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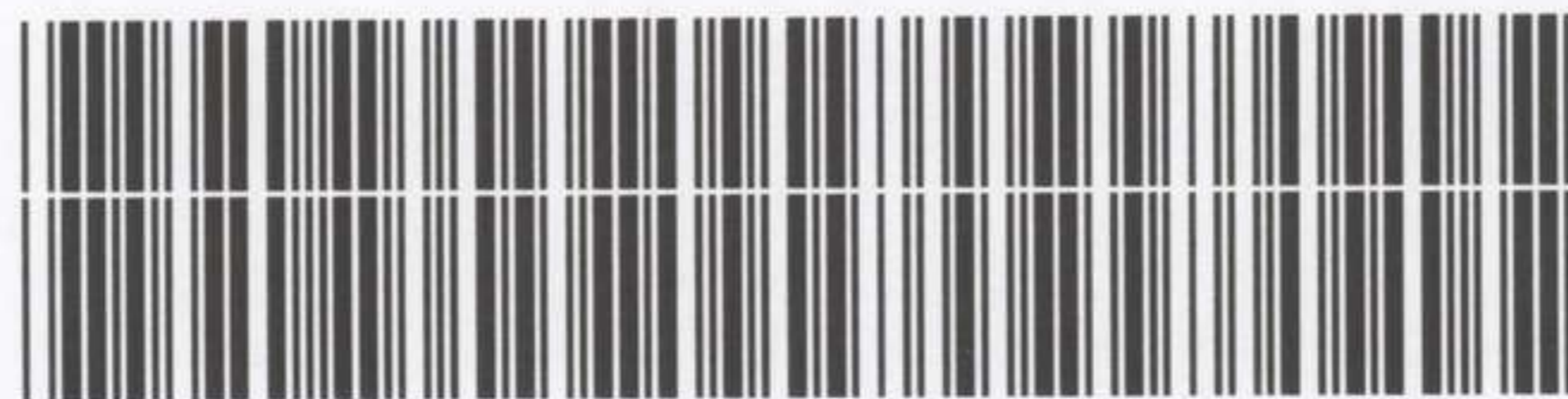
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

13th A.M.G. Coy

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Place Sheet 62d	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
N32 Central	1st		Company take up line from 132nd French Division. No. in line 5. off. 84. OR. At nucleus 5 off. by OR. Transport 24. OR Detached, schools etc 22 OR.	
S18d 2.0	2nd		Coy nucleus moved from N32 Central to outskirts of Boves (S18d. 2.0) where erection of bomb proof shelters & generally improving of camp was carried out under supervision of Officers. <u>Out. Operations</u> . Artillery was very quiet. Planes showed great activity, patrolling & observing. <u>Hostile Operations</u> . His Artillery was fairly active. Planes bombed forward areas. <u>Relief</u> . This Coy & 130th American M.G. Coy. relieved 26 guns of French during night. The relief was completed at 4 am. without incurring any casualties. Arrangements were made to get 100,000 rds S.A.A. up for reserve & distributed for convenience to different sections. 1. OR. Rtd. from Hoop. Weather Wet.	
	3rd		<u>Erection of Bomb Proof Shelters</u> & clearing under growth from Camp was continued. <u>Out Ops</u> . Artillery very inactive. Planes inactive. <u>Hostile Ops</u> . Artillery active shelling forward lines & rear positions. M.Gs. carried out indirect fire on chosen targets. Planes showed activity. <u>Gun Positions</u> . 2 Reserve guns of Company moved forward to U21C. central. <u>Coy. Arrangements</u> . Arrangements were made for dry socks to be sent to men in line. 2/Ct. Gillies. R.T. taken on str. from Cadet Bn. 2. OR. to U.K. leave. Lt. Douglas & 2 OR to Camiers School.	
	4th		<u>Out Ops</u> . Art. very quiet. Planes active. M.Gs fired 1000 Rds at E.A. from Dom Art Wood & Gentelles Trench at 1 pm. <u>Host. Ops</u> . Artillery active. Planes. Fairly active. M.Gs. quiet. <u>Enemy Raid</u> . At 3.10 am Enemy raided our outpost line after heavy barrage lasting 3 minutes. Raiding party, about 200 strong. He occupied our outpost line but was immediately driven back with heavy losses. No	

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Sht. 62 d.	4th	Continued	S.O.S. appeared consequently our guns are not open fire. Weather Wet	
Sigs d. 2.0	5th.		Nucleus get orders in morning to move from Sigs d. 2.0. to La Neuville. (Mr Corbie). Transport follow up leaving at 6 p.m. Canadian M. Gunners relieve our company in line. On Relief our lookers meet relieved men behind the line at T.O.C. a supply hot meal & tea Arrangements had been made for Motor Lorries to pick up company at this point at 3 a.m. Lorry failed to appear & on enquiries being made no trace of them could be found. Troops then marched to join Nucleus & arrived at 9 a.m. on 6th inst.	
La Neuville (Mr. Corbie)	6th.		Men from line spend day resting. 1 OR. Rtd from UK leave. 1 OR. to Hosp. 1 OR. Transferred to 3rd A.M.G. Bn.	
	7th.		Preparations made for Big Offensive 4 OR. proceeded UK leave. 1 OR. Transf. Bn HQs. Total Strength of Coy 11 off. 207 OR.	
	7th to 12th	Inclusive	Detail of Operations by 13th A.M.G. Coy in offensive	Appx. A
	8th.		1 OR. from UK leave. 1 OR. Pro. / Cpl. 12 OR. Wdcd in Action	
	9th.		1 OR. from UK leave	
	10th.		5 OR. Repair Coy ex. MG Base Canniers 2 OR. Killed in Action 7 OR. Wdcd in Action	
Sailly-Le-Sec	11th.		Coy Nucleus moved from La Neuville to Sailly-Le-Sec. 10 OR. proceeded UK leave. 1 OR. Rtd from Paris. 5 OR. wdcd in Action. 2 OR. Wdcd & missing.	

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Sht 62d Sally-Le-Sec	12th		Summary of Operations by 13th AMG Coy	Appx. "B"
	to 19th inclusive		1 OR from UK leave 1 OR to Hosp. Company became detached from 4th Aust MG Bn & joined LIAISON Force.	
	13th		Weather Warm & Clear. Nucleus at transport erecting shelters for Horses. 1 OR. Retd from Bakery School 1 OR proceeded on UK leave	
	14th		Nucleus. Swimming Parade. 3 OR. Wound in Action 3 OR evac. Sick.	
	15th		Morning. Parade 9 am. Inspection. Clearing out Billebs. 2 OR Wound in Action. 1 OR. Retd from UK leave. Weather Warm & Bright.	
	16th		Usual parade. Working party to Horse lines to improve shelters. 2 OR. died of wds. 4 OR. Wound in Action 2 OR. proceeded with Army Rest-Camp.	
	17th		9 am. Parade. Inspection. Afternoon swimming parade. Preparation of bilbebs for men from line 5 OR. proceeded UK leave.	
	18th		Company moves from Billebs in Sally-Le-Sec to W23A. (M. HARBONNIERES) Ravonnes & Benches. 1 OR. Died of Wounds.	
	19th		Company spent <sup>morning</sup> day resting. Bath & clean change in afternoon. 2 OR. to Hosp. Total Str. of Coy 11 off. 169 OR.	

Sgt of Harbonnieres  
W23A.

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Sht. 624 W23 A.	20th.		Company parade. Limbers packed & cleaned. Bivouacs improved. Weather Hot & clear. 3 OR to Hosp. 2 OR UK leave. 2 OR. 1 OR UK leave.	
	21st.		Company parade. Pay issued. Day spent improving camp.	
	22nd.		Parade in morning. Inspection of Box Respirators & clothing. Afternoon:- Working party to horse lines making them bomb proof & generally improving. Weather Hot & clear. Visibility good. 2 OR. UK leave.	
	23rd.		Parade 9am. Company proceed for bath & change, in relays, to 4th Aust Divisional Baths in Harbormieres. Weather Warm & pleasant.	
	24th.		1 OR from UK leave. Company received orders to move to LONGEAUE. Preparations made during day Fall in 12 M.N. & proceed to Battalion Rendezvous West of Harbormieres. Embus at 2.30 am.	
LONGEAUE	25th.		Company arrives at 6 am. Breakfast waiting for us. After meal Coy rested for the day. Transport arrive at 11.55 am. 4 OR. 1 OR from UK leave. 2 OR proceed UK leave.	
	26th.		Company parade 9 am. Inspection. Clearing limbers, guns, gear etc., Weather. Showery in morning otherwise bright & clear. 14 OR from MG Depot. 1 OR from UK leave. Coy Total Strength 11 off. 181 OR.	

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Sheet 62d. LONGEAUE.	27th.		Parade 9 am. Inspection. Orders read. Lumber cleaned & repacked. Belts & all gear overhauled. Parade dismissed at 12 noon. Afternoon. Commencing parade & change of clothes 20 OR Rft ex carriers. 3 OR Hosp.	
	28th.		Parade 9 am } Inspection. Rifle Exercises, Saluting, Squad Drill, Lectures to 12 noon } "Points all gunners should know"	
	29th.		Parade 9 am. Inspection Mechanism. Stoppages, Gun Drill in S.B.R. Afternoon. Oiling lumbers. 5 OR Hosp 7 days St off Strength.	
	30th.		Parade 9 am. Bn Parade 9.30 am. Inspection by C.O. Bn. This was the first occasion on which this Battalion paraded as a Battalion. Afternoon. Fitting and adjusting of equipment under supervision of Sec/O.	
	31st.		Bn Parade at 9 am. Inspection by G.O.C. DIVISION. C.Mjr. Genl. MacLAGAN. C.B.D.S.O. 1 OR to Hosp. 20a. Proceeded UK leave. Afternoon Recreation.	

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Subject.

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✓ B . . . . . 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>



Reference Map: FRANCE. Sheet 62.D 1/40000

The Third Aust. Division, in co-operation with other units of Australian Corps on our right, and the 3rd Corps on our left will attack and capture enemy positions opposite our front. Zero day and zero hour to be notified later

Objectives. The 3rd Aust. Division will capture and consolidate ground to, and including green line.

The 4th Aust. Division will leap frog through 3rd Aust. Division on the green line and capture and consolidate ground to and including blue line.

Command of troops on green line will pass to G.O.C. 4th Aust. Division at zero plus four hours.

