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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

## BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 1

## 1. Information.

- (i) The 2nd American Corps (27th and 30th American Divisions) will be employed in conjunction with the Australian Corps for the next series of operations.
- (ii) The 27th American Division will relieve the 74th and 18th Division under orders to be issued by III Corps. Command of the front taken over by the 27th American Division from III Corps will pass to the Australian Corps at 10 a.m. 25th September.
- (iii) The 30th American Division will relieve the 1st Australian Division by 10 a.m. 24th September.

## 2. Boundaries.

- (i) Boundaries are shown on attached map. That between IX and Australian Corps will come into force from 10 a.m. 22nd instant, and between III and Australian Corps at 10 a.m. 25th instant.
- (ii) The Corps area will be organised into "A" and "B" Divisional Areas in accordance with attached map.

## 3. ACKNOWLEDGE

23rd September 1918.

*J. M. G.*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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NOTE CHANGE OF COLOUR.  
Enemy Trenches in Blue.

TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION  
RECEIVED UP TO 19 15

# WIANCOURT

EDITION 1. A

PARTS OF 157°55'E. 57°55'S.W.  
162°N.E. 62°N.W.



Information from Captured  
German Maps printed in Red.  
(EXCEPT DETAIL NAMES)

REFERENCE

Trenches proposed	Proposed
Ways Entanglements or other Obstacles	Normal Gauge, Double
Normal Gauge, Single	Single
Proposed	Proposed
Metre Gauge	Proposed
Dumps, Stores or Depots - Supply	Proposed
Proposed	Proposed
Engineer Park	Ammunition
Dug-outs	
Gun Emplacements	
Machine Gun and direction of fire	
Machine Gun	
Observation Posts	
Headquarters - Corps	
Division	
Other Units	
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Divisional Boundary	
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TO ACCOMPANY BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES E. N°

LEGEND:

- CORPS BOUNDARIES
- DIVISIONAL B. DIVS.
- ARTILLERY START LINE
- INFANTRY FORMING-UP LINE
- FIRST OBJECTIVE
- FLANK EXPLOSION OF FIRST OBJECTIVE
- SECOND OBJECTIVE
- EXPLOSION OF SECOND OBJECTIVE
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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 2

1. The Australian Corps, with the II American Corps affiliated, will attack the enemy's positions in the HINDENBURG Line in the sector NAUROY - GOUY on a date and hour to be notified.

2. TROOPS AVAILABLE(a) Divisions.

3rd Australian Division  
5th Australian Division  
27th American Division.  
30th American Division.

(b) Artillery.

(i) Field Artillery - 25 Field Artillery Brigades.  
(ii) Heavy Artillery - 10 Heavy Artillery Brigades.

(c) Tanks

4th Tank Brigade consisting of 84 Tanks, a proportion of which are Mark V and a proportion Mark V (Star) Tanks.  
5th Tank Brigade between 70 and 80 Tanks, portion of which are Mark V and portion of which are Mark V (Star) Tanks.  
A portion of 3rd Tank Brigade, giving a total of 25 whippet Tanks and 1 Armoured Car Battalion.

(d) Mounted Troops - 13th Australian Light Horse Regiment.

(e) Special Companies R.E. Several will be available for smoke-screening work.

(f) Air Forces. - 3rd Squadron A.F.C., and  
Auxiliary assistance from 5th Brigade, R.A.F.

3. GENERAL PLAN

There will be a preliminary bombardment by all available artillery lasting for a considerable period. The object of this preliminary bombardment will be :-

- (a) To complete the demoralisation of the enemy;
- (b) The destruction of the enemy's defences, including wire, dugouts, etc.

The attack will be carried out on a frontage of two (2) Divisions. The operation will be divided into two phases. The boundaries and objectives of Divisions are shown on the map issued today to Brigade Commanders and C.R.A.

- (a) First Phase. The 30th American Division on the right and the 27th American Division on the left will form up on a taped line prior to the given Zero hour and will attack with Tanks under a creeping artillery barrage. This barrage will include a considerable proportion of smoke shell. The start line is shown in BROWN on map issued and the objectives are shown in a continuous GREEN Line. The flanks of the attack will be protected by a smoke screen which will be provided by one Field Artillery Brigade on each flank. As soon as the artillery barrage programme is completed and the infantry have seized the objective the smoke barrage

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on the flanks will lift outwards and the infantry of Divisions will exploit their success under the concealment of the flanking smoke barrages.

Definite bodies of troops will be allotted for this exploitation and will require to commence their movement at such a time as will permit them to follow the advance of the battle and to deploy facing south and north according to the flank on which employed, at the conclusion of the advance of the creeping barrage.

In order to secure the northern flank during the early stages of the attack the battle front west of the Canal will be prolonged beyond the northern entrance to the tunnel as shown in GREEN on map issued.

As soon as the road situation permits the Armoured Car Battalion will be passed through the Infantry and despatched on special missions with the object of disorganising the enemy's communications, Headquarters, etc.

- (b) Second Phase. The 5th Australian Division on the right and the 3rd Australian Division on the left, each with its own Divisional Artillery and a proportion of Tanks, and organised in Brigade Groups, will pass through the 30th and 27th American Divisions respectively in open warfare formations at a time to be decided later. The objective is shown in RED on the map issued.

In order to secure the flanks of this operation and to extend the base of the salient created by the advance, the reserve troops of the 30th and 27th American Divisions will extend their operations to the south and north respectively with the object of seizing the objectives shown in RED on map issued. A proportion of Artillery which will be allotted from the barrage guns and will be withdrawn as soon as the barrage programme is completed, will be placed at the disposal of each Divisional Commander for this. A proportion of Tanks will be similarly allotted. A detailed Programme and Time Table will be issued. The troops which captured the first objective will be re-assembled after the whole of the Brigades detailed to the second objective have passed through them. The time for this re-assembly will be notified.

#### 4. ASSEMBLY.

The line will be held prior to the operation by the 30th and 27th American Divisions, each with one regiment in the line supported by one regiment, and each with one brigade in reserve. The capture of the first objective will be carried out by the reserve brigade in each case.

The capture of the second objective allotted to the American Divisions will be carried out by the supporting regiment of the line brigade, the line regiment of the line brigade passing into reserve at a stage which is indicated later.

The programme will be so arranged that the two attacking Brigade Groups of the 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions respectively will pass through the American troops as soon as possible after the latter have attained the first objective. These two brigades will follow the regiments of the 30th and 27th American Divisions respectively allotted to the capture of the RED LINE. The reserve brigades of the 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions will then be passed through the gap. The last infantry to pass through the gap from the west to the east side of the canal will be the regiments of the 30th and 27th American Divisions who were originally holding the line and now pass into reserve.

The order of movement across the tunnel will be therefore:

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- 1st. "A" and "B" Regiments of the 30th and 27th American Divisions (i.e. the attacking brigade in each case).
- 2nd. "C" Regiment of the 30th and 27th American Divisions (i.e. the supporting regiment of the brigade originally in the line)
- 3rd. "A" and "B" Brigades of the 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions
- 4th. "C" Brigade of the 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions moving in Divisional Reserve.
- 5th. "D" Regiment of the 30th and 27th American Divisions (i.e. the regiment which was holding the line when the attack began) This regiment will be concentrated immediately the last Australian Brigade has passed through and will then move according to the orders of the respective Divisional Commanders.

Assembly areas will be selected and allotted for each American Regiment and each Australian Brigade in such positions as will best permit of this order of movement being carried out.

5. ROAD MOVEMENT.

The country over which the attack will pass in its early stages is very much shell-pitted and all roads have been very badly damaged.

To enable guns and ammunition wagons and the Armoured Cars to pass across this area the Chief Engineer of the Corps has arranged to develop four roads as rapidly as possible.

The Chief Engineer will have at his disposal the five Australian Pioneer Battalions plus such proportion of the American Engineering personnel as may be necessary.

Every body of troops will be allotted to its own definite road, and will on no account use any other. Maps will be issued later shewing the roads allotted in each case.

Careful traffic control will be organised and all ranks must be warned beforehand and must be prepared to adhere to the traffic rules strictly.

The bivouac areas will be selected in positions which will be convenient to the roads to which each body of troops is allotted.

7. PRELIMINARY ORGANIZATION AND PREPARATION.

(a) Light Signals. The only Light Signals to be employed will be:

- (i) The S.O.S. signal which will be a No. 32 Rifle Grenade bursting into three RED lights.
- (ii) Success Signal which will be a No. 32 Rifle Grenade bursting into three WHITE lights.
- (iii) Message carrying rockets will be made available and will be issued early.

(b) All ranks will be provided with a metal disc sewn on to the reverse side of the box respirator, which will be used for signalling to our aeroplanes when they sound the KLAXON horn, to indicate the position of the troops.

RED flares will be issued and will be lit for the same purpose when the aeroplane calls.

All ranks must be made to understand that when the aeroplane calls the flares must be lit and the discs shewn.

(c) A very liberal supply of:

- (i) Operation maps,
  - (ii) Message maps,
  - (iii) Oblique and trench photos
- will be issued. All Commanders must ensure that these are distributed right down to Non-commissioned Officers so that the achievement of their tasks may be facilitated for all ranks. Special instructions as to Intelligence functions, dealing with prisoners of war, etc. will be issued.

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(d) A complete system of liaison between flanks and from front to rear between companies, battalions, regiments, and Brigades, will be worked out. The responsibility for liaison and for communications will be from right to left.

(e) A series of Code Calls for employment between infantry using the POPHAM panel and Contact Aeroplanes will be made and issued by Australian Corps. Those now in use by the Division will be retained.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

24th September 1918.

*J. M. G. O.*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th Australian Division.

Issued at 5 p.m. to:

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Facilities of observation must be fully exploited in order to limit the area on which unobserved harassing fire will have to be maintained by day. Areas over which no observation is possible must receive special attention. In allotting tasks for harassing fire, zones in depth must be allotted to different natures of weapons, including infantry weapons and machine guns, according to their range. In this connection the increased range of 18-prs. fitted with air recuperators should be taken into account. Use should be made of gas shells (CG and NC) Artillery positions should be included in the programme of harassing fire. In shelling roads H.E. with delay action fuzes are NOT to be employed.

