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FAVREUIL	May 1st	4.10	Relief of 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade by 5th and 6th Aust. Inf. Brigades in accordance with O.O. 124 complete.		
		5.15	Morning report. Right Brigade (2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade) successfully fired 7 BANGALORE torpedoes in enemy wire. At 4 a.m. enemy opened a barrage on NO MAN'S LAND on left Division sector, which stopped at 4.10 a.m. Considerable proportion of 5.9's used, but barrage was not very heavy. This had been an almost daily occurrence lately.		
		8.00	Location of units shown in attached Report.	Appx. I.	
		p.m. 1.35	Large fire seen between BULLECOURT and FONTAINE les CROISSILLES.		
		5.20	Evening Report. Several explosions seen in RIENCOURT, probably as result of our artillery. Enemy artillery activity below normal. Aircraft of both sides active. Fine day. Marked decrease in enemy movement noticed.		
	2nd	a.m.	9.00	O.O. 121 (Retyped with amendments embodied) issued.	Appx. II
			5.05	Morning Report. Situation unchanged, quiet night.	
			p.m. 5.20	Afternoon report. Situation quiet on Divisional front; hostile shelling below normal, scattered and spasmodic. Visibility good. Our artillery fire reported by observers to be accurate.	
			6.00	Advanced Divisional Headquarters opened at C.26.d.3.6., VAULX - G.O.C., G.S.O.I, G.S.O.II and G.S.O.3. ^{Ar. 8M6 and D. 8M9} Capt. HATTON to 62nd Divisional Headquarters as liaison officer. Capt. CHANDLER from 62nd Division as liaison officer.	
			8.15	Evening Report. During the day our heavies shelled BULLECOURT, HENDECOURT and RIENCOURT successfully, also enemy wire opposite our front; shooting was accurate and enemy did not retaliate to any extent. No shooting was seen on wire in front of RIENCOURT.	

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FAVREUIL	1917 May 2nd	p.m.	Evening Report (continued) Hostile aeroplane brought down by our Vickers guns at C.5.b.4.4. Pilot and observer captured, former mortally wounded.	
VAULX	3rd	a.m.	During night all troops were moved into positions ready for the attack. Communication trench dug from NOREUIL to railway at C.5.a.2.3. Three posts dug at U.30.c. and garrisoned by 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade.	
			3.45 Attack started in accordance with programme.	
			4.7 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported that O.G. I had been gained.	
			4.19 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported that O.G. I had been gained.	
			4.32 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported that 1st objective had been taken.	
			4.45 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported that battalion of 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade on their right was going back; they are reorganising and making another attack in which the 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade is helping. The enemy is strongly resisting.	
			4.57 G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported he did not know 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade's movements, but believes three of their battalions are going back, and asked what he was to do. On enquiry G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated that some of his people were back but that orders had been sent to them to return and he was communicating with the 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade.	
			5.7 G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated reports from the line were confusing and the situation was mixed. His advance was checked by M.G. fire, a lot of it coming from BULLECOURT.	
			5.19 G.O.C. instructed G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade to send one company 26th Battalion forward taking all 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade men with them. It was estimated that there were about 400 unwounded men without officers.	

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VAULX	May 3rd	5.20	<p>B.G. G.S. was asked to have the 1.40 barrage extended for 30 minutes. He said this would be arranged; Brigades were notified. At 5.28 a.m. the C.R.A. said that he had received this order but that barrage had already moved and asked if he should bring it back. He was told to do so.</p> <p>5.45 Message from 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated that 2nd objective had been taken at 5.36 a.m. The G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported that the gaining of his 2nd objective was signalled. He stated his centre was all right but his right flank obscure.</p> <p>6.1 The G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported that some of his Stokes mortars were then at the star cross roads and that the situation on his right was still obscure.</p> <p>6.2 G.O.C. reported the situation to G.O.C. ANZAC and offered to help the 62nd Division in BULLECOURT.</p> <p>6.6 The 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade ordered to send one, and if possible, two, Companies from the 25th Battalion forward to assist in the capture of BULLECOURT.</p> <p>6.13 62nd Division stated they thought they had taken BULLECOURT but situation was obscure and asked if we could give them any information about their right. No progress had been made on their left.</p> <p>6.26 Informed ANZAC of information situation and asked if programme was to be continued in view of the unsatisfactory situation on our left. Corps Commander stated programme was to be ^{steadily} carried on. G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade was informed and told he could have the assistance of two battalions. He stated that 185th Brigade was coming back from BULLECOURT and suggested that the best assistance for him would be to clear up the situation on his left. 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade were ordered to send 25th Battalion to assist in the capture of BULLECOURT and to secure the left flank by entering BULLECOURT from the Southeast. Orders were sent for two companies of the 3rd Battalion to move forward from VAULX, the balance of the 26th Battalion to support the 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade, and the 28th Battalion to go to the railway.</p> <p>6.54 The 62nd Division reported the capture of BULLECOURT.</p>	

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(FAVREUIL) Adv Hqrs. VAULX	May 3rd	7.3	Orders from 1st Anzac to stand on 2nd objective. Both Brigades were informed and ordered to report when all their men who were in front of this were back so that barrage could be brought back to the BLUE line.	
		7.10	Received from 62nd Division message stating their two left Brigades were back to forming up line; barrage was being brought back and a further attack was being organised; several reports that BULLECOURT was captured.	
		7.30	6th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported that a party of theirs had reached first phase of 3rd objective and that a Battalion Commander had been sent out to bring them back.	
		7.35	6th Aust. Inf. Brigade asked for BLUE barrage.	
		7.38	5th Aust. Inf. Brigade asked for BLUE barrage.	
		7.40	C. R. A. ordered to put down BLUE barrage.	
			B.G. G.S. informed that no one was in front of 2nd objective and that BLUE barrage had been ordered. He stated that he would arrange for Heavy Artillery barrage to be increased on the left of 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.	
		7.50	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade ordered to move one battalion from BEUGNY - YTRES line to north of VRAUCOURT to report arrival to 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade as reinforcements.	
		7.54	26th Battalion reported that our men were seen bombed out of O.G. I in U.29.b. and retiring. Germans nearly up to road in U.29.a. in O.G. I from the East.	
			G.O.C. 5th aust. Inf. Bde. informed and he stated that his right was at U.29.b.8.6. and that there were still some Germans in O.G. I at U.29.b.3.7. His left and right of 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade in touch in O.G. 2. He had arranged closer barrage on his right north and south through U.24.c.7.0. He has 2 Stokes Mortars in O.G. I	
			7th Aust. Inf. Brigade was informed of this situation.	

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(FAVREUIL) Adv. Hqrs. VAULX.	May 3rd	8.12	Anzac informed of situation. Casualties heavy on right of 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade. No definite news of prisoners. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade had asked for two more companies but these were not being given until they could be usefully employed.	
		8.32	7th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported situation in BULLECOURT not satisfactory. 25th Battalion could not get on owing to heavy M.G. fire, their first two platoons having been wiped out just after starting.	
		8.35	Anzac stated men had been seen near FACTORY; on enquiry 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated none of their men there and Anzac informed accordingly.	
			Anzac were informed of situation in BULLECOURT and that 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade was sending up trench mortars.	
		8.46	C. R. A. reported that Germans were seen retiring from Sunken Road in U.22.a., and that he was using one 18 pdr. against machine guns in wire east of BULLECOURT. 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade informed.	
		8.51	O.C. Pioneers was instructed to use his men for carrying as 3rd objective had been cancelled.	
		9.00	7th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated one company 26th Battalion was in O.G. I assisting 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade. Germans were in O.G. I at about U.29.a.7.7., and 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade had been informed.	
		9.06	Corps Observation Officer stated he could see our men in the HINDENBURG LINE on the right and left and that they seemed quite happy; but he could not see the 2nd objective.	
		9.10	The 28th Battalion placed under the orders of the 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade to assist in clearing up the situation on the right. The 3rd Battalion was moved to the Railway to replace the 28th Battalion and the 2nd Battalion moved into C.4. to replace the 3rd Battalion.	
		9.18	Received message from 62nd Division stating that there were still Germans between their right and our left and that the 185th Brigade were bombing up towards our left. This information passed to 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade.	

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(FAVREUIL) Adv. Hqrs.	May 3rd	9.27	Artillery Liaison Officer 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported that the 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade were holding O.G. I for certain only for 200 yards EAST of the road in U.29.a.	
VAULX.		9.31	Reported situation to Anzac and informed them that the 28th Battalion had been given to the 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade and that it was being replaced by the 3rd Battalion which in turn was being replaced by the 2nd Battalion. Anzac approved of 1st Battalion being brought forward from the BEUGNY - YTRES line to replace the 2nd Battalion.	
		9.55	Orders issued to 1st Battalion accordingly.	
		9.40	G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated that he was forming a defensive flank on the road in U.29.a. facing EAST and that he wanted the artillery to fire on the trenches EAST of this. C.R.A. instructed accordingly.	
		9.48	7th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported that German machine guns were firing from the trenches in U.28.a. and b.	
		10.00	7th Aust. Inf. Brigade informed of the situation of the 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade and instructed that the posts in U.30.c. were not to be withdrawn.	
		10.12	C.R.A. stated that the following were the barrages. Heavy Artillery from U.29.b.7.7. EASTWARDS and Field Artillery from U.29.b.4.7. EASTWARDS. Germans had been seen ^{mass} moving about U.23.b.4.4. and have been dealt with. Some of our men have been seen bombing EASTWARDS from U.23.d.1.7.	
		10.25	G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated that he was using the 28th Battalion to attack EASTWARDS from the road in U.29.a. Two companies in O.G. I and two companies in O.G. 2.	
		10.35	7th Aust. Inf. Brigade were informed of the intentions of the 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade. G.O.C. 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade gave his dispositions as follows :- 27th Battalion constructing posts in U.29.d. to protect their left flank with supports in C.11. 3rd Battalion under the railway in U.28.c. - C.4.b. 2nd Battalion moving to C.4.	
		10.45	6th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated that the Germans were emerging continuously from U.23.b.5.5. and that they had asked the Heavy Artillery to engage them - the 24th Battalion stated that the situation in the 2nd objective was still serious.	

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1917	a.m.			
(FAVREUIL) Adv.Hqrs.	May 3rd	10.50	G.O.C. asked B.G. G.S. if he could arrange for the 15" How. to fire on RIENCOURT and the trench at U.23.b.5.5.	
VAULX		11.00	B.G. G.S. stated that it was very important to hang onto the right flank. That information from units on our left was more reassuring.	
		11.10	O.C. Pioneers was instructed to improve the road through U.29.c. and a. with as many men as possible.	
		11.35	Information from 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade Intelligence Officer reports that the British troops hold trenches N.W. of BULLECOURT and are in line of shell holes in U.21.a. and c. Our men are about U.28.central and at ^{STAR} crossroads U.23.d. but not further east.	
			Disposition :- 3rd Battalion has 3 companies in road C.4.c. - C.10.a. and one company in Railway in C.5.a. to C.5.d. moving to sunken road in C.5.a. to b. 2nd Battalion has 3 companies in the road C.9.a. - b. - d. and one company in C.15.a. - 28th Battalion were moving forward at 10.35 a.m.	
		11.48	G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated that the 28th Battalion was entering O.G. 1 & 2 and that he was collecting other units and preparing to make the attack on the 2nd objective on the right. Anzac informed.	
			p.m.	
		12.04	C. R. A. stated that he was barraging the second objective at the request of the 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade. This was confirmed by the 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade who stated that their men had been forced to retire to O.G. 2. Anzac informed.	
		12.15	Information received that the 7th Division were to attack through the 62nd Division towards U.22.a. and b. and that the 15" How. was being directed into U.23.b.	
		12.38	The C.R.A. spoke to the G.O.C. re ammunition supply. G.O.C. authorised xxxx him to slacken rate.	

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(FAVREUIL) Adv. Hqrs. vaulx.	May 3rd	12.58	Corps Commander spoke to G.O.C. and stated bombardment of BULLECOURT NOW being carried out. The 7th Division could not attack before 6 or 7 p.m. ; there must be no question of our coming back.	
		1.04	G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated he held the HINDENBURG LINE as follows :- O.G. I from road at U.29.a.7.7. to U.28.b.5.9. and O.G. 2 from road at U.23.c.8.0. to U.22.d.5.3. He stated that owing to casualties he wished to get up more officers. This was approved by Anzac and half of the Brigade officers from the Reinforcements camp were sent forward.	
		1.05	The following message was sent to all Brigades:- "5th and 6th Aust. Inf. Brigades will reorganise with view to advancing again to second objective later in the day. 7th Division will be attacking through 62nd Division and will rush on to 2nd objective in C.22.b. - C.16.c. Essential that we co-operate on their right. Our artillery is reducing rate of fire but ready to increase to repel any counter attack."	
		1.30	Arrangements made for Heavy Artillery to fire on Northern portions of trenches leading South from RIENCOURT and for our Howitzers to fire on the Southern portions.	
		1.40	Corps observation officer reported lines of Germans moving South and Southeast from HENDECOURT. Our artillery were informed and engaged them.	
		2.30	5th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported their position was as follows :- In the road in U.29.c. and a. and in shell holes in U.29.b. The 28th Battalion pushing East along trenches.	
		3.35	Reports from air observer that bombing parties appeared to be bombing down trench from U.28.a.8.8. towards BULLECOURT between 1.15 and 1.25 p.m. Both 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Brigades stated none of their men were there.	
		4.00	5th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported they had got as far as U.23.d.6.0. in O.G. 2 and U.29.b.4.7. in O.G. I and were getting on well. Anzac informed.	
		4.40	G.O.C. informed B.G. G.S. of his proposals for tonight.	

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VAULX	May 3rd	5.25	<p>The following information was given to Anzac in reply to queries from Army :-</p> <p>(i) Communication to the trenches is now by runner, telephone lines are laid but are continually cut.</p> <p>(ii) Supplies, ammunition etc. are taken up along road in U.29.c. and a. ; this road is being improved as regards cover.</p>	
		6.10	Anzac approved of proposals for tonight. Issued orders for tonight, H.8. and additions G.255 - copy attached.	Appx. <u>III</u>
		6.30	Capt. NOBLE reported as Liaison Officer from 7th Division.	
		7.05	Received information from 7th Division re their attack at 10.30 p.m. tonight.	
		7.12	G.O.C. 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported that there was nobody, save the 27th Battalion, in Support, and that he was arranging with 8th M.G. Company for protective dispositions of guns.	
		7.30	The following alterations were made in the orders for tonight and were communicated verbally to the 6th and 7th A.I. Brigades - Only two Battalions, instead of three, from 1st A.I. Brigade would take over O.G.2. One Battalion 1st A.I. Brigade to take the place of the 25th Battalion in the Railway, and the 25th Battalion to be at the disposal of G.O.C. 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. for defence of right flank.	
		7.32	Received congratulatory message from General BIRDWOOD - Copy attached.	Appx. <u>IV</u>
		8.10	5th Aust. Inf. Brigade instructed to organise attack along O.G.I and 2. Brigadier states this has been done; his position is as follows :- in O.G.I back at the road in U.29.a., in O.G. 2 at U.23.d.6.C.	
		8.15	Information received from prisoners that a battalion was holding RIENCOURT; C.R.A. informed and stated he would get heavies to deal with it.	
		8.30	6th A.I. Bde. reported that 5th A.I. Bde. were back at road in U.29.a. - 5th A.I. Bde. were asked their positions and stated that they thought it was unchanged but were getting a further report.	

