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TELEGRAM TO BE ENCODED
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 196. 5. A. D. S. M.

Reference Map:
Sheet 62D, 1/40,000.

Headquarters
5th April 1918.

1. (a) Situation permitting the 5th Australian Division (less 8th Infantry Brigade group) will relieve the 3rd Cavalry Division in the line from main road in P.25.c and d exclusive to the River SOMME.
- (b) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade which has been attached to 3rd Cavalry Division will revert to the command of 5th Australian Division on completion of relief. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade holds the line from the cross roads at P.20.a to the River SOMME with three battalions in the line and one in reserve.
- (c) The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve General SEYMOUR'S Cavalry Group which holds the approximate line from P.25.c and d exclusive to cross roads in P.20.a and will take over General SEYMOUR'S Headquarters at O.17.c.3.3 on completion of relief.
- (d) G.O. Machine Gun Battalion in consultation with Infantry Brigadiers concerned will arrange to relieve the machine gun units of the 3rd Cavalry Division.
- (e) (i) On relief the 3rd Cavalry Division are to be concentrated at N.34.c.
- (ii) On relief the troops of the 14th Division are to be concentrated in the reserve line of the left sector (North of BOIS L'ABBE) under the command of the G.O.O. 14th Division.
- (iii) The G.O.C. 18th Division is to retain command of the right sector from HANGARD exclusive to main road P.25.e. and d. He will have at his disposal the 5th Australian Infantry Brigade and 8th Australian Infantry Brigade. The 5th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve units of 18th Division in the line night 5th/6th April. 5th Australian Infantry Brigade is to advance the line on 6th April to the BOIS DE HANGARD.
- (iv) The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade group now at BOIS DE GENTELLES is placed at the disposal of 58th Division for relieving the 24th Division in the right sector of the reserve line pending arrival of 58th Division.
- (v) 61st Division Machine Guns in reserve line are to remain in position.
- (vi) French troops are on right of British troops. 3rd Australian Division is on left of 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.
2. All maps and documents pertaining to the area will be taken over on relief.
3. Instructions for the relief of artillery, Machine Guns, Engineers, Pioneers, and administrative services will be issued by officers concerned.
4. Separate instructions will be issued by the administrative branch of the staff.
5. The established rules regarding protective measures, distances, formations, etc., will be observed.

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6. Subject to the terms of this order, arrangements for relief will be made direct between Brigade Commanders concerned.
 7. Divisional Headquarters will be established at TRONVILLE Chateau N.21.a.4.4 at 9 p.m. 5th April 1918.
 8. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

.SIR LITTA HSA

H. P. Pack

Lieut-Colonel, G.S.
5th Australian Division.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 197.

Ref. Sheet 62D
1/40,000.

Headquarters
7th April 1918.

1. The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 41st and 43rd Infantry Brigades of the 14th Division in the northern portion of the Reserve Line from AMIENS - VILLERS BRETONNEUX Road in O.27.e to River SOMME in O.1.e, on 7th April - as much of the relief as possible to be completed during daylight.
2. The line is at present held by two brigades of the 14th Division, the 41st Brigade being on the South, and the 43rd on the North; the dividing line between the brigades is approximately at O.14.d. central.
Headquarters of the 41st and 43rd Brigades are at the Estaminet, BLANGY TRONVILLE.
3. The following reliefs are to be carried out by neighbouring units during night 7th/8th April:-
 - (i) 58th Division relieves 5th Australian Infantry Brigade in the northern portion of the line from VILLERS BRETONNEUX - WARFUSEE Road inclusive to the cross roads in U.6.e central.
 - (ii) G.O.C. 18th Division is to take over command of all troops in the Southern Divisional Sector.
 - (iii) G.O.C. 5th Australian Division takes over command of all troops in Northern Sector exclusive of two battalions of the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.
4. The 5th Australian Divisional boundaries are as follows:-
Southern: From front line along VILLERS BRETONNEUX - LONGEAU Road exclusive to cross roads in N.26.e.
Northern: From front line along the River SOMME to the railway bridge in N.13.d.
Western: From crossroads in N.26.d along road through N.26.e and d to road junction in N.19.d, thence direct line to railway bridge.
5. The established rules regarding protective measures, distances, formations, etc. will be observed.
6. Subject to the terms of this order, arrangements for relief will be made direct between Brigade Commanders concerned.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

K. P. Meek
Lieut-Colonel, G.S.
5th Australian Division.

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Divisional Signal Co.	8
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

- OPERATIONS -

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS No. 3

Headquarters
9th April 1918.INTELLIGENCE, AND EXAMINATION AND DISPOSAL OF PRISONERS
AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED.

The following information is required by the Division during the fight:-

- (a) The position of our troops.
- (b) The position and strength of the enemy.
- (c) The nature and direction of hostile shelling.
- (d) Identification of German Units.

2. INTELLIGENCE CORPS OFFICERS.

An Officer of Intelligence Corps will be attached to each Brigade Headquarters and will assist the Brigade Commander in every possible way. His duties will be as follows:-

- (a) To give any information concerning enemy troops, defences, and topographical details of the country.
- (b) To examine prisoners on any special points on which the Brigade Commander requires information.
- (c) To report by Priority wire all identifications obtained and intelligence of immediate tactical importance. These wires will be addressed to 5th Australian Division and repeated to Australian Corps "I" and flank Brigades.
- (d) To search German Officers and F.C.O's and rapidly examine any documents found on them, which may be of immediate tactical importance, such as maps or orders.

5. GERMAN SPEAKERS.

A German speaker should accompany the most forward troops, and can be used for ascertaining from prisoners points of immediate importance. No lengthy examination will be made forward of Brigade Headquarters.

DIVISIONAL COLLECTING STATION.

A Division Collecting Station for prisoners will be established at AUBIGNY, and at this point all prisoners will be handed over to the A.P.M.

From AUBIGNY they will be marched to Corps Cage at MONTIGNY.

5. SEARCHING THE BATTLEFIELD (2)

- (a) Full use will be made by units of trained searchers and German speakers. In addition to collection of documents etc., searchers should also be instructed to count the German dead and report same to Battalion Headquarters.
- (b) If possible all documents will be tied in bundles, and despatched as soon as possible to Brigade Headquarters, and there handed over to the Intelligence Corps Officer. A note should accompany them saying where they were found.
- (c) Documents of Officers and N.C.O's should always be kept separate from those of other ranks.

6. SEARCHING PRISONERS.

- (a) All Officers and N.C.O's will be searched as soon as possible for maps and documents.
- (b) Maps are most important and should be sent to nearest Headquarters with all possible speed.
- (c) Private soldiers will not be searched for documents until arrival at the Corps Cage.
- (d) Discs and paybooks will not be taken from any prisoners.
- (e) Prisoners' papers should, as far as possible, be brought by their escort to Brigade Headquarters.

7. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ESCORTS AND TRAFFIC POLICE.

- (a) Officers, N.C.O's and men must be separated as soon as possible, and kept apart.
- (b) Special care must be taken that no documents are destroyed by prisoners. Escorts at the rear of columns should be warned to see that documents are not thrown away.
- (c) All military policemen and traffic police will ensure that all escorts passing them know their way to Divisional Collecting Station.
- (d) Unauthorised speech or interference with prisoners must be strictly guarded against.

8. OBSERVATION POSTS.

Divisional O.P. will be at 62D., I.24.d.30.05.

Lieut-Colonel G.S.
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

9th April 1918.

Issued to all recipients of Preliminary Instructions No.1
and 3rd Australian Division,
18th Division.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 198.

Ref. Sheet G2D
1/40,000.Headquarters,
9th April 1918.

1. (a) The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade in the left Brigade area and sector of the Divisional front to-night 9th/10th April, relief to be completed by 5 a.m.
 (b) Command of the left Brigade area and sector will pass from G.O.C. 15th Australian Infantry Brigade to G.O.C. 8th Australian Infantry brigade on completion of relief.
2. Relief of front line posts must be protected by covering parties. The usual safety precautions will obtain.
3. (a) On relief the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will become divisional reserve, and will be finally disposed as follows -

2 battalions	-	Reserve line,
2 battalions)	
15th L.T.B. Batt.)	BLINGY TRONVILLE.
15th Inf. Bde. H.Q.)	

 (b) At the discretion of the G.O.C. 15th Australian Infantry Brigade, and provided villages are evacuated if shelling commences, the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade may be billeted in CORIE, FOUILLOY, and AUBIGNY until the 10th instant, when the dispositions referred to in (a) will be adopted.
4. Subject to the terms and conditions of this order details of relief will be arranged between Brigadiers concerned.
5. Completion of relief will be reported to Divisional Headquarters by wire.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*G.F. Wootten Major*Lieut-Colonel, C.S.,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at p.m. to -

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 14th Infantry Brigade
 15th Infantry Brigade
 5th Machine Gun Bn.
 5th Pioneer Battalion
 Divisional Artillery
 Divisional Engineers
 Divisional Signal Co.
 Divisional Train
 A.D.M.S.
 D.A.D.V.S.
 D.A.D.O.S.
 A.P.M.
 Salvage Co.
 Div. Bomb Officer
 Camp Commandant

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 199.

Ref. Sheet 62D
1/40,000.Headquarters,
9th April 1918.

With reference to the plan of operations previously issued. Assuming that the scheme approved by Australian Corps will be the RED scheme, the following tentative orders for the capture of the RED objective are issued now in order to give units time to prepare.

1. The attack will be carried out by the 5th Australian Division on or about April 11th. 58th Division on the right may co-operate by advancing to the RED dotted line. 3rd Australian Division on the left has been asked to render fire assistance, and may also make a demonstration in addition thereto. At present the 175th Brigade of the 58th Division is on the right, and the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division is on the left.

2. OBJECTIVES.

- (a) The advance to the RED objective is to be carried out in one stage.

The general line of the RED objective is shewn on the map previously issued with plan of operations. The RED objective includes the capture of

BOIS DE VAIRES
BOIS DE HAMEL
BOIS DE ACCROCHE
BOIS DE TAILLOUX
BOIS D'ARQUAIRE
Village of HAMEL

and the WOOD known locally as the FLAT IRON WOOD in P.5.c.
and d.

- (b) Troops will consolidate on the RED line under cover of protective detachments which will be pushed out when the objective is gained.

- (c) If desired by unit commanders, a S.O.S. line east of the RED objective will be marked by smoke shell.

3. METHOD OF ATTACK.

The Division will attack on a two-brigade frontage - the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade on the right, the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade on the left. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will be in divisional reserve. The number, and formations, of battalions to be used has been indicated in the plan of operations which has been issued separately.

4. FLANKS. In addition to any other special arrangements made by Brigadiers for keeping touch with adjoining brigades, the 14th and 8th Australian Infantry Brigades will detail parties to establish connection with flank units at the following points:- Between the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade and the left flank brigade of the 58th Division:

RED LINE at V.3.a.2.6.

Between the 14th and 8th Australian Infantry Brigades:

P.14.b.4.0.
P.15.c.0.5.
P.15.c.2.3.
P.21.d.84.90.
RED LINE P.28.b.40.32.

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Between 8th Australian Infantry Brigade and Brigade of the
3rd Australian Division.

P.5.b.5.5.

5. ASSEMBLY POSITION.

- (a) The assembly position will be reconnoitred in advance, and a tape line will be laid out on the night preceding the attack - both laterally, on which the troops will form up, and forward ; - to give the right direction at the start. The line on which the leading waves will form will be, approximately, as shewn on the attached map. It will be seen that the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade is echeloned back behind the line we now hold. This is done in order to give the troops a straight run to the RED objective.
- (b) The routes which will be used for bringing up the assaulting battalions to the assembly position will be selected and marked under brigade arrangements. In places where the routes are under enemy observation, the marking of the routes will not be carried out until the night previous to the attack.
- (c) All assaulting troops will be in their assembly position 45 minutes before ZERO.

6. ARTILLERY. The attack will be supported by the following Field Artillery under the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division.

- (a) Right Sub-Group on the right - Commander Lieut-Colonel A.V.W. DULLY.
Headquarters during the attack - 1st Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters.
Composition of Right Sub-Group.

290th Brigade R.F.A.

291st Brigade R.F.A.

14th Divisional Artillery.

Left Sub-Group Commander - Lieut-Colonel H.O. CADDY, D.S.O.
Composition of Left Sub-Group.

13th A.F.A. Brigade

14th A.F.A. Brigade

One Brigade A.F.A. 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery.

- (b) Each attacking battalion will be covered by a Brigade of Field Artillery as under :-

"A" Battalion by 14th Divisional Artillery (46th and

47th Brigades R.F.A.)

"B" Battalion by 291st Brigade R.F.A.

"C" Battalion by 290th Brigade R.F.A.

"D" Battalion by 13th A.F.A. Brigade.

"E" Battalion by 14th A.F.A. Brigade.

"F" Battalion by a Brigade of the 3rd Australian

Divisional Artillery.

- (c) Barrage fire will not be used for this operation. Prior to the attack the ordinary bursts of fire as laid down for the artillery programme for foggy weather will be fired, and during these bursts of fire the "Whippet" tanks will be moved into position.

A burst of fire will take place at ZERO hour. Subsequently the method of artillery support will be as laid down for open warfare. Batteries will be controlled by observed fire and pushed up into close support of the infantry, but Sub-Group Commanders must make necessary arrangements to support the attack should visibility be obscured.

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- (a) Heavy Artillery support will be arranged by the C.R.A.
5th Australian Division.