(e) Cutting Lanes in Hostile Wire Defences.

This will commence at 6 a.m. on "X" day and will be carried out principally with 4.5" Hows. and 6" Hows (with instantaneous fuzes) and, where feasible, with 6" Newton Mortars. Lanes, once cut, must be kept open by means of rifle and machine gun fire.

(f) Bombardment of Selected Strong Points and Localities.

This bombardment will commence at 6 a.m. on "X" day and will be continued until ZERO with a view not only to the destruction of defences but also to the demoralisation of the defenders. Gas shells (CG and NC) should be made use of. It is not considered feasible to carry out a thorough destruction bombardment of concrete dugouts and machine gun emplacements. The tunnels themselves are impervious to artillery fire. Steps should be taken to concentrate a heavy and unexpected fire on their entrances and exits on the day of battle. Telephone exchanges and specially defended localities such as BELLENGLISE, NAUROY, BELLICOURT, BONY, LE CATELET - GOUY, should be heavily bombarded. Blocks in communication trenches should be created where it is considered practicable and advisable.

(g) Long Range Gun Fire.

G.O.C. R.A. Australian Corps will be responsible for dealing with the following places by means of long range guns:- JONCOURT, RAMIECOURT, MONTBREHAIN, ESTREES, ESTREES-MARETZ Road, BEAUREVOIR. Instantaneous fuzes will be used by all guns firing at long ranges.

(h) Resting of Detachments.

Careful arrangements will be made for the relief of detachments during the course of the bombardment.

## 6. HOSTILE GAS BOMBARDMENT.

In the event of a heavy hostile concentration of fire on "Y/2" night, specially gas shelling, on any particular part of the Army area, every effort will be made by concentrating the fire of as many guns as possible, to silence the offending groups of hostile artillery.

At the same time the Counter-Battery Staff Officer will indicate as accurately as possible to the 5th Brigade R.A.F. direct, the positions of the active German artillery, with the object of enabling the R.A.F. to bomb the groups concerned.

C.B.S.O. will likewise inform the 5th Balloon Wing, who have arranged to have a balloon standing by ready to take the air within 30 minutes, if weather conditions will permit. It is hoped that this balloon will be able to give useful information as to the positions of the batteries concerned.

G.O.C. R.A. is preparing a plan on these lines.



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7. DUMPING OF AMMUNITION

The following amounts of ammunition are authorised to be held in front of railhead. 25% of these amounts will be held in Corps Reserve. In addition all echelons are to be kept full.

18-pdr.	...	900 rounds per gun.
4.5" How.	(...)	800 rounds per gun.
60-pdr gun.	...	600 rounds per gun.
6" How.	...	700 rounds per gun.
8" How.	...	500 rounds per gun.
9.2" How.	...	500 rounds per gun.
6" Gun	...	400 rounds per gun.
12" How.	...	300 rounds per gun.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. M. G. 1011*

Lieut-Colonel,  
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

25th September 1918.

Issued at 1 p.m. to all recipients of B.I., Series "E", No. 1.

In the event of a heavy hostile concentration of fire on "Y/E" night, especially the position, on any particular part of the Army area, every effort will be made by concentrating the fire of as many guns as possible, to silence the offending groups of hostile artillery.

At the same time the Counter-Battery Staff Officer will indicate as accurately as possible to the 5th Brigade B.A.F. direct, the positions of the active German artillery, with the object of enabling the B.A.F. to keep the enemy concerned.

B.A.F. will likewise inform the 5th Balloon Wing, who have arranged to have a balloon standing by ready to take the air within 30 minutes, if weather conditions will permit. It is hoped that this balloon will be able to give useful information as to the positions of the hostile batteries concerned.

B.A.F. is requested to give a report on these lines.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 3.

ARTILLERY.1. ARTILLERY TAKEN OVER FROM III CORPS.

Field and heavy artillery as under will be taken over from III Corps at 10 a.m. on 25th September, on command of the 27th American Division passing to the Australian Corps.

(a) Field Artillery.

4th Aust. Div. Art.	(Headquarters (10th and 11th Bdes A.F.A.)
25th Div. Art.	(Headquarters (110th and 112th Bdes R.F.A.)
58th Div. Art.	(Headquarters (290th and 291st Bdes R.F.A.)
86th Army Brigade R.F.A.	
104th Army Brigade R.F.A.	
108th Army Brigade R.F.A.	

(b) Heavy Artillery.

23rd Brigade R.G.A.  
71st Brigade R.G.A.  
85th Brigade R.G.A.  
89th Brigade R.G.A.  
312th Siege Battery R.G.A.  
449th Siege Battery R.G.A.

2. DISTRIBUTION.

The distribution of field artillery on the corps front on completion of current moves and reliefs by 27th September, will be as under:-

Right Divisional Sector under C.R.A. 1st Aust.Div.	Left Divisional Sector under C.R.A. 4th Aust. Div.
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1st Aust Div. Art. (1st and 2nd Bdes A.F.A.)	4th Aust Div. Art. (10th and 11th Bdes A.F.A.)
2nd Aust Div. Art. (4th and 5th Bdes A.F.A.)	25th Div. Art. (110th and 112th Bdes R.F.A.)
12th Army Bde A.F.A.	58th Div. Art. (290th and 291st Bdes R.F.A.)
65th Army Brigade R.F.A.	86th Army Brigade R.F.A.
84th Army Brigade R.F.A.	104th Army Brigade R.F.A.
150th Army Brigade R.F.A.	108th Army Brigade R.F.A.
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Corps Reserve in Right Div. Sector under C.R.A. 5 Aust.Div.	Corps Reserve in Left Div. Sector under C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Div.
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5th Aust. Div. Art	3rd Aust. Div. Art.
6th Army Bde A.F.A.	3rd Army Bde A.F.A.

### 3. HEAVY ARTILLERY.

The heavy artillery under the orders of the B.G. H.A. Australian Corps will be as follows as at 12 noon on 27th instant:-

9th Brigade R.G.A.	(Mobile Brigade)
18th Brigade R.G.A.	(9.2" How. Bde.)
23rd Brigade R.G.A.	(9.2" How. Bde.)
41st Brigade R.G.A.	(Mobile Brigade)
51st Brigade R.G.A.	(Mixed Brigade)
68th Brigade R.G.A.	(8" How. Bde.)
71st Brigade R.G.A.	(8" How. Bde.)
73rd Army Brigade R.G.A.	
85th Brigade R.G.A.	(Mobile Brigade)
89th Brigade R.G.A.	(8" How. Bde.)
93rd Brigade R.G.A.	(Mixed Brigade)

### 4. COMMAND.

- (a) All artillery of the Corps will pass to the command of G.O.C. R.A. Australian Corps at 10 a.m. 25th instant, who will arrange for the allotment of a proportion of field and heavy artillery to each division at the conclusion of the first phase.
- (b) Throughout the period of preparation for the operations, C.R.A.'s of line divisions will consult the divisional commanders concerned as to their defensive requirements in the emplacement of field artillery.

### 5. BOMBARDMENT.

- (a) The preliminary bombardment will commence at 10 p.m. on "W" day and will continue until ZERO hour on "Z" day.  
The bombardment will consist of:-
  - (i) Special Gas (BB) bombardment,
  - (ii) Vigorous counter-battery fire,
  - (iii) Intensive harassing fire,
  - (iv) Cutting lanes in hostile wire defences.
  - (v) Bombardment of selected strong points and localities.
- (b) Special Gas (BB) Bombardment.  
This bombardment will be carried out by 18-prs. and 6" Hows. firing BB gas shells in combination with H.E. during intermittent periods between 10 p.m. on "W" day and 6 a.m. on "X" day. Captured German guns firing yellow cross shells will be employed as far as circumstances permit.  
The objectives will be the hostile defensive system and artillery positions along the whole front so far as the range of guns permits. Arrangements will be made with the French to extend the front of bombardment on the right.  
Subsequent to 6 a.m. "X" day, no BB gas shell will be fired without the authority of the Army.
- (c) Vigorous Counter-Battery fire.  
This will commence at 6 a.m. on "X" day. Surprise attacks on hostile artillery positions should be carried out with H.E. (with instantaneous fuze) and gas shells (CG or NG). For the methodical bombardment of fortified emplacements and dugouts, delay action fuzes should be employed.
- (d) Intensive Harassing Fire.  
This will commence immediately after the cessation of the special gas (BB) bombardment at 6 a.m. on "X" day. Corps will prepare definite plans for its direction on their respective fronts. The keynote of its application should be variety and surprise, and plans must be so framed that throughout the 24 hours of the day and night the enemy should be permitted no immunity or security from shell fire.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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

Intelligence and Disposal of Prisoners of War1. BATTALION INTELLIGENCE POLICE

One German speaker and two searchers should be allotted to each battalion for use as follows:-

(a) German Speaker

- (i) To secure immediate identifications quickly so that identifications will reach Divisional Headquarters as speedily as possible of enemy units on the battle front.
- (ii) To secure immediate information required by the Battalion Commander as regards enemy dispositions, assembly positions, orders for counter attack, etc.
- (iii) To be in charge of the two searchers and separate important documents, orders, maps, etc., translate and convey information of moment to the immediate commander.

(b) Two Searchers

The two searchers under the German speaker systematically search the battle field, enemy positions, suspected headquarters, dead, etc., for papers, documents, maps, etc. have them packed in sandbags, and sent through the usual channels to the Divisional Cage as quickly as possible. This personnel should carry torches and, besides rifles or revolvers, bombs are recommended as being useful for dealing with any of the enemy who may be found in dug-outs.

2. DIVISIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

The Divisional Intelligence Officer will go forward to an advanced Divisional Collecting Cage with a view to obtaining, as soon as possible, information of immediate tactical importance.

The Cage will be connected by telephone to Divisional Headquarters, and important information obtained will be transmitted as quickly as possible to Divisional and Brigade Headquarters.

The main points on which immediate information is required from prisoners are, Order of Battle, Units seen, Distribution of the Enemy's Forces, Method of Holding the Line, Assembly Positions, Counter-attack Orders, and Intentions.

