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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.No. 186.From 5.30 p.m. 28th to 5.30 p.m. 29th July 1918.NOTE - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Movement on road in V.4.d. was dispersed, and other parties in V.14., and V.15., were sniped by 18 pdrs. At 8.50 p.m., at the request of the infantry, a hostile M.W. at U.6.c.50.20. was engaged. The enemy forward area was vigorously harassed throughout the night. At 5.10 a.m. and 6.10 am parties of Germans in P.23.a. were fired on and some casualties are reported. At 2.15 p.m. 18 pdrs. fired on movement in trench V.3.a.20.80., several direct hits being obtained on the trench.

(b) Trench Mortars. During the afternoon and night 28 rds. 6" Newton T.Ms. were fired on enemy post at U.6.c.40.20. 3" Stokes fired 20 rds. on enemy trench at P.33.a.2.9., 20 rds. on CRAFT TRENCH, and 50 rds. on JAFFA TRENCH, during the night.

(c) Machine Guns. Harassing fire was maintained throughout the night. Ration dumps reported in the locality of P.28.d. on the main road, were searched with 3,000 rds. The following targets were also engaged - Tracks in P.28.c., - 3,000 rds.; Road from WARFUSEE at P.29.a and c., harassed - 1,000 rds.; Tracks and trenches in P.23.a. searched - 1,000 rds.; Cross Roads in V.2.c., and roads in vicinity - 4,000 rds.; Tracks and trenches in V.2.b.40.00 - 6,000 rds.; Cross Roads at U.6.c.4.3. 2,000 rds.; Roads in U.11.d.80.80. to U.11.d. 80.50. - 2,000 rds.; Trenches and roads U.16.d. and U.17.c. - 2,000 rds.; Road U.17.c. enfiladed 2,000 rds.; Roads and tracks V.3.a.00.75., 1,500 rds.; U.12.b., 1,500 rds.; V.7.b. 1,500 rds.; U.6.c.80.28., 2,000 rds.; Cross Roads. V.3.a.00.75. - 1500 rds.; Light Railway V.2.b.35.15. - 1,500 rds.; Roads and tracks in V.2.d. enfiladed - 3,000 rds.; Roads and tracks V.3.a. - 1,500 rds.; Tracks and cuttings U.12.b. - 1,500 rds.; Road and cutting V.7.b. - 1,500 rds.; Tracks and trenches V.7.a. - 2,000 rds. Total expenditure - 47,000 rds.

(d) Aircraft. Normal activity.

(e) Patrols. (i) Right Bn. patrols report movement 300 yds. south of SYRIA TRENCH. Flares were fired at approx. 300 yds. from our line at intervals of 150 to 200 yds. The trench running S.W. from U.6.d.0.8., degenerates after 50 yds. into a series of holes, which finish about 40 yds. from the road. An enemy post is suspected at U.6.a.35.50. No enemy were encountered. A patrol moving S.W. down trench for 75 yds. from V.1.c.3.6. reports this trench only 2 feet deep, except for about 10 yds. Other patrols had nothing to report.

(ii) A patrol reported hammering in the vicinity of P.27.c.5. 2. Flares were fired frequently from P.27.c.5.2., and P.27.c.6.6. An active M.G. is also reported at the latter location. The enemy was not occupying the pot-holes or shell-holes W. of trench running from P.27.c.5.6. to P.27.c.8.4. A patrol failed to find any trace of the enemy in P.27.a. though flares are reported from a position near P.27.a.45.30.

(f) Snipers. Right Bde. claim four hits, and the left one hit.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Nil.

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4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Normal. The greatest activity was from 8.30 p.m. to 11 pm. The valley in O.35.c., VILLERS BRETONNEUX, MONUMENT WOOD, Railway Mound in V.1.b., received considerable attention during the night. Others areas shelled were APOLLO Support (apparent registration), VILLERS BRETONNEUX CHURCH, (also apparent registration at 9.30 a.m.), O.23., O.36., O.22., O.29., O.33., while P.20.c and d., P.25. and P.26. were also harassed. During the day a 10 cm. gun fired on trenches in N.30.c., and T.36.a., also on O.25.c., and O.31.a.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet, but alert.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) Work and Wire. A post has been located at U.6.c.35.50.
- (b) Trench Mortars. A L.M.W. registered on APOLLO Support. A few rounds also fell north of the Railway. A L.M.W. is reported at P.27.c.7.5. (Active)
- (c) Machine Guns. Locations at - V.1.b.90.35., and approx. V.7.b.8.3. On the left of the Right Bde., rifle grenade retaliation on enemy M.Gs quietened them considerably.
- (d) Flares. A large number were fired when the operation commenced North of the SOMME. Two reds appeared to be a call for barrage, and green flares still seem to signify 'lengthen range'.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Inactive.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

Normal individual movement is reported. Men were reported apparently carrying dugout timber to trenches in V.8.c., and V.14.b. There was individual movement on the Railway in V.2., and V.3. at 7.15.p.m. A dog was seen going from V.9.c. to V.8.b. A newly sawn tree and slight movement was observed at V.2.a.9.1. Trains were noticed in X.20. going N.E. at 7.35. a.m., and S. at 8.20 a.m. A train was also seen at V.12.d. A harvesting party of 12 was seen loading hay into G.S.wagons in V.5.a., at 3.30 p.m. This party was dispersed by our artillery. Large quantities of hay were seen being carted in rear areas.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

Visibility., poor.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES - follows.

ANNEXE TO SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 186.

TRENCH NOMENCLATURE.

The following names for trenches have been adopted:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Sheet.</u>	<u>Locality.</u>	<u>Corps.</u>
MONUMENT WOOD.	62.D.	U.6.a. and b.	
TORLOTTING TRENCH.	62.D.	U. 4.b. 1. 7. - U. 5.a. 2. 5.	
LIEUT. PONCOT TRENCH.	62.D.	U. 4.a. 9. 5. - U. 5.c. 2. 8.	
ARZEW TRENCH.	62.D.	U. 4.c. 6. 6. - U.10.a. 6. 8.	
ALBURY LINE.	62.D.	P.31.b.2. 5. - P.20.a.25.00.	Aust.
ALLEMANDE TRENCH.	62.D.	P.25.b. 3. C. - P.26.a. 7. 8.	"
ANGORA C.T.	62.D.	P.25.b. 7. 7. - P.26.a.10.45.	"
AMERICA C.T.	62.D.	P.25.b.80.25. - P.26.c. 1. 8.	"
ALICE C.T.	62.D.	P.20.c.10.25. - P.20.c.6. 2.	"
AMY C.T.	62.D.	P.26.a.30.95. - P.26.a.90.25.	"
ARMIDALE C.T.	62.D.	P.26.a.60.95. - P.20.d.30.18.	"
ASCOT C.T.	62.D.	P.20.d.30.15. - P.26.b. 4. 7.	"
AUSTRALIA SUPPORT.	62.D.	P.21.a. 7. 0. - P.26.c.55.35.	"
AILEEN C.T.	62.D.	P.21.c. 1. 3. - P.21.c. 5. 4.	"
ABANCOURT LINE.	62.D.	P.21.central. - P.27.c. 5. 4.	"
ARLETTE C.T.	62.D.	P.26.b.60.45. - P.27.a. 3. 7.	"
ALBERT C.T. (Cont.of)	62.D.	P.25.c. 2. 6. - P.26.c. 1. 6.	"
AVENEL C.T.	62.D.	P.31.a.6.3. - P.25.d. 4. 1.	"
ASHFIELD AVENUE.	62.D.	P.31.a. 6. 7. - P.31.b.20.45.	"
ALTONA Support.	62.D.	O.30.d.50.25. - P.31.b.20.45.	"
APOLLO Support.	62.D.	P.31.d.75.45. - P.31.b.90.40.	"
ACACIA Trench.	62.D.	V. 1.a. 7. 1. - P.27.c. 5. 3.	"
SYRIA TRENCH.	62.D.	O.5.central. - V. 1.a. 7. 1.	"
ALLENDALE SUPPORT.	62.D.	V. 1.a. 7. 1. - P.31.c.90.05.	"
ALAWA C.T.	62.D.	O.36.a. 3. 0. - O.36.b. 0. 3.	"
ALEXANDRA AVENUE.	62.D.	U. 5.b. 2. 4. - U. 5.b. 7. 2.	"
ALMA TRENCH.	62.D.	U. 5.c. 9. 8. - O.38.d. 7. 0.	"
ALPHINGTON TRENCH.	62.D.	U. 5.a. 9. 0. - O.35.d. 9. 2.	"
ALVINA C.T.	62.D.	O.35.d. 6. 3. - O.36.c. 4. 2.	"
ARAB C.T.	62.D.	O.36.d. 5. 3. - O.36.d. 8. 3.	"
ARAWATTA TRENCH.	62.D.	O.36.c.5.2. - P.25.central.	"
ARDMONA SWITCH.	62.D.	O.35.d. 0. 2. - O.35.d. 2. 2.	"
ASHBURTON TRENCH.	62.D.	O.36.d. 1. 3. - P.25.c. 5. 3.	"
ASPENDALE TRENCH.	62.D.	O.34.d. 2. 6. - O.35.a. 1. 2.	"
AUBURN C.T.	62.D.	O.34.b. 2. 3. - O.34.d. 7. 9.	"
AUSSIE Support.	62.D.	U. 6.a. 8. 9. - O.36.d. 4. 1.	"
AVOCA TRENCH	62.d.	O.36.d.8. 2. - P.31.c.9.0.	"
AXEDALE C.T.	62.D.	U. 6.a. 8. 9. - O.36.c.7.2.	"

(I.S. No. 222).

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

GERMAN RESERVES.

No fresh divisions were identified in the AISNE or RHEIMS Battle fronts yesterday.

As an additional division has been resting for 3 weeks in the Crown Prince's Group of Armies, and a fit division has been withdrawn into reserve, there are now 7 divisions available for immediate operations, in reserve. The number of fit divisions (29) in reserve in Prince RUPPRECHT'S Group of Armies remains unchanged.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES (Continued).EFFECT OF OUR BOMBING AND ARTILLERY FIRE.

A prisoner recently captured states that on July 11th or 12th, our artillery successfully set fire to and practically destroyed, a large ammunition dump north of the St. QUENTIN - AMIENS Road, just east of HERLEVILLE; the aerodrome just behind this dump was also wrecked.

The dump referred to is clearly FOUCAUCOURT, N.E. of HERLEVILLE: the aerodrome was very successfully bombed on the 15th July. (I.S. No. 222).

SITUATION.

At 12.30 a.m. 29th, our troops attacked on a front of approx. 4,000 yards between MORLANCOURT and SAILLY LAURETTE, and succeeded in gaining all objectives, penetrating to a depth of approx. 500 yards. Captures up to the present are: 4 Officers, 139 other ranks, 36 machine guns, and several trench mortars.

Three small counter-attacks against the Left attacking brigade were easily driven off, and 200 dead are reported opposite this brigade front.

MARNE BATTLE FRONT.

French report 9.30 p.m., 28th, -

Situation 7pm. South of the AISNE our troops who had surrounded BUZANCY were driven back by counter-attack.

The French have captured BUTTE - DE - CHALMONT north-east of OUGNY, and have crossed the OURCQ river at several points, occupying GIVRAY and station and town of FERE-en-TARDENOIS. SERGY doubtful. French hold RONCHERES.

Situation 9am. 29th. We attacked near GRAND ROGOY at 4am. The line reached at 6am. - BOIS de la TERRE A DOR, 1,500 metres north-west GRAND ROGOY - Hill 128. 1 km. south-east of GRAND ROGOY. 100 prisoners reported.

Severe fighting last night for SERGY, which changed hands several times, but is now held by us.

Heavy counter-attacks by a Guards Division at 8.30 p.m. 28th broke down under our fire. 54 prisoners taken in FERE-en-TARDENOIS.

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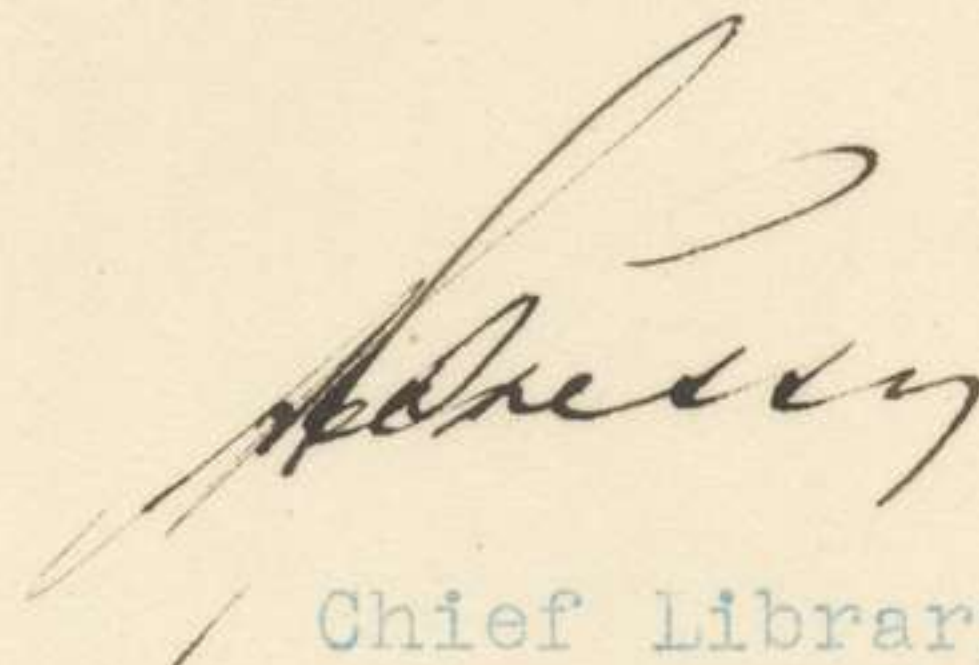
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Headquarters,
29th July, 1918.

