

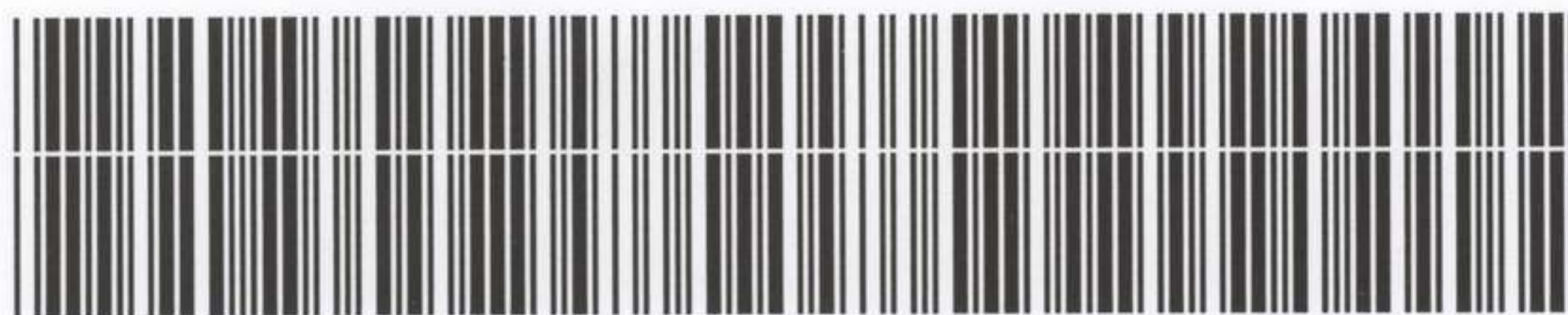
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VERY SECRET.

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29th Div. No. C.G.S. 60/42.

86th Inf.Bde.	"Q".
87th Inf.Bde.	XV Corps.
88th Inf.Bde.	"L" Spec.Coy., R.E.
C.R.E.	O.C. Spec.Coy., R.E. Second Army.
C.R.A.	1st Australian Division.
29th Bn. H.G.Corps.	5th Division.



1. (a) A Gas Cylinder Attack will be carried out on the Divisional front in the near future.
(b) The cylinders will be installed in ditches along the road from E.22.b.1.4. to E.16.a.4.5.
(c) The work will be carried out by "L" Special Coy., R.E., assisted, if necessary, by parties from "E" Special Coy., R.E., the whole under the orders of Major BERRISFORD, R.E., O.C. Special Companies, R.E., Second Army.
(d) The period of preparation by Special Coys., R.E. will probably cover five nights, and will commence about night 5th/3th June. Exact date of commencement will be notified later.
(e) About 40 G.S. wagons will be required each night to bring up material from Forward Dump. These limbers are being arranged for by Corps "Q" to be drawn from all Divisions in the XV Corps. The first night these will be required will be notified later.
2. (a) The C.R.E. will arrange to construct temporary bridges round road craters in E.16.c.8.4. and cut the barriers on road in E.16.a.5.2. and repair the roads in that area for traffic as required by O.C. "L" Special Coy., R.E. This work to be completed by night 5th/3th June.
C.R.E. will report completion to Divisional Headquarters and to O.C. "L" Special Coy., R.E.
3. The wind limit for discharging the cylinders will be between West by South and North West by North.
4. G.Os.C. Brigades in the line will consider the arrangements for the defence of their forward area during the period the cylinders are being discharged.
It will be necessary to evacuate all defences within the limits of the movement of the Gas.
It is not expected that this period will exceed 24 hours, when evacuated trenches and posts can be re-occupied.
Special Maps defining the limits of the Danger Zone will be issued later by O.C. "L" Special Coy., R.E.
5. The recipients of this order will treat it as "VERY SECRET", and will communicate it to no-one before it is necessary, except Officers immediately concerned in the preliminary preparation.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

ack.

[Signature]

Lieut.Colonel, G.S.
29th Division.

2nd JUNE 1918.



VERY SECRET.

XV Corps No. 65/139 G,
dated 30/5/1918.

29th Division.

1. It is proposed to carry out a gas cylinder attack on the Right Division front with a view to releasing a heavy concentration of gas which will cause casualties to the enemy's troops for a considerable distance (eight to nine miles) behind their line.

2. The cylinders will be installed in ditches along the road approximately from E.22.a.7.3. to E.22.b.1.4. to E.16.a.4.5. to E.16.b.2.6.

The period of preparation will probably cover five nights and will commence about the night 4th/5th June.

3. The work will be carried out by "L" Special Company, R.E., assisted if necessary by parties from "E" Special Company, R.E., the whole under the direct orders of Major BERRISFORD, R.E., O.C. Special Companies, R.E., Second Army.

4. About 40 G.S. limbers will be required each night to bring up material from forward dump. These limbers will be drawn from all three Divisions in the line.

5. 29th Division will consider the necessary preparations for :-

(a) Constructing temporary bridges over craters in E.22.a. and E.16.c.

(b) Removal of barrier across the road about E.16.a.4.2. and replacement by a camouflage barrier.

(c) Repairing a short length of road about E.15.c.8.6.

(d) Arrangements for defence of the line during the period when it will be necessary to evacuate the defences to allow of the cylinders being discharged. It is not expected that this period will exceed 24 hours.

The wind limit will be between West by South and North-West by North.

6. Every effort will be made to keep secret as long as possible the preparations for this attack.

7. Detailed instructions will be issued later.

XV Corps,
30/5/1918.

Brigadier-General,
General Staff.

Copies to :- 1st Australian Division.
9th Division.
"L" Special Company, R.E.
"E" Special Company, R.E.
O.C. Special Companies, R.E., Second Army.
XV Corps "Q".

Not to be promulgated until date of operation
Ga. J. W. G. T. J. W. G. T. J. W. G. T.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of : Service.	Recd. at m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Date.....
			At..... m.			From.....
			To.....			By.....
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { S.S.D.
1st Aust. Div.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A

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Q 66 2/6
Arrange station for
41 men and 81 horses for
transportation on and after
6th inst. This is party
working under Lieut F.H.
NIXON, 1st Aust. Div. Train at
V.4 C.6.1. See info. Lieut
Nixon when 5 draw
from

From 1st Aust. Div.
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2131.
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent			Service.
		At.....m.			From.....
		To.....			By.....
		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO

1st Aust Div. Art.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 08 67	2/0		

Detail 10 drivers to G.S.
Wagons complete accounts to
report to Lieut F.H. NIXON, 1st Aust
Div. at V.C. 61 at 10 a.m.
on 5th inst. and drivers to
carry patients and forage for
consumption on 5th inst. These
wagons will be required until
approximately 9th inst. and will be
detailed from your D.A.C.

From

1st Aust Div.

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

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"C" FORM.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C, 2123.
(In books of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Pref-.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
			From.....	At.....m.	
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions				By.....	

