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**WAR DIARY**

OF

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SIGNALS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS LIAISON FORCE

FOR

11th AUGUST to 20th AUGUST 1918

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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to  
20th August.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VILLERS-BRETONNEUX	11th	11am	Orders received from Aust. Corps for the formation of an H.Q., and a No. 1 Section of a Div. Sig. Coy for duty with a Composite force to be known as R "Liaison Force". Officers - Capt. F.U.J. TINKLER, M.C., 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy, O.C., Signals; Lieut. J.M. COOK, 3rd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy -	
BERTANGLES	11th	2pm	personnel as detailed in Aust. Corps Orders 48 and 49 of 11-8-18. (Appendix "A" & "B").	
FOUILLOY	11th	3pm	Technical equipment and stores collected from A.D. Signals, Aust. Corps and D.D. Signals 4th Army.	
VAUX-Sur-SOMME	11th	7pm	Personnel assembled at H.Q. 4th. Aust. Div. and then moved off to the vicinity of VAUX-Sur-SOMME.	
	12th	9am	H.Q. Liaison Force opened up at J.19-c.4.5. In communication by phone with Aust. Corps and 58th Division, O.C., Signals, 4th. Aust. Div., and 58th Division interviewed. - subject - taking over of Signal arrangements of 13th. A.I. Bde, and 131st U.S. Regiment. <del>XXXX</del>	
		8am	"SV" Cable Section moved out to forward area, and laid from proposed H.Q. of Liaison Force (J.22-d.0.3.) two pairs to 13th. A.I. Bde (K.28.d.5.8) and 131st American Regt (K.32.b.8.2.) with laterals between.	
J.22-d.0.3. SAILLY-le-SEC.	"	5pm	H.Q. Liaison Force opened up. In communication as shown on attached diagram (appendix "C"). Personnel working on lines and in Signal Office. Wireless Stations at 13th. A.I. Bde and 132nd U.S. Regt being temporarily controlled by Wireless Station* at 4th. Aust. Div, pending arrival of Wilson Set from Corps for our own. H.Q., when control will pass to Liaison Force. During afternoon visited 13th. A.I. Bde and 131st U.S. Regt Signals. Obtained information regarding signal arrangements in the respective areas. Decided that Aust. Corps <sup>Signal</sup> Officer be attached to 131st U.S. Regt. Aust. Corps requested to that extent.	
SAILLY-le-SEC	13th	1am	13th. A.I. Bde make an attack on the enemy positions on our immediate front. Operation completely successful. Telephonic and telegraphic communications intact throughout.	
		9am	6 mounted men from 13th. A.L.H. Regt reported for duty as mounted D.R's - they will be employed on D.R. work at night time.	
		11-10 am	Lieut. Smith, 1st. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy reported for duty with the 131st U.S. Regt., whom he joined without delay.	
		12 noon.	O.C. Corps Wireless arrived with Wilson Wireless Set and operators.	
		8 a.m.	"SV" Cable Section commenced work laying route to Brigades - dropping armoured quad in SOMME, from SAILLY-le-SEC (J.28.c.2.2.) to K.32.d.9.0. - overland cable from Division and Brigade to these points - at dusk the job was not quite complete, there being a length of a 1000 yards yet to go.	
		3pm	Wilson Set erected - Signals exchanged with stations at Aust. Corps, 13th. A.I. Bde, and 131st U.S. Regt, 4th. Aust. Div <del>xxxx</del> , 17th Div., and 58th. Division - strength of Signals ranged from R 7 to R 5 - a 3 valve Amplifier and H.T Battery asked for from Corps to amplify these signals.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAILLY-Le-SEC.	13th	4pm 10.30pm.	12 pigeons ( a daily supply) received from Corps lofts and forwarded to Brigades , 3 pair each . 6 Signallers of the 131st U.S.Reg H.Q. attached to Cable Section for temporary duty. During day have had numerous faults on lines. Everything O.K. now. Have not lost touch with any unit throughout these troubles. Party out trying to get in touch with forward stations by lamp has just returned. Managed to get 1 station - signals not clear as mist settled down.	
-do-	14th	-	Cable Section completed cable route in SOMME Canal - pairs jointed and tested out O.K. - working well. Reorganisation of disposition of troops holding front line , in accordance with Liaison Force Order No. 1 (Appendix "D") carried out successfully. Proposed poled cable route from Division to Brigades surveyed and plotted out , preparatory to construction.	
-do-	15th	-	Corps Wireless sent down "ABC" charging set and electrician for duty charging accumulators for Wireless Stations. Div. Wireless Sgt proceeded to Corps Wireless repair shop with two C.W. Sets for minor repairs - these sets will be used by Artillery operating with Liaison Force. Cable Section working on forward lines .	
-do-	16th	9am.	Cable Section working on new route forward from 131st U.S.Reg H.Q. Three pair armoured twin buried (shallow) across valley from 131st H.Q. , thence poled cable towards 13th.A.I.Bde H.Q. - about 1000 yards completed.	
		9pm	visual stations established at J.27.b-6.7. (L.F. H.Q.) , and K.32.a central (131st.U.S.Reg H.Q.) Forward of this Point to 13th.A.I.Bde , visual is not practicable from a signal point of view. Liaison Force H.Q. Station also picked up 14th.A.I.Bde H.Q. some distance on our right flank.	
		9.35pm	Wireless station at 13th.A.I.Bde H.Q. blown out by shell fire . No casualties to personnel - new instrument required. This station's aerial has been blown down 4 times today. Corps W/T and H.Q. Signals advised.	
		9-45pm	C.W. Sets working with Liaison Force Artillery (58th.Div.Artly) established at Q.6-a-8-3- <sup>is</sup> , call "L.X.B." and J.22.d.2.4. , call "L.Z.G."	
		4 pm	One mechanic and two telegraph operators sent out to the 131st Regt H.Q. for duty in Signal Office.	
-do-	17th	9am 10am	Personnel of H.Q. Section signals paid by 1st Aust.Div. Paymaster. Corps Wireless brought out new Trench Set for station at 13th.A.I.Bde . 13th.A.I.Bde Stn installed and working O.K, by 12 noon.	
		12 noon.	3 p.m. Cable Detachment returned from construction of 2 pair route between 131st.U.S.Regt and 13th.A.I.Bde - both pairs tested o.k.	



