

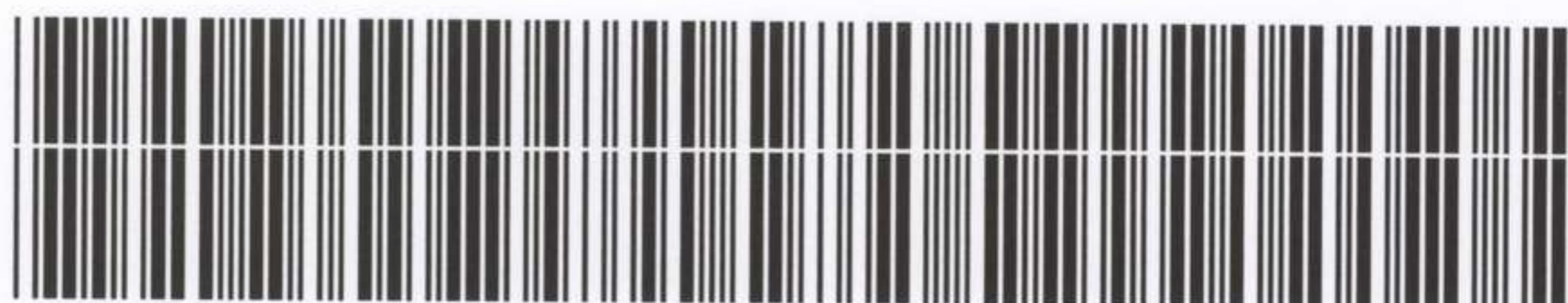
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August 5th, 1918.

2ND CANADIAN DIVISION OPERATION ORDER 222.

I. Information.

The Canadian Corps, in conjunction with the troops on the right and left, is attacking the enemy's position between the AMIENS - ROYE Road and the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - CHAULNES Railway (both inclusive) at an hour and date to be notified later.

The 2nd Canadian Division will attack as the Left Division of the Corps.

The 1st Canadian Division on our right (H.Q. T.10.d.) is attacking with the 3rd Cdn. Inf. Bde. to the 1st Objective, the 1st Cdn. Inf. Bde. to the 2nd Objective, and the 2nd Cdn. Inf. Bde. to the 3rd Objective. Positions of Brigade H.Q. are not yet known.

The 2nd Australian Division on our left (H.Q. GLISY) is attacking as far as the 1st Objective with the 7th Australian Inf. Bde. on our left flank (Bde. H.Q. O.28.c.8.5.). The 5th Australian Division (H.Q. O.25.c.5.3.) will be passing through the 2nd Australian Division attacking to the 2nd and 3rd Objectives, with the 15th Australian Inf. Bde. on our left flank (Bde. H.Q. O.24.c.3.3.).

The 3rd Cavalry Division and probably one other Cavalry Division will be advancing behind the 2nd Canadian Division.

(b) The information available shows that the enemy is at present holding his position lightly with his nearest reserves round BAYONVILLERS and HARBONNIERES (see Canadian Corps Intelligence Map). If these dispositions are not changed the enemy will probably counter-attack on our left front. Pioneers are said to be round WIENCOURT and there is an Alert Position for Reserves in the re-entrant S.W. of that village.

II. Intention.

(a) The 2nd Canadian Division will attack within the Boundaries and to the objectives shown on the attached Map "A". The RED and BLUE LINES are to be captured on the first day and held; if the situation permits the AMIENS DEFENCE LINE (BLUE DOTTED LINE) will also be captured and held.

(b) The 14th Battalion Tank Corps will co-operate in the attack, which will be carried out under cover of an 18-pdr. creeping shrapnel barrage to the limit of the effective 18-pdr. shrapnel range and which will be supported by Heavy Artillery. A Machine Gun creeping barrage will assist in covering the early stages of the advance of the leading Infantry Brigade.

(c) The 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade with 2 Companies 14th Tank Battalion, 1 Mobile Brigade 2nd C.D.A., and 2 batteries 2nd Bn. C.M.G.C., will attack to the GREEN LINE and will hold that line.

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II. Intention (contd.)

(d) The 5th Canadian Infantry Brigade with 2 Companies 14th Battn. Tank Corps (which assisted the 4th Cdn. Inf. Bde.), 2 Mobile Brigades 2nd C.D.A., 2 Mobile 6-inch Newton P.M's., and 1 Company 2nd Battn. C.M.G.C., will attack to the RED LINE and will consolidate that line.

A special force will be detailed to advance to the BLUE LINE and to consolidate this line in conjunction with the Division on our Left.

(e) The 6th Canadian Infantry Brigade with one Company 14th Tank Battalion, and one Company 2nd Battalion C.M.G.C., will be held in Divisional Reserve.

This force will be ready to support the 5th Canadian Infantry Brigade in the event of that Brigade encountering heavy opposition or being heavily counter-attacked, and to advance through the 5th Canadian Infantry Brigade to capture and consolidate the AMIENS DEFENCE LINE. In case of such advance the 6th Canadian Inf. Bde. will be supported by all the mobile artillery available.

(f) One Company 2nd Battalion C.M.G.C. (less 2 batteries with 4th Cdn. Inf. Bde.) will remain in Divisional Reserve.

(g) As soon as the 6th Canadian Inf. Bde. becomes engaged, or passes through the 5th Canadian Inf. Bde., the 6th Canadian Inf. Bde. with 2 Batteries 2nd Battalion C.M.G.C. will come into Divisional Reserve.

(h) All units of the Tank Corps, 2nd C.D.A., and 2nd Battalion C.M.G.C. which are attached as above to Infantry Brigades, will be under the tactical control of the G.O's.C. those Brigades until such time as the final dispositions have been taken up and communications established, when they will revert to the control of their own commanding officers. O's.C. attached troops will be with the G.O.C. under whom they are working.

III. Artillery.

(a) There will be no preparatory bombardment.

(b) Field Artillery available for the creeping barrage is :-

- 2nd C. D. A. (less 1 Brigade).
- 12th Divl. Artillery.
- 150th Army Bde., R.F.A.

(c) At Zero, 1 Brigade 2nd C.D.A. will be mobile and will move up to support the Infantry advance at close range.

The other Brigade 2nd C.D.A. will become mobile at a later hour and will then move forward for a similar purpose.

One section 60-pdr. guns and one battery 6-inch Hows. will become mobile at an hour which has not yet been ascertained, and will be used to support the advance under the orders of the C.R.A., 2nd Canadian Division.

(d) Heavy Artillery support will consist of intense neutralizing fire on hostile batteries, long distance harassing fire, and concentrated bombardments of selected targets. The latter will be carried out by the 3rd Brigade C.G.A., in consultation with this Division.

IV. Assembly.

At Zero troops will be assembled approximately as follows, under orders which are being issued separately :-

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IV. Assembly (Contd.).

4th Canadian Inf. Brigade, with 1 Battalion 2nd Brigade C.E., and 1 Company 2nd Battalion C.M.G.C. (all less transport) between the jumping-off line and a line running from U.4.c.0.1. to C.35.c.0.3. Brigade H.Q. at C.35.c.8.4.

5th Canadian Inf. Brigade, with 1 Battalion 2nd Brigade C.E., and 1 Company 2nd Battalion C.M.G.C., all with "A" Echelon transport, in the area between a line from U.4.c.0.1. to C.35.c.0.3. and a North and South line through U.2.central. Brigade H.Q. at U.4.a.5.9.

6th Canadian Inf. Brigade, with 1 Battalion 2nd Brigade C.E., and 1 Company 2nd Battalion C.M.G.C., all with "A" Echelon transport, in the area between a North and South line through U.2.central and a line from T.12.b.4.9. to N.36.d.4.2. Brigade H.Q. at C.32.c.7.3.

Mobile Brigade 2nd C.D.A. about U.2.central. Tanks, as arranged by C.C., 14th Battalion Tank Corps.

V. Forward Moves.

(a) On Z day Infantry will give precedence to transport on all M.T. and H.T. roads shown on the attached Map "B".

(b) The 4th Canadian Inf. Brigade and attached troops will advance in accordance with the barrage table (map to be issued later). The timing of the creeping barrage will be :-  
Zero barrage line two hundred yards beyond the jumping-off line.  
The first two lifts will be Zero plus three and Zero plus five minutes.  
The next eight lifts will be at three minute intervals.  
From the eleventh lift inclusive, until the GREEN LINE is reached, the lifts will be at four minute intervals.  
All lifts will be 100 yards.