Frontages. 3rd Aust. Division frontage from Southern edge of ACCROCHE WOOD inclusive, to the River SOMME inclusive, and in depth from P.25.a.95.95 to and including the River SOMME (greenline). The attack on the 3rd Aust. Division front will be carried out by 9th and 11th A.I.Bdes. while the 10th A.I.Bde. will hold our present defences.

Brigade Frontages. 9th A.I.Bde. from Southern edge of ACCROCHE Wood inclusive to Northern edge of ACCROCHE Wood inclusive, and in depth to greenline.

11th A.I.Bde. from Northern edge of ACCROCHE Wood exclusive to and including River SOMME and in depth to greenline.

The 3rd Aust. Machine Gun Battalion will co-operate in in the attack. The following tasks are allotted to Companies:-

Opportunity Guns.

9th Inf. Bde. - 8 guns of 9th M.G. Company.

11th Inf. Bde. - 8 guns of 11th M.G. Company.

These guns will be under orders from G.O.'s.C. Brigades and will be formed up immediately in rear of the attacking troops of their respective Brigades at zero minus one hour.

Barrage Guns as follows will assemble on barrage line at zero minus 5 hours.

9th M.G. Company	-	8	guns
11th	"	8	"
10th	"	16	"
23rd	"	16	"

distributed on ground as per sketch (A). On completion of barrage tasks (as per appendix (B)) the remaining 8 guns of the 9th and 11th Companies will move forward to their respective Brigades to a position of defence on green line.

The 23rd M.G. Company will conform to this movement taking up a central position on new defence line. For this task 8 of this Company's guns will be allotted to 9th Brigade and 8 guns to 11th Brigade. This will allow of defence in depth on a three-company frontage.

As soon as the barrage guns move forward they will at once come under the orders of the G.O.C. of the Brigade to which they are attached.

Right Group 9th Brigade guns - C.O. - Capt. Mackey.

Left Group 11th Brigade guns - C.O. - Capt. Wells.

The 10th Machine Gun Company will remain in defence of our old front line and come under orders of the G.O.C. 10th Inf. Brigade for this and subsequent movements.

Signals. Signal communications will be established to Battalion Headquarters (P.4.b.70.20) and from there forward to Companies.

S.O.S. No. 32 Grenade - green over green over green.

Success Signal - No. 32 Grenade - white over white over white.

Counter attacks will be signalled by aeroplanes firing a white parachute light in direction of counter-attack.



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Issued in conjunction with Battalion Order No. 30.

Battalion Headquarters,  
6th August, 1916.FIRE DIRECTIONS.

Barrage will open at zero plus seven minutes. This allows attacking troops to get clear. At zero plus ten minutes the barrage will lift 100 yards.

The barrage will continue at the rate of 100 yards every three minutes for seven successive lifts, then for two successive lifts of 100 yards every four minutes.


At zero plus 40 minutes guns will prepare to advance to new defensive positions.

Rate of Fire. 120 rounds per minute throughout.

Notes. Every precaution will be taken to prevent tanks moving over gun positions.

Every endeavour will be made to continue the normal rate of night firing. This duty can be best performed by the 10th M.G. Company.

Frontage for fire 60 yards.



Lieut. & Asst. Adjt.  
Third Asst. Machine Gun Battalion.

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTIONS No. 7.AIRCRAFT.

1. The Air Forces which will operate on the Australian Corps Front during the battle will be as follows :-

- (a) Corps Squadron - 3rd Australian Squadron.
- (b) 6th Tank Brigade - 8th Squadron.
- (c) Working under Army Orders. - The 22nd Wing (8th Scout Squadron) will be exclusively employed in engaging ground targets by bombing and machine gunning along the whole Army Front.
- (d) One night bombing Squadron - 101st Bombing Squadron.
- (e) One reconnaissance Squadron - 48th Squadron.

Four additional day bombing squadrons and three additional night bombing Squadrons are being obtained from other Wings for co-operation.

2. CONTACT AEROPLANES.

(1) Indication of position by flares.

- (a) Red Ground flares will be used to indicate the Infantry Positions to contact aeroplanes. The flares will be lit by Infantry in the most advanced positions only.

- (b) A contact aeroplane will fly along the line of the second Objective (RED Line) at Zero plus 6 hours 30'. Flares will be called for by the aeroplane sounding a succession of "A's" on the Klaxon horn and by firing a white Verrey light. If the aeroplane fails to mark the line accurately it will repeat its call 10 minutes later. Should the Infantry not have reached the line of the Objective at the time laid down above, the contact plane will return at half-hour intervals until flares are shown.

- (c) A contact aeroplane will fly along the line of the third Objective (BLUE Line) at Zero plus 8 hours 30' when the procedure laid down in sub-para (b) will be repeated until the flares are shown.

- (d) It is essential that definite Instructions be issued to all ranks that on the call of a contact plane for flares that only a proportion of the flares are ignited, otherwise should all flares be ignited on the first call and the plane is unable to locate the line it will be impossible for the Infantry to indicate their positions on the plane calling again for flares.

- (e) Divisional Dropping Station will be established at 0 11 b 5 5.

(2) Other means of identifying the position of the Infantry.

- (a) Rifles. Three or four rifles laid parallel across the top of the trench.
- (b) Metal Discs. Metal discs will be used as reflectors by flashing in the sun. This method has been successful even on days which have not been

bright. The disc is most easily carried sewn to the small box respirator, and can be used in this way without inconvenience.

### 3. COUNTER ATTACK PLANES.

- (a) From Zero hour, counter attack planes 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 flare will be fired by the aeroplane in the direction of the troops moving for the impending counter attack, for the information of the Infantry.

### 4. LOW FLYING SCOUTS.

The low flying scouts of the 22nd Wing will operate in two phases, viz.,-

- (a) From Zero to Zero plus 4 hours Eastwards from the GREEN Line.
- (b) From Zero plus 4 hours onwards Eastwards from the RED Line.

In each phase very favourable targets will be engaged in addition to the targets marked by the GREEN and RED Lines.

### 5. AMMUNITION CARRYING AEROPLANES.

- (a) Aeroplanes will be detailed to transport ammunition from Zero plus 7 hours for the RED and BLUE Lines wherever the "V" is displayed.
- (b) Vickers Guns will display a white "V" at the point where ammunition is to be dropped. The arms of the "V" to be 6 feet in length and 1 foot in width. The apex of the "V" ~~xxx~~ to point towards the enemy.
- (c) Ammunition aeroplanes will have the underside of the lower planes painted black for a distance of 2½ feet from the tips.

### 6. AEROPLANE SMOKE SCREENS.

The aeroplanes detailed for carrying S.A.A. will, in addition, be employed to drop phosphorous smoke bombs to obstruct the enemy's view.

The areas to be screened and the time <sup>at</sup> which the screening in each case shall cease, in order not to interfere with the advance of the Infantry will be shown on a map to be issued later.

### 7. MARKINGS ON PLANES.

In addition to those mentioned in para. 5 (c) the following will be the special markings of machines allotted to special duties:-

- (a) Contact patrol machine - rectangular panel 2 feet by 1 foot on both lower planes about 3 feet from the fuselage.
- (b) Machines working with Tanks - black band on middle of right side of tail.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Major.  
Brigade Major.  
18th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

6/5/1918.

1. Trench Shelters will not be issued in this area unless climatic conditions demand. If issued a rear party under an officer will be left to dismantle and collect the shelters and remain in charge until arrangements have been made for return to a central dump. Nucleus personnel can be used for this purpose.
2. Roads. Horse Transport will not use main roads but must keep to roads allotted. Roads are marked M.T. on square boards and H.T. on triangular boards.
3. Supplies. Railhead AILLY-SUR-SOMME.  
Refilling Point - N 1 a.  
Train waggons will deliver to Transport Lines.
4. Divisional Ammunition Dump O 10 a 1 1.  
S.A.A. Section will be located at O 3 c 4 4.  
All demands will be made direct to Brigade or to Captain PAYNE, Brigade Transport Officer who will arrange with D.A.C. to replenish echelons. Joint Divisional Dumps are being formed by 3rd Australian Division at O 9 b and O 10 a.
5. Reinforcement Staging Depot will move on Z morning to ALLONVILLE.
6. Brigade Nucleus will move on Z morning to shelters in LA NEUVILLE Sector. Move will be arranged and areas and shelters allotted by Division direct with C.O. Nucleus
7. D.A.D.O.S. will remain at H 19 d 0 0.
8. Mobile Vet. Section location later.
9. R.E. Stores to be demanded through Brigade.  
Divisional R.E. Dump N 5 a (VECQUEMONT).
10. Water. Stand Pipes and dixie fillers exist at O 7 b 9 5, O 15 b 8 0, and O 17 a 1 9. In addition 50 petrol tins will be sent forward on each Tank on each of two trips. Battalions will arrange for the filling of the first 50 tins which will be delivered to Tanks at O 1 c 0 5 to-day. Remaining 50 tins for second trip will be filled and dumped at P 20 b 1 1 (with other material) by 3rd Australian Division. Also 200 water tins will be delivered to Brigade Dump (O 6 d 6 3) to-day for distribution to Brigade Units. These will be filled under unit arrangements. (Stoppers may also be required)  
One 125 gallon water lorry and four 300 gallon G.S. waggons are available at Division to cart water forward from above water points. Units will apply for allotment of lorry or waggons stating where same is required.  
Wells in captured territory will be examined by R.M.Os before use.
11. Salvage to be returned to refilling point by empty limbers and tram waggons etc.
12. Pack Transport under Battalion arrangements 8 extra pack saddles per Battalion will be delivered to Battalion Transport Lines.
13. Water bottles, extra S.A.A., picks, shovels, sandbags etc., as demanded by Units will be issued later from Brigade Dump (O 6 d 6 3) Hot food containers, wire cutters, pea soup, and solidified alcohol will also be issued.

14. Supply Tanks are allotted as under:-

45th Battalion	1 Tank.
46th "	1 "
48th "	2 Tanks.

15. (A) Loads as per attached schedule marked 'A' will be carried forward in each supply Tank. These loads will be dumped at locations finally selected by Battalion Commanders.

(B) A permanent loading and unloading party of one N.C.O. and three men per Tank has been detailed. These will remain with the Tanks throughout the operations. This party will also act as guides if necessary.

(C) A forward dump is being established by 3rd Australian Division at P 20 b 1 1 from which supply Tanks will make their second trips.