This information will be wired to Divisional Headquarters and repeated to Corps Headquarters and Corps Cage by the Divisional Intelligence Officer.

The Divisional Intelligence Officer will not detain prisoners longer than is necessary to obtain this tactical information of immediate importance, except as may be necessary for examination as to enemy mines, dug-outs, booby traps, etc.

In case a large number of prisoners are captured, only one or two from each regiment will be detained, and the passage of the remainder to the Corps Cage will not be delayed.

Any further information required from prisoners by Brigades or lower formations can always be obtained by telephone from the Divisional Cage.

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3. SEARCHING OF PRISONERS

- (a) Officers and N.C.O's. Officers and N.C.O's will be searched as soon as possible after capture by a responsible officer or N.C.O., and all documents taken from them sent back with them (in sacks) labelled by regiments, if a number are captured) to the Divisional Intelligence Officer, at such place as this officer has pre-arranged. It is left to the discretion of Brigades as to what documents, maps, etc, taken from prisoners, they hold back for the information of Brigade Commanders. When this is done, Divisional H.Q. will be informed by wire, priority if necessary, of the nature of the documents, etc., held back, and of any points of immediate tactical importance they may contain. As soon as possible after information has been extracted from them, the documents will be forwarded on to the Corps Cage. Arrangements can be made by Corps, if notified that documents are ready to be sent on, to fetch them by motor cyclist or cycle.
- (b) Other Ranks. Prisoners other than officers and N.C.O's will be searched on their arrival at the Corps Cage. Their papers, etc., will be taken from them and put into sacks labelled according to regiments.
- (c) All ranks should understand that a prisoners pay-book, identity disc, and personal belongings should not be taken from him. Escorts and guards will be warned to take special precautions to prevent prisoners from destroying papers.

4. SEPARATION OF OFFICERS, N.C.O's and ADM.

Care will be taken that officers, N.C.O's and privates are all separated from one another at once, and are not allowed to communicate with one another. Prisoners who have been interrogated should not be allowed to mix with those who have not yet been examined.

5. NOTIFICATION OF LOCALITY OF CAPTURE.

It is essential that, when prisoners are sent back, information be sent with them which will show where they were captured. Information as to the battalion which made the capture is a useful indication.

6. AUTHORIZED PERSONS ONLY TO CONVERSE WITH PRISONERS.

It is most important that no officer or N.C.O. except those duly authorised, be allowed to interrogate or converse with prisoners.

7. PRISONERS OF WAR CAGE.

The Advanced Corps Cage will be situated at ROISEL, Sheet 62C., K.10.central.

Intelligence officers and personnel will be stationed here and will carry out a more detailed interrogation and sort out captured documents.

The Advanced Corps Cage will be connected by telephone to Corps H.Q.

8. PRISONERS

The following procedure will be adopted for the disposal of prisoners:-

After capture they will be escorted to the Advanced Divisional Collecting Cage, for examination by the Divisional Intelligence Officer who, after he has finished with them, will send them back to the Advanced Corps Cage.

The sending back of prisoners should be carried out as quickly as possible, and several escorts should be arranged for them to be passed back without any unusual delay. Instructions should be issued to ensure that too many men are not employed on escort duty.

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In the forward area directing notices should be placed to show the route to be taken to the Advanced Divisional Collecting Cage. Traffic control personnel should be conversant with the method of disposing of prisoners.

9. IDENTIFICATIONS.

The importance of passing on all identifications as speedily as possible to Divisional Headquarters cannot be too strongly impressed on all concerned. It is essential that special efforts be made to wire at once as soon as identifications are made and the locality in which obtained.

10. MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

The following are being issued:-

- (i) A large issue of 1/20,000 Special Operations Sheet for distribution to all officers.
- (ii) 1/20,000 Map Message Form, for distribution down to N.C.O's.
- (iii) 1/20,000 Barrage Map, for distribution down to Company Commanders
- (iv) 1/40,000 Organisation Map.

The following special photographs are being issued:-

- (a) A Mosaic of the Divisional front, squared and freely annotated, for distribution down to Company Commanders.
- (b) Oblique photographs of the Divisional front, for distribution to all officers and senior N.C.O's, and enlargements for Staffs.

25th September 1918.

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1. It is of first importance that secrecy should be observed prior to all operations in order to effect surprise.  
The necessity for secrecy will be impressed on all ranks.
2. Fourth Army leaflet "Keep your mouth shut" will be pasted in the paybooks of all Australian personnel and will be issued to each individual American soldier.
3. Commanders will take all possible steps to prevent the scope and date of the operation becoming known, except to those taking part. Any officer, N.C.O. or man found discussing the operation in public or giving details to any person not immediately concerned will be severely dealt with.
4. All movements of troops and transport in an easterly direction within the Corps area will take place by night, except in cases where it is absolutely necessary to move by day.
5. 3rd Squadron, A.F.C. will arrange for aeroplanes to fly over the Corps area during days when flying is possible and will report to Corps Headquarters the approximate location and time of any abnormal movement of troops or transport.
6. No orders will be given or reference made to the operation on any telephone line forward of Divisional Headquarters of line divisions.
7. Commanders will ensure that the number of officers reconnoitring the enemy's positions is limited to those for whom reconnaissance is essential.  
The greatest care will be taken by officers whose duty requires that they should make reconnaissances in the forward area that no map is produced except under cover.  
It has again been proved by information received from German prisoners taken during our recent attacks that the enemy has been able to fix the imminence of an offensive by this means.  
Commanding Officers of units in the front line should report at once to higher authority any disregard of these orders.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

25th September, 1918.

  
Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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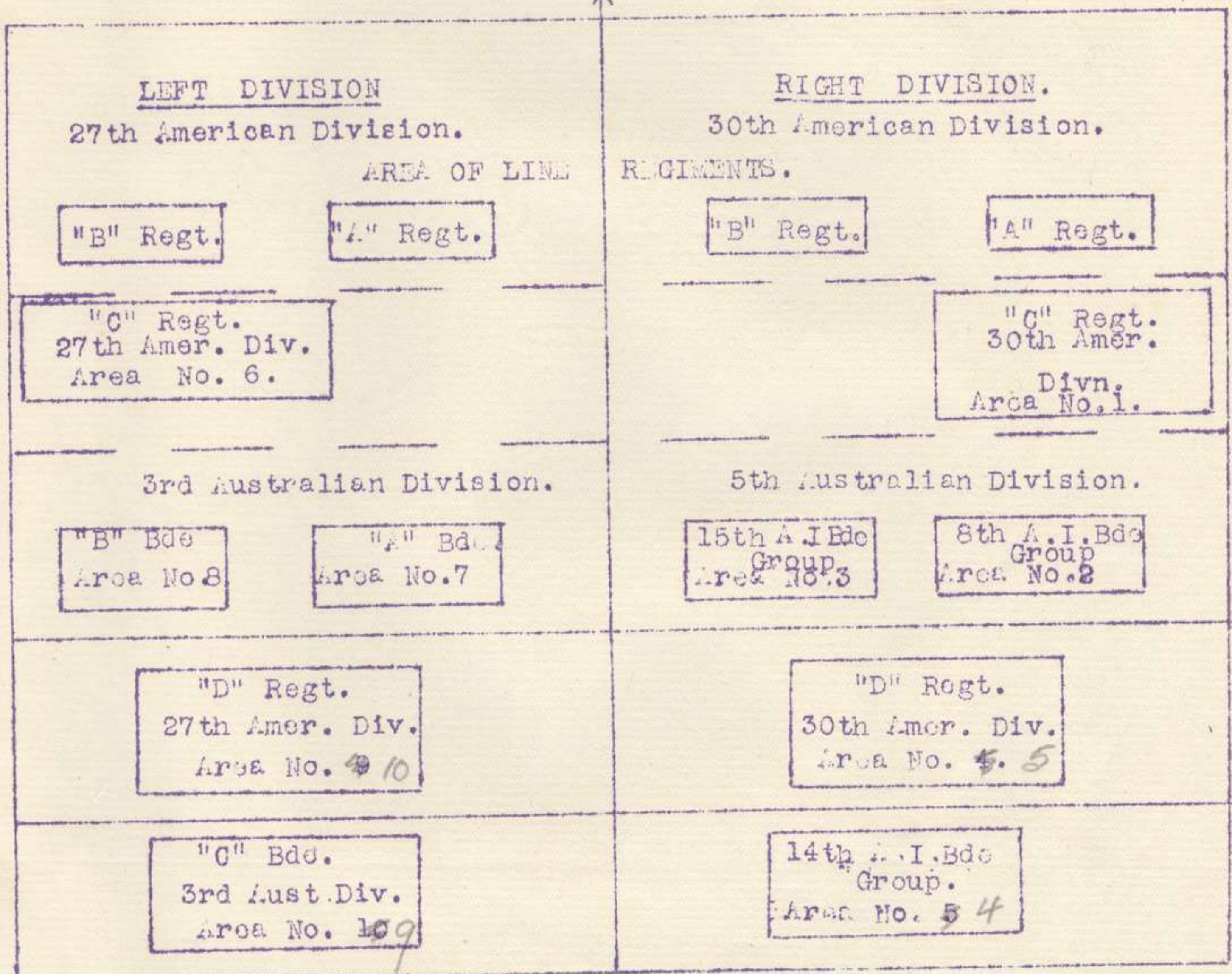
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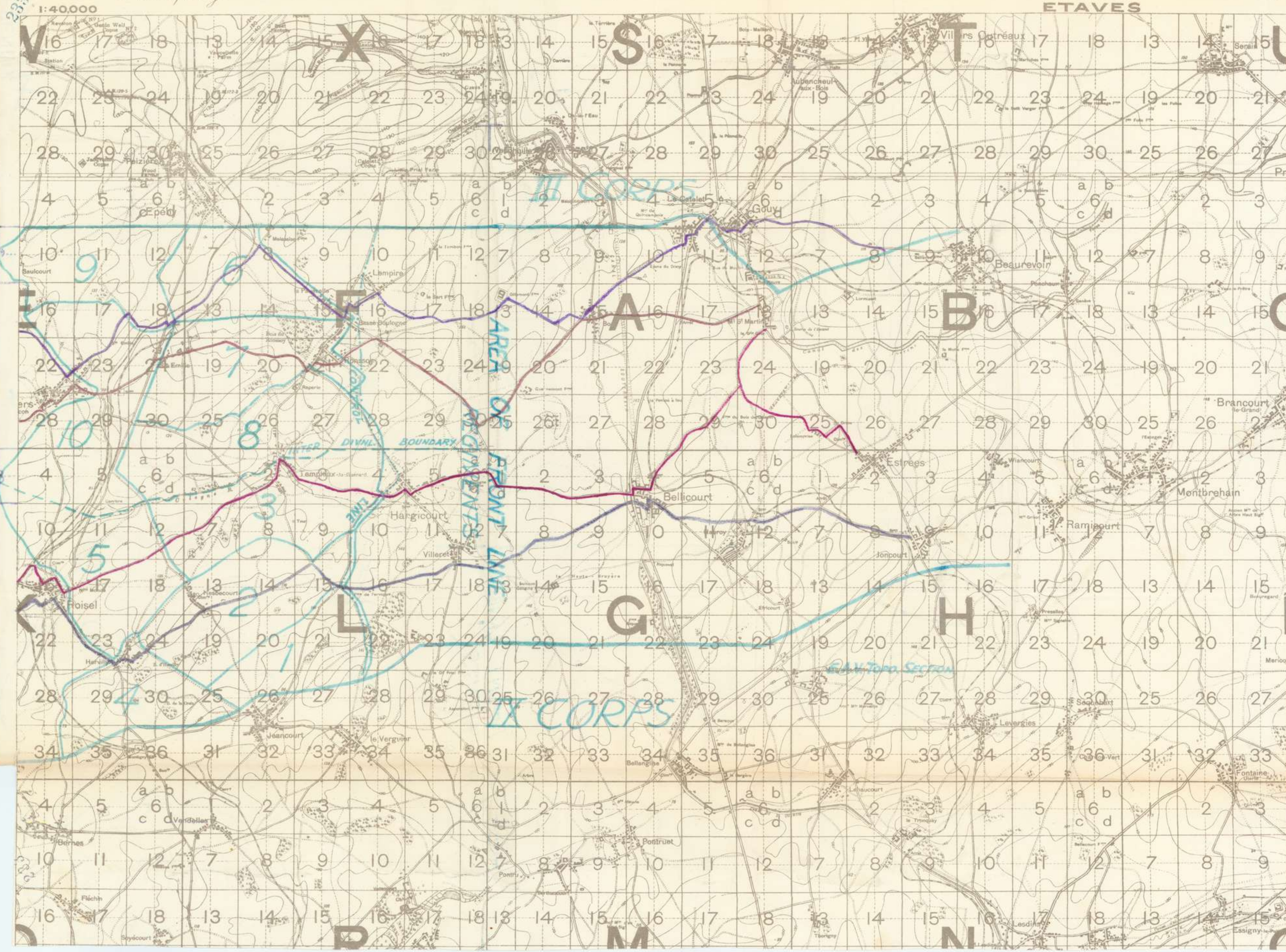
AREAS OF ASSEMBLY FOR "Y/Z" NIGHT

