

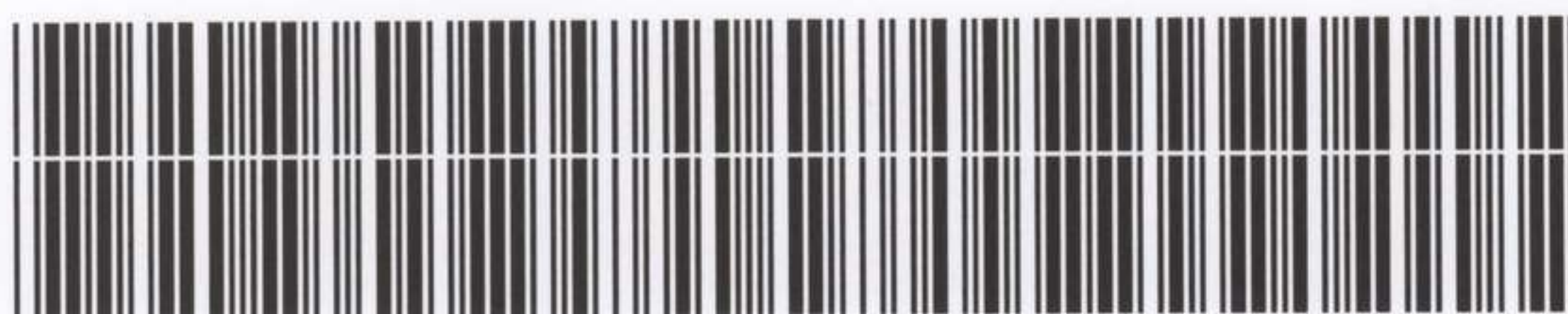
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Headquarters
2nd May 1918.

1. With reference to para. 6 of 5th Australian Division
Operation Memorandum No.3 :-
ZERO hour will be 2 a.m.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Phooten
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff.
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 4.30 p.m. to all
recipients of Operation
Memorandum No.3.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 3.

Ref Map 62D
1/40,000.Headquarters,
2nd May 1918.

1. On the 3rd May the 4th Australian Division in conjunction with the 31st French Corps are to advance our line East and South-East of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.
2. The objective lies along the following line:- U.5.c.5.2 - U.6.b.5.0 - P.31.a.1.0. - P.25.b.55.40 - P.19.d.8.0 - P.20.a.0.0.
3. The attack of the 4th Australian Division is to be made by the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade on the left and the 12th Australian Infantry Brigade on the right, the inter-brigade boundary being the main VILLERS BRETONNEUX - WARFUSEE Road.
4. The attack is to be preceded by harassing bombardment of enemy batteries and positions up to the time of the infantry attack. No barrage is being put down during the actual attack.
5. (a) Tanks are co-operating south of the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - WARFUSEE Road.
(b) Two male tanks are being held in reserve by 4th Australian Division for use in case of hostile tank attack. The signal for their employment will be a rifle grenade signal RED over GREEN over RED.
6. ZERO hour will be notified later.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. Hooten *map*
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 12 noon by D.R. to:-

14th Infantry Brigade
15th Infantry Brigade
8th Infantry Brigade
5th Machine Gun Battalion
5th Pioneer Battalion
Divisional Artillery
Divisional Engineers
Divisional Signal Co.
A.D.M.S.
A.P.M.
"AC"
D.B.O.
D.G.O.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 4

Headquarters
9th May 1918.

1. The 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery) is to relieve the 3rd Australian Division (less Artillery) in "C" Division sector and area on nights 9/10th and 10/11th May.
2. On completion of relief Headquarters of 2nd and 3rd Australian Divisions will be situated at St. GRATIEN and ALLOUVILLE respectively.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Croatten
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 12 noon by D.R. to:-

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14th Infantry Brigade	2
15th Infantry Brigade	3
5th Pioneer Battalion	4
Divisional Engineers	5
Divisional Artillery	6
A.P.M.	7
A.D.M.S.	8
"AC"	9
"C"	10
Divisional Train	11
No. 4 Troop "C" Sq. 13th A.L.H.	12
Cyclist Platoon (att. 5th Div)	13

8th Tank Bn

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

1. With reference to Operation Memorandum No. 5 of today, ZERO hour will be 2 a.m. 19th May 1918.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

18th May 1918.

Issued at 2.30 p.m. to all recipients
of Operation Memorandum No. 5.

W. H. Hooten
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th Australian Division.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION OPERATION MEMORANDUM No.5.

Ref. Map 62D
1/40,000

Headquarters
18th May 1918.

