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Battery

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4<sup>TH</sup> A. L. T. M. Bty

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1917 Boian Head B <sup>D</sup> A27AC	Sch	1	Fine sunny. Church parades for CE and R Co's afternoon recreation	
		2	light rain showers 9.15 - 12.15. Close order Drill + gun practice New personnel instruction in gun + ammunition. afternoon, cleaning gun equipment + recreation.	
		3	Fine 9.15 am to 12.30 pm Inspection close order and gun Drill Afternoon Football recreation	
		4	Fine hot some light showers during evening. 9.15 am - 12.30 pm gun Drill. Afternoon Brigade boxing Tournament at Allowville 1 officer + 4 OR's proceeded to Australian Corps Schools light Trench mortar wing + 1 OR proceeded to UK on leave.	
		5	Fine hot thunder storm after 6pm Inspection close order Drill and gun Drill afternoon Football recreation Lt StW Burtis of this Battery winning Brigade Officers Championship (Boxing)	
		6	Fine. Inspection gun practice Dred firing. afternoon football recreation Blankets of Battery disinfected in Toden harry.	
		7	Fine sunny. Transport moved out under Brigade Transport area officer to forward area proceeding via Daous + Forillon to Morcourt where bivouacs were pitched for the night. Battery transport consisted of 4 Drivers 8 mules 4 limbered waggons and 4 brakemen under command of QM Sgt. 1 OR rejoined unit from Paris leave. Battery work for day. Close order drill football.	M

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1918 Loisy Sheet 62C I 25. a 55	Sep	8.	<p>Fine to heavy rain showers later. Battery consisting of 2 officers H2 (1 officer + batmen having proceeded to forward area previous day, billeting) marched out of billets at 9 am to proceed to embussing point, Bardonette-Allonville Road. Motor train moved at 10.15 am proceeding via Allonville, Quenneville Fouilly, Villers-Bretonneux, Estrees to debussing point near Biaches. Battery debussed abt 3 pm &amp; proceeded to billets near canal, huts + shelter HQ established at I 25. a 5. 5. Transport lines H 24 d 9. 3. Good lot of rain had fallen during day in this area ground being very muddy. Heavy rain + strong westerly wind during night.</p> <p>No 6319 Btl Lt found awarded "Military Medal" for conspicuous conduct in getting his mortar into action under heavy enemy fire on August 8th 1918 between Morcourt and Marcourt-sur-Somme.</p>	
Sheet 62c		9	<p>Fine during day Heavy rain at night</p>	Nothing to record
		10	<p>Showery bright interval. Orders to move after noon. Pay available batteries paid Transport under Q.M. Sgt moved out at 1.45 pm for Carbisny. 1 officer + 1 OR proceeded at 7.30 am billeting. 2 Officers H4 OR moved out at 2 pm &amp; proceeded by road to Carbisny arriving about 5 pm &amp; billeted in cellars HQ established at P 4. c 3. 7. Transport lines P 4 c 3. 6.</p>	
		11	<p>Fine westerly wind</p>	Nothing to record 2 ORs rejoined from UK leave.