(c) The 5th Canadian Inf. Brigade and attached troops, with "A" Echelon transport, will advance so as to clear a North and South line through U.6.central by Zero plus three hours and to continue the attack leaving the GREEN LINE at Zero plus four hours.

(d) The 6th Canadian Inf. Brigade and attached troops, with "A" Echelon transport, will advance so as to clear a North and South line through U.6.central at Zero plus four hours. This group will halt at Zero plus four hours and will allow the Cavalry to pass through them, their further moves being regulated by the tactical requirements.

(e) The head of the 3rd Cavalry Division (Canadian Cavalry Brigade leading) is going to be at the Monument in U.6.c. at Zero plus four hours, with patrols in touch with the 5th Canadian Inf. Brigade, and will be advancing through the 6th Canadian Inf. Brigade in accordance with the tactical situation. The 3rd Cavalry Division and probably one other Cavalry Division will be passing through the 5th Canadian Inf. Brigade on the RED LINE. The Cavalry are being accompanied by Whippet Tanks.

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V. Forward Moves (Contd.).

(f) The following will be the priority of horse transport on the roads and tracks shown on Map "B" :-

1. Engineer Tools and Material for Road Repair.
2. The Brigade 2nd C.D.A. which is mobile at Zero.
3. 5th Cdn. Inf. Bde. and attached troops "A" Echelon transport.
4. 6th Cdn. Inf. Bde. and attached troops "A" Echelon transport.
5. Engineer Tools for consolidation.

(g) Troops of the 2nd Canadian Division may only use the following roads :-

Railway Road,  
Tracks "D" and "E".

(h) The .C.R.A. will arrange for guide wires to prevent troops from crossing the line of fire of our Field Artillery in the area where such movement would be dangerous.

(i) When Brigade H.Q. advance their positions must be clearly marked by distinguishing flags.

VI. Engineers.

(a) The O.C., 2nd Brigade C.E., will detail parties of Tunnellers to accompany each Infantry Brigade for the purpose of investigating dugouts in the captured territory. Notice boards will be erected over all dugouts, showing whether they can be safely used or not.

(b) All Engineers, except as above, will be employed in opening up and improving the following roads (see Map "B") :-

CACHY ROAD from CACHY (inclusive) to VILLERS BRISTONNEUX.  
RAILWAY ROAD.  
TRACK "D".  
TRACK "E".

Before Zero work must be done gradually so as not to attract attention; any sign-boards erected must be camouflaged.

During Y/2 night and on 2 day all roads and tracks must be clearly and frequently marked by notice boards.

In addition to the above roads the CROSS ROAD in the Divisional Area will be repaired.

(c) A certain number of picks and shovels from R.E. Parks will be available (probably 2,000). The O.C., 2nd Brigade C.E., will arrange for such tools to be carried forward and dumped 50% behind the RED LINE and 50% behind the BLUE DOTTED LINE.

Dumps to be established as near these lines as the tactical situation and the enemy fire permits.

VII. Supply Tanks.

6 Supply Tanks are available. These Tanks will be loaded to capacity with Water, S.A.A., Barbed wire and Stakes.

3 Tanks will be allotted to each of the 5th and 6th Canadian Inf. Brigades to establish dumps within five hundred yards of the final position of these Brigades.

Supply Tanks will not arrive at PILRRET WOOD before Zero plus six hours, and Brigades will be responsible for stopping their advance from this wood if the situation makes it inadvisable for them to do so.



VIII. Intercommunication.

- (a) Brigades will concentrate their efforts on establishing one good line for telephonic communication during their advance. This line will be taken over by the Divisional Signal Company as the attack progresses.
- (b) Every use must be made of visual signalling.
- (c) 12 Pigeons will be allotted to each of the 5th and 6th Canadian Inf. Brigades.
- (d) Two mounted orderlies from the C.L.H. will be attached to each Infantry Brigade for D.R. work.
- (e) Every facility will be given to signal personnel and transport to assist them in their work.
- (f) Contact aeroplanes from No.5 Squadron will be working with the Division. Red Ground Flares will be carried by all attacking troops and will be lighted when called for. Contact patrol machines have rectangular panels two feet by one foot on both lower planes about 3 feet from the fuselage.  
 Aeroplanes working with Tanks have a black band on the middle of the Right side of the Tail.  
 Aeroplanes working with Cavalry have two streamers on both inside struts.  
 The Divisional Aeroplane Dropping Station will be N.34.d.
- (g) Each Infantry Brigade will detail one Senior Infantry Officer (mounted) to report at Div. H.Q. at 9-00 A.M., August 7th, for liaison duty as follows :-

Officer from 4th Cdn. Inf. Bde.	to 2nd Australian Division.
" " 5th " " "	" 5th " "
" " 6th " " "	" 1st Canadian Division.

- (h) The Commander of every Infantry detachment, to which a detachment of Tanks is allotted, will detail one Infantryman to ride in each Tank. This man will be responsible for watching the Infantry advance and the Infantry Signals and keeping the Tank Commander informed as to the Infantry progress and requirements. He will also operate the Signals from the Tank to the Infantry.

The normal signals between Infantry and Tanks will be used.

- (k) The following Light Signals will be employed by :-

	<u>Signal</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
(1) <u>Cavalry</u>	White star turning to red on a parachute fired from 1 1/2" Very Pistol.	Advanced Troops of Cavalry are here.
(ii) <u>Australian Corps.</u>	(1) No.32 Grenade GREEN over GREEN over GREEN.	S.O.S.
	(2) No.32 Grenade WHITE over WHITE over WHITE.	Success Signal, i.e., We have reached objective.

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VIII. Intercommunication (k) (Contd.),

	<u>Signal</u>	<u>Meaning.</u>
(iii) Canadian Corps.	(1) No.32 Grenade RED over RED over RED.	(a) S.O.S. (b) We are held up and cannot advance without help. (c) Enemy is counter-attacking.
	(2) No.32 Grenade GREEN over GREEN over GREEN.	(a) Lift your fire we are going to advance. (b) Stop firing.
	(3) Three WHITE Very Lights in quick succession.	We are here.

IX. Zero hour and Synchronization of Watches.

(a) Zero hour will be communicated to Infantry Brigades, C.R.A., 2nd Battalion C.M.G.C., 14th Battalion Tank Corps, 2nd Brigade C.E. on the afternoon of Y day.

(b) Watches will be synchronized by the O.C., 2nd Divisional Signal Coy. C.E., with Infantry Brigades, C.R.A., 2nd Battalion C.M.G.C., 14th Battalion Tank Corps, 2nd Brigade C.E., at 12-15 P.M. and 6-15 P.M. on Y day.

X. Anti-Aircraft.

(a) Every effort must be made to deal with low flying E.A. during the attack.  
Anti-Aircraft Lewis Guns must be mounted at every stage of the advance.

Special attention should be paid to the Anti-Aircraft protection of Transport, both halted and on the move.

(b) Before Zero, anti-aircraft machine gun fire must be limited to a small number of guns in order not to disclose our concentration.

XI. Prisoners.

The Divisional Intelligence Officer, Lieut. Edlmann, will be with the Headquarters of the attacking Brigade during each phase of the operation.

It is of the utmost importance that he should be given every facility for carrying out a short preliminary examination and to forward important information or identifications to Div. H.Q. by the quickest means of communication available.

Prisoners must be sent back quickly for more detailed examination.

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XII. Secrecy.

Secrecy is of vital importance to the success of the operation.

- (a) All movement of troops and transport in an Easterly direction will take place by night, except where it is absolutely necessary to move by day.
- (b) All troops in rear areas must keep in their billets or under cover of trees during the day.
- (c) Troops in the line must keep to the trenches.
- (d) The number of officers reconnoitring the enemy's positions will be limited to those for whom such reconnaissance is essential. All reconnaissance will be carried out as inconspicuously as possible.

XIII. Transport.

The Transport of the 4th Cdn. Inf. Bde., and "B" Echelons of the Transport of the 5th and 6th Cdn. Inf. Bdes. and attached troops will be grouped and moved forward under Divisional orders.