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		9.18	Report from 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade that the enemy was attacking along the railway from the direction of BULLECOURT.	
		9.20	2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade reported S.O.S had gone up on their front.	
		9.22	G.O.C. informed Anzac that we were being attacked along the railway and that there was a demonstration against the 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade, and suggested that the waiting Battalions be brought into the Corps Line. Corps agreed and issued orders for two Battalions 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade to move into the BEUGNY - YTRES line.	
		9.38	6th Aust. Inf. Brigade on being asked re their situation stated they thought they were holding on the railway, but did not know the situation in front. (his)	
		9.50	G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated xxxx position in O.G.I and 2 was from the road in U.29.a. to the grid line between U.28. and U,29.	
		10.00	Orders to the 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade for the Brigadier, Brigade Major and Intelligence Officer to report at once to G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade; Staff Captain to remain and meet officers from the two Battalions of the 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade who were going into the BEUGNY - YTRES line. Anzac informed of these orders.	
		10.05	2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade reported situation quiet on their front. Anzac informed and also informed that attack on 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade appeared to have been driven off.	
		10.15	5th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated that fighting was still proceeding in O.G. I and that communications forward had been cut off.	

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VAULX	May 3rd	10.40	<p>5th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated 28th Battalion had retired. G.O.C. informed Brigadier he would give him one battalion of the 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade which was now under the 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade, and that 28th Battalion was to rejoin 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade.</p> <p>10.45 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade instructed to transfer one Battalion of the 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade to the 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade.</p> <p>11.00 Message from 7th Division that attack on BULLECOURT had started at 10.30 p.m. Message sent to all Brigades re transfer mentioned at 10.45 p.m.</p> <p>11.25 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported dispositions as follows :- 21st and 24th Battalions in O.G. I and O.G. 2; 1st and 3rd Battalions on their way up through road in U.29.a. to relieve them. 2nd Battalion moving to 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade by 2 a.m. 4th Battalion ordered to 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade. 13th A. L. H. and Cyclists in MORCHIES - VAULX line.</p> <p>4th a.m. 1.20 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade informed that 7th Division had pushed into BULLECOURT and that our Divisional Artillery were assisting them in their further attack by a barrage. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade instructed to assist as much as possible by getting in touch by pushing down O.G. I and O.G. 2.</p> <p>2.50 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade instructed to attack O.G. I today with the object of occupying or denying it to the enemy as far East as the road or spur about U.29.b.8.6.</p> <p>2.55 7th Division reported they had been bombed out of trench South of BULLECOURT and were holding a line close to it. Fresh attack with two new Battalions had been organised for 3.40 a.m.; they wished to know if we could assist with Battalions from the Railway. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade informed of this situation. They stated only Battalions on Railway were those of the 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade which had been fighting all day, but that they would bomb down trenches to meet 7th Division as they advanced. 7th Division informed.</p>	

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VAULX	May 4th	3.02	G.O.C. reported situation to B.G. G.S. and suggested that the time for considering relief had arrived.	
		3.15	Ordered 11th and 12th Battalions to move from BEUGNY - YTRES line to NOREUIL at 7 a.m. today.	
		5.05	B.G. G.S. stated that in all probability a British Brigade would be ordered up this morning which could be put in to relieve 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade and the latter would then be available as a reserve.	
		5.55	7th Division reported situation in BULLECOURT was uncertain. Some troops appeared to be in the village and it had been reported that they had been in touch with us but this was not confirmed.	
		6.10	5th Aust. Inf. Brigade informed that a fresh Battalion would be at NOREUIL at midday and would be available for him tonight.	
		6.15	6th Aust. Inf. Briagde informed that a fresh Battalion would be at NOREUIL at midday and would be available for him tonight.	
			It was intended to give the 11th and 12th Battalions to the 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade and 6th Aust Inf. Brigade, one each; but this was altered later.	
		7.40	6th Aust. INF. Brigade stated they were not in touch with anyone in the railway on their left-7th Division asked about this and they stated they had two companies there. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade were informed and afterwards gained touch.	
		7.50	7th Aust. Inf. Brigade were instructed to move the 26th and 28th Battalions back to the BEUGNY - YTRES line where they would be rejoined by their officers and men from the details camp.	
		9.50	Orders to the 6th and 1st Aust. Inf. Brigades that 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade to take over from 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade and latter to withdraw to NOREUIL - LONGATTE road.	
		10.00	Issued order for relief of 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade. (H.18.) Copy attached.	

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VAULX	May 4th		<p>During the morning 19th and 20th Battalions moved into MORCHIES - VAULX line relieving the Light Horse and Cyclists.</p> <p>Noon 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated bombing down trenches had commenced. They had got as far as U.22.d.5.3. in O.G. 2 but position in O.G. I not known.</p> <p>p.m. 12.30 B.G. G. S. stated a Brigade of the 58th Division was being put into relieve the 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade and the latter would then be available for us. The remaining two battalions of the 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade would be sent forward to join Brigade under 2nd Aust. Division.</p> <p>1.15 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported a suspicious stillness in O.G. I East of the sunken road: 2nd Battalion would move slowly till they met opposition, then place a block call for Artillery barrage and bomb along East as the barrage moved.</p> <p>4.00 Issued Order NO 125 re reliefs. Copy attached.</p> <p>5.35 Situation. Left Brigade at U.22.d.5.0. and U.22.d.5.3. Right Brigade at U.29.b.8.6. and U.29.b.8.9. 20 prisoners taken.</p> <p>7.35 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported enemy counter attack developing through U.24.d. against our extreme left right flank. C.R.A. informed; also Anzac.</p> <p>8.10 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade reported much enemy movement in U.24.c. Repeated C.R.A. who stated batteries were searching that area.</p> <p>9.26 C.R.A. reported that enemy were reported massing South of RIENCOURT and that batteries were searching.</p> <p>10.25 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade reported enemy heavily bombarding U.22.d.5.4. and 5.0. and it was believed he was coming down through U.22. to attack. C. R. A. was asked to put on barrage.</p> <p>11.05 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade reported situation quiet.</p>	<p>Approx. <u>VI</u></p>

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VAULX	May 4th	11.05	5th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported situation seemed quiet on their right and threatened counter attack seemed to have been stopped by our artillery.	
		11.15	Reported to Anzac that situation now quiet.	
	5th	a.m.		
		12.45	Artillery stated there was an attack on U.22.d. and that they were firing on their S.O.S. line.	
		12.50	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade were asked re the situation. They stated 3rd Battalion had lost a post but were attacking to retake it.	
		1.45	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade said nothing definite to report but situation seemed quiet and artillery could stop. C.R.A. informed.	
		3.45	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade gave situation as follows :- In O.G. 2 their left had been forced back to U.22.d.9.4. where there was a strong post. In O.G. 1 they were still at U.22.d.5.0., and there was a block in the communication trench at U.22.d.6.2. There had been two definite attacks between 12 midnight and 2.45 a.m. and bombing was going on at 2.45 a.m.	
		4.00	3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade had relieved 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade and the latter had gone to camps in H.20.a. General SMITH stayed on to help Colonel MULLEN Acting O.G. 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade Battalions had rejoined 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade in NOREUIL - LONGATTE road: 2 Battalions 175th Brigade relieved 5th and 8th Battalions, 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade and latter moved into MORCHIES - VAULX line relieving the 19th and 20th Battalions.	
		4.45	Heavy barrage in U.29.a. and b. and U.30.a. quietened down at 5.25 a.m.	
		7.55	Wireless message received that S.O.S. had been fired at U.29.b.9.9. 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade were asked and stated that ^{not} thought serious and he had slackened the Artillery fire.	
		8.30	Heavy barrage in U.30.a. and b. until 8.40 a.m. when it stopped.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VAULX	1917 May 5th	9.55	G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade reported that dummy trenches constructed in D.73.c. on night 1st/2nd May continued to draw heavy fire specially between 3 and 4 a.m. today.	
		11.30	G.S.O. 3, 5th Army called and was given dispositions.	
		11.40	3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade reported enemy massing in U.23.b. and barraging U.29. C.R.A. informed.	
		Noon	3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade reported situation quiet and fire had been slackened.	
		p.m.		
		12.05	G.S.O. 2, 58th Division called and was given dispositions.	
		12.10	G.O.C. asked for 2 companies of 1st Pioneers for work on communication trenches.	
		12.45	Corps Commander called.	
		1.12	7th Division asked for staff officer from 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade to meet their representative tonight re accommodation for Battalion in Railway. Stated he was sending his C.R.A. and C.R.E. over to talk over matters re operations; would like us to assist by bombing down O.G. 1 and O.G. 2. Operations probably on morning of the 7th instant.	
		2.05	Sent out Memo H30 re cooperation with 7th Division. Copy attached. 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade instructed to be prepared to carry out bombing on afternoon of 6th inst.	Annex VII
		5.10	3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade stated they had been shelled back to the road U.29.b.8.6. and U.29.b.8.9. and that he was carrying out further operations at 10 p.m. tonight; later changed to 5 a.m.	
		9.30	Issued Order No 126 re attack in cooperation with 7th Division. Copy attached.	Annex VIII
		10.10	Artillery reported S.O.S. had gone up and that they had put down barrage.	
			Both 1st and 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigades stated S.O.S. had been fired and enemy were barraging heavily between HINDENBURG line and railway, but no sound of rifle or M.G. fire.	
		10.35	175th Brigade completed relief of 2nd A.I. Brigade and command of right sector passed to G.O.C. 175th Brigade.	

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VAULX	May 5th	11.05	3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade reported enemy barrage was slackening. Our artillery were told to stop.		
		11.25	3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade reported right company of left battalion had been attacked but attack was driven off.		
		11.30	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade reported situation quiet. Reported above to Anzac.		
	6th	a.m.			
		3.55	C.R.A. reported S.O.S. had gone up and all batteries were in action. 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade stated reports had been received that enemy was attacking so S.O.S. had been fired, but situation appeared quiet so Artillery had now been stopped.		
		5.48	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade reported enemy heavily shelling front line and area in vicinity of Brigade Headquarters. Counter battery work asked for.		
		6.0	<i>Amendment to O.D. 126 issued.</i>		
		6.15	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade reported enemy shelling had increased.	Appx. 19.	
		6.20	3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade reported forward communication was broken and that enemy were heavily shelling railway.		
		6.35	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade stated that man of 11th Battalion reported that enemy coming from U.23.d. had got into trenches as far as road in U.29.a.		
6.40	3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade were told of above report and instructed to push up reinforcements if necessary to drive enemy out.				
6.41	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade stated bombing fight in progress about road in U.29.a. He is sending up 4th Battalion to support 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade.				
6.45	3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade informed of above and instructed to send up reinforcements.				

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VAULX	May 6th	6.50	7th Aust. Inf. Brigade informed of situation and instructed to be ready to move if necessary.	
		7.00	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade reported front line intact and 4th Battalion had moved up.	
		7.10	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade reported they were manning road in U.29.a. in conjunction with 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade. 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade was also being attacked.	
		7.20	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade stated report received that 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade had driven enemy out.	
		7.26	7th Aust. Inf. Brigade told not to send anyone forward.	
		7.28	3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade reported enemy driven out and line re-established.	
		8.00	Disposition report attached.	Appx. X.
		8.10	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade stated further report received that enemy first attacked U.22.d.4.0. but was driven off. Counter attack on 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade front was made by 11th Battalion assisted by 1st Battalion.	
		8.25	3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade stated that flammenwerfer was used in the attack. Dispositions now are :- 10th, 11th and 12th Battalions in front system, and 9th Battalion moving to railway. During the night new support line was constructed from U.28.d.4.9. to U.29.b.7.9.	
		10.35	3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade stated their right was on road about U.29.b.8.9. They were consolidating tonight in communication trench just East of this road. This position just on our side of crest; no use going further East as then under direct observation and shelled out.	
		11.00	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade instructed to work forward in O.G. 2 from U.29.d.9.4. to level with U.22.d.5.0. in O.G. I and then to both work forward together.	
		11.29	Informed Anzac that 8th and 15th L.T.M. Batteries had gone back to THILLOY. Asked for 8th to rejoin.	

