

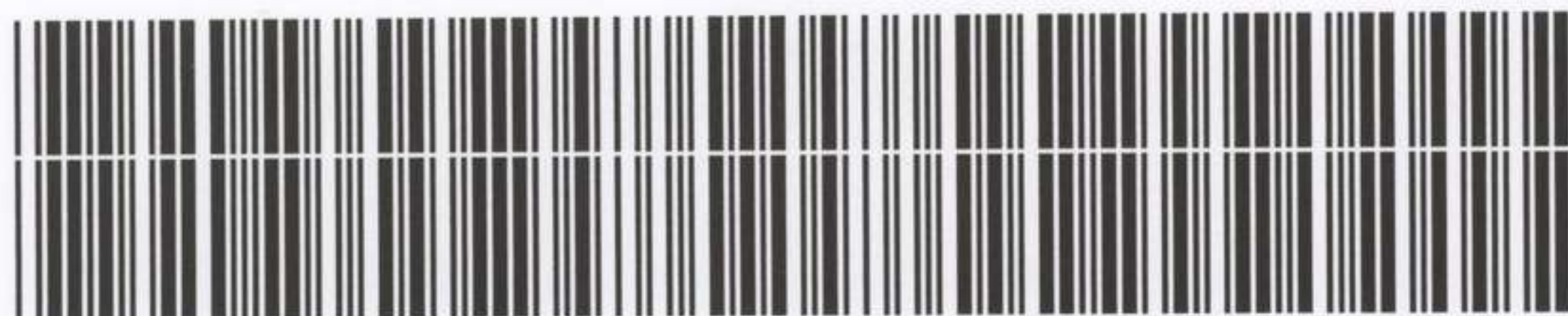
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Headquarters,
2nd. May. 1918.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 82.

1. The 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade in the right sub-sector of the Divisional Sector on the 4th and night of the 4/5th Inst.
2. Command will pass on completion of the infantry relief which will be notified to Divisional H.Q. by priority wire by the relieving Brigade.
3. Advance parties of all units taking over will be sent into all posts twentyfour hours in advance.
4. All maps, plans of work, defence schemes and information of value to the incoming unit will be handed over.
5. The Original Company Commanders sketches and dispositions will be forwarded to Divisional H.Q. as soon as possible after relief.
6. On relief the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will move into Divisional Reserve and will take over the plans of the Reserve Brigade for counter attack, works etc.
7. The Nucleus Battalions of the 2nd and 3rd Brigades will relieve each other exchanging billets and functions.
8. Machine Gun and Engineer reliefs will be arranged by the O.C. M. Gun Battalion and the C.R.E. respectively. These reliefs will not take place simultaneously with the infantry relief.
9. (a) S.O.S. Signals, flares, trench and area stores will be handed over on relief and receipts passed, a copy of the receipt to be forwarded to D.H.Q.
(b) Brigades will exchange transport lines.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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for Colonel.

General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 83.

Divisional Headquarters,
3rd May, 1918.

1. The French Corps on our left is advancing its line at daybreak on 4th inst.,
2. Zero hour will be notified to units of this Division by the code message "Cases will be sent with (zero hour)".
3. The 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. will cooperate by advancing its left to the line Sq. X.17.a.0.6 - Sq. X.17.a.6.8. The left flank of the Brigade will be the road at Sq. X.17.a.6.8 (inclusive).
4. The C.R.A. will cooperate in the Artillery barrage and by keeping all known enemy points of activity in the approximate area Sqs. X.15., X.16., X.17., X.21., X.22., and X.23., under neutralising fire.
5. Programme of attack (vide attached map).
 - (a) At zero minus 4 minutes heavy fire will be brought to bear on all objectives of the French attack and on the barrage line covering the advance of 1st A.I. Bde.
 - (b) At zero the field artillery barrage will be placed on the barrage line.
 - (c) Infantry parties will work close up under the barrage.
 - (d) At zero plus 5 minutes the barrage will lift to the Green line moving at the rate of 100 yards a minute.
 Infantry parties will advance, seize the objective and consolidate.
 The Infantry will indicate their arrival on the objective by firing two white Very Lights simultaneously at the same point.
 - (e) On reaching the Green line the barrage will remain stationary
 - (f) The method of the French Infantry advance is for light patrols to seize certain fixed points. These patrols ^{white} indicate their success by firing simultaneously two lights. The remainder of the Infantry detailed then push forward and consolidate. As soon as the objectives are fully occupied two Green lights are fired simultaneously from the same point.
 The barrage will remain on the Green line until this signal is sent up by the French Infantry on our left. It will then gradually cease but will be prepared to open fire on the S.O.S. signal
6. O.C. 1st Aust. M.G. Battalion will arrange for dense machine gun fire on enemy centres of activity south and south-east of METEREN.
7. Watches will be synchronised with Divisional Signal Coy. at 9 p.m.

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* 8 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

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* 9 C.R.A. 1st Aust. Div.

10. C.R.E. " " "

11. Div. Signal Coy.

12. 1st Aust. Pioneer Bn.

13. 1st Aust. M.G. Battalion.

14. A.D.M.S.

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16. XV Corps.

17. 29th Division.

* 18. 133rd French Division.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
3rd May, 1918.

DEFENCE ORGANIZATION, SERIES "B", No. 14.

1. The following is a summary of the distribution of the Division to the defences of the sector. This has all previously been issued in the present series of instructions and is now brought together in convenient form for the information of all concerned.
2. Right Brigade sub-sector.
 - (a) Forward Zone - two battalions each with a proportion detailed for counter attack.
 - (b) The Support System - one battalion. This battalion also provides the garrison for the defended locality of STRAZELLE.
 - (c) The Reserve System - 17th Northumberland Fusilier Railway Pioneer Battalion. In addition this battalion provides one company as nucleus garrison to "A" line of the Second Zone and the garrison for the defended locality of PRADELLES.
 - (d) Counter attack troops - one battalion.
 - (e) Nucleus battalion provides the garrison for the defended locality of BORRE.
3. Left Brigade sub-sector.
 - (a) Forward Zone - two battalions with a proportion detailed for counter attack.
 - (b) Support System - one battalion which is also responsible for the garrison for the defended localities of PHINGBOOM, FONTAINE HOUK.
 - (c) Reserve System - 1st Australian Pioneer Battalion which is also responsible for the defended localities of FLETRE and ROUGE CROIX. In addition this battalion provides one company for the nucleus garrison of "A" line, Second Zone.
 - (d) Counter attack troops - one battalion.
 - (e) The garrison for the defended locality of CAESTRE is provided by the nucleus battalion of the Left Brigade. The garrison for the defended locality of THIEUSHOUK is provided by the nucleus battalion of the reserve brigade.
4. RESERVE BRIGADE. The role of the Reserve Bde. is to counter attack
5. The garrisons of the forward and support systems of the Forward Zone live on their posts. The garrisons of the reserve system of "A" line of the Second Zone and the defended localities of the Second Zone live in the vicinity of their posts and will be prepared to man their posts at all times.
6. Should a general attack on the Divisional Front develop or should it become necessary for other reasons for the garrisons of the rearward systems to man their posts a priority signal message will be sent "occupy defences". On receipt of this message all units detailed for the defence of the various systems and localities will occupy the defences for which they are responsible.
7. It must be borne in mind that communications may fail and this is more likely prior to an attack as a result of a hostile bombardment. Unit commanders detailed to the rearward systems of defences and defended localities will

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be prepared to occupy the defences on their own responsibility should a general bombardment take place, without waiting for the receipt of definite instructions to do so. Should the Commanding officer of any unit detailed consider it necessary to occupy the defences he will at once report by priority message to his immediate superior that he has done so and this report will be repeated to Divisional Headquarters without delay.

- 8 • Practice nucleus manning will take place in order to ensure that every unit down to the section can march direct to its allotted station by the shortest possible route without delay.

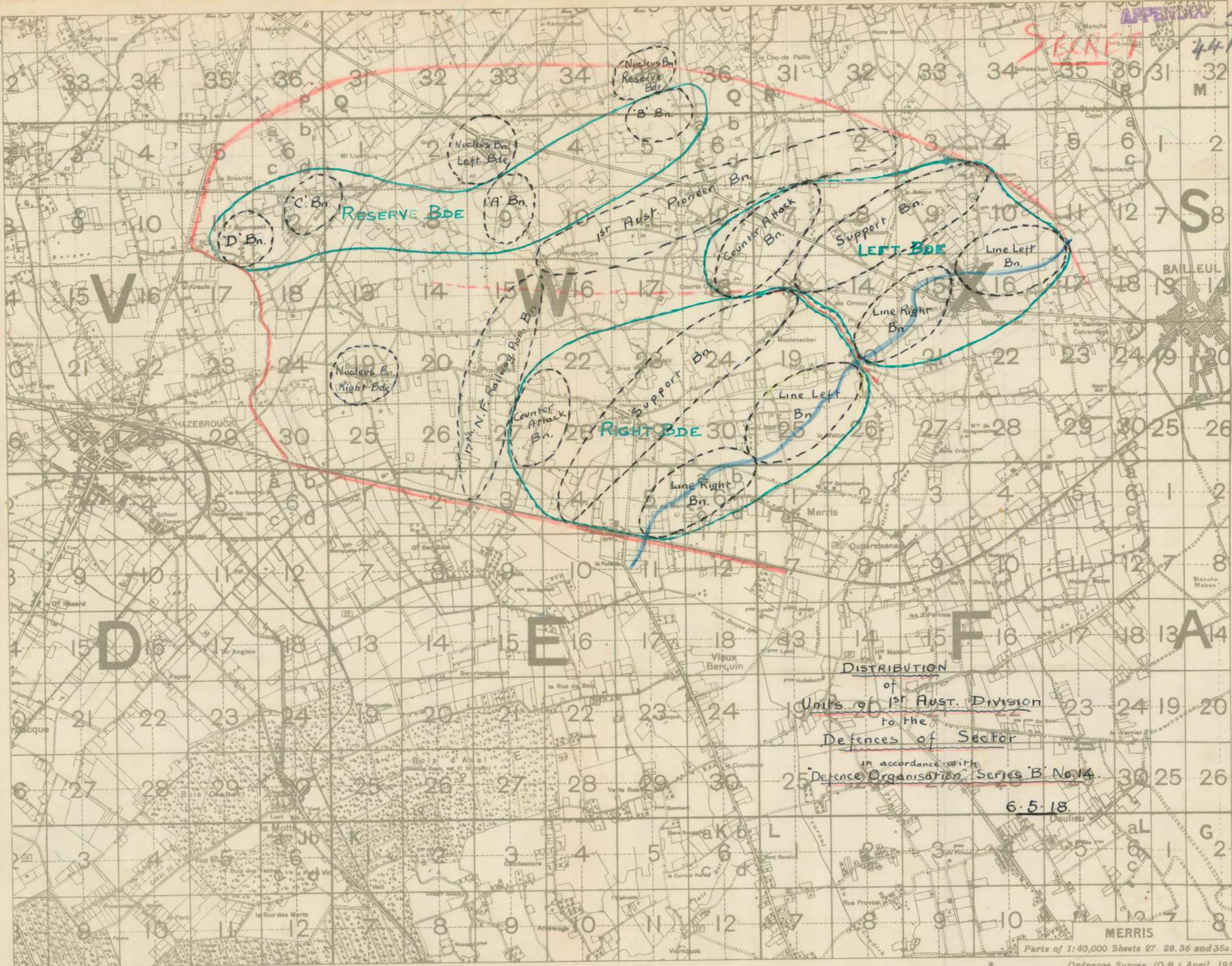
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Nucleus Bn. 3rd A.I. Bde.