(D) Units will arrange to mark their own Tanks with discs of Battalion colours. This includes all Tanks allotted for the operation.

16. Brigade Field Post Office has been established at Refilling Point

17. Sanitation. Immediate attention will be given to the provision of latrines in the new areas.

18. Tin discs for attachment to respirators for signalling to aeroplanes will be issued later from Brigade Dump.

19. Battle Stragglers Posts are located as under:-

No. 1.	J 26 a 0 0
2.	J 32 c 8 5
3.	O 12 b 8 5
4.	O 18 b 5 3

As situation demands posts will be established at No.1 - J 34 b 5 3, No.2 - J 34 d 5 1, No.3 - P 4 d 3 0, No.4 - P 9 b 0 8, No.5 - P 14 b 9 3, No.6 - P 20 a 3 5.

During first phase of attack the Stragglers Collecting Station will be established at O 5 d 1 8. In the second phase HAMEL.

20. Prisoners of War. An attachment of M.M.P. will be stationed at Brigade Headquarters to receive all prisoners.

Divisional P.O.W. Cage located at O 5 d 1 8. When situation permits a P.O.W. Cage will be established in HAMEL.

21. Traffic Posts are established throughout the area.

22. Should any civilians be found they should be sent back to Brigade Headquarters and handed over to M.M.P.

23. Medical arrangements later.

Schedule "A".                      Loads on Tanks.

First trip to be loaded at O 1 c 0 5. Each Tank S.A.A. 15,000 rounds, barbed wire 120 coils, long screw pickets 120, short screw pickets 240, 3" Stokes Mortars Amm. 150 rounds, petrol tins full 50, Grenades No. 36 500, sandbags 1,000.

Second trip to be loaded at P 20 b 1 1, dumps being arranged by 3rd Australian Division. Each Tank as above plus 52 sheets corrugated iron. If necessary barbed wire and pickets will be lessened accordingly.

*Harley*  
 Captain.  
 Staff Captain.  
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

5/8/1918.

Battalion Headquarters,  
5th August, 1918.

1. Casualties. Machine Gun Battalion will detail one clerk to report to Divisional Headquarters at noon on "Y" day.  
Casualty slips will be collected under Divisional arrangements and forwarded to units.
2. Battle Stragglers. Battle Straggler Posts will be located as follows:-
 

1st Phase	O.18.b.5.4. O.12.b.7.7. O.32.c.8.4. J.25.c.1.1.
2nd Phase	P.20.a.3.6. P.14.b.8.2. P.9.b.1.7. P.4.d.0.2. J.34.d.7.3. J.34.b.7.1.
Battle Straggler collecting Station:	O.5.d.5.7.
3. Prisoners of War Cage at O.5.d.5.8. The A.P.M. will take over prisoners of war at Brigade Headquarters, and evacuate from P.O.W. Cage to Corps Cage at N.11.b.9.9.
4. Medical Arrangements. The following are the dispositions:-
 

Walking Wounded. "YZ" Day	Collecting Post. After Capture of Green Line.	Hospice. O.10.a.9.7. After Capture of Red Line.
A.D.S. O.15.a.5.7.	O.15.a.5.7.	Vicinity HABEL - O.10.a.9.7.
M.D.S. N.4.c.9.2.	N.4.c.9.2.	
LES ALENCONS.		
Divisional Collecting Station - N. .c.9.2.		
Walking wounded will be evacuated by bus from FOUILLOY.		
Motor Loading Posts:-		
	P.13.d.1.5.	
	P.3.c.2.8.	
	P.8.b.2.3.	
Stretcher dumps will be arranged at P.13.d.1.5. and P.3c.2.5.		
Hot drinks will be supplied at all the above medical stations.		
5. Disposal of the Dead.  
Divisional Burials Officer - Lieut. A.M.GUNNING, 3rd Aust. Pioneer Battalion, c/o Pioneer Bn. Headquarters.  
Burials will, as far as possible, be carried out in either established cemeteries or sites selected by Burials Officer as cemeteries.  
Burial returns of companies will be rendered to Battalion Headquarters, daily.
6. S.A. Ammunition, Grenades, etc.

Advanced Divisional Dump	-	O.19.b.80.25.
9th Ede. Ammunition Dump	-	P.14.central.
10th " " "	-	Present line Bn. dumps.
11th " " "	-	P.4.a.centrd.

A mobile echelon of the S.A.A. Section D.A.C. containing S.A.A. Machine Gun Ammunition, No. 36 Grenades, T.M.C., will be parked at at BUSSY on Y/2 night. Urgent demands for ammunition to replenish Brigade dumps will be wired to ~~XXX~~ these Headquarters.
7. Iron Rations. The 2nd iron ration to be carried on the man will be drawn from General Purpose rations in the area. The supporting rations will be collected under arrangements to be made by the Senior Supply Officer, and concentrated at O.5.d.5.7.



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8. Water. The following allotment of water tins has been made, and the Senior Supply Officer will arrange issue:-

3rd Aust. M.G. Battalion .... 140.

One extra Water Cart has been allotted to this Battalion and Q.M. will be advised when and where it may be drawn.

Forward water points are at - O.15.d.6.8. - 8,000 Gal. Tank.  
O. 8.d.0.5. - 8,000 Gal. Tank.

A further point will be established at O.17.a.0.8.

To provide for the opening up of wells an Officer and party of tunnellers are allotted to this Division, and will work under the C.R.E.

As soon as the party has located a well and opened it up, they will mark it "NOT TESTED". These wells will then be tested under medical arrangements, and the above sign removed, and signs:-

UNFIT FOR USE.

or

FIT FOR USE -  
With ..... Scoops.

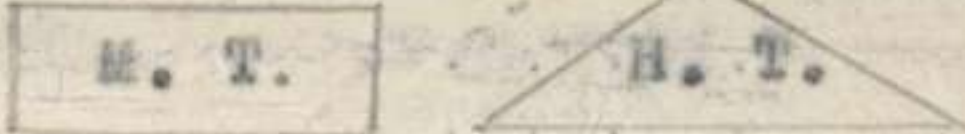
as the case may be, put up.

In the event of necessity arising for the use of water from the River, it should be borne in mind that the water from the peat lagoons is 55% purer than the canal.

9. Divisional Salvage Dump will be situated at HAMELET.

10. VETERINARY. Mobile Veterinary Section - BUSSY.  
Veterinary First Aid Post - FOUILLOY.

11. Roads. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ For Horse Transport - Road running through O.11.a., O.12.a., P.1.2.3.4. c and d, and road from HAMEL to WARPUSSE ABANCOURT. Road from HAMEL-VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Motor Transport roads will not be used by H.T. Where there is no distinct H.T. road a parallel H.T. track will be formed. Roads will be marked by notice boards:-



12. Sanitation. Company Commanders will take steps to ensure that adequate sanitary arrangements are immediately made on occupying a forward position and that steps are taken to provide the necessary appliances before any fouling of the ground occurs. Sanitary appliances will be held in, and issued from R.E. Dumps. Chloride of lime may be obtained from Prisoners of War Cage O.5.d.5.8.

*J. H. Stott*  
Lieut. & Asst. Adjt.  
Third Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.

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All recipients of Battalion Order No. 20.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTIONS No. 1.Reference Map 'A'.General Plan of Attack.

1. (a) The Australian Corps is to attack the enemy from the VILLERS BRETONNEUX-GHAULNES railway (exclusive) to the River SOMME, (inclusive) at a date and hour to be notified.

(b) The attack of the Australian Corps is to be carried out on a two Divisional front in three phases, as follows :-

1st Phase. (i) The 2nd and 3rd Aust. Divs. will form up on a taped line prior to Zero and will attack with Tanks under a creeping barrage. Their objective is shown by a GREEN line on the attached map. On arrival there they are to consolidate.

2nd Phase. (ii) The 5th and 4th Australian Divisions organised in Brigade Groups will advance in open warfare formation, from the first objective, (GREEN Line) passing through 2nd and 3rd Aust. Divs. respectively. Their objective is shown in RED on the map.

3rd Phase. (iii) The 5th and 4th Aust. Divs. will exploit their success and seize the old British line of defence marked BLUE on the map and establish themselves defensively on this line.

(c) The 1st Aust. Div. is to be in Corps Reserve.

(d) The Canadian Corps is to co-operate on the right, South of the railway, (inclusive) and the 3rd Corps on the Left, North of the SOMME (exclusive).

2. The 12th A.I. Brigade Group under command of Brigadier General R.L. LEANE. CMG. DSO. MC., is composed of the following troops:-

12th A.I. Brigade.  
 12th Machine Gun Company.  
 Nos. 1 and 3 Sections 13th M.G. Company.  
 16th Royal Horse Artillery Brigade.  
 "A" Company 4th Pioneer Battalion.  
 "A" Company 8th Tank Battalion.  
 9 Mark 5\* Tanks.  
 2 Sections of Infantry Supply Tanks.  
 $\frac{1}{8}$  Troop 13th Aust. Light Horse.

and will carry out the attack on the Right of the 4th Australian Divisional Sector in co-operation with the 4th A.I. Brigade on the Left and the 8th A.I. Brigade on the Right. Brigade and Battalion Boundaries and Objectives are as shown on attached map 'A'.

5/8/1918.

*R. L. Leane*  
 Major.  
 Brigade Major.  
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

INSTRUCTIONS No. 2

Action of Tanks.