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VAULX	May	6th	<p>12.12 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade asked for a fresh Battalion for his bombing attack.</p> <p>12.30 Army Commander called.</p> <p>12.47 Asked 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade if he could give 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade one battalion. 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade said could give 9th Battalion if 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade could put two weak battalions in C.4. and C.10. G.O.C. approved.</p> <p>9th Battalion lent to 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade instructed to send two battalions to 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated had 3 battalions ready to move at short notice and asked them permission to keep them in present position as no room in C.4. This was approved.</p> <p>1.08 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade informed that 9th Battalion was given to him, and instructed to attack down O.G. 2 to U.22.d.6.3., and down O.G. I to U.22.d.0.1.</p> <p>1.30 7th Division were spoken to re their attack. Were informed that 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade would take lamps and put them on their side of trench. 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade instructed.</p> <p>2.45 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade gave dispositions as follows :- one company 9th Battalion attached to 2nd Battalion in O.G. 2 - 9th Battalion (less 1 company) and 4th Battalion in O.G. I - 1st Battalion Railway - 3rd Battalion C.4.c. and d.</p> <p>3.30 G.O.C. to 7th Division to see G.O.C. 7th Division.</p> <p>4.25 Arranged that lamps would not be used.</p> <p>4.30 Corps Commander and B.G. G.S. called.</p> <p>5.30 Evening report. Generally quiet on our front during the day. Hostile fire below normal since 10 a.m.</p> <p>6.20 Report from 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade that 10th Battalion had carried out small enterprise at U.29.b.8.6. at about 5.40 p.m. and had captured 10 prisoners.</p>	

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VAULX	May	6th 6.40	Decided to have bombing attack of 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade at same time as operations of 7th Division, viz 3.45 a.m. 7th instead of this evening.	Appx. <u>XI</u>
		10.15	3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade reported Germans putting down small barrages; it seemed as though he was expecting an attack but would not attack himself.	
	7th	a.m.		
		4.52	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade reported 9th Battalion had made successful start.	
		5.03	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade reported 2nd Battalion had gained objective in O.G.2 at 4.57 a.m. and were consolidating.	
		5.20	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade stated 9th Battalion were making successful progress and it had been reported that 7th Division had gained their first objective. About 70 prisoners had passed Brigade Headquarters.	
		5.36	7th Division stated verbal report that Devons had gained 2nd objective and are in touch with our Battalion on their right.	
		5.47	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade reported that 9th Battalion had gained touch with the Devons at U.28.a.8.8. at 5.15 a.m. Very heavy M. G. fire.	
		6.32	7th Division stated that they were consolidating on both objectives.	
		8.00	Disposition report attached.	Appx. <u>XII</u>
		9.10	3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade reported much movement from RIENCOURT towards BULLECOURT. Lewis Guns and artillery dealing with it.	
		10.10	Reports received of heavy enemy shelling round BULLECOURT.	
		Noon	Issued Order No 127 re reliefs. Copy attached.	Appx. <u>XIII</u>

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Place	Date 1917	Hour p.m.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VAULX	May 7th	5.00	<p>Enemy shelling has been heavy throughout day specially round BULLECOURT.</p> <p>Received message of congratulation from Commander in Chief through Anzac. Copy attached.</p> <p>Situation of 7th Division very vague throughout day; appeared to be only in first objective as they had been shelled out of second.</p>	<p>Appx. <u>XIV</u></p>
		8th	<p>4.05 Relief of 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade by 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade completed.</p> <p>1st Aust. Inf. Brigade moved to NOREUIL - LONGATTE road.</p> <p>6th Aust. Inf. Brigade moved to camp in H.20.a.</p> <p>5th Aust. Inf. moved to OVILLERS HUTS.</p>	
		8.00	Disposition Report attached.	Appx. <u>XV</u>
		11.00	7th Division commenced attack in BULLECOURT.	
		p.m.		
		1.50	2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade reports they had pushed down O.G. 2 to U.22.d.3.3. without opposition and had established strong post at this point.	
		4.30	Issued order No 128 re reliefs and moves. Copy attached.	Appx. <u>XVI</u>
			6th Aust. Inf. Brigade moved during day to LE SARS.	
		5.30	Hostile shelling during day has been below-normal.	
		6.30	15th Aust. Inf. Brigade moved to BEUGNY - YTRES line and FAVREUIL and came under the orders of the G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Division.	

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Place	Date 1917	Hour p.m.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Vaulx	May 8th	9.30	<p>Enemy put heavy barrage on BULLECOURT and then extended it right across our front on front line and supports.</p> <p>10.25 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade stated message from front line timed 10 p.m. enemy putting down heavy barrage and sounds of rifle and M.G. fire heard on left.</p> <p>Enemy's fire now quieter.</p> <p>10.40 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade stated enemy had attacked on left but was driven off. Situation now quiet.</p>	
	9th	a.m.	<p>During night the 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade relieved the 7th and 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigades. The 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade moved to camp REHEK near FAVREUIL and the 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade to BAPAUME and BIEFVILLERS.</p> <p>G.O.C. 5th Aust. Division and G.S.O.I called re arrangements for taking over tomorrow.</p> <p>8.00 Dispositions as per Disposition Report attached.</p> <p>Very quiet during day.</p> <p>During the day the 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade moved to MAMETZ CAMP and the 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade to SHELTER WOOD camp. The 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade moved to MORCHIES - VAULX and BEUGNY - YTRES lines and came under the orders of the G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Division.</p>	<p>Appx. XVII</p>
	10th	a.m.	<p>Engineers and Pioneers returned and moved to "J" area.</p> <p>Quiet night.</p>	

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VAULX	May 10th		During the night the 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade relieved the 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade in the Left Sector. 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade moved to camps near BEAULENCOURT and 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade to camps near BIEFVILLERS.	
		8.00	Disposition Report attached.	Appx. <u>XVIII</u>
		Noon	Command handed over to G.O.C. 5th Aust. Division. Divisional Headquarters moved to The DINGLE.	
			Attached is report on these operations together with some notes on lessons learnt, also Artillery lessons.	Appx. <u>XIX</u>
The DINGLE	11th	a.m.		
		8.00	Disposition Report attached.	Appx. <u>XX</u>
			Three Bayonet fighting Instructors reported for duty and attached one to each Brigade. Lt.Colonel HERITAGE left to be attached to 4th Aust. Division.	
	13th	a.m.		
		10.00	Church parade in 5th Aust, Inf. Brigade lines. Corps Commander presented medals and ribbons.	
	14th	a.m.		
		10.00	Corps Machine Gun Officer carried out demonstration on rifle range with all Machine Gun Companies	
	15th	a.m.		
		6.00	Issued Divisional Order No 129 re move to SENLIS area. Copy attached.	Appx. <u>XXI</u>
		p.m.	Army Commander accompanied by G.O.C. inspected all Brigades at training during the morning.	
		10.00	In view of further instructions from Corps, Divisional Order No 129 was cancelled and Divisional Order No 130 issued in its place. Copy attached.	Appx. <u>XXII</u>

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VAULX	May 16th		G.O.C. to ALBERT this morning to meet His Majesty the King of BELGIUM.	
			Capt WELLINGTON acting G.S.O.3 left to take up appointment as Brigade Major 17th Aust. Inf. Brigade in ENGLAND.	
	17th		The following moves took place :- Divisional Headquarters to RUBEMPRE. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade to SENLIS. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade to WARLOY. with 2 battalions at WARLOY, 1 battalion MILLENCOURT and 1 battalion BOUZINCOURT. 5th and 7th Field Companies to MILLENCOURT and BOUZINCOURT respectively. 22nd Aust. M.G. Company and 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion to BOUZINCOURT.	
	18th	a.m. 8.00	Disposition Report attached. Moves to SENLIS area completed. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade to RUBEMPRE with 2 Battalions at RUBEMPRE and 2 Battalions CONTAY. 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade to SENLIS with 3 Battalions at SENLIS and 1 Battalion BOUZINCOURT. 6th Field Company to SENLIS.	Appx. <u>XXIII</u>
	19th	a.m. 8.00	Disposition Report attached.	Appx. <u>XXIV</u>
	23rd		Capt. HOFFMEISTER, Shropshire Light Infantry, left after his period of attachment to rejoin his regiment. The Divisional Bomb School opened at RUBEMPRE.	

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RUBEMPRE	May 25th	9.30	Major-General SMYTH V.C. C.B. went on leave. During his absence Brigadier-General GELLIPRAND D.S.O. assumed temporary command of the Division.	
		Noon	Issued Order No 131 re relief of Artillery. Copy attached.	Appx. <u>XXV</u>
	26th		Training has been carried out during the week, and was mainly devoted to elementary work, special attention being paid to musketry and physical training, and the training of specialists. G.S.O. I returned from leave.	
	27th	a.m. 11.00	Corps Commander presented medals at 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade.	
	31st	a.m. 8.00	Disposition Report attached.	Appx. <u>XXVI</u>
			During the week, with the exception of some showers, the weather has been excellent. Training has been progressive and has been very satisfactory. Two new ranges have been opened and much assistance has been obtained from the Army Musketry and Sniping School. All units have held Sports Meetings and horse and transport show with excellent result. An Engineer officer has been attached to each Infantry Brigade to assist in instruction in topography.	
			The relief of the Artillery (see Divisional Order 131) was completed and in spite of their long and arduous period in the line the Artillery looked very well on their march out.	

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D. H. Q.	The MONUMENT	-	H.15.c.4.3.
<u>Brigade Headquarters.</u>			
5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	NOREUIL	-	C.10.c.9.1 Line centre.
6th. -do-	NOREUIL	-	C.9.d.9.3. Line left
7th -do-	NOREUIL	-	C.16.a.4.8.
1st. -do-	(attached from 1st A.Div)		H.12.c.8.6.
2nd. -do-	" " " "		C.29.a.4.2. Line right

FRONT LINE: -D.20.b.5.8. - D.14.c.0.4. - D.13.b.05.35 - D.7.c.6.2. -
C.12.a.3.6. - C.6.c.0.4. along railway to U.28.c.2.5.

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7th. Bn. H.Q.	C.24.d.9.5.	-	Line right
6th "	C.23.b.5.8.	-	Line left
5th "	C.30.a.7.1.	-	Support
8th "	I.4.b.9.9.	-	Support

CENTRE BRIGADE SECTOR.

27th. Bn. H.Q.	C.10.c.6.8.	-	Portion in outposts; remainder support.
19th Bn.	Line		
20th Bn.	Support		

LEFT BRIGADE SECTOR.

23rd. Bn. H.Q.	C.9.b.5.0		Line and support right
21st. Bn. "	C.4.c.3.0.		Line and support left.

BEAUMETZ-MORCHIES-VAULX LINE.

3rd. Bn. H.Q.	C.26.c.5.8.		
4th. "	C.19.d.5.9.		
22nd ^A . M.G. Coy	VAULX		

BEUGNY-YTRES LINE.

1st. Bn. H.Q.	H.12.b.6.8.		
2nd. Bn. "	H.12.b.5.8.		

DIVISIONAL RESERVE.

17th. Bn. H.Q.	H.20.a.8.4.		
18th. "	H.20.a.8.3.		
22nd. "	H.10.d.		
24th. "	H.10.c.		
25th, 26th & 28th. Bns.	FAVREUIL-BEUGNATRE.		

ARTILLERY

C. R. A.	The MONUMENT	H.15.c.4.3.	
"G" Group H.Q.	I.1.d.7.7.	(4th, 5th & 12th A.F.A. Bdes)	
"P" -do-	C.14.b.1.7.	(10th & 11th	-do-
"M" -do-	C.22.d.3.7.	(1st & 2nd	-do-
"R" -do-	I.21.b.central	(14th.	-do-

ENGINEERS

C. R. E&	The MONUMENT	H.15.c.4.3.
5th A. Fld. Coy	VAULX	I.2.c.4.3.
6th -do-	I.1.c.0.7.	
7th -do-	H.12.a.5.6.	
2nd. Aust. Enr. Bn.	H.5.a.4.5.	

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A. A. M. C.
 A. D. H. S.
 5th. A. Field Amb.
 6th -do-
 7th -do-

The MONUMENT H.15.c.4.3.
 I.1.c.5.5. Main Dressing Stn (Walking)
 I.1.c.3.3. -do- (Stretcher)
 I.1.c.6.6. Advanced Dressing Station.

MOUNTED TROOPS. (Attached)

"C" Sqdn, 13th A.L.H. FAVREUIL - Half Coy.
 Anzac Cyclist Bn. FAVREUIL

Div. Train H.Q. H.21.c.
 D.A.D.O.S. H.16.d.7.5.
 Mobile Vet. Section H.21.a.3.8.
 Field Cashier BAPAUME - H.26.d.3.0
 Div. Gas Officer BAPAUME -do-
 Div. Bomb. Officer H.11.d.5.7.

CG Miles

for Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff,
 2nd. Aust. Div.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 121.
(Re-Typed with Amendments embodied).

Reference: Maps ECOUST-St.MEIN,
Edition 2. Sheets
51.b.SW and SE, and
57.c.NW and NE.

Divisional Headquarters,
1st May, 1917.

General Intention.

1. The attack on the HINDENBURG line will be renewed on a date and at an hour to be communicated later, unless the enemy withdraw previously. In this latter case touch with the enemy will be maintained.

Troops Concerned.

2. The 2nd Australian Division and the 62nd Division on its left will carry out the attack on the front allotted to the 1st Anzac Corps and the V.Corps respectively.

Boundaries.

3. The boundaries between the attacking Divisions will be U.28.c.2.5 - U.28.a.6.6, thence to crossroads at U.22.c.98.20 - thence along the sunken road to U.22.b.8.5 - U.17.central - U.12.c.0.0 - U.12.c.6.6.
The sunken road will be inclusive to both divisions.

Objectives.

4. (a) The objectives of the 2nd Australian Division will be as shown on the attached map "A"
Line marked "4th Objective" to be erased from this map.
(Note: This map was forwarded with Order No.121 of 18-4-17)

Method of Advance.

(b) The advance from the 1st to 2nd Objective will begin at zero plus 1 1/4 hours and from 2nd to 3rd Objective at zero plus 2 1/4 hours.

62nd Division.

(c) The 62nd Division is responsible for the capture of BULLECOURT and is to attack simultaneously with the attacks on the HINDENBURG line, to the east and west of it. The objectives of this Division are also shown on Map "A".
The advances of the 62nd Division are to be concurrent with those of the 2nd Australian Division, and close touch is to be maintained between the attacking troops of the two Divisions as the advances take place.

(d) The 2nd Objective is practically only a starting point for the capture of RIENCOURT.

Further Objectives.

(e) The 3rd Objective will form three phases:-
i. The capture of the outskirts of RIENCOURT and the trench system in U.23.b. and U.17.c.
ii. Completion of the capture of RIENCOURT.
iii. The establishment of posts in U.18.a. and e. to connect RIENCOURT with the 62nd Division in HENDECOURT.

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Artillery.

5. (a) Sketch map "B", showing field artillery barrages is attached. This deals with all barrages designed to cover the actual assaults on each objective. (Note: Amended Barrage Map attached - previous one to be destroyed). *(Not attached)*

(b) Arrangements have been made for the following protective barrages to be put down if required after zero + 3.39: -

Red Barrage: As at zero + 2.54 to 2.59 from the left as far as U.18.c.5.5, thence to U.18.d.3.7.

Blue Barrage: As at zero + 1.40 to + 2.15, and zero + 1.40 to 2.18 for 37th, 39th & 41st, and 13th, 15th & 46th Batteries.

(Sketch showing these barrages has been forwarded).

(c) In addition: -

i. The defences of RIENCOURT, particularly those in U.24.c., U.23.b. and a., and U.17.c., also the approaches to RIENCOURT from the east and the enemy trenches in V.19 & 25, will be kept under fire by heavy artillery. There will also be a H.A. protective barrage outside and to the east of the field artillery barrage and 6" Mk.VII. guns will sweep the approaches from CAGNICOURT.

ii. The counter-battery groups will neutralise hostile artillery fire as usual.

iii. The enemy's trenches in U.30.d., C.6.b., and D.1.a. will be kept under fire of heavy and field artillery throughout. Smoke and gas shell will be used if wind is favourable.

The right brigade will report to D.H.Q. one hour before zero regarding the wind.

iv. A 4.5" howitzer battery will be specially detailed to keep under fire the trenches in U.30.a. & b. between the standing 18-pdr. barrage and the posts to be occupied by the infantry at U.30.a.4.4 and 4.8 - allowing a safe margin from the posts.

