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BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "B", No.1.

1. The III Corps is to push forward to ETINHEM as early as possible and gain the old AMIENS defence line between ETINHEM and DERNANCOURT. This position is to be consolidated, and form a defensive flank to the forward movement of the Fourth Army South of the SOMME.
2. The role of the Australian Corps is to pivot on the SOMME, and to swing forward its right in accordance with the advance of the Canadian Corps.
3. The left division of the Australian Corps will maintain its position for the present. It may be required to thrust forward its extreme right flank North of the main road, as shown on map.
4. South of the road the movement will be continued in a series of advances, the longest advance being along the railway. The rate of this advance and the number of troops employed are dependent on the advance of the Canadian Corps.
5. The map, X shows the series of three probable future advances marked respectively in GREEN, RED and BLUE.
6. It is not possible to forecast in detail the moves that this will entail, but 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. In the event of the advance to the GREEN LINE only being carried out on 9th inst., the 1st. Australian Division will move through the 5th. Australian Division, taking over the line between the railway and Square X.7.c.O.O. The 5th. Australian Division would be required to advance a flank North of this point, vide map.
7. In the event of operation Phase "A" and Phase "B" being carried out in a single advance on 9th. instant, the 1st. Australian Division, with two brigades in the line and one in reserve, would carry out the main operation, and the 5th Australian Division, using its reserve brigade, would carry out the extension of the flank. In this event the junction of the 1st. and 5th. Australian Divisions would be Square X.10.d.2.0 approximately, the main road forming the boundary between the 4th. and 5th. Australian Divisions as at present.
8. The situation on the evening of the 9th would then be 1st. Australian Division on the right, 5th. Australian Division centre, and 4th. Australian Division on the left, with the 2nd. and 3rd. Australian Divisions in reserve. Phase "C" would probably then be carried out on 10th instant as follows :- 1st Australian Division would operate on the right, the 2nd Australian Division would relieve or pass through the 5th Australian Division and carry out the operation in the centre, the 4th Australian Division in the line on the left would be relieved by 3rd Australian Division.
9. If "C" operation were carried out on the 11th instant this would be done as above by the 1st Australian Division on the right and the 2nd Australian Division in the centre. On the left the 3rd Australian Division would relieve the 4th Australian Division.
10. 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 which necessitated it, or should other circumstances arise that require that these arrangements should be reviewed.

Acknowledge by wire.



*G. H. Jones*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff.

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BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "B", No. 2.

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

2. The attack will be resumed on 9th. instant. The objective of the Australian Corps is 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 the map forwarded with Battle Instructions, Series "B", No. 1, to be issued today.

3. It is not anticipated that the attack will be launched before 10 a.m. Zero will be notified as soon as it is ascertained. Troops will be prepared to move to a starting line at very short notice, from 7 a.m.

4. The controlling factor in the advance will be the rate of advance of the Canadian Corps, which is to push on in the direction of ROYL -and CHAULNES.

5. The first phase of the attack by the Australian Corps will be carried out by 1st. Australian Division on the right, with the 5th. Australian Division on its left. The 4th. Australian Division will not advance.

6. Tanks are allotted for the operation as follows:-

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|----------------------------------|---|
| <u>1st. Australian Division.</u> | 2nd. Tank Battalion - 14 tanks.<br>Tanks near WIENCOURT - Hqrs. P.30.a.                         |
| <u>5th. Australian Division.</u> | 8th. Tank Battalion - 7 tanks.<br>Tanks in Squares P.29. and 35. Hqrs. in Chalk Quarry, P.29.d. |
| <u>2nd. Australian Division.</u> | 15th. Tank Battn. - 10 tanks.<br>Tanks in DOG WOOD. Hqrs. in vicinity of DOG WOOD.              |

7. The boundaries between Divisions are as follows:-

- (a) between the right and centre Divisions - a line from our front line at about Sq. W.12.d.6.0. Eastwards along the grid line through Sq. X.7.c.0.0.
- (b) between the centre and left Divisions - the main AMIENS Road inclusive to the left Division.

8. The attack on the objective of the first phase will be carried out by the troops of 1st. Australian Division passing through 5th. Australian Division in the right sector at Zero hour.

5th. Australian Division will make arrangements to co-operate with this attack North of the new inter-divisional boundary given above, and will attack the Green Line (vide Battle Instructions, Series "B", No. 1).

After the capture of the Green Line, the 2nd. Australian Division will pass through the 5th. Australian Division in the centre sector and will attack the second objective (Phase "B") in conjunction with 1st. Australian Division.

9. ARTILLERY. The following shows the distribution of artillery for three divisional sectors, and the reliefs required in order to effect the same.

The Brigades of 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery and 14th. Army Brigade, R.F.A., will be under the C.R.A., 2nd. Australian Division;

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Brigades of 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery and 3rd. Army Brigade, A.F.A., under the C.R.A., 3rd. Australian Division, and come under the orders of the Corps as a Mobile Reserve.

These C.R.A.'s will withdraw the Brigades mentioned to positions as far as possible of rest, forward of the line HAMEL - VILLERS BELTONN-LUX.

Changes in artillery dispositions necessary to bring about the distribution given below will be completed in time to open fire at 10 a.m. on 9th. instant.

Left Sector.

- 4th. Aust. Divnl. Arty.
- 16th. Army Bde., R.F.A.
- 12th. Army Bde. A.F.A.

Centre Sector.

- 5th. Aust. Divnl. Arty.
- 6th. Army Bde., A.F.A.
- 23rd. Army Bde. R.F.A.

Right Sector.

- 1st. Aust. Divnl. Arty.
- 298th. Army Bde. R.F.A.
- 189th. Army Bde. R.F.A.

R E S E R V E.

- 3rd. Aust. Divnl. Arty.
- 3rd. Army Brigade, A.F.A.

- 2nd. Aust. Divnl. Arty.
- 14th. Army Brigade, R.F.A.

Acknowledge by wire.

*W. J. Connelly*  
*Per* Major  
 Lieut-Colonel. -  
 General Staff.

9th. August, 1918.

DISTRIBUTION.

- A.Q.
- C.R.A.
- C.R.L.
- 3rd. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.
- 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 10th. do.
- 11th. do.
- 3rd. Aust. M. G. Bn.
- 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- A.D.M.S.
- 5th. Tank Brigade.
- 3rd. Squadron A.F.C.
- Aust. Corps.
- 1st. Aust. Div.
- 2nd. Aust. Div.
- 4th. Aust. Div.
- 5th. Aust. Div.
- War Diary.
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- O.C., Platoon, Cyclist Bn.

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 AUSTRALIAN DIVISION A.I.  
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 No.....  
 THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "B" No. 3.  
LIAISON FORCE.

1. A force to be known as the "Liaison Force" will be constituted with the object of carrying on the battle North of the river SOMME and effecting a liaison between Australian Corps south of the river and the III Corps.

2. The force will be commanded by Brigadier-General E.A. WISDOM, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

3. INFANTRY. 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
 131st American Regiment.

MACHINE GUN UNITS. 1 Coy 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion.  
 124th American M.G. Battalion.

The following auxiliary troops will be detailed by the 4th Australian Division:-

1 Company 4th Australian Divisional Train.  
 1 Company Field Engineers.

Instructions for the detailing of the necessary medical units are issued by D.D.M.S.

4. SIGNAL ARRANGEMENTS. A Headquarters Signal Section will be organized under Capt. F. TINKLER, MC., 2nd Div. Signal Company

5. Headquarters of the "Liaison Force" will be constituted forthwith

6. The 132nd American Regiment will replace 13th Australian Brigade in 4th Australian Division. It arrives in Australian Corps Area on 11th instat and will come under the orders of 4th Australian Division on arrival.

7. Detailed instructions for the completion of the organization will be issued later.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*

Lieut-Colonel  
 General Staff.

11th August, 1918.

DISTRIBUTION.

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 C.R.A.  
 C.R.E.  
 3rd Aust. Div. Sig. Co.  
 9th A.I. Bde.  
 10th A.I. Bde.  
 11th A.I. Bde.  
 3rd Aust. M.G. Bn.  
 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.  
 A.D.M.S.

O.C., Troop Light Horse.  
 O.C., Platoon Cyclists.  
 AUST. CORPS,  
 1st Aust. Div.  
 2nd Aust. Div.  
 4th Aust. Div.  
 5th Aust. Div.  
 Liaison Officer, 4th Aust. Div.  
 58th London Division.  
 Liaison Officer, 58th London Div.

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## BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "B", No. 4.

1. The advance of the Fourth Army and First French Army is to be continued on the 16th. instant.
2. The role of the Australian Corps is to effect a considerable penetration of the enemy's position on the right and form a defensive flank towards our left.
3. An attack will be carried out at Zero by the 5th. Australian Division on the right, 4th. Australian Division in the centre, and the 2nd. Australian Division advancing its right flank conforming to the advance of the 4th. Australian Division.  
The 1st. and 3rd. Australian Divisions will be in Corps Reserve.
4. Corps and Divisional boundaries are as shown on attached map, and necessary changes are to be effected by dawn on 15th. instant.
5. Watches will be synchronised by units on afternoon and evening of 14th. instant.
6. The 3rd. Australian Division will move to Reserve Positions in vicinity of HARBONNIERES - CAIX on the evening of 15th. instant, at times to be notified later.

## 7. Brigade Groups will be constituted as under:-

- 1 Infantry Brigade.
- 1 Section Cyclists.
- 1 Coy. Engineers.
- 1 Coy. Machine Gun Battalion.

## 8. Areas will be allotted Brigade Groups as follows:-

- 9th. A. I. Bde. area West of HARBONNIERES.
- 10th. A. I. Bde. area South & South-West of HARBONNIERES.
- 11th. A. I. Bde. area West of HARBONNIERES.
- M. G. Battalion vicinity BAYONVILLERS.
- Pioneer Battalion vicinity MARCELCAVE.

A.D.M.S. will arrange for moves and bivouac grounds for Field Ambulances.

Necessary reconnaissances and advance parties will be arranged for 14th. instant.

9. Routes.

- (a) 9th. A.I. Bde. via roads O.17., O.24., P.31., or O.18., P.25., MARCELCAVE.
- (b) 10th. A.I. Bde. via vicinity of BAYONVILLERS.
- (c) 11th. A.I. Bde. roads North of main FOUILLOY - WARFUSEE road, inclusive.
- (d) M. G. Bn. (less 3 Coys) any route.
- (e) Pioneer Bn. any route.

10. Advanced Divisional Headquarters will be established at RED CHATEAU, VILLERS BRETONNEUX from 4 p.m. on 15th. instant.

11. Locations selected for Brigade Headquarters will be notified to Divisional Headquarters before 8p.m. on 15th. instant.

ACKNOWLEDG<sup>W</sup>.

13th. August, 1918.  
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*[Signature]*  
Lieut-Colonel. -  
General Staff.

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- X A.C.
- X C.R.A.
- X C.R.E.
- 3rd. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.
- X 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- X 10th. do.
- X 11th. do.
- A.D.M.S.
- X 3rd. Aust. M. G. Bn.
- X 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.