1. "A" Company 8th Tank Battalion (Major BLACKBURN.DSO.MC) consisting of 4 Sections is allotted to the Brigade for the capture of the RED Line.  
No.1 and 2 Section = 3 Tanks under Command of Captain SCOTT and Captain ROGERSON respectively are allotted to the 46th Battalion. No.3 and 4 Sections under command of 2/Lt.PRENTIS and Captain McFARLANE respectively are allotted to the 45th Battalion.
2. These Tanks will assemble on Y/Z night prior to Zero hour in about Square P 1. From this point Tanks will move to refilling point at P 2 c 2 5 where 45th and 46th Battalions will send a guide to meet their respective Tanks.
3. From refilling point Tanks will move forward at such time after Zero hour to permit their reaching and forming up on the second Forming Up Lines in P 25 a and P 17 c by Zero plus 2 hours.
4. From second Forming Up Lines they will move with Battalions at Zero plus 3 hours to the "Jumping Off Tape" approximately along the line of the road running South West through Western Edge of Kate Wood, Thin Wood, Hazel Wood.
5. On arrival at the "Jumping Off Tape" Battalions and Tanks reorganise for the continuance of the advance to RED Line which will be timed to cross the GREEN Line at Zero plus 4 hours.
6. Tanks used for the capture of the GREEN Line which still remain in action will, after capture and consolidation of the GREEN Line, reorganise in two groups and reform so as to move forward to assist the attack of the 4th and 12th Brigades to the RED Line, and will automatically come under the orders of the Infantry Brigade Commanders in whose Sectors they advance.
7. On reaching the RED Line "A" Company Tanks will move beyond the line to protect consolidation and reorganisation of the Reserve Battalion and Mark 5\* Tanks for attack on the BLUE Line. These Tanks will remain out in front of the RED Line until such time as orders from Brigade Headquarters for their return are received. On receipt of orders to return they will reassemble in the vicinity of DUDGEON Wood Valley.
8. 45th and 46th Battalions will detail a scout to ride in each of the Tanks allotted them for observation duties.
9. Nine Mark 5\* Tanks, (Lt.Col.FAIRFAX) are allotted to the 48th Battalion for the capture of the BLUE Line.  
These Tanks will assemble prior to Zero hour about Squares O 12 b.  
The Garrisons of these Tanks consist of:-  
10 Vickers Guns (12th M.G.Company)  
16 Lewis Guns (48th Battalion)  
Crews to accompany the above guns are as follows:-  
5 Officers 70 o/ranks for Vickers Guns,  
4 Officers 56 o/ranks for Lewis Guns.  
The above personnel, guns, ammunition and spare parts will assemble at Brigade Headquarters at the Quarry P 7 a O 3 on afternoon of Y day, at a time to be fixed by O.C. 4th Machine Gun Battalion who will be responsible that they connect with the Mark 5\* Tanks in O 12 b.

On picking up Garrisons the Mark 5\* Tanks will get in touch with the 48th Battalion and move to their allotted Forming Up places about Squares P 22 b by Zero plus 2½ hours.

10. 48th Battalion will detail an Officer to meet these Tanks at O 12 b and guide them to allotted Forming Up places of 48th Battalion about P 22 b, and for touch between the Tanks and 48th Battalion during the advance and for their reorganisation and assembly on reaching the RED Line prior to continuing the advance to the BLUE Line.
11. Should the Reserve Battalion of Brigade become engaged before reaching the RED Line the Mark 5\* Tanks and their Garrison are not to be involved in the fighting except in case of extreme urgency.  
Subject to the above conditions the Mark 5\* Tanks will choose their own route to the vicinity of the RED Line.
12. On reaching the RED Line the Mark 5\* Tanks will be rapidly organised with the 48th Battalion for the continuation of the advance to the BLUE Line. For this operation they will come under the orders of the C.O. 48th Battalion.
13. The Mark 5\* Tanks will be released under orders of the Infantry Brigade Commander when the situation allows. C.O. 48th Battalion will advise Brigade Headquarters when he considers the work of these Tanks is completed.  
On these Tanks being released they will return to their Tankdromes.
14. "C" Company 8th Tank Battalion (12 Mk.5\* Tanks) Major BENNEWITH, will be employed in Support. The special duty of this Company is the maintenance of the attack at the junction of the 4th and 5th Divisions throughout the advance as far as the RED Line.
15. Signals between Tanks and Infantry. Should the Infantry require the assistance of Tanks to deal with enemy strong points or Machine gun nests Tanks will answer a smoke Grenade fired in the direction of the suspected locality or by placing their steel helmets on their bayonets and pointing in the direction of the strong point.
16. Battalions will prepare boards with their Regimental Colours to be placed on all Tanks.
17. The 12 Tanks of "A" Company will each carry 3,000 rounds of S.A.A. which will be dumped on reaching the RED Line.  
The Mark 5\* Tanks will carry:-  
4 Tanks 12,000 rounds S.A.A.  
5 Tanks 20 boxes No. 36 Grenades.  
10 boxes No. 37 or 27 Grenades.
18. Infantry Carrier Tanks four (4) are allotted to the Brigade for transport of Light Trench Mortars, ammunition, Engineers Material, Water, etc.  
Details of loads and dumping is given in Administrative Instructions.

5/8/1918.

*A. H. Williams*  
Major.  
Brigade Major.  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTIONS No. 3.INTELLIGENCE ARRANGEMENTS.1. PRISONERS.

(a) All prisoners will be disarmed and sent to Brigade Headquarters under escorts where they will be handed over to escorts provided by A.P.M.

(b) A Divisional collecting cage will be established at O 5 d 1 8.

(c) One Intelligence Officer will be stationed at this cage and an Intelligence Officer will be at Advanced Brigade Headquarters for the purpose of extracting from prisoners information of immediate tactical importance only.

(d) The Divisional cage will be connected by telephone to Divisional H.Q. and important information will be transmitted as quickly to Div. and Brigade Headquarters.

(e) It is essential that prisoners are not detained any longer than is absolutely necessary. When a number of prisoners are taken only one or two of each Regiment will be detained and the remainder sent on to Div. cage as speedily as possible.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Identifications will be passed to Brigade Headquarters as speedily as possible stating locality in which obtained.

3. SEARCHING OF PRISONERS.

(a) Officers and N.C.Os 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 the escort to the Intelligence Officer at the Div. cage.

(b) Other ranks will not be searched until they arrive at Corps cage.

(c) Pay-books, identity discs and personal belongings will not be taken from prisoners.

(d) Escorts and guards should be warned to take special precautions to prevent prisoners from destroying papers.

4. SEPARATION OF OFFICERS, N.C.Os., and MEN.

Care will be taken that Officers, N.C.Os and Privates are all separated at once and no communication allowed to pass between the groups.

5. LOCALITY OF CAPTURE.

When prisoners are sent back information will be sent back showing where they were captured. Information as to the Battalion which made the capture is a useful indication when definite localities are not known.

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APPENDIX A

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

7. BATTALION INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL.

(a) German Speaker. Battalions will make use of their German Interpreters for the following purposes:-

(i) To secure immediate identifications quickly, so that identifications will reach Corps H.Q. as speedily as possible.

(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 movement to the Commander on the spot.

NOTE. The German speaker must be used purely as Interpreter and must not be allowed to interrogate prisoners except under the direction of a responsible officer.

(b) Searchers. Each Battalion will detail 2 searchers who, under the German speaker, will systematically search the battlefield, enemy positions, H.Q., dead, etc., for papers, documents, maps, etc., - have them packed in sandbags and forwarded as quickly as possible to the Div. cage. This personnel should be armed with handy weapons and carry torches.

8. MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

The following maps are being issued:-

(i) A large issue of 1/20,000 62D. S.E. regular series for distribution to all Officers.

(ii) 1/20,000 map message form, for distribution down to N.C.Os.

(iii) A small issue of 1/10,000 maps of forward area only.

(iv) 1/40,000 organisation map together with note on the enemy.

The following special photographs are being issued:-

(a) A Mosaic of the Divisional Front, squared and contoured and freely annotated for distribution down to N.C.Os.

(b) Oblique photographs of the Divisional Front for distribution to all Officers.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Major.

Brigade Major.  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

5/8/18.

SECRET.12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTIONS No. 4.

The following will be the Normal distribution of Orders and Instructions :-

- No. 1 - File.
- 2/4- War Diary.
- 5 - 45th Battalion.
- 6 - 46th Battalion.
- 7 - 48th Battalion.
- 8 - 12th A.L.T.M.B.
- 9 - 16th R.H.A. Brigade.
- 10 - "A" Coy. 4th Aust. Pnr. Battn.
- 11 - "A" Coy. 8th Tank Battalion.
- 12/13- O.C. Mark 5\* Tanks.
- 14 - Supply Tanks.
- 15 - 12th Aust. M.G. Company.
- 16 - 13th Aust. M.G. Company.
- 17 - 4th Aust. Division.
- 18 - 4th A.I. Brigade.
- 19 - 8th A.I. Brigade.
- 20 - 13th A.I. Brigade.
- 21 - 9th A.I. Brigade.
- 22 - 10th A.F.A. Brigade.
- 23 - 11th A.F.A. Brigade.
- 24/30- Spare.

5/8/1918.

*A. W. W. W. W.*  
 Major.  
 Brigade Major.  
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2141. (In pads of 100.)

Prefix..... Code..... m. Words. Charge.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
This message is on a/c of: Recd. at ..... m.
Date.....
From.....
By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { 13th M.G. Coy

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
\* C02 5

Guns as follows 13 MG Coy 8 guns
24 MG Coy 8 guns are allotted to 3 M
G Ptn for barrage purposes in support
of the attack from zero to zero plus 2
hours add. These guns will be
in charge of ~~area~~ OC. 13 MG Coy
aaa positions will be prepared, tasks
allotted, SAA and water provided by
3 MG Ptn aaa copy of 3rd MG Ptn
order is forwarded herewith and
fighting map will follow later aaa
please get in touch with Major TAYLOR
3rd MG Ptn at HAMELET and make
all arrangements direct with him.
add OC. 13th Coy repeated to OC. 24th
MG Coy

From 4 MG Ptn
Place
Time

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

\* This line should be erased if not required.
(3796.) Wt. W49/M1647. 6:0.000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187.)



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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTIONS No. 5.ACTION OF MACHINE GUNS.

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1. For the capture of the RED Line No. 1 Section (2/Lt. BANKS) 13th M.G. Company, is allotted to 46th Battalion and No. 3 Section (2/Lt. JOHNSON) 13th M.G. Company is allotted to 45th Battalion.
  2. O.C. 45th and 46th Battalions will issue orders direct to Sections Commanders for the employment of these guns in the attack. These Sections, after the capture of the RED Line, will be employed in the consolidation of the captured ground in depth as far back as Crucifix Spur, about Q 28 and Q 22.
  3. Battalions will arrange direct with the O.C. of their respective Sections as to places of assembly, and times prior to Zero.
  4. For the capture of the BLUE Line 10 Guns of 12th M.G. Company with crews consisting of 5 Officers 70 other ranks will Garrison the 9 Mark 5\* Tanks together with 16 Lewis Guns of 48th Battalion. These crews and guns will ride in the Mark 5\* Tanks until they reach the BLUE Line where they will be offloaded and occupy suitable positions to cover the advance of the 48th Battalion, and consolidation of the BLUE Line. These Tanks will precede the 48th Battalion on passing through the RED Line.
  5. Major J.E. MOTT, 48th Battalion, will Command the Machine Gun and Lewis Gun personnel.
  6. In addition to the 10 Vickers Guns with Mark 5\* Tank, 6 Guns 12th M.G. Company are allotted and will accompany the 48th Battalion. These 6 Guns will assist in the capture of the BLUE Line. C.O. 48th Battalion will arrange direct with O.C. 12th M.G. Company place and time of assembly of Guns and Crews prior to Zero.
  7. On capture of BLUE Line Vickers Guns will be employed in the consolidation of the captured ground in depth.