(d) The C.R.A. will, as soon as RIENCOURT has been captured -

i. Move the left artillery group into suitable positions to cover the new front of the Division beyond RIENCOURT.

ii. Hold one artillery brigade ready to advance should an advanced guard be formed or a further advance made.

Infantry.

6. (a) The 5th & 6th Aust. Inf. Bdes. are detailed to make the attack and frontages and boundaries are allotted as shown in the map "A"

The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be on the right and will attack between U.30.a.1.6 to 2.9. and U.29.a.8.7 to U.23.c.8.0. The road through U.29.c. and a. will be inclusive to this Brigade.

The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be on the left and will attack between the road through U.29.c. & a. (exclusive) to U.22.d.5.0 to 5.3.

/(b) Patrols.

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Patrols.

(b) Active patrolling will be carried out during the night previous to the attack to prevent the enemy's patrols from operating in NO MAN'S LAND.

Jumping-Off Line.

(c) Each brigade will tape a line 500 yards distant from the zero barrage line from which they will start at zero hour.

Direction

(d) Special arrangements will be made in each brigade to ensure correct direction. The magnetic bearing will be taken beforehand and the necessary officers detailed to check direction on the flanks of each wave.

Assault on Front Trench

(e) Assaulting troops will move forward punctually at zero hour at a rate of 100 yards a minute until close under the barrage.

At zero plus 16 the barrage will lift off the front trench and as it lifts the trench will be rushed by the first wave.

Flank Protection.

(f) Immediately the front trench is captured previously detailed trench clearing parties on the outer flanks of the leading wave of both brigades will bomb down the enemy trenches - the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. party on the right as far as U.30.a.4.4 - the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. party on the left as far as the Divisional Boundary.

The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. party will establish a block near U.30.a.4.4 and make arrangements to hold off the enemy by means of light trench mortars, Lewis guns, and rifle and hand bombs.

The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. party will establish connection with the troops of the 185th Inf. Bde. as they advance through BULLECOURT and up the trench on the East edge of the village.

At the same time specially detailed parties will commence working up each communication trench leading from the front to the support trench.

Assault on Support Trench.

(g) At zero plus 33 the barrage will lift off the support trench and the second wave, which will meanwhile have passed through the front trench and closed up to the barrage, will capture it, sending previously detailed parties down the trenches to each flank as described above.

Flank Protection.

(h) The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. party will go as far as U.30.a.4.8 and will clear the communication trench joining point 4.8 to 4.4. A total of four Stokes mortars will be established on this flank and suitable blocks with wire in front will be made.

The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. party will clear the trench as far as the Divisional Boundary at U.22.c.93.20 and gain touch with the British Brigade advancing through BULLECOURT.

Moppers-Up.

(i) With each wave will be specially detailed Moppers Up, who will follow the wave closely and commence their work immediately the wave has captured its objective. The troops comprising the wave will cover the operations of the Moppers Up by firing on the enemy in front, working up communication trenches and holding off counter-attacks.

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Consolidation.

Dumps:
Carriers:
Wounded.

(j) As soon as the wave following passes through each objective to close up under the barrage before assaulting the next objective the troops will commence the consolidation of the objective gained; the Moppers Up will complete their tasks; the formation of dumps will be put in hand - the carriers being used to assist wounded back.

Flank
Protection

(k) Simultaneously with the advance of the first wave, previously detailed parties with Lewis guns will be sent to take up positions now in course of preparation in C.6.c. & a. and U.30.c., in order to protect the right flank and to connect up with the post to be established at U.30.a.4.4.

Three Vickers guns and one platoon (with bombers) will be placed in position about U.28.d.20.95 to engage hostile machine guns in U.28.a. These guns should be dug in during darkness before zero hour. Their task will be to neutralise and silence any hostile machine gun or rifle fire from the Eastern edge of BULLE-COURT.

Co-operation with
185th Bde.

They will watch for the advance of the 185th Inf. Bde. and take precautions to avoid firing in their direction as they work up the edge of the village.

Second
Objective.
Advance.

(l) At zero plus 1 hour 15 minutes the western half of the protective barrage covering the consolidation of the first Objective will commence to lift till at zero plus 1 hour 40 minutes it lies on the road U.30.b.2.8 to U.22.b.2.9, which road, within the Divisional limits, forms the second Objective. Prior to zero plus 1.40 the third wave, followed by the fourth fifth waves, will close up under the barrage and when it lifts at zero plus 1.40 will occupy the road. and subsequent

This road forms a suitable forming-up place from which to launch the attack on RIENCOURT and its defences to the South and West.

Between zero plus 1.40 and zero plus 2.15, the third, fourth, fifth and subsequent waves will adjust their organisation, make special arrangements for the protection of the flanks, and close up under the protective barrage.

At zero plus 2.15, protective barrage will commence to lift at a rate of 100 yards in 5 minutes.

It is essential that these barrages be followed closely to gain full advantage from them.

Flank
Protection 2.15:

(m) Arrangements must be ready before zero plus

i. for the continual posting of previously detailed parties with mortars, supplies of bombs, etc., for the protection of the right flank (and of the left flank should the Division on the left be delayed). The trench in U.24.c. appears to be of use on the right flank but will require a block about U.24.c.70.75.

Wire-
cutters.

ii. for wire-cutters, mats, etc., for getting through the wire.

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- On reaching the line marked "1st Phase" the troops allotted for mopping up will commence their duties and they will be responsible for cutting gaps in the wire to allow carriers, etc. to get through easily - gaps to be marked by flag or other means.
- Moppers-Up for RIENCOURT (n) The waves allotted for the final Objective will not pause but will keep close up to the barrage and follow it through. It is essential that the leading wave should not stop in the village to deal with enemy details holding out. These must be left to specially detailed Moppers Up to deal with.
- New front of 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. (o) As the final objective is reached the front of the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will have automatically changed to face East. This front line must be placed in the best defensible positions and work commenced at once to obtain cover whilst the protective barrages are maintained, and to prepare for counter-attack.
Whether it will be best to take up the line of the edge of the village or to move forward a short distance, must be left to the commanders on the spot. The village will draw fire which a forward position will often escape.
- Direction and new front of 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. (p) The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will require to carefully maintain its direction during the advance to the third Objective, keeping its right in close touch throughout with the left of the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.
On reaching the line marked "2nd Phase", complete units (previously detailed) will at once be sent forward to secure positions on the spur in U.18.a. & c. facing East.
These posts must connect the left of the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. with the right of the 62nd Division.
The line marked "2nd Phase" will be organised as a support line.
- Defensive Flank. (q) Simultaneously with, or as soon as practicable after, taking the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Objectives, a strong defensive flank will be formed on the approximate line - C.6.c. - U.30.a.1.6 - U.30.a.2.9 - U.24.c.5.8 - U.18.c.95.10 - U.12.c.6.6 facing the DROCOURT - QUEANT line.
- Trench Mortars. 7. Medium. The C.R.A. will, by arrangement with the 62nd Division, send 3 medium trench mortar batteries and ammunition into BULLECOURT, to aid in the defence of the village or of other strong points.
These batteries will not advance until the strong point for which each is intended has been established.
Two medium trench mortars will be established by order of the right brigade commander, on the line U.30.a.1.6 - 2.9. as soon as the third, fourth, fifth, and subsequent waves have occupied the 2nd Objective. A special infantry ammunition party of 3 officers and 80 O.R.'s will be detailed by the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. to carry up ammunition for these mortars.
The task of these mortars will be the protection of the right flank.
These, and the Stokes mortars mentioned in para.6, will only fire when enemy counter-attacks are taking place.

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Light Trench Mortars.

Light. Two light trench mortar batteries (8th and 15th) from the 5th Australian Division, are transferred to this Division for the operation about to take place.

The 8th L.T.M. Battery is detailed to provide the four mortars and crews for the posts in U.30.a.4.4 and 4.8; the remaining mortars of this battery will be in position on the railway embankment at C.6.c.0.4 to co-operate in the defence of a strong post capable of all round defence, which will be established here under the orders of the G.O.C., 7th Aust. Inf. Bde.

The 8th L.T.M. Battery is placed under the orders of the G.O.C., 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. (less 4 mortars under 7th A. I. Bde.)

The 15th L.T.M. Battery is placed under the orders of the G.O.C., 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

The above arrangement will permit of the 5th and 6th L.T.M. Batteries each being available to go forward, under the orders of the respective brigade commanders, to assist in clearing the village of RIENCOURT and to assist in the protection of the flanks.

Smoke. Mortars for the discharge of smoke will be established about C.6.c.0.4. Their object is to create a screen to hide the advance from zero to zero plus 40. Smoke will only be discharged if the wind is S. by W. to S.W.

Machine Guns.

8. The 8th and 14th Aust. Machine Gun Companies of the 5th Aust. Division are attached to this Division for the purpose of aiding flank protection during the attack.

The amended orders for these two companies and for the Divisional (22nd) Machine Gun Coy., are attached.

Arrangements will be made for a heavy machine gun fire for at least six hours, for the protection of the right flank.

Engineers.

9. The C.R.E. will attach a liaison Engineer Officer to each of the 5th & 6th Aust. Inf. Bdes. on the morning of "Y" day, for duty during the operation.

One section of Engineers will be placed under the orders of each G.O.C., to assist in the clearing of dugouts in the captured position, in the construction of strong posts at points to be selected by the brigade commanders concerned, and in rendering harmless traps left by the enemy.

The C.R.E. will also arrange for clearing gaps in the wire entanglements after each position has been captured, to facilitate communication forwards or backwards. Such gaps will be marked by flags. As soon as the village of RIENCOURT has been secured, he will also send parties to search for wells, and to report on them.

Strong Points.

10. In addition to any others arranged for by Bde. Commanders, strong points will be established at or near U.24.c.1.2 in the right brigade area, and

11. in the left brigade area on the spur about U.23.c.0.4.

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 Communi- 11. Amended orders regarding communications are at-
 cation. - tached, as "Signal Instructions".
 Brigade commanders will include in their orders special arrangements for obtaining information quickly as to the result of each advance, whether by rocket or flare signal, or by Signal service.

Reserves. 12. (a) "C" Squadron, 13th Light Horse, Half Coy. 1st Anzac Cyclist Bn., and the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be in Divisional Reserve

These will be disposed as follows at zero hour:-

"C" Squadron 13th Light Horse and Half Coy. Cyclist Bn. on the S.E. outskirts of VAULX, Squadron Headquarters in Sunken Road at C.26.d.3.6.

The above will each send an officer to report at Advanced Divisional Report Centre in the same Sunken Road at zero hour.

One battalion 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. holding the railway line from C.6.c.5.3 to C.5.a.5.2 but disposed in depth with its reserves about NOREUIL.

One battalion 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. along the railway from C.5.a.5.2 to U.29.c.2.4. This battalion will be disposed to be readily available to move forward in case of need via the Eastern edge of BULLECOURT to reinforce the assaulting troops.

The remaining two battalions 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be disposed, one about C.4.c. and the other in the NOREUIL-LONGATTE Road, 7th A.M.G. Coy and 7th A.L.T.M. Battery in the NOREUIL-LONGATTE Road.

The Headquarters of the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be established at NOREUIL, C.16.a.4.8 at 6 p.m. on "Y" Day.

1st Aust. Division (b) An Inf. Brigade to be detailed by the G.O.C., 1st Aust. Division will be attached to the 2nd Aust. Division from noon on "Y" Day, at which time it will be assembled about BEUGNATRE, ready to move on receipt of orders. On arrival it will be disposed as laid down in para. 13.

Bde. H.Q. will be established at N.12.c.8.6 (now occupied by 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.)

(Note: 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. has been allotted).

MORCHIES-VAULX & BEUGNY-YTRES lines. 13. (a) The nucleus garrison for the MORCHIES-VAULX line - between MARICOURT WOOD and C.13.central - will be furnished from the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde., by whom the garrisons supplied by the 5th & 6th Aust. Inf. Bdes. were relieved on the 29th inst.

The nucleus garrison will consist of two battalions and 8 machine guns, as at present.

(b) The nucleus garrison of two battalions and 8 machine guns for the BEUGNY-YTRES line furnished by the 5th & 6th Aust. Inf. Bdes. was relieved by a similar garrison detailed by the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. on the 29th instant.

Contact Patrols. 14. No.3. Squadron R.F.C. will be responsible for Contact Patrol work on the front of the attack.

The front line of Infantry will mark their positions to Contact Patrols by lighting red flares at

i. Zero plus two hours;

ii. Zero plus four hours

and at other times when called for by KLAXON Horn or VERY light.

Flares must be collected from casualties and kept with troops in the front line.

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Contact Patrols (Ctd.) They will not be lit at the hours mentioned unless the Contact Patrol is in sight. When the Contact Patrol calls for flares these will be lit not only by those troops in the front line as it exists at the moment, but also by those on each flank, to show how each flank is situated. It is essential that sufficient, but not too many, flares be lit. The rule to guide company officers is that there shall be a flare to about every 100 yards.

Success Signals. 15. The following "Success Signals" will be used : -

(a) 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. (Left).

1st Objective

{ Front line trench gained - 1 White flare to be repeated at intervals of 10".

{ Support trench gained - 1 Red flare to be repeated at intervals of 10".

2nd Objective

{ 1 Red and 1 White flare alternately in quick succession.

(b) 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. (Right).

1st Objective

{ Front line trench gained - 2 Red flares fired together, repeated 10" later.

{ Support trench gained - 3 Red flares in quick succession.

2nd Objective

{ 1 Red and 2 White flares alternately in quick succession.

Except the above, and the "S.O.S." Signal, no other light signals are to be used.

Watches. 16. The O.C., 2nd Aust. Div. Signal Coy. will arrange for watches to be synchronised with A.D. Signals on "Y" Day at 12.15 p.m. and 5.15 p.m.

All units taking part in the attack will synchronise watches with the Div. Signal Coy. at 12.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. on "Y" Day.

Medical Arrangements. 17. Amended arrangements were forwarded 30-4-17.

Dumps, Ammunition & Supply. 18. Orders for these are issued herewith as an appendix to this order.

Brigade orders will include plans for forming forward dumps as early as possible and by the least exposed route.

(Amended Orders were forwarded 30-4-17.)

Prisoners of War & Stragglers' Posts. 19. (a) All prisoners of War captured will be sent by brigades under escort (not exceeding 10% of the number of prisoners) to NOREUIL, where the A.P.M. will arrange for their custody and despatch to the Corps Cage in batches.

G.O.C. of 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. will detail two platoons to report to the A.P.M. at NOREUIL by 6 p.m. on "Y" Day to assist in guard and escort duties. The infantry escorts from brigades in front will rejoin their units as soon as prisoners have been handed over to the A.P.M.