Reference 1st Amendment to Instructions for the Defensive No. 42.

The battalion of the Reserve Brigade situated in the AUBIGNY system ceased to be under the tactical control of the G.O.C., Right Brigade, from the 28th instant, and reverts to the command of the G.O.C., Reserve Brigade.

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"A" DIVISION - AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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"A" DIVISION - AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

DEFENCE SCHEME.

SECTION "A."

DIVISIONAL AREA.

1. - The divisional front extends from U.5.central, on the right to P.21.a.9.0. on the left.
The Southern divisional boundary is an East and West line through U.5.central, as far West as T.1.a.9.0.
The Northern divisional boundary is an East and West line through P.21.central, as far West as N.20.central, thence to N.14.d.0.4.
The Western divisional boundary runs along railway from T.1.a.9.0. through squares T.1.a., M.36., 35., 34.b., 28., 22.d., 23., 24., N.19. to N.14.d.0.4.
2. - The points of special tactical importance within the divisional sector are -
 - (a) The village of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. This village is on commanding ground which overlooks our back area. Its capture by the enemy would endanger our positions to the North.
 - (b) The high ground North-east of VILLERS BRETONNEUX known as Hill 105. This is the most important feature South of the SOMME and its capture by the enemy would threaten all our defences in front of AMIENS.
3. - The divisional sector is divided into two brigade sub-sectors. The boundary between brigades runs from P.32.central, to O.30.central, to O.29.central, to crossing over railway at O.28.d.3.4., thence West along the North side of the main AMIENS Road.
The Right Brigade is responsible for the defence of the village of VILLERS BRETONNEUX; and the Left Brigade in conjunction with "B" Division for Hill 105.

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SECTION "B."

ORGANISATION OF DEFENCES.

1. The divisional area is divided into two main zones of defence, the forward zone and the second zone.

2. The Forward Zone comprises all works of defence East of the AUBIGNY system (exclusive).

This zone is divided into four main lines as shown on Map "A." -

Front line	...	-	coloured Red.
Support line	...	-	" Blue.
Reserve line	...	-	" Green.
Intermediate system	-	"	Brown.

3. The Front, Support and Reserve lines are all sited in front of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and Hill 105. TORLOTTING Trench and the BOYAU des ALLIES as far West as the CACHY Switch are included in the front and support lines respectively, for in the event of an attack on the French whose main line of resistance is the CACHY Switch, these two would become the front and support lines of our right flank defence.

4. The Intermediate system consists of a front and support line. Its southern portion includes Keeps "E" and "F" and is sited on the Western and Northern outskirts of VILLERS BRETONNEUX to prevent the enemy debouching from this village should it fall into his hands. Between this portion and the Reserve line are Keeps "A," "B," "C" and "D" which have been constructed to provide the inner defence of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. The Northern portion of the Intermediate system is sited for the close protection of Hill 105.

5. Besides these four main lines there are various communication trenches so sited that they can be used as switch lines for flank defence.

6. The front and support lines are partly continuous trenches and partly posts. The posts are in process of being linked up so that each line will be a continuous trench. Each line will be protected by a continuous belt of wire.

7. The reserve line and intermediate system are continuous trenches. The wire at present in front of them is being strengthened by the addition of some tactical wire.

8. The communication trenches that are sited as switch lines will be wired as time permits.

9. The Second Zone consists of two main systems called the Corps system (AUBIGNY system and its support) and the Army System (BLANGY system).

There are also two main switch lines, both of which are sited to face an attack from a South-easterly direction:-

- (a) AUBIGNY - BOIS Switch - NICHOLAS sector.
- (b) GLISY - BLANGY and TRONVILLE Switches.

10. The division is responsible for the organisation of the Forward Zone and for the construction of all works of defence therein. Work on the Second Zone is a Corps responsibility.

11. Attached Map "A" shows the existing works of defence within the divisional area.

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SECTION "C."DISPOSITION OF TROOPS.

1. The troops available for the defence of the divisional area consist of:-

One division (including Divisional Artillery).
 3 Field Artillery Brigades.
 One Troop Light Horse.
 One Platoon Cyclists.

Locations of headquarters of all units are shown in Appendix I.

In addition to the above, one company of Tanks is available to assist the division. Details are given in Appendix II.

Infantry.

2. Each Brigade sub-sector is held by one Infantry Brigade with a group of machine guns allotted to it.

The troops in the brigade sub-sectors are disposed as follows:-

Right Brigade.

"A" and "B" Battalions in the line.

"C" Battalion, Support Right, finds nucleus garrisons for TORLOTTING Trench and BOYAU des ALLIES and the garrison for the international post at U.4.a.9.6.

"D" Battalion, Support Left, provides the garrisons for Keeps A, B, C and D.

Nucleus garrisons are provided for the Reserve Line and Intermediate system.

The remainder of the troops of "C" and "D" Battalions are available for counter-attack.

~~One battalion of the Reserve Brigade, disposed in the AUBIGNY system, is under the tactical control of the G.O.C., Right Brigade and is available for counter-attack, but will not be used for holding the line.~~

Left Brigade.

"A" and "B" Battalions in the line.

"C" Battalion support.

"D" Battalion in reserve.

Nucleus garrisons are provided for the Reserve Line and Intermediate system.

The remainder of "C" and "D" Battalions are available for counter-attack.

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3. The Reserve Brigade is disposed as follows:-

"A" Battalion in the AUBIGNY system between the railway in O.27. and the Northern divisional boundary. ~~This battalion is under the tactical control of the G.O.C., Right Brigade.~~

Two companies "B" Battalion in the AUBIGNY system, providing nucleus garrisons for this system (including the international post at U.1.a.9.3.).

"B" Battalion (less 2 Coys.), "C" and "D" Battalions in the BLANGY system.

4. Special provisions have been made for liaison with the French Division on our right and for right flank protection. Details are given in Appendix III.

5. Dispositions of Infantry Units are shown on Map "B."

Machine Guns.

6. Three companies plus one section are employed in the line. These are divided into two groups, one in each brigade sub-sector, under the tactical control of the Brigadier.

One company (less 1 section) is held as a mobile reserve.

7. Dispositions of machine guns are shown on Map "C."

Artillery.

8. The Field Artillery covering the divisional front consists of five brigades.

Of these, four are emplaced for normal work and are divided into two groups of two brigades each, each group covering one brigade sub-sector.

The fifth brigade is held in mobile reserve.

Dispositions of batteries are shown in Appendix IV.

9. One Heavy Artillery Brigade is affiliated to the division. The Brigade Commander keeps in close touch with the C.R.A. who informs him of the requirements of the division.

Engineers and Pioneers.

10. One Field Company is allotted for work in co-operation with each brigade in the line.

The remaining company and the Pioneer Battalion work directly under the orders of the C.R.E.

The Pioneer Battalion provides guards for road mines and bridges as shown in Tables "A" and "B" attached to Section "M."

SECTION "D."PRINCIPLES OF DEFENCE.

The following principles will be adopted in holding the line:-

1. The front line will be held as thinly as is consistent with security.
2. All troops will be distributed in depth. This includes Infantry, Machine Guns and Artillery.
3. A proportion of between about 20 and 50 per cent of machine guns will be so sited as to be able to bring direct fire (enfilade for preference) to bear on the enemy before he reaches our front line.
4. Machine guns will be prepared to fight to the last to form pivots for the defence.
5. In the event of our front line being heavily bombarded troops will not fall back or move to a flank to escape this, but will move forward and take cover in shell holes, etc.
6. Active patrolling will be carried out to retain control of No-man's-land and to gain early information of any intended action on the part of the enemy.
7. All systems of defence will be provided with nucleus garrisons. These garrisons will not move forward for counter-attack, but will act as a screen behind which counter-attack troops will form up, or as a rallying point in the event of troops in front being forced back.
8. Troops will not fall back from one line to any other line. All ground will be defended as long as possible whether the flanks are turned or not.
9. All Commanders will be prepared to form a defensive flank in the event of the troops on their flank being driven back.
10. All Commanders will keep a reserve in hand with which to carry out counter-attacks.
11. In carrying out counter-attacks to regain any portion of our line that has been lost, the guiding principle will be to reinforce the troops that are holding out on either flank and to attack the enemy in flank, instead of delivering a frontal counter-attack.
12. There will be no withdrawal without orders from higher authority.

ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK.

1. There are three kinds of attack which may be anticipated -
 - (a) A Raid.
 - (b) An attack on a minor scale to capture some locality, accompanied by a bombardment.
 - (c) A serious attack preceded by a heavy bombardment.
2. As regards (a) a good system of listening posts and active patrolling should give warning of the enemy's intentions.
3. As regards (b) the extent and intensity of the enemy's bombardment, if closely observed, should give an indication of his objective and enable preparations for counter-attack to be made before the attack is delivered.
4. As regards (c) it is unlikely that such an attack will come as a surprise and Commanders will have time to make suitable dispositions.
5. (a) Should the enemy succeed in effecting a lodgment in any portion of our front line, an immediate counter-attack will be undertaken by battalion or brigade reserves with the object of driving him out.
 - (b) The first consideration must be to decisively repulse the enemy before he has time to consolidate his position.
 - (c) Plans will be worked out with the Artillery to shorten the S.O.S. barrage as may become necessary in any particular locality, in order to provide a creeping barrage in front of an immediate counter-attack.
 - (d) Organised bombing parties in co-operation with trench mortars will be held in readiness to recover any part of the continuous trenches which may be occupied by the enemy. In such an operation machine guns must be moved as the situation demands to deal with the enemy on the exposed flank of the bombers.
 - (e) The positions vacated by counter-attacking troops must be at once occupied by a general movement from the rear forward.
 - (f) Plans for immediate counter-attacks will be thought out beforehand, and all ranks of the counter-attack troops must know every detail of their duties and what is expected of them.
6. Should the immediate counter-attack fail, the captured portion of our trenches must be isolated by blocking, and support trenches firmly held until more deliberate preparations can be made.

The Infantry must do their utmost to reconnoitre and report the exact position held by the enemy so that our artillery may bombard the captured trenches with precision; thus further counter-attacks by our reserves will be executed under the most favourable conditions.

Artillery fire will not be opened on the captured trenches without the sanction of the Brigadier concerned.
7. In the event of an immediate counter-attack not succeeding in driving the enemy out a deliberate counter-attack will be undertaken under orders from D.H.Q. It will be some hours before this deliberate attack can be launched. It will be carried out with Artillery support and may be preceded by a bombardment.

Tanks are available to assist if required.
8. The Field Companies affiliated to Brigades in the line will report to the Brigadier concerned for instructions.

SECTION "F."

ROLE OF DIVISIONAL RESERVES.

1. The Divisional Reserves consist of -

Troop 13th A.L.H. Regt.
 Platoon Corps Cyclist Bn.
 One Field Coy. A.E.
 Reserve Brigade (~~less one Bn.~~).
 One M. G. Coy. (less one section).
 Pioneer Battalion.

2. The Troop Light Horse and Platoon Cyclists will be prepared to move forward to assist either flank of the division or they may be employed on communication duties or as guides.

3. The Field Coy. Engineers will assemble at their company bivouacs. They will be prepared to act under the orders of the C.R.E.

4. Reserve Brigade. ~~One battalion is under the tactical control of the G.O.C., Right Brigade, and is therefore not available as a divisional reserve.~~ The remainder of the brigade may be required to man the AUBIGNY system or to continue any flank protection from the AUBIGNY to the BLANGY system.

The normal role of this brigade will be to carry out a deliberate counter-attack under orders from D.H.Q. ^{either} on the front of the division or on its immediate flanks.

Positions of readiness for the brigade will be selected near its present position.

Approximate assembly areas for counter-attack will be -

No. 1. O.16. - O.17. For an attack in a South-easterly direction North of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

No. 2. Line of the CACHY - FOUILLOY road North of the railway. For an attack in an Easterly direction North of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

No. 3. O.32. - U.2. For an attack South of the BOIS L'ABBE.

5. Machine Gun Company (less one section). This company will be prepared to operate in any portion of the divisional front. It may be allotted to the Reserve Brigade if the latter has to man the AUBIGNY system or is ordered to carry out a counter-attack.

6. Pioneer Battalion. The Pioneer Battalion will not normally be employed for counter-attack unless the situation is critical, but if necessary may be required to reinforce or hold any portion of the forward defences.

NOTE. - One brigade of the reserve division provides nucleus garrisons for the BLANGY system and is prepared to man this system if required, or it may be employed to assist the division in carrying out a deliberate counter-attack.

