

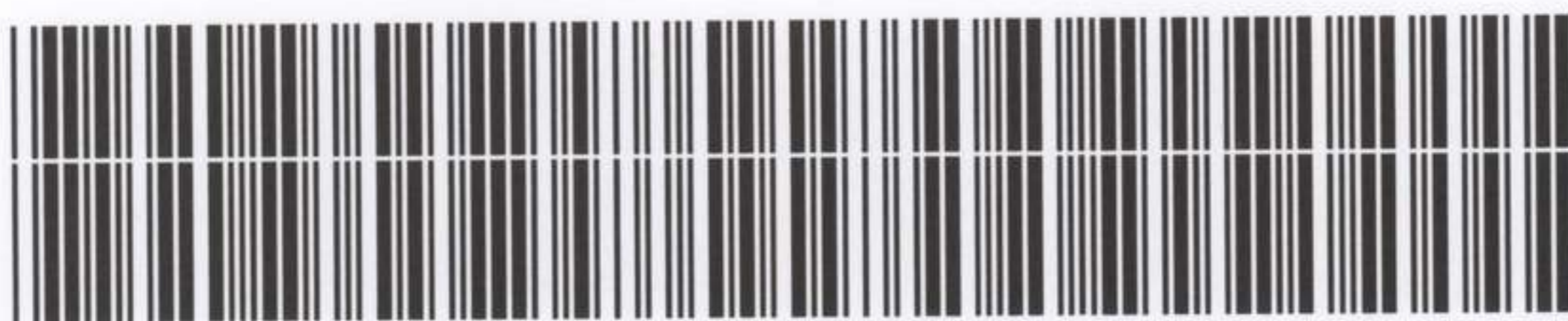
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
8th April, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 2.

1. The nucleus personnel of the 5th, 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes., left out of the line in accordance with S.S.135, will be concentrated in the divisional area.

2. The personnel of each Brigade will be organised as a nucleus battalion of four nucleus companies. It will be held as a divisional reserve and will not be used without orders from D.H.Q., and no personnel will be sent forward to brigades without the authority of D.H.Q.

3. These nucleus battalions will be numbered as follows:-

- Personnel of 5th A.I.Bde. - 5A. under Major W.J.R. SCOTT, D.S.O.
- Personnel of 6th A.I.Bde. - 6A. under Major W.J. BATEMAN.
- Personnel of 7th A.I.Bde. - 7A. under Major P.C. RAPER.

4. Training will be carried out by these battalions under the supervision of the Battalion Commanders, special attention being paid to musketry and marching and the training of officers and N.C.O's. as leaders. During short route marches officers will lecture on the local geography, and reconnaissance will be made of the best routes to the front.

5. Acknowledge.

G. G. G. G.

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Location of Units at 6 a.m. 10th April 1918.

<u>DIVISIONAL.H.Q.</u>	-	BEAUCOURT.	-	Chateau.
<u>2nd Aust.Div.Art.H.Q.</u>		BEAUCOURT.	-	Chateau.
4th A.F.A.Bde.H.Q.		VILLERS-BOCAGE.		
5th do	-	BEHENCOURT.		
2nd Aust.D.A.C.,H.Q.		MOLLIENS-AU-BOIS.		
D.T.M.O.	-	BEHENCOURT.		
<u>4th Aust.Div.Art.H.Q.</u>		BEAUCOURT.	-	Chateau.
10th A.F.A.Ede.H.Q.		D.4.c.2.4.	}	Left Group.
11th do	-	D.5.b.1.4.		
65th Army Bde.R.F.A.		D.2.c.6.9.	}	Right Group.
95th Bde.R.F.A.	-	D.9.b.5.7.		
150th Army Bde.R.F.A.		D.10.b.7.1.		
4th Aust.D.A.C.	-	AGNICOURT.		
4th Aust.D.T.M.O.-		BEAUCOURT.		
<u>5th Aust.Inf.Ede.H.Q.)</u>)-	Detached under 19th Corps.		
4 Battalions.				
T.M.Bty.& M.G.Coy.)				
<u>6th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.</u>		HENENCOURT.	Chateau.	<u>LINE Left Sector.</u>
21st Battalion.	-	D.10.b.2.2.	LAVIEVILLE.	Support.
22nd do.	-	D.12.b.8.7.	-	LINE Right.
23rd do	-	D.12.b.5.0.	-	LINE Left.
24th do	-	V.29.c.	MILLENCOURT.	Reserve.
6th A.M.G.Coy.	-	D.12.b.6.8.	LAVIEVILLE.	LINE.
6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	V.28.c.8.2.	-	LINE.
Nucleus Personnel-		MONTIGNY.		
Bn.Transport Lines.		MONTIGNY.		
<u>7th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.</u>		D.7.b.1.2.		<u>LINE Right Sector.</u>
25th Battalion.	-	D.19.b.1.9.	FM St LAURENT.	Reserve.
26th do.	-	D.21.c.9.3.	-	Support.
27th do	-	D.24.a.1.7.	-	LINE Right.
28th do	-	D.24.a.1.8.	-	LINE Left.
7th A.M.G.Coy.	-	D.24.a.1.7.	-	LINE
7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	D.8.a.6.6.	-	LINE.
Nucleus Personnel-		BAVELINCOURT.		
Bn.Transport Lines		BAVELINCOURT.		
<u>2nd Aust.M.G.Battalion.</u>		BAIZIEUX.	Chateau.	
22nd A.M.G.Coy.	-	C.6.b.6.3.		
<u>C.R.E.</u>	-	BEAUCOURT.	Chateau.	
5th Field Coy.A.E.		C.12.b.8.7.		
6th do	-	C.6.a.1.4.		
7th do	-	N.22.c.8.6.	(with 5th A.I.Bde)	
2nd A.Pioneer Bn.-		V.25.central.		
<u>A.D.M.S.</u>	-	BEAUCOURT.	Chateau.	
5th A.Field Amblce.		VADEMCOURT.	Chateau.	M.D.S.
6th do	-	(WARLOY.		
7th do	-	(HENENCOURT.	Chateau.	A.D.S.
		with 5th A.I.Ede.		

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<u>Div. Train H.Q.</u>	-	BEAUCOURT.
15th Coy A.A.S.C.		QUERRIEU.
16th do	-	BEAUCOURT.
17th do	-	BAVELINCOURT.
20th do	-	BEHENCOURT.

Divisional Troops.

Paymaster.	}	- BEAUCOURT.
D.A.D.V.S.		
D.G.O.		
D.B.O.		
A.P.M.		

Mob. Vet. Section.	}	- BEAUCOURT.	
No. 3. Sanitary Sect.			
Salvage Coy.			QUERRIEU. Finsbury Circus.
No. 2. Aust. M.T. Coy.			St Ouen.
Div. Reinf. Camp			VIGNACOURT.
D.A.D.O.S.			BEAUCOURT. (Adv Dump) VILLERS-BOCAGE (Rear)

Attached Troops.

Cyclist Bn. 1 Plat.	BEAUCOURT.
13th A.L.H. 1 Troop.	BEAUCOURT.

P.O.W. Div. Collecting Post.	BAIZIEUX.
P.O.W. Corps Cage.	- MONTIGNY.

[Signature]
 Lieut Colonel.
 General Staff.
 Second Australian Division.

2nd Aust D.H.Q.
9th April 1918.

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Changes in above locations to be notified to D.H.Q. at once,

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"A" Form. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

No. of Message

Prefix	Code	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at
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		At			Date
		To			From
		By		(Sig. of "Franking Officer.")	By

TO { C.R.A. 4th. A.Div. 5th., 6th., 7th. A.I. Bdes.
 2nd. A.M.G. Bn. 2nd. A.Pioneer Bn D.B.O.
 "Q" 12th. Div.

Sender's Number * G.22 Day of Month 10 In reply to Number AAA

Action detailed in G.S. Circular Memo 54 of 9th. Inst. postponed ten hours AAA Acknowledge AAA Addsd recipients Circular 54.

From Place 2nd. Aust. Div. Time 12.50 p.m.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Capt. Censor. Sig. of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Copy No. 17
Headquarters.
9th April 1918.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR MEMO: No 54.

Subject : - "S.O.S Signals".

1. Beginning at 12 noon on ¹⁰ 9th April the S.O.S. Signal throughout the Army will be a rifle grenade signal RED over RED over RED.
2. "Q" of Division will arrange to issue to each of the 6th and 7th A.I. Bdes, 75 of the above signals.
3. All S.O.S. Signals now in use will be collected and returned to Division under arrangements to be made by "Q" Branch.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. B. Bowditch

 for Lieut Colonel.
 General Staff.
 Second Australian Division.

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10.	2nd A.M.G. Battalion.
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

G.13/333.

Headquarters,
9th April, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No. 55.

Subject:- Defence against Gas.

1. (i) The pamphlet S.S.193 - Standing Orders for Defence against Gas (O.B./492) - will be taken as a general guide for gas measures in the present divisional area.
- (ii) The more specific instructions contained in First ANZAC General Staff Circular No. 109 (issued under this office G.13/270 of 25:11:17) paras. 4 - 7 (reproduced over leaf) hold good generally.
2. The western boundaries of the gas zones in the present Corps area will be as follows:-

ALERT ZONE.

HEMENCOURT - BRÉSLE - HEILLY - BONNAY - LA NEUVILLE - AUBIGNY (all inclusive).

READY ZONE.

EAIZIEUX - FRANVILLERS - LA HOUSOYE - BUSSY - CLISY - (all inclusive).

PRECAUTIONARY ZONE.

AMIENS - RAINNEVILLE - PIERREGOT road.

3. The limits of the "ALERT" and "READY" zones in this divisional area will be marked as soon as possible by the Divisional Gas Officer, necessary notice-boards being prepared by the C.R.E.

4. Pending the issue of a supply of rattles, units will improvise gas alarms by using shell cases in the form of gongs.

L. Bouché Major

Lieut-Colonel,
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- 7th do.
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- 2nd Aust. M. G. Battalion.
- 2nd Aust. Div. Train.
- A.D.M.S.
- D.A.D.V.S.
- A.P.M.
- Camp Commandant.
- No. 3 Aust. Sanitary Section.
- D.A.D.O.S.
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EXTRACT FROM FIRST ANZAC CORPS G. S. CIRCULAR No. 109 of 22:11:1917.

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ALARMS.

See sections 4 and 5 of S.S.193. A distinction will be made between alarms for gas shell or T. M. bombardment and gas cloud attack. In all areas arrangements will be made for warning troops in the neighbourhood of gas shell or T. M. bombardment.

