

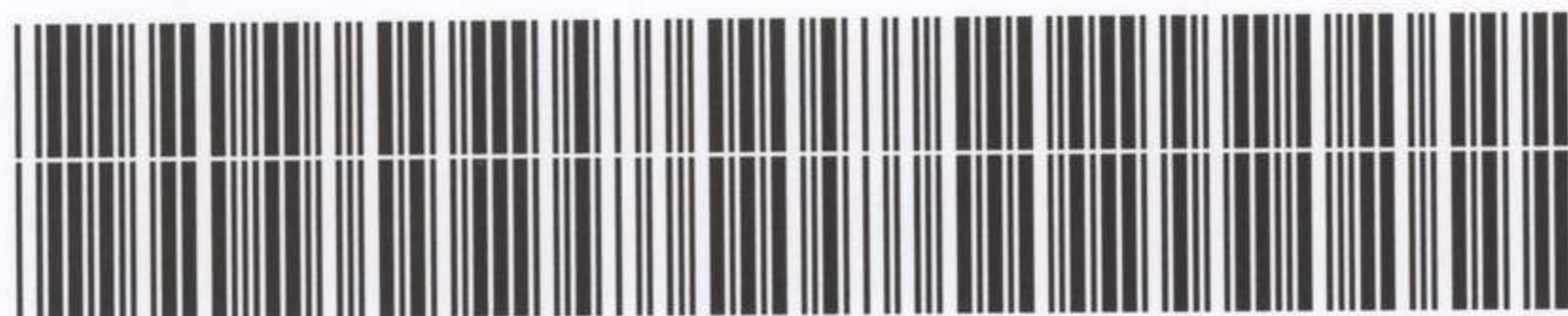
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July 1918



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N^o 2 SPECIAL COMPANY R.E.

Progress Report to G.A.M. 24th July 1918

Corps or Div.	Purpose of Operation	Operations in hand			Date of Operation	Remarks
		Projectors				
		To be installed	Installed	Nature		
XIV Corps 1st Australian Div.	M/23	260	260	C.G.	$\frac{23}{24}$ <p>(a) 180 projectors dug in; 260 projectors wired and fired. (see operation report)</p> <p>(b) 136 guns and 140 baseplates dug out at post 27 SE X 19 d 15 60. 136 guns and 30 baseplates returned to Coy dump. 110 baseplates dumped near battery positions.</p> <p>(c) 122 guns & 138 baseplates dug out at X 19 d 30 80. 122 guns & 28 drums returned to Coy Dump. 138 baseplates dumped near positions.</p> <p>(d) Took over stores from E Coy, and placed under guard.</p> <p>(e) Visited division and Bde.</p>	

sd/ A. J. Eggington
for Comdants 1742 Special Coy. R.E.

APPENDIX

SERIAL NO. *16/18* *No 2* SPECIAL COMPANY, R.E.

APPENDIX

ZERO TIME *2.0 a.m.* 146

REPORT ON OPERATIONS... *23/24 July 1918*

Section.

F. and H

Corps & Division to which attached.

XV Corps, 1st Australian Div

Map Reference of Emplacements.

Sheet 27 SE E. 11 a. 8. 1

No. of Projectors employed.

260

Enemy Regiments affected.

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Purpose of Operation.

To kill enemy personnel in locality known as CELERY COPSE.

Nature of Ammunition.

C. G. drums

No. of projectiles allotted.

260

No. fired.

241

Reason for discrepancy (if any)

One gun of one battery fired, the concussion altered the siting of remainder which could not be fired

Casualties: Names of Officers. No. of O.R.

NIL

Direction and strength of wind.

W. 5 MPH

REMARKS.

Enemy artillery fire over emplacements before zero owing to Infantry action on right, making work difficult. Green red flares observed in enemy lines

Names of Officers in/c Operations.

*LT TH BAYLIS, RE. 2/LT C. MAC CULLOCH, RE.
LT WL PIERCE, R.F.A. att RE. 2/LT CS. HABBITAM, RE.*

A copy of this Report has been forwarded to:-

*Gob XV Corps
Gob 1st Aust. Div. ✓
Gob 119th Inf Bde
Ob. Special Coy RE*

*sd/ A. J. Eggington RE
O.C.,
No. 2 SPECIAL COY., R.E.*

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 120

Brigade Headquarters,
23rd. July, 1918.

Reference Map
Sheet 1A - 1/10,000.