SECTION "G."S.O.S. ARRANGEMENTS.Field Artillery.

1. The S.O.S. lines for the four brigades covering the divisional front are as follows:-

U. 5.d. 5. 0. - V. 1.c.40.15. - V. 1.d.95.95. -
 P.32.d. 1. 8. - P.32.b.90.15. - P.27.d. 0. 0. -
 P.21.d. 0. 0. - P.21.d.35.65. - P.22.a. 2. 0.

All 18-pdr. batteries are prepared to cover any portion of the S.O.S. lines.

2. On receipt of the S.O.S. signal or message, fire will be opened at once at the following rates:-

For first 8 minutes - 4 rds. per gun per minute.
 For next 7 minutes - 3 rds. per gun per minute.

All fire will cease at the end of fifteen minutes unless the S.O.S. signal is repeated after the opening of fire, when the maximum rate of fire will be reverted to and the procedure as laid down above carried out.

Machine Guns.

2. Indirect fire machine guns are laid on S.O.S. barrage lines. These are shown on Map "C."

4. On receipt of the S.O.S. signal or message fire will be opened at once, rate of fire 250 rounds per gun per minute for first ten minutes, then 50 rounds per gun per minute for next five minutes. Fire will cease after 15 minutes unless the S.O.S. signal is repeated, when the programme will be at once started afresh.

General.

5. If an S.O.S. call is sent by signal it will be confirmed at once by wire if possible.

6. In foggy weather, when there is a doubt of the possibility of the S.O.S. Signal being seen, heavy rifle and machine gun fire in the front system will be treated as an S.O.S. signal, and fire will be opened by Artillery and machine guns opposite the front affected.

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

The aeroplane will fly towards the direction of the impending attack, sound the Klaxon horn, and throw out in the same direction a WHITE PARACHUTE FLARE which will remain in the air about two minutes

The usual S.O.S. call will be sent down to the Artillery.

SECTION "H."

COUNTER-PREPARATION.

1. The object of counter-preparation is to break up the enemy's threatened attack before it has time to materialise, and this is best effected by searching all likely assembly places and bringing the maximum amount of fire on to areas over which he has to move. Firing on S.O.S. lines would not have the desired effect, but immediately the enemy is seen to leave his trenches all guns will, if on counter-preparation, come back on to their S.O.S. lines.

2. The principles on which counter-preparation is based are therefore:-

(a) The delivery of a maximum of harassing fire and of counter-battery action at one stage.

(b) At another stage a concentration of annihilating fire against all probable places of assembly and areas over which enemy movement must take place prior to an attack.

3. Counter-Battery Action.

It may be anticipated that the infantry attack will be preceded by a heavy bombardment. This will be met by vigorous counter-battery action, gas constituting, as far as possible, the main means of neutralising the enemy artillery activity.

4. Harassing Fire.

This fire will not be evenly distributed along the front but concentrated for effect where most required. Certain areas have been selected for harassing fire where it is expected that the best results will be obtained. These will be changed from time to time as considered necessary. The areas at present dealt with by Field and Heavy Artillery are shown in Appendix III.

5. Annihilating Fire.

In order to facilitate the production of the heaviest possible fire on any front at short notice the divisional front has been divided into certain lanes. These lanes are bounded on the West by a line known as the "START" line which for Field Artillery is 100 yards and for Heavy Artillery 600 yards beyond and parallel to the S.O.S. line. The lanes are divided into zones of 500 yards in depth beginning from the "START" line and extending back 4 zones, i.e., 2,000 yards. These zones are lettered from West to East, A, B, C and D for Field Artillery, and B, C, D and E for Heavy Artillery.

Annihilating fire will take the form of a creeping barrage over any or all of these lanes and zones at the rate of 100 yards in 2 minutes. The operation will be repeated as often as may seem necessary.

6. Orders for counter-preparation will take the following form:-

(a) Effect counter-preparation Phase 1 from to
(or, from beginning of enemy bombardment).

(b) Effect counter-preparation Phase 2 at plus hours
from beginning of enemy bombardment for minutes.

7. Counter-preparation in accordance with the above scheme will be put into operation on orders from Corps Headquarters when information indicates attack is imminent, or whenever the situation makes such action desirable.

SECTION "J."LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS.Between British and French.

1. The following liaison officers are employed and regularly visit the corresponding units of the other division:-

- (a) At "A" Division Headquarters - French Liaison Officer.
At French Division Head Qrs. - British Liaison Officer.
- (b) At French Divisional Artillery (A.G.D.) Headquarters -
An Australian Artillery Liaison Officer.
A French Artillery Officer.
- (c) At French A.D. Headquarters (corresponding to our
Artillery Group), located at Left French Infantry
Brigade - A French Liaison Officer.
- (d) At Right Infantry Brigade Headquarters -
A French Liaison Officer.
At Left French Regimental Headquarters -
A French Liaison Officer.
An Australian Officer.
- (e) At Right Infantry Battalion Headquarters -
A French Liaison Officer.
At Left French Infantry Battalion Headquarters. -
A French Liaison Officer.

Artillery and Infantry.

2. The Right Artillery Group has a liaison officer living at Right Infantry Brigade Headquarters.

The Left Artillery Group is located in the same dug-out as Left Infantry Brigade Headquarters.

Each Artillery Group maintains a liaison officer with each battalion in the line whose front it is covering. These liaison officers remain at the Infantry Battalion Headquarters at night, but may be used as F.O.O's. during the day.

Between Infantry Units.

3. The two line Brigade Headquarters are together. The Left Brigade will maintain liaison with the Brigade Headquarters next on the Left by means of an officer definitely detailed for this duty.

4. The Reserve Infantry Brigade will be responsible for the maintenance of liaison with line brigades.

5. Each battalion in the line will detail one officer whose duty it will be to maintain liaison with the battalions of whatever formation on both flanks.

6. Each battalion in rear will be responsible for the maintenance of liaison with the unit in front, that is, support battalions with line battalions, and reserve battalions with support battalions, and an officer will be definitely detailed to carry out this duty in each case.

SECTION "K."ANTI-GAS DEFENCE.

1. The pamphlet S.S.534 - "Defence against Gas" - will be taken as a general guide for gas measures in present divisional sector.

2. The Western boundaries of the Gas zones of the present Corps area are as follows:-

Alert Zone.

SENLIS - V.22.central. - HENENCOURT -
D.3.b.3.0. - BRESLE - HEILLY - BONNAY -
LA NEUVILLE - AUBIGNY - O.14.central. -
O.19.b.8.0. - Railway at O.25.c.7.4. -
T.6.central.

Ready Zone.

VADENCOURT WOOD - C.3.central. - BAIZIEUX -
FRANVILLERS - LA HOUSOYE - BUSSY - GLISY -
T.2.central.

Precautionary Zone.

RUBEMPRE - Thence to PIERREGOT -
RAINNEVILLE - AMIENS Road - AMIENS
inclusive.

The limits of these zones are marked in the divisional area by notice boards.

SECTION "L."ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

1. Protection against low-flying enemy aircraft in forward area will be mainly obtained from the fire of anti-aircraft Lewis and Vickers Guns.

2. Anti-aircraft defences will accordingly be organised on the following lines:-

(i) 1st Echelon.

(a) Lewis guns placed 200 - 500 yards behind the front system according to the ground. Single guns not more than 800 yards apart and guns in groups of two or more not more than 1,500 yards apart.

(b) Stokes Mortars whenever the situation permits.

(ii) 2nd Echelon.

(a) Vickers or Lewis Guns. Vickers guns so employed, however, must be in such positions as will enable them to play their part in the general scheme of defence.

(b) Guns to be placed 1,500 - 2,000 yards behind the first system of the forward zone, single guns being not more than 800 yards apart and guns in groups of two or more not more than 1,500 yards apart.

(iii) 3rd Echelon.

(a) Artillery protection, both Field and Heavy, by Lewis Guns (Artillery allotment).

(b) Guns to be placed not further than 200 - 300 yards from battery position in groups of two or more and not more than 1,500 yards apart.

(iv) - Units in rest billets, camps and horse lines in areas in rear of the forward zone will provide for their own defence under the orders of the Unit Commanders. They will only engage enemy aircraft by day or night when such aircraft clearly disclose their hostile identity. They will not co-operate in general actions against enemy aircraft.

3. There are two anti-aircraft batteries, armed with 13-pdr. 9 Cwt. guns, responsible for the defence of Corps area. A section of one of these batteries moves to AMIENS each night. AMIENS is a special A.A. defence area, and all the A.A. Searchlights in the Corps area are engaged in its defence.

4. Attached Map "D" shows the dispositions of anti-aircraft machine guns within the divisional area.

SECTION "M."
DEMOLITIONS.

1. The following tables (Appendix VI) attached hereto show places at which preparations have been made for demolition of roads and bridges in the divisional area, also the units responsible for actual demolition and for orders for demolition.

Table "A" - Road demolitions.
Table "B" - Bridges.
Table "C" - Railway carrying bridges.

2. Certain bridges (marked "T" in Table "B") will carry tanks. The tanks, which will normally be amongst the last to cross these bridges, have orders to cover, firstly from the Southern bank and then from the Northern 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.

3. The bridges known as VILLERS 2, 3 and D in VILLERS BRETONNEUX will be prepared for demolition to the extent that charges will be put in place without leads and fuzes. These bridges are not to be destroyed in the event of a successful local attack on VILLERS BRETONNEUX, but only under definite orders from Divisional Headquarters.

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

5. Officers in charge of bridge demolition parties will get into touch with the infantry brigades and arrange that officers commanding rear guards will inform bridgehead parties when the rear guards are clear of the bridges.

6. The C.I.A. will inform the C.R.E. of the number of guns it is proposed to bring over each bridge. The C.R.A. will arrange for an officer to supervise the crossing of field artillery at each bridge. These officers will be provided with complete information as to what guns are allotted to the bridge to which each is detailed. They will inform the bridge guards when all the artillery for which they are responsible has crossed.

Similarly Heavy Artillery officers are carrying out the same duties as regards the heavy artillery.

7. Brigadiers are responsible for issuing the actual instructions for the carrying out of the demolitions to the officers of units in charge of demolitions in accordance with Tables "A" and "B," at the same time advising D.H.Q. of the issue of such instructions.

It will depend on the situation as to whether the responsibility for giving orders for the demolition of the bridges in the BLANGY and GLISY groups is delegated to brigades.

8. 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.Os. in charge of demolitions will give the orders for actual demolition at their own discretion.

SECTION " N " .SIGNAL ARRANGEMENTS .1. COMMUNICATIONS - TELEPHONIC and TELEGRAPHIC.

- (a) Corps to Division. - Two pairs on a shallow buried cable route (3 foot) from GLISY, joining a permanent wire route at the main AMIENS-ALBERT Road and re-entering a shallow buried route leading into BERTANGLES.

- (b) Forward Lines. - From Division to Infantry Brigades in line communication is by buried cable (6 ft. deep) on a route running from GLISY to "B.Y." Test Point (O.25.c.8.3.), and thence through the Advanced Brigade Positions to the Headquarters of two Support Battalions of Right Brigade (VBX Test Point).

From this point the cable route divides into two separate routes, one in each brigade area, running to the Right and Left Line Battalions of Divisional front respectively. In Left Brigade Sector this route also provides communication for the Reserve, Support and Line Right Battalions of that Brigade.

- (c) Forward of Battalions, ground cables exist, providing communication to the Signal offices of lower formations.
- (d) From "B G" Test Point (O.25.b.0.8.) a lateral cable route has been commenced and is completed as far as "A F" Test Point, (O.15.d.2.3.). This route provides communication for the Right and Left Artillery Groups and Field Artillery Brigades, connecting them to the two Infantry Brigade Headquarters.
- (e) A "7 pair brass" cable route from GLISY to TRONVILLE Chateau establishes communication with the Rear Brigade position at that point, and from there a shallow buried cable route, 3 feet deep, runs to the Line Infantry Brigade Headquarters, thus providing an alternate route from Division to the Brigades forward.
- (f) Lateral Lines. - The Division on the Left Flank is connected direct on a three foot shallow buried route running from GLISY to BUSSY-les-DAOURS.
The French Division on the right is connected direct by morse and telephone on a poled cable route from GLISY. Each Infantry Brigade, Artillery Group and Brigade, Battery and Battalion is connected laterally, either on buried cable route or by ground cable.
- (g) The Reserve Brigade, located at GLISY, is connected direct to the Divisional Exchange on a local line.

2. WIRELESS, AMPLIFIER and POWER BUZZERS.

Stations are disposed as follows :-

Wilson Set	-	Div. Hd. Qrs.	-	GLISY.
C.W. Set.	-	" " "	-	GLISY.
" "	-	2nd Aust.Div. Artillery	-	GLISY.
" "	-	Artillery Sub-Group	-	O.19.d.5.8.
" "	-	Batteries "L" Group	-	O.15.a.8.8.

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2. WIRELESS, AMPLIFIER and POWER BUZZERS (ctd.).