133rd French Division.
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31st Division.
1st Aust. M.G. Bn.
17th Northum. Fus. Rail. Pioneer Bn.
Nucleus Bn. 2nd A.I. Bde.



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APPENDIX. VI.

Divisional Headquarters,
4th May, 1918.

PROBABLE ENEMY ACTION ON THE FRONT OF 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

1. Recent developments in the situation indicate the enemy's intention of endeavouring to seize the high ground of MONT ROUGE and MONT NOIR. Attainment of success in this direction would give him greatly increased facilities for observation over the whole front of the 2nd Army, and over the front of the troops north of the ridge for a very considerable distance, and would greatly weaken our whole position about YPRES.

2. The Division holds a position on the foothills of the ridge and is responsible for the defence of two very important spurs, viz. :-

- (a) The spur leading down to METEREN known as HILL 62;
- (b) STRAZEELE spur.

To secure the left flank of his attack at MONT ROUGE and MONT NOIR, HILL 62 would be of great value to the enemy. It is not likely that he will seize this ridge prior to his attack and capture of the hills mentioned, as an isolated operation presents considerable difficulties. It is more likely that he will endeavour to penetrate up the valleys east of HILL 62 in order to penetrate the flank of MONT ROUGE and MONT NOIR positions.

part of the main operation
At the same time if the tactics recently employed by the enemy are persisted in it is probable that he may endeavour to push forward in the valleys on both sides of HILL 62 i.e. the valley of ST. JANS CAPPEL to the east, and the valley of METEREN BECQUE on the west, and endeavour to squeeze out this important locality. Action against HILL 62 will probably take place in conjunction with an action against the hill positions.

3. The key to the position held by the Division is the STRAZEELE spur. An attempt against this spur is probable. Its capture would give very extensive facilities for observation over the British Line to the south. The enemy method of endeavouring to capture this locality probably will be a penetration up the valley of the METEREN BECQUE and towards the GRAND SEC BOIS. A success in this locality would not be of such immediate value to the enemy as the capture of HILL 62 as it would not facilitate his action against MONT ROUGE and MONT NOIR to the same degree. It would not necessarily ensure a great success in the direction of HAZEBROUCK as it still has the defensive positions of PRADELLES and BORRE before it.

The enemy is apparently building defensive lines on this Division's front although information on this point is somewhat contradictory. The attack against STRAZEELE could be localised as the Forest of NIHPPE is a considerable obstacle and one which, if penetrated and seized, could still be made a very difficult position to hold by drenching it with gas. The capture of STRAZEELE would lead to a considerable increase in the enemy's salient with the added difficulties of enfilade artillery fire.

Our facilities for observation from the north over the STRAZEELE RIDGE are likely to exercise a delaying effect on a local operation against STRAZEELE.

Should the enemy succeed in capturing the hill positions of MONT ROUGE and MONT NOIR and in seizing HILL 62, the STRAZEELE RIDGE becomes of very great importance for the retention by us of the MONT DES CATS position.

4. The general conclusion would then appear to be that the enemy may endeavour to seize HILL 62 in conjunction with

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operations against MONT ROUGE and MONT NOIR. That an isolated operation against STRAZEELE is possible but is not so imminent as an attack against HILL 62. The results would not be commensurate with the danger which the enemy would incur of heavy losses without greatly facilitating the capture of the high ground at this stage.

5. The Division may expect to be called upon to deal with a situation in which the enemy develops a strong attack on HILL 62. This is an isolated spur and the approaches to it from the remainder of the Divisional Sector are under the direct observation from the vicinity of METEREN. From METEREN the enemy can see the whole of the valley in which LA BESACE FARM is situated and the whole of the valley leading up towards FLETRE. This renders the movement of a counter attack for the recapture of the spur very difficult. It entails a careful consideration of the routes by which the counter attack will be developed and these must be carefully reconnoitred. The troops available for counter attack in this direction are :-

- (a) For immediate counter attack - the reserve battalion of the Left Brigade located in the area LA BESACE FARM - Sq. X.7.
- (b) For a deliberate counter attack - the Reserve Brigade located as follows -
 - "A" Battalion - ROUGE CROIX;
 - "B" Battalion - THIEUSHOUK;
 - "C" Battalion - BORRE;
 - "D" Battalion - LE PEUPLIER.

This counter attack would have to pass over the high ground north east of FLETRE and over the high ground between le ROUKLOSHILLE and PHINCBOOM, and through the LA BESACE valley. All of these points are visible from METEREN.

It is necessary that the points of assembly for the launching of the attack should be in the concealed ground north of FLETRE. It would be necessary to launch the attack from this position and a distance of about 3,000 yards would have to be covered in artillery formation.

It is probable that an attack could be developed in about four to six hours with "A" and "B" Battalions in the front line and "C" and "D" Battalions in the second line.

6. Artillery action for this counter attack would require -
- (a) To keep the whole of HILL 62 under heavy fire until the attack was approaching the hill;
 - (b) To cover the whole flank of the attack by neutralising enemy observation on the southern portion of the hill in order to prevent him directing his fire on the troops moving to the attack.

The right of the attack would be directed probably on the line PHINCBOOM and the COPSE in Sq. X.15.b.6.2. and the left of HTEA PORTE FARM.

At this stage it is probable that the whole of the guns of the left group with the exception of two batteries forward of le ROUKLOSHILLE would still be able to co-operate. A number of the guns of the right group would be able to bring a considerable amount of fire to bear on METEREN and the southern points of the hill.

A penetration of the valley towards PHINCBOOM would be dealt with on similar lines.

7. The second situation which the Division may be called upon to deal with is in the event of an enemy attack on the STRAZEELE

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ridge. The method of delivering a counter attack in this case would depend on the extent to which the enemy had penetrated. Efforts should be made to deliver the counter attack before the enemy has succeeded in penetrating through the reserve line which runs in front of FLETRE, ROUGE CROIX and PRADELLES.

The troops available for counter attack in this vicinity are -

- (a) For immediate counter attack - Reserve Battalion of the Right Brigade;
- (b) For deliberate counter attack - Reserve Brigade distributed as above.

In this case "A" and "C" Battalions would be available for the front line and "B" and "D" Battalions for the second line. Positions of assembly would be chosen in rear of the crest running from ROUGE CROIX towards W.14. central, and from here a counter attack would be delivered under cover of the ROUGE CROIX - KLITE HILL spur. The distance to be covered from the assembly positions to STRAZEELE is approximately 3,000 yards.

8. In this case the left of the attack would be directed on KLITE HILL and the right on the southern portion of STRAZEELE. It would be essential to keep STRAZEELE under very heavy fire from all classes of artillery until the infantry approached the position. It is probable that the whole of the artillery east of ROUGE CROIX - PRADELLES - GRANDE MARQUETTE FARM would be in difficulties and could not be calculated on with any certainty to assist in this direction. The batteries in rear of this line should still be available. A considerable amount of enfilade fire could be brought to bear on the enemy near STRAZEELE by the batteries in the vicinity and south of the line THIEUSHOUK - LE COQDE PAILLE.

9. A third probable situation with which the Division may be called upon to deal is that of a general attack along the whole front and including both cases already discussed.

In this case it is probable that -

- (a) "A" Battalion, Reserve Brigade, may be detailed to support the Right brigade, while the Reserve Brigade less "A" Battalion counter attacks in the Left Brigade Sector; or
- (b) "B" Battalion, Reserve Brigade, may be detailed to support the Left Brigade while the Reserve Brigade less "B" Battalion counter attacks in the direction of STRAZEELE.

10. (a) As soon as each Brigade comes into Reserve, reconnaissances will be made with a view to action on the lines indicated. As many Officers and N.C.O's. as possible should be given opportunities of reconnoitring assembly positions and probable routes to them and in advance of them.
- (b) C.R.A. will consider the probable action of the artillery in each case in order to facilitate the rapid organisation of artillery support of the counter attack, should it become necessary.

11. Although the cases considered above appear to be the most likely, it must always be borne in mind that it is the unexpected which happens in war most frequently. It is necessary that counter attack units and formations should be prepared to deal rapidly with unexpected developments.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters,
4th May, 1918.1st AMENDMENT TO DEFENCE ORGANIZATION, SERIES "E", No. 9.

The following amendment will be made to Defence Organization, Series "E", No. 9.

Paragraph 3 will be cancelled and the following substituted :-

3. The following are the detailed arrangements for the first day's move :-

- (i) First stage transport areas are allotted as follows :-

RIGHT BRIGADE GROUP TRANSPORT.

Road EESLINGHEM - LYND - LE NOIR TROU (U.26.b.8.2) - road U.26.b.8.2. to U.20.a.9.5. - road U.20.a.9.3. - T.24.a.0.2.

LEFT BRIGADE GROUP TRANSPORT.

Railway from U.19.a.5.2. to U.15.d.7.4. - road from U.15.d.7.4. - U.8.b.6.6. - U.7.b.2.5. - T.13.c.8.9. - U.19.a.5.2.

RESERVE BRIGADE GROUP TRANSPORT.

Railway from U.20.a.4.7. to U.15.d.7.4. - road U.15.d.7.4. - U.28.B.3.9. - U.26.b.8.2. to U.20.a.4.7.

- (ii) Routes are allotted as follows :-

RIGHT BRIGADE GROUP TRANSPORT.

Route "A". Road V.22.c. - V.21.d.7.4. - V.27. b. & a. - V.26.d.5.9. - V.26.b.c. - V.25.d.a. - U.50.b.8.5. - U.30.c. - U.20.d.c.a. - U.20.b.a.c. to area.

LEFT BRIGADE GROUP TRANSPORT.

Route "B". Road P.33.b.a., P.38.d.c. - V.5.a. - P.34.d.a.c. - V.4.a. - V.5.b.a.c. - V.3.c.7.3. - V.9.a.b.c. - V.8.d.c. - V.7.d. - V.13.b.a.c. - U.18.c.d., U.17.c.d., U.16.a. to area.

RESERVE BRIGADE GROUP TRANSPORT.

Route "C". Road LE PEUPLIER - V.4.c.2.2. - V.10.a.a.c. - V.16.a.c. - V.15.d.a.c. - V.21.a. - V.20.b.a.c. - V.19.b.a.c. - U.24.c.a.d. to area.

- (iii) Transport columns will join prescribed routes at the point nearest to their present transport lines, in accordance with prepared march tables.

- (iv) Main lorry routes, roads in P.35.d., V.6.a.a.d., V.10.d., V.11.c. & V.18.a.c.a.d., V.15.c.a.d. will be avoided as far as possible.

- (v) A march table will be prepared by each Brigade showing starting point of each unit, and time of start after zero hour in each case. This will be in possession of the Transport Officer of each unit.

- (vi) Formations and units will render to Divisional Headquarters within 24 hours after receipt of this order or within 24 hours after an inter-Brigade relief has taken place, a certificate stating that routes and transport areas have been reconnoitred by transport officers concerned.