- O.C., Platoon Cyclist Bn.
- Aust. Corps.
- 1st. Aust. Div.
- 2nd. Aust. Div.
- 4th. Aust. Div.
- 5th. Aust. Div.
- Liaison Force.
- 17th. Division.
- 5th. Tank Bde.
- 3rd. Squadron A.F.C.
- Liaison Officer att. 2nd. Aust. Div.
- do. 4th. Aust. Div.
- do. 5th. Aust. Div.

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**BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "B", No. 6.**

**GENERAL POLICY.**

1. The Operations prepared under Battle Instructions No. 4 is postponed till further orders.

The main object of the postponement is to ensure that the wired defenses of the Southern portion of the Australian Corps front and on the front of the Canadian Corps are adequately dealt with, to ensure that the enemy's artillery defence can be effectively overcome, and to endeavour by more complete preparation to obtain the same degree of success as that which has characterised the action of the Australian Corps during its recent operations.

**DEFENCE SECTORS.** 2. The Australian Corps front is to be held defensively within its present limits with three Divisions in the line south of the River SOMME. The Divisional Sectors will be known as "A", "B", "C" and "D" Sectors in that order from the right. "D" Sector will be held by the Liaison Force.

**MOVES AND RELIEFS.**

3. The following moves and reliefs will take place:-

The 4th Aust. Division is relieving the 1st Aust. Division in "A" Divisional Sector on the night 15th/16th instant.

The 5th Aust. Division will relieve the 17th Division in "C" Divisional Sector on the night 16/17th instant.

The 17th Division will be withdrawn to the vicinity of the CHRISY Valley on relief and will come into G.H.Q. Reserve.

**LIAISON FORCE.**

4. The Liaison Force will continue to hold its sector with the 13th Brigade on the Left and the 131st American Regiment on the Right, each with one Battalion in the line, one Battalion in Support and one Battalion in Reserve.

**FIELD ARTILLERY.**

5. The distribution of Field Artillery will be six (probably five later) Brigades to "A" Sector, three Brigades to "B" Sector, five Brigades to "C" Sector and three Brigades to "D" Sector. Remainder will be held in Corps Reserve.

**PREPARATORY MEASURES.**

6. The preparations for the action will be continued. The Divisions to be employed in the battle are to be determined by the date finally selected.

In order to secure and strengthen the battle front the nibbling tactics which the Corps has employed throughout the summer will be continued in "B" and "C" Sectors. A map is attached which shows the general objectives which should be the aim of these tactics. The line shown in green represents the first phase, and the line shown in brown the completion. When these objectives are secured further objectives will be considered.

It is desired in this manner to obtain a strong position from which to continue the offensive, to secure adequate protection to the flank of the offensive, and to continue the pressure which is being exerted on the enemy.

Artillery activity in addition to ordinary protection will embrace the destruction of all wire shown within the limits of the objectives laid down for the battle and subsequent exploitation.

It is considered that the interval allowed will permit of more complete preparation of counter battery action.

**HOSTILE ACTIVITY.**

7. Reports tend to show that the present enemy artillery activity is almost entirely based on the employment of larger calibre 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.

**SALVAGE.** 8. The great shortage in signal cable requires that all good cable should be salvaged as far as possible. Divisions in the forward area will salvage as much as possible in their areas.

A.D. Signals is arranging for the salvage of cable in back areas and will be given the necessary assistance from this Division while in Reserve.

Ammunition left in back dumps and in old battery positions will be collected without delay.

**TRAINING.** 9. The period during which the Division is in Corps Reserve will be devoted to completion of reorganization and equipment, and to continuation of training for the attack. In this training, as many as possible of the principles of Open Warfare should be demonstrated.

Units which have not yet performed the practice attack with tanks, will do so as early as possible. Arrangements will be made by Division with the 5th Tank Brigade for suitable demonstration sites and dates of training, on similar lines as during July.

**ACKNOWLEDGE.**

Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff.

15th August, 1918.

**DISTRIBUTION.**

- A.Q. x
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- O.R.E. x
- 3rd Aust. Div. Sig. Co. x
- 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. x
- 10th -do- x
- 11th -do- x
- 3rd Aust. M.G. Bn. x
- 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn. x
- A.D.M.S.
- O.C. Platoon Cyclist Bn.
- Div. Salvage Coy.
- AUST. Corps. x
- 1st Aust. Div. } For information.
- 2nd do. }
- 4th do. }
- 5th do. }
- 5th Tank Bde. }
- 3rd Squad. A.F.C. }
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- 17th Div. x

(x) Maps attached.

Artillery activity in the forward area will be maintained on the basis of the present strength of the division. It is considered that the intensity of the enemy's activity will be maintained on the basis of the present strength of the division. It is considered that the intensity of the enemy's activity will be maintained on the basis of the present strength of the division.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 107.

Map Ref: Sheet 62D - 1/40,000

1. The Third Australian Division, in co-operation with the 47th. Division of III Corps, on our left, will advance our line to the BROWN LINE as shown on the attached map.
2. GREEN ZERO day and hour will be notified later.
3. The 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will carry out the operation, moving on the right of the 141st and 142nd Inf. Brigades.
4. Infantry forming up line, objectives and boundaries are shown on attached map.
5. The role of the Division is to protect the right flank of the 47th Division during the advance, and to prolong and consolidate the general line gained.
6. Method of Attack.
  - (a) The attack will be carried out in three stages :-
    - First Stage - The advance to the BROWN LINE.  
For this stage the 141st Inf. Brigade will advance with the 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
    - Second Stage - The halt of 66 minutes on the BROWN LINE, to enable the left of the 47th Division to reach its objective. The 142nd Inf. Brigade will close up in rear of the 141st Inf. Brigade to continue the advance to the GREEN LINE.
    - Third Stage - The advance to the GREEN LINE at ZERO plus 118.
  - (b) The infantry advance will be covered by an artillery creeping barrage, whilst special batteries and machine guns will operate against enemy posts and known centres of activity.
  - (c) The necessary arrangements for counter-battery work and screening of enemy O.Ps. have been made.
  - (d) One brigade of Field Artillery is placed at the immediate call of the G.O.C., 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade for any special task or opportunity targets.
7. The 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Battalion will be attached to the 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade from the 20th instant.
8. On nights prior to ZERO, troops in the <sup>front</sup> line will endeavour to exploit and seize as much of the commanding ground on the North side of the valley in L.13.b. and L.14.a. & b. as possible.
9. It may be necessary to vacate some of this ground prior to ZERO to facilitate barrage arrangements and enable a suitable jumping-off line to be employed.
10. In order to prevent a gap on the final objective, the left of the 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade will overlap the right of the 47th Division on the forming-up line and throughout the advance.
11. Artillery.
  - (a) The artillery start line will be 300 yards East of the infantry forming-up line.
  - (b) At ZERO plus 4 the barrage will advance at the rate of 100 yards in four minutes until the protective barrage of the BROWN LINE is reached at ZERO plus 52, where it will remain until ZERO plus 118.
  - (c) During the halt on the BROWN LINE, a proportion of the guns will search for 1000 yards East of the BROWN LINE.

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(d) At ZERO plus 114, all barrage guns will intensify their fire on protective barrage line, and at ZERO plus 118 the barrage will again creep forward at the rate of 100 yards in four minutes to the final objective, in front of which a barrage will be maintained until ZERO plus 176.

(e) The barrage will consist of 60 per cent. Shrapnel and 40 per cent, H.E., with a proportion of smoke shell.

(f) Two (2) rounds of smoke shell per gun will be fired on reaching the protective barrage of both the BROWN and GREEN lines.

(g) One (1) round of smoke shell will be fired every 3 minutes to mark the right boundary of the 47th. Division.

(h) The S.O.S. will be inoperative from ZERO minus 15 minutes.

12. Machine Guns.

The C.O., 3rd Aust. Machine Gun Battalion, will arrange for all available guns to be employed against selected enemy targets. Four machine guns will be allotted to the attacking force for local protection of left flank. After the final objective is reached, twelve (12) extra guns will be made available to the 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade for consolidation.

13. Light Trench Mortars.

Light Trench Mortars of the 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade will move with reserves on the left flank of the attack to deal with any opposition encountered. The Light Trench Mortars of the 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade are placed at the disposal of the 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade on 20th inst. for employment against enemy works on the Western outskirts of BRAY.

14. Engineers.

Field Coys. will be employed under the C.R.E., principally on road construction and approach routes. One section will be attached to the 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade for searching dugouts. No captured dugouts should be used until same have been reported safe by the sappers attached to the battalion concerned.

15. Aircraft.

Contact patrols will fly over the front line as soon as the light is suitable, and again at ZERO plus 2 1/2 hours. Calls to the infantry will be made on the KLAXON Horn and answered by the infantry lighting flares and showing tin discs.

Ground strips and POPHAM Panels will be laid out at 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade headquarters. Dropping ground will be established at Divisional headquarters.

16. Communications.

The O.C., Div. Signal Coy. will make the necessary signal arrangements and ensure that all alternative means of communication are made known to all concerned.

One section of Light Horse will be attached to the 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade from 12 noon, 21st inst., for duty as orderlies and messengers.

17. Tanks.

(a) Tanks are being employed by the 47th Division. Their principal task will be the mopping up of HAPPY VALLEY, CHALK PIT and the banks to the South-west of CHALK PIT.

(b) The following signals are being used by the 47th. Division:-

- (i) Tanks to Infantry: GREEN and WHITE flag - "Strong point taken, come on"
- RED and YELLOW flag - "Tank out of action".

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(ii) Infantry to Tanks: Helmet on rifle and pointed in required direction - "Infantry held up".

(iii) When coming out of action, a Tri-colour flag will be shown.

18. Prisoners.

Divisional Cage is established at SAILLY-le-Sec.

19. Medical Arrangements.

The following medical arrangements have been made :-

Right Advanced Dressing Station J.36.d.8.3, to be moved later to K.32.b.8.0.

Left Advanced Dressing Station K.15.d.8.2.

Motor Loading Post - Right: K.29.a.5.3 & K.24.c.4.3

Left: K.15.d.8.2, to be pushed forward to K.18.a.5.1 after ZERO.

20. Synchronisation. Watches will be synchronised by a Staff Officer from Div. Headquarters on afternoon of "Y" day.

ACKNOWLEDGE. *[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff.

20th. August, 1918.