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SAILLY-le-SEC.	17th	1pm	Cable detachment commenced work on new poled route from H.Q. Liaison Force to 131st U.S. Regt of 2 pairs.	
		3pm	30 Message carrying rockets drawn for use by Infantry Brigades and Artillery. No. 19008 Sgt E.J. Boyd, M.M., 13th.A.I. Bde Signal Section killed in GRESAIRE Wood.	
		4pm	Pairs brought into Office from 9th.A.I. Bde at J.29.c.4.7., and 49th Battalion at J.30.a.1.8. Signals Gas Orders promulgated - see appendix "E".	
-do-	18th	-	Cable Section completed poled cable route to 131st U.S. Regt - both pairs tested out O.K., and brought into use immediately.	
		10-30pm	9th.A.I. Bde relieved the 13th.A.I. Bde in accordance with L.F. Order No. 5 (Appendix "F") in left Brigade Sector - Relief of Signal personnel passed satisfactorily.	
			Return of Wireless messages sent and received during period 14-8-18 to 18-8-18, compiled for Corps Wireless Office. (Appendix "G").	
-do-	19th	10-20 a.m.	Orders received for the relief of H.Q. Liaison Force by 3rd Aust. Div. and return to their respective Units of personnel forming such force (appendix "H")	
		2-45 pm	Advanced party from Signals 3rd Aust. Div. arrived with equipment for H.Q. Signal Office, and Wireless stations.	
		3-30 pm	Change over of gear taking place and completed satisfactorily.	
		4 pm	Handing over report on Signals despatched to Signals 3rd Aust. Div., together with route and circuit diagram of communications. (appendix "I").	
		7-45pm.	11th.A.I. Bde opened up Office J.29-c-5-8 - in telephonic communication.	
		8.10pm	Signals 9th.A.I. Bde reports that all signal arrangements on front taken over satisfactorily and working O.K. During afternoon 3 P.B. & Amp Stations forward of the Brigade H.Q. were installed and commenced working.	
		7-30pm.	Cable Section completed three pair poled cable route from Right to Left Infantry Bdes H.Q. Pairs taken out and brought into use - thus giving two direct pairs to Each Infantry Bde - one phone direct and one phone superimposed.	
		8-27pm.	Orders received that 9th.A.I. Bde would take over the whole of the Liaison Force Front - 11th.A.I. Bde in reserve as per L.F. 139 attached (appendix "J").	
		-	Relief of the 131st U.S. Regt by 9th.A.I. Bde complete. - the later moves to H.Q. at HAMEL, and passes to control of 3rd Aust. Div at 10 a.m. 20th instant. Signals 3rd Aust. Div instal switch board at old Right Inf. Bde Office, (K.32.b.8.2.) which now becomes an advanced Div. Exchange.	
-do-	20th.	10am.	All Liaison Force Signal personnel relieved by Signals 3rd Aust. Div. - communications all work-	







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*J. H. [Signature]*

O.C. SIGNALS. LIAISON FORCE.

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Battle Instructions - Series "B" - No 2

Liaison Force

1. A force to be known as the "Liaison Force" will be constituted with the object of carrying on the battle north of the River Somme. Effecting a liaison between Aust Corps South of the River and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Corps.

2. The force will be commanded by Brig-Gen. E.A. Wisdom, CB, CMC.

Following Staffs allotted:

GSO II - Major R.C. Casey DSO

Gen Staff Duties - Capt E.T. Bagley MC  
alt 6<sup>th</sup> Bde

For duties as GSO III - Lieut G.F. Priestly  
12<sup>th</sup> Aus Div HQ

Intel. Off - Lieut W. BROISSONS  
19<sup>th</sup> Bde

Staff Capt - Capt R.V. Spiers

Ass Staff Capt - Cap. C.H. Ley

Adjutant DADMS - Major T.C. Evans DSO  
13<sup>th</sup> Bde

3. The force will be composed as follows

LIGHT HORSE

1 Troop Aus L.H.

Artillery (under CRA 55 Div)

58<sup>th</sup> DA

16<sup>th</sup> Bde Royal H.A. } North of Somme  
under 14<sup>th</sup> Aus Div

Infantry 13<sup>th</sup> Aus Inf Bde

131<sup>st</sup> American Regt

Machine Gun Units

1 Company 4<sup>th</sup> Aus MG Bde  
10<sup>th</sup> Bde



The following Aus Troops will be detailed by 4<sup>th</sup> Aus Div.

1 Company 4<sup>th</sup> Aus Div Train

1 " Field Engs

Instructions for the detaching of excess medical units will be issued by DDMS.

④ Signal Arrangements.

A. 4<sup>th</sup> Aus Signal Section will be organised forthwith under Capt. F. Tinkler MC 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. who will report to ADS as early as possible on 11<sup>th</sup>.

One cable Sect is provided by 4<sup>th</sup> Army

⑤ 4 PA Aus Corps etc

⑥ Headquarters of Hanson Force will be constituted forthwith receive instructions direct from Aus Corps HQ.

⑦ 132 Amer Regt will replace 13<sup>th</sup> AI Bde in 4<sup>th</sup> Div. It arrives in Aus Corps Area on 11<sup>th</sup> & will come under order of 4<sup>th</sup> Div on arrival.

It will be quartered T 2 & 28 HQ's dugout T 22 & 12 until it marches to 4<sup>th</sup> Div Area

⑧ 13<sup>th</sup> Bde will deal direct with 4<sup>th</sup> Div & 131 Amer Regt with 66<sup>th</sup> Amer Bde on all questions connected with personnel except discipline, honours & award

⑨ Detailed instructions for completion of the organisation will be issued later.

Signed  
J. H. Blaney  
Lt Col



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All Divisions

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Ref Aust Corps Bate Instructions, Series B, A44

A Headquarters Sig Sect for the Liaison Force will be formed & personnel detailed by Divs & Corps Sig Coys as under:-

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>To be detailed by</u>
Lieut Command HQ Sig Sect	3rd Aus Div
NCO to act as C S M	1st Aus Div
NCO to act as Q M S	2nd Aus Div
3rd Switch Board Operators	1 each by 3rd 4th & 5th Divs
Telegraph operators	1 each by 1st & 3rd Aus Divs
DRB with motorcycles	→ one per Div Sig Coys & Corps Sig Coy

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All other personnel W/T operators, Sig  
nalmen A Clerks, & runners will be  
detailed by Corps Sig Coy under Instructions  
to be issued by A D Sig

- ② Cable Sect being detailed by 4th Army
  - ③ 2 G S waggons with Drivers horses  
& harness are being detailed by "Q" of Corps
  - ④ Sig instruments & Equip are being  
arranged by A D Sig
  - ⑤ The above personnel will be detailed  
by Divs to report to 4th Div Sig Coy by  
3pm today at 4th Div HQ. (O.H.A.S.)
- FOUILLOX with 48 hours rations  
full equipment. Each Div quota will  
bring one camp kettle. 4th Aus Div  
will quarter detachment until instructions are issued for  
further movement.