(vii) The Specialist units, for the purpose of this transport move, will be attached to the Brigade to which they are normally attached.

1st Australian Pioneer Battalion will be attached to the left Brigade.

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No 2 Special Company, R.E.

Operation Order No 6/18 of 4th May, 1918.

1. Object. On the night of the 4th - 5th May 1918, provided weather conditions are favourable a gas projector operation will be carried out by No 2 Special Company, R.E. with the intention of killing enemy personnel in the areas hereunder described.
2. For this purpose batteries of Livens projectors have been installed as follows:-

SECTION.	PROJECTORS.	LOCATION.	TARGET.
"E"	100	X. 19. c. 4.2.	MERRIS area. E. 6. a. 9.0 - E. 6. b. 7.0. E. 6. c. 9.8 - E. 6. d. 7.8.
"G"	120	X. 9. c. 85.95.	METEREN. X. 15. d. 5.5.
"F" and "H"	163	X. 19. d. 70.85	Road from X. 26. b. 3.7 - X. 26. d. 4.2.

3. Zero hour will be notified later.
4. Wind limits: The operation will not take place unless the wind be
for G section between N. N.E. through N. to W.
for "E" and "H" sections from N through W to W. by S.
5. Communication. During the operation O's. C. "E" and "G" sections will establish their Headquarters at Right and Left Australian Infantry Brigade H.Q's. respectively and will keep in touch with officers in charge of firing parties on their Brigade sectors by telephone and runners. Section Commanders will also detail one officer to remain at each Battalion Headquarters on which their respective sections are operating.
6. Officers in charge of firing parties will take careful wind readings from time to time at or near the battery positions, and commencing at zero minus 3 hours will
(send)

6. (continued)

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1. send wind reports to O.C. their operation at the Infantry Brigade Headquarters as mentioned in para. 5.

7. The following codes will be observed

(a) Wind readings: The clock method will be used but 78 will be added to all figures; thus with a wind West at 6 m. p. h. (which under the clock method would be transmitted 45 aaa 6 aaa) the message would be sent 123 aaa 84 aaa.

(b) Other messages

HUGHES will mean "Conditions favourable"

CATTS " " "Conditions unfavourable"

HOLMAN " " "Operation postponed 24 hours"

8. Precautions.

(a) The following areas will be evacuated at Zero minus 15 minutes:- Triangle formed by following co-ordinates:- X. 19. c. 4.2. - E. 6. a. 6.1. - X. 25. c. 2.2. also

Triangle formed by the following co-ordinates:-

X. 9. c. 85. 75. - X. 15. c. 0. 9. - X. 16. a. 2. 6.

Troops will re-enter their posts at Zero plus 30 minutes.

(b) Small box respirators will be worn from Zero minus 5 minutes to Zero plus 25 minutes in the following areas:-

From E. 6. a. 10. 05 to E. 6. a. 65. 15. and from X. 25. c. 15. 10 to X. 25. c. 7. 5.

From X. 25. b. 9. 7. to X. 20. c. 8. 6. and in squares X. 15, 16, and 21 Squares 14. b. and d. Squares 20. b. and d.

(c) All troops within 300 yards of the battery positions will keep under cover at Zero hour.

9. If some batteries fail to go off at the scheduled time efforts will be made to fire them at zero plus 15 minutes under arrangements made by O's. C. firing parties with the Battalion Commander on the sector.

10. For the purpose of the operation all officers of R^o 2 Special Coy. R.E. will have urgent priority rights over the whole of the communications in the two Brigade Areas affected.

The O.C. Sections will send two watches per Section to Company Headquarters at 5 p.m. daily until operation eventuates for synchronization and will synchronize watches with the Brigades and Battns. concerned at zero minus 3 hours.

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H. H. H. H. Capt.

O.C. No 2 Special Company, R.E.

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Watering place.
Customs-shelter.
Steel works.
Passes (Ry.)
Alley, Narrow
road
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Aqueduct.
Tree.
" fan-shaped.
" bare.
" forked.
" isolated.
" leaning.
Small tree.
Arch.
Slate quarry.
Halt.
Asylum.
Lunatic asylum.
Asylum.
Inn.
Alder-tree.
Ferry.
" bath.
Bathing place.
Room, Beacon.
Land-bank.
Fud-bank.
Jut.
Dun.
Late, Stile.
Veigh-bridge.
Lock, Pond.
Idal dock.

Bassin de radoub - Dry dock.
Bateau phare - Light-ship.
Blanchisserie - Laundry.
B.M. (borne milliare) - Mile stone.
B⁴ (borne kilométrique)
Boulonnerie - Bolt factory.
Bouée - Buoy.
Brasserie, Brass^e - Brewery.
Briqueterie, Briq^{ue} - Brickfield.
Brise-lames - Breakwater.
Bureau de poste - Post office.
" de douane - Custom house.
Butte - Butt, Mound.
Cabane - Hut.
Cabaret, Cab^{aret} - Inn.
Câble sous-marin - Submarine cable.
Calvaire, Calv^{aire} - Calvary.
Canal de dessèchement - Drainage canal.
Canal d'irrigation - Irrigation canal.
Fab^{rique} de caoutchouc - Rubber factory.
Carrière, Carr^{ière} - Quarry.
" de gravier - Gravel-pit.
Caserne - Barracks.
Champ de courses - Race course.
" manoeuvres - Drill-ground.
" tir - Rifle range.
Chantier - Building yard.
" Ship yard.
" Dock yard.
Chantier de construction - Slip-way.
Chapelle, Ch^{apelle} - Chapel.
Charbonnage - Colliery.
Château d'eau - Water tower.
Chaussée - Causeway.
" Highway.
Chemin de fer - Railway.
Cheminée, Ch^{eminée} - Chimney.
Chêne - Oak tree.
Cimetière, Cim^{etière} - Cemetery.
Clocher - Belfry.
Clouterie - Nail factory.
Colombier - Dove-cot.

Coron - Workmen's dwellings.
Cout^{ure} aux marchan- Goods yard.
dis^{es} - Convent.
Craissier - Slag heap.
Croix - Cross.
Dane - Inner dock.
Démoli - Destroyed.
Déversoir - Weir.
Digues - Dyke, causeway.
Distillerie, Dist^{illerie} - Distillery.
Douane - Custom-house.
Bureau de douane - Custom warehouse.
Entrepôt de douane - Dynamite magazine.
Dynamitière, Dynam^{ite} - Dynamite factory.
Ecluse - Sluice, Lock.
Eclusette, Ecl^{use} - Sluice.
Ecole - School.
Ecurie - Stable.
Eglise - Church.
Emballerie - Enamel works.
Embarcadere, Emb^{arcadere} - Landing-place.
Estaminet, Estam^{inet} - Inn.
Etang - Pond.
Fabrique, Fab^{rique} - Factory.
Fab^{rique} de produits chimiques - Chemical works.
Faiencerie - Pottery.
Ferme, F^{erme} - Farm.
Filature, Fil^{ature} - Spinning mill.
Fonderie, Fond^{erie} - Foundry.
Fontaine, Font^{aine} - Spring, fountain.
Forêt - Forest.
Forné de radoub - Dry dock.
Forge - Smithy.
Fosse - Mine, Pit.
Four - Mount, Ditch.
" à vapeur - Steam mill.
" à chaux - Lime-kiln.

Four à coke - Coke oven.
Ganterie - Glove factory.
Gare - Station.
Garenne - Warren.
Garnison - Garrison.
Gazomètre - Gasometer.
Glacière - Mirror factory.
Fab^{rique} de glaces - Ice factory.
Glacière - Crane.
Gué - Ford.
Guérîte - Sentry-box, Turret.
" à signaux - Signal-box (Ry.)
Halle - Hall.
Hangar - Shed, Hangar.
Hôpital - Hospital.
Hôtel-de-Ville - Town hall.
Houillère - Colliery.
Huilerie - Oil factory.
Imprimerie, Imp^{rim} - Printing works.
Jetée - Pier.
Laminerie - Rolling mills.
Ligne de haute - High water mark.
Laisse - Low " " de basse marée
Maison Forestière - Forester's house.
M^{aison} - Malt-house.
Malterie - Malt-house.
Marbrerie - Marble works.
Marais - Marsh.
Marais salant - Saltern.
Marché - Market.
Mare - Pool.
Moulin - Mill.
Moulin, M^{oulin} - Mill.
Monastère - Monastery.
Moulin, M^{oulin} - Mill.
" à vapeur - Steam mill.
Mur - Wall.
" crénelé - Loop-holed wall.

Nacelle -
Orme -
Orphelinat -
Oseraies -
Ouvrage -
Ouvrage hyd^{raulique} -
Papeterie -
Pare -
" aérostas -
" à charb^{on} -
" à pétrol^e -
Passage à niveau P.N. - Level-crossing.
Passerelle, Pass^{erelle} - Foot-bridge.
Pépinière - Nursery-garden.
Peuplier - Poplar tree.
Phare - Light-house.
Pilier, Pil^{ier} - Post.
Plaine d'exercice - Drill ground.
Pompe - Pump.
Ponceau - Culvert.
Pont - Bridge.
" levie - Drawbridge.
Poste de garde - Coast-guard station.
Station P^{oste} - Post.
Poterie - Pottery.
Poudrière, Poud^{rière} - Powder magazine.
Magasin à poudre - Powder magazine.
Prise d'eau - Water supply.
Puits - Pit-head, Shaft, Well.
" artésien - Artesian well.
" d'aérage - Ventilating shaft.
" ventilateur - Boring.
" de sondage -
Quai - Quay, Platform.
" aux bestiaux - Cattle platform.
" aux marchan- Goods platform.
" dis^{es} -
Raccordement - Junction.
Raffinerie - Refinery.
" de sucre - Sugar refinery.
Râperie - Beet-root factory.

Appendix 9.

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SECRETFIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER, No. 84.Headquarters,
May 7th 1918.WARNING ORDER.

The 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade will be prepared to relieve the
1st Aust. Inf. Brigade in the left subsector on 10th and night 10th/11th
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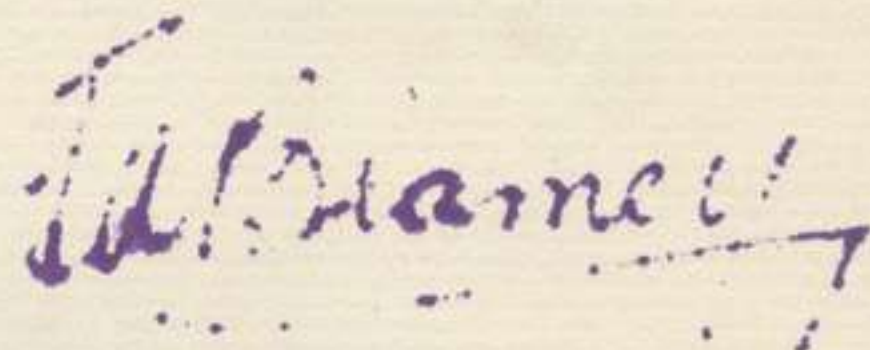
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Headquarters,
8th. May. 1918.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER. NO. 85.WARNING ORDER.