1. (a) On a date and at an hour to be notified later "C" Division is to attack, covered by an artillery barrage, with the object of:-
 - (a) Capturing VILLE-sur-ANCRE.
 - (b) Straightening "C" Division front line.
 - (b) The attack is to be carried out in two stages. The objectives of each stage of the attack are shown on the attached map. Units of the 6th Australian Infantry Brigade are operating on the Left Brigade front and units of the 5th Australian Infantry Brigade on Right Brigade front of "C" Division respectively.
 - (c) K.13.a.7.3 is the Southern limit of the front to be attacked.
2. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will co-operate by making a Chinese attack opposite our Left Brigade front NORTH of the SOMME CANAL. The detailed action of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will be arranged direct by C.R.A. with C.R.A., 2nd Australian Division.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 1 pm to :-

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Divisional Artillery	1
8th Infantry Brigade.	2
14th Infantry Brigade.	3
15th Infantry Brigade.	4
A.D.M.S.	5
5th Machine Gun Battalion.	6
Divisional Signal Coy.	7
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J. Peck
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

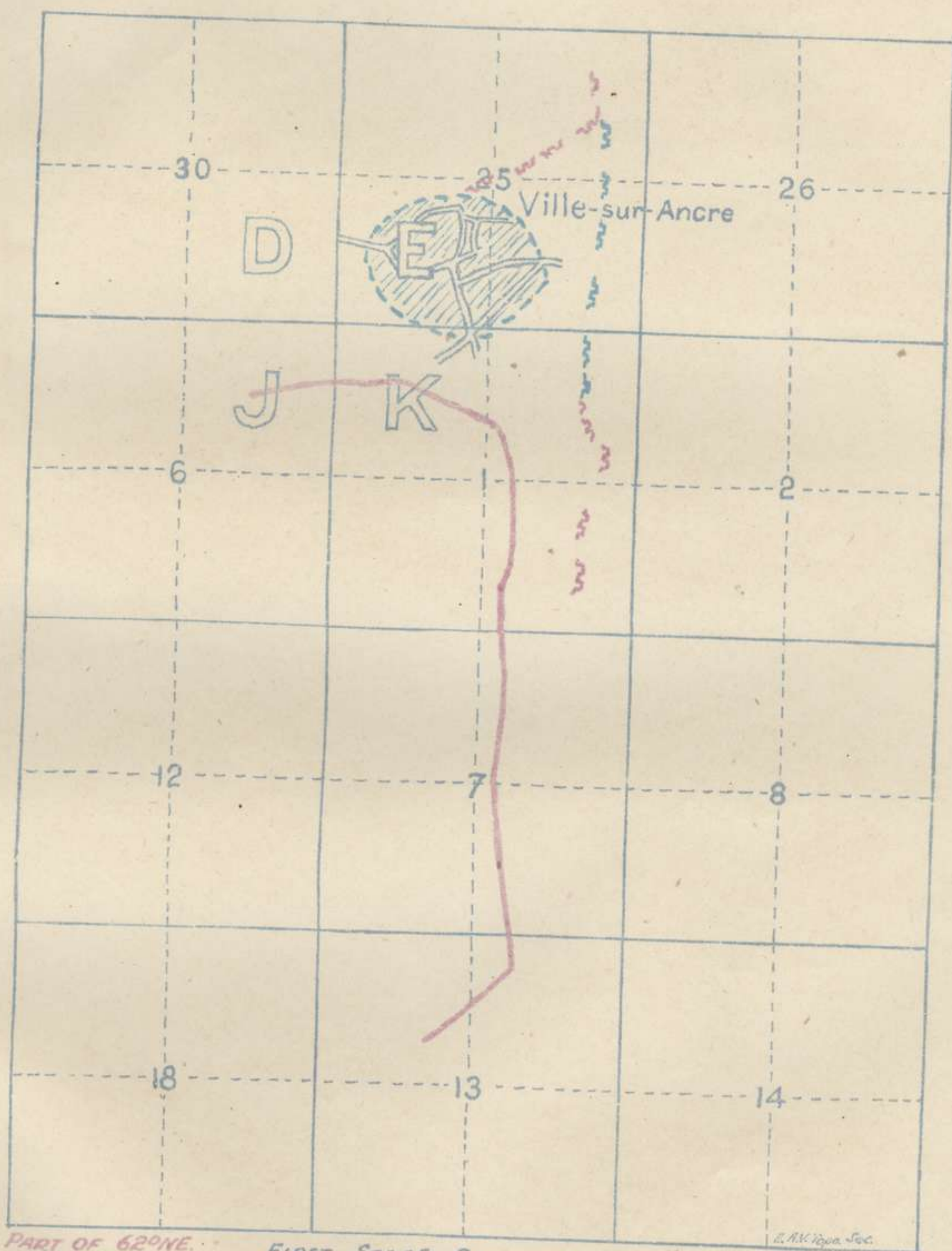
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 6.

Headquarters,
20th May 1918

1. (a) 3rd Australian Division (less Artillery) is relieving 4th Australian Division (less artillery) in "A" divisional sector and area on nights 20th/21st and 21st/22nd May, 1918.
- (b) Inter-Brigade reliefs take place as follows :-
 - Night 20th/21st - 11th A.I. Brigade relieves 4th A.I. Brigade in Line Right.
 - Night 21st/22nd - 9th A.I. Brigade relieves 12th A.I. Brigade in Line Left.
 - Morning 22nd May - 10th A.I. Brigade relieves 4th A.I. Brigade in Reserve Brigade area.

2. On completion of relief Headquarters of 3rd and 4th Australian Divisions will be at GLISY and ALLONVILLE respectively.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Johnston
Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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A.D.M.S.	7
"A.Q".	8
"G"	9
No. 1 Troop, "C" Squadron, 13th A.L.H.	10
Cyclists Platoon attached 5th Division.	11
8th Tank Battalion.	12

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 208.

Ref:- Sheet 62D 1/40,000

Headquarters
15th May 1918.