1. On the night 23rd./24th. July, at an hour to be notified later, weather conditions being favourable, an operation with gas projectors will be carried out by No. 2 Special Coy, R.E.
The projectors will be fired into the area known as CELERY COPSE. For this purpose 260 projectors are being installed.
Approximate positions of projectors and targets are shown on annexed map (map to 10th. Battalion only).
2. Wind Limits. The operation will not take place unless the wind is between N. through W. to W.S.W.
3. Codes. The following Codes will be used:-
"MICKY" will mean Conditions favourable.
"DIAMOND" " " Conditions unfavourable.
"ANCHOR" " " Operations postponed 24 hours.

Zero hour will be notified to Battalions by the Code word "MICKY" followed by the time at which projectors will be fired.
4. Precautions. (Reference attached map).

All troops will be evacuated from the area painted YELLOW and all troops in the area painted RED will wear Small Box Respirators from ZERO Minus 10 minutes to ZERO plus 15 minutes.
5. For the purpose of the operation all Officers of No. 2 Special Coy. will have Urgent Priority rights over the whole of the communications in the Sector affected.
6. Watches will be synchronised with Brigade Headquarters Signal Office at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. on 23rd. instant and daily until time of operation.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

McConnell Capt
..... Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 4 p.m.

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| 10 | 3rd. Bde. Mining Coy. |
| 11. | 3rd. Field Coy. Engineers. |
| 12. | 1st. Field Coy. Engineers. |
| 13. | 119th. Brigade. |
| 14. | 2nd. H.G. Coy. |
| 15. | 1st. Aust. Div. |

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* G 033	23		

Reference S/9314 AAA
MICKY 2 a.m.

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G Amy
G a

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Good discharge
successfully at
2 a.m.

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Place	G

Time	(Z) M. M. Forbes
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SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

S/9314.

Divisional Headquarters.
23rd. July. 1918.

119th. Inf. Bde.
3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.
C.R.E. 1st. Aust. Div.
1st. M.G. Battalion.
1st. Pioneer Bn.
9th. Division.
31st. Division.

1. On the night 23/24th inst at an hour to be notified later, No. 2. Special Coy R.E. will, if weather conditions are favourable, discharge 260 gas projectors on to CELERY COPSE (F.7.C.)
2. This operation will not take place unless the wind is between W. through W. to W.S.W.
3. The following code will be used -

MICKY	will mean	"Conditions favourable"
DIAMOND	"	"Conditions unfavourable"
ANCHOR	"	"Operation postponed 24 hours"
4. Maps have been issued to 119th Inf Bde and ³⁵ 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde showing area to be evacuated and area in which Box Respirators are to be worn.

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



Reference Maps:

MERRIS sheet IA 10000.

No 2 SPECIAL COMPANY, R.E.

Operation Order No 13/18 of 22nd July 1918.

1. On the night 23rd/24th instant, at an hour to be notified later, weather conditions being favourable, an operation with gas projectors will be carried out by No 2 Special Coy., R.E., for the purpose of killing enemy personnel in the area known as CELERY COPSE. For this purpose 260 gas projectors are being installed. Approximate positions of projectors and targets are shown on annexed map.
2. Wind limits. This operation will not take place unless the wind is between N. through W. to W.S.W.
3. Communication. During the operation O.C. No 2 Special Coy., R.E. will be at H.Q. Light Brigade and will keep in touch with the officers in charge of batteries by means of telephone from zero minus 2 hours onwards. O.C. "H" section will be at Battr. H.Q. and O.C. "F" section at company H.Q. at E. 11. a. 4. 1.
Officers in charge of batteries will take careful wind readings from time to time at or near battery positions and, commencing at zero minus 2 hrs. will send wind reports to O.C. No 2 Special Coy., R.E.
4. Codes. The following codes will be used:-
 - (a) Wind readings: The clock method will be used, but 47 will be added to all figures; thus, with a wind W. at 4 mph. (which under the clock method would be transmitted 45 aaa 4 aaa) the message would be sent 92 aaa 51 aaa.
 - (b) Other messages:

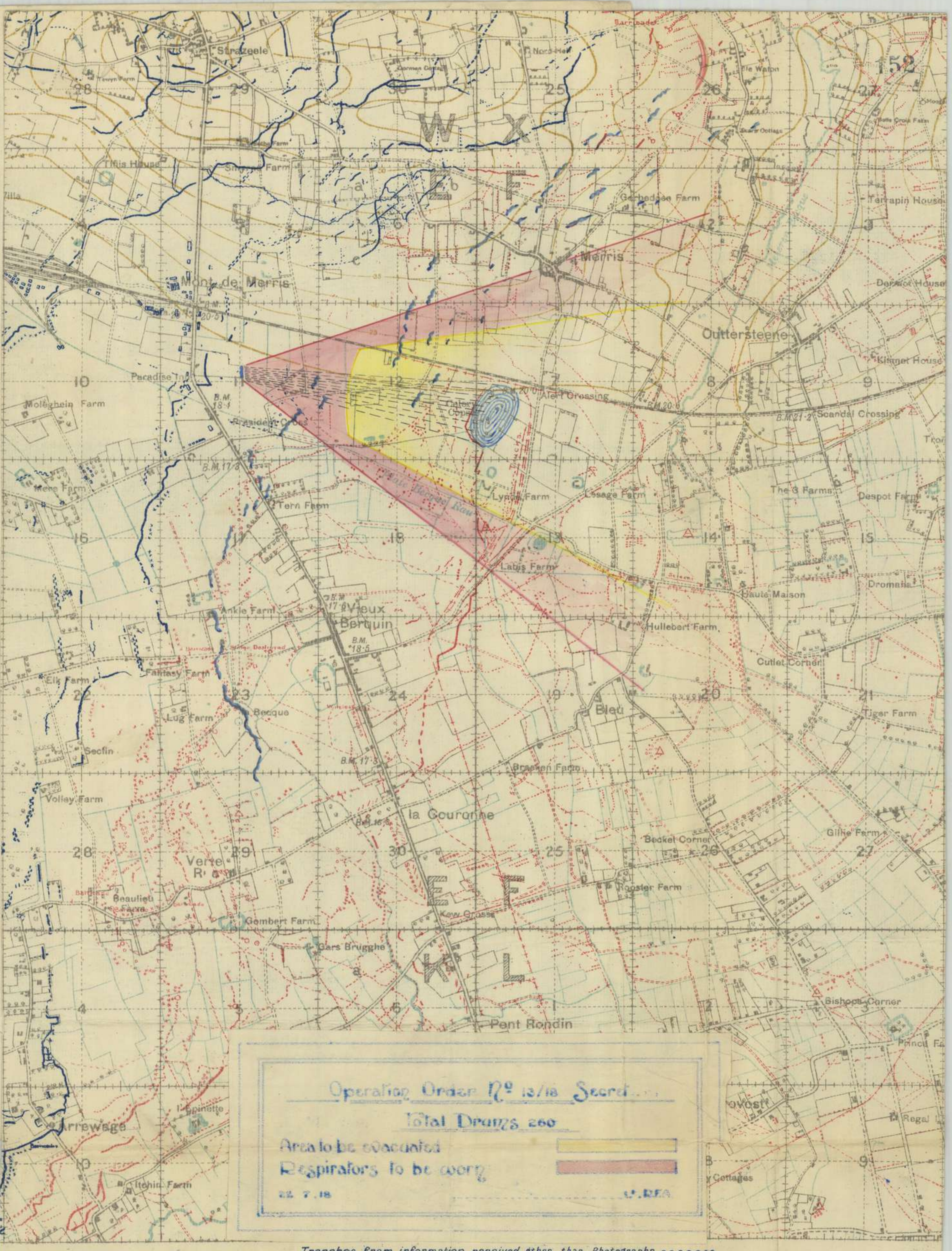
MICKY	will mean	"conditions favourable"
DIAMOND	"	"conditions unfavourable"
ANCHOR	"	"Operation postponed 24 hours"
5. Precautions. All troops will be evacuated from the area painted yellow on attached map, and will wear small box respirators in the areas shaded - red, from zero minus 10 minutes to zero plus 15 minutes.
6. For the purpose of the operation all officers of No 2 Special Coy., R.E. will have urgent priority rights over the whole of the communications in the Brigade sector affected.

7. Synchronisation. O's.C. Sections will send two watches per section to company H.Q. at 4 p.m. daily until the operation takes place; these watches will be synchronised with official time of 1st Australian Division at 5 p.m. daily.
8. Reports. O's. C. sections will send a report of the number of drums fired immediately after completion of operation.
- ACKNOWLEDGE.