XIV. Anti-Gas.

No troops will be allowed to enter BLANGY, L'ABBE, or AQUENNE WOODS until the RED LINE has been reached by our troops.

- XV. Divisional Headquarters will be at N.35.c.2.2. After the capture of the first objective, Advanced Div. H.Q. will be established at U.4.a.5.9.

XVI. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*L. H. Bertiam*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,

2nd Canadian Division.

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9. 6th Cdn. Inf. Bde.  
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14. A.D.M.S.  
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22. 3rd Cavalry Division.



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2ND CANADIAN DIVISION.  
O.O. 222/1.  
August 6th 1918.

All Recipients of 2nd Cdn. Div. O.O. 222.

Reference 2nd Canadian Division O.O. 222.

Please make the following additions :-

Para. I(a). The 1st Cav.Div. will be following the 3rd Cav.Div.

Para IV. The 14th Battalion Tank Corps will be in TRONVILLE Wood.

Para V (c). The 1st Cavalry Division will probably be advancing along the S.E. edge of AQUENNE Wood thence through C.30.c. and d. and along track "E" so that their leading troops will be about V.2.c. at Zero plus 4 hours. The 1st Cavalry Division will be passing through the 5th Canadian Inf. Brigade on the RED Line, or even earlier if the situation appears favourable for cavalry action.

Add (k). Tanks will move on <sup>1/2</sup> night from their lying up places to their starting lines, which in the case of the leading wave will be about 1000 yards in rear of the Infantry jumping off line. Large bombing planes are going to fly over the area to drown the noise of the Tanks while the movement is in progress.

Add (l). The leading waves of Tanks will leave their starting line at twelve minutes before Zero, and will time their advance so as to cross the Infantry jumping off line at Zero.

Add (m). The advance of troops beyond the first objective must be carried out with due regard to the Heavy Artillery support. No Heavy Artillery, other than that under Divisional control (para.III.c.), will fire,

West of PIERRET WOOD	after	Zero plus 4 1/4 hours.
On	" "	Zero plus 4 3/4 hours.
West of WIENCOURT	" "	Zero plus 4 3/4 hours.
On	" "	Zero plus 5 hours.
West of GUILLAUCOURT	" "	Zero plus 5 1/4 hours.
On	" "	Zero plus 5 3/4 hours.
West of W.20.d.O.O. -	" "	
W.15.b.7.O.	" "	Zero plus 5 3/4 hours.
West of RED LINE	" "	Zero plus 6 hours.

except on CAIX where fire may remain till Zero plus 6 1/2 hours.

The Heavy Artillery under Divisional control, will engage targets as ordered by the Divisional Commander.

Para. VIII (f). Infantry contact patrols will be flying from Zero plus 3 hours to Zero plus 3 1/2 hours, from Zero plus 6 1/2 hours to Zero plus 7 hours, and later as ordered.

Artillery contact patrols will be flying at Zero plus 4 hours, Zero plus 7 hours, and later as ordered.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*L. B. Bartram.*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
2nd Canadian Division..

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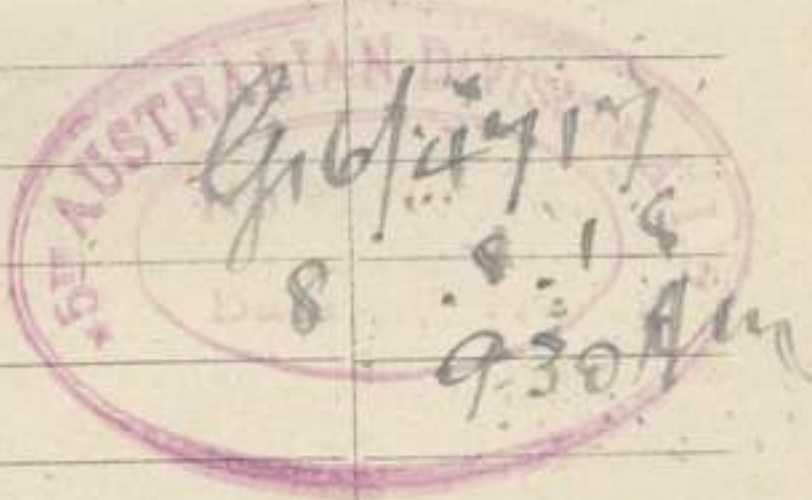
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U.2.e.



D. R. L. S.

From	<b>2nd Canadian Division.</b>
Place	
Time	

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**Lt-Col. GS.**

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August 7th, 1918.

2ND CANADIAN DIVISION WARNING ORDER 223.

1. In the event of the operations on 8th August being carried out according to plan, the Canadian Corps, will be continuing the advance in conjunction with the troops on either flank on 9th August.
2. In preparation for such an advance all units will be re-equipped and reorganised as thoroughly as possible on August 8th.
3. The O.C., 2nd Brigade C.E., will arrange for the road from GUILLAUCOURT to CAIX to be repaired where necessary and made passable for lorry traffic.
4. In order that the Cavalry may be able to make good as much ground as possible on August 8th, it is essential that they should be relieved from garrisoning the AMIENS DEFENCE LINE at an early hour, by the 6th Cdn. Inf. Bde.
5. A hot meal will be available for issue on the night August 8th/9th. / Troops should be warned to conserve their iron rations. if the situation permits.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*V. A. Bebban*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
2nd Canadian Division.

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| 11.        | 2nd Bn., C.M.G.C.          |
| 12.        | 14th Bn., Tank Corps.      |
| 13.        | Canadian Corps.            |
| 14.        | 1st Canadian Division.     |
| 15.        | 5th Australian Division.   |
| 16.        | A.D.C. for G.O.C.          |
| 17.        | A.A. & Q.M.G.              |
| 18.        | A.D.M.S.                   |
| 19.        | 2nd Div. Signal Coy., C.E. |



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Operation Order 224.

2<sup>nd</sup> Camp

1 Information

1st and 2nd Canadian Divisions are on the BLUE DOTTED LINE as laid down in 2nd Cdn Div O.O. 222. 4th Cdn Div is not yet on BLUE DOTTED LINE but is attempting to gain it tonight.

2 Intention

The present position will be consolidated. Two Brigades of field Artillery and 3 batteries of trench mortars are already in position to fire on S.O.S. lines.

When BLUE DOTTED LINE has been gained the Cdn Corps will be advancing in the general direction ROYE to CHAULNES.

The 2nd Cdn Div will be prepared to advance this morning via ROSIERES on CHILLY.

1 Coy 2nd Bn C.M.G.C. This flank guard will be responsible for maintaining touch between the advanced guard and the Division on our left.

b. Main Body

The main body will march via CAIX - ROSIERES - MEHARICOURT - CHILLY. Starting point road junction 3/4 mile south of GUILLAUCOURT CHURCH. Time to be given later.

Order of march - one Battalion 4th C.I. Bde 2nd Bn C.M.G.C. less 2 Coys 2nd C.O.A. less 1 Bde. 12th D.A. 4th C.I. Bde less 1 Bde. 1 Bde. C.E. less 1 Coy. All troops will move with A. Echelon. B. Echelon will move under orders to be issued later.

7. Special instructions for Artillery

The C.P.A. will arrange for

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1 Bde. Field Arty. to be ready to support left flank guard in case such support is required. Heavy Arty. will be moved forward by bounds to support attacks which may have to be made against villages on the line of march.

3 Engineers

2nd Bde. C.E. less 1 Batta will continue work with the object of ensuring a line of supply along the MARCELAIVE - GUILLAUCOURT - CAIX - CHILLY Road.

2 Administrative Services

Orders to be issued later

10/ H.Q. Dimensional H.Q. will march at the head of the main body. All reports to be sent there. A Staff Officer will

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Remain at the present H.Q. immediately under the T in B de PIERRET until a more advanced H.Q. has been established.

11 ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. H. Pearson

1st Lt. Colonel  
General Staff  
2nd Canadian Division

sent by S.D.R. 2.35 A.M.  
4 August.

- to 2nd CFA
- 4th, 5th Batt. Arty. Inf Bde.
- 2nd Batta. C.M.G.C.
- 2nd Bde. C.E.
- ~~1st Bde. C.E.~~
- Canadian Corps
- 1st Cdr. Division
- 5th Australian Div.
- A.A. & D. Co.
- 1st Bn. Tank Corps

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Add to Para 6 O.C. 224

Approximate Right Boundary  
 from present right flank to  
 TURELY (including) the mid-  
 way between FRANSART and  
 CHILLY. Approximate left  
 boundary the AMIENS to  
 CHAULNIES Railway inclusive





2nd Canadian Division  
 O.O. 224/1.  
 9th August 1918.