1. The following re-adjustment of the defensive organisation of "B" Divisional Sector will be made on night 16/17th May:-
 - (a) The 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade will take over front line from 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade as far North as the VAIRE sous CORBIE - HAMEL road. This road will be inclusive to the 14th Infantry Brigade and will form the northern boundary of the 14th Infantry Brigade as far west as the village of VAIRE sous CORBIE. Details of the continuation of the boundary westwards will be communicated later.
 - (b) The 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade will divide the frontage North of the River SOMME between two battalions.

On the completion of the above re-adjustments each Brigade will have three battalions in the line and one battalion in support.
2. Subject to the terms of this order the detailed arrangements will be made by Brigadiers concerned.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. S. Peck

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

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Divisional Signal Co.	8
Divisional Train	9
A.D.M.S.	10
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 207

Headquarters
17th May 1918.

Consequent on the alteration of the dispositions of brigades in the line -

1. The 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade will maintain the support battalion in a central position ready to reinforce either flank as the necessity arises.
2. The 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade will be responsible for holding the whole of the PIONEER SWITCH west of the VILLERS line in case of an attack, and will maintain a battalion in readiness to man this Switch. The 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade will detail a nucleus garrison to take over this Switch from the nucleus garrison of the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade on the 18th May.
3. The above re-arrangements will be completed on the night 18th/19th May.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. H. Beck
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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A.P.M.	12
D.A.D.O.S.	13
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 208

Headquarters
29th May 1918.

1. (a) The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) will be relieved by the 4th Australian Division (less Artillery) in "B" Divisional sector and area on the nights 31st May/1st June and 1st/2nd June 1918.
(b) When relieved the 5th Australian Division will be in Corps Reserve.
2. (a) On completion of relief the following Artillery will come under command of the G.O.C. 4th Australian Division:-
5th Australian Divisional Artillery
77th Army Brigade R.F.A.
150th Army Brigade R.F.A.
298th Army Brigade R.F.A.
16th Army Brigade R.H.A.
(b) The 9th Brigade R.G.A. now affiliated to 5th Australian Division will, at the same time, become affiliated to 4th Australian Division.
(c) The C.R.A. 5th Australian Division will continue in command of the Divisional Artillery of "B" Divisional Sector.
3. Reliefs will take place in accordance with MOVE TABLE issued with this order.
4. (a) Brigade Groups will arrange to provide nucleus garrisons for trench systems as follows:-

<u>Brigade Groups</u>	<u>Garrisons</u>
(i) ALLOUVILLE - CARDONNETE	St. GRATIEN - LA HOUSOYE switch defences.
(ii) GUERRIEU - DAOURS	FRANVILLERS - LA HOUSOYE systems about LA HOUSOYE
(iii) RIVERY - CAMON	BLANGY system.

(b) Advanced Battalions from respective Brigade Groups will be regarded as the nucleus garrisons of the systems. The necessary reconnaissances, dispositions and plans will be made, but only wardens and guides need actually live in the defensive systems.
5. Defence Schemes, Defence Works Policy and all Maps and Photographs relating to the sector will be handed over.
6. (a) Orders for the relief of Engineers, Pioneers and all Infantry attached to Tunnelling Companies will be issued by the C.R.E.
(b) Orders for the relief of Machine Guns will be issued by C.O. 5th Australian Machine Gun Battalion who will arrange details direct with 4th Australian Division.
(c) Administrative and Medical Instructions will be issued by the Administrative Branch and the A.D.M.S. respectively.

7. (a) Relief will be carried out by G.O.C. 5th Australian Division who will be in command of all relieving troops in "B" Divisional Area until command passes.
(b) Command will pass at 10 a.m. on 2nd June 1918.
(c) On completion of relief Headquarters of 5th Australian Division will be established at ALLENVILLE.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. H. H. H.
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 8 p.m. to

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15th Infantry Brigade
5th Machine Gun Battalion
5th Pioneer Battalion
Divisional Artillery
Divisional Engineers
Divisional Signal Co.
Divisional Train
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D.A.W.V.S.
A.P.M.
D.A.D.O.S.
D.B.O.
D.G.O.
No. 1 Troop "C" Sq. 13th A.L.H.
Cyclist Platoon (att. 5th Div.)
Camp Commandant
Divisional Salvage Company

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TABLE OF MOVES - ISSUED WITH 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 208.

Serial No.	Date	Unit	From	To	Relieved by	Remarks.
1	31st May	15th Inf. Bde	AUBIGNY System	ALLONVILLE Area	4th Inf. Bde.	15th Brigade move out by BLANGY and west of HALLUE clearing by 9 a.m. 4th Brigade move in by DAOURS and east of the HALLUE arriving by 9 a.m.
2	31st/1st	14th Inf. Bde	LINE, right sector.	AUBIGNY System	4th Inf. Bde	- -
3	1st June	14th Inf. Bde	AUBIGNY System	QUERRIEU Area	13th Inf. Bde	13th Brigade arrive by 9 a.m. 14th Brigade to be clear by 9 a.m. Route as for Serial No 1.
4	1st/2nd June	8th Inf. Bde	LINE, left sector	AUBIGNY System	13th Inf. Bde	- -
5	2nd June	8th Inf. Bde	AUBIGNY System	RIVERY	12th Inf. Bde	12th Brigade via VECQUEMONT. 8th Brigade via LA MOTTE BREBIERE. Complete by 9 a.m.