Distribution:

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 x Div. Sig. Coy.  
 x 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
 x 10th -do-  
 x 11th -do-  
 x 3rd Aust. M.G. Bn.  
 x 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.  
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 O.C. Troop 13th Aust. L.H. Regt.  
 x AUST. Corps.  
 III Corps.  
 x 1st Aust. Div.  
 x 2nd -do-  
 x 4th -do-  
 x 5th -do-  
 x 47th Div.  
 x C.R.A. 58th Div.  
 x 3rd Squad., A.F.C.  
 5th Tank Bde.  
 Liaison Officer (Att. 47th Div.)  
 Liaison Officer (Att. 3rd Aust. Div.)  
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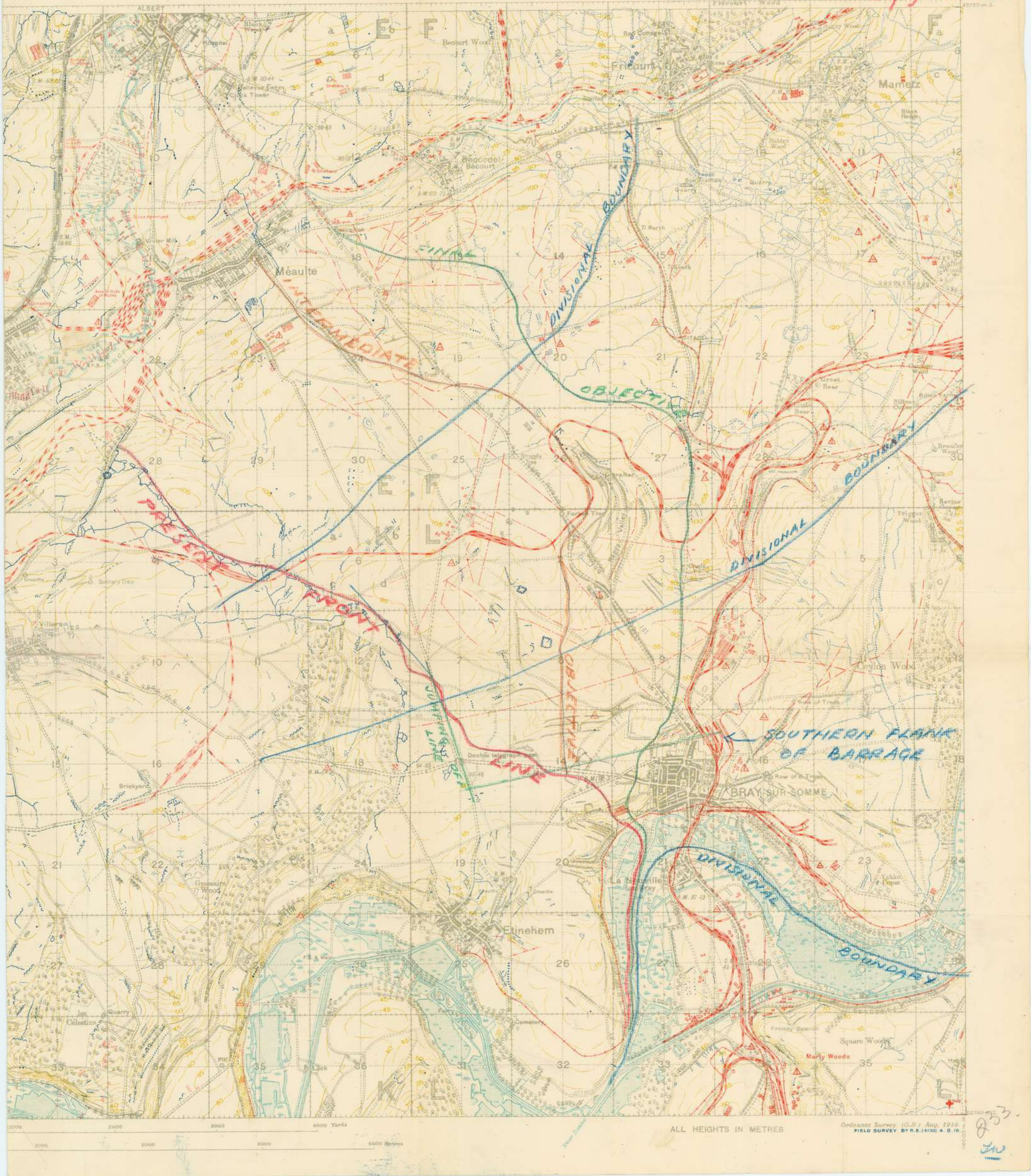
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HEADQUARTERS  
S.G.O.4/6.  
THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY

ZERO.

1. "Z" Day for Operations mentioned in Third Aust. Division Order No.107 will be *22nd* August, 1918.

2. ZERO hour will be *4.45* a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire. *[Signature]*

*[Signature]*  
for Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff.  
*Major*

21st August, 1918.

To all recipients of 3rd Aust. Div. Order No.107.





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BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS. SERIES "C". No.1.

1. The 10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will be prepared to carry out either of the following roles, the first of which (a) is the more probable :-

(a) In order to release the 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Battalion for other work, one Battalion of the 10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will be held in readiness to relieve the 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn. on the Right of the Line held by the 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade on the night 22nd/23rd. instant and, if this be ordered, such Battalion will pass under the command of the G.O.C. 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

(b) On the night 22nd/23rd. instant, the 10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will be prepared to relieve the 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade by a deployed movement up to the Consolidation line held by the 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. on that night and take over its defence. If this operation is carried out, all unit headquarters and command posts of the 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved by the 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde, and all troops of 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. will be withdrawn when the troops of the 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. have passed through them. Command will pass to G.O.C. 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. as arranged between the Brigadiers concerned. Upon such relief the 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will move to the area vacated by 10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

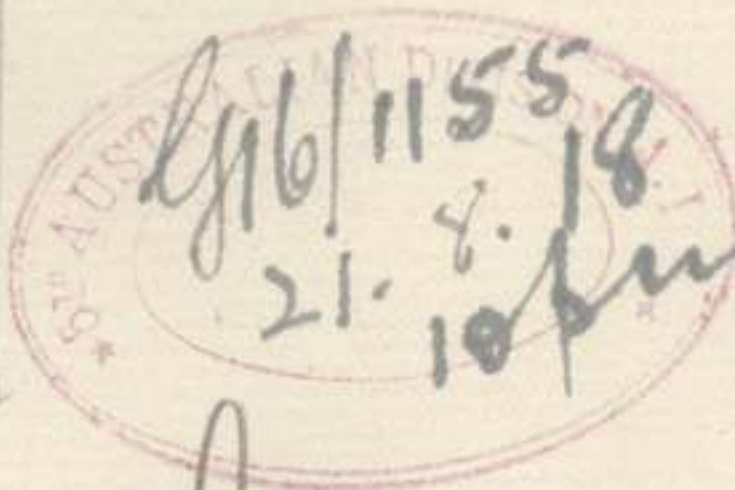
ACKNOWLEDGE.

*John Connelly*  
 for Lieut.-Colonel. Major  
 General Staff.

21st. August, 1918.

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 C. R. A.  
 C. R. E.  
 3rd. Aust. Div. Signal Coy.  
 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.  
 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde.  
 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.  
 3rd. Aust. M. G. Bn.  
 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.  
 A. D. M. S.  
 O.C. Troop 13th Aust. L.H. Regt.  
 Aust. Corps.  
 III Corps.  
 1st. Aust. Div.  
 2nd. Aust. Div.  
 4th. Aust. Div.  
 5th. Aust. Div.  
 47th. Div.  
 C.R.A. 58th. Div.  
 5th. Tank Bde.  
 Liaison Offr. attached 47th Div.  
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1004BATTLE INSTRUCTION. SERIES "C" NO. 2.
EXPLOITATION.

1. Battle Instruction Series "C" No. 1 is CANCELLED.

2. The 47th Division propose to exploit the Operations of the 22nd instant by gaining ground to the North of the CHALK PIT in L.3.d. central, beyond the line of their final objective.

3. In the event of the enemy resistance W. of the final objective of the 3rd Aust. Division not being serious, the 9th A.I. Bde. will push forward patrols as soon as the protective barrage lifts at 8.5 a.m. on the lines indicated below.

This exploitation will not take place unless the village of BRAY is reported clear of resistance, and the success of the Operations on our Left clearly established.

4. The Northern Divisional boundary runs from L.8.central to L.5.central, thence grid line to G.27.central.

The future Brigade boundary runs from L.13.central to fork road at L.15.b.50.80, thence via most direct road to cross road L.11.d. central (the road inclusive to the North Brigade).

5. The 9th A.I. Bde. patrols will push forward from the consolidation line at 8.5 a.m. with 1 Battalion North and 1 Battalion South of the Brigade Boundary mentioned in para. 4, so as to occupy a series of posts:-

(a). In the S. half from L.16.c.60.00 via road forks near L.17.a.10.20 to Copse in L.11.d.00.00.

(b). In the N. half from thence exclusive via L.11.central, crest of hill in L.11.b. to centre of Cutting in L.5.c.60.00, thence by most direct line to the W. edge of the SCARPE running N. and S. from L.4.central (Right flank of 47th Division).

6. 11th A.I. Bde. with 1 M.G. Coy. will form up 300 yards West of our Jumping Off Line near L.13.central by 7.30 a.m., with 2 Battalions in line, remainder in Brigade Reserve in readiness to move forward,

and (on receipt of Orders) to relieve the Battalion of the 9th A.I. Bde. in the South Sector of the zone of exploitation, which will become the line of resistance for the Division as soon as 11th A.I. Bde. reaches the line of posts.

These orders will not be issued from Divisional Headquarters until the situation of the forward Battalions of the 9th A.I. Bde. is clearly established.

7. "D" Squadron, 13th L.H. Regt., now N.W. of SAILLY LAURETTE, is placed at the disposal of 9th A.I. Bde. - O.C. to report at 4.45 a.m. 22nd instant to 9th A.I. Bde. H.Q. Squadron to be at K.22.d. Valley ready to move at 7.0 a.m. 22nd instant.

8. 7th F.A. Brigade will be in readiness to move as required from 8.0 a.m. onwards.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

21st August, 1918.

Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff.DISTRIBUTION.

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C.R.A.	A.D.M.S.
C.R.E.	O.C. Light Horse Squadron.
Div. Sig. Coy.	AUST. Corps.
9th A.I. Bde.	47th Division.
10th -do-	1st Aust. Div.
11th -do-	2nd -do-
3rd Aust. M.G. Bn.	4th -do-
	5th -do-

3rd Squad. A.F.C.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - SIGNAL INSTRUCTIONS No.1.

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Map Reference: Sheet 62D. 1/40,000.  
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Consequent upon Third Australian Division Order No.107 of 20th. August, 1918, the following means of communication will be employed:-

1. LINES.

From Division to:-

- (a) Inf. Bde. in line at K.28 d 7.5 - 2 pairs poled cable direct and 1 pair through Forward Divisional Exchange at K.32 b 8.2.
- (b) Support and Reserve Inf. Bdes. - 1 pair poled cable each.
- (c) From Inf. Bde. in line to Bde. Forward Exchange at K.23.b.7.2 - 4 pairs ground cable, and from the Bde. Forward Exchange - 2 pairs ground cable to 34th.Bn. at K.18 a 5.0., 2 pairs ground cable to 3rd.Aust.Pioneer Bn. at L.19 c 4.4., 1 pair ground cable to 35th. Bn. at L.19 b 7.5.  
From 34th. Bn. to 33rd. Bn. at K.18 a 8.3 - 2 pairs ground cable.  
From 35th. Bn. to 3rd. Aust.Pioneer Bn. - 1 pair ground cable.
- (d) Lateral lines to Lateral Inf. Bdes. and Art. Group.
- (e) The Centre and Left Bns. of the attacking Bde. will each lay 1 pair of ground cable forward to selected command posts as soon after zero as the situation permits.