1. Warning Order dated May 7th is cancelled.
2. 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade will be relieved in the left sub-sector on the night 9th/10th May, by 31st. Div.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Headquarters.
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 86.

1. (a) 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved in the Left Sub-Sector by 93rd Inf. Brigade, 31st Division, plus 1 Battalion of 92nd Inf. Brigade, 31st Division on 9th May, and the night 9th/10th May.
(b) 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade will extend its right flank to the point where the front line crosses the road running North East and South West through Squares E.13.B. and E.11.C. in relief of the left of 29th Division on the night 9th/10th May.
(c) Details will be arranged between Brigade Commanders concerned.
2. Machine Gun relief will be carried out on the 10th Inst. and night 10th/11th Inst. Details will be arranged between C.O.s and H.Q. Battalions. On completion, C.O. 1st H.Q. Battalion will arrange the distribution of the Battalion to have 3 companies distributed in depth to the defences of the sector and one company in the brigade area. Accommodation to be arranged with 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Headquarters of 1st H.Q. Battalion will be established at Le BREARDE on completion of relief.
2nd H.Q. Coy will be accommodated in barn at Sq. V.22.A.9.3.
1st H.Q. Coy will be accommodated in Res Area under Res Bde arrange
3. The relief of the Engineer Field Coys and 1st Pioneer Bn in the left sub-sector will be arranged direct between C.R.Es of 1st Australian and 31st Divisions.
4. A.D.M.S. will arrange relief of Medical units direct with A.D.M.S. 31st Division.
5. Brigade Commanders in the line will issue instructions for the restriction of movement by day as may be necessary.
6. On completion of the relief, Field Artillery will cover the fronts of and be under the command of Divisions as follows:-

1st Australian Division.	1st Australian F.A. Brigade.
C.R.A. 1st Aust. Division.	2nd Australian F.A. Brigade.
	28th Army Bde R.F.A.
	2nd Army Bde N.Z.F.A.
31st Division.	148th Bde R.F.A.
C.R.A. 30th Div.	64th Army Bde R.F.A.
	113th Army Bde R.F.A.
7. Divisional Boundaries will be as follows:-
 - (i) Between 1st Aust. Division and 31st Division.
From point where the METELEN BECQUE crosses the Front line, along METELEN BECQUE in X.13, W.12., W.11, W.10 (all inclusive to 31st Division) to CAESTRE - STRAZELLE Road at W.9.B.6.0. to Bend in road V.12.D.8.5. to junction of CAESTRE BECQUE and BORRE BECQUE, thence along BORRE BECQUE to present western boundary of reserve division in U.16.C.
 - (ii) Between 29th Division and 1st Aust. Division in Forward zone from point where road running north east and south west in E.16.B. and E.11.C. crosses front line (road inclusive to 1st Aust. Division) along water channel in E.10. and E.3.D. to railway E.3.C.8.7. and thence along railway. Details of the inter-divisional boundary in the second zone will be issued later. The present reserve divisional area south of the BORRE BECQUE will pass to 1st Aust. Division. The 31st Division will retain that portion of the area north of the BORRE BECQUE.

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8. All documents, defence schemes, plans of operations, photographs, maps, etc, referring to the left sub-sector will be handed over and receipts obtained.
9. Trench and Area stores will be handed over in situ to relieving units. Copies of receipts will be forwarded to the A.M.C.H.G.
10. Command will pass in each sector on completion of the relief which will be notified to Divisional Headquarters by Brigades by Priority Signal message.
11. On completion of the relief the Division will be disposed as follows:-
 - (a) Line Brigade - 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
Covering the whole Divisional sector.
 - (b) Support Brigade - 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
 - (c) Reserve Brigade - 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.The reserve brigade will be held in Corps reserve.
12. (a) On relief 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. will move by units to the reserve area by bus. Embussing point will be half mile west of CAESTRE on CAESTRE - CASSEL Road. details of the move by Bus will be issued later.
(b) The 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. will be distributed in the reserve area as follows:-
Brigade Headquarters and L.T.L. Bty - SEROUS.
One Battalion - Tented Camp at RYCK HOUT CASTEL Sq. V.10.C.
Three Battalions - Tented Camps near SEROUS.
(c) 1st Field Coy. A.E. } Will accompany 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
1st Field Amb. } into the reserve area. Details of
No. 2 Coy. Div. Train. } accommodation will be notified later.
13. (a) 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. Headquarters and 2nd L.T.L. Bty. will exchange with Headquarters and L.T.L. Bty 92nd Inf. Brigade.
(b) 5th Aust. Battalion will remain in close support of line brigade. Accommodation will be arranged between G.O.S.C. 2nd. and 3rd Aust. Inf. Bdes.
(c) 8th Aust. Battalion will move to the area now occupied by a battalion of 92nd Brigade about Sq. V.10.A.7.0.
(d) 6th Aust. Battalion will move to a Tented Camp at LA HAUTE LOGE (Sq. V.20.)
Moves of 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde, except 5th Battalion will be complete by 6.p.m. on 9th Inst.
14. (a) 1st Aust. Pioneer Battalion on relief will take over the accommodation now occupied by 8th Battalion.
(b) 2nd Field Coy. Engineers at LE BREARDE in the Camp now occupied by 11th East Yorkshire Regt. (will be accommodated.)
15. Nucleus Battalions.
(a) Nucleus Battalions of 1st. and 2nd Aust. Inf. Bdes. will rejoin the various units by route march under orders of Brigade Commanders.
(b) Nucleus Battalion of 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde will remain as Garrison of the locality BORRE.

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Headquarters.
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 37.

1. On relief by the 31st Division tonight 9/10th inst the personnel of the 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde will move to the SEROUS Area by bus.
Embussing Point. Road Junction Q.31.B.2.5.
Debussing Point. Cross Roads U.22.D.4.8.
2. Busses will convey the personnel of the 31st Division to CAESTRE Stone Siding, debus, turn and move to the ombussing point.
3. Troops of the 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde will move to the ombussing point in groups of 25. As each group of six busses is loaded it will move off indopendently to the debussing point via ST SYLVESTRE - CAPPEL - Cross Roads at V.22.B.0.2. V.27.A.5.4. - LES CINQ RUES.
4. Groups of busses will be loaded as the troops arrive at the ombussing point irrospective of units and will be directed to their camps on debussing under Brigade arrangements.
5. The A.P.H. 1st.Aust.Division will arrange for traffic control posts to be at all Cross Roads on the route and also at the ontrance and exit to the CAESTRE Stone Siding.
6. The Cyclist Platoon will provide 18 guides, one for the loading bus of each group of six. These guides will reconnoitre the route this afternoon and will report to Major R. KERR DSO, the Staff Officer at the ombussing point at 9.p.m. tonight.
7. The D.A.Q.M.G. Major R. KERR DSO. will supervise the ombussing. Capt. A. LAUGHLIN. MC. attached D.H.Q. will supervise the debussing.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 88.Divisional Headquarters,
9th May, 1918.

1. The undermentioned units, now attached to the 1st Aust. Div. will be transferred to IV Corps at 6 a.m. tomorrow 10th inst., and will be at the disposal of the C.E. IV Corps.

(a) 17th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers Railway Pioneer Battalion.

(b) 194th Labour Company.

In the event of attack they will come under the orders of the Right Division.

2. These units will move by march route tomorrow 10th inst., at times and by routes to be arranged by Commanding Officers to camps as under.

17th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers Railway Pioneer Bn. to Camp in Square D.2. Sheet 36A.

194th Labour Company to camp near Coy. H.Q. C.17.d.9.1. Sheet 36A.

3. Tents and shelters in possession will be taken. no billets are available. Extra tents if required will be supplied on application to Corps "Q".

4. Two motor lorries for the transport of tents and baggage will report to 194th Labour Company V.5.d. at 9 a.m. 10th inst.

5. The following distances will be observed on the march.

Between Companies and between unit and transport - 100 yards.

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10	3rd Aust.Inf.Bde.	16A	1st Aust.Div.Train.
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12	C.R.E.1st Aust.Div.	18	29th Division.
		19	17th Bn. North'd Fus. Rly.Pioneer Bn.
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
9th May, 1918.

DEFENCE ORGANIZATION, SERIES "B", No. 15.

1. The re-distribution of the Division requires that the allotment of responsibility for the preparation of defences should be re-considered and the following is therefore issued in substitution to the instructions contained in Defence Organization, Series "B", No. 14, dated 3rd May, 1918.
2. The line brigade will be responsible for the construction of the forward system and the support system of the forward zone.
3. The 1st Australian Pioneer Battalion will be responsible for the preparation of the reserve line and for the COURTE CROIX and ROUGE CROIX switches.
4. The support brigade will be responsible for the preparation of the defences of the second zone. One Field Company will be detailed for engineer supervision of these defences under the direction of the C.R.E..
5. Work in the second zone can be carried out by day throughout. Definite sections of each system will be allotted to battalions by the G.O.C., Reserve Brigade, who will ensure that, as far as possible, permanent parties are employed on the tasks. As each brigade comes in turn into support it will take over the work. Arrangements will be made to ensure that Engineer Field Companies and infantry working on the same defences are not relieved on the same day.
6. The preparation of the BORRE defences will remain as a function of the nucleus battalion of the brigade in the line. Engineer assistance for this task will be detailed by the C.R.E..

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1st Aust. Pioneer Battn.

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31st Division.
1st Aust. M.G. Battn.
17th North. Fus. Rail. Pioneer Bn.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
9th May, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 44.

1. While the tactical situation permits it is proposed that each Brigade in turn will complete a tour of approximately eight days in the line, eight days in reserve, and eight days in support. These periods will not necessarily be maintained regularly but may be altered so as to prevent the enemy from obtaining information as to the dates of relief.
2. The brigade in support will be required to carry on the preparation of defences.
3. The brigade in reserve will carry out a brief period of training.

The training of each brigade during the periods in reserve will be carried out on a pre-arranged programme. The main objects of this programme will be directed towards -

 - (i) Hardening the troops;
 - (ii) Improvement of musketry;
 - (iii) Training in tactical handling of small units.

Purely military training will be carried out each morning for a period of at least three hours. The afternoon will be devoted to recreational training. The object of the recreational training is to harden the troops while improving morale. It is essential, therefore, that every man should take part in the recreational training and that this should not be confined to team competitions of picked athletes. To ensure this men who do not take part daily in recreational training during the afternoon will be detailed to carry on ordinary military training during those hours.

Hardening of the troops involves training in brisk short route marches, the distance to be covered being slightly increased from day to day. For the first two or three days these will be carried out without packs but after this packs will be worn.

Musketry training will be carried out daily. Exercises in fire discipline and fire control by subordinate leaders and a short period of rapid loading will be included in the daily programme.

Training in the use of the new camp rifle grenade discharger will also be given.

Such time as may be available for training in addition to that above laid down should be devoted to platoon training on the lines of the model platoon. Model platoon training will include simple tactical exercises and musketry exercises.
4. At least one lecture should be given to illustrate the most recent tactical developments in France. This lecture should include -
 - (a) Instruction in the development of the employment of the light machine gun in the attack;
 - (b) The German method of penetration at weak spots and of endeavouring to avoid losses by refraining from direct- ing attacks on strong positions;
 - (c) The German method of employment of gas shells and the recent method employed as regards preliminary bombard- ment.