In the case of gas cloud attack -

- (i) Divisions will have arrangements for warning all troops and civilians in their respective forward areas. The "Gas" message will be passed to adjoining divisions.
- (ii) The support division will have arrangements for warning all troops and the Area Commandants within the support division area. The Area Commandants will be responsible for warning all civilians within their areas.
- (iii) The Camp Commandant at Corps Headquarters will prepare a scheme for the warning of all troops and civilians in his area.
- (iv) The "Officers Interpretes" French and Belgian Mission, Corps Headquarters, will assist the Area Commandants, in providing for the warning of the civil authorities.
- (v) Corps Headquarters will inform Army Headquarters, adjoining Corps, and the Area Commandant of BAILLEUL. (See Appendix).

5. (a) "Gas" messages will be passed on as priority messages by all signal offices:-

Firstly: from front to rear to the signal office of the formation or unit next above.

Secondly: until all troops in the divisional area and the divisions on either flank of the division, from which the original message emanated, are warned.

- (b) The message will be re-addressed by the signal office of the formation in which it is received to the formation to which it is passed in accordance with (a) above. The Brigade from which the message originates will appear in the "address from" (see paragraph 6) and this will not be altered in any signal office through which the message passes.
- (c) The A.D. Signals outside divisional areas, and officers commanding divisional signal companies within their divisional areas, will ensure that a list of offices to be warned, corrected up to date, and applicable to the office concerned, is kept in every signal office.
- (d) The responsibility for warning Corps Headquarters on either flank will rest with the Corps General Staff.

6. Thus, if SUNRAY Trench were held by the 29th Battalion, and they reported a gas attack on their front to the 8th Brigade, the message sent out by signals from the brigade should read:- "To 5th Aust. Div. - 'GAS SUNRAY TRENCH' - From 8th A.I.Ede."

(NOTE: The word "ATTACK" is to be left out of the message).

7. The action to be taken by Artillery on receipt of a gas attack message will be as follows:-

"On receipt of such a message as "GAS SUNRAY TRENCH" the Artillery will open a barrage in the sector indicated with the field guns told off to that particular sector, the barrage being placed in front of the enemy's front line position. The barrage will not be intensified by concentrating fire of other batteries unless the infantry attack threatens to develop, in which case the S.O.S. Signal will be sent up.

"At the same time the trenches from which the gas is being emitted will be bombarded with all available howitzers of a light nature and all available trench mortars at a rapid rate. The heavy artillery will open fire with heavy howitzers on the second and third lines of the hostile front systems, and the approaches to these trenches from the rear will be searched with fire by 60-pdrs. at medium rates.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 175.

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Headquarters,
9th April, 1918.

Ref. Maps -
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1. The following Artillery reliefs are being carried out in 2nd Aust. Divisional Sector on nights 9th/10th and 10th/11th April:-

- (a) 95th Bde., R.F.A., by 4th A.F.A. Bde.
- (b) 150th (Army) Bde., R.F.A., by 5th A.F.A. Bde.
- (c) One Section 21st D.A.C. and
150th B.A.C. - by 2nd Aust. D.A.C.

2. On relief the 150th (Army) Bde., R.F.A., will be used to superimpose Artillery covering 2nd Aust. Divisional Sector.

3. On completion of reliefs the artillery covering 2nd Aust. Divisional Sector will be grouped as follows:-

RIGHT GROUP: O.C., Lt-Col. RIGGALL, D.S.O., 5th A.F.A. Bde.
4th A.F.A. Bde.
65th (Army) Bde. R.F.A.

LEFT GROUP: O.C., Lt-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O., 10th A.F.A. Bde.
11th A.F.A. Bde.

SUPERIMPOSED GROUP: O.C., Lt-Col. DIXON, D.S.O., 150th (Army) Bde. R.F.A.

4. 4th A.F.A. Bde. will detail a senior officer as Liaison Officer with 7th A.I. Bde. at D.7.d.4.9. to relieve present Liaison Officer at 6 p.m. on 10th April.

5. Command of Artillery covering front of the 2nd Aust. Division will pass from C.R.A., 4th Aust. Div., to the C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Div., at 10 a.m. on 12th April.

6. Acknowledge.

[Signature]
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General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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 Second Australian Division

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 6 a.m. 8th to 6 a.m. 9th April, 1918.No. 97.NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. At 3.30 and 5.30 p.m. our artillery put down a tes barrage. Two rds. per gun were fired; it was well placed and quite satisfactory. The vicinity of E.2.d. and E.8.b. was subjected to harassing fire during the day. The 18-pdrs. fired 15 rds. Shrapnel, on enemy working party at E.8.b.5.5., with apparently good results. The heavies fired on selected targets in the enemy's rear areas.

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(c) Machine Guns. Quiet.

(d) Sniping. Was active on both sides. Our snipers claim 9 hits at 500 yards.

(e) Patrols. A patrol of 1 Officer and 5 O.Rs. left E.19.d.5.4. at 8.30 p.m., and had not proceeded far when a M.G. opened fire on them at close range, killing one man and severely wounding the Officer. The Corporal succeeded in bringing the officer in, but it is not known what became of the remaining three men, who were missing at 6am. A survey of the position by daylight will be made with a view to gaining further information.

A small reconnoitring patrol, which went out from E.8.a.20.05., report that the M.G. which traverses PIONEER TRENCH, situated at approx E.3.c.1.6., near the road, to be active.

In addition the usual liaison patrols kept touch with units on flanks throughout the night. Owing to the darkness definite observation was not possible.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Fairly active during the day, mostly on back areas. Quiet during the night. At 4.30am. a heavy bombardment commenced on our supports and back areas, the villages HENENCOURT - LAVIEVILLE - MILLENCOURT, with 77 mm. 10.5.cm. and 15 cm. Our batteries in D.15. were also subjected to fairly heavy fire. Shelling was light on our front lines and it is probable that the enemy suspected a massing of our troops.

Areas fired on during the day were D.12.d., E.13., D.10.c., D.18.d., D.24.c.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Gas. Gas shells were used during ^{enemy} bombardment, especially in the vicinity of MILLENCOURT.

(b) Trench Mortars. A small number of pineapple bombs were fired into E.13.b.5.2. at 1 a.m. Otherwise quiet.

(c) Machine Guns. Our trench in E.2.c. was regularly swept with bursts of fire from approx. E.2.d.9.5. During the night M.Gs. were active at intervals enfilading the road through E.7.c. and E.13.b. and firing on the posts of our right company, using tracer bullets; direction of fire, E.14.c.central. Another M.G. fired on our patrol. (See patrol report).

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6. ENEMY DEFENCES (Contd.).

(d) Sniping. Marked activity was shown though snipers could not be definitely located. One is at approx. E.8.b.5.9. The danger area is between E.7.b.9.8. and E.8.a.20.05.

(e) Flares. Were normal until midnight, when they became more frequent. No special flares preceded the enemy bombardment this morning.

8. MOVEMENT. As on previous morning much movement was observed on the ridge E.8.b. Later this was swept by our artillery. The enemy were observed in the vicinity of E.8.d.2.0. moving out of one trench into another; apparently digging is in progress. 6am. movement was observed at the base of trees in E.8.b.0.5.; this is possibly an advanced night post. Movement was occasionally seen between House at E.20.a.5.8. and Quarry at E.14.c.2.7. Steps are being taken to deal with both these places.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. At 6pm. a shell burst at approx. D.24.a.2.8. and on explosion threw out a number of smoke balls, which, on striking the ground, burst and threw off thick white smoke.

R. B. Wethering Capt

for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

G.32/413.Headquarters,
9th April, 1918.INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 3.Machine Gun Defence,

1. Experience of the past few weeks has shown that too much attention has been paid to the value of indirect fire. The offensive power of the gun should be used to the utmost and its role in the present type of warfare should be direct laying for oblique or flanking fire effect.
2. Not more, therefore, than one fifth of the ammunition held at the gun position at any one time will be allotted to barrage fire. As much as possible of the remainder should be conserved for large targets at decisive range.
3. The proportion of ammunition allotted to the barrage, whether in belts or loose, will be put aside at the gun position and clearly labelled as being the full amount allotted for this purpose.
4. Acknowledge.

A. Dorey Hayes
for
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Location of Units at 6 a.m. 11th April 1918.

The following changes are notified to the last report (G.2.)

- Artillery - Delete Right Group as shown and read -
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|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 4th A.F.A.Bde.H.Q. | D.9.b.5.7. | } - Right Group. |
| 5th A.F.A.Bde.H.Q.(Group) | D.10.b.7.1. | |
| 65th Army Bde R.F.A. | D.2.c.6.9. | |
| 150th Army Bde.R.F.A.H.Q. | WARLOY. | - Superimposed.Group. |
| 7th A.M.G.Coy. | - D.17.c.5.3. | - LINE. |
| D.B.O. | - - - | CONTAY. V.27.central. |
| Salvage Coy. | - - - | BAIZIEUX. |
| 21st Battalion. | - - - | D.12.b.8.7. LINE Right. |
| 22nd do | - - - | D.10.b.2.2. LAVIEVILLE. Support. |
| 25th Battalion. | - - - | D.24.a.1.7. LINE Right. |
| 27th do | - - - | D.19.b.1.9. FM St LAURENT. Reserve. |

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[Signature]
Lieut Colonel.
General Staff.
Second Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
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Headquarters,
10th April, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 4.

1. The attached map shows the existing works of defence within the divisional boundary and their organisation into defensive systems.

2. These systems are as follows:-

- (a) Forward system comprising the Outpost line and main line of resistance coloured RED.
- (b) LAVIEVILLE system comprising the works round LAVIEVILLE and on the high ground in D.16.d., D.23.a. and c., coloured GREEN.
- (c) BRESLE system, a line of posts running practically North and South, East of BRESLE WOOD and West of BRESLE, coloured BROWN.
- (d) BAIZIEUX system, the Old AMIENS Defences, coloured BLUE.

3. Nucleus garrisons will be maintained in each of these systems, Brigades in the line being responsible for finding those for the systems back to and including the BRESLE line. The nucleus garrisons for the BAIZIEUX system will be provided under divisional arrangements.

4. The main principle for these defensive systems is not to have a too rigid line, but for all tactical features to have good defences distributed well in depth. To assist in obtaining this, various switch lines have been constructed.

5. As time becomes available these defensive systems will be strengthened by new works. The two main works proposed at present are -

- (a) A defensive line running approximately North and South through D.17.d. and b., D.11.d. and b. to be included in the LAVIEVILLE system.
- (b) A defensive line on the high ground East of BRESLE to be included in the BRESLE system.

In submitting proposals for further works, Brigadiers will be guided by the main principle of the defence in depth of tactical features.

6. Before any new works are attempted, the existing works will be completed. The order of importance is as follows:-

- (a) Completing and wiring the main line of resistance in the forward system.
- (b) Wiring the Outpost line.
- (c) Completion and wiring of other defences, working from front to rear.