2. VISUAL.

- (a) A Visual Station - call CVS - has been established at K.34 d 2.8 and is connected by telephone to 9th, Inf. Bde. at K.28 d 7.5., and Forward Divl. Exchange at K.32 b 8.2. Station CVS also works to Divl. Station - call AYC - at J.28 b 7.6, via repeating station - call ACX - at K.32 a 1.5.
- (b) The 9th. Inf. Bde. station at K.23 b 7.2 works forward to Bn.Hd.Qrs. at K.18 a 8.3 and Bn.Hd.Qrs. at K.18 a 5.0.

3. WIRELESS.

- (a) Spark Sets. -  
From Division to the three Inf. Bdes. and vice versa.
- (b) Amplifiers and Power Buzzers. -  
Stations are established at:-  
(1) 9th. Inf. Bde. Hd. Qrs. at K.28 d 7.5. - Call YLS.  
(2) 9th. Bde. Forward Exchange at K.23 b 7.2 - Call LMU.  
(3) 33rd. Bn. at K.18 a 8.3 - Call YLA.  
(4) 35th. Bn. at L.19 b 7.5 - Call YLH.
- (c) Continuous Wave Sets. -  
are established at:-  
(1) Hd. Qrs., Divl. Art. (J.22. d 2.4).  
(2) " " 7th. Aust. F. Art. Bde. (K.28 d 7.5).  
(3) " " 8th. " " " " (Q.6 c 9.8).

(d) The 11th. Inf. Bde. has, in addition to the Trench set established at its Hd. Qrs., one complete Trench set in readiness to move to a Brigade Forward station if necessary.

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(a) 30 birds are available, and have been allotted to the 9th. Inf. Bde. for distribution; 2 birds per Bn.Hd.Qrs. and each Company.

They will be sent forward in assault baskets each containing 2 birds, message book, pencil, and 2 clips.

(b) Economy in pigeons must be observed, and in the event of other troops passing through to a further objective, all available birds will be collected by a selected Company in each Bn. to be handed over as the attacking troops pass through.

**5. MESSAGE ROCKETS.**

(a) A total of 136 rockets are distributed to units within the Division as follows:-

9th. Inf. Bde.	46
10th. " "	30
11th. " "	40
Art. Groups	12
M.G. Bn.	8
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(b) A Brigade Rocket Station will be established at K.23 b 4.2 and rockets will be fired to that point. The approximate distances will be:-

From 33rd. Bn.	1,250 yds.
" 34th. Bn.	1,100 "
" 35th. Bn.	2,150 "
" 3rd. Pioneer Bn.	1,550 yds.

(c) Economy in rockets must be observed, and in the event of other troops passing through to a further objective, all available rockets will be collected by a selected Company in each Bn. to be handed over to the attacking troops as they pass through.

**6. DESPATCH RIDERS & RUNNERS.**

(a) From Division to Inf. Bdes. by motor cyclist despatch rider.

(b) From Inf. Bdes. forward by runners.

(c) The runners of the Bns. of the 9th. Inf. Bde. deliver despatches at the Bde. Forward Exchange (K.23 b 7.2).

**7. AIRCRAFT. (SIGNALLING).**

(a) A Dropping Station has been arranged at Divl. Hd. Qrs. at J.22 d 4.4.

(b) Popham panels, Ground Signal sheets and strips must be exposed by Bde. Hd. Qrs. and Hd. Qrs. of Bns., as contact planes, which will be recognised by a black streamer on each wing, will fly over positions to receive messages.

(c) Call letters will be laid out beside the Popham panels of units.

Calls allotted are as follows:-

9th. Inf. Bde. Hd. Qrs.	G.
33rd. Bn.	GW.
34th. Bn.	GX.
35th. Bn.	GY.

10th. Inf. Bde. Hd. Qrs. H.  
 37th. Bn. HW.  
 38th. Bn. HX.  
 39th. Bn. HY.  
 40th. Bn. HZ.

11th. Inf. Bde. Hd. Qrs. I.  
 41st. Bn. IW.  
 42nd. Bn. IX.  
 43rd. Bn. IY.  
 44th. Bn. IZ.

8. ARTILLERY.

(a) Communication from Divisional Artillery Headquarters to Groups by poled and field cable.

(b) Wireless as in para. 3 (c).

(c) D.R.L.S. by motor cyclist despatch rider and horse orderlies from Divl. Art. Hd.Qrs. to Bdes, and thence forward by runners.

9. MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

(1) LINES.

(a) Communication by ground cable from Bn.Hd.Qrs. (SAILLY-LE-SEC) to Command Post (ETINEHEM, K.24 c 8.4) and from the Command Post field cables to:-

- (i) 9th. Bde. Forward Exchange at K.23 b 7.2.
- (ii) 9th. Bde. Headquarters at K.28 d 7.5.
- (iii) 9th. Aust. M.G. Co. at K.29 a 8.2.
- (iv) 10th. & 23rd. A.M.G. Cos. at L.25 b 2.6.
- (v) From Bn.Hd.Qrs. to 11th. Aust. M.G. Co. at K.24 d 6.4 - by field cable via 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

(2) D.R.L.S.

From Bn. Hd. Qrs. to Command Post by motor cyclist despatch rider and thence to Companies by Runners.

(3) VISUAL.

Apparatus will be carried by all Companies for use as opportunity arises.

(4) MESSAGE ROCKETS.

Will be carried by Companies for use if required.

*R. Hamilton*  
 Major.  
 Officer i/c. Signals.  
 Third Australian Division.

21.8.1918.

Distribution:-

- Officer i/c. Signals, 3rd. Aust. Divl. Art.
- " " " 5th. Aust. F. Art. Bde.
- " " " 8th. Aust. F. Art. Bde.
- " " " 290th. F. Art. Bde., R.F.A.
- " " " 291st. F. Art. Bde., R.F.A.
- " " " 3rd. Aust. M. G. Bn.
- " " " 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- " " " 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- " " " 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

For information:-

- O.C., 3rd. Squadron, A.F.C.
- Officer i/c. Signals, 1st. Aust. Div.
- " " " 5th. Aust. Div.
- " " " 47th. Division.

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Major  
Officer i/c Signals  
Third Australian Division

21.8.1918

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## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 108.

1. The Village of BRAY will be attacked and occupied by us at 1 a.m. on 24th. August, and at same time 47th. Division on left will attack and regain original GREEN LINE.

2. On night 23rd/24th. August, the 10th. A.I. Bde. will relieve the 9th. A.I. Bde. (less Pioneer Bn) in the forward sector, - with two Battalions in the line.

3. The 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn. will hold the right sector of the front line; from Grid Line between L.14. & L.20., Southwards.

4. The attack on BRAY will be made by one Battalion, 10th. A.I. Bde. -  
Forming up line, Artillery Start line, and objective are shewn on attached map.

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5. ARTILLERY.

(a) An Artillery Barrage will open on the Western edge of the Village, and after 5 minutes will creep forward through the Village at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes.

(b) A Flank Barrage will also be placed on the Northern edge of the Village. This barrage will shorten from the West in conformity with the moving barrages mentioned in (a).

(c) Selected enemy positions East of BRAY and in particular the Ridge in L.5., 11., & 17, and Gully in L.4.a. & c. will be kept under fire by Divisional Artillery.

(d) Crashes of Heavy Artillery will be arranged on selected targets during the night.

6. MACHINE GUNS.

One Coy. of 3rd. Aust. M. G. Bn. will barrage BRAY - fire advancing with the Artillery Barrage, maintaining a distance 500 yards East from the Infantry.

C.O., 3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn. will arrange for M. G. fire to be brought to bear on known enemy posts, and approaches to BRAY from the East and South-East, from LA NEUVILLE.

7. LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

The Light Trench Mortars of the 9th. A.I. Bde. will be placed at the disposal of the 10th. A.I. Bde. for the operation.

8. SYNCHRONISATION.

Watches will be synchronised by an Officer from Divisional Headquarters at 6 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

23-8-18.

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Lieut-Colonel. -  
General Staff.

DISTRIBUTION.

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x C.R.E.	A.D.M.S.	x 4th. Aust. Div.
Div. Sig. Coy.	O.C. Squad. L.H. Regt.	x 5th. Aust. Div.
x 9th. A.I. Bde.	x Aust. Corps.	x 3rd. Squad. A.F.C.
x 10th. A.I. Bde.	III Corps.	
x 11th. A.I. Bde.	x 47th. Div.	x Liaison Offer. att. 47th. Div.
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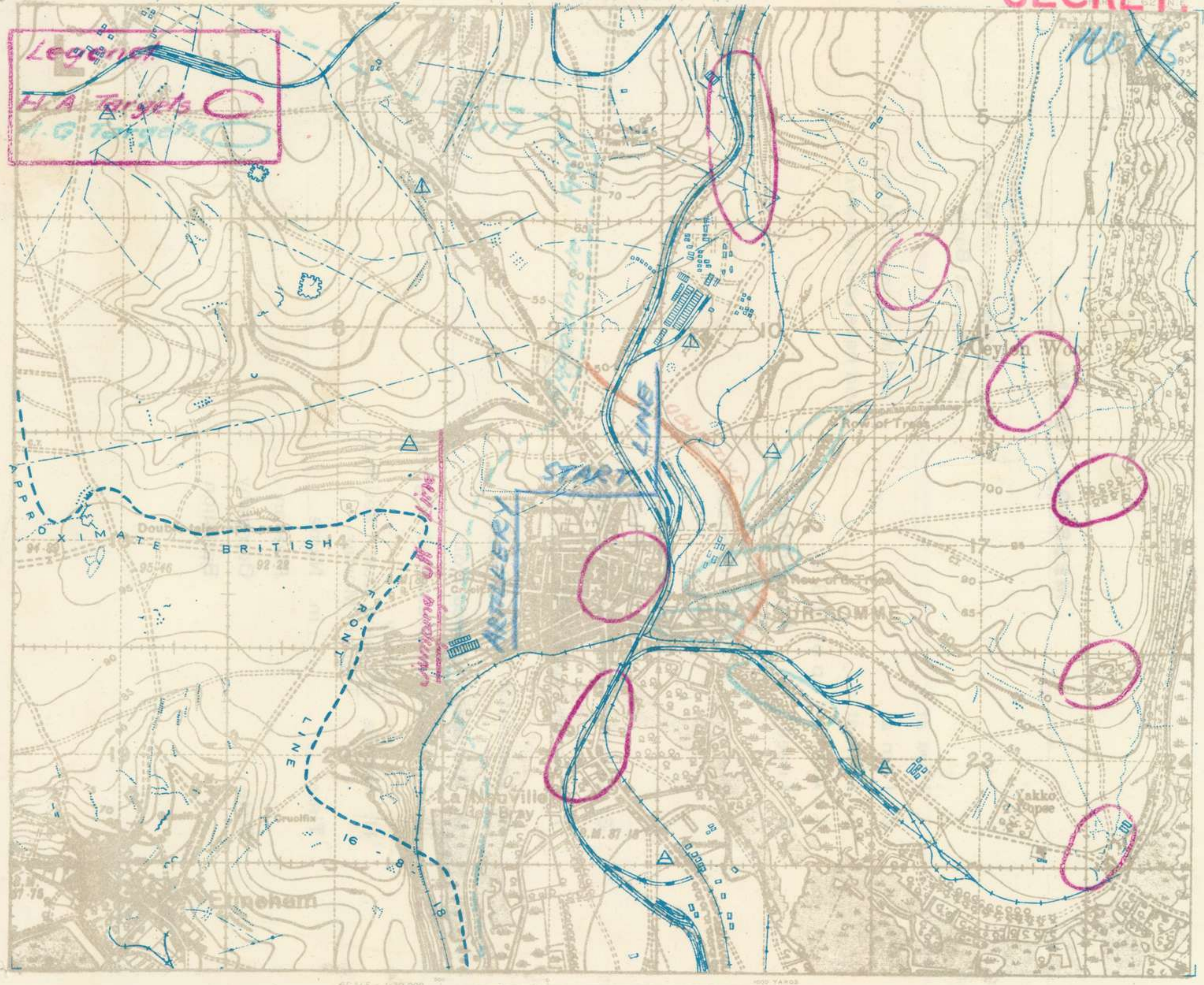
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BRAY 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Aug 1918.