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO 1 Amer Dir

* Sender's Number. <u>QB 480</u>	Day of Month. <u>3/6</u>	In reply to Number. <u>AAA</u>
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Reference ALGYS no 65/1395 of
300 must was (NOT sent
SANCHO) was SANCHO NUMA
SALVIST and PEONY will
leave detail 10 lbs waggon
company to report
LT 7 H NIXON PEONY
SUBLINE at 4661 at
10 am 5A must and
at PEONY will arrange
accommodation and Drum
to carry rations 1 forage
for consumption 5A must
and PEONY will rations
after that date and waggon
will work under orders
of LT NIXON who will

FROM.....

PLACE & TIME.....

(136)

* This line should be erased if not required.
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"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123.
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Words..... £ s. d.	Received. From.....	Sent, or sent out. At.....m.	Office Stamp
Charges to Collect		By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions.		By.....		

Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO.....

*Sender's Number. Day of Month In reply to Number. AAA

arrange details with Lt
HEMENS at LADDER HQ
at U30 689 shut 2Y ago
waggons will return to
units on completion of
operation probably 9d that
under orders of LT Nixon
arrange to be added
9d 29th 31st and
1st Coy 1st Bde
2nd Coy 2nd Bde
Special Corps
2nd Army

15 Corps P

FROM.....

TIME & PLACE.....

*This line should be erased if not required.

100,000.—John Bissell, Ltd.—2/17.—2141. Forms C2123.

G. GA. JG.
SECRET.

XV Corps No. 65/139/3 G,
dated 4/6/1918.

29th Division.



Reference XV Corps No. 65/139 G, dated 30/5/1918.

1. The installation of gas cylinders is postponed owing to weather conditions.
2. In order to avoid a delay occurring between completion of installation and the release of the gas, it is not proposed to commence work until Meteorological Experts consider that the present spell of North-Easterly winds has broken.

XV Corps,
4/6/1918.

Edinburgh
Brigadier-General,
General Staff.

Green
Copies to :-
1st Australian Division.
9th Division.
"L" Special Company, R.E.
"E" Special Company, R.E.
O.C. Special Companies, R.E.,
Second Army.
XV Corps "Q".

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"C" FORM.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2123.
(In books of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
			From.....	At.....m.	
			By.....	To.....	

Charges to Collect.....

Service Instructions.....

Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO.....

* Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number.	AAA
QB 38	4th		

My QB 7 of 3rd reg
wagons NOT now required
until further orders and
Divisions will be
prepared to detail
numbers specified
on receipt of 12 hours
notice from this office
and address all
recipients QB 7

(Green)

(14th)

FROM.....

PLACE & TIME.....

15 Corps Q

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SECRET.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

URGENT.

Divisional Headquarters.
4th. June. 1918.



2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
1st. Aust. M.G. Bn.

A considerable quantity of gas containers is being unloaded at ANA JANA Siding. The danger resulting from any leakage of gas due to enemy or other action cannot be too strongly emphasized.

A strombus horn has been installed at the Siding and should be regulated to give a warning "down wind".

The Support Brigade will mount a continuous sentry post on this strombus horn with instructions to give the alarm should escape of gas become evident.

The Support Brigade will warn all troops living within 1500 yards that should the strombus horn be heard, and they are living to leeward of the siding, precautions should be taken against gas of considerable concentration.

Chas. Twiss

Lieut. Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

GT-488R
Liaison
J.G. B

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No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on alc of: Service.	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Orig. d Service Instructions.		Sent			Date.....
		At.....m.			From.....
		To.....			By.....
		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { S S O 1st Aust Div.
1st Aust Div. Art
Lt NIXON 1st Div. Train

Sender's Number. * Q 759	Day of Month. 5/6	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Cancel my wires Q 66
and Q 67 of 3rd re party and
wagons to work under Lt.
NIXON until further notice

From 1st Aust Div
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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No. of Message

Prefix.....	Code.....m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of: Service. (Signature of "Franking Officer.")	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent			Date.....
		At.....m.			From.....
		To.....			By.....
		By.....			

TO

1st Aust. Div. Art
Lt. F. H. NIXON, 1st Aust. Div. Train

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

A A A

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Q. 778

6/6

Detail 10 lumbered G. S. Wagons
complete turnouts to report to Lieut
F. H. NIXON, 1st Aust. Div. Train at V. H. C. 6.1
at 9 pm tonight and One NCO will
be detailed to be in charge of party
and they will take necessary
cooking utensils and these wagons
will be required for approximately
five days and will be detailed
from four D. H. C.

From	1st Aust. Div.	
Place		
Time		

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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No. of Message

Prefix.....	Code.....m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of: Service. (Signature of "Franking Officer.")	Recd. at.....m
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent			Date.....
		At.....m.			From.....
		To.....			By.....
		By.....			
TO {		S.S.D.			
		1st Aust Div.			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	AAA
* Q 778		6/6			

Arrange rations for 41 men
and 86 horses for consumption on
and after 7th inst aaa This is party
working under Lt. F. H. NIXON, Div
Train at V. H. C. 61 aa Inform Lt
NIXON where to draw from

From	1st Aust Div		
Place			
Time			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)	
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.		
	R. K. W. Major		

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				No. of Message	
Prefix	Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
		f s. d.	From	At m.	
Charges to	Effect		By	To	
Service Instructions			By		
Handed in at			Office	m. Received	
TO	1 Aust Diton				
Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	A A A		
Q B 65	6 th				
<p>My Q B 84 of 3rd and 38 of 4th are Waggon required for work tomorrow night and I say should report tonight if possible to Lt NIXON at map</p> <p>reply given in my Q B 4 are reliable nco to be in charge of each Convoy are Rubber Tyres cooking utensils and rations and forage for consumption tomorrow to be taken are acknowledge all addressed all receipts Q B 84 and 38 are</p>					
FROM	15 Corps Q				
PLACE & TIME	Q				

* This line should be erased if not required.

9210—W.529—100,000—10/5/17—L.P.Co.—(E1213).

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message.....

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VERY SECRET.

XV Corps No. 65/139/4 G.
6th June, 1918.

29th Division.

Reference XV Corps No. 65/139 G. dated 30/5/1918, and
XV Corps No. 65/139/3 G. dated 4/6/1918.

1. Instalment of cylinders will commence to-morrow
night 7th/8th June.
2. O.C., Special Coys., R.E., Second Army, has been
instructed to inform you of all arrangements he has
made ~~and~~ installing the cylinders.
for

W. H. Hume
Brigadier-General,
General Staff.

XV Corps.
6/6/1918.

Copies to :- 1st Australian Division. ✓
9th Division.
"E" Special Coy., R.E.
O.C., Special Coys., R.E., Second Army.
"Q", XV Corps.

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SECRET.

XV Corps No. 65/139/4 G,
dated 7/6/1918.

29th Division.
"L" Special Company, R.E.



In continuation of XV Corps No. 65/139/4 G, dated
6th June, 1918.

From to-night, 7th/8th June inclusive, until the gas
has been discharged the following precautions will be taken
to guard against the possibility of accidents in the event
of some of the cylinders being exploded by hostile Artill-
ery :-

(a) A Strombos horn will be placed in position near
the site of installation by 29th Division, and "L" Special
Company, R.E., will arrange for a sentry to be contin-
uously on duty to give warning if any cylinders are burst.

(b) Rigorous gas discipline will be enforced on
troops in the vicinity and to leeward of the cylinders.