All recipients of O.O. 224

1/ Cancel para 5.  
 The 5th Australian Division  
 is advancing on LIHONS

2/ Para 6 - substitute order of  
 march -

One Batta 5th (Cdn) Inf Bde.

2nd Bn. C.M.G.C. less 1 Coy

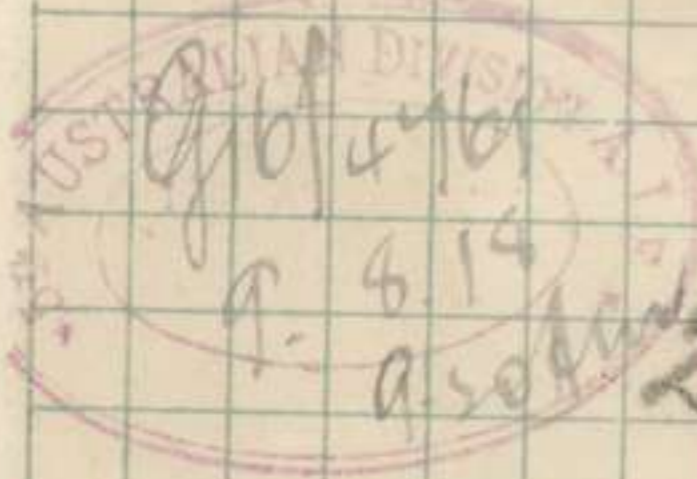
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12th D.F.

5th Cdn Inf. Bde less 1 Batta

One Batta C.E. less 1 Coy.

4th (Cdn) Inf Bde head of main  
 body to pass starting point  
 at 10.00 A.M.



Lt. Col. G.S.  
 2nd Canadian Division.





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August 9th 1918.

2ND CANADIAN DIVISION OPERATION ORDER NO. 225.

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Ref. AMIENS  
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1. Operation Order No. 224 and subsequent amendments are hereby cancelled.
2. The latest information shows that the enemy is in greater force opposite the 1st and 2nd Canadian Divisions than was at first apparent.  
The 5th Australian Division on our Left is advancing at 11.00 a.m. The 1st Canadian Division on our Right is advancing at some time after 10.00 a.m.
3. The 2nd Canadian Division will attack on a two Brigade frontage 5th Cdn. Inf. Bde. on the Right, 6th Cdn. Inf. Bde. on the Left, general objective ROYE - CHAULNE Line.
4. Southern Boundary 2nd Canadian Division approximately 1 mile South of CAIX - VRELY (exclusive) - midway between CHILLY and FRANSART. Inter-Brigade Boundary from Road Junction  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile N.E. of CAIX Church to Railway Crossing over Road between ROSIERES and VRELY to the Road along the Northern outskirts of MEHARICOURT to the Mill North of CHILLY all inclusive to Right Brigade.  
Northern Divisional Boundary the AMIENS - CHAULNES Railway inclusive.
5. The 4th Canadian Inf. Bde. and attached M.G. Coy. will be in Divisional Reserve and will move as soon as possible to the area South of WIENCOURT. Brigade H.Q. to be established at W.24.a.2.8.
6. One Brigade plus two Batteries Field Artillery will support each of the attacking Inf. Brigades under the tactical control of the G.O.C. of these Inf. Brigades.  
One Brigade Field Artillery will remain in Divisional Reserve.
7. The Heavy Artillery (approximately 2 Brigades) will open a barrage at Zero on a line 600 yards from the present front line and will rest there for two minutes, and will then lift to bombard villages as required by the G.O.C. 2nd Canadian Division.
8. One M.G. Coy. will be attached to each attacking Inf. Brigade under the tactical control of the G.O.C. these Brigades.
9. Twelve Tanks will accompany the 6th Canadian Inf. Brigade. Two Tanks will start with the 5th Canadian Inf. Brigade, ten more will follow shortly after Zero.
10. ZERO will be 11.00 a.m.

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- 11. These orders confirm instructions issued verbally.
- 12. Divisional Headquarters will remain at the T in B. de PEERRET.
- 13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. H. Hartman*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
2nd Canadian Division.

Issued to 5th and 6th Cdn. Inf. Bdes.  
at 11.20 a.m.

Distribution:-

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- 2. War Diary.
- 3. " " "
- 4. " " "
- 5. General Staff.
- 6. 2nd Canadian Div. Arty.
- 7. 2nd Brigade C.
- 8. 4th Canadian Inf. Bde.
- 9. 5th Canadian Inf. Bde.
- 10. 6th Canadian Inf. Bde.
- 11. 2nd Battalion C.M.G.C.
- 12. 2nd Div. Signal Coy. C.E.
- 13. A.A. & Q.M.G.
- 14. Canadian Corps.
- 15. 1st Canadian Division.
- 16. 1st Australian Division.
- 17. 5th Australian Division.

One brigade plus two battalions field artillery will support each of the attacking Inf. Brigades under the tactical control of the C.O. of these Inf. Brigades.

The heavy artillery (approximately 2 Brigades) will open a barrage at zero on a line 500 yards from the present front line and will rest there for two minutes, and will then lift to forward villages as required by the C.O. 2nd Canadian Division.

One M.G. Coy. will be attached to each attacking Inf. Brigade under the tactical control of the C.O. of these Brigades.

Twelve tanks will accompany the 5th Canadian Inf. Brigade, two tanks will start with the 6th Canadian Inf. Brigade, and more will follow shortly after zero.

EMRO will be 11.00 a.m.



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2ND CANADIAN DIVISION.  
G.S. 600.  
13th August 1918.

4th, 5th, 6th Cdn. Inf. Bdes.  
 2nd C.D.A. : 2nd Brigade C.E.  
 2nd Battalion C.M.G.C.  
 2nd Div. Signal Coy. C.E.  
 A.A. & Q.M.G.  
 5th Australian Division. ✓

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1. The back boundary between Canadian and Australian Corps is now F.18.c.O.O. - F.3 central, thence along railway inclusive as before.
2. All troops of 2nd Canadian Division, other than Artillery, will clear the area between the above line and the line F.17 central - F.13 central - GUILLAUCOURT (inclusive to Canadian Corps) not later than 10.00 p.m. tonight, in order to give Australian Corps room to concentrate their Infantry. Dumps and establishments in the above area will not be moved.
3. New dispositions necessitated by the above will be reported to this office as soon as possible. No movement to take place before dusk.

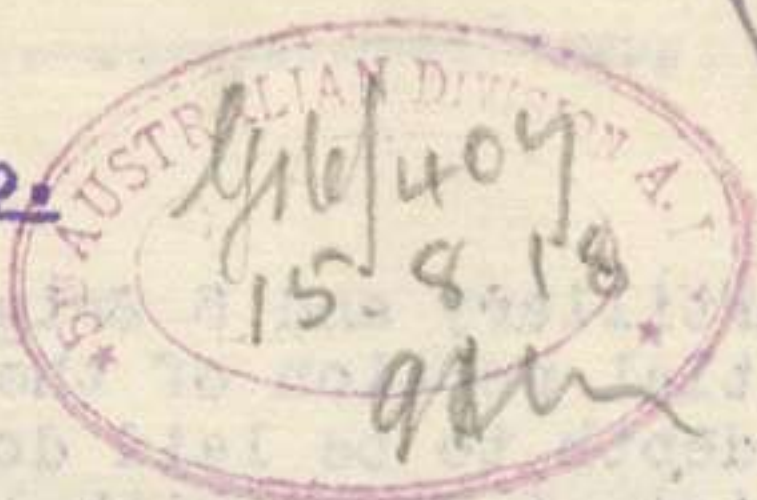
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut-Colonel, for  
 Lieut-Colonel G.S.  
 2ND CANADIAN DIVISION.





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Reference attached Map.



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Copy No... 23

August 14th, 1918.

2ND CANADIAN DIVISION OPERATION ORDER 238.

Information.