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9.18 am  
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Map Ref: Sheet 62D N.W.  
" 62C N.W.

1. The advance will be continued on the morning of the 25th August, 1918.
2. The Ridge East of BRAY will be captured by 10th and 11th Aust. Inf. Bdes. advancing at ZERO (2.30 a.m.).  
The 58th Division will co-operate on our Left (175th Inf. Bde. Right, and 140th Inf. Bde. Left).
3. Objectives, Divisional and Brigade Boundaries, and Infantry Jumping Off Line, are shown on Map attached.

LIGHT HORSE.

4. 1 Squadron, plus one Troop, will remain in readiness in present location. 1 Section from Div. Troop will be attached to each of 10th and 11th Aust. Inf. Bdes. from ZERO minus one hour.

INFANTRY.

5. (a). Prior to ZERO the 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the Left Battalion of the 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the front line.  
(b). The Attacking Infantry will be assembled on the Jumping Off Line one hour before ZERO.  
(c). The attack will be carried out by two Battalions of the 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the Right, and two Battalions of the 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the Left, each Brigade with one Battalion in Support and one Battalion in Reserve.  
(d). A portion of Support Battalion of 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be utilised to mop up the ground between the Right Flank of the attack and the SOMME.  
(e). Reserve Battalions of the 10th and 11th Aust. Inf. Bdes. will not be employed without reference to Divisional Headquarters.  
(f). The 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. will move forward on 25th instant and occupy the areas in K.17, K.22 and K.23 vacated by 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. To be in position by 6.0 a.m.

ARTILLERY.

6. (a). The Artillery of AUSTRALIAN CORPS South of the SOMME will co-operate in the attack, and will place an enfilade barrage on the Southern, Western and Eastern Slopes of the Spur East of BRAY. The necessary details and co-ordination will be arranged by the C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Division.  
(b). One Field Artillery Brigade will be placed at the direct call of the G.O.C. of each Infantry Brigade for dealing with Opportunity targets. The remainder of the Artillery will be employed directly under the orders of the C.R.A.  
(c). The S.O.S. will be inoperative from ZERO minus 15 minutes.

PLAN.

7. (a). The advance will be carried out without a halt, under an Artillery barrage which will remain for four minutes on the Artillery start line, and then move forward at the rate of 100 yards in four (4) minutes.  
(b). The final protective barrage will remain on the halt line for 15 minutes, after which 50% of the guns will search Eastwards for 15 minutes, when fire will cease.  
(c). All harassing fire after this period will be 1,000 yards East of the line of the final objective.  
(d). The Objective Line as shown in Green will be consolidated, and a Switch Line (shown Green Dotted) constructed to command the

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Eastern slopes of the Ridge towards CHATEAU WOOD and SUZANNE.  
(e). The 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be responsible for maintaining communication with 58th Division, by patrols and posts throughout the Operation.

MACHINE GUNS.

8. Machine gun co-operation will be arranged during the advance, and during consolidation, by the C.O. 3rd Aust. M.G. Bn.

AIRCRAFT.

9. Contact patrols will fly over the front line at 5.0 a.m. Flares will be lit, and discs shown. Signals between Infantry and Aircraft will be as in all recent Operations.

Popham Panels will be displayed at Brigade Headquarters. A dropping ground will be established at Divisional Headquarters.

Headquarters.

COMMANDS.

10. (To be established 1 hour prior to ZERO):-

- Headquarters 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. at K.32.b.5.6.
- Headquarters 10th -do- L.19.b.7.5.
- Command Post 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. at L.14.b.1.3.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

24th August, 1918.

*C.H. Jones*

Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff.

DISTRIBUTION:

- A.Q.
- C.R.A.
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- Div. Signal Coy.
- 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.
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- 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- A.D.M.S.
- AUST. Corps.
- III Corps.
- 58th Division.
- 1st Aust. Div.
- 2nd -do-
- 4th -do-
- 5th -do-
- 3rd Squad. A.F.C.
- "D" Div. Squad. Light Horse Regt.

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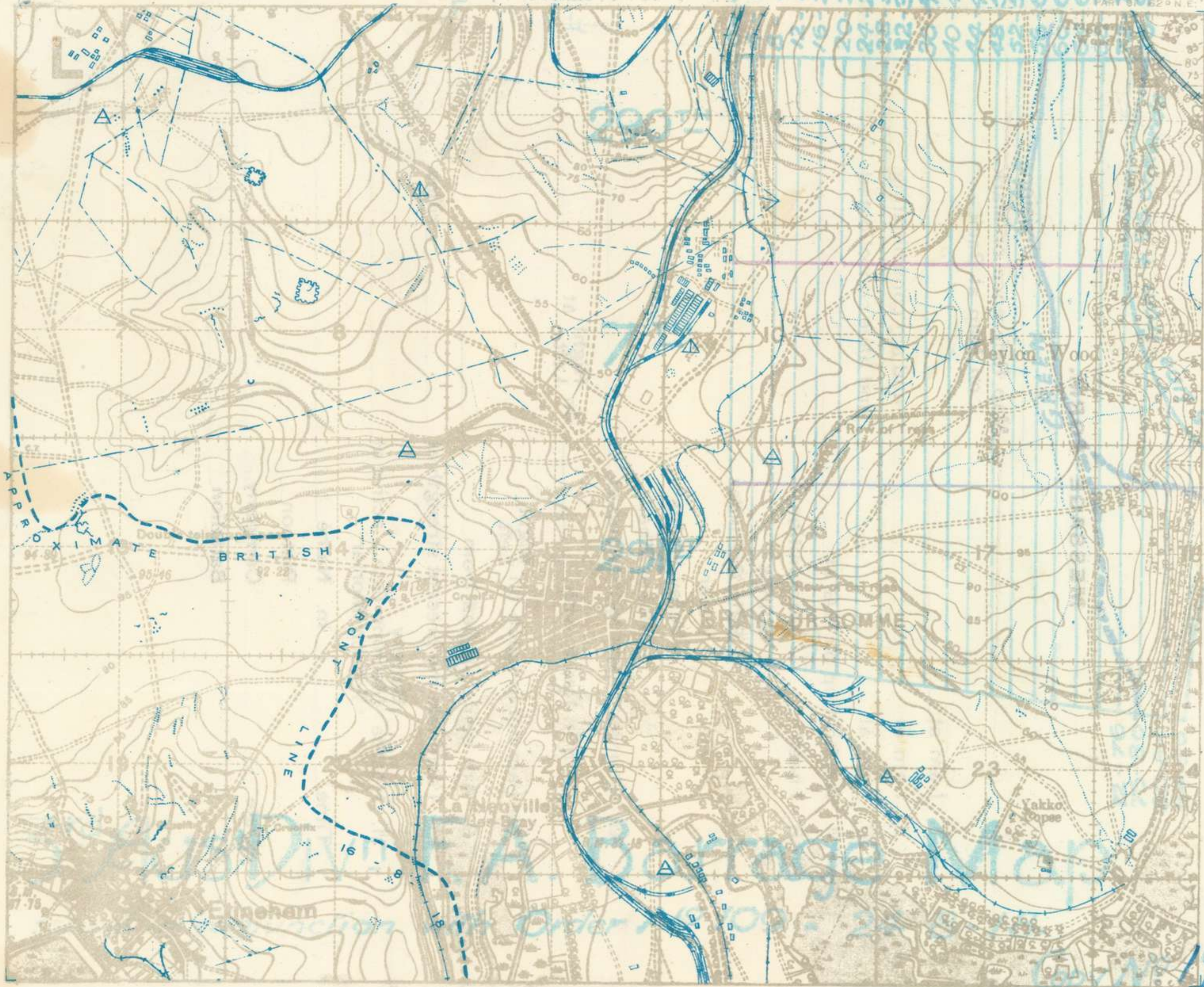
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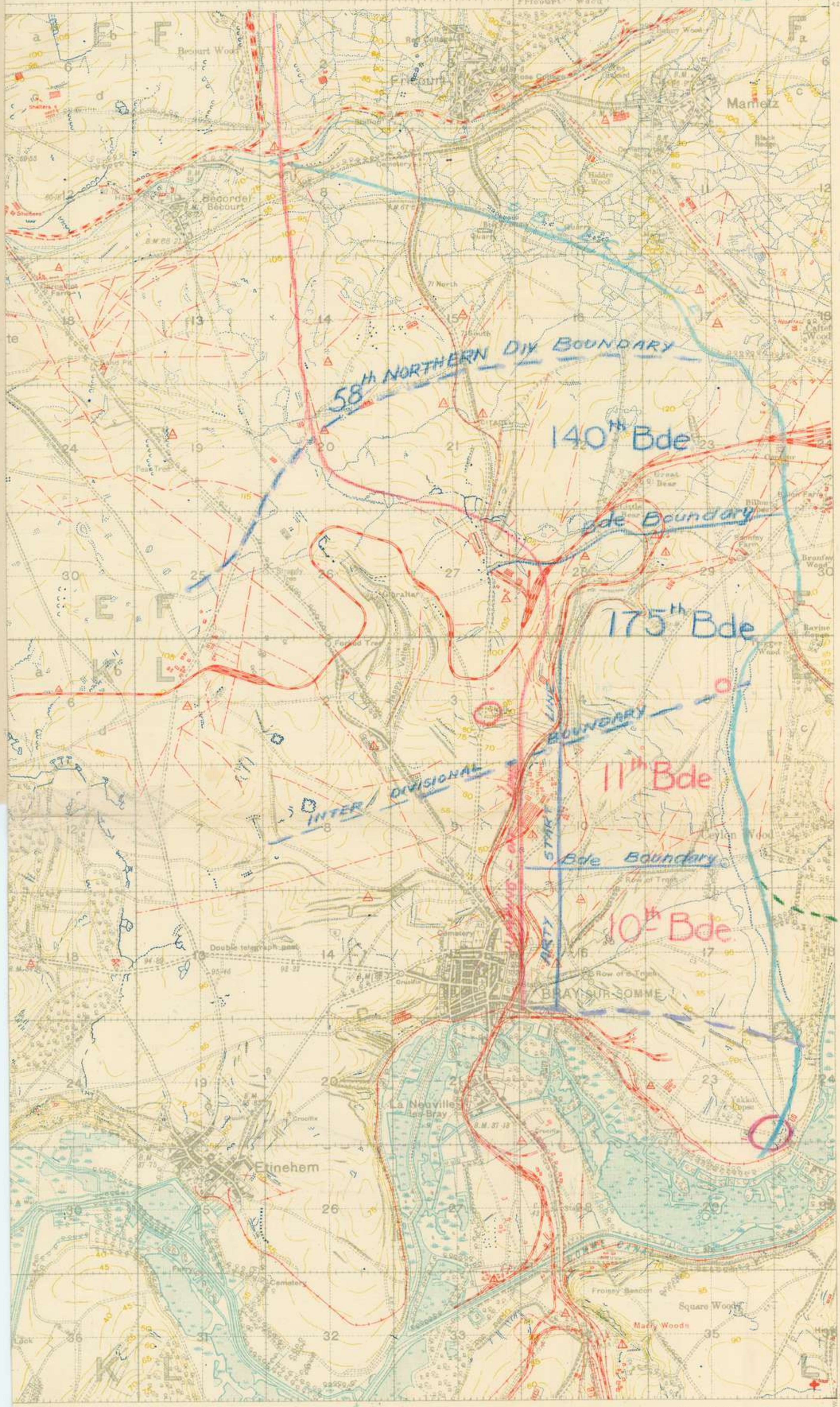
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EDITION 24<sup>th</sup> B (Local) 18.