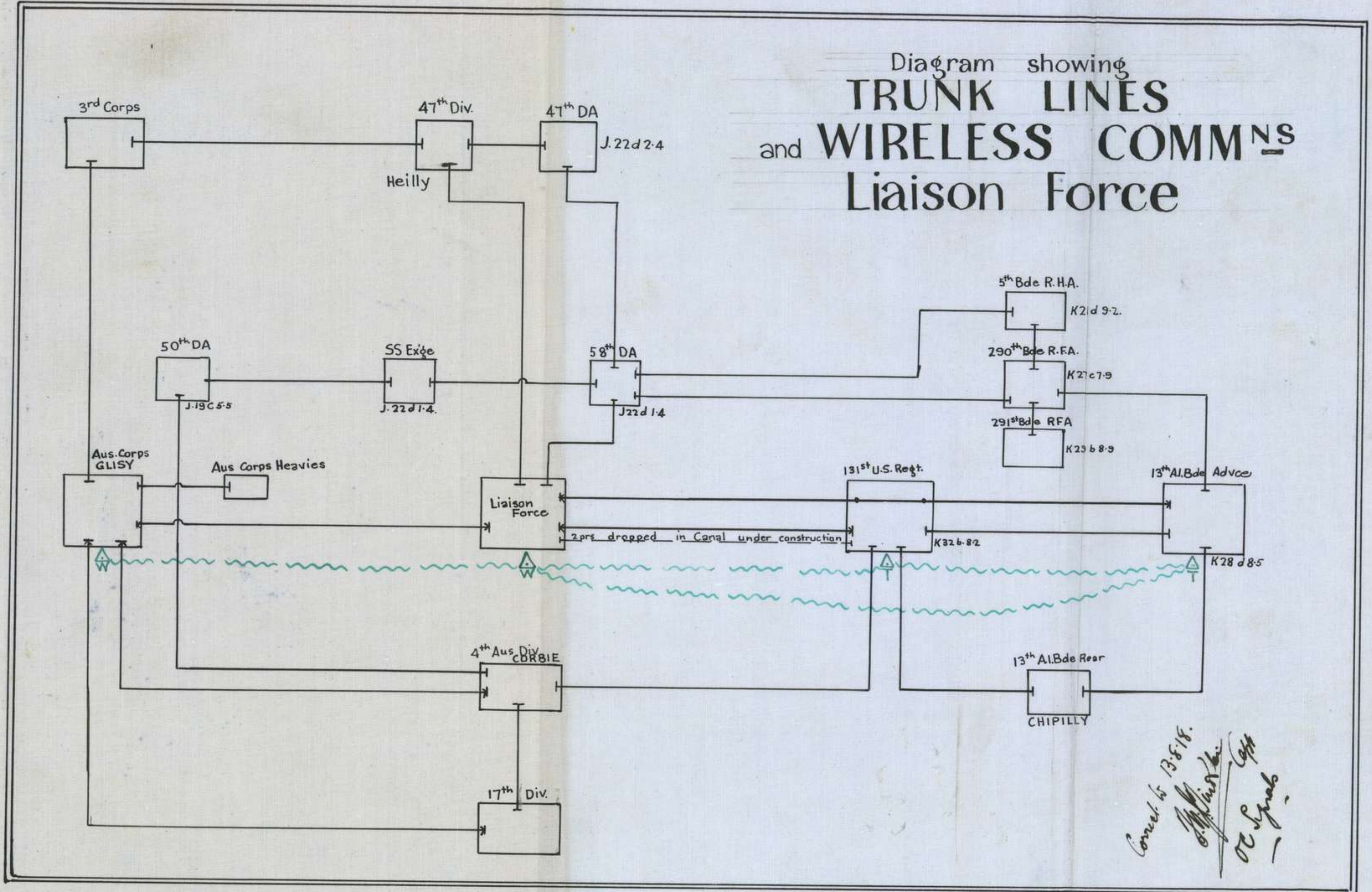
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# Diagram showing TRUNK LINES and WIRELESS COMM<sup>N</sup>S Liaison Force



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Headquarters,  
13th August, 1918.

Reference Sheet 62D.  
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LIAISON FORCE ORDER NO. I  
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1. - The disposition of the troops on the front held by the Liaison Force will be reorganized on the night 13th / 14th instant, as under.
  
2. -
  - (a) - The 131st American Infantry Regiment will take over the front from the present right boundary to point L.20.d.8.4., from the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade, during the night 13th / 14th instant. The interbrigade boundary will be a line K.24.a.6.2. - L.19.a.3.1. - L.19.d.1.6. - L.20.c.4.5. - L.21.d.0.4.
  - (b) - The 131st Regimental M.G. Coy., and the 131st Regimental Stokes Mortar Platoon will take over positions now held by the 13th M.G. Coy. and 13th L.T.M. Battery in the right sector on the same night as the infantry relief (night 13th/14th instant).  
On relief, the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade and the 131st Regiment will be covered by their respective M.G. Coys. and L.T.M. Units distributed in depth.
  - (c) - All dumps in the right sector will be taken over on relief by the 131st Regiment.  
Both the 131st Regiment and the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade will take immediate steps to form forward barbed wire and screw picket dumps.  
Demands will be made on C.R.E., Liaison Force, for requirements which will be sent forward as far as traffic is possible in motor lorries under Divisional arrangements.
  - (d) - The 131st American Infantry Regiment's sector will be held in depth with one battalion in line and one in support.
  - (e) - The remaining Battalion of the 131st Regiment will be withdrawn from its present location to quarters in the Valley to K.32.b. and K.27.c.
  - (f) - Immediate steps will be taken to rest, refit and reorganize this Battalion with the object of its possible employment as a Counter attack unit under Liaison Force orders. Demands will be made on Headquarters, Liaison Force, for all requirements to bring equipment up to establishment.
  - (g) - A Section of 4 guns of the Regimental M.G. Coy. will be put under the command of this Battalion in view of its counter offensive employment.
  - (h) - Officers and N.C.Os. of this Battalion will reconnoitre all possible forward routes to the front as soon as possible after their arrival in MALARD WOOD VALLEY.



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3. - The 13th Australian Infantry Brigade front will be reorganized in depth in the left sector.

4. - The policy of holding the front will be as follows :-

The present front line will be the line of resistance. Active patrolling will ensure against surprise. Companies of the front line Battalions will be distributed as far as possible in depth.

The support Battalions of both the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade and 131st American Regiment will construct and hold a line of supporting posts on the approximate line as shown in green on attached map. These posts will be connected up later if time is available.

This line will be manned by a few sentry groups during daylight, the remainder of the troops being disposed in such positions of rest close in rear as possible.

The role of the support Battalions will be primarily that of counter attack or in case of a heavy attack on our front, to hold the support line. Headquarters of these Battalions will be chosen accordingly, and the necessary reconnaissance carried out on the line being taken over.

5. - All details of the reliefs and moves entailed by the above reorganization of units will be arranged mutually between Commanders of the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade and the 131st American Regiment.

6. - Completion of relief will be wired to Liaison Force Headquarters by the code word RIGHT.