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7. In the event of an enemy attack, the principle to be borne in mind is that there will be no withdrawal without orders from higher authority; every bit of ground will be fought for. Should the enemy succeed in making a gap in our line, troops on either flank will not fall back. Though no hard and fast rule can be laid down for dealing with every situation, the guiding principle is that it is better to strengthen the garrisons that are still holding out and make an attack on the enemy's flank than to make a frontal counter-attack on the positions he has gained.

In connection with the above, special attention is drawn to the "Notes on Recent Fighting, No. 1" issued to Brigades.

8. Should orders be received to withdraw our line to conform to the movements of divisions on our flanks, this will not be done without precise orders from D.H.Q. Withdrawals will be in a westerly direction to the next system in rear, or as may be ordered. They will be carried out gradually, the general principle being that troops on the threatened flank will be the first to move, and no battalion will be withdrawn until the one immediately preceding it has reached the next line in rear. All withdrawals will be covered by Artillery and Machine Gun fire.

9. Acknowledge.

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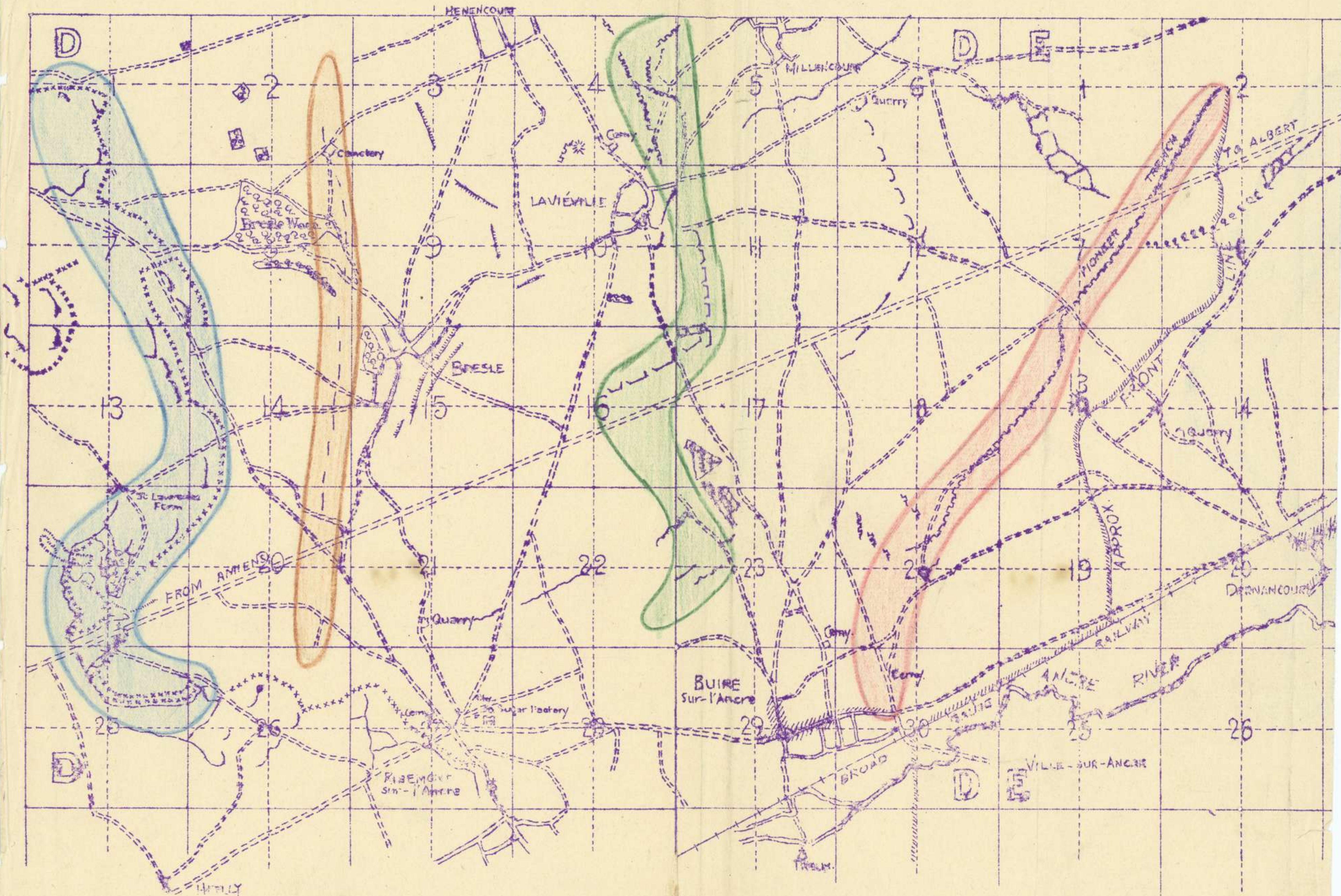
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Headquarters,
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 5.

1. The attached map shows the points at which preparations have been made, or are being made, for the demolition of roads and bridges.

2. Caretaking personnel are being allotted as follows:-

To all bridges - - - By 238 Army Troops Coy.

To all roads and craters - By 180 Tunnelling Coy.

3. Normally the order for demolition will be given by D.H.Q., but in a case of emergency, or when it appears inevitable that instant action should be taken, the officer commanding the unit placed in charge of these demolitions will act on his own responsibility.

4. Acknowledge.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 98.

From 6 a.m. 9th to 6 a.m. 10th April, 1918.

NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. During the day our Heavies shelled enemy positions in vicinity of ALBERT - MORLANCOURT, but the visibility was too poor to observe direct effect. At 5.15 p.m. a deal of movement was seen about the QUARRY E.14.c.2.7. and artillery action was called for, resulting in our 18-pdrs. and 4.5's gaining 3 direct hits on QUARRY and others on tracks leading to it. Immediately about 30 Germans were seen to scatter, and a number of casualties were inflicted. 4 GREEN flares were at this time sent up from the QUARRY, bursting into two green lights, but no action followed.

At 5 a.m. a barrage was placed on S.O.S. lines and lasted for 15 minutes. No retaliation occurred.

(b) Trench Mortars. At 6.30 p.m. our L.T.Ms. fired 5 ranging shots on E.8.b.5.2. They were well placed, and ground observers report that a German ran from this position, and a moment afterwards a flare breaking into two YELLOWS was fired. Artillery action followed.

(c) Machine Guns. Our M.Gs. fired 1,000 rounds on targets in E.3.central, and E.3.c.9.0.

(d) Patrols. Reference the patrol which had such a disastrous trip on the night 8th/9th instant, one of the missing men returned to our lines last night, wounded, with the following information:- "On leaving E.13.d. 6.7. patrol moved to E.20.a.1.9. where they turned south and proceeded on a line parallel with our posts, but apparently lost direction. It was extremely dark, and hearing men at work with picks and shovels, they moved in the direction of the sound, thinking it was one of our posts. They were challenged by a man calling 'halt,' a flare was fired, and machine gun and rifle fire opened on them. This was approx. at E.20.a.4.3., and about 400 yards from our posts. This man saw the Officer fall, several more flares were fired, and the man himself severely wounded. In trying to escape he fell into a shell hole and being uncertain of his direction remained there all night and the following day, coming in after dark. He found, when daylight came, that he was only 20 yards from a German trench, which was occupied all day at approx. E.20.a.6.4. He located a M.G. firing from approx. E.20.a.4.2. near EUIRE - DERNANCOURT road. He can give no information regarding the remainder of the patrol."

Our patrols report machine guns quiet, but occasional bursts from the direction of E.8.b. An enemy L.P. was located at approx. E.8.a.9.5.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Increased activity has been shown, shells of various calibres being used. Roads and tracks in rear areas were subjected to harassing fire. Destructive fire was placed on the villages HENENCOURT - LAVIEVILLE - MILLENCOURT - BRESLE. The vicinity of D.12.d. was also shelled throughout the day at irregular intervals by 77 mm. and 10.5 cm. (Salvos) from a T.B. of 80° from D.12.b.5.1. The valley in D.18.c., D.23.b. and D.24.a. was shelled with gas.

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4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY (Contd.)

The following T.B's. were taken from E.7.b.8.8.:-

10.55 a.m.	E.1.d. and E.7.b.,	3 rds.	10.5 cm.	- -	76°.
11.10 a.m.	E.1.c. and E.7.b.	12 rds.	10.5 cm. & 77 mm.		55°.
1.15 p.m.	E.7.c.	- -	20 rds.	10.5 cm.	- - 76°.
5.30 p.m.	E.1.b. and d.	-	12 rds.	10.5 cm. & 77 mm.	55°.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. During the period under review the shell fire has been somewhat heavier than the previous 24 hours.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Trench Mortars. 2.25 p.m. 10 pineapples fell in vicinity of E.8.a.20.05.

(b) Machine Guns. Showed usual activity. The vicinity of E.8.a. and ridge in E.7.b. were occasionally swept from the direction of E.3.a. Flashes were observed at approx. E.2.d.60.25.

(c) Defences. New earth can be seen at E.8.d.2.8. Enemy is actively constructing posts along our front from E.20.a. to a.2.9.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Below normal. 2-2

8. MOVEMENT. A party of men were seen from E.2.b.0.4. on a T.B. of 77° at approx. 1800 yards; another group was seen on a T.B. 67° at approx. 1500 yards. A party at work on a hut at E.20.c.1.7. was dispersed by L.G. fire.

Flares. Normal. Twin GREENS and REDS were constantly fired but no action was observed. Enemy artillery at one time fell short, and two GREENS were fired and range was lengthened.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

A card-board from a propaganda balloon fell near LAVIEVILLE at 6.30 p.m. It had printed on it in German the following:- "German Balloon. To be destroyed."

What appeared to be a dump on fire was observed on a T.B. of 120° from E.7.b. 8.8.

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to Lieut-Colonel,
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Location of Units at 10 a.m. 12th April 1918.

DIVISIONAL H.Q. - BEAUCOURT. Chateau.

2nd Aust. Div. Art. H.Q. BEAUCOURT. Chateau.

5th A.F.A. Bde (Group HQ)	D. 10. b. 7. 1.	} - Right Group.
4th A.F.A. Bde H.Q.	D. 10. b. 7. 1.	
65th Army Bde R.F.A. HQ	D. 2. c. 6. 9.	
10th A.F.A. Bde (Group HQ)	V. 27. b. 5. 1.	} Left Group.
11th A.F.A. Bde H.Q.	D. 5. b. 1. 4.	
150th Army Bde R.F.A.	WARLOY.	- Superimposed Group.
2nd Aust. D.A.C., H.Q.	BEHENCOURT.	
4th do	C. 7. a. 8. 6.	- AGNICOURT.
D.T.M.O. 2nd Aust. Div.	BEHENCOURT.	
D.T.M.O. 4th do	BEAUCOURT.	