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5. One machine gun company and one Field Company Engineers will be in reserve. These will also carry out defensive training under the instructions of the O.C., 1st Machine Gun Battalion and the C.R.E. respectively.

6. The programme of training drawn out by each Brigade will be furnished to Divisional Headquarters prior to the commencement of the period of training.

W. J. H. Murray
Colonel,
General Staff,
1st Australian Division.

The training of each brigade during the period in reserve will be carried out on a pre-arranged programme. The main objects of this programme will be directed towards -

- (i) Maintaining the troops;
- (ii) Improvement of marksmanship;
- (iii) Training in tactical handling of small units.

For a period of at least three hours. The afternoon will be devoted to recreational training. The object of the recreational training is to harden the troops while improving morale. It is essential, therefore, that every man should take part in the recreational training and that this should not be confined to some competition of plucked soldiers. To ensure this men who do not take part daily in recreational training during the afternoon will be detailed to carry on ordinary military training during these hours.

Hardening of the troops involves training in brisk short route marches, the distance to be covered being slightly increased from day to day. For the first two or three days there will be carried out without pause but after this pause will be worn.

Marksmanship training will be carried out daily. Troops in line discipline and fire control by subordinate leaders and a short period of rapid loading will be included in the daily programme.

Training in the use of the new 8mm rifle grenade discharger will also be given.

Such time as may be available for training in addition to that above laid down should be devoted to platoon training on the lines of the model platoon. Model platoon training will include simple tactical exercises and marksmanship exercises.

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- (c) The German method of employment of gas shells and the recent method employed as regards preliminary bombardment.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
10th May, 1918.

DEFENCE ORGANIZATION, SERIES "B", No. 16.

1. Consequent upon the re-distribution of the Division and the organization of the Divisional sector on a one brigade frontage, and the withdrawal of the 17th Northumberland Fusilier Railway Pioneer Battalion, the following amendments will be made in the instructions contained in Defence Organization papers, Series "B".
 - (a) Series "B", No. 8 will cease to be operative with the exception of paragraphs 5 and 6;
 - (b) Series "B", No. 8 will cease to be operative;
 - (c) Series "B", No. 12 is cancelled;
 - (d) Series "B", No. 14, paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 are cancelled.
2. The line brigade has organized the sector in three battalions sections of defence, each battalion having two companies in the forward system, one company detailed as garrison to the support system, and one company in reserve. One battalion is held in brigade reserve less one company allotted as garrison of STRAZELLE.
3. The 1st Australian Pioneer Battalion will provide the garrison for the reserve system of the forward zone including the garrisons of defended localities of ROUGE CROIX and PRADELLES. It will also provide a nucleus garrison for the COURTE CROIX switch. The battalion will be distributed on the following principles :-
 - (a) Companies will be distributed as garrisons to the sections in which they are employed;
 - (b) No battalion reserve will be retained;
 - (c) The total strength allotted to the garrisons of the defended localities of PRADELLES, ROUGE CROIX and the nucleus garrison of the COURTE CROIX switch will not exceed one and a half companies;
 - (d) The remainder of the reserve line will be occupied by posts. A post will not normally be of less strength than two sections of riflemen or one section of riflemen and one Lewis Gun section (approximate strength, 20 to 25 men).

A sketch of the distribution of the battalion showing the strength and location of each post will be forwarded to 1st Aust. Divisional Headquarters as soon as completed.

Reconnaissances should be made in order to ensure that posts can be rapidly manned. The instructions now in force as to manning the posts on the initiative of the C.O., 1st Australian Pioneer Battalion, or in the case of detached companies on the initiative of Company Commanders, in the event of emergency, will continue in force. After the first nucleus manning C.O. 1st Pioneer Battalion will report the time estimated to man the defences from the present location of the companies after the receipt of the order "occupy defences" at Battalion Headquarters.
4. The nucleus battalion of the line brigade will remain responsible for the defence of the locality of BORCE.
5. SUPPORT BRIGADE.
 - (i) The support brigade will be prepared to counter attack in the event of an enemy penetration of the Divisional front. Routes will be reconnoitred and assembly positions chosen -
 - (a) For a counter attack as laid down in D.H.Q. S/8339 dated 4th May, paragraphs 7 and 8;
 - (b) For a counter attack in the event of an enemy penetration in the vicinity of STRAZELLE station.

(ii) One battalion

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Headquarters.
11th. May. 1918.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER. 89.

1. The 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. in the line on the 13th inst, and night of the 13th/14th inst.
2. Command will pass on completion of the Infantry relief which will be notified to Divisional Headquarters by priority wire by the relieving Brigade.
3. Advance parties of all units of 2nd Brigade taking over will be sent in to all posts twentyfour hours in advance.
4. All Maps, plans of work, defence schemes and information of value to the incoming units will be handed over.
5. The original Company Commanders sketches and dispositions will be forwarded to Divisional H.Q. as soon as possible after relief.
6. In order to ensure continuity of policy the existing dispositions of Brigades will be taken over, and will not be altered except in minor details without reference to Divisional Headquarters.
Proposals for New Works will be submitted to Divisional H.Q. before they are undertaken.
7. (a) On relief the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde will move into Divisional Support and will take over the plans of the Support Brigade for Counter Attack, and will take over the preparation of the 2nd Zone Defences.
(b) One battalion of the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde will be detailed to remain in close Support of the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde, and will take over the accommodation and plans of "A" Battalion 2nd Brigade. Two Companies of "A" Battalion 3rd Brigade will be at the disposal of C.R.E. for Work.
8. (a) The Nucleus Battalion of the 2nd Aust Inf Bde will be reformed and will relieve the Nucleus Battalion of the 3rd. Aust Inf. Bde in the BORRE Defences.
(b) On relief the personnel of Nucleus Battalion of the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde will rejoin their Units.
9. Machine Gun and Engineer relief will be arranged by the O.C. M. Gun Battalion and the C.R.E. respectively. These reliefs will not take place simultaneously with the Infantry relief.
10. (a) S.O.S. Signals, flares, trench and area stores will be handed over on relief and receipts passed, a copy of the receipt to be forwarded to Divisional H.Q.
(b) Brigades will exchange Transport Lines.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

T. B. Barney
Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Divisional Headquarters.
14th. May. 1918.

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SPECIAL ORDER.

The following has been received from Headquarters
XV Corps :-

" The Corps Commander wishes you to convey to your troops his appreciation of the good patrol work which is being so continuously carried out by them.

The constant supply of prisoners captured owing to the gallantry and enterprise of the troops in line is of the greatest value."

W. B. Lacey

Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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18th. May. 1918.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER. 90.

1. (a) On the 18th Inst the 1st.Aust.Inf.Brigade will relieve the 3rd.Aust.Inf.Brigade in the Divisional Support Area and will take over the plans of the Support Brigade for counter attack.
(b) One Battalion of the 1st.Aust.Inf.Brigade will be detailed as close support to Line Brigade and will take over the accommodation and plans of "A" Battalion 3rd.Aust.Inf.Brigade.
(c) On relief the 3rd.Aust.Inf.Brigade will move by march route to the Reserve Brigade Area, and will take over the functions of the Reserve Brigade.
2. On the 19th Inst and night of the 19th/20th, the 1st.Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve the 2nd.Aust.Inf.Brigade in the line.
3. Command will pass on completion of the Infantry relief which will be notified to Divisional Headquarters by priority wire by the relieving Brigade.
4. Advance parties of all units of 1st. Brigade taking over will be sent in to all posts twentyfour hours in advance.
5. All Maps, plans of work, defence schemes and information of value to the incoming units will be handed over.
6. The original Company Commanders sketches and dispositions will be forwarded to Divisional H.Q. as soon as possible after relief.
7. In order to ensure continuity of policy the existing dispositions of Brigades will be taken over, and will not be altered except in minor details without reference to Divisional Headquarters.
Proposals for New Works will be submitted to Divisional H.Q. before they are undertaken.
8. (a) On relief the 2nd.Aust.Inf.Bde will move into Divisional Support and will take over the plans of the Support Brigade for Counter Attack, and will take over the preparation of the 2nd Zone Defences.
(b) One battalion of the 2nd.Aust.Inf.Bde. will be detailed to remain in close Support of the 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde and will take over the accommodation and plans of "A" Battalion 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde. Two Companies of "A" Battalion 2nd. Brigade will be at the disposal of C.R.E. for work.
9. (a) The Nucleus Battalion of the 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde will be reformed and will relieve the Nucleus Battalion of the 2nd.Aust. Inf.Bde in the BORRE Defences.
(b) On relief the personnel of Nucleus Battalion of the 2nd. Aust.Inf.Bde will rejoin their Units.
10. Machine Gun and Engineer relief will be arranged by the O.C. M. Gun Battalion and the C.R.E. respectively. These reliefs will not take place simultaneously with the Infantry relief.
11. S.O.S. Signals, flares, trench and area stores will be handed over on relief and receipts passed, a copy of the receipt to be forwarded to Divisional H.Q.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Shilligan*Lieut-Colonel.
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In order to ensure continuity of police
operations of Brigades will be taken over, and will not be
except in minor details to be submitted to Divisional H.Q.
Proposals for New Works will be undertaken before they are
before they are undertaken.

(a) On relief the 2nd.Aust.Div. will move into Divisional
Support and will take over the plans of the Support Brigade for
Counter Attack, and will take over the preparation of the 2nd
Zone Defence.

(b) One Battalion of the 2nd.Aust.Div. will be detailed to
remain in close support of the 1st.Aust.Div. and will take over
the accommodation and plans of "A" Battalion 1st.Aust.Div.
Two Companies of "A" Battalion 2nd. Brigade will be at the
disposal of G.R.E. for work.

(a) The 1st.Aust.Div. will be
reformed and will relieve the 1st.Aust.Div. of the 2nd.Aust.
Int.Bde in the 2nd Zone Defence.

(b) On relief the personnel of 1st.Aust.Div. of the 2nd.
Aust.Int.Bde will retain their units.

Machine Gun and Engineer relief will be arranged by the G.O.
1st.Aust.Div. and the G.R.E. respectively. These reliefs will
not take place simultaneously with the Infantry relief.

8.O.S. Signals, Transport, French and area stores will be handed
over on relief and receipts passed, a copy of the receipts to be
forwarded to Divisional H.Q.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major-General
General Staff.

SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters.
18th. May. 1918.DEFENCE ORGANISATION SERIES "B" NO. 17.This Cancels Defence Organisation Series "B" No. 9.
and first Amendment dated 4-5-18.