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Straggler Posts. (b) Amended orders regarding Straggler Posts were forwarded 30-4-17.

Details to be left behind. 20. All those details ordered to be left behind under the orders contained in Section XXX of the "Instructions for the Training of Divisions for Offensive Action" (SS. 135) will be collected at the transport lines of units. They will not on any account be allowed to go forward without permission obtained through D.H.Q.

Liaison. 21. The following Liaison Arrangements will be made:-

2nd Aust.Div. with 62nd Div.- Capt. HATTON
2nd Aust.Div.with 2nd A.I.Bde.Capt. HOFFMEISTER
6th A.I.Bde.with 185th Inf.Bde. } To be detailed by
Left Bn.6th A.I.Bde.with Right } G.O.C.6th A.I.Bde.
Bn. 185th Inf.Brigade }

Report Centres. 22. Report Centres will be established as follows at 6 p.m. on "Y" Day : -

2nd Aust.Div. at C.26.d.3.6 (N.E. corner VAULX).
5th A.I.Bde. NOREUIL, C.10.c.9.1 with forward exchange at C.5.b.1.7.
6th A.I.Bde. about C.5.a.1.3.

Both operation and administrative matters in connection with the attack will be dealt with at the Divisional Advanced Report Centre.

23. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 9 p.m.

W. Bridges
Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff, 2nd Aust. Div.

DISTRIBUTION -

1 C. R. A.
2 C. R. E.
3 5th Aust.Inf.Bde.
4 6th -do-
5 7th -do-
6 8th M.G. Co.
7 14th -do-
8 22nd -do-
9 8th L.T.M.Battery
10 15th -do-
11 2nd Aust.Div.Sig.Co.
12 C.Squad., 13th A.L.H.
13 O.C., Detach Anzac Cyc. Bn.
14 A.D.M.S.
15 A.Q.
16 D.B.O.
17 A.P.M.
18 1st Aust.Inf.Bde.
19 2nd Aust.Div.Train

For information:-

20 1st Anzac G.
21 -do- G.
22 1st Aust. Division
23 4th -do-
24 5th -do-
25 2nd Aust.Pioneer Bn.
26 11th Division
27 62nd Division
28 Anzac Heavy Art.
29 3rd Squadron R.F.C.
30 O.C., Special Co. R.E.
31 G.O.C.
32 D.G.O.
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34) War Diary
35 2nd Aust.Inf.Bde.
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37) File
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39) Spare
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SPECIAL MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTIONS (Amended).

(Issued as an appendix to 2nd Aust. Div. Order No 121).

1. The 5th and 6th Aust. Infantry Brigades will, on a date and at an hour to be notified later, attack the enemy's trenches from U.30.a.1.6 and 2.9 to about U.22.d.4.0 and 4.3; RIENCOURT will then be attacked.
2. The 8th and 14th Aust. Machine Gun Companies have been placed at the disposal of th^s Division and, with the Div (22nd) M.G.Coy., will be employed as ordered in para 4, below.
3. The hour at which all guns ^{are to} be in position will be notified later.
4. Dispositions and tasks will be as under:-

(a) Attack Guns. To cover infantry advance.

14th A.M.G.Co.

4 guns at about C.17, central to fire on enemy front trench from U.30.b.5.0 southwards to road in C.6.b.

4 guns at C.11.a.5.8 to fire on same target.

8th A.M.G.Coy.

6 guns in Sunken road at C.4.d to traverse enemy trenches in U.30.a, b and d, particularly on the higher ground.

Western limits of traverse to be the communication trench U.30.a.7.4 to 7.6 up to zero plus 15, thereafter the western limit will be U.30.b 0.3 to 0.6.

2 guns in sunken road at C.4.d to enfilade the enemy's communication trench in U.24.c.1.3 to 4.8 up to zero plus 1.40, thereafter to fire on trenches and sunken road in U.30.b.

22nd A.M.G.Co.

4 guns in sunken road at C.4.c.3.0 to enfilade communication trench in U.23.d.10.05 to 2.9 and road U.23.c.85.05 to U.23.b.2.5 till zero plus 20, then fire on same targets U.23.d 1.5 and 0.5 northwards till zero plus 1.15 ^{(from} then cease fire.

2 guns in road in C.9.a to enfilade road C.22.d.0.2 to C.22.b.4.0 till zero plus 20, then lift 250 yards till zero plus 60, then cease fire.

(b) Protective Guns.

To protect right flank from counter attack.

14th A.M.G.Co.

4 guns about C.18.c.2.2 to fire towards QUEANT,
4 guns about C.11.a.4.3 to fire towards QUEANT.
The "attack guns" of this Coy. are also suitably sited as "protective" guns.

8th A.M.G.Co.

8 guns dug in on railway line in C.5.d to fire on any enemy counterattack from hostile trenches in U.24.b and d and U.30.b and d and to enfilade enemy trenches in V.25.a and c.

(c) A.A.guns/

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(c) Anti-Aircraft Guns.

To prevent hostile planes from flying low over our artillery.

22nd A.M.G. Co.

4 guns in the neighbourhood of C.15. Exact positions will be given to O.C., 22nd A.M.G. Co, by C.R.A. Already in position.

(d) Reserve.

22nd A.M.G. Co.

6 guns in sunken road N.E. of VAULX (C.26.d.1.7)

5. The Machine Gun Companies of the 5th, 6th and 7th A.I. Brigades will be at the disposal of their respective Bde. Commanders.

The Vickers guns should not normally be used in place of Lewis Guns in the attack but should follow up as each objective is secured to deal with possible counter attacks.

6. Ammunition - Bulk reserve ^{at} dump in C.15.central. 14 boxes per gun to be with gun.

7. All guns to be prepared to stand by for 36 hours after zero.

8. Rate of fire:

Attack guns - 5000 rounds per gun 1st hour.
1500 rounds per gun subsequently for guns in action.

Protective and Anti-Aircraft Guns. - As required.

(c) A.A. (c)

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SIGNAL INSTRUCTIONS (Amended).
-----(Issued as an appendix to 2nd Aust, Div. Order
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The following will be the arrangements for the attack on the HINDEBURG line by the Second Aust. Division:-

1. Between Divisional and Brigade Headquarters - buried and ground cable, wireless and mounted D.R's.
2. Between Divisional Headquarters and Artillery - buried and ground cable.
3. Forward of Brigades:

(i) Ground cables from Advanced Brigade Headquarters to battalions in line, to be metallic circuit, and in addition one metallic pair from 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. to the 17th Battalion forward station, and one metallic pair from 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. to the 24th Battalion forward station for artillery working.

These lines will be run and maintained by the Brigade Signal Officers concerned, assisted by artillery personnel.

These artillery lines will be continued forward and maintained from the 17th and 24th Battalion Forward Stations respectively, to the respective F.O.O's. by artillery personnel.

At the Battalion stations lines will be put through Battalion exchanges.

(ii) a. Amplifier at 5th A.I.Bde. H.Q. working with power buzzers from advanced points. Position of power buzzers to be at Advanced Brigade Headquarters if such is used. If not, Brigade Section Officer will decide on position.

b. Another amplifier at an intermediate point (Advanced Brigade Headquarters if used) to work with two power buzzers, which will be carried forward after 1st objective has been captured.

(iii) A trench wireless set will push forward into RIENCOURT in the event of this village being occupied. This set will link up direct with any rear set.

4. (a) A central visual station G.K.V. will be established at C.9.d.5.9, which station will receive all messages from any new forward position. This station will be connected to the 5th A.I.Bde. Headquarters by cable: the latter Brigade will provide all necessary visual station personnel (vide Sect. II para 3, sub-para 2) "Instructions for Training of Divisions for Offensive Action".
- (b) The exact location on the ground must be explained to all signallers, including regimental signallers.
- (c) Each message to this station must be sent in its entirety and then sent twice again.

5. Pigeons. Eight (8) pigeons will be allotted to each Bde.

6. As battalions advance in the attack, Brigade Sections will, as normally, keep telephone communication intact. It is advisable to concentrate all efforts on one or two lines instead of running many alternate routes.

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7. The ordinary rules regarding communication with aircraft will be carried out.

When a Brigade or Battalion moves into a new position, it will display its ground sheet and strips.

8. Runners. Arrangements should be made for runners to be detailed as early as possible and their duties should be carefully explained as to what is required of them.

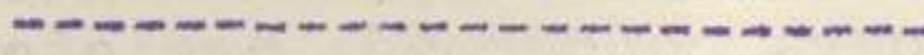
They should be clearly instructed as to the position of all stations and headquarters in the area, or to those with which they will operate.

On no account should verbal messages be sent by runners.

Runners should not be used as guides but only as despatch carriers.

9. On each Brigade front all signal arrangements, both of the infantry and artillery supporting them, will be under the control of the Infantry Brigade Section Officer.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
30th. April 1917.Issued as Appendix to
2nd. Aust. Div. O.O. No. 121 of 18/4/17.Ammunition Arrangements (to be substituted for
those issued on 18/4/17)

Brigade Battle Dumps -	Right	C.10.c.7.7.
		C. 5.central
	Left	C.10.d.1.9
		C. 5.a.0.5
		U.28.c.9a.15

"A" Echelon 2nd. & 4th.)
 D.A.C. - 30 limbered) B.30.d.3.5
 G.S. waggons)
 to take up position at this point at Zero + 2 hours.

20 limbers each loaded with 18,000 rds. S.A.A.	-	360,000 rds. SAA.
8 " " " " " " " " " "	768 No.5 Grenades-	6,144 No.5 Grenades
2 " " " " " " " " " "	768 No.23 " -	1,536 No.23 "

"A" Echelon 2nd. D.A.C. . . . H.17.a.8.2.

18 G.S. waggons each loaded with 40,000 rds.	-	720,000 rds.
3 " " " " " " " " " "	1,380 No.5 Grenades -	4,140

"A" Echelon 4th. D.A.C. . . . H.16.a.2.9.

18 G.S. waggons each loaded with 40,000 rds. S.A.A.	-	720,000 rds.
3 " " " " " " " " " "	1,380 No.5 Grenades -	4,140

Main Divisional Dump . . . H.11.d.4.7

System of supply : (a) During the first phase Brigades will carry
ammunition forward from their battle dumps.

(b) Thereafter each Brigade will have as a
mobile reserve its S.A.A. and Grenade limbers
loaded as follows :-

4 Lewis Gun Limbers containing 69,000 rds. SAA
2 S.A.A. Limbers " 36,000 rds S.A.A.
1 Bomb limber " 768 No.5 Grenades
1 Limber 3rd. SAA lbr " 768 No.23 "

(c) From Zero + 2 hours demands for further
ammunition will be sent to the Div. Bomb Officer
at B.30.d.3.5. by guides who will conduct full
limbers forward.

(Brigades will have alternative routes forward
reconnoitred for this purpose.)

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30th. April, 1917.Issued as Appendix to 2nd. Australian
Division O.O. No. 121 of 18/4/17.
-----(To be substituted for that issued on
17th. April, 1917).
-----Battle Straggler Posts.Battle Straggler Posts will be established at 6 p.m. on
Y day at the following places :-

VAULX C.26.A.9.6.

SUGAR FACTORY B.24.D.7.8.

NOREUIL C.10.C.7.6.

Prisoners of War Collecting Cage.A Prisoners of War Collecting Cage will be established at
NOREUIL C.10.C.7.6. where all prisoners of war will be handed over
and a receipt obtained for same.E.M. RALPH, Lt-Col.,
D. A. A. G.
2nd. Aust. Div.

ISSUED WITH 2ND AUST. DIV. AMENDMENTS & ADDITIONS TO
2ND AUST. DIV. ORDER NO. 121.

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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Reference Map: 57° 1/40,000.

In the event of attack by this Division, the following will be the Medical Arrangements : -

1. Medical disposition is shown in the attached table.
2. O.C., 7th Aust. Field Ambulance, with that Unit complete, and bearer divisions of 5th & 6th Aust. Field Ambulances, will be responsible for the evacuation of casualties from the R.A.P's. to the Main Dressing Station. The Bearer divisions of the 2nd & 14th Aust. Field Ambulances will be at his disposal if required. All horse and motor ambulance wagons of this Division will be under his command, and in addition O's.C., 5th & 6th Aust. Field Ambulances will each place at his disposal 5 G.S. wagons with teams and drivers. 3 horse ambulance wagons of 5th Aust. Division, and extra teams of A.M.G. Units in 1st & 5th Aust. Divisions, will reinforce the above transport.
3. At Main Dressing Station 6th Aust. Field Ambulance will receive and clear all stretcher cases: 5th Aust. Field Ambulance will receive and clear all walking wounded.
4. Each R.M.O. will go forward to the Advanced R.A.P. with six squads of four bearers, who will take with them 12 stretchers and 24 blankets. These squads will join respective R.M.O's. moving up on "Y" night at the Advanced Dressing Station and move up with them. R.M.Os of Units in line before "Y" night will notify O.C., 7th Aust. Field Ambulance of time at which they wish extra bearer squads to report to their R.A.P's.
5. A Relay Post of Field Ambulance bearers will be established at C.4.d.
6. An Advanced Collecting Station will be formed at C.10.c.7.7 with dump of stretchers, blankets and dressings.
7. O.C., 7th Aust. Field Ambulance will post runners at Brigade H.Q. C.10.c.9.1 to maintain touch with Field Ambulance M.O. at C.10.c.7.7.
8. Horse wagons will work from Advanced Dressing Station by Road to C.14.central and thence overland to C.9.d.5.6. Wagons will be pushed forward, if circumstances permit, in front of NOREUIL. Horse wagons will be used on road from C.14.central to LONGATTE and on towards BULLECOURT if necessary. A horse wagon will be posted on the LONGATTE Road at C.22.d. to clear casualties from this flank.
9. From Advanced Dressing Station C.20.d.2.8 cases will be cleared to Main Dressing Station I.l.c., stretcher cases by motor ambulance cars, walking wounded as much as possible by horse wagons.
10. From Main Dressing Station stretcher cases will be evacuated to C.C.S. GREVILLERS by M.A.C. cars. Walking wounded will be evacuated by 10 motor lorries and buses attached to 5th Aust. Field Ambulance to C.C.S. GREVILLERS. If walking wounded cases tend to become blocked at M.D.S. they will be sent by DECAUVILLE Train from I.l.d.7.5 to H.32.a.3.0, at which place a motor-bus will be stationed to clear cases to C.C.S., GREVILLERS. Cases for D.R.S. will be loaded on empty passing lorries to be taken to 1st Aust. Field Ambulance, POZIERES.
11. R.M.O's. will keep touch with Field Ambulance by sending notes back by Field Ambulance bearers at frequent intervals during the engagement. All messages must state time of despatch.

(This cancels previous medical arrangements issued with O.O.121)

MEDICAL DISPOSITION FOR ATTACK.