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Headquarters
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1. Approval is asked to carry out a minor operation against enemy post at J.35.d.50.35 on night 1st/2nd May 1918 for the purpose of securing identification.
2. (a) The 150 Brigade R.F.A. have arranged to co-operate by neutralising fire on enemy M.G. and posts at J.35.d.30.00., J.35.d.30.90., J.35.c.40.00., J.35.d.40.90., and on road J.36.c.20.85., to J.36.d.20.40. and the vicinity.
(b) M.T.Ms and L.T.Ms will engage enemy positions from ZERO minus one minute to plus 10 minutes.
(c) V.M.G. will fire from ZERO minus one minute to plus 10 minutes over spur in J.36.a.
3. Three Lewis Guns will cover the withdrawal of the party and assist in covering the flanks.
4. The party will consist of 2 Officers and 30 other ranks and will be divided into two groups of 1 Officer and 15 other ranks each. The operation will be controlled by Captain C.H. READ.
No.1 party will move as close to the position as possible by ZERO.
No.2 party will move to the right flank. At ZERO No.1 party will rush the objective, kill or capture the enemy in the post and return covered by No.2 party on the right flank.
All arrangements for communication, equipment, evacuation of wounded etc., have been completed.

J. J. Stokes.

1st May 1918.

Major-General
Commanding 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Copies for information to:-
14th Infantry Brigade.
15th Infantry Brigade.
5th Machine Gun Battalion.
Divisional Artillery.
Divisional Signal Co.
A.D.M.S.
D.A.D.O.S.
"C"
3rd Australian Division.
4th Australian Division.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 223.

MESSENGER DOGS.

1. The "Messenger Dog Service" has now been definitely adopted as an auxiliary means of communication, and "Messenger Dog Groups" are allotted to this Division. These will be allotted to units under separate instructions.
2. ORGANIZATION.
 - (a) The Messenger Dog Service forms part of the Signal Service under the Director of Signals.

It embraces a Central Kennel, Section Kennels, and Messenger Dog Groups. Each Section Kennel consists of eight Messenger Dog Groups, and, in addition, two dogs attached to the Section Sergeant.

Section Kennels are allotted by G.H.Q. to Armies according to the number available, and are re-allotted by Armies to Corps. A Section Kennel should be allotted complete to a Corps and should not be split up among Corps.
 - (b) The Officer i/c Messenger Dog Service, G.H.Q. is responsible under the orders of the Director of Signals for the provision of suitable personnel and dogs and to replace casualties in Section Kennels. As the representative of the Director of Signals he will arrange with A.D. Signals, Corps, to visit Section Kennels and Messenger Dog Groups and advise and assist the A.D. Signals, Corps in the organization of the service in the Corps area.

The A.D. Signals, Corps has entire control of the Section Kennel personnel and dogs allotted to him; he will detail an officer of the Corps Signal Company as Officer i/c Messenger Dog Service; he will allot the Messenger Dog Groups as directed by Corps Headquarters, and he will demand (1) personnel and dogs to replace casualties from the Officer i/c Messenger Dog Service, G.H.Q. and (2) equipment from Ordnance.

The O.C. Divisional Signal Co. will detail an officer to supervise the work of these dogs.
3. TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OF MESSENGER DOGS.

By the use of trained dogs as message carriers, runners can be saved and better communication obtained.

The Messenger Dog is trained to return to his "owner" from any point to which he may have been led.

A dog will not return to any "owner" except his own particular trainer.

A dog can travel by day or night fairly rapidly over ground where a man cannot go at all or only very slowly; and because he travels faster and is a smaller target, a dog has a much better chance of getting through a barrage than a man.

The reliability of the dog as a message carrier depends on his being trained to go with certainty to his destination without paying any attention to bombardment, rifle fire, etc.

The best trained dogs will, however, be quickly rendered unreliable by injudicious handling when sent up for work in the front line, and it is essential that the instructions for their use should be strictly adhered to.

The procedure as regards the employment of Messenger Dogs is for the "owner" to go up with his three dogs to, say, a Battalion Headquarters, where the "owner" remains. This point is called the "Back Station". The three dogs are then led away by any soldier, from the "owner" to, say, Company Headquarters. This point is called the "Forward Station". Then when a message has to be sent back, it is put in the carrier on the dog's collar and the dog released.

It is advisable to train a dog on a particular route, taking him out a short way and letting him go at once, and then repeating at greater distances till his final station is reached. After that, he should be retained for, say, an hour before being released, and subsequently the time of retention should be increased until it will return to where his "owner" is by day or night after 12 hours' stay at his Forward Station.

This training to a particular route takes some time and trouble and should be done both by day, and night, and the extent to which it is necessary will depend somewhat on the intelligence of the dog. The "Owner" should be able to give information on this point. To ensure success in getting dogs to return from the forward station to the "owner" it is essential that

- (i) The dog or dogs should be led up on a chain by a man who is a stranger to the dog.
- (ii) At the forward station the dogs should be kept chained up; if possible, they should be sheltered from wind and weather and they should be given water but no food.
- (iii) The man who led up the dogs should not make friends with them, and the dogs should on no account be petted or made much of.

Dogs should not be kept at the Forward Station for more than 12 hours away from their owners; consequently, not more than one "owner" and his three dogs from any one Group should be on duty at the same time. After a period of 12 hours the "owner" and his three dogs will be replaced by the remaining owner and his three dogs of the Group. During the 12 hours a dog is on duty he can, after making a run back, be again sent forward as often as opportunity offers for leading him forward.

