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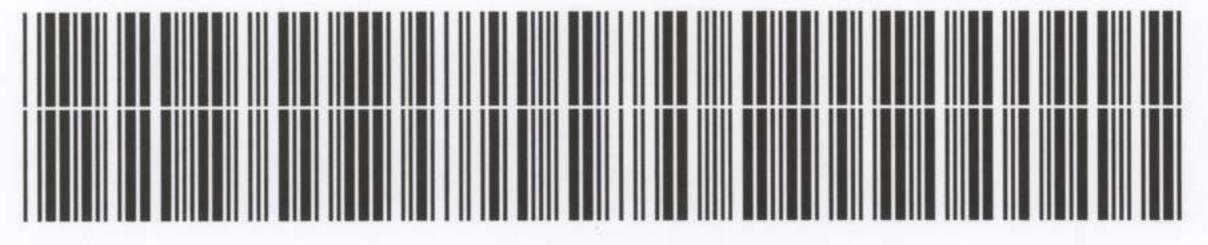
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5th August, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS No. 3A.

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Reference Operations Instructions No. 3.

l. A contact aeroplane will fly along the line of the first objective (GREEN line) at zero plus 2 hours 30 minutes. Flares will be called for by the aeroplane sounding a succession of "A"s on the Klaxon horn and by firing a WHITE Very light. If the aeroplane fails to mark the line accurately it will repeat its call ten minutes later. Should the infantry not have reached the line of the objective at the time laid down above, the contact aeroplane will return at half hour intervals until flares are shown.

- 2. Rifles may be used as an alternative means of signalling the position of the most forward troops to the aeroplane.
- 3. Counter-attack patrols will be in the air constantly from zero hour. In the event of an enemy concentration indicating a counter-attack, the counter-attack aeroplane will signal this information to the artillery by wireless. In the case of a counter-attack actually developing a WHITE parachute flare will be fired by the aeroplane in the direction of the troops moving for the impending counter-attack, for the information of the infantry.
- 4. Low flying aeroplanes are being omployed to drown the noise of the assembly of tanks from 9.30 p.m. to midnight on Y/Z night and from zero minus one hour onward to zero.
- 5. Low flying scouts are being employed from zero to zero plus four hours eastwards from the GREEN line to engage favourable targets.
- 6. The following will be the special markings on machines allotted to special duties :-
  - (a) Contact patrol machines rectangular panels 2' x 1' on both lower planes about 3' from the fuselage.
- (b) Machines working with tanks black band on middle of right side of tail. Pight side.
- 7. The divisional dropping station will be the open space at N. 20.d.7.2. just South of the GLISY dugouts. The divisional sign will be displayed from zero onwards, and the O.C. Signals will arrange for lookout men to watch for messages being dropped.

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Second Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No 212.

Headquarters, 9th August 18.

# Reference Sheet 62D SE.

1. The Fourth Army attained all its objectives yesterday except at one or two minor points.

- 2. The attack is to be resumed to-day, the final objective of the Australian Corps being the general line LIHONS - FRAMERVILLE -MERICOURT. The role of the Australian Corps is to form a strong defensive flank to the advance of the Canadian Corps. The various bounds of the attack are shown on map forwarded with Operations Instructions No 1 Series B.
- 3. The 1st and 5th Australian Divisions (right and left respectively) are to carry out phase A of the attack at 11 a.m. to-day.
- After the capture of the GREEN line the 2nd Aust. Div. will pass through the 5th Aust. Div. and capture the RED line in co-operation with the 1st Aust. Div. on their right.
- 5. The attack by the 2nd Aust. Div. will be carried out by the 7th A. I. Brigade on the right and the 5th A. I. Brigade on the left with tanks.

The 6th A.I. Brigade will be attached as reserve to the 1st Aust. Division.

- 6. Divisional and inter-brigade boundaries are shown on map attached to Operations Instructions No 1 Series B.
- 7. Three artillery brigades will support the attack, divided into two groups, one attached to each brigade.
- Ten tanks (mark V\*) 15th Tank Battalion are available for the Division and are allotted five to each brigade. Details of co-operation will be arranged direct between the Brigadiers and Tank Battalion Comdr.
- 9. The time of the attack cannot be stated. The G.O.C. 7th A.I.Bde. will keep in close liaison with the G.O's.O. 2nd and 3rd A.I.Bdes. (H.Q. at W.9.c.O.O) and will be responsible for co-ordinating the attack of the 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes. with that of the brigades of the 1st Aust. Division.
- 10. Headquarters will be established as follows:-

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7th A.I.Bde... Adv. ORUCIFIX W.5.c. 1.5. Rear PUNCH Redoubt V.4.h.5.8.