EACH AREA IS ALLOTTED TO ONE AMERICAN REGIMENT OR ONE  
AUSTRALIAN BRIGADE.

Direction of enemy.







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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 6

1. The order of assembly of brigades on Y/Z night (the night preceding zero) will be as shewn in the attached diagram.
2. The numbers on the diagrams refer to the numbered bivouac areas on the attached map.
3. Brigades will reconnoitre the areas given tomorrow 26th instant, and will mark out the actual sites of bivouacs for Y/Z night. A car will be placed at the disposal of Brigades for the purpose of taking forward one officer each brigade tomorrow morning, calling at the 15th, 8th, and 14th Brigades in that order, commencing with 15th Brigade at 8.30 a.m.
4. Troops will move into bivouac areas by night. Orders will be issued later. All movements by day in assembly bivouac areas must be reduced to an absolute minimum. The lighting of fires, etc., must be carefully controlled.
5. Bivouac areas have been selected with regard to the routes by which brigade groups will advance, and the order of movement to the east side of the canal.
7. The inter-divisional boundary in rear of TEMPLEUX-le-GUERARD is altered in accordance with attached map.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

25th September 1918.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 7.

ORGANISATION OF ROADS, TRAFFIC AND TROOP MOVEMENTS.

1. Four main roads will be developed for traffic under arrangements to be made by C.E. Australian Corps.  
From the West as far East as our Start Line - Before ZERO day.  
Eastwards from the Start Line - After ZERO hour on ZERO day.  
 These roads are coloured respectively BLACK, RED, YELLOW, and BLUE on the map attached to Battle Instructions, Series "E", No. 6. They will be respectively marked on the ground by sign boards, painted in the same sequence of colours.  
 Of these roads, the RED and YELLOW roads will probably be developed into M.T. roads. The BLACK road is not likely to be suitable for any but pedestrian and horse transport traffic.
2. C.E. Australian Corps will arrange for parties of Engineers and Pioneers to commence work on these roads, EAST of the Start Line, as soon after ZERO as practicable in order to: -
  - (a) Mark the routes with coloured sign-boards,
  - (b) Clear obstructions,
  - (c) Clear land mines,
  - (d) Fill in shell holes and craters,
  - (e) Fill in trenches,
  - (f) Render the road practicable for horse drawn artillery.
 All necessary material will be prepared in advance.  
 It is anticipated that all four roads will be suitable for the use of horse drawn artillery, as far EAST as the LE CATELET trench line (inclusive) by 9 a.m. on ZERO day.
3. No traffic of any description - other than urgent signal traffic - will be permitted on any of these roads EAST of the Start Line until after 9 a.m.
4. The roads WEST of the Start Line will be kept clear of all traffic after ZERO hour, except for the battle troops, in accordance with the time table in paragraph 9.
5. The Armoured Car Battalion (and Whippet Tanks accompanying it) will use the YELLOW road. The accompanying whippets will, whenever practicable, march close beside, and not actually on these roads.
6. No transverse crossing of any of these roads, from North to South or vice versa, will be permitted on ZERO day, except for single vehicles or single tanks or small bodies of troops. All North and South traffic must give way to, and avoid blocking, all East bound traffic.
7. All tanks accompanying Australian troops, or moving East to assembly positions, or moving west to rallying points, must keep clear of these roads, and must not cross them unless absolutely unavoidable. Whenever practicable, tanks will move in columns, close beside these roads, so as to consolidate an alternative marching track for infantry.

8. The following is the allocation of roads to Battle Troops, and the order of movement in each case:-

<u>BLACK ROAD.</u>	"A" Regiment of 60th American Brigade	) As far as Start Line only.
	"A" Brigade Group of 5th Aust. Div. with accompanying artillery.	) throughout.
	Reserve Brigade Group of 5th Aust. Div. with Art.	) throughout.
	"D" Regiment of 59th American Brigade.	) throughout.
	∅ 5th Cavalry Brigade	)
<u>RED ROAD.</u>	"B" Regiment of 60th American Brigade	) As far as Start Line only.
	"B" Brigade of 5th Aust. Div. with artillery.	) throughout.
	∅ 5th Cavalry Brigade	)
<u>YELLOW ROAD.</u>	"A" Regiment of 54th American Brigade.	) As far as Start Line only.
	Armoured Car Battalion	) throughout.
	"A" Brigade Group of 3rd Aust. Div. with artillery.	) throughout.
	"B" Regiment of 54th American Brigade.	) As far as Start Line only.
<u>BLUE ROAD.</u>	"B" Brigade Group of 3rd Aust. Div. with artillery.	) throughout.
	Reserve Brigade Group of 3rd Aust. Div.	) throughout.
	"D" Regiment of 54th American Brigade.	) throughout.

∅ 5th Cavalry Brigade will be prepared to move via either the BLACK or the RED Road.

9. The following time table will control the use of these four roads by the several formations to which they have been allotted:-

(a) American troops have right of way and preferential use of all four roads, as far East as the Start Line, up to ZERO hour on ZERO day. After that hour, no troops of the American Corps (other than the "D" Regiments of each American Division) are to use any of these roads.

(b) From ZERO hour on ZERO day, four of the roads East of the Start Line will be under the exclusive control of the engineers and pioneers until 9 a.m. No traffic of any description, other than for the service of these engineers and pioneers and urgent signal traffic, may use these roads East of the Start Line going East before 9 a.m.

(c) During the remainder of ZERO day, troops will have right of precedence going east on these four roads, for the whole length, in the following order:-

Between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Artillery detailed to support "C" American Regiments east of the control line shown in GREEN.  
3rd and 5th Australian Divisions' Battle Brigades and artillery.

Between 11 a.m. and 12 noon

3rd and 5th Australian Divisions' Reserve Brigades and artillery, followed by "D" Regiments of American Divisions.

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After 2 p.m.

5th Cavalry Brigade on BLACK and RED  
Roads only.

- (i) The Armoured Car Battalion will have precedence of all other traffic on the YELLOW Road
- (ii) If the artillery detailed to support "C" American Regiments require to move east of the canal to carry out their task they will have precedence at 9 a.m. on the BLACK and BLUE Roads.
- (d) No Mechanical Transport or tractor drawn artillery may use any of these roads until after 5 p.m. on ZERO day. After that hour one or more of these roads will be allocated for the use of heavy artillery, according to the situation.
10. The 5th Cavalry Brigade will not cross the Start Line of the Main Operation before 2 p.m. by which hour our situation on the RED line should be definitely known.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

25th September 1918.

*J. M. B.*  
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Ref Battle Instructions No. 6 AAA  
 Movement to areas will commence  
 tomorrow AAA No movement E of general  
 line PIMCOURT BOUVINCOURT will take place  
 before 7 p.m. AAA Routes 15th Brigade  
 group road junction O6B - CARTIGNY -  
 BRUSLE - ROISEL AAA 8th Bde and 14th Bde  
 groups in that order CATELET - P.4.c. -  
 G.2.a. - HERVILLY AAA Addsd all recipient  
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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 8.