After a tour of 7 days in the front line (during which period each "owner" and his three dogs have been doing 12 hours on duty and 12 hours off duty) the whole Group should be sent back and replaced by another Group from the Section Kennel.

It is most important that when dogs are sent forward from their "owners" they should be allotted to definite Commanders of Companies or Posts, who then become responsible for the care of the dogs while at their forward stations and for the messages sent back by the dog to the Back Station.

A dog released from a forward station should invariably carry a message, and each message must state the hour at which the dog is released.

Dogs should not be sent on runs of more than 4 miles unless absolutely necessary.

4. FEEDING DOGS.

Dogs should be fed once in 24 hours.

No food of any sort must be given to them whilst they are on duty away from their "owner".

At the station where their "owner" is, they will only be fed after they have completed their 12 hours tour of duty.

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The authorised daily ration of a dog is $1\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. Food composed of:-

- $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. broken biscuit or bread.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. horse flesh.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. maize meal per week is also issued for each dog.

If it found impossible to obtain the authorised rations for dogs at forward stations the dogs should be fed on broken bread or scraps obtained from the Battalion cook.

Each "owner" will take up with him 2 day's rations for his dogs. To prepare the food, the meat should be cut up into small pieces, then boiled, and the meat, and the water in which it was boiled, should be poured over the biscuits and allowed to soak for at least half an hour.

5. PROTECTION FROM GAS.

Dogs are not susceptible as human beings to poisonous gas, and they can "carry on" in atmosphere which would put an unprotected man hors-de-combat in a very short time.

Every effort should, however, be made to protect the dogs until their services are necessary, and on the first sign of gas they should be placed in a shelter protected by a gas-proof curtain and kept there until required. If in forward areas this is not possible they should be released and allowed to make their way back.

Up to the present it has not been possible to provide a suitable gas mask for dogs, but it is very possible that, so far as gas is concerned, a dog will be able to get back with a message to its "owner".

Tests made with "Mustard Gas" proves that such gas has little effect on dogs, and practically no effect on their feet.

Commanders of formations or units to which dogs are allotted will issue orders as to what is to be done with the dogs when the gas alarm sounds.

6. CASUALTIES.

If an "owner" becomes a casualty, his dogs should at once be returned to the Section Kennel and a report made to the Officer i/c Messenger Dog Service of the Corps who will detail an "owner" and three more dogs to replace the dogs returned to the Section Kennel.

If more than one of the dogs of an "owner" become casualties, the "owner" and any remaining dog should be returned to the Section Kennel and a report made to the Officer i/c Messenger Dog Service of the Corps asking that an "owner" with his three dogs should be sent up. Dogs so seriously wounded or sick that recovery is improbable may be destroyed at once and the collar and any other equipment returned to the Section Kennel.

7. COLLARS, MESSAGE CARRIERS, CHAINS AND MUZZLES.

Every Messenger Dog has a collar on which are his registered number and message carrier.

The message carrier (which is always to be kept on the collar) is made in two parts which fit one into the other; the two parts are held together by a piece of string.

When a message is to be placed in the carrier, the dog's collar should be pulled round so that the carrier is uppermost the two halves of the carrier pulled apart, the message inserted, the two halves pushed well home and tied together and the collar slipped round so that the carrier is under the dog's neck. The dog should then be released without his chain but with his muzzle.

The officer to whom the dog is allotted will give instructions for the chain of the dog released to be kept to fasten up a dog replacing him; or, if the dog is not replaced, for the chain to be returned at first opportunity to the "owner" at formation or unit Headquarters.

Dogs sent up to a Forward Station to which a chain has already been sent will be led up on a rope or other lead and chained up on arrival.

Dogs which are sent up muzzled are those which are liable to be savage. The muzzle is not to be removed and the dog is to be run with its muzzle on.

8. ORDERS TO BE ISSUED TO ALL RANAS.

A Messenger Dog may be recognised by his collar, on which is a tin cylinder in which the message is carried.

Messenger Dogs are not to be hindered when on a run.

At no time are they to be petted or offered food; if found near a cook-house they should be hunted away.

Any dogs who fight Messenger Dogs, and bitches on heat will be shot. If Dogs are petted or fed by any person other than the "owner" the whole idea and benefit accruing from the Messenger Dog Service is done away with.

9. In order to ensure the success of this Service the following instructions must be adhered to :-

- (a) It is essential that the dogs with their owners be allotted to a Battalion Commander. That this Battalion Commander re-allots the Groups to definite Company or Platoon Commanders.
- (b) For the dogs to be led up by different runners each time.
- (c) That, if possible, the Groups be allotted to different Battalions each week.
- (d) That the same dogs should not be sent up daily to the same post from Battalion Headquarters. If possible one day to the Right Sector, the next, to the Left Sector.
- (e) That every facility be given to the owners to enforce the para. re destruction of any bitches on heat or dogs who may be savage.
- (f) That definite instructions be issued so that messages be sent back with each dog. This is the only way an owner can test how his dogs are running, what times they are making etc..
- (g) That the three dogs from each Messenger Dog Group which are sent forward from Battalion Headquarters to Platoons or Companies should never be retained for more than 12 consecutive hours at the Forward Station. Each dog should be run back three or four times during the 12 hours on duty.
- (h) The order, above all, as to not feeding or petting the dogs at Forward Stations be strictly adhered to.