6/8/1918.

*A. J. Mott*  
 Major.  
 Brigade Major.  
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTIONS No. 6.ROADS AND TRACKS.  
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1. Map 'A' shows the Organisation of Road System in captured areas.
2. Wherever possible light transport which is capable of moving across country will do so and avoid main Roads.
3. Engineers are responsible for marking of mule tracks. All mule tracks will be marked by white stakes. The approved routes are shown on map 'A'.
4. The Artillery are carrying forward bridges and positions of these bridges over any obstacle will be marked by a small white flag on a 6 foot pole and every advantage is to be taken of these bridges by all horse transport.

e/8/1918.

*H. J. Norman*  
Major.  
Brigade Major.  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.  
ORDER NO. 18.

Headquarters,  
 6th August, 1918.

Ref. Map : Sheet 62D, 1:40,000.

- 1(a) The Australian Corps will attack the enemy and take the objectives shown in the attached map.
- (b) The 3rd and 4th Aust. Divisions will attack on the same front on the left and the 2nd and 5th similarly on the same front on the right with the 4th Brigade on the left and 12th Brigade on the right.
- (c) The 1st Aust. Division will be in Corps reserve.
- (d) The Canadian Corps will co-operate on the right, south of the railway line inclusive, and the 3rd British Corps on the left north of the SOMME (exclusive).

2. ALLOTMENT OF MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns are allotted as follows:-

(a)	Assault Guns.		guns
	The 4th M.G.Coy. and 8 guns of 24th M.G.Coy. to 4th Bde.	=	24
	The 12th M.G.Coy. and 8 guns of 13th M.G.Coy. to 12th Bde.	=	24
			48
(b)	Barrage Guns.		
	The 24th M.G.Coy. 8 guns and 13th M.G.Coy. 8 guns to 3rd M.G. Battalion.	=	16
			Grand total 64

3. EMPLOYMENT IN THE ATTACK.

- (a) 10 guns each from 4th M.G.Coy. and 12th M.G.Coy. = 20 will go forward in Mark V Star Tanks to final blue line to exploit success and form strong points. Each tank will carry 2 guns one Officer and 5 O.R. with two infantry bombers attached to each gun besides other personnel.
- (b) 6 guns each from 4th M.G.Coy. and 12th M.G.Coy. = 12 in reserve moving with the reserve Battalion of the 4th and 12th Bdes. respectively. The role of these 12 guns will be to dispose themselves in depth for the defence of the ground between blue and red lines.
- (c) 8 guns each from 24th M.G.Coy. and 13th M.G.Coy. = 16 will move forward with 4th and 12th Bdes. respectively in the attack for the red line.
- (d) 8 guns each from 24th M.G.Coy. and 13th M.G.Coy. = 16 allotted as above for barrage will on completion of their task with 3rd Aust. Div. (orders for which are issued separately) viz. at ZERO plus 40 minutes, disengage and join reserve Brigade. (the 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.) in the second forming up position in ACCROCHE WOOD valley about square P.17. by ZERO plus 3 hours. The group Commander of these 16 guns (Capt. CORY, M.C.) will get in touch with G.O.C. 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. to ensure junction at this position. These 16 guns will subsequently conform to the movements of the 1st Brigade and be employed as directed by G.O.C. 4th Aust. Division.

4. EMPLOYMENT IN DEFENCE.

- (a) Guns in para "2.a" - total 48 guns - will be employed in the consolidation of the captured ground in depth as far back as as CRUCIFIX SPUR about Q.28. and 22.
- (b) Guns in para "3.d." - total 16 guns - will be distributed defensively about squares Q.21., 15., 9. and 8. so as to cover the approaches to this area from east and north east.

- 5(a) The O.Cs. 24th and 4th Coys. will make their H.Q. in close touch with 4th Bde. H.Q.
- (b) The O.C. 12th Coy. and Lieut. TUCKETT will make their H.Q. with 12th Bde. H.Q.
- (c) The O.C. Barrage Group will, after completion of barrage task make his H.Q. in close touch with 1st Bde. H.Q.

6. ROADS AND BRIDGES.

SOMME CROSSINGS.

Bridges to carry 1st line transport will be constructed, if existing bridges are damaged beyond immediate repair, at -  
 a. Q.2.b.80.95. provided a suitable approach exists on the north side of the river. Failing this, a bridge to carry

infantry will be constructed.

b. Q.3.d.95.55.

Bridges to carry infantry will be constructed at a suitable place, should existing bridges be damaged beyond immediate repair :

a. In Q.3.b. or d.

b. As near to Q.10.central as possible.

The maximum loads to be placed on bridges will be clearly shown at each approach.

4th Aust. Divisional Artillery will carry forward a proportion of bridges. Positions of these bridges over any obstacle will be marked by a small white flag on a five or six foot pole. Every advantage is to be taken of these bridges by all horse transport.

7. LIGHT SIGNALS.

(a) Australian Corps.

The following light signals will be employed in the Australian Corps:-

- S.O.S. Signal. - No. 32 grenade showing green over green over green. Allotment - 150 per Bde.
- Success Signal - No. 32 grenade showing white over white over white. Allotment - 150 per Bde.

(b) Other Formations.

Light signals of other formations are as follows:-

- |                     | Signal.  | Meaning.  |
|---------------------|--|---|
| (1) Cavalry Corps - | White star turning to red on a parachute fired from 1 1/2" Veroy pistol. | "Advanced troops of cavalry are here."            |
| (ii) III Corps. -   | No. 32 grenade green over green over green.                              | "S.O.S."  |
|                     | No.32 grenade white over white over white.                               | "Success signal. 100. We have reached objective." |
|                     | One white Veroy light.   | "Barrage is about to lift."                       |

8. COUNTER ATTACK PLANES.

(a) From Zero hour, counter attack planes 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 flare will be fired by the aeroplane in the direction of the troops moving for the impending counter attack, for the information of the infantry.

9. AMMUNITION CARRYING AEROPLANES.

(a) Aeroplanes will be detailed to transport ammunition from Zero plus 7 hours for the RED and BLUE lines wherever the "V" is displayed.

(b) Vickers guns will display a white "V" at the point where ammunition is to be dropped. The arms of the "V" to be 6 feet in length and 1 foot in width. The apex of the "V" is to point towards the enemy.

(c) Ammunition aeroplanes will have the underside of the lower planes painted black for a distance of 2 1/2 feet from the tips.

10. SIGNALLING ARRANGEMENTS.

VISUAL.

(a) The Divisional Visual Station (Call - G.D.K.) will be located at J.28.b.2.2., where messages from any part of the captured territory will be received and transmitted to its destination. This station will be connected by telephone to nearest Bde. H.Q.

(b) All Signallers must be thoroughly acquainted with the position of this station.

(c) Positions of Brigade Visual Stations will be as follows :-

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	- P.10.b.9.4.	Call QA.
12th " " "	" " "	" QC.
4th " " "	Forward Station	" QAR.
12th " " "	" " "	" QOR.

11. DIVISIONAL PLAN OF ATTACK.

The advance from the Green line will commence at Zero plus 4 hours and it is anticipated that the Red line will be taken by Zero plus 6 hours.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

Supplies:- Refilling Points 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.34.b., 12th A.I. Bde. N.1.a., 13th A.I. Bde. S.5.d.7.9. Train wagons will deliver to transport lines.

S.A.A.

Battalion Dump of S.A.A. will be established on Zero day at P.12.a. 6.5. approximately.

D.A.D.O.S. will remain in present location H.19.d.0.0.

Water. One 125 gallon water lorry and 4 300 gallon G.S. wagons will convey water forward for the Division.

Salvage. Every effort will be made to carry back in ration limbers all military material as salvage.

Water Bottles. One extra water bottle per man will be issued.

Supply Tanks. Stores for second trip of tanks will be loaded for 4th A.I. Bde. at P.4.d.1.2., 12th A.I. Bde. P.20.b.1.1.

13. H.Q. of 4th and 12th A.I. Bdes. will be established about P.17. Central., before Zero plus 4 hours.

14. (a) Watches will be synchronised by an Officer from each Company after 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Y day.

(b) Zero hour will be notified later.

15. All Companies will acknowledge.

*H. W. Cronin* Capt. Lieut-Col.

C.O., 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.

Issued at 9 p.m. through signals.

1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 108.Brigade Headquarters,  
7th. August, 1918.1. Machine Guns.

(a) Machine Guns allotted to Infantry Brigades, 1, e, 1 Coy. plus 2 Sections per Brigade, will be employed in the consolidation of the captured ground in depth as far back as CRUCIFIX SPUR about Q.28. and 22.

(b) The Reserve Machine Guns will be distributed defensively about Sqs. Q.21, 15., 9 and 8. so as to cover the approaches to this area from E. and N.E.

2. Brigade and Battalion Code Calls. The following Code Calls will come into operation in 4th. Aust. Division from 12 noon 7th. August, 1918 for communicating between Infantry and Aeroplanes.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Call letters.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Call letters.</u>
1st. A.I. Bde. H.Q.	A.	12th. A.I. Bde. H.Q.	L.
1st. Battalion.	AW.	45th. Battalion.	LW.
2nd. Battalion.	AX.	46th. Battalion.	LX.
3rd. Battalion.	AY.	48th. Battalion.	LY.
4th. Battalion.	AZ.		
4th. A.I. Bde. H.Q.	K.	13th. A.I. Bde. H.Q.	M.
13th. Battalion.	KW.	49th. Battalion.	MW.
14th. Battalion.	KX.	50th. Battalion.	MX.
15th. Battalion.	KY.	51st. Battalion.	MY.
16th. Battalion.	KZ.		

Brigade and Battalion Headquarters indicate their position by means of ground signal sheets laid on ground near the Headquarters concerned, whilst their identity is disclosed by the above code letters made by ground signal strips laid alongside the sheet.

