

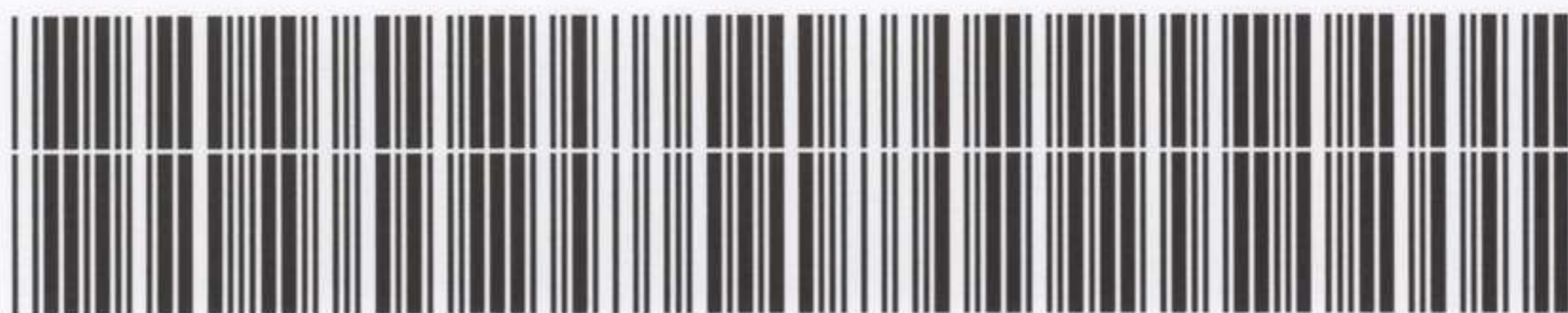
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Divisional Headquarters,
9th. July, 1918.Disposition of Units as at 6.0 a.m. 10-7-1918.

Divisional Headquarters	..	..	..	Chateau, COISY.
Divisional Engineer H.Q.	..	..	..	COISY
9th. Field Company	..	..	..	B.23.central
10th. Field Company	..	..	..	H.11.central
11th. Field Company	..	..	..	M.2.d.20.10.
Divisional Signal Company	..	..	..	COISY.
9th. Aust. Inf. Bde H.Q.	..	..	..	RIVERY.
33rd. Battalion	..	..	..	H.21.c.90.40.
34th. Battalion	..	..	..	H.16.d.85.95.
35th. Battalion	..	..	..	GLISY System.
9th. A.L.T.M.Bty	..	..	..	RIVERY.
10th. Aust. Inf. Bde H.Q.	..	..	..	Chateau, QUERRIEU
37th. Battalion	..	..	..	H.11.d.10.10.
38th. Battalion	..	..	..	H.29.e.60.60
39th. Battalion	..	..	..	M.9.d.80.50
40th. Battalion	..	..	..	M.9.a.00.90
10th. A.L.T.M.Bty	..	..	..	QUERRIEU, Chateau Grounds
11th. Aust. Inf. Bde H.Q.	..	..	..	Chateau, ALLONVILLE
41st. Battalion	..	..	..	FRESH Switch, C.19.c. and C.25.a.
42nd. Battalion	..	..	..	Wood in G.6.d.
43rd. Battalion	..	..	..	CARDONETTE
44th. Battalion	..	..	..	Wood in G.6.d.
11th. A.L.T.M. Bty	..	..	..	G.6.d.70.70
3rd. Aust. M.G.Bn. H.Q.	..	..	..	G.18.a.10.50
9th. A.M.G. Coy.	..	..	..	G.18.b.60.90
10th. A.M.G. Coy.	..	..	..	H.17.c.60.30
11th. A.M.G. Coy.	..	..	..	C.18.a.50.00
23rd. A.M.G. Coy.	..	..	..	G.34.c.50.50
3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn. H.Q.	..	..	..	H.35.d.60.90
"A", "B", "C" & "D" Coys.	..	..	..	H.35.d.60.90
A. D. M. S.	..	..	..	COISY
9th. Field Ambulance	..	..	..	No.14 Rue d'Albert, AMIENS
10th. Field Ambulance	..	..	..	H.1.b.60.70
11th. Field Ambulance	..	..	..	G.12.a.80.60
D. A. D. V. S.	..	..	..	G.36.c.80.60
3rd Aust.Div.Mob.Vet.Sect.	..	..	..	H.11.b.50.40
3rd.Aust. Div. Train H.Q.	..	..	..	G.36.c.80.60
867th Company	..	..	..	M.10.b.70.40
868th Company	..	..	..	H.7.a.50.20
869th Company	..	..	..	H.15.b.50.30
870th Company	..	..	..	H.14.a.50.90
3rd. Aust. M. T. Coy.	..	..	..	COISY
Ammunition Section	..	..	..	COISY
Supply Section	..	..	..	COISY
Workshops	ST.LEGER-les-DOMART
3rd. Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.	G.32.d.20.30
D. A. D. O. S.	G.6.c.60.40
A. P. M.	COISY

P. T. O.

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Divisional Headquarters
12th. July, 1918

APPENDIX

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Disposition of Units as at 10.0 a.m. 13-7-1918.

Divisional Headquarters	BUSSY-les-DAOURS.
Divisional Engineer H.Q.	..	..	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS 10 am 13 7 18
9th. Field Company	..	..	..	J.19.c.50.60
10th. Field Company	..	..	..	O.3.a.central
11th. Field Company	..	..	..	O.3.a.central
				} 2 pm. 12th.
Divisional Signal Company	..	..	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS.
9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q.	..	..	..	J.19.c.20.30 - Line Left
33rd. Battalion	..	..	..	J.33.d.70.40
34th. Battalion	..	..	..	J.28.a.70.70
35th. Battalion	..	..	..	J.25.d.30.50
9th. A.L.T.M.Bty	..	..	..	J.26.d.15.30
10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q.	..	..	..	O.12.b.85.20 - Line Right
37th. Battalion	..	..	..	P.8.d.42.60
38th. Battalion	..	..	..	O.24.a.30.85
39th. Battalion	..	..	..	P.19.b.25.35
40th. Battalion	..	..	..	P.9.a.40.40
10th. A.L.T.M.Bty	..	..	..	O.17.b.80.60
11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q.	..	..	..	O.5.c.45.60
41st. Battalion	..	..	..	O.12 and 18.
42nd. Battalion	..	..	..	O.8 and 14
43rd. Battalion	..	..	..	O.16 and 17.
44th. Battalion	..	..	..	O.7 and 13.
11th. A.L.T.M. Bty	..	..	..	O.1.
3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn. H.Q.	..	..	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS
9th. A.M.G. Coy.	..	..	..	J.28.c.80.70
10th. A.M.G. Coy.	..	..	..	P.8.a.60.50
11th. A.M.G. Coy.	..	..	..	O.18.a.30.20
23rd. A.M.G. Coy.	..	..	..	O.6.b.60.50.
3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn. H.Q.	..	..	..	I.30.c.50.60
A. D. M. S.	..	..	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS
9th. Field Ambulance	..	..	..	N.4.c.90.20
10th. Field Ambulance	..	..	..	Les ALENCONS.
11th. Field Ambulance	..	..	..	H.19.b.00.60.
D. A. D. V. S.	..	..	..	G.36.c.80.60.
3rd. Aust. Div. Mob. Vet. Sect.	..	..	..	H.11.b.50.40
3rd. Aust. Div. Train H.Q.	..	..	..	G.36.c.80.60
867th Company	..	..	..	M.10.b.70.40
868th Company	..	..	..	H.14.d.50.20
869th Company	..	..	..	H.15.b.50.30
870th Company	..	..	..	H.14.a.50.90
3rd. Aust. M.F. Coy.	..	..	..	COISY
Ammunition Section	..	..	..	COISY
Supply Section	..	..	..	COISY
Workshops	..	..	..	ST. LEGER-les-DMART.
3rd. Aust. Div. Salvage Coy	..	..	..	I,34.c.90.85
D. A. D. O. S.	..	..	..	H.19.d.00.00.
A. P. M.	..	..	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS.

P. T. O.

Divisional Gas Officer	.. ..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS
Divisional Musketry Officer	.. ..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS
Divisional Paymaster	.. ..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS
Divisional Reinforcement Wing	.. ..	ST. LEGER.
Divisional Staging Depot	.. ..	H.27.c.50.50.
RAILHEAD	.. ..	POULAINVILLE.
Divisional Artillery H.Q.	.. ..	GLISY Dugouts-N.20.d.70.70
(Attached 2nd Aust. Division)		
7th. A.F.A. Bde H.Q.	-do-	N.24.b.20.60
8th. A.F.A. Bde H.Q.	-do-	O.25.b.00.85
3rd Aust. D.A.C. H.Q.	-do-	N.14.c.50.50
No.1 Section	-do-	N.15.b.50.70
No.2 Section	-do-	N. 9.d.60.30
S.A.A. Section	-do-	M. 2.b.40.20
3rd. Aust. D.T.M.O.	-do-	N.24.b.20.70
Troop, 13th Light Horse	H.34.b.80.30
Platoon, Cyclist Battalion	H.34.b.70.50.

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4th. Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q.	BUSSY-les-DAOURS.
10th. A.F.A. Bde	O.10.a.90.70 (Hospice)
11th. A.F.A. Bde	I.23.d.60.20
4th. Aust. D.A.C.	.. ..	H.22.b.20.70
4th. Aust. D.T.M.O.	.. ..	I.34.c.70.90
189th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	.. ..	O.10.b.20.70
236th Brigade, R.F.A.	.. ..	O.10.b.10.70
13th. Aust. F.A. Bde	.. ..	I.29.c.90.10
14th. Aust. F.A. Bde	.. ..	L.24.b.60.00
298th. Army Bde, R.F.A.	.. ..	I.30.a.80.30
235th Brigade R.F.A.	.. ..	J.14.b.40.10
4th Brigade R.H.A.	.. ..	J.14.c.30.60
16th Brigade R.H.A.	.. ..	H.34.c.00.00
189th B.A.C.	.. ..	H.28.b.20.50
298th B.A.C.	.. ..	N.8.d.central.
4th B.A.C.	.. ..	H.12.d.00.70
16th B.A.C.	M.3.d.central.

NOTE - Amendments to be immediately notified to Divisional H.Q.

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Divisional Headquarters,
14th. July, 1918.Disposition of Units as at 6 a.m. 15-7-1918.

Divisional Headquarters	..	..	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS - Adv. Dugouts Rear Chateau
Divisional Engineer H.Q.	..	..	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS.
9th. Field Company	..	..	..	J.19.c.60.40
10th. Field Company	..	..	..	O.3.a.central
11th. Field Company	..	..	..	O.3.a.central
Divisional Signal Company	..	..	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS
9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q.	..	..	..	J.19.c.20.30 - Line Left
33rd. Battalion	..	..	..	J.33.d.00.70
34th. Battalion	..	..	..	J.28.a.70.70
35th. Battalion	..	..	..	J.25.d.30.50
9th. A.L.T.M. Bty	..	..	..	J.26.d.15.30
10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q.	..	..	..	O.12.b.95.25 - Line Right
37th. Battalion	..	..	..	P.8.d.42.60
38th. Battalion	..	..	..	O.24.a.30.85
39th. Battalion	..	..	..	P.19.b.25.35
40th. Battalion	..	..	..	P.9.a.40.40
10th. A.L.T.M. Bty	..	..	..	O.17.b.80.60
11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q.	..	..	..	O.5.c.45.60 - Reserve
41st. Battalion	..	..	..	O.12.d.10.10
42nd. Battalion	..	..	..	O.13.c.20.90
43rd. Battalion	..	..	..	O.17.c.90.90
44th. Battalion	..	..	..	O.13.c.70.10
11th. A.L.T.M. Bty	..	..	..	O.7.a.40.50
3rd. Aust. M. G. Bn. H.Q.	..	..	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS
9th. A.M.G. Coy	..	..	..	J.28.c.85.60
10th. A.M.G. Coy	..	..	..	O.18.a.45.00
11th. A.M.G. Coy	..	..	..	O.2.a.90.30
23rd. A.M.G. Coy	..	..	..	J.32.c.35.95
3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn. H.Q.	..	..	..	I.30.c.50.60
"A" Company	..	..	..	I.36.c.50.20
"B" Company	..	..	..	J.19.d.50.00
"C" Company	..	..	..	In Line - Left Bde area.
"D" Company	..	..	..	J.36.c.20.20
A. D. M. S.	..	..	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS
9th. Field Ambulance	..	..	..	N.4.c.90.20
10th. Field Ambulance	..	..	..	Les ALENCONS
11th. Field Ambulance	..	..	..	H.19.b.00.60
D. A. D. V. S.	..	..	..	G.36.c.80.60
3rd. Aust. Div. Mob. Vet. Sect.	..	..	..	H.11.b.50.40
3rd. Aust. Div. Train H.Q.	..	..	..	G.36.c.80.60
867th Company	..	..	..	M.10.b.70.40
868th Company	..	..	..	H.14.d.50.20
869th Company	..	..	..	H.15.b.50.30
870th Company	..	..	..	H.14.a.50.90
3rd. Aust. M. T. Coy.	..	..	..	COISY
Ammunition Section	..	..	..	COISY
Supply Section	..	..	..	COISY
Workshops	..	..	..	ST. LEGER-les-DOMART
3rd. Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.	..	..	..	I.34.c.90.85
D. A. D. O. S.	..	..	..	H.25.a.80.20
Divisional Musketry Officer	..	..	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURSp. T. O.

A. P. M.	.. .. .	BUSSY-les-DAOURS
Divisional Gas Officer	.. .. .	BUSSY-les-DAOURS
Divisional Paymaster	.. .. .	BUSSY-les-DAOURS
Divisional Reinforcements Wing	.. .. .	ST. LEGER.
Divisional Staging Depot	.. .. .	H.27.c.50.50
RAILHEAD	.. .. .	POULAINVILLE
Divisional Artillery H.Q.	.. .. .	BUSSY-les-DAOURS - 8 pm 15-7-18
7th. A.F.A. Bde H.Q.	.. .. .	O.10.a.90.70 - midnight 16/17-7-18
8th. A.F.A. Bde H.Q.	.. .. .	I.24.b.60.00
3rd Aust.D.A.C. H.Q.	.. .. .	H.22.b.20.70 - noon, 15-7-18
No.1 Section	.. .. .	H.22.b. - noon, 15-7-18
No.2 Section	.. .. .	H.22.b. - noon, 15-7-18
S.A.A. Section	.. .. .	M.25.d.50.80 - noon, 15-7-18
3rd Aust.D.T.M.O.	.. .. .	I.34.c.70.90 - noon, 15-7-18
3rd. Army Brigade, A.F.A. H.Q.	.. .. .	I.23.d.60.20 - Attached. (midnight 16/17-7-18)
189th. Army Brigade, R.F.A. H.Q.	.. .. .	H.34.b.40.80 - Attached.
298th. Army Brigade, R.F.A. H.Q.	.. .. .	I.30.a.80.30 - Attached.
16th. Army Brigade, R.H.A. H.Q.	.. .. .	I.35.e.60.30 - Attached.
189th. B.A.C.	.. .. .	H.28.b.20.50
298th. B.A.C.	.. .. .	N.8.d.central
16th. B.A.C.	.. .. .	N.4.c. & N.3.d.
Troop, 13th Light Horse	.. .. .	H.34.b.70.60.
Platoon, Cyclist Battalion	.. .. .	H.34.b.60.60.