<u>5th Aust. Inf. Bde H.Q.</u>	} - Detached under 19th Corps.
17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Battalions.	
5th A.M.G. Coy.	
5th A.L.T.M. Bty.	
Nucleus Personnel.	

<u>6th Aust. Inf. Bde H.Q.</u>	- HENENCOURT. Chateau.	LINE Left Sector.
21st Battalion.	D. 12. b. 8. 7.	LINE Right.
22nd do	D. 10. b. 2. 2.	LAVIEVILLE. Support.
23rd do	V. 29. c.	MILLENCOURT. Reserve.
24th do	D. 12. b. 5. 0.	LINE Left.
6th A.M.G. Coy.,	D. 12. b. 6. 8.	LAVIEVILLE. LINE.
6th A.L.T.M. Bty.	V. 28. c. 8. 2.	LINE.
Nucleus Personnel.	MONTIGNY.	
Transport Lines.	MONTIGNY.	

<u>7th Aust. Inf. Bde H.Q.</u>	- D. 7. b. 1. 2.	- LINE Right Sector.
25th Battalion.	D. 24. a. 1. 7.	- LINE Right.
26th do	D. 24. a. 1. 8.	- LINE Left.
27th do	D. 13. d. 1. 0.	FM St LAURENT. Reserve.
28th do	D. 21. c. 9. 3.	- Support.
7th A.M.G. Coy.	D. 17. c. 5. 3.	- LINE.
7th A.L.T.M. Bty.	D. 8. a. 6. 6.	- "
Nucleus Personnel.	EAVELINCOURT.	
Transport Lines.	EAVELINCOURT.	

<u>2nd Aust. A.G. Battalion.</u>	EAIZIEUX. Chateau.
22nd A.M.G. Coy.,	C. 6. b. 6. 3.

<u>O.R.E.</u>	- BEAUCOURT. Chateau.
5th Field Coy. A.E.	C. 12. b. 8. 7.
6th do	C. 6. a. 1. 4.
7th do	N. 22. c. 8. 6. (with 5th A.I. Bde)
2nd A. Pioneer Bn.	V. 25. central.

<u>A.D.S.</u>	- BEAUCOURT. Chateau.	
5th A. Field Amblice.	VADENCOURT. Chateau.	M.D.S.
6th do	(WARLOY.	
7th do	(HENENCOURT.	- A.D.S.
	with 5th A.I. Bde.	

<u>Div Train H.Q.</u>	- BEAUCOURT.
15th Coy. A.A.S.C.	QUERRIEU.
16th do	BEAUCOURT.
17th do	EAVELINCOURT.
20th do	BEHENCOURT.

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Divisional Troops.

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D.M.O.		
A.P.M.		- BEAUCOURT.
Mob.Vet.Section.		
No.3.Sanitary Sec.)		
D.E.O.	-	CONTAY. V.27.central.
Salvage Coy. -	-	BAIZIEUX.
No.2.Aust.M.T.Coy.	-	St OVEN.
Div.Reinft.Camp.	-	VIGNACOURT.
D.A.D.O.S. -	-	(BEAUCOURT. Advanced Dump. (VILLERS-BOGAGE. Bulk Store.

Attached Troops.

Cyclist Bn. 1 Platoon. BEAUCOURT.
13th A.L.H. 1 Troop. BEAUCOURT.

P.O.W. Div Collecting Post. BAIZIEUX.
P.O.W. Corps Cage. - - - - - MONTIGNY.

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2nd Aust B.H.Q.
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AMENDMENT TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 1.

Para. 1. The divisional and inter-Brigade boundaries are altered as follows:-

Southern Divisional Boundary - Old boundary as far forward as D.19.a.5.0., thence to D.19.d.0.0., thence along the BAIZIEUX defences to D.26.a.8.2., thence a line due East to D.30.b.0.2., leaving the RIBEMONT - BUIRE Road inclusive to "B" Division.

Inter-Brigade boundary - E.14.a.0.0. along road to E.7.c.9.3. - E.7.c.4.0., thence West along grid line to A.12.d.5.0.

New boundaries are as shown on map attached. *to follow*

Para. 2. Defensive works are as shown on map attached to "Instructions for the defensive No. 4."

Para. 5. Cancel and substitute -

5. The dispositions of troops for the defence are as follows:-

- (a) Right Bde. Sub-sector. - 7th A.I.Bde. and 7th A.M.G. Coy., 2 Bns. in the line, one in support, and one in reserve.
- (b) Left Bde. Sub-sector. - 6th A.I.Bde. and 6th A.M.G. Coy., 2 Bns. in the line, one in support, and one in reserve.
- (c) LAVIEVILLE Defence System. - 18 Lewis Guns 4th En. Tank Corps, 1½ Secs. 22nd A.M.G. Coy., and nucleus garrisons from Support Bns. of 6th & 7th A.I.Bdes.
- (d) BRESLE Defence System. - Nucleus garrisons from Support En. 7th A.I.Bde.
- (e) BAIZIEUX Defence System. - 2½ Secs. 22nd A.M.G. Coy.
- (f) The following troops are available as Divisional Reserve:-

2nd Aust. Pioneer En., billeted in V.25. and working on defences in front of LAVIEVILLE.
 5A. Nucleus En. billeted in MOLLIENS au BOIS.
 6A. " " " " MONTIGNY.
 7A. " " " " BAVELINCOURT.

Para. 7. Second line, for "4th Ede." read "3rd Ede."

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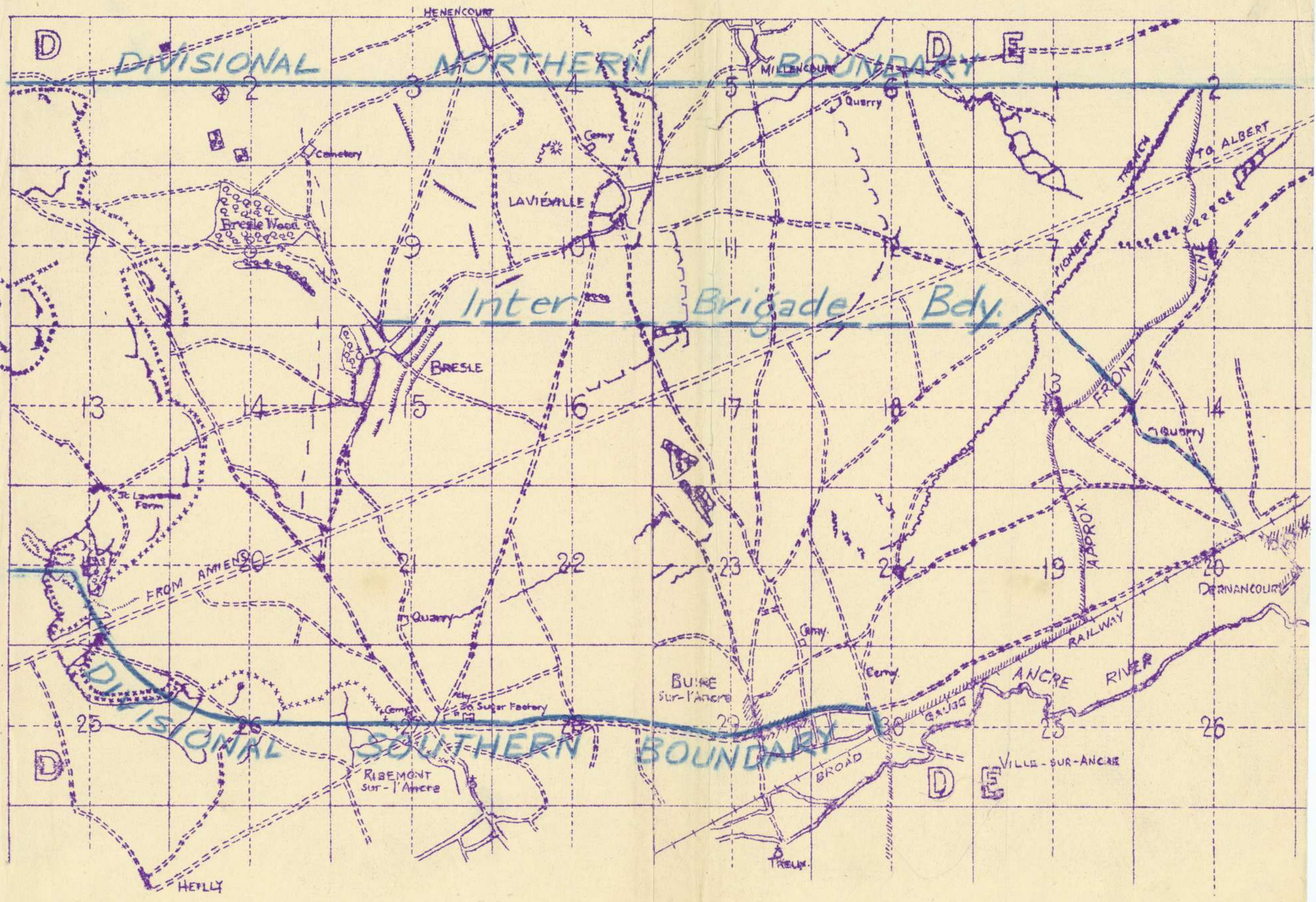
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 10th to 6 a.m. 11th April, 1918.

No. 99.

NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery, particularly the Heavies, was rather more active than usual, the railway embankment being a special target, also E.3.a. and c. Hostile retaliation was feeble. Poor visibility made definite observation impossible. Fire was directed on a M.W. position at U.27.d.2.5., and Shrapnel was also put over on a working party in E.3.c.5.2. Between 12 noon and 1 p.m. our artillery was active on DERNANCOURT.

(b) Trench Mortars. About 40 rds. 3" Stokes were fired into QUARRY and sunken road near E.14.c.2.7.

(c) Machine guns. 1,250 rds. were fired on targets in E.3.central and E.3.c.9.0.

(d) Sniping. Active sniping was indulged in and had the effect of decreasing enemy movement.

(e) Patrols. Our patrols report an enemy post was located by sound at approx. E.8.b.1.6. Hammering and movement were heard in DERNANCOURT.

(f) Aerial activity. At 12.20 p.m. 5 or 6 of our 'planes flew over ALBERT and dropped bombs. They were engaged by enemy A.A. but returned safely. At 4.45 p.m. 2 of our 'planes flew towards ALBERT and when returning, one of them dropped a single RED flare; our artillery showed increased activity a moment later.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. During the whole period - rather quiet. Destructive fire was maintained during the day on the villages HENENCOURT - LAVIEVILLE - MILLENCOURT - BRESLE. Scattered fire was put down principally in D.12.b. and d. Judging by sound the enemy appears to have most of his batteries in and around MEAULTE. During the early part of the afternoon about 80 5.9 H.E. were fired into D.83.b. Particular attention was paid to the ALBERT - AMIENS Road. Hostile shelling shows a tendency to shorten range and fire more on our forward trenches.