Advanced Divisional report centre will be established at BAYONVILLERS.

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General Staff, 2nd Aust. Divn.

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Policy for further action.

1. In view of the success attained in to-day's operations, it is intended to maintain the fight and to take full advantage of the favourable situation which has been created.

2. The first object of the operation, to disengage AMIENS and the

AMIENS - PARIS Railway, has been achieved.

The second object is to push forward in the general direction of the line ROYE - OHAULNES with the least possible delay, thrusting the enemy back with determination in the direction of HAM. The Cavalry Corps is operating with this object in view.

3. The Canadian Corps is to press on in support of the Cavalry, and the III Corps is to push forward as early as possible to gain the

old AMIENS defence line between ETINEHEM and DERNANGOURT.

The Australian Corps is to pivot on the SOMME and to swing forward its right in accordance with the advance of the Canadian Corps. If the III. Corps continues its advance morth of the river immediately the left of the Australian Corps is to be pushed forward accordingly. If the III Corps does not advance beyond its present situation the left flank of the Australian Corps is to remain in its present position.

4. South of the road the movement is to be continued in a series of advances, the longest advance being along the railway. The rate of advance and the number of troops employed are dependent on the advance of the Canadian Corps.

The attached map shows the northern pertion of the series of three probable future advances marked respectively in GREEN, RED and

BLUE.

5. It is probable that the 1st Australian Division will be required to advance to the GREEN line, Phase "A," and possibly to the RED line. Phase "B," on the 9th instant. The 1st Australian Division would move through the 5th Australian Division taking over that portion of the line between the railway and square X.7.c.0.0.

6. Should Phase "A" only be carried out on the 9th instant it is

to be carried out by the 1st and 5th Australian Divisions.

Phase "B" would probably then be carried out by the 1st and End Australian Divisions on the 15th instant, the 2nd Australian Division passing through the 5th Australian Division. In this case the operation of the 2nd Australian Division would be carried out by the 6th A.I.Bde. on the right and the 5th A.I.Bde. on the left, the 7th A. I. Ede. being in support. Divisional and inter-brigade boundaries are shown on attached map.

Phase "C" would probably then be carried out on the 11th instant by the 1st and 2nd Australian Divisions, then the 3rd Australian Division would relieve the 4th Australian Division on the

left.

7. In the event of Phase "A" and "B" both being carried out on the 9th instant, this would be done by the 1st and 5th Australian Divisions.

Phase "O" would probably then be carried out on the 10th instant by the 1st and 2nd Australian Divisions, the 2nd Australian Division (6th A.I.Bde. right 5th A.I.Bde. left) passing through the 5th Australian Division. The 4th Australian Division on the left would be relieved by the 3rd Australian Division.

8. The above must be taken as merely an indication of the proposals in the matter and are subject to very considerable alteration should opposition be met with which necessitated it, or should other circumstances arise that require that these arrangements should be reviewed.

A strong body of tanks would be allotted and the artillery support would be considerable.

9. 5th, 6th, 7th A.I.Bdes. and 2nd Aust. M. G. Bn. acknowledge by wire.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 213.

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Headquarters, 1918.

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- 1. The Australian Corps in conjunction with the Canadian Corps is to continue operations against the enemy on the 16th instant.

  Zero will be at dawn; exact hour will be notified later.
- 2. The 4th Aust. Div. is to attack on our right. The 17th Div. is holding the line on our left but is not advancing.
- 3. The role of the Division is to advance its right flank in conjunction with the advance of the 4th Australian Division.
- 4. This operation will be carried out by the 6th A.I.Bde. The 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes. will be in support and will remain in their present positions.
- 5. The objective for the 6th A.I.Bde. and the divisional boundaries are shown in green on attached map.
  - 6. The attack will be carried out under an artillery barrage.
    The barrage fire will include approximately 15% of emoke shell.
    Barrage map is being issued separately.
- 7. Two machine gun companies are allotted to the 8th A.I.Bde.; details of their action will be arranged by the O.O., 2nd A.M.G.Bn. direct with the G.O.C. 8th A.I.Bde.
- 8. Immediately on the objective being captured it will be consolidated as the main line of resistance. The 6th A.I.Bde. will be re-organised and distributed in depth for the defence of this line.
- 9. Tanks are being employed for the attack of the 4th Aust. Div., but no tanks are allotted to this division.
- 10. The times at which counter-attack patrols will be over the line will be notified later.
- 11. Watches will be synchronised by an officer from D.H.Q. who will visit the C.R.A., 5th, 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. and M.G.Bn. at a time to be notified later on the afternoon of the 15th instant.