NOTE - Amendments to be immediately notified to Divisional H.Q.

BUSSY-les-DAOURS	.. .. .	A. P. M.
H.27.c.50.50	.. .. .	Divisional Gas Officer
H.22.b.20.70	.. .. .	Divisional Paymaster
H.22.b.	.. .. .	Divisional Reinforcements Wing
H.22.b.	.. .. .	Divisional Staging Depot
M.25.d.50.80	.. .. .	RAILHEAD
I.34.c.70.90	.. .. .	Divisional Artillery H.Q.
I.23.d.60.20	.. .. .	7th. A.F.A. Bde H.Q.
H.34.b.40.80	.. .. .	8th. A.F.A. Bde H.Q.
I.30.a.80.30	.. .. .	3rd Aust.D.A.C. H.Q.
I.35.e.60.30	.. .. .	No.1 Section
H.28.b.20.50	.. .. .	No.2 Section
N.8.d.central	.. .. .	S.A.A. Section
N.4.c. & N.3.d.	3rd Aust.D.T.M.O.
H.34.b.70.60.	3rd. Army Brigade, A.F.A. H.Q.
H.34.b.60.60.	189th. Army Brigade, R.F.A. H.Q.

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Disposition of Units as at 6.0 a.m. 19-7-18.

Divisional Headquarters.	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS - Adv. Dugouts - Rear - Chateau.
Divisional Engineer H.Q.	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS.
9th. Field Company.	..	J.19.c.60.40.
10th. -do-	..	O. 3.a.central.
11th. -do-	..	O. 3.a.central.
Divisional Signal Company.	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS.
9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	..	J.19.c.20.30 - Line Left.
33rd. Battalion.	..	J.25.d.30.50.
34th. Battalion.	..	J.28.a.70.70.
35th. Battalion.	..	J.33.d.00.70.
9th. A.L.T.M. Bty.	..	J.26.d.15.30.
10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	..	O.12.b.95.25 - Line Right.
37th. Battalion.	..	P. 9.a.40.40.
38th. Battalion.	..	P.14.a.95.00.
39th. Battalion.	..	O.24.a.45.80.
40th. Battalion.	..	P. 8.a.50.50.
10th. A.L.T.M. Bty.	..	O.17.b.80.60.
11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	..	O. 5.c.45.60 - Reserve.
41st. Battalion.	..	O.12.d.10.10.
42nd. Battalion.	..	O.13.c.20.90.
43rd. Battalion.	..	O.17.c.90.90.
44th. Battalion.	..	O.13.c.70.10.
11th. A.L.T.M. Bty.	..	O. 7.a.40.50.
3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn. H.Q.	..	O. 6.b.55.45. - Adv.
-do-	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS. - Rear.
9th. A.M.G. Coy.	..	J.28.c.85.60.
10th. -do-	..	O.18.a.45.00.
11th. -do-	..	O. 2.a.90.30.
23rd. -do-	..	J.32.c.35.95.
3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn. H.Q.	..	I.30.c.50.60.
"A" Company.	..	I.36.c.50.20.
"B" Company.	..	J.19.d.50.00.
"C" Company.	..	In Line Right - Left Bde area.
"D" Company.	..	J.36.c.20.20.
A. D. M. S.	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS.
9th. Field Ambulance.	..	N.4.c.90.20.
10th. Field Ambulance.	..	Les ALNCON3.
11th. Field Ambulance.	..	H.19.b.00.60.
D.A.D.V.S.	..	G.36.c.80.60.
3rd. Aust. Div. Mob. Vet. Sect.	..	H.11.b.50.40.
3rd. Aust. Div. Train. H.Q.	..	G.36.c.80.60.
867th. Company.	..	M.10.b.70.40.
868th. Company.	..	H.14.d.50.80.
869th. Company.	..	H.15.b.50.30.
870th. Company.	..	H.14.a.50.90.

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3rd. Aust. M. T. Coy. ...	COISY.
Ammunition Section. ...	COISY.
Supply Section. ...	COISY.
Workshops. ...	ST. LEGER-les-DOMART.
3rd. Aust. Div. Salvage Coy. ...	I.34.c.50.60.
D. A. D. O. S. ...	H.25.a.80.20.
Divisional Musketry Officer. ...	BUSSY-les-DAOURS.
A. P. M. ...	BUSSY-les-DAOURS.
Divisional Gas Officer. ...	BUSSY-les-DAOURS.
Divisional Paymaster. ...	BUSSY-les-DAOURS.
Divisional Reinforcements Wing. ...	ST. LEGER.
Divisional Staging Depot. ...	H.27.c.50.50.
RAILHEAD. ...	POULAINVILLE.
Divisional Artillery. H.Q. ...	BUSSY-les-DAOURS.
7th. A.F.A. Bde. H.Q. ...	C.10.a.90.70.
8th. A.F.A. Bde. H.Q. ...	I.24.b.60.00.
3rd. Aust. D.A.C. H.Q. ...	H.22.b.20.70.
No.1 Section. ...	H.22.b.
No.2 Section. ...	M.2.b.40.20.
S.A.A. Section. ...	I.34.c.70.90.
3rd. Aust. D.T.M.O. ...	I.23.d.60.20. - Attached.
3rd. Army Bde. A.F.A. H.Q. ...	O.10.b.00.40. - Attached.
189th Army Bde. R.F.A. H.Q. ...	I.15.d. - Attached.
298th Army Bde. R.F.A. H.Q. ...	I.35.c.60.30. - Attached.
16th. Army Bde. R.H.A. H.Q. ...	E.28.b.20.50.
189th. B.A.C. ...	H.8.d.central.
298th. B. A. C. ...	N.4.c. and N.3.d.
16th. B. A. C. ...	H.16.c.80.20.
3rd. B.A.C. ...	H.34.b.70.60.
Troop, 13th. Light Horse. ...	H.34.b.60.60.
Platoon, Cyclist Battalion. ...	
	18-7-18.

NOTE. - Amendments to be immediately notified to Divisional Headquarters

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. S E C R E T.Map Sheet 62D. 1/40,000.Disposition of Units as at 6.0 a.m. 1/8/18.

Divisional Headquarters.	..	... BUSSY-les-DAOURS	Adv. Dugouts. Rear. Chateau.
Divisional Engineer. H.Q.	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS.	
9th. Field Company.	..	J.19.c.60.40.	
10th. -do-	..	O. 3.a.central.	
11th. -do-	..	O. 3.a.central.	
Divisional Signal Coy.	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS.	
9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	..	I.32.b.60.70.	- Reserve.
33rd. Battalion.	..	VIEW Sector.	
34th. Battalion.	..	O.13.c.20.90.	
35th. Battalion.	..	O.13.c.70.10.	
9th. A.L.T.M.Bty.	..	O. 7.a.40.50.	
10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	..	O.12.b.95.25.	- Line Right.
37th. Battalion.	..	P. 8.a.50.50.	
38th. Battalion.	..	O.24.a.45.80.	
39th. Battalion.	..	P.14.a.95.00.	
40th. Battalion.	..	P. 9.a.40.40.	
10th. A.L.T.M.Bty.	..	O.17.b.80.60.	
11th. Aust. Inf. Bde H.Q.	..	O. 5.c.45.60	- Line Left.
41st. Battalion	..	O.12.d.10.10	
42nd. Battalion	..	J.33.d.00.70	
43rd. Battalion	..	J.25.d.30.50	
44th. Battalion	..	P. 9.a.40.40	
11th. A.L.T.M.Bty	..	J.26.d.15.30	
3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn. H.Q.	..	O. 6.b.55.45	- Adv.
-do-	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS	- Rear
9th. A.M.G. Coy.	..		H.35.b.10.10.
10th. -do-	..	O. 2.a.90.30	
11th. -do-	..	O.18.a.45.00	
23rd. -do-	..	J.32.c.35.95	
3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn. H.Q.	..	J.33.d.10.70	
"A" Coy.	..	In Line Centre	- Left Bde Area
"B" Coy.	..	In Support	- Left Bde Area
"C" Coy.	..	J.19.c.80.20	
"D" Coy.	..	I.36.c.20.20	

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A. D. M. S.	BUSSY-les-DAOURS
9th. Field Ambulance	N.4.c.90.20
10th. -do-	Les ALLENCONS
11th. -do-	H.19.b.00.60
Main Dressing Station ..	..	G.29.c.50.30
Advanced Dressing Station ..	..	N. 4.c.90.20
-do- ..	..	O.15.a.50.70
D. A. D. V. S. ..	..	G.36.c.80.60
3rd.Aust.Div.Mob.Vet.Sec. ..	..	H.11.b.50.40
3rd. Aust. Div. Train H.Q. ..	..	G.36.c.80.60
22nd. Coy. ..	..	M.10.b.70.40
23rd. Coy. ..	..	H.14.d.50.20
24th. Coy. ..	..	H.15.b.50.30
25th. Coy. ..	..	H.14.a.50.90
3rd. Aust. M. T. Coy. ..	..	COISY
Ammunition Section ..	..	COISY
Supply Section ..	..	COISY
Workshops ..	..	ST. LEGER-les-DOMART
3rd.Aust.Div.Salvage Coy. ..	..	I.34.c.50.60
D. A. D. O. S. ..	..	H.25.a.80.20
Div. Musketry Officer ..	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS
A. P. M. ..	..	-do-
Div. Gas Officer ..	..	-do-
Div. Paymaster ..	..	-do-
Div. Reinforcement Wing ..	..	St. LEGER.
Div. Staging Depot ..	..	H.27.c.50.50
RAILHEAD ..	..	POULAINVILLE
Divisional Artillery H.Q. ..	..	BUSSY-les-DAOURS
7th A.F.A. Bde H.Q. ..	..	O.10.a.90.70
8th. -do- ..	..	I.24.d.20.90
3rd Aust.D.A.C. H.Q. ..	..	H.22.b.60.20
No.1 Section ..	..	H.22.b.40.20
No.2 Section ..	..	M.22.b.80.20
S.A.A. Section ..	..	M. 2.b.40.20
3: Aust.D.T.M.O. ..	..	I.34.c.70.90

Attached Units.

3rd Army Bde A.F.A. H.Q. ..	..	I.23.d.60.20
189th Army Bde R.F.A. H.Q. ..	..	O.10.b.15.75
298th Army Bde R.F.A. H.Q. ..	..	I.15.d.
69th Bde R.G.A. ..	..	O. 2.a.90.60
16th Army Bde, R.H.A. H.Q. ..	..	I.30.a.70.70
189th B.A.C.	H.28.b.20.50
298th B.A.C.	N.8.d.central
16th B.A.C.	N.4.c. & N.3.d.
3rd.B.A.C.	H.34.b.50.70

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Attached Units (Continued).

Troop, 13th Light Horse	..	H.34.b.70.60.
Platoon, Cyclist Battalion.	..	H.34.b.60.60.
65th American Brigade H.Q.	..	ALLONVILLE - Chateau
1st.Bn. 129th Inf.Regt.	..	O.16. & 17.
3rd.Bn. 130th Inf.Regt.	..	La NEUVILLE.
1 Coy. 123rd M.G.Bn.)	..	
1 Coy. -do-)	..	H.20.b.10.90
"A" Section, 129th American Field Ambulance	..	PETIT CAMON.
Bearer Sub-section, 129th. American Field Ambulance		N. 4.c.90.20.

NOTE. - Amendments to be immediately notified to Divisional H.Q.

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1. - The Third Australian Division (less Artillery) will relieve the Fourth Australian Division (less Artillery) in "B" Divisional Area on nights 11th/12th and 12th/13th July 1918.
2. - The relief will be carried out under the orders of the G.O.C., Fourth Australian Division.
3. - Command of the Divisional Area will pass at 10.0 a.m. on the 13th July, at which hour Divisional Headquarters will open at BUSSY.
4. - Necessary advance parties will precede their units by 24 hours.
5. - Reliefs will be in accordance with attached Relief Table.
6. - G.O., 3rd Aust. Machine Gun Bn. will arrange relief of machine guns in Left Brigade area on night 11th/12th July, and balance of 4th Aust. Machine Gun Bn. on night 12th/13th July.
7. - The C.R.E. will arrange details of relief of Pioneers & Engineers.
8. - The A.D.M.S. will arrange reliefs of medical units.
9. - O's.C., Light Horse Troop and Cyclist Platoon will arrange relief mutually with O's.C., of similar units attached to the Fourth Australian Division.
10. - Command of Brigade Areas will pass on completion of reliefs.
11. - Administrative instructions will be issued separately.
ACKNOWLEDGE.

Div. Hd. Qrs.
9th. July, 1918.

Major J. Tomelty
Major
for Lieut-Colonel, G.S.

Distribution.

Copy No. 1	A.D.C. for G.O.C.	Copy No. 19	O.C. Troop Light Horse
2	"G" Staff	20	O.C. Cyclist Platoon
3	"A.Q" Staff	21	5th Tank Brigade
4	C. R. A.	22	8th Tank Battalion.
5	C. R. E.	23-24	AUST. Corps.
6	3rd. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.	25	Town Major, QUERRIEU.
7	9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.	26	-do- RIVERY.
8	10th. -do-	27	-do- GLISY.
9	11th. -do-	28	-do- ALLONVILLE.
10	3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.	29	-do- BUSSY.
11	3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn.	30	-do- COISY.
12	A. D. M. S.	31	Camp Commandant,
13	3rd. Aust. Div. Train.	32	2nd Aust. Division.
14	3rd. Aust. M. T. Coy.	33.	4th -do-
15	A. P. M.	34	5th -do-
16	3rd. Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.	35	Military Board, C.M.F.
17	D. A. D. V. S.	36-38	War Diary.
18	D. A. D. O. S.	39-40	Spare.

(P.T.O. for Relief Table).

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RELIEF TABLE.

Date 1918	Serial No.	Unit	From	To	Remarks.
11th July	1	10th A.I. Brigade (less 2 Bns).	QUERRIEU	AUBIGNY Reserve Area	Through BUSSY - to finish march by 7.0 a.m.
	2	2 Bns of 10th Bde	RIVERY	-do-	To finish march by 9.0 a.m.
	3	2 Bns of 4th A.I. Bde.	AUBIGNY RESERVE Area	QUERRIEU.	To finish march by 9.0 a.m.
Night 11/12th July	4	10th A.I. Brigade	AUBIGNY Reserve Area	Line, RIGHT.	Relieve 4th & 13th A.I. Brigades with 3 Battalions in line (Both Brigade Headquarters temporarily at I.32.b.2.8. (
	5	13th A.I. Brigade	Line	AUBIGNY Reserve Area	
	6	4th A.I. Brigade (less 2 Bns.)	Line	Bivouacs near BUSSY thence to QUERRIEU	
12th July	7	9th. A.I. Brigade	QUERRIEU & GLISY	Bivouacs near BUSSY	To finish march by 9.0 a.m.
Night 12/13th July	8	9th. A.I. Brigade	Bivouacs near BUSSY	Line LEFT.	Relieves 12th. A. I. Brigade.
	9	11th. A.I. Brigade	ALLONVILLE	AUBIGNY Reserve Area	By most direct route, and becomes Divisional Reserve.