1. BRIGADE GROUPS.

8th Australian Infantry Brigade Group  
 Brigade Headquarters,  
 8th Australian Infantry Brigade  
 2 troops 13th A.L.H. Regiment  
 13th Brigade A.F.A.  
 1½ companies 5th A.M.G. Battalion  
 1 company Australian Engineers  
 1 bearer division.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade Group  
 Brigade Headquarters,  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade  
 2 troops 13th A.L.H. Regiment  
 14th Brigade A.F.A.  
 1 company, 5th A.M.G. Battalion  
 1 company Australian Engineers  
 1 bearer division.

14th Australian Infantry Brigade Group  
 Brigade Headquarters,  
 14th Australian Infantry Brigade  
 6th Army Brigade R.F.A.  
 H.Q. and 1½ companies, 5th A.M.G. Battalion  
 1 company Australian Engineers  
 1 bearer division.

2. TANKS.

The 8th Tank Battalion (Lieut-Colonel HASLAM D.S.O.) and 1 company (8 tanks) whippets are co-operating with the 5th Australian Division, and have been distributed as follows:

2 sections (8 tanks) and 4 whippets ..... 8th A.I. Brigade  
 2 sections (8 tanks) and 4 whippets ..... 15th A.I. Brigade  
 2 sections (8 tanks) .... In reserve with 14th A.I. Brigade.

3. MOVES.

(i) Brigade Groups will move to bivouac areas on the night 27th/28th under instructions already issued.

Routes: 15th A.I. Brigade Group; Road junction O.6.b.3.2 -  
 CARTIGNY - BRUSLE - BOUCLY - ROISEL - TEMPLEUX-le  
 -GUERARD.

8th A.I. Brigade Group, followed by 14th A.I. Brigade  
 Group; LE MESNIL - CATELET - Crossroads P.4.c  
 - Q.2.a - HERVILLY - HESBECOURT.

(ii) Troops will be rested as much as possible during the time they are in the bivouac area. No movement of any description will be permitted during the hours of daylight.

4. LIAISON.

(i) The following divisional liaison officers have been detailed:-  
 With 30th American Division - Capt. CHALMERS MC 30th Bn.  
 With 3rd Australian Division - Capt. SMITH M.C. 53rd Bn.

- (ii) Brigades will establish liaison as follows:-
  - 8th A.I. Brigade - with 15th A.I. Brigade, 120th and 117th American Infantry Regiments.
  - 15th A.I. Brigade - with 11th A.I. Brigade and 119th American Infantry Regiments.

5. LIGHT SIGNALS

In addition to the light signals which have already been notified the following signal will be employed by the Cavalry:-

"Advanced Troops of Cavalry are here" - WHITE Star bursting to a RED on a parachute fired from 1 1/2" Very pistol.

6. HEADQUARTERS

- 5th Australian Division - HERVILLY from 2 p.m. 27th.
- 8th Brigade Group L.3.a.8.3.
- 15th Brigade Group L.5.d.9.4.
- 14th Brigade Group near HERVILLY

7. ACKNOWLEDGE

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Similarly the signal sections of brigade groups will synchronise twice daily with the Divisional Signal Company under arrangements to be made by the O.C. Divisional Signal Company.

## 12. HEADQUARTERS

Further to para. 6 of Battle Instructions, Series "E", No. 8, the following additions and amendments are published for information:-

15th A.I. Brigade Group for L.5.d.9.4.	read L.3.a.8.4.
Headquarters 5th Div. Artillery	K.21.c.3.7
13th Brigade A.F.A.	J.36.
14th Brigade A.F.A.	J.35.
5th Cavalry Brigade	near HERVILLY

27th September 1918.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 9.

1. DISPOSITIONS AND OBJECTIVES.-

(i) The dispositions for the attack on the RED line by the 5th Australian Division will be as follows:-

- 8th Brigade Group on the right.
- 15th Brigade Group on the left.
- 14th Brigade Group in reserve.

(ii) Objectives are as follows :-

- 8th Brigade Group - JONCOURT RIDGE (with exploitation to LEHAUCOURT RIDGE) - JONCOURT HILL (inclusive).
- 15th Brigade Group - SWISS HILL - WIANCOURT - junction with 3rd Aust. Division at B.23.c.0.4 (all inclusive).

Boundary between brigades is shown on map 1/20,000 issued with Battle Instructions No. 2. The reserve brigade group will be disposed in the area between NAUROY and ESTREES, E. of the GREEN LINE.

2. FLANK UNITS.-

Right flank. For special exploitation the 117th American Infantry Regiment. The 46th Division of IX Corps will attack in conjunction with the 30th American Division and should it be successful in crossing the canal it will move forward on our right flank.

Left flank. The 11th Brigade, 3rd Aust. Division will attack on our left.

3. STARTING POINT.-

The junction of the BROWN dotted start line with the BLACK and RED roads for the 8th and 15th Brigade Groups respectively. The march of Brigade groups will be timed so that the head will cross the start line at 9 a.m. on Z day. The 14th Brigade group will follow the 8th Brigade group making use of the BLACK road.

4. ALLOCATION OF ROADS AND ORDER OF MOVEMENT.

With reference to para. 8 of Battle Instructions Series "E" No.7 the following is the order of movement along allotted roads:-

- |            |   |  |             |
|------------|---|--|-------------|
| BLACK ROAD |   | 120th Regt. 60th American Brigade. To start line.                          |             |
|            |   | 8th Australian Infantry Brigade Group )                                    |             |
|            |   | with artillery and tanks. )  |             |
|            |   | 14th Australian Infantry Brigade Group )                                   | throughout. |
|            |   | with artillery and tanks )   |             |
|            |   | 117th Regt. 59th American Brigade )  |             |
|            | ∅ | 5th Cavalry Brigade.   |             |
| RED ROAD   |   | 119th Regt. 60th American Brigade. To start line.                          |             |
|            |   | 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Group )                                   |             |
|            |   | with artillery and tanks. )  | throughout. |
|            | ∅ | 5th Cavalry Brigade )  |             |
| ∅          |   | 5th Cavalry Brigade will be prepared to move via either BLACK or RED road. |             |

## APPENDIX 4

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5. ACTION UP TO GREEN LINE.

Brigade Groups will move forward to GREEN line in suitable formations as circumstances dictate.

No movement EAST of the GREEN line will commence before 11 a.m. except that should opportunity offer the whippets attached to Brigade Groups may be pushed forward towards their primary objective, the BEAUREVOIR - FONCOMME line, having due regard to the heavy artillery programme of area shoots.

The C.R.A. will reconnoitre suitable positions for the employment of the 41st Brigade R.G.A. to cover the further advance from the GREEN line to the final objective.

6. POINTS IN CONNECTION WITH ACTION E. OF GREEN LINE.

(i) The mopping-up of STREES and WIANCOURT by 15th Brigade Group and JONCOURT by 8th Brigade Group.

(ii) A special unit will be detailed by 8th Brigade Group to maintain liaison between the 117th American Regiment and the 8th Brigade Group. A  $\frac{1}{2}$  company 5th Machine Gun Battalion, has been allotted to the 8th Brigade Group to assist in this action.

7. HEAVY ARTILLERY

A map will be issued later shewing the heavy artillery programme E of the GREEN LINE.

8. ROLE OF 5th CAVALRY BRIGADE.

(i) The 5th Cavalry Brigade will be prepared to pass through the infantry after the latter have reached the RED LINE.

(ii) The role of the Cavalry will be to seize and hold the line of the high ground, maps sheets No. 57B S.W., and 62B N.W. - HAMAGE FARM - U.25.a. and c - C.8.central - I.3.central - I.9.central - I.14.central - I.19.central until the arrival of the infantry.

Should the enemy retreat the 5th Cavalry Brigade will maintain contact.

9. ARMoured CARS.

The 17th Armoured Car Battalion with 1 company of Whippets attached will move via main roads against enemy centres of importance. Armoured cars are distinguished by the same markings as tanks, viz: three broad painted bands, WHITE - RED - WHITE.

10. COMMUNICATIONS.

(i) The divisional signal route will be constructed along the general line HARGICOURT - BELLICOURT - ESTREES and brigade groups in the establishment of forward headquarters will endeavour to select sites as close to this route as possible to facilitate communications.

(ii) Location of popham panel and message dropping grounds will be sent to Divisional Headquarters as soon as site has been fixed. Divisional station will be located immediately W of HERVILLY, co-ordinates will be issued later.

11. SYNCHRONISATION

The O.C. Divisional Signal Co. will synchronise twice daily, commencing 28th instant, with the "rated" watch at Corps Signal Office.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

AMENDMENT TO BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 9.

Paragraph 4 after 120th Regiment, 60th American Brigade, add  
117th Regiment 59th American Brigade throughout.

In line 8, for 117th Regiment read 118th Regiment.

27th September 1918.

*G. S. G. S.*  
for Lieut-Colonel G.S.  
5th Australian Division.

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BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No.10.

AIRCRAFT.

1. Aircraft units will be working on the Corps front on "Z" day as under:
  - (a) 3rd Squadron A.F.C.
    - (i) Markings. Rectangular black panels 2 feet by 1 foot on both lower planes about 3 feet from fuselage.
    - (ii) Role. Contact patrols.  
Counter-attack patrols  
Dropping smoke bombs.
  - (b) 8th Squadron R.A.F.
    - (i) Markings. Black bands on under side of tail.
    - (ii) Roles Co-operation with tanks.  
Reporting of location and progress of tanks.  
Engaging of anti-tank guns with M.G. fire and bombs.
  - (c) Eight Single Seater Army Squadrons. will be employed on low altitude attacks on enemy organization and troops. These machines will not carry any distinctive markings.

2. CONTACT PATROLS IN SECOND PHASE.

The 3rd Squadron A.F.C. will watch and report on progress of troops of the 3rd and 5th Australian Divisions during their advance from the GREEN line to the RED line.  
All the normal means of indicating the positions of our troops will be used by both the 3rd and 5th Australian Divisions during the advance when our contact machines sound on the Klaxon or fire a WHITE Very light.  
Contact Patrol Machines will fly over the RED line along the whole Corps front at ZERO plus 10 hours.

