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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
13th June, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 34.

Role of Division in Corps Reserve.

1. Instructions for the Defensive No. 20 are cancelled.

2. The Division moves into Corps Reserve between the 14th and 16th June and will normally be employed offensively for the maintenance of the present positions of forward divisions. The necessary reconnaissances will therefore be made in all divisional sectors of the Corps front.

3. While in Corps Reserve the division will be disposed by brigade groups in "close support" in the following areas:-

5th A.I.Bde. Group - RIVERY-CANON area with one battalion about LA MOTTE.

6th A.I.Bde. Group - QUERRIEU-DAOURS area with one battalion about LA HOUSOYE.

7th A.I.Bde. Group - ALLONVILLE-CARDONNETTE area with one battalion about FRECHENCOURT.

So disposed the defensive role of the division will be either the retention of the LA HOUSOYE plateau or the covering of AMIENS.

Advanced battalions from respective brigade groups will be regarded as the nucleus garrisons of the "systems" as below:-

Brigade Group situated at - Designated nucleus garrison of -

RIVERY - CANON.

BLANGY System.

QUERRIEU - DAOURS.

FRANVILLERS - LA HOUSOYE systems about LA HOUSOYE.

ALLONVILLE - CARDONNETTE.

ST. GRATIEN - LA HOUSOYE switch defences.

The necessary reconnaissances, dispositions and plans will be effected accordingly - only wardens and guides need actually live in the defensive systems.

4. The Division will also be prepared to meet the three following contingencies:-

- (a) An enemy attack South of the SOMME.
- (b) The Left flank of the Corps sector being threatened.
- (c) Loss of ground to the North of the Corps.

5. In the event of an enemy attack South of the SOMME, the task of the division will be:-

- (a) to reinforce the Left of the 1st French Army (31st French Corps) or to counter-attack in the event of an enemy success on this portion of the front.

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(b) to reinforce the Right of the Australian Corps or to counter attack in the event of an enemy success on this portion of the front.

The guiding principle of action on the above lines is to secure the point of junction between the 31st French Corps and the Australian Corps.

Positions of Readiness will be approximately as follows:-

5th A.I.Bde. - N.34.b. and d.
6th A.I.Bde. - O.7.d. and O.13.b.
7th A.I.Bde. - N.21.c. and d.

The necessary reconnaissances of these positions and the routes thereto will be made forthwith. No movement of any brigade will be made to position of readiness except under orders from Divisional Headquarters.

-6. Under para. 5 (a).

(a) It may be necessary for the Division to deal with any success which the enemy may gain towards CACHY and GENTELLES.- Reconnaissances will therefore be made of the CACHY - GENTELLES plateau and the ground between it and the River AVRE.

(b) The scheme of defence of the CACHY - GENTELLES plateau is briefly as follows:-

The present French front line system South of the Australian Corps front is an outpost line. The troops holding this system will in case of enemy attack fight to the last in their present positions.

The main line of resistance is the CACHY SWITCH running through U.3.c. - U.9.a. - U.8.b. and c. - U.7.d. - U.13.a. and c. - U.19.a. - T.24.d. (East of CACHY and GENTELLES).

Should the enemy succeed in continuing his advance through the above line the various trench systems and switches on both East and West sides of the ridge which runs North and South through T.6, 12 and 18 would be held and fought in turn.

A counter-attack reserve regiment (of a strength approximately equal to one of our brigades) holds the NICHOLAS SUPPORT (T.3.c. and d. and T.9.a.) and is disposed in the vicinity of it.

In the event of the CACHY - GENTELLES plateau being lost this counter-attack reserve regiment is to counter attack to regain it.

(c) The probable employment of the division should the CACHY - GENTELLES plateau be lost will be as follows:-

The 5th A.I.Bde. will move from RIVERY - CANON area (or from positions of readiness in N.34.b. and d. if already there) and take over NICHOLAS SUPPORT and the GLISY - NICHOLAS SWITCH at present held by the counter attack reserve regiment (French). Should the attack by the French counter attack regiment be unsuccessful it is unlikely that the 5th A.I.Bde. will be employed alone in a further attempt to regain the Plateau. In this case the 5th A.I.Bde. will act defensively in the NICHOLAS sector pending the arranging of a counter attack on a large scale.

If it is necessary to employ more than one brigade, an additional brigade will be used to co-operate on the Left of the 5th A.I.Bde. by an attack made from North or North-West.

If all three brigades are available for a divisional counter attack the probable plan of attack will be -

5th A.I.Bde. on the Right...

5th A.I.Bde. on the Right.
 6th A.I.Bde. on the Left.
 7th A.I.Bde. in Divisional reserve.

Under para. 5 (b).

In the event of VILLERS BRETONNEUX falling temporarily into the hands of the enemy our counter attack will probably be made in one of the following ways:-

(a) In a South-easterly direction both sides of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

(b) In an Easterly direction.

(c) By attacks made from N.W. and S.W. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and converging East of the village.

Positions of assembly for these counter attacks will be approximately as follows:-

In the case of (a) - O.16. and O.17. - No. 1.
 O.21. and O.27. - No. 2.

In the case of (b) - General line of CACHY - FOUILLOY road - No.3.

In the case of (c) - O.16. and O.17. - No. 1.
 O.33. and U. 3. - No. 4.

Brigades will reconnoitre these positions of assembly and routes to them from positions of readiness -

5th A.I.Bde. - Nos. 2, 3 and 4.
 6th A.I.Bde. - Nos. 1 and 3.
 7th A.I.Bde. - Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

8. In case the Left flank of "C" Division is threatened the Division will be prepared to operate offensively on that flank of the Corps front, or alternatively to occupy defensively the whole or portion of the BRESLE SWITCH.

Should it be necessary to occupy the BRESLE SWITCH defensively, this will be done normally by the 6th A.I.Bde. In event of this the 7th A.I.Bde. must be prepared, if required, to take up the QUERRIEU - PONT NOYELLES position.

9. In the event of loss of ground to the North of the Corps, the Division will be prepared to form a defensive flank facing North-east along the spur South of FRECHENCOURT and the ST. GRATIEN spur. This duty, if necessary, will be normally carried out by the 7th A.I.Bde.

10. Should brigades be ordered to carry out any of the above roles one machine gun company will be allotted to each brigade. The remaining company will remain in close touch with Divisional Headquarters and will be employed in accordance with the needs of the situation.

11. The Light Horse Troop and Cyclist Platoon will carry out reconnaissances of the areas forthwith and will be prepared to operate as covering parties, if necessary, during any of the moves referred to above.

Plans

12. will be prepared by brigades to comply with these instructions, copies being forwarded to this office as soon as possible.

13. Acknowledge.

G. H. H. H.
 Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff,
 Second Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 197.

Copy No.

Headquarters,
13th June, 1918.

Ref. Map: Sheet 62D. 1/40,000.

1. The Division (less Artillery) will be relieved by the 5th Aust. Div. (less Artillery) in "O" Divisional Sector and area between the 14th and 16th June, 1918.

2. The 7th A.I.Bde. in the right brigade subsector will be relieved by the 8th A.I.Bde. on the night 14th/15th June, relief to be complete by 3 a.m.

The 6th A.I.Bde. in the left subsector will be relieved by the 15th A.I.Bde. on the night 15th/16th June, relief to be complete by 3 a.m.

Command will pass on completion of reliefs which will be notified by wire to D.H.Q.

3. Moves and reliefs will be carried out in accordance with attached table.

4. Subject to the terms of this order details of reliefs will be arranged direct between Brigade Commanders concerned.

5. The reliefs of Machine Gun units will be carried out under arrangements to be made direct between the machine gun battalion commanders.

6. The reliefs of Engineer and Pioneer units and of Medical units will be carried out under the orders of the C.R.E. and A.D.M.S. respectively.

7. The Troop 13th A.L.H. and Platoon Corps Cyclist Battalion attached 2nd Aust. Div. will be relieved by similar units attached 5th Aust. Div. on the 16th May; details to be arranged between O's.G. concerned.

8. (a) On completion of relief the following Field Artillery will pass under the orders of the G.O.C. 5th Aust. Div. :-

2nd Aust. Div. Artillery.
5th Bde. R.H.A.
3rd Army Bde. A.F.A.
6th Army Bde. A.F.A.
96th Army Bde. R.F.A.

The C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Div. will continue to officiate in command of the Field Artillery of "C" Divisional Sector.

(b) The following Heavy Artillery Brigade now affiliated with the 2nd Aust. Div. will, on completion of relief, become affiliated with the 5th Aust. Div. :-

27th Bde. R.G.A.

9. On being relieved the Division will be in Corps Reserve and will be disposed as follows :-

5th A.I.Bde. group - CAMON-RIVERY area, with one Bn. in vicinity of LA MOTTE.
6th A.I.Bde. group - QUERRIEU area, with one Bn. in vicinity of LA HOUSOYE.
7th A.I.Bde. group - ALLONVILLE area, with one Bn. in vicinity of FRECHENCOURT.

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9. (ctd.)

All orders and instructions regarding the role of the division in Corps Reserve will be taken over as follows :-

By 5th A.I.Bde. from 8th A.I.Bde.
By 6th A.I.Bde. from 14th A.I.Bde.
By 7th A.I.Bde. from 15th A.I.Bde.

10. Administrative Instructions are being issued by "Q".

11. The G.O.C. 5th Aust. Div. will take over command from the G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Div. at 10 a.m. 16th June, at which hour D.H.Q. will close at ST. GRATIEN and open at COISY.

12. Acknowledge.

G. H. H. H. H.
Lieut. Colonel.
General Staff.
Second Australian Division.

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9	7th A.I.Bde.
10	2nd A. Pioneer Bn.
11	2nd A.M.G. Bn.
12	2nd A. Div. Train.
13	A.D.M.S.
14	A.P.M.
15	S.S.O.
16	2nd A.M.T. Coy.
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25	4th Aust. Div.
26	5th Aust. Div.
27	8th A.I.Bde.)
28	14th A.I.Bde.) through 5th Aust. Div.
29	15th A.I.Bde.)
30	Troop 13th A.L.H.
31	Platoon Cyclist Bn.
32	2nd Aust. Div. Wing, Corps Rfts. Camp.
33	Aust. Corps R.A.
34	Aust. Corps H.A.
35	3rd Squad. A.F.C.
36	"Z" Spec. Coy. R.E.
37	5th Bde. Tank Corps.
38	13th Tank Bn.
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MOVE AND RELIEF TABLE.

To accompany 2nd Aust. Div. Order No.197.

Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	In Relief of.	Remarks.
June 14.	8th A.I.Bde.	CANON - RIVERY area.	Reserve Bde. area. 1 Bn., J.13. 3 Bns. vicinity LA HOUSOYE.	5th A.I.Bde. (less Bn. FRANVILLERS).	By Bus. Details <i>from 5th Aust. Div.</i>
	1 Bn., 15th A.I.Bde.	ALLONVILLE area.	Vicinity FRANVILLERS.	1 Bn. 5th A.I.Bde.	
	5th A.I.Bde.	Reserve Bde. area.	CANON-RIVERY area with 1 Bn. vicinity LA MOTTE.	...	By Bus. Details <i>separately.</i>
Night June 14/15	8th A.I.Bde.	Reserve Bde. Area.	LINE Right.	7th A.I.Bde.	Relief to be complete by 3 a.m.
	7th A.I.Bde.	LINE Right.	Reserve Bde. Area. 1 Bn., J.13. 2 Bns. vicinity LA HOUSOYE. 1 Bn. FRECHENCOURT.		On being relieved.
June 15.	15th A.I.Bde. (less 1 Bn.).	ALLONVILLE Area.	Reserve Bde. Area. 1 Bn., J.13. 2 Bns. vicinity LA HOUSOYE.	7th A.I.Bde.	Move to be complete by 1 p.m.
	7th A.I.Bde.	Reserve Bde. Area.	ALLONVILLE area with 1 Bn. FRECHENCOURT.		Not to move before 1pm.
Night 15/16.	15th A.I.Bde.	Reserve Bde.area.	LINE Left.	6th A.I.Bde.	Relief to be complete by 3 a.m.
	6th A.I.Bde.	LINE Right.	Reserve Bde. area.		On being relieved.
June 16.	4th A.I.Bde.	QUERRIEU area.	Reserve Bde. area.	6th A.I.Bde.	Move to be complete by 1pm.
	6th A.I.Bde.	Reserve Bde.area.	QUERRIEU area with 1 Bn. vicinity LAHOUSOYE.		Not to move before 1pm.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 3 p.m. 12th to 3 p.m., 13th June, 1918.

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NOTE

Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. At 4 p.m. enemy O.P's. at K.2.b.50.80. and E.27.c.10.20. were bombarded. Movement at K.10.c.10.60. was dispersed, and at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. a M.W. at E.20.b.28.40. was engaged by 4.5" Hows. At 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. selected points in MORLANCOURT were subjected to gas shell concentrations. At 2 a.m. and 2.30 a.m. at the request of Infantry, bursts of fire were put down on an occupied trench at K.8.a.80.60. Roads, tracks and occupied embankments were harassed throughout the night.

(b) Trench Mortars. Light T.Ms. fired on M.G. emplacement at E.20.c.29.82. The bank from K.7.b.3.1. to K.7.b.9.4. was also engaged. The captured L.M.W. fired 3 rounds on enemy aircraft. Total No. of rounds fired - Stokes 131, L.M.W. 25.

(c) Gas. Gas was successfully discharged by projectors on the MORLANCOURT area. Results unknown. (and DEKNANCOURT)

(d) Machine Guns. The following targets were engaged:- K.8.d.70.20., road, 1,000 rds.; K.8.c.60.60., tracks, 1,000 rds.; K.8.a., tracks, 1,000 rds.; E.20.d.40.40., road, 1,000 rds.; K.7.d.9.4. to K.14.a., road and tracks, 1,000 rds.; E.20.b.85.32., road and tracks, 1,000 rounds. 2,000 rounds were fired in conjunction with gas projector operation. 6,500 rounds were fired from front line on enemy parties moving in front and approaching our positions on Right flank.

Enemy battery reported in action in copse K.26.c. 8 guns were concentrated on this target, opening fire at 12.30 p.m., firing for 5 minutes. 8,000 rounds were fired on this concentration. Result is reported to have been that battery ceased fire. Four guns directed harassing fire on this target from 9 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., firing 4,000 rds.

(e) Aircraft. Our 'planes were active throughout the period.

(f) Patrols.

Right Sector. Owing to the heavy M.G. fire only standing patrols could be put out. A post is reported at K.13.b.3.7., from which a M.G., rifles and flares were fired at intervals.

Left Sector. Patrols report as follows:-

(i) To the South of K.1.d.90.30., there is continuous barbed concertina, to the North only broken plain concertina. No movement was seen or heard in this post.

(ii) An enemy working party was heard at approx. K.1.b.98.15. Our patrol was fired on by an unlocated covering party.

(iii) There was no movement opposite the sector between E.19.d.4.5. and E.19.d.8.9.

(iv) Digging was heard at approx. E.20.c.3.0.

(g) Sniping. Right Bde. Snipers claim 33 enemy hit, of whom 18 were killed. Left Bde. Snipers had few targets.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. - Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Less than during the previous period. Shelling was scattered and principally on forward areas. From 4 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., a 10.5 cm. Battery fired on J.10.d. and J.11.d. and at 5 p.m. a few rounds fell on J.16. 4.30 p.m. 60 rounds 10.5 cm. were fired on E.19.a. Intermittently throughout the night 10.5 cm. shelled J.18. and J.24. and the vicinity of MARETT WOOD. At 11.30 p.m., trenches in K.19. and K.25.a. were fired on by 77 mm. 4 a.m. 2 rounds 15 cm and 6 gas shell fell on J.8.d. 30 rounds YELLOW Cross fell on E.25.a. central at 11.30 p.m., and 50 rounds gas (unidentified) on the same area about three hours later. No registrations are reported.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. More quiet than during the previous 24 hours.

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6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Machine Guns. Very active on the Right Bde. Sector, and fairly so on the Left. M.Gs. are reported at E.19.b.8.2., E.26.a.2.4., E.20.c.2.7., K.19.d.9.0., K.20.c.0.5., K.20.c.00.65., K.20.a.05.05. Positions are suspected at K.14.c.2.2. and K.20.c.66.60.

(b) Trench Mortars. T.Ms. were troublesome on the Right Bde. sector. A heavy M.W. (?) is reported in the copse in K.31.a., and L.M.Ws. from the sunken road in K.31.a. and b. Fire also came from K.20.d.5.9., K.20.d.4.5., K.20.d.4.8., K.8.c.40.25., K.8.c.9.8., K.8.b.2.9. and E.20.b.28.40.

(c) Snipers. Snipers were active, but were neutralized by our sniping.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION.

Slight movement was noticed in K.3.b., K.9.c. and d., the road in K.3.a., and K.21.b. Considerable individual movement was noticed in the valley in K.26.c. The enemy is apparently constructing defences at K.14.c.70.60. and K.14.c.75.60. to K.14.c.80.50., as digging parties have been seen and engaged here.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

Visibility, fair.

M. P. Downing for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES. (I.S. No. 176).THE MONTDIDIER - OISE BATTLE FRONT.

Fighting continued yesterday, the French regaining ground at MERY, LATAULE, LA GARENNE Farm and ANTHEUIL. By a counter-attack yesterday evening they also recaptured BETHANCOURT and the high ground near MACHEMONT, together with 1,200 prisoners.

16 divisions have now been identified in the fighting, while 3 divisions are believed to be in reserve. No further divisions from Prince RUPPRECHT'S Group of Armies have so far been engaged.

At 10.30 p.m. last night the line ran as follows:-

"LE FRETOY - 1 km. North of COURCELLES - 1500 m. east of
"MERY - southern borders of LATAULE - GARENNE Farm - des LOGES
"Farm - ANTHEUIL - southern borders of VIGNEMONT - southern
"borders of CHEVIN COURT - MELICOCQ - southern borders of
"MACHEMONT - the confluence of the MATZ and OISE."

ENEMY'S INTENTIONS.

From information obtained from prisoners captured yesterday and during the last few days previously, it would appear that the enemy intend shortly to carry out an attack in the ARRAS sector. This may be accompanied by a small attack between the SOMME and the LUCE. It is important during the next few days to secure prisoners in all sectors along the front, so as to obtain confirmation of the above.

The following is an extract from examination of a prisoner:-

"Prisoner says that the Germans are very afraid of the
"Australians, and especially of the Australian Snipers, who
"are said to be the best in the world."

SITUATION WIRES. (Timed 10.35 a.m., 13:6:18).

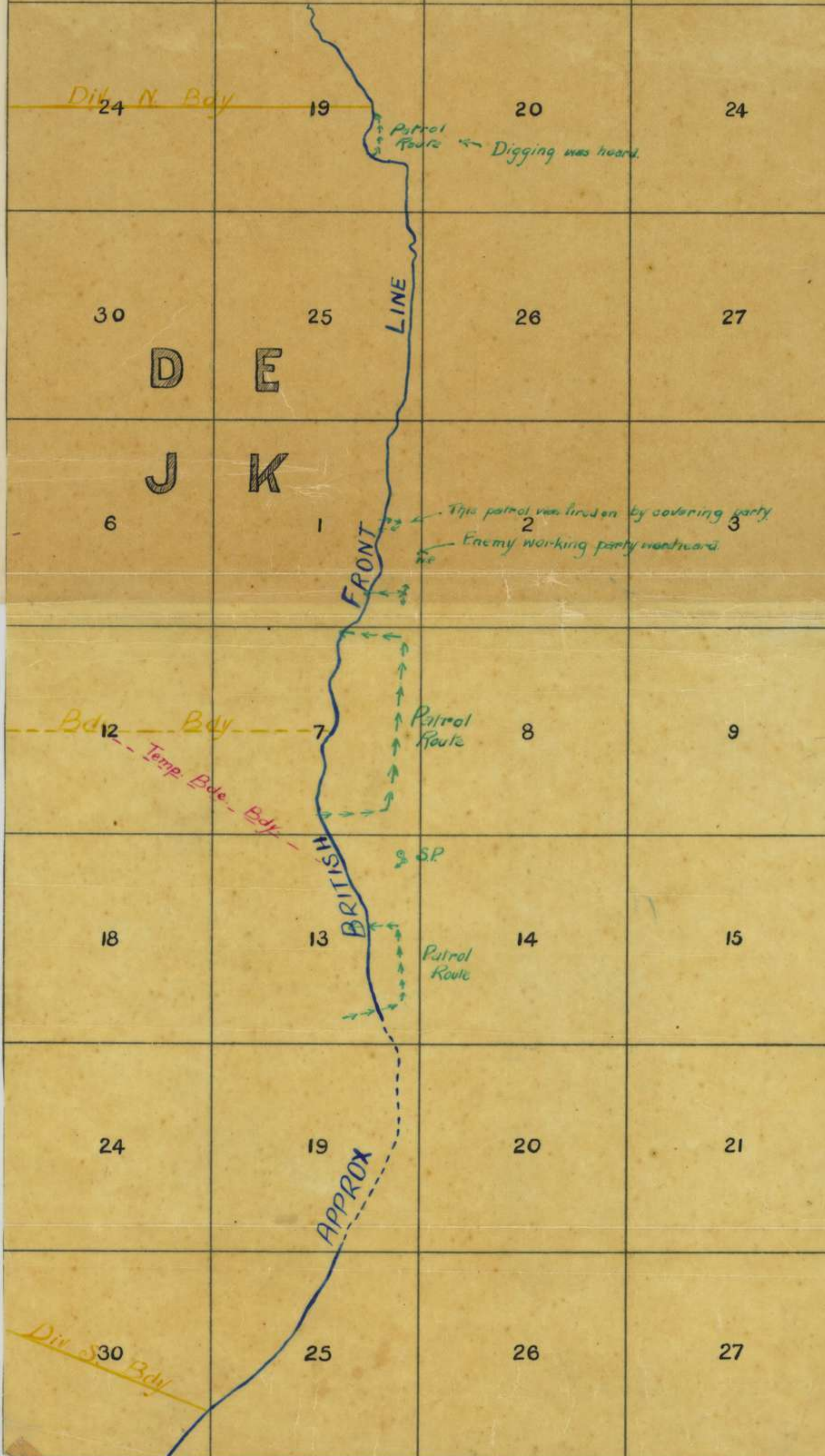
Our line advanced last night S.W. of MERRIS, 36 prisoners captured. East of DICKEBUSCH Lake French regained whole of ridge wood with 30 prisoners. French secured 300 additional prisoners in mopping up woods South of BELLOY. French retook MELICOCQ this morning. 100 prisoners and some M.Gs. captured.

C Div. Patrol Map.

Reference Map 62° NE

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2ND
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.154.

From 3 p.m. 13th to 3 p.m. 14th May 1918.

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

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. At 4.15 p.m. an enemy observer's and sniper's post at K.7.b.80.80. was bombarded by 18 pdrs., four direct hits being obtained; three Germans were seen to run away, two of them being shot by infantry snipers waiting for this opportunity.

During the afternoon 18 pdrs. engaged movement at K.9.d.98.65., K.2.b.15.70., E.29.a.60.80., K.20.b.20.90., K.20.b.35.70., K.21.a.30.20. K.15.d.45.20. and K.8.c.95.80. 4.5" Hows. fired on a camouflaged dugout at E.27.c.20.30., enemy O.P. at E.28.a.50.80., and at 8.45 p.m. transport on road at K.3.b.10.80. Some registration rounds were fired. At 11 p.m. hostile battery at E.28.a.60.80. was subjected to fire from 18 pdrs.

During the afternoon and night enemy roads, trenches, occupied embankments, and bridges over the ANCRE were harassed.

(b) Trench Mortars. At 4 p.m. 45 rds. 6" Newton were fired on enemy M.G. and M.W. positions at K.13.b.8.8., K.13.b.60.70., K.8.c.15.60., K.8.c.20.30., K.8.c.10.20., and K.7.d.90.50. At 12.30 a.m. 20 rds. were expended on embankment at K.2.c.50.90 to K.2.c.55.25.

L.T.Ms engaged enemy posts in Sunken Road in K.2.a & c., and suspected M.G. positions in E.20.c.3.7. with 116 rds. 10 rds. were also fired from the captured L.M.W.

(c) Machine Guns. The following targets were engaged during the period - K.2.b.5.0., roads, 1,000 rds; K.8.d.17.30., tracks, 1,000 rds; K.8.d.70.30., road, 2,000 rds; E.20.b.35.45., to E.20.b.80.80., road, 1,000 rds; E.21.c.25.90., roads, 1,000 rds.

500 rds. were fired on small parties in front of our lines.

250 rds. were fired at close range on a low flying enemy 'plane; engine shut off and 'plane volplaned down behind its lines at about K.21. or K.27.

(d) Patrols. Right Sector. Only covering and standing patrols were sent out owing to our own and enemy artillery and T.M. activity.

Left Sector. Continuous patrolling was carried out during the night. Movement was heard in the vicinity of enemy post at K.1.d.9.2., from which a few shots were fired by a sniper. Movement was also heard in the vicinity of E.26.c.2.4., and a sniper was active from approx E.26.c.3.4.

(e) Sniping. Right Bde. snipers hit nine of the enemy, of whom 6 are claimed to have been killed. Left Bde. snipers fired 7 rds. and claim one hit.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. - Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Rather more activity was apparent during the period. Shelling with heavy calibres was reported on the area West of MARETT WOOD and J.17. The front and support lines of the Right Sector were subjected to light barrages of 77 mm and 10.5 cm during the afternoon. Apparently as retaliation to our fire, heavy fire was directed onto the Brigade on the right of our right sector, and fairly heavy fire on our front. From 9.45 p.m. to 3.30 a.m. continuous fire was directed on J.5.b & d., J.11. J.6. and J.12. with 15 cm and 10.5 cm. The railway, ravine, and C.C.S. on the left of our sector, were continuously searched. Between 9.45 p.m. and 3.45 a.m. about 2,000 gas shells (Blue Cross and Green Cross 1) fell in E.1., K.7., J.6. and J.12. Forty Yellow Cross shells fell in E.25.b.6.5. Fifty Blue Cross shells fell on J.11.b & d, and 100 Yellow and Blue Cross on J.17. Only scattered rounds fell on battery areas.

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. (Contd).

A 10.5 cm H.V. gun fired a few rounds on FRANVILLERS.
An enemy 77 mm battery can be seen firing at K.33.a.10.90.
from K.25.c.05.66. Other batteries are firing from behind embankment at K.31. and K.32.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Somewhat livelier artillery activity was shown during the night. Otherwise the enemy attitude was quiet.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

That appears to be a small dump, covered with ^{green} camouflage, was observed at E.28.a.01.30.

Machine Guns. Were active at night sweeping No Man's Land. Positions are reported at K.14.c.9.8., E.26.a.3.5. and E.20.c.20.75.

Trench Mortars. Were active during the night. A position is suspected at K.20.a.7.9. A L.M.W. fired from the direction of E.26.a.3.5.

Flares. At 9.45 p.m. the enemy fired 6 single RED flares, which were followed by a 15 minute light barrage on the Left Bn. of the Right Bde.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Inactive. An enemy 'plane was observed to fall behind the German lines between MORLANCOURT and MEAULTE. At 9 p.m. an enemy 'plane dropped eight RED and WHITE flares along the enemy front line.


8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION.

4 G.S. wagons, and 40 of the enemy were seen at G.13.b.90.10. At 8.35 p.m. a limber was unloaded at E.28.c.2.3. Transport was seen on the road at K.3.b.1.9. 60 of the enemy were seen digging at approx. K.25.d.9.0. These targets were engaged by our artillery and M.Gs.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

During the afternoon, when firing on an enemy road and trench at K.20.b.50.00., a German was seen to wave a white flag; possibly this is a dressing station, though no cross was discernable on the flag.

Visibility - good.


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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES. - page 3 - follows.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

THE AISNE AND MONTDIDIER - NOYON BATTLE FRONTS.

The main German pressure yesterday (12th) was south-west of SOISSONS, where the enemy renewed his attacks on an 8 mile front. A further division from Prince RUPPRECHT'S Group of Armies was identified in this attack, making a total of 6 engaged on the AISNE and NOYON - MONTDIDIER battle fronts.

Owing to one division coming into line East of HAMEBROUCK and to the engagement of 4 divisions on the battle fronts, there is a reduction of 5 - from 36 to 31 - in the estimated number of divisions in reserve available for immediate operations in the Western Theatre.

AIRCRAFT.

Fighting during the day (13th) resulted in four hostile machines being driven down out of control, and in 12 indecisive combats.

BOMBING RAIDS.

A raid was carried out on the BOIS de TAILLES. One hundred and two bombs were dropped, and a large explosion caused in the wood.

ANALYSIS OF 250 GERMAN PRISONERS CAPTURED ON THE 10-6-18.

<u>Classes.</u>	<u>Percentages.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
* 1920. - - -	.80	2
1919 - - -	22.00	55
1918 - - -	12.80	32
1917 - - -	6.80	17
1916 - - -	14.00	35.
1915 - - -	4.40	11
1914 - - -	4.00	10
1913 - - -	4.00	10
1912 - - -	5.60	14
Reserve 1907/1911. - - -	9.20.	23
Landwehr 1st Ban.1902/1906. - - -	8.00	20
" 2nd " 1896/1901. - - -	5.20.	13
Ersatz Reserve. - - -	3.20.	8
	100.00%	250

* One is a volunteer and the other combed out on account of striking at KIEL.

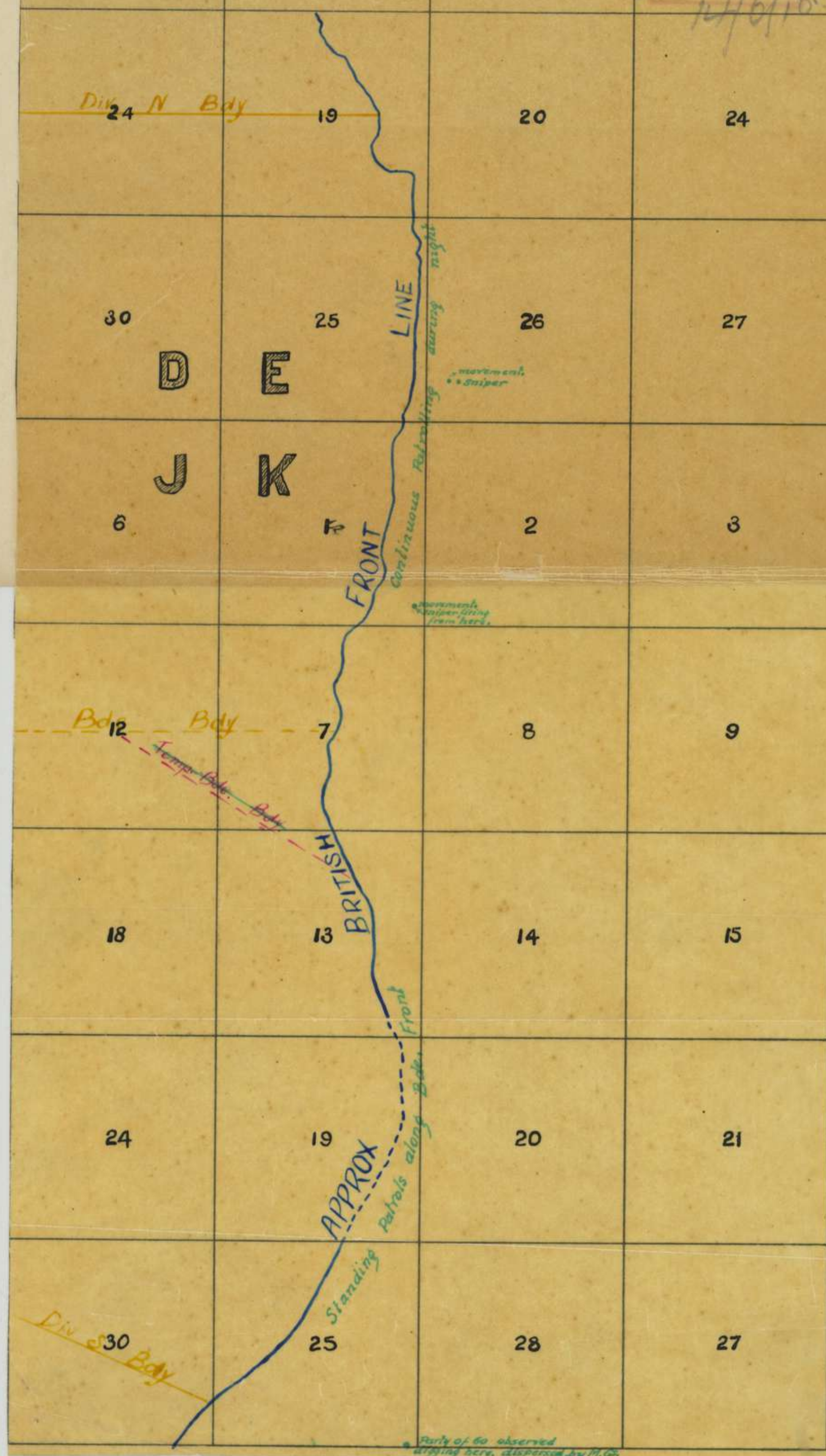
GENERAL.

According to prisoners' statements, it is extremely probable that reliefs of several German divisions will be carried out opposite this Army front to-night (13/14th) or tomorrow night (14/15th).

The relieving divisions are reported to be attacking divisions. Prisoners are therefore required, to ascertain the truth of these statements.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Location of Units at 6 a.m. 15th June 1918.

The following further changes are notified to the last report (g.173)

5th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	-	RIVERY. Hospice. M.2.a.6.5.
17th Battalion.	-	N.20.c.9.5. GLISY.
18th do	-	M.10.d.7.9. RIVERY.
19th do	-	M.2.d.3.4. RIVERY.
20th do	-	M.3.b.0.0. RIVERY.
5th A.L.T.M. Bty.	-	M.2.d.2.8. RIVERY.
7th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	-	FRECHENCOURT Chateau.
25th Battalion.	-	J.13.c.4.8.
26th do	-	C.19.c.9.1.
27th do	-	I.10.c.8.8.
28th do	-	I.4.a.4.2.
7th A.L.T.M. Bty.	-	C.26.d.3.6.
6th A.M.G. Coy.	-	H.17.c.5.5.
22nd do	-	G.18.a.

[Signature]

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REPORT ON OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE 7TH AUST. INF. BDE. NIGHT
10TH/11TH JUNE, 1918.

1. INTENTION OF THE BRIGADE.

When the 7th A.I.Bde. was in Divisional Reserve, the G.O.C. was informed that it had been definitely decided that the Bde. would carry out an attack with the object of improving our position between SAILLY - LAURETTE and MORLANCOURT.

The line of the objective was the approximate line
K.25.c.0.5. - K.19.d.3.0. - K.19.d.4.6. - K.19.b.8.4. -
K.13.d.7.2. - K.13.b.20.75.

2. DISPOSITIONS FOR THE ATTACK.

1 The 7th A.I.Bde. relieved the 5th A.I.Bde. in the Right Bde. sub-sector on the night 5th/6th June. Preliminary arrangements were then pushed forward rapidly.

By 3 a.m. on the morning of the 10th instant, assaulting troops were placed in their jumping off trenches, except a few forward posts which were withdrawn at zero minus 30 minutes.

Special steps were taken to minimise movement of troops in the forward area on the day of the attack.

Dispositions prior to the attack were:-

Each of 'A', 'B' and 'C' Battalions - 3 companies in the front line, 1 Company in the support line.

3 platoons of 'D' Battalion detailed as nucleus garrison of old front line after zero, were in Pioneer trench.

2 platoons of 'D' Battalion detailed as carrying party for L.T.M. Battery, were in PIONEER trench.

'D' Battalion (less 3 platoons) was in the ROMA line.

2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion (less 1 Company) was in CLERMONT line.

Trench Mortars and Vickers Machine Guns were in battle position by 3 a.m. on the 10th instant.

3. FORMATION FOR ATTACK.

The attack was delivered on the three Battalion front - 27th Battalion on the Right, 25th Battalion in the centre, 28th Battalion on the Left, 26th Battalion in Reserve.

Each of the assaulting Battalions attacked in two waves, three Companies forming the first wave of two lines, the fourth Company forming the second wave. This second wave formed a supporting and carrying Company.

Hopping up parties were detailed beforehand by each battalion, and advanced with the second line of the first wave.

The distance between the two lines of the first wave averaged 25 yards.

The fact that the troops kept close up to the barrage, and the lines and waves were pretty close, may partly be the reason that the assaulting troops suffered very few casualties from enemy shell fire.

4. NARRATIVE OF THE ASSAULT.

At ZERO exactly the artillery came down on the barrage start line. The Medium Trench Mortar Batteries opened up on the enemy's wire, and the Light Trench Mortar Battery on the enemy posts between the barrage start line and our front line.

The Infantry moved forward to within 70 yards of the Artillery barrage.

On the Right Battalion sector the advance across NO-MAN'S-LAND was made easily, no opposition coming from the enemy front line. As the troops reached the enemy wire and entered the enemy's first line of trenches, opposition was met with particularly on the Right, from M.G. fire. The enemy's wire proved no

obstacle.

obstacle, confirming previous patrol reports. The final objective was reached at 10.10 p.m. Some opposition was shown by the enemy here. The carrying Company immediately dumped their loads and joined in the fight, the bayonet being very freely and effectively used.

On the Centre Battalion sector the troops advanced in a good line, and kept in touch with units on both flanks. Considerable enemy machine gun fire was encountered immediately the troops started to advance, but there was no shelling. The advance was rather slow, and casualties were caused by enemy machine gun fire. Mopping up parties carried out their work well. The objective was captured at 10.5 p.m. Generally speaking, the enemy put up a good fight, especially the machine gunners, who fought to the last. In many cases however the enemy infantry either ran or surrendered.

On the Left Battalion sector troops went forward well and in a good line. On the extreme Right only, near the BRAX - CORBIE road, serious opposition was met with in the shape of machine gun fire, which caused some casualties. Generally, the enemy ran or surrendered. The objective was captured at 10.2 p.m.

Carrying parties in all cases did their work well.

Officers and N.C.O's. led their men well.

6. CONSOLIDATION.

Consolidation commenced immediately the objective was captured and covering parties had been pushed out.

On the Right Battalion sector each of the three assaulting Companies dug a series of mutually supporting posts.

In the Centre Battalion sector enemy trenches were used where suitable. The two flank Companies each dug three platoon posts. The Centre Company dug two platoon posts and one strong point, the latter at K.19.d.50.75.

On the Left Battalion sector the three assaulting Companies consolidated the German second line trench by establishing platoon posts. This trench was well sited from our point of view and was nearly continuous, and in places 6 feet deep. A strong point was made at K.13.d.5.8.

The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion (less 1 Company) went forward from their position in the CLERMONT line and dug two C.T's. as instructed in Brigade Order No. 188. No doubt a third C.T. from the Centre Battalion sector would have been very useful. It was considered, however, better to make sure of two C.T's. and leave the third until the next night. These C.T's., though they were not dug wide and deep enough, proved most useful.

6. ARTILLERY BARRAGE.

On the Right Battalion sector the artillery barrage was good, except for some short shooting. About 100 - 15 pdr. shells fell short on the jumping off trench about J.30.b.7.6. and J.30.b.95.90. This shooting appears to have been done by two guns. It caused about 35 casualties.

On the Centre Battalion sector the barrage was good and thick, but a few guns were firing short on K.19.b.3.3. and K.19.b.8.8., causing 20 casualties.

On the Left Battalion sector the barrage was good. It lifted well and was thick except on the extreme Left, where it was a little irregular.

The 6" Newton Trench Mortar fire was very good and accurate on the whole front, as also was the fire of the 3" Stokes Mortars.

7. DISPOSITION OF TROOPS AFTER CONSOLIDATION.

By 2.30 a.m., 11th instant, troops were disposed as under:-

On the Right Battalion sector three Companies were in the present front line, one Company in the first old German trench.

On the Centre.....

On the Centre Battalion sector, three Companies were in the present front line, and one Company in the old front line.

On the Left Battalion sector two Companies were in the second old German trench, now present front line, one Company in first old German trench, and one Company in old front line.

Three platoons of the 26th Battalion were in the old front line, the remainder of the Battalion in ROMA line.

8. ACTION OF MACHINE GUNS.

The 7th Aust. M. G. Company (less 6 guns) and the 22nd Aust. M. G. Company were on barrage work.

Six guns of the 7th Aust. M. G. Company were detailed to follow the assaulting infantry. Two guns were allotted to each Battalion sector. These guns went into their positions in the front line on the night 9th/10th instant. At ZERO hour the guns went forward with the first wave of the Infantry, and when clear of our front line, waited in shell holes until the objectives had been gained, when they went forward and took up their positions. Approximate positions in the objective were given to each gun before moving out.

The gun at K.25.c.20.60. did some good shooting at daylight on the 11th instant, firing on a party of about 50 Germans at close range in the valley running towards SAILLY - LAURETTE, dispersing them and causing approximately 25 casualties.

This same gun also had some good targets on the road running along the grid line in K.25.c. towards SAILLY - LAURETTE.

Three casualties only were sustained when advancing. This was probably due to the fact that the gun crews jumped off with the first wave, thereby missing the enemy barrage.

A dump of filled belts was kept at Advance Company H.Q. Communication was maintained with Section H.Q. by telephone.

9. ACTION OF TRENCH MORTARS.

Light Trench Mortars fired on selected enemy posts nearest our front line from ZERO to ZERO plus 1 minute. They then continued firing, keeping 150 yards in front of the infantry to the limit of their range. In all, 500 rounds were fired.

Four mortars went forward, two to K.19.c.95.10. and two to K.15.d.30.80. Ammunition for these mortars was carried forward by specially told off carrying parties from 'D' Battalion.

No casualties were caused among the crews of the four mortars which accompanied the assaulting troops.

The remaining four mortars remained at the Battle H.Q.

10. COMMUNICATIONS.

'C' Battalion had a line laid from their old H.Q. at J.17.b.3.8. which was on the buried cable, to their Battle H.Q. This line held throughout the whole of the operation, except for one short interval. It proved the most useful of all the lines forward to the assaulting Battalions.

The line forward to 'A' and 'B' Battalions was cut frequently. Visual communication was established between 'B' Battalion and Brigade H.Q., though at first the dust and smoke hindered this. The Power Buzzer at 'B' Battalion proved defective.

All three assaulting Battalions ran lines forward to attacking Companies, 'C' Battalion being in telephone communication with the Centre Company at ZERO plus 25 minutes.

The fact that the buried cable was laid across our Brigade front helped considerably in the maintenance of communication forward.

Owing to the fact that all assaulting Battalion H.Q. were connected laterally, communication was maintained by telephone practically throughout the operation.

11. AIRCRAFT.

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(a) On the evening of the attack at 7 p.m., and at 5 a.m., on the morning of the 11th instant, an enemy low flying aeroplane patrolled our forward system.

(b) Our aeroplanes patrolled our forward system on the evening of the attack, and no doubt proved beneficial in keeping off enemy aircraft. At 6 a.m. a contact patrol flew over the captured position and called for flares. It dropped a map at Brigade H.Q. This map confirmed the reports of Unit Commanders on the location of their front line.

12. SUCCESS SIGNALS.

Success Signals proved most useful. The Green flares sent up by the Left Battalion were clearly seen from the Brigade O.P. These of 'A' and 'B' Battalions were difficult to pick up on account of the smoke. The Red flares were clearly seen.

Our success signals were easily distinguishable from the Green and Red flares used by the enemy, on account of the direction, and the regular and known intervals at which they were fired.

All Battalions were able to observe their own success signals, and thus the Battalion Commanders received early information of the result of the attack.

13. CAPTURES OF PRISONERS AND MATERIAL.

Captures of prisoners and material were as follows:-

	Prisoners (wounded and unwounded).	Machine Guns.	Minen- werfers.
Right Bn. -	2 Off. 87 O.Rs.	10.	2.
Centre Bn. -	1 " 50 "	14.	2.
Left Bn. -	2 " 168 "	10.	2.
TOTAL. -	5 Off. 305 O.Rs.	34.	6.

14. ENEMY KILLED.

The number of enemy killed in the attack is estimated as under:-

By Right Battalion. -	130 enemy.
By Centre " -	50 "
By Left " -	50 "
TOTAL	230 enemy.

15. CASUALTIES.

Our casualties in the actual attack and for 12 hours after ZERO were as follows:-

	<u>Killed.</u>		<u>Wounded.</u>		<u>Missing.</u>	
	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.
Right Battalion -	1	8	2	72	-	3
Centre Battalion -	2	14	9	140	-	13
Left Battalion -	3	11	3	54	-	5
7th A.L.T.M.Bty. -	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTALS. -	6	33	14	267	-	21

Copy of 7th A.I.Bde. letter No. 262/85 to 2nd Aust. Div.
dated 13-6-1918.

In forwarding the report of the small operation of the 10th/11th instant, I would like to add the following remarks. -

The preliminary arrangements were well and unostentatiously carried out, and as the event proved, left little to be desired.

The time of jumping off was criticised considerably, but proved quite successful. It was decided on for the following reasons :-

1. As far as I was aware, it had'nt been done since POLTER, and almost every other period of darkness had been done frequently.
2. The objective was on the forward slope, and under excellent enemy observation; consequently consolidation would be difficult and costly, if not impossible, in daylight.
3. The hours of darkness are now so short that it was desirable to get as much of them as possible.
4. There were wire trenches and crops with probable trip wire to get through, so that a little light was desirable.
5. There was means for forming up in jumping off places and remaining there until zero.

unobserved

The arrangement worked well in spite of the fact that the Hun got suspicious owing to excessive movement being observed. The evening attack was quite unexpected. I do not however think it should be repeated for some time, even under as favourable circumstances.

The moves into the jumping off positions were well thought out by Unit Commanders, and excellently carried out. The curiosity of the Australian however could not be repressed, and he would look over the parapet. This, in addition to excessive movement round Headquarters, especially Advanced Brigade, was no doubt what was observed by the enemy.

The advance was splendidly carried out, the spirit of all ranks being excellent. Casualties were caused by the eagerness of the men carrying them under our barrage. Although the Huns showed fight in places, especially their machine gunners, there is no doubt that they were morally and physically overpowered. The keenness and great fighting spirit shown by all ranks in the operation, and the way the whole thing was carried out, is beyond praise.

The artillery support was excellent. The barrage was good and thick, and the only fault was that about two guns firing on the Right Battalion front, and some on the Centre Battalion, fired short and caused casualties. Under all the circumstances however, and considering how little chance some batteries had for registration, such an accident is not to be wondered at, and we have no complaint. I cannot speak too highly of the way in which the Artillery worked with the Brigade, both in the preliminary arrangements and in the carrying out of the task. The liaison was excellent.

I want to especially mention the work of the 6th T.M's. The aggressive policy of Capt. SKYMOOR before the operation was mentioned, enabled him to emplace additional mortars and register on the enemy wire without ostentation. His guns were well placed and were well fought during the action. The wire was knocked about more than was expected, considering the short time (3 minutes) in which he had to do it. The fire of his mortars was remarkably accurate and effective. He and all ranks worked hard day and night to assist the infantry, and the greatest of good feeling and mutual respect was engendered.

The work of the Light Trench Mortars was excellent, their fire accurate and well timed, and of great value in dealing with enemy posts inside the barrage.

The machine gun support was exceedingly good, the barrages being remarkably accurate and heavy. There is no doubt that they played an important part in dispersing counter-attack and concentrations. The action of the 7th A.M.C. Company showed great dash and enterprise; the six guns allotted to the front line consolidation were in position in a surprisingly short time after the capture of the objective. These guns did good execution next morning on straggling parties of the enemy.

The work of the 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion was excellent. They appeared to enter into the enterprise wholeheartedly and did everything possible to not merely do their allotted task, but to help us in every way possible.

I cannot speak too highly of the work of Lt.Col. WELCH and his ambulance, in the difficult task of clearing the battlefield. His arrangements were exceptionally well thought out and complete, and the work was carried out with the utmost efficiency and rapidity. There has not been in my experience, a more thorough and speedy disposal of the wounded. Details to bear this out can no doubt be better supplied by the A.D.M.S.

The consolidation was very rapidly and efficiently carried out. By daylight on the 11th, we had a strongly consolidated position with two C.T.'s and 3 Strong Points, with garrisons disposed in depth, H.G.'s and T.M.'s in position, and an effective S.O.S. ready. There was nothing above ground to act as a target for snipers or machine guns, and the troops were 'standing to' ready to meet any enemy counter-attack.

There was some criticism of the speed of the Artillery barrage. One Battalion considered it too slow. I am convinced that in the light of our appreciation of the situation before the attack, it was the correct speed to lay down. Had it been quicker a check would have resulted in the barrage getting away, and in much greater losses.

As regards secrecy - you verbally informed me of your intentions on or about the morning of 29th May. Nothing was mentioned of the matter by me to anyone until the following day, when I told my Brigade Major and Staff Captain. On the 31st we were relieved, and some of the Battalion officers were told that they were going out in order to do a stunt on the 5th Brigade front. Later it became evident that everyone knew about it, including the men in the trenches. I then told C.O.'s in conference, to carefully spread the report that the whole thing was cancelled, and that we were going to relieve the 5th Brigade. My fear was that patrols might be captured and give away the game. I think greater care should be taken

- (i) that only those whom it is absolutely necessary to know, should be told.
- (ii) that preliminary correspondence should be written by a responsible officer and not typewritten.
- (iii) that such correspondence should not pass through the office until after the event.
- (iv) that officers should not discuss secret matters at all in messes, or in places where they may be overheard by batmen or others through thin partitions.
- (v) that secret documents should not be left on the table or lying about, but should be locked away or put in the pocket during temporary absence from office or billet.

In conclusion, I would like to express to all units outside ^{of} the Brigade, my thanks for and deep appreciation of the hearty support afforded us, and the excellent spirit in which it was given.

My thanks are also due to the C.C. 5th A.I.Bde. and to Lt.Col. MURPHY, 18th Bn., for their support.

(SGD.) R2A. WISDOM.

Brigadier-General,
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 2593.

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Brigade Headquarters,
15th June, 1918.2nd Aust. Div.Report on Raids carried out on the night 14th/15th June, 1918.1. Left Battalion Raid.

- (a) Objective - three posts between E.26.a.17.64 and E.26.a.19.78.
- (b) Raiding party consisted of 1 officer and 48 o.rs.
- (c) The barrage under which the raiders advanced was provided by Left Group Artillery. Shooting was so close that CULCAINE TR. had to be evacuated immediately prior to the raid. The barrage was excellent except that three 18 pdrs. fell 100 - 130 yds. short at Zero plus 2 and killed two and wounded several of our raiders.
- (d) The raiders were divided into three parties, one allotted to each of the posts. The Right and Centre parties killed nine of the enemy and chased the balance of the garrisons of the positions they attacked into our barrage where they were seen to suffer numerous casualties. The Left party encountered stiff resistance. The garrison of the post attacked was 17. Of these 5 were captured and 12 killed. Machine gun was captured here.
- (e) Twentyone of the enemy were killed by the raiders, who estimate that the preliminary bombardment killed thirty and that of the retreating enemy thirty more became casualties in our barrage.
- (f) One of the prisoners attempted to escape on his way back to our lines and was killed.
- (g) Identifications obtained - 231st M.I.R.
- (h) Our casualties were :-

Killed	....	....	5 o.rs.
Severely wounded	....	4	"
Slightly wounded	....	5	"
Missing	....	1	"

The missing man is Cpl. McLEISH, M.M. & Bar and all members of his party feel certain that it was impossible that he should have been taken prisoner. The ground, which is covered by high crop, was searched after the raid, but no trace of him found. He carried no means of identification.

- (i) Trench Mortar support was well placed and effective.
- (j) Enemy artillery action following on red and then double green flares was slight.

2. Right Battalion Raid.

- (a) Objective - Post E.1.d.9.2.
- (b) Raiding party consisted of 1 officer 47 o.rs. (including covering parties).
- (c) The artillery support was provided by Left Group Artillery and was excellent.
- (d) As the raiders approached the enemy trench its garrison, with the exception of six men, fled. They were engaged by L.G. fire and casualties inflicted. The six made some resistance and were all killed.
- (e) These men were not wearing shoulder straps. Some clothing and documents were captured, the latter of which identified the occupants of the trench as belonging to the 84th I.R.
- (f) One M.G. deserted by its crew was brought in.
- (g) Trench Mortar support was well placed and effective.
- (h) Our casualties were 1 o.r. killed and 5 slightly wounded.

(SGD.) W. BRAZENSOR, Lt. Col.
Commanding (tempy.) 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 155.

From 3 p.m. 14th to 3 p.m. 15th June, 1918.Note. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.OPERATIONS.

(a) Infantry. Two raids were made by the Left Brigade during the night. One on posts in E.26.a. at 11.30 p.m., resulted in the capture of a machine gun and five prisoners. The second on the enemy post at K.1.d.9.2., resulted in six of the enemy being killed and one machine gun captured. Identifications were obtained from the dead.

(b) Artillery. Enemy movement in K.10.d. and E.27.c. was fired on during the afternoon and dispersed by 18-pdrs. Between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. parties of the enemy were seen to move Northwards on roads from K.15. These targets were engaged by 4.5" Hows. and also by Heavy Artillery. From 10.15 p.m. to 10.35 p.m., our field guns and Hows. vigorously harassed enemy activity areas and possible places of assembly. At 11.30 p.m. 18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. supported an Infantry raid on enemy posts from E.26.a.1.6. to E.20.c.3.1., and at 12.30 a.m. a raid on the trench at K.1.d.9.3. was covered. At 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. a half hour's gas concentration was fired on the Copse at K.26.c.3.7. in which a hostile Battery is suspected. Two half hour gas shoots were also carried out on the road at K.14.b.80.80. commencing at 1.30 a.m. and 2.30 a.m. respectively.

(c) Trench Mortars. In support of the above-mentioned raids, 146 rounds 6" Newton T.M. were fired on selected targets. 106 rounds were fired by Left Brigade T.Ms. in conjunction with the

first raid and 180 rounds for the second raid.

(d) Machine Guns. The following targets were engaged:- K.8.d.70.30., road, 1,000 rds.; K.7.d.9.4., roads and tracks, 1,000 rds.; K.14.a., roads and tracks, 1,000 rds.; E.20.b.85.32., roads and tracks, 1,000 rds.; E.20.d.40.40., roads and tracks, 1,000 rds. In conjunction with the raids barrages were laid on E.26.a.8.9. to E.20.c.8.6., E.26.a.5.4. to E.26.c.6.7., K.8.a.5.2. to 5.9., K.2.c.4.2. to K.2.c.1.5., K.8.a.15.10. to K.8.a.15.85. 29,000 rds. were fired. 500 rounds were fired on enemy party in K.25., casualties being observed.

(e) Aircraft. Our 'planes were active throughout the period.

(f) Patrols.

Right Brigade. Two fighting patrols reconnoitred the Left Bn. front before dawn. Nothing was seen of the enemy. On the rest of the sector, covering patrols and listening posts were in position.

Left Brigade. The whole front was actively patrolled, but no enemy activity was apparent.

(g) Sniping. The total number of certain hits accredited to our snipers during the period 11th May - 15th June (inclusive) is 211. The targets which presented themselves during our operations of 19th May and 10th/11th June were taken full advantage of by Snipers; and a large number of the hits recorded were obtained on these occasions.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 11th Coy. 231st R.I.R., 50th Res. Div. (Pris.). Normal.
84th I.R., 54th Div. (Doc.). Normal.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Quieter than during the preceding period. After the first raid there was a slight increase in activity. MANLY C.T., J.18., BURKE Line, J.17. and K.13. were harassed and Right Brigade front line and supports were fairly heavily shelled between 12.30 a.m. and 1 a.m. On the Left, EMU Trench, the Railway in E.25.a., CULCAIRN Trench and E.19.a. were lightly shelled. A light barrage was placed on the support areas and in J.6. and J.12. after our second raid. During

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and GREEN

the morning HEILLY and battery areas were bombarded. 100 rounds BLUE Cross fell in J.5., J.6., J.11. and J.12. between 10.15 p.m. and 1 a.m. 400 rounds YELLOW Cross fell on E.25.a. and D.30.a. and b. at the same time.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet. There was comparatively little retaliation after our raids.
6. ENEMY DEFENCES.
- (a) Posts. A strong post is reported at K.13.b.8.7.
 - (b) Trench Mortars. Activity slight. Medium M.Ws. were fired on forward posts from approx. K.14.central.
 - (c) Machine Guns. Active on the Right sector, but comparatively quiet on the Left. Bursts were fired from E.26.c.6.5. and K.7.d.7.9.
 - (d) Flares. On the opening of our barrages for the raids, single and double REDS were followed by double GREENS. Artillery support followed these. Similarly a flare bursting into two GREENS was followed by a shoot on Right Brigade front and Support lines.
7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Activity was slight.
8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION. At 9 p.m. small groups of the enemy observed in K.15.b. and E.28.a. were engaged by our Artillery.
10. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility, good.

Captures. Total captures during the period 11th May to 15th June -

Personnel -	14 Officers.	Material -	84 Machine Guns.
	747 O.Rs.		1 Lewis Gun.
			8 Minenwerfer.
			2 Horses.
			1 Messenger dog.

Enemy Order of Battle. In DERNANCOURT-MORLANCOURT Sector.

North to South.	250 R.I.R.	} 50 Res. Div. (P.S.)
	231 R.I.R.	
	84th I.R.	

Dispositions. The 231 R.I.R. has one Battalion with its four Coys. in line West of DERNANCOURT, one Battalion immediately behind DERNANCOURT, and one Bn. at MONTAUBAN (P.S.).

Strengths. Coy. strengths are approx. 3 Officers 100 - 120 O.R. with 3 or 4 L.M.G. (P.S.).

Reliefs. The 50th Res. Div. came into line on the 20th May and expects to be relieved in a few days. An inter-Bn. relief in the 231 R.I.R., is expected to-night (15th/16th) instant. (P.S.).

Intentions. Prisoners had no knowledge of any impending attack in their sector and were convinced that their division, at any rate, was to play a purely defensive role. They did not know whether a good division would relieve them.

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ANNEXE TO 2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 155.

Enemy Defences. The following locations have been ascertained from prisoners' statements and captured maps during the past few days. In most cases prisoners' statements have been confirmed by information shown on maps.

Support and Reserve Troops.

In bank from K.25.d.6.2. to K.25.d.8.4.
K.26.c.00.56. to K.26.c.00.76.
K.31.b.85.45. K.31.b.9.6.
Bank to East of cross roads in K.31.d.50.95.
MALARD WOOD K.27.c.
K.27.b.05.28. to K.27.b.10.42.
K.27.a.98.85. to K.21.c.9.0.
K.28.a.9.8. to K.22.c.82.00.
K.23.b.20.62. to K.23.b.30.78.

Assembly Area. L.8.c. and d., L.14.a. and b., L.9.c. and L.18.a.

Headquarters. K.31.c.75.45.
K.26.d.90.55.
K.27.a.34.12.
K.21.c.92.10.
K.27.b.08.50.
K.22.c.9.0.
K.23.c.42.60.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES. (I.S. 179).

CONVERSION OF THE "MUSKETEN-BATAILLONE" INTO MACHINE GUN UNITS.
From a letter written by a man of the 2nd Coy., 1st Musketen Bn., at TONGRES on the 25th April, it appears that the two Musketen Bns., originally equipped with MADSEN automatic rifles have been re-armed with heavy machine guns '08 pattern, the MADSEN automatic rifle having proved an unsatisfactory weapon.

THE MONTDIDIER - NOYON BATTLE FRONT. One more division from Prince RUPPRECHT'S GROUP of ARMIES has been identified on the above battle front, making 4 Divisions in all from this Group. Nineteen divisions have now been engaged on this front since June 9th.

ESCAPED BRITISH PRISONER OF WAR. A Company Serjt-major belonging to the London Regt. captured at METZ-en-COUTURE on the 23rd March escaped from FINS on June 9th. He travelled via FLERS and LONGUEVAL, LA BOISSELLE and North of ALBERT. He reports practically no signs of any concentration of troops, and little movement, but admittedly he avoided roads. He saw no camps and no artillery except one heavy gun stationary on the main ALBERT road about 1 kilometre East of ALBERT near some poplar-trees. East of FLERS the roads are in bad condition but west of that place shell-holes have been filled in.

SITUATION WIRES.

Timed 9.55 p.m. 14:6:18. N. of OISE quiet day. Between OISE and AISNE no infantry action. S. of AISNE line now runs AMBLENY (F) FOSSE-en-BAS (G) - COURTANSON (neutral) slopes W. of LAVERSINE - COUEVRES ET VALSERY (G) VALSERY Fm. (F) S. slope ST.PIERRE AIGLE VALLEY thence S. to 200 yards W. of LA GRILLE Farm.

10.30 a.m. 15:6:18. Local operation by 3rd Division last night advanced our line to average depth of 450 yards on front of 3,500 yards between LAWE River and LA PANNERIE. All objectives reached and over 65 prisoners taken.

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Line active along whole of front
Patrols
Front
Two patrols on left of front
no encounter with enemy
Approx.

3 posts raided in (a)
(5 prisoners - 1 M.G. capt)
40 enemy killed.

Post raided
M.G. Capt & documents
& enemy killed.

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Location of Units as at 10 a.m. 16th June 1918.

DIVISIONAL.H.Q.	-	COISY.	Chateau.
Div.Art.H.Q.	-	St GRATIEN. Maire.	Under 5th Aust.Div.
4th A.F.A.Bde.	-	D.13.d.55.75.	In Line. do
5th do	-	J.1.a.1.8.	do do
2nd Aust.D.A.C.	-	H.6.b.7.6.	do do
5th AUST.INF.BDE.H.Q.	-	M.2.a.6.5.	RIVERY. Hospice.
17th Battalion.	-	N.20.c.9.5.	GLISY.
18th do	-	M.9.d.7.8.	RIVERY.
19th do	-	M.2.d.3.4.	RIVERY.
20th do M.9.a.8.9	-		RIVERY.
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	M.2.d.2.8.	RIVERY.
6th AUST.INF.BDE.H.Q.	-	FRECHENCOURT Chateau.	Moving to QUERRIEU Chat:
21st Battalion.	-	I.4.a.4.3.	Moving to H.16.b.9.1.
22nd do	-	C.29.b.8.9.	do H.11.d.2.1.
23rd do	-	I.24.a.4.1.	do H.29.d.0.0.
24th do	-	I.10.a.5.3.	do H.21.c.95.40.
6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	C.26.c.9.6.	do QUERRIEU Chateau.
7th AUST.INF.BDE.H.Q.	-		ALLONVILLE Chateau
25th Battalion.	-	G.12.a.5.7.	do
26th do	-	FRECHENCOURT.	
27th do	-	H.1.a.1.2.	Bois de Mai.
28th do	-	CARDONETTE.	
7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	G.18.c.2.5.	Bois de Mai.
2nd A.M.G.BATTALION.H.Q.	-	G.18.a.2.3.	
5th A.M.G.Coy.	-	G.34.c.	RIVERY.
6th do	-	H.17.c.5.5.	QUERRIEU.
7th do	-	G.18.c.3.8.	ALLONVILLE.Area.
22nd A.M.G.Coy.	-	G.18.c.2.6.	do
C.R.E.	-	COISY.	
5th Field Coy.A.E.	-	M.2.d.1.8.2.	
6th do	-	H.11.central.	
7th do	-	B.23.central.	
2nd A.Pioneer Bn.	-	H.35.d.6.0.	
A.D.M.S.	-	COISY. Chateau.	
5th Aust.Field Amb.	-	G.25.b.2.9.	
6th do	-	H.2.b.3.9.	
7th do	-	G.12.a.central.	
2nd Aust.Div.TRAIN.H.Q.	-	G.11.d.4.0.	ALLONVILLE Petit Chateau.
15th Coy.A.A.S.C.	-	H.15.b.5.3.	
16th do	-	H.14.a.5.9.	
17th do	-	H.7.a.5.2.	
20th do	-	H.15.a.central.	
DIVISIONAL TROOPS.			
Paymaster. D.A.D.V.S.	)	COISY.	
A.P.M. D.G.O. D.B.O.)			
Mob.Vet.Section.	-	H.11.b.5.4.	
Div.Salvage Coy.	-	G.32.d.2.3.	
D.A.D.O.S.	-	H.1.a.1.3.	Bois de Mai.
No 2 Aust.M.T.Coy.	-	COISY.	
Div.Reinf't Camp.	-	BERTEAUCOURT-les-Dames.	(LENS Sheet E.6.)
Div.Canteen.	-	H.16.d.2.6.	QUERRIEU.
Attached Troops.			
Troop.13 A.L.H.	-	H.21.b.5.2.	
Platoon Aust.Cyc.Bn.	-	QUERRIEU Chateau.	

2nd Aust.D.H.Q.
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Corrections to be notified to D.H.Q. at once.

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
15th June, 1918.

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5TH AMENDMENT TO "C" DIVISION DEFENCE SCHEME.1. Section "A." Para. 1.

(a) Line 1 - for "K.19.c.0.0." read "K.25.c.0.5."

(b) Lines 3 and 4 to be amended to read -

"The Southern Divisional boundary is from K.25.c.0.5.
to J.23.c.0.0. to G.20.c.4.0."2. Section "B." Para. 3 (c).

Add -

"The LA HOUSOYE system forms portion of the Army
system."3. Section "H." Para. 1.

Cancel and substitute -

"1 (a) The S.O.S. lines for the four brigades covering
the divisional front are as follows:-18-pdr. Batteries.K.25.c.4.2. - K.25.b.3.0. - K.25.b.60.25. -
K.19.d.9.0. - K.20.a.3.0. - K.20.a.45.35. -
K.14.c.5.0. - K.7.d.70.45. - K.7.b.6.0. -
K.2.a.3.0. - E.26.c.7.4. - E.26.a.3.0. - E.20.a.3.0.4.5" How. Batteries.On points selected and varied as required by Group
Commanders.

(b) Lines of the superimposed group are -

One 18-pdr. Bty. - K.14.c.8.8. - K.14.a.3.8.
One 18-pdr. Bty. - K.8.a.65.15. - 55.40. and K.8.a.45.70. -
K.2.c.35.00.
One 18-pdr. Bty. - K.2.a.8.7. - E.26.d.0.5.
4.5" How. Bty. - One Section each on -Sunken road K.8.c.6.6. - K.8.d.20.87.
Road K.2.c.41.10. - K.8.a.75.90.
Road E.26.c.85.30. - E.26.d.40.85.4. Section "Q."

Cancel and substitute attached Section "Q."

5. Appendix III (b), and Map "C" will be cancelled and the attached
substituted.

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All recipients "C" Division Defence Scheme.

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SECTION "Q."

SIGNAL ARRANGEMENTS.1. Communications, Telephonic and Telegraphic.

(a) Corps to Division. Two pairs on Open Wire Route direct to BERTANGLES.

(b) Forward Lines. From Division to Infantry Brigades in line, six Telephone and Telegraph pairs (2 for Div. Artillery) lead away from ST. GRATIEN on two separate Poled Cable Routes.

One route is led into "B P" Test Station (I.1.d.8.3.), and the other into "L H" Test Station (I.3.a.8.8.), and from these points communication is by buried cable to Advanced Division, FRANVILLERS, forward to the two Infantry Brigades in line, Right and Left Artillery Groups and Machine Gun Battalion, all situated at HEILLY.

Each Artillery Group has a direct buried line to the Infantry Brigades in line. Each Artillery Brigade, covering Battalions in line, has a direct liaison line to Battalion concerned. An overland line also runs from FRANVILLERS to 4th A.F.A. Brigade.

(c) From Brigades to Infantry Battalions in line, 2 pairs run to each Battalion, on buried cable route, and Battalions are connected laterally on buried route.

Ground cables also exist from Brigades to Battalions, and from Battalions to lower formations.

(d) Reserve Brigade at FRECHENCOURT is connected direct to Divisional Headquarters on open wire route

(e) Lateral Lines. Divisions on Right and Left Flanks are connected direct on permanent routes.

Advanced Division, and Advanced Left Division are also connected on permanent route.

Each Infantry Brigade, Artillery Group and Brigade, Battery and Battalion is connected laterally to Groups, Brigades, Batteries and Battalions on either flank.

2. Wireless, Amplifier and Power Buzzer.

(a) Stations are disposed as follows:-

Wilson Set - Div. H.Q. - ST. GRATIEN.	} Daily calls for these Stations are as laid down in A.D.Sigs. Letter T.S.97 of 11th June, 1918.
Trench Set - Left Bde. - J.7.a.8.8.	
Amp. & P.B.- Right " - J.1.c.4.0.	
Amp. & P.B.- Arty. Bty. Group - J.15.a.9.9.	
Amp. & P.B.- Right Bn. R. Bde.- J.22.d.1.4.	
Trench Set - Left Bn. Left " - D.29.b.3.4.	
Amp. & P.B.- Centre Bn. R.Bde.- J.23.d.2.8.)	

(b) Two continuous Wave Sets are at the disposal of the Divisional Artillery, but are not at present in use.

3. Visual. The Central Visual Station is established at FRANVILLERS (C.27.c.8.3.) in direct touch with the two Infantry Bdes. in line, Left Arty. Group, and Div. H.Q.

4. Messenger Dogs. From 3 to 6 dogs are supplied by the Corps for the Division each Friday, and are used for carrying messages from Battalions in line, back to their respective Brigades. Normally each Brigade has an allotment of 3 dogs.

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5. Pigeons. 12 Pigeons are received from the Corps per motor cyclist, and are conveyed by special D.R. from Division to Brigades in line, and thence to Battalions by Brigade pigeoners.
Six birds are supplied to each Brigade in line, 3 per Battalion.

6. Despatch Riders. Motor Cycle D.R.'s work from Division through to Infantry Brigades, calling at Advanced Division en route, making runs in accordance with a regulated time-table.
Circular runs are also made from 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery to Artillery Groups and Brigades.

(a) Stations are disposed as follows:-

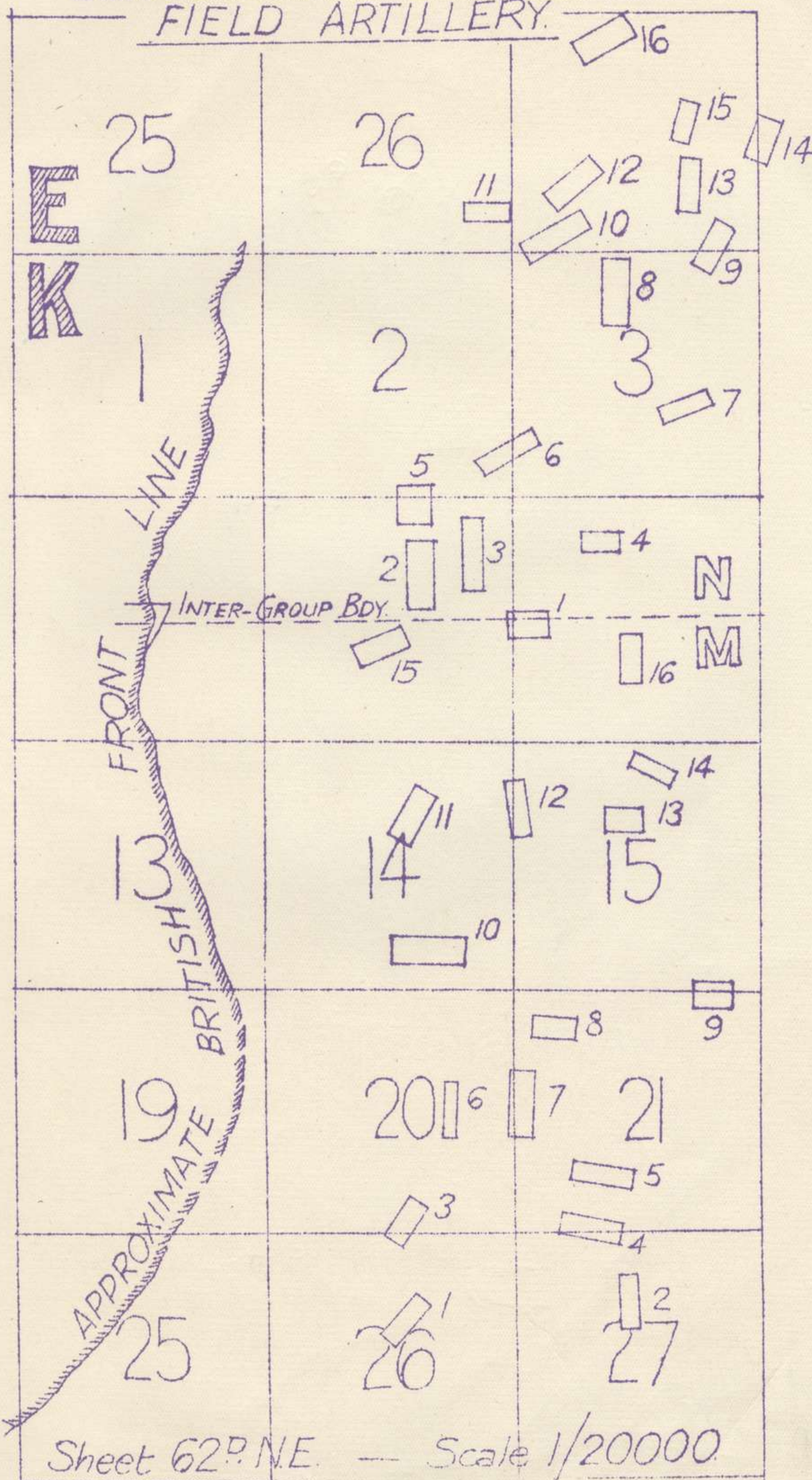
Wilson Bat - Div. R.O. - ST. BRATTON.	
Trench Bat - Left Bde. - J.V. 8.8.	
Amg. & P.B. - Right " - J.I. 8.8.	
Amg. & P.B. - Army. Bty. Group - J.I. 8.8.	
Amg. & P.B. - Right Bde. - J.V. 8.8.	
Trench Bat - Left Bde. - J.V. 8.8.	
Amg. & P.B. - Centre Bde. - J.V. 8.8.	

(b) Two continuous wave sets are at the disposal of the Divisional Artillery, but are not at present in use.

3. Visual. The Central Visual Station is established at FRANKVILLE (J.V. 8.8.) in direct touch with the two Infantry Bdes. in line, 1st Army Group, and Div. R.O.

4. Messenger Dogs. From 5 to 8 dogs are supplied by the Corps for the Division each Friday, and are used for carrying messages from Battalions in line, back to their respective Brigades. Normally each Brigade has an allotment of 3 dogs.

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 FIELD ARTILLERY.

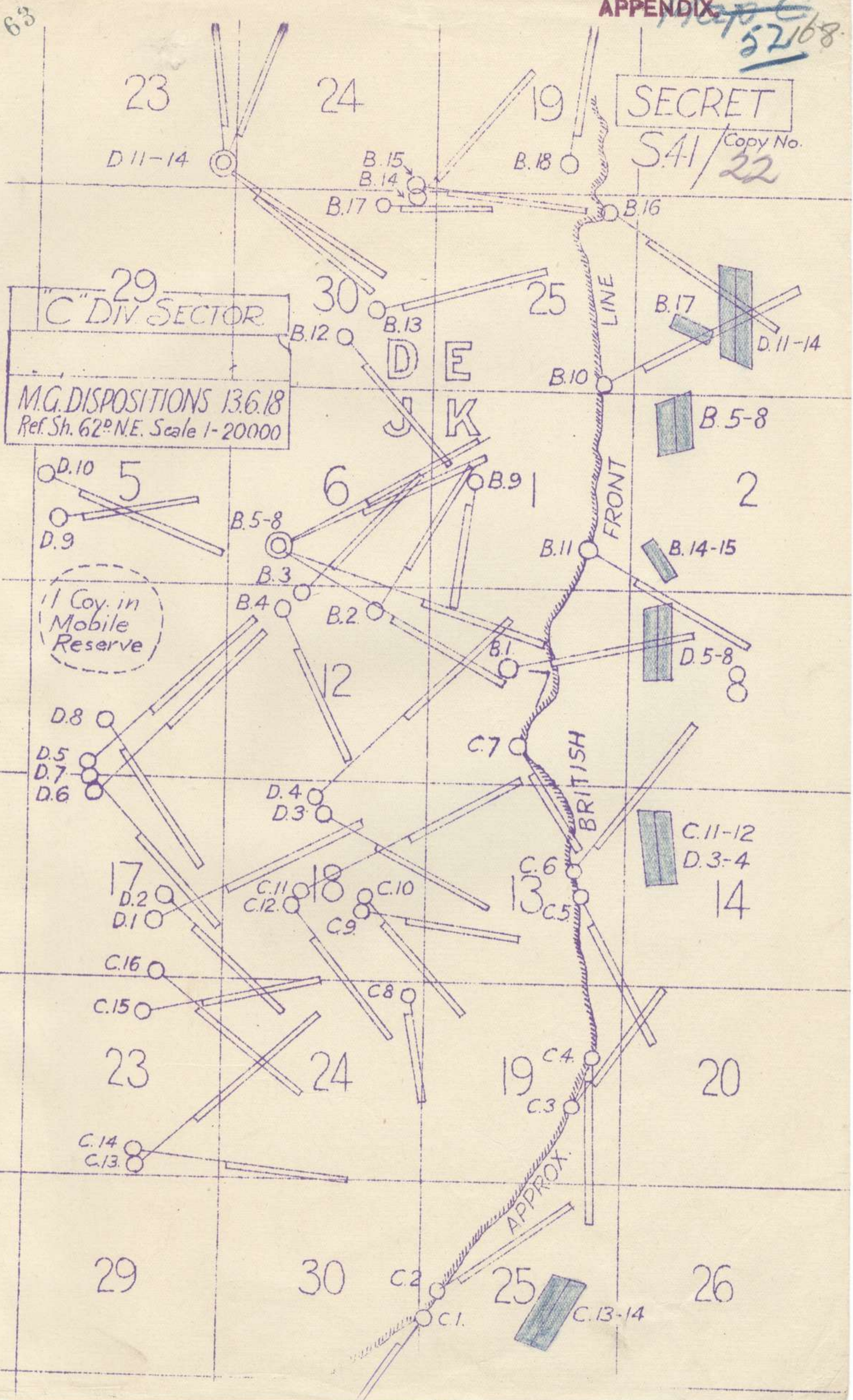


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- Dugouts, deep (mined)
- Wire
- Trails used by Enemy
- Dugouts for M.G. Positions

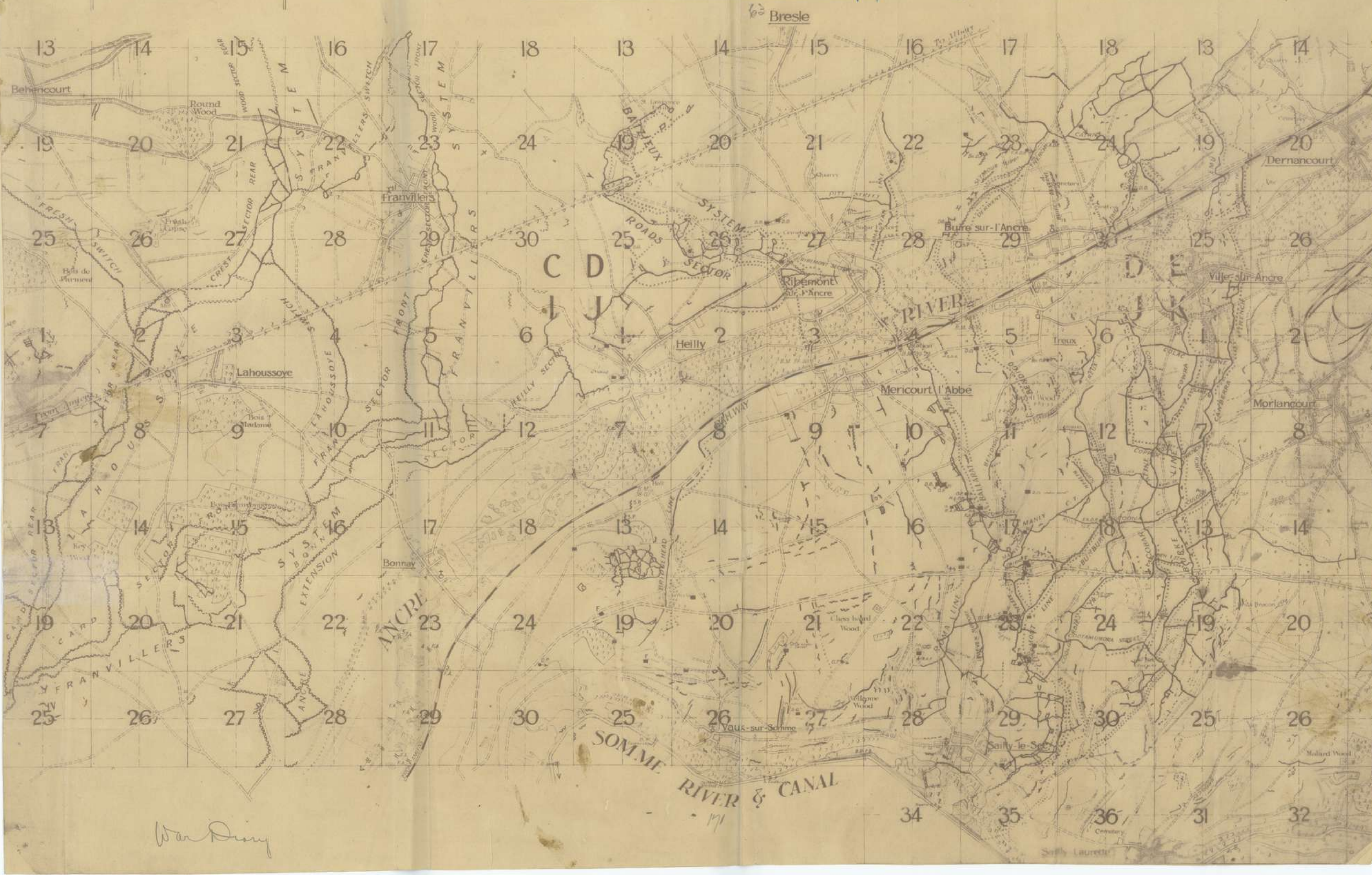
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Headquarters,
19th June, 1918.INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 35.Tanks.

1. "A" Company, 8th Tank Battalion, situated in the Wood in N.31.a., is in Corps Reserve.

It would be employed in an organised counter-attack to be carried out by the reserve division of the Australian Corps in any direction required South of the SOMME. This may include the CACHY - GENTELLES ridge.

2. Orders for the employment of these tanks would normally be issued by D.H.Q. through H.Q., 8th Tank Bn. (situated at BLANGY - TRONVILLE), but in case of emergency orders would be issued by D.H.Q. direct to the Company.

3. Communication with Bn. or Coy. H.Q. can be obtained through "A" Division.

4. Co-operation between tanks and infantry will be arranged between the infantry commanders on the spot and the officers in command of tanks.

5. Acknowledge.

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Headquarters,
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO 36.Demolitions.

1. All previous instructions regarding demolitions of roads and bridges in the Australian Corps area are cancelled.
2. The following tables attached hereto show places at which preparations have been made for demolition of roads and bridges in the Australian Corps area, also the units responsible for actual demolition and for orders for demolition.

Table A - Road Demolitions.
 Table B - Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition within the Corps area.
 Table C - Bridges of tank carrying capacity.
 Table D - Railway carrying bridges.
 Table E - Bridges and road mines in and west of AMIENS.

3. A list of certain bridges of tank carrying capacity is given in Table C.

These bridges are all included in Table B with the exception of the bridge at J.7.d.4.6, HEILLY, which it has not been considered necessary to prepare for demolition.

The tanks, which will normally be amongst the last to cross these bridges, have orders to cover, firstly from the eastern bank and then from the western bank, both the actual process of the demolition of the bridges and the withdrawal of the bridgehead defending troops.

Orders have been issued for a tank officer to be posted at each bridgehead to control the withdrawal of tanks and advise demolition parties.

4. In all cases units in charge of demolitions will be given definite written instructions as to their duties.

5. The C.R.E. will be informed by Divisional Artillery Commanders of the number of guns it is proposed to bring over each bridge. Artillery officers will be made responsible for informing bridge guards when their guns are being withdrawn.

6. With reference to the bridges and road mines allotted to the Reserve Division it will depend on the role allotted to the Division as to whether responsibility for giving orders for demolition will be delegated to brigades.

7. Units in charge of demolitions will carry out the actual demolition when orders are received from the formation responsible. Failing receipt of definite information or orders, and on the close approach of the enemy, officers and n.c.o.'s. in charge of demolitions will give the orders for actual demolition at their own discretion.

8. Acknowledge.

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TABLE A --- Road Craters.

Serial No.	Location.	Responsibility for Actual Demolition.	Responsibility for Orders for Demolition.
XH.	I.7.b.6.5	7th Field Coy A.E.	Reserve Division.
C.	H.6.a.7.4	-do-	-do-
D.	H.12.c.5.2	6th Field Coy A.E.	-do-
E.	H.18.c.3.3	-do-	-do-
F.	H.29.b.5.0	-do-	-do-
G.	N.6.a.4.5	-do-	-do-
H.	N.6.a.5.6	-do-	-do-
I.	M.22.b.cent.	5th Field Coy A.E.	-do-
JA.	M.34.b.2.9	-do-	-do-
K.	M.32.b.2.8	-do-	-do-
L.	M.33.d.4.2	-do-	-do-
M.	I.27.c.3.1		'B' Division.
N.	I.33.a.0.0		-do-
O.	I.2.d.7.3		'C' Division.
P.	I.3.c.5.0		-do-
Q.	C.28.d.9.0.		-do-
R.	C.29.a.7.9		-do-
S.	C.29.d.7.8		-do-
T.	N.24.a.8.5)		'A' Division.
U.	N.24.a.7.2)		-do-
V.	O.10.d.5.8		'B' Division.
W.	O.10.d.6.8		-do-
X.	O.11.a.6.1		-do-
Y.	O.18.b.5.4		-do-
Z.	N.19.d.8.6		'A' Division.
AA.	O.27.c.0.3		-do-
AB.	O.34.d.3.7		-do-

TABLE "B."

1.

Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition.

The following conventional terms have been used:- T = Tanks; XT. = All traffic except Tanks;
F.A. = Field Artillery; I.F. = Infantry in file.

Location.	Name.	Description.	To Carry	Responsibility for	
				Actual Demolition.	Orders for Demolition.
<u>BUSSY GROUP.</u>					
N. 5.b.4.1.	BUSSY 1.	2 Steel and timber bridges at old railway crossing over stream.	F.A.	6th Field Coy.	Reserve Division.
N. 5.b.1.9.	BUSSY 2.	Track over river. Bridge for F.A. mud road only.	F.A.	do.	do.
H.35.d.1.1.	BUSSY 3.	Footbridge.	I.F.	do.	do.
H.29.c.4.2.	BUSSY 4.	Track over river. Small timber bridge.	I.F.	do.	do.
<u>QUERRIEU GROUP.</u>					
H.23.b.2.2.	QUERRIEU 1.)	Track over stream 30' span with centre trestles and two small bridges.	F.A.	do.	do.
H.23.b.1.2.	" 2.)				
H.23.a.8.2.	" 3.)				
H.17.d.0.6.	" 4.	Track over river. 8' span brick work in bad condition.	F.A.	do.	do.
H.17.b.0.1.	" 5.	Road over river 21' span Masonry Arch bridge.	T.	do.	do.
H.17.b.3.7.	" 6.	Road over river 21'6" span heavy bridge.	T.	do.	do.
H.17.b.5.9.	" 7.	Road over river 21'6" span heavy bridge.	T.	do.	do.
H.11.b.7.2.	" 9.	Track over river. Small timber bridge rebuilt.	F.A.	do.	do.
H. 5.d.8.4.	" 10.	Track over river. 50' span by 8'6" wide, with centre trestle.	F.A.	do.	do.
H.23.a.7.0.	" 11.	Track over river 30' span with centre trestle.	F.A.	do.	do.
H.11.b.5.0.	" 12.	Track over river.	F.A.	do.	do.
H.23.a.8.2.	" 13.	QUERRIEU avoiding road S.	X.T.	do.	do.
<u>FRECHENCOURT GROUP.</u>					
B.30.a.0.2.	FRECHENCOURT 1.	Track over river. Timber bridge with centre tres.	F.A.	7th F. Coy.	do.
B.30.a.8.7.	" 2.	Road over river, brick arch 9' span.	X.T.	do.	do.
B.30.a.9.7.	" 3.	Small girder bridge.	X.T.	do.	do.
B.24.c.5.9.	" 4,5 & 6.	Track over river 30' span with centre trestle 2 small bridges.	F.A.	do.	do.
<u>CAMON GROUP.</u>					
M.16.d.5.5.	CAMON 1.	Road over river (new) 60' steel trusses on masonry abutments.	X.T.	5th F. Coy.	do.
M.16.b.2.2.	CAMON 2.	Road over river (existing) continuous girder bridge with centre pier.	8 tons 5 on 1 axle.	do.	do.
M.15.b.2.1.	CAMON 3.	Road over stream (existing) small steel bridge.	do.	do.	do.

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Location.	Name.	DESCRIPTION.	To Carry.	Responsibility for Actual Demolition.	Orders for Demolition.
<u>LONGUEAU GROUP.</u>					
M.22.b.6.1.	LONGUEAU 1.	Road over stream (new) 19' span girder bridge on Masonry abutments.	X.T.	5th F. Coy.	Reserve Div'n.
M.22.c.3.4.	" 2.	Road over river (new) "A" Heavy bridge.	X.T.	do.	do.
M.22.c.4.5.	" 3.	Road over river (existing) Masonry arch 38' span.	T.	do.	do.
M.21.b.2.2.	" 4.	Road over stream (existing) 2/20' masonry arches.	T.	do.	do.
I.21.b.2.2.	" 5.	Road over stream (new) NOT YET ERECTED.	T.	do.	do.
<u>CAGNY GROUP.</u>					
M.34.a.9.2.	CAGNY 1.	Road over river (new) 60' "A."	X.T.	do.	do.
M.34.a.8.4.	" 2.	Road over river (new) 60' "A."	X.T.	do.	do.
<u>TREUX GROUP.</u>					
J.5.b.5.9.	TREUX 2.	Road over river (existing) Masonry arch bridge 15' ring, 15' span.			"C" Division.
D.29.d.5.0.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing) 6 "I" beams 9" x 4".			do.
<u>MERICOURT GROUP.</u>					
J.4.b.9.3.	MERICOURT 1.	Railway over river (existing).			do.
J.4.c.7.9.	" 2.	Road over river (existing) steel girder bridge 18' span by 18 foot wide.	T.		do.
J.4.a.4.2.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing) brick arch bridge 8' span 20' wide arch ring 12"	T.		do.
J.3.c.9.7.	" 4.	Road over river (existing) brick arch 20' span by 18' wide 22" ring.	T.		do.
<u>HEILLY GROUP.</u>					
J.2.c.5.1.	HEILLY 1.	Track over river (new) 2 small trestle bridges and track connecting MERICOURT and HEILLY.	F.A.		do.
J.7.b.3.5.	" 2.	Road over river (existing) Masonry arch 8' span by 18' wide.	T.		do.
J.7.b.2.7.	" 3.	Road over river (existing) 8' span steel and concrete 20' wide.	T.		do.
J.7.cent.	" 4.	Track over river (new) 2 small timber bridges and track.	F.A.		do.
<u>BONNAY GROUP.</u>					
I.29.a.	BONNAY 1 & 2.	Track over river (new) small timber and Pontoon bridges and track.	F.A.		"B" Division.
I.23.c.	3, 4, 5 & 6.	Track over R. (new) 4 small timber bridges & track.	F.A.		"C" Division.

BONNAY GROUP (Continued)

TABLE "B." (continued). - Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition.

(3)

Location.	Name.	Description.	Responsibility for	
			To Carry.	Actual Demol'n. Orders for Demolition.
BONNAY GROUP (Continued).				
1.23.d.6.6.	BONNAY 7.	Road over railway (existing) brick and masonry arch.	T.	"C" Division.
1.23.b.6.4.	" 8.	Road over river (existing) reinforced concrete bridge 4 girders 12" x 12"	T.	do.
1.23.b.5.7.	" 9.	Road over stream (existing) 2 small masonry arches with central pier 15' roadway.	T.	do.
1.18.c.	10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.	Track over river (new) 5 small timber bds. & track.	F.A.	do.
LA NEUVILLE GROUP.				
1.33.c.6.1.	LA NEUVILLE 1.	Track over stream (existing) 4/9" x 3" RSJ. 14' span 12' wide.	F.A.	"B" Division.
1.33.d.9.7.	" 2.	Road over stream (existing) 3 girders and Jack arches 21' 6" span.	T.	do.
1.34.a.6.0.	" 3.	Road over stream (existing).	"	do.
1.28.c. & d.	5, 6, & 7.	Track over river (new) 3 small timber bds. and track.	F.A.	do.
CORBIE GROUP.				
0. 4.d.3.4.	CORBIE 1.	Tow-path over stream (existing).	I.F.	do.
0.11.a.0.9.	" 2.	Road over stream (exist.) masonry arch bds. 12' span.	T.	do.
0. 5.c.2.0.	" 4.	Road over stream (existing) brick arch bridge 20' span x 16' 3" roadway	T.	do.
0. 5.c.4.5.	" 6.	Road over stream (existing) steel girder bridge 50' span x 16' 6".	T.	do.
0. 5.c.4.5.	" 7.	Road over stream (new) 60' Mk. II	T.	do.
0. 5.c.7.8.	" 8.	Road over river (new) 21' 6" Class 'A' 10' wide replacing bridge destroyed by shell.	T.	do.
0. 5.c.7.8.	" 9.	Road over river (new) 21' 6" Mk. II.	T.	do.
DAOURS GROUP.				
0. 1.d.3.0.	DAOURS 1.	Road over railway (existing) masonry arch bridge over railway.	T.	do.
0. 1.c.2.3.	" 3.	Road over river (new) 60' Mk. II.	X.T.	do.
0. 1.c.2.5.	" 4.	Road over river (existing) Steel girder bridge 22' span x 20' wide.	T.	do.
0.1.a.2.1.	" 5.	Road over river. Heavy type Inglis.	16 ton axle.	do.
0.1.a.1.1.	" 6.	Road over river. Heavy type Inglis.	16 ton axle.	do.
0.5.d.8.3.	" 7.	Road over river (new) 90' Hopkins.	T.	do.

DAOURS GROUP (Continued).

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TABLE "B" (Continued). - Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition.

(4).

Location.	Name.	Description.	Responsibility for	
			To Carry.	Actual Demolition. Orders for Demolition.
DAOURS GROUP (Continued).				
N.6.d.8.5.	DAOURS 8.	Road over river (existing) 72' span steel trusses 20' wide on masonry abutments.	T.	"B" Division. do.
N.5.d.8.6.	DAOURS 11.	Track over river.	F.A.	
BLANGY GROUP.				
N.17.c.8.3.	BLANGY 1.	Trestle bridge and track over river.	F.A.	"A" Division. do. do. do. do.
N.16.c.8.2.	" 2.	Trestle bridge and track over river.	F.A.	
N.15.c.8.4.	" 5.	Tow-path over spill-way (existing) 3 small spans.	F.A.	
N.15.c.7.4.	" 6.	Trestle over lock (new).	F.A.	
N.15.c.5.4.	" 7.	Tow-path over stream (existing) light reinforced concrete bridge (150' long carrying tow-path).	F.A.	
N.15.c.2.4.	" 8.	Road over river (new) 2/16' Mk. II 2/21' 6" Mk. II.	T.	do. do.
GLISY GROUP.				
N.14.c.8.3.	GLISY 2.	Road over river 84' trestle girder bridge and slab road.	T.	do.
VILLERS GROUP.				
O.36.c.4.3.	VILLERS 1.	Road over rail (existing).	T.	do. do. do. do. do.
O.34.b.9.8.	" 2.*	Road over rail (existing).	T.	
O.28.d.3.4.	" 3.*	Road over rail (existing).	T.	
O.25.c.7.4.	" 4.	Road over rail (existing).	T.	
O.35.a.5.1.	" D.*	Rail over road.	T.	

* To be destroyed only under definite orders from AUSTRALIAN Corps.

TABLE C.

List of Bridges in Australian Corps Area capable
of carrying tanks.

Reference Map 62D.

QUERRIEU	5	H. 17. b. 0. 1
-do-	6	H. 17. b. 5. 7
-do-	7	H. 17. b. 5. 9
DAOURS.	1	O. 1. d. 3. 0
-do-	4	O. 1. c. 2. 5
-do-	7	N. 6. d. 3. 3
-do-	8	N. 6. d. 3. 5
LA NEUVILLE	2	I. 33. d. 9. 7
CORBIE.	2	O. 11. a. 0. 9
-do-	4	O. 5. c. 2. 0
-do-	6	O. 5. c. 4. 5
-do-	7	O. 5. c. 4. 5,
-do-	8	O. 5. c. 7. 8
-do-	9	O. 8. c. 7. 8.
HEILLY	2	J. 7. b. 3. 5
-do-	3	J. 7. b. 2. 7
-do-	5	J. 7. d. 4. 6
MERICOURT.	2	J. 4. c. 7. 9.
-do-	3	J. 4. a. 4. 2
-do-	4	J. 3. c. 9. 7
BONNAY.	7	I. 23. d. 6. 6
-do-	8	I. 23. b. 6. 4
-do-	9	I. 23. b. 3. 7
GLISY.	2	N. 14. c. 6. 3
LONGEAU	3	M. 22. c. 4. 5
-do-	4	M. 21. b. 2. 2
-do-	5	M. 21. b. 2. 2 (Not yet erected).
BLANGY	8	N. 15. c. 2. 4
VILLERS	1	O. 30. c. 4. 3
-do-	2	O. 34. b. 9. 8
-do-	3	O. 28. d. 3. 4

TABLE "D."

Serial No.	Location.	Responsibility for	
		Actual Dem.	Orders for Demol'n.
A.	Sheet 62D. O.2.b.8.2.	263 Railway Coy. R.E.	"E" Division.
B.	" " N.16.d.8.8.	do.	do.
C.	" " N.13.d.9.1.	do.	"A" Division.
H.	" " N.20.central.	do.	do.

TABLE "E." - Bridges and Road Mines prepared for demolition in or West of AMIENS.

Location.	Name.	Description.	To Carry.	Responsibility for	
				Actual Dem.	Orders Dem.
M.7.b.4.6.	AMIENS 1	Road over river. Bvde. de BEAUVILLE. 7 girders 80' span.	T.	2nd Aust.	O.E. Aust.
M.7.b.2.1.	" 2.	Road over canal. " " " 30' span with arch.	T.	Tunn. Co.	Corps.
R.12.a.6.3.	" 3.	Road over canal. Port d'Amont. 3/20' span masonry arches.	X.T.	do.	do.
R.12.a.3.4.	" 4.	Road over canal. Rue des Majots. 4 girders 30' span	T.	do.	do.
R.6.o.2.6.	" 5.	Road over canal. Bvde. BARABAN. 3 girders 40' span with jack arches.		do.	do.
R.5.d.8.7.	" 6.	Road over canal. Rue ST. LEU. 5 girders 30' span.	T.	do.	do.
R.5.d.2.7.	" 7.	Road over canal. Rue du JARDIN des PLANTES 30' span.	M.T.	do.	do.
R.5.d.0.7.	" 8.	Road over lock. Qui St. MAURICE.	F.A.	do.	do.
R.4.b.7.1.	" 9.	Road over canal. Rue du Chateau Milan. 2 lattice girders 80' span.		do.	do.
R.11.b.0.9.	" 10.	Road over canal. Pont St. Michel. 30' span brick arch.	M.T.	do.	do.
L.34.c.3.6.		Road over SOMME Canal. 22' span girder bridge 11' wide.	T.	do.	do.
L.3.b.6.5.		Road over R. CELLE. 26' span girder bridge 26' wide.	M.T.	do.	do.
R.4.a.1.1.		Road over R. CELLE. 24' span girder bridge 30' wide.	T.	do.	do.
R.4.c.9.6.		Road over R. CELLE. Masonry arch, 2 spans, 26' wide.	T.	do.	do.
R.5.d.cent.		Road over R. CELLE. 26' girder bridge, 16' wide.	T.	do.	do.
R.9.b.1.8.		Road over R. CELLE. 30' timber bridge, 23' wide.	M.T.	do.	do.
R.3.d.6.4.		Road over R. CELLE. 26' span Cl girders, 17' wide.	M.T.	do.	do.
R.10.a.1.0.		Road over R. CELLE. 30' span girder bridge, 27' wide.	M.T.	do.	do.
R.14.b.8.5.		Road over R. CELLE. 11' span timbers, 24' wide.	T.	do.	do.
R.14.c.2.1.		Road over R. CELLE. 26' span girder bridge, 15' wide.	M.T.	do.	do.
R.19.d.6.3.		Road over R. CELLE. 27' span masonry arch, 19'6" wide.	M.T.	do.	do.
R.25.a.9.1.		Road over R. CELLE. 20' 6" span reinforced concrete, 14' wide	T.	do.	do.
R.31.a.3.8.		Road over R. CELLE. 21' span girder bridge, 12' wide.	M.T.	do.	do.
R.31.a.4.8.		Road over R. CELLE. 21' 3" span girder bridge, 19'4" wide.	M.T.	do.	do.
Q.38.d.8.2.		Road over R. CELLE. 28' span reinforced concrete, 21'6" wide.	M.T.	do.	do.
S2E/W.6.b.5.7.	No. 1.	Road Mine. ...		do.	do.
X.1.b.6.3.	No. 2.	Road Mine. ...		do.	do.
R.21.c.2.2.	No. 3.	Road Mine. ...		do.	do.
R.15.a.4.7.	No. 4.	Road Mine. ...		do.	do.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

S E C R E T

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Headquarters,
24th June, 1918.INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 37.Organisation of Defences.

1. All previous instructions regarding the organisation of the 2nd and 3rd zone systems in the Corps area are cancelled and the following substituted:-

2. As the result of development in work, the 2nd zone defences within the Corps area will hereafter be organised as shown on the attached map. These defences are:-

A. North of the SOMME - three systems

- (i) 1st system.
- (ii) The Corps system.
- (iii) The Army system.

B. South of the SOMME - two systems

- (i) The Corps system.
- (ii) The Army system.

There is no 1st system south of the SOMME.

3. Details of these systems are as follows:-

First system.

Bridgehead defences in J.13. and 19.
A line to be constructed just East of HILLY to join the Southern end of ROADS sector.
ROADS sector.
FARM sector.
(All in "C" Divisional area).

Corps system.

AUBIGNY system and its support	-	"A" and "B" Division.
NEUVILLE sector about LA NEUVILLE	-	"B" Division.
BONNAY Sector	-	"C" Division.
FRANVILLERS system.	-	"C" Division.

Army system.

BLANGY system.
LA HOUSOYE system.
The village of BUSSY is inclusive to the Army system.
A reserve line and special defended localities are in process of construction.

(see Aust. Corps "Instructions for the Defensive No. 49" and map attached thereto, forwarded to C.R.A., C.R.E. and Brigades under cover of this office G.32/680, dated 14th June).

4. The 1st system, the Corps system, and the Army system will in future be colour-washed RED, BLUE and GREEN respectively.

P.T.O.

5. The switches within the Corps area are as follows, and are colour-washed in BROWN:-

A. Switches facing an attack from a North-easterly direction.

- (i) BRESLE - BAIZIEUX switch.
- (ii) The LA HOUSBOYE Switch - FRESH Switch.
- (iii) (West of the HALLUE) The FRECHENCOURT - ST. GRATIEN Switch, and the PONT NOYELLES - ST. GRATIEN Switch.

B. Switches facing an attack from a South-easterly direction.

- (i) AUBIGNY - BOIS Switch - NICOLAS sector.
- (ii) GLISY - BLANGY and TRONVILLE Switches.
- (iii) The NEUVILLE sector from LA NEUVILLE to the Army system.
- (iv) The FRANVILLERS system between the Corps and the Army systems, and the HEILLY sector.

6. The HALLUE defences within the Corps area will be formed into two sectors -

- (i) QUERRIEU Sector North.
- (ii) QUERRIEU Sector South.

The dividing line between these two sectors will be the tactical boundary between "B" and "C" Divisions. The Southern boundary of QUERRIEU Sector South will be the village of BUSSY exclusive.

The title of DAOURS Sector will be abolished.

7. Acknowledge.

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AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
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War Diary
SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WARNING ORDER.

Headquarters.
24th June 1918.

1. The Division will relieve the 3rd Aust.Div. in "A" Divisional Sector of the Aust.Corps front between the 26th and 29th June, command passing at 10 a.m. on 29th June.

2. Probable moves will be : -
June 26th.

7th A.I.Bde from ALLONVILLE area to Reserve Bde area to relieve 10th A.I.Bde., move to be complete by 12 noon.

Night 27/28th June.

7th A.I.Bde. relieves 11th A.I.Bde. in right Bde. sub-sector. Relief of M.G.Coy. in left Bde. sub-sector.

June 28th.

6th A.I.Bde. from QUERRIEU area to Reserve Bde. area to relieve 11th A.I.Bde.; move to be complete by 1 p.m.

June 28th and Night 28/29th.

5th A.I.Bde. from RIVERY area will relieve the 9th A.I.Bde. in the left Bde. sub-sector.

Relief of remainder of machine guns.

Note. The 9th A.I.Bde. has only three battalions. The 5th A.I.Bde. will therefore take over the present dispositions of the 9th A.I.Bde. with three battalions, and the fourth will be disposed in the BLANGY system East of BLANGY-TRONVILLE. To make room for this battalion the 6th A.I.Bde. will not take over this position from the Reserve Bde. but will have one battalion disposed in the GLISY system.

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Headquarters,
25th June, 1918.

Australian Corps. -----

Herewith particulars of prisoners and material captured by this Division since March 21st, 1918.

Prisoners Captured. -----

Brigade.	Officers.	O.r.	Total.	
5th A.I.Bde.	5	260	265 ^φ	^φ Includes 5 off. & 119 o.r. captured while under III Corps.
6th -do-	8	286	294	
7th -do-	5	317	322	
Total	18	863	881	

Material Captured. -----

Brigade.	M.G's.	M.W.	Granaten- werfer.	Range Finder	Grenade Rifle
5th A.I.Bde.	32 ^φ [⊙]	-	-	-	-
6th -do-	35	6	1	-	-
7th -do-	33	2	3	1	1
Total	100	8	4	1	1

^φ Includes 12 M.G's captured while under III Corps.

[⊙] Includes 1 Lewis Gun.

Major-General.
Commanding Second Australian Division.

W. A. Dwyer ✓

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 198.

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Reference Map:
Sheet 82D - 1/40,000.

Headquarters,
25th June, 1918.

1. The Division (less Artillery) will relieve the 3rd Aust. Division (less Artillery) in "A" Divisional Sector and area on the nights 27th/28th and 28th/29th June.

The relief will be carried out under the orders of the G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Division.

2. (a) The 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the Right Brigade Sub-sector on the night 27th/28th June.

(b) The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the Left Brigade Sub-sector on the night 28th/29th June.

(c) The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the Reserve Brigade on the 28th June and will be disposed as follows:-

3 Battalions in the ELANGY system with a nucleus garrison of 2 Companies in the AUBIGNY system,
1 Battalion in the GLISY system.

Command will pass on completion of reliefs which will be notified by wire to H.Q., 3rd Aust. Division, and repeated to H.Q., 2nd Aust. Div.

3. Moves and reliefs will be carried out in accordance with attached table.

4. Machine guns in the line will be relieved in accordance with attached table; remaining details of reliefs will be arranged mutually between the Machine Gun Battalion Commanders.

5. Details of reliefs of Engineer and Pioneer units, and of Medical units will be arranged by the C.R.E. and A.D.M.S. respectively.

6. The Troop, 13th A.L.H., and Platoon, Corps Cyclist En., attached 2nd Aust. Div. will relieve similar units attached 3rd Aust. Div. in accordance with arrangements to be made mutually between O's.C. concerned.

7. (a) On completion of relief the following Field Artillery will come under the orders of the G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Div.

3rd Aust. Div. Artillery.		
14th Army Brigade R.F.A.		
86th	do.	do.
23rd	do.	do.
179th	do.	do.

The G.R.A., 3rd Aust. Div. will continue to officiate in command of the Div. Artillery of "A" Divisional Sector.

(b) The 14th Brigade R.G.A. now affiliated to the 3rd Aust. Div. will, on completion of relief, become affiliated to the 2nd Aust. Division.

8. Administrative Instructions are being issued by "Q."

9. The G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Division will take over command of "A" Divisional Sector from the G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Division, at 10 a.m., 29th June, at which hour D.H.Q. will close at COISY and open at GLISY.

10. Acknowledge.

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MOVE AND RELIEF TABLE.

To accompany 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 198.

Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	In relief of.	Remarks.
June 26.	7th A.I.Bde.	ALLONVILLE Area.	Reserve Bde. Area.	10th A.I.Bde.	Via LAMOTTE - TRONVILLE. Head to be across SOMME by 12 noon.
Night 27/28 June.	7th A.I.Bde.	Reserve Bde. area.	LINE Right.	11th A.I.Bde.	
	Machine guns Left sub-Sec.		LINE Left.	M.Gs. of 3rd Aust.M.G.Bn.	
June 28.	6th A.I.Bde.	QUERRIEU Area.	Reserve Bde. area.	11th A.I.Bde.	Via TRONVILLE. Head to be across SOMME by 1 p.m.
Night 28/29 June.	5th A.I.Bde.	RIVERY Area.	Line Left.	9th A.I.Bde.	May stage in SOMME Valley.
	2 Coys. 6th A.I.Bde.	Reserve.	AUBIGNY system (nucleus garrison).	2 Coys. 10th A.I.Bde.	
	Machine guns Right Sub-sector.		LINE Right.	M.Gs. of 3rd Aust.M.G.Bn.	

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Location of Units at 6 a.m. 27th June 1918.

The following changes are notified to the last report (G360)

7th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	-	N.20.c.2.8.	GLISY.	Res. Bde. to 3rd A. Div.
25th Battalion.	-	N.28.b.30.55.		
26th do	-	N.34.d.80.55.		
27th do	-	N.22.a.9.0.		
28th do	-	N.23.a.90.10.		
7th A.L.T.M. Bty.	-	BLANGY TRONVILLE. Billet No 7.		
5th A.M.G. Coy.	-	N.13.d.5.7.		

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 for Lieut-Colonel.
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 Second Australian Division.

2nd Aust. D.H.Q.
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Location of Units at 6 a.m., 28th June, 1918.

The following changes are notified to the last report (G.360).

7th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	-	0.25.c.5.3.	LINE Right Sector.
25th Battalion.	-	0.28.c.8.5.	LINE Left.
26th do.	-	0.28.c.8.5.	LINE Right.
27th do.	-	0.26.c.9.3.	Support Left.
28th do.	-	0.26.c.9.3.	Support Right.
7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	0.27.c.10.45.	LINE.
7A Nucleus Battalion.	-	N. 7.a.6.8.	
5th A.M.G. Coy.	-	0.28.b.48.20.	Line Left Sector.
7th do.	-	N.13.d.5.7.	Reserve.
17th A.A.S.O.	-	M. 3.b.2.4.	

2nd Aust. Div. H.Q.,
27th June, 1918.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Location of Units at 10 a.m. 29th June 1918.

<u>DIVISIONAL.H.Q.</u>	-	N.20.d.7.4.	GLISY.	Dugouts.
<u>2nd Aust.Div.Art.H.Q.</u>	-	St GRATIEN.	Maire.	Under 5th Aust.Div.
4th A.F.A.Bde.	-	D.13.d.55.75.	In line.	do
5th do	-	J.1.c.5.1.	do	do
2nd Aust.D.A.C.	-	H.6.b.7.6.	do	do
<u>3rd Aust.Div.Art H.Q.</u>	-	GLISY.	Dugouts.	
7th A.F.A.Bde.	-	0.25.b.00.85.	}	Right Group.
8th do	-	N.24.b.2.6.		
86th Army Bde.R.F.A.	-	N.22.c.2.7.	}	Left Group.
23rd do	-	N.18.d.8.5.		
179th do	-	N.18.d.7.5.	-	Superimposed Bde.
14th do	-	0.13.c.3.9.	-	Reserve Bde.
3rd Aust.D.A.C.	-	N.14.c.5.5.		
3rd A.D.T.M.O.	-	N.24.b.2.7.		
<u>5th Aust.Inf.Bde.H.Q.</u>	-	(0.25.c.8.4.	Adv.	Line Left Sector.
17th Battalion.	-	(TRONVILLE Chateau.	Rear.	
18th do	-	0.24.c.3.3.	Line.	
19th do	-	0.24.c.3.3.	Support.	
20th do	-	N.23.a.9.1.	Reserve.	
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	0.28.b.8.8.	Reserve.	
5A Nucleus Bn.	-	0.22.a.7.7.	Line.	
Transport Lines.	-	RIVERY.		
	-	M.17.b. and M.18.a.		
<u>6th Aust.Inf.Bde.H.Q.</u>	-	N.20.d.2.8.	GLISY.	Reserve Bde.
21st Battalion.	-	N.28.b.3.5.		(Transport Lines) N.14.c.3.2.
22nd do	-	GLISY.	Glisy System.	T.L.N.13.b.9.5.
23rd do	-	N.34.d.8.5.		" M.18.d.cent.
24th do	-	N.22.a.9.0.		" N.13.c.3.5.
6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	BLANGY TRONVILLE.	Billet No.7.	
6A Nucleus Bn.	-	N.14.d.7.7.		
<u>7th Aust.Inf.Bde.H.Q.</u>	-	0.25.c.5.3.		Line Right Sector.
25th Battalion.	-	0.28.c.8.5.	Line Left.	
26th do	-	0.28.c.8.5.	Line Right.	
27th do	-	0.26.c.9.3.	Support Left.	
28th do	-	0.26.c.9.3.	Support Right.	
7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	0.27.c.10.45.	Line.	
7A Nucleus Bn.	-	N.7.a.6.8.		
	-	0.26.central.- cutting -(Adv)		
<u>2nd A.M.G.Battalion.</u>	-	GLISY. Billet No 45.	(Rear H.Q. N.13.d.15.65)	
5th A.M.G.Coy.	-	0.28.b.48.20.	Line Left Sector.	
6th do	-	N.30.c.87.00.	Line Centre Sector.	
7th do	-	0.27.c.10.33.	Line Right Sector.	
22nd do	-	N.13.d.50.70.	Reserve.	
Rear H.Q. all Coys.	-	N.13.d.05.60.	LAMOTTE.	
Transport Lines.	-	M.18.a and B.		
<u>C.R.E.</u>	-	GLISY		
5th Field Coy.A.E.	-	N.23.cent.		
6th do	-	N.22.a.9.2.		
7th do	-	0.25.d.3.7.		
2nd A.Pioneer Bn.	-	N.23.a.1.1.	Transport.	N.13.c.8.8.
<u>A.D.M.S.</u>	-	GLISY		
5th Aust.Field Amb.	-	M.5.c.2.5.		
6th do	-	St AUCHEL.	M.D.S. (AMIENS)	
7th do	-	N.26.d.1.3.	A.D.S.	
4th Aust.San'ty Sec.	-	CAGNY.	8 Rue Mallet.	

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2nd Aust.Div.Train.H.Q. G.11.d.4.0.
15th Coy.A.A.S.O. - M.16.b.4.7.
16th do - M.9.d.8.6.
17th do - M.4.a.4.4.
20th do - H.15.a.cent.

Miscellaneous.
Paymaster. - GLISY.
D.A.D.V.S. - do
A.P.M. - do
D.G.O. - do
D.Bomb Off. - M.2.b.4.2.
Mob.Vet.Section. - M.9.a.9.8.
Div.Salvage Coy. - N.20.d.10.45.
D.A.D.O.S. - H.1.a.1.3. Bois de Mai.
No 2 Aust.M.T.Coy. - SALEUX.
Div.Reinf't Camp. - BERTEAUCOURT-les-Dames.(LENS Sheet B.6.)
Div.Staging Camp. - M.10.d.6.2.
Div.Canteen. - CAMON.

Attached Troops.
Troops 13th A.L.H. - N.20.b.8.1.
Platoon.Aust.Corps }
Cyclist Bn. - N.20.b.4.0.

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Lieut-Colonel.
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Second Australian Division.

2nd Aust.D.H.Q.
28th June 1918.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 5.30 p.m., 28th to 5.30 p.m., 29th June, 1918.No. 156.NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.1. OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery.

18-pdrs. 500 rds. harassing fire during the evening on the following targets:- Railway in V.1.b., movement in V.14.b., dug-outs in V.14.a. and V.1.b. and c., trenches in V.1.a. and road junctions and M.Ws. in U.6.b.

1,420 rds. were fired on roads, approaches and centres of activity in P.29., P.22., P.26., P.27., P.28. and P.33., Cross Roads in V.1.a. and b., U.6.b., V.2.b. and V.14.b. - harassing fire during night.

1,900 rds. on enemy's lines opposite the Divisional Front between 2.30 a.m. and 3 a.m., chiefly in squares P.20., P.21., P.25., P.26. and P.27.

480 rds. searching fire on P.31., P.32. and P.33., V.1., V.2. and V.3. at 3.50 a.m. - additional harassing fire.

27 rds. were fired on dump at P.33.central.

60 rds. were fired by a forward gun on V.15.a., V.14.b. and V.16.a. Other targets engaged were Battery positions at P.23.d.1.1., H.Q. at P.22.b.8.5. and dump at P.22.b.3.1.

267 rds. Enemy's rear lines in Q.19.a. and c. - harassing fire from forward position at O.18.c.40.75.

4.5" Hows. 100 rds. between 2.30 a.m. and 3 a.m. - harassing fire on P.20., P.21., 25., 26. and 27.

100 rds. NC. and CG. gas shell on centre of activity P.29.c., occupied house at Road junction in P.28.b. and traffic centre in P.28.b.

20 rds. were fired on dump at P.27.b.75.10. 45 rds. on road from P.32.c.1.3. to P.32.c.9.0. 45 rds. on H.Q. at V.2.c.00.95.

45 rds. on V.1.a. and b. - harassing fire - 109 rds. BNC. on targets P.22.b. and P.28.a. 85 rds. BX. on targets P.22.b. and P.28.a.

88 rds. BX. on selected targets in V.1. and V.2. and P.31. and P.32. Other targets engaged were battery positions and approaches in the vicinity of MARCELCAVE.

(b) Trench Mortars. 6" Newtons fired 30 rds. on the strong point at O.36.d.8.9. and 15 rds. on enemy trench at U.5.b.65.15.

(c) Machine Guns. 8,000 rds. were expended on enemy communications at irregular intervals opposite the Right Sector. 2,000 rds. were fired on the road junction at P.26.d.2.4. and 3,000 rds. on VAIRE Wood.

(d) Aircraft. Active during the evening of 28th inst. A considerable amount of night flying was carried out. Inactive during the day on 29th inst.

(e) Patrols. Right Sector. Protective and liaison patrols operated during the night and report an enemy L.P. at U.5.b.85.45. and a M.G. post at U.5.b.60.10.

Reconnoitring patrols report as follows -

1. A patrol moving from P.31.a.25.70. to P.31.b.25.75., thence parallel to the enemy's line to P.25.d.25.45., saw a party of Germans digging what appeared to be a continuous line considerably in advance of their main line, under cover of a strong M.G. post.

2. A patrol leaving O.36.d.2.6. and moving northwards saw a party of 11 Germans at P.31.a.55.50., who disappeared on seeing our patrol - two of them disappeared at a post at P.31.a.8.5. from which flares were sent up later. Movement was seen in the trench at P.31.a.70.32., and a small party was seen moving in the open at P.31.a.1.3.

Left Sector. Protective patrols had nothing to report.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Nil.

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3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Moderately active throughout the night on forward areas. Quiet during the day. Areas affected were : -
Between 4 and 5 p.m. 25 rds. 10.5 cm on 0.35.b. and d from MARCELCAVE.
6.25 p.m. and 11 p.m. 65 rds. 10.5 cm were directed against VILLERS BRETONNEUX. 9.20 p.m. 60 rds. 77 mm fell in U.4.a. from direction of WARFUSEE. 10.5 p.m. 70 rds. 15 cm and 77 mm with a small proportion of Blue Cross Gas shell were scattered over 0.20.d and 0.28.b. - direction of fire WIENCOURT. At 10. 10 p.m. 90 rds. 10.5 cm and 77 mm, and at 11.20 p.m. 140 rds. 10.5 cm fell in 0.27.a. and b. 10.15 p.m. 100 rds. 10.5 cm and 77 mm fell in 0.33.a. and 0.34.a. 10.20 p.m. 60 rds. 15 cm on 0.30.a. and b from WARFUSEE. 11.15 p.m. trenches in 0.36. and P.25. were heavily shelled by 10.5 cm. and 77 mm. - approximately 270 rds. are reported to have fallen. 12.30 a.m. 40 rds. 15 cm. on 0.17. 2.45 a.m. 35 rds. 10.5 cm. fell in 0.9.d. and 0.15.b. Fire during the day was light and scattered between 2.50 p.m. and 3.40 p.m. 20 rds. 15 cm. T.H.E. were observed over 30th Battery position in 0.26.b. - direction of fire MARCELCAVE. The main road in 0.26., 0.27. and 0.28. received attention during the night also the Valley in 0.23.d. and 0.24.c.
Gas Shelling: 12 rds. YELLOW Cross on 0.35.a.3.4., 40 rds. YELLOW Cross on N.30.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet.6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) Trenches, as reported under patrols.
- (b) Machine Guns. Occasional bursts were fired during the night
- (c) M.W's. Were inactive.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Night bombing 'planes were active. At 11.25 p.m. 4 bombs were dropped in ARQUENNE WOOD. The AMIENS - VILLERS BRETONNEUX Road was also bombed during the night. Between 10.15 p.m. and 1 a.m. three heavy bombs were dropped near a battery which was carrying out special harassing fire. Hostile balloons were observed on T.Bs. of 108°, 1300, 1470, 1590 and 1610 from 0.36.c.35.65., 800, 1350 and 1450 from 0.30.b.3.0., 1590 from P.19.c.1.9. and 960 from 0.15.b.52.61. There was little activity during the day on 29th instant.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Beyond the usual individual movement in V.13.d. and V.14.a. and b. little movement was observed.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility, low during the morning of 29th instant, improving at midday.

At 10.15 a.m. smoke was seen rising from a chimney in MARCELCAVE on a T.B. of 98° from U.2.b.95.10.

During an enemy shoot on night 27th/28th on 0.22.c. several rounds were identified as 18-pdrs., having been fired from approx. P.27. One No. 80 fuze was recovered set at fuze 19.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES. (I.S. 192).

RANGE OF THE NEW GERMAN FIELD GUN.

The following information is derived from a captured range table for the 1916 pattern field gun:-

- (a) The "small" or reduced charge has been abolished.
- (b) A Charge No. 1, producing a lower muzzle velocity, has been substituted for the normal charge and is used with the short (1915) and long H.E. shell at ranges up to 6,561 yards only.
- (c) The long shell is not fired at ranges exceeding 6,561 yards on account of its inaccuracy at long ranges.
- (d) A charge No. 2, producing a somewhat higher muzzle velocity, has been substituted for the super-charge.

With No. 2 Charge and the ordinary (1915 H.E.) shell, the maximum range is now reduced from 10,389 yards to 9,952 yards; with streamline shell, the MAXIMUM RANGE has been INCREASED from 11,264 yards to 11,702 yards.

DISTINGUISHING MARK FOR PERSONNEL OF THE SIGNAL SERVICE.

A prisoner, recently captured, belonging to a regimental signalling detachment (Nachrichten-abteilung), bore a red letter N on the sleeve of his coat.

GENERAL.

Marked air activity on the front of the Third and Fourth Armies. The enemy appeared both desirous of preventing our reconnoitring their back areas as well as anxious to reconnoitre our own. As far as could be observed there appears to be no particular reason for this anxiety as movement on roads and railways was generally below normal in rear of the enemy's lines.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 38.

Right Flank Liaison.

Headquarters,
30th June, 1918

1. The following arrangements will be adhered to for maintaining liaison with the 37th French Division and for maintaining a continuous line of resistance on our Right flank.

2. International posts will be maintained as under:-

(a) FRONT LINE.

At least 1 Officer (French speaker) 1 N.C.O. and 10 men (with Lewis gun) of the Right Brigade, "A" Aust. Division, and one French section.

The whole to be commanded by the Australian Officer and to be regarded as one post, and to have duties and alarm posts so distributed that half of each nationality is on duty together at any one time.

(b) JUNCTION OF CACHY SWITCH and AUBIGNY SWITCH.

1 Sergeant (French speaker) and 10 men of the Right Brigade, "A" Aust. Division, and one Officer, one N.C.O. and 10 men of 37th French Division.

The whole to be commanded by the French Lieutenant and to be regarded as one post.

(c) International posts will be maintained in the AUBIGNY System (French "Intermediate" Position) and South of BOIS de BLANGY (French "Second" Position), the first named under the orders of the nearest Australian platoon commander, and the latter under the orders of the officer of the nearest French unit.

3. A permanent garrison will be maintained in the FRENCH Communication Trench (BOYAU des ALLIES) between the CACHY Switch and Front system as under:-

1 Platoon, Right Brigade, "A" Aust. Division.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Section (1 N.C.O. and 15 to 20 men) 37th French Division.

Under the command of an Australian Officer.

To be organised as one tactical unit and disposed so as to man the FRENCH Communication Trench and maintain a continuous fighting line from present Australian Front System to the CACHY Switch in the event of any enemy penetration of the French Front Line System.

The French $\frac{1}{2}$ Section should be posted nearest to the CACHY SWITCH.

4. Acknowledge.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. C.R.L.A., 3rd Aust. Div.	9. A.Q.	Lieut-Colonel, General Staff, Second Australian Division.
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3. 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.	11. Troop, 13th A.L.H.	17. French Liaison
4. 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	12. Platoon, Corps Cyc. Bn.	Off. attached
5. 6th do.	13. AUST. Corps.	2nd Aust. Div.
6. 7th do.	14. 3rd Aust. Div.	18. 8th Tank Bn.
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
30th June, 1918.HEADQUARTERS
2ND
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
(GENERAL STAFF.)G.13/362.GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No. 59.Protection against Gas.

In the past this sector has been subjected to very heavy gas bombardments, including quantities of "Mustard" gas, resulting in large numbers of casualties.

The following localities have received special attention from enemy gas:-

VILLERS-BRETONNEUX; "GAS VALLEY" in O.34; O.27.d. and O.33.b.; and BOIS l'ABBE in O.31, 32 and 33.

These are all places which will hold gas for considerable periods.

Only by the very strictest gas discipline, and care and proper use of anti gas equipment will heavy casualties be avoided. There are many well constructed gas proof dugouts in the sector, and proper use should be made of these.

All units down to companies should have definite standing orders for defence against gas bombardment, so that every individual will know exactly what to do. In the case of reserve and support troops, as far as the tactical situation permits, alternative positions on high ground should be chosen, and tracks leading to them reconnoitred. If this is done confusion will be avoided.

Unit Commanders will be responsible that there are enough gas sentries to alarm all troops, and that they are properly posted, and supplied with alarms.

Every assistance should be given to gas N.C.O's. in their work of supervising the anti gas equipment. Only energetic intelligent N.C.O's. should be employed for these duties, if the best results are to be obtained.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 157.

From 5.30 p.m., 29th to 5.30 p.m. 30th June, 1918.NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.1 OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery.

18 pdrs. 275 rds. registration of new S.O.S. line. 70 rds. on V.11.b. and d., and V.15.c.2.6. - harassing fire during evening by a forward gun. 74 rds. were fired on dugouts at V.1.b.20.76. and road junction at U.6.b.65.60., and dump in V.8.c. - destructive series. 75 rds. on movement in V.14.d. - dispersed and casualties inflicted. 1209 rds. were expended on selected targets in U.6.b.c. and d., roads and tracks in V.1.a. and b., V.2.a. and b., V.3.a., dugouts in V.1.b. and c., V.7. and V.14., roads and tracks in P.22., 26., 27., 28., 29., and 33., paying particular attention to Cross Roads at P.27.d.50.45., dump at P.27.c.4.3., trenches in P.32.a. and P.26.c., - harassing fire between 8.30 p.m. and 3.30 a.m. 1835 rds. with a small proportion of smoke shell were expended by 18 pdrs. between 3.40 a.m. and 3.55 a.m. on enemy lines commencing from S.O.S. plus 100 yds. and searching to a depth of 1500 yds. Other targets engaged by a forward section of 18 pdrs. were MARCELCAVE & WIENCOURT Villages, an active hostile battery at P.35.a.4.4., and trench from P.22.a.2.1. to P.22.a.5.2. 200 rds. were expended by an 18 pdr battery from a forward position in O.23.d. on P.30.c. and P.36.a.

4.5" Hows. 54 rds. were expended in registrations on V.1.b. and V.2.b. 262 rds. on targets P.33.central, Cross Roads in P.33.b., dugouts in V.2.a., H.Q. in V.2.c., dump in P.22.d., traffic centre in P.34.c. 135 rds. NC and CG gas shell on P.34.c., P.22.d. and P.21.d. 160 rds. NC, 60 rds. CG., 10 rds. BS and 124 rds BX harassing fire on Counter Preparation Zones from 3.40 to 3.55 a.m. 60 rds. BX on battery areas in P.15.b. and P.16.d., roads and approaches leading from WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT and H.Q. at P.22.b.8.5. 150 rds. NC and CG gas shell on the following targets :- Dumps in P.22.d. and P.32.c., centre of activity in P.21.d. and traffic routes in P.34.c. - harassing fire during the night.

(b) Trench Mortars. Activity nil.

(c) Machine Guns. The following targets were engaged:- P.14.d., Tracks, 1000 rds.; P.20.b., Tracks and Roads, 1000 rds.; P.27.a. and c. Tracks, 2000 rds.; U.6.c.45.25., Cross Roads, 1500 rds.; U.6.c.70.30., road, 1000 rds.; U.10.d.8.3., roads and rifle pits, 1000 rds.; U.5.d.4.1., roads and rifle pits 1500 rds.

(d) Aircraft. Active.(e) Patrols.

Right Sector. Patrol reconnoitred enemy line from railway to U.6.a.50.80., dispersing a wiring party at U.6.a.80.93., and crossing road at U.6.a.50.90.

1 Officer and 5 Other Ranks bombed listening post at U.5.b.85.45. and encountered enemy patrol, on which six casualties were inflicted.

Patrol left O.36.d.35.00. in N.E. direction and located M.G. post near CHALK PIT (O.36.b.8.2); another discovered enemy wiring party near P.31.a.45.90.

Left Sector. Patrol moving E. from P.20.c.1.4. encountered an enemy working party at P.20.c.4.4. Our party was fired on from P.20.c.4.5.

Patrol visited some old posts at P.25.b.8.6. and P.25.b.9.7. in which were some enemy dead. There were no signs of recent occupation.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Short concentrations of 4.2's and 5.9's. were placed on forward area at irregular intervals during period. 20 gas shells fell on O.22.a. and b. at 10 p.m., 20 on O.21.d. at 12.55 a.m. and 12 on O.16.a. at 3.25 a.m. The front line of the Left Brigade sector was shelled with 4.2's. from 10.10 p.m. to 10.20 p.m.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE - Calm.P.T.O.

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4. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. At 8 p.m. E.A. very active but were prevented ^{from} crossing our lines by our fighting 'planes. Bombing activity was active during night, bombs being dropped in U.2.b., O.15. and on CACHY.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. Patrol reports a gun near CHALK PIT (O.38.b.8.2.).
Flares. GREEN flares fired at noon when our T.M's. were registering; at 10 p.m. when T.M's. again fired, 4 GREEN flares brought down enemy artillery retaliation.

6. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION BEHIND ENEMY LINES. At 6 p.m. 2 wagons laden with hay moved N. along road in Q.30.a. Between 8.30 p.m. and 8.45 p.m. horse transport moved N. along road in W.8.b. and a line of transport along road in V.6.b. and d. towards WIENCOURT L'EQUIPEE. A party of the enemy in V.14.c.50.10. was engaged by 4.5" Hows. Three men were wounded and seen to be carried away on stretchers.

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

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Escape of French prisoner, who was captured in the offensive against the French in April last.

He escaped through our lines in P.31.a. at 2 a.m., 30:6:18. He had come on foot from CHAULNES, where he was engaged with other prisoners in building a camp.

Enemy Intentions. The prisoner stated that the Germans were formerly elated during the SOISSONS offensive, and used to jeer at the prisoners; now they were the reverse and very pessimistic. There was no talk of a further push amongst his guards.

Identifications. Prisoner's guards were first of all the "Badeners," who were then replaced by Prussians, the former going to the MONTDIDIER front.

Movements. Prisoner stated that 4 or 5 train loads of soldiers moved out from CHAULNES about 3 days ago bound, the men stated, for POLAND, where a revolt was said to be in progress.

Enemy defences. Prisoner passed through to our lines without hindrance, and although challenged twice, pushed straight on. He passed two batteries, but did not see any ammunition stacked near them or camouflaged in the neighbourhood. He admits to have avoided regular routes and tracks, but he stated he was surprised at the general quietness and lack of activity. He only met with one belt of wire, which was about 5 km. back from where he came through our lines. He encountered no trenches and no wire at the point where he passed into our lines.

This man was able to check the accuracy of the French Artillery long range fire on Chaulnes Railway Station.

Prisoner was handed over to the French, who will forward a further report on their examination of him.

Result of French raid near HANGARD. 4 prisoners from the 217th I.R., 225 I.D. (normal). North of this Regt. there is the 376th I.R., 109th Div. South of it the 373rd I.R., 225th I.D.

They complain of our gas. Last week they were issued new patches for their gas mask. A good many casualties were stated to be caused by our Artillery.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Location of Units at 6 a.m., 1st July, 1918.

DIVISIONAL H.Q.	- - N.20.d. 7. 4.	GLISY.	Dugouts.
2nd Aust. Div. Arty. H.Q.	ST. GRATIEN.	Maire.	Under 5th Aust. Div.
4th A.F.A. Bde.	- D.13.d.55.75.	In Line.	do.
5th do.	- J. 1.c. 5. 1.	In line.	do.
2nd Aust. D.A.C.	- H. 6.b. 7. 6.	In line.	do.
3rd Aust. D. Art. H.Q.	GLISY.	Dugouts.	
7th A.F.A. Bde.	- O.25.b.00.85.)	Right Group.	
8th do.	- N.24.b. 2. 6.)	Left Group.	
86th Army Bde. R.F.A.	N.22.c. 2. 7. }	Superimposed Bde.	
23rd do.	N.18.d. 8. 5. }	Reserve Bde.	
179th do.	- N.18.d. 7. 5.		
14th do.	- O.13.c. 3. 9.		
3rd Aust. D.A.C.	- N.14.c. 5. 5.		
3rd A.D.T.M.O.	- N.24.b. 2. 7.		
5th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	{ O.25.c.8. 4.	Adv. Line Left Sector.	
	{ TRONVILLE Chat.	Rear.	
17th Battalion.	- O.24.c. 3. 3.	LINE.	
18th do.	- O.24.c. 3. 3.	Support.	
19th do.	- N.23.a. 9. 1.	Reserve.	
20th do.	- O.28.b. 8. 8.	Reserve.	
5th A.L.T.M. Bty.	- O.22.a. 7. 7.	LINE.	
5A Nucleus Bn.	- RIVERY.		
Transport Lines.	- M.17.b. and M.18.a.		
6th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	N.20.d. 2. 8.	GLISY. Reserve Bde.	
21st Battalion.	- N.28.b. 3. 5.	(Transport Lines) N.14.c.3.2.	
22nd do.	- GLISY.	GLISY System.	
23rd do.	- N.34.d.8.5.	Transport Lines N.13.b.9.5.	
24th do.	- N.22.a.9.0.	do. M.18.d.central.	
6th A.L.T.M. Bty.	- N.14.d.4.7.	do. N.13.c.3.5.	
6A Nucleus Bn.	- N.14.d.7.7.		
7th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	O.25.c.5.3.	Line Right Sector.	
25th Battalion.	- O.28.c.8.5.	Line Left.	
26th do.	- O.28.c.8.5.	Line Right.	
27th do.	- O.26.c.9.3.	Support Left.	
28th do.	- O.26.c.9.3.	Support Right.	
7th A.L.T.M. Bty.	- O.27.c.10.45.	LINE.	
7A Nucleus Bn.	- N. 7.a.6.8.		
2nd A.M.G. Battalion	- GLISY Chateau.	(Rear H.Q., N.13.d.15.65.).	
5th A.M.G. Coy.	- O.28.b.48.20.	Line Left Sector.	
6th do.	- N.30.d.80.00.	Line Centre Sector.	
7th do.	- O.27.c.10.33.	Line Right Sector.	
22nd do.	- N.13.d.50.70.	Reserve.	
Rear H.Q., all Coys.	N.13.d.05.60.	LA MOTTE.	
Transport Lines.	- M.18.a. and b.		
C.R.E.	- GLISY.		
5th Field Coy. A.E.	N.23.central.	Transport Lines N.23.central.	
6th do.	- N.22.a.9.2.	Transport Lines N.14.d.9.8.	
7th do.	- O.25.d.3.7.	Transport Lines N.13.d.3.7.	
2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	N.23.a.1.1.	Transport Lines N.13.c.8.8.	

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A.D.M.S.	-	GLISY.	
5th Aust. Field Amb.	-	M. 5.c.2.5.	
6th do.	-	ST.AUCHEL.	M.D.S. (AMIENS).
7th do.	-	N.26.d.1.3.	A.D.S.
4th Aust. Sant. Sect.		CAGNY.	8 Rue Mallet.

2nd Aust. Div. Train H.Q.	G.11.d.4.0.
15th Coy. A.A.S.C.	M.16.b.4.7.
16th do.	M.9.d.8.6.
17th do.	M.4.a.4.4.
20th do.	H.15.a.central.

Miscellaneous.

Paymaster.	-	GLISY.
D.A.D.V.S.	-	GLISY.
A.P.M.	-	GLISY.
D.G.O.	-	GLISY.
Div. Bomb Officer.	-	M.2.b.4.2.
Mob. Vet. Section.	-	M. 9.e.9.8.
Div. Salvage Coy.	-	N.20.d.10.45.
D.A.D.C.S.	-	H. 1.e.1.3.
No. 2 Aust. M. T. Coy.		SALEUX.
Div. Reinfts. Camp.	-	BERTEAUCOURT-les-Dames. (LENS Sheet E.6.).
Div. Staging Camp.	-	M.10.d.6.2.
Div. Canteen.	-	CAMON.

Attached Troops.

Troop, 13th A.L.H.	-	N.20.b.4.2.
Platoon,		
Aust. Corps Cyclist Bn.		N.20.b.4.0.

M. P. Denning Lt.

Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

2nd Aust. Div. H.Q.,
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