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*War Diary***SECRET.****APPX 4****THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 99.****Map Ref: Sheet 62D.**

1. - 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn. (less 2 Coys.) will occupy the Right Sector of the Left Brigade Area under C.O.C. 9th A.I.Bde., who will arrange tactical area to be taken over.
2. - One Coy. only will go into the line.
3. - One Coy. in Support will continue the work of improving defences and wire of the support line, and assist the front line Coy. by performing minor Battalion fatigues.
4. - Reliefs will be arranged between Coys. by C.O. Pioneer Bn.
5. - The 3rd and 4th Coys. of Pioneer Bn., while out of the line, will be administered and employed, as at present, under the Second-in-Command Pioneer Bn.
6. - Taking over will be completed as early as possible, and necessary alterations in dispositions forwarded.
7. - 9th A.I.Bde. will assist in accommodating Pioneer Bn. Headquarters until permanent accommodation is provided.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

20th July, 1918.

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.**For distribution P.T.O.**



SECRET

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 100.

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1. The 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 9th. Australian Infantry Brigade in Left Brigade Sector, "B" Divisional Area on nights 30th/31st. July and 31st. July/1st. August, relief to be complete by 3 a.m. 1st. August.

2. On relief, the 9th. Australian Infantry Brigade will become Divisional Reserve, with two Battalions in the AUBIGNY System in O.7., O.8., O.13., and O.14., and one Battalion in the LA NEUVILLE System in the vicinity of I.26. and I.32.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

27th. July, 1918.

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Copy No. 1	A.Q.	11	3rd. Aust. Div. Train.
2	C.R.A.	12	A.P.M.
3	C.R.E.	13	Troop, 13th. Light Horse.
4	Div. Sig. Coy.	14	Platoon, Cyclist Bn.
5	9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	15	8th. Tank Bn.
6	10th. -do-	16-17	Aust. Corps.
7	11th. -do-	18	5th. Aust. Div.
8	A.D.M.S.	19-21	War Diary.
9	3rd. Aust. M. G. Bn.	22	Military Board, C.M.F.
10	3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.	23	File.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO.101.

APPENDIX 6

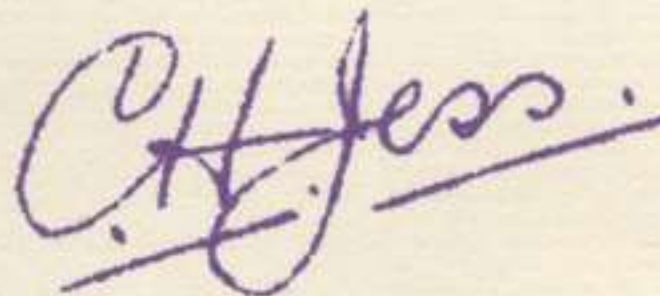
1. The III Corps is relieving the Australian Corps in the sector North of the SOMME on the nights July 30th/31st. and July 31st/August 1st.
2. On the night July 30th/31st. the Left Battalion of the 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade (North of the SOMME) will be relieved by one Battalion of the 54th. Brigade, 18th. Division, and will move to Reserve position in VIEW sector (H.30. & 36. and I.25).
3. After relief, the Northern boundary of Australian Corps and "B" Division will run as follows :-
H.22.b.1.7. - H.24.a.9.8. - I.26.b.3.0. - J.25.a.0.0.
thence Eastwards along the Northern Bank of the SOMME Canal.
4. The relief and disposition of Artillery and Trench Mortars, North of the SOMME, will be arranged by the C.R.A., 3rd. Aust. Div., with the C.R.A., 18th. Division.
5. Relief of Machine Guns, North of the SOMME, will be arranged by C.O. Machine Gun Battalion.
6. On the night July 31st/August 1st., the 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve the two Battalions of the 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade South of the SOMME.
7. Command of the Left Brigade Sector (including that ^{portion} held by the 3rd Pioneer Battalion) will pass to the G.O.C., 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade on completion of relief.
Brigade Headquarters will remain as at present, until more suitable accommodation is available.
8. After relief, the 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will be disposed with two Battalions in the AUBIGNY System, & one Battalion in VIEW Sector; and will become Divisional Reserve with Headquarters at I.32.b.
9. Subsequent to the relief by the 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade, the inter-Brigade boundary will be amended to run as follows :-
Junction of roads at O.11.a.6.2. - O.12.c.0.0. -
O.12.d.7.0. - O.12.b.6.3 - P.2.a.8.3.
P.8.central and P.16.b.4.8.
10. Battalions of American Infantry attached to Brigades will be accommodated as under :-

Battalion of 129th. Inf. Regt. in O.16. & 17.
" " 130th. -do- in LA NEUVILLE.

Moves to these areas will take place as accommodation becomes available, under arrangements to be made by Divisional Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

29th. July, 1918.


Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff.DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No. 1	"A.Q."	11 3rd. Aust. Div. Train.
2	C.R.A.	12 A.P.M.
3	C.R.E.	13 Troop 13th. Light Horse.
4	Div. Sig. Coy.	14 Platoon Cyclist Bn.
5	9th. A.I. Bde.	15 8th. Tank Bn.
6	10th. -do-	16 5th. Aust. Div.
7	11th. -do-	17-18 Aust. Corps.
8	A.D.M.S.	19 18th. Division.
9	3rd. A.M.G. Bn.	20
10.	3rd. Pioneer Bn.	21-23 War Diary.
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APPENDIX 7

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GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 84. A.



TRENCH RELIEFS.

1. - The object of warning troops for relief, before movement is necessary, is to enable the incoming Headquarters and officers to visit the new sector and ascertain definitely (amongst other things) :

- (a) condition of defences.
- (b) defence scheme (or arrangements).
- (c) maps and records of the sector.

2. - It is the duty of the incoming C.O. to draw the attention of the outgoing C.O. to any inadequacy of the above, with a view to having the maps, etc., brought up to date and completed before the command passes. Under any circumstances, it is desirable that the Intelligence Officers should remain with the Unit to be relieved, and obtain the utmost information about the area.

3. - A sketch showing existing defences and disposition of troops, with a short report, will be forwarded by Brigade H.Q. to Divisional H.Q. within 24 hours of the command passing to Divisional H.Q.

4. - It is essential that the earliest and fullest information concerning Defences, trenches, wire, tracks, dumps, etc., should be passed to Divisional H.Q. in order that the necessary re-arrangement of the Works Policy may be carried out.

P.T.O.

5. - In relieving Bdes. or Bns. in Reserve, a similar procedure will be adopted prior to relief. Special attention will be paid to the records of arrangements for reinforcement or counter-attack.

6. - Works under construction in the Support Line, or forward of the same, will be continued without break on relief.

7. - Proposals for new works (including the linking up of detached posts, etc.) will be referred at the earliest opportunity to Division H.Q., after the command has passed.

Ch Jess

Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff.

21st. July, 1918.

DISTRIBUTION.

"A.Q."	3rd. Pioneer Bn.
C.R.A.	3rd. M.G. Bn.
C.R.E.	D. G. O.
9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	D.A.A.L.G.O.
10th. -do-	War Diary (3)
11th. -do-	Inf. e. P.M.S.



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APPX 8

T.C.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 65A.

1. - As a means of securing continuity of policy and uniformity of procedure throughout the Division

(a). Branches of Div. Hd.Qrs. Staff, and attached Specialist Officers

(b). Headquarters of Brigades of Artillery and Infantry,

(c). Machine Gun, Infantry, and Pioneer Battalions, and other Divisional Units

will maintain a "Rulings Book" on the following lines:-

2. - The Book will be divided in three sections : "G", "A" and "Q", and each entry will be numbered according to its section, i.e., "G.101" - "A.17" - "Q.23".

These numbers will not coincide in books of different formations, but act as the sequence index for the Unit concerned.

3. - Whilst Commanding Officers are at liberty to cause any order or instruction to be entered, the entries will usually be restricted to rulings and precedents arising from correspondence, verbal decisions, etc., intended to be permanent.

4. - The rulings will include both those received as well as those issued, and the authority for each must be quoted at the end of the entry, e.g. (D.H.Q. "Q" 146/629) (G.O.C. Bde. Conference 8-7-18), (B.H.Q. B.M.103/21).

P.T.O.

5. - The aim of the book is to record in the most accessible form the rulings and precedents in force within the Higher Formation and in the Unit. This will avoid in some measure the break in policy and procedure on change of Command and Staff.

Ch. Jones

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.

22nd July, 1918.

DISTRIBUTION.

G.O.C.

"G" Staff.

"A.Q." Staff.

C.R.A.

C.R.E.

3rd Aust. Div. Sig. Co.

9th Aust. Inf. Bde.

10th do.

11th do.

3rd Aust. M.G. Bn.

3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.

3rd Aust. Div. Train.

D.A.D.Q.S.

War Diary (3).

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LIAISON OF ARTILLERY & INFANTRY.

1. In the case of prearranged Medium and Heavy T.M. Shoots on targets within 300 yards of any position held by us, where there is the slightest possibility of short shooting on registration, an increase must be given to the measured range for the first shots, and observation maintained throughout the shoot.
2. The Artillery Liaison Officer with the Infantry must be aware of all Artillery Programmes, and should be present at any prearranged shoot to observe and report both from the Infantry as well as the Artillery point of view.
3. The careless action of Telephone and other Personnel around O.Ps. has been frequently noticed of late. In one case, while two Artillery Officers were observing over the parapet, 9 other ranks were sitting on the paradocs in rear (keenly interested in the shooting, and quite exposed to the enemy). Within 10 yards of this position is a hidden Infantry O.P. where every possible precaution for secrecy has been maintained, but it may be rendered useless by this one careless exposure.
The Senior Officer or N.C.O. of an Observing Party is responsible for the conduct of all personnel in the vicinity of his O.P. and must insist on trench discipline being maintained.
4. It must be impressed on Junior Artillery and other visiting Officers that the Infantry Brigade, or Battalion, Commander in the forward area is the Commander of that area, and that his local instructions as to concealment or movement must be rigidly adhered to. On the other hand, every facility and assistance must be given by Infantry Commanders to the Artillery in the selection, construction, and maintenance, of Artillery O.Ps.
5. Notice boards will be erected on all approaches to O.Ps. warning strangers of their existence and instructing them not to loiter in the vicinity.
6. Officers (and others) who visit O.Ps. will be required to write their Rank, Name and Unit on the back of the Observer's Report; the time and duration of visit will also be entered. The Officer or N.C.O. in charge of the Observing Party will be responsible that the foregoing is carried out. These lists should be scanned by the Commander to whom reports are forwarded, and unnecessary visits to important O.Ps. prevented.

24th July, 1918.

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.DISTRIBUTION.

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A.Q.
C.R.A. (For dist. down to Batteries).
C.R.E.
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3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
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- A.Q.
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- 11th -do- }
- 3rd Aust. M.G. Bn.
- 3rd Atst. Pioneer Bn.
- A.D.M.S.

In country such as where we are at present fighting, new areas appear, at first sight, to be bare of local landmarks or local distinctive features, yet within a few days various apt descriptive names are used for describing local features.

On all tactical maps used in the Division, such landmarks will be shown as a spot, centrally placed in a triangle - the spot indicating the "pinpoint" of the co-ordinate - and the descriptive name written alongside, i.e.

- △ Bare Crucifix.
- △ Two Trees.
- △ Mill Ruins.

Local names at present in use (and their co-ordinates) and additions should be forwarded to Divisional Headquarters for insertion on Maps from time to time.

24th July, 1918.

C. H. Jones
 Lieut-Colonel.
 General Staff.



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APPX
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DEFENSIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 16.
ORGANIZATION OF DEFENCES.

1. These instructions summarise the following Defensive Instructions and Operation Circulars:-

- Defensive Instruction No. 9.
- " " No. 12 (para. 2).
- Operation Circular No. 5.
- " " No. 8.

Defensive Instruction No. 7 is Cancelled.

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.

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

B. SOUTH OF THE SOMME. - two systems.

- (1) 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. (NORTH of SOMME only).

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

See AUST. Corps Instructions for the Defensive No. 49 and map attached thereto (issued to C.R.A., C.R.E. 9th, 10th & 11th Bdes.)

- NOTE: (i) BLANGY System becomes part of the Army System of the 2nd Zone Defences.
- (ii) The village of BUSSY is inclusive to the Army system.
 - (iii) A reserve line and special defended localities in accordance with Defensive Instruction No. 12, para. 4, are in process of construction.

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

Defence Maps will be amended accordingly.

Future editions of the map showing the Army System (AUST. Corps Instructions for the Defensive No. 49 - issued to C.R.A., C.R.E., 9th, 10th and 11th A.I. Bdes.) will be colour-washed in GREEN.

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 HOUSSOYE Switch - FRESH Switch.
- (iii) (West of the HALLUE) The FRECHENCOURT-ST. GRATIEN Switch, and the PONT NOYELLES-ST. GRATIEN Switch.

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B. FACING an attack from Southeasterly direction.

- (i) AUBIGNY-HEILLY-BOES Switch-NICOLAS Sector.
- (ii) GLISY-BLANCY and TRONVILLE Switches.
- (iii) The NEUVILLE Sector from LA NEUVILLE to the Army System.
- (iv) The FRANVILLERS System between the Corps and 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.

James Connelly

Major.

for General Staff.

Divisional Headquarters,
4th July, 1918.

DISTRIBUTION.

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- 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- x 3rd Aust. M.G. Bn.
- Light Horse.
- O.C. Platoon Cyclist Bn.
- AUST. Corps.
- 2nd Aust. Div. } For information.
- 4th -do-
- 5th -do-
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- x Maps issued.

War DiaryDEFENSIVE INSTRUCTION No.17.BATTLE STATIONS PRACTICE*APPX 12*

1. - It is intended at an early date, and by night, to carry out the manning of battle stations on the Army front for practice purposes.

2. - (a) On the evening of date selected the following telegrams will be sent by Division to units :-

"Battle Stations practice acknowledge"

(b) Recipients will acknowledge receipt by the following wire :-

"Acknowledged practice".

(c) As soon as all troops are in their allotted positions units will wire :-

"Position practice"

3. - No movement in connection with the practice will take place before 8.30 p.m; in the forward areas no movement will take place until after dark.

4. - On receipt of wire from Division :-

"Normal dispositions"

normal dispositions will be resumed; when this has been completed, units will wire :-

"Normal practice".

5. - (i) Army System. Nucleus garrisons will man their posts.

(ii) 2nd or Corps Zone. All troops definitely allotted as garrisons will man their stations, and counter-attack troops will fall in on their alarm posts.

The above will not affect reliefs, or troops who normally stand to in the morning and evening.

(iii) Forward Zones. No troops in Forward Zone will be affected.

6. - The artillery will not fire any special programme in connection with the exercise.