12. D.H.Q. will remain at its present position, 0.28.c.8.5.

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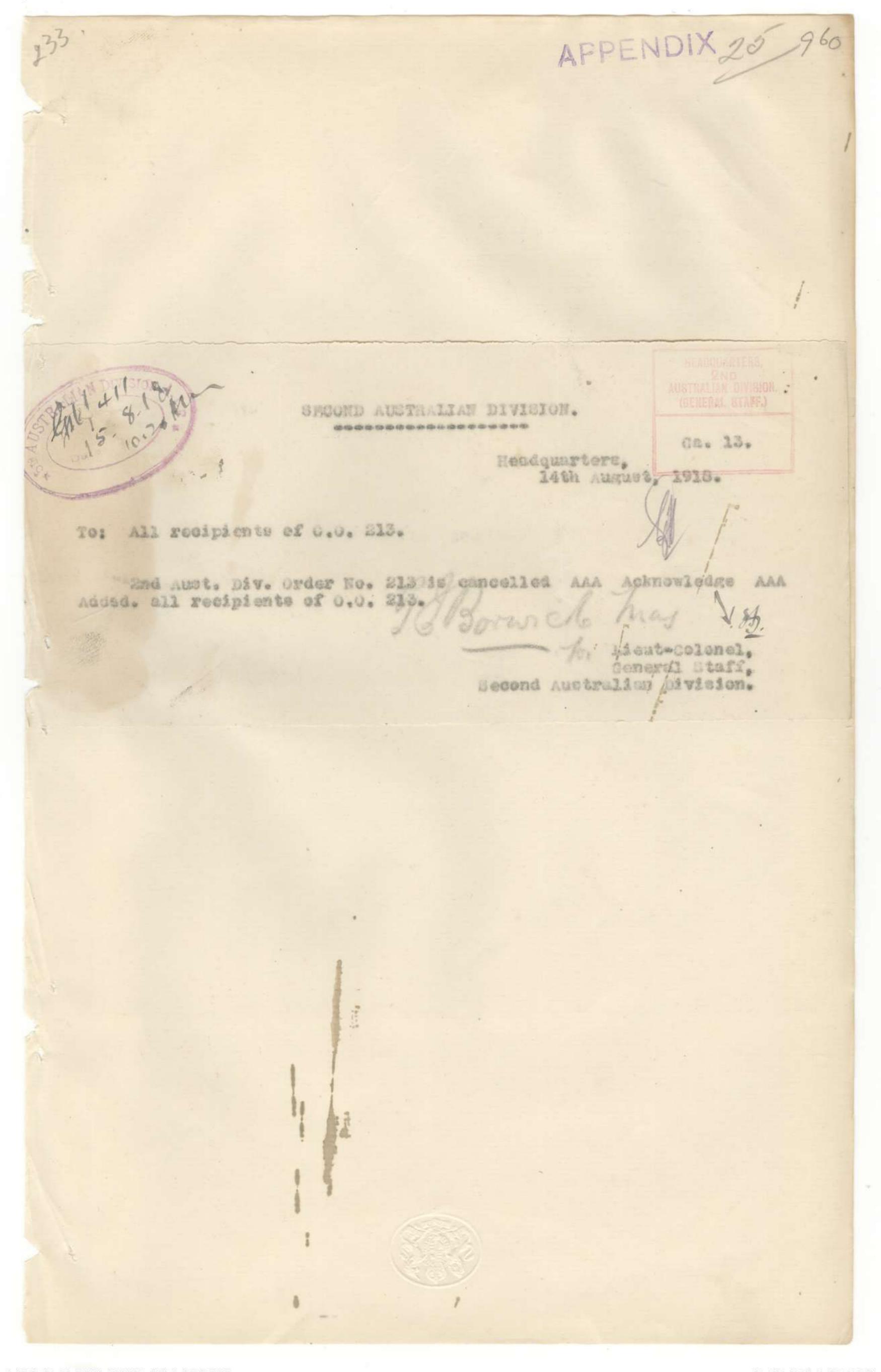
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HEADQUARTERS SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION OPERATIONS. Copy No. J. . /. Headquarters, G.1/958. 15th August, 1918. Instructions No. 1. Series "C." 1. Under instructions from Australian Corpsoperations on this front have been postponed until further orders. 2. In order to prepare for these future operations, the nibbling tactics lately employed will be continued. The attached map shows in green the general objective which should be the aim of these tactics. 3. The 6th A.I.Bde. will push out on to the line of this objective keeping close liaison with the brigades on either flank. Any artillery support required will be arranged by the G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde. direct with the Artillery group commanders. 4. As soon as the green line has been reached, it will be consolidated and organised as the main line of resistance. It is not desired to go beyond this line without further orders but outposts may be pushed further out if so desired. 5. The 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes. will remain in their present positions and will continue with the work of salvage. It is desired that as much signal cable as possible should be salved and returned to the divisional signal dump. 6. Reports tend to show that the present enemy artillery activity is almost entirely based on the employment of larger guns such as 5.9" guns. The enemy has however employed heavy gas shoots on the fronts of the French, Canadian and III Corps. It is, therefore, to be anticipated that these tactics will be pursued, and careful arrangements will be made with regard to all places likely to be objectives of artillery action of this nature. Troops should be withdrawn from woods and villages and from any other places which it may be anticipated that the enemy will shell. Where carrying parties are required to pass through such localities, special measures will be prepared to ensure that they are checked and adequate police arrangements made in the event of a gas bombardment 7. Acknowledge. DISTRIBUTION. General Staff, Second Australian Division. Copy No. \*1. C.R.A. #2. C.R.E. #3. 2nd Aust: Div. Sig Coy. #4. 5th Aust Inf. Bde. 45. 6th do. \* Map Attached. #6. 7th do. #7. 2nd Aust M. G. Bn. 8. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. #9. A.Q. #10. A.D.M.S. #11. Aust: Corps. 12. Aust Corps R.A. 13. Aust' Corps H.A. 14. 1st Aust. Division. 15. 3rd Aust. Division. 19/20. File. \*16. 4th Aust. Division. 21/23. War Diary. #17. 5th Aust Division. 24/28. Spare. 18. 17th Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION OPERATIONS.