E.7.b. and c. received about 65 rds. 77 mm. and 12 rds. 10.5 cm. during the afternoon.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

During the period under review enemy patrols were more active than hitherto, but the volume of his artillery fire has been considerably lessened.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Trench Mortars. A M.W. was reported to be active from E.2.b.5.7. Our artillery was directed on this position.

(b) Machine Guns. Only occasional bursts, most of which were directed on D.12.d. Most activity was shown from the direction of E.3.a.9.4., and E.2.d.60.25.

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6. ENEMY DEFENCES. (Contd.).

(c) Sniping. A sniper was active from approx. E.3.a.9.5.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Rather more active than usual. At 7.45 a.m. 9 enemy 'planes crossed our lines, but were driven off by our A.A. and M.G. fire. A Scout 'plane, with British markings, came from the direction of MEAULTE towards E.2.c.0.0. and fired a M.G. into our lines. The 'plane, which had a streamer on the left wing, then returned over enemy line. At 7.30 a.m. another 'plane with British markings, and the figure "6" painted in WHITE, came over from the enemy's lines and made a reconnaissance of our forward system. It was a two-seater 'plane.

Balloons. Were observed on T.B's. of 68, 93, and 130 degrees from E.7.b.8.8.

8. MOVEMENT. More than usual, principally in E.8.b. and c. Our artillery fired on working party at approx. E.3.c.5.2. At 7.30 p.m. men were observed on skyline on a T.B. of 88° from E.2.c.2.6. Our M.Gs. engaged and dispersed them. A fair amount of movement was noticed in K.1., K.2. and K.7. Parties of about 70 were observed digging in the vicinity of E.2.d.9.0. and E.5.a.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 6.

1. The attached map shows the proposed organisation of a second zone of defence. Work on this zone will be a Corps responsibility.
2. Within this zone there will be three systems of defence known as -
 - (a) The BAIZIEUX system - shown in RED.
 - (b) The FRANVILLERS system- shown in BLUE.
 - (c) The HOUSOYE system - shown in GREEN.

NOTE. - Existing work is shown by continuous lines;
work in hand is shown by chain lines;
work proposed is shown by dotted lines.

3. The area East of the BAIZIEUX system, and the area between the ANCRE and the SOMME, will be known as the Forward Zone.
4. West of the R. HALLUE a third zone will be organised. The front system of this zone will be the works now in preparation by the Army including the QUERRIEU bridge-head. This work is shown in double RED lines.
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 7.

Intelligence and Disposal of Prisoners of War.

BATTALION INTELLIGENCE POLICE.

One German Speaker where possible and two searchers should be allotted to each Battalion for use as follows:-

(a) German Speaker.

- (i) To secure immediate identifications quickly so that identifications will reach Divisional Headquarters as speedily as possible of enemy units on the battle front.
- (ii) To ^{sec}ure immediate information required by the Battalion Commander as regards enemy dispositions, assembly positions, orders for counter-attack, etc.
- (iii) To be in charge of the two searchers and separate important documents, orders, maps, etc., translate, and convey information of moment to the immediate Commander.

(b) Two Searchers.

The two searchers under the German Speaker systematically search enemy positions, suspected Headquarters, dead, etc., for papers, documents, maps, etc., have them packed in sand-bags, and sent through the usual channels to Divisional Headquarters.

This personnel should carry torches and, besides rifles or revolvers, bombs are recommended as being useful for dealing with any of the enemy who may be found in dug-outs.

2. - EQUIPMENT - DISTINGUISHING MARKS.

All Intelligence personnel, such as Scouts, Observers, German Speakers, and Searchers, should wear distinguishing marks, i.e., a green arm band in accordance with S.S.135 - "The Training and Employment of Divisions, 1918."

3. - DIVISIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER .

The Divisional Intelligence Officer will, during operations, go forward to one of the Brigade Headquarters, with a view to obtaining as soon as possible information of immediate tactical importance. He will work in co-operation with Brigade Intelligence Officers, who will inform him of the information required by Brigade Commanders.

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The main information required from the Divisional Intelligence Officer is, the order of battle, units seen, distribution of enemy forces, method of holding the line, assembly positions, counter-attack orders, and intentions.

This information will be wired to Divisional Headquarters.

The Divisional Intelligence Officer will not detain prisoners longer than is necessary to obtain this tactical information of immediate importance.

If a number of prisoners are captured, he will detain only one or two from each Regiment, and will not delay the passage of the remainder to the Divisional Cage.

Any further information from prisoners required by the Division or lower formations can always be obtained by telephone from the Corps Cage.

4. - SEARCHING OF PRISONERS.

(a) Officers and N.C.O's.

Officers and N.C.O's. will be searched as soon as possible after capture by a responsible officer or N.C.O., and all documents taken off them sent back with them (in sacks, labelled by regiments, if a number are captured) to the Divisional Intelligence Officer, at such place as this officer has pre-arranged.

It is left to the discretion of the Divisional Intelligence Officer as to what documents, maps, etc., taken off Officers and N.C.O's., he holds back for the information of Brigade and Divisional Commanders. When this is done, Corps "I" will be informed by the D.I.O. by "priority" wire of the nature of the documents, etc., held back, and of any points of immediate importance they may contain.

As soon as possible after information has been extracted from them, the documents will be forwarded on to the Corps Cage by the D.I.O. Arrangements can be made by Corps "I", if notified that documents are ready to be sent on, to fetch them by motor-cyclist or cycle.

(b) Other Ranks.

Prisoners other than officers and N.C.O's. will be searched on their arrival at Corps Cage.

(c) All ranks should understand that a prisoner's pay-book, identity disc, and personnel belongings should not be taken from him. Escorts and Guards will be warned to take special precautions to prevent prisoners from destroying papers.

5. - SEPARATION OF OFFICERS, N.C.O's. AND MEN.

Care will be taken that Officers, N.C.O's. and Privates are all separated from one another at once, and are not allowed to communicate with one another. Prisoners who have been interrogated should not be allowed to mix with those who have not yet been interrogated.

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NOTIFICATION OF LOCALITY OF CAPTURE.

It is essential that when prisoners are sent back, information be sent with them which will show where they were captured. Information as to the Battalion which made the capture is a useful indication.

7. - ONLY AUTHORISED PERSONS TO CONVERSE WITH PRISONERS.

It is most important that no officer or N.C.O., except those duly authorised, be allowed to interrogate or converse with prisoners.

8. - CAGES.

The Divisional Prisoners-of-War Collecting Cage will be established at BAIZIEUX (Sheet 62.D. - C.C.b.5.2). The A.P.M. will arrange to take over all prisoners here, and escort them to the Corps Cage.

The Corps Cage is situated at MONTIGNY. An Intelligence Corps Officer is stationed here, and the Corps Cage will also be connected to Corps Headquarters by telephone (through Corps Heavy Artillery).

9. - PRISONERS.

The following procedure will be adopted for the disposal of prisoners:-

"After capture they will be escorted to Brigade Headquarters for examination by the Divisional Intelligence Officer, who, after he has finished with them, will send them to the Divisional Collecting Cage (BAIZIEUX), from where they will be sent back to the Corps Cage.

"The sending back of prisoners should be carried out as quickly as possible, and several escorts should be arranged for them to be passed back without any unusual delay."

"In the forward area directing notices should be placed to show the route to be taken to Brigade Headquarters."

"Traffic control personnel should be conversant with the method of disposing of prisoners."

10. - AIR RECONNAISSANCES.

Every assistance will be given by the Corps Squadron. The Corps Squadron is always available for the purpose of carrying out reconnaissances, weather permitting, and besides the usual daily programme, will be prepared to make special reconnaissances.

Brigades are therefore encouraged to make full use of the Air Service, and reconnaissances of any special are required, can be carried out. Applications for such should be made to "I," Divisional Headquarters.

- Copy nos. 1/6. 5th A.I. Bde.
- 7/12. 6th A.I. Bde.
- 13/18. 7th A.I. Bde.
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- 24. - 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- 25. " " M.G. Bn.
- 26. D.I.O.

J. L. McCall Capt.
 for Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff,
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 100.

From 6 a.m. 11th to 6 a.m. 12th April, 1918.

NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Advantage was taken of the high visibility to carry out registration. Heavies were active, shelling back areas, while 18-pdrs. and 4.5"s. registered on S.O.S. lines and worried VILLE-SUR-ANCRE and DERNANCOURT throughout the day. A barrage was put down between 4.50 a.m. and 6 a.m.

(b) Machine Guns.

Our M.Gs. fired 500 rds. on E.3.central and E.3.c.9.0. Hostile 'planes were fired on with good results. A party of 30 Germans were fired on and dispersed near road in E.14.d.

(c) Sniping. At a range from 200 yards upwards twelve hits were reported.

(d) Patrols. Our post at E.13.b.9.6. was harassed by M.G. fire and temporarily withdrawn. After a vigorous action with rifle grenades the post was re-occupied. It showed signs of German occupation.

1 Officer and 8 O.Rs. left our line at approx. E.19.d.1.3. and proceeded Northwards about 100 yards. At E.19.b.3.6. an enemy patrol was encountered, engaged, and forced to retire in disorder. Owing to the dark night and uncertainty of direction, our patrol did not pursue but returned to our lines.

Liaison patrols maintained touch with flanking units throughout the night, but no special reconnoitring patrols were sent out.

(e) Aerial activity. The improved visibility made active patrolling possible for both sides, and many duels were fought. Our 'planes were constantly over the enemy's lines. At 6.30 p.m. 6 enemy 'planes of the Albatross type attacked two of our 'planes above MILLENCOURT. One enemy 'plane was brought down and also one of ours. At 6.35 p.m. another enemy 'plane was brought down in flames behind ALBERT. Between 1.30 a.m. and 2 a.m. several of our 'planes dropped bombs on enemy forward positions.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

This was below normal during the afternoon but showed increased activity during the evening, and was very active after midnight, especially on the villages HENENCOURT - LAVIEVILLE - MILLENCOURT.

30 rds. 10.5 cm. fell on D.5.d. and 20 rds. on D.11.b. during the afternoon.

An enemy battery was observed firing from a position on a T.B. of 803 from E.8.a.05.80.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. During the last 24 hours the enemy has been quiet. None the less his patrols go to show that he is distinctly on the qui vive.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Trench Mortars. During the morning 20 L.M.Ws. fell in the vicinity of E.7.d. This fire was screened by bursts of M.G. fire from approx. E.8.central.

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6. ENEMY DEFENCES. (Contd.).

(b) Machine Guns. Were quiet except for bursts of scattered fire along our front and reserve lines at irregular intervals during the night. A M.G. in E.8.central was fairly active.

(c) Defences. Ground observers report considerable new work at E.14.a., E.8.b., and in vicinity of QUARRY. Loud talking was heard in E.8.c.5.8. Dugouts are under construction at E.14.c.9.7.

8. MOVEMENT.

Much movement was observed throughout the day, especially along the road in E.8.b. and c.; also at E.8.b.3.3. and E.8.c.8.7. In the latter positions there are probably M.Gs. Digging was in progress and four men were seen at E.8.c.8.7. Considerable movement between DERNANCOURT and QUARRY at E.14.c.2.7., also in K.3.b.

A trench is in occupation at E.27.c. 9.2., and another is being dug at K.3.b.48.80.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

A fire caused by our shelling was observed near ALBERT.

Signalling.

Many lamps were seen flashing in rear of enemy lines but they could not be accurately located (the messages as read have been forwarded to Corps).

Flares.

These were normal and no special colours were used.

R. G. Wertheim
for
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

From G.H.Q. Summary, dated 10th April, 1918.

In the German attack North of the LA BASSEE CANAL eleven fresh divisions have been engaged, while, owing to the extension of the battle front, the number of divisions engaged in the SOMME battle has risen from 89 to 93.

Of the 199 German Infantry Divisions in the Western Theatre, 104 have now been engaged since the 21st March, and 20 are of poor quality; of the remaining 75 divisions, 29 are in reserve, 18 being probably opposite the British front.

From Army Summary, dated 11th April, 1918.

Enemy intentions. Prisoners of a fresh division captured by the French this morning east of MOREUIL confirm information already received from prisoners to the effect that strong attacks will shortly be made with a view to capturing AMIENS.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 101.

From 6 a.m. 12th to 6 a.m. 13th April, 1918.NOTE - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. During the night centres of activity were harassed by 18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. Small working parties were effectively engaged, and registration and calibration sheets were carried out.

(b) Trench Mortars. - Quiet.

(c) Machine Guns. - Quiet.

(d) Sniping. Our snipers claim to have caused the enemy 9 casualties.

(e) Patrols. Our patrols report:-

The enemy was heard working in the vicinity of E.14.a. about midnight. At 3 a.m. 2 men approached our outposts at E.14.a.0.7. They were challenged and claimed to belong to 24th Aust. M. G. Coy., and to have been taken prisoners on the 5th instant. They had escaped from the compound at BRAY at 9.30 p.m., on 12th instant.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 8 O.s. left D.30.c.9.9. and patrolled along the river, but were unable to go far owing to the marshy state of the ground, and the noise made by movement in the undergrowth among the trees. No enemy movement was noticed, but a man was heard crying out in E.20.c. as though in pain, and it is considered that this might have been an attempt to lure any unsuspecting patrols to that vicinity. Liaison patrols kept touch with units on flanks, and standing patrols were established during the night, but without incident.

(f) Aerial activity. Aeroplanes were very active and many combats took place. Our 'planes were often engaged by enemy A.A. and M.G. fire while patrolling over their lines. Bombs were dropped on ALBERT. Several bomb bursts were seen in rear of DERWANCOURT at 9.30 p.m.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

15 cm. Hows. fired 300 rds. into D.13.d., D.16.a. and D.15. A 10.5 cm. battery firing from the direction of MEAULTE put about 30 rds. into D.10.c. HENENCOURT was subjected to a few bursts from a 10.5 cm. battery. Shelling of our front system was light and scattered, but the rear areas received more attention, and destructive fire was directed on the villages HENENCOURT - LAVIEVILLE - MILLENCOURT, and especially BRESLE during the afternoon.

Most of the shelling comes from the direction of MEAULTE and BELLEVUE FARM, 77 mm. 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. being used.

The following T.Es. were taken from E.2.c.2.6. (SOUND):-
8.30am. on E.1.central 14 rds. 10.5 cm. 55°; 1.30pm. on E.2.c. 14 rds. 10.5 cm. (Gas) 55°; 4.30pm. on E.7.b., 30 rds. Shrapnel, 127°.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. During the last 24 hours, very quiet.

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 6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Trench Mortars. At 8 a.m. 4 L.M.Ws. fell in E.7.central from the direction of E.8.central. At 9.20am. 10 pineapples fell in E.2.b.

(b) Machine Guns. Were active from E.3.c. against our aircraft and from E.8.central on our forward system. It is suspected that a M.G. fired from the church in DERNANCOURT. Another is located at approx. E.2.d.6.2., and one in E.14.c. At night a party of our machine Gunners were fired on while sitting forward guns for direct fire. The Officer in charge was killed.

(c) Sniping. Was extremely active from the vicinity of QUARRY in E.14.c., also E.8.b.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Hostile 'planes were active during the period.

At 7.30pm. 6 E.A. crossed our lines at intervals of 2 minutes in a N.W. direction. 30 minutes later bombing was heard in our back areas. Another hostile 'plane crossed our lines, and when over BAIZIEUX, dropped a parachute flare, which burned with a Bright WHITE light for 5 minutes. At 6.40 a.m. a 'plane crashed near ALBERT, but it could not be ascertained whether it was hostile or not. An enemy 'plane was seen to descend out of control at 1.45 p.m. behind MORLANCOURT.

A new type of 'plane was observed yesterday (11th). There is a diversity of opinion as to whether it is a triplane or quadruplane. It had a fish tail, with black and white stripes and a green band around the body. It has a short span, a stumpy body and is very fast.

Balloons.

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8. MOVEMENT. Movement in forward areas has decreased considerably in the last 24 hours, and it is thought that our sniping has been effective, but a good deal of movement has been seen in the back areas, such as transport on roads, etc. This was dealt with by Artillery. Much movement was seen in X.13.a.2.3., X.8.b.2.3., X.7.a.1.3. and W.12.a.1.8. The latter was so pronounced as to lead to a suspected massing of troops. The Artillery was notified and opened up on these positions. 30 men walked along ridge in E.8.b. 7 men were seen on ridge in F.8. 2 parties, each of 7 men, at intervals of 200 yards, moved across E.11. At 6.35 a.m. movement was seen on the BRAY - ALBERT Road. The Artillery was notified and action taken, but direct results could not be ascertained. Many troops in small numbers were seen leaving DERNANCOURT and MORLANCOURT, and disappearing to rear with full packs up, probably indicating a relief during the night 11th/12th. Men were seen erecting telegraph wires along the BRAY - ALBERT Road. Men were carrying sheet iron and timber to a mound in E.30.a. The Chateau in E.22.a.7.4. shows signs of occupation. A train was moving to the rear in E.24.b. at 6.15 p.m. Movement at house in E.25.d.38.45., and a M.G. fired at one of our 'planes from this position. 2 lorries proceeded along road between F.25.b.7.7. and L.1.a.6.3., also occasional small parties of men.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. The nose cap of an 15-pdr. shell, which fell in MILLEN-COURT, was found, and establishes the fact that the enemy is using our own guns against us. At 12.45 p.m. our shelling caused a fire on the S. side of VILLE - SUR - ANCRE.

Flares. Normal. WHITE flares only being used on this front.

R. P. Keithing Capt

Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff,
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Balloons.

Balloons were observed on T.bs. from ^{D.} 12.b.8.0. as follows:-
178, 173, 137, 72, 68, 153, 108, 162 and 91 degrees.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.FROM LEFT FLANK DIVISION: (11:4:18).

A M.T.M. position is suspected in the railway cutting at E.3.b.5.9.
The enemy appeared to be digging a trench behind ALBERT from approx.
W.29.d.3.3. to W.29.b.4.6.

FROM ARMY SUMMARY (12:4:18).

Enemy Defences. From photographs taken yesterday it appears that the enemy has been working on his forward positions in the neighbourhood of DERNANCOURT. These defences are not of an elaborate nature, but rather appear to be intended as temporary positions. Such photographs as are available show no signs of the construction of permanent defensive positions.

FROM G.H.Q. SUMMARY (11:4:18).Employment of German Divisions.

In the German attack between the YPRES - COMINES CANAL and ARMENTIERES on the 10th and 11th April, five fresh divisions are known to have been engaged. Between ARMENTIERES and LA BASSEE CANAL two fresh divisions from reserve have been put into the battle.

From the YPRES - COMINES CANAL to the LA BASSEE CANAL, a total of 15 fresh divisions and one from the SOMME Battle front, have now been engaged.

A division from G.H.Q. reserve has come into line south of the SOMME, and a total of 94 divisions have now been engaged on the SOMME battle front.

Of the 199 German Infantry divisions in the WESTERN THEATRE, 109 have now been engaged since the 21st March, and 20 are of poor quality. Of the remaining 70 divisions 25 are in reserve, 16 being probably opposite the British front.

FROM FOURTH ARMY (12:4:18).

Although the statements of prisoners captured during the last few days, and the strengthening of the line east of MOREUIL with three fresh divisions indicates that the enemy will shortly continue his attacks towards AMIENS, yet air reconnaissances report no abnormal movement on roads or concentrations opposite the front, either yesterday or this morning, as far as the SOMME.

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The following changes are notified to the last report (G.38):-

5th A.F.A. Bde.	-	D.1.b.9.4.	Right Group	(H.Q.).
11 th do.	-	D.3.b.7.7.		
2nd Aust. M.G. Bn.	-	C.12.a.8.5.	-	BAIZIEUX.
15th Coy., A.A.S.C.	-	BOVES.		
Div. Bomb. Officer.	-	U.27.central.	-	CONTAY.

L. G. Donovick
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Headquarters,
14th April, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 8.

TANKS.

1. Instructions for the Defensive No. 1, para. 7, and amendment thereto are cancelled.

2. The following is the disposition of tanks that are available for use on the divisional front:-

3rd Brigade: H.Q., MOLLIENS au BOIS.

1st Battalion. -

"B" Company - H.Q., Wood at B.6.central.

"A" Section (3 Tanks) in Wood C.11.a. and c.

"E" Section (3 Tanks) C.9.

"C" and "D" Sections (each 2 Tanks) in Wood at B.6.central.

3rd Battalion (Whippets) H.Q., TOUTENCOURT.

2 Companies (30 Tanks) - BEHENCOURT.

1 Company - - - - - CONTAY.

3. The principles to be observed in the employment of Heavy Tanks (1st Battalion) in the present situation are:-

(a) Tanks should be deployed on rear slopes and if possible not nearer than 3,000 yards to the front line, with the object of breaking up an exploitation in force should the enemy succeed in penetration.

(b) Tanks should be at intervals of some 200 yards, and be placed to cover the ground between localities rather than localities themselves. Special attention is to be paid to valleys and low ground.

(c) Orders to subordinate Tank Commanders should be issued that the duty of the Tanks is the breaking up of hostile penetration, that they will maintain their positions for 48 hours from the appearance of the first German troops, or until they receive written instructions that the defence behind them is re-established.

4. "A" and "E" Sections of "B" Company, 1st Battalion, will be prepared to hold up an enemy advance on the BAIZIEUX - BEHENCOURT ridge. The role of these tanks will be to maintain their positions until they receive definite written instructions regarding retirement to an established line.

5. The 3rd Battalion (Whippets) is distributed mainly to prevent the enemy debouching from ALBERT against the high ground between MILLENCOURT and EOUZENCOURT; they may be used over the high ground East of LAVIEVILLE.

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6. Normally applications for the use of Tanks will be made to Corps Headquarters; but in cases of urgency application will be made by Division direct to the unit concerned.

7. Acknowledge.

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Lieut-Colonel,
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Headquarters,
14th April, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 9.

Aeroplane Signals: "S.O.S."

1. In order to give warning to our infantry in the line that a hostile attack is imminent at any time, the following method will be adopted forthwith by aeroplanes of the Corps Squadron on the line.

The aeroplane will fly towards the direction of the impending attack, sound the KLAXON Horn, and throw out in the same direction a White parachute flare which will remain in the air about two minutes.

- 2. The usual S.O.S. call will be sent down to the Artillery.
- 3. Acknowledge.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 102.

From 6 a.m. 13th to 6 a.m. 14th April, 1918.

NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. The Railway embankment, roads and Southern approaches to ALBERT were, at intervals during the period, harassed by 18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. At 12.45 a.m. two raids, which took place simultaneously, were supported by the Left Group. The raided points were E.8.central and E.14.a.2.6. At 4 a.m. two Brigades of the Right Group co-operated in a raid on the Sunken Road (E.13.d.8.8.-E.13.b.95.05). The other Field Artillery Brigade created a diversion by firing on VILLE-SUR-ANCRE. At 1.15 a.m. in response to an S.O.S. rocket, batteries of Left Group opened on S.O.S. Lines. Bridges over the ANCRE, in E.20 and 21, and roads and buildings in DERNANCOURT were fired on.

(b) Trench Mortars. In co-operation with the raiding parties our L.F.Ms. fired 75 rounds on targets in E.8.central, E.8.c.8.3. (Mound), E.14.a.0.1. (Cross Roads).

(c) Machine Guns. 1,000 rounds were fired on E.14.c. at 12.45am. A few bursts were fired on roads and tracks in enemy forward area.

(d) Sniping. It is considered that our snipers have established superiority over the enemy, as all movement in the forward area is now made either at the double or by rapid crawling. 11 hits are claimed at ranges from 150 to 300 yards.

(e) Patrols. 1 Officer and 4 O.Rs. went out with the object of obtaining identifications from the body of a German, who was shot by our snipers during the day at E.20.c.4.2., but found on arrival that the body had been removed. Standing patrols were established along the front and liaison patrols maintained touch with flank units.

(f) Raids. Under cover of an Artillery barrage our Left Bde. carried out two simultaneous raids at 12.45 a.m. on enemy posts. The Right party twice attempted to enter the enemy post at E.14.a.25.60., but heavy M.G. fire was brought to bear on them. After a severe bombing encounter our party, having used their supply of bombs, was ordered to withdraw. It is estimated that the post was manned by 20 enemy with 2 M.Gs. Mills grenades were used by the enemy. The Left Raiding Party was not permitted to enter the enemy lines either, and after several attempts in face of heavy M.G. fire was forced to withdraw.

At 4 a.m. a raid was attempted by our Right Bde. on enemy post in Sunken Road E.13.d.8.8. - E.13.b.95.05. Artillery co-operated. Unfortunately the party was discovered by the enemy before the jumping off line was reached, and M.G. and rifle fire prevented them forming up. The raid did not materialise, but a prisoner was subsequently captured at E.25.a.4.5.

(g) Aircraft. Our 'planes were continually over enemy back areas, using their M.G's. freely, apparently firing on ground targets.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. One prisoner belonging to 247 R.I.R.

3. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE. North to South. - 246 R.I.R., 247 R.I.R., 248 R.I.R.

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4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

No heavy enemy shelling is reported. At 10.40 p.m. about 40 rounds 7.7 cm. Gas Shell fell in V.28. and 29. MILLENCOURT was intermittently shelled with 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. Light shelling by 7.7 cm. is reported in BRASLE and D.23.d. from direction of MORLANCOURT. 70 rds. 10.5 cm. fell in D.10.c., and D.9. received 50 rds. 7.7 cm. At 12.55 a.m. enemy replied to our raiding. This shelling was mainly on the front line system in E.7. and 13. The vicinity of shrine in E.7.a. was persistently shelled by 10.5 cm. especially at 5.30 p.m. from a T.B. of 86° from D.12.b.8.0. (SOUND).

The following T.B. was taken from D.12.b.8.0. (SOUND):-
86°, 10.5 cm. firing on D.12.b.

A 4.2 fired on D.23.central on a M.B. 140° from D.2.a.85.35.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Trench Mortars. At 6.50 p.m. 6 pineapple bombs were thrown into the old C.C.S. from South of the railway in E.19.d.

(b) Machine Guns. M.Gs. are located at approx. E.8.central, E.14.a.25.60. and E.14.c.00.95.

(c) Sniping. A sniper, who fires across E.2.c., was located at approx. E.8.b.6.6.

(d) Defences. Hostile posts have been located at the following points:- E.14.a.1.2., E.14.a.25.60., E.14.a.35.80., E.8.c.65.05. The enemy is apparently holding his system in strength. What appears to be wire can be seen on the West side of the post at E.8.b.4.2.

8. MOVEMENT. Too hazy to detect movement at any distance, but parties of 20 and 30 were continually seen moving to and fro between DERNANCOURT and the QUARRY E.14.c.2.7. Movement was also seen in vicinity of E.21.a.95.15.

Flares. During the raid 12.45 a.m. the enemy used double REDS and GREEN flares. At 3.50 a.m. double GREENS and one GOLDEN were used, but no action followed.

When our barrage fell on enemy lines, he sent up two RED flares, and GOLDEN clusters from points to Right and Left. No perceptible action followed. Double GREEN flares are usually sent up when our artillery is more than usually active.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Three of our S.O.S. Signals were fired S.E. of MILLENCOURT at 1.5 a.m. The artillery immediately opened on it but no hostile action was observed.

Two propaganda balloons alighted in our Left Ede. area. Flash bearing of gun shelling MILLENCOURT - T.B. 267°30' taken from D.5.b.4.2.

R.B. Weathering Capt.

for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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ANNEXE to 2nd Australian Division Intelligence Summary No. 102.

Summary of information obtained from prisoner captured this morning (14:4:18) at E.25.a.4.5.

IDENTIFICATION. 2nd Bn. 247 R.I.R. 54th Reserve Division.

ORDER OF BATTLE. N. to S. 246 R.I.R., 247 R.I.R., 248 R.I.R.

DISPOSITIONS. 2nd Bn. in front line. 3rd Bn. 700 metres in rear of front line. 1st Bn. 1,000 metres in rear of front line.

L. M. G's. - 6 per Company.

GENERAL. Prisoner states that an attack on a large scale is to be made on the 20th instant. This operation, which is to take place South of us, may possibly overlap our right flank. It is worthy of note that the 13th Div., which was relieved by the 54th Div. on the night of the 10th/11th, is expected to come into line again on either the 17th or 18th instant.

HISTORY OF PRISONER.

The prisoner, who is a private, 19 years of age, was ^{30th} called up on July, 1917. He remained on garrison duty in Germany until 19th December, when he was sent to a FELD REKRUTEN Depot. He eventually joined his unit on 4th April.

EXTRACT FROM ARMY SUMMARY, DATED 13:4:18.

ENEMY REAR ORGANIZATIONS.

Aerodromes.

Photographs show an aerodrome consisting of 6 small hangars at the Southern end of PROYART in R.20.d.4.2. (48.V.3064, 3080).

Observers report that the aerodrome West of DOMPIERRE - OAPPY Road, now consists of 23 hangars. This represents an increase of 13 hangars in the last 2 days.

The aerodrome previously observed South of the CAIX - ROSIERES Road is now reported to consist of 24 hangars.

New aerodromes have been observed on the West side of the CHUIGNES - OAPPY Road in R.6.a. (3 hangars) and on West side of HANGEST - DAVENESCOURT Road in 66E J.36.d. (5 hangars).

NESLE aerodrome (No. 191) is now reported to consist of 13 hangars. This represents an increase of 4 hangars.

GENERAL.

Greatly increased movement seen on roads and villages south of the SOMME and together with hostile air and artillery activity indicated that an attack would take place this morning. This has so far not materialised. It is conceivable that only important reliefs were being undertaken.

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AUSTRALIAN DIVISION,
(GENERAL STAFF.)

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Headquarters,
15th April, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No. 56.

Subject:- "S.O.S. Signals."

1. Beginning at 12 noon on 16th April, the S.O.S. Signal throughout the Army will be a rifle grenade signal bursting into three WHITE lights one over another.
2. "Q" of the Division will arrange to issue to each the 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes. 100 of the above signals.
3. All S.O.S. Signals now in use will be collected for return under arrangements to be made by "Q" of Division.
4. As there is a shortage of S.O.S. Signals at the present time, the greatest care should be taken to prevent wastage.
5. Acknowledge.

A. Bowditch Major
for
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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Headquarters,
15th April, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 10.

1. The 46th Battalion, 12th Aust. Inf. Bde., has been moved forward to BAIZIEUX to form nucleus garrisons for the BAIZIEUX system of defences.
2. On receipt of orders from 2nd Aust. Div. H. Q., this Battalion will be prepared to man the BAIZIEUX system as follows:-
 - 1 Company - Posts in D.26.
 - 1 Company - Posts in D.19.c. and d.
 - 1 Company - Posts in D.14.c. - D.19.b.
 - 1 Company - Posts in D.1.
3. A nucleus garrison of one platoon will be kept in each company sector. These platoons will move into position during the night 16th/17th April. Dispositions will be forwarded to this office.
4. These platoons will carry out any work in their company sectors that is necessary to make them defensible.
5. The Battalion may expect to have less than one hour in which to get into position from the time orders to move are received.
6. Acknowledge.

W. G. Miles
 Lieut-Colonel,
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Location of Units at 6 a.m. 16th April 1918.

DIVISIONAL.H.Q. - BEAUCOURT. Chateau, E.12.a.4.6.

2nd Aust.Div.Art.H.Q. - BEAUCOURT. do do

5th A.F.A.Bde.H.Q. - D.1.b.9.4.)

4th do - D.7.b.00.50.) - Right Group.

65th Army Bde.R.F.A. D.7.d.7.8.) H.Q.D.1.b.9.4.

10th A.F.A.Bde. H.Q. V.27.b.5.1. HENENCOURT.) - Left Group.

11th do - D.3.b.7.7.) H.Q.V.27.b.5.1.

150th Army Bde.R.F.A. U.30.b.4.6. WARLOY. Superimposed Group.

2nd Aust.D.A.C. - BEHENCOURT. Chateau.

4th do - C.7.a.8.6. AGNICOURT.

D.T.M.O. 2nd Aust.Div. BEHENCOURT. Chateau.

D.T.M.O. 4th do - E.12.c.5.8. BEAUCOURT.

5th Aust.Inf.Bde.H.Q.)

17th.18th.19th and) - Detached under 19th Corps.

20th Battalions.) (B.H.Q.GENTELLES)

5th A.M.G.Coy.)

5th A.L.T.M.Bty.)

5A Nucleus Bn. - - B.7.b.9.6. MOLLIENS, AU-BOIS.

6th Aust.Inf.Bde.H.Q. - HENENCOURT. Chateau. LINE Left Sector.

21st Battalion. - D.10.b.2.2. LAVIEVILLE. Support.

22nd do - D.12.b.8.7. - LINE Right.

23rd do - D.12.b.5.0. - LINE Left.

24th do - V.29.c. MILLENCOURT. Reserve.

6th A.M.G.Coy. - D.12.b.6.8. LAVIEVILLE. LINE.

6th A.L.T.M.Bty. - V.28.c.8.2. - LINE.

6A.Nucleus Bn. - B.18.a.1.0. MONTIGNY.

Transport Lines. - B.18.a. MONTIGNY.

7th Aust.Inf.Bde. H.Q. - D.7.b.1.2. - LINE Right Sector.

25th Battalion. - D.24.a.1.7. - LINE Right.

26th do. - D.24.a.1.8. - LINE Left.

27th do - D.13.d.1.0. FM St LAURENT. Reserve.

28th do - D.21.c.9.3. - Support.

7th A.M.G.Coy. - D.17.c.5.3. - LINE.

7th A.L.T.M.Bty. - D.8.a.6.6. - LINE.

7A.Nucleus Bn. - C.7.c.3.6. PAVELINCOURT. Chateau.

Transport Lines. - C.7.a. BAVELINCOURT.

2nd Aust.M.G.Battalion. C.12.a.8.5. BAIZIEUX.

22nd A.M.G.Coy. - C.6.b.6.3. (Rear B.12.c.2.9)

C.R.E. - - - BEAUCOURT. Chateau. B.12.a.4.6.

5th Field Coy.A.E. - C.12.b.8.7.

6th do - C.6.a.1.4.

7th do - N.22.c.8.6. (with 5th A.I.Bde)

2nd A.Pioneer Bn. - V.25.central.

A.D.M.S. - - - BEAUCOURT. Chateau. B.12.a.4.6.

5th A.Field Amblce. - VADENCOURT. Chateau. U.27.b.5.8. M.D.S.

6th do - (WARLOY. U.24.c.5.6. H.Q.

7th do - (HENENCOURT. Chateau. V.27.d. A.D.S.

with 5th A.I.Bde.

Div Train H.Q. - BEAUCOURT. B.12.a.6.0.

15th Coy,A.A.S.C. - BOVES. (with 5th A.I.Bde)

16th do - BEAUCOURT. B.12.a.8.3.

17th do - BAVELINCOURT. C.7.d.6.6.

20th do - BEHENCOURT. C.19.a.central.

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Divisional Troops.

Paymaster.	}	
D.A.D.V.S.		
D.G.O.		
D.M.O.		
A.P.M.		
Mob.Vet.Section.	}	
No.3.Sanitary Sec.)		
D.Bomb.Officer.	-	CONTAY. U.27.central.
Div.Salvage Coy.	-	BEHENCOURT. C.19.a.8.3.
D.A.D.O.S.	-	(BEAUCOURT. Advanced Dump. (VILLERS-BOGAGE.Rear Dump.
No.2.Aust.M.T.Coy.	-	St OUEN. (LENS Sheet B.6.)
Div.Reinf.Camp.	-	BERTEAUCOURT-Les-Dames. (LENS Sheet B.6)

Attached Troops.

Aust.Corps Cyclist Bn.	BEAUCOURT.	1 Platoon.
Aust Corps Mtd Troops.	BEAUCOURT.	1 Troop 13th A.L.H.
P.O.W. Div.Cage.	- -	BAIZIEUX. C.6.b.2.2.
P.O.W. Corps Cage.	- -	MONTIGNY.

J. H. Callaghan
Lieut Colonel.
General Staff.
Second Australian Division.

2nd Aust.D.H.Q.
15th April.1918.

TO BE DESTROYED ON RECEIPT OF A LATER ISSUE.

Changes in above locations to be notified to D.H.Q. at once.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 103.

From 6 a.m. 14th to 6 a.m. 15th April, 1918.

NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Harassing fire on enemy roads, tracks, communications and activity centres was continued both by day and by night, a total of 1,340 rds. 18-pdr. and 240 rds. 4.5" How. being expended, of which 430 18-pdr. and 165 4.5" Hows. were used on roads and approaches to DERNANCOURT. At 11 p.m., 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. our 4.5" Hows. shelled E.2. .2.9. and E.14.c.2.7. at K.3.c.47.05.,

At 12.15 p.m. our heavies shelled huts in E.28., scoring direct hits and causing men to scatter. At 5 p.m. E.21.c. was shelled by our 6" guns.

Between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m., 40 rds. 18-pdr. were fired on a M.G. emplacement at E.20.a.95.25.

Reported movement at ALBERT Station was engaged by 4.5" Hows., but result was unobserved owing to poor visibility. A few registration rounds were also fired.

(b) Machine Guns. During the night 1,250 rds. were fired on targets in E.3.central and E.3.c.9.0.

(c) Trench Mortars. 32 rds. were fired on S.P. and suspected M.W. position at E.14.a.25.45., 16 rds. on QUARRY in E.14.c., and 40 rds. on enemy posts under construction at D.30.d.8.9., and E.25.c.35.75. with apparently good effect as further work in these places was stopped for the night.

(d) Sniping. At 5 a.m. a party of 30 men were seen at E.14.a.9.9. Our snipers and the garrison of one of our posts opened fire and 6 of the enemy were hit. 2 enemy were shot on leaving a suspected M.G. position at E.25.b.7.4., one was seen to fall into the river, and the other wounded. Our snipers smashed 3 enemy periscopes in E.14.c. During the day a further 5 hits were claimed.

(e) Patrols. Our patrols report:-

No enemy were seen though sounds of coughing and hammering came from the direction of E.14.a.35.35. and E.14.a.00.10., where it is thought that M.Gs. are located.

The house at approx. E.19.d.5.3., which has been reported as occupied, is absolutely deserted, and there are no signs of digging within a radius of 50 yards.

(f) Aerial activity. Below normal.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. One prisoner of 3rd Coy., 1st Bn., 246 R.I.R., 54th Reserve Division.

3. ORDER OF BATTLE. Unknown to prisoner.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. No ^{very} heavy shelling is reported. During the period under review the enemy artillery activity was chiefly directed upon Roads in D.5., 9, 10, 15, 16, 22 and against MILLENCOURT, HENENCOURT, and LAVIEVILLE; 10.5 cm. and 7.7 cm. being used. Throughout the night 100 rds., apparently 18-pdr. shell, fell in D.10.a.3.2. At 1.30 a.m., 70 rds. 15 cm. How. fell in D.10.d. This was the only shelling reported by guns of this calibre. 2 10.5 cm. batteries were observed at approx. X.1.b.2.2. and X.2.d.0.8. 4.2 guns were observed firing on the following M.B's. from D.23.a.85.35:- 117, 95 and 105 degrees. A 7.7 cm. gun was observed on a grid bearing of 101° from D.16.c.25.65.

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5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Quiet.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) Trench Mortars. Nil.
- (b) Machine Guns. Were quiet except for bursts at intervals

during the night mostly from E.8.c.7.3. in the direction of our support line. Indirect fire was placed along the ALBERT - AMIENS Road in D.12.d. It was noticed that tracer bullets were often used.

(c) Defences. Fresh work is apparent in E.8.c. where several smaller posts seemed to be connected. During the day earth was being carefully excavated from M.G. post at E.8.c.7.3.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

No enemy 'planes were seen.

8. MOVEMENT.

At dawn a few men were seen creeping along the line of posts in E.8.b. and c. All day men were seen moving at K.2.b.9.2. and K.3.b.45.80. Four men jumped out of a trench which was being shelled at K.3.a.5.5., and run to another trench or post 20 yards away. At 12.34 p.m. a motor transport was seen moving towards ALBERT on the ALBERT - BRAY Road. Small parties of men in full marching order were occasionally seen going along this road in the same direction. There is a suspected dump just off the road in F.26.c. as horse transport was seen unloading material here.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

A fire broke out in ALBERT at 10.45 p.m. and burned for 2 hours. It is thought to have been caused by our artillery.

Flares. Were more active than usual, but no reason for this could be ascertained. No special flares were used.

R. B. Wertheim Capt.

for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

ANNEXE to follow.

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ANNEXE I.

German Summer Time. Intercepted German message reports:-
 "Germans adopted Summer Time at 2 a.m. on the 15th." Thus German time is again one hour in advance of English time.

ANNEXE II.

From Army Summary dated 14:4:18. (Extracts from G.H.Q. Summary).
 The arrival of 3 divisions from RUSSIA on the British front and of one division on the VERDUN front increases the total estimated No. of German Infantry Divisions on the Western front from 199 to 203.
 3 fresh divisions have reinforced the LYS Battle front, where 22 fresh divisions have now been engaged.
 A total of 94 divisions have been engaged on the SOMME Battle front.
 Of the 203 German Infantry Divisions in the Western theatre, 116 have now been engaged since the 21st March and 20 are of poor quality. Of the remaining 87 divisions, 26 are in reserve, 16 being probably opposite the British front.

ANNEXE III.

Information obtained from prisoner captured in E.13.b. at 12.30 a.m., 15:4:18:-

METHOD OF CAPTURE: He was taking out coffee to a listening post at approx. E.13.b.95.05., and lost his way in the darkness. Being suddenly called on to halt he endeavoured to run away, was shot through the arm and captured.

IDENTIFICATION. 3rd Coy., 1st Battalion, 246 R.I.R., 54th Reserve Division.

HISTORY. The prisoner, who is 19 years of age, only left Germany about 3 months ago for Field Recruit Depot, and subsequently joined his regiment about the 1st April.

ORDER OF BATTLE. Unknown to prisoner.

COMPANY STRENGTH. The Company has a fighting strength of about 90.

L. M. G's. - 6 per Company.

NAMES OF COMMANDERS. 1st Bn. Major MUECKER,

GENERAL. Prisoner knows nothing definite concerning any intended attack on this front in the near future. He has, however, heard that large quantities of gas shells have been brought forward recently. He pays a tribute to our snipers, stating that their fire is very accurate, and has caused many casualties. His Platoon Commander was seriously wounded in this manner on the 14th instant.