3. COUNTER ATTACK PATROLS

- (a) From ZERO onwards counter-attack machines will be constantly in the air with the object of observing hostile concentrations or abnormal movement.
- (b) In the event of an enemy concentration indicating a counter-attack the counter-attack aeroplane will signal this information to the artillery by wireless. In the case of a counter-attack actually developing a WHITE parachute light will be fired by the aeroplane in the direction of the troops moving for the impending counter-attack, for the information of the infantry.

4. SMOKE BOMBING

In order to cover the advance of the 3rd and 5th Australian Divisions up to the GREEN line and from the GREEN line towards the RED line, arrangements have been made with 15th Wing R.A.F. for smoke bombs to be dropped to deny the enemy observation from the high ground still in his possession at various stages of the battle.

Zones, together with the hours which bombs are to be dropped within these zones, are shown on the attached map. No smoke bombs will be dropped in any area west of the zones as laid down after the period of time allotted to each zone.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th Australian Division.

28th September 1918

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| Divisional Engineers      | 7         |
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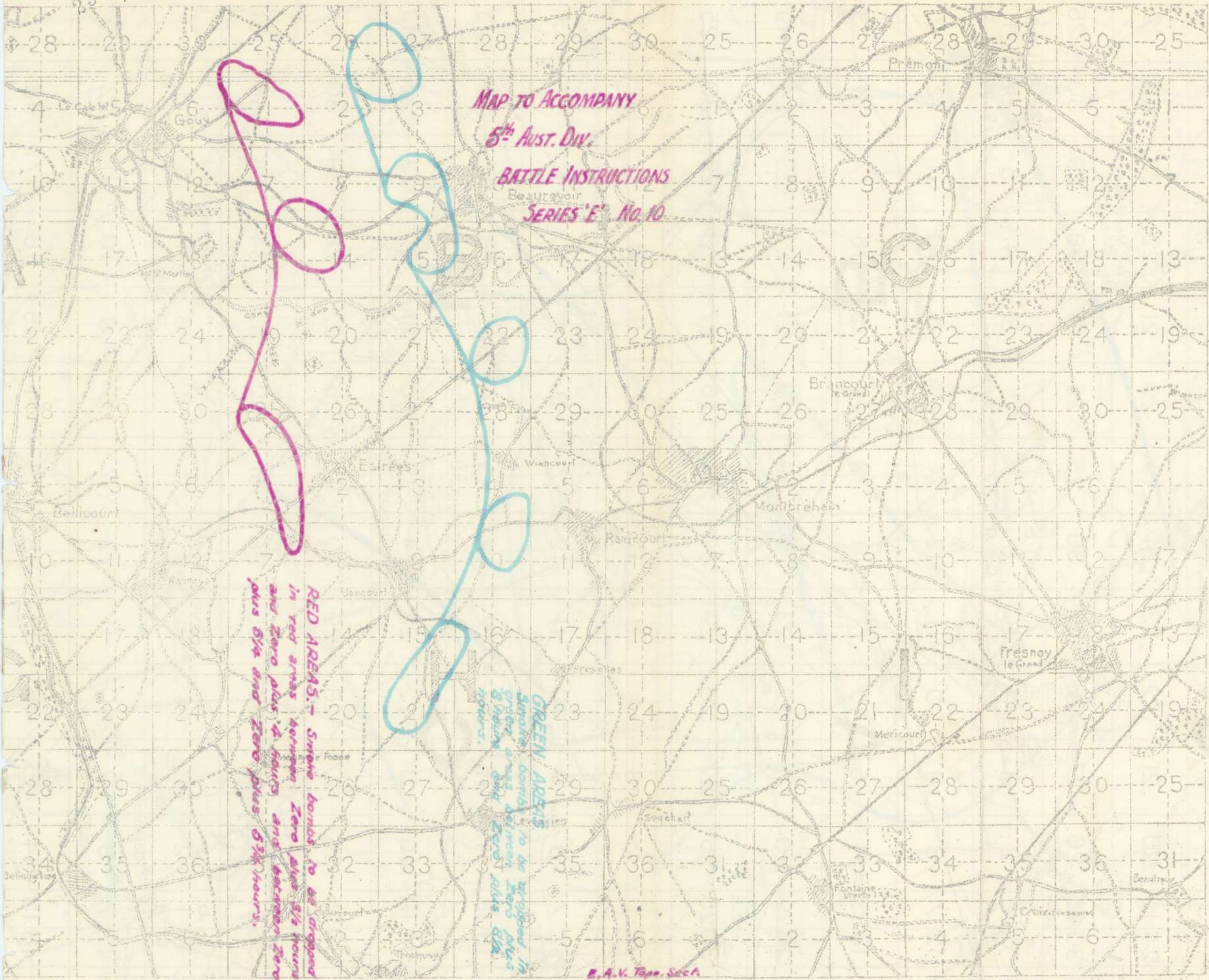
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*MAP TO ACCOMPANY*  
*5th Aust. Div.*  
*BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS*  
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*RED AREAS. - Smoke bombs to be dropped in red areas between Zero plus 5/8 hours and Zero plus 4 hours and between Zero plus 5/8 and Zero plus 6 3/4 hours.*

*GREEN AREAS*  
*Smoke bombs to be dropped in green areas between Zero plus 8 hours and Zero plus 8 1/2 hours.*

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 11.

ROLE OF CAVALRY

1. Paragraph 8 of Battle Instructions, Series "E", No. 9 is cancelled and the following substituted:
2. The 5th Cavalry Brigade with "B" Battery 84th Army Brigade R.F.A. is allotted to the Australian Corps for the forthcoming operation.
3. The 5th Cavalry Brigade will maintain close liaison with the 5th Australian Division through whose lines it will pass as soon as possible after the infantry have captured the BEAUREVOIR line.
4. The role of the 5th Cavalry Brigade will be to seize and hold the line of high ground - HAMAGE FARM - U.25.a. and c - C.8.central - I.3.central - I.9.central - I.14.central - I.19.central - (Map sheets 57B S.W. and 62B N.W.) until the arrival of the infantry.
5. Should the enemy retreat the 5th Cavalry Brigade will maintain contact.
6. As soon as the objective has been gained two squadrons will be pushed forward to reconnoitre the withdrawal of the enemy -
  - (a) One squadron towards PREMONT - BUSIGNY.
  - (b) One squadron towards BOHAIN.Should the enemy's resistance be entirely broken and should the opportunity offer, these squadrons will be prepared to destroy the enemy's railway communications with the object of closing in any rolling stock on the lines running south and east. They will be prepared to act vigorously against enemy Headquarters, etc.  
The Squadrons detailed will be warned that the 17th Armoured Car Battalion, supported by one company of Whippet Tanks, is operating in the same direction with the same object.- vide Battle Instructions, Series "E" No. 9, para. 9.
7. Routes allotted are contained in Battle Instructions, Series "E", No. 9, paragraph 4.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

28th September 1918.

*J. M. G. G.*  
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES 'E', No. 12.

1. The following arrangements have been made for the co-ordination of action between IX Corps and Australian Corps on the right flank of the Australian Corps.
2. The boundary line between IX Corps and Australian Corps will be the grid line G.20.central - G.21.central - G.22.central - G.23.central - G.24.central - the sunken road at H.19.p.5.0 - thence N.E. along sunken road (inclusive to Australian Corps) to H.15.a.4.6 thence due EAST as per final Corps boundary on barrage map.
3. The above boundary will be the dividing line for both infantry and artillery action, except where IX Corps barrage overlaps the Australian Corps front west of the canal.
4. Should the G.O.C. left division of the IX Corps find it necessary, he will arrange direct with 30th American Division for the latter division to operate south of this line and will at the same time make the necessary arrangements for lifting IX Corps artillery fire as may be arranged between Divisional Commanders.
5. G.O.C. R.A. Australian Corps will arrange to keep under fire the high ground about G.23.b, G.24.a, and G.18.d, from ZERO as long as the infantry advance allows.
6. The southern limit of the Australian Corps barrage west of the Canal will be the line G.20.b.3.4 - G.21.b.9.6 - thence along the road to the Canal.  
The Australian Corps smoke screen along this line will lift in accordance with the timed lifts of the Australian Corps Field Artillery barrage.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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## BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 13

1. MAPS

The map for use in the forthcoming operation will be the 1/20,000 special operation sheet issued with Battle Instructions, Series "E" No. 2.

2. PIONEERS

On completion of the track to the GREEN line on "2" day, the 5th Australian Pioneers will rejoin the 5th Australian Division and will be employed under orders of the C.R.E.

3. "B.B" GAS SHELL

All troops should be warned against entering dugouts, cellars, etc., owing to the BB gas shell bombardments to which the trenches and vicinity of the HINDENBURG line were subjected to on the 26th instant.

This gas remains active in cellars for two or three weeks but is harmless above ground after 48 hours.

4. CORPS RESERVE

The 2nd Australian Division will move into assembly positions tonight in the area TINCOURT - ROISEL - VILLERS FAUCON - LIBRAMONT - TEMPLEUX-le-FOSSE.

After midday on "2" day, the 2nd Australian Division will be held in readiness to move at 2 hours' notice.

5. ACTION OF IX CORPS.

The 46th Division will capture the first objective which includes the villages of BELLENGLISE, LEHAUCOURT and MAGNY LA FOSSE.

The 32nd Division will pass through the 46th Division and capture the line LEHAUCOURT - JONCOURT RIDGE at H.20.central.

If opposition is weak the 32nd Division intends to capture the ridge running from LE TRONQUOY to SEQUEHART and the trench system running thence to the point of junction with the Australians at H.16.b.9.7.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Headquarters  
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION  
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With reference to Battle Instructions, Series "E", No. 2  
dated 24th September.

ZERO hour will be *5.50 am* on *29<sup>th</sup> Sept*

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

*J. McCall*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

- Issued at 5 p.m. to
- J.O.C. 8th Infantry Brigade
- G.O.C. 14th Infantry Brigade
- G.O.C. 15th Infantry Brigade
- C.R.A. 5th Aust Division
- C.R.E. 5th Aust. Division.
- C.O. 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion
- O.C. Signals, 5th Aust. Division
- A.M.S.
- A.A.&Q.M.G.
- C.O. 8th Tank Battalion
- C.O. 41st Brigade R.G.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 14.