1. (a) The Canadian Corps, in conjunction with the troops on either flank, is resuming the offensive on a date and at an hour to be notified later.
- (b) The 2nd Canadian Division will be the Left Division of the Canadian Corps. The 3rd Canadian Division will be on our Right, (7th Canadian Inf. Brigade immediately on our flank), and the 5th Australian Division on our Left, (14th Australian Inf. Brigade immediately on our flank).
- (c) The attack will be launched under cover of a Heavy Artillery, Field Artillery and Machine Gun barrage, and will be supported by Tanks.
- (d) The 4th Canadian Division is going to be in Reserve behind this Division in readiness to pass through and exploit our success if the enemy's resistance appears to be weakening.

(e) The ground over which the advance will be made is very much cut up by the old German trench system of 1916 and these trenches are still strongly protected by wire.

The troops opposing us are comparatively fresh and the fighting will assume the character of trench warfare to a large extent. Behind the trench system the enemy's defence will probably consist of M.G. nests in villages, woods, and on tactical features.

Plan of Attack.

2. (a) The 2nd Canadian Division will attack on a two Brigade frontage, the 4th Canadian Inf. Brigade on the Right and the 5th Canadian Inf. Brigade on the Left. The 6th Canadian Inf. Brigade will be in Support. (Boundaries and Objectives are shown on the attached map).

(b) The 4th and 5th Canadian Inf. Brigades will capture and hold the ground up to the general line marked in GREEN on the attached map, a pause of 15 minutes being made on the line shown in BROWN.

One battery of Field Artillery and two batteries of Machine Guns will be attached to each of these Brigades for close support.

A composite company from the 14th Battalion Tank Corps (10 Tanks) will co-operate with the 5th Canadian Inf. Brigade and a similar company from the 1st Battalion Tank Corps (probably 12 Tanks) will co-operate with the 4th Canadian Inf. Brigade.

(c) The 6th Canadian Inf. Brigade in Support will move forward behind the leading Brigades and, on the GREEN LINE being reached, will send forward strong battle patrols through these Brigades with the object of exploiting our success up to the RED DOTTED LINE.

Two batteries of Field Artillery, one Company of Machine Guns, and 8 Whippet Tanks will be attached to the 6th Canadian Inf. Brigade for this purpose.

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Artillery.

3. (a) 9 Brigades of Field Artillery and 5 Brigades of Heavy Artillery will be supporting the initial portion of the advance; this will allow a barrage of considerable depth to be laid down.

The barrage will consist of H.E. (with 106 fuze in the case of Field Artillery) and will come down on a line 200 yards from the Infantry jumping-off line where it will remain for three minutes. There will then be three lifts of 100 yards each at intervals of three minutes, i.e., at the end of Z plus 12 minutes the barrage will lift off a line 500 yards from the jumping-off line. Thereafter, up to the BROWN LINE the barrage will lift 100 yards in 4 minutes. There will be a halt of 15 minutes on the BROWN LINE, after which the barrage will continue to move at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes up to the GREEN LINE. There will be no 18-pdr. barrage beyond the GREEN LINE but time zones for Heavy Artillery are being laid down.

(b) All artillery is now under the command of the G.O.C.R.A., Canadian Corps, and will remain under his command until the conclusion of the fixed barrage, with the exception of the Mobile Brigade as in paras. 2(b) and (c), which will be under the command of the C.R.A., 2nd Cdn. Division from Z-12 hours.

As Field and Heavy Artillery complete their barrage tasks the following come under the command of the C.R.A., 2nd Canadian Division :-

- 2nd C. D. A.
- 12th D. A.
- 29th Brigade, Heavy Artillery.

(c) Artillery Batteries or Brigades attached to Infantry Brigades come under the tactical control of the G.O's.C. those Brigades at Zero. Every effort should be made to push sections well forward to support closely the advance of our Infantry and Tanks by engaging enemy anti-tank guns or field guns in the open.

Tanks.

4. (a) Tanks are allotted to Battalions as in paras 2, sub-paras. (b) and (c).

(b) The O's.C. 1st and 14th Battalions Tank Corps will arrange starting lines for their Tanks so that the latter will be in close support of the Infantry ~~as they~~ as our leading waves cross the enemy's front line.

The broken nature of the ground will make the progress of the Tanks comparatively slow during the initial stage of the attack and the leading Infantry should advance close behind the Artillery barrage in front of the Tanks, which will be used to assist in mopping up and in dealing with strong points which are holding up any portion of the attack.

(c) The Whippet Tanks will move up with the 6th Canadian Inf. Brigade and should be given every opportunity of crossing the old trench systems on any roads or tracks which may be in existence.

Whippet Tanks should be used to support the patrols and skirmishers of the 6th Canadian Inf. Brigade and should only move in front of the Infantry to accomplish some definite task on the completion of which they should again move into support.

Machine Guns.

5. (a) Machine Guns for close support are allotted to Brigades as in para. sub-paras. (b) and (c). These batteries should be handled energetically and boldly and at least one battery supporting each Brigade will be specially detailed to watch for and, where possible, to engage enemy field artillery in action in the open.

(b) A machine gun barrage is being arranged by Corps for the initial stage of the attack.



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Special Task of the 6th Canadian Inf. Brigade.

6. The 6th Canadian Inf. Brigade will endeavour to make good the ground up to the RED DOTTED LINE by means of strong patrols and skirmishers. It is not the intention that this Brigade should be committed to an actual attack and should have to fight its way to the RED DOTTED LINE, but it is thought that this area may be held by only a few small garrisons and M.G. nests which can be forced to withdraw or can be overcome by manoeuvre.

The general objectives of these patrols should be to make good the spur between ETALON and CURCHY (without necessarily attacking either of these villages) to obtain a footing on the high ground North of CURCHY and to make good BERSAUCOURT. In advancing on BERSAUCOURT it should be remembered that the troops on our Left are not attacking PERTAIN.

Engineers.

7. The O.C., 2nd Brigade C.E., will detail parties for the following:-

(a) To advance behind the Infantry and investigate all dugouts, collars, bridges, etc., for mines.

(b) To clear gaps in the wire West of our present front line on Y/Z night.

(c) To repair and establish water points, where necessary, along the roads -

VRELY - MEHARICOURT - CHILLY - PUNCHY - PUZEAUX -  
CURCHY and ROUVROY - FRANSART - HATTENCOURT - FONCHETTE.

(d) To assist the Field Artillery in crossing trenches. (It is improbable that more than one Company will be available for this).

Intercommunication.

8. (a) During the advance visual signalling should be used as freely as possible.

(b) When Brigades move forward they should give some location to the neighbourhood of which they are going to advance, and if they do not go to that exact location they should leave guides there to direct messengers to their new headquarters.

The Support Brigade shall make their advance along lines laid by one of the attacking Brigades.

(c) Wireless will be installed at Brigade H.Q. as quickly as possible after a move.

(d) Messages sent by pigeon would probably give the earliest information regarding the progress of the battle. As it is most important that the degree of the enemy's resistance in the neighbourhood of the GREEN and RED DOTTED LINES should be known as soon as possible, the advanced troops of Brigades should make full use of this means of communication.

(e) Light Signals will be the same as for August 8th. Artillery and M.G. Officers should be particularly on the alert to pick up the signals for "support required", "We are ready to assault" and "We are here".

Infantry will light ground flares at the most advanced positions they have reached when these flares are called for. A large number of casualties in the R.A.F. have occurred recently through pilots being forced to fly very low to recognise our troops.

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*Army front is now: Except that SOS signal on whole of 4th No 32 Rifle Grenade RED over RED over RED*



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Assembly.

9. (a) Troops will move up into assembly positions in accordance with orders to be issued separately.

(b) On Y/Z night troops will be assembled as follows :-

4th Canadian Inf. Brigade, less transport, with Engineer wire cutting parties, dugout exploration parties, and supporting batteries of machine guns in the area between the jumping-off line - L.16.a.0.0. - L.4.c.0.0. - L.5.a.0.5. - Bde. Boundary on jumping-off line.

5th Canadian Inf. Brigade with similar parties to 4th Canadian Inf. Brigade in the area between Bde. Boundary on jumping-off line - L.5.a.0.5. - F.17.c.0.0. along the grid line to jumping-off line.

Engineer Road and Water Supply Parties in L.4.a., b. & c. (excepting those portions allotted to the 4th Canadian Inf. Bde.) and in F.28.c. & d.