7. - A complete disposition tracing showing the location of Companies and other Units will be forwarded to Liaison Force Headquarters as soon after the relief as possible.

8. - The works policy and the order of importance in which work will be carried out will be as follows :-

The 13th Australian Infantry Brigade will put out "Spider web" wire on their front.

Tracks and shallow water on the 131st American Regiment front will be wired with barbed concertina wire, pickets being spaced not more than four yards apart.

The C.R.E. will detail an Engineer Officer to supervise and assist the 131st American Regiment in this regard.



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The front line will be organized as a line of platoon posts mutually supporting and covered checkerwise by Vickers Guns; posts to be connected up later if time is available by a shallow trench for purposes of control, rationing and communication.

Listening posts will be established in front of the front line.

Communication trenches will be dug where necessary.

9. - ACKNOWLEDGE.

*McCahey*

Major, G.S.,  
LIAISON FORCE.

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Appendix E

Signals.

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In the event of the H.Q. Valley being gas shelled, the following orders will be adhered to:-

1. All ranks will adjust Box Respirators in the necessary position.
2. Signal personnel on duty in Signal Office will remain at their posts under Suptdt. (Sgt. DAVIDSON) who will see to the correct adjustment of gas curtains at doorway, and that each man has his Respirator at 'Ready Position'.
3. Check on duty will proceed to rouse all Officers and other ranks on H.Q. and then return to Signal Office.
4. Personnel not on duty in Office will fall in on ground in front of Signals Q.M. Stores. a/W.O. CAMPBELL will take charge of this party and move the whole to the high ground on either side of the valley according to direction of the wind. This party will stand fast and await orders from O.C., Signals or his representative.
5. 13th A.L.H. personnel attached will stand to their horses and move in the same manner as in para. 4.
6. S.V. Cable Section will act under the direct orders of 2/Lieut. COPELAND, 4th R.S.F., O.C., S.V. Cable Section who will be responsible that proper precautionary measures are taken to safeguard men and horses of his Command. He will, as soon as possible after assembly of his Section report to O.C., Sigs. for instructions.

*J.M. Clarke*  
 Captain,  
 O.C., Signals Liaison Force.

17-8-18.



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LIAISON FORCEHeadquarters,  
18th August 1918.Ref Sheet 42D  
1 to 000LIAISON FORCE ORDER NO. 5.  
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- 1.- The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade (less 34th Battalion) will relieve the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade (and 34th Battalion) in the line in the left sector of the Liaison Force front tonight 18th/19th instant.
- 2.- (a) The 34th Battalion (9th Australian Infantry Brigade) now in line under the command of G.O.C. 13th Australian Infantry Brigade will remain in its present position with Headquarters at K. 18. a. 9. 1.  
(b) The 33rd Battalion (9th Australian Infantry Brigade) is moving this afternoon to relieve the 50th Battalion (13th Australian Infantry Brigade) in support in K. 17. d. and K. 18. c. with Headquarters at K. 23. b. 8. 2.  
(c) The 35th Battalion will move to K. 21. a. and c. into the reserve Battalion area in accordance with Liaison Force Order No. 4. 35th Battalion will be in position by 7 p.m. to-day. 13th Australian Infantry Brigade will report by wire that the 35th Battalion is in position in K. 21. a. and c.  
(d) 9th L.T.M. Battery will relieve 13th L.T.M. Battery as early as possible this evening.
- 3.- 13th Australian Infantry Brigade will move to quarters in K. 29. K. 30. and K. 36. vacated by 9th Australian Infantry Brigade on relief.
- 4.- All dumps, trench and area stores, battle stores, maps, photographs and information relative to the front will be handed over on relief. Receipts will be obtained, copy of which will be forwarded to Liaison Force Headquarters as soon after relief as possible.
- 5.- Prior to the relief all troops of 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will pass temporarily under the command of G.O.C. 13th Australian Infantry Brigade on passing forward of a N. and S. line through K. 20. central.
- 6.- The reserve battalion (51st Battalion) of the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade will not move from its present position until Headquarters Liaison Force has been advised that the 35th Battalion is in position and an order is issued by G.O.C., Liaison Force for the 51st Battalion to move back.
- 7.- Transport lines of 9th and 13th Australian Infantry Brigades will not move.
- 8.- An officer of the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade who is familiar with the front will remain with G.O.C. 9th Australian Infantry Brigade until 9 a.m. on 19th instant.
- 9.- Orders with regard to the relief of the 13th M.G. Coy 13th Field Coy and the 13th Field Ambulance will be issued later.



10. Command of the left sector will pass to G.O.C. 9th Australian Infantry Brigade on completion of relief which will be wired to Liaison Force Headquarters by the Code word "AGAIN".

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major, G.S.,  
LIAISON FORCE.

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Messages Sent & Received during week ending 18-8-18/5

Unit Liaison Force

APPENDIX G

Location J22 D2.4

Type of sets Wilson & Trench sets

Wavelengths 350

Date	Messages	Sent		Received		Wilson Set
		SM	SG	SM	SG	
14-8-18		3	-	1	1	J22 D2.4
15-8-18		1	2	-	5	
16-8-18		4	8	-	5	
17-8-18		3	9	-	1	
18-8-18		2	2	4	-	
Total		13	21	5	12	

Date	Messages	Sent			Received		13 <sup>th</sup> Bde Trench Set
		SM	SG	XG	SM	SG	
14-8-18		1	-	-	-	-	This station out of action from 10 pm 16-8-18 to 1 pm 17-8-18. damaged by shell fire. K28 D.7.5
15-8-18		3	-	1	-	-	
16-8-18		-	1	-	-	1	
17-8-18		-	1	-	-	-	
18-8-18		-	-	-	1	-	
Total		4	2	1	1	1	

Date	Messages	Sent			Received		131 <sup>st</sup> U.S Regt. Trench Set
		SM	SG	X M	SM	SG	
14-8-18		1	-	-	-	-	K32 68.2.
15-8-18		-	-	-	-	-	
16-8-18		1	-	-	-	-	
17-8-18		1	-	-	-	-	
18-8-18		2	-	3	-	-	
Total		5	-	3	nil	nil	