1. The 3rd and 5th Australian Divisions will advance northwards on the 30th September 1918, and secure the KNOB and RAILWAY RIDGE respectively, with the object of clearing all enemy in the area west and south of LE CATELET. The boundary line between Divisions will be :- A.27.central - A.21.d.7.0 - VAUBAN Valley.
2. The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade will advance on a one-battalion front, under a field artillery barrage. The forming up line will be: A.29.c.0.4 to A.28.c.0.9. Artillery start Line: 300 yards in front of this line. Objective: RAILWAY RIDGE to A.17.central. ZERO: 6 a.m. Rate of barrage: 100 yards in 5 minutes. Protective barrage by 60-pdrs and 6" Howitzers will be placed along trench system A.10.b.4.5 to A.11.d.0.7.
3. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will move forward its left flank in conformity with the attack of the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade and occupy the line of LE CATELET Trench to the junction of the latter with the inter-divisional boundary.
4. (i) The 11th A.I. Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division will attack on the left having for its objective the KNOB. <sup>6</sup>  
(ii) The IX Corps on the right will attack and occupy JONGCOURT. The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will conform to this attack and occupy ETRICOURT. The hour for the IX Corps attack has not yet been fixed. This will be notified later.
5. SMOKE SCREEN.  
The Air Service will place a Smoke Screen along the BEAUREVOIR Trench System from PROSPECT HILL to ESTREES.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

<sup>6</sup> Artillery Start Line: E. and W. grid lines separating squares A.21 and A.27.

29th September, 1918.

Lieut-Colonel.  
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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8th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS "SERIES" "E", No. 15

1. INFORMATION  
The 3rd Division have taken JONCOURT.
2. INTENTION  
On the 1st October the 5th Australian Division will straighten its front to the general line H.15.central A.22.central.
3. MOVES  
On the night 30th Sept/1st Oct. the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade less two battalions, will take over from the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade that portion of the latter's front between WATLING STREET and post at G.6.c.4.2 (inclusive).
4. TANKS  
10 Mark V tanks will co-operate. These have been allotted as follows:  

8th Aust. Inf. Brigade	2
14th Aust. Inf. Brigade	8
5. OBJECTIVES  

8th Australian Infantry Brigade. The SUGAR FACTORY and the NAUROY - JONCOURT railway.

14th Australian Infantry Brigade. The LAMP SIGNAL STATION and trenches in trench system to the N.E. in G.6.b. and H.1.a. and c.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade. CABERET WOOD FARM and junction with 14th Australian Infantry Brigade in G.6.a.

Exploitation beyond the above objectives will be carried out as circumstances permit.
6. INFANTRY FORMING UP LINE  
The infantry will form up on lines which have been marked on maps of Brigades concerned.
7. ARTILLERY.  
An artillery barrage has been arranged to cover the advance. Start line 300 yards in front of forming up line. The barrage will rest on the start line for three minutes and will then advance at the rate of 100 yards in three minutes to 700 yards beyond the objective line where it will remain as a protective barrage for thirty minutes. 10% of smoke will be used with the creeping barrage and 50% with the protective barrage. The right flank of the artillery barrage will be on a N. and S line passing through H.8.d.5.c. Heavy artillery fire has been arranged for on selected targets.
8. SMOKE SCREEN  
The air service will provide a smoke screen along the line of BEAUREVOIR TRENCH from PROSPECT HILL to ESTREES SPUR (both points inclusive).
9. ZERO  
Zero will be 6 a.m.
10. TOOLS  
An engineer dump of tools is situated at L.4.c.5.5.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Lieut-Colonel G.S.  
5th Australian Division.

30th September 1918.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

## BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 16.

1. The exploiting objective for today (1st October 1918) will be the following line:-

BEAUREVOIR line from JONCOURT HILL to TORRENS CANAL - thence line of TORRENS CANAL to LE CATELET Trench, at present left of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

2. The above line will be consolidated and occupied as follows:-
- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 8th A.I. Brigade -  | JONCOURT HILL (exclusive) to ESTREES-BEAUREVOIR Road in ASSEGAI Valley (inclusive) |
| 15th A.I. Brigade - | From 8th A.I. Brigade left to N. and S. grid A.23.central - A.29.central.          |
| 14th A.I. Brigade - | From 15th A.I. Brigade left to present left.                                       |
- Two battalions of the 14th A.I. Brigade will occupy area G.6.b and H.1.a as Divisional Reserve.

## 3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Divisional Signal Co.	8
A.D.M.S.	9

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 17

Reference Map WIANCOURT 1/20,000  
62B and C 1/40,000.

1. During the night 1st/2nd October 1918 the 5th Australian Division area will be readjusted as follows:-
  - Northern Boundary: Point of junction of front line troops of 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions (A.15.central) - A.20.central - thence due west along grid line.
  - Southern boundary: MINT COPSE B.19.c.0.3 - CABARET COPSE A.29.d.9.7 - G.3.central - G.1.central - thence due west.
2. The following reliefs and moves will take place accordingly:-
 

Night 1/2 October.

  - (a) 14th A.I. Brigade will take over whole or new Divisional front relieving any line troops of 15th A.I. Brigade in that area.
  - (b) 5th A.I. Brigade 2nd Australian Division will relieve 8th A.I. Brigade, part of 14th A.I. Brigade and 15th A.I. Brigade in the area between the new divisional southern boundary and the line JONCOURT - WIANCOURT inclusive.  
On relief, 8th and 15th A.I. Brigades will move into support and reserve positions respectively, as follows:  
8th A.I. Brigade: Sq. F.30.a.25., a.26, approx.  
15th A.I. Brigade: Sq. F.19, 20, 25, and 26.  
15th A.I. Brigade will stage at the HINDENBURG Line.
  - (c) Any troops of 8th A.I. Brigade south of the line JONCOURT - WIANCOURT will be relieved by 32nd Division.  
Details of relief will be arranged between Brigadiers concerned.
3. The following headquarters will be handed over to relieving units as shewn:
 

Headquarters	8th A.I. Brigade	L.3.a.8.3	to H.Q.	2nd Aust Div.
"	"	"	L.16.a (TUNNEL)	to H.Q. 5th A.I.Bde
"	15th A.I. Brigade	G.4.b.4.6	to H.Q.	7th A.I. Brigade
4. (a) Instructions re relief of artillery are being issued separately.  
(b) Reliefs of Engineer and Medical personnel will be arranged by C's.R.E. and A.D's.M.S. respectively.
5. Machine Gun Companies will revert to command of 5th Machine Gun Battalion, who will arrange details of reliefs and moves with 2nd Machine Gun Battalion and infantry brigadiers of 5th Australian Division concerned.
6. Normal distances will be maintained throughout moves, and full precautions taken to avoid enemy air or ground observation.

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7. (a) Command of Brigade Sectors will pass to relieving brigadiers on completion of brigade reliefs.  
 (b) Command of area taken over by troops of 2nd Australian Division will pass to G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division at 9 a.m. 2nd October.
8. Completion of all moves and reliefs will be reported to Divisional Headquarters by most rapid means available.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

1st October 1918.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

ADDENDUM TO BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 17, DATED 1/10/18.

1. BOUNDARIES.

On completion of relief, the Corps front will be held by the 2nd Australian Division on the right, the 5th Australian Division in the centre, and the 3rd Australian Division on the left.

(a) The boundary between IX Corps and Australian Corps is as follows: JONCOURT (inclusive to Australian Corps) thence H.14. central - G.24. central - thence due west as before.

(b) The boundary between Australian Corps and XIII Corps is as follows: MACQUINCOURT FARM (A.3.d.3.6) to A.1.c.0.0 thence due west as before.

(c) The boundary between 2nd and 5th Australian Divisions will be as follows from 9 a.m. 2nd October: MUSHROOM QUARRY - MINT CORSE - CABARET CORSE - G.3. central - thence due west.

(d) The boundary between 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions will be as under:

From present junction in front line at A.16. central to A.20. central, thence due west.

(e) The western boundary of forward Divisional areas will be as follows:- The road from L.23.b.3.0 northward to VILLERET (inclusive to forward division) thence to HARGICOURT (inclusive to forward division) thence to TEMPLEUX-le-GUERARD (exclusive to forward division) thence to track junction at F.26.a.0.0 - road junction F.19.a.2.6, thence northern boundary at F.6.a.0.0.

F.26.c.0.0.

2. ARTILLERY.

The field artillery now covering the corps front will be re-distributed as follows:

(a) (i) Covering 2nd Australian Divisional front (right)

2nd Aust. Div. Art.	)	
1st Aust. Div. Art.	)	
12th Army Brigade A.F.A.	)	
108th Army Brigade R.F.A.	)	Under command of C.R.A.
65th Army Brigade R.F.A.	)	2nd Aust. Div.
84th Army Brigade R.F.A.	)	
150th Army Brigade R.F.A.	)	
6th Army Brigade A.F.A.	)	

(ii) Covering 5th Australian Divisional front (centre)

5th Aust. Div. Art.	)	
4th Aust. Div. Art.	)	Under command of C.R.A.
86th Army Brigade R.F.A.	)	5th Aust. Div.
104th Army Brigade R.F.A.	)	

(iii) Covering 3rd Australian Divisional front (left)

3rd Aust. Div. Art.	)	
25th Divisional Art.	)	Under command of C.R.A.
58th Divisional Art.	)	3rd Aust. Div.
3rd Army Brigade A.F.A.	)	

(b) Command of Brigades will pass to the respective C's.R.A. in accordance with the above at 9 a.m. 2nd October.

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### 3. HEAVY ARTILLERY.

Heavy artillery will be affiliated to divisions in line as under from 9 a.m. 2nd October:-

2nd Australian Division	41st Brigade R.G.A. (Mobile)
5th Australian Division	51st Brigade R.G.A. (Mixed)
3rd Australian Division	18th Brigade R.G.A. (9.2" ).