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1918 Sheet 62c	Sep	12.	Showery. Battery with transport moved out at 2.30 pm for Bourvaucourt and HQ established at P18.C50.15 + Transport line P18.C50.05. Troops camped in alleys + sheds. Heavy rain storms all night. Two (2) other ranks rejoined from UK leave.	
		13.	Fine. Nothing to record. 1 other rank evacuated sick.	
		14.	Fine. Nothing to record.	
62c		15.	Fine Church parade held at Estrees. 1 OR proceeded on leave to Australia	
		16.	Fine hot. 3 officers + 44 OR. moved forward at 5 pm. HQ established at R.F. & H.F. Relieved 13th Battery. Two mortars went into line with each 13th 14th + 15th Bn two mortars in reserve. Night quiet. HQ shelled during night. Transport line Q.M.C. + orderlies Room remained at P18.C50.05.	
		17.	Fine. Further arrangements made re attack. Few bombs dropped by enemy aircraft at night near transport lines. Salvoes ammunition to forward HQ by own transport at 7 pm. Lieut L.J.W. Taylor rejoined 1 unit from 1st HQ School + proceeded to forward HQ.	
		18.	The 4th Ab T.M.Bty attached 2 guns with crews + ammunition carrying parties to each of 13th 14th 15th Bns, keeping 2 guns in reserve at HQ, for the operations of 18th inst. 1 pack mule with driver was detailed from each battalion for ammunition carrying. Two gun sections under Lieut H.W. Curtis min. with 1 mule + 6 ORs carrying party moved into line with 13th Bn on the night of 16th + 17th. Two gun sections under Lieut L.J.W. Taylor with 2 mules and 4 men moved	<p>3</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1917 Sep cont	18 <sup>th</sup>	<p>to 14th Bn area in reserve on night of 16/17th.</p> <p>Two gun sections under Lt J. Bashall with 1 mule and carrying party, moved into line with 15th Bn on night of 16/17th.</p> <p>Lieut St W Burke and two guns relieved 2 guns of 13th at 7 m. S. in 14th Brigade sector of attack on the night of the 16/17th. Remainder of battery moved with HQ to a position established later.</p> <p>The strength of the battery at this time being 5 officers 66 other ranks 7 other ranks being away on leave, 1 officer 5 other ranks away at Australian Corps School. 10 other ranks, including transport 2 m. S. Orderly Room Clerk, remaining with in transport line situated at Bouvign court. Sheet 62<sup>c</sup> 18<sup>c</sup> 50.05, leaving an effective fighting strength of 34 officers and 444 other ranks.</p> <p>Trucks with officers crews, pack mules + ammunition carrying parties formed up on take were all ready for the jump off at 5.20 am. Morning was extremely dark + raining heavily making maintenance of direction touch very difficult.</p> <p>During advance Lt St W Burke m. and a Lt Col M W Bonnor captured 2 7.7 cm Field pieces, 2 m. guns + 35 prisoners at the point of the revolver wounding 7 in the action. Morning cleared at about 9.30 am and the men moving to the attack in column formation over the Brown line formed a fine spectacle on the hills and in the valleys +</p>	

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	1918 Sch	1 PM Continued	<p>Lieut. H.W. Curtis m.m. &amp; his runner badly wounded by one of our own short phosphorus shells. The 6 guns succeeded in getting through to the blue line with the 11th Bn but there was a shortage of shells. One pack mule &amp; driver were killed and 1 mule shot up the tail during the advance. 1 officer Lieut. H.W. Curtis and 7 other ranks also being wounded. Two M.O.s were sniped while observing fire on enemy m.g. positions. Twenty two pounds were fired on m.g. during the advance but mist was too thick for discernment of targets. Mist cleared about 9.30 am &amp; rest of day was fine &amp; clear.</p> <p>Pack mule formed up on tape with gun crews, this being quite an unusual occurrence and the first experience of its nature with this battery. Although 1 was killed and 1 wounded two carried their loads of shells right up to the final objectives.</p> <p>Captures. 35 other ranks. Material Captured. 3 enemy m.g.s, 2 heliographs, Various signalling apparatus, 2 light French mortars, 3 7.7 cm Field Pieces.</p> <p>34 rounds were fired whilst consolidating on blue line on enemy m.g. <sup>with good</sup> <del>results</del> <del>at times</del> - enemy guns being on 3 occasions dislodged. <del>observing</del> M.O. being sniped. 8 rounds fired during advance on enemy m.g. clearing obstacle.</p> <p>H.Q. established at L29.C.2.7</p>	<p>At.</p>

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Sheet 62c	1918 Sep	15th	<p>During night 15 rounds were fired on enemy trench system assisting 14th Bn consolidation.</p> <p>Dispositions. Lums L. 20. b 65 35. L 20. b 75. 25. L 20 d 95. 50. Lt.</p> <p>L 21. c. 7. 1 L 27. 25. 9. L 27 a 95. 15. hme St Q. C 21. C 00. 25.</p> <p>Bombing of roads artillery position in front of Le Verquier during night.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cul</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1918 Sheet 62c	Feb	19	<p>Unsettled weather. Guns established as on 18th inst. In all 52 rounds fired during consolidation and in the 14th night advance. Ammunition brought up by own ladders to KA 20 d. 4. 5. Good parcels of comforts from Tom. Bampton. Funds Sydney.</p> <p>20 Fine weather some rain during night. Much enemy movement in front during day but nothing within <sup>our</sup> range - all well out. 25 rounds fired during morning just after 14th Bn made further advance night 18/19th. Fired on m. e. s. a. p. Two O's rejoined from leave went forward.</p> <p>21 Fine. Day quiet. Ammunition pushed forward expeditiously. Relieved by 138th LT MB. with 4 guns. Our guns taken out and Relieving battery put in their own 4 guns. Relief harassed by snipe on sector when commencing. Otherwise all went well.</p> <p>22. Fine day with night strong winds. Transport moved at 9-30 am for Marquess + arrived midday. + camped with rest of battery who had marched in from line. 2 other ranks proceeded to Australia on leave 1914 men.</p>	