(c) As far as possible, however, every effort will
be made to prevent the knowledge that gas cylinders are
being installed from becoming wide-spread. Where it is
absolutely necessary to give any of the troops instruct-
ions on the subject, Officers should be ordered to
describe the installation as a collection of projectors.

The enemy is accustomed to the use of projectors on
this front, and if he captures prisoners who speak of a
proposed projector attack, he will not be unduly alarmed.

XV Corps,
7/6/1918.

Brigadier-General;
General Staff.

Copies to :- 1st Australian Division.
9th Division.
"E" Special Company, R.E.
O.C. Special Companies, R.E.,
Second Army.
"Q", XV Corps.

SECRET.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters.
8th. June. 1918.

2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

A certain number of gas containers are in
the area of the Brigade on your right.
It is considered advisable to warn your right
battalion to be alert for the sounding of a strombus
horn and, should it be heard, to take necessary precautions.

Alf
Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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Ga Jnr.

J. P.

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XV CORPS ORDER No. 198.

9th June, 1918.



Reference Map, Scale 1/20,000,
Sheet 36a, N.E., (Edition 7.A, local).

1. Gas cylinders are being installed in ditches along the road in E.16.a. and c.

The gas will be discharged on the night 11th/12th June, or on the first subsequent night when weather conditions are suitable, i.e., a wind of not less than four miles an hour, between North-West and West.

2. The following code messages will be sent from Corps Headquarters to all concerned :-

(a) "BOSTON," meaning "conditions are favourable. Discharge will probably take place to-night."

(b) "PRETORIA," meaning "conditions are unfavourable. Additional cylinders will be installed to-night."

(c) "MADRID," meaning "conditions are unfavourable. Full number of cylinders have been installed. No action to-night."

(d) "DOG," meaning "weather conditions all right. Discharge of gas will take place to-night.. Take action as laid down in XV Corps Order No. 198."

(e) "RAT," meaning "weather conditions unfavourable. Discharge will not take place to-night."

(f) "BULL," meaning "weather conditions have become unfavourable". Discharge will not take place. Line to be reoccupied forthwith.

Messages (a), (b) or (c) will be sent from Corps Headquarters before noon and will be based on the meteorological report at 10 am.

Messages (d) or (e) will be sent about 7 p.m. if message (a) has been sent and will be based on report received from Major BERRISFORD, M.C., R.E., Officer Commanding Special Companies R.E. Second Army, who will be at 29th Division Headquarters.

Message (f) will be sent if message (d) has been sent, and weather conditions have changed and will be based on report from Major BERRISFORD, M.C., R.E.

3. Action will be taken on above messages as shown on attached Table.

4. The attached map shows the approximate area from which troops will be evacuated. (Issued to Divisions only).

5. (1) Arrangements for withdrawal of troops will be made by 1st Australian Division and 29th Division as far as concerns their respective fronts.

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(2) If the G.O.C. of either Division does not consider that the tactical situation permits withdrawal he will report the fact to Corps Headquarters.

(3) It is important that the withdrawal once decided on be carried out without delay and that its completion be promptly reported.

(4) Each Division will send a Staff Officer to a suitable point, and will arrange for this officer to receive reports stating completion of withdrawal. Their positions will be chosen with a view to ensuring that reports are received in as short a time as possible.

(5) When these Staff Officers have satisfied themselves that withdrawal is complete, they will report the fact in writing to Lieutenant HEMMENS, Officer Commanding Special Company R.E. at the Farm E.16.a.30.45.

(6) All messages dealing with this operation will :-

(a) If sent by wire, be contained in a Code word.

(b) If sent by runner, be forwarded in duplicate, each copy going by separate runner.

6. Before evacuating forward positions troops will cover up with earth all ammunition, grenades, or any other metal stores, which would be corroded by the gas discharge.

7. The 29th Division will arrange for a section of Machine Guns to be in position about E.16.a.2.5 by 10 p.m. on the night on which the gas is to be discharged. The role of these guns will be to fire overhead fire at extreme elevation with the view to covering the noise made by the explosions which discharge the cylinders. The officer in charge of this section will report to Lieutenant HEMMENS, R.E., and will open fire when instructed by this officer.

8. Action to be taken by Lieutenant HEMMENS, R.E., on the night of discharge will be as follows :-

(a) His Headquarters will be at the Farm E.16.a.30.45.

(b) On receipt of message laid down in paragraph 5 (5) above he will select hour for discharge of the cylinders.

(c) He will arrange with officer in charge of Machine Guns, see paragraph 7 above, to cover the noise on discharge.

(d) He will on no account order the discharge unless in possession of the messages laid down in para. 5 (5) above.

(e) As soon as the cylinders have commenced discharging he will report the fact to Major BERRISFORD at 29th Division Headquarters.

9. On receipt of message from Lieutenant HEMMENS to the effect that gas is being discharged, Major BERRISFORD will inform Corps Headquarters, 1st Australian, 9th and 29th Divisions.

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10. Artillery will be prepared to open fire :-

(a) One Brigade, Field Artillery, to cover discharge of gas. Details will be issued separately to 29th Division.

(b) When from the number of lights sent up from the German lines, it is obvious that the discharge of gas has been discovered.

(c) On receipt of the message, "COMMENCE FIRE," from Corps Headquarters;-

(1) Field Artillery, for one hour on suitable targets with a view to harassing the enemy's communications and preventing him moving to a flank to escape the gas.

(2) Heavy Artillery, for one-and-a-half hours with the same object on targets beyond the range of Field Artillery.

11. The re-occupation of evacuated area will be carried out under orders of Divisions, who will report progress and completion to Corps and to flanking Division concerned.

12. There is to be no reference to this operation on the telephone, and every possible step is to be taken to keep it secret.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Recd

H. Enox

Issued at 11.30 p.m.

Brigadier-General,
General Staff.

Copy No.	1	A.D.C. to Corps Commander.
	2 - 3	1st Australian Division.
	4 - 5	9th Division.
	6 - 7	29th Division.
	8 - 10	G.O.C. R.A.
	11	XI Corps.
	12	O.C. Special Companies, R.E., Second Army.
	13	"L" Special Company, R.E.
	14-15	Second Army.
	16-20	G.S. and File.
	21	War Diary.

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TABLE ISSUED WITH XV CORPS ORDER No. 198.

Message.	Action to be taken.		Remarks.
	1st Aust. Divn. and 29th Divn.	By Major BERRISFORD, M.C., R.E. O.C. Special Coys. R.E. Second Army.	
BOSTON.	Issue necessary instructions to warn all concerned to be prepared to act on Code Message, "DOG".	Move to 29th Division H.Q. Establish Meteorological Stations. Issue necessary instructions to Special Companies, R.E.	Major BERRISFORD will arrange direct with 29th Division for the transmission of Code Messages to and from forward Meteorological Stations.
PRETORIA.	As required.	Will continue installation of cylinders.	
MADRID.	As required.	As required.	
DOG.	Order the evacuation of troops from area shown on Map, to commence as soon as darkness and tactical situation permits. Send forward a Staff Officer to receive reports, vide para. 5 (4).	Give orders to Special Companies for final preparations. Keep in touch with Meteorological Stations and report weather conditions hourly to Corps.	Any time after the issue of this message from Corps Headquarters. Officers of Special Coys. R.E. will be entitled to frank "Urgent Operations Priority" messages.
RAT.	Issue necessary orders to troops.	Return to Second Army H.Q. after issuing necessary instructions to Special Companies, R.E.	
BULL.	Cancel orders issued on receipt of message "DOG", and order reoccupation of evacuated zone.	Do.	