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G.1/958.

Headquarters, 17th August, 1918

Instructions No. 2; Series

#### 1. Policy.

With reference to Instructions No. 1, Series "C" of 15th August, 1918, the Artillery policy on the divisional front will be one of aggression. The intention is to hold the enemy to this front and to give time for the destruction of enemy wire and strong points.

# 2. Field Artillery.

### (a) Emplacement.

Artillery is to be disposed in depth and normal tasks carried out by batteries in their normal positions. Batteries in forward battle positions will only fire in the case of a serious attack.

# (b) Ammunition.

Ammunition in vacated forward positions will not be removed. Until all ammunition is salved daily tasks will be carried out from old positions behind present battery greas. battery positions 100 rounds per gun will be maintained above that required for daily tasks. Daily task allotment will be about 50 rounds per gun and howitzer on the divisional front.

#### 3. Enemy guns.

Arrangements have been made for the emplacement of a certain number of enemy guns and the firing of the enemy ammunition at present in the area.

#### 4. Trench Mortars.

Medium Trench Mortars will be emplaced as soon as possible and be allotted tasks of wire cubting and destruction of strong points.

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APPENDIX

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 216.

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Headquarters,

25th August, 1918.

l. The 2nd Aust. Div. (less Artillery) will relieve the 1st Aust. Div. (less Artillery) in "C" Divisional Sector and area on night 26th/27th August.

- 2. 2nd Aust. Division will move into 1st Aust. Division area by Bde. Groups, under orders issued separately.
  - 3. The forward divisional boundaries will be -

On the North - The SOMME Canal (inclusive to 2nd Aust. Div.)

On the South - The grid line running E. and W. between Squares R.12. and R.18.

- 4. (a) The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. and portion of 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. in the line on night 26th/27th August; all details of relief to be arranged between Brigadiers concerned.
  - (b) The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will move into support A Squares Q.12 and 18, R.7 and 13, on night 26th/27th August.
  - (c) The 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. will move into reserve Bde. area, Squares Q.15 and 21, on night 27th/28th August.