The probable barrage line of the Heavy Artillery, will be
AUBERCOURT, MARCELCAVE, MARFUSEE-ABANCOURT, LAMOTTE-EN-
SANTERRE, thence along the valley N.E. of MARFUSEE-ABANCOURT
to CERISY-GAILLY.

7. TANKS. 8 "whippet" tanks will be employed to follow the infantry
and mop up strong points, Woods, villages etc. Details as to
their action during the attack will be issued separately.

8. MACHINE GUNS. The O.C. Machine Gun Battalion in consultation with
the Brigade Commanders concerned will issue separate instructions
for the employment of the Machine Gun Battalion.

9. DIVISIONAL RESERVE.

- (a) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade in divisional reserve
will, by ZERO hour, be distributed as follows :-
Advanced Headquarters - 0.13.d central.
Rear Headquarters - BLANGY TRONVILLE,
Remainder of Brigade in the reserve lines in squares
0.13., 14., 19., 20.

- (b) Reserve Brigade will be held ready to move at any time after
ZERO hour.

10. STRONG POINTS. Strong points will be constructed by the 14th
and 8th Australian Infantry Brigades as under :-
14th Australian Infantry Brigade.

A at P.32.d.0.2.

B at P.33.a.8.4.

C at P.27.b.0.6.

8th Australian Infantry Brigade.

D at P.22.c.54.80.

E at P.16.c.8.3.

F at P.17.a.4.0.

G at P.16.b.6.4.

H at P.11.a.6.6.

11. ENGINEERS. Orders for Engineers and Pioneers with regard to
strong points, bridges, communications etc. will be issued
separately.

12. CONTACT AEROPLANES.

- (a) The hours at which contact aeroplanes of the 3rd Squadron
A.F.C. will be in the air will be notified later.
(b) Leading infantry will be ready to light red flares in
bunches of three at 25 yards distance at hours which will
be notified later, or, as soon as aeroplanes call for flares
by means of a Klaxon Horn, or by firing white Very Lights.
(c) The special distinguishing mark for contact aeroplanes
will be notified later.
(d) Divisional dropping ground for messages is at N.26.b. and
western half of N.27.a.

13. SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS. Details of signal communications showing
methods available will be issued later. These will now include
arrangements for wiring Advanced Brigade Headquarters of the
Reserve Brigade referred to in para. 9.

APPENDIX 6

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14. HEADQUARTERS AND REPORTS.

- (a) Headquarters will be established as under : -
- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Divisional Headquarters | TRONVILLE CHATEAU
N.21.a.9.3. |
| 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. | 0.5.c.4.6. |
| 14th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. | 0.17.c.3.5. (Quarries) |
| 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. Adv. H.Q. | 0.13.d. central. |
| 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. Rear H.Q. | BLANGY TRONVILLE. |
- (b) Instructions with regard to reports will be issued separately.

15. Detailed Administrative arrangements, and Medical arrangements will be issued separately.

16. SYNCHRONISING WATCHES.

Watches will be synchronised in accordance with instructions which will be issued separately.

17. ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

Special arrangements will be made by unit commanders for dealing with low flying enemy aircraft.

18. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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J. Peck
Lieut-Colonel, G.S.,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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23
 Headquarters,
 AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

PLAN OF OPERATIONS.

1. With reference to the attached map, I submit a plan of operations for an attack designed with the following objects:
 - (i) To create a diversion to assist in major operations undertaken elsewhere.
 - (ii) To improve our position on the VILLERS BRETONNEUX plateau and effect a better junction with 3rd Australian Division.
 - (iii) To inflict loss on the enemy.

2. Three courses are open to me, viz.
 - (a) To advance to the BLACK line within my Divisional Boundaries. This gives a good line but involves the co-operation of flank units. At the same time it ensures the safety of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and denies the vantage point on plateau to the enemy.
 - (b) To advance to the RED line. This involves the co-operation of the Division on the right flank. I am in favour of this course, as it gives us the plateau without engaging the troops required by (a) and moreover regains portions of our old G.H.Q. line which is in good condition and strongly wired.
 - (c) To advance to the GREEN line. This Division can accomplish this task alone with fire assistance from flank units. It will be seen, however, that both flanks are exposed to flanking fire from the enemy from high ground during the operation.

3. The accompanying map shews the dispositions, direction of attack, objectives, and positions of reserves. It is proposed to use two brigades in the operation. Three battalions of each brigade in line, one of each brigade in reserve. Assuming that the date of the operation is 11th April, the 8th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 15th Infantry Brigade now holding the Div. left sub-sector on the night 9th/10th instant, and will form the left wing of the attack. The 15th Infantry Brigade on relief will be withdrawn to the Divisional Reserve and support lines as shewn.

4. Preliminary measures are being taken to adjust the present line to permit troops forming up on the jumping off line shewn. In schemes (a) and (b) arrangements must be made with 58th Division on the 5th Australian Division right to co-operate by advancing to the dotted portion of the objectives selected and to allow the 5th Australian Division troops to pass through their area as shewn.