H. Bashford  
Sgt

*[Signature]*  
Capt

O/C Signals Liaison Force

19/8/18



SECRET

Copy No. 24

Ref. Sheet 62D.  
1/40,000.Headquarters,  
19th August 1918.LIAISON FORCE ORDER No. 6.  
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- 1.- The Liaison Force is being relieved in the line in the left sector of the Australian Corps front by the 3rd Australian Division on 20th inst.
- 2.- The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade (and a Company of the 3rd Australian M.G. Battalion) will relieve the 131st American Infantry Regiment in the right sector of the Liaison Force front on the night 19th/20th August.
- 3.- The 131st American Infantry Regiment on relief will move to quarters vacated by the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade in the GAILLY area and will proceed by march route to the AUBIGNY area on 20th inst under orders to be issued by 3rd Australian Division.
- 4.- The 131st American Infantry Regiment will hand over to 11th Infantry Brigade, all dumps, trench, area, and battle stores, maps, defence schemes and photos and local information. Receipts will be obtained and copies forwarded to Liaison Force Headquarters by 10 a.m. on 20th inst.
- 5.- Subject to this order all details of relief will be arranged mutually between the G.O.C. 11th Australian Infantry Brigade and the Colonel Commanding 131st American Infantry Regt.
- 6.- Completion of relief will be wired to LIAISON FORCE Headquarters by the Code word "FINISH".
- 7.- On arrival in the GAILLY area all Australian personnel attached to the 131st American Infantry Regiment will rendezvous on 20th inst under arrangements to be made by 131st American Inf. Regt. Two Motor lorries will report at 10 a.m. on 20th inst to Headquarters 131st American Infantry Regiment at P.11.b.9.1. near HAMEL for moving this party to their respective Headquarters. Personnel of 3rd Australian Division will not move by lorry but will report to Headquarters 3rd Australian Division at J.28.b.0.3. on morning of 20th inst. Location list showing Headquarters of all Australian Formations will be forwarded to 131st American Infantry Regiment on 19th inst.
- 8.- Relief of medical units will be carried out under instructions to be issued by A.D.M.S. Liaison Force. Arrangements will be made to relieve the 129th American Ambulance Company by 12 noon on 20th instant.
- 9.- The Field Coy A.E. affiliated to the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will move into Liaison Force area under arrangements to be made between C.S.R.E concerned.
- 10.- 3rd Australian Division on taking over from the Liaison Force will issue orders for the move to the AUBIGNY area of the 131st American Infantry Regiment group composed and located as follows :-



~~131st American Inf. Regt. H.Q. P.10.b.9.1.~~  
~~124th American M.G. Battalion H.Q. J.21.a.2.2.~~  
~~129th American Ambulance Coy. H.Q. L.30.b.3.5.~~

11.- (e) The 13th Australian Infantry Brigade Group (13th Aust. Inf. Brigade, 13th M.G. Coy, and 13th Field Coy) will move from the SAILLY-LE-SEC area to the HARBONNIERES area on 19th instant by motor transport and will revert to the command of G.O.C. 4th Australian Division on arrival.

(b) Two motor lorries will report at the Church in SAILLY-LE-SEC at 10 a.m. to convey advance parties of 13th Australian Infantry Brigade Group to HARBONNIERES. Route via CORBIE - VILLERS BRETONNEUX - WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT. Advance parties on arrival at HARBONNIERES will report to Headquarters 132nd American Infantry Regiment at W.10.d.7.4. just S.W. of the village, for information regarding the area.

(c) Embussing arrangements for 13th Australian Infantry Brigade Group are as follows:-

Busses will be in position on the HAMEL - VAIRE road facing N.W. at 6.45 p.m. on 19th instant with head of the column at road junction J.32.d.8.3. Route for busses - HAMELET - FOUILLOY - road junction C.22.a.7.5. - VILLERS BRETONNEUX - WARFUSEE - BAYONVILLERS - HARBONNIERES

Busses will not move off before 7.30 p.m. and will not pass WARFUSEE before 8.45 p.m. The debussing point will be on the BAYONVILLERS-HARBONNIERES road in W.11.a.

(d) Transport of 13th Australian Infantry Brigade Group will proceed by road to HARBONNIERES on afternoon of 19th inst. Distances of 500 yards will be maintained between transport of units. No restrictions are imposed as to routes.

(e) The 13th Australian Field Ambulance will rejoin 4th Australian Division under arrangements to be made between A.D.'s M.S. concerned.

12.- The Troop of the 13th Australian Light Horse Regiment and the detachment of Cyclists will be attached to 3rd Australian Division from 10 a.m. on 20th inst.

13.- G.O.C. Liaison Force will hand over Command of the front and area to G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division at 10 a.m. on 20th instant.

14.- On relief the personnel forming the Liaison Force Headquarters will rejoin their units.

15.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. S. Casey*

Major, G.S.,  
LIAISON FORCE.

DISTRIBUTION.  
Issued to:-

- |       |                       |     |                     |     |                   |
|-------|-----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-------------------|
| 1 - 4 | 131st Amer Inf. Regt. | 12  | C. R. A. 58th Div.  | 23  | Cps Mtd Tps.      |
| 5     | 3rd Aust Div.         | 13  | 33rd Amer Div.      | 24  | OC Signals.       |
| 6     | 4th Aust Div.         | 14  | 66th Amer Inf Bde.  | 25  | Gas Org. L.F.     |
| 7     | 13th Aust Inf. Bde.   | 15  | 124th Amer M.G. Bn. | 26  | Amer Command      |
|       | <u>copies to:-</u>    | 16  | 5th Aust Div.       |     | CASINO,           |
|       |                       | 17  | 500 Sqn A.F.C.      | 27  | Q. J. F.          |
| 8.    | Aust Corps.           | 18  | B. G. H. A.         | 28  | Cp. Command Lt.   |
| 9.    | 9th Aust I. Bde.      | 19  | A. D. M. S., L. F.  | 29  | A. D. C. for GOC. |
| 10.   | 11th Aust Inf Bde.    | 20. | C. R. E., L. F.     | 30) |                   |



Handing - Over Report.

*Appendix 9*

(1) Methods of Communication in use in Sector.-

- (a) Telegraph.
- (b) Telephone.
- (c) Wireless.
- (d) Visual.
- (e) Pigeons.
- (f) Message Carrying Rockets.
- (g) Motor Cyclist & Horse D.Rs' Runners.
- (h) Liaison between Aircraft & Infantry.

(2) Telegraph and Telephone.-

- (a) One pair to Australian Corps.
- (b) Forward Lines.- From H.Q., Liaison Force to Right Brigade (K.32.b.8.2), 2 pair poled cable and 2 pair dithed in SOMME Canal. From Right Brigade to Left Brigade (K.28.a.8.5) 3 pair poled route. From Brigades forward ground lines to advanced Brigade Report Centres and H.Q. of lower formations.
- (c) Lateral lines - Inter Divn.-  
Direct to Division on left at HELLY one pair on bury S.S. H.7 (N.32). No direct lateral to Right Divn - this is being constructed by Signals, 5th Australian Division.  
Inter- Bde. Lateral lines through to Brigades on Right and Left flanks neither of which are direct - giving them an intermediate exchange in both cases.
- (d) Artillery Liaison.- Lines exist between Right and Left Inf. Bdes and the Arty Brigades supporting their Sector.
- (e) Artillery Lines.- Overland cables to 290th Bde. R.F.A. which acts as advanced D.A. Exchange, thence ground lines & canal cables to 251st Bde. R.F.A. and 5th Bde. R.H.A.