Trench Set	-	"R" Bde. Headquarters	-	0.25.c.4.3.
" "	-	Two Sup. Bns. "R" Bde.	-	0.28.c.8.5.
P.B. & "Amp."	-	" " " " "	-	0.28.c.8.5.
" "	-	"R" Bn., "R" Bde.	-	0.35.d.2.4.
" "	-	"L" Bn. in line, "L" Bde.	-	P.19.c.2.2.
" "	-	Two companies, "L" Bn. "L" Bde.	-	P.20.d.4.3.
" "	-	Two Bns. "L" Brigade	-	0.24.c.3.3.

All Power Buzzer and Amplifier, and Wireless Stations are up and down working.

3. VISUAL. - The Central Visual Station is established at N.30.a.5.3. and is in direct communication with the two Infantry Brigades in line, the Brigade Visual Station at 0.26.b.7.2., and the Divisional Headquarters Visual Station at GLISY.

Visual communications are also established forward of the Brigade Visual Station.

The Right and Left Artillery Groups are in direct touch with their batteries, and also have lateral communication to one another and Brigade Visual Station.

4. DESPATCH RIDERS. - Motor Cycle D.R.'s work from Division to Infantry Brigades, making runs in accordance with schedule attached. Circular runs are also made from 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery to Artillery Groups and Brigades.

5. PIGEONS. - 18 pigeons are received from the Corps daily per motor cyclists, 16 of which are conveyed by Special D.R. from Division to Infantry Brigades in line, and thence to Battalions in line by Brigade pigeoneers.

8 birds are supplied to each Brigade in the line, 4 per battalion, or as required.

The remaining two birds are supplied to the 14th Bde. R.F.A. daily for artillery work.

6. MESSAGE CARRYING ROCKETS. - A chain of Message Rocket Communication has been permanently established within the Brigade areas.

Sending and receiving stations are permanently manned, working in conjunction with the visual stations throughout the areas.

7. List of subscribers on the Divisional Exchange is attached.

"D.R.L.S." TIME-TABLE.Australian Corps to "A" Division.

		<u>a.m.</u>	<u>a.m.</u>	<u>p.m.</u>	<u>p.m.</u>
Departs Corps.	...	7.15.	11.15.	4.15.	8.0.
" Division	...	8. 0.	12 noon.	5. 0.	9. 0.
Arrives Corps.	...	8.45	p.m. 12.45.	5.45.	9.45.

"A" Division to Right and Left Infantry Brigades.

	<u>a.m.</u>	<u>p.m.</u>	<u>p.m.</u>	<u>p.m.</u>
Departs Division.	8. 0.	12.30.	5.30.	9.15.
" Right Bde. Adv.	8.30.	1. 0.	6. 0.	9.45.
" Left Bde. Adv.	8.35.	1. 5.	6. 5.	9.50.
" "A" Div. Pioneers.	8.45.	1.15.	6.15.	10. 0.
" Left Bde. Rear.	8.55.	1.25.	6.25.	10.10.
Arrives Division.	9. 5.	1.35.	6.35.	10.20.

Reserve Brigade in GLISY - local. Right Brigade Rear H.Q. is on Circular Run.

CIRCULAR RUN.

Departs Division.	9.0 a.m.	2.0 p.m.	7.0 p.m.
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"A" Division to French Division.

Departs Division.	10.30 a.m.	6. 0 p.m.
Arrives French Div....	10.40 a.m.	6.10 p.m.
Departs French Div....	9.20 a.m.	6.15 p.m.
Arrives Division.	9.30 a.m.	6.25 p.m.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.
====="A" Division Exchange - A Y B.

1. Reserve Brigade.
2. Lines Office, Signals.
3. D.A.D.O.S. and Divisional Train.
4. "C" and "B" Field Ambulances.
5. "H" and "Z" Special Companies R.E.
6. "A" Div. M.G. Battalion.
7. Australian Corps.
8. Divisional Bomb Officer.
9. French Division (37th).
10. 567 A.T. Coy. and Rear Zone Defences.
11. Australian Corps.
12. Q.M. Store, Signals.
13. Reserve Brigade, Rear.
14. "B" Division.
15. "B" Divisional Train.
16. Reserve Division.
17. Left Infantry Brigade.
18. 8th Tank Battalion.
19. Right Infantry Brigade.
20. Right Infantry Brigade.
21. Left Infantry Brigade.
22. 298 Wagon lines. Pioneer Bn.
23. - and - Field Coys. Engineers.
24. Orderly Room Signals, and O.C., Signals.
25. General Staff.
26. G.S.O.I.
27. Signals Mess and O.C. Signals.
28. G.O.C.
29. Camp Commandant, "A" Division.
30. "Q" Branch.
31. Stables (Signals).
32. Battalion, "B" Division (51st).
33. 14th H.A.G.
34. Visual Station, Divisional.
35. "A" Field Ambulance.
36. Test Box - GLISY.
37. A.D.M.S.
38. O.R.E.
39. "A" Div. Artillery.
40. "A" Div. Artillery.
41. Signal Superintendent.
42. Sig. Phone. (Message Clerk).

SECTION "O." - MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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

Line.	R.A.P's.	Relay Posts.	Motor Posts.	Adv.Dress. S.	Main D. S.	Div.Coll.S.	Evacuation.
L.Bde.	P.19.d.7.2. P.25.b.5.8.	P.19.c.2.3. O.24.d.3.7. O.24.c.2.3.	O.23.c.4.1. (Ford). O.27.d.8.8. (Large Cars).	N.26.d.1.3. Walking Wounded, N.27.c.3.3.	M.14.d.2.2. St. ACHEUL. Emergency M.5.c.2.5.	M.5.c.2.5.	Left Bde. From both R.A.P's. through relays to Adv. Amb. Post at O.24.c.2.3., thence to Ford loading Post at O.23. c.4.1., thence through Tunnel Motor Post O.27.d.8.8.
R.Bde.	O.29.c.8.6. O.34.d.9.6.	O.34.b.3.1.	O.23.c.4.1. (Ford). O.27.d.8.8.				Right Bde. From L. R.A.P. to Post O.23.c.4.1., and from R. R.A.P. through the relay O.34.b.3.1. to O.27.d.8.8. From O.27.d.8.8. to A.D.S., N.26.d.1.3., to M.D.S., M.14.d.2.2.
Reserve Brigade.			Motor stationed at Mairie, BLANGY TRONVILLE and Horse Amb.Wagon daily. Calls at GLISY X Roads (N.26.a.9.9.) 11.00, BLANGY TRONVILLE Mairie 11.30. Le Petit BLANGY Cabaret, N.28.d.0.3. 12.00 to A.D.S.				Walking Wounded. From A.D.S. N.27.c.3.3. to M.D.S., M.14. d.2.2., by Horse Amb. or Charabanc; thence to No. 2 Corps Relay Post, Sheet 62E. N.30.d.0.4.
Transport Lines and Nucleus Garrisons.			M.18.a.5.6.		M.5.c.2.5.		Patients from Transport Lines and Nucleus Garrisons are seen by Amb. M.O. ad- mitted through M.18.a.5.6. to M.5.c.2.5., and evac- uated through St. ACHEUL, M.14.d.2.2.

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Bacteriological Laboratory. No. 5 Canadian Mobile - CROUY.

Ophthalmic Cases will be sent to "B" Field Amb. by 7.30 a.m., Mondays, for transport to No. 12 C.O.S., LONGPRE, by 8.30 a.m. Transport will be arranged by C.O., "B" Field Amb.

N.Y.D.N., N.Y.D., Gas and S.I.W., to No. 12 C.O.S., LONGPRE.

C.O., "C" Field Amb. will arrange Medical and Sanitary attention for:-

- (a) Bde. Nucleus Garrisons at N.13.central.
N.14.d.7.7.
N. 7.a.6.8.

- (b) Transport lines for 3 Brigades.

All sick for evacuation will go to St. ACHEUL.
Scabies will be retained for 48 hours treatment at St. ACHEUL.
Australian Branch British Red Cross Society at PERNOIS.

Distribution.

"C" Field Amb. - M. 5.c.2.5.
"B" Field Amb. - M.14.d.2.2. (St. ACHEUL).
"A" Field Amb. - N.26.d.1.3.

Sanitary Section. - CAGNY,

Dental Units. - No. - "C" Field Amb. - M.18.a.5.6.
No. - "B" Field Amb. - M.14.d.2.2. (St. ACHEUL)
No. - "A" Field Amb. - N.26.d.1.3.
No. - "D.A.C." - LA MOTTE BREBETRE.

No. 3 M.A.C. - BELLOY SUR SOMME.

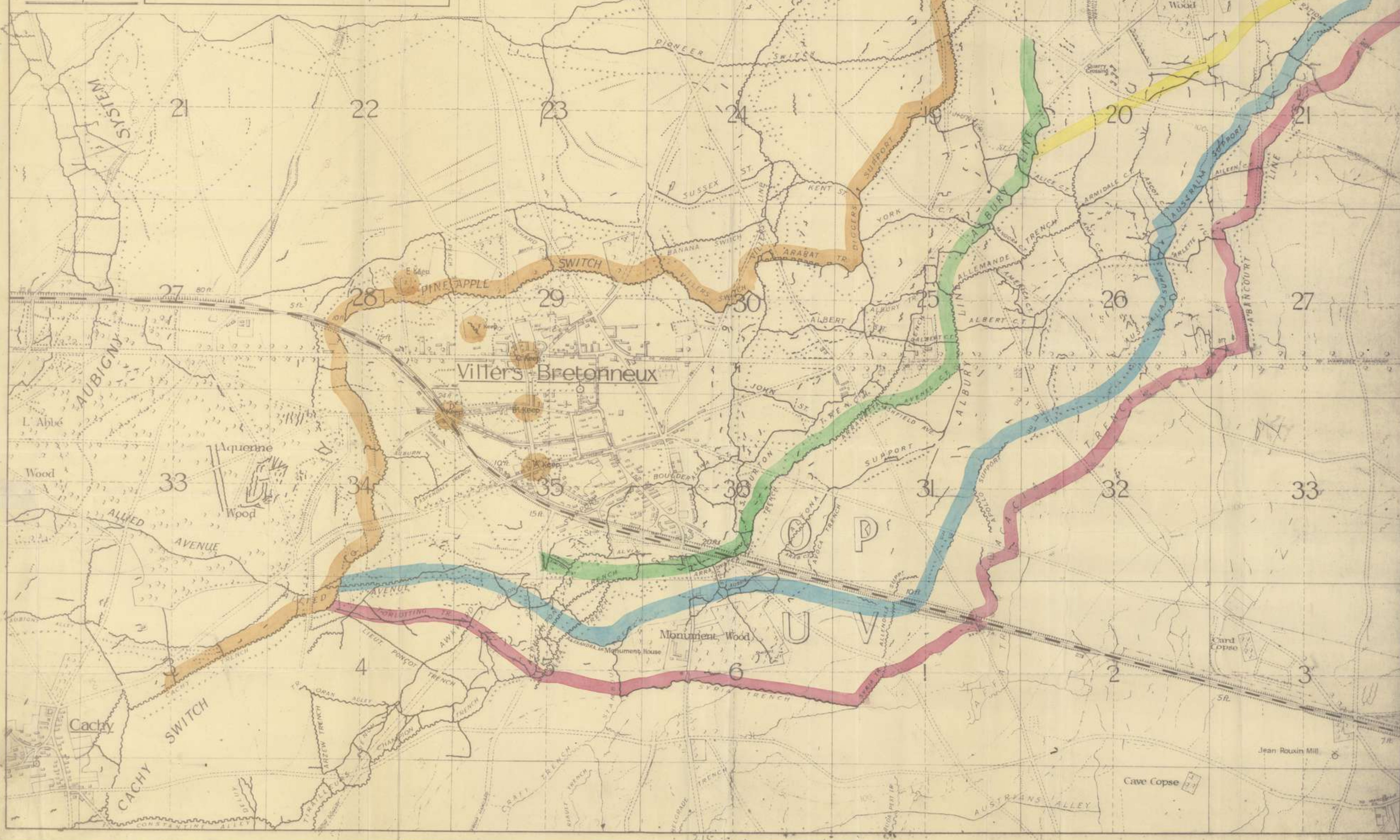
Advanced depot Medical Stores, No. 14 - CROUY.

Scale 1/10000.

REFERENCE

Trenches used or maintained by Allies
Do do do by Enemy
Wire Contours

MAP A



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APPENDIX I.

LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS - All fighting troops (except Artillery)
and A.M.C.

Sheet 62D.

Divisional Headquarters. - N.20.d.7.4. GLISY Dug-outs.

Right Bde. in line. - 0.25.c.5.3.

"A" Bn. Line Right. - 0.35.d.2.4.

"B" Bn. Line Left. - 0.30.b.2.1.

"C" Bn. Support Right. 0.28.c.8.5.

"D" Bn. Support Left. 0.28.c.8.5.

L.T.M. Battery. - 0.27.c.1.4.

Left Brigade in line. - 0.25.c.6.4.

"A" Bn. Line Right. - 0.24.c.25.30.

"B" Bn. Line Left. - P.19.c.1.2.

"C" Bn. Support. - 0.24.c.25.30.

"D" Bn. Reserve. - 0.28.b.8.8.

L.T.M. Battery. - 0.22.a.8.7.

Reserve Brigade. - N.20.d.2.8. GLISY.