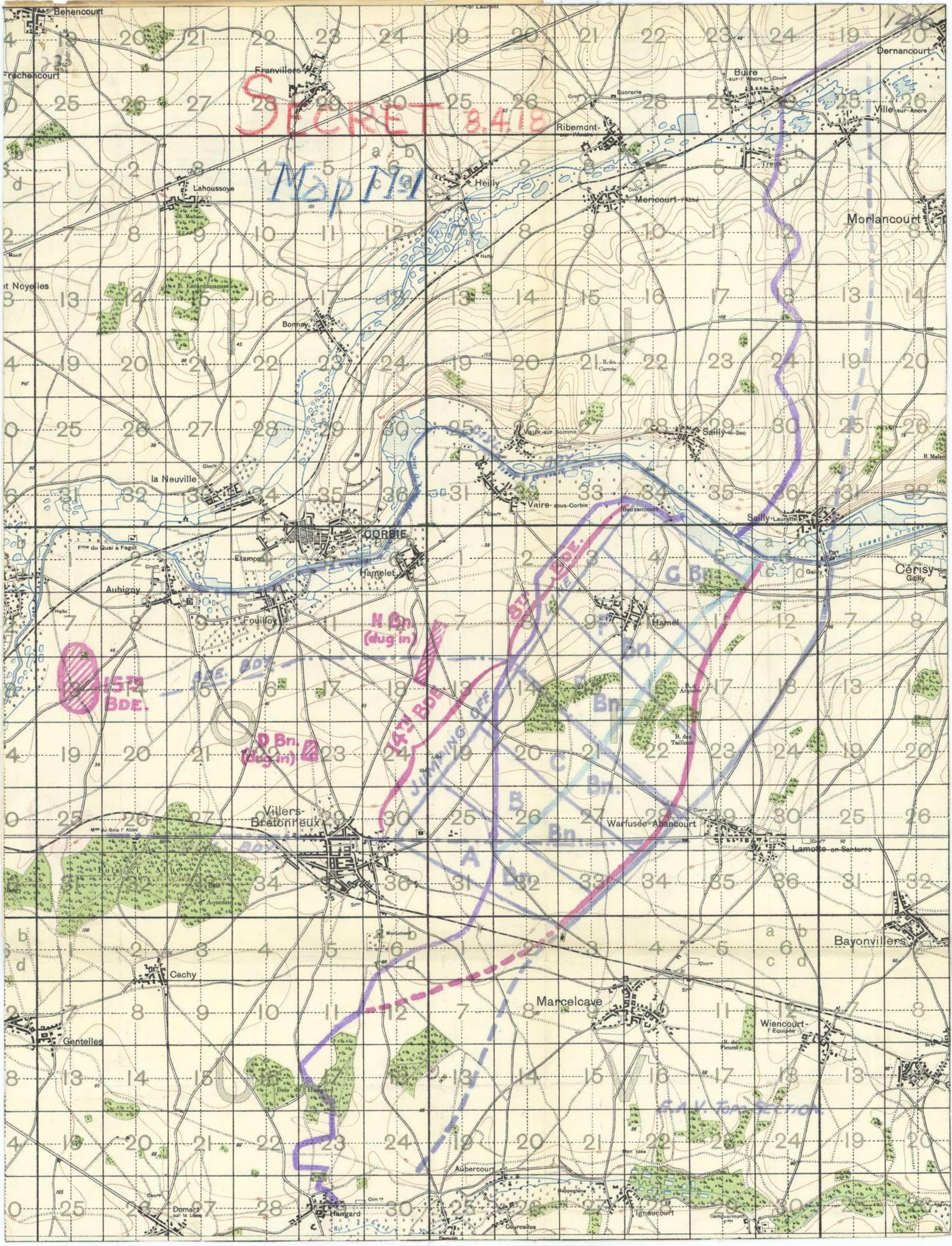
5. It is not proposed to employ artillery barrage fire but to arrange for artillery support as for normal open warfare. The artillery will prepare the attack by heavy bursts of fire (on selected targets) in simulation of present programmes of bursts of fire during the early morning fog, and this will also drown the noise of tanks getting into position.

6. If possible the assistance of "whippet" tanks for mopping up purposes is desired. It is estimated from 6 to 8 tanks will be required.

7. It is proposed to launch the attack at dawn. Darkness is necessary in order to assemble troops, as the country is quite open.

J. J. Hobbs.
 Major General,
 Commanding 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

8th April 1918.



Fab^e - Factory.
roduits chimiques - Chemical works.
alence } Pottery.
ne Farm.
Filtre Spinning mill.
Fond^{ie} Foundry.
Font^{ne} Spring, fountain.
Forest
radoub Dry dock.
Smithy.
Mine, Pit.
Moat, Ditch.
Kiln.
Lime-kiln.

APPENDIX 6

Maison Forestière	Forster's house.	Magasin à poudre	Powder magazine.
Mon. Frs.		Prise d'eau	Water supply.
Malterie	Malt-house.	Puits	Pit-head, Shaft, Well.
Marbrerie	Marble works.	„ artésien	Artesian well.
Marais	Marsh.	„ d'aérage	Ventilating shaft.
Marais salant	Saltmarsh.	„ ventilateur	
		„ de sondage	Boring.
Marché	Market.	Quai	Quay, Platform.
Mare	Pool.	„ aux bestiaux	Cattle platform.
Meule	Rick.	„ aux marchan-	
Minière	Mine.	„ des dises	Goods platform.
Monastère	Monastery.	Raccordement	Junction.
Moulin, M ⁱⁿ	Mill.	Raffinerie	Refinery.
„ à vapeur	Steam mill.	„ de sucre	Sugar refinery.
Mur	Wall.	Râperie	Beet-root factory.
„ crénélé	Loop-holed wall.		

Priority

"A" Form				Army Form C. 2121 (in pads of 100).
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				No. of Message.....
Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words Charge.	This message is on a/c of
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent	Recd. at.....m.
			At.....m.	Date.....
			To.....	From
			By.....	By.....
TO { <i>All units</i>				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	AAA
* G 4414	10			
Plan of operations and Div Order No. 199 both				
cancelled AAA All units will push on at				
high pressure with defensive works				
From	5th AUST DIV			
Place				
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 1.

1 of Sheet 62D
1/40,000.Headquarters,
12th April 1918.

1. (a) On a day (Z) and at an hour (ZERO) to be notified later an attack is to be carried out by the Division on our right. The object of the attack is to straighten out the reentrant in our line running from U.29.b.88.80 - U.17. - U.11. - U.6. to V.1 central, and to establish a line running from U.29.b.88.80 - U.24 central - V.15 central. - V.7.d.00.30 - V.1.b.8.0.
V.1.b.8.0 is the northern limit of the attack.
(b) The attack will be made under cover of
(a) a creeping Field Artillery barrage;
(b) a standing Field Howitzer barrage;
(c) a back barrage of Heavy Artillery;
(d) a machine gun barrage.
2. The 5th Australian Division will co-operate in the above attack in the following ways:-
(a) by an artillery barrage to cover the left flank of the 18th Division.
(b) by a Chinese attack to be carried out by guns detailed from 5th Australian Divisional Artillery.
(c) by a machine gun barrage to cover the left flank of the 18th Division against counter-attack.
Detailed orders in the case of (a) and (b) will be issued by the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division, and in the case of (c) by the O.C. 5th Australian Divisional Machine Gun Battalion. In each case the arrangements will be made after consultation with 18th Division.
3. Watches will be synchronised on "Y" at times to be notified later. Watches will on no account be synchronised by telephone.

Issued at 4.30 p.m. to :-

*G. H. Boston Major*for Lieut-Colonel, G.S.,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION OPERATION MEMORANDUM NO. 2.

Ref. Sheet 62D
1/40,000.Headquarters,
13th April 1918.

1. G.O.C. 58th Division is taking over command of the Right sector of the III Corps front from G.O.C. 18th Division at 3 p.m to-day 13th instant.
2. Headquarters - G.O.C. 58th Division is established at FORT VANOIR CHATEAU n.36.d.2.5.
Headquarters 18th Division is moving to ST FUSCIEN on passing of command.
3. The 174th Infantry Brigade is relieving the 175th Infantry Brigade in the left sector of the Division on our right to-night 13th/14th instant.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 2.30 p.m. to :-

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S. J. Wootten Major
Lieut-Colonel, G.S.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 200

Ref:- Map 62D
1/40,000Headquarters
19th April 1918.

