY, 31st OCTOBER, 1916.

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A P P E N D I C E S.

<u>No.</u>	<u>SUBJECT.</u>
C. 76/1	Location of Units.
C. 76/2	XV Corps 324 G.
C. 76/3	Fourth Army G.2733 - Move of 60th Division.
C. 76/4	<i>Situation of Units Diagrams.</i>

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POSITIONS of UNITS on 31/10/16.

Division	Commander	Position	Route.	Destination	Remarks
2nd Indian Cav. Div.	Major-Gen. H. J. M. MACANDREW D.S.O.	CAVILLON			
Secunderabad Bde.	Brig-Gen. G. C. L. GREGORY	OISSY			
Ambala Bde.	Brig-Gen. C. H. RANKIN	MOLLIENS VIDAME	No move		Area 3.
1st Canadian Bde.	Brig-Gen. Rt. Hon. J. E. B. SEELY. D.S.O.	SOUES			
Guards Div. H.Q. (less R.A., 2 Fd. Cos. & Pioneers). C.R.E.	Maj-Gen. G. P. T. FIELDING, C.B. D.S.O.	BELLOY ST. LEONARD.			
1st Guards Bde.	Lt-Col. A. BROUGH D.S.O. R.E. Brig-Gen. C. E. PEREIRA	-do- DROMESNIL		NO MOVE	Area 4
2nd Guards Bde.	Brig-Gen. J. PONSONBY C.M.G., D.S.O.	TAILLY			
3rd Guards Bde.	Brig-Gen. G. B. CORKRAN. CMG.	AVESNES			
1st Division H.Q. (less R.A. Pnrs. & 1 Fld. Amb.) C.R.E.	Major-Gen. E. P. STRICKLAND. D.S.O.	MOYENNEVILLE			
1st Inf. Bde.	Lt-Col. G. RUSSEL-BROWN D.S.O. R.E.	MOYENNEVILLE			
2nd Inf. Bde.	Brig-Gen. A. J. REDDIE, D.S.O.	QUESNOY		III Corps	Buses commence to arrive in Area 7 at 6.45 a.m.
3rd Inf. Bde.	Brig-Gen. A. B. HUBBACK CMG	ACHEUX			
Transport	Brig-Gen. H. R. DAVIES, C.B.	FEUQUIERES		III Corps.	Start 8.30 a.m.
4th Division. (less Arty)	Maj-Gen. Hon. W. Lambton, CVO, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.	HALLENCOURT			
10th Inf. Bde.	Brig-Gen. C. A. WILDING, C.M.G.	HUPPY			
11th Inf. Bde.	Brig-Gen. H. C. REES, D.S.O.	YONVILLE	No move.		
12th Inf. Bde.	Brig-Gen. J. D. CROSBIE	FRUCOURT			Will probably move to Area 7 after boundaries of that Area have been re-adjusted.

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POSITION OF UNITS on 31/10/16 ( Contd. )

Division.	Commander.	Position.	Route.	Destination.	Remarks.
20th Division H.Q. (less R.A., R.E. & Pioneers). C.R.E.	Maj-Gen.W.D.SMITH, C.B.	BELLOY-sur-SOMME			
	Lt-Col.A.ROLLAND, D.S.O.	"			
59th Inf. Bde.	Brig-Gen.C.B.SHUTE, C.B.	PICQUIGNY			Area D.
60th Inf. Bde.	Brig-Gen.L.J.P.BUTLER, D.S.O.	FLESSELLES			
61st Inf. Bde.	Brig-Gen.W.E.BANBURY, C.M.G.	TIRANCOURT			
4th Australian Div. (less Arty.) C.R.E.	Maj.Gen.Sir H.V.COX, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.S.I.	AILLY le HAUT CLOCHER			
4th Aus.Inf.Bde.	Brig-Gen.C.H.BRAND, D.S.O.	BELLANCOURT			Area 6
12th Aus.Inf.Bde.	" " D.J.GLASFURD.	BRUCAMPS		No move	
13th Aus.Inf.Bde.	" " T.W.GLASGOW, C.M.G., D.S.O.	GORENFLOS			

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4th Division.  
20th Division.  
4th Australian Division.  
Guards Division.  
2nd Indian Cavalry Division (for information).

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1. In continuation of XV Corps wire G.S, dated  
30th October, 1916, Moves will be carried out in  
accordance with the attached March Table.

(Sd) W.H.ANDERSON,

H.Q., XV Corps,  
31/10/1916.

Brigadier-General,  
General Staff.

Copies to :-

"Q", XV Corps.  
D.D.M.S.  
A.D.A.S.



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MARCH TABLE to Accompany XV Corps No. 324 G, dated 31/10/1918.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>From.</u>	<u>To.</u>	<u>Clearing.</u>	<u>Route.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
November 1st.	2nd Indian Cavalry Div.	Area 3.	Area West of Area 7.	Right Column SQUES by 11 a.m.	AIRAINES-OISE-MONT-MAISINIERES.	) Under orders of Cavalry Corps.
do.	do.	do.	do.	Left Column MOLLIEUS VIDAME 11 a.m.	HORNOY-SENARPONT-GAMACHES.	
November 1st.	20th Div.	Areas C and D.	Area 3.	Area C by 11 a.m.	Under Division arrangement:	No troops to cross the Road HANGEST-CROUY-PICQUIGNY before 11 a.m.
November 1st.) November 2nd.) November 3rd.)	4th Australian Div.	Area 6.	Areas C and D (less ST. SAUVEUR, ARGOEUVES, AILLY, HAVERNAS, WARGNIES, NACURS).	Area West of AILLY, LE HAUT CLOCHER on the 1st November.	Under Division arrangement.	Move to be completed by mid-day November 3rd.
November 1st November 2nd November 3rd	4th Division	Area 5	Area-5-by-mid-day Area 7.	Area 5 by mid-day November 3rd.	Under Division arrangement.	No troops to cross the Road AIRAINES-OISEMONT-MAISINIERES on the 1st Nov. except under direct arrangements with 2nd Ind.Cav.Div.

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*I Bde. 29<sup>th</sup> Division attached to 12<sup>th</sup> Division from the 10<sup>th</sup>*

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