(3) Wireless.-

Sets are located as follows:-

- |                 |             |                     |                  |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|
| (a) Wilson Set. | J.22.d.2.4. | Liaison Force H.Q.) | Calls as laid    |
| (b) Trench "    | K.28.d.7.5. | Left Inf. Bde.      | ) down in A.D.   |
| (c) Trench "    | K.32.b.8.2. | Right Inf. Bde.     | ) Sigs.Aust.Corp |
|                 |             |                     | TS 143 d 13-7-1  |
| (d) C. W. "     | J.22.d.2.4. | D.A. H.Q. -         | Call L. Z. G.    |
| (e) C. W. "     | Q. 6.a.8.6. | Right Arty.Bde.     | " L. X. B.       |

Charging is done by ABC set at J.22.d.2.4.

(4) Visual.-

Stations have been selected at following points :-

J.27.b.6.7. (Div. Station) to K.34.d.central (Right Inf Bde Station)

K.32.b.5.2. (R.Inf. Bde) to K.34.d.central(transmitting Stn.) to K.28.d.5.7. (Left Inf. Bde. Station.)

Also K.24.central to L.25.b.3.6.

In Left Inf. Bde Sector, Visual is not possible to any extent owing to adverse topographical feature, and to a certain extent in the Right Inf. Brigade Sector also.

(5) Pigeons.-

4 pairs of birds are received daily from Corps - 2 pair are allotted to each Inf. Brigade in line.

(6) Message Carrying Rockets allotted as follows :-

- |                        |   |    |
|------------------------|---|----|
| Right Infantry Brigade | - | 12 |
| Left " "               | - | 12 |
| Div. Artillery         | - | 6  |



(7) Runners and Runner Posts in forward Area are organised and working to time-table.

*Motor* The Cyclists work from Div. to Bde. as per attached D.R.L.S. table - the last run daily and all night deliveries being done by mounted D.R's, for which 6 men and horses are attached from Troop of 13th Australian Light Horse, working with the Liaison Force. There are no deliveries to Units other than those of the Liaison Force.

(8) Distribution of personnel :-

(a) At Right Inf. Brigade (K.32.b.8.2.)  
 3 Linesmen  
 2 Office telegraphists.  
 3 W/T. Operators.

(b) At Left Inf. Brigade. (*K28D8.5*)  
 1 Linesman.  
 2 Office telegraphists.  
 3 W/T Operators.

(c) At H.Q., Liaison Force -  
 Residue of personnel of H.Q. & Cable Section.

(9) Accommodation.- other than dugouts - 3 Bell tents.

(10) Stores to hand over.-  
 3 Bell tents.  
 20 Coils quad brass armd.  
 11 " twin armd.

(11) Route and Circuit diagrams correct to date appended hereto.

*J.H. Dinkler*  
 Captain,  
 O.C., Signals Liaison Force.

19-8-18.



131st Amer. Inf. Regt; 3rd Aust. Div; Aust. Corps ; 9th Aust. Inf. Bde; 11th Aust. Inf. Bde .

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L.F. Order No. 6 is amended as follows AAA  
 35th Battalion of 9th Aust. Inf. Bde will relieve  
 front line Battalion of 131st American Regt.  
 tonight AAA 9th M.G. Coy. and Stokes Battery will  
 relieve M.G. & T.M. Units of 131st Regiment  
 tonight AAA Command will pass from 131st Regt.  
 to G.O.C. 9th Bde. on completion of relief AAA  
 Support and reserve Battalions of 131st Regt.  
 will be relieved by two Battalions of 11th Aust.  
 Inf. Bde AAA 11th Aust. Inf. Bde Headquarters  
 will take over from 131st American Regt. H.Q.  
 and will establish as Support Brigade at  
 K.32.b.8.2. AAA Remaining two Battalions of  
 11th Inf. Bde will move to K.34 and J.24  
 respectively AAA 11th Inf. Bde. will ensure that  
 defence schemes and essential papers are taken  
 over from units of 131st Regiment AAA  
 instructions regarding move of 13th Inf. Bde  
 hold good AAA Adsd, all recipients L.F. Order  
 No. 6

LIAISON FORCE.

*McCarley*Major *ES*

L.F.







*Diary Signals Liaison Force*

For information of the A.G.'s Office at the Base

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APPENDIX

Officers and men who have become casuals, been transferred, or joined since last report.

Regtl. Number	Rank	Name	Corps	Nature and date of casualty or name of unit from or to which transferred	Date of being struck off or coming on the ration return	Remarks*
20441	Lt	Davidson R.M.	1st Aust Corps Sig Coy		11.8.18	
27508	Capt	Hobbs J.G.J.	"		"	
21532	"	Swan A.H.	"		"	
7339	"	Brown H.J.	"		"	
2106	"	Simmonds L.J.	"		"	
19139	"	McLennan R.A.	"		"	
20458	"	Blackman H.B.	"		"	
317	"	Barber A.	"		"	
317	Unit	Johnston H.	"		"	
449	"	Burrows H.J.	"		"	
140	Lt	Campbell J.H.	1st Aust Dis Sig Coy		"	
708	Sap	Embley Z.	"		"	
11	"	Nicholas F.H.	"		"	
1148	Capt	Zinkler F.H.	2nd " " "		"	
1148	Capt	Rule G.G.	"		"	
4874	Lt Col	Morley S.J.	"		"	
2110	Sap	Gunnell Z.H.	"		"	
-	Lt	Book J.M.	3rd " " "		"	
1971	Sap	Varley R.W.	"		"	
14659	"	Reardon J.M.	"		"	
5024	"	Fishburn H.	"		"	
25	"	Reed H.A.	"		"	
205	Cpl	Lawson J.L.	4th " " "		"	
2757	Sap	Dawson L.R.	"		"	
3141	"	Sandilands J.H.	"		"	
10706	Driver	Duncan W.R.	5th " " "		"	
5747	"	Whyte E.W.	"		"	
2786	"	Lynch L.	"		"	

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch.

\* State whether absence is of a permanent or temporary nature, adding, in the case of casuals from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to the relatives.



War Diary Signals Liaison Force

For information of the A.G.'s Office at the Base.

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Officers and men who have become casuals, been transferred, or joined since last report.