3. Contact Aeroplanes. - Indication of position by flares.

(a) RED ground flares will be used to indicate the Infantry positions to contact aeroplanes. The flares will be lit by Infantry in the most advanced positions only.

(b) A contact aeroplane will fly along the line of the 2nd. objective (RED line) at zero plus 6 hours 30 minutes. Flares will be called for by the aeroplane sounding a succession of "A's" on the Klaxen Horn and by firing a WHITE Verrey Light. If the aeroplane fails to mark the line accurately it will repeat its call ten minutes later. Should the Infantry not have reached the line of the objective at the time laid down above, the contact plane will return at half hour intervals until flares are shown.

(c) A contact aeroplane will fly along the line of the 3rd. objective (B.U.E line) at zero plus 8 hours 30 minutes when the procedure laid down in sub-para. (b) will be repeated until the flares are shown.

(d) It is essential that definite Instructions be issued to all ranks that on the call of a contact plane for flares that only a proportion of the flares are ignited, otherwise should all flares be ignited on the 1st. call and the plane is unable to locate the line it will be impossible for the Infantry to indicate their positions on the plane calling again for flares.

P.T.O.

4. Counter-attack planes.

- (a) From zero hour, counter-attack planes 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 aeroplanes will signal this information to the Artillery by wireless. In the case of a counter-attack actually developing a WHITE parachute flare will be fired by the aeroplane in the direction of the troops moving for the impending counter-attack, for the information of the Infantry.

5. Light Signals.

- (a) The following Light Signals will be employed on the Australian Corps front :-

S.O.S. Signal. - Rifle Grenade GREEN over GREEN over GREEN.  
 Success Signal. - Rifle Grenade WHITE over WHITE over WHITE.

These signals have been issued to Units.

Success signals will be fired by Units on gaining their objectives as follows :-

- On reaching RED line - Single grenades fired due South (parallel with the RED line).
- On reaching BLUE line - Success signals (fired in pairs) due North (parallel with BLUE line).

- (b) Brigade and Battalions will establish O.P.s. which will be on the lookout for Success signals. These signals will not be repeated to the rear in order to avoid confusion on the flanks owing to all Units using the same Success signal.

The means available for communicating the Success signal to the rear will be - telephone - visual - runner, etc.

- (c) Other Formations.

Light signals of other Formations are as follows :-

	Signal.	Meaning.
(i) Cavalry Corps.	WHITE Star turning to RED on parachute fired from 1 1/2" Very Pistol.	Advanced troops of Cavalry are here.
(ii) 3rd Corps.	No. 32 Grenade GREEN over GREEN over GREEN.	"S.O.S."
	No. 32 Grenade WHITE over WHITE over WHITE.	"Success signal, i.e. We have reached objective".
	1 WHITE Very Light.	"Barrage is about to lift."

Signal for Tank Assistance. - Tanks are marked by Battalion colours of the Battalion with which they are operating. Should a Unit require special tank assistance to overcome any strong point the following signals are :-

- (1) Smoke grenade fired in the direction of the strong point.
- (2) Steel helmet placed on top of the bayonet and hand pointing in the direction of the strong point.

7. Armoured Cars.

The 17th. Armoured Car Battalion is being given definite roles in connection with 5th. Aust. Division. The roles assigned to this Battalion may carry the cars forward for a considerable distance into enemy territory and may necessitate their returning through other Divisional Sectors than that of the 5th. Australian Division.

British Armoured Cars can be recognised by the RED and WHITE band markings which are similar to those of the British Tanks.

All troops will be carefully warned of the possibility of our armoured cars coming into our own Sector, and of the way in which they are marked.

8. Watches.

Watches will be synchronized with Brigade Signal Office at 8 p.m. and 12 midnight.

9. Roads.

Roads marked M.T. are reserved for motor transport; those marked H.T. for horsed transport.

Troops will be kept clear of roads.

10. Artillery Bridges. Artillery are carrying bridges to put down over obstacles which may be met. These bridges will be marked by a WHITE flag on a 6 ft. pole.

All Units will reconnoitre them.

11. Approach to Assembly position.

The Brigade Group will move to the 1st. Assembly position from the AUBIGNY Area by roads and tracks South of the River in the following order :-

1st. Aust. Battalion.  
2nd. Aust. Battalion.  
3rd. Aust. Battalion.  
4th. Aust. Battalion.  
1st. Aust. L.T.M. Battery.  
13th. Aust. M.G. Company.

The head of the 1st. Aust. Battalion will clear FOULLOY at Zero minus three hours; 2nd. Aust. Battalion zero minus 2½ hours; 3rd. Aust. Battalion zero minus 2 hours; 4th. Aust. Battalion zero minus 1½ hours; 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Battery and 13th. Aust. M.G. Company zero minus 70 minutes.

Battalions will move up in small parties with distances between.

Completion of move to first Assembly position will be notified to Brigade Headquarters.

12. Visual Stations. A Visual Station for the 1st. Brigade will be established at P.17.D.2.9. at zero plus 2 hours. Call "QD".13. Ammunition.

Brigade Ammunition R.E. Stores refilling point will be established at P.4.C.3.5. A Tank has been detailed to carry for this Brigade.

A 4th. Battalion party under an Officer will be at the Dump to load and unload the Tank.

14. Medical.

	<u>R.A.Ps.</u>	<u>Relay Posts.</u>
Right. {	P.21.A.9.2.	P.14.C.9.5.
	P.16.C.1.9.	P.9.A.3.4.
	P.16.A.1.3.	
Left. {	P.10.C.3.1.	P.4.A.4.5.
	P.5.D.0.4.	

P.T.O.



14. Medical (Continued).

As soon as possible after zero crossing stations will be opened at -

- (1) Hospice, FOUILLY, O.10.A.9.7.
- (ii) In vicinity of HAMEL.

Dumps of Stretchers and Blankets are at P.13.D.1.5. and P.3.G.2.8.

Supplies of Dressings, Drugs and Medical Comforts at A.D.S. at O.15.A.5.7.

*Arthur Butcher*  
Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

DISTRIBUTION. - To all recipients of 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade Order No.108.

II. Approach to Assembly Position.

The Brigade Group will move to the Assembly Position from the Assembly Area by roads and tracks south of the River in the following order:-

- 1st. Aust. Battalion.
- 2nd. Aust. Battalion.
- 3rd. Aust. Battalion.
- 4th. Aust. Battalion.
- 1st. Aust. L.T. Battery.
- 1st. Aust. M.G. Company.

The head of the 1st. Aust. Battalion will clear FOUILLY at zero minus three hours; 2nd. Aust. Battalion zero minus 2 hours; 3rd. Aust. Battalion zero minus 1 hour; 4th. Aust. Battalion zero minus 15 minutes; 1st. Aust. L.T. Battery and 1st. Aust. M.G. Company zero minus 10 minutes. Battalions will move up in small parties with intervals between. Completion of move to final Assembly Position will be notified to Brigade Headquarters.

Visual Stations. A Visual Station for the 1st. Brigade will be established at P.13.D.1.5. at zero plus 2 hours. Call "QB".

15. Ammunition.

Brigade Ammunition B.C. Stores holding point will be established at P.3.G.2.8. A Tank has been detailed to carry for this Brigade. A 4th. Battalion party under an Officer will be at the Dump to load and unload the tank.

16. Medical.

	<u>R.A.P.s.</u>	
	P.21.A.3.8.	} Right.
	P.16.C.1.5.	
	P.16.A.1.3.	
	P.10.C.3.1.	} Left.
	P.3.D.3.4.	
	<u>Supply Posts.</u>	
	P.14.C.2.8.	
	P.3.A.7.4.	
	P.4.A.4.5.	

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ADDITION TO SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH BRIGADE ORDER No. 221.

CAVALRY AND WHIPPET TANKS.

The 1st Cavalry Brigade is coming under the command of the Australian Corps together with one Company of Whippet Tanks. The role allotted to it is to seize any opportunity that may offer to push through on the Corps Front.

For this purpose it is to operate North of the AMIENS-CHAULNES railway in conjunction with the 5th Australian Division, moving via the Southern side of the BOIS L'ABBE and crossing to the North side of the railway East of VILLIERS-BRETONNEUX. After crossing the railway it is to march roughly parallel to it, keeping in touch with the 8th and 15th Australian Infantry Brigades and the remainder of the first Cavalry Division on the Right.

If a break in the enemy's resistance on the Corps Front occurs the remainder of the 1st Cavalry Division may be employed in support of the 1st Cavalry Brigade.

The command of the 1st Cavalry Brigade passes to 1st Cavalry Division when the Infantry reaches the RED Line unless the Brigade is required South of the Australian Corps to exploit success before that hour.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. W. Norman*

Major.  
Brigade Major.  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

7/8/1918.

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6-45 P.M.

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1st Coy

4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.  
Headquarters,  
7th August, 1918.

All Coys.

1. S.O.S. PRIOR TO ZERO.

With reference to the action of the artillery prior to and on Y/Z night the following has been received from Australian Corps and will govern the action of the artillery.

- (a) "Previous to Zero night no circumstances less than an actual attack in force by the enemy would justify a development of Artillery fire on our part disclosing concentration of guns. On Zero night the same holds good, with this all important exception. -
- (b) "At any time during Zero night should the enemy develop a heavy artillery bombardment, whether consisting of gas shells or not, such as is likely to interfere with the forming up of the attacking troops, the fire of every available gun, without any reservation, detailed for counter-battery work on ZERO day, will direct its fire onto the enemy artillery. The concealment of the plan of action will become of secondary importance to that of silencing the hostile artillery as quickly as possible.
- (c) "The decision for the development of this abnormal artillery activity will rest with the Corps whose front is bombarded by the enemy. Should the hostile fire come from groups of guns outside the counter-battery area of the Corps concerned this Corps will request the neighbouring Corps in whose counter-battery area the offending groups of guns lie to take the necessary action and this request will be complied with.

2. The 1st Cavalry Brigade is coming under the command of the Australian Corps together with one company of Whippet Tanks. The role allotted to it is to seize any opportunity that may offer to push through on the Corps front.

For this purpose it is to operate north of the AMIENS-CHAULANES Railway in conjunction with the 5th Aust. Division, moving via the southern side of the BOIS L'ABBE and crossing to the north side of the railway east of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. After crossing the railway it is to march roughly parallel to it, keeping in touch with the 8th and 15th Aust. Inf. Bdes. and the remainder of the 1st Cavalry Division on the right.