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Copy No. 2.

29th DIVISION ORDER NO. 215.Reference Map Sheet 36 A.
Edition 7A Local.10th June 1918.

1. Gas cylinders are being installed in ditches along the road in E.16.a. & c.

The gas will be discharged on the night of the 11/12th June, or on the first subsequent night that weather conditions are suitable i.e. wind of not less than 4 miles per hour between N.W. and W.

2. The following code messages will be sent from Divisional Headquarters to all concerned :-

- (a) BOSTON - meaning conditions are favourable, discharge will probably take place to-night.
- (b) PRETORIA - meaning conditions are unfavourable, additional cylinders will be installed to-night.
- (c) MADRID - meaning conditions are unfavourable, full number of cylinders have been installed, no action to-night.
- (d) DOG - weather conditions alright, discharge of gas will take place to-night. Take action as laid down in 29th Division Order No. 215.
- (e) RAT - weather conditions unfavourable, discharge will not take place to-night.
- (f) BULL - weather conditions have become unfavourable, discharge will not take place to-night. Line to be reoccupied forthwith.

Messages (a) (b) or (c) will be sent from Divisional Headquarters before Noon and will be based on the meteorological report at 10 a.m.

Messages (d) or (e) will be sent about 7 p.m. if message (a) has been sent and will be based on report received from Major BERRISFORD, M.C. R.E., Officer Commanding Special Companies R.E., Second Army, who will be at 29th Divisional Headquarters.

Message (f) will be sent if message (d) has been sent, and weather conditions have changed, and will be based on report from Major BERRISFORD, M.C. R.E.

3. Action will be taken on above messages as shown on attached table.

4. The attached map shows the approximate area from which troops will be evacuated.

- 5. (i) Arrangements for withdrawal of troops will be made by 86th and 87th Inf, Bdes. as far as concerns their respective areas.
- (ii) If the G.O.C. of either Brigade does not consider that the tactical situation permits withdrawal, he will report the fact to Divisional Headquarters.

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Gas cloud file

It is important that the withdrawal once decided on be carried out without delay and that its completion be promptly reported.

6. A Divisional Staff Officer will be detailed to receive reports in writing, stating completion of withdrawal. His position, which will be chosen with a view to ensuring that reports are received in as short a time as possible, will be notified later. When this Staff Officer has satisfied himself that the withdrawal is complete, he will report the fact in writing to Lieut. HEMMENS, Officer Commanding Special Coy. R.E., at the farm AX E.16.a.50.45.
7. All messages dealing with this operation will:-
 - (a) If sent by wire be contained in a Code Word.
 - (b) If sent by runner, be forwarded in duplicate, each copy going by separate runner.
8. Before evacuating forward positions, troops will cover up with earth all ammunition, grenades, or any other metal stores which would be corroded by the gas discharge.
9. The O.C. 29th Bn. M.G. Corps will arrange for a section of machine guns to be in position about E.16.a.2.5. by 10 p.m. on the night on which the gas is to be discharged. The role of these guns will be to fire overhead fire at extreme elevation with the view to covering the noise made by the explosions which discharge the cylinders. The Officer in charge of this section will report to Lieut. HEMMENS, R.E., and will open fire when instructed by this Officer.
10. Instructions as to the action of artillery will be issued separately.
11. Reoccupation of evacuated area will be carried out under orders of Brigades concerned, who will report progress and completion to Divisional Headquarters.
12. There is to be no reference to this operation on the telephone, and every possible step is to be taken to keep it secret.
13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at _____

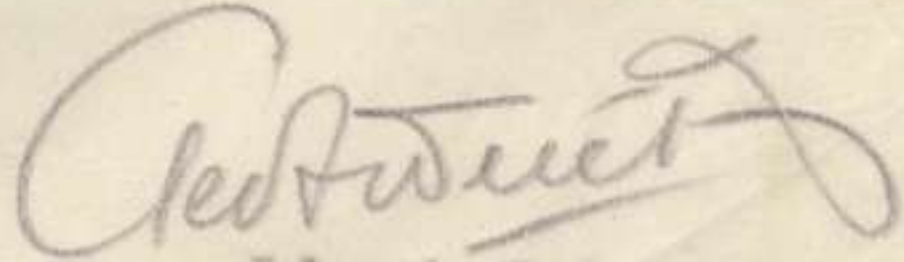
(Sd) H.E. BOAK, LT Colonel
for Lieut-Colonel. G.S.
29th Division.

Copies 1 - 2. General Staff.
3. 86th Inf. Bde.
4. 87th Inf. Bde.
5. C.R.A.
6. C.R.E.
7. 29th Bn. M.G. Corps.

S/8813.

Divisional Headquarters,
10th. June. 1918.2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.

1. Gas will be discharged on the front of the Brigade on our right on the night 11th/12th June, or on the first subsequent favourable night when weather conditions are suitable, i.e. a wind of not less than four miles an hour between NORTH WEST and WEST.
2. The following code messages will be used by Divisional H.Q.
 - (a) "BOSTON", meaning "conditions are favourable. Discharge will probably take place tonight."
 - (b) "PRETORIA", meaning "conditions are unfavourable. Additional cylinders will be installed tonight."
 - (c) "MADRID", meaning "conditions are unfavourable. Full number of cylinders have been installed. No action tonight."
 - (d) "DOG", meaning "weather conditions all right. Discharge of gas will take place tonight. Take action as laid down in letter S/8813."
 - (e) "RAT", meaning "weather conditions unfavourable. Discharge will not take place tonight."
 - (f) "BULL", meaning "weather conditions have become unfavourable" Discharge will not take place. Line to be re-occupied forthwith."
3. If message (d) is received all troops of this Division, EAST and SOUTH of the line E.11.A.8.2. - E.11.C.0.9. will be withdrawn. It is important that when once decided on the withdrawal is carried out without delay and promptly reported.
4. A Divisional Staff Officer will be present at the Headquarters of the right battalion to receive reports stating completion of withdrawal. Reports if by wire should use the code words "SALVAGE READY" meaning "withdrawal complete".
5. When satisfied that the withdrawal is complete the Staff Officer will report the fact in writing to Lieut. HEMMENS, Officer Commanding the Special Company R.E. at the Farm E.18.A.30.45. The message will be sent in duplicate, each copy by separate runner. The right battalion will provide the runners.
6. Before evacuating the forward positions troops are to cover up with earth all ammunition, grenades and any other metal stores which would be corroded by the gas discharge.
7. C.R.A. will arrange direct with 89th D.A. for any artillery co-operation required.
8. Re-occupation of the forward positions will be carried out under instructions from Divisional H.Q.
9. Every possible steps are to be taken to keep this operation secret.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.