1. If the situation permits the boundary between the III and Australian Corps is to be adjusted as follows:-
From P.19. central westwards along grid line to N.24.a.0.0. - along BLANGY EN VILLE ROAD (inclusive to Australian Corps) - Railway at N.22.c.4.2 - along Railway to N.24.a.6.9 - thence due north to River SOMME - thence as before.
2. (a) The 25th Infantry Brigade, 8th Division, will take over the right Brigade front, 5th Australian Division, as far north as the new inter-Corps boundary (vide para.1) on the night 20th/21st April. 5th Australian Division front will then be readjusted. Details of reliefs are given in attached Relief Table.
(b) During night 19th/20th April the Left Brigade 58th Division is to be relieved by 24th Brigade of 8th Division.
3. At 9 a.m. on 21st April the 5th Australian Division comes under the command of the Australian Corps and the new Corps boundary comes into force. At the same time the following units are being transferred from III Corps to Australian Corps:-

<u>Artillery Units</u>	5th Aust. Divisional Artillery
	298th A.F.A. Brigade
	9th Brigade R.G.A. (m bile)
	65th Brigade R.G.A. (H w. 9.2")
4. Machine gun reliefs in the portion of the right Brigade sector affected will be arranged by the G.O. 5th Machine Gun Battalion with G.O. 8th Div. Machine Gun Battalion. This relief will be carried out on night 21st/22nd April.
5. Details of reliefs in as far as they affect Divisional Artillery, Divisional Engineers, and Medical Services will be arranged by the C.R.A., C.R.E., and A.L.M.S. respectively.
6. Map, aeroplane photographs and documents relating to the Brigade sectors will be handed over on relief.
7. Command of Left Division sector III Corps front will pass to G.O.O. 8th Division at 9 a.m. 21st April.
8. Completion of reliefs will be reported to Divisional Headquarters by the units concerned.
9. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. H. Cootton MajorIn Lieut-Colonel G.E.
5th U.S.T.R. DIVISION.

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Issued at 10.45 a.m. to

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Divisional Engineers	7
Divisional Signal Co.	8
Divisional Train	9
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RELIEF TABLE ISSUED WITH 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 200 OF 18/4/18.

Serial No.	Date	Unit	MOVES		Relieved by	In relief of	Remarks
			From	To			
1	Night 20/21 April	That portion of 14th A.I.Bde sit- uated between southern Div. boundary and grid line running E. and W. through P.19.central and C.19.central	Present position	AUBIGNY and FOUILLOY	25th Inf. Bde	-	H.Q. 14th Inf. Bde will take over present H.Q. 8th Inf. Bde. H.Q. COMBE Chateau. (8th A.I.Bde H.Q. move on 19th inst. to L.35.c. S.A. Special precautions laid down in case of shelling to be observed.
2	Night 20/21 April	That portion of 15th Aust. Inf. Bde situated between present southern Div. boundary and grid line running E. and W. through P.19.central and C.19.central.	Present position SECOND ZONE	5th Pioneer Bn. shelters AUBIGNY- IRONVILLE	23rd Inf. Bde	-	
3	21/22 April	Machine Guns of 5th M.G. Bn. situated between present southern Div. boundary and grid line running E and W. through P.19.central and C.19.central	Present position	AUBIGNY	8th Div. M.G. Bn.		
4	21/22 April	14th A.I.Bde	-	Take over 8th A.I.Bde front as far north as road inclusive at P.8.b.5.0	-	Portion of 8th A.I.Bde	2 Bns. to be in line. 2 Bns. in reserve Right of 14th Inf. Bde will be P.19.b.9.0 Boun.ary be- tween 8th and 14th Bdes will run from P.8.b.5.0 to 0.8.c.4.7 with Chateau inclusive to 14th Inf. Bde.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 201

Ref:- Map 62D
1/40,000Headquarters
19th April 1918.

1. (a) The 5th Australian Division, as disposed at the time, will be transferred from III Corps to the Australian Corps at 9 a.m. on 21st April and will become "A" Division.
(b) Headquarters 5th Australian Division will remain at BUSSY LES D'OURS.
2. At 9 a.m. 21st April that part of the III Corps front held by the 5th Australian Division will come under the command of the Australian Corps.
3. (a) During the night 21st/22nd April the 5th Australian Division will take over from the 3rd Australian Division the ground north of the SCAMME River as far as the Grid line between squares J.24. and J.30, and as far westwards as the western boundary of the Corps forward area. This Grid line will then form the northern boundary of the 5th Australian Division. This area is at present held by the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade.
(b) In consequence of (a) frontages of front line brigades will be adjusted as follows during night 21st/22nd April:-
 - (i) 14th Australian Infantry Brigade front will extend from Southern Divisional boundary (co-ordinate line running west through P.19. central, from P.20.a.0.0) to P.8.b.3.0
 - (ii) 8th Australian Infantry Brigade front will extend from P.8.b.3.0 to Northern Divisional boundary (Grid line running west between J.24. and J.30).
- (c) Inter-brigade boundary will be as follows:-
P.8.b.3.0 to 0.5.c.7.7. then West along Southern bank of canal (inclusive to 8th Infantry Brigade) to 0.10.a.0.9. Chateau at 0.5.c.5.6 is inclusive to 14th Infantry Brigade.
- (d) Subject to the terms of this order the adjustments (vide sub-paras (b) (i) and (ii) and (c)) will be arranged direct between Brigade Commanders concerned and the completion of the necessary movements and reliefs will be reported to Divisional Headquarters. On completion of relief by 8th Infantry Brigade that portion of the front taken over by the 8th Infantry Brigade from the 11th Infantry Brigade will come under command of G.O.C. 5th Australian Division.

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4. The re-arrangement and reliefs of machine guns to be carried out in connection with the re-adjustment of the Divisional Area will be arranged by the O.C. 5th Machine Gun Battalion with O.C. 3rd Australian Machine Gun Battalion, and will be carried out during night 22nd/23rd April.
5. The 8th Infantry Brigade will be responsible for the defence of all bridge heads on E. bank of the SO FE as far west as O.10.a.0.9 The traffic control and policing of bridges will be carried out by demolition parties detailed by the C.R.E.
6. Instructions regarding re-arrangement of Artillery, Engineers and Medical Units will be issued by the C.R.A., C.R.E., and A.D.M.S.
7. The attached map shows Divisional and forward Brigade boundaries as re-adjusted.
8. All maps, air photos and documents relating to the areas taken over will be taken over by units concerned.
9. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.
10. CHNO LEDGE.