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BATTLE INSTRUCTION, SERIES "D", NO.1.

DIVISIONAL POLICY.

HEADQUARTERS  
27 AUG. 1918  
No. ....  
THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION  
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Map Reference: Sheet 620 N.W., 1/20,000.

1. The Advance will be continued.
2. The advance of the Third Aust. Division will be regulated by the progress of the Right Flank of the 58th Division.
3. The Northern Divisional Boundary will be a line drawn Eastwards through G.29.central-B.26.central.
4. The reliefs and dispositions (as arranged) are to enable the 10th and 11th A.I. Bdes. to rest and refit.
5. The Artillery will carry out an active policy, with portion of the guns well advanced, against CURLU and high ground East, and in the neighbourhood of HEM.
6. Machine Guns will also carry out active harassing fire under the orders of the C.O. 3rd A.M.G. Bn., with 1 Coy. forward, 1 Coy. in close support, and two Coys. in Reserve, ready to move at short notice.
7. Under covering fire from the heights in vicinity of VAUX WOOD, Patrols will be pushed out to endeavour to gain foothold and exploit the PENINSULA in G.6 and G.12, in order to co-operate in our advance towards CURLU.  
The Pioneer Coy. attached to 9th A.I. Bde. will assist in the construction of the necessary bridges and crossings.
8. The 9th A.I. Bde. will take over the Divisional frontage as arranged, but two Battalions of the 10th A.I. Bde. will remain in the vicinity of SUZANNE, ready to again take up an active role when required, either:-
  - (a). Defensive - against counter-attack from the E.E.
  - or
  - (b). Offensive - when the advance continues.
9. When the advance is continued it may be necessary to move troops through the Right of the 58th Divisional Area, but the Battle Front of this Division will not be extended North of the Divisional Boundary.
10. When the advance is continued beyond the River bend at A.29.central and beyond CURLU, the 10th A.I. Bde. will operate on the Right, with the 9th A.I. Bde. on the Left. The Boundary between Brigades will be B.25.c.O.O-B.29.c.O.O.
11. The C.E.E. will arrange for the construction of necessary roadways and bridges across the SOMME as soon as possible:-
  - (a). From vicinity of VAUX WOOD to LODGE WOOD and,
  - (b). later, from FARGHY MILL to LODGE WOOD, from vicinity of G.6.c.central to G.6.d.8.8, and from GRENQUILLER to TEST WOOD.

ACKNOWLEDGE.  
27th August, 1918.

*Chapman*  
Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff.

DISTRIBUTION.

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| A.Q.                | 11th Aust. Inf. Bde.             | 1st Aust. Div.        |
| C.R.A.              | 3rd A.M.G. Bn.                   | 4th -do-              |
| C.R.E.              | 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.            | 5th -do-              |
| Div. Signal Coy.    | A.D.M.S.                         | 3rd Squad. A.F.C.     |
| 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. | 2nd Aust. Div.                   | "D" Squad. L.H. Regt. |
| 10th -do-           | 58th Div.                        | War Diary.            |
|                     | AUST. Corps.                     |                       |
|                     | Liaison Officer (att. 58th Div.) |                       |
|                     | " " (att. 3rd Aust.Div.).        |                       |

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GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 89A.

1. Consequent on the converging advance of the 2nd Aust. and 74th Divisions meeting at C.29.a.5.0, the Divisional responsibility for any portion of the Forward Area ceases.

The Division, therefore, will remain in the present Divisional Area distributed in depth, the Areas allotted to Brigades being:-

11th A.I. Bde. - The Area between Southern and Northern Divisional Boundaries East of H.1.

10th A.I. Bde. - East of A.29.

9th A.I. Bde. - The Area between SUZANNE and A.29.

3rd A.M.G. Bn. will be congregated in the vicinity of CURLU. Engineers and Pioneer Bn. will continue as at present employed, under C.R.E., a maximum of labour being employed on salvaging timber and material, and the construction of shelters for troops from the material available, and abandoned enemy shelters. New material found in dumps and gun positions should not be used for this purpose.

2. Instructions as to action of 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery will be issued later.

3. Light Horse attached to Brigades will report to O.C. Squadron, rest, and re-equip. Instructions as to their employment will be issued later.

4. 9th and 10th A.I. Bdes., and Support and Reserve Battalions of the 11th A.I. Bde. after period of rest for the men, will devote the majority of the time to reorganisation and re-equipment.

Reorganisation will proceed on the lines as laid down in D.A.G., A.I.F., Circular Memo No. 21/213 of 22-6-18, and G.H.Q. No. O.B./1919 dated 17-7-18 forwarded under this office S.G.39/73 of 29-7-18. A brief report showing how each Battalion is reorganised will be forwarded to Divisional Headquarters by the 4th instant.

5. The greatest amount of rest should be given to the troops commensurate with -

- (a). Provision of shelters.
- (b). Protection of bivouacs and horses against bombs.
- (c). Readiness for again taking part in active operations, at short notice, should the Military situation so demand.
- (d). Necessity for placing the area in a sanitary condition.
- (e). Salvaging.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

2nd September, 1918.

*C. H. Jones*

Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff.

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A.Q.	3rd Squad. A.F.C.
C.R.A.	2nd Aust. Div.
C.R.E.	1st -do-
Div. Sig. Coy.	4th -do-
9th Aust. Inf. Bde.	5th -do-
10th -do-	74th Division.
11th -do-	AUST. Corps.
3rd A.M.G. Bn.	Camp Commandant.
3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	War Diary.
A.D.M.S.	File.
3rd Aust. Div. Train.	
3rd Aust. M.T. Coy.	
A.P.M.	
D.A.D.V.S.	
D.A.D.O.S.	
Div. Salvage Coy.	
"A" Squad. Light Horse Regt.	

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# APPENDIX

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## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 103.

1. The Third Australian Division, in co-operation with other Units of Australian Corps and III Corps, will attack and capture the enemy positions opposite our front, on a date and at a time to be notified. Fuller details will be issued later.

2. Consequent on the foregoing, the following arrangements have been made :-

(a) The Southern Boundary has been amended as shown in BROWN on Map (issued at Conference 2-8-18).

(b) The Pioneer Battalion (less 2 Coys) has been relieved by 11th. A. I. Bde.

(c) The 9th. A. I. Bde. will be concentrated North of the SOMME in vicinity of LA NEUVILLE - to be completed before night 4th/5th. August.

(d) "C" and "D" Battalions, 10th. A. I. Bde. will relieve "A" and "B" Battalions, 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde., in the line on the night 4th/5th. August.

Command of the Forward Area of the Division will pass to G.O.C. 10th. A. I. Bde. on completion of relief.

(e) "A" and "B" Battalions, 11th. A. I. Bde., on relief will move to Support Area near CORBIE.

"C" and "D" Battalions, 11th. A. I. Bde., will move to Support Area North of CORBIE on night 4th/5th. August.

(f) On night 4th/5th. August the 4th. and 12th. A. I. Bdes. (4th. Australian Division) will arrive in the Divisional Area, and be disposed in tactical support in the Reserve System in vicinity of VAIRE and HILL 104 respectively.

These Brigades will come under the tactical command of G.O.C., 3rd. Australian Division.

(g) On night 5th/6th. August, the 13th. A. I. Bde. will arrive by bus and be accommodated in vicinity FOUILLOY-AUBIGNY.

(h) On night 5th/6th. August, the distribution of troops in the area will be as shown on map attached.

### 3. Engineers & Pioneers.

The 9th. and 10th. Field Coys., A.E., and 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Battalion will be allotted for duty under C.E., Corps, from 6th. August.

Two Coys., 2nd. Aust. Pioneer Battalion, are at disposal of G.O.C., 3rd. Australian Division, from 6th. August, and will operate under arrangements to be made by C.R.E.

### 4. Artillery.

The 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery has been placed under the orders of the G.O.C., R.A., Australian Corps.

### 5. Administrative.

The necessary Administrative Instructions will be issued by "A.Q" of Division.

### 6. Medical.

The A.D.M.S. will make the necessary Medical arrangements.

7. All Officers commanding Units will ensure that movement in the Forward Area is reduced to a minimum.

8. Officers will be appointed in each Brigade Area to supervise and control all movements of troops (either individuals or parties).