Lieut. Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

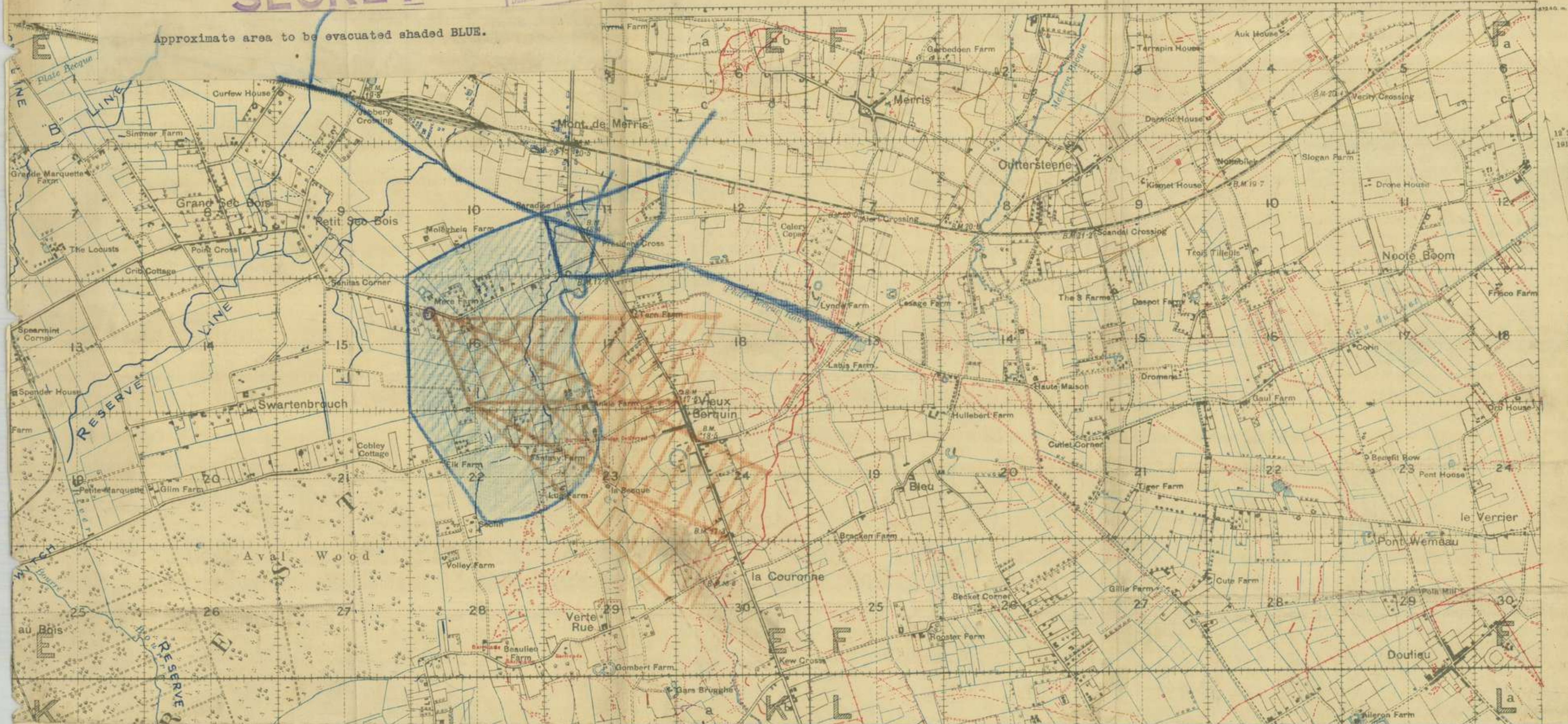
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IX CORPS
TOPOGRAPHICAL
SECTION

EDITION 7. A (LOCAL) TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION
RECEIVED UP TO 22.5.18.

SHEET 36A N.E.

Approximate area to be evacuated shaded BLUE.



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SECRET.

XV Corps No. G.S. 2/147,
dated 10/6/1918.

29th Division.

Reference XV Corps Order No. 128, dated 9th June, 1918, paragraph 10 (a).

1. 29th Division will detail one Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, to fire from "Z" minus two minutes to "Z" plus six minutes on about 1,000 yards of the enemy's front line to leeward of the gas discharge, with the object of :-

(a) Covering the noise of the explosion which discharges the cylinders.

(b) Keeping down the heads of the enemy's infantry, and preventing them from seeing the approach of the cloud.

2. A Liaison Officer from this Brigade, connected by wire to Brigade Headquarters, should report to Lieutenant HEMMENS, R.E., at E.16.a.30.45., by 11 p.m. on the night of discharge. Lieutenant HEMMENS will give this Officer about quarter of an hour's notice of the exact time of discharge, ("Z").

3. At the conclusion of the above eight minutes fire, the R.F.A. Brigade concerned will switch on the targets detailed, in accordance with paragraph 10 (c) (1) of the above Order.

H. Kemp

XV Corps,
10/6/1918.

Brigadier-General,
General Staff.

Copies to :-

G.O.C. R.A.
"L" Special Company, R.E.
O.C. Special Companies, R.E.,
Second Army.
1st Australian Division.
9th Division.

Table issued with 29th Division Order No.215.

Message.	Action to be taken.		Remarks.
	86th and 87th Inf.Bdes.	29th Bn.M.G.Corps.	
BOSTON	Issue necessary instructions to warn all concerned to be prepared to act on Code Message "DOG".	Warn section of M.Gs. to be ready to move to E.16.a.2.5.	
PRETORIA.	As required.	None.	
MADRID.	As required.	None.	
DOG.	Order evacuation of troops from area shown on Map, to commence as soon as darkness and tactical situation permits. Send Reports to Divisional Staff Officer vide para. 6.	Order section of M.Gs. into action in position near E.16.a.2.5.	Any time after issue of this message from Div.H.Q. Officers of Special Coys.R.E. will be entitled to frank Urgent Operations Priority Messages.
RAT.	Issue any necessary instructions to Troops.	As required.	
BULL.	Cancel orders issued on receipt of message "DOG" and order reoccupation of evacuated area.	Withdraw section of machine guns from E.16.a.2.5.	

C.R.A. - C.R.E. - O.C.29th M.G.Corps will ensure that none of their personnel are in the danger zone (shown in Blue on attached map) during the hours of darkness until such time as the operation has been completed.

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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.
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		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....	
TO {		Licut Nicson 1st Aust Div.			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
* Q. 81.		11/6.		A A A	
Return all stores to DADOS. and tyros to L. Coy RE. and give written orders to NCOs in charge of transport parties to return to their unit. today also any other personnel attached will be given written orders to return to their units					
From		1st Aust Div			
Place		1st Aust Div			
Time					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)			
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			To.....			By.....
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO

2nd A.I. Bde

CRA.

Sender's Number.

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Day of Month.

11/6

In reply to Number.

A A A

Reprova 58816 dated 10th Jan
BOSTON

From

1st Aust Div

Place

Time

11.45 am

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			By <u>PCO</u>	To <u>PCO</u>	
				By <u>PCO</u>	
Charged Collect <u>PCO</u>					
Service Instructions <u>Priority</u>					

Handed in at PCO Office 11 m. Received 11 m.