1. It is the function of the Division to hold its present position against all attacks. It is necessary however to consider the methods by which the roads in rear can be cleared, should the Division be ordered to withdraw to conform to the movement of other troops. To guard against the possibility of being taken unawares, the following instructions will be carefully complied with.
2. In the event of a Westerly movement being ordered, the following general instructions will remain in force for every days move.
 - (i) First line transport of Battalions will be divided into two echelons "A" and "B" echelons. "A" echelon will remain with Battalions and will comprise Ammunition limbers etc. "B" echelon will be prepared to move Westward by the prescribed routes, immediately on receipt of the move order.
 - (ii) Movement westward will be by stages. Transport areas at the end of each stage and routes thereto will be allotted to Brigades, previous to the move. On completion of each stage, transport of specialist units will be grouped in the transport area allotted to that Brigade to which they are normally attached.
Should circumstances demand the grouping apart of transport of specialist companies at the first stage area or at any subsequent area, instructions to that effect will be issued by D.H.Q.
 - (iii) Brigade Transport Officers will be made responsible for the complete traffic control of the allotted routes. For this purpose the services of all possible spare men of the first line transport will be utilized. Immediately on receipt of the move order, these men who will be distinguished by traffic control brassards, will be sent forward to previously selected stations, such as cross roads etc on the allotted route of the Brigade. They will be instructed to keep all traffic moving, to allow on the road no vehicle likely to block traffic, to prevent traffic on one way roads, moving in the opposite direction, and to remove obstacles and blockages. Military traffic will have priority. Allotted routes for each stage will be carefully reconnoitred and the positions of traffic control posts selected, as soon as routes are allotted.
 - (iv) Orders for the move of transport will be issued by "Q" Branch of the Staff, by the Signal Message "Transport will move to Stage". The zero hour for the move will be stated in this order if possible. If it is not possible to do so, Brigade Transport Officers will fix the zero hour at the earliest moment when the transport will be ready to move after receipt of the order. Brigades will have their arrangements sufficiently advanced to enable Brigade Transport Officers to send round to the Transport Officer of each unit a brief order to move, in which zero hour will be stated.
3. The following are the detailed arrangements for the first days move.
 - (i) First stage transport areas are allotted as follows;-

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Line Brigade Transport Area ; - Road LYNDE - C.13.B.0.7. -
SERCUS - LE NOIR TROU.

Support Brigade Transport Area ; - Road EBBLINGHEM - LYNDE -
LE NOIR TROU - U.20.A.9.3. - T.24.A.0.2.

Reserve Brigade Transport Area ; - Road LYNDE - B.10.A.6.6. -
BLARINGHEM - B.12.B.9.6.

(ii) Routes are allotted as follows ; -

Route "A" Line Brigade Transport ; - Road V.15.C. - V.21.A. -
V.20.B.A.&.C. - V.19.B.A.&.C. - U.24.D.&.C. - WALLON CAPPEL -
U.28.B.A.&.C. to area.

Route "B" Support Brigade Transport - Road V.14.C.&.A. -
V.13.B.A.&.C. - U.18.D.C. - U.17.D.&.C. - U.22.B.D.&.A. -
U.21. to Area.

Route "C" Reserve Brigade Area - Road C.11.A. - C.10.B.&.A. -
C.3.C. - C.2.D.&.C. - C.1.D.&.C. - C.7.A. to area.

(iii) Transport columns will join prescribed routes at the point
nearest to their present transport lines in accordance with
prepared march tables.

(iv) Transport of units detached will move by the route nearest to
their present lines, but will be parked in the transport area of the
Brigade to which they are normally attached, on completion of the move.

(v) A march table will be prepared by each Brigade showing starting
point of each unit, and time of start after zero hour in each case.
This will be in possession of the Transport Officer of each unit.

(vi) Formations and units will render to Divisional Headquarters
within 24 hours of receipt of this order or within 24 hours of the
completion of a relief necessitating the adoption of another route,
a certificate stating that transport areas and routes thereto have
been reconnoitred by transport officers concerned.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Geo. J. Wierckx

Major.

General Staff.

1st Australian Division.

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SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Headquarters.
19th. May. 1918.AMENDED PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS.Action of the Reserve Brigades detailed to counter-attack on the First Australian Divisional Front.

1. The general considerations outlined in this Office letter S/8494 of 14th May 1918, still apply but owing to modifications of policy the probable form of employment of Brigades detailed to counter-attack will now be as follows;-
2. SUPPORT BRIGADE.
There are four probable forms of employment of the Support Brigade, i.e.,
 - PLAN A. To counter-attack the left of the enemy penetration in the event of the enemy penetrating up the METELEN BECQUE in conjunction with operations against the troops on our left.
 - PLAN B. To counter-attack with the object of recapturing STRAZEELE
 - I. by day.
 - II. at dawn.
 - PLAN C. To counter-attack with the object of recapturing the Reserve Line of the FORWARD ZONE. (It is presumed that ROUGE CROIX is still in our possession.)
 - PLAN D. To counter-attack with the object of recapturing STRAZEELE Railway Station and any ground lost in that vicinity (it is presumed that STRAZEELE is still in our possession.)
3. As regards PLAN A, the areas for assembly of this Counter-Attack will be the locality Square W.15.D. - Square W.21.A. The line to be passed at zero hour will be the Reserve Line of the FORWARD ZONE. The centre of the attack would probably be directed on KLITE HILL.
 As regards PLAN B.
 - I. The area for first assembly will be WEST of the railway line in the locality Square V.18. whence the move to the "B" Line (firing line System of Second Zone) would be in Artillery formation, and the attack carried out from there at zero hour.
 - II. The assembly and advance would be carried out in the same manner as in I. except that the troops would move to the Reserve line in artillery formation and attack from that line at zero hour.
 In both I and II the attack would be made with the right directed on the southern slope of the STRAZEELE eminence; the left on KLITE HILL; while the PRADELLES - STRAZEELE road would form roughly the centre of the attack.
 No troops are to actually move along the road.
4. As regards PLAN C, - the area for first assembly, would be the same as in PLAN B. The advance from the assembly area would be in artillery formation as far as "B" line; whence the attack would be made at zero hour.
 The right of the attack would be directed on the road junction in W.21.C.6.2. and the left on ROUGE CROIX.
 It is scarcely anticipated that this attack could be made in daylight or that the Brigade could do more than capture the Reserve line.
5. As regards PLAN D, the Brigade will assemble with its right flank on the railway bridge in V.30.C. and its left flank on the road junction in V.24.B.

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The advance would be made with the right flank directed on le PARADIS and the left flank on the road junction in W.29.C.6.2. It is considered that two battalions in line would be sufficient on this narrow frontage, with one battalion in Support moving along the railway line and one battalion (if not already used by the G.O.C. Forward Brigade) in reserve WEST of BORRE.

RESERVE BRIGADES.

6. It is anticipated that a counter-attack necessitating the employment of the Reserve Brigade of the 1st Australian Division and a Brigade of the 9th Division would be made in the event of the enemy penetrating the Divisional front and gaining possession of STRAZEELE Spur as far NORTH as ROUGE CROIX.

The Brigade of the 9th Division will assemble WEST of the Railway Line in locality Square V.18. and the Brigade of the 1st Australian Division will assemble in the locality Squares V.24.B. and V.30.C.

The advance from assembly positions would be made in artillery formation to the "B" line; whence the attack would be carried out at zero hour.

The inter-brigade boundary for the attack would be the road approximately following the grid line between W.15. and W.21. the brigade of the 9th Division attacking NORTH of the road and the brigade of the 1st Australian Division attacking SOUTH of the road.

Owing to the facilities for observation from the STRAZEELE SPUR this attack would necessarily be carried out at dawn.

7. The necessary reconnaissances of assembly positions and lines of advance should be carried out without delay.
8. Detailed instructions in connection with the action of Brigades detailed to counter-attack on the 1st Australian Divisional front will be forwarded later.

Geo. J. Wink

Major.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Account of Operations of 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. in front
of STRAZEELE on 17th April, 1918.

DISPOSITIONS.

The Brigade was disposed on a three Battalion front with one Battalion in Support approximately as follows:-

3rd Battalion on Right from E.11.C.0.0. - E.11.B.5.7. to W.30.C.0.0.

4th Battalion in Centre from W.30.C.0.0. to X.25.C.8.2.

1st Battalion on Left from X.25.C.8.2. to X.20.Central.

2nd Battalion in Support in vicinity of SEC BOIS.

Following heavy barrage on front, support and reserve systems and of rear areas which lasted from 11.20 a.m. till 12 noon, the enemy attacked in force along practically the whole Brigade Front. The Enemy advanced in waves and on the right the advance took the form of short sharp rushes, but in no place did they succeed in reaching our line, and *the enemy here* suffered very heavy casualties, especially along Railway Embankment in E.11.B. and E.12.A. where they came under very heavy enfilade fire from our Vickers and Lewis Guns. It is estimated that in this area alone at least 700 of the enemy were killed.

At 1.27 p.m. and 2.6 p.m. the enemy were again reported to be massing for attack in E.11.B. and D., E.12.A. and X.19.A., but owing to the prompt action and excellent shooting of our artillery no attack took place. The remainder of the afternoon passed very quietly, during which time touch was definitely gained with the 133rd French Division on our left and minor alterations made in our defences.

At 5.31 p.m. the enemy again attempted an attack but his attacking troops did not succeed in leaving his trenches. Our artillery fire was excellent and caught the Huns in their jumping off trenches, inflicting very heavy casualties. Considerable movement of enemy troops continued to take place up to 9 p.m. providing excellent opportunities for our snipers and Lewis Guns of which advantage was taken. Snipers of the Brigade claim over 120 hits for the day and the total casualties inflicted on the enemy is estimated as being between 1,500 and 2,000 for the operation.

M. B. Lister
Brig.-General,

Commanding 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Divisional Headquarters,
20th May, 1918.

Herewith for your information copy of "Report on Operations April 14th to April 20th, 1918", forwarded to XV Corps.

(Signature)

Major-General,
Commanding 1st Australian Division.



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Divisional Headquarters.
20th. May. 1918.

XV Corps.

Report on Operations April 14th to April 20th
1918, in continuation of this Office report
S/8333 dated May 3rd.

By the morning of the 15th Inst the Situation appeared to be well in hand and the work of strengthening the position held by the Division was being pressed on in accordance with Defence Organisation Circular Series "B" No. 2. a copy of which was attached to my earlier report.

The enemy made several minor attacks on the 15th Inst, in parties up to 100 strong, all of which were successfully dealt with and our Original line was maintained intact. At 12.30.p.m. an organised attack was delivered under cover of a heavy artillery barrage.

In this the enemy advanced in an organised wave formation with a frontage extending from the Village of MERRIS to F.7.C. This attack never reached our lines but withered away under our Machine Gun and Rifle Fire.

From statements of wounded prisoners three Regiments took part in this attack, with STRAZENLE as their objective.

Next day (16th April) the 4th Battalion straightened their line through E.6.A., W.30.D., and X.25.A. by advancing a portion some 800 yards. This advance it was hoped would give direct observation into MERRIS, but on completion it was found a small feature which the map did not disclose still denied us observation over MERRIS. Seventy enemy were killed and one prisoner taken in this operation.

In accordance with XV Corps Order No. 185 dated 16th Inst, the 1st. Aust. Bn. was ordered to Support the attack of the French Corps on our left and to extend the front of this Division to the METEREN BECQUE.

At Zero hour, 6.p.m. the 1st. Battalion moved forward from PRADIELLES and by 10.p.m. after overcoming some enemy opposition, the Battalion was established on a three company front running approximately from X.25.Central to X.20.Central. As the attack of the French 133rd Division did not pass beyond the line previously held by the 33rd British at the point where it touched the METEREN BECQUE the tasks of the 1st Battalion was confined to establishing the new line and maintaining touch with the troops on our left.

On the 17th Inst, a serious attack developed on the front of the 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde which held the left sub-sector.