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1918	Sep	23	Dull day fine later. Battery moved out at 8.30 am proceeding by road with transport to Camp near Beaches via Peronne. arrived about 1 pm & camped in sheds on banks of river. Lieut W Taylor and 5 ORs joined up from details camp.	
		24	Fine sunny. Reveille 5 am Breakfast 5.10 pm. Battery marched at 6.30 pm full marching order for embussing point. Transport under QMG proceeding from road with brigade transport at 9 am. Embussed 9.15 am & debussed at Hangest-sur-Somme about 3 pm. Billeting officer who has preceded party guided battery to billets. Large rooms & clean billets provided for the 4 Officers & 57 other ranks. 1 NCO was detached for special duty with Australian Mission attached to American Division	
		25	Fine sunny. Books & gear arrived by lorry at 2 am. Inspection of arms & equipment & general clean up. OC Officers Quarters, order Room 14th Bn OR brigade connected up by telephone, some having been captured by the battery during recent operations. 2 other ranks proceeded to UK on leave. Lieut WY Hodges proceeded to Australia for discharge.	Ad

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1918	Sept	26	Fine sunny. Gun cleaning and bath. Lecture by me of 14th on Health Hygiene & D.	
		27	Fine inspection drill football. 2,655 Remond Cigarettes, a gift from American Red X Society received & distributed. Groceries & shirt from Trench Mortar Fund Sydney. Shooting game from A.C. Fund. received & distributed. 1 O.R. proceeded to UK on leave	
		28	Fine. Drill + football	
		29	Dull. Church parade at Stangest. 40 other ranks proceeded for a course of instruction at Brigade Signalling School.	
		30	Showery. Gun instruction & lectures too wet for sports during afternoon.	

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Battery Operation Order  
No. 18/17. 18 Sep 1918.

By  
Capt Martin  
Of 4<sup>th</sup> A.L.T.M.B.

1. The 4<sup>th</sup> Anti-Air Bde will capture the successive objectives marked Brown, Red & Blue on the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 1918. The 4<sup>th</sup> A.L.T.M.B. will attach 2 guns to each of 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Bns keeping 2 guns in Reserve.
2. Nos. 2 & 6 sections under Lt Curtis with 1 mule & 6 men for amm. carrying will move into line with 13<sup>th</sup> Bn on night 16/17<sup>th</sup>. Nos. 7 & 8 sections under Lt Taylor with 2 mules & 4 men will move to 14<sup>th</sup> Bn area in reserve. Nos. 1 & 5 sections under Cpl J. Barhall will move into

the line with 15<sup>th</sup> Bn night 16/17<sup>th</sup>. Lt Curtis & 2 guns will relieve the 2 guns of 13<sup>th</sup> A.L.T.M.B. in the 4<sup>th</sup> Bde sector of attack. The remainder of Battery will move with 14<sup>th</sup> Bns. to positions to be established.

3. Transport and Orderly Room will remain in present lines.
4. Battery HQs - men not directly attached to Battalions will move out at 5.30 P.M. 16/17<sup>th</sup> to relieve 13<sup>th</sup> A.L.T.M.B.
5. Objectives: Guns with 13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Bns will attack with those respective Bns. moving in the immediate rear of 1st wave. On reaching Red line these crews will follow through to the Blue line with 14<sup>th</sup> Bn.

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Crews with 14<sup>th</sup> Bn. will move off with that Bn + go right through to Blue line.  
All crews on reaching Blue line will then choose positions + dig in.

6. All ranks will carry one days rations, 2 bombs, 60 rounds S.A. . Spare water bottle + wear Battle equipment with waterproof sheet
7. Provision of Ammunition on reaching Blue line by later arrangement.

Issued to  
Officers + Section  
Commanders.

9 P.M. 15/9/18.

Walter  
Cairns  
of 14<sup>th</sup> A.I.T.M.B.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 32

Brigade Headquarters,  
15th Sept., 1918.

Reference Map "A" issued herewith.