TO 1st Aust Div

* Sender's Number <u>9986</u>	Day of Month <u>11</u>	In reply to Number	A A A
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BOSTON

Added all concerned

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15th Corps 11 10 am

FROM _____

PLACE & TIME _____

* This line should be erased if not required
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"C" Form.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions				By	
Handed in at			Office	Received	

TO by Austro Dist

* Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	A A A
QB 110	11		

Mess QB65 of 6th can
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 detailed will return
 to units concerned
 under orders of 1st
 Austro Dist today
 as added all concerned
 AB / 68

FROM 15 Corps

PLACE & TIME

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 9910-W. 528-100.000-10/5/17-E.P.Co.-(E1213).

Secret

S/8829

11.6.18

1st Aust. Div.

Attached please find
Order from 29th Div.
Arty. giving Artillery
cooperation with gas
discharge.

The 64th Army Brigade
R.F.A. will cooperate
as detailed in para. 3.
of attached order.

Alec M. Forbes

MAJOR

BDE MAJOR 1st AUST. DIV. ART.

for C.R.A.

11.6.18.

1st AUSTRALIAN
DIVL. ARTILLERY
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S.M. 542/1.

15th Brigade R.F.A.
17th Brigade R.F.A.
119th Brigade R.F.A.



Reference 1/20,000 Map Sheet 36-A Edition 7.

With reference to S.M. 542 dated 10th June 1918,
Artillery will co-operate as under :-

1. From "Z" minus 2 minutes to "Z" plus 3 minutes, 119th Brigade R.F.A. will engage about 1000 yards of the enemy's front line to leeward of the gas with the object of :-

(i) Covering the noise of the explosion which discharges the cylinders.

(ii) Keeping down the heads of the enemy's infantry and preventing them from seeing the approach of the cloud.

Rate of fire :- SLOW.

2. An Officer from 119th Brigade R.F.A. will report to Lieut: REMMENS R.E. at E.13.a.30-45 by 11-0 p.m. tonight and on every succeeding night until the gas is discharged.

The exact time of discharge ("Z") will be notified to this officer by Lieut: REMMENS about a quarter of an hour before it is to take place.

119th Brigade R.F.A. will establish telephone communication with this officer and will arrange a simple code by which the hour of "Z" may be notified to the Brigade.

3. A. On receipt of the message "COMMENCE FIRE" from this office or when the number of lights sent up from the enemy's line indicates that the discharge of gas has been discovered, 15th and 17th Brigades will fire for one hour on suitable targets with a view to harassing the enemy's communications and preventing him moving to a flank to escape the gas. 119th Brigade R.F.A. will join in this fire after "Z" plus 3 minutes and 1st Australian Divisional Artillery have arranged for one brigade to co-operate.
Fire will be in bursts averaging "SLOW".

- B. If the wind is from the WEST. Brigades will engage selected targets in areas as under :-

17th Brigade R.F.A.

E.23.Central - LA COURONNE - E.24.b.5-0 - E.23.b.0-5.

15th Brigade R.F.A.

E.23.b.0-5 - E.24.b.5-0 - F.13.d.0-0 - E.17.d.0-0.

119th Brigade R.F.A.

E.17.b.0-5 - F.13.a.5-5 - F.7.c.8-5 - E.11.d.0-0.

1 Brigade lent by 1st Australian D.A.

E.11.d.0-0 - F.7.c.8-5 - F.1.d.0-0 - PRESIDENT CROSS.

by army

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3. C. If the wind is from the NORTH WEST, Brigades will engage selected targets in areas as under :-

17th Brigade R.F.A.

K.5.d.0-0 - KEW CROSS - E.29.c.5-0.

15th Brigade R.F.A.

E.29.c.5-0 - KEW CROSS - E.23.c.5-3.

119th Brigade R.F.A.

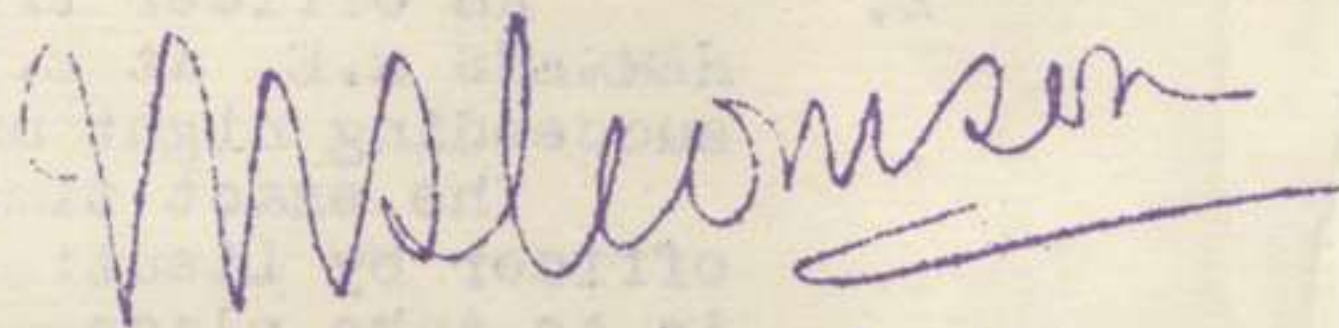
E.23.b.0-3 - LA COURONNE - E.24.b.4-0 - E.17.d.0-0.

1 Brigade lent by 1st Australian D.A.

E.24.b.4-0 - F.13.c.0-0 - E.17.d.0-7 - E.17.d.0-0

4. Heavy Artillery are co-operating by engaging targets beyond the areas engaged by the Field Artillery.

5. Acknowledge by wire.



Captain R.A.

Brigade Major 29th Divnl. Artillery.

11th June 1918.

Copies to 29th Division "A"

D.2.4.0.

1st Australian D.A.

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XV Corps Heavy Artillery Operation Order No. 53. 11/6/18

Reference Map, Scale 1/20,000,
Sheet 33, N.E. (Edition 7.A, local).
and Map attached.

1. Gas cylinders are being installed in ditches along the road in E.16.a. and c.
The gas will be discharged on the night 11th/12th June, or on the first subsequent night when weather conditions are suitable, i.e., a wind of not less than four miles an hour, between North West and West.
 2. The following code message will be sent from Corps Headquarters to all concerned :-
 - (a) "BOSTON", meaning "conditions are favourable. Discharge will probably take place to-night".
 - (b) "PRETORIA", meaning "conditions are unfavourable. Additional cylinders will be installed to-night".
 - (c) "MADRID", meaning "conditions are unfavourable. Full number of cylinders have been installed. No action to-night."
 - (d) "DOG", "weather conditions all right. Discharge of gas will take place to-night."
 - (e) "RAT", "weather conditions unfavourable. Discharge will not take place to-night."
 - (f) "BULL", "weather conditions have become unfavourable". Discharge will not take place. Line to be re-occupied forthwith.
 3. Area shaded blue on attached map shows approximate area to be evacuated by troops; the brown line is the line from which gas is being discharged.
 4. The Field Artillery are firing West of the green line on attached map with a view to harassing the enemy's communications and preventing movement during the discharge.
 5. Counter-Battery work is being arranged by C.B.S.O.
 6. Batteries, unless required by C.B. office will carry on normal harassing fire until the gas discharge.
After the start of the gas discharge, which will be notified to brigades concerned by this office, harassing fire will be carried on E. of the green line on attached map by 64th Brigade and batteries of 45th Brigade not required by C.B. office for 1½ hours at a slow rate throughout.
45th Brigade will fire on their own sector, 64th Brigade will carry on harassing fire on 1st Brigade Sector as well as their own.
 7. No reference is to be made to this operation on the telephone.
 8. Brigades please acknowledge.
- H.Q. H.A. XV Corps,
11th June, 1918. *M. Stoddart* Major,
Brigade Major, Heavy Artillery, XV Corps.
- Copies to :-
1st Brigade, RGA. C.B.S.O. 1st Aust. D.A.
45th Brigade, RGA. 29th Div.
64th Brigade, RGA. 29th D.A.
R.A., XV Corps. 1st Aust. Div.