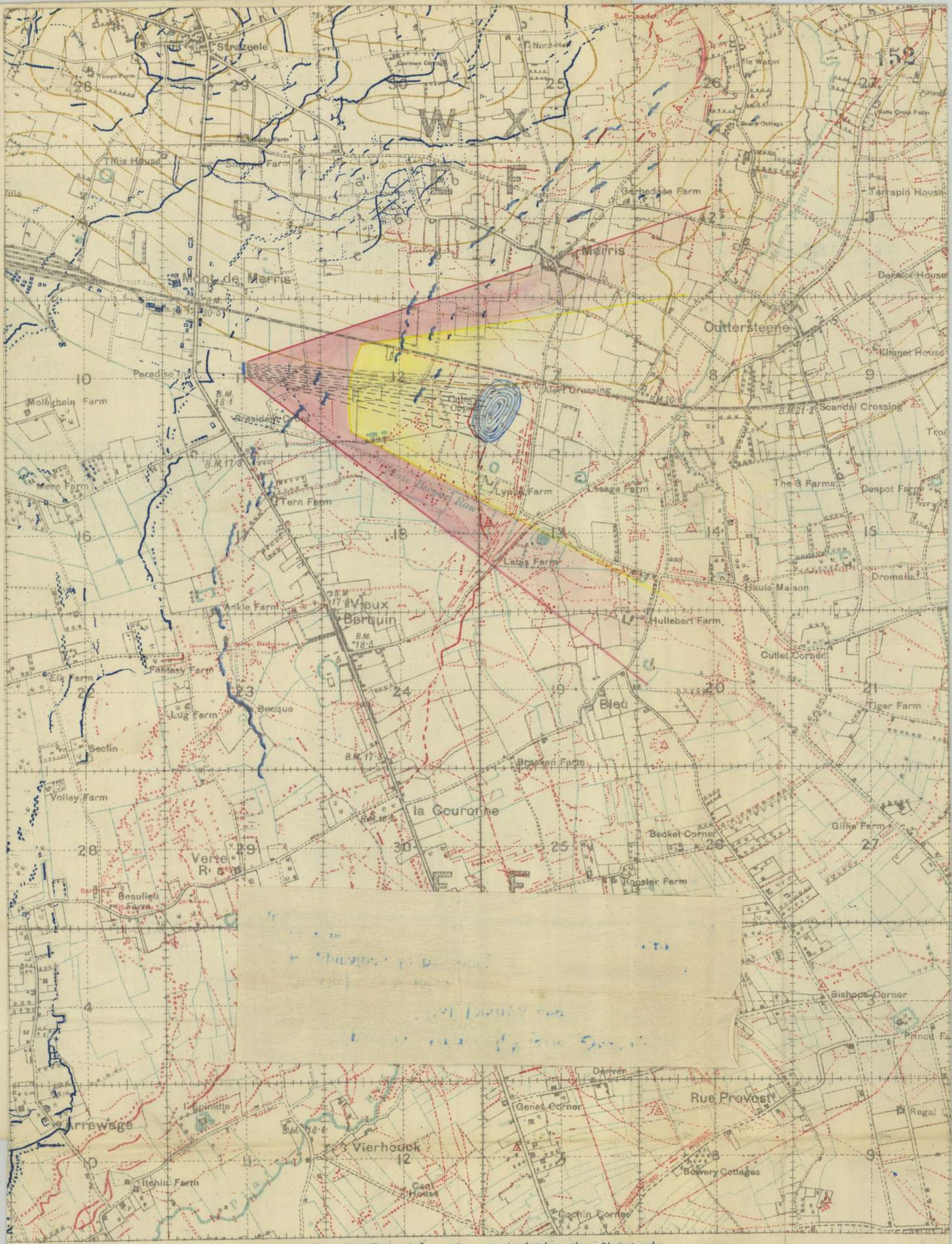
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O.C., No 2 SPECIAL COY., R.E.