Advanced Regimental Aid Posts	Relay Post.	Advanced Coll-ecting Post	Wagon post	Advanced Dressing Station	Main Dressing Stn.	DECAUVILLE Walking Wounded Posts.
21st, 22nd Bns. U.28.c.5.2. 23rd, 24th Bns. C.5.a.0.5. 17th, 18th Bns. C.5.b.1.2. 19th, 20th Bns. C.5.d.7.6.	0.4.d.	C.10.c.7.7.	0.9.d.5.6.	0.20.d.2.8.	I.1.c.	I.1.d.7.5. H.32.a.5.0.

Stretcher cases will be taken from R.A.P.'s. to Wagon Post by hand carriage or wheeled stretcher carriages.
 Horse Ambulance wagons will convey stretcher cases from WAGON LOADING POST to Advanced Dressing Station.
 Motor Ambulance wagons will convey stretcher cases from Advanced Dressing Station to Main Dressing Station.
 Horse wagons will convey walking cases from Advanced Dressing Station to Main Dressing Station.

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Divisional Headquarters,
1st May, 1917.

TO ALL RECIPIENTS OF O. O. 121.

Herewith sketch showing barrages, mentioned in para. 11.
of Amendments & Additions to 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 121, issued
on 30-4-17.

Please acknowledge receipt.

C. G. Miles
for Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,
2nd Aust. Div.

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Handwritten notes and sketches, including the word "Barrage" and other illegible text, are visible in the lower right quadrant of the page.

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RED BARRAGE

Protective barrage
1:40 to 2:18
57th 53th & 41st
Blue Barrage
Protective barrage
1:40

Strong Point

Blue Barrage

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15th 45th & 46th Btys. Protective Barrage 1:40-2:18
Blue Barrage

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2nd Aust. Div. Arty. H.Q.

27.4.17.

Scale 1:10000

Protective barrage
1:40-2:15

Hatched line
is 2nd Object

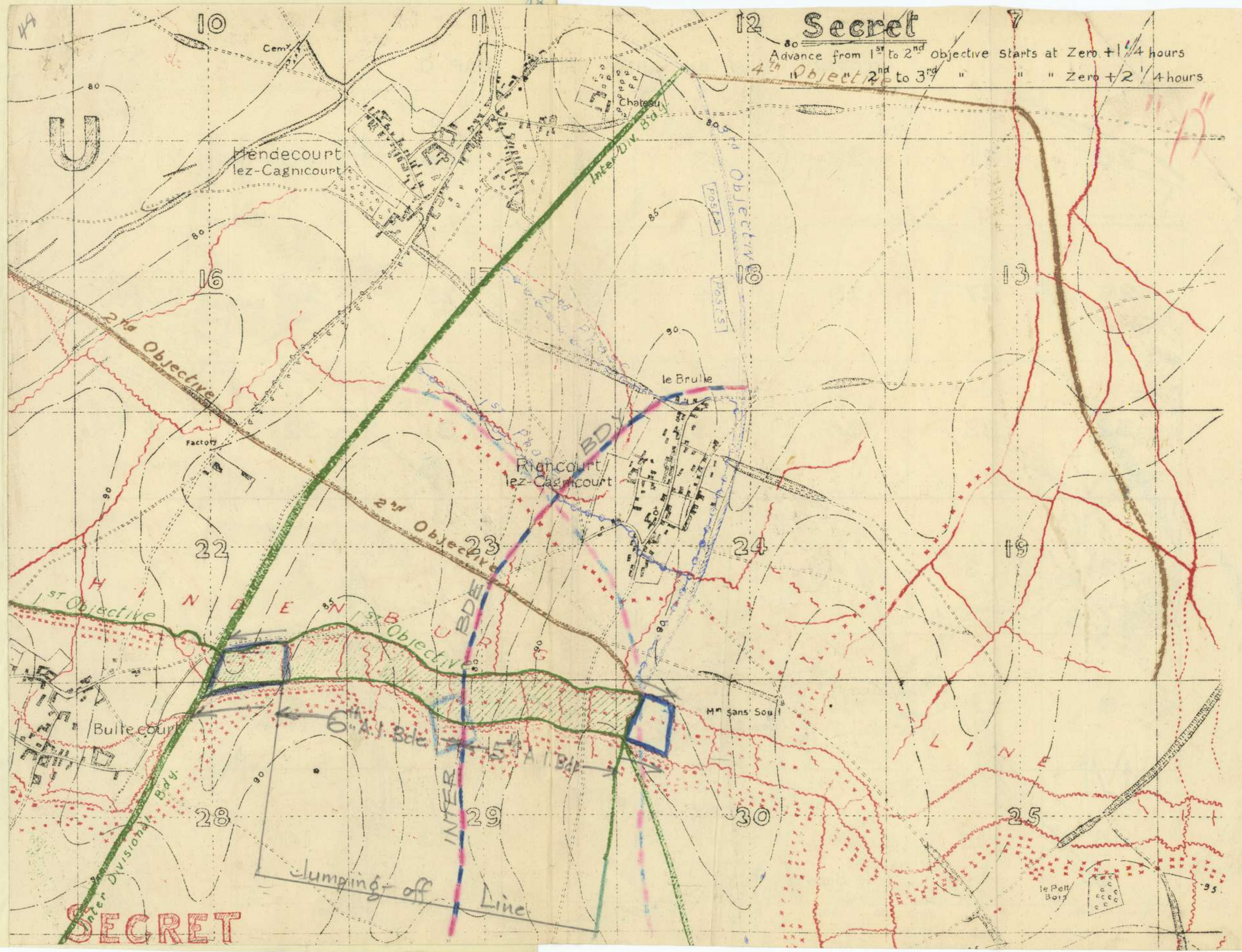
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Advance from 1st to 2nd objective starts at Zero + 1 1/4 hours
4th Objective 2nd to 3rd " " " Zero + 2 1/4 hours



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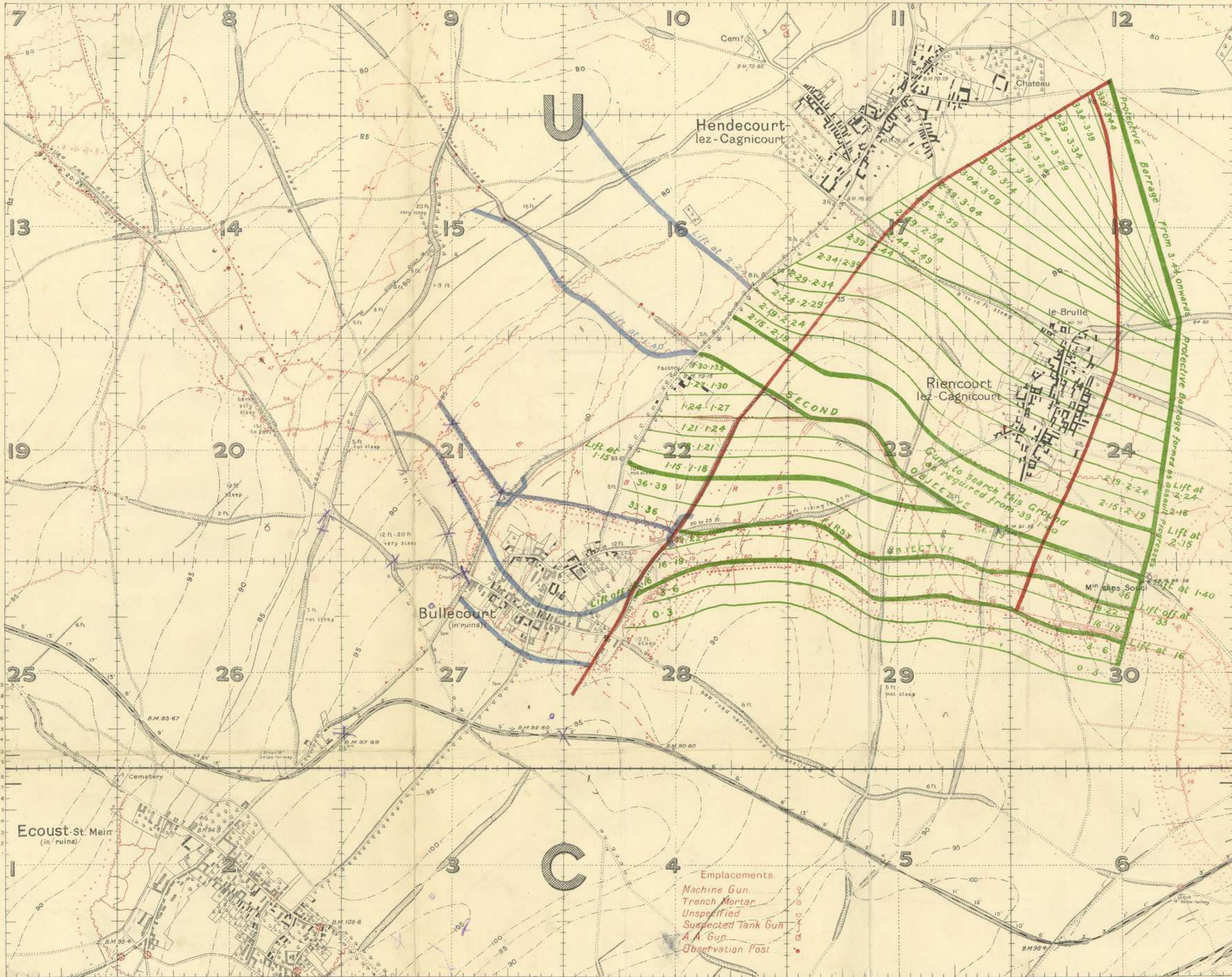
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EDITION 3.

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5th Field Survey Co. R.E., (859) 7-4-17, (825) 24-4-17.

SCALE - 1:10,000

TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 25-4-17.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

H. S.

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Divisional Headquarters,
3rd May, 1917.1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
5th -do-
6th -do-
7th -do-2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. } for
C.M.A. } information.

1. The following readjustment of the troops in the front position will be carried out tonight. -

(i) The 27th Bn. will remain responsible for the front from the railway at O.G.C.3.3. to Post No. 3. in U.30.c.3.3. This Bn. will be under the command of the C.O.C. 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. with 26th Bn. in support.

(ii) The 26th Bn. will hold from No. 3 Post (exclusive) along right flank in O.G.1 and O.G.2. as far west as U.29.b.3.7. and U.23.d.3.0.

5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will hold O.G.1 and 2. from U.29.b.3.7. and U.23.d.3.0. to present inter-
brigade boundary on road in U.29.a. (inclusive), and be in readiness to advance this evening to the second objective on receipt of orders. They will be responsible for the front line from the left of 27th Bn. in U.30.c.3.3. to the road in U.29.a. - U.23.c. and d.

(iii) The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will advance their left flank and will hold O.G.1. and 2. as far west as U.23.d.3.0. and O.3., co-operating with any attack by 7th Division on BULLBOUNT.

Three battalions 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the troops of 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. in O.G.2. from the road in U.23.c.3.0. (exclusive) to U.22.d.3.3 and will be in readiness to advance to second objective, leaving a garrison in occupation of O.G.2. This relief will take place before 11 p.m. tonight.

O.G.1. will be held by 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

The C.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will assume command of all the troops in the front line from road in U.29.a. to his left flank in U.22.d., including the three battalions of the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. and the 25th Battalion now on the left flank by the railway.

2. Acknowledge.

*Alvis*Lieut. Colonel.
General Staff.
Second Australian Division.*W. A. D. King*

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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.

No. of Message _____

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At _____ m.			Appx. III	From _____
To _____				By _____
By _____				(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { 5th A.I. Bde 2nd A.I. Bde
6th — C.R.A.
7th — 1st A.I. Bde

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* G 255	3		

Continuation H 8 sent you by D.R. aae
in addition special attention will
be paid (a) to barrage of approaches
(b) S.O.S. arrangements (c) organisation
of old line as a support (d) communication
and supply of bombs amtr and
water (e) machine gun barrage on
right flank aae endeavours must
be made to get forward trench
meters and amtr to resist
counter attack aae patrolling by
LAWA must be active tonight.

From 2nd Aust. Div.
Place 6.55
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

"C" Form

Army Form C. 2123.
(In books of 100.)

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TO

2nd Aus Divn Adoqd

Sender's Number

Day of Month

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3rd

AAA

*I warmly congratulate you the
brigade commanders and all officers
and men upon their gallant
attack and for the retention
of their position in the
face of great opposition and
all infantry, artillery and Engineers
have worthily upheld the honour
and the traditions of the
Australian Imperial Force*

*Repeated all concerned
July 7 32 pm*

FROM

PLACE & TIME

*General Birdwood
7.15 pm*

* This line should be erased if not required.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

H.18.

Divisional Headquarters.
4th May 1917.

- 1st Aust Inf Bde.
 - 5th -do-
 - 6th -do-
 - C.R.A.
 - CR.E.
 - 7th Aust Inf Bde.
 - 2nd -do-
 - 7th Division.
- } For information.

1. The O.C. 1st A.I.Bde will on receipt of this order take over the command of the sector now commanded by G.O.C. 6th A.I. Bde viz from road in U.29.a. to left of Divisional Area. The troops under his command will be -
 1st, 3rd, and 4th Battalions.
 1st A.L.T.M. Battery.
 1st A.M.G. Coy (Now in rear - ordered to rejoin Bde)
 2nd Battalion will rejoin Bde tonight. (forthwith)

2. On relief by O.C. 1st A.I.Bde the G.O.C. 6th A.I.Bde will establish his H.Q. at NOREUIL. C.9.d.9.3., and will remain in support of the 1st A.I.Bde. Troops to be reorganised but not to be moved back without authority from the Divisional Commander. 6th A.M.G. Coy will be at the disposal of the 1st A.I.Bde till relieved by the 1st A.M.G. Coy. It will then occupy the VAUX & BEUGNY-YTRES Line - 8 guns in each. The guns of the 22nd A.M.G. Coy now in this area will remain and come under the tactical control of the 1st A.I.Bde.

3. To reinforce the 5th A.I.Bde, two battalions of the 3rd A.I.Bde (11th and 12th) will be allotted to that Bde on arrival. These two battalions will reach NOREUIL about noon today and will there come under the orders of G.O.C. 5th A.I.Bde.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. H. H. H. H. H.
 for Lieut Colonel.
 General Staff.
 2nd Aust Div.

W.D. Day

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 125.

Divisional Headquarters,
4th May, 1917.

Reference Map : 1/20,000.
Sheets 51.b.S.W. & 57.c.N.W.