7. - Every opportunity will be taken during the exercise to discover any points in connection with existing orders and arrangements which require adjustment, and all Staff Officers that can be spared from other duties must be employed throughout the practice for this purpose.

8. - Communications forward to most advanced troops and back to Division and also communication with flank units, will be tested during this practice; reports will be rendered later by units concerned giving the time taken from receipt of wire "Battle stations practice acknowledge" to the completion of the manning, and forwarding copies of all messages sent.

9. - It is essential that no orders should be issued which can in any way be interpreted to indicate that an actual hostile attack is anticipated.

Care must therefore be exercised that all orders issued signify clearly that they are only concerned with a practice operation. Copies of all orders will be forwarded to Division.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Div.Hd.Qrs.,

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Major,
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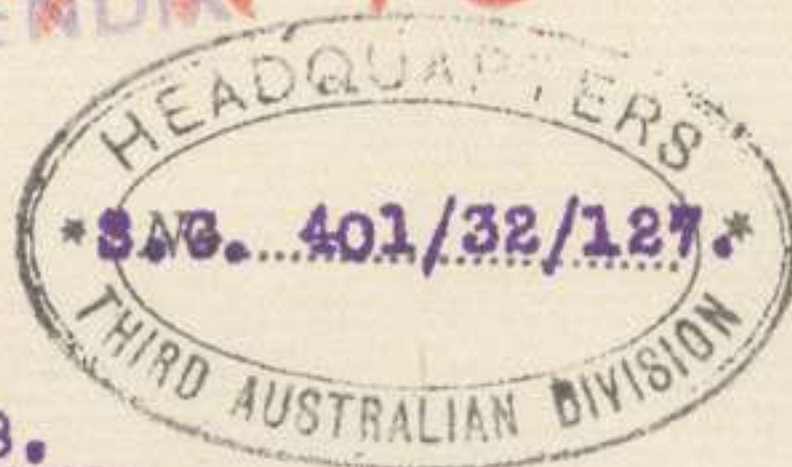
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- 11th. -do-
- 3rd.Aust.Div.Sig.Coy.
- 3rd.Aust.M.G.Bn.
- 3rd.Aust.Pioneer Bn.
- O.C., Troop, Light Horse.
- O.C., Cyclist Platoon.
- Australian Corps.
- War Diary (3).

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SECRET."B" DIVISIONAL AREA.DEFENSIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 18.
ORGANIZATION OF DEFENCES.

1. In accordance with Fourth Army Defence Policy, issued to Brigades on May 3rd. and June 5th., under G. 401/32/46, attached map shows organization of the Forward Zone into systems of defence. -

2. The Front Line System coloured RED.
Support Line System coloured BLUE.
Reserve Line System coloured GREEN.-
And an Intermediate Line coloured BROWN.
Switch Lines coloured YELLOW.

3. In accordance with previous Divisional instructions, Brigades in the line will concentrate on the construction and improvement of defences forward of the Reserve System, and will be responsible for their defence.

4. Order of precedence of work will be as laid down in para 5(a) of Fourth Army Policy, except that switches will be first wired and then platoon posts constructed, to be later joined up in a continuous line.

5. Trench Names have been submitted to Corps Headquarters for approval, and will be promulgated later.

27th. July, 1918.

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Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.

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3rd. Aust. M. G. Bn.

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Aust. Corps.
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4th. Aust. Div.
5th. Aust. Div.
War Diary.

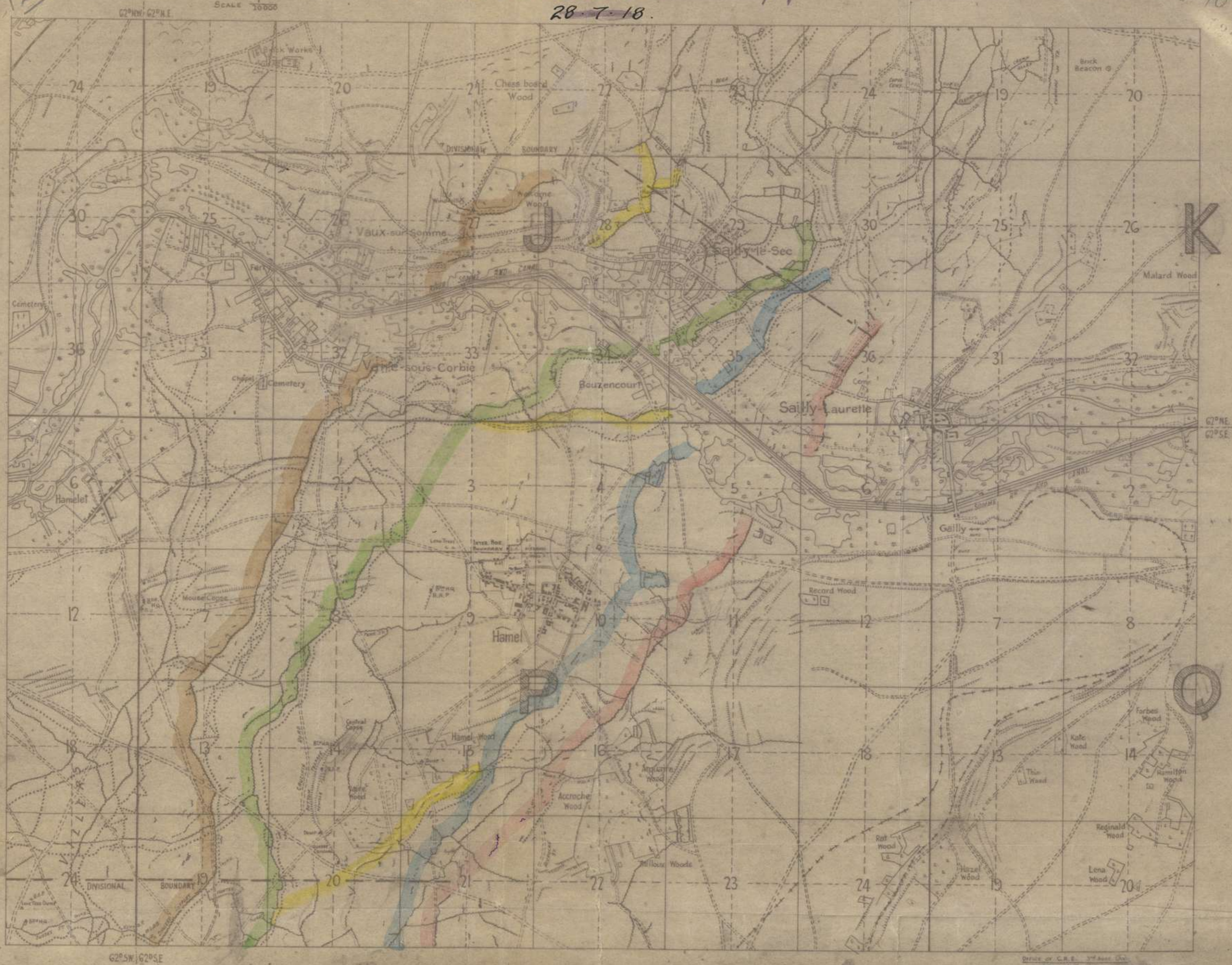
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"B" DIV. AREA. *anr 16/8/18*

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ACTION OF 11th. Aust. Machine Gun Company inHAMEL OFFENSIVE - July 4th. 1918.

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July 2nd. 1918.APPROACH MARCH.

The 11th. Aust. Machine Gun Coy. plus one composite section made up from the other companies of the 3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Battalion marched out from camp at ALLONVILLE at 3.30 p.m. on 2/7/18, via QUERRIEU to BUSSY-les-DAOURS, which was reached at 5.30 p.m.

Here the men rested and had a hot meal, after which at 10.0 p.m. the Company, less 2 sections under Lieuts. White and Huxtable, continued its march to the line via AUBIGNY, FOUILLOY and HAMELET, positions in the support line being taken up by 2.0 a.m. 3/7/18.

COMPANY HEADQUARTERS. July 3rd. 1918.

Company Headquarters established at U.31.b.90.60.

While the men rested in the trenches the officers made their final reconnaissance and arrangements for the assembly, and on this night 48 hours rations, over and above their iron rations, were issued to the men.

DISPOSITIONS.

Twelve guns were detailed to go forward with the advancing Infantry, four of which, under Lieuts. BUNN and FORBES were to go forward to the final objective; one section under Lieuts. BATES & CARLSON, and another under Lieuts. Harding and Ball being detailed for the first objective. The remaining section of the 11th Coy and the composite section under Lieuts. White and Huxtable respectively were detailed to proceed to prepared positions at U.34.a.70.20 (K) and U.34.a.92.00 (L).

ASSEMBLY.

The twelve advancing guns assembled with the reserve companies of the 42nd. and 44th. Battalions.

TEAMS AND STORES.

Each advancing gun team consisted of one N.C.O. and seven men, and carried the following stores in addition to the gun :-

Tripod and Spare Parts.
16 filled belts.
2 Picks.
2 Shovels.
32 Sand Bags.
32 Grenades.
2 Tins of Water.

FIRST DISPOSITION.

Final Objective. The advance was made without much difficulty and the four guns for the final objective got to their positions and were mounted along the line of consolidation, covering the front with bands of fire in conjunction with the Lewis Guns. 4,000 rounds of bulk S.A.A. were obtained for each gun. Three captured Maxim Guns were also mounted in this line.

FIRST OBJECTIVE.

Four guns were sited in P.3.d. North of the Village of HAMEL covering the spurs to the North of the village and the exits. Four guns were sited South

FIRST
OBJECTIVE
(Contd)

of the village performing the same duty on that side of the village. In addition to these direct fire tasks, these guns put down an S.O.S. barrage in P.l.l.d. Each of these eight guns had 8000 rounds S.A.A. in bulk.

REPORTS.

Immediately the guns were in position their dispositions and fields of fire were forwarded to C.H.Q. on a message map, these reports being in within an hour of zero. Later, when the line of consolidation was definitely fixed, a further message map was sent in showing any alteration made.

LIAISON.

Close touch was maintained throughout the operation with the Infantry Commanders.

TARGETS.

After the objectives were reached no machine gun targets presented themselves.

BARRAGE
BATTERY.

The two barrage sections (K and L Batteries) moved into their positions on the night of 3rd/4th July, 1918, and were able to lay out their zero lines in daylight. They maintained neutralizing fire in front of the 18-pdr barrage on strong points in and about HAMEL, expending about 43,000 rounds.

CASUALTIES.

The total casualties for the 3rd. A.M.G.Bn. for the operation were :-

Killed	3	other ranks.
Wounded	10	" "

GENERAL.

On night 4th/5th July, '18, S.O.S. went up at 10.17 p.m. and our forward guns fired 12,000 rounds (5000 German) K and L batteries 24,500 and the eight support guns 12,000.

The arrangements for the attack were excellent and well carried out, especially the work of the tanks in bringing ~~forward guns by aeroplanes~~ up S.A.A. and other stores. The dropping of S.A.A. for forward guns by Aeroplanes was not such a success, as the parachutes drifted to the West of HAMEL.

The German machine-gunners were very quick getting up from their deep dug-outs, and getting their guns into action after the barrage had passed.

On one occasion the Brigade on our right was held up for a time creating a distinct gap, which Lieut. Harding covered by putting No.12 Gun in position immediately. This shows the necessity for the Commanders of the support guns being fully alive to the responsibility of their job, not merely to push forward to their objective as speedily as possible, but to be ready to put a gun or more if necessary into position immediately and cover the exposed flank in front with enfilade fire.

The Company claim having taken ten prisoners in the first objective on right of HAMEL and brought out of the line four captured Light Machine Guns. When relieved the Brigade on our left had not completely linked up. The Company was relieved at 11 pm night 7th/8th July, 1918.

(signed) A.C. BLACKLOW. Lt.-Col.
Commanding
3rd. AUST. MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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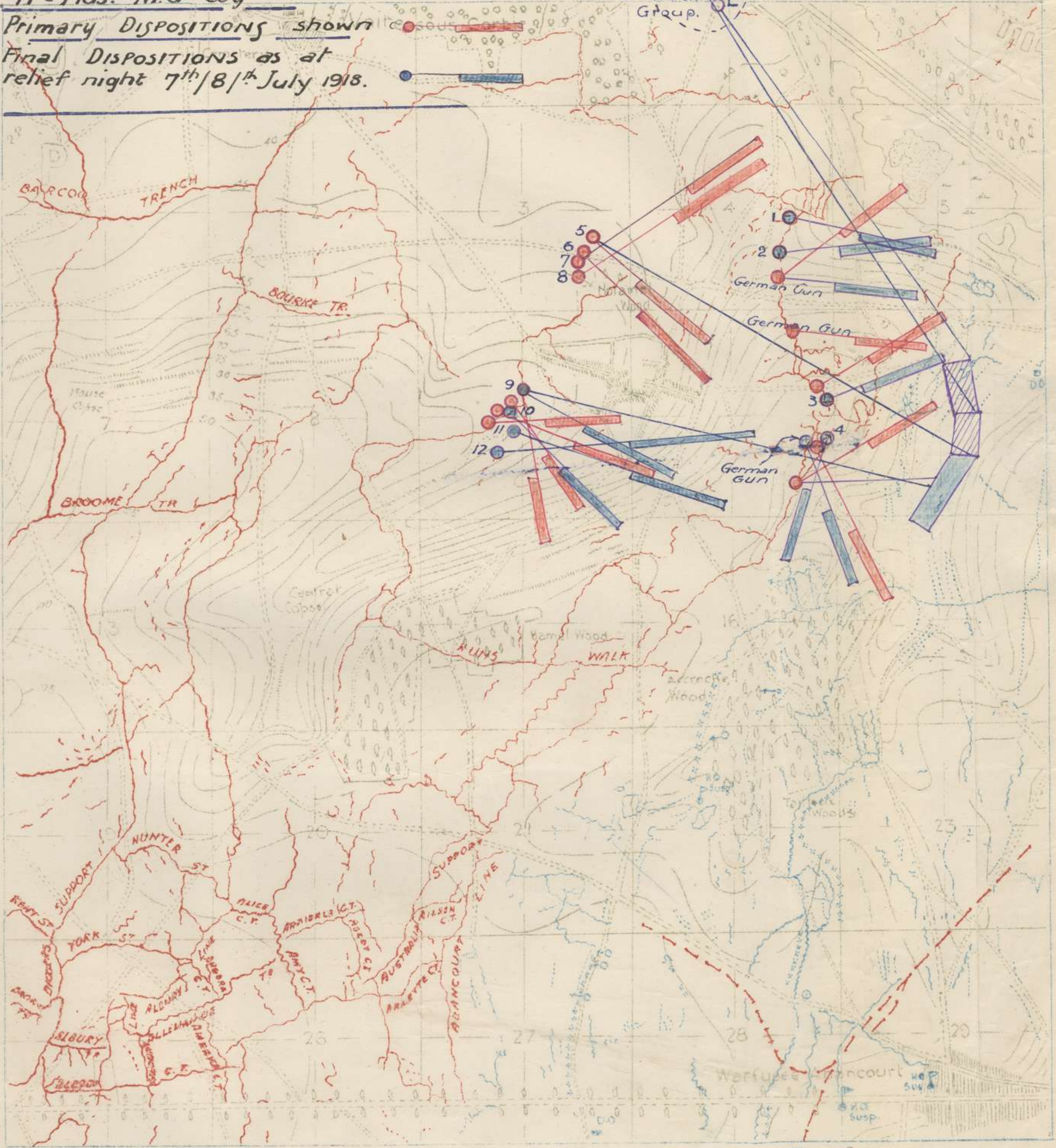
1st Aust M.G Coy

VAIRE WOOD

3rd M.G. Bn Group

Parts of 62nd NE & 62nd SE

Primary Dispositions shown
Final Dispositions as at relief night 7th/8th July 1918.