9. Movement of troops and transport must take place at night.

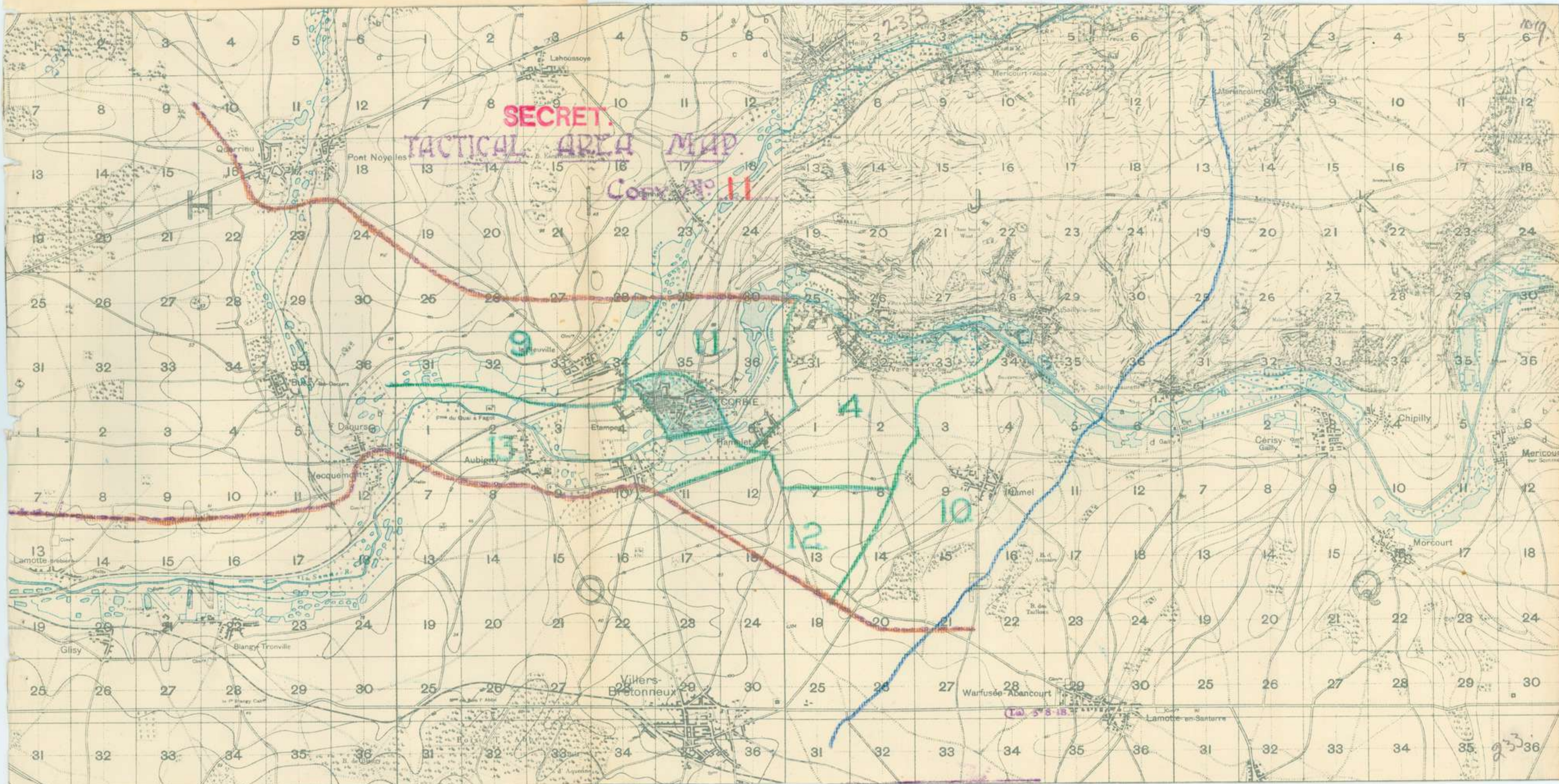
10. Officers visiting the Forward Area for the purpose of reconnaissance must not be in parties larger than 3, and must report themselves to Brigade Headquarters of Area before proceeding into any of the Forward Areas.

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## BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

The following instructions, consequent on Third Aust. Division Order No. 103, are forwarded for information.

INFANTRY.

- (i). The assault will be carried out by the 9th and 11th Aust. Inf. Bdes., 9th A.I. Bde. on Right, 11th A.I. Bde. on Left. Forming up line is shown on Map issued to those concerned.
- (ii). Forming up Troops detailed to the capture of the first objective will be deployed on the Forming Up Line by ZERO minus one hour.
- (iii). The 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. will hold the forward line of the Divisional Area until the whole of the 4th Aust. Division attacking troops have passed through, when Battalions will be reorganized, and await instructions.
- (iv). The Objective of the Division will be as shown by the GREEN LINE on Maps issued.
- (v). On reaching the GREEN LINE, troops will consolidate and reorganize for defence in depth; at least one Battalion being maintained as a reserve in each Brigade Sector.
- (vi). The 4th Aust. Division, on a frontage of two Brigades, with one Brigade in Reserve, will assemble in rear of the 3rd Aust. Div. assaulting troops prior to ZERO, and will follow the troops attacking the GREEN LINE at ZERO plus four hours.
- The 4th Aust. Div. will pass through troops on the GREEN LINE, and advance to attack on BLUE LINE.
- (vii). Command of troops on the GREEN LINE will pass to G.O.C. 4th Aust. Division at ZERO plus four hours.
- (viii). From ZERO plus four hours the advance will be continued under the conditions of open warfare.
- (ix). (a). Each Brigade will be allotted one Coy. of Mark V Tanks (12) of 13th Tank Bn. The Officers of these Coys. will maintain the closest liaison with Infantry Brigadiers.
- (b). Tanks will move into positions on Y/2 night, and special tank tapes of White, with Black Centre, will be laid beforehand.
- After the capture of the GREEN LINE these Tanks will reorganize and, under the orders of the Tank Bn. Commander, be available as a reserve for BLUE LINE Troops.
- (c). One Carrying Tank of 1st Carrying Tank Coy. will also be allotted to each Brigade for the purpose of carrying forward stores and tools, and establishing dumps.
- Localities for dumps should be selected beforehand, and "lookout men" appointed to guide the Tanks.
- One Sapper will be detailed to each Tank, and two men per Brigade as loaders.
- Loading will be carried out as soon as possible after the 4th instant.
- (d). Carrying Tanks will arrange to pick up those Stokes Mortars of Infantry Brigades which are allotted special tasks during the barrage; and carry same forward to localities selected.
- (x). The following Light Signals will be employed in the Aust. Corps:-
- (a). S.O.S. - No. 32 Grenade - GREEN over GREEN over GREEN.
- (b). Success Signal. No. 32 Grenade - WHITE over WHITE over WHITE.
- The Light Signals of the III Corps are similar to those of the Australian Corps.

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(xi). (a). Red Ground Flares will be used to indicate the Infantry positions to Contact Aeroplanes which will fly along the line of the first objective at ZERO plus two hours thirty minutes. Flares will be lit by Infantry in the most advanced lines only.

(b). Flares will be called for by a series of "A's" on the Klaxon Horn, and by firing a WHITE VERY Light.

(c). Should the aeroplane fail to mark the line, it will return and repeat it's call ten minutes later.

(d). If flares have been utilized, and an aeroplane calls for flares, three or four rifles about 2 ft. apart laid, (pointing forward), across the trench, will be seen by the Contact 'planes.

(e). Metal discs, sewn in the inside of the cover of the Box Respirator, and displayed to aeroplane, may be used to indicate Infantry dispositions.

(f). In the case of our Aeroplanes observing an enemy counter-attack actually developing, the Artillery will be informed by Wireless, and a WHITE parachute flare fired by the aeroplane in the direction of the enemy troops moving for the counter-attack.

(xii). Message Carrying Rockets will be carried forward by Brigades, and relay posts arranged.

#### ARTILLERY.

(i). In view of the nature of the enemy defences, the fire of Heavy Artillery not employed on counter-battery work will be used to engage special strong points or localities.

(ii). Field Artillery allotted to the Division will be divided into three groups of three Brigades each.

(iii). After capture of GREEN LINE -

(a). 1 Brigade will be attached to each of the Inf. Bdes. of 4th Aust. Division.

(b). 3 Bdes. will move forward as defence guns for the GREEN LINE.

(c). 3 Brigades will remain as Corps Reserve.

(iv). It will be necessary for all field guns to move into forward prepared positions prior to ZERO day.

(v). Guns will not be dug in, but will be concealed as much as possible in old trenches, banks, and crops.

(vi). All Unit Commanders must ensure that men of their Units do not loiter round these concealed guns and so attract the enemy's attention.

(vii). Care will be taken that vehicles and ration parties at night do not displace Artillery aiming posts, or the Red and White Flags, which are placed in position by the Survey Section, R.E.

(viii). The necessary accommodation for Artillery personnel in the neighbourhood of the guns will be made available by the Infantry Commanders concerned.

(ix). (a). The field artillery 18-pdr. barrage will open at ZERO 200 yards in advance of the Forming Up Line. At ZERO plus three minutes the barrage will commence to advance; lifts will be 100 yards at two minute intervals. There will be two lifts at this rate.

The rate will then decrease to lifts of 100 yards every three minutes. There will be eight lifts at this rate.

From the eleventh lift inclusive until the GREEN LINE is reached lifts will be of 100 yards each at four minute intervals.

(b). The 4.5" Howitzer barrage will move 200 yards in advance of the 18pdr. barrage.

(c). A protective barrage will be maintained in front of the GREEN LINE until ZERO plus four hours. During this period

approximately fifty per cent (50%) of the guns remaining in the barrage will be employed in a protective line barrage; the remainder will be employed to search and sweep deeply into the enemy's position. At ZERO plus four hours all barrage fire will cease.

Barrage Maps will be issued later.

(x). Artillery Smoke will be as follows:-

(a). Three rounds per gun will be fired during the first three minutes of the barrage.

(b). Three rounds per gun will be fired in quick succession, on the Field Artillery barrage reaching the Artillery halt line of the first objective.

MACHINE GUNS.

(i). The C.O. 3rd Aust. Machine Gun Battalion will arrange for a creeping barrage to be brought down by all available guns up to a range of 2,000 yards from the Infantry Jumping Off Line.

(ii). Machine Guns will be allotted duties as under:-

- One half Coy. to each Attacking Bde. - Opportunity Guns.
- One Coy. to each Attacking Brigade - for consolidation.
- One Coy. with 10th A.I.B rigade - Reserve.

(iii). Guns employed as Opportunity Guns will not take part in barrage firing, but will form up and accompany the rear Units of the Infantry as desired by Brigade Commanders.

(iv). Barrage guns will fire at such times and rates as arranged by C.O. 3rd Aust. M.G. Bn. in accordance with Infantry movement and rate of Artillery barrage. At completion of their barrage task, the consolidation guns will move forward in rear of the Infantry Brigade to which allotted, and will organize a defence in depth, as desired by the G.O.C. Infantry Brigade.

(v). An outlined plan should be arranged beforehand, subject to the alteration necessitated by tactical requirements.

(vi). The Reserve guns, after completion of their barrage task, will reorganize and receive further instructions from the G.O.C. 10th Aust. Inf. Bde.

(vii). The C.O. 3rd Aust. M.G. Bn. will make the necessary arrangements for the provision of ammunition, belts, etc. for the barrage, and will assist Brigade Commanders in arrangement of details for later tasks.

*S. Jackson*  
for. Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff.

4th August, 1918.

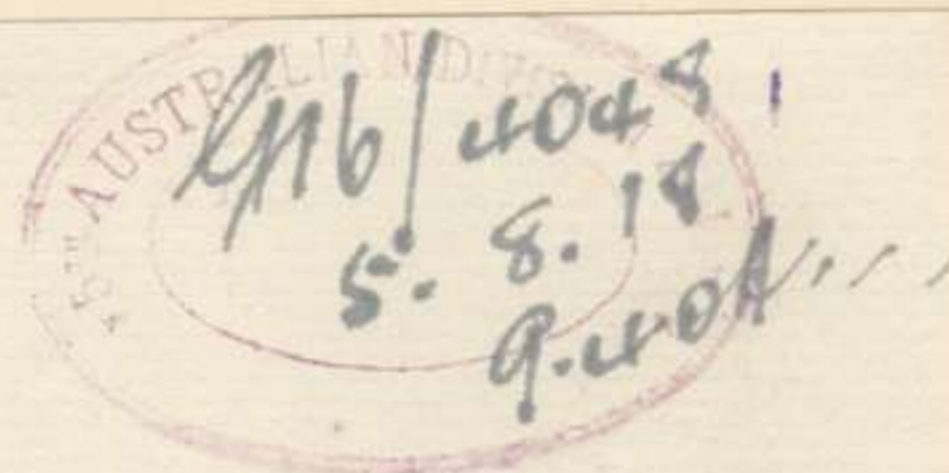
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- 1. I.Q.
- 2-17. C.R.A.
- 18-21. C.R.E.
- 22. 3rd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.
- 23-26. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 27-31. 10th -do-
- 32-36. 11th -do-
- 37. 3rd Aust. M.G. Bn.
- 38. 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- 39. A.D.M.S.