6th Canadian Inf. Brigade with supporting M.G. Company and "A" Echelon transport in the area ROUVROY - WARVILLERS - VRELY - MEHARICOURT, all exclusive.

Mobile Batteries Field Artillery in areas to be selected by the C.R.A.

Anti-aircraft.

10. Special steps should be taken by all units to ensure that every enemy plane within range of the ground is engaged with the greatest possible volume of rifle, Lewis Gun and Machine Gun fire.

A large proportion of the casualties among our planes during the first three days of the battle was caused by enemy small arms fire from the ground.

Mines.

11. All troops should be specially warned against the possibility of dugouts, bridges, road-crossings and main roads having been prepared by the enemy for demolition.

Anti-Tank mines and booby traps in dugouts are the most likely forms of these mines, and when such are discovered a sentry should be placed to warn all troops and traffic until the mines have been rendered harmless by the Engineers.

Secrecy.

12. In order to conceal our immediate intentions till as late as possible, there will be no preliminary artillery bombardment and all movement in the area under observation by the enemy will be restricted as much as possible.

Headquarters.

13. Headquarters will be as follows :-

- 2nd Canadian Division - E.18.b.9.4.
- 4th Canadian Inf. Brigade L.4.d.5.2.
- 5th Canadian Inf. Brigade F.29.d.5.6.
- 6th Canadian Inf. Brigade F.26.b.0.6.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. D. Burton*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
2nd Canadian Division.

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 13. - A.D.C. for G.O.C.  
 14. - A. A. & Q. M. G.  
 15. - A. D. M. S.  
 16. - 1st Battalion, Tank Corps. (✓)  
 17. - 14th Battalion, Tank Corps. (✓)  
 18. - 3rd Brigade, Tank Corps. (✓)  
 19. - Canadian Corps. (✓)  
 20. - Canadian Corps.  
 21. - 3rd Canadian Division.  
 22. - 4th Canadian Division.  
 23. - 5th Australian Division.

Map to units marked (✓) only.



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2ND CANADIAN DIVISION.  
O.O. 238/1.  
14th August 1918.

All Recipients of 2nd Cdn. Div. O.O. 238.

AMENDMENT TO O.O. 238.

Para 8 (e), line one, after "August 8th", add :-  
"Except that S.O.S. Signal on whole of Fourth Army front is now -  
No.32 Rifle Grenade RED over RED over RED."

Lieut-Colonel, for  
Lieut-Colonel G.S.  
2ND CANADIAN DIVISION.







SECRET.

Copy No. 22

August 14th 1918.

2ND CANADIAN DIVISION OPERATION ORDER 239.

1. Assembly in accordance with Para 9 (b) of 2nd Canadian Division O.O. 238 will be completed by 3.00 a.m. August 16th, no movement of troops to commence before 9.00 p.m. August 15th.
2. Arrangements for relief of troops of 4th Canadian Inf. Brigade in present front line North of Inter-Brigade Boundary for attack will be made mutually between G.O.C. 4th and 5th Canadian Inf. Brigades, relief to take place on night 14/15th August.
3. Completion of assembly will be advised to this office as soon as possible by the following message :-

"Your O.O. 239A received ..... a.m.",  
time of completion being inserted.

*H. Rae*

Lieut-Colonel, for  
Lieut-Colonel G.S.  
2ND CANADIAN DIVISION.

Issued to Signals at 1.00 pm.

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12	A.A. & Q.M.G.
13	2nd Canadian Div. Signal Coy. C.E.
14	A.D.C. for G.O.C.
15	Canadian Corps.
16	Canadian Corps.
17	1st Bn. Tank Corps.
18	14th Bn. Tank Corps.
19	3rd Tank Brigade.
20	3rd Canadian Division.
21	4th Canadian Division.
22	5th Australian Division.



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5th Aust Div



SECRET.

Copy No...23

August 14th, 1918.

2ND CANADIAN DIVISION OPERATION ORDER 240.

1. 2nd Canadian Division Operation Order 238 of 14th August, 1918, is hereby cancelled, the operations therein referred to being indefinitely postponed.
2. The relief of the 4th Canadian Inf. Brigade by the 5th Canadian Inf. Brigade will take place as ordered in Operation Order 239 of this date, and the relief of the 102nd Battalion, 4th Canadian Div., by the 5th Canadian Inf. Brigade, will take place as ordered in G.641 of this date.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE. *ms.*

*G. B. Bertam.*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
2nd Canadian Division.

*12 midnight*  
ISSUED AT.....P.M.

Copies to all recipients of 2nd Canadian Division O.O.238.  
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*[Handwritten signature]*

Reference Map -  
ROSIERES 1/40,000.



SECRET.

Copy No. 22

August 16th, 1918.

2ND CANADIAN DIVISION OPERATION ORDER 241.

1. The 2nd Canadian Division will be relieved in its present sector by the 4th Canadian Division, commencing night 16/17th August.

2. On relief, the 2nd Canadian Division will be in Second Line in the area bounded as follows :-

V.27.central - E.1.c.0.0. - E.24.central - E.18.central - X.26.a.0.0. , thence along railway inclusive to Canadian Corps.

Brigade, etc., areas will be as follows :-

Div. H.Q. - V.23.b. & d. V.29.b.

4th C.I.Bde. - V.11.b.0.7. - along railway - W.15.a.0.7. - W.27.a.0.0. - V.30.a.0.0. - V.18.c.0.0. - V.17.d.0.0. - V.11.b.0.7.

5th C.I.Bde. - W.15.a.0.8. - X.26.c.0.9. - E.18.central - E.24.central - E.17.c.0.3. - E.11.central - E.5.c.0.0. - E.3.d.0.0. - W.27.central - W.27.a.0.0. - W.15.a.0.8.

6th C.I.Bde. - V.3.a.0.0. - V.11.b.0.7. - V.23.d.0.0. - V.21.c.0.0. - V.3.a.0.0.

2nd C. D. A. - V.21.c.0.0. - V.23.d.0.0. - V.29.central - W.26.a.0.0. - E.8.a.0.0. - E.1.c.0.0. - V.27.central.

2nd Bde. C.E. - W.26.a.0.0. - W.27.central - E.3.d.0.0. - E.3.c.0.0. - E.9.c.0.0. - E.8.a.0.0. - W.26.a.0.0.

2nd Bn.C.M.G.C. E.3.c.0.0. - E.5.e.0.0. - E.11.central - E.17.c.0.3. - E.9.e.0.0. - E.3.c.0.0.

3. Whilst in Second Line the 2nd Canadian Division will be held in readiness to move as follows :-

From Dawn to 7 A.M.

5th Canadian Inf. Brigade plus 1 Coy. to be detailed by O.C., 2nd Bn. C.M.G.C., at 30 minutes notice.  
Remainder of Division at 2 hours notice.

Remainder of 24 hours.  
At 4 hours notice.

4. The 2nd Canadian Division will be responsible for work on the old AMIENS DEFENCE System whilst in Second Line. The fullest possible use will be made of existing trenches and wire, and the C.R.E. will report as soon as possible on the work required.

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5. (i) The Infantry and Machine Gun reliefs will be in accordance with Table "A" attached, details being arranged direct between Commanders concerned. Commands of Brigade fronts will pass on completion of reliefs.
- (ii) Reliefs of Engineer and Medical Units will be arranged by C.R.E.s and A.Ds.M.S. concerned.
- (iii) The 2nd Canadian Div. Artillery will be withdrawn from the line on the nights 16/17th and 17/18th August under orders to be issued by C.R.A. 2nd Canadian Division, and will remain under tactical control of 2nd Canadian Division whilst <sup>in</sup> Second Line.
6. All maps, aeroplane photographs, etc., will be handed over by out-going to incoming Units.
7. Completion of all reliefs will be reported to this office by the following code :-
  - Night 16/17th - "O.O. 241A received .... A.M."
  - Night 17/18th - "O.O. 241B received .... A.M."
  - Night 18/19th - "O.O. 241C received .... A.M."
 time of completion being inserted.
8. Command of present 2nd Canadian Division sector will pass to G.O.C. 4th Canadian Division at 12.00 noon 17th inst., at which time 2nd Canadian Division H.Q. will close at E.18.b.9.4. and open at V.23.b.6.1. At the same hour C.R.A. 4th Canadian Division will assume command of Field Artillery then covering Divisional front.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Wm R...*  
for  
Lieut-Colonel G.S.  
2ND CANADIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 8.00 A.M.