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PATROL CHART

—Operations of 1st Aust. Inf. Batta. during July 11th & 12th 1918.—

—Scale $\frac{1}{5000}$.—

Legend

- 1st Operation in Red
- 2nd do .. Green
- 3rd do .. Blue
- 4th do .. Purple

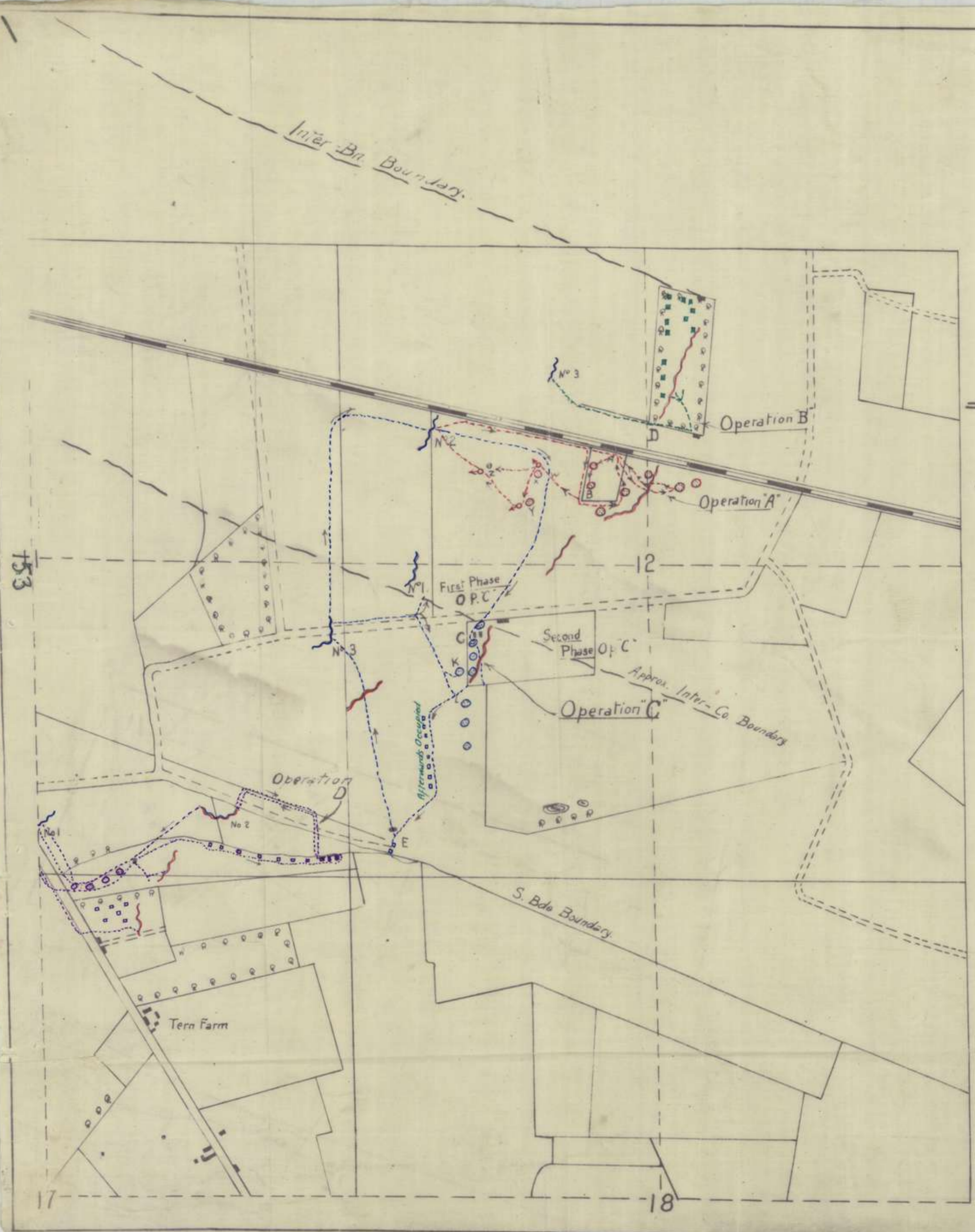
- Original Front Line in Blue
- New do do do Red

- 1st Aust. Inf. Bn. Occupied Dugouts thus ■■
- Unoccupied do do □□
- Fortified Shellholes thus ○
- Patrol Routes do
- M.G.s do ○

Approx. Bn. & Inter Coy Boundaries are shown

2 Coys. of 1st Bn. were holding line.
 1 Coy " " was in support.
 1 Coy " " " " reserve.

Each line Coy. had 3 platoons forward each forming a picquet and 1 platoon in support.
 Picquets are numbered 1, 2, and 3, on each Coy. front.