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"C" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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(In books of 100.)

No. of Message _____

Prefix _____	Code _____	Words _____	Received. _____	Sent, or sent out. _____	Office Stamp.
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Service Instructions _____				By _____	

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TO _____

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Added all concerned

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FROM	15 Corps
PLACE & TIME	4 pm

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		At.....m.			From.....
		To.....			By.....
		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO

CRA

Sender's Number.

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Day of Month.

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In reply to Number.

A A A

DOG

From	1st AUST DIV
Place	
Time	
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Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.
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Reference		58813		aaa BULL
aaa		acknowledge		
1st and 2nd				
From				
Place				
Time				
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)				
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Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.				
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"G" FORM.
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Service Instructions				By	

Handed in at..... Office..... Received.....m.

TO.....

*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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"RAT" *ack*

acknowledged

added all concerned

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FROM.....

PLACE & TIME.....

15th Corps
4.30 pm

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		To.....			By.....
		By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO

XV Corps

Sender's Number. * 9183	Day of Month. 12/16	In reply to Number. 58	AAA
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From 1st Aust Div	
Place	
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Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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Army Order 2173
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At 82 By 82 To 82

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at P Co Office 82 m. Received 7 54p

TO 1st Aus Div

* Sender's Number 420 Day of Month 13 In reply to Number AAA

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ackd 9199
Sent Anna
CRAT
9198
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FROM 15 Corps
PLACE & TIME 7 30 pm

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TELEGRAMS AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

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	t s. d.		From <u>PCo</u>	At _____ m.	TELEGRAPH
Charges to Collect			By _____	To _____	
Service Instructions			By _____	By _____	

Handed in at PCo Office 2pm Received 3pm

TO 1st and 2nd Divs

* Sender's Number <u>16</u>	Day of Month. <u>13th</u>	In reply to Number	A A A
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" B O S T O N " aaa

Acknowledge aaa

Added all concerned

ackd
9.11

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FROM 15th Corps

PLACE & TIME 11.15 am

* This line should be erased if not required.

9310—W.528—100,000—10/5/17—E.P.Co.—(E1213).

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No of Message

Refix..... Code..... m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of: Service.	Recd. at..... m.
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	At..... m.			From.....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

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CRA.

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Sender's Number.

* 5195

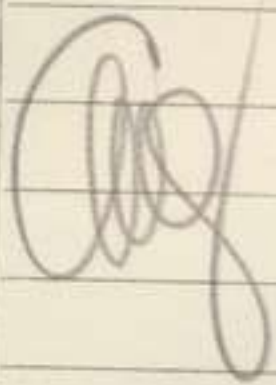
Day of Month.

13/16

In reply to Number.

A A A

BOSTON.



From

1st Aust Biv

Place

Time

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				No. of Mes-age	
Prefix.....	Code.....m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of: Service. (Signature of "Franking Officer.")	Reed. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent			Date.....
		At.....m.			From.....
		To.....			By.....
		By.....			
TO { 15th Corps					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month		In reply to Number.	
* 9199		13/6		920	
noted					
1st A. Inf. Div.					
From					
Place					
Time					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z) G. H. M. G. H. M. G. H. M.	
Censor.				Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.	
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"C" Form.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 17

Prefix 17 Code 17 Words 17 Received 17 Sent, or sent out. 17 Office Stamp.

From 17 At 17 By 17 To 17 By 17

Charges to Collect 17 Service Instructions 17

Handed in at 17 Office 17 Received 17 m.

TO 1st Ans Div

* Sender's Number 728 Day of Month 14th In reply to Number AAA

"BOSTON" ack Acknowledge ack

Added all concerned

FROM 15 Corps

PLACE & TIME 10.15 am

* This line should be erased if not required.

9610—W. 523—100,000—10/5/17—B. P. Co.—(1213).

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No. of Message _____

Prefix _____	Code _____	Words _____ i s d.	Received _____ From _____	Sent, or sent out. At _____ m	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect _____			By _____	To _____	
Service Instructions _____				By _____	

Handed in at _____ Office _____ m. Received 8.8h m

TO 1. Chief Division

* Sender's Number <u>237</u>	Day of Month <u>14</u>	In reply to Number <u>—</u>	A A A
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DE RAT acknowledge

add all concerned

263

FROM 15 Corps

PLACE & TIME 17.45h

* This line should be erased if not required

6510—W.523—100.000—10/5/17—M.P.CO.—(12107)

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No. of Message

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of: Service.	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Date.....
			At.....m.			From.....
			To.....			By.....
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO

XV Corps

Sender's Number.

* 5211

Day of Month.

14/6

In reply to Number.

528

A A A

Noted

From

1st Aust Div

Place

Time

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(Z)

Censor.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message _____

Prefix <u>BR 48</u>	Words <u>17</u>	Received From <u>PC</u>	Sent, or sent out At <u>AY4-15</u> <u>VI.18</u>	Office Stamp
Charges to Collect		By <u>PC</u>	To	By
Service Instructions		Priority <u>PC</u>		

Handed in at _____ Office 655p Received 654p in _____

TO _____ 1 Amst Ditr

* Sender's Number <u>53</u>	Day of Month. <u>15</u>	In reply to Number	A A A
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"DOG" ana

Acknowledge all

Address all consumed

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15 Corps

6:30p

FROM _____

PLACE & TIME _____

* This line should be erased if not required.

1920—W. 325—200,000—10/15/17—E.P.Co.—CHICAGO.

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(in pads of 100).
No of Mes-age

Prefix.....	Code.....m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of: Service.	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent			Date.....
		At.....m.			From.....
		To.....			By.....
		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { 15th Corps

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 9 234	15	5 47.	

Noted.

From	1st Aust Div		
Place			
Time			

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(Z) Lt Col

Censor.

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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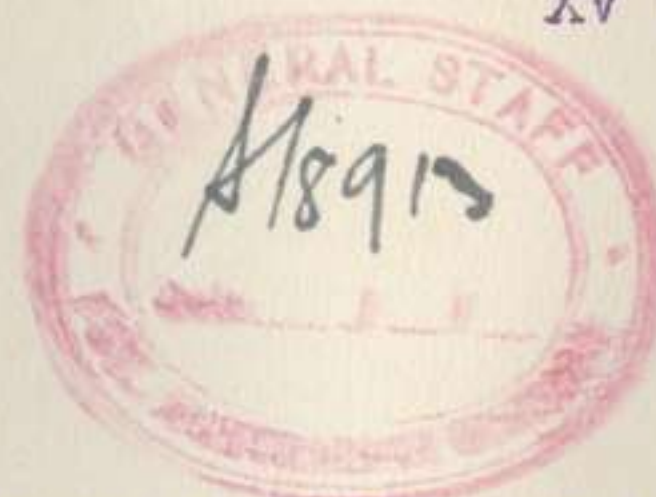
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S E C R E T.