*G. H. Wootten Major*Major
Lieut-Colonel G.S.
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

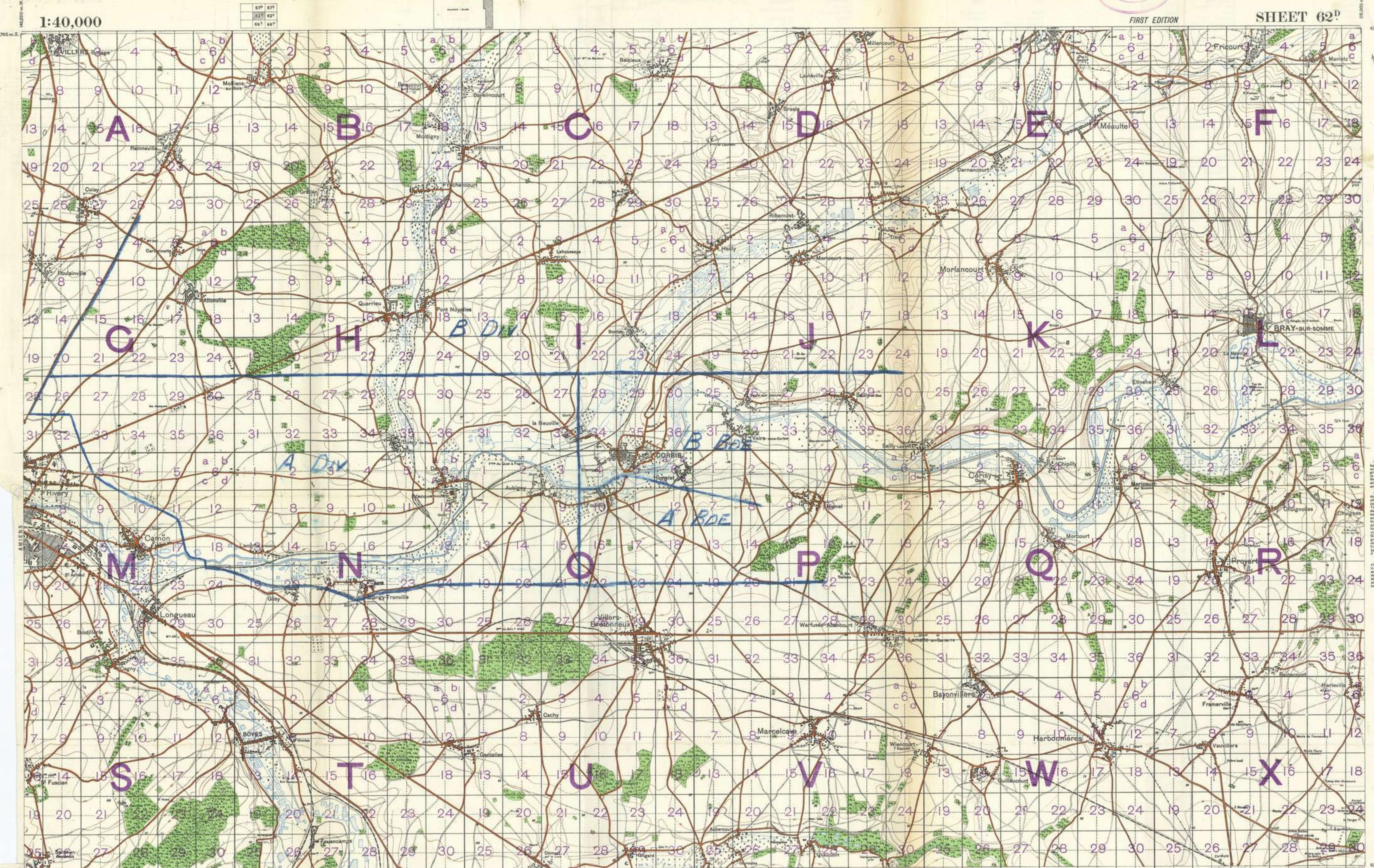
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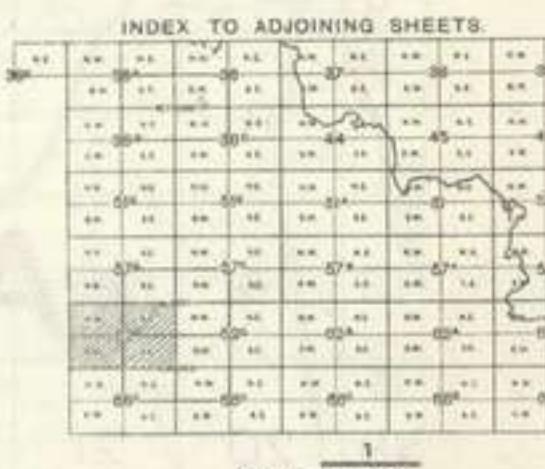
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Abita, Abit ^r	Abber.	Bassin de radoub	Dry dock.	Corn	Workmen's dwellings.	Four à coke	Coke oven.	Nacelle	Ferry.	Rémbal	Embankment.
Alouette, Abt ^r	Wading place.	Bateau phare	Light-ship.	Cour des marchands	Goods yard.	Ganterie	Glove factory.	Orme	Elm.	Réserve (des Machines aux)	Engine-shed.
Alouette, Abt ^r	Customs-shed.	Bureau à la douane	Laundry.	Couvent	Convent.	Gare	Station.	Oryphelinat	Oryphange.	Réserve, Rés ^r	Reservoir.
Acierie	Steel works.	B.M. (blocs milliaires)	Mile stones.	Craisser	Slag heap.	Garnison	Garrison.	Osemais	Osemer-beds.	Route cavalière	Bridle road.
Allee	Alley, Narrow road.	B ^r (bornes kilométriques)	Kilometre posts.	Croix	Cross.	Gazométrie	Gassometer.	Ouvrage	Fort.	Rubanerie	Bobbin factory.
Avancée -ne, Am ^r	Advances.	Boulangerie	Bolt factory.	Darse	Inner dock.	Fab ^r de glaces	Mirror factory.	Ouvrages hydrauliques	Water works.	Ruine	Ruin.
Aqueduc	Aqueduct.	Boutique, Br ^r	Boutique.	Démolie - e	Destroyed.	Glace	Ice factory.	Papeterie	Paper-mill.	Ruine - e	Ruined.
Arbre	Tree.	Brasserie, Brass ^r	Brewery.	Détroit - e, Dét ^r - e	Weir.	Gruie	Crane.	Parc	Park, yard.	Sablière	Sand-pit.
éventail	fan shaped.	Briqueterie, Briq ^r	Brickfield.	Déversoir	Breakwater.	Gue	Ford.	" astrositique	Astronomy ground.	Sablière, Sablon ^r	Sablon.
décharné	bare.	Bris ^r -lance	Breakwater.	Digue	Dyke, causeway.	Guerite	Sentry-box, Turret.	" à charbon	Coal yard.	Sapin	Fir tree.
fourchu	forked.	Bureau de poste	Post office.	Gouvernance, Dist ^r	Distillery.	" à signaux	Signal-box (Ry.)	Passage à niveau P.N.	Level-crossing.	Saule	Willow tree.
jeune	young.	Bureau de douane	Custom house.	Douane	Custom-house.	Halle	Hall.	Passerelle, Pas ^r	Footbridge.	Sauveterie	Salt-works.
pendu	hanging.	Bureau	Bout, Mound.	Estrapôde de douane	Custom warehouse.	Hangar	Shed, Hangar.	Pépinière	Nursery-garden.	Sciérie, Sc ^r	Saw-mill.
Arbre	Tree.	Cabane	Hut.	Dynamiterie, Dynam ^r	Dynamite.	Hôpital	Hospital.	Peuplier	Poplar tree.	Sondage	Boring.
Arbre	Tree.	Calaret, Cal ^r	Inn.	Dynamiteurie	Dynamite factory.	Hôtel-de-Ville	Town hall.	Pilier, Pil ^r	Lamphouse.	Sucrerie, Suc ^r	Sugar factory.
Arbre	Tree.	Câble sous-marin	Submarine cable.	Dynamiteurie	Dynamite.	Houillère	Colliery.	Plaine d'explosion	Drill ground.	Tannerie	Tannery.
Arbre	Tree.	Calvet, Cal ^r	Calvary.	Ecluse	Sluice, Lock.	Imprimerie, Imp ^r	Printing works.	Pompe	Pump.	Tir à la cible	Rifle range.
Arbre	Tree.	Canal d'irrigation	Irrigation canal.	Eclusette, Ecl ^r	Sluice.	Jetée	Pier.	Ponçage	Calvert.	Tissage	Weaving mill.
Ardoisières, Ard ^r	Slate quarry.	Fa ^r de caoutchouc	Rubber factory.	Ecole	School.	Laminerie	Rolling mills.	Poste	Post.	Tillerie	Rolling mill.
Arch	Arch.	Carrière, Carr ^r	Quarry.	École	College.	Ligne de haute	High water mark.	Poterie	Pottery.	Tombéen	Tomb.
Arch	Arch.	Carré de gravier	Gravel pit.	Église	Church.	Ligne de marée	Low water mark.	Pont	Bridge.	Tour	Tower.
des allées	Lunatic asylum.	Casserie	Barracks.	Enaillerie	Enamel works.	Porte levée	Coast-guard station.	Pont levée	Coast-guard.	Tourbière	Peat-bog, Peat-bed.
d'charité		Champ de course	Race-course.	Embarcadère, Emb ^r	Embarcation.	Poste	Post station.	Tour	Tower.	Tourelle	Small tower.
des paroisses		" manœuvres	Drill-ground.	Estaminet, Estam ^r	Landing-place.	Poste	Post station.	Tour	Tower.	Tuilerie	Tiles works.
des relais		" tir	Rifle range.	Etang	Inn.	Prise d'eau	Water supply.	Usine à gaz	Gas works.	Verrerie, Ver ^r	Glass works.
Auberge, Aub ^r	Inn.	Ferry	Ship yard.	Fab ^r de produits	Factory.	Puits	pit-head, Shaft well.	" électrique	Electricity works.	Viaduc	Viaduct.
Aube	Alder-tree.	Chantier	Dock yard.	Fab ^r de produits chimiques	Chemical works.	Forêt	Forest.	" d'électricité	Electricity works.	Vivier	Fish Pond.
à traîne		Chantier de construction	Slip-way.	Fab ^r de faïence	Pottery.	Forêt	Forester's house.	" métallurgique	Metal works.	Vidaine	Viduct.
Bains	Baths.	Chapelle, Ch ^r	Chapel.	Farm, F ^r	Farm.	Forêt	Forester's house.	" à agglomérés	Brickette factory.	Vivier	Fish Pond.
Places aux bains	Bathing place.	Château d'eau	Water tower.	Filature, Fil ^r	Spinning mill.	Marché	Market.	Quai	Quay, Platform.	Vidaine	Viduct.
Balles	Balls.	Bois, Bois.	Sand-bank.	Fonderie, Fond ^r	Foundry.	Marché	Market.	aux bestiaux	Cattle platform.	Vidaine	Viduct.
Banc de sable	Sand-bank.	Bois	Wood-bank.	Fonderie, Fond ^r	Foundry.	Miné	Mine.	aux marchandises	Goods platform.	Vidaine	Viduct.
vase		Bois		Fonction, Fonct ^r	Function.	Minière	Mine.	des déchargement		Vidaine	Viduct.
barrière		Bois		Fosse de sabot	Dock.	Monastère	Monastery.	des événements		Vidaine	Viduct.
barrière		Bois		Forge	Smitry.	Moulin, Mou	Mill.	formation		Vidaine	Viduct.
(Machine à) Bascule	Gate, Sile.	Bois		Fosse	Mine, Pit.	à vapeur	Steam mill.	manœuvres		Vidaine	Viduct.
Bassin	weigh-bridge.	Bois		Fosse	Moat, Ditch.	Mur	Wall.	Raffinerie	Refinery.	Vidaine	Viduct.
d'échouage	Dock, Pond	Bois		Fosse	Kiln.	crénelé	Loop-holed wall.	Raffinerie de sucre	Sugar refinery.	Vidaine	Viduct.
	Tidal dock.	Bois		Fosse	Lime-kiln.			Raffinerie	Best-root factory.	Vidaine	Viduct.
		Colombier		Fosse					Zinguerie	Zinc works.	