10. Experience in other areas has shewn that

- (a) When passing battery positions men have tried to entice dogs away, thus hampering their run. Special instructions will be issued to prevent this or similar interference with Messenger Dogs.
- (b) The Messenger Dogs must be kept away from any ordinary dogs in the vicinity of their work as these dogs hinder the runs of the Messenger Dogs.
- (c) If possible, "owners" with their dogs should be given some shelter by themselves apart from other troops.

2nd May 1918.

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Lieut-Colonel
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVIS

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GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 224

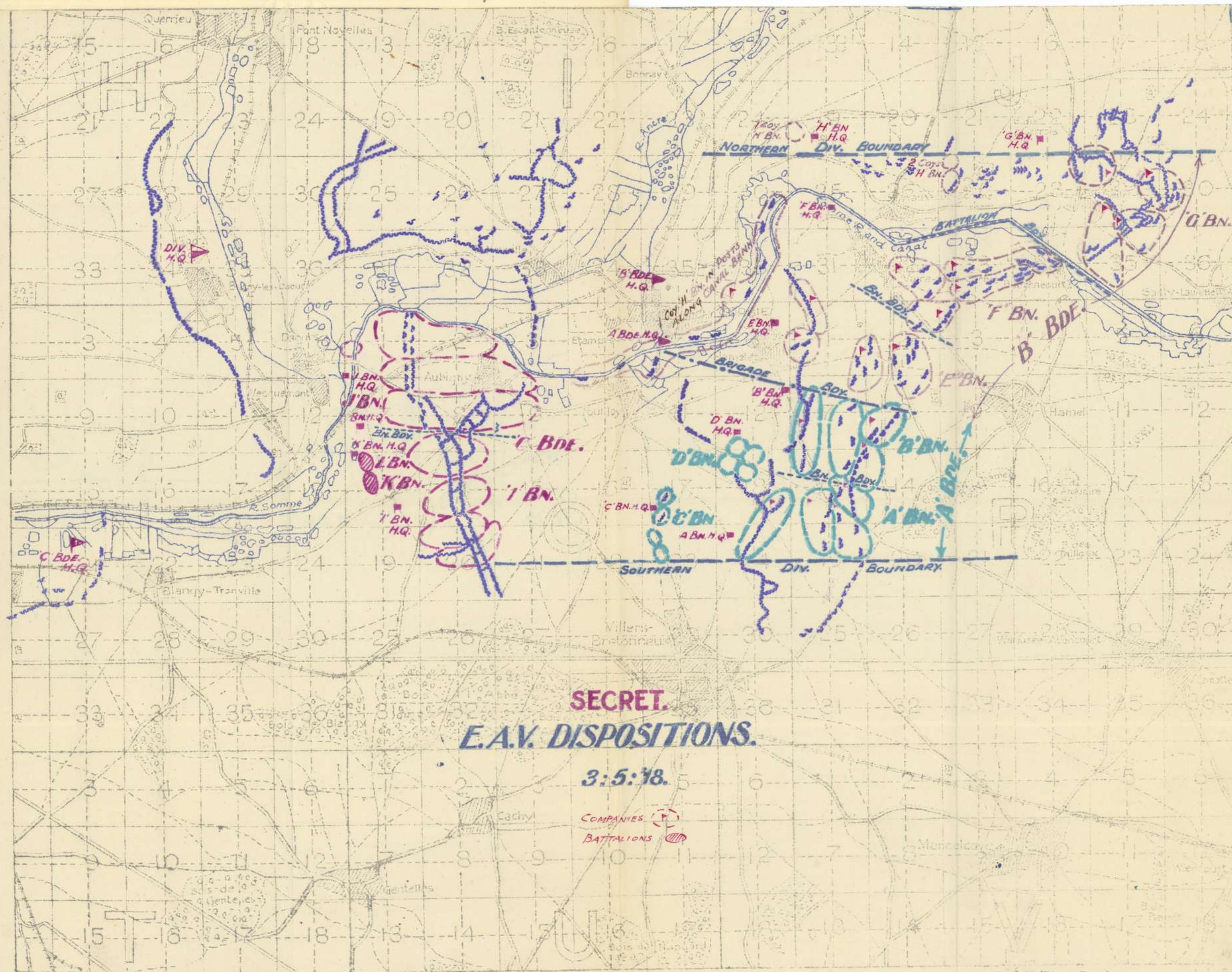
CARE OF SECRET DOCUMENTS

1. A map which formed part of a defence scheme issued by one of the Brigades of this Division, was captured recently from the enemy. This defence scheme had been handed over to a relieving unit and it is evident that when the defence scheme became obsolete this unit failed to destroy the old defence scheme by burning - which it was their duty to do - with the result that it fell into the hands of the enemy when they advanced.
2. This affords a good lesson to all concerned in the care of secret documents and indeed, of all papers. Too much care cannot be taken of all papers, both public and private, to prevent them falling into the hands of the enemy or unauthorised persons. This applies specially to units and individuals in the forward area. It should be a routine matter for instance for patrols to be searched before going out to see that they have no papers on them except the special patrol map which is all that is necessary and which can be obtained from the Division in any quantity.
3. All units will revise their arrangements for the care of documents and, in addition, will maintain some inflammable compound or liquid outside offices for use in the destruction of documents in case of necessity. Not rally, if it is possible to get documents away safely this will be done.
4. All clerks, signallers and orderlies will be acquainted with the Official Secrets Act, a copy of which will be found in the Manual of Military Law, Army Act 380.