"A" Battalion. - 0.26.c.9.3.

"B" do. - N.22.a.9.0.

"C" do. - N.28.b.3.5.

"D" do. - N.34.d.8.5.

L.T.M. Battery. - N.14.d.4.7.

Machine Gun Battalion. - GLISY Chateau.

Right Group. - N.30.d.8.0.

"A" Coy. Line Right. 0.27.c.1.4.

"B" Coy. Line Centre. 0.27.c.1.4.

Left Group. - N.30.d.8.0.

"C" Coy. Line Left. 0.28.b.5.2.

"D" Coy. Reserve. - N.13.d.8.4.

C.R.E. - - - N.20.d.7.4. GLISY Dug-outs.

"A" Field Coy. Line Rt. 0.25.d.3.7.

"B" Field Coy. Line Lt. N.23.central.

"C" Field Coy. Reserve. N.21.b.5.2.

Pioneer Battalion. - N.23.a.1.1.

A.D.M.S. - - - N.20.d.7.4. GLISY Dug-outs.

"A" Field Amb. A.D.S. N.26.d.1.3.

"B" Field Amb. M.D.S. St. AJHEUL.

"C" Field Amb. D.C.S. M.5.c.2.5.

Attached Troops.

1 Troop Light Horse. - N.20.b.4.2.

1 Platoon Cyclists. - N.20.b.4.0.

APPENDIX II.

Tanks.

1. "B" Company, 8th Tank Battalion, situated in the wood in N.34.a. is co-operating with "A" Division.
2. Its role will be ..
 - (a) If hostile tanks appear South of BOIS L'ABBE to at once attack and engage them.
 - (b) To co-operate in any counter-attack North or South of BOIS L'ABBE by the Reserve Brigade of "A" Division.
 - (c) If the Reserve Brigade of "A" Division does not counter-attack South of BOIS L'ABBE, this company will be prepared to operate independently South of BOIS L'ABBE, but the attack should be timed with any counter-attack delivered North of BOIS L'ABBE.
 - (d) Two male tanks of this company will be retained ready for immediate action at short notice. In the event of necessity these two tanks will be moved forward at any time that may be ordered by the G.O.C., "A" Division.
3. Orders for the employment of these tanks would normally be issued by D.H.Q. through H.Q., 8th Tank Battalion (situated at BLANGY TRONVILLE), but in case of emergency orders would be issued by D.H.Q. direct to the company.
4. Co-operation between Tanks and Infantry will be arranged between the infantry commanders on the spot and the officers in command of tanks.

APPENDIX III.RIGHT FLANK LIAISON.

1. Owing to the fact that the main line of resistance of the French Division on the right is the CACHY SWITCH, the Right Brigade will be prepared to form a defence flank from its front line back to CACHY SWITCH.
2. The following special arrangements will be maintained for right flank protection and for maintaining liaison with the French Division on the right.
3. An international garrison consisting of two officers and 50 other ranks from the Right Brigade and two officers and one section from the 37th French Division is maintained in the trench U.6.d.0.8. to U.5.central.
The garrison in that portion of the trench from trench junction at U.6.d.0.8. to junction of STAMBOUL and SYRIA trenches at U.5.d.8.6. (exclusive) is under the command of an Australian officer.
The garrison of the remainder of this trench is under the command of a French officer.
4. International posts will be maintained as under:-
 - (a) Trench Junction U.4.a.9.6.
One officer (French speaker) one N.O.O. and 10 men of the Right Brigade, and one N.O.O. and 10 men of the 37th French Division.
The whole to be commanded by the Australian officer and to be regarded as one post.
 - (b) In the AUBIGNY System at U.1.a.9.3.
One N.O.O. and 6 men from the Reserve Brigade and one officer and 6 men from the 37th French Division.
The whole to be commanded by the French officer and to be regarded as one post.
5. The Right Brigade will maintain nucleus garrisons in TORLOTTING Trench and ALLIED AVENUE East of CACHY Switch.

APPENDIX IV.

DISPOSITIONS OF FIELD ARTILLERY COVERING "A" DIVISIONAL SECTOR.Sheet 62.D. 1/40,000.Div. Artillery H.Q. - N.20.d.7. 4. GLISY Dug-outs.Right Group Headquarters. - 0.25.b.00.85."A" F.A.Bde. H.Q. - 0.19.d.50.80.18-pdr.Bty. { 5 guns - T.6.b.50.70.
 (1 gun - 0.34.b.40.38.18-pdr.Bty. { 5 guns - 0.27.a.59.79.
 (1 gun - 0.29.b.35.25.18-pdr.Bty. { 4 guns - U. 3.b.05.61.
 (1 gun - U. 2.b.98.10.
 (1 gun - U. 3.a.20.40.4.5 How.Bty. { 4 guns - 0.26.d.35.61.
 (2 guns - 0.34.a.82.61."B" F.A.Bde. H.Q. - 0.25.b.00.85.

18-pdr.Bty. 6 guns - 0.28.b.25.68.

18-pdr.Bty. { 4 guns - 0.26.a.70.75.
 (2 guns - 0.17.c.80.60.

18-pdr.Bty. 6 guns - 0.28.b.78.20.

4.5 How.Bty. { 4 guns - 0.27.b.60.18.
 (2 guns - 0.28.c.70.70.Left Group Headquarters. - 0.25.c.60.40."C" F.A.Bde.H.Q. - 0.25.c.60.40.

18-pdr.Bty. 6 guns - 0.17.c.36.18.

18-pdr.Bty. 6 guns - 0.17.c.50.16.

18-pdr.Bty. 6 guns - 0.16.c.13.78.

4.5.How.Bty. 6 guns - 0.16.d.09.28.

"D" F.A.Bde.H.Q. - 0.15.d.30.40.

18-pdr.Bty. 6 guns - 0.23.c.97.19.

18-pdr.Bty. { 4 guns - 0.23.d.74.69.

(2 guns - 0.24.a.01.09.

18-pdr.Bty. 6 guns - 0.29.a.80.98.

18-pdr.Bty. { 3 guns - 0.24.a.20.35.

(3 guns - 0.24.a.10.70.

Mobile Reserve Bde.H.Q. - N.17.c.50.50.

3/18-pdr. Btys.

1/4.5 How.Bty.

Anti-Tank Guns.

15-pdr.B.L.C. 1 gun - 0.36.a.40.90.

guns. 1 gun - 0.30.c.58.48.

1 gun - 0.29.b.80.40.

D.T.M.O. Head Qrs. - N.24.b.20.70."A" M.T.M.Bty. H.Q. - 0.27.d.30.90.

2 mortars - 0.36.c.40.35.

2 mortars - 0.36.d.30.15.

1 mortar - 0.35.c.80.20.

1 mortar - 0.35.c.90.45.

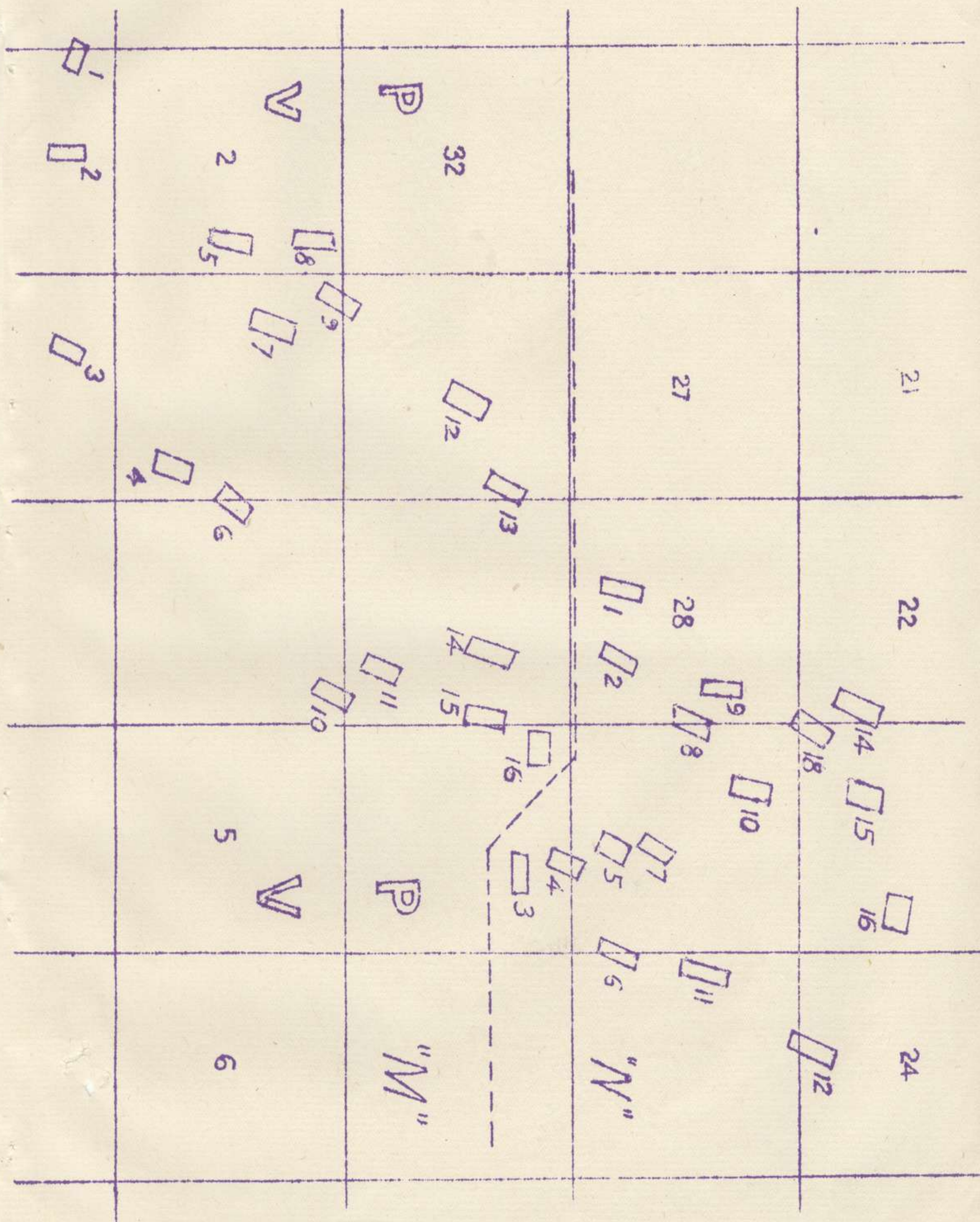
"B" M.T.M.Bty. H.Q. - N.24.b.20.70.

2 mortars - 0.27.b.20.40.

2 mortars - 0.34.b.20.30.

2 mortars - 0.34.c.55.67.

APPENDIX V(a)
AREAS FOR HARASSING FIRE
(Field Artillery)



APPENDIX V (b)

AREAS FOR HARASSING FIRE - Heavy Artillery.

No.	T a r g e t.	
1.	Railway Cutting.	V.2.b.15.15., searching E.
2.	Road and Railway.	V.3.d.52.50. - V.4.d.70.00.
3.	Road Junction.	V.5.a.05.10. Sweeping E. and N.E.
4.	Tracks.	V.3.a.00.75. - V.3.d.52.50.
5.	LAMOTTE Village.
6.	Track Area.	P.33.d.70.88. - P.34.d.00.35.
7.	Roads and Tracks.	P.36.a.92.15. - Searching to Road Junction, Q.25.d.75.35.
8.	Road. ...	P.28.c.0.4. Searching E.
9.	Road. ...	P.30.d.25.30. Searching E.
10.	Track area and Shelters.	P.30.a., c. and d.
11.	Trench and Track Junction.	P.22.d.67.30. Searching to Road, P.29.a.20.17.
12.	Roads. ...	P.30.b. and Q.25.a.
13.	Valley. ...	P.24.a.30.22. - Searching to Q.13.c.20.25.
14.	Dugouts. ...	P.35.d.4.4. - P.35.b.75.05. and P.35.b.5.9. - P.35.b.6.5.
15.	Valley. ...	P.21.a.0.9. - Q.8.a.9.0. - Q.8.d.6.3. - Q.19.c.0.5. P.24.d.0.0.
16.	Valley. ...	Q.7.c.3.5. - P.18.d.6.6. - Q.7.d.3.0.
18.	Road. ...	P.21.d.80.35. - WARFUSEE sweeping and searching.
21.	Valley. ...	Q.13.a., b., and c.
24.	Roads. ...	P.18.b.75.95. - Q.7.c.35.15. - Q.7.c.30.55.
25.	Road and Railway.	In Valley Q.13.a. and c., and Q.19.d.
26.	Valley. ...	Q.16.c., 15.d., 21.b., 21.d.

APPENDIX VI.

TABLE "A."

ROAD CRATERS.

Serial No.	Location.	Responsibility for	
		Actual Demolition.	Orders for Demolition.
T.	N.24.a.8.5.	2nd A.Pioneer Bn.	2nd Aust. Division.
Tl.	N.24.a.7.2.	do.	do.
XB.	N.19.d.8.6.	do.	do.
XF.	O.27.c.0.3.	do.	Right Brigade.
XG.	O.34.d.3.7.	do.	do.

TABLE "C."

RAILWAY CARRYING BRIDGES.

Serial No.	Location.	Responsibility for	
		Actual Demolition.	Orders for demolition.
O.	N.13.d.9.1.	263 Railway Coy.R.E.	2nd Aust. Division.
H.	N.20.Central.	do.	do.

TABLE "B."

Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition.

The following conventional terms have been used:- F.A. = Field Artillery.
T. = Tanks.

Location.	N a m e.	Description.	To Carry.	Responsibility for	
				Actual Demolition.	Orders for Demolition.
<u>BLANGY GROUP.</u>					
N.17.c.6.3.	BLANGY	1. Trestle bridge and track over river.	F.A.	2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	2nd Aust. Division.
N.16.c.6.2.	"	2. Trestle bridge and track over river.	F.A.	do.	do.
N.15.c.8.4.	"	5. Tow-path over spillway (existing) 3 small spans.	F.A.	do.	do.
N.15.c.7.4.	"	6. Trestle over lock (new). ...	F.A.	do.	do.
N.15.c.5.4.	"	7. Tow-path over stream (existing) light reinforced concrete bridge (150' long carrying tow-path).	F.A.	do.	do.
N.15.c.2.4.	"	8. Road over river (new) 2/16' Mk.II 2/21' 6" Mk. II.	T.	do.	do.
<u>GLISY GROUP.</u>					
N.14.d.3.3.	GLISY	1. Tow-path river (existing).	F.A.	do.	do.
N.14.c.8.3.	"	2. Road over river 84' trestle girder bridge and slab road.	T.	do.	do.
N.13.c.8.3.	"	3. Road over river trestle bridges.	F.A. & 60-Prs.	do.	do.
N.14.d.0.3.	"	4. Road over river trestle bridges.	do.	do.	do.
<u>VILLERS GROUP.</u>					
O.36.c.4.3.	VILLERS	1. Road over rail (existing).	T.	do.	Right Brigade.
O.34.b.9.8.	"	2. Road over rail (existing).	T.	do.	2nd Aus. Div.
O.28.d.3.4.	"	3. Road over rail (existing).	T.	do.	do.
O.25.c.7.4.	"	4. Road over rail (existing).	-	do.	Right Brigade.
O.35.a.5.1.	"	D. Rail over road.	-	do.	2nd Aus. Div.

MAP "C" (SECRET)

MACHINE GUNS, "A" DIV. SECTOR

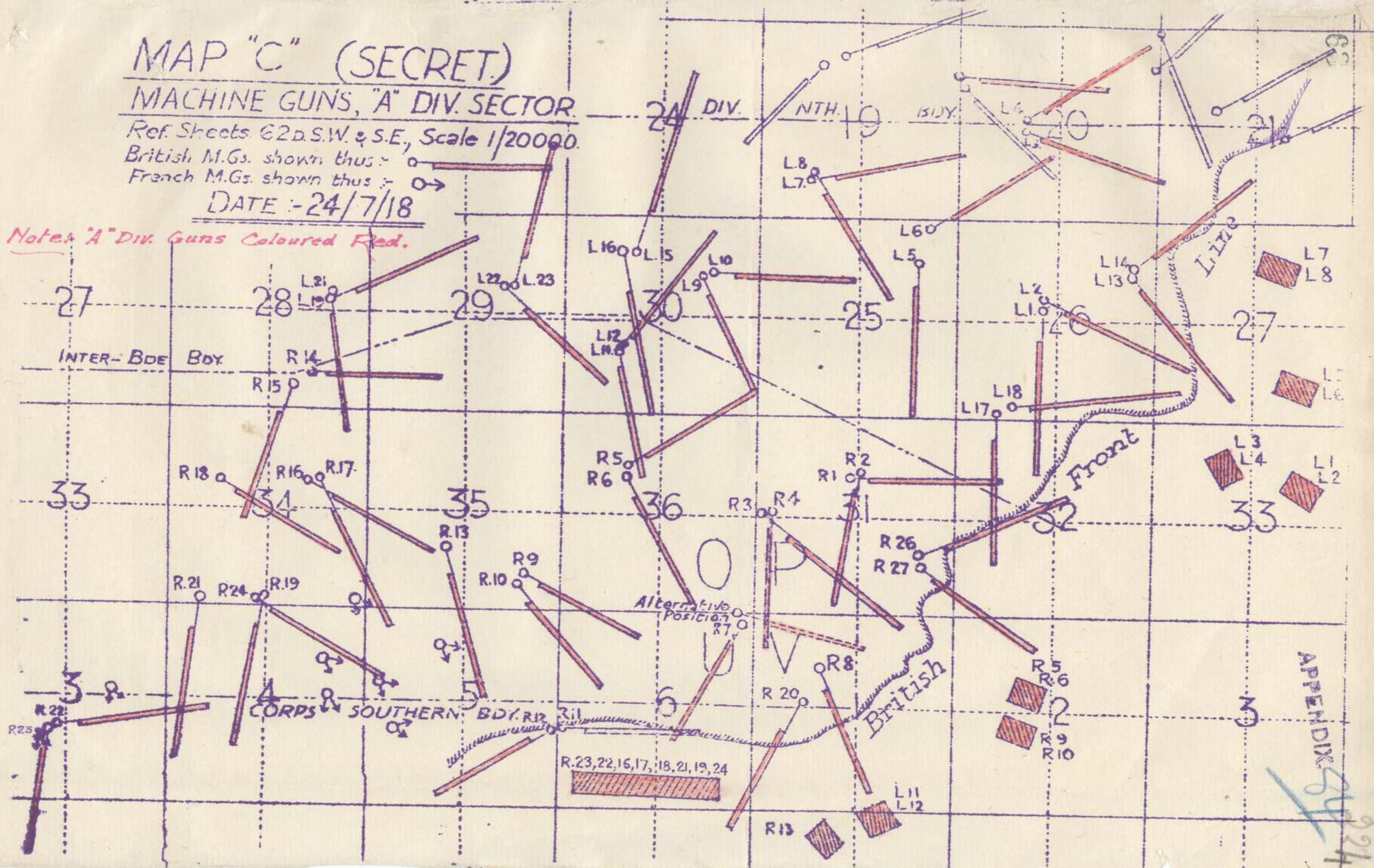
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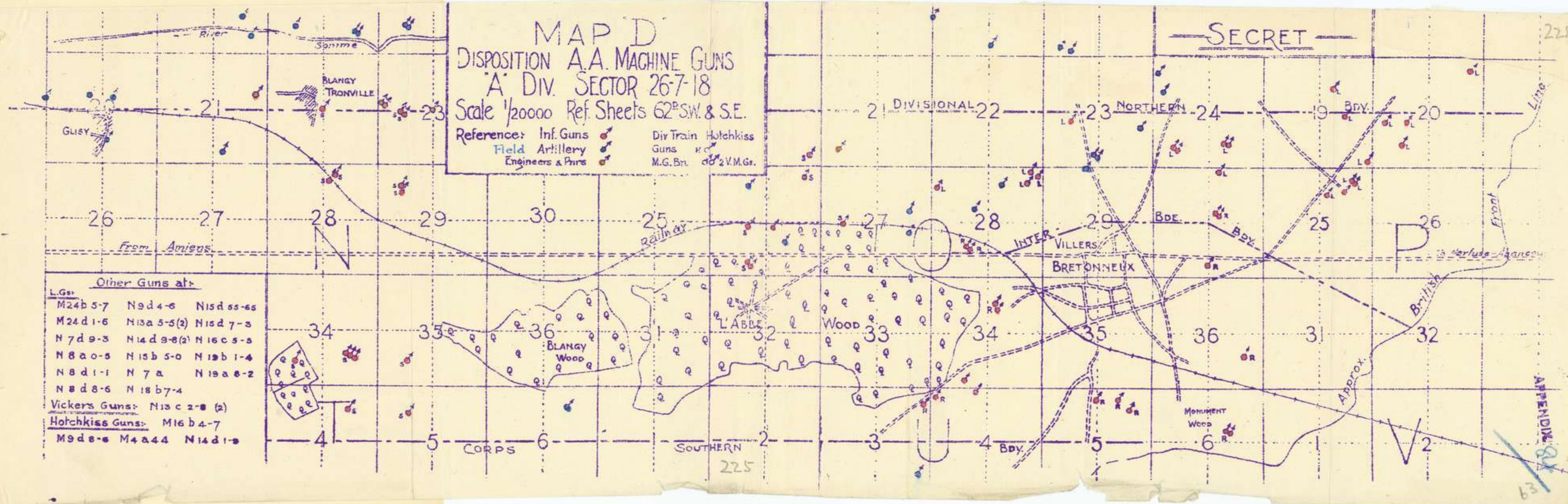
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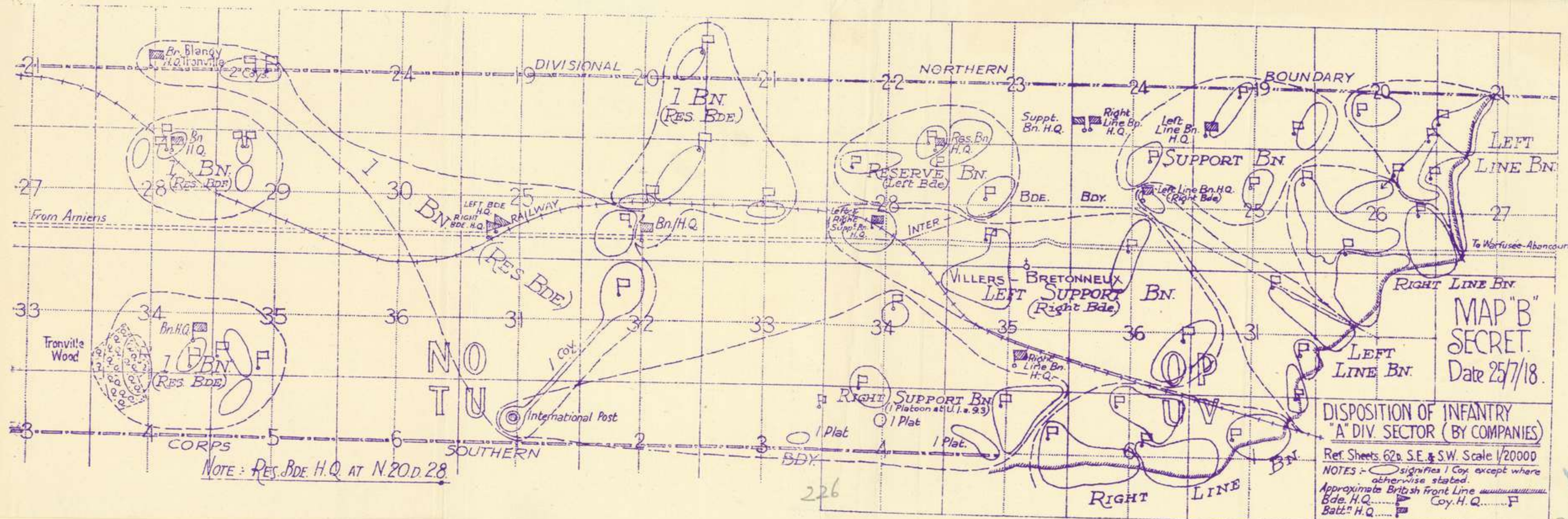
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 187.

From 5.30 p.m., 29th, to 5.30 p.m., 30th July, 1918.

NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.1. - OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery.

An enemy post at P.33.b.08.17. was fired on. Calibration shoots were carried out. Harassing fire on enemy roads, trenches and areas of activity was maintained during the night. At 1.40 a.m. at the request of the Infantry a M.G. at U.12.a.50.80. was engaged. In continuation of the gas shelling of the WARFUSEE Valley by Heavy Artillery, our 4.5" How. Batteries at 2.30 a.m. opened on a gas shell bombardment in P.29.d. P.30.c. and P.35.b. Fire continued in half hour bursts until 5.15 a.m. and at 7 a.m. a four minutes crash of gas shell was put down on the same area. 4.5" Hows. fired a total of 4,510 rds. gas. 18-pdr. shells were concentrated on the valley during the periods of gas shelling between 2.30 a.m. and 7.4 a.m. Enemy movement at P.23.c.80.50. was engaged at 9 a.m. and at 10 a.m. 4.5" Hows. fired on a T.M. at V.8.b.80.70.

(b) Trench Mortars. 6" Newtons fired 25 rds. on M.W. positions at U.6.c.53.00. causing three Germans to run from the position. They were sniped at but without success.

(c) Machine Guns. Harassing fire was carried out during the night on the following targets:- Main Road, P.28.d., searched, 3,000 rds.; Tracks and ration centres, P.28.c., 3,000 rds.; Tracks and trenches, U.12.b., 4,000 rds.; Road and tracks, P.29.a. and c., 4,000 rds.; Tracks and trenches, P.23.a., 3,000 rds.; Tracks and communications, U.12.d., 1,500 rds.; Roads and trenches, U.12.b., 3,000 rds.; Roads and tracks in U.12.a. and c., 7,000 rds.; Roads and tracks in V.7.c. and a., 3,000 rds.; Cross roads and trenches, V.7.b., 4,500 rds.; Tracks and trenches, V.3.a., V.2.c., 1,500 rds.; Cross roads and trenches, V.8.c., 3,000 rds.; Road, U.18.a.80.99., 1,600 rds.; Trenches and tracks, U.6.d.40.30. to U.12.b.95.25., 1,500 rds.; Roads and tracks U.6.c. and d., 6,000 rds.; Roads and Cross roads from V.3.d. to V.9.d. (WATER TOWERS), harassed, 3,000 rds. Total expenditure 52,600 rds.

(d) Aircraft. Our 'planes were active, especially during the evening of the 29th instant.

(e) Patrols.

(a) The front was actively patrolled, and patrols report as follows:- Individual movement during the night between U.6.d.50.25. and U.6.d.90.35. The enemy was seen digging and wiring about 250 yds. in front of V.1.c.0.6. A patrol moving west along the trench from V.1.c.3.6. for about 250 yds. found it damaged and unoccupied. The enemy was observed digging at approx. V.1.c.9.5. A suspected post at U.6.c.35.50. was found to be unoccupied.

(b) Patrols report as follows:- Enemy heard working in a post at approx. P.21.d.8.7. A M.G. post lightly wired was located at P.21.d.5.4. The enemy trench in front of P.27.a.25.75. was found to be strongly manned. Work, which sounded like deep dug-out construction, was in progress. Two men were seen to come from the rear and jump into this trench. The trench appeared to extend southwards for 50 yds. A trench was also located at P.27.c.80.95.

2. - IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. - HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. There has been a marked decrease in enemy artillery activity. Two rounds from an H.V. gun (probably 15 cm.) fell in N.21.c. and N.23.a. This is the first H.V. shelling for a considerable period. VILLERS BRETONNEUX was shelled during the night and again lightly during the morning with 10.5 cm. There was scattered shelling on MONUMENT WOOD, which included a few rounds GREEN CROSS gas. Other areas lightly shelled during the night were VAIRE WOOD and adjoining roads O.36., P.31., P.26. and APOLLO Support, P.31. being shelled several times both during the night and day. The 10 cm. gun again fired a few rounds on N.30.c. and d. Most of the batteries firing on to our front are reported to be firing from neighbourhood of MARCELCAVE.

P.T.O.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quieter than during previous periods. There was no attempt at retaliation for our gas bombardment.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Work and Wire. Work is being done at about V.1.c.9.3. and U.6.d.2.1. A post is suspected at P.21.d.45.00.

(b) Trench Mortars. An L.M.W. fired 12 rds. in right Bde. sector from U.12.a.8.8. and a M.M.W. fired a few rounds from V.2.b. An unlocated L.M.W. also fired a few rounds on the left sector.

(c) Machine Guns. Active throughout the night, especially during our gas bombardment. A M.G. was located at U.6.c.15.20. U.6.a. was kept under indirect fire during the night. Further locations are given at V.1.b.8.7., V.1.b.55.50. and V.1.b.8.5.

(d) Flares. Normal.

7. - ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Slight activity.

A few planes attempting to cross our lines were driven off by A.A.fire.

8. - MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Little movement in forward areas. Some individual movement was seen over the crest line coming from V.14.o. and d. to CZECH Trench and in rear of TITTLE COPSE. At 7.30 p.m. three horsemen coming from the direction of HAZEL WOOD, galloped up to P.23.d. and then turned back again. Fire was opened on movement in ones and twos in rear of the trench at P.27.c.8.5. Observation of rear areas was not possible owing to the haze.

10. - MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility, fair during the evening of 29th, poor on 30th instant.

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

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

GERMAN RESERVES.

No fresh divisions were identified in the fighting yesterday. The German Crown Prince has, therefore, 7 fit divisions in reserve. There are also 3 fit divisions in reserve belonging to the two southern Army Groups which are available for reinforcing the Crown Prince's Army.

The strength of Prince RUPPRECHT'S reserve is now estimated at 27 Infantry Divisions and one dismounted Cavalry division available for an immediate offensive. (I.S. No. 223).

POSSIBLE RE-ORGANISATION OF GERMAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

Recently captured documents, supported by the statements of prisoners, indicate that the number of pieces in certain field gun batteries has been raised from 4 to 6. No instances of a similar increase in field howitzer batteries have yet been reported.

Prisoners of field artillery regiments and documents giving details of field artillery should be carefully examined as to whether this re-organisation is being adopted generally. (I.S. No. 223).

GENERAL. It is probable that the reserves of the 2nd German Army have been further depleted by the transfer of one division to the battle front south of SOISSONS. (I.S. No. 223).

TRENCH NOMENCLATURE. The following names for trenches have been adopted.

Name.	Sheet.	Locality.	Corps.
Tr. de BOUGIE.	62.D.	T.6.b.7.5. - T.6.d.5.3.	Aust.
Tr. REVERSEZ.	62.D.	U.2.d.6.9. - U.3.a.1.4.	Aust.
Boy de MARIN.	62.D.	0.33.c.4.3. - U.3.c.4.8.	Aust.
Boy. DUMAS.	62.D.	0.35.c.3.1. - U.5.b.1.8.	Aust.
Boy. de FAYE.	62.D.	0.33.c.9.2. - U.3.d.0.8.	Aust.

(I.S. No. 223).

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 5.30 p.m. 30th to 5.30 p.m. 31st July 1918.

No. 188.

NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.1. OPERATIONS.

(P.23.b.5.55 was bombarded, and when work at.)

(a) Artillery. 18 pdrs engaged enemy parties at V.9.a.20.00. and in V.7.b., V.8.c., V.14.b., V.14.c., and P.23.a., and 40 rds. were fired on movement in OARD COPSE (V.3.a.). At 3.20 p.m. earth-work at P.23.c.80.50. was fired on, a small party was scattered. M.W. at V.2.b.15.85., and V.2.b.00.20. were engaged. Registrations were effected. During the night activity areas (including H.Q. V.2.b.30.80.) trenches and roads were subjected to harassing fire.

(b) Trench Mortars. At 3.30 p.m. M.T.Ms. fired 16 rds. on M.G. at V.1.d.5.4.

(c) Machine Guns. Harassing fire was maintained throughout the night on the following targets.- Tracks and roads in P.22.d. from 11 p.m. to 3.0 a.m. - 4,500 rds.; Road junction P.28.a.10.20 from 9.30 p.m. to mdnt. - 1,000 rds.; Tracks and roads in P.22.d. and P.28.b. from mdnt. to 2 a.m. - 1,000 rds.; Tracks and trenches in V.2.c.6.8. to V.2.a.8.1. from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. - 2,000 rds.; Tracks and road in P.32.d. from 1 a.m. to 3 a.m. - 2,000 rds.; Tracks and trenches in P.28.a. and c. - 2,000 rds.; Trenches in P.34.a. from mdnt. to 1.30 a.m. - 2,000 rds.; Tracks in P.27.b. and d. - 2,000 rds.; Tracks and roads in V.7.c. - 4,500 rds.; Cross roads and tracks in V.2.c. - 3,000 rds.; Tracks and Road V.1.c. and d. - 3,000 rds.; Roads and tracks in V.7.a. to U.12.b. - 3,000 rds.; Suspected centre of activity P.33.c. central - 2,000 rds.; Suspected H.Q. at V.3.d.3.7. and P.35.c.6.8. - 3,000 rds.; BASILIDE ALLEY U.11.d. and U.12.a. - 4,500 rds.; Approaches to HANGARD WOOD U.11.d. - 2,000 rds.; Suspected H.Q. at V.3.a.35.75. - 1500 rds.; Roads and trenches V.2.c. - 1500 rds.; Tracks U.12.b.50.70. - 1,000 rds.; Tracks U.12.d.6.8. - 1,000 rds. Total expenditure 46,500 rds.

(d) Aircraft. Considerable activity was shown during the period. Considerable A.A. and M.G. fire was encountered.

(e) Patrols. (i) Covering and reconnoitring patrols operated during the night. They had nothing to report.

(ii) A patrol moving out from P.27.c.05.45. located a post with one M.G. at P.27.c.5.4. Another active M.G. at P.33.a.4.7. swept the whole of the right Bn. front.

(iii) Other patrols had nothing to report.

(f) Snipers. Right Bde. snipers claim 2 hits.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Nil.

Normal.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

At 5 a.m. one round from an H.V. gun fell in N.19.d. P.31.d. was again shelled during the day. About 60 rounds fell in O.23. between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. 77 mm. and 10.5 cm. on O.35., O.36.c. and d. and V.1.a. from 1.45 a.m. to 2 a.m., and from 2.40 a.m. to 3 a.m.; also on U.6. from 2.50 a.m. to 3 a.m. from direction of MARCELCAVE. Between 9pm. and 9.20pm. 77 mm. were active on O.35., coming from MARCELCAVE. P.31.b., c. and d., and V.1.b. were shelled at 8 p.m. by 10.5 and 15 cm. from MARCELCAVE. At 2 a.m. about 45 gas shells (GREEN Cross) fell in VILLERS BRETONNEUX, and also a few on left line Coy. 20 15 cm. shells fell in O.34.a. Trenches and tracks in P.26.b. and d., P.25., and P.19.d., were harassed by 4.2 H.E., 77 mm. and an occasional 5.9 H.E. Between 9.30 and 9.40 p.m. 100 5.9 H.E. fell in O.28. and O.29. coming from the direction of MARCELCAVE. An occasional 4.2 H.E. was fired in VILLERS BRETONNEUX from the direction of MARCELCAVE. Scattered shelling over O.22., O.23., O.27., O.28., O.35. and O.36. from MARCELCAVE and BAYONVILLERS.

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5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet, but nervous.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) Work and Wire. New earth is visible at V.1.b.8.4.
- (b) Trench Mortars. M.M.Ws. fired a few rounds from V.2.b. Six rounds L.M.W. were fired from P.32.c. A L.M.W. fired from a point on a T.B. of 110° from P.26.b.85.60.
- (c) Machine Guns. Quieter on the left. Positions are reported at P.27.c.5.4. and P.33.a.4.7.
- (d) Flares. Normal.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Heads were seen moving at U.5.d.7.3. A RED flag can be seen on a probable dug-out in V.13.b. Movement of individuals during the day near CARD COPSE in V.14.b., trench at P.33.a.9.5., LA BASTILLE MILL and V.9.c. At 6 p.m. enemy was seen observing and signalling from LAMOTTE CHURCH. At 6.10 p.m. 4 enemy stretcher bearers moved from P.29.c.0.5. to P.28.b.8.9. Snipers appeared to be moving about at P.21.d.40.30.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility, poor.

Loud cries were heard at V.8.c.7.2. at 3 a.m., while our artillery was firing on this area. Smoke from a small fire was seen on the west edge of ACOUCHE WOOD. A fire apparently started by our artillery burned from 11.50 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. on a T.B. of 87° from P.26.d.65.85.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES. (I.S. No. 224).

PRISONERS' STATEMENTS CONCERNING MORALE AND STRENGTH OF COMPANIES IN THE MORLANCOURT AND SAILLY-LE-SEC SECTORS.

From the examination of prisoners belonging to the 107th and 43rd Res. Div. captured yesterday (29th), it would appear that both divisions are very weak. The prisoners were physically a very poor lot of men. Their morale was also bad. An Officer, on whose statements reliance can be placed, said that the morale of both officers and men had been very adversely affected by the success of the Allied counter-stroke on the MARNE. He further stated that companies were very weak, and they were receiving no drafts. He knew of only one division in back areas.

(NOTE. - This Div. is probably about the line of the SOMME near PERONNE).

ENEMY'S INTENTIONS. Officers and men captured on 29th instant know of no intention on the part of the enemy to attack. They state their strength is too weak to allow of this. They have been told to expect a continuance of raids and minor operations on our part.

50TH RES. DIV.

This division from reserve in the CAMBRAI area has relieved the 20th Div. south of SOISSONS. It can no longer be counted in the Second German Army's reserves, which are now reduced to 4 divisions.

RELIEFS.

The 107th Div. is to be relieved on the 12th August, and the 43rd Res. Div. on the 5th August. (P.S.).

Too much reliance should not be placed in these statements.

GERMAN RESERVES. One Div. from Res. near CAMBRAI has been transferred to the battle front S. of SOISSONS, and Prince RUPPRECHT'S Group of Armies now consists of 75 Inf. and 2 dismounted Cav. Divs. of which 26 Inf. Divs. and 1 dismounted Cav. Div. fit to fight, are in reserve.

In addition to 1 Div. from Prince RUPPRECHT'S Group, 2 Divs. from close reserve and 2 Divs. from the two S. Groups have been engaged on the battle front, where a total of 71 Inf. Divs. and 1 dismounted Cav. Div. have been engaged. There are now 5 Divs. fit to fight in Reserve in the German Crown Prince's Group, which have not yet been identified in the fighting.

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SECRET.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

G.234.

Location of Units at 6 a.m. 1st August 1918.1st Amendment to G.222 issued 29th July 1918.

19th Battalion.	-	O.28.b.8.8.	Reserve.
20th do	-	P.19.c.1.2.	Line Left.
23rd Battalion.	-	O.28.c.8.5.	Support Right. T.L.M.18.d.cent
24th do	-	O.35.d.2.4.	Line Right. " N.13.c.3.5.
26th Battalion.	-	N.34.d.8.5.	
27th do	-	O.26.c.9.3.	
129th U.S.Inf.Reg.	-	M.16.d.7.3.	

2nd Aust.D.H.Q.
31st July.1918.

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Second Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 208.

SECRET.

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Ref. Map - Sheet 62.D., S.W., -
1/20,000.

Headquarters,
31st July, 1918.

1. The 4th Aust. Div. will relieve troops of 31st French Corps on the Right of "A" Division, Aust. Corps, on nights 31st/1st August and 1st/2nd August, 1918.

2. On relief dispositions of 4th Aust. Div. will be:-

Line Right - 13th A.I.Bde. with Bde. H.Q. at T.18.a.3.5.

Line Left - 4th A.I.Bde. with Bde. H.Q. at N.35.c.2.2.

From 12 noon on 2nd August, H.Q. of 4th Aust. Div. will be established at CAGNY.

3. On completion of relief the "International" posts and French Liaison Officers with ^{Inf} units will be withdrawn.

4. A combined post will be furnished by 4th and 6th A.I.Bdes. at junction of STAMBOUL and SYRIA Trenches (U.5.d.8.7.) under arrangements to be made mutually between Brigadiers concerned.

5. The nucleus garrisons for TORLOTTING Trench and ALLIED Avenue will continue to be found as at present

6. Acknowledge.

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7. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
8. 2nd Aust. M. G. Bn.
9. A.Q.
10. A.D.M.S.
11. A.P.M.
12. D.A.D.V.S.
13. D.A.D.O.S.
14. D.G.O.
15. D.B.O.
16. 2nd Aust. Div. Train.
17. S.S.O.
18. 65th American Bde.
19. 129th American Regt.
- 20/1. Aust. Corps.
22. 3rd Aust. Div.
23. 4th Aust. Div.
24. 5th Aust. Div.
25. 37th French Division.
26. Platoon Corps Cyclist Bn.
27. Troop, 13th A.L.H.
28. 8th Tank Bn.
29. French Liaison Officer, ^{att.} 2nd Aust. Div.
- 30/32. War Diary.
- 33/34. File.
- 35/38. Spare.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 207.

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Ref. Map - Sheets 62.D. S.E. and S.W., -
1/20,000.

Headquarters,
31st July, 1918.

1. The Southern and Northern Divisional boundaries will be readjusted on the night 2nd/3rd August to run as follows:-

(a) Southern Div. Boundary. - From front line at V.1.b.6.6. along north side of railway to O.35.a.7.0., thence west along grid line through O.34.central to N.32.central. - M.30.c.8.0. - M.29.d.0.0. - M.20.b.0.5.

(b) Northern Div. Boundary. - From front line at P.21.b.1.3. - QUARRY CROSSING P.20.a.6.4., along south side of road to O.11.d.5.2. - O.10.b.8.0. - O.9.a.7.4. - O.3.c.2.2. - O.2.c.2.2. - O.7.a.2.7. - N.12.b.9.0. - N.7.a.0.0. - M.4.c.7.0.

2. To effect this the following redistribution of troops will take place:-

(a) The 6th A.I.Bde. will hand over to the 4th A.I.Bde. (4th Aust. Div.) that portion of the front between the present southern divisional boundary and V.1.b.6.6. on the night 2nd/3rd August. Details of relief will be arranged direct between the Brigade Commanders concerned.

(b) At the same time the 6th A.I.Bde. will take over from the 5th A.I.Bde. the remainder of the present divisional front, and will take over from the 10th A.I.Bde. (3rd Aust. Div.) that portion of the front between our present northern boundary and P.21.b.1.3. Details will be arranged direct between the Brigade Commanders concerned.

3. On being relieved the 5th A.I.Bde. will move back to reserve positions with battalions distributed in the SYDNEY system, BLANGY system, and GLISY - BLANGY switch; Brigade H.Q., GLISY.

4. The 7th A.I.Bde. will move on night 2nd/3rd August to support position with battalions distributed from the VILLERS System (exclusive) to the AUBIGNY system (inclusive); Brigade H.Q., O.25.c.6.4. This brigade will take over the garrisons of the Keeps in VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

5. On completion of reliefs and moves as above, the distribution of troops will be as follows:-

6th A.I.Bde. (H.Q., O.25.c.5.3.) in line with battalions distributed back to and including the VILLERS system.
7th A.I.Bde. (H.Q., O.25.c.6.4.) in support.
5th A.I.Bde. (H.Q., GLISY) in reserve.

Proposed distribution of battalions will be notified to D.H.Q. by midday, 2nd August.

6. Pending further orders the American battalions attached to the 5th and 6th A.I.Bdes. will remain attached as at present, i.e. American platoons attached to Australian companies. The reorganisation of American platoons into battalions will not take place until ordered.

7. The relief of M.G. units will be carried out under arrangements to be made direct between the M.G. Bn. Commanders concerned. The necessary redistribution of machine guns will be carried out by the C.O., 2nd Aust. M.G. Bn. after consultation with the G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde.

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8. The readjustment of the Artillery S.O.S. lines will be arranged by the C.R.A. with the C.R.A's., 4th and 3rd Aust. Divs.

9. Reliefs of Engineer units will be carried out under the orders of the C.R.E.

10. Acknowledge.

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10. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
11. 2nd Aust. M. G. Bn.
12. 2nd Aust. Div. Train.
13. A.D.M.S.
14. A.P.M.
15. S.S.O.
16. 2nd Aust. M. T. Coy.
17. D.A.D.V.S.
18. D.A.D.O.S.
19. D.B.O.
20. D.G.O.
- 21/22. Aust. Corps.
23. Aust. Corps H.A.
24. 3rd Aust. Div.
25. 4th Aust. Div.
26. 5th Aust. Div.
27. 3rd Squad., A.F.C.
28. 8th Tank Bn.
29. 65th American Brigade.
30. 129th American Regt.
31. Troop, 13th A.L.H.
32. Platoon, Aust. Corps Cyclist Bn.
- 33/34. File.
- 35/37. War Diary.
- 38/40. Spare.

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Second Australian Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
-----Statement of Personnel sent to Schools during Month of
July, 1918.

Nature of School.	G.H.Q.		Army.		Corps.		Div.	
	Off.	O.rs.	Off.	O.r.s.	Off.	O.rs.	Off.	O.rs.
Liaison Inf. & Arty.A.F.C.	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—
Artillery.	—	—	3	7	—	—	—	—
Bombing.	—	—	—	—	6	26	—	—
Cookery.	—	—	—	12	—	12	—	—
Commanding Officers.	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
Company Commanders.	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—
Engineer & Pioneers.	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gas.	—	—	—	—	16	36	—	—
Infantry.	—	—	—	15	20	40	—	—
Intelligence.	—	—	—	—	2	5	—	—
Lewis Gun.	6	10	—	—	4	21	—	—
Machine Gun.	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Musketry.	—	2.	5.	5	—	—	—	—
P.T. & B.F.	1	5	—	—	3	9	—	—
Signalling.	—	—	2	13	5	15	6	18
Wireless.	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Power Buzzer.	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—
Sniping Obs. & Scouting.	—	—	4	9	—	—	—	—
Stokes Mortar.	—	—	—	—	3	18.	—	—
Trench Mortars.(Med. & Hvy.)	—	—	4	52	—	—	—	—
	9	23	34	115	72	190	6	18

Grand Total

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NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS OF SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION DURING 236

JULY, 1918.
-----Ref. Map 62.D. & 57.D. - 1/40,000.

1. At the end of June the Division (less artillery) was in "A" Divisional Sector of the Australian Corps front, which extended from U.5 central on the south, to P.20.a.2.0 on the north - a frontage of about 4,000 yards completely enveloping the village of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX.

The front was held by 7th Australian Infantry Brigade in the Right Bde. Sub-Sector, the 5th A.I.Bde in the Left Bde. Sub-Sector, with the 6th A.I.Bde in reserve. D.H.Q. was established at GLISY.

2. The Right Brigade Sub-Sector comprised two-thirds of the Divisional front, and included the whole of the village of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX. It was held by two battalions in the line and two in support. The Left Brigade front was held by one battalion in the line, one in support and two in reserve.

The Field Artillery covering the divisional front consisted of six Field Artillery Brigades.

3. The Division on the right was the 37th French Division, and our right thus became junction of British and French. It was especially strongly held both by ourselves and the French with infantry and machine guns disposed in depth, and also a series of international posts.

4. On the night of 2nd/3rd July the 6th A.I.Bde relieved 5th A.I.Bde in Left Bde Sub-Sector.

5. On night of 3rd/4th July the 4th Aust. Div. on our left carried out an operation which resulted in the capture of the village of HAMEL and the VAIRE and HAMEL WOODS. The 6th A.I.Bde (less two battalions) was placed at the disposal of the G.O.C. 4th Aust. Div. for the capture of the objectives opposite this divisional front. Three Brigades of Field Artillery supported the operation of the 6th A.I.Bde, being placed under the orders of the G.R.A. 4th Aust. Div. for this purpose. 6 tanks were allotted to 6th A.I.Bde for co-operation in the attack.

The attack was entirely successful and all the objectives were obtained. A full report on the operation was forwarded to Aust. Corps through 4th Aust. Div.

6. Simultaneously with this attack the 7th A.I.Bde advanced their line on the left, the 28th Bn, in the line, carrying out the operation with two companies, who attained their objective with a certain amount of fighting. A full report on the operation was forwarded to Aust. Corps under this Office G.3/204 of 5th July.

7. During the afternoon of 5th July, reconnaissances shewed that it was possible to advance our line on the left without much opposition, and this was very desirable in order to obtain better observation of the enemy positions. During the night both brigades pushed forward to an average depth of 200 yards on a mile front, and thus obtained observation of the WAMPUSSE - VILLERS-BRETONNEUX Road and the ground to the north and south.

8. On the night of 6th/7th July, the 6th A.I.Bde relieved the 5th A.I. Bde in the Left Brigade Sub-Sector.

9. At 10 a.m. on 8th July the 27th Bn ^{of} our Right Brigade, pushed out two strong patrols, who cleared a considerable length of enemy front line trench and took 13 prisoners, the captured trench being then occupied by a company of the Battalion. This success was followed up by same two parties at 12.15 p.m., who cleared up a further length of trench to the south, the captured trench being once more occupied by another company of the battalion.

10. The success of this "peaceful penetration" led to a further advance by the right brigade on the afternoon of the 9th July. On this occasion a party of 2 Officers and 47 O.Rs of the 28th Bn - right line battalion of the right brigade - took the enemy trench system on the north-western and northern edge of MONUMENT WOOD as far as the railway, with a loss of one killed and two wounded. The captured trenches were at once occupied by the front line garrison without further loss.

11. Between 13th and 17th July, the artillery covering the divisional front was re-organised by the Second Aust. Div. Artillery relieving 8rd Aust. Div. Artillery, the C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Div. assuming command of Field Artillery covering divisional sector.

12. In the early evening of 14th July, the 26th Bn of our Right Brigade pushed parties out into SYRIA Trench, and cleared a considerable length of it and under cover of darkness, posts were established from U.S.C., 55.80. to O.36.d. 7.0. A derelict German tank in MONUMENT WOOD thus passed behind our new front line posts.

13. During night of 16th/17th July, VILLERS-BRETTONNEUX and the AUBIGNY trench system were heavily gas-shelled.

14. In order to straighten and shorten the right brigade front, the 25th and 26th battalions carried out an operation on night of 17th/18th July. They attacked under an artillery barrage and met with a stout resistance from the enemy, but, nevertheless, gained and consolidated their objectives. A full report on the operation was forwarded to Aust. Corps under this Office G.3/214 of 20th July.

15. On night of 19th/20th July, the 6th Bde relieved 7th A.I. Bde in the Right Brigade Sub-Sector.

16. It was now decided to occupy SYRIA Trench as far east as V.I.C.S.S. and also the trench ^{running} east of north from that point. The operation was a silent one and ^{successfully} carried out by three small parties of the 23rd Battalion on the night 21st/22nd July, a full report on same being forwarded to Aust. Corps under this Office G.3/216 of 22nd July.

17. Between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. on night 22nd/23rd July, VILLERS-BRETTONNEUX and surrounding area received a heavy concentration of green and yellow cross gas, it being estimated that at least 7,000 shells fell in the area.

18. No further fighting took place up to the end of the month with the exception of small rectifications of our line.

The continual advancing of our line meant a tremendous amount of digging in the linking up of posts to form new trenches and the construction of the necessary communication trenches.

Every energy was devoted to these works for the last week of the month, and, in addition, a considerable amount of cable-burying was ^{completed}.

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19. The total advance made by the division during the month of July represents the capture of 1,001 acres of enemy territory. The present line gives us more elbow room about VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, especially on the east and north-east, and the enemy has now lost the superiority of observation which was formerly his, and gives us suitable jumping off positions for any future operations.

20. The captures of prisoners and material made by the Division during the month of July were:-

6	Officers
451	Other ranks
3	77. M.M. anti-tank guns.
1	German tank
62	Machine guns
5	Minenwerfer
5	Grenatenwerfer
1	Periscope (large)
1	Range finder.