Command of front line will pass to G.O.C., 6th Aust. Inf. Bde., on completion of reliefs which will be notified by wire to H.Q., 1st Aust. Division.

- 5. The 5th and 7th Aust. M. G. Coys. will be under command of G.O.C., 6th Aust. Inf. Bde., who will arrange direct with Brigadiers concerned for relief of the M.Guns of 1st Aust. Division.
- 6. The reliefs of Engineer and Pioneer units and Medical units will be carried out under the orders of the C.R.E. and A.D.M.S. respectively.
  - 7. (a) The following Field Artillery will pass under the command of G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Division, on the assumption of command of "C" Div. Sector by him:-

6th Army Bde. A.F.A.
14th Army Bde. R.F.A.
189th Army Bde. R.F.A.
298th Army Bde. R.F.A.
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C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Division, will assume command of the Field Artillery covering divisional front at same time.

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(b) The following Heavy Artillery Bde. will on completion of relief become affiliated with 2nd Aust. Division:-

21st H. A. Bde.

- 8. Administrative instructions are being issued by "Q."
- 9. 2nd Aust. Div. Advanced H.Q. will be established in dugouts at Q.13.a.3.6. on evening of 26th August.
  2nd Aust. Div. Rear H.Q. will remain at ALLONVILLE.



10. The G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Div. will take over command of "C" Div. Sector on completion of relief of front line by 6th Aust. Inf. Ede. on night 26th/27th August.

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1. PCLICY.

An offensive policy will be adopted by the division in as much that constant touch will be maintained with the enemy and every opportunity seized to advance our line without becoming involved in heavy fighting.

2. OBJECTIVE.
The first objective of this phase of the operations is the enemy trench system in K.11, thence running east of DOMPIERRE, through G.36.central, and then in a general northerly direction to the SOMME at H.13.b.0.5.

The advance will be carried out on a one brigade front, remaining two brigades disposed in support and reserve. The forward movement of the line brigade will be maintained until, under instructions from D.H.Q. the support brigade passes through it and continues the advance.

4. DISPOSITIO S. Units will remain organised in brigade groups, as at present, under the command of respective G.O's.C.Erigades. The support and reserve brigade groups will conform to the forward movement of the line brigade group maintaining a distance of approximately 3000 to 6000 yards respectively from the front line.

The dispositions at present are:
6th A.I.Bd6. Group in line.

5th A.I.Bde. Group in support.
7th A.I.Bde. Group in reserve.

5. FIELD ARTILLERY.

(a) Field Artillery - The divisional front is at present covered by three field artillery brigades organised into three groups:

Right group - 16th Army Bde. R.H.A. Centre group - 298th Army Bde. R.F.A. Left group - 5th Army Bde. R.H.A.

C.R.A. will arrange the necessary liaison between headquarters of brigades and battalions in line and artillery groups.

(b) Heavy Artillery - 9th Brigade R.G.A. is affiliated with 2nd Aust. Division.

62 MEDICAL.

All necessary arrangements for evacuation of casualties will be made by the A.D.M.S.

7. ENGINEERS AND PICNEERS.
Field companies will work is conjunction with brigade with which they are grouped. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will work under orders of C.R.E.

8. LIGHT HORSE.
One squadron 13th A.L.H.Regiment is attached to 2nd Aust. Div. One troop of this squadron is attached to the brigade group in the line for work under orders of G.C.C. Brigade.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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INSTRUCTIONS No. 2 - SERIES D.

#### 1. POLICY.

The advance to the SOME will be continued on 29th instant with the utmost determination.

#### 2. PLAN.

The 5th A.I.Bde. will advance on the left. The 7th A.I.Bde. will pass through the 6th A.I.Bde. on the enemy trench system running approximately North and South through HERBECOURT at 7.30 a.m. on 29th instant. The inter-brigade boundary will be the east and west grid line between Squares H. 20. and H. 26.

# 3. OBJECTIVES.

The objective of 5th A.I.Bde. is the trench system on the high ground in Squares I.9., I.10., I.17. and I.23. Two Bns will cross the river by the causeway in the river bend at H.12. and remaining two Bns. at the dry Canal du Mord in I.19.c. The objective of 7th A.I.Bde. is DOINGT and the trenches south-east of PERONNE.