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Headquarters
21st April 1918

1. Paragraph 5, delete the 1st and 2nd lines and substitute the following:-
The 8th Infantry Brigade will be responsible for the defence of all bridge heads along the SOMME from the front line to O.10.a.0.9.

G. Wootton Myn
Lieut-Colonel G.S.
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Issued at 12 noon to all Recipients of 5th Aust.Div.Order No.201

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 202

Ref.- sp 62D
1/40,000Headquarters
21st April 1918.

1. The inter-Corps boundary between the III Corps and Australian Corps, which is also the southern boundary of the 5th Australian Division, has been re-adjusted as follows.-
 From P.19.central westwards along the Grid line to N.24.a.0.0.
 - along BLAIS-THOMVILLE Road (inclusive to Australian Corps)
 - railway at N.22.c.4.2 - along railway to N.20.central -
 G.26.b.5.0 - thence westwards along the Grid line to River
 SEMME at L.26.b.7.0 - thence as before.
2. Maps issued with 5th Australian Division Order No. 201 should be amended accordingly.

G. F. Wootten M.A.
Major
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 203.

Ref. Sheets 62D, 62E Eastern Half.
1/40,000.Headquarters,
26th April 1918.

1. (i) At 6 a.m. on 27th April the Australian Corps will take over from the III Corps the sector and area as far south as square U.6.a.0.0.
- (ii) At the same time the boundary between the Australian Corps and the 31st French Corps, the inter-army boundary between the Fourth Army and the First French Army, will be adjusted to run as follows:- U.6.a.0.0. along the grid line running east and west between U.6. and U.5. central westwards as far as W.5.a.6.0. (Sheet 62E) where it joins the existing boundary.
2. Consequent on the above at 6 a.m. on 27th April:-
 (i) The 5th Australian Division will revert to the command of the Australian Corps.
 (ii) The 13th Australian Infantry Brigade will revert to the Australian Corps and will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 5th Australian Division.
 (iii) The following Artillery will be transferred from III Corps to the Australian Corps:-

20th Divisional Artillery

14th Army Brigade R.F.A.