- 40. 5th Tank Bde.
- 41-42. AUST. Corps.
- 43. 2nd Aust. Div.
- 44. 4th -do-
- 45. 5th -do-
- 46. 18th Division.
- 47-49. War Diary.
- 50. File.

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Amendment to Battle Instruction No.1

First sentence under Infantry (vi) to end at "Green Line".  
Second sentence to commence "At zero plus four hours the  
4th. Aust. Division, etc."

4th. August. 1918.

*S. Jackson*  
for Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff.



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## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No.104.

In continuation of Third Australian Division Order No.103, the Attack will be carried out as follows :-

### I. DISPOSITIONS.

- (1) The Canadian Corps on the Right of the Australian Corps.
- (2) 2nd. and 5th. Aust. Divisions on the Corps right.
- (3) 3rd. and 4th. Aust. Divisions on the Corps Left.
- (4) III Corps 58th and 18th Divisions on the Left of Australian Corps.
- (5) The 1st. Aust. Division will be in Corps Reserve.

### II. METHOD OF ATTACK.

The Attack of the Australian Corps will be carried out in three phases :-

Phase I. The 2nd. and 3rd. Aust. Divisions, assisted by tanks, will attack the Green Line under a creeping artillery and machine gun barrage. On the capture of the Green Line, consolidation will be carried out.

Phase II. The 5th. and 4th. Aust. Divisions with tanks and organised in Brigade Groups will move through 2nd. and 3rd. Aust. Divisions and advance in open warfare formation from the first objective (Green Line) and capture the 2nd. Objective (Red Line).

Phase III. The 5th. and 4th. Aust. Divisions will exploit their success and seize the old British Reserve Line (Blue Line) and establish themselves defensively on this line.

### III. DISTRIBUTION.

(a) In the right sector of the Corps Front, the 7th. and 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigades respectively are attacking the Green Line, the 15th. and 8th. Bdes. moving through them for the attack on the Red and Blue Lines.

(b) In the left sector of the Corps Front, the 9th. and 11th. A. I. Bdes will attack the first objective, the 12th. and 4th. A.I.Bdes. passing through them at the Green Line for the Assault on the Red and Blue Lines.

The 10th. A.I.Bde. will remain as Divisional Reserve until the capture of the Green Line, and will then become Corps Reserve.

A patrol of two strong platoons of the 10th. A.I.Bde. will move along the North bank of the SOMME Canal. This patrol will operate under the orders of the G.O.C. 11th. A.I.Bde. and maintain touch with the right of 58th. Division.

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(c) On the III Corps Front, the 58th. and 18th. Divisions, on Right and Left respectively, are attacking the Green and Red Lines, North of the SOMME.

**IV. ASSEMBLY.**

(a) Attacking troops of 3rd. Aust. Division (9th. and 11th. A.I.Bdes) will move to the jumping off line on Y/Z night, and will be in position not later than one hour before Zero.

(b) No movement is to take place on roads (except through villages). Tracks to be used, marked 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', are shown on map attached.

(c) Tanks will move forward between 9.30 p.m. and Midnight on Y/Z night and assemble in rear of the Infantry. They will time their later approach march so as to reach the jumping off line and advance with the Infantry at Zero plus 3 minutes.

(d) The attacking troops of 4th. Aust. Division will form up in Rear of the 3rd. Aust. Division on a line approx. P.3.c. to P.14.c. with Reserve Bde. and tanks in rear, to be in position half an hour before Zero.

(e) After the Advance of the 3rd. Aust. Division, the 4th. Aust. Division will move forward into the Valley running W. from ACCROCHE WOOD; and at Z. plus 3 hours will move towards the Green Line.

**V. HEADQUARTERS.**

Battle Headquarters will be established as under :-

(a) At Zero.

<u>3rd. Aust. Divn.</u>	Divsnl. H.Q.	BUSSY.
	9th. A.I.Bde.	P.15.a.2.4.
	10th. -do-	P.14.a.central.
	11th. -do-	P. 4.a.5.5.
	Right Artillery Group	P.15.a.2.4.
	Centre " "	P. 9.a.3.4.
	Left " "	P. 4.a.5.5.

4th. Aust. Div.

	Divsnl. H.Q.	CORBIE.
	4th. A.I.Bde.	P. 7.a.05.15.
	12th. -do-	P. 7.a.05.15.
	-do-	P. 8.a.5.5.

(b) After Zero.

9th. and 11th. A.I.Bde. H.Q. in vicinity of P.17.central.  
4th. and 12th. A.I.Bdes. will remain in P.17.central during the attack on the Green Line, and will move to locations to be selected later.

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VI. ARTILLERY.

- (a) Artillery action will be as laid down in Divisional Battle Instruction No.1.
- (b) While passing over the Valley running from CLIRISY to ABANCOURT, the rate of fire of all guns will be intensified.
- (c) Heavy Artillery will engage enemy batteries and selected hostile targets, and will lift from target to target in accordance with the Infantry Advance.
- (d) The S.O.S. will be inoperative for 15 minutes before Zero.

VII. Light Horse & Cyclists.

- One Section of Light Horse will be attached to each of 9th. and 11th. A.I.Bdes. for orderlies and escorts, etc., and will report to Bde. H.Q. at Zero plus 1 hour.
- One Section of Cyclists will be attached to each of 9th., 10th. and 11th. A.I.Bdes. and one section to O/C. Divsnl. O.P. at J.28.b.

VIII. TRENCH MORTARS.

Light and Medium Trench Mortars will co-operate with the Artillery barrage on selected targets in ACCROCHE WOOD. Later a proportion of Light Trench Mortars will be brought forward by Infantry Supply Tanks.

IX. VICKERS MACHINE GUNS.

- The distribution and action of Machine Guns will be as set out in Battle Instruction No.1.
- One Coy. of the 4th. Aust. M. G. Bn. will augment the barrage and will later move forward with the Reserve Bde., 4th. Aust. Division.
- O.O. 3rd. Aust. M.G.Bn. will make all necessary arrangements for positions, ammunition, allotment of target areas.

X. ANTI-AIRCRAFT.

Lewis Gun Defences will be arranged by Units as soon as possible after consolidation.

XI. ENGINEERS.

Engineer Instructions as to allotment and duties have been issued to those concerned.

XII. SIGNALLING ARRANGEMENTS.

- Signalling arrangements have been completed to include communication forward to Bde. H.Q. throughout the Advance.
- A poled line will be erected in continuation of existing buried cable as soon after Zero as possible.
- The Popham Panel will be used for communication with aircraft.

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## XIII. AIRCRAFT.

Aeroplanes will fly over the forward area during Y/2 Night, to drown the sound of the tanks. They will also be active over the Front for one hour before Zero on Z Day.

Low flying aeroplanes will precede the Infantry Advance engaging Ground targets.

Arrangements have also been made for smoke bombs from aircraft to conceal the advance of the tanks on selected points.

S.A.A. will be dropped from aeroplanes from Zero plus 7 hours onwards.

Communication between aircraft and Infantry has been dealt with in Battle Instruction No.1, sub-para.XI.

## XIV. LIAISON.

Liaison Officers will be appointed to Forward and Flank Units.

## XV. CHECKING TIME.

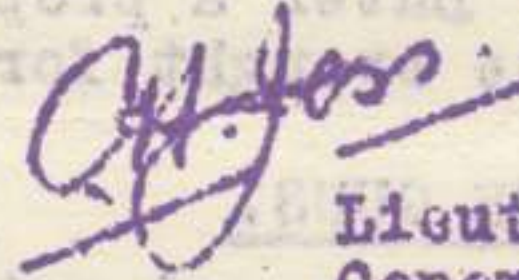
Watches will be synchronised during each afternoon and evening of Y Day.

## XVI. ZERO.

Zero hour will be communicated, when received, by the Code.

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ACKNOWLEDGE.



Lieut.-Colonel.  
General Staff.

5th. August 1918.

## DISTRIBUTION.

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| "A.Q." (2 Maps).            | 5th Tank Bde. (Map).   |
| C.R.A. (Map).               | Aust. Corps. (Map).    |
| C.R.E.                      | 2nd. Aust. Div.        |
| 3rd. Aust.Div.Sig.Coy.      | 4th. Aust. Div. (Map). |
| 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. (Map). | 5th. Aust. Div.        |
| 10th. -do- (Map).           | 18th. Division.        |
| 11th. -do- (Map).           | 58th. Division.        |
| 4th. -do- (Map).            | War Diary (3)          |
| 8th. -do- (Map).            |                        |
| 12th. -do-                  |                        |
| A.D.M.S. (Map).             |                        |
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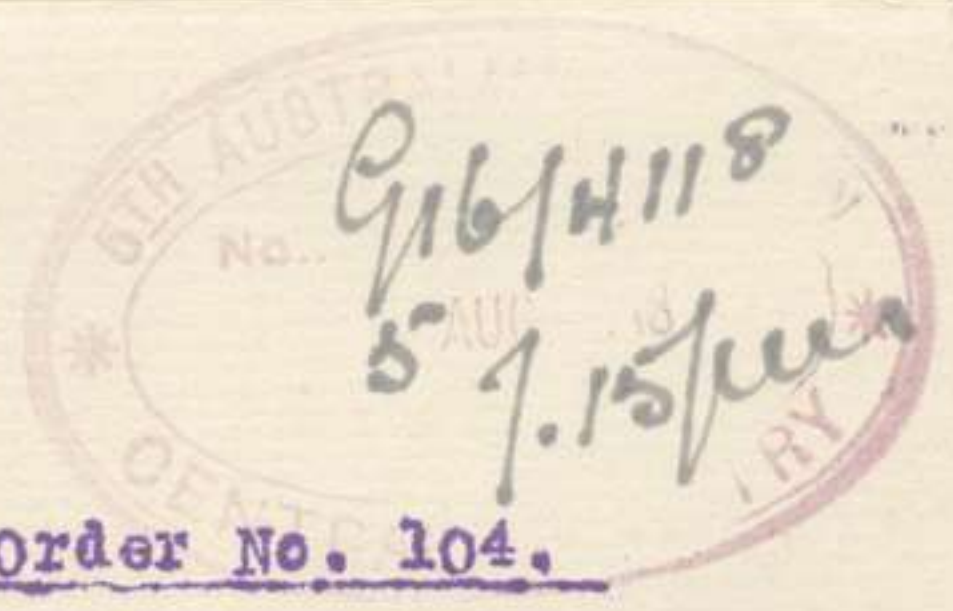
Signalling arrangements have been completed to include communication forward to 3rd. A.G. throughout the Advance. A pole line will be erected in continuation of existing lines as soon after Zero as possible. The Poplar Road will be used for communication with aircraft.



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First Amendment to Third Australian Division Order No. 104.

Para 15. CHECKING TIME. Should read -

"Watches will be synchronized during early afternoon and evening of "Y" day."

5th. August, 1918.

*James Connelly Major*  
 Lieut-Colonel. -  
 General Staff.  
*for*