CORPS TOPO SECTION

TRENCHES CORRECTED TO 24.7.1918

OPERATIONS - 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade2:4:18 to 6:4:18.

Acting under orders of 4th. Australian Division, the 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade plus 11th. Aust. Machine Gun Coy. moved on afternoon of 2nd. July from ALLONVILLE area to bivouacs along the Eastern bank of the Valley of the HALLUE River between DAOURS and PONT NOYELLES.

On night 2nd/3rd July the Brigade moved from these bivouacs, and took over from the 12th. and 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigades the Defensive Front from P.8. central to the River SOMME (exclusive). The Brigade was disposed with 43rd and 42nd Battalions (on Right and Left respectively) in depth in the front and support lines, the 44th Battalion in the Reserve Line and the 41st Battalion in I.32. The M.G. Coy. and T.M. Bty. were disposed in defensive positions throughout the area occupied by the Brigade.

During night 3rd/4th July the Brigade, less 41st. Battalion, which moved into the Reserve line, vacated by 44th. Battalion, assembled in close formation on a taped line which had been placed that night in front of the front line. The tanks, operating with the Brigade, assembled on a line about 1,000 yards in rear of the Infantry. The assembly of all units was reported complete to Brigade Headquarters by 2.45a.m.

ZERO Hour had been fixed at 3.10 a.m.

At 3.2 a.m. under cover of harassing fire by Field Artillery the tanks commenced to move forward.

At 3.10 a.m. the artillery barrage to cover the Advance opened.

The first advance was made by the 43rd. Battalion on Right and the 42nd Battalion on the Left.

From 3.41 a.m. to 3.51 a.m. there was a 10 minutes halt in the barrage. During this halt the 44th. Battalion leap-frogged through 43rd. Battalion and, on the barrage again advancing, took up the role of Right Assaulting Battalion.

Reports that the final Objective had been gained were received by Brigade Headquarters at about 5.30 a.m.

The tanks were withdrawn after the capture of the final objective.

During the 4th July, there was heavy enemy shelling of HAMEL Village and the high ground to the East of it.

During the night 4th/5th July a party of about 150 of the enemy counter-attacked and, by bombing along some of the many trenches in the vicinity of the front line, effected a temporary lodgement in the latter. They were immediately ejected, between 50 and 60 being captured and most of the remainder killed.

During 5th July the heavy enemy shelling of the captured ground continued causing a good many casualties.

On night 5th/6th July, the 41st. Battalion relieved the 43rd. Battalion (in close support) and the latter, together with 42nd Battalion (relieved by 12th. Brigade) were withdrawn, moving via the HALLUE Valley to ALLONVILLE.

(1).

On night 6th/7th. July. the Brigade, less 42nd. and 43rd. Battalions, was relieved by the 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade, and withdrawn to vicinity of DAOURS and conveyed from there to ALLONVILLE by bus.

Supply tanks were used on nights 4th/5th. and 5th/6th. July and proved of immense value.

The total casualties for the operation were :-

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>other ranks.</u> Wounded.
K i l l e d.	4	45
Wounded.	15	269
Missing.	-	23
Injured.		3
Gassed.		1
	<u>19</u>	<u>341</u>

Prisoners captured and passed through Brigade Headquarters were :-

11 officers and 230 other ranks.

Material captured included :-

Machine Guns.	70.
Minenwerfer.	13.
77 mm gun.	1.
Anti-Tank Rifle.	1.

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S.G.401/32/109.

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APPENDIX 15

Headquarters,
Australian Corps..

Reference your S/4743/2 of 6th. July 1918 :-

1. Battle Stations Practice was carried out on 8th. instant in accordance with your wire G.175, which was received at 6.30 p.m. The manning of stations was complete by 10.15 p.m. and the message "Position practice" was received from the final unit at 11.0 p.m.

2. As a result of the practice, the following points were brought to notice and are submitted for consideration :-

(a) It is suggested that small units, such as H and Z Special Companies, R.E., should be attached to larger nuclei or battalions.

(b) In the case of practice manning, it is suggested that duties, e.g., AMIENS picquet, be warned in order to test communications, but not required to report to their units.

(c) The practice disclosed the necessity for very careful arrangements being made for the establishment of flank liaison between units furnishing nucleus garrisons.

(d) An examination of water-bottles showed that the ordinary rule of the Service that water-bottles shall be filled with fresh water daily is not always observed, in some cases water-bottles even being empty.

(signed) J. GELLIBRAND.

Major-General.
Commanding Third Australian Division.

Div. Hd.Qrs.
16th. July, 1918.

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Copy
Headquarters,
Australian Corps.

APPENDIX 16

G.26/691.

Reference your 188/1848 of 5-7-18.

1. The following are the arrangements for training of 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade in co-operation with tanks on the 8th instant.

- (a) 33rd Bn. (less 2 coys) will practice an attack, with a dummy artillery barrage, in co-operation with 5 tanks. Zero 2.30 p.m.
- (b) 34th Bn. (less 2 coys) will practice an attack, without artillery, in co-operation with Tanks. Zero 3.15 p.m.
- (c) The 2 Coys. of each of the 33rd. and 34th. Battalions, not taking part, and a proportion of Officers from the 35th. Battalion, will be present to see the practice.
- (d) Officers from 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade who were in the recent Operation will be present.
- (e) The Demonstration Ground will be E.30.b. (Sheet 62, Eastern half).

2. On the 9th. July, 2 Battalions of the 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will move from RIVERY to QUERRIEU and two Battalions of 10th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will replace them.

3. On 10th July the two Battalions of the 10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will carry out similar practices with Tanks.

(signed) J. GELLIBRAND.
Major-General.
Commanding 3rd. Aust. Div.

Div. Hd.Qrs,
7th. July, 1918.

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DIVISIONAL CONFERENCE, 9TH JULY, 1918.

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"G".

1. Notes on new front.
2. Specialists C.M.81A.
3. Intelligence Classes and Cipher Work.
4. Intelligence and Co-operation.
5. Landmarks & Signboards.
6. Concealment & Camouflage (Arty).
7. War Diaries 30/58.
8. Successive Artillery Barrages.
9. Cables and Dugout H.Q.
10. Artillery & Engineer Liaison.
11. "Rear" Headquarters, Flags &c.

"A.Q."

1. Infantry Organisation.
2. Inspection on taking over (Sanitation &c).
3. Salvage work in forward zone.
4. Cleaning of Arms. Fitting of equipment.
5. Saluting and "Trench Manners".
6. Gambling.
7. Action in A.P.M. Cases and C.M. Cases.
8. R.F. and Hunting.
9. Working Parties.
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11. Absentees.
12. Signal Messages.
13. Returns.
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NOTES ON INFANTRY ORGANIZATION.

GENERAL RULES.

1. - No effort must be spared to maintain Units of the same Formation at an equal working strength.
2. - An establishment must not be exceeded without authority from Divisional Headquarters.
3. - Numbers less than establishment may and should be employed provided that the efficiency of the Unit is not affected for the time being, and is equal to the normal demands. Such "savings" are to be shown separately on Divisional Returns, etc.
4. - The disposal of establishment numbers temporarily in excess of requirements rests with the O.C. Unit, e.g.; a Bn. whose line signaling can be done by ten men at H.Q. may at the discretion of the C.O. keep the numbers in excess either in the Line or with the Nucleus.
5. - No one other than the authorised administrative personnel is to remain at the wagon lines whilst the Unit is in the Line.
6. - Up to 50 men per Brigade may be allotted to the Nucleus (irrespective of the strength of Units) provided that it is desirable on medical grounds that these men should avoid one tour of duty.
7. - The following categories or subdivisions are recognised:

<u>A.</u>	Trench Strength.	- Fighting men in the Line.
<u>B.</u>	Wagon Lines	- Administrative personnel.
<u>C.</u>	Nucleus.	- Men in excess of requirements or not available for A. and B.
8. - The available personnel of a Unit will be allotted in the following order:-
 - (i) Headquarters - Fighting and Administrative, up to the establishment as a maximum.
 - (ii) Not less than 12 Platoons, each of not more than 3 Sections, or less than 2.
 - (iii) Nucleus of Instructors, specialists to which are added 50 Unfits (para.6) - regimental savings of "A" personnel (para.3) - men on leave, employ or command, and men in excess of the requirements of "A" or "B".

9. - The following figures represent the normal full Battalion (Other Ranks only):-

	Trench Strength	Wagon Line.	Nucleus.	
	A.	B.	C.	
Bn. H.Q.	72	61	18.	
L.G. Section A.A.13		-	-	
	<u>95</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>158.</u>
Coy. H.Q.	23	4	6	
4 Pln. H.Q. @ 3 & 4.	12	-	16.	
4 L.G. Sectns. @ 11.	44	-		
8 R. Sections @ 7.	56			
	<u>135</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>22</u>	
4 Coys.	540	16	88	= 644.
Total	625 ϕ	77	100	= 802
				Margin for Sick, employ, etc. 98
				Maximum. 900.

10. - The following figures represent the minimum Battalion:-

	A.	B.	C.	Total.
Bn. H.Q.	85	61.	5	151.
Coy. H.Q.	23	4	-	
3 Pln. H.Q.	9	-	-	
3 L.G. Sect.	33			
3 R. Sect.	21			
	<u>86</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	
4 Coys.	344	16	-	360.
Total.	429 ϕ	77	5	= 511

In this case the Nucleus is composed of 5 Instructors, any unfits up to 50 per Brigade, men on command, etc., and any savings on H.Q.

Battalions whose numbers lie between 511 and 900 will employ the increase as follows in order stated:-

ϕ includes 9 drummers who may be detailed to "C".

Up to 84 men

in adding 1 rifle section to each Platoon.

After 84 and up to 168.

in adding 1 Platoon (of 1 L.G. and 1 Rifle Section) to each Company.

After 168 and up to 196

in adding 1 rifle section to the 4th Platoon in each Company.

After 196

as Nucleus personnel.

11. - Men at present employed as Bandsmen may be dealt with as follows:-

1 Sgt. Drummer per Battalion and 2 Drummers per Coy., may be replaced by Bandsmen and retained at the Nucleus, the Trench Strength being reduced by 9 O.R.

16 Bandsmen may be selected as L.G. Specialists &c., and retained at the Nucleus.

12. - A deficiency in one portion of the Establishment may be balanced by an excess in another portion of the same establishment, e.g., where only 5 out of the 11 Pioneers are maintained the 6 vacancies may be filled by an addition to the R.P.

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S.G. 401/49/92.

9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
10th. -do-

A.Q.)
C.R.A. (4th Aust. Div.))
C.R.E.)
11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade)
3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn.)
3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.)

For information.

APPENDIX 18

1. The present boundary between 10th and 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigades will be altered as follows from 12 midnight 13th/14th July 1918.

East along grid between P.3 and P.9 to P.4.d.O.O, thence to Crossroads at P.11.a.4.4, the Crossroads to be inclusive to 10th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

2. Necessary adjustment will be arranged by Brigadiers concerned.

3. 9th and 10th Aust. Inf. Brigades to acknowledge by wire.

Divisional Headquarters,
13th. July, 1918

(Sd) Eric. W. Connelly,
Major
General Staff.

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S.G.401/48/145.

9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
10th. -do-
3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.

"A.Q.")
C.R.A. 4th.Aust.Div.)
C.R.E.) for information.
A.D.M.S.)
3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn.)
11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.)

1. One Company of the 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn. (including four Lewis Gun teams) will take over from the 10th. A.I.Bde on the night 14th/15th July, 1918, the portion of the line between P.11.c.0.5 and the cross-roads at P.11.a.4.4. the cross-roads to be inclusive to ~~such~~ ^{such} Company.

2. On completion of this relief, the Company of the Pioneer Battalion will pass under the command of the 9th. A.I.Bde, as an independent unit and the Inter-brigade boundary will then run as follows :- East along grid between P.3 and P.9 to road at P.4.c.4.0, thence through P.10.d.75.75 to P.11.c.0.5.

3. Details will be arranged direct between Brigadiers concerned and C.O. 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.

(signed) ERIC W. CONNELLY.

Major. G.S.
for Lieut.-Colonel. G.S.

Div. Hd.Qrs.
14th. July, 1918.

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Divisional Gas Officer,
3rd. Australian Division.

REPORT ON HOSTILE GAS SHELLING

APRX 20

July 17th. 1918.

Time : 12.50 a.m. to 5.0 a.m.

Locality shelled. O.9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 22. (Sheet 62.D.)

Wind. 12.50 a.m. S.S.W. 1 m.p.h. veering to E. then to W.S.W. and later E.

Units affected.

42nd. 43rd. 44th. Inf. Battalions.
11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.
11th. A. L. T. M. B.
Imperial Artillery.

The wind also carried a fair concentration of gas Eastward over Units of 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

The enemy used approximately 2,000 rounds of 77, 105 and 155 mm shell containing YELLOW CROSS (MUSTARD) gas, some GREEN CROSS (PHOSGENE) was also identified.

The 42nd. Battalion located in O.13. & 14. was the Unit mostly affected. Company Commanders, on hearing the alarm, immediately doubled their gas sentries, withdrew platoons that were in low ground on to the hilltop and set Gas N.C.Os. to work maintaining gas discipline and inspecting the area.

No man was allowed to remove his respirator, without authority from his O.C. and masks were worn by men of this Unit for three hours.

At 4.15 a.m., wind having changed, masks were removed and every man had his eyes bathed with Bi-Carb. Soda solution under platoon arrangement.

I visited the area affected about 11.0 a.m. and found that good work had been done in treating mustard gas shell holes with chloride of lime and fresh earth; but, in places, especially amongst growing crops, there was a fair concentration of gas, caused by the action of the sun on YELLOW CROSS liquid which had been washed into the earth by the rain which fell in the early morning.

Casualties reported from M.D.S. to Noon 18th July, 18.
(32 hours after bombardment).

37th. A. I. Battalion.	1.	
38th. -do-	1.	
Imp. Artillery attached.	32.	Corps Troops.
	—	
T o t a l.	34.	
	—	

Casualties were caused by :-

1. Close proximity to bursts and splashes.
2. Impossibility of locating all shell holes in crops, in order to treat them.
3. Impossibility of Artillery personnel evacuating area.

(signed) S.H.SMITH. Lieut.
D.G.O.

(1).

3rd. Aust. Div. P.T.O.

(2).

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I think the prompt action of the C.O., O.Cs. and Anti-Gas personnel, in moving men from low ground and afterwards superintending the treatment of their eyes with Bi-Carb. Soda Solution, undoubtedly saved many casualties.