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6th May 1918.

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D.A.D.O.S.	1
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Divisional Train
A.D.M.S.
D.A.D.V.S.
A.P.M.
D.A.D.O.S.

It has been decided to allot Code Names and Station Calls to Signal units of Divisions. As the Divisional allotment of letters is limited, it has necessitated cancelling some of the calls at present allotted to Pioneer Companies and D.A.D.O.S., and re-allotting them to Signal units. Station Code Calls and Code Names are now allotted to units as under :-

Unit.	Present Station Code Call (to be cancelled).	New Stn. Code Call (now allotted).	Code Name.
"A" Coy. 5th Pioneer Bn.	RLY	PEA	-
"B" " " " "	RLZ	PEB	-
"C" " " " "	VUY	PEC	-
"D" " " " "	VUZ	PED	-
D.A.D.O.S.	AGD	none allotted	-
8th Aust. Inf. Bde Sig. Sec.	Nil	OBP	SYPHON
14th " " " " "	"	RLY	SHOCKER
15th " " " " "	"	RLZ	SHEEP
13th A.F.A. Sig. Sub-Sec.	"	VUY	SKIRT
14th " " " " "	"	VUZ	SOCK
5th M.G. Bn. Sig. Section.	"	AGD	SINGER.

3rd May 1918.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Appendix 8

8th Infantry Brigade.
14th Infantry Brigade.
15th Infantry Brigade.

G.2/3197

The following is an extract from Fourth Army Intelligence Summary No. 136 :-

"GERMAN TANKS. On the 24th April a German tank capsized near the MONUMENT, and has remained there ever since. The enemy succeeded in salving the guns.

2.Armour. - 30 mm. in front, 16 on sides, 20 behind. The armour on the top and bottom is very light and is probably vulnerable to bombs. There is a bomb-catcher on the top which would probably stop the first bomb; the second would knock out the tank.

3.The tank is vulnerable to "splash" especially in front. The shield is badly knocked about.

4.Armament.- Six M.G's and one 5.7 German gun.

Paras. 2 and 3 indicate that the enemy tanks are vulnerable when attacked by Infantry weapons. Stokes 3" Mortars should be of great value in anti-tank defence either,

(a) by obtaining a direct hit on the top of the tank.

(b) By the "Splash" from a Stokes shell fired immediately in front of the tank.

With regard to the latter, the possibilities of using Stokes mortars for flat trajectory fire should be exploited to the fullest extent.

S.A.A. directed against an enemy tank should be fired at the ground immediately in front of the tank. Armour piercing ammunition should be especially useful if used in this way.

5th May, 1918.

(Sgd) G.F. WOOTTEN Major for
Lieut-Colonel.GS,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



Appendix 9

G2/3264

8th Infantry Brigade.
14th Infantry Brigade.
15th Infantry Brigade.

Appendix 9

1. As a measure for defence against enemy tanks, it has been decided to issue each infantry man (doing duty with his unit in the Divisional area) with five rounds of armour piercing S.A.A. This ammunition is intended only for action against enemy tanks and is not to be employed for any purpose that can be met by using service S.A.A.
2. The 5 rounds of A.P., S.A.A. issued to each man is to be carried in a definite pouch of the web equipment, such pouch to be specially marked in a distinctive way, with a small piece of rifle rag which can be seen by day and felt by night.
3. Infantry Brigades will render a report to Divisional Headquarters as soon as the issue of A.P., S.A.A. and marking of the A.P. ammunition pouches has been completed. Infantry Brigades will also report when all ranks have been made acquainted with the vulnerable portions of enemy tanks (vide G2/3197 of 5th May).

5th May, 1918.

(Sgd) G.F. WOOTTEN Major, G.S.
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Appendix 10

G.3/3295

8th Infantry Brigade.
14th Infantry Brigade.
15th Infantry Brigade.
5th Divisional Artillery.

SUPPLEMENTARY S.O.S. SIGNALS.

1. Enemy attacks have recently been made under cover of fog with the result that S.O.S. light signals could not be observed and consequently the required artillery support was not forthcoming.
2. It has been decided therefore to institute a supplementary or "Fog" system of communicating S.O.S. signals to Artillery. The means employed will be a short bugle call.
3. (a) Infantry Brigades in the line will immediately select suitable points along their front and establish "Bugle alarm posts". They will also establish the necessary "Alarm repeating stations" for transmitting the signal to the rear.

(b) The C.R.A. in conjunction with Infantry Brigades in the line will arrange for the necessary artillery stations to pick up the signal from the "Alarm repeating stations" and transmit it to the batteries concerned.
4. The actual bugle calls to be employed will be notified later. No bugle calls other than those for S.O.S. purposes will be allowed in the Divisional Forward Area.

6th May, 1918.

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

Copies to :-

5th Divisional Pioneers.
5th Divisional Engineers.



63/5420.

8th Infantry Brigade
14th Infantry Brigade
15th Infantry Brigade
Divisional Artillery
5th Pioneer Battalion)
Divisional Engineers) for information.
"A.Q."