If a break in the enemy's resistance on the corps front occurs the remainder of the first Cavalry Division may be employed in support of the 1st Cavalry Brigade.

The command of the 1st Cavalry Brigade. passes to 1st Cavalry Division when the infantry reaches the RED line unless the brigade is required south of the Australian Corps to exploit success before that hour.

4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.	
No.	G 2/2
Date	

*W. Brown* Capt.  
Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.

13th Machine Gun Company in the attack from 8/8/18 to 12/8/18. A34Reference Map Sheet 62 D.

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On the night of the 7/8th the Company moved by sections complete from LA NEUVILLE to assembly points. No 1 Section and No 3 section with guns and gear on pack horses. Lieut Tuckett i/c of the half Coy. No 1 section, 2/Lieut Banks i/c was attached to the 46th Bn, and No 3 section, 2/Lieut Johnson i/c to 45th Bn for the operations.

Lieut Tuckett and two runners reported and kept touch between the 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade and the half Coy.

No 2 and 4 sections with 2/Lieut Perks and Colquhoun respectively in charge moved to positions north of HAMEL prepared by the 3rd Aust. Division M.G. Battalion who this half Coy and half Coy of 24th Coy came under until Zero plus 1 hour to take part in the Machine Gun Barrage.

No 2 and 4 Sections moved with Guns and Gear on limbers also it's mobile echelon. The letter was left in HAMELET, the Gun Limbers going forward ~~mobile echelon~~ to Gun Positions where the Guns and gear were unloaded and limbers returned to HAMELET where horses were picketed for the night. Guns were mounted and laid on Barrage lines by 11 p.m. The night was very quiet until a few minutes before zero when the enemy must have heard the tanks moving up, and he put a few shells over between HAMEL and the River SOMME; These did no harm as they fell behind our 3rd Div. Infy. who were already on the tape.

At Zero a splendid barrage opened up, but a very dense fog came up, nothing could be seen of the advancing Infantry. At zero plus 10 minutes that was 4.30 a.m., our 16 Guns joined in the fray, i.e. 8 of 13th Coy, and 8 of 24th Coy. The barrage continued until 5.3 a.m. Guns were immediately stripped, thoroughly cleaned, remaining belts filled, and all gear carried to road ready to be loaded on arrival of limbers. The 13th Coy fired 26000 Rds and the 24th Coy 20,000 Rounds.

These 16 Guns now formed a complete Company and came under the control of 13th Coy O.C. and were attached to the reserve Brigade (1st Aust. Inf. Bde)

The Company moved at 7 a.m. to P.17. central. and got in touch with the G.O.C. 1st Inf. Bde. At 12 noon orders were received to be prepared to move at once. At 1.30 p.m. orders came through to take up positions on side of SOMME to cover CHIPILLY and the high ground north of it where British troops had been held up.

Four Guns 13th Coy took up positions in Q.15.b. Eight Guns 24th Coy went to Q.9. and the remaining four guns of 13th Coy went to reserve positions in Q.7.a. All teams dug in and got comfortable.

Two sections attached to 12th Aust. Inf. Bde moved with the two attacking battalions to assembly positions near ACCROCHE WOOD, pack animals following in rear. In the case of the 46th Battn the pack animals advanced just in rear of the Machine Gun crews, so that when a pack animal became a casualty, the gun gear was collected and carried by the men. In the 45th Battn the section was split up and one gun attached to each Company, and their pack animals led in the rear of all the Battn pack train. Fortunately only one ammunition carrier became a casualty.

Both Battalions advanced to the green line (3rd Div.) in Artillery formation. Here pack animals were unloaded and the gear distributed amongst the Gun numbers. Casualties in pack transport were 4 men (Drivers) and 6 horses. All gear except the one ammunition pack previously mentioned, and one gun pack were delivered to the starting point. The Gun pack horse and the driver were wounded. The horse bolted and was lost in the fog which was very heavy at the time.

At 8.30 a.m. the advance to the red line continued with tanks and two thin lines of Infantry. The fog was lifting by this time, and by 9 a.m. had practically cleared.

Very little resistance was met with in the advance, except occasional strong points with Machine Guns, which the Tanks quickly dealt with, until within about 500 yards of the objective where all Vickers Guns came into action and a short fight was put up. A large number of prisoners were captured at this point.

On reaching objective our Guns again got going very quickly, only one Lewis Gun opening before our first.

A 77m Battery was firing over the sights at our men, one of our guns engaged it, and after the second burst, the battery limbered up and got away. It is concluded that we must have got fairly close, although we could not get observation. Consolidation was carried out and Gun positions selected.

15th Machine Gun Company in the attack from 8/8/18. to 12/8/18.  
(continuation)

and dug for the eight guns in the Red Line in Q.23.d. and Q.30.a.&c. The total casualties during the attack were 10/Rank killed and 160/Ranks wounded, most of the wounds being slight.

One German light gun captured during the advance was kept mounted for A.A. Defence.

Consolidation continued on the 9th inst. Control of the two sections of the 24th Coy were taken over by the O.C. 24th Coy. The O.C. 15th Coy moved to JEANWOOD and took over command of the whole Coy.

At 3p.m. on the 10th orders arrived at JEANWOOD for the O.C. 15th Coy to report to Brigade Headquarters at Q.7. immediately. On arrival there he was instructed that the 15th M.G. Coy would attack in conjunction with the 49th, 50th, and 51st Battalions in pushing the line forward from J.18. and J.24. to L.13., L14., and L.20., the 51st Battn to throw a line north of ETINEHEM. Eight Guns to go with the 49th Battn, and 4 Guns with the 51st Battn. Troops to cross the river SOMME by 8.p.m. and be on assembly position by 9p.m. 2/Lieut Perks and one runner were immediately despatched to reconnoitre the roads and assembly position in K.18.c. Limbers were ordered to report to Gun position and load up at once. Orders were sent as quickly as possible. Every one was on the move in a wonderfully short time. The Brigadier of 12th Inf. Brigade was informed that the Guns were being withdrawn. 2/Lieut Colquhoun i/c of No 4 section, advanced with "B" Coy 49th Battn and took up positions guarding roads from BRAY and a re-entrant south-east of BRAY. No 2 Section (2/Lt Perks) took up position with "A" Coy 49th Battn on and south of BRAY-CORBIE Road, covering ground to the north and junction of flank with British. No 1 section 2/Lieut Banks i/c went with 51st Battn and took up positions covering exits from ETINEHEM.

Consolidation was carried on with casualties, 10/Rank killed and 100/Ranks wounded. Nearly all these casualties occurred on the morning of the 11th, when very heavy hostile shell fire was put on the newly captured line,

A lot of enemy movement was reported in L.7 and L.8., and in the vicinity of BRAY. No 3 section (2/Lieut Johnson) who had moved to, and taken up position in K.18.a. was laid on an S.O.S. Line right in this valley. Harassing fire was carried out during the evening, and all night, 10,000 Rds being expended. One gun in L.20.a got direct fire on a large party of enemy and dispersed them. Our gun was undoubtedly located and shortly afterwards was blown up by a direct hit, the team suffering heavy casualties during the bombardment.

On the night of the 11th, some slight alterations were made in the dispositions of the guns after a careful study had been made of the ground in daylight.

On the 12th the Company came under the LIAISON FORCE and was detached from the Battalion.

(signed) W.M. Cory Capt.

O.C. 15th M.G. Coy.

13th. A.M. G. Coy.

This Company became detached from the 4th Aust MG Bn & attached to 13th A.M. G. Coy from 12.8.18 to 18.8.18., forming part of the Liaison Force, holding the line North of the Somme. The 16 guns in the line as follows:-  
 No 1 section with 2/Lt Bantles 1/c. 4 guns in L19 and L20c covering approaches from ETINHAM and high ground in L26.

No 4 section 2 guns 2/Lt Colquhoun 1/c in L20b covering re-entrant and approaches from the Sth West of BRAY-sur-Somme. 2 Guns 2/Lieut Gillies 1/c in L14d covering spur West of BRAY from the Crucifix North

12th No 2 section 2/Lt Perks 1/c 4 Guns in L13 covering to the North and East.

No 3 section 2/Lt Johnson 1/c 4 guns in K18A on indirect, SOS and harassing fire positions.

Coy H. Qrs in Quarry in K18A where 49th Bn H. Qrs were also situated.

Hostile Artillery very active throughout the day shelling the front & support line, especially the high ground near BRAY. During the day orders were received that the 50th & 51st Bns would push forward and take all high ground west of the Somme in L33, 27 and 20, and No 1 section would follow and take up positions, 2 guns covering roads & bridges on the right flank and 2 guns with 50th Bn to about L20d to cover approaches from LA Neuville-Les-Bray. At 1 AM our Barrage opened & the 51st Bn advanced and carried out operation as arranged and 2 guns Sgt Lehane 1/c took up position as arranged in L33a.

While reconnoitering ground for most suitable position he observed some armed men quite close to him. He called to them and getting no reply fired his revolvers at them. After a few shots the men disappeared into a dugout. Sgt Lehane called on 2 Infantrymen to come to his assistance & he rushed down and fired the revolvers into the dugout.

The enemy surrendered and over 60 prisoners filed out of the dugout. The 50th Bn were held up & did not advance. The 2 guns that were to have gone forward with them returned to their old positions. 2 Guns of the 131st American M.G. Coy took up the positions that Sgt Lehane's guns moved from and 2 more took up positions in L25d. 2 of our guns were put out of action by shell fire during the day. one at K18A & one at L13C. These were immediately replaced by 2 from reserve. One heavy German gun captured on 10/11th and brought into action on 11th was slightly damaged & returned to Transport lines. SOS went up on our left at 5 AM. bringing heavy artillery fire. Our guns at K18A fired 9500 rds on roads and approaches in L14A & 8C.

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13th. Our Artillery was active during the 24 hours. Planes active at night bombing forward area. Our MGs at K18A fired 6000 rds harassing fire on enemy roads and works in L14A & 8C. Very little enemy movement reported. Fires & explosions in BRAY were reported during the night.

Hostile Artillery fairly quiet early in the day, shelling became heavy during evening and continued until nearly dawn. A large percentage of Blue Cross Gas was used.

American Infantry Bn relieved 51st A.G. Bn and arrangements were made for relief of No 1 section of this Coy on the following night. Casualties: 1 OR. wded. 2 OR. Sick

14th. Our Artillery active. A good deal of counter-battery work was carried out. MGs. The usual harassing fire 4500 rds expended also 500 on EA.