The Brigade was disposed on a three Battalion front with one Battalion in Support approximately as follows:-

3rd. Battalion on Right from E.11.C.0.0. - E.11.B.5.7. to W.30.C.0.0.

4th. Battalion in Centre from W.30.C.0.0. to X.25.C.8.2.

1st. Battalion on Left from X.25.C.8.2. to X.20.Central.

2nd. Battalion in Support in vicinity of SEC BOIS.

Following a heavy barrage on front, support and reserve systems and of the rear areas which lasted from 11.20.a.m. till 12 noon, the enemy attacked in force along practically the whole Brigade Front. The enemy advanced in waves and on the right the advance took the form of short sharp rushes, but in no place did they succeed in reaching our line. The enemy here suffered very heavy casualties, especially along Railway Embankment in E.11.B. and E.12.A. where they came under very heavy enfilade fire from our Vickers and Lewis Guns. It is estimated that in this area alone at least 700 were killed.

At 1.27.p.m. and 2.6.p.m. the enemy were again reported to be massing for attack in E.11.B. and D., E.12.A., but owing to the prompt action and excellent shooting of our artillery no attack took place.

At 5.31.p.m. the enemy again attempted an attack but his attacking troops did not succeed in leaving his trenches. Our artillery fire

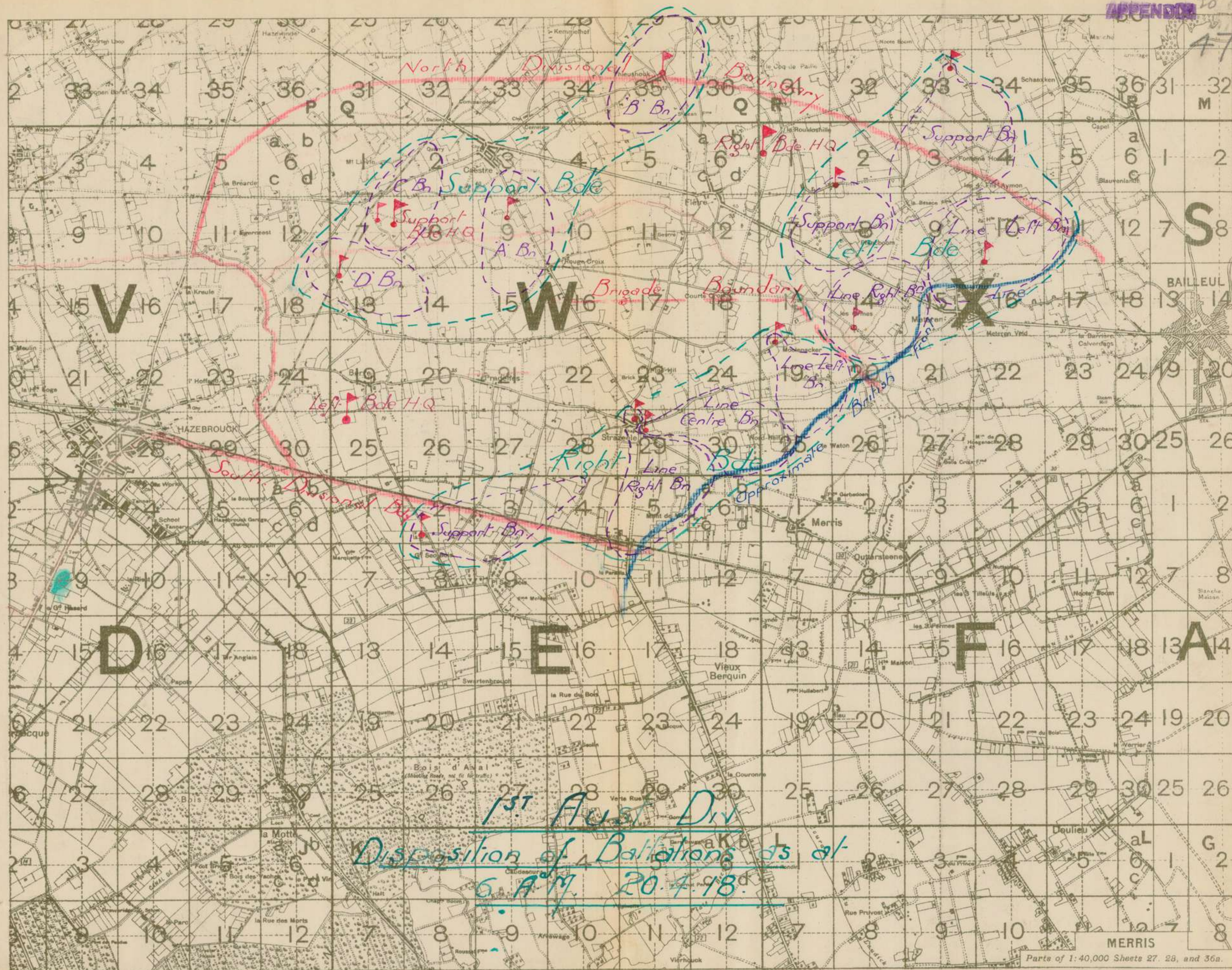
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On the 18th Inst orders were received from XV Corps for this Division to take over the front line held by the 133rd French Division and the 33rd British Division to the left as far as X.11.A.70.05. and to hand over the right sub-sector held by the 2nd.Aust.Inf.Bde. to the 31st. Division. Both these moves were carried out on the 19th and the night of the 19th/20th April and by 6.a.m. on the 20th Inst, the Division had taken over the new sector. The 2nd.Aust.Inf. Bde on relief moved into Divisional Reserve and was accommodated in the area BORRE - PRADELLES - THIEUSHOUCK - LE PEUPLIER.

A map is attached hereto showing the new boundaries and the disposition of the troops to defences on the completion of the move.

The defences of the new Sector were organised and the lines of defence laid down in Defence Organisation Circular Series "B" No. 6. a copy of which is attached, which was issued on the 21st Inst.

Major-General.
Commanding 1st Australian Division.



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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Brigade Headquarters,
18th May, 1918.

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1st Aust. Division.



Herewith Account of Operations of 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
in front of STRAZEELE on 17th April, 1918, for transmission to
XV Corps.

M. Blissie

Brig.-General,

Commanding 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

File *Report - for to*
XV Corps



SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters.
21st. May. 1918.First Amendment to Defence Organisation
Series "B" No. 16.

Para 5 - The paragraph is amended to read as follows;-

The First Australian Pioneer Battalion will provide the garrison for the reserve System of the forward zone, including the garrison of the defended locality of ROUGE CROIX. It will also provide nucleus garrisons for the COURTE CROIX Switch and KLITE HILL.

The battalion will be distributed on the following principles :-

- (a) Companies will be distributed as garrisons to the sections in which they are employed;-
- (b) No battalion reserve will be maintained.
- (c) One company will be allotted to the nucleus garrison of COURTE CROIX Switch; a half company to the garrison of ROUGE CROIX and one platoon to the garrison of KLITE HILL.
- (d) The remainder of the Battalion is allotted to posts in the reserve line. A post will not normally be of less strength than 2 sections of riflemen or one section of riflemen and one Lewis Gun Section.

A sketch of the distribution of the battalion showing strength and location of each post (Lewis Gun Positions to be specially noted) will be forwarded to 1st. Aust. Divisional Headquarters as soon as completed.

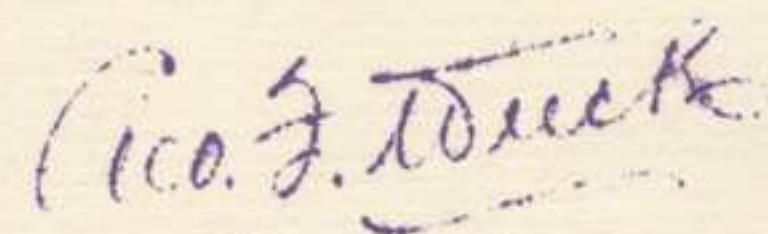
Para 4. The paragraph is amended to read as follows;-

The nucleus battalion of the line brigade will be responsible for the defence of BORRE and PRADELLES.

Two companies will be allotted to the defence of each locality and nucleus garrisons will be posted. Battalion Headquarters will remain at BORRE.

The battalion will be responsible for work on the defences of BORRE and PRADELLES.

The changes consequent on the above amendments will be carried out forthwith.



Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.S E C R E T .

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Divisional Headquarters,
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1. During the past twenty-four (24) hours four prisoners have been taken from three different German Divisions and all agree that an attack is imminent on the front of the XV Corps, the objective being MONT DES CATS.

The plan appears to be to employ heavy gas shelling on the FOREST d'WIEPPE and to attack north of the forest. It is probable that gas may be expected on the STRAZELLE and FONTAINE HOUCK positions, and that the attack will be delivered between these three bastions.

2. Although the date of the attack is specified as the 25th instant, the Army Commander wishes all preparations made each day as if the attack was coming the following morning.

3. The Divisional Commander desires that patrol activity should be maintained, and that prisoners taken during the night should be interrogated on the spot, if this is possible, with a view to finding out whether the attack is coming the following morning.

The arrangements for turning out and assembling reserve troops should be perfected.

Gas shelling, particularly between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m., should be promptly reported to Divisional Headquarters.

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Headquarters.
25rd. May. 1918.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER 91.

1. (a) On the 26th Inst the 3rd.Aust.Inf.Bde will relieve the 2nd.Aust.Inf.Brigade in the Divisional Support Area and will take over the plans of the Support Brigade for counter attack.
(b) One Battalion of the 3rd.Aust.Inf.Bde will be detailed as close support to Line Brigade and will take over the accommodation and plans of "A" Battalion 2nd.Aust.Inf.Bde.
(c) On relief the 2nd.Aust.Inf.Bde will move by march route to the Reserve Brigade Area, and will take over the functions of the Reserve Brigade, and the work on buried cable vide 1st.Aust. Div. letter S/8310 dated May 17th.
2. On the 27th Inst and night of the 27/28th, the 3rd.Aust.Inf.Bde will relieve the 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde. in the line.
3. Command will pass on completion of the Infantry relief which will be notified to Divisional Headquarters by priority wire by the relieving Brigade.
4. Advance parties of all units of 3rd.Aust.Inf.Bde taking over will be sent in to all posts twentyfour hours in advance.
5. All Maps, plans of work, defence schemes and information of value to the incoming units will be handed over.
6. The original Company Commanders sketches and dispositions will be forwarded to Divisional H.Q. as soon as possible after relief.
7. In order to ensure continuity of policy the existing dispositions of Brigades will be taken-over, and will not be altered except in minor details without reference to Divisional Headquarters.
Proposals for New Works will be submitted to Divisional H.Q. before they are undertaken.
8. (a) On relief the 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde will move into Divisional Support and will take over the plans of the Support Brigade for Counter Attack, and will take over the preparation of the 2nd Zone Defences.
(b) One battalion of the 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde will be detailed to remain in close Support of the 3rd.Aust.Inf.Bde and will take over the accommodation and plans of "A" Battalion 3rd.Aust.Inf.Bde. Two Companies of "A" Battalion 1st. Brigade will be at the disposal of C.R.E. for work.
9. (a) The Nucleus Battalion of the 3rd.Aust.Inf.Bde will be reformed and will relieve the Nucleus Battalion of the 1st.Aust. Inf.Bde in the BORRE and PRADILLES Defences.
(b) On relief the personnel of Nucleus Battalion of the 1st.Aust. Inf.Bde will rejoin their Units.
10. Machine Gun and Engineer relief will be arranged by the O.C. M.Gun Battalion and the C.R.E. respectively. These reliefs will not take place simultaneously with the Infantry relief.
11. S.O.S. Signals, flares, trench and area stores will be handed over on relief and receipts passed, a copy of the receipt to be forwarded to Divisional H.Q.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters.
23rd. May. 1918.