1. The movements detailed in the attached movement and relief table will take place on the dates shown.
2. The relief of the 5th A.I.Bde. by the 3rd A.I.Bde. will be completed before 4 a.m. on 5th May.
The relief of the 6th A.I.Bde. by the 1st A.I.Bde. has been completed today.
The 7th A.I.Bde. will remain responsible for that portion of the front line now held by it, viz: - C.6.c.5.3. to Post at U.30.c.5.5.
The dividing line between the 3rd and 1st A.I.Bdes. will be the road through U.29.a. and c inclusive to 3rd A.I.Bde.
3. The 175th Bde., 58th Div., will relieve the 2nd A.I.Bde. in the right bde. area on the nights 4th/5th and 5th/6th May.
The G.O.C. 175th Bde. will take over command of this sector from the G.O.C. 2nd A.I.Bde. on completion of relief and will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Div.
Relief to be completed by 4 a.m. on 6th May and to be reported to D.H.Q.
4. In each case the relieved brigade will hand over all orders, photographs, maps, ammunition dumps and trench stores to the relieving brigade and will take receipts, a copy of which must be forwarded to D.H.Q. within 48 hours of the relief.
5. Troops will not move forward of the MORCHIES VAUX Line in larger bodies than 3 or 4 men before 8.30 p.m. In rear of this line 200 yards will be maintained between companies or units of corresponding size.
6. The 14th M.G. Coy. and 8th and 15th L.T.M. Batteries will rejoin their Division under instructions which will be issued by the Corps. They will, in the first instance, march to Details Camp - H.22.c.
7. Acknowledge.

W. Bridges

Lieut. Colonel.
General Staff.

Second Australian Division.

Issued at 4 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION -

1. C.R.A.	13. 2nd A.Div.Sig.Co.	25. 58th Div.
2. C.R.E.	14. 2nd A.Div.Train.	26. 62nd Div.
3. 5th Aust.Inf.Bde.	15. A.D.M.S.	27. ANZAC H.A.
4. 6th -do-	16. A.Q.	28. 3rd Squad.RFC.
5. 7th -do-	17. D.B.O.	29. 4th -do-
6. 1st -do-	18. A.P.M.	30. G.O.C.
7. 2nd -do-	19. 1st ANZAC "G".	31. D.B.O.
8. 3rd -do-	20. -do- "Q".	32. War Diary.
9. 175th Inf.Bde.	21. 1st Aust.Div.	33.)
10. 14th A.M.G.Co.	22. 5th -do-	34.) File.
11. 8th A.L.T.M.Batt.	23. 7th Div.	35-8 Spare.
12. 15th -do-	24. 11th "	

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MOVEMENT AND RELIEF TABLE.

(To accompany 2nd Aust.Div. Order No. 125.)

Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	Relieves	Who move to
MAY. 4th	1st A.I.Bde.	Reserve	Line	6th A.I.Bde.	Line support(a)
	2nd A.I.Bde. 2 Bns.	LAGNICOURT MORCHIES Line.	VAULX Line.	19 & 20 Bns. 5th A.I.Bde.	Camp BIEFVIL- LERS Area. H.20.a. (b)
	175th I.Bde. 2 Bns.	ACHIET LE PETIT.	LAGNICOURT MORCHIES Line.	2 Bns. of 2nd A.I.Bde.	VAULX Line. (b)
4th/ 5th.	3rd A.I.Bde. 2 Bns. 2 Bns. Bde.H.Q. M.G.Co. L.T.M.Batt.	NOREUIL BAPAUME BANCOURT	Line Line support. NOREUIL	2nd & 4th Bns. 1st A.I.Bde. 2 Bns. 5th A.I. Bde. (17 & 18) (5th Bde.H.Q. (M.G.Co. (L.T.M.Batt.	1st Bde Rejoin in line (c) Camp BIEFVILL- ERS Area H.14.c BIEFVILLERS Area. H.20.a.
5th/ 6th.	2nd A.I.Bde. Bde.H.Q. 2 Bns. M.G.Co. L.T.M.Batt. 175th I.Bde. Bde.H.Q. 2 Bns. M.G.Co. L.T.M.Batt.	Line. ACHIET LE PETIT.	BEUGNY - YTRES Line. Line.	26th & 28th Bns. 6th M.G.Co. 2nd A.I.Bde.	Camp FAVREUIL H.9.d. " H.10.a. H.18.a. (d) BEUGNY - (e) YTRES Line.

NOTE. (a) 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q. NOREUIL C.9.d.9.3.
Troops NOREUIL - LONGATTE Road.

(b) To take place as soon as it is dusk.
& 4th Bn.

(c) 2nd Bn./come under orders of 1st A.I.Bde. again.

(d) 2nd A.I.Bde. H.Q. H.18.a.9.9.
2nd M.G. Co. will take over M.G. positions in VAULX
and BEUGNY - YTRES from 6th M.G. Co.

(e) G.O.C. 2nd A.I.Bde. will take over responsibility for
the defence of the MORCHIES - VAULX and BEUGNY -
YTRES lines on his arrival.

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S E C R E T.
-----SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

H. 30.

Divisional Headquarters,
5th May, 1917.

C.R.A.
C.R.E.
1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
2nd -do-
3rd -do-
7th -do-
175th Inf. Bde.

In connection with the operations now in progress certain important matters must be kept in mind to ensure effective action and proper co-ordination of effort.

Bombing Operations: It pays far better to undertake this kind of operation deliberately after the necessary organization has been completed. This includes :-

- (i) Arrangements for relief of exhausted bombers.
- (ii) Supply of bombs and rifle bombs.
- (iii) Plan of attack to include all Infantry arms, viz. Machine Guns, Lewis Guns, rifle bombs, hand bombs, Stokes mortars as well as rifle and bayonet.
- (iv) It was found of very great advantage to combine above with Artillery fire. Batteries, after careful registration, placed a barrage on the trench to be captured and, section by section, fire was lifted to enable the bombers to advance.
Those batteries which have lifted can be used to form a protective barrage on the exposed flank.
Close co-operation between Artillery and Infantry through the Liaison officer is therefore important.
- (v) A scheme and necessary preparations for the formation of a really strong block must be arranged in advance. In this scheme Medium and Light Trench Mortars must be included and ammunition and bomb supply.
- (vi) Behind the block must be a defensive line as wide as possible - made either by digging a trench or by occupying shell holes well to the flanks of the trench in which the bombers are operating.
- (vii) As soon as possible wire must be placed across the front of the block.

Ambriges,

Lieut. Colonel.
General Staff.

Second Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 126.

Divisional Headquarters,
5th May, 1917.

Reference Map:

ECOUST - ST. MEIN, 1:10,000.

Objectives
of Attack.

1. On 7th May at an hour to be notified later by code to those concerned, which will be referred to as Zero hour, the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. will carry out an attack on the trenches to the west of those now held by that brigade, and known as O.G.1 and O.G.2.

The limits of the attack will be the Divisional Boundary, viz. Point U.28.a.8.8. in O.G.1, and point U.22.d.0.3. in O.G.2 and will include the Communication Trench joining O.G.1 to O.G.2. at U.28.b.10.95 to U.22.d.00.25.

Method of
Attack.

2. The attack will be carried out by bombing units relieving each other as the advance progresses.

Light Trench Mortars and Vickers and Lewis Guns will be detailed to assist.

The advance up each trench will be covered and aided by artillery barrages to be arranged by the C.R.A., working in conjunction with the G.O.C. 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

The artillery will not fire on a line South of an East and West/through U.28.a.6. 5.
line

Strong
Posts.

3. On reaching the above objectives strong posts will be made -

- (i) at about U.22.d.03. (to fire to north and north-east up the road in U.22.d. as well as to the west);
- (ii) at about U.22.d.03.05;
- (iii) U.28.b.10.95;
- (iv) at about U.28.a.8.8.

In each case blocks will be established forward of the Posts to prevent enemy bombers from approaching within 70 yards of the Posts without coming out into the open. This will involve filling in the trenches in front with earth or wire.

The Posts will be constructed on a wide front across the trenches to enable ample frontal fire by rifle, Lewis or Vickers Guns and rifle grenades to be brought to bear on the enemy.

Attack
by 7th
Division.

4. The above attack is preparatory to an attack which will be made by the 7th Division on the south-east and southern face of BULLECOURT on the early morning of 8th May.

For the purposes of this attack the G.O.C. 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. will, by arrangement with the G.O.C. 20th Bde., vacate such portion of the railway line in U.28.c. and d. as is required by the 20th Bde. for assembly and forming up. This is to be done tonight.

5. Acknowledge.

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Lieut. Colonel.
General Staff.

Second Australian Division.

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- 2 1st A.I.Bde.

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- 3 2nd AI.Bde,
- 4 3rd AI.Bde.
- 5 5th AI.Bde.
- 6 6th AI.Bde.
- 7 7th A.I.Bde.
- 8 175th Inf.Bde.
- 9 C.R.E.
- 10 2nd A.Div.Sig.Co.
- 11 A.D.M.S.
- 12 A.Q.
- 13 D.B.O.
- 14 A.P.M.
- 15 1st ANZAC "G".
- 16 1st ANZAC "Q".
- 17 1st Aust.Div.
- 18 7th Div.
- 19 58th Div.
- 20 ANZAC H.A.
- 21 3rd Squad.RFC.
- 22 4th -do-
- 23 G.O.C.
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- 27 } File
- 30 } Spare.

(i) at about U.S.S. 4.0.0. (ii) at about U.S.S. 4.0.0. (iii) at about U.S.S. 4.0.0. (iv) at about U.S.S. 4.0.0.

In each case above will be established forward of the front to prevent any further approach within 50 yards of the front without coming out into the open. This will involve filling in the trenches in front with earth or wire.

The front will be constructed on a wide front across the trenches to enable single frontal fire by rifle, Lewis or Vickers Guns and rifle magazines to be brought to bear on the enemy.

4. The above attack is preparatory to an attack which will be made by the 7th Division on the south-east and southern face of MURROUM on the early morning of 8th May.

For the purpose of this attack the G.O.C. 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. will, by arrangement with the G.O.C. 30th Bde., occupy such portion of the railway line as U.S.S. c. and d. as to be reported by the 30th Bde. for assembly and forming up. This is to be done tonight.

5. Administrative.

Lieut. Colonel.
General Staff.
Second Australian Division.

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S E C R E T .

AMENDMENT TO
SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No 126 dated 5-5-17.

Divisional Headquarters,
6th May 1917.

In para 1 - for 7th May, read 6th May.

In para 4 - for 8th May, read 7th May.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. Wellington Capt
Lieut Colonel.
for General Staff.
2nd Aust Div.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Location of Units at 8 a.m. 6th May 1917.

Div Headquarters. - THE MONUMENT. - H.15.c.4.3.
Advanced.D.H.Q. - VAULX. - C.26.d.3.6.

Right Brigade Sector.

175th Inf Bde.H.Q. C.29.a.4.2. (Attached from 58th Div)
Front Line. - D.20.a.5.8. - D.13.central - D.12.central - C.6.
c.5.3.

2/11th London Regt.H.Q. C.24.d.9.5. Line Right.
2/12th -do- " C.23.b.5.8. Line Left.
2/9th -do- " I.4.b.9.9. Support Right.
2/10th -do- " C.30.a.7.1. Support Left.

Right Centre Brigade Sector.

7th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q. C.16.a.4.8.
Front Line. - C.6.c.5.3. to U.30.c.5.5.

27th Bn.H.Q. - C.11.a.4.5. Line.
25th Bn. " - C.16.b.1.5. Support.

Left Centre Brigade Sector.

3rd Aust Inf Bde.H.Q. C.10.c.9.1. (Attached from 1st Aust)
Front Lines. O.G.2. from U.30.a.2.9. to U.23.c.8.0.
O.G.1 from U.30.a.1.6. to U.29.a.8.7.
(operations in progress to extend to Right)

12th Bn.H.Q. - C.5.b.1.8. Line Right
11th Bn.H.Q. - C.5.d.9.4. Line Left
10th Bn " - C.5.d.5.7. Support
9th Bn. " - I.1.c. Reserve

Left Brigade Sector.

1st Aust Inf Bde.H.Q. C.5.a.1.3. (Attached from 1st Aust)
Front Lines. O.G.2 from U.23.c.8.0. to U.23d.9.4.
O.G.1 from U.29.a.8.7. to U.22.d.5.0.
(Operations in progress to extend to Left.)

1st Bn.H.Q. - U.29.a.8.7. Line (O.G.1)
3rd Bn " - U.23.c.55.15. Line (O.G.2)
2nd Bn " - C.4.c. Support.
4th Bn " - C.5.a.4.3. Support.
A.M.G.Coy. - Attached.

SUPPORT.

6th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q. C.9.c.9.3.
21st Bn H.Q. }
22nd Bn " } - NOREUIL-LONGATTE Road.
23rd Bn " }
24th Bn " }

MORCHIES-VAULX Line. - 5th and 8th Bns.

BEUGNY-YTRES Line. - 6th and 7th Bns. (Div)
2nd A.I.Bde. H.Q. - H.18.a.9.9. (Attached from 1st Aust)

RESERVE.

5th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.)
17.18.19.20th Bns) Camp in H.20.a.
26th Bn. e Camp in H.9.d.
28th Bn - Camp in H.10.a.

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ARTILLERY.

C.R.A.	-	Advanced H.Q.	C.26.d.3.6.
"Q" Group.H.Q.	-	I.1.d.7.7.	(4th, 5th & 12th A.F.A.Bdes)
"P" -do-	-	C.14.b.1.7.	(10th and 11th -do-)
"M" -do-	-	C.22.d.3.7.	(1st and 2nd -do-)
"R" -do-	-	I.21.b.central.	(14th -do-)

ENGINEERS.

C.R.E.	-	Advanced H.Q.	C.26.d.3.6.
5th A.Field Coy.	-	I.3.c.4.3.	
6th -do-	-	I.1.c.0.7.	
7th -do-	-	H.12.a.5.6.	
2nd A.Pioneer Bn.	-	H.6.a.4.5.	

A.A.M.C.

A.D.M.S.	-	The MONUMENT.	H15.c.4.3.
5th A.Field Ambulance	-	L.1.c.55.	Main Dressing Stn (Walking)
6th -do-	-	I.1.c.3.3.	-do- (Stretcher)
7th -do-	-	I.1.c.6.6.	Advanced Dressing Stn)

MOUNTED TROOPS (Attached)

(vtd) "C" Sqdn. 13th A.L.H.	-	C.26.d.	
(tona talst) Anzac Cyclist Bn - 1/2 Coy	-	I.1b.6.3.	

Div Train.H.Q.	-	H.21.c.	
D.A.D. of SE	-	H.16.d.7.5.	
Mobile Vet Section	-	H.21.a.3.8.	
Field Cashier.	-	BAPAUME.	H.26.d.3.0.
Div Gas Officer.	-	do	do
Div Bomb Officer.	-	B.30.d.3.5.	

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 General Staff.
 2nd AUST DIV.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
-----Divisional Headquarters,
6th May 1917.

Reference 2nd Australian Divisional Order No 126.

1. The attacks referred to in paras 1 and 4 will be carried out simultaneously.

Zero hour for both will be 3.45 a.m. on 7th May.