#### 4. ARTILLERY.

The 5th A.I.Bde. will be supported by 5th Army Bde. R.H.A. The 7th A.I.Bde. will be supported by 298th Army Ede. R.F.A. and 16th Army Bde. R.H.A.

#### 5. MACHINE GUNS.

One M.G. Coy. will remain attached to each Inf. Bdo. On passing into divisional reserve one M. G. Coy. at present attached to 6th A.I.Bde. will pass to command &O.C., 2nd A.M.G. Bn.

#### 6. RESERVE BDE.

On 7th A. I. Bde. passing through 6th A. I. Bde., the latter will be reorganised and will conform to the easterly movement of the attacking brigades.

#### 7. MEDICAL.

All necessary arrangements for the evacuation of casualties will be made by the A.D.H.S.

#### 8. ENGINEERS AND PIONEERS.

One Field Coy. will remain attached to each Inf. Bde. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will move to the neighbourhood of CAPPY on 29th instant, and be employed under instructions of C.R.E.

#### 9. LIGHT HORSE.

H.Q., of Squadron and one troop of 13th A.L.H. Regt. will be attached to 5th A. I. Bde. One troop will be attached to each of 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes.

#### DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

2nd Aust. Div. H.Q. will close at Q.13.4.3.6. and reopea at dugouts at G.25.d.2.3. on the afternoon of 29th instant, at an hour to be notified later.

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# INSTRUCTIONS No. 3 - SERIES "D".

#### 1. POLICY.

The advance will be continued on 30th August.

#### 2. PLAN.

During night of 29th/30th August footbridges will be thrown across the River SOMME under Brigade arrangements. At 5 a.m. on 30th August 7th A.I.Bde. on the right and 5th A.I.Bde. on the left will cross and attack the enemy positions on the eastern side of the river.

#### 3. OBJECTIVE.

The objective of 7th A.I.Bdo. is high ground in vicinity of I.35.central.

The objective of 5th A.I.Bde. is high ground in vicinity of MONT St. QUENTIN and spur in I.l. and I.2. east of CLERY.

#### 4. ARTILLERY SUPPORT.

The attack will be supported by an artillery bombardment arranged directly between C.O's C. Bdes. and Artillery Ede. Commanders with whom they are co-operating. The 5th Aust. Div. Arty. have been asked to bombard le MESNIL and wood as far north as southern divisional boundary.

#### 5. R ADJUSTMENT OF DIVISIONAL FRONT.

During 30th August the 7th A.I.Dde. will be relieved in its battle position by a brigade of 5th Aust. Div. Dotails of relief will be arranged directly between Brigade Commanders concerned.

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Will then run as on attached map.

The 6th A.I.Bde. group will then be in support and 7th A.I.

Bde. group in reserve.

#### 6. RE-ALLOTMENT OF FIELD ARTILLERY.

The 5th A.I.Bde. will be supported by an artillery group composed as follows :-

4th A.F.A.Bde. 5th A.F.A.Bde.

5th Army Bde. R.H.A.

After relief of 7th A.I.Bde. the 16th Army Bde. R.H.A. and 298th Army Bde. R.F.A. will pass into divisional reserve.

#### 7. MEDICAL.

All necessary arrangements for the evacuation of casualties will be made by A.D.M.S.

#### 8. ENGINEERS.

Field Companies will remain attached to Inf. Bdes. as at present.

# 9. PRISONERS OF WAR.

Prisoners of war will be taken over by A.P.M. at Bde. Hd. Qrs. and examined by Div. Intelligence Officer at Div. Cage G.30.a.0.0.

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# INSTRUCTIONS No 4 - SERIES "D".

I. PLAN. The 5th A.I.Bde. having captured the enemy trench system in I.7.a. and c. and I.13.b will continue the attack at 5 a.m. on 31st . ugust.

2. OBJECTIVE. The objective is the high ground in the vicinity of MONT ST. UNITIN as far east as the LONT ST. QUENTIN - ST. DENIS road.

3. ARTILLERY. The attack will be supported by the five field and horse artillery brigades at present forming the divisional artillery, firing on selected enemy trench systems. The heavy artillery affiliated with . the division will fire on selected targets.

4. MACHINE GUNS. The M.G. Company at present in divisional reserve will pass under command of G.O.C. 5th A.I.Bde. at 9 a.m. on 31st August.