The majority of casualties amongst the Imp. Artillery were unavoidable, as their battery positions seemed to have been the main target of the attack; and, when visited by me, they appeared to be taking all precautions to avoid casualties from the persistency of the gas.

S.H.S.

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C. R. A.

C. R. E.

9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

10th. -do-

11th. -do-

A.D.M.S.

3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn.

3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.

3rd. Aust. Divsnl. Train.

3rd. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.

1. - The 65th. American Brigade will be attached to Australian Corps for a period of approx. six weeks for training in the line.

2. - The following units will be attached to this Division, viz:-

- H.Q. 65th. Brigade.
- 2 Coys. 123rd. M. G. Bn.
- 1 Bn. 129th. Inf. Regt.
- 1 Bn. 130th. -do-

3. - On 20th. instant, officers and n.c.os. as under will report, at times and places to be notified later, to be attached to the above units for the purpose of giving instruction in trench routine from 20th. to 23rd. instant, during which time the 65th. Brigade will be accommodated in the Army System.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>N.C.Os.</u>	<u>To be attached to :</u>
9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	1	-	129th (Bn. H.Q.)
-do-	2	8	1 offer. & 4 n.c.os. to 1 coy. of each of Bns. of 129th & 130th Regts.
10th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	1	-	130th. (Bn. H.Q.)
-do-	3	12	1 offer. & 4 n.c.os. to each of 3 coys. of Bn. 130th. Regt.
11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	1 (Senior)	-	65th. Bde. H.Q.
	3	12	1 offer. & 4 n.c.os. to each of 3 coys. of Bn. 129th. Regt.

4. - Will Brigades please select these officers and n.c.os. at once.

5. - The attachment mentioned in para. 2 will commence on 24th. instant, and will be for a period of four weeks. This will constitute Period "B" mentioned in Australian Corps No. 188/1782 of 9th. June, which was circulated to Brigades.

6. - The attachment will be by complete Battalions and Machine Gun Companies to each Brigade in line. Their employment will be progressive, commencing with the attachment of individuals and small parties of officers and men for short periods, then by platoons, and finally complete relief by Battalions. The Battalions will not go into the line by Coys.

7. - The troops will serve invariably under the executive command of their own officers.

8. - The tactical control of these units rests with the Commanders of the units to which they are for the time being attached.

9. - Below is table showing composition of the Brigade.

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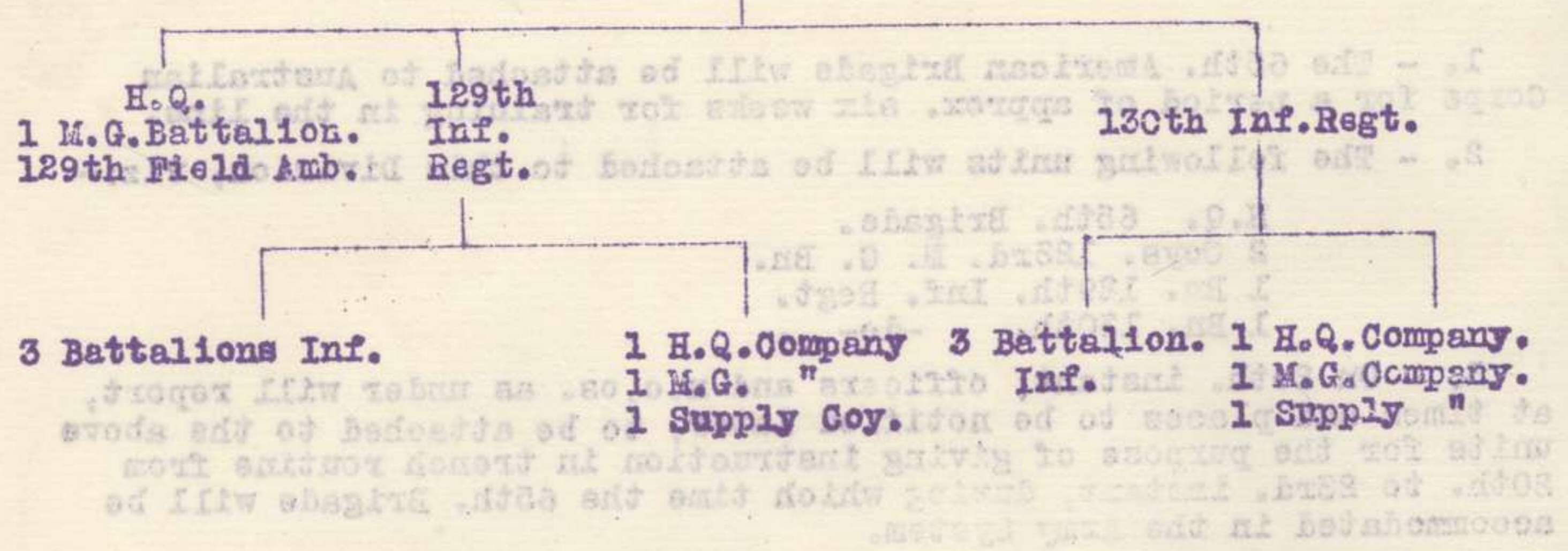
Major. G.S.
for Lieut.-Colonel. G.S.

18th. July, 1918.

P. T. O.

The composition of the Brigade is as follows :-

65th Brigade Headquarters.



NOTES:- (i) Battalion organisation similar to British.

(ii) A Regimental H.Q. Company consists of the following, viz:-

- 1 Platoon Stokes Mortars.
- 1 Platoon Pioneers.
- 1 Platoon 3 - 37 mm guns.
- 1 Platoon Signals.

4. - Will Brigades please select these officers and names at once.

5. - The attachment mentioned in para. 3 will commence on 24th instant, and will be for a period of four weeks. This will consist of the "B" Battalion mentioned in Australian Corps No. 188/1783 of 24th inst., which was attached to Brigades.

6. - The attachment will be by complete Battalions and Machine Gun Companies to each Brigade in line. Their employment will be progressively commencing with the attachment of machine guns and small parties of officers and men for short periods, then by platoons, and finally complete relief by Battalions. The Battalions will not go into the line by days.

7. - The troops will serve invariably under the executive command of their own officers.

8. - The tactical control of these units rests with the Commanders of the units to which they are for the time being attached.

9. - Below is table showing composition of the Brigades.

[Handwritten Signature]
 Major. G.S.
 for Lieut.-Colonel. G.S.

18th July, 1918.

E. F. G.

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"A.Q."

C. R. A.

C. R. E.

9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

10th. -do-

11th. -do-

S E C R E T.

3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn.

3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.

A.D.M.S.

65th. American Bde. (3)



1. In reference to the attachment of Infantry of 65th. American Brigade to this Division, as notified in this office No. S.G. 26/701 of 18th. instant, the following is the policy which will be adopted :-

- (a) One Battalion will be attached to each of the 10th. and 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigades, as mentioned in para. 2. below, Brigades will arrange all details in accordance with the Scheme outlined herein.
- (b) One officer or Sergt., 3 Lewis gunners, 1 scout and 3 privates per platoon will be attached to Battalions in the line for a period of 4 days. Similar parties will then relieve them, and remain in also for 4 days.
- (c) At the conclusion of (b): each Brigade will attach 8 platoons of Americans to its Battalions for a period of 4 days, and these will be relieved by the remaining 8 platoons of each American Battalion, which will remain for 4 days.
- (d) At the conclusion of (c): Line Brigades will treat the American Battalions as additional Battalions of their respective Brigades and, in order to use them in the forward area, the Right Brigade will withdraw one Battalion, to take over from the Reserve Brigade the dispositions of the Battalion with Headquarters at O.17.e.90.90; and the Left Brigade will withdraw one Battalion to take over from the Reserve Brigade the dispositions of the Battalion with Headquarters at O.12.d.10.10.
- The two Battalions of the Reserve Brigade so relieved will be withdrawn to positions in the AUBIGNY System and ANCRE extension, in the Reserve Brigade area. Moves to give effect to the above will be arranged direct between Brigades and notified to Division.
- (e) Battalions will be attached in accordance with para. (d) for a period of at least 12 days.
- (f) A roster will be arranged by Brigades to enable Battalion Commanders and staffs and Coy. Commanders and staffs to be attached to opposite numbers during periods mentioned in paras. (b) and (c).

2. The Battalions to be attached will be :-

10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. - 1st. Bn. 129th. Regt. 65th. American Brigade, commanded by Major THORNTON and located at E.27.d.1.3. - attachments commencing night 26th/27th. July.

11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. - 3rd. Bn. 130th Regt. 65th. American Brigade, commanded by Major BITTEL and located at E.24.b.5.4. - attachments commencing night 28th/29th. July.

3. Further instructions in reference to the attachment of the American Brigade Commander and each of his staff to Headquarters of the Right Brigade will be issued later.

25th. July, 1918.

James Tommelly Major
for
Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff.

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

During the period from 13th to 31st July, enemy's attitude has been that of great uneasiness - exemplified by much flare and Machine Gun activity and the occasional bombing of his own wire. From statements made by prisoners enemy has been expecting us to attack ever since the capture of HAMEL on the 4th. July.

One apparent result of this Operation has been that the enemy's forces - which suffered very heavy casualties (including prisoners) and have not been reinforced or relieved since - have been disposed more in depth : i.e. battalions have been holding the line with 2 coys., with the other two coys in close support reserve, instead of having 4 coys in line, as is normally the case.

The inactivity of enemy's patrols has been remarkable - very few having been encountered and those that have been met have rarely shown much fight.

The period is however remarkable for the first daylight raid made against our posts by the ~~enemy~~ enemy. This occurred at 10.30 a.m. 15/7/18 when 30 enemy, with 2 M.Gs. attacked new posts at P.16.c.20.15 and P.21.b.80.75 causing our garrison to temporarily withdraw.

The posts were regained and held by us at 3.15 pm on same day.

ORDER OF BATTLE. has not changed. The Divisions and regiments opposed to us being - from N. to S.

	(	203 R.I.R.
43 Res. Div.	(	201 R.I.R.
	(	202 R.I.R.
13 Div.	(	55 I.R.
	(	13 I.R.
	(	15 I.R.

Casualties & Morale.

All the above regiments suffered heavily in our attack of 4th. July - the average fighting strength - as at 31st July - being reduced in several coys to between 30 and 40 rifles.

The morale of these two Divisions cannot be rated as high, there being a number of Silesians and a few Alsatians, and a large proportion of youths from 19 - 22 scattered amongst the regts.

Hostile Artillery. Activity on the whole normal. Little counter-battery fire - H.V. guns not active. Attention mainly directed throughout the period on to our new positions around and East of HAMEL which have been intermittently harassed. Comparatively little gas shelling - but gas mixed with H.E. on several occasions. Back areas 'strafed' intermittently - principal areas being CORBIE, FOUILLOY, AUBIGNY, DAOURS and battery areas in O.17. and 18.

Hostile machine guns and trench mortars. Machine Guns consistently active - Minenwerfer inactive. A.A. M.Gs. especially active from ACCROCHE WOOD.

Aircraft. has been only moderately active during the period - activity being mainly confined to patrolling his own lines, with occasional bombing raids during the last few nights of the month when the weather was clear and the moon full.

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On several occasions enemy aeroplanes have been successful in bringing down our observation balloons in vicinity of CORBIE.

Prisoners captured during the month.

July 15/16th.	8 coy.	13 I.R.	1 o.r.
17/18th.	4 "	55 I.R.	1 o.r.
24/25th	6 "	201 R.I.R.	1 o.r.
26/27th.	12 "	15 I.R.	1 o.r.
29/30th.	5 "	202 R.I.R.	1 o.r.

On July 30th. identification of 2 Coy. 13 I.R. was obtained by body of German killed outside our wire late in the afternoon. Another German who was with him was apparently wounded but crawled away through the wire.

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for

JULY 1918.

GAS SERVICES.

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1918.

July
1st/7th.

Division occupied the Corps Reserve area :
the 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. located at RIVERY.
10th. -do- " at QUERRIEU.
11th. -do- " at ALLONVILLE.

Divisional Artillery remained in action in "A" Divsnl. area - VILLERS BRETONNEUX sector - Anti-Gas Defensive measures supervised by D.G.O. 2nd. Aust. Division.

The whole week was devoted to thorough inspections of Small Box Respirators by B.G.Os. and Divisional Gas N.C.Os. of 9th. and 10th. Inf. Bdes. Upon completion of these inspections, all respirators were tested, the troops passing through the lachrymatory gas chamber. Units recently fitted with the new triplex eyepieces were also tested in this manner in order to ensure correctness of the fitting.

Immediately upon withdrawal of the Division from the line, the 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. commenced training for the Corps active field operations of July 4th. 1918, which were carried out in conjunction with American troops. The Brigade was not available for anti-gas training until July 7th. when the same syllabus was adhered to, as in the case of the above units.

As a result of operations on July 4th. 1918., numerous enemy prisoners were collected at the Corps prisoners' compound POUILLANVILLE. They were examined with a view to obtaining any new enemy protective apparatus. Three Bosche respirators of normal type were obtained afterwards and forwarded to Chemical Adviser, Aust. Corps. Whilst being conducted through the forward area to positions in rear, enemy prisoners display a strong disinclination to part with their respirators.

In order to carry out practical gas demonstrations, a Gas Training Ground was established in the Corps Reserve Area at G.10.d.5.1. (Sheet 62.D). An existing system of trenches were improved for this purpose by the employment of a working party of 1 officer, 5 n.c.os. and 60 other ranks, for three days. Considerable time was spent in accumulating stores and necessary material for the demonstrations.

8th. Stores & material conveyed to Training Ground.

9th. Gas Demonstration.

Upon arrival of the troops on the ground, they were lectured by D.G.O. upon Anti-Gas protective measures.

- (a) The necessity for complete personal and collective protection.
- (b) The correct method of entering protected dugouts and shelters.
- (c) Individual treatment of the effects to the eyes by exposure to Mustard Gas.
- (d) Recognition of enemy gas shells of different types during a bombardment.

- 9th. special emphasis being made of the strict observance of the gas alert zone instructions.
The following units attended the demonstrations :-
42nd. Inf. Battalion.
- 10th. 43rd. " "
Divisional Machine Gun Battalion.
- 11th. 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
44th. Inf. Battalion.

Visited D.A.D.O.S. reference anti-gas supplies of respirators and accessories also 9th and 10th. Inf. Bdes, interviewed B.G.Os. regarding relief of the 4th. Aust. Div. in the line.

- 12th. Visited 4th. Aust. D.G.O. at BUSSY reference taking over the line in "B" Divisional area - CORBIE HAMEL - and arranged to hand over gas training ground and stores in the Reserve Divisional area.
- 13th. Moved to BUSSY. H.35.d. (Sheet 62.D).
Divisional relief of 4th. Aust. Div.
9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. relieving 12th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Left Sector.
10th. -do- " 4th. & 13th. A.I.B. Right sector.
11th. -do- " In support.

- 14th. Interviewed D.A.G.O. 4th. Aust. Div. and arranged to take over Artillery positions in "B" Divsnl. area.
Verified 9th. & 10th. A.I.Bdes. take over statements with 4th. Aust. Divsnl. Gas Officer's statement, and defined the locations of gas-proof dugouts and trench stores in the Left, Right, and rear Bde areas.