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- 22. 5th Australian Division.



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TABLE "A" TO ACCOMPANY 2ND CANADIAN DIVISION O.O. 241.

SERIAL NO.	DATE.	UNIT.	FROM.	TO.	RECEIVED BY	REMARKS.
1.	August Night 16/17	6th Cdn. Inf. Bde.	CAIX area.	2nd Line area.		
2.	Do.	4th Cdn. Inf. Bde.	LINE RIGHT.	CAIX area.	10th Cdn. Inf. Bde.	10th C.I.B. takes over also that portion of 5th C.I B. South of Road & Trench Jct. A.26.c 8.7.
3.	Night 17/18.	5th Cdn. Inf. Bde.	LINE LEFT.	2nd Line area.	11th C.I. Bde.	Less portion of line taken over by 10th C.I.B. as above.
4.	Do.	No. 1 Coy. 2nd Bn. C.M.G.C.	LINE RIGHT.	2nd Line area.	1 Coy. 4th Bn. C.M.G.C.	
5.	Do.	4th C.I. Bde.	CAIX area.	2nd Line area.		
6.	Night 18/19.	No. 3 Coy. plus 2 Batteries No.2 Coy., 2nd Bn. C.M.G.C.	LINE LEFT	2nd Line area.	1½ Coys. 4th Bn. C.M.G.C.	
7.	Do.	No. 2 Coy. 2nd Bn., C.M.G.C., less 2 Batteries.	CAIX area.	2nd Line area.		

NOTE. No movement of troops to take place before 9.00 p.m.

APPENDIX 23-848



SECRET.4th Canadian Division.

G. 29/6-400.

C. A. INSTRUCTIONS No. 1.

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1. The Canadian Corps has been ordered to resume the offensive in conjunction with the Australian Corps and First French Army.
2. (a) The attack will be carried out by the 3rd Canadian Div'n on the Right and the 2nd Canadian Division on the Left.  
(b) Forward Boundaries and Objectives are as shown on attached map.  
(c) Back Boundary between Canadian and Australian Corps will run F.18.c.O.O. - F.3.central and thence along Railway inclusive as before.

All troops other than Artillery will however be cleared out of the Area between above line and line F.17.central - F.13.central - GUILLAUCOURT (to Canadian Corps), in order to give Australian Corps room to concentrate their Infantry; Dumps and establishments in that Area will not be moved.

3. The 1st Canadian Division will be in close support to the 3rd Canadian Division and the 4th Canadian Division in close support to the 2nd Canadian Division.
4. The attack will be carried out in the same manner as on August 8th, with the following modifications :
  - (i) Owing to the attack being made over the old trench Area, the Tanks will not always be able to keep pace with the barrage. Therefore, the Infantry must lead, keeping close under the barrage, and the Tanks must follow the leading wave, ready to move forward and assist should the Infantry be held up.
  - (ii) Owing to the difficulty of accurately locating the enemy's Batteries, a larger proportion of heavy howitzers will be available for bombardment and heavy barrage. This will enable greater depth being given to the barrage.

5. BARRAGE.

- (a) The 2nd and 3rd Canadian Divisions will attack under cover of a barrage up to the GREEN Line (final objective).
- (b) There will be no 18-pdr barrage beyond the final Objective, but time Zones for Heavy Artillery fire will be laid down.

The 10th and 11th Canadian Inf. Brigades will forward as early as possible today the length of time they wish different objectives in their Sector to be shelled after they jump off from the GREEN Line.

6. OBJECTIVES.

The GREEN Line is the final objective to be reached by attacking Divisions. Exploitation by attacking Divisions will be carried out as far as the RED DOTTED Line, provided this can be done without heavy fighting.

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G. A. INSTRUCTIONS No. 1.(Page Two).

7. (i) The 1st and 4th Canadian Divisions will be in Corps Reserve and will follow the attacking Divisions.

G.O.s. C. Reserve Divisions will keep in close touch with the situation and, should the enemy break, they will pass through the leading Divisions on the RED DOTTED Line and drive the enemy into the SOMME.

- (ii) The Reserve Divisions will be formed up at ZERO with the head of their columns on the general line BOUCHOIR - WARVILLERS - VREY.

Dividing Line between Divisions: BEAUFORT - ROUVROY (to 1st Cdn Divn) - WARVILLERS (to 4th Cdn Divn).

- (iii) The first bound of the Reserve Divisions will commence at ZERO plus one hour and will be made to our-jumping-off line.

- (iv) The second bound will be made to the enemy support system in front of FRESNOY - HATTENCOURT - PUZEAUX.

Divisional Commanders will not commence the second bound until they are satisfied that the Division in front of them has gained FRESNOY - HATTENCOURT - PUZEAUX.

- (v) The further advance beyond the enemy's support system will be ordered by Corps H.Q.

- (vi) The 11th Canadian Inf. Brigade will advance on the Right of the 4th Canadian Division and the 10th Canadian Inf. Brigade on the Left.

The 12th Canadian Inf. Brigade will be in Reserve and advance in rear of the 11th and 10th Cdn Inf. Bdes.

The dividing line between the 11th and 10th Canadian Inf. Brigades at the form up place will be the grid line between Squares F.19. and F.25.

The boundaries between Brigades will then run - F.26.a.2.7. - F.28.d.9.6. - G.1.b.4.6. - thence as shown on attached Map.

The 12th Canadian Inf. Brigade at Zero will be formed up in its present location in Squares E.16., 17 and 22.

When the 10th and 11th Brigades reach the jumping-off line, the 12th Brigade will move to the Line ROUVROY - MEHARICOURT.

The Machine Guns in Divisional Reserve (2 Companies) will follow behind the 12th Canadian Inf. Brigade.

Further moves of Divisional Reserve will be ordered by Divisional H.Q. on the ground.

8. ARTILLERY.

- (a) The G.O.C., R.A. will assume command of all Artillery on the Corps front from now until the conclusion of the fixed barrage, with the exception of such Field Artillery as is required by attacking Divisions for close support

- (b) The 4th C.D.A. will come under the orders of G.O.C., 4th Canadian Division, as soon as it has completed its barrage task.

- (c) One Brigade Field Artillery will support the advance of each of the 11th and 10th Canadian Inf. Brigades.

- (d) Mobile Trench Mortars 6" Newtons are allotted as follows:-

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- 11th Canadian Inf. Brigade.....2 Mortars.
- 10th - do - - do - .....2 Mortars.
- 12th - do - - do - .....3 Mortars.

The Infantry Brigades will be responsible for the feeding of their Trench Mortars, which have been instructed to report to Brigade Headquarters not later than 3.00 P.M. today.

9. TANKS.

(a) 24 Tanks and 8 Whippets have been allotted to each of the attacking Divisions, (2nd and 3rd Canadian Divisions).

(b) The 9th Tank Battalion (27 tanks) in Corps Reserve, will be divided, as required, between 1st and 4th Canadian Divisions, should the latter be employed. It is hoped that it will be possible to obtain some more whippets for the Corps Reserve.

(c) The 9th Battalion will be formed up at ZERO between BEAUFORT and WARVILLERS. One Company will be affiliated to the 1st Canadian Division, and one Company to the 4th Canadian Div'n. These two Companies will regulate their advance by the Division to which they are affiliated. The third Company will follow in rear and will not go beyond FOUQUESCOURT without orders from Corps H.Q., which will be sent through G.O.C., 4th Tank Brigade.

(d) EMPLOYMENT.

Tanks are not to be employed as a Mechanical Barrage in advance of the Infantry.

Tanks must follow in the rear of the Infantry until the latter are held up either by Machine Guns which they cannot overcome with their own resources (i.e., smoke bombs, rifle fire and manoeuvre) or by wire.

The advance of the Tanks into action must always be covered both by Artillery and Machine Gun fire. Special guns or sections must be pushed forward for the express purpose both of engaging at once any anti-tank guns which may disclose themselves and also of searching any localities where anti-tank guns are likely to be concealed.

Special sections of Batteries of Machine Guns must also be pushed forward for a similar purpose.

(e) SUPPLY TANKS.