SU. FORT AND RESERVE ERIGADES. The divisional front now having been adjusted to a one brigade front the 6th and 7th A. I. Bdes. will be in support and reserve respectively, remaining in their present locations.

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Headquarters, 31st August, 1918.

# INSTRUCTIONS No. 5 - SERIES "D."

#### 1. PLAN.

The 5th A.I.Bde. have captured all their objectives on the morning of 31st August. The advance will be continued in a North-Easterly direction.

#### 2. OBJECTIVE.

The objective is the line D.19.central - East of AIZECOURT-le-Haut - J.S.central.

#### 3. PLAN OF ATTACK.

The 6th A. I. Bde. are now moving to support positions in Squares I.14. and I.20. After clearing ground in I.20., I.21. and I.26., 6th A. I. Bde. will pass through 5th A. I. Bde. and continue the advance as set forth above, the 5th A.I.Bde. then passing into support.

#### 4. ARTILLERY.

The advance of 6th A.I.Bde. will be supported by an Artillery Group composed as follows:-

Group Commander - Lt-Col. CALLAGHAN, D.S.O., 4th A.F.A. Bde.

4th A.F.A. Bde. 16th Army Bde., R.H.A.

#### 5. RESERVE BDE.

The 7th A.I.Bde. will move from its present location at 12.30 p.m. to reserve position in Squares I.7. and I.30/3 On 6th A.I.Bde. vacating area in Squares I.14. and I.20, the 7th A. I. Ede. will move forward to latter position and remain in Divisional Reserve.

#### 6. MACHINE GUNS.

On 5th A. I. Bde. passing into support one of the M.G. Coys. at present attached to 5th A.I.Bde. will pass under command of O.C., 2nd Aust. M. G. Bn.

#### 7. ENGINEERS AND PIONEERS.

C.R.E. will arrange to open up traffic bridges over SOMME as soon as possible. At least two bridges East of CLERY must be capable of carrying mechanical transport.

#### 8. NEDICAL.

All necessary arrangements for the evacuation of casualties will be made by the A.D.M.S.

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#### 9. PRISONERS OF WAR.

Prisoners of War will be taken over by the A.P.M. at OLD QUARRY H.15.c.3.3. from 5 p.m. on 31st August, where they will be interrogated by D.I.O.

#### 10. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

Necessary arrangements will be made and instructions issued by "Q" Branch.

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# INSTRUCTIONS No. 6 - SERIES "D".

#### 1. INFORMATION.

The III and Australian Corps have driven the enemy eastwards during the day and he is now in a state of disorganisation.

#### 2. INTENTION.

The advance is being continued by the III and Aust. Corps on 2nd September.

The objective of the III Corps is the high ground running N.E.

from AIZECOURT-le-HAUT to NURLU.

The 2nd Aust. Div. will form a defensive flank facing S.E. to this advance.

#### 3. PLAN.

The 229th Bde. of 74th Div. is relieving 11th Bde. of 3rd Aust. Div. as far south as E. and W. grid line through C.28.

central during night 1st/2nd September.

At 5.30 a.m. on 2nd Sept. III Corps is attacking under a creeping barrage. Simultaneously with this attack the 11th Bde. will swing forward to the line of the CANAL du NORD within the 3rd Aust. Div. boundaries and threaten the village of ALLAINES from the N.W.

At the same time the 7th A.I.Bde. will pass through the 6th A.I.Ede. in its battle position and form the defensive flank as outlined above regulating its advance by that of the troops on

its left.

At 6 a.m. on 2nd Sept. 14th A.I.Bde. are advancing from the road running N.E. from I.21.central with the high ground in I.23. and I.24. as objective.

#### 4. CBJECTIVE.

The line of defensive flank to be found by 7th A.I.Bde. is from I.16.a.2.2. .. KOROS ALLEY - RUPRECHT TRENCH - the ST.DENIS - AIZECOURT-le-HAUT Road to AIZECOURT-le-HAUT (inclusive).

All ground between southern boundary of 74th Div. and the line of the defensive flank will be mopped up by 7th A.I.Bde.

#### 5. SUBSEQUENT ACTION.

As the 14th A.I.Bde. advances the 7th A.I.Bde. will swing forward its right flank and conform to the forward movement.

#### 6. ARTILLERY.

The advance will be supported by six brigades of horse and field artillery firing on selected targets. Heavy artillery will co-operate.