1. On a date and at an hour to be notified later the 4th Aust. Division will capture the enemy defences on the Divisional front and consolidate in succession on the lines shown GREEN, RED and BLUE on attached Map "A".  
The day of the attack will be known as "Z" day and that preceding it as "Y" day.  
The 1st British Division on the Right and 1st Aust. Division on the Left will attack simultaneously with 4th Aust. Division.
2. The attack by 4th Aust. Division will be carried out by 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade on the Right and 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade on Left. Infantry forming up line will be a direct line from R.9.d.8.5. to L.1.d.7.0.
3. The attack of the 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade will be carried out in three phases -
  - (a) 16th Battalion will capture and mop up the village of LE VERGUIER and the 13th Battalion (Right) and 15th Battalion (Left) passing on the flanks of the village will capture the GREEN line and form up thereon for phase (b). 16th Battalion after mopping up village will occupy the GREEN line.
  - (b) 13th Battalion on Right and 15th Battalion on Left jumping off from GREEN LINE will capture and consolidate the RED LINE.
  - (c) 14th Battalion passing through RED LINE will exploit the success with a view to establishing themselves on the BLUE LINE.
4. ARTILLERY. Phases (a) and (b) will be assisted by a creeping barrage which will halt as a protective barrage on the BROWN LINE. Phase (c) will be assisted by Mobile Field Artillery. Heavy Artillery will co-operate.
5. TANKS. Three Tanks will be allotted to the Brigade for the operation. These will not advance further than the GREEN LINE. Ten dummy Tanks will also operate on the Divisional front.
6. MACHINE GUNS. O.C., 4th M.G. Company will allot 4 guns each to 13th, 14th and 15th Battalions the remaining 4 guns being in Brigade Reserve.
7. LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS. 6 Mortars of 4th A.L.T.M. Battery will accompany the attack, 2 being allotted to each of 13th, 14th and 15th Battalions as far as the RED LINE, after which all six guns will go forward to the BLUE LINE. 2 Mortars will be held in Brigade Reserve.
8. Tasks and boundaries of the several Battalions are shown on attached Map "A".
9. COMMUNICATIONS. Brigade Forward party will go forward and establish a Forward Station. Approximate location and further details later.
10. Administrative instructions will be issued separately.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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4th M.G. Battalion.  
Tank Battalion.

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4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.  
3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade.  
4th Div. Artillery.  
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 33.

Reference Map "A" issued with Bde. Order No.32. Brigade Headquarters,  
15th Septr., 1918.

1. 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade will relieve portion of the Left Battalion of 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade in the front line on night 16th/17th September, 1918.
2. 13th Battalion (Right), 16th Battalion (Centre) and 15th Battalion (Left) disposed in depth will each take over one Company front from 49th Battalion. These frontages will correspond to frontages allotted for each Battalion in Brigade Order No. 32. 14th Battalion will move into Squares Q.14 and 20.
3. Details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
4. Personnel of 4th A.L.T.M. Battery will report to their respective Battalions as detailed in Brigade Order No. 32 and will move into the line with them.
5. Completion of relief will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by Code Message "B.M.33 Noted".
6. Passwords will be used as under throughout this Brigade :-

16th/17th Septr.	CAPSTAN.
17th/18th "	WOODBINE.
18th/19th "	PLAYER.

These passwords will come into use at 4.p.m. each day and will not be communicated to subordinate commanders earlier than 12 hours prior to their coming into use.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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| Tank Battalion.     | Artillery Brigade.      |

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 12th Bn. *Right* Turner *Left* in Gun  
 15th - Gounin *C. Coy.* *B. Coy.* Goss  
 14th Bn. 3 Coys. A.C.B. right & left.  
 Bde Hd. Party. Sinker Rd L. 24. b.  
 Get Males over Monday Morning with 1 days rations.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Administrative instructions issued in conjunction with  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 32.