To be made up to be signed up for Saturday in each week  
 RETURN showing numbers  
 Place  
 Regtl. Number  
 Rank  
 Name  
 Corps  
 Nature and date of casualty or name of unit from or to which transferred  
 Date of being struck off or coming on the ration return  
 Remarks\*  
 Signature of Commander  
 Date of Despatch

Regtl. Number	Rank	Name	Corps	Nature and date of casualty or name of unit from or to which transferred	Date of being struck off or coming on the ration return	Remarks*
1669	Cpl	Davidson J.	1104 Aust M. I. Coy		11. 8. 18	
1636	Cpl	Jeffs W.H.	"		"	
7548	Sgt	Bashford H.	Aust Corps Strikers		13. 8. 18	
4283	Sap	Lutherland G.	"		"	
79	"	Hoams C.A.G.	"		"	
—	Sgt	Smith C.J.D.	1st Aust Dis Sig Coy		"	
2336	Sap	Andrews P. I.	"		"	
6068	"	Gleeson J.J.	2nd " " "		"	
4078	"	Bell J. L.	3rd " " "		"	
1677	Cpl	McDonald W.H.	4th " " "		"	
7638	Sap	Burman	"		"	
13950	"	Chambers L.G.	"		"	
8044	"	Catperson W.	5th " " "		"	
991	L/Cpl	Pettker W. J.	13th A.L.H. Regt		"	
888	2pr	Shailer A.C.	"		"	
405	"	Perry J.	"		"	
369	"	Hyatt W.	"		"	
335	"	McLachlan	"		"	
110	"	Bond J.G.	"		"	
14202	Sap	Watt W.H.	Aust Corps Sig Coy		14. 8. 18	
7296	"	Keal J.	"		15. 8. 18	
1736	Pte	Ridgeley E.W.	49th Bn.		16. 8. 18	
5042	"	Harper C.M.	"		"	
2184	"	Marshall G.	"		"	
1805	"	Lowder H.W.	"		"	

\* State whether absence is of a permanent or temporary nature, adding, in the case of casuals from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to the relatives.



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APPENDIX

Officers and men who have become casuals, been transferred, or joined since last report.

Regtl. Number	Rank	Name	Corps	Nature and date of casualty, or name of unit from or to which transferred	Date of being struck off or coming on the ration return	Remarks*
		Copeland	S.V. Cable Section		11. 8. 18	
64588	lgt	Clarke E.	"		"	
20977	Cap	Roxburgh R.	"		"	
94142	4	Jenkins R.E.	"		"	
2377	2/cpl	Smith J.G.	"		"	
4227	"	Lampitt J.A.	"		"	
142114	l/cpl	Wilby S.J.	"		"	
74149	"	Green E.	"		"	
72372	Plt S	Kirby Z.	"		"	
42472	Cap	Dixon R.	"		"	
160908	"	Lowest S.B.	"		"	
40071	"	Jackson R.E.	"		"	
70149	"	Perry J.A.	"		"	
54557	"	Raspison E.	"		"	
224242	"	Skinner E.R.	"		"	
30559	"	Lyme A.	"		"	
20781	"	Kells Z.J.	"		"	
259379	"	Gaffney J.B.	"		"	
74211	Staff S	Ballerman R.E.	"		"	
25467	Det	Ablett N.B.	"		"	
90224	"	Constable W.B.	"		"	
2147	"	Hammond Z.	"		"	
90212	"	Heron W.B.	"		"	
18221	"	Howe C.R.	"		"	
25411	"	Humphrey W.J.	"		"	
25411	"	Manstead R.E.	"		"	
18220	"	Ross J.	"		"	
167580	"	Sanders Z.	"		"	

The effective strength should include men on leave on command and in Hospital not struck off strength.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Report.

\* State whether absence is of a permanent or temporary nature, adding, in the case of casuals from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to the relatives.



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 For information of the A.G.'s Office at the Base. **APPENDIX K**

Officers and men who have become casuals, been transferred, or joined since last report.

Regtl. Number	Rank	Name	Corps	Nature and date of casualty or name of unit from or to which transferred	Date	Date of being struck off or coming on the ration return	Remarks*
239	Officer	Skinner C. L.V. Cable Secty				11.8.18	
605	Officer	Smith C.H.	"			"	
49666	Officer	Staples H.	"			"	
7414	Officer	Williams J.	"			"	
262189	Officer	Hanbridge J.E. 18 Aux 77 Coy				"	
08535	Officer	Jeffery R. J.	"			"	

Effective strength of Unit  
 239  
 605  
 49666  
 7414  
 262189  
 08535

**FIELD RETURN.**

to the A.G.'s Office at the Base in accordance with Field Service Regulations Part II.

Signature of Commander: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Despatch: \_\_\_\_\_

\* State whether absence is of a permanent or temporary nature, adding, in the case of casuals from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to the relatives.



War Diary Synops Liaison Force 25  
 For information of the A.G.'s Office at the Base.

**APPENDIX**

Officers and men who have become casuals, been transferred, or joined since last report.

Regtl. Number	Rank	Name	Corps	Nature and date of casualty or name of unit from or to which transferred	Date of being struck off or coming on the ration return	Remarks*
138595	1st Lt	Verkler B.G.	131st U.S. Regt.		13.8.18	
138596	1st Lt	Tokal G.	"		"	
138593	1st Lt	Roth W.	"		"	
138581	1st Lt	Off W.F.	"		"	
138590	1st Lt	Hannerman F.	"		"	
138591	1st Lt	Murray J.G.	"		"	

Signature of Commander.  
 (c) The effective strength should include men on leave on Command and in Hospital not struck off strength.

**FIELD RETURN**

RETURN showing numbers of personnel in unit, including those on leave, on command, and in hospital, not struck off strength.

SERVICE to the A.G.'s Office at the Base in accordance with Field Service Regulations, Part II.