23rd "	"	"	} which will be in process of relieving 58th Div. Artillery under orders of III Corps.
86th "	"	"	
179th "	"	"	

14th R.G.A. Brigade

22nd "

69th "

The Field artillery will be organised as a Divisional Artillery command in two groups under the orders of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division.

The Heavy Artillery will be disposed and organised by the B.G.H.A.

(iv) The 35th Squadron R.A.F located at POULAINVILLE is to be transferred to the Australian Corps. This squadron is to be responsible for work on the line from the SOMME to the southern inter-corps boundary.

3. The Counter battery boundary between the Australian Corps and the 31st French Corps, which is the counter battery boundary between the Fourth Army and the First French Army will be the East and West grid line between squares U.6 and U.12.

4. The necessary administrative, Engineer and Medical instructions will be issued separately.

5. Command will pass to G.O.C. 5th Australian Division at 6 a.m. 27th April 1918.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

W. Peck
Lieut-Colonel, G.S.
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO.204.

Ref. Sheet 62D
1/10,000.Headquarters
26th April 1918.

1. The 4th Australian Division (less Artillery) is to take over the sector which will be held by the 5th Australian Division on the 27th April at 2 p.m. namely from the original southern boundary of the 5th Australian Division (P.19.central) as far south as the new boundary between the Australian Corps and the 31st French Corps (U.6.a.0.0). The relief is to be completed at 2 p.m. on the 27th April.
 Headquarters of the 4th Australian Division is to be established at LA MOTTE-BREBIERE (N.13.d). ALLONVILLE is to remain available to 4th Australian Division as a rear Headquarters.
2. (i) Consequent on the above the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will, at the time named, pass temporarily under the command of the G.O.C. 4th Australian Division to which command the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade will revert.
 (ii) (a) The following field artillery will be transferred to the 4th Australian Division and placed under the command of the C.R.A. 4th Australian Division at 2 p.m. 27th April :-
 20th Divisional Artillery
 14th Army Brigade R.F.A.
 23rd " " ") in process of relieving 58th Div.
 86th " " ") Art. under orders of III Corps.
 179th Army Brigade R.F.A.
 The field artillery is being organised as a divisional artillery command under the orders of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division. (See 5th Australian Division Order No.203).
 (b) The heavy artillery Brigade to be affiliated to the 4th Australian Division will be detailed by the B.G. H.A. and G.O.C. 4th Australian Division informed.
 (iii) The inter-divisional boundary between the 5th Australian Division and the 4th Australian Division will be adjusted to run as follows:- Grid line running westwards through P.19.central as far west as N.24.a.0.0. thence along the road inclusive to N.22.e.4.4. - thence along the railway to N.20.central. The boundary further west will be defined later.
 The boundary between the 4th Australian Division and the 31st French Corps will be a direct line running westwards from U.6.a.0.0. to T.1.central. The boundary further west will be defined later as will the back boundary of the divisional area.
 The adjoining division is the Moroccan Division with headquarters at N.32.central.
 (iv) The sector and area then held by the 4th Australian Division will be known as A1 divisional area.
3. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will revert to the command of the 5th Australian Division on relief by a brigade of the 4th Australian Division on 28/29th April and will occupy Reserve Brigade area of "A" divisional sector (the second or AUBIGNY zone).

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4. BLANGY-TRONVILLE and positions lately occupied by the 57th and 58th Battalions will be made available to 4th Australian Division for staging purposes.
5. Administrative, engineer and medical instructions will be issued separately.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W.H. Peck

Lieut-Colonel, G.S.
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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1st AMENDMENT TO 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDERS NOS 203 & 204.

Headquarters
26th April 1918.

Action under 5th Australian Division Orders Nos 203 and 204 of this date is postponed for 24 hours. Arrangements for troops of 4th Australian Division to take over new sector will proceed as previously ordered.

2. Acknowledge.

W. J. Peck
Lieut-Colonel G.S.
5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 9 p.m. to all recipients of 5th Australian Division Orders Nos 203 and 204



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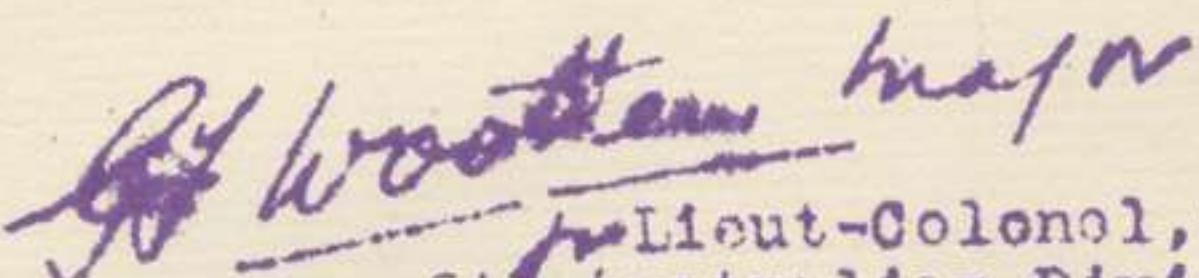
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2nd AMENDMENT TO 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDERS Nos. 203 and 204.

Headquarters
27th April 1918.

1. 1st amendment to 5th Australian Division Orders Nos. 203 and 204 dated 26th instant, is cancelled.
2. 5th Australian Division Orders will be operative for the 27th instant but will be amended as follows:-
(a) Order No. 203, paras 1, 2, and 5.
Delete "3 a.m. 27th April" and substitute "12 noon 27th April"
(b) Order No. 204, paras. 1 and 2.
Delete "2 p.m. 27th April" and substitute "10 a.m. 28th April".
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.


Major
Lieut-Colonel, C.S.
5th Australian Division.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 205.

Headquarters,
28th April 1918.

1. At 10 a.m. 28th April 1918, the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade, in its position in the forward area, will come under the command of the 4th Australian Division.
2. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade is to be relieved in the forward area on the night 28th/29th April under orders of 4th Australian Division.
3. On relief the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will revert to the command of the 5th Australian Division and will occupy the "C" (Reserve) Brigade area in the second or AUBIGNY Zone.
4. "A" Battery R.H.A. reverts to command of C.R.A. 5th Australian Division at 12 noon, 28th April 1918.
5. The machine gun relief will take place on the night 29th/30th under arrangements to be made by Machine Gun Battalion Commanders

S. AGO. O. LEDGE

J H. L. Lieut-Colonel G.S.
5th Australian Division.

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