- 15th. Arranged with C.R.E. of Division for an immediate supply of Anti-gas Union Cloth for protecting dugout doorways and forwarded each Bde. in line a warrant on divisional dump for 21 yards.

- 16th. Interviewed 4th D.A.G.O. upon completion of Divisional Artillery relief, hand over statement received and verified.
Inspected strombos horn locations in rear bde. area.

- 17th. Enemy heavily gas-shelled areas in O.9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 22 (Sheet 62.D) from 12.50 a.m. to 5.0 a.m. A mild wind prevailed at 12.50 a.m. veering to E. then to W.S.W. and later E.

Units affected :-

42nd, 43rd, 44th. Battalions.
11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.
11th. A. L. T. M. Bty.
Imperial Artillery.

The wind also carried a fair concentration of gas eastward over units of 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

The enemy used approximately 2,000 rounds of 77, 105 and 155 mm. shell containing YELLOW CROSS (mustard) gas and some GREEN CROSS (phosgene) was also identified.

The 42nd. Battalion located in O.13. & 14 was the unit mostly affected. Company Commanders, on hearing the alarm, immediately doubled their gas sentries, withdrew platoons that were in low ground on to the hilltop and set gas n.c.os. to work maintaining gas discipline and inspecting the area.

No man was allowed to remove his respirator without authority from his O./C. and masks were worn by men of this unit for 3 hours.

At 4.15 a.m., wind having changed, masks were removed and every man had his eyes bathed with Bi-Carb. Soda solution under platoon arrangement.

I visited the area affected about 11.0 a.m. and found that good work had been done in treating mustard gas shell holes with chloride of lime and fresh earth; but, in places, especially amongst growing crops, there was a fair concentration of gas caused by the action of the sun on YELLOW CROSS liquid which had been washed into the earth by the rain which fell in the early morning.

Casualties.

Reported from M.D.S. to Noon 18th July, 1918.

(32 hrs after bombardment).

37th. Aust. Inf. Battalion.	1.	
38th. -do-	1.	
Imperial Artillery.	32.	attached Corps troops.
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Total.	34.	
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Casualties caused by :-

1. close proximity to bursts and splashes.
2. impossibility of locating all shell holes in crops in order to treat them.
3. impossibility of artillery personnel evacuating area.

Remarks.

I think the prompt action of C.Os., O.Cs. and anti-gas personnel, in moving men from low ground and afterwards superintending the treatment of their eyes with bi-carb. soda solution, undoubtedly saved many casualties.

The majority of casualties amongst the Imperial Artillery was unavoidable, as their battery positions seemed to have been the main target of the attack, and when visited by me they appeared to be taking all precautions to avoid casualties from the persistency of the gas.

18th. Visited Left Bde sector, interviewed B.G.O reference supplies of chloride of lime, Bi-carb. soda and verification of gas proof dugouts and strombus horns.

Visited M.D.S. regarding casualties from previous days gas shell bombardment; no additional cases were reported up to 4.0 pm

19th. Inspected area in O.1,b.2.8. for a forward gas training ground.

20th. Visited rear Bde. H.Q. and interviewed B.G.O. and Divsnl. Gas N.C.O. reference trench and area stores, distribution and maintenance of chloride of lime and Bi-Carb. Soda supplies.

P. T. O.

- 21st/22nd Visited Right and Left Brigade sectors and collected samples of impregnated earth; also 7th A.F.A. Bde H.Q., with reference to immediate gas-proofing of new artillery positions.
- 23rd. Interviewed Div. Artillery Gas N.C.O. reference change of artillery positions, and issued instructions to protect the gun positions areas by construction of gas-proof dugouts and shelters.
Arranged with Adjutant of the 8th A.F.A. Bde for Bde Gas N.C.O. to inspect gas-proof dugouts at battery positions and furnish report; also ensured supplies of chloride of lime and bi-carb. soda being maintained at the batteries.
During night of 23rd. enemy heavily bombarded VILLERS BRETONNEUX in the right flank divisional area. At midnight a light cloud of Yellow Cross gas drifted over our right brigade area; the concentration was very light and respirators were not adjusted.
The 41st. Bn. H.Q. was strafed with Yellow Cross gas shell; 3 casualties were reported and caused by men being splashed with liquid owing to direct hit on a dugout.
- 24th. Visited rear brigade H.Q. and collected gas shell samples. Interviewed B.G.O. regarding reports on gas shell bombardments from Unit Gas N.C.Os. - observance of the "Gas alert" - responsibility of officers issuing orders to remove masks.
- 25th. Visited left brigade sector; interviewed B.G.O. reference the condition of protected dugouts and shelters in his area. Upon my subsequent inspection these were found to be in good condition. Also inspected R.A.P. and Loading Stations occupied by the 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
- 26th. Visited 3rd. Div. M.C. Bn and interviewed C.O., regarding breakages in triplex eyepieces and gas-proofing of machine gun positions.
- 27th. Arranged with Area Cdt, BUSSY, for a S.B.R. inspection of his personnel at BUSSY and DAOURS.
- 28th. Chemical Adviser, Aust. Corps, visited the Divisional Area and collected samples and enemy respirator drums. Arranged to procure service bell tent (temporarily) for use as a gas testing chamber. Area Cdt's personnel inspected at BUSSY and DAOURS - total examined 40.
- 29th. Visited right brigade sector and interviewed brigade staff reference anti-gas measures; also 11th. Inf. brigade (rear) reference the ~~intera~~ brigade relief on left sector. Handed B.G.O. samples of enemy gasses for instructional purposes with his brigade.
Interviewed by D.C.O. of the 18th British Division regarding their taking over that part of our left brigade sector N. of the line of the SOMME. Arranged the hand-over of gas-proof dugouts, strombos horns and trench stores in that area.
- 30th. Again visited rear brigade with reference to relief of the 9th. brigade in left sector, and also arranged with B.G.O. to take over part of left brigade sector in accordance with readjustment off the divisional area.
- 31st. Inspected dugouts gas-proofed and occupied by the 9th Aust. Field Ambulance; had a conversation with reference to treatment of gas casualties.

Inspected artillery gas-proof dugouts in O.7 and 13 (Sheet 62D) and found same in good order. Inter-brigade relief completed; the B.G.Os. concerned reported the handover to be correct. 11th. Inf. Bde in line, left sector - 9th. Inf. Bde moved into support area.

General.

During the portion of the month that the Division has occupied the line, gas casualties have been few, though a normal amount of enemy gas-shelling has taken place.

The absence of casualties is to some extent due to the better observance of anti-gas measures, especially in regard to Yellow Cross gas, the danger of which is gradually being realised by all ranks. As an instance of this attention is drawn to the Mustard gas shelling of reserve area on the 17th instant, where casualties were avoided by senior officers taking prompt action during the attack and using preventitives - Bi-carb. Soda and Chloride of Lime - afterwards to avoid casualties.

During the month the new Triplex eyepieces recently fitted to S.B.R.s of Artillery, Machine Gun and Engineer personnel, have been tested and they have been found to afford much better vision, while they remain in good condition, a fault known as striation (parting of the layers which causes a film) has, however, been noticed and a report sent to C.A., Aust. Corps.

During the month, reports have been received of successful experiments in cleaning Yellow Cross shell-holes and contaminated clothing with Chlorine Gas, and it is expected that small cylinders of Chlorine will soon be issued to the gas services for use in the field.

An issue of overalls and jumpers made of a cotton fabric and treated with linseed oil, has been made throughout the Division on a scale large enough for experimental purposes: these are to be worn in the event of heavy shelling with Yellow Cross gas in order to try and avoid casualties from contact with the liquid, but so far no opportunity of testing the clothing has presented itself.

Anti-gas gloves for signal linesmen were authorised in G.R.O. 4190, but it was found that the gloves were too big and clumsy to allow linesmen to work on the breaks in signal wires, and G.R.O. 4596 has laid down that bleaching powder will be sprinkled on contaminated cable while wearing the gloves and linesmen will then work with their bare hands, but the bleaching powder is not guaranteed to remove all risk.

(Sd) S. H. SMITH, Lieut.
Div. Gas. Officer.

Headquarters,
3rd. Aust. Div.

Report on Junior Officers Class of Instruction from
2-7-18 to 9-7-18.

ATTENDANCE.

1. Following table shows numbers of officers who attended :-

(a)	33rd Bn.	5.	1 evacuated sick on 4/7/18.
	34th Bn.	4.	
	35th Bn.	5.	
	37th Bn.	4.	
	38th Bn.	3.	1 evacuated sick on 6/7/18.
	39th Bn.	3.	
	40th Bn.	4.	
	41st Bn.	2.	
	43rd Bn.	3.	
	44th Bn.	4.	1 recalled to Bn on 2/7/18.
	3rd Pioneer Bn.	4.	
	3rd M.G. Bn.	4.	

(b) Total completed course 39.
-do- (less morning
of 9/7/18,
detailed for
Corps School) 3.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION.

2.

(a) The method of instruction followed was

(i) Lecture and discussion on principles and examples.

(ii) Application of principles on the ground as a tactical exercise with problems.

(iii) Where time and ground permitted, the actual carrying out of a solution with the class organised as a platoon.

(b) A useful interchange of views was secured by mingling officers in syndicates and in billets.

REPORTS.

3. The difficulty of reporting fairly on each individual officer will be ~~reorganised~~ recognised; and, in view of the brief duration of the class, individual reports are submitted only in cases which have stood out prominently. These reports are attached.

INTEREST AND KEENNESS.

4. (a) Interest and keenness marked the general work, although

in one or two cases occasion arose for impressing the necessity of more strict observance of standing orders.

(b) All officers manifested a lively interest in the discussions following lectures and tactical exercises and, generally, with very fair ability

to apply principles to given situations.

- (c) (1) The undermentioned officers, however, were considerably handicapped by the fact that this was the first course they had attended at which either the whole or a portion of the time was devoted to tactics.

Lieut. F.J.BURKE. 33rd Bn)	
" E.C.BARTON ")	
" T.E.THOMPSON 35th Bn	)	direct commissions.
" N. B. D'ARCY 35th Bn)	
" T.T.WARD.)	
" C.A.N.LOFTUS	)	3rd Pioneer Bn.
" H.W.LARKIN)	

- (ii) It is recommended that these officers attend either a Corps or Army General Course at the earliest opportunity.
- (iii) During the course just completed they have derived considerable benefit from the opportunities afforded for application and discussion, the value of which would be greatly enhanced by their attendance at one of the courses suggested.

PIONEER AND M.G. OFFICERS.

5. The attendance of officers of the Pioneer and Machine Gun Battalions has resulted in a clearer understanding of the principles and methods of employment of these units and of their co-operation with infantry, and, at the same time, enabled them to more fully appreciate the infantry viewpoint.

MAP READING, FIELD SKETCHING & COMPASS WORK.

6. The class, generally, was weak in these subjects and the question is submitted for consideration of carrying out a special class of three or four days duration for a limited number of junior officers under an officer specially qualified to instruct in these subjects.

X INSTRUCTION^{ORS.}

- 7.
- (a) Captain A.E.YATES, 35th Bn, proved a capable and experienced instructor, and by his keenness and energy set a first class example to the class.
- (b) Captain R.C.B.M. GUNTER, M.C., 43rd Bn., whose first experience it was in instructing officers, made good use of his opportunities. With further opportunities of developing his abilities in this direction, he should make a first class instructor.
- (c) Both these officers rendered very valuable assistance in the conducting of the class.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE CLASSES.

8. The following recommendations are submitted for consideration in connection with future classes.

(a)

- (a) That the staff of the class assemble not less than three clear days before the class is due to commence, to enable them to make complete preparation for the reception of students, and to become thoroughly conversant with the area in which work is to be carried out.
- (b) That a subaltern be detailed for duty with the class as Adjutant and Q.M., leaving the instructors entirely free from administrative duties.
- (c) That the duration of the course be ten days, the first two days to be entirely devoted to instruction and practice in Map Reading, Field Sketching and Compass Work.
- (d) That ~~betwee-~~ batmen be allowed on the scale of one per officer. This would permit of the formation of a complete platoon for demonstration and practice purposes, saving considerable time in assembling officers for discussion during practical work.
- (e) That instructions to ~~write~~ re officers to attend be despatched to reach units at least 24 hours before officers leave.

(signed) L.H.PAYNE.

Major.
40th Bn.
A.I.F.
Chief Instruction.

9th July, 1918.

NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL ATTENDING
JUNIOR OFFICERS' COURSE
FROM 2-7-18 to 9-7-18.

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Lieut. E. C. BARTON.	33rd. Battalion.
" F. J. BURKE.	-do-
" G. M. COX.	-do-
" L. G. K. ROSS.	-do-
" H. WOODHAMS.	-do-
2/Lieut. R. BLANCH.	34th. Battalion.
" L. J. B. HARTSHORN.	-do-
" F. F. HIBBARD.	-do-
" J. M. ROHAN.	-do-
Lieut. A. C. CATTLE.	35th. Battalion.
" N. B. DARCY.	-do-
2/Lieut. C. H. FIELD.	-do-
Lieut. J. A. PURCELL. M. C.	-do-
" T. E. THOMPSON.	-do-
" J. C. ANDERSON.	37th. -do-
2/Lieut. H. BEER.	37th -do-
Lieut. F. KENLEY.	-do-
2/Lieut. J. WRIGHT.	-do-
Lieut. E. M. BARKER.	38th. Bn.
" J. C. DAVIS.	-do-
" E. POTTER.	-do-
Lieut. N. H. BOASE.	39th. Bn.
2/Lieut. A. R. CANTWELL.	-do-
2/Lieut. H. G. WALKER.	-do-
x Lieut. A. D. GLEISH. ^{LG}	40th Bn.
" G. E. H. MOON.	-do-
" L. L. PARRY.	-do-
" E. D. WESTON.	-do-
Lieut. W. D. CLARK.	41st Bn.
" C. O. GRAHAM.	-do-
2/Lieut. J. CUDMORE.	43rd. Battalion.
" M. K. MacDONALD	-do-
" A. G. PURCHAS.	-do-
" N. V. ATTEY.	44th Battalion.
Lieut. A. B. BONE.	-do-
2/Lt. E. E. JONES.	-do-
" D. K. McLARTY MM	-do-
Lieut. H. W. LARKIN.	3rd Pioneer Bn.
" C. A. N. LOFTUS.	-do-
" T. T. WARD.	-do-
" K. WILLIS.	-do-
" L. S. D. MARTIN.	3rd A. M. G. Bn.
" x H. ROBERTSON. ROBOTHAM.	-do-
" R. L. WALKER.	-do-
" L. P. YOULDEN.	-do-

9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
 10th. -do-
 11th. -do-
 3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn.
 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.
 Chief Instructor (Major PAYNE).
 A.Q. (for information).

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Training of Officers.

A Divisional Class for Junior Officers will be formed as hereunder provided :-

ADMINISTRATION.