2. Feint attacks will be carried out on the QUEANT Salient at 8.30 p.m. tonight, and 4 a.m. tomorrow morning. Artillery and machine guns will take part.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Ambriges.

Lieut Colonel.
General Staff.
2nd AUST DIV.

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7th -do-
1st -do-
2nd -do-
3rd -do-
175th Inf Bde.
O.C. Div Sig Coy.
A.D.M.S.
A.Q.
Anzac Adv "G"
Anzac H.A.
7th Division.
58th do
3rd Sqdn. R.F.C.

11th Div

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 127.

Divisional Headquarters,
7th May, 1917.

Reference Maps -

Sheet 57.c.N.W. } 1:20,000.
51.b.S.W. }

1. Moves and Reliefs will be carried out in accordance with attached table :-

2. The following artillery escorts will be relieved by 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. on night 7th/8th May, relief to be completed by 4 a.m. :-

- (a) Escort of 2 platoons for "Q" group Div. Art. at NOREUIL, now found by 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- (b) Escort of 1 platoon for "P" group Div. Art. at LONGATTE, now found by 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- (c) Escort of 2 platoons for Heavy Artillery in VAULX, one platoon at C.26.b. and one platoon at C.19.a., now found by 2nd A.I. Bde.

3. In the relief of the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. by the 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. trench mortars will be handed over in situ, an equal number being transferred in exchange.

4. On completion of reliefs 22nd M.G. Coy. will come under the tactical control of the 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. and the 15th A.L.T.M. Batt. will be attached to the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

- 5. Completion of reliefs will be notified to D.H.Q.
- 6. Acknowledge.

A.W. Bridges

Lieut. Colonel.
General Staff.
Second Australian Division.

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- 2 2nd -do-
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- 5 6th -do-
- 6 7th -do-
- 7 14th -do-
- 8 8th A.M.G. Coy.
- 9 22nd -do-
- 10 15th A.L.T.L. Battery
- 11 2nd A. Div Sig Coy.
- 12 2nd A Div Train.
- 13 A.D.M.S.
- 14 A.P.M.
- 15 D.B.O.
- For information,
- 16 C.R.A.
- 17 C.R.E.
- 18 175th Inf Bde.
- 19 1st Anzac Adv G.
- 20 do

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- 21 1st Aust Div.
- 22 4th -do-
- 23 5th -do-
- 24 7th Division.
- 25 11th -do-
- 26 50th -do-
- 27 Anzac.H.A.
- 28 3rd Squadron R.F.C.
- 29 4th -do-
- 30 Town Major. OVILLERS.
- 31 2nd A. Pioneer Bn.
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Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	In relief of	Relieving unit moves to	Remarks.
May 7th.	14th A.I. Bde) E.C. & 2 Bns) 2 Bns) M.G. Coy.) I.T.M. Bty.)	By rail. do	BLUGNY-YTRES Line SAVREUIL	H. . . & 2 Bns 2nd . . I. Bde	Left sector	M.G. Coy - 8 guns to be in BLUGNY-YTRES Line, remainder in reserve.
May 7/8th	3rd A.I. Bde) I.C. & 2 Bns) I.G. Coy) I.T.M. Bty.) 2 Bns	BLUGNY-YTRES Line MORCHIES-VAULX Line	Left sector.	1st A.I. Bde.	H. . . & 2 Bns to NOREUIL-LONGATTE Road. 2 Bns MORCHIES-VAULX Line.	Relief to be completed by 4 a.m. On 1st A.I. Bde being relieved 9th Bn will rejoin 3rd A.I. Bde, & 6th A.I. T.M. Bty will rejoin 6th A.I. Bde.
	1st A.I. Bde) I.C. & 2 Bns) I.G. Coy) 2 Bns	Left Sector. Left Sector	NOREUIL-LONGATTE Road. MORCHIES-VAULX Line.	6th A.I. Bde 2 Bns, 2nd A.I. A.I. Bde.	Camp in H.20.A. Left Sector.	1st A.M.G. Coy - 8 guns in MORCHIES-VAULX Line remainder in NOREUIL-LONGATTE Road.
	6th A.I. Bde	NOREUIL-LONGATTE Road.	Camp in H.20.A.	5th A.I. Bde	OVIILLER HUTS.	6th A.I. Bde not to arrive before 5 a.m.
	5th A.I. Bde	Camp in H.20.A.	OVIILLER HUTS.			By march route. To be clear of BIEFVILLERS area by 5 a.m.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Location of Units at 8 a.m. 8-5-17.

The following changes have taken place since last report.

<u>Right Centre Brigade Sector.</u>	Front line. C.6.c.5.3 to U.29.b.8.C.
26th Bn. -	Line Right.
25th Bn. -	Line Left.
27th Bn. -	Support.
<u>Left Centre Brigade Sector.</u>	Support.
Add. 9th Bn. -	
<u>Left Brigade Sector.</u>	C.5.a.1.3.
2nd A.I.Bde. H.Q.	U.23.c.8.0. to U.22.d.6.3.
Front Lines. (O.G.2.)	U.29.a.8.7. to U.28.a.8.8
5th Bn. } (O.G.1.)	Line.
8th Bn. }	
6th Bn. }	Support.
7th Bn. }	Attached.
22nd A.M.G.Coy. -	
<u>Support.</u>	C.9.d.9.3.
1st A.I.Bde. H.Q.	NOREUIL-LONGATTE Road.
2nd and 4th Bns.	
<u>MORCHIES-VAULX Line.</u>	
1st and 3rd Bns.	
<u>BEUGNY-YTRES Line.</u>	
53rd and 56th Bns.	H.18.a.9.9. (attached from 5th Aust)
14th A.I.Bde. H.Q.	(Div)
<u>Reserve.</u>	
6th A.I.Bde. H.Q.)	H.20.a.
21st, 22nd, 23rd)	
and 24th Bns. }	
54th Bn. -	H.10.c.
55th Bn. -	H.10.d.
28th Bn. -	H.10.a.
5th Aust Inf Bde. (H.Q.)	Moving to
4 Bns. M.G.Coy & L.T.M.Bty)	CRUCIFIX CAMP.

Otherwise no change.

W. Bridges,

Lieut Colonel.
General Staff.
2nd AUST DIV.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No 128.

Divisional Headquarters,
8th May 1917.

Ref. Maps - 51.b.S.W. }
57.c.N.W. } 1:20,000.

1. The 5th Aust Division (less Artillery and units detached under Corps orders) will relieve the 2nd Aust Division (less Artillery) and attached units of the 1st Aust Division in the Left Sector of the Corps front between the 8th and 10th May.
2. (i) All moves and reliefs will be carried out in accordance with attached table.
(ii) "C" Squadron, 13th A.L.H. Regt, and half "B" Coy 1st Anzac Cyclist Bn, will rejoin their units by march route on the 10th May.
(iii) The following intervals will be maintained on the road -
200 yards between Battalions.
200 yards between transport of units and other troops
100 yards between Companies.
3. On the 15th A.I. Bde moving into the line, the 15th A.L.T.M. Battery will rejoin it's Brigade.
4. The following artillery escorts now found by the 1st A.I. Bde will be relieved by the 8th A.I. Bde during night 9/10th May.
(a) Escort of 2 platoons for "Q" Group Div Artillery at NOREUIL.
(b) Escort of 1 platoon for "P" Group Div Artillery at LONGATTE.
(c) Escort of 2 platoons for Heavy Artillery in VAULX, one platoon at C.26.b, and one platoon at C.19.a.
5. (a) The 21st Aust M.G. Coy (less 2 guns on Anti-Aircraft duty) will be attached to the 2nd Aust Div and will carry out the following reliefs.
(i) One gun on A.A. duty at the Dump in H.15.c, and Four guns on A.A. duty with "Q" Group S.W.S. of NOREUIL, at present found by 22nd A.M.G. Coy. Relief to be carried out on the 9th instant.
(ii) Remainder of Coy to relieve 8th A.M.G. Coy, and to be under tactical control of G.O.C. 14th A.I. Bde; relief to be carried out during the night 9/10th May.
(b) The 22nd A.M.G. Coy will be withdrawn from the line during the night 9/10th May, and will concentrate in H.11.c.
6. (i) Nos 1 of all Vickers and Lewis guns will remain with the relieving teams for 24 hours after relief, and will then rejoin their units.
(ii) One officer or N.C.O per infantry company will also remain with the O.C. relieving Coy for 24 hours after relief, and will then rejoin their units.
7. The 175th Infantry Brigade, and 2 sections 258th Tunnelling Coy, will be attached to and come under the command of the G.O.C. 5th Aust Division from 12 noon on 10th May.
8. The C.R.A. of the 2nd Aust Div will for the present remain in command of the field artillery units in the left sector of the Corps front.
9. Relief of Field Coys and Pioneer Bn will be arranged between Cs.R.E. concerned.

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- 10. The relief of medical units will be arranged between A.D.'s M.S. concerned.
- 11. Administrative instructions will be issued by "Q" of the Division.
- 12. The G.O.C. 5th Aust. Div. will take over command of the Left Sector of the Corps Front and the Left Divisional Area defences at noon on 10th May.
- 13. H.Q. 2nd Aust.Div. will close at the MONUMENT (Adv.H.Q. VAULX) at 12 noon 10th May and will open at the DINGLE at the same hour.
- 14. Acknowledge.

A. Bridges

Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff.
Second Australian Division.

Issued at 4.30 p.m.

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- 1 C.R.A.
- 2 C.A.E.
- 3 1st A.I. Bde.
- 4 2nd A.I. Bde.
- 5 3rd A.I. Bde.
- 6 5th A.I. Bde.
- 7 6th A.I. Bde.
- 8 7th A.I. Bde.
- 9 8th A.I. Bde.
- 10 14th A.I. Bde.
- 11 15th A.I. Bde.
- 12 8th A.M.G. Co.
- 13 21st "do"
- 14 22nd "do"
- 15 15th L.T.M. Batt.
- 16 2nd Pioneer Bn.
- 17 "C" Squad. 13th A.L.H.
- 18 Detach. ANZAC Cyclist Bn.
- 19 175th Inf. Bde.
- 20 Sec. 258th Tun. Co.
- 21 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Co.
- 22 2nd Aust. Div. Train.
- 23 A.D.M.S.
- 24 A.P.M.
- 25 A.D.V.S.
- 26 D.A.D.O.S.
- 27 D.B.O.
- 28 D.G.O.
- 29 " " " " " "

- 30 1st ANZAC "G".
- 31 1st ANZAC "Q".
- 32 1st Aust. Div.
- 33 4th Aust. Div.
- 34 5th Aust. Div.
- 35 7th Division.
- 36 11th "
- 37 58th "
- 38 1st ANZAC H.A.
- 39 3rd Squad. RFC.
- 40 4th " "
- 41 "A".
- 42 Area Comdt BP Area.
- 43 Area Commandant "J" Area.
- 44 1st ANZAC Light Railways.
- 45 56th Div. Supply Col.
- 46 G.O.C.
- 47 War Diary
- 48 File
- 49 "
- 50 Camp Commandant.
- 51 O.C. Corps Htd. Troops
- 52-5 Spare.

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MOVES AND RELIEF TABLE.

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Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	In relief of
<u>MAY</u> 8th	<u>6th A.I.Bde.</u> <u>15th A.I.Bde.</u> H.Q. & 2 Bns 2 Bns. M.G.Co. L.T.M.Batt.)	Camp in H.20.a. "J" & "V" Area.	LE SARS, M.20.d. BEUGNY-YTRES L. FAVREUIL.	(a) 14th A.I. Bde.
Night 8/9.	<u>14th A.I.Bde.</u> <u>7th A.I.Bde.</u> <u>3rd A.I.Bde.</u>	BEUGNY-YTRES Line and FAVREUIL. Line Right Centre Line Left Centre.	Line Centre. Camps in H.10.a. H.22.c., H.9.d. H.14.c. H.Q. & 2 Bns. - H.20.a. 2 Bns., M.G.Co., L.T.M.Batt - RAPAUME	7th & 3rd A. I.Bdes. (b)
9th.	<u>6th A.I.Bde.</u> <u>7th A.I.Bde.</u> <u>8th A.I.Bde.</u> 21st Aust. M.G.Co. (less 2 guns.)	LE SARS -M.20.d. Camps in H.10.a. H.22.c. H.9.d. H.14.c. "J" & "V" Area. "M" Area.	MAMETZ Camp. SHELTER WOOD Camp. H.Q. & 2 Bns. & ITM. Batt.: BEUGNY- YTRES Line. 2 Bns. MORCHIES - VAULX Line. L.F. Area.	(c) 15th A.I.Bde. 2 Bns. 1st A.I.Bde. 8th & 22nd M.G.Coys. (d)
9th/ 10th.	<u>15th A.I.Bde.</u> <u>1st A.I.Bde.</u> <u>2nd A.I.Bde.</u> 8th M.G.Coy. 22nd M.G.Coy.	BEUGNY-YTRES Line & FAVREUIL. NOREUIL -VAULX Area. Line Left. Line. Line.	Line Left. H.Q. -N.24.b.1.4. 2 Bns. -N.11.cent. 1 Bn. -N.24.cent. 1 Bn. -BANCOURT. L.T.M.Batt - BEAULENCOURT. M.G.Co. -RIENCOURT. BIEFVILLERS Area. BEUGNY-YTRES Line. H.11.c.	2nd A.I.Bde. (e) (f) (g) (h)

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MOVES AND RELIEF TABLE (Ctd.)

Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	In relief of
MAY. 10th	3rd A.I. Bde. H.Q. & 2 Bns.	H.20.a.	BAPAUME.	(i)
	"C" Squad. 13th A.L.H.	FAVREUIL.	BECORDEL.	Without relief. (j)
	Half "B" Coy. 1st AN AC Cyc. Bn.	VAULX.	HENENCOURT.	" (j)
11th.	22nd M.G. Coy.	H.11.c.	BEAVER Camp.	

- NOTES. -
- (a) Not to reach H.20.d. before 12.15 p.m.
 - (b) Not to move forward of VAULX before 8.30 p.m. unless foggy.
 - (c) To be clear of POZIERES by 10.30 a.m.
 - (d) 5 guns on A.A. duty (22nd M.G.Co.)
9 guns relieve 8th M.G.Co. on night 9th/10th.
 - (e) Not to move forward of VAULX before 8.30 p.m. unless foggy.
 - (f) To be clear of VAULX by 4 a.m.
1st A.I. Bde. rejoins 1st Aust.Div.
 - (g) 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. rejoins 1st Aust.Div.
 - (h) Rejoin their Brigade. Eight guns VAULX Line
and eight in BEUGNY-YTRES Line.
 - (i) 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. rejoins 1st Aust.Div.
 - (j) To be west of BAPAUME by 9.30 a.m.