XV Corps No. 65/139/10 G.
16th June, 1918.

29th Division.
1st Australian Division.
"L" Special Coy., R.E.



If gas is not discharged during the hours of darkness, the evacuated area will not be reoccupied before dawn and the gas discharge will take place at the first moment the wind is suitable.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

XV Corps.
15/3/1918.

Brigadier-General,
General Staff.

Copies to :- 9th Division.
XI Corps.
Second Army.
O.C., Special Coys., R.E., Second Army.

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4819—W 536—100,000—10 kg / 17—E. P. Co.—(E1213)

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				No of Message.....	
Prefix.....	Code.....m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of: Service.	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin	Service Instructions.	Sent			Date.....
		At.....m.			From.....
		To.....			By.....
		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO { CRA. 2nd A.I. Bde					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
* 5. 281		16/16		A A A	
DOG					
G. 1.					
G. 1.					
IG.					
1st A.I. Bde					
From					
Place					
Time					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z) [Signature]	
Censor.				Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.	
* This line should be erased if not required.					
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SECRET
XV Corps No. 62/139/9.9.1st Australian Division.
29th Division.
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Reference proposed discharge of gas this evening.

1. The Meteorological forecast is as follows :-

The wind will be between West and North-West after about 10 p.m. this evening but a velocity of over three miles an hour cannot be guaranteed. The velocity may be as great as six miles an hour, but will be at its lowest about 2 a.m. - 3 a.m. After this hour the velocity will increase and the direction is almost certain to be between West and North-West. Tomorrow night will probably be calm, and after tomorrow night easterly conditions are expected to set in for a period of some days.

2. From the above it is obvious that every effort must be made to release the gas tonight. Evacuation of the line will therefore be carried out as expeditiously as possible, and if the velocity of the wind has sunk so low as to render the operation dangerous the gas will ~~not~~ be released. Should however the conditions be such, that when the evacuation is complete it is impossible to release the gas and, provided that the meteorological forecast received about 10.30 p.m. gives a definite promise of a suitable wind about or shortly after daylight tomorrow morning, the order for re-occupation of the line will not be sent from Corps Headquarters. Troops will remain in the positions to which they have been withdrawn and the gas will be released by daylight as soon as the weather conditions make it possible. * If the operation is carried out in this manner the element of surprise may be to a large extent lost, but the effect on the enemy ~~will~~ be such as to enable our troops to move forward after the gas cloud has passed, and re-occupy at any rate a portion of the forward positions without opposition. Divisional Commanders in consultation with their Divisional Gas Officers will decide whether it is advisable to take any action of this nature.

XV Corps.
18th June 1918.

Brigadier General.
General Staff.Copies to: 2 9th Division.
"L" Special Company R.E.

Copy sent to
2nd A.S. Btl
per Capt. Lanchester 10pm 16.6.18

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S E C R E T .

Copy No. 4

PRELIMINARY REPORT.
ON
GAS CYLINDER DISCHARGE BY "L" SPECIAL COY., R.E.
ON 17.6.18.

Reference: XV Corps Order No. 198 dated 9.6.18.
Map - Sheet 36.A., N.E. 1:20,000.

17th. June 1918.

1. The ground in front having been cleared of troops for the purpose, approximately 4,000 gas cylinders, equivalent to over 100 tons lethal gas, were discharged simultaneously by an electrical method at 10.25 a.m. today from the road between E.16.c.8.4. and E.16.a.4.6. in the front at present held by 88th. Brigade, 29th. Division.
2. The wind was about North West and the main discharge complete in about 4 minutes.
The cloud was seen to drift off in a South Easterly to South South Easterly direction and certainly enveloped FANTASY FARM, LUG FARM, and LA BECQUE.
3. Enemy action consisted of artillery retaliation, starting about 20 minutes after gas discharge, and not long sustained, principally a slow barrage laid down across the path of the cloud a few hundred yards in advance of the cylinder position
4. Kindly Acknowledge.

ack

R Bruce
Capt. R.E.

O.C. "L" Special Company, R.E.

Copies to :-

- (1) XV Corps, G.
- (2) XV Corps, Intelligence.
- (3) 29th Division, G.
- (4) First Aust. Div. G. ✓
- (5) 86th. Inf. Bde.
- (6) 87th. Inf. Bde.
- (7) 88th. Inf. Bde.
- (8) File.



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Prefix.....	Code.....m	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent		Service.	
		At.....m.		Date.....	
		To.....		From.....	
		By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....	
TO {		2nd A / Bde			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
* G 296		17th		A A A	
<p>If gas is not discharged during the hours of darkness the evacuated area will NOT be reoccupied before dawn and the gas discharge will take place at the first moment the wind is suitable A A A Acknowledge by wire</p>					
From					
Place					
Time					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.					
(Z)					
Censor.					
Signature of Addressee or person authorised to telegraph in his name.					
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				No of Message	
Reflex.....	Code.....	m	Words	Charge	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			This message is on a/c of:		Recd. at.....m.
			Sent		Date.....
			At.....m.		From.....
			To.....		By.....
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")
TO XV Corps					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
1304		17/6.		A A A	
Posts with one exception have been reoccupied AAA Remaining post will be reoccupied after dark					
From 1st Aust Div					
Place					
Time					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z) Geo W. M. M. M.	
Censor.				Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name	
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"C" FORM.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2123.
(In books of 100.)
No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code <i>BL</i>	Words <i>6</i>	Received	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
<i>£ s. d.</i>			From <i>17/21</i>	At.....m.	<i>AYA-11.13.1</i> <i>TELEGRAPH</i> <i>30a</i>
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions			By.....		

QUINA

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO *he pe / dus 4 / wn*

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>ay 148</i>	<i>17th</i>	<i>5296</i>	

Acknowledged

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FROM	<i>QUINA</i>
PLACE & TIME	<i>2 a 1 km</i>

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"C" FORM.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
			From.....	At.....m.	
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions			By.....		

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO.....

* Sender's Number. CyB 154	Day of Month. 17	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Posts with one exception
have been re-occupied
and remaining posts
will be re-occupied
after dark

Repeat to Corp
Done J.M.H.

FROM.....

PLACE & TIME.....

* This line should be erased if not required.

(3866.) Wt. W52S/M1970. 100,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1213.)

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"C" Form. Army Form C. 2123.
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

Prefix	Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp
			From	At	
			By	To	
Charges to Collect			By		
Service Instructions.			By		
Landed in at			Office	m.	Received

TO 1st Aust Div

*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<u>536</u>	<u>17</u>		

Left Brigade report
gas gone 10.30 am

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FROM	29 <u>Didnot</u>
TIME & PLACE	11.10 am

*This line should be erased if not required.

RECEIVED. — CODE 2123; Ed. — 457; — 2123. FORMS 2123