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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CORBIE.	1/9/18		Showery - Dull - Moderate breeze - Training.	
	2/9/18		Showery , Cold and Dull - Some breeze - Training. Brigadier-General MARSHALL, Inspector of training called and went around 1st and 2nd Brigades.	
	3/9/18		Bright day. Division continues training.	
	4/9/18		Bright day. Australian Press Proprietors visited D.H.Q. Training continues.	
	5/9/18		Training continues. Enemy is retiring rapidly followed by Aust.Corps. 1st Aust.Div. will move up by Brigade stages (busses).	
	6/9/18		1st Brigade group moved to area S.W. of MONT St.QUENTIN)busses)	
	7/9/18		3rd Brigade Group moved to area E. of MONT ST.QUENTIN by bus. 1st Aust.Div.Arty. moved to area SUZANNE independently.	
	8/9/18		2nd Brigade Group moved to area S.W. of MONT ST.QUENTIN)bus) 1st Brigade Group moved to area N. of DOINGT 62c, I.39.	
	9/9/18		1st Brigade Group moved to area (support) about TINCOURT. D.H.Q. moved to HALLE - Wet day -	
Night 9/10	10/9/18.		Advance parties 1st Brigade Group went into line with 10th A.I.Bde. 3rd A.I.Bde. (less tent sub-division Field Ambulance) moved to support positions about TINCOURT- wet day -	
Night 10/11th			1st A.I.Bde. group (less tent sub-division Field Ambulance) moved into line relieving 10th A.I.Bde. (?).	
	11/9/18		2nd A.I.Bde. group (less tent sub-division Field Ambulance moved to reserve area S.W. of BOUCLY. Advanced D.H.Q. established at 62 c, J.16.b.0.5, at 10 a.m. 1st Aust.Div. took over command	

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			<p>of left sub-sector at 10 a.m. 74th Division on left - 4th Aust.Div. on right. 1st A.I.Bde. advanced at daylight to line L.2 - L.8 - L.14 - JEANCOURT. Objective gained in places - Resistance strenuous - Enemy counter-attacked - our line pushed back to jumping off line K.7 - HESBECOURT - western outskirts of JEANCOURT - definite end of "peaceful penetration" phase - necessity for setpiece attack - wet day .</p> <p>Divisional Southern Boundary adjusted - portion of line taken over by 4th Aust.Division.</p>	
Night	11/12			
J.16.b.0.5.12/9/18		1700	Scattered shelling of DRIENCOURT by H.V.Gun.	
		2100	Shelling of above town and valley S.E. of same continues.	
		1900	1st Brigade reports having advanced its line without casualties or fighting fighting to the trench E. of JEANCOURT with a post established in trench at L.20.b.7.0. 4th Battalion is endeavouring similar penetration to-night. Corps Commander called to-day.	
"	13/9/18		<p>Orders issued withdrawing L.H.Squadron less 2 Troops from Advanced Bde. to re-organise and refit forthwith and to return within 72 hours. Rain, squalls and strong breeze from S.E. clearing up later. Heavy artillery covering Divisional front replaced under the command of B.G.H.A.Corps from 9 a.m. to-day.</p> <p>1220 Enemy balloon watching our movements was driven down by our 'planes. 1630 Scattered shelling of back areas. 2130 Two hostile planes brought down in flames outside our area.</p>	
"	14/9/18	0700	<p>Divisional Boundaries slightly adjusted. Two M.G.Coys at disposal of G.O.C. 2nd Brigade (2nd and 21st M.G.Coys) The 2 Coys. of Pioneers at present attached to line Brigade are withdrawn and rejoin their Battalion. Battle Instructions Series "D" No. 7 and No. 8 issued. Officer of Tank Corps attached for operation "D" called. G.O.C. a Brigade of 74th Division who knows this country well called and reported class of country etc., see to-days Intelligence Summary.</p>	

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		2100	Tape line altered 250 yards W. of map Start Line for Operation "D". Considerable rain to-day.	
J.16.b.0.5	15/9/18		Fine, sunny day, Light breeze. Battle Instructions Series "D" No. 9 and 10 issued. Conference of 1st and 3rd Brigade Commanders, Tank Commander, C.R.A., O.C.M.G.Btn, Heavy Arty. Liaison Officer under G.O.C. at D.H.Q. G.O.C. interviewed G.O.C. 4th Aust.Div. 200 message rockets issued to units. Capt. A.LAUGHLIN, M.C., G.S.O. III, left for AUSTRALIA on leave to-day. Capt. R.WERTHEIM officiates temporarily.	App. 2
"	16/9/18		Fine, Warm, Light Breeze. Battle Instructions, Series "D" No. 11 issued. Conference at 4th Division H.Q. of Corps Commander and all concerned in operations. G.O.C. 5th Tank Bde. called. Capt. A.EWWITT, 4th Army S.O.S.School Instructor reported for 3 or 4 days observation etc., Barrage, message and operations maps and Air Photos, issued to all concerned.	" 2.
"	17/9/18	1430	Severe thunderstorm and gale of wind during night with heavy rain. Zero hour for to-morrows battle issued - 5-20 a.m. Battle Instructions Series "D" No. 12 dealing with Smoke Screening by Aeroplanes issued	" 2
		2230	1st A.I.Bde. report their forward move is completed. Instructed all Liaison Officers as to their duties and issued the necessary maps, etc. All maps and air photos issued to units and barrages seen.	
"	18/9/18	0500	3rd Brigade report their Battalions in position.	
		0520	Zero hour, barrage opened well, and attack started to time. One Tank late at start.	
		0640	Reports now coming back by wounded that attack is going well. Visibility poor on account of a ground mist and heavy rain showers which have persisted all night. Ground is very slippery.	

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J.16.b.O.5	18/9/18	0640	Prisoners state attack expected. Retaliation very light.	
		0657	Report received that 1st A.I.Bde. on left of attack got away well.	
		0728	1st Brigade report their troops well past any danger from TEMPLEUX le GUERARD and in touch with British troops of 74th Division.	
		0730	4th Aust.Division on our right have no reports about the capture of LE VERGUIER, which is on high ground covering our Right flank, but is in the 4th Divisional area.	
		0735	Our guns are reported moving up. Retaliation has been very slight. It is mostly H.V. guns on back areas.	
		0740	12th Battalion are progressing on the left but some difficulty is being experienced on the Right centre of the right Brigade.	
		0820	The 4th Aust.Division report the whole Division is on the GREEN line. 1st Brigade report attack going well. A fair number of prisoners taken. The morning is foggy (Note, we are using a considerable amount of smoke). At the same time 3rd Brigade (on right of attack) report 11th Battalion are progressing well and troops are near their objective. Casualties reported light.	
		0822	1st Aust.Div.Arty. are complaining of low flying German planes. The R.A.Force were informed and asked to deal with these.	
		0830	Left Battalion of Left Brigade report having captured the BROWN line and they are in touch with the British on the left.	
		0927	1st Aust.Div.Arty. report that their guns have moved forward in time for the second phase.	
		0935	Our Liaison officer with 4th A.I.Bde (Left Brigade of Division on our Right) reports that there is good touch between the flank troops of both Divisions.	
		0936	1st Brigade reports on BROWN line throughout and in touch on the flanks.	
		0945	Aust.Corps reports that the first objective has been reached throughout the whole Corps front.	
		1010	3rd A.I.Bde. on left reports both Battalions on BROWN line.	
		1110	4th Division on our Right report the RED line captured, with light casualties.	
		1120	4th Division report their exploiting battalions have passed through RED LINE and are progressing well.	
		1125	3rd Brigade report 9th and 10th Bns. have captured RED line and are still moving forward. Flank is maintained on Right flank with 4th Australian Division.	