Headquarters,  
 15th Sept, 1918

1. AMMUNITION. On 16th instant following dumps will be established -  
 Divisional Dump P.12.b.3.7.  
 Brigade Reserve Dump - Q. 6.d.5.3. (approx.) con-  
 taining 50,000 S.A.A.  
 1,500 No. 36 Grenades.  
 1,500 " 23 "  
 500 " 34 "  
 300 Stokes Shells.  
 On "Z" day as soon as situation permits Brigade Dump  
 will be established at L.28.d.95.50. (approx.) containing -  
 200,000 S.A.A.  
 1,800 No. 36 Grenades.  
 350 " 23 "  
 400 " 34 "  
 200 Stokes Shells.  
 100 Gallons Naps
2. MEDICAL. Prior to "Z" day casualties will be evacuated from  
 R.A.P.'s. to Bearer Relay post at R.7.d.3.7. thence to Motor  
 Loading post at Q.12.c.3.5.  
 A.D.S. and W.W.D.S. - Q.8.b.3.4.  
 Arrangements for "Z" day onwards will be notified later.
3. SUPPLIES. To be drawn at Brigade Headquarters at 10.a.m. to-  
 morrow in accordance with Table "A" attached.
4. WATER SUPPLY. As shown in para. 7 of Administrative instructions  
 issued with Brigade Order No. 30.  
 Any additional information regarding water supply in  
 captured territory will be notified to all concerned as soon  
 as received.
5. TRANSPORT LINES AND ORDERLY ROOMS. Transport will remain at  
 present locations after units move out. Orderly Rooms will  
 be located with Rear Brigade Headquarters at P.23.a.9.4.
6. NUCLEUS. Located with Reinforcement Staging Depot at O.8.d.
7. PRISONERS OF WAR. P.O.W. Cage at Q.8.b.3.3. prisoners of War  
 captured will be despatched to Advance Brigade Headquarters  
 as soon as possible. M.M.P.'s. will then take prisoners over  
 from escort. When searching prisoners care is to be taken  
 that paybooks are left in their possession.
8. RAILHEAD. FLAMICOURT (I.28).
9. ORDNANCE. D.A.D.O.S. at CATELET.
10. VETERINARY. M.V.S. O.20.a.0.0. Forward evacuation centre  
 P.27.d.8.8.
11. SOX. Soiled sox can be exchanged at Divisional Clothing Store  
 CATELET.

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## TABLE "A".

## AMMUNITION.

Unit.	S.A.A.	Grenades.				Webley.	Ground Flares	
		23s.	34s.	36s.	27s.		Red.	
13th Bn.	25000	600	250	375	125	600	125	
14th Bn.	25000	600	250	375	125	600	136	
15th Bn.	20000	600	250	375	125	600	125	
16th Bn.	25000	600	250	375	125	600	125	
4th T.M.B.	5000	100	-	-	-	100	-	

Unit.	Very Lights D.I.	S.O.S.	Tracer.	A'mour piercing.	STOKES
14th Bn.	125	30	936	624	
15th Bn.	125	20	936	624	
16th Bn.	125	15	936	624	
4th T.M.Btty.	-	-	-	-	150

## SUPPLIES.

Unit.	Chloride Li me.	petrol Tins.	Water Carriers.	Tin picks.	Shovels.	Sandbags.	Waterbottles & Carriers.
14th Bn.	1 drum	50	6	50	125	2000	350
15th Bn.	1 drum	50	6	50	100	2000	325
16th Bn.	1 drum	50	6	50	75	2000	325
4th T.M.B	-	10	-	-	-	100	50
Fwd. Party	-	10	-	-	-	200	25

Unit.	Wire Cutters.	Pack Saddles.	Hot food Containers.	Solidified Alcohol (rations).	Pea Soup (Rations).
14th Bn.	8	7	10	350	350
15th Bn.	8	6	10	350	350
16th Bn.	6	6	10	350	350
4th T.M.B.	-	-	-	50	50
Fwd. Party	-	-	-	50	50

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
15th Sept., 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1 ISSUED WITH BRIGADE ORDER NO. 32.