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1ST AUSTRALIAN DIV. SECTOR.
Scale = 20,000

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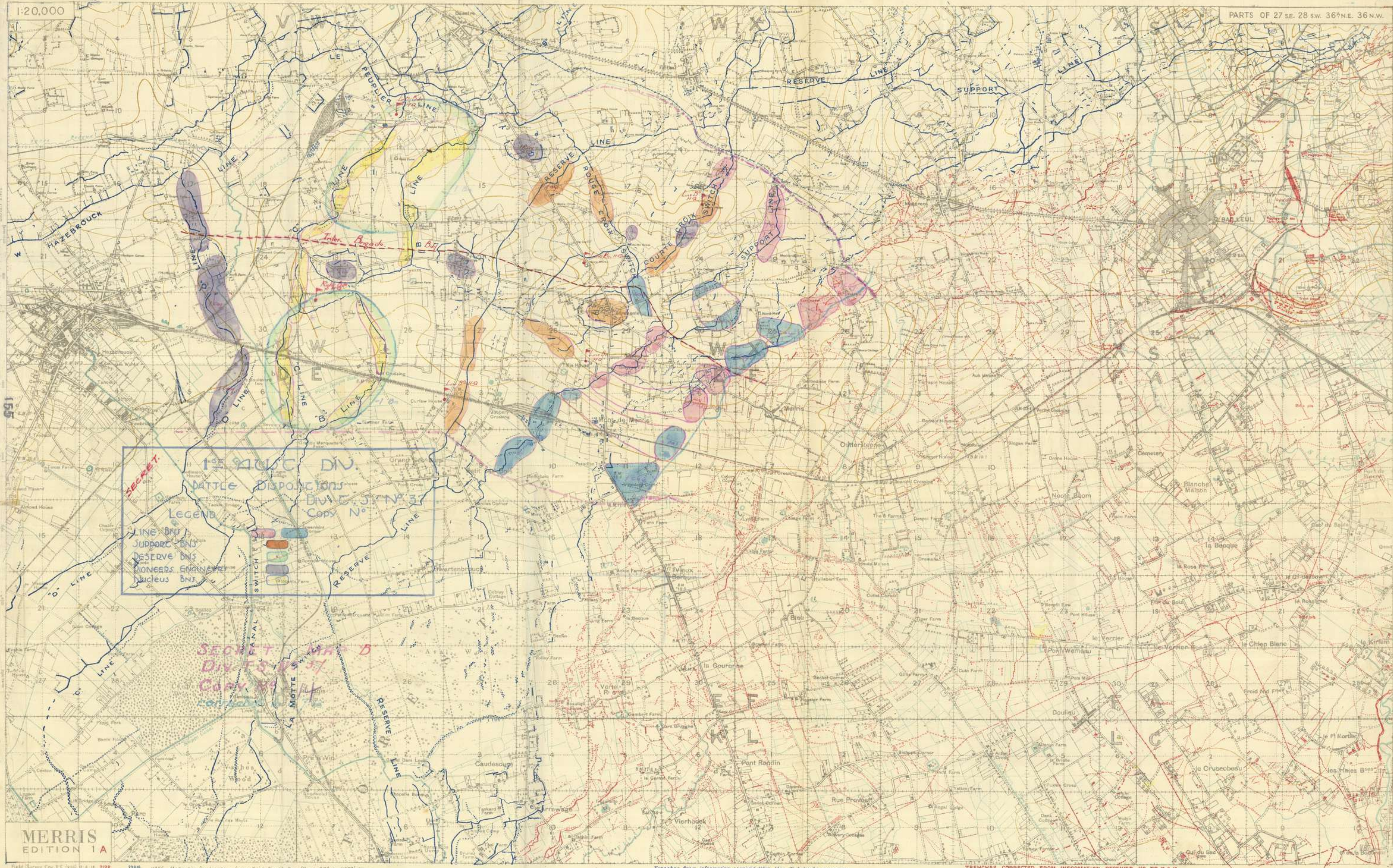
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1ST AUSTRALIAN DIV.
1918

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PARTS OF 27 SE. 28 SW. 36 NE. 36 NW.



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1st AUC DIV
DATTLE DISPOSITIONS
 DIVISION NO 3
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LEGEND

- LINE DIV
- SUPPORT DIV
- RESERVE DIV
- PIONEERS ENGINEERS
- Nucleus DIV

SWITCH

SECRET
 DIVISION NO 3
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Field Survey Coy RE. 1945 1:20,000 73016 NOTE: Magnetic Declination from Grid North for Sheet 36° is 11°37' West.

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1ST AUS DIV DISPOSITIONS OF MACHINE GUNS

DIV. T.S.
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LEGEND

- Emplacements in forward zones occupied:  
- Emplacements in second zone occupied: 
- Emplacements in second zone unoccupied: 

SECRET MAP 'C'

Div T.S. N^o 41

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