5 Supply Tanks are allotted to 4th Canadian Division. A.A. & Q.M.G., will arrange direct with 4th Tank Brigade regarding rendez-vous.

10. MACHINE GUNS.

(a) 6 Batteries of the 4th Canadian Machine Gun Bn. may be employed for the initial barrage, if required by attacking Divisions. These Batteries will rejoin the 4th Canadian Division as soon as they have completed their barrage task.

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(b) The Machine Guns are allotted as follows :-

11th Cdn Inf. Brigade,.....2 Batteries.  
 10th Cdn Inf. Brigade,.....2 Batteries.

Remaining guns to be in Divisional Reserve and follow the 12th Canadian Inf. Brigade.

The Officer Commanding the Machine Guns allotted to 11th and 10th Canadian Inf. Brigades will report for instructions to G.O.C., their respective Brigades not later than 3.00 P.M. today.

#### 11. CAVALRY.

5th Brigade, 2nd Cavalry Division, will be in Corps Reserve.

It will be formed up at Zero South of CAIX in rear of 1st and 4th Canadian Divisions and will move behind these Divisions until orders are issued for the latter to pass through the attacking Divisions.

It will then move forward, keeping touch with the leading Infantry of the 1st and 4th Canadian Divisions, and be prepared to pass through the Infantry and exploit success should the opportunity occur.

#### 12. FLARES.

All ranks of attacking Infantry must again be warned of the vital necessity of lighting flares when called for by contact planes.

#### 13. FIRE AGAINST ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

During the first three days of the battle, a large proportion of the casualties among our planes was caused by enemy rifle and M. G. fire from the ground.

Special steps must be taken by all Units to ensure that every enemy plane flying within range of the ground is engaged with the greatest possible volume of rifle and Lewis Gun fire.

#### 14. LIGHT SIGNALS.

Will be as for August 8th.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.



Lieut-Colonel,  
 General Staff,  
 4th Canadian Division.

August 14th, 1918.

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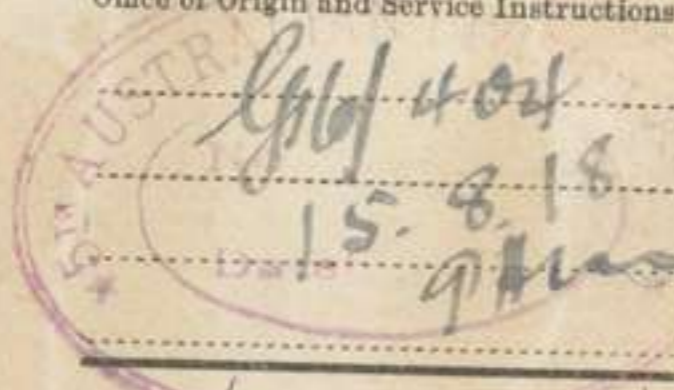
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## 4th CANADIAN DIVISION OPERATION ORDER No. 103.

1. The operation outlined in C.A. Instructions No. 1 is temporarily postponed.
  2. Inter-Divisional Reliefs will be carried out on the Corps Front as under :-
    - @ --- 4th Canadian Division will relieve 2nd Canadian Division on nights 16/17th and 17/18th. One Brigade each night. Command to pass at 12 Noon August 17th.
  3. (a) (i) The 10th Canadian Inf. Brigade will relieve the 4th Canadian Inf. Brigade in the Line and that portion of the 5th Cdn Inf. Brigade South of the Road and Trench Junction at A.26.c.8.7. on the night 16/17th and the 11th Canadian Inf. Brigade will relieve the 5th Canadian Inf. Brigade in the Line (less that portion to be taken over by the 10th Canadian Inf. Brigade) on the night 17/18th.
    - (ii) All details to be arranged between the Brigadiers concerned.
    - (iii) Commands of Brigade Fronts to pass on completion of reliefs.
    - (iv) Brigade Fronts will be held with two Battalions in the Front Line, one Battalion in Support and one Battalion in Reserve in the Front Line of the Battle Zone.
    - (v) On completion of relief Inter-Brigade Boundaries will be as follows :-

A.26.c.8.7. - A.26.a.0.0. - A.25.b.0.3. - F.22.c.0.8. -  
F.21.b.3.0. - F.21.b.0.5. - F.15.c.4.0. - F.8.c.0.5. -  
F.7.b.0.6. - F.7.a.6.9.

The Headquarters at F.28.d.9.6. are to be available to 11th Canadian Inf. Brigade.
    - (vi) Headquarters of 10th Canadian Inf. Brigade will be at F.26.b.0.6. and Headquarters of 11th Canadian Inf. Brigade will be at F.20.d.7.7.
  - (b) (i) The 4th Canadian Machine Gun Bn. will relieve the 2nd Canadian Machine Gun Bn. - one Company on the Right Brigade Front on the night 17/18th and one Company on the Left Brigade Front on the night 18/19th.
    - (ii) All details to be arranged between the D.M.G.Cs. concerned.
    - (iii) One Company of the 4th Canadian Machine Gun Bn. will be held in Divisional Reserve. Details of location will be issued later.
4. BOUNDARIES on completion of above reliefs.

(i) Corps Boundaries.

Southern. ROYE Road inclusive to LA CAMBUSE

• Northern Edge of BOIS de DAMERY - M.1.d.4.7. • M.2.c.5.7. - Southern edge of BOIS de CROISSETTE - Road Junction M.12.a.7.2.

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Northern. Railway inclusive.

(ii) Divisional Boundaries.

(1) Between Divisions in Front Line -

E.24.Central - L.16.Central - H.14.Central.

(2) Between Divisions in Second Line -

E.24.central - E.1.c.O.O. - V.27.central.

(3) Forward Limit of Divisions in Second Line. -

K.16.c.O.O. - K.11.Central - E.30.central -  
 E.18.central - X.26.a.O.O.

5. DEFENCES.

(a) The Corps Area will be at once organised in depth as follows :-

(i) Outpost Zone. Front Line - our present front line.  
 Line of resistance - the old French front Line.

(ii) Battle Zone. The system of old trenches including LF QUESNOY - ROUVROY - MEHARICOURT Localities.

(iii) Rear Zone. The old AMIENS Defence System.

(b) Divisions in Front Line will be responsible for work on (i) and (ii), and Divisions in Second Line for work on (iii).

(c) The fullest possible use will be made of existing Trenches and wire.

Priority in wiring will be given to (1) The Outpost Line of Resistance, (2) the Front Line of the Battle Zone.

(6) GENERAL POLICY OF OPERATIONS.

(a) All preparations for the operation outlined in C.A. Instructions will be pushed on with the utmost vigour so that the attack may be put on at short notice.

(b) The enemy must be kept in a nervous condition and forced to hold his front strongly, thereby preventing him from accumulating reserves elsewhere.

(c) The following steps will be taken to give effect to (a) and (b)

(i) Deliberate wire-cutting G.Os.C. 2nd and 3rd Canadian Divisions will decide what wire they require cut, and notify their affiliated Heavy Group Commander. This programme once settled will be carried on deliberately regardless of what Divisions are in the Line.

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(ii) Minor Enterprises. G.Os. C, 2nd and 3rd Canadian Divns. will decide on their jumping-off line, which should be as close as possible to the enemy's Main Line in front of FRESNOY - HATTENCOURT - PUNCHY, and forward sketch of same to Corps H.Q.

Divisions in Front Line will then be required to carry out Minor enterprises to secure such portions of this Line as not already in our possession.

(iii) HARASSING FIRE. G.O.C., R.A. will arrange to harass the enemy to the utmost both by day and night. Special attention will be paid to the Bridges over the River SOMME.

All captured gas shell will be returned to the enemy.

(iv) PATROLLING. Active patrolling to obtain identification will be carried out.

It is essential that close touch be maintained with the enemy in order that any withdrawal on his part may be detected at once and followed up.

(v) Every precaution must be taken against the enemy securing identifications, as it is expected that he will actively raid our lines for this purpose. Extreme alertness will be necessary.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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Lieut. Colonel,  
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4th Canadian Division.

August 15th, 1918.

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@ - 1st Canadian Division will relieve 3rd Canadian Division on nights August 15/16th and 16/17th. One Brigade each night and Left Brigade to be relieved first. Command to pass at 12 Noon August 16th.

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