#### 7. MACHINE GUNS.

The M.G. Coy. now in divisional reserve will pass under command of G.O.C. 7th A.I.Ede. and will assemble in vicinity of I.13.d.10.90. before 5 a.m. on 2nd September.

8. SUPPORT AND RESERVE BRIGADES.

6th A.I. Ede. will remain in support in its present battle position. 5th A.I.Bde. will be in reserve.

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APPENDIX

A contact aeroplane will fly over spur from MONT ST. QUENTIN to AIZECOURT at 7.30 a.m. and 9 a.m. on 2nd September. Flares will be lit and discs exposed on plane calling up on Klaxon horn.

10. MEDICAL.

All necessary arrangements for the evacuation of casualties will be made by the A.D.M.S.

11. PRISONERS OF WAR.

Prisoners of war will be taken over by the A.P.M. at 7th A.I. Ede. H.Q. - H.16.a.1.2. - where they will be interrogated by D.I.O.

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- The 2nd Aust. Div. will be relieved in the line on night 4th/5th September, 1918, as follows :-
  - (a) The 230th Inf. Bdc. of 74th Div. is taking over the front as far South as the East and West grid line through I.12.a. 0.0.
  - (b) The 8th A.I.Bde. of 5th Aust. Div. is taking over the front as far North as the East and West grid line through I.12.a.0.0.

All details of relief will be mutually arranged between Brigade Commanders concerned. Command will pass on completion of relief which will be notified by wire to D.H.Q.

divisional The following artillery now covering the/front will come under the command of G.O.C. 5th Aust. Div. at 6 p.m. on 4th Sept .:-

> 5th Army Bde. R.H.A. 16th 3rd " A.F.A. R.F.A.

The 2nd Aust: Div. Artillery will be withdrawn from the line at above hour.

- On relief, the 2nd Aust. Div. will be concentrated in the CAPPY area in accordance with attached table as follows :-
  - (a) The 5th A.I.Ede. will move from its present area to new area commencing at 12 noon on 4th September - present area to be cleared by 4 p.m.
  - (b) The 6th A.I.Bde. will move from its present area to new area commencing at 4 p.m. on 4th September.
  - (c) The 7th A.I.Bde. will stage for night 4th/5th Sept. in area about BOSCOURT, using river crossings at OMIECOURT and HALLE.
  - (d) The 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. will use the river crossing at FEUILLERES.
- Relief of machine gun companies in line will be arranged between Brigade Commanders concerned. On relief 2nd A.M.G. Bn. will be concentrated as a battalion.
- The relief of Engineer and Pioneer units will be carried out by C's R.E. concerned.
- The relief of Medical units will be carried out by A.D's M.S. concerned. One field ambulance will remain attached to each infantry brigade as at present.
- Squadron of 13th A.L.H. Regt. will rejoin its Regiment at CORBIE under arrangements to be made by O.C. Squadron.
  - 8. Administrative instructions will be issued by "Q".



Command of 2nd Aust. Div. front will pass to G.O's C. 5th Aust. Div. and 74th Div. in their respective sectors at midnight on 4th/5th September, 1918.

10. 2nd Aust. Div. Hd. Qrs. will remain in its present location at CAPPY (G.25.d.1.3.).

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To accompany 2nd Aust. Div. 0.0. No. 217 dated 4-9-18.

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4th Sept.	5th A.I.Bde.	H.1	Area bet. N.& S.grid line 3.c.0.0. & N.&.S.grid line thro' 9.central.		Move to commence 12 noon; pres- ent area to be vacated by 4 pm.
	6th A.I.Bde.	Support.	Area bet. N. & S.grid.line thro'G.20.cent. & N.& S.grid line thro'G.19.b.0.0.		Move to commence 4 p.m.
	2nd Aust. Div.Arty.	Line.	Sqs. L.21,22,23,27, and 28.		To commence at 6 p.m.
Night . 4th/5th Sept.	7th A.I.Bde.	Line.	Area vicinity of BOSCOURT.	2 Bns. 230th Bde. 1Br. 8th A.I.Bde	
5th Sept.	7th A.I.Bde.	Area vicinity of BOSCOURT	Area bet, N. & S.grid line thro' G.22.a.0.0. and G.20. central.		APP

NOTE. 7th A.I.Bde. will use river crossings at OMIECOURT and HALL E. 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. -do- FEUILLERES.

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