### 4. ACKNOWLEDGE

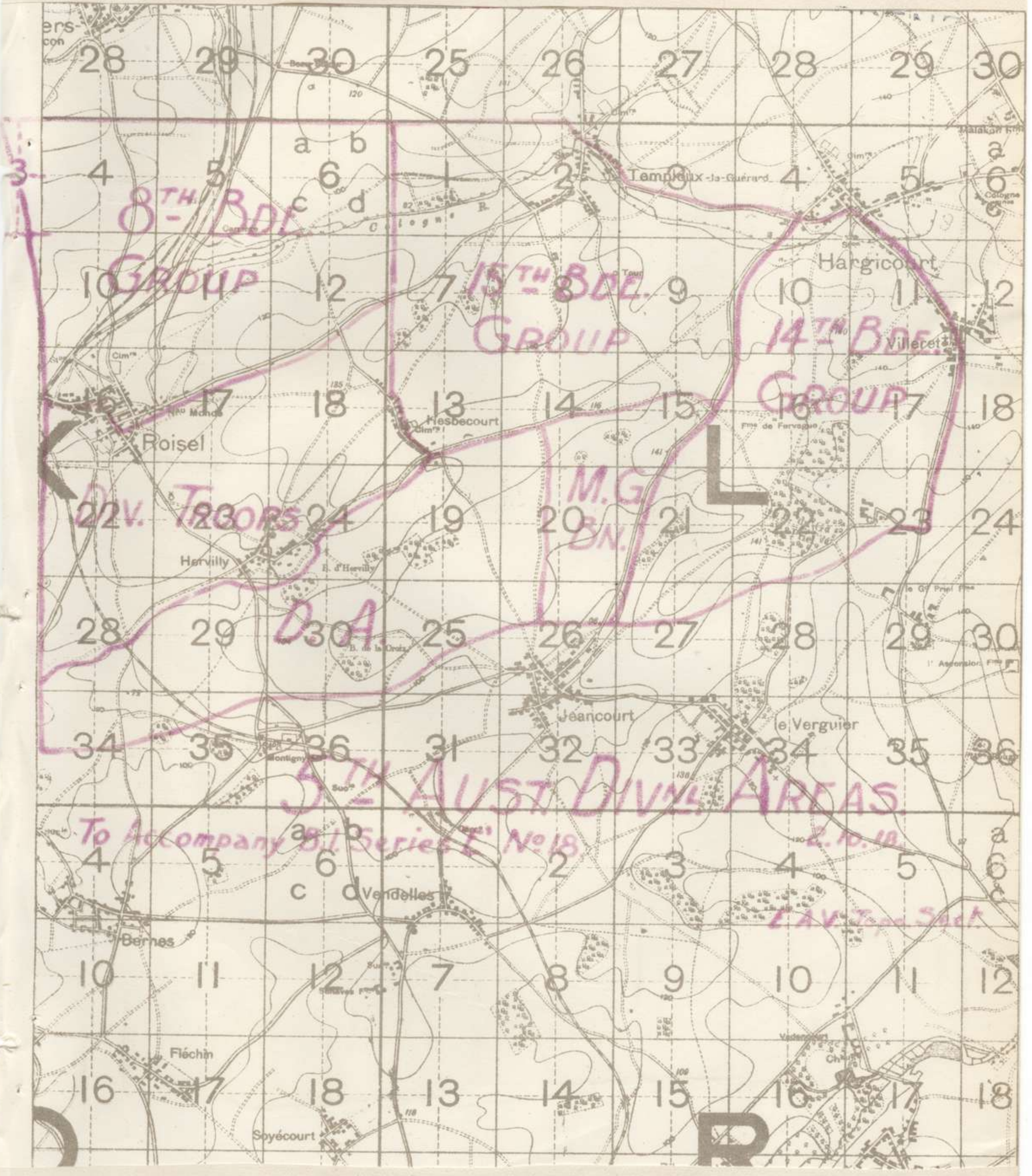
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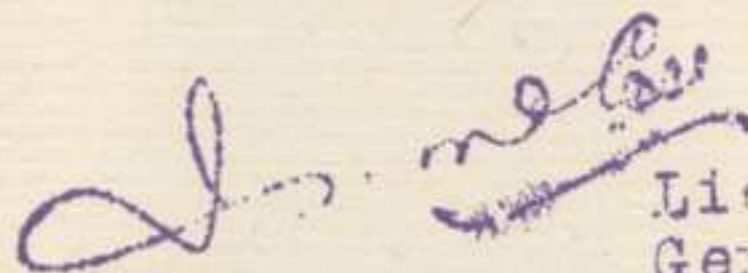
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Reference Addendum to Battle Instructions, Series "E",  
No. 17, para. 1 sub-para.(e), last line, for "F.6.a.0.0" read  
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1st AMENDMENT TO BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 18.

1. Para. 4 (e) is cancelled and the following substituted:-  
Troop of 13th A.L.H. at present attached to Infantry Brigades will be concentrated in the vicinity of HARGICOURT forthwith, and will pass to command of 2nd Australian Division.

*[Signature]*  
for  
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BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 18.

1. INFORMATION.

- (a) On the 3rd instant, the advance is to be continued on the Australian Corps front by the 2nd Australian Division, who will complete the capture of the BEAUREVOIR LINE on the Corps front and capture BEAUREVOIR HILL and gain a footing on PROSPECT HILL.
- (b) The 32nd Division on the south is conforming to the advance of the 2nd Australian Division and will occupy the ridge running N.W. from MONTBREHAIN. The 50th Division will also conform on the north by capturing LE CATELET and GOUY.

2. RELIEF.

The 5th Australian Division (less artillery) will be relieved during the night 2nd/3rd October, as follows:-

- (a) The 50th Division will take over the Divisional front as far south as general line A.23.d.0.9 to B.1.a.8.3. Troops of the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade at present holding this portion of the front will be relieved by the 151st Brigade.
- (b) The 2nd Australian Division will take over the divisional front south of line A.23.d.0.9 to B.1.a.8.3. Troops of the 14th A.I. Brigade holding this portion of the line will be relieved by the 7th A.I. Brigade.

Details of these reliefs will be arranged by Brigadiers concerned. Command of Brigade sectors will pass on completion of Brigade reliefs.

- (c) Reliefs of machine gun, engineer, and medical personnel will be arranged by O.C. 5th A.M.G. Battalion, C.R.E. and A.D.M.S. with their opposite numbers.

3. PASSING OF COMMAND

Command of 5th Australian Divisional Sector will pass to G.O's.C. 2nd Australian Division and 50th Division on completion of relief of portions of the 14th A.I. Brigade by 7th A.I. Brigade and 151st Brigade respectively.

4. MOVES.

- (a) The 5th Australian Division on relief will be disposed as shown on attached map.
- (b) The 14th A.I. Brigade will move back into its new area on relief.
- (c) 8th and 15th A.I. Brigades will move to their areas during the morning of 3rd October.
- (d) Pioneers and Field Companies will be moved under orders of C.R.E. Machine Gun Companies and Field Ambulances will be moved under orders of O.C. 5th A.M.G. Battalion and A.D.M.S. respectively.
- (e) Troops of 13th A.L.H. Regiment will be accommodated in the Divisional Troops area on morning of 3rd October in sq. K.18.c and d.

A Brigade Group (vide attached map) includes an infantry brigade with its affiliated field company and field ambulance.

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5. DISTANCES.

Distances laid down in Standing Orders will be observed during all moves of troops and transport.

6. COMPLETION OF MOVES.

Completion of all moves and reliefs will be reported to 5th Australian Divisional Headquarters by most rapid means available.

7. Administrative Instructions are being issued separately.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

2nd October 1918.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## BATTLE INSTRUCTION, SERIES "E", No. 19.

Reference Map. Sheet 62C, 1/40,000.

1. INTENTION. The Australian Corps is being relieved by the II American Corps.
2. MOVES
  - (a) The 5th Australian Division (less artillery) is to move to the HORNOY Area by train, entraining to commence on 6th October. Entraining stations LA CHAPELETTE and PERONNE. Detailed orders re entraining will be issued later.
  - (b) Orders re move of the Artillery will be issued later.
3. PREPARATORY MOVES.
  - (a) The 14th and 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Groups will move by march route to the LE MESNIL Area on 5th October.
  - (b) Brigade Groups will be constituted as under:-
    - 14th A.I. Brigade Group.
      - 14th A.I. Brigade and
      - 14th A.L.T.M. Battery
      - 14th Field Co. Engineers
      - 14th Field Ambulance
      - 14th Machine Gun Company.
    - 15th A.I. Brigade Group
      - 15th A.I. Brigade and
      - 15th A.L.T.M. Battery
      - 15th Field Co. Engineers
      - 15th Field Ambulance
      - 15th Machine Gun Company.

Units will join their Brigade Groups under Brigade orders.

  - (c) Accommodation will be obtained from Area Commandant, LE MESNIL.
  - (d) Route. HESBECOURT - Cross roads K.33.a.- Cross roads Q.2.a.6.0-CARTIGNY - LE MESNIL.
  - (e) Starting point will be cross roads in HESBECOURT, L.13.c.6.2. 15th A.I. Brigade Group to be clear of this point by 1000. Head of 14th A.I. Brigade Group not to pass this point before 1000. Both Brigade Groups to be clear of CARTIGNY by 1500.
4. Orders for the move of Divisional Headquarters, 8th A.I. Brigade Group and 5th Pioneer Battalion on the 6th instant will be issued later.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

4th October 1918.

*Alec M. Forbes Major*  
 for Lieut-Colonel,  
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Units will join their Brigade Groups under Brigade orders.  
 (a) Recommendations will be obtained from Area Commandant, LE MESNIL.  
 (b) Units, BRISBANE - Cross roads E. Side - Cross roads E.S.E.O.  
 (c) Units - LE MESNIL.  
 (d) Starting point will be cross roads in BRISBANE, E.S.E.O.  
 15th A.I. Brigade Group to be clear of this point by 1800.  
 Head of 15th A.I. Brigade Group not to pass this point before  
 1900.  
 15th Brigade Group to be clear of BRISBANE by 1800.  
 Orders for the move of Divisional Headquarters, 8th A.I. Brigade  
 Group and 5th Pioneer Battalion on the 6th instant will be issued  
 later.

*General Staff*  
 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION  
 General Staff

D. SCHEWENBERG  
 5th Pioneer Bn