Hostile Artillery very active on forward areas a large quantity of Blue & Yellow Gas used.

1st American MG Coy relieved 4 guns on sector taken over by American Infantry previous night. On completion of relief these guns and crews move to Bank in K29C where they had to dig in and remain in reserve. 50th Bn were relieved by Americans & arrangements made to relieve guns of 13th Coy on following night.

Casualties: 2 OR. wded. (Gas) 3 OR. Sick  
1 OR. wded. (MG?)

15th. Our Artillery maintained harassing fire also our MGs.

Hostile Artillery quieter at intervals.

2 Guns in 14d moved back to 14c to form part of the support line. Relief by Americans of 2 guns on right. Teams moved back with guns etc and dug in at K29C. Coy H.D moved to K.29.c

2 OR. wded. (Gas)

16 Our Artillery & MGs carried out the usual harassing fire MGs expended 6000 rounds.

Hostile Artillery in forward areas much quieter but very active in back areas shelling at intervals K17, 23 and 29 and right back as far as SALLY LAURETTE. Our new rest camp came in for a fair share of the shrapnel. All men went for a swim in the Somme and had a good clean up. Selected a new site for reserve teams & H.Q. in old Quarry in K29A where we dug in and made ourselves comfortable. 49th A.G. Bn were relieved by 34th A.G. Bn.

Casualties: 4 OR. wded. (Shell fire) 1 horse killed 1 horse wded.

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17th. Our Artillery very active on counter-battery work. APPENDIX B-38  
guns harassing forward areas. During the night the Infantry  
pushed the line further North taking possession of and beyond  
the BRAY-Corbie Road. Owing to the uncertainty as to  
where our men were going no harassing fire was  
carried out by us.

Arrangements were made for relief of No 2 section by No 1.  
Aeroplanes active bombing BRAY at night. !!

Hostile Artillery much quieter, but still active, more  
attention being paid to forward area today.

Orders were received to attend conference but owing to a  
clerical error in location, the H.Q. mentioned in Order  
was not found.

Had a good look round transport lines & Nucleus Camp  
returning to Coy HQs in afternoon.

2 Lt. Colquhoun & 2 teams from reserves relieved 2 light-  
gun crews who returned to reserve bivouacs at midnight  
Camaltis. Nil

18th. Our Artillery still active also our planes very busy bombing  
beyond our lines.

Hostile Artillery very quiet. Hostile planes unusually  
active at night bombing behind our lines.

During the afternoon notice was received that the 13th Coy  
would be relieved by the 9th Aust MG Coy. Relief to  
commence at 10 pm. Arrangements were made for  
accommodation of this Coy at SAILLY-LE-SEC. also hot  
meal to be ready at 1 am. Rations to be kept at C.M. Store &  
transport to carry guns & gear from dump.

It was exceptionally quiet between 10 pm & 2 am. Relief  
was completed by midnight & all men were in billets  
by 2.30 am.

19th. Coy rested until 4 pm (with exception of reserve men who  
prepared camp for move.) At 4 pm Coy with transport  
moved from SAILLY-LE-SEC via Bouzen-court & LA MOTTE to W23 A  
(Sth of HARBONNIERES) At about 7 pm halted on the outskirts  
of Bayonvillers for tea. Arrangements were made with 4th  
Aust. MG. Bn. Canteen Committee for the men to receive credit  
to the amount of 5 francs and tea looked much more like  
a bucket picnic party than just tea.  
Coy arrived at bivouacs at 8.30 pm. and again came under  
the Command of C.O. 4th Aust MG. Bn.



4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.  
Order No. 20.

Reference Map, 62B.

Headquarters,  
15th August, 1918.

- 1.(a) The 4th Aust. Division (less present 13th A.I.Bde Group) will move to bivouacs in the HARBONNIERES - BAYONVILLERS area on 13th and 14th August.
- (b) The 4th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion (less 13th Coy) will move to day to above area and bivouac to night as follows:-  
 The 12 Coy. in 12th Bde Area in squares 18 and 24 as arranged by 12th A.I.Bde.  
 The 4th Coy. along and North of the railway line in square 25 as arranged by 4th A.I.Bde.  
 The 24th Coy. in square 19.a., site to be chosen by Lieut. PEUT.  
 Bn. H.Q. to billets in east side of HARBONNIERES.  
 Bn. Transport lines in BAYONVILLERS area.
2. Advance parties will proceed by 11 a.m. to select sites for bivouacs etc.
3. Transport will move under Bn. T.O. (Capt. CARROLL, M.C.) separately from Companies and will be located near BAYONVILLERS.
4. Locations to be sent to Bn. H.Q. on arrival in new area.

*W. H. Mouch* Capt.  
Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G.Bn.

Issued through signals at / p.m.

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| Copy. No. 1 | 4th A.M.G.Coy. |
| 2           | 12th "         |
| 5           | 13th "         |
| 4           | 24th "         |
| 5           | 4th A.I.Bde.   |
| 6           | 12th "         |
| 7           | 13th "         |
| 8           | War Diary      |
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APPENDIX

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4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Order No. 21.

Ref. Map : HARBONNIERES. 1:40,000.Headquarters,  
13th August, 1918.

1. (a) The attack by the Australian Corps is to be continued on the 15th inst. - Boundaries and objective are shown in the attached map.
  - (b) The Division will take over the line from the 1st Aust. Division on night 14/15th August.
  - (c) The attack will be carried out by the 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the right and the 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the left with the 132nd Regt. U.S. Inf. in divisional reserve.
  - (d) The attack will be supported by tanks and will be made under a creeping barrage.
2. PROGRAMME OF ATTACK.
- (a) ZERO hour will be notified later.
  - (b) At ZERO the Field Artillery barrage will open on a line 200 yards in advance of the infantry taped line as shown on the attached map "B".  
At ZERO plus 3 minutes the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes for 3 lifts.  
From the 4th lift (inclusive) the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes up to the BROWN line.  
The barrage will halt on the BROWN line for 15 minutes and will then advance as far as range permits at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes, as shown on the barrage map, (to be issued later).  
Any further advance will be covered by mobile Field Artillery.
3. TANKS.
- (a) Tanks are to assemble in concealed positions in the forward area under separate orders, prior to the night 14/15th inst.
  - (b) On night 14/15th inst. tanks will commence to move forward at 9.30 p.m. to the tank Start Line, which will be approximately 1000 yards in rear of the infantry taped line.
  - (c) Tanks will leave the tank Start Line at such times as will enable them to catch up to the infantry as the barrage lifts at ZERO plus 3 minutes.
  - (d) Arrangements are being made for the co-operation of aeroplanes to cover the noise of the tank assembly and forming up.
4. ACTION OF MACHINE GUNS.
- (a) 8 Guns each from 4th and 12th Aust. M.G. Coys. will go forward with the attacking infantry in support of 4th and 12th Bdes respectively.
  - (b) 8 Guns each of 4th and 12th Aust. M.G. Coys. and 16 guns from 24th Aust. M.G. Coy. (8 supporting each brigade) will be used as barrage guns on selected localities in conjunction with the artillery creeping barrage. The 24th Coy. guns supporting the 12th Bde. will move forward if necessary in order to support the advance right up to the final objective and finally form a protective S.O.S. Barrage.
  - (c) The 8 guns each of 4th and 12th Aust. M.G. Coys. after the objective is taken will move up to the support line and be disposed in depth for consolidation of the captured ground.
  - (d) The 132nd American Machine Gun Company will be held in reserve with the 132 Regiment U.S. Infantry.
5. Close liaison will be maintained between Brigades and companies and also by section Officers between Company and Battalion Commanders.
6. CARRIERS. Gunners  
16 Carriers from the 132nd U.S. Machine Gun Company will be attached to 4th and 12th Companies for the operation. These gunners will report to Companies tomorrow 14th inst.
7. S.A.A. and water for 12th Bde. will be taken up in Infantry Supply Tanks and for 4th Bde. in Mark 5 Star Tanks.
8. Two water bottles per man will be carried.

- 9. Reports to be sent to Battalion H.Q. at  
All map references will be given on 1:40,000 map.
- 10. All Companies will acknowledge.

18th August, 1918.

Ref. No. : H.A. 1:40,000.

*Hawcrough Capt for Lieut-Col.*

C.O., 4th Aust.M.G.Bn.

Issued through signals at 7:50 p.m.

- Extra copy to - No. 1 132nd U.S. Inf. Regt.
- 2 132nd U.S. M.G. Coy.
- 3 2nd Aust. M.G. Bn.
- 4 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

At 2:30 p.m. 3 minutes the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes for 2 lifts.

From the 4th lift (inclusive) the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes up to the BROW line.

The barrage will halt on the BROW line for 15 minutes and will then advance as far as range permits at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes, as shown on the barrage map, (to be issued later). Any further advance will be covered by mobile Field Artillery.

**3. TANKS.**

(a) Tanks are to assemble in concealed positions in the forward area under separate orders, prior to the night 18/19th inst.

(b) On night 18/19th inst. tanks will commence to move forward at 9:30 p.m. to the tank start line, which will be approximately 1000 yards in rear of the infantry taped line.

(c) Tanks will leave the tank start line at such times as will enable them to catch up to the infantry as the barrage lifts at 2:30 plus 3 minutes.

(d) Arrangements are being made for the co-operation of aeroplanes to cover the noise of the tank assembly and forming up.

**4. ACTION OF MACHINE GUNS.**

(a) 2 guns each from 4th and 18th Aust. M.G. Coy. will go forward with the attacking infantry in support of 4th and 18th Aust. M.G. Coy. respectively.

(b) 2 guns each of 4th and 18th Aust. M.G. Coy. and 10 guns from 5th Aust. M.G. Coy. (8 supporting each brigade) will be used as barrage guns on selected localities in conjunction with the artillery creeping barrage. The 5th Coy. guns supporting the 18th Bde. will move forward if necessary in order to support the advance right up to the final objective and finally form a protective B.G.B. barrage.

(c) The 2 guns each of 4th and 18th Aust. M.G. Coy. after the objective is taken will move up to the support line and be disposed in depth for consolidation of the captured ground.

(d) The 182nd American Machine Gun Company will be held in reserve with the 132nd U.S. Infantry.

Close liaison will be maintained between brigades and company and also by section officers between company and Battalion Commanders.

**5. CARRIAGES.**

In reserves from the 182nd U.S. Machine