Army Form B. 21

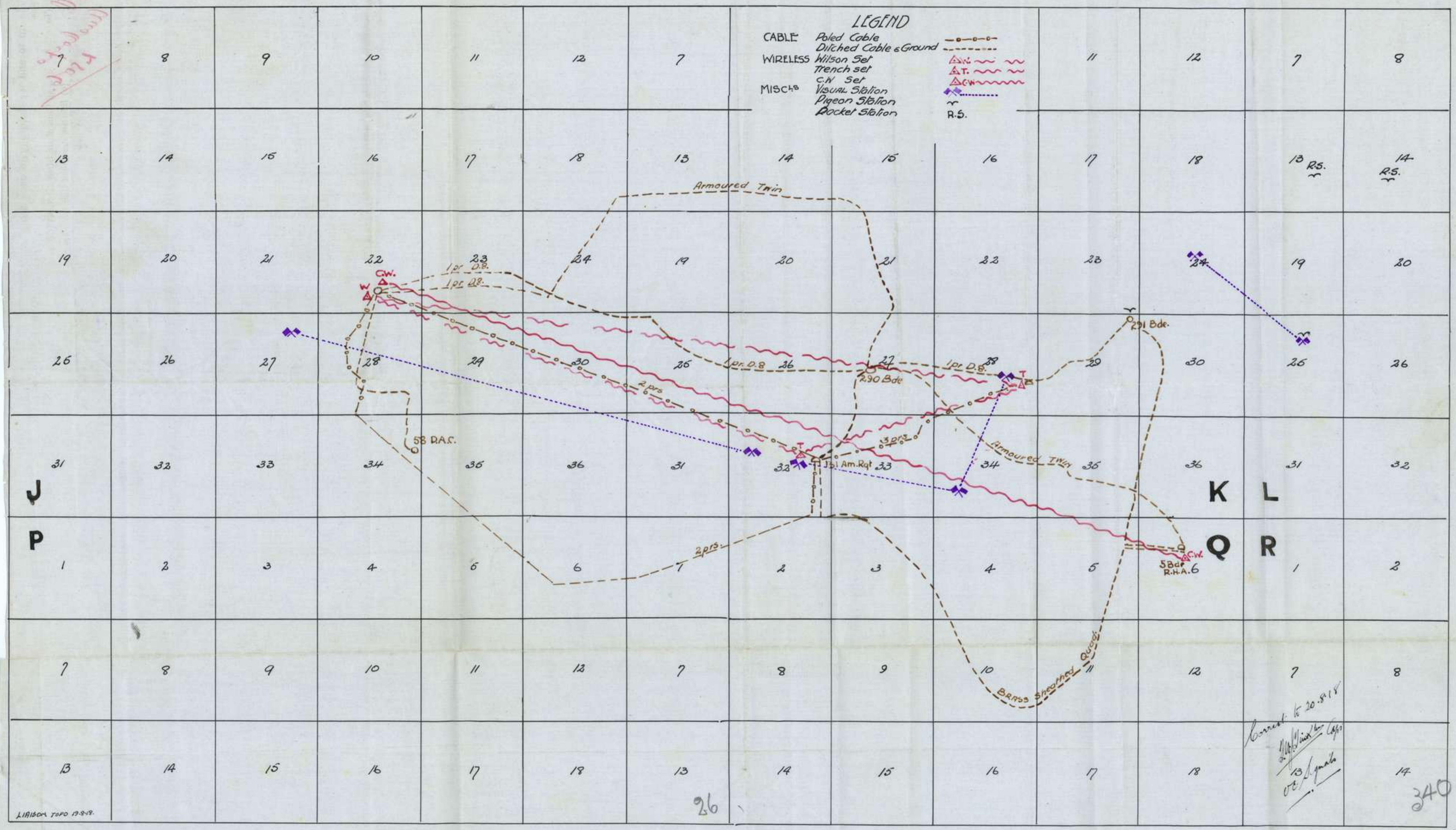
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# LIAISON FORCE SIGNALS, DIAGRAM OF COMMUNICATIONS

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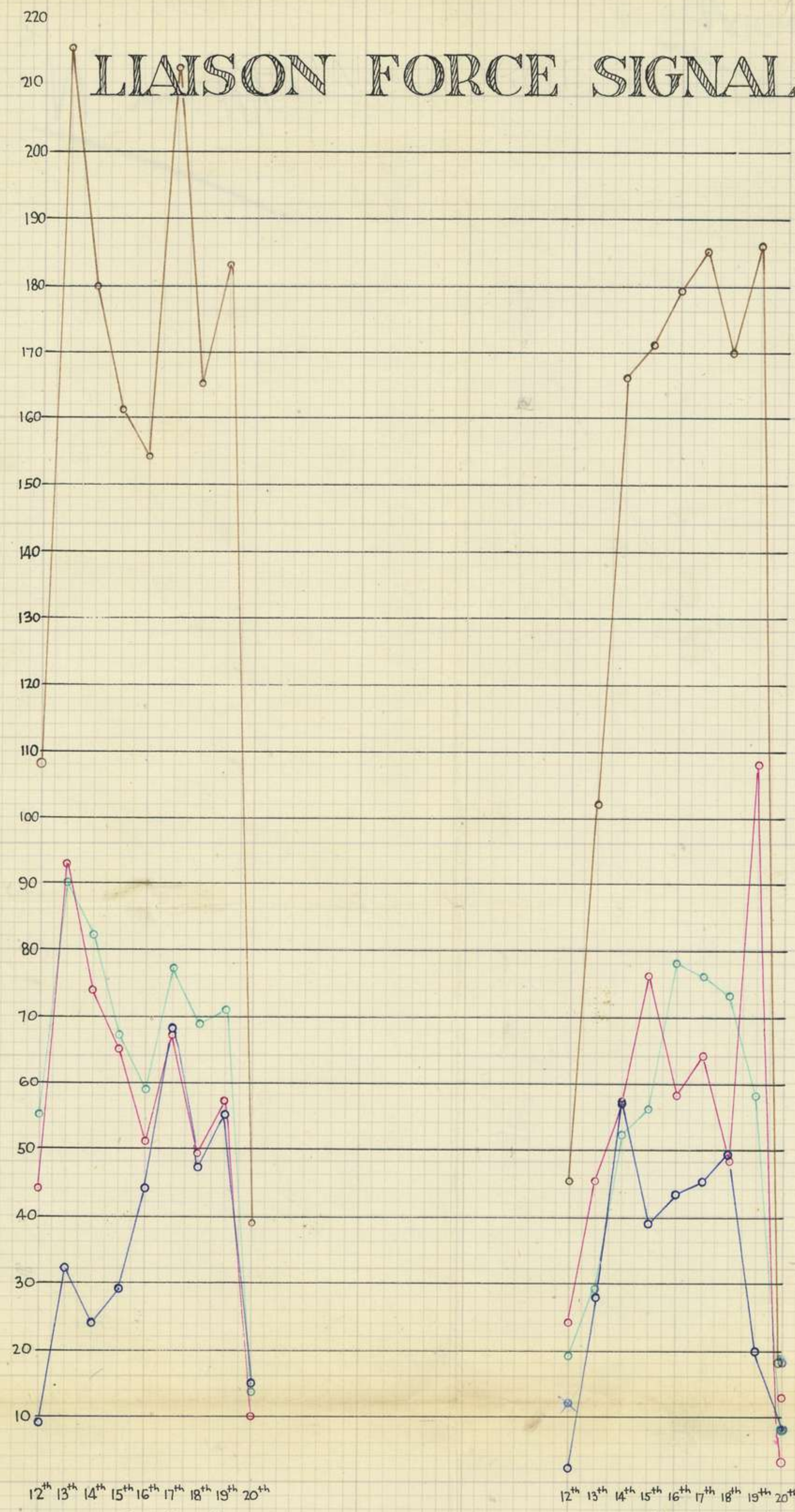
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Appendix N

# LIAISON FORCE SIGNALS



12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Day of Aug<sup>t</sup> 18  
 TELEGRAMS  
 'A' shown in red  
 B . . . . . blue  
 C . . . . . green  
 Total . . . . . Brown

12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Day of Aug<sup>t</sup> 18  
 D.R.L.S. TRAFFIC  
 'IN' shown in green  
 OUT . . . . . red  
 THRO' . . . . . blue  
 TOTAL . . . . . brown

*W. J. ...*  
 OC Signals