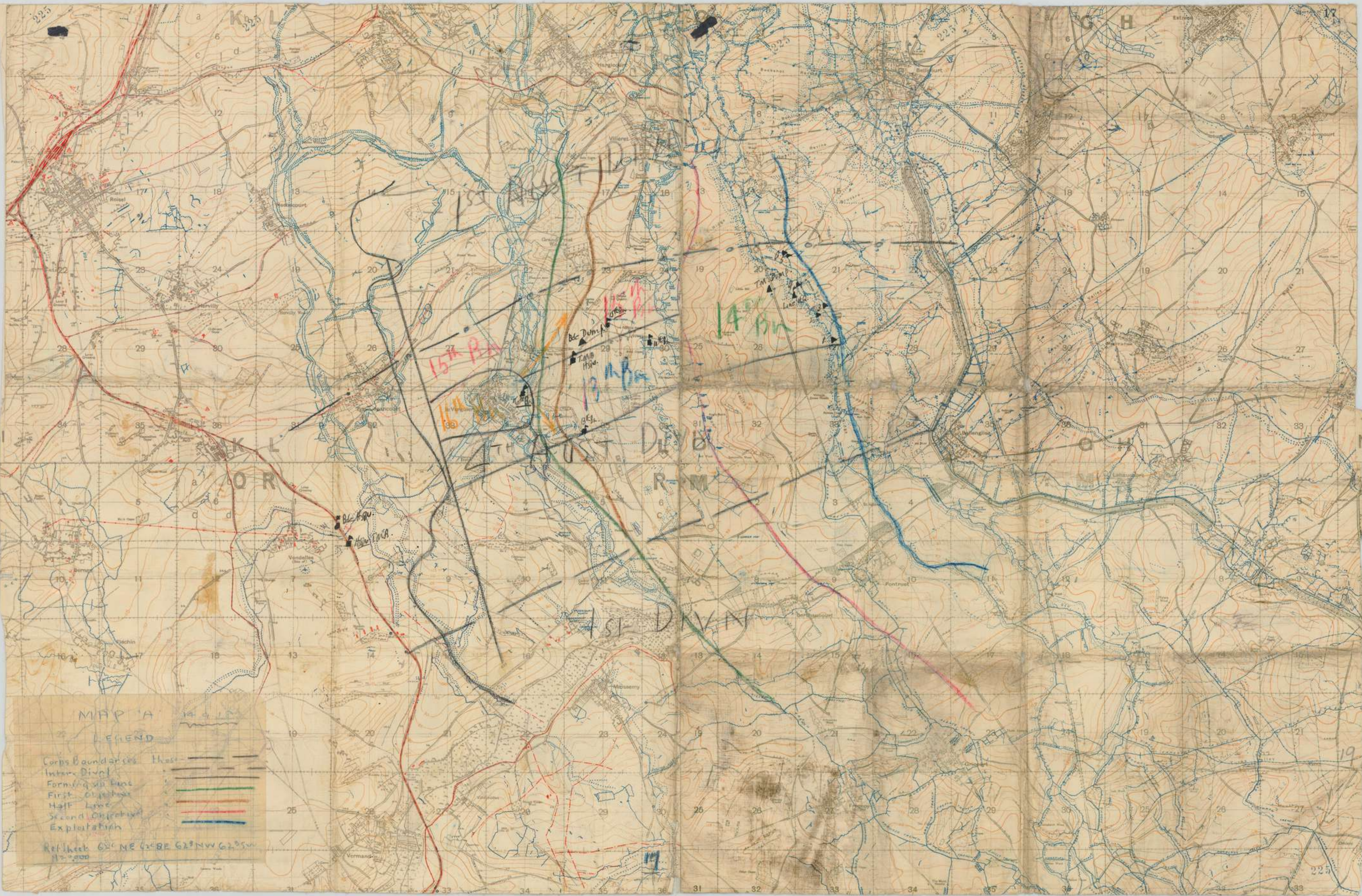
1. BOUNDARIES. The boundary between 1st Division and 4th Aust. Division has been amended to run as follows :-  
Q.29.c.0.7. - R.15.a.0.4. - R.10.c.0.4. - road corner  
R.8.c.30.05. (inclusive to 1st Division) - Canal bend G.24.d.5.7.  
(To be read from 1/20,000 Map, Sheets 52.B. N.W. and S.W., 62.C. N.E. and S.E.)
2. ARTILLERY.
  - (a) Barrage programme. The barrage will be placed on the Artillery Start Line, which will be 200 yards in advance of the Infantry Forming Up line, at ZERO.  
The first lift will be at ZERO plus 3 minutes.  
The second lift will be at ZERO plus 5 minutes.  
The next and succeeding lifts up to and including the eleventh lift will be at intervals of three minutes.  
The twelfth and following lifts will be made at intervals of 4 minutes.  
All lifts will be of 100 yards measured along the Inter-Corps boundaries.
  - (b) Halt Line. The Infantry will remain on the halt line until ZERO plus 3 hours 10 minutes, when the advance will be continued to the RED LINE.
  - (c) S.O.S. Arrangements for firing on S.O.S. lines will cease to be operative at ZERO minus 15 minutes.
  - (d) Heavy Artillery. Not engaged or counter battery work will be used during the advance to fire on specially selected strong points and localities. Hostile trench systems will be engaged by Heavies until such time as the progress of Infantry advance renders this inadvisable.
3. MOUNTED TROOPS. One half troop Light Horse will be attached to the Brigade for orderly and escort duty.
4. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES. Units will send an officer to Brigade Headquarters at 2.p.m. and 8.p.m. on "Y" day to synchronise watches.
5. HEADQUARTERS. Brigade Headquarters will be in Railway Cutting at R.8.a. 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters will also be here.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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