DEFENCE ORGANISATION SERIES "B" No. 18.

1. The following points on roads have been prepared for demolition in the Divisional Area.

(a) <u>Roads.</u>	W.29.C.5.3.	V.29.A.5.7.
	W.25.C.3.2.	W.17.D.1.2.
	W.17.B.5.6.	W.11.D.9.5.
	W.16.D.0.4.	W.10.C.1.0.
	E.3.D.2.7.	W.19.D.0.8.
	W.13.D.2.2.	

The following additional mines will be prepared by the C.R.E.

W.29.C.6.2.
W.10.C.05.05.
W.13.D.2.2.
W.19.C.95.75.

(b) Road Bridges. V.24.A.0.4.

(c) Railway Bridges. V.30.C.90.30.

2. I. The C.R.E. is responsible for the preparation and blowing of mines under I. (a) and (b). When mines have been prepared Sapper personnel will be posted to fire the charges when necessary.
II. Within their respective zones Infantry Brigade Commanders will provide a guard for each prepared mine. The C.R.E. will be responsible for notifying the location of mines additional to the above.
3. The Divisional Commander delegates the authority for ordering the firing of minocharges as in para 1 (a) and (b) to the General Officer Commanding the Infantry Brigade (or Brigades) in the line.
4. Mine charges will be fired by the Sapper on duty when
(a) in receipt of written instructions signed by or for a Brigade Commander,
(b) when all our troops have passed that point, and the locality is in danger of falling into the hands of the enemy.
5. All preparations for destruction of railways and railway bridges are carried out by Transportation Department, which maintains the necessary personnel on the site. The actual order for the charges to be fired will be sent from Divisional Headquarters.
6. Within 1500 yards of the front line, all roads leading from the front which have not already been destroyed will be prepared for anti-tank defence by cutting a trench across more than eight feet wide. This work will be carried out on the responsibility of the G.O.C. the brigade in the line, who will decide which roads are no longer needed for transport purposes.
Sites of Anti-tank trenches will be notified to D.H.Q.
7. Maps are attached for the information of the C.R.E. and G.O.C. the brigade in the line.

(This Office S/8151 of 24-4-18
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is cancelled)

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29th Division.
1st Division.

The following points on roads are to be marked for demolition in the event of an attack.

(a) Roads.

1. 10.0.0.0.	2. 10.0.0.0.
3. 10.0.0.0.	4. 10.0.0.0.
5. 10.0.0.0.	6. 10.0.0.0.
7. 10.0.0.0.	8. 10.0.0.0.
9. 10.0.0.0.	10. 10.0.0.0.
11. 10.0.0.0.	12. 10.0.0.0.
13. 10.0.0.0.	14. 10.0.0.0.
15. 10.0.0.0.	16. 10.0.0.0.
17. 10.0.0.0.	18. 10.0.0.0.
19. 10.0.0.0.	20. 10.0.0.0.

The following additional roads will be marked for demolition in the event of an attack.

1. 10.0.0.0.	2. 10.0.0.0.
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15. 10.0.0.0.	16. 10.0.0.0.
17. 10.0.0.0.	18. 10.0.0.0.
19. 10.0.0.0.	20. 10.0.0.0.

(b) Road Bridges. V. 10.0.0.0.
(c) Railway Bridges. V. 10.0.0.0.

1. The C.R.A. is responsible for the preparation and marking of mines under I. (a) and (b). When mines have been prepared, the C.R.A. will be notified of their location and the C.R.B. will be notified of their location. The C.R.A. will be responsible for marking the location of mines additional to those marked above.

2. The Divisional Commander is responsible for the preparation and marking of mines under I. (a) and (b) in the event of an attack. The C.R.A. will be notified of their location and the C.R.B. will be notified of their location. The C.R.A. will be responsible for marking the location of mines additional to those marked above.

3. The Divisional Commander is responsible for the preparation and marking of mines under I. (a) and (b) in the event of an attack. The C.R.A. will be notified of their location and the C.R.B. will be notified of their location. The C.R.A. will be responsible for marking the location of mines additional to those marked above.

4. The Divisional Commander is responsible for the preparation and marking of mines under I. (a) and (b) in the event of an attack. The C.R.A. will be notified of their location and the C.R.B. will be notified of their location. The C.R.A. will be responsible for marking the location of mines additional to those marked above.

5. The Divisional Commander is responsible for the preparation and marking of mines under I. (a) and (b) in the event of an attack. The C.R.A. will be notified of their location and the C.R.B. will be notified of their location. The C.R.A. will be responsible for marking the location of mines additional to those marked above.

6. The Divisional Commander is responsible for the preparation and marking of mines under I. (a) and (b) in the event of an attack. The C.R.A. will be notified of their location and the C.R.B. will be notified of their location. The C.R.A. will be responsible for marking the location of mines additional to those marked above.

This is to certify that the above information is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

General Officer Commanding
The Australian Division

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XV CORPS CONFERENCE held on 26th May, 1918.
Divisional Commanders and G.S.O's. 2 attending.

M I N U T E S.

1. Brigade Reserve Battalion (3 Companies).

Its formation before taking over a sub-sector of the line from details specified in S.S. 135: Sec. XXX.

Its employment as permanent garrison of Defended Post during tour in the line.

2. (a) Training of Reserve Battalions (16 days).

Individual and Platoon Training, Demonstration Platoon, Musketry, Rifle Bombing.

(b) Training of Reserve Brigades (8 days).

(1). Conference by Brigadier of Battalion and Company Commanders.

(2). Inspection of Platoons by Battalion Commanders.

(3). Inspection of Companies by Brigadiers.

(4). Inspection of a Battalion by Divisional Commander.

(a) Attack under a Barrage.

(b) Attack without Artillery Support.

(Consolidation of the position and its defence against counter-attack in each case).

(c) Training of a Division in Reserve (21 days).

(1) Divisional Conference of Brigadiers and Battalion Commanders.

(2). Divisional Exercise on probable coming operations. Brigade Syndicates.

(3) Inspection of Brigade Groups in Ceremonial :-

(a) Inspection of Troops.

(b) Presentation of decorations (3 sides of a square).

(c) March Past.

(d) Advance in Review Order.

Brigade Bands. All weapons on parade. March away by Battalions with Band. Saluting by Platoons.

(4). Lecture on Minor Tactics by, or in presence of, Divisional Commander to all Company Officers (and Sergeants) in each Brigade.

(5). Inspection of each Brigade in a Tactical Exercise.

(6). If ground admits, the manoeuvring of the Division as a whole in a Tactical Exercise.

Should the Artillery be in reserve with the Division, it should be inspected in ceremonial by the Divisional Commander and take part in all Tactical exercises.

Reference :- S.S. 135. S.S. 210. Notes on Minor Tactics.

3. Discussion on the subject of returning all Instructors and Students to their Units when in Army Reserve.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.SECRET.Divisional Headquarters,
26th May, 1918.DEFENCE ORGANIZATION, SERIES "B", No. 19.

1. Twenty-four (24) hours reserve rations of food and water will be held in defences as under :-
 - (a) FORWARD ZONE (less Reserve System and Switches).
For the normal garrison.
 - (b) RESERVE SYSTEM OF FORWARD ZONE AND SWITCHES.
For the nucleus garrison, calculated on a basis of the present strength of the 1st Australian Pioneer Battalion.
 - (c) THE "B" LINE, SECOND ZONE.
For a garrison of six (6) companies of Infantry.
 - (d) PRADELLES LOCALITY.
For a garrison of four hundred (400).
2. Reserves will be normally held at Company or Battalion Headquarters.

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Appendix. 26.

Headquarters.
28th. May. 1918.

DEFENCE ORGANISATION SERIES "B" No. 20.

CUTTING OF CROPS IN FRONT OF DEFENSIVE LINES.

1. Action is to be taken at once to cut Crops which are a danger to the defence of our lines, as under:-
 - (a) Front Line -
A narrow strip about two feet wide, sufficient to screen men looking over the parapet, will be left standing. The remainder of the crop up to our wire will be cut sufficiently to expose the wire to view from the trench. Beyond the wire all crops which can be reached will be cut sufficiently to deny cover to hostile patrols.
All work outside our wire must be done under cover of patrols.
 - (b) Other lines, including Support lines, Switches, Reserve line, 'S' line and L.G. positions.
Work will be carried out on similar lines to (a) but can be done more systematically, and to a greater depth.
2. It is pointed out that while it is undesirable to cut the crop close to the ground and so make the defences conspicuous, it will be necessary to watch the growth of the former and deal with it as soon as it becomes a danger.
3. A reaping hook, or sickle, will be kept in every post in the front, and support lines. The Brigade in the line will requisition at once on "Q" for the number required and these will be promptly delivered to the Brigade. Reaping hooks on charge to Battalions are to be used for the above purpose.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters.
22nd. May. 1918.GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM NO. 45.Employment and Training of Intelligence Personnel.

A. In order to ensure uniformity, the following method of employing Intelligence Personnel will be adopted throughout the division.

I. Scouts.

The establishment laid down in a battalion is;-

- 1 Scout Officer.
- 1 " Sergeant.
- 1 " Corporal.
- 18 scouts.

These will be disposed as follows;-

a. On Battalion Headquarters;-

The Officer, Sergeant and Corporal and 8 men. One of the latter is a draughtsman and the remainder work the battalion observation post in stationary warfare and may also be used for special patrols under the battalion scout officer. In mobile warfare they will be additionally useful as scouts keeping a battalion commander informed of the position of his troops and acting as guides.

b. On Company Headquarters;-

Two men who are normally the scouts of the company. The method of using these men to the best advantage should always be decided between the Company Commander and the battalion scout officer, both of whom always work in very close liaison. Their duty is actually to obtain intelligence information for the company commander who forwards it in turn to battalion headquarters.

Companies will always be responsible for patrolling their own front, but being specially trained, these men could also be used for attachment to special patrols.

2. Snipers.

Each Battalion has -

- (a) Five or (four men) equipped with telescopic - sighted rifles.
- (b) Three men equipped with aperture sighted rifles.

These snipers will all be under the battalion scout officer who will be responsible for allotting them to different sectors of the battalion front.

The particular fronts on which the best sniping has been obtained should always be enquired into by a relieving officer. Company Commanders should then inform the scout officer if good opportunities exist on their front.

Snipers will as a general rule work in pairs, and it may often be possible and desirable for a sniper to work in conjunction with one of the company scouts.

The scout corporal will normally be responsible to the scout officer for the work of the snipers.

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B. Training.

When a battalion is withdrawn from the line, the whole of the above personnel consisting of 1 Officer and 28 other ranks will be placed for some days under the scout officer for training. When however, companies are carrying out company - in - attack practices the company scouts and a percentage of the snipers should always take part.

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