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		1140	3rd Brigade report 11th and 12th Battalions consolidating BROWN line.	
		1310	1st Aust.Div.Arty. report a German balloon is looking down into WESBECOURT valley (Sqs. L.13 and 14) and is observing all our movements especially of guns. Corps asked to drive it down - which was done later.	
J.16.b.0.5		1344	Left Brigade reports its Right Battalion is now in position covering the BLUE line. They are in touch on both flanks and do not intend to advance. Patrols are out keeping touch with the enemy. The RED line was now reinforced by sending up the 1st M.G.Coy.	
		1408	74th Division on our left report the capture of the RED line on their Right Brigade front. Troops are now advancing to the BLUE line.	
		1415	3rd Brigade report their Right Bn. has captured the BLUE line. This proved later to be not quite correct. This Brigade proposed to capture the high ground Sq. G.14.d. this afternoon.	
		1430	1st A.I.Bde. report their Left Battalion has 2 CoysM on RED line. One Coy. is in front of RED line, but the situation here is somewhat obscure. M.G fire is troublesome and restricts movement. This Brigade is sending across one Coy. of 2nd Battalion and one Coy. of 4th Battn. to back up advanced Coys. and to mop up.	
		1515	74th Division report troops of (their) Right Brigade are 1100 yards E. of RED line and advancing to BLUE LINE. This is apparently not correct except as regards the extreme Right flank troops where the troops flank troops advanced with out left.	
		1520	Our prisoners passed through Divisional cage up to 2-30 p.m. are 55 officers and 1148 other ranks all unwounded.	
		1534	74th Division now report their Left battalion Brigade is not on RED line N. of BENJAMINS POST (Sq. F.24.c.0.3) but bends back in switch and along wire in F.23.c. They report the Right Battalion Right Brigade is either on or nearly on BLUE line.	
		1535	Left Battalion of Right Brigade now reported to be holding the following line - G.14.a.8.4 - G.14.a.6.8 - thence along BANN trench to inter-brigade boundary at G.8.c.1.9.	
		1625	74th Division report states Right Bn. of Right Brigade now has two companies on RED line not as previously reportedM The left of their division is held back by heavy machine gun fire.	
		1654	1st Brigade reports as follows at 4-0 p.m. Right Bn. is in touch with troops on both flanks and has posts at G.8.a.2.3 - G.7.b.9.5 - G.8.a.1.7 - G.1.d.9.0 and G.1.d.9.1. The left Battalion occupies MINNON trench from G.1.d.6.5. to G.1.b.2.9, where they are in touch with 74th Division whose Right post is at A.25.d.0.2. This Brigade reports heavy sniping and M.G. fire on Left Bn. front, but hostile artillery is not heavy so far.	

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		1345	Total of unwounded prisoners now passed through 1st Divisional cage is 60 officers 1369 O.Rs.	
		1920	4th Australian Division reports that they will advance to capture BLUE line at 11 p.m. to-night.	
		2002	Right Battalion of Left Brigade of 74th Division now definitely on RED line. The day opened stormy and showery, with a strong gusty wind, but conditions improved and the sun worked through about 10 a.m. Thenceforward the rain came in squalls only, until evening when it again become overcast.	
J.16.b.0.5	19/9/18	0500	4th Division advanced during night to BLUE line and captured further prisoners. Fairly quiet night on this Division's front. Counter-preparation put down along whole front.	
		1400	Warning Order issued for relief of 1st 1st Brigade by 2nd Brigade on night 20th Sept. 21st Sept.	
		1800	Order issued as above. Returning 3rd M.G.Bn. to its unit	App. 3
		1625	Heavy concentrations of men seen in H.20.d. with a continuous stream in G.11.b and a. and in the sunken road in G.12.a and G.5.b. Heavy artillery informed about above.	
		1900	Balloon observers report a heavy barrage just clear of our Northern flank but G.O.C. our Left Brigade states all his reports shew nothing to worry about so far.	
		1915	D.O.P. report an S.O.S. has been fired on either the left of the Division on our left (74th) or even further north.	
		2115	Counter-preparation ordered for to-morrow morning from 5-15 - 5-25 and 5-35 - 5-45 a.m. Clear cold day. Cloudy at times. Strong wind.	
"	20/9/18		Fine day. Strong breeze. strong dying down at noon. A few threatening clouds but no rain. Cool.	
		1030	Corps Commander gave first indication of this Division attacking at daylight to-morrow again to gain a spur overlooking main HINDENBURG line and to form a flank for III Corps who are attacking on our left.	
		1240	Projected relief of 1st A.I.Bde. by 2nd A.I.Bde. postponed for 24 hours.	
		1450	Divisional Warning order issued followed by Divisional Order 128 - 129 and battle instructions "D" No. 13. 5 unwounded prisoners captured by daylight patrol in front of 3rd Aust.Inf.Bde. Zero hour fixed for 5-40 a.m.	3