1. The School^{Staff} will consist of :-
 - (a) Chief Instructor - Major L.H. PAYNE, D.S.O., of 40th Bn.
 - (b) Two Instructors of rank of Captain - one from 9th and one from 11th A.I. Bdes.
 - (c) School Sgt-Major to be supplied by 10th A.I. Bde.
2. The site of the class will be ALLONVILLE, with Headquarters at Chateau.
3. The following is the allotment of officers who will attend :-

9th A.I. Bde.	..	14.
10th -do-	..	14.
11th -do-	..	14.
3rd A.M.G. Bn	..	4.
3rd Pioneer Bn	..	4.

Candidates will be the most junior officers available and will be entitled to bring batmen at the rate of 1 batmen to every 2 officers.

4. The class will be for a period of 7 days and will assemble on the 1st July 1918 at the PETIT CHATEAU, ALLONVILLE, at 3 pm and will commence on 2nd July 1918.

5. 3rd. Aust. Div. "Q" Branch will arrange to ration the class on and after the 2nd July.

6. Every officer will bring with him his own cutlery and crockery for the Mess, and also the unexpended portion of rations for 1st July.

7. Cooks, as follows, will report at same time and place as candidates :- 1 from each of 10th and 11th A.I. Bdes and 2 from 9th A.I. Brigade. Each Brigade will send two dixies for cooking purposes.

8. The senior officer of each Unit will, when he reports, hand in a nominal roll of all personnel from his unit.

9. Candidates' kits will be brought under Brigade and Unit arrangements.

TRAINING.

1. Training will be in accordance with the Syllabus issued herewith, and every opportunity will be taken by means of exercises on the ground to develop leadership and tactical knowledge in candidates.

2. Special attention will be paid ~~to~~ by Instructors to the development of any special qualities discovered in the trainees, and any aptitude for special work, shown by any trainee, will be noted and reported on.

Staff will keep daily record of the work of trainees for this purpose.

3. All candidates will bring with them :-

- (a) Note Book.
- (b) Prismatic Compass.
- (c) Field Glasses.
- (d) Protractor.
- (e) Rifle and Bayonet.
- (f) Full marching order -
and, if available,
- (g) Infantry Training.
- (h) Field Service Regulations, Part I.
-do- Part II.
- (i) Battalion Standing Orders.
- (j) Field Service Pocket Book.
- (k) S.S.143 - Training & Employment of Platoons 1918.
S.S.155 - Notes on Dealing with Hostile M.Gs.
in an advance.
S.S.185 - Assault Training.
S.S.195 - Scouting and Patrolling.
S.S.197 - The tactical employment of Lewis Guns.

(signed) ERIC W. CONNELLY.

Major.
for Lieut.-Colonel. G.S.

Divisional Headquarters,
30th. June, 1918.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - Class of Instruction for Junior Officers at ALLONVILLE.

1918	9.0 to 10.0 a.m.	10 to 11.45 am	11.45 to 12.30 pm	2.0 to 2.30 pm	2.30 to 4.30 pm
2nd July.	Fall in, and lecture on objects of School, and general outline of duties of Officers.	Close Order Drill and extended order work.	Lecture on use of ground	Practical work on the ground	Administrative duties of Officers.
3rd July	Fall in, and lecture on employment & co-operation of infantry. Combination of fire and movement.	Practical work.		Lecture on writing of messages, reports and simple orders.	Practical work involving writing messages and orders.
4th July	Fall in, and lecture on Outposts.	Practical work.		Lecture - Compass work & Map Reading	Practical work.
5th July	Fall in, and lecture on Attack on an isolated Post.	Practical work.		Lecture-Patrolling : (a) Intelligence (b) Fighting.	Practical work.
6th July	Fall in, and lecture on Attack as portion of a larger force.	Practical work.		Intelligence.	
7th July	Fall in, and lecture on Defence of a Post.	Practical work.		Lecture on Gas	Lecture on Night Marches and Night Attacks
8th July	Fall in, and lecture on Defence when part of a larger force.	Practical work		Lectures on Protection.	Practical work.

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Division occupied the Corps Reserve area :
the 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. located at RIVERY.
10th. -do- " at QUERRIEU.
11th. -do- " at ALLONVILLE.

Divisional Artillery remained in action in "A" Divsnl. area - VILLERS BRETONNEUX sector - Anti-Gas Defensive measures supervised by D.G.O. 2nd. Aust. Division.

The whole week was devoted to thorough inspections of Small Box Respirators by B.G.Os. and Divisional Gas N.C.Os. of 9th. and 10th. Inf. Bdes. Upon completion of these inspections, all respirators were tested, the troops passing through the lachrymatory gas chamber. Units recently fitted with the new triplex eyepieces were also tested in this manner in order to ensure correctness of the fitting.

Immediately upon withdrawal of the Division from the line, the 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. commenced training for the Corps active field operations of July 4th. 1918, which were carried out in conjunction with American troops. The Brigade was not available for anti-gas training until July 7th. when the same syllabus was adhered to, as in the case of the above units.

As a result of operations on July 4th. 1918., numerous enemy prisoners were collected at the Corps prisoners' compound POUILLANVILLE. They were examined with a view to obtaining any new enemy protective apparatus. Three Bosche respirators of normal type were obtained afterwards and forwarded to Chemical Adviser, Aust. Corps. Whilst being conducted through the forward area to positions in rear, enemy prisoners display a strong disinclination to part with their respirators.

In order to carry out practical gas demonstrations, a Gas Training Ground was established in the Corps Reserve Area at G.10.d.5.1. (Sheet 62.D). An existing system of trenches were improved for this purpose by the employment of a working party of 1 officer, 5 n.c.os. and 60 other ranks, for three days. Considerable time was spent in accumulating stores and necessary material for the demonstrations.

8th. Stores & material conveyed to Training Ground.

9th. Gas Demonstration.

Upon arrival of the troops on the ground, they were lectured by D.G.O. upon Anti-Gas protective measures.

- (a) The necessity for complete personal and collective protection.
- (b) The correct method of entering protected dugouts and shelters.
- (c) Individual treatment of the effects to the eyes by exposure to Mustard Gas.
- (d) Recognition of enemy gas shells of different types during a bombardment.

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9th. special emphasis being made of the strict observance of the gas alert zone instructions.

The following units attended the demonstrations :-

- 42nd. Inf. Battalion.
- 10th. 43rd. " " Divisional Machine Gun Battalion.

- 11th. 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
44th. Inf. Battalion.

Visited D.A.D.O.S. reference anti-gas supplies of respirators and accessories also 9th and 10th. Inf. Bdes, interviewed B.G.Os. regarding relief of the 4th. Aust. Div. in the line.

12th. Visited 4th. Aust. D.G.O. at BUSSY reference taking over the line in "B" Divisional area - CORBIE HAMEL - and arranged to hand over gas training ground and stores in the Reserve Divisional area.

13th. Moved to BUSSY. H.35.d. (Sheet 62.D).

Divisional relief of 4th. Aust. Div.

9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	relieving	12th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	Left Sector.
10th. -do-	"	4th. & 13th. A.I.B.	Right sector.
11th. -do-	"		In support.

14th. Interviewed D.A.G.O. 4th. Aust. Div. and arranged to take over Artillery positions in "B" Divsnl. area. Verified 9th. & 10th. A.I.Bdes. take over statements with 4th. Aust. Divsnl. Gas Officer's statement, and defined the locations of gas-proof dugouts and trench stores in the Left, Right, and rear Bde areas.

15th. Arranged with C.R.E. of Division for an immediate supply of Anti-gas Union Cloth for protecting dugout doorways and forwarded each Bde. in line a warrant on divisional dump for 21 yards.

16th. Interviewed 4th D.A.G.O. upon completion of Divisional Artillery relief, hand over statement received and verified. Inspected strombos horn locations in rear bde. area.

17th. Enemy heavily gas-shelled areas in O.9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 22 (Sheet 62.D) from 12.50 a.m. to 5.0 a.m. A mild wind prevailed at 12.50 a.m. veering to E. then to W.S.W. and later E.

Units affected :-

- 42nd, 43rd, 44th. Battalions.
- 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.
- 11th. A. L. T. M. Bty.
- Imperial Artillery.

The wind also carried a fair concentration of gas eastward over units of 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

The enemy used approximately 2,000 rounds of 77, 105 and 155 mm. shell containing YELLOW CROSS (mustard) gas and some GREEN CROSS (phosgene) was also identified.

The 42nd. Battalion located in O.13. & 14 was the unit mostly affected. Company Commanders, on hearing the alarm, immediately doubled their gas sentries, withdrew platoons that were in low ground on to the hilltop and set gas n.c.os. to work maintaining gas discipline and inspecting the area.

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No man was allowed to remove his respirator without authority from his O./C. and masks were worn by men of this unit for 3 hours.

At 4.15 a.m., wind having changed, masks were removed and every man had his eyes bathed with Bi-Carb. Soda solution under platoon arrangement.

I visited the area affected about 11.0 a.m. and found that good work had been done in treating mustard gas shell holes with chloride of lime and fresh earth; but, in places, especially amongst growing crops, there was a fair concentration of gas caused by the action of the sun on YELLOW CROSS liquid which had been washed into the earth by the rain which fell in the early morning.

Casualties.

Reported from M.D.S. to Noon 18th July, 1918.

(32 hrs after bombardment).

37th. Aust. Inf. Battalion.	1.	
38th. -do-	1.	
Imperial Artillery.	32.	attached Corps troops.

Total.	34.	

Casualties caused by :-

1. close proximity to bursts and splashes.
2. impossibility of locating all shell holes in crops in order to treat them.
3. impossibility of artillery personnel evacuating area.

Remarks.

I think the prompt action of C.Os., O.Cs. and anti-gas personnel, in moving men from low ground and afterwards superintending the treatment of their eyes with bi-carb. soda solution, undoubtedly saved many casualties.

The majority of casualties amongst the Imperial Artillery was unavoidable, as their battery positions seemed to have been the main target of the attack, and when visited by me they appeared to be taking all precautions to avoid casualties from the persistency of the gas.

18th. Visited Left Bde sector, interviewed B.G.O reference supplies of chloride of lime, Bi-carb.soda and verification of gas proof dugouts and strombus horns.

Visited M.D.S. regarding casualties from previous days gas shell bombardment; no additional cases were reported up to 4.0 pm

19th. Inspected area in O.l.b.2.8. for a forward gas training ground.

20th. Visited rear Bde. H.Q. and interviewed B.G.O. and Divsnl. Gas N.C.O. reference trench and area stores, distribution and maintenance of chloride of lime and Bi-Carb. Soda supplies.

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Visited Right and Left Brigade sectors and collected samples of impregnated earth; also 7th A.F.A.Bde H.Q., with reference to immediate gas-proofing of new artillery positions.

23rd.

Interviewed Div. Artillery Gas N.C.O. reference change of artillery positions, and issued instructions to protect the gun positions areas by construction of gas-proof dugouts and shelters.

Arranged with Adjutant of the 8th A.F.A.Bde for Bde Gas N.C.O. to inspect gas-proof dugouts at battery positions and furnish report; also ensured supplies of chloride of lime and bi-carb. soda being maintained at the batteries.

During night of 23rd. enemy heavily bombarded VILLERS BRETONNEUX in the right flank divisional area. At midnight a light cloud of Yellow Cross gas drifted over our right brigade area; the concentration was very light and respirators were not adjusted.

The 41st. Bn. H.Q. was strafed with Yellow Cross gas shell; 3 casualties were reported and caused by men being splashed with liquid owing to direct hit on a dugout.

24th.

Visited rear brigade H.Q. and collected gas shell samples. Interviewed B.G.O. regarding reports on gas shell bombardments from Unit Gas N.C.Os. - observance of the "Gas alert" - responsibility of officers issuing orders to remove masks.

25th.

Visited left brigade sector; interviewed B.G.O. reference the condition of protected dugouts and shelters in his area. Upon my subsequent inspection these were found to be in good condition. Also inspected R.A.P. and Loading Stations occupied by the 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

26th.

Visited 3rd. Div. M.G.Bn and interviewed C.O., regarding breakages in triplex eyepieces and gas-proofing of machine gun positions.

27th.

Arranged with Area Cdt, BUSSY, for a S.B.R. inspection of his personnel at BUSSY and DAOURS.

28th.

Chemical Adviser, Aust. Corps, visited the Divisional Area and collected samples and enemy respirator drums. Arranged to procure service bell tent (temporarily) for use as a gas testing chamber. Area Cdt's personnel inspected at BUSSY and DAOURS - total examined 40.

29th.

Visited right brigade sector and interviewed brigade staff reference anti-gas measures; also 11th. Inf. brigade (rear) reference the ~~transfer~~ brigade relief on left sector. Handed B.G.O. samples of enemy gasses for instructional purposes with his brigade.

Interviewed by D.G.O. of the 18th British Division regarding their taking over that part of our left brigade sector N. of the line of the SOMME. Arranged the hand-over of gas-proof dugouts, strombos horns and trench stores in that area.

30th.

Again visited rear brigade with reference to relief of the 9th brigade in left sector, and also arranged with B.G.O. to take over part of left brigade sector in accordance with readjustment off the divisional area.

31st.

Inspected dugouts gas-proofed and occupied by the 9th Aust. Field Ambulance; had a conversation with reference to treatment of gas casualties.

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Inspected artillery gas-proof dugouts in O.7 and 13 (Sheet 62D) and found same in good order. Inter-brigade relief completed; the B.G.Os. concerned reported the handover to be correct. 11th. Inf. Bde in line, left sector - 9th. Inf. Bde moved into support area.

General.

During the portion of the month that the Division has occupied the line, gas casualties have been few, though a normal amount of enemy gas-shelling has taken place.

The absence of casualties is to some extent due to the better observance of anti-gas measures, especially in regard to Yellow Cross gas, the danger of which is gradually being realised by all ranks. As an instance of this attention is drawn to the Mustard gas shelling of reserve area on the 17th instant, where casualties were avoided by senior officers taking prompt action during the attack and using preventitives - Bi-carb. Soda and Chloride of Lime - afterwards to avoid casualties.

During the month the new Triplex eyepieces recently fitted to S.B.R.s of Artillery, Machine Gun and Engineer personnel, have been tested and they have been found to afford much better vision, while they remain in good condition, a fault known as striation (parting of the layers which causes a film) has, however, been noticed and a report sent to C.A., Aust. Corps.

During the month, reports have been received of successful experiments in cleaning Yellow Cross shell-holes and contaminated clothing with Chlorine Gas, and it is expected that small cylinders of Chlorine will soon be issued to the gas services for use in the field.

An issue of overalls and jumpers made of a cotton fabric and treated with linseed oil, has been made throughout the Division on a scale large enough for experimental purposes: these are to be worn in the event of heavy shelling with Yellow Cross gas in order to try and avoid casualties from contact with the liquid, but so far no opportunity of testing the clothing has presented itself.

Anti-gas gloves for signal linesmen were authorised in G.R.O.4190, but it was found that the gloves were too big and clumsy to allow linesmen to work on the breaks in signal wires, and G.R.O. 4596 has laid down that bleaching powder will be sprinkled on contaminated cable while wearing the gloves and linesmen will then work with their bare hands, but the bleaching powder is not guaranteed to remove all risk.

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