1. With reference to this office 63/3295 of 6th May 1918, the following signals will be brought into use forthwith :-

(a) BUGLE SIGNALS.

Ordinary S.O.S.

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Three G's. to be repeated at short intervals until barrage falls.

Tank S.O.S. (i.e. in case of enemy tank attack).

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Six G's. to be repeated at short intervals until artillery action has been taken.

(b) SPECIAL LIGHT SIGNAL.

Enemy tank attack

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1st Very Lights - GREEN followed RED followed by GREEN - to be repeated at short intervals until artillery action has been taken.

2. With reference to para. 1 (b) :-

(a) An issue of Signal Illum 1 inch ammunition will be made to Infantry Brigades, Artillery Brigades and Machine Gun Battalion for use as a signal indicating that tanks are attacking.

(b) Issue will be made on the following scale :

	Green.	RED.
Infantry Brigades	100	50 each
Artillery Brigades	40	20 "
Machine Gun Battalion	60	30

(c) Units will ascertain that they are in possession of their full complement of "Very's Pistols" 1 inch, and any shortage will be made up by indents on D.A.D.O.S. at once.

(d) Issue of these signals will be made from Q.M. Store 5th Australian Divisional Headquarters any time after 2 p.m. on the 6th instant.

7th May 1918.

(Sgd) G.F. WOOTER, Major, G.S.,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

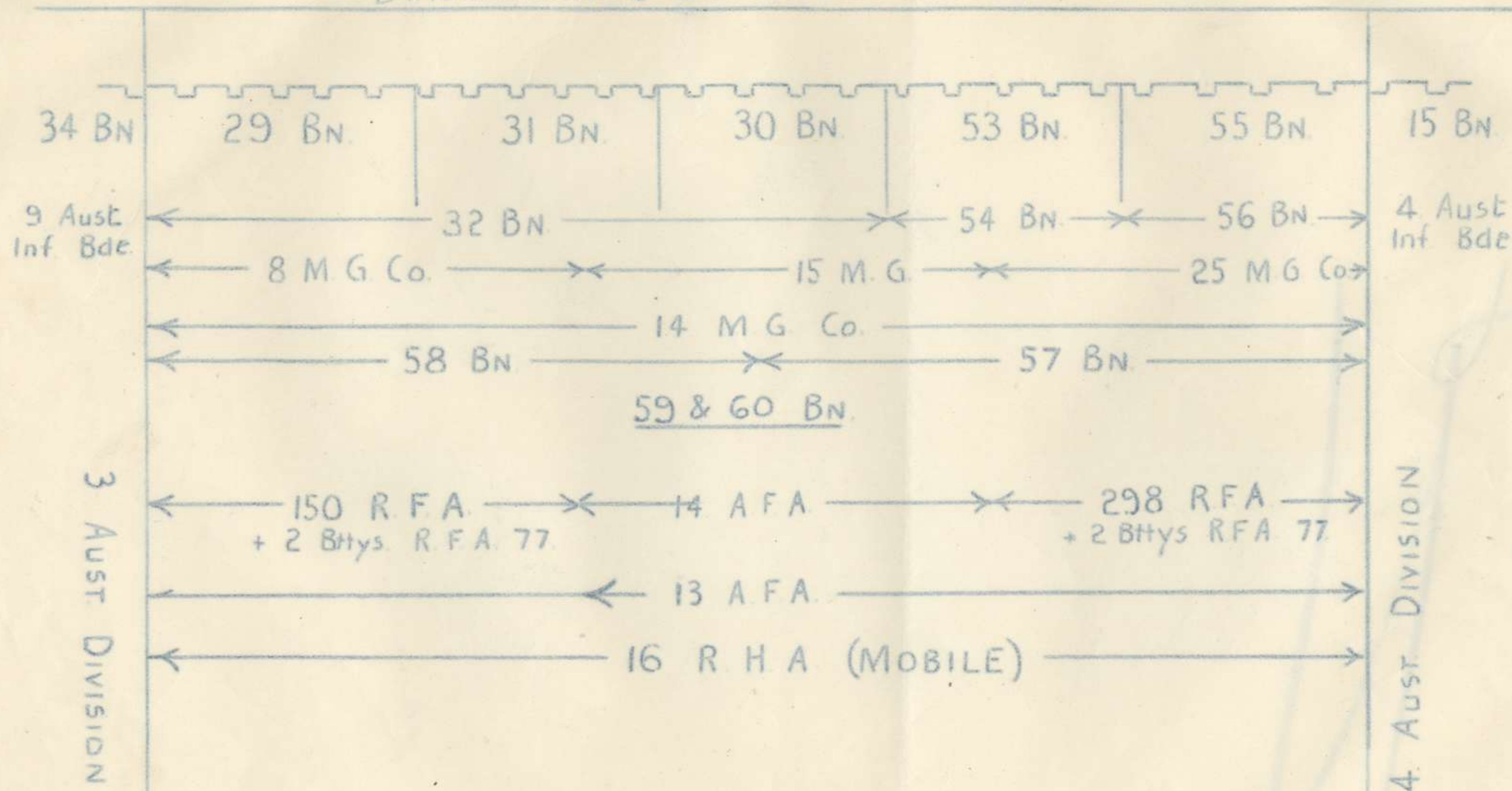
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DIAGRAMMATIC ORDER OF BATTLE

7th MAY 1918



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