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J.16.b.0.5	21/9/18		Grey morning, strong S.W. wind, Cool with sunny intervals. Overcast at intervals throughout the day.	
		0540	Zero hour.	
		0800	1st A.I.Bde. who are advancing with the object of covering the flank of 74th Division reports objective gained.	
		1210	3rd A.I.Bde. (on right) report a party of 300 men moving on road in B.25.c.3.0. The Artillery were informed and acted acted.	
		1250	3rd A.I.Bde. report about 1 battalion moving in open order across G.6.central, in a westerly direction. Guns again informed.	
		1300	Report from 1st Aust.Div.Arty. received that 74th Division are evacuating QUENNEMONT FARM which they gained earlier in the forenoon.	
		1320	1st A.I.Bde. report that 74th Division have come back to their "start line" 1st Brigade sent up 1 Coy. to form a flank from A.25.d.2.8 - F.30.c.8.7. At this time we have elements of 74th Division behind us in F.30.c.5.7.	
		1325	Divisional Observation Post report that the trenches in D.25.c and H.1.a are heavily manned.	
		1345	74th Division report that their line Bn. is falling back and they have sent up a support Bn. to advance to ZOO trench.	
		1500	1st Brigades line now runs A.25.d.2.8 - A.25.d.3.0 - G.2.a.9.7 - G.2.a.8.0 - G.2.c.0.4 - thence as far before. At the same time the 3rd A.I.Bde. line runs G.20.b.6.7 - G.14.d.7.1 - XXXX . G.14.d.7.5 - along trench G.14.d.6.8 to G.14.b.1.2 - G.14.a.8.4 - along trench to G.14.a.4.4 - G.14.a.4.7 - G.14.a.1.7 - G.8.c.3.7 to A.8.a.1.1. with one post at G.8.c.5.4. and one at G.8.c.5.7. This withdrawal from the line taken up earlier was forced on us by the withdrawal of the Division on our left. Now we are shewing a defensive flank across the head of a valley. Prisoners to-day 47. Casualties light.	
"	22/9/18		Rainy bleak day. 30th American Division less Artillery arrived in the area by bus and advance parties went forward in anticipation of relief during night 23/24th Sept. All details discussed with opposite numbers. A quota of 1st Aust.Div. will remain in for an extra 24 hours to establish the incoming Div.	

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J.16.b.0.5	23/9/18		Showery and cold. 30th American Division complete their arrival (less artillery) to-day. 118th Regiment take over the line and 117th go into support. In reserve will be the 60th American Brigade. For the present our artillery remains to cover the front. Divisional Headquarters move to-morrow at 10 a.m. to stage for the night at SUZANNE. Officers report to Australian Mission with II American Corps.	
SUZANNE	24/9/18		Bright day. Divisional Headquarters in process of move to SUZANNE, completed 3 p.m. Divisional Order 130	App. 6
"	25/9/18		D.H.Q. remained SUZANNE during day. Brigades, Field Coys, Field Ambulances and M.G.Battn. moved to LONG.AREA in accordance with Divisional Order No. 130 of 24th inst. Pioneer Bn. and Artillery remained in sector.	" 6
LONG	26/9/18		Divisional Headquarters established LONG. Brigade H.Q. established 1st Bde, EPAGNES, 2nd Brigade COCQUEREL, 3rd Bde. VAUCHELLES, M.G.Bn. LONG.	
	27/9/18		Rain at intervals during day. Brigades resting.	
	28/9/18		Bright day with rain at intervals.	
	30/9/18		Training commences on Rifle Ranges, A. B, and S Remainder of ranges nearing completion and cannot be used yet. Brigades to be informed when ready. Information received from Aust.Mission with II American Corps dispersed 3 p.m. Personnel to be returned to units. Rifle meeting memo. issued.	

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SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 123.Headquarters.
13th. September 1918.

1. 1. The 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde will relieve the 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde. in the line on the night 14/15th Sept.
11. Command will pass on completion of relief which will be wired to D.H.Q.
2. 1. On the night 14/15th Sept the forward Divisional Northern and Southern boundaries will be adjusted to run as follows;-
Northern boundary. East and West Grid line between Squares L.1. and L.7. as far East as L.5.C.0.0. - thence to F.29.C.8.0.
Southern boundary. then East and West grid line between Squares F.29. and L.5.
 Line drawn from K.36.D.0.0. to L.23.C.0.8. - thence to G.20.A.0.5.
 11. Adjustment of Southern boundary will be effected by direct arrangement between G.O.C. 1st. Brigade and G.O.C. left Brigade of 4th. Aust. Division.
3. On completion of relief, the 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde will take over the Camps and areas at present occupied by the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
4. 1. The grouping of the field artillery covering the front of the Division will be as follows -
Right Group. 1st. Aust. F.A. Bde.
 2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde.
Left Group. 3rd. Aust. (Army) F.A. Bde.
 4th. Aust. F.A. Bde.
 5th. Aust. F.A. Bde.
 11. All heavy artillery has reverted to the Command of B.G.H.A., Aust Corps.
5. 2nd. and 21st. M.G. Coys will be at the disposal of the G.O.C. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. Machine Gun reliefs will be effected on the night 14/15th September.
6. Two Companies Pioneer Bn at present allotted to 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde will be withdrawn and rejoin their unit on 14th inst.
7. Medical arrangements for evacuation of sick and wounded will remain unaltered.
8. Subject to the terms of this Order, details of relief will be arranged direct between G.O.C. Brigades concerned.
9. Usual distances on the march and protective precautions will be maintained during relief.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "D" No. 1.1. INFORMATION.

The enemy is retiring on the Corps front and is being pressed by our advanced guards. We have taken DOINGT - LE MESNIL - BRUNTEL, and are on the western edge of ATHIES.

2. INTENTION.

The advance will be continued by the divisions now in line. On a date to be notified later the 1st Aust. Division will pass through the 3rd Aust. Div. now in line.

3. MOVES.

In order to bring the 1st Australian Division into a suitable position from which it can move to pass through the Division in line the following moves will take place.

(a) Move on 6th September, 1918.

1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Group will move by bus from MORCOURT to an area W. of CLERY.

Busses will be along road N and S. through Sheet 62D, Q.22, 28 at 1-30 p.m. head of column facing North at 62D, Q.16.c.8.4.

Debussing point - 62C, H.3.d.9.5.

Transport will move by road passing starting point, 62D, Q.24.b.5.8. not later than 1 p.m.

Route - PROYART - CHUIGNES - CAPPY - SUZANNE to area.

Advance parties will report to Area Commandant, SUZANNE.

(b) Moves on 7th September, 1918.

3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. Group will move by bus from CERISY AREA to the vicinity of CLERY.

1st Aust. Div. Artillery will move independently from CERISY to the SUZANNE area, advance parties reporting to the Area Commandant SUZANNE for allotment of quarters.

(c) Move on 8th September, 1918.

2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. Group will move by bus from HAMEL area to the vicinity of CLERY.

Orders for the moves, quartering areas, and transport of 2nd and 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. Groups will be notified later.

1st Aust. Div. Headquarters Group will move to SUZANNE on a date to be notified.

4. Groups will be composed as under:-

1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Group.

Headquarters, 4 Battalions and T.M. Bty 1st A.I. Bde.

1st A.M.G. Coy.

1st Field Coy. A.E.

1st Aust. Field Amb.

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APPENDIX

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2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. Group.

Headquarters, 4 Battalions, and T.M.Bty, 2nd A.I.Bde.
 2nd A.M.G.Coy.
 21st A.M.G.Coy.
 1st Aust.Pioneer Bn.
 2nd Field Coy. A.E.
 2nd Aust.Field Amb.

3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. Group.

Headquarters, 4 Battalions, and T.M.Bty, 3rd A.I.Bde.
 3rd A.M.G.Coy.
 3rd Field Coy. A.E.
 3rd Aust.Field Amb.

Divisional Headquarters Group.

1st Aust.Div.H.Q.
 1st A.M.G.Bn. H.Q.
 Cyclist Sect, att. 1st A.D.H.Q.
 Mobile Vet.Section.

Nucleus Battalions will be reformed and on the Brigade Group leaving the present area will report to Major. AYRIS, O/C Divisional Reinforcement Camp, BRAY.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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 AAA Nucleus Battalions will not be reformed until further notice.

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Reference Battle Instructions Series D. No. 1.
 Move 3rd Bde. Group 7th Sept. aaa Busses
 will be in position at 10.30.a.m. head of
 column facing East at 62D Q.24.b.8.0. aaa
 Debussing point 62D I.20.b.8.0. facing S.E.
 aaa Billetting area directly E. of Mt.
 St. QUENTIN aaa Transport will move
 via by road via PROYART - CHUIGNES - CAPPY -
 FRISE - FEUILLERES - H.9. - H.10 - JELRY -
 PERONNE watering between CAPPY and FRISE aaa
 Transport to be clear of starting point 62D
 Q.24.b.8.0 by 9.30.a.m. aaa No other march
 restrictions aaa Added 3rd Bde. reptd all
 concerned.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,
6th September, 1918.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, Series "D" No. 2.

1. (i) In continuation of Battle Instructions, Series "D" No. 1 the attached map is issued for information.

(ii) The lanes of advance of the 5th Aust.Div. on the right and 3rd Aust.Div. on the left are shown, also the various bounds given as objectives to these divisions.

(iii) The 4th Aust.Div. is to follow up in support of the 5th Aust.Div. The 1st Aust.Div. in support of the 3rd Aust.Div. Troops of the III Corps will be on the left of the 3rd Aust.Div.

2. It is probable that the Corps frontage will swing in a N.E. direction from the line VERMAND-ROISEL, and the probable boundaries of the Corps will run as shown by dotted GREEN LINES.

3. (i) Debussing arrangements will depend on the rate of the general advance, but it is probable now that the 3rd Brigade Group will move to about MONT St.QUENTIN, and the 2nd Brigade Group to about BUSSU, on the 7th and 8th inst., respectively.

(ii) The 1st Aust.Div. will thereafter stage forward by march route on the leap-frog principle.

4. The Corps Main Signal route, as affecting this division is via SUZANNE, CLERY, BUSSU and ROISEL.

5. G.Os.C. Brigade Groups will on arrival in all new areas, do their utmost to improve local shelter and sanitation.

6. (i) All troops will be warned constantly of the danger of booby traps and enemy ruses.

(ii) The enemy is leaving delay-action shells in his ammunition dumps. It is not possible to distinguish these shells from others. Troops will be specially warned to avoid quartering themselves near such dumps.

7. Nucleus Battalions will not now be reformed until further orders.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Am. Ross.
Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,
7th September, 1918.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "D" No. 3.

1. 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Group will move by march route to area N.E. of DOINGT, 620, I.24.30. and J.19, and 25 on 8th September, 1918 to be clear of present area by 11-30 a.m.
2. There are no restrictions as to route, except that overland tracks will be used as much as possible.
3. Five hundred yards distance at least will be maintained between Battalions.
4. Advance parties will be sent forward to reconnoitre area. Accommodation within the area will be allotted by 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
5. 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Group will arrange to hand over present area to 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. Group.
6. On arrival at new area location report will be forwarded to D.H.Q. at HALLE (after 12 noon 8th inst).

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
8th September, 1918.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "D" No.4.

1. (Vide Battle Instructions No. 2 and Map attached)

(i). The Aust. Corps front ran approximately along the BLUE LINE yesterday evening.

(ii) To-day the troops have been ordered to establish themselves along the general line HESBECOURT-VENDELLES and spur running South of VENDELLES maintaining touch with the enemy by means of mounted and dismounted patrols.

(iii) There are three lines upon which resistance may be expected viz.,

- (a) The HARGICOURT - LE VERQUIER - MAISSEMY - HOLNON LINE.
- (b) The old British Line - VILLERET - PONTRUET - FAYET.
- (c) The HINDENBURG LINE.

2. The general advance is not to be continued until further orders.

3. The forward boundary between Australian Corps and the III Corps is amended as follows:-

From K.11.a.O.O. forward the boundary will be the line of the river COULOGNE as far as TEEPLEUX - LE - GUERARD which is inclusive to Australian Corps, thence from F.26.d.5.O. the boundary runs due East along the grid line through F.30.c.O.O.

The above boundary will come into force forthwith.

Maps will be amended accordingly.

4. (a) 1st Aust.Div. (less artillery) will relieve the 3rd Aust.Div. (less artillery) in the advanced Guard positions on the nights 9/10th and 10/11th September.

(b) Reliefs will be completed by 8 a.m. on 11th inst. Command of sector will pass to G.O.C. 1st Aust.Div. at 10 a.m. on 11th inst.

(c) Headquarters 1st Aust.Div. will remain as at present. An advanced Headquarters will be established near TINCOURT on 11th instant.

Support Brigade Headquarters will be at 620, J.18.a.O.5.

Line Brigade Headquarters will be selected by G.O.C. 1st Aust.Div.

(d) Reliefs will be effected in accordance with attached relief table.

(e) Orders regarding move of 2nd Aust.Div. Group will be issued later.

5. (i) Orders for Field Artillery reliefs will be issued later.

(ii) On completion of relief the 51st Brigade R.G.A. will pass to the command of G.O.C., 1st Aust.Div.

6. Medical instructions will be issued separately.

7. (i) On command of sector passing to G.O.C. 1st Aust.Div, liaison between the line Brigade and flank brigades and between Reserve, Support and Line Brigades will be maintained by Liaison Officers nominated by Brigades concerned.

(ii) 1st Aust.Div. will detail two officers (allotted to Nuclear Battalion) as Divisional Liaison Officers with 24th Division and 4th Aust.Div, respectively.

Names of Officers will be wired to H.Q. 1st Aust.Div. on 9th inst.

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Further instructions will then be issued.

8. Nucleus Battalions will be reformed on 9th inst., Destinations will be notified later by wire.

9. All details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged direct between Brigade Commanders concerned.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS SERIES "D" No. 4.

Date.	Formation.	From.	To.	Remarks.
9th Sept. 1918.	1st A.I.Bde.Group.	Area Squares 62C, I.24, 30, J.19, 25.	Support Bde. area E. of N and S line through 62C, J.23.	Relieving 11th A.I.Bde Group. Move to be completed by 6 p.m.
Night 9/10 th Sept.	Advance parties 1st A.I.Bde.Group.	do.	Line.	With 10th A.I.Bde.
Night 10/11 th Sept.	3rd A.I.Bde.Group.	MONT ST.QUENTIN area.	Support Brigade area E. of N and S. line through 62C, J.23.	Relieving 1st A.I. Bde.Group.
Night 10/11 Sept.	1st A.I.Bde.Group.	Support Bde.area.	Line.	Relieving 10th A.I. Bde. Relief to be completed by 6 a.m.

Groups will move less tent sub-divisions of Field Ambulances.

For daylight relief all roads may be used except direct road between PERONNE and HAMEL
62 C, J.18.

Completion of reliefs in all cases will be wired to D.H.Q.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
10th September, 1918.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "D" No. 5.

1. (i) 1st Aust.Div.Arty. will relieve 3rd Aust.Div.Arty on the night 11/12th September.

(ii) On completion of relief following additional artillery will pass to command of C.R.A. 1st Aust.Div.Arty.

3rd Army Bde. A.F.A.
16th Army Bde. R.H.A.
14th Army Bde. R.F.A.
51st Bde. R.G.A.

2. (i) 2nd Aust.Inf.Bde.Group (less tent sub-division) will move on the morning of 11th inst., to the area included in Squares J.16, J.17, J.34, J.35.

(ii) Move to be completed by 11 a.m. and notified to D.H.Q. by wire.

3. (i) Reference Battle Instructions, Series "D" No. 4. para 4 "c" Advanced Headquarters, 1st Aust.Div. will be established at 620, J.16.A.5.0. at 10 a.m. 11th inst.

(ii) Aust.Corps Advanced Headquarters will close at MERICOURT at 4 p.m. 11th Sept., and open at N.16.A.5.0. (near BARLEUX) at the same hour.

4. The 74th British Division will be on the left of the 1st Aust.Div.

5. One Squadron Light Horse now attached to the 3rd Aust.Div. will pass to the command G.O.C. 1st Aust.Div. on completion of Divisional relief. Further instructions will be issued as to the role of this unit.

6. Divisional Liaison officers will report before 10 a.m. 11th inst., as follows:-

Capt. J.C. BOOTLE, 1st Battalion to 4th Aust.Div.
Capt. T.K. MALBY, 5th Battalion to 74th Division.

7. (i) A new forward Divisional area has been organised. This area is bounded on the North and South by the present Divisional boundaries and on the west by the line of the following roads :- MONS-EN-CHASSE (exclusive) - St. CREN (exclusive) - CARTIGNY (exclusive) - BRUSLE (inclusive) - BUIRE (exclusive) - DRIENCOURT.

(ii) Brigade Groups moving forward into this area pass under the command of G.O.C. 3rd Aust.Div. until completion of relief.

8. O.C. Divisional Sig.Coy. will arrange (i) to lay a direct line from Advanced Headquarters 1st Aust.Div. to Advanced Headquarters 74th Division.

(ii) to establish a Divisional forward report centre in the vicinity of Headquarters Advanced Guard Group.

Above arrangements will be completed by 10 a.m. 11th inst.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Divisional Headquarters will report before 10 a.m. 11th inst.

as follows:-

Capt. J.C. HOOTER, 1st Battalion to 4th Aust. Div.
Capt. T.K. MALLORY, 5th Battalion to 7th Division.

(1) A new forward Divisional area has been organized. This area is bounded on the North and South by the present Divisional boundaries and on the West by the line of the following roads:- MONSIEUR-CHASSE (exclusive) - ST. GERN (exclusive) - GAILLARDY (exclusive) - BRUGLE (exclusive) - EULHE (exclusive) - BRILBOURG.

(2) Brigades Groups moving forward into this area pass under the command of C.O.G. 3rd Aust. Div. until completion of relief.

(3) Divisional Sig. Coy. will arrange to lay a direct line from Advanced Headquarters 1st Aust. Div. to Advanced Headquarters 7th Division.

(4) To establish a Divisional forward report centre in the vicinity of Headquarters Advanced Guard Group.

Above arrangements will be completed by 10 a.m. 11th inst.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
10th September, 1918.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS SERIES "D" No. 6.

1. (i) An advance will be made to-morrow at daylight under the orders of the G.O.C. Advanced Guard.
(ii) An outpost position will be established on the general line JEANCOURT (inc.) - L.14.central - L.8.central.
2. The Squadron Light Horse attached to the Division will be employed under the orders of the G.O.C. Advanced Guard, who will arrange for two Troops at a time to be rested.
3. During the present conditions of warfare, Brigade Groups will be responsible at all times
 - (i) For their local protection, irrespective of the position of other Brigade Groups
 - (ii) For close liaison with other Brigade Groups.
4. Artillery Brigades when not in line will demand any infantry escorts which they may require from the G.O.C. Support Brigade.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Headquarters,
14th. September 1918.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS SERIES "D" NO. 7.

1. INFORMATION.

- i. The 4th Army in conjunction with the 1st French Army on the right and the Third Army on the left is to attack the enemy's defensive position in front of the HINDENBURG LINE.
- ii. The Aust Corps is to attack in the Centre of the 4th Army front, the IX Corps is attacking on the right, the III Corps on the left.

Date and Zero hour will be notified later.

2. INTENTION.

- i. 1st. Aust. Division will attack on the left of the Aust. Corps.
- ii. The 4th. Aust. Div will be on the right of the 1st. Aust. Div. The 74th Division will be on the left of the 1st. Aust. Div.
- iii. Objectives and boundaries are shown on attached map. A back inter-Brigade boundary has been drawn defining Brigade areas for approach and assembly.

3. DETAIL OF TROOPS.

- i. The 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde will attack on the right, the 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde will attack on the left.
- ii. One half-section (2 Tanks) is allotted to each Brigade.
- iii. One troop of 13th. Light Horse Regt is allotted to each the 1st. and 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bdes. These troops will report to Brigades before noon on 17th inst.
- iv. 3rd. Aust. M.G. Battalion has been placed at the disposal of G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Division

4. ARTILLERY.

- i. It is probable that 8 F. A. Brigades and 3 Heavy Artillery Brigades will be available to cover the Divisional front.
- ii. The whole of the Artillery of the Corps will come under the command of the G.O.C., R.A., Aust Corps for the operation.
- iii. For exploitation beyond the RED Line, a proportion of Field Artillery will come under the Command of the G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Division, immediately the second objective is captured.
- iv. S.O.S. will cease to be operative at Zero minus 15 mins.

5. HEAVY ARTILLERY.

The fire of the majority of the heavy guns and howitzers employed for purposes other than counter-battery work will be employed against specially selected targets. A map will be issued to show at what times heavy artillery will cease on zones and localities.

6. METHOD OF ATTACK.

- i. Each Brigade will attack on a frontage of two battalions.
- ii. The infantry will form up on a taped line prior to zero. The barrage will open at zero hour and the tanks and infantry will press close up to the barrage.

The barrage will continue until the halt line, shown in brown on the attached map, is reached, where there will be a halt for a period to be notified later.

From the halt line the advance will continue under cover of the artillery barrage until the red line is reached. A protective barrage will continue to cover consolidation of the red line for a period of 15 minutes, when it will cease. Infantry parties supported by specially detailed Field Artillery units will endeavour to take advantage of the enemy demoralisation to exploit the success with a view to establishing themselves on the blue line. Details concerning the rate of advance and a Field Artillery Barrage Map will be issued.

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7. ADJUSTMENT OF BOUNDARIES.

The Divisional boundaries will be adjusted on the night 14/15th Sept under orders which have already been issued.

8. TANKS.

1. Tanks will be used for employment against selected tactical points. They will not be employed in advance of the Second objective.

The chief tactical point on the 3rd Brigade front is the high ground and spurs about PERVAQUE FM., on the 1st Brigade front, COLOGNE FARM.

Instructions for forming up of Tanks will be issued later.

Dummy Tanks will be employed. The C.R.E. has the construction of the latter already in hand.

9. INFANTRY FORMING UP LINE.

This will be as shown on attached map.

This line will be taped by Field Engineers of the 1st & 3rd Brigades, but the 2nd Brigade will give all assistance possible before hand as regards marking reference points.

10. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.

Watches will be synchronised by an Officer who will leave D.H.Q. for Brigade Headquarters at approximately 2.p.m. and 7.p.m. on the day prior to the operation.

11. Further Battle Instructions will be issued.12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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14th. September 1918.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS SERIES "D" NO. 8.INTELLIGENCE INSTRUCTIONS.

During the forthcoming battle Intelligence Instructions as laid down for Operations of 9th August and 23rd August, will be adhered to.

The following alterations however, will come into effect.

1. 1st. Aust. Div. P.O.W. Cage will be established on forward slope of hill in K.27.B.
2. (a) The ^DA.P.M. will have a screen of M.M. Policemen stationed along the Divisional front, at an approximate distance of 1 mile from the front line. This screen will cover all routes from the front line in the Divisional area. Adjacent routes in flanking areas will also be watched.
(b) Battalion escorts will be instructed to take Prisoners of War to the rear and to deliver them to the first 1st. Aust. Div. M.M. Policeman they meet, who will hand the escort a typed receipt. Escorts will be instructed that in the unlikely event of missing members of the M.M.P. screen, they will proceed to the Divisional P.O.W. Cage in K.27.B.
(c) The ^DA.P.M. will keep a reserve of M.M.P. at the Divisional Cage for filling gaps in the screen and at Headquarters of Brigades in the line for prisoners who may be mis-directed.
(d) Close touch between the Divisional Cage, D.H.Q. and Headquarters of Brigades will be maintained and any information of value gained by the Divisional Intelligence Officer will be immediately forwarded to those concerned.
(e) The ^DA.P.M. will keep a close check of the number of prisoners taken by particular units.

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BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS SERIES "D" NO.9.

1. AMENDMENT TO BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS SERIES "D" NO.7.

(1) The infantry forming up line will be taped on a straight line drawn between L.27.O.O.6. and L.1.D.7.O. This alters the black line shown on the map attached to the Instructions, which line becomes approximately the artillery start line.

(ii) Maps will be amended accordingly.

2. MACHINE GUNS.

- (1) (a) The 2nd, 21st, 9th and 10th.Aust.M.G.Coys will fire initial barrage tasks.
(b) On completion of this task 9th and 10th.M.G.Coys will be withdrawn into Divisional reserve.
- (ii) (a) 3rd and 11th.M.G.Coys will advance with the 3rd.Aust. Inf.Bde. 3rd.M.G.Coy at disposal of G.O.C. 3rd.Aust. Inf.Bde for exploitation to BLUE LINE and consolidation of RED LINE.
11th.M.G.Coy for barrage covering the advance from the BROWN to the RED line as a primary task and for consolidation of BROWN LINE as a secondary task.
(b) 1st and 23rd.M.G.Coys will advance with 1st.Aust.Inf. Bde. 1st.M.G.Coy at disposal of G.O.C. 1st.Aust.Inf. Bde for exploitation to BLUE LINE and consolidation of RED LINE.
23rd.M.G.Coy for barrage covering the advance from the BROWN to the RED LINE as a primary task and for consolidation of BROWN LINE as a secondary task.
(c) On completion of their barrage tasks mentioned in (a) and (b) above, 11th and 23rd.M.G.Coys will come under the orders of G.Os.C. 3rd. and 1st.Aust.Inf. Bdes respectively for defensive employment about the BROWN LINE.
- (iii) Detailed M.G. Instructions and barrage map will be issued by O.C. 1st.Aust.M.G.Battalion.
- (iv) Os.C. M.G.Coys concerned will get into personal communication with G.Os.C. Brigades forthwith.

3. ARTILLERY BARRAGE.

The barrage will be placed on the artillery start line which will be 200 yards in advance of the infantry forming up line, at Zero.
The first lift will be at Zero plus 3 mins. The second lift will be at Zero plus 5 mins. The next and succeeding lifts up to and including the eleventh lift will be at intervals of 3 mins. The twelfth and following lifts will be made at intervals of 4 minutes.
All lifts will be of 100 yards measured along the inter-Corps boundaries.

4. HALT LINE.

The infantry will remain on the halt line until Zero plus 3 hours 10 mins when the advance will be continued to the RED Line.

5. DIVISIONAL REPORT CENTRE.

A forward Divisional report centre will be established at K.30.A.O.6.

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6. ENGINEER FIELD COYS AND PIONEERS.

(i) Engineer Field Coys will remain as at present allotted.

(ii) C.R.E. will arrange -

(a) with C.R.A. for a proportion of Pioneers to assist the forward movement of artillery.

(b) for remainder of Pioneer Battalion to be employed on forward roads, tracks and communications.

(iii) Engineer Instructions will be issued separately.

7. Administrative and Medical Instructions will be issued separately.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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1. TANKS.

- (i) Two Tanks of 'B' Coy 2nd Tank Battalion are allotted to 3rd.Aust.Inf.Bde, three to 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde.
- (ii) These Tanks will move to assembly positions on the night 15/16th Sept.
On the night V/Z, Tanks will move to a Tank Start Line approximately 1,000 yards behind the Infantry forming up line.
Tanks will cross the infantry forming up line at Zero with the Infantry.
- (iii) The noise of the Tank engines when moving to the Infantry forming up line will be drowned as far as possible by harassing fire from Vickers and Lewis Guns. G.O.C. 2nd.Aust.Inf.Bde will arrange his machine gun policy accordingly on nights previous to Zero day. Aeroplanes will also assist in drowning the noise of the Tank engines.
- (iv) Tank approach tapes can be distinguished by a black line down the centre of the tape.
- (v) Each Tank will carry a specially picked N.C.O. or man from the Infantry for liaison and observation purposes.
- (vi) Headquarters of O.C., 'B' Coy 2nd Tank Battalion will be at the Forward Divisional Report Centre.
- (vii) Dummy Tanks will be manoeuvred under arrangements to be made direct between G.R.E. and G.O.C. attacking Brigades.

2. RESERVE BRIGADE.

2nd.Aust.Inf.Bde will remain in the present front line throughout the action, but two battalions and 1 Machine Gun Company will be held ready to move forward at short notice.

3. HEADQUARTERS.

Positions of battle Headquarters:-

3rd.Aust.Inf.Bde.	K.30.B.7.7.
1st.Aust.Inf.Bde.	K.12.D.3.0.
2nd.Aust.Inf.Bde.	K.27.A.6.6.
Divisional Headquarters.	J.16.B.0.5.
230th.Bde. (74th.Divn).	Quarry. E.29.D.
4th.Aus.Inf.Bde.(4th.Aus.Div)	(Will be notified later)

4. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH LEFT FLANK DIVISION.

G.O.C. 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde will arrange -

- (i) for troops of 230th.Inf.Bde to form up in Sq.L.7.B. North of the sunken road running E. and W. through L.8.A.0.7.
- (ii) to assist 230th.Inf.Bde as far as possible in the capture of the Spur in L.4.A.

5. FLARES AND SIGNALS.

Red ground flares will be carried. 400 of these have been issued to each assaulting Brigade. Success Signals will not be used. Arrangements for Signalling to Contact-aeroplanes will be the same as issued under Instructions for recent attacks.

6. FORWARD ASSEMBLY OF TROOPS.

Assaulting troops will be formed up on the taped line one hour before Zero.

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7. Signal Instructions will be issued separately.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS SERIES "D" NO. 11.

1. CONTACT AEROPLANES.

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

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

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

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

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

(iii).

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

(b) Should the aeroplane observer not have located the line accurately on the first attempt he will return and repeat the call 10 minutes later. Should the infantry not have reached the objective line at the time laid down above, the machine will return half an hour later and repeat the call.

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

Infantry will indicate their position by the following means :-

(a) RED ground flares.

(b) BRIGHT Metal discs.

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

(v) G.O.S.C. 1st and 3rd Brigades will arrange that all attacking troops are provided with bright metal discs about 6 inches square and that these are sewn on the reverse side of the box respirator.

Troops will be especially warned on parade prior to moving up into the line as to the proper use of ground flares and discs and that considerable risk must be run in signalling to our Contact Machines. It is imperative for the benefit of the troops in general and especially of the heavy

artillery that information regarding front line positions be brought back by the quickest method which is by machine.

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

2. COUNTER-ATTACK MACHINES.

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

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

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3. TANK LIAISON MACHINES.

The 5th Squadron P.A.F., will work with the Tanks and will carry out the following roles:-

- (i) (a) Machines detailed to watch and report on the progress of the Tanks.
- (b) Machines detailed to bomb and bring Machine Gun fire to bear on hostile anti-tank guns.
- (ii) Machines carrying out the above will be marked by a black band on the tail plane.

4. TELEPHONE PRECAUTIONS.

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

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

5. S.O.S. SIGNAL.

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

6. POPHAM PANELS.

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

7. LIAISON.

(i) Liaison will be maintained between all formations and flank formations, means of communication being supplied to Liaison Officers.

Reserve brigade will keep in close touch with attacking brigades.

(ii) C.O. 1st Aust. M.G. Battalion will arrange for all four Companies of 3rd Aust. M.G. Bn to be in telephone communication with D.H.Q. after completing their barrage tasks.

(iii) All Liaison Officers will be properly equipped that is to say, will be provided with instructions, maps and intentions of the formations from which they are provided and will be instructed that they are to provide information from their own personal observation and action if other means are not satisfactory.

8. LINE OF EXPLOITATION.

It is to be clearly understood that the BLUE Line is to be attained solely by means of exploitation. It is not intended that anything in the nature of a set-piece attack is to be made or that the operation shall be costly. The RED Line is to be consolidated as a main line of resistance, and the main object of exploitation is to secure observation over the Valleys running eastward from the line of Squares G.1. 7. and 14.

9. FORMING UP LINE.

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

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS SERIES "D" NO. 12.

SMOKE SCREENING.

1. During the course of the forthcoming operations endeavours will be made, as far as available machines will permit, to screen the enemy's observation of the advance by means of smoke bombing from the air of the high ground still in the enemy's possession, under arrangements as follows:-
 - (a) Between zero and zero plus 190 minutes bombs will be dropped to deny the enemy observation from the areas marked in RED on attached map.
 - (b) Between zero plus 190 minutes and zero plus 300 minutes bombs will be dropped to deny the enemy observation from the areas marked in BLUE on attached map.
2. As the number of machines available for this work will be small it is anticipated that complete smoke screening of the above areas for the whole period specified will not be possible.
 - (a) The areas hatched in colour will, therefore, be given preference as regards smoke bombing during each phase.
 - (b) As regards time, areas shown in RED will be dealt with preferably from zero to zero plus 90 minutes, and areas shown in BLUE from zero plus 190 minutes to zero plus 250 minutes.
3. Arrangements have been made for the Artillery to smoke FERRAQUE FARM and the ridge Sq. L.4.A.&.C.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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20th. Sept. 1918.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS SERIES "D" NO. 13.

1. An advance is to be made by the 1st Aust Division and 74th Division on the morning of 21st Sept.
Zero hour will be notified later.
2. (i) The objective of 1st Aust Division is shown in RED on the attached map.
The flank of the advance of 74th Division is shown by a GREEN LINE; the right of objective of this Division is QUENNIMONT Fm.
(ii) It will thus be seen that it is not intended that a continuous objective between the two Divisions will be attained but that points of observation will be established overlooking the enemy system in A.27.A. & B.
3. The advance will be carried out by 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde.
4. The method of advance will be arranged by G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde subject to the following provisions:-
During the advance and until such time as 74th Division has reached its objective.
(i) All available howitzers and a proportion of 18-pdrs will be employed in keeping down hostile fire from MALAKOFF WOOD.
(ii) The area included between the Yellow lines on attached map will be swept continuously by Machine Guns of 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde.
5. (i) The Infantry start line of the 74th Division is shown in RED - GREEN on attached map.
(ii) G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde will arrange to withdraw all posts in WOOD TRENCH North of the Divisional boundary by zero minus 30 minutes.
6. Details not provided for in this instruction and the synchronization of watches will be arranged direct between G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde and G.O.C. Right Brigade 74th Division.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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5th September, 1918.WARNING ORDER.

1. 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Group composed as under will be prepared to embus at short notice, to-morrow 6th inst., and move to area WEST of OLERY.

Group composed as follows:-

H.Q. and 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
1st A.M.G. Coy.
1st Field Coy. A.E.
1st Field Ambulance.

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2. ^ arrangements will be notified later.
3. Transport will move by road under orders to be issued later.
4. Advance parties should report to Area Commandant, SUZANNE.

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DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 127.

1. (i). 2nd.Aust.Inf.Bde will relieve the 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde in the present left sub-sector on the night 20th/21st September.
(ii). Command will pass on completion of relief which will be wired to D.H.Q.
2. On completion of relief, the 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde will take over the camps and areas at present occupied by 2nd.Aust.Inf.Bde.
3. (i). 21st.M.G.Coy will be detached from 2nd.Aust.Inf.Bde Group from 20th inst and will come under orders of O.C., 1st.Aust.M.G.Battalion.
During 20th inst, this Coy will relieve two Coys 3rd.Aust.M.G. Battalion in positions selected about the BROWN line by O.C. M.G.Battalion in consultation with G.O.C. 2nd, and 3rd.Aust.Inf.Bdes.
(ii). On relief, two Coys 3rd.Aust.M.G.Battalion will move independently to rejoin their M.G. Battalion at BUIRE on 20th inst.
Remaining two coys 3rd.Aust.M.G.Battalion will move independently to rejoin their Battalion at BUIRE on morning of 20th inst.
(iii). Detailed M.G. Instructions will be issued separately.
4. Medical arrangements for evacuation of Sick and Wounded will remain unaltered.
5. G.O.C. 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde will be in command of all relieving troops in the left sub-sector until completion of relief.
6. Subject to the terms of this order, details of relief will be arranged direct between G.O.C. Brigades concerned.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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1. The action to be taken under Divisional Order No. 127 with the exception of paras 3 and 4 is postponed.
2. On the night 20th/21st Sept, one battalion 2nd.Aust.Inf. Bde will be placed under the orders of G.O.C. 1st.Aust.Inf. Bde for relief of one battalion in line.
3. Complete relief of 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde by 2nd.Aust.Inf.Bde. will be effected on night 21st/22nd Sept.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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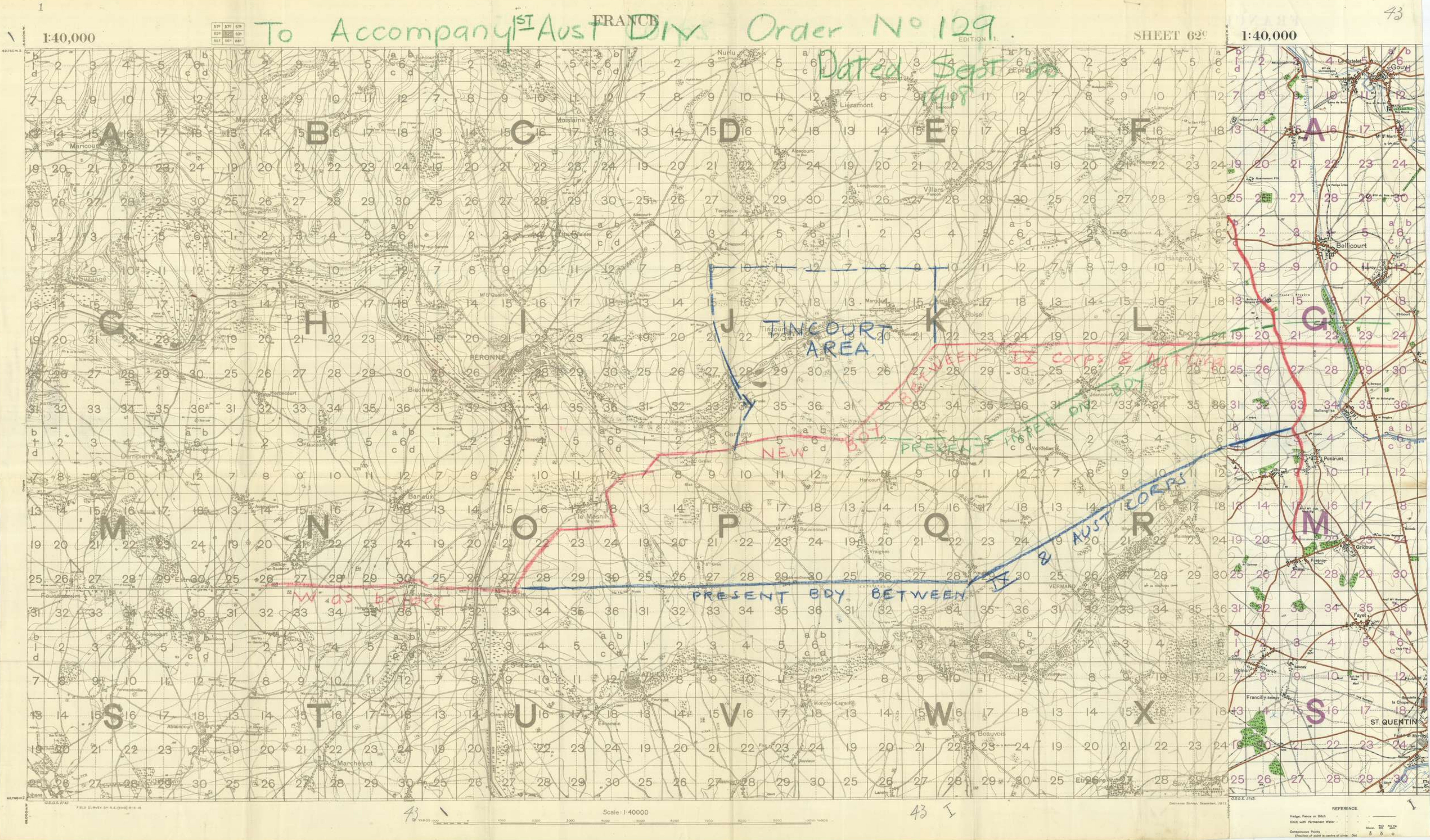
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1. IX Corps is to take over portion of the front and area of the Aust Corps as far North as the new inter-corps boundary on the 22nd Sept 1918.
Command passes at 10 a.m. 22nd September.
New inter-corps boundary is shown on attached map.
2. (i) 4th. Aust. Division is being relieved on night 21st/22nd Sept. by the 40th British Division which will take over as far north as the new inter-corps boundary.
On relief, 4th. Aust. Division is moving to TIMUCOURT area.
(ii) The left Battalion of 4th. Aust. Division now holding portion of the front between the new inter-corps boundary and the present boundary between 1st and 4th. Aust. Divisions will pass temporarily to command of G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Division.
Command will pass at 10 p.m. on September 21st.
3. (i) The Battalion mentioned in para (2) (ii) above will pass under command of G.O.C. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde at the hour specified.
(ii) G.O.C. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde will make all the necessary arrangements direct with G.O.C. Left Brigade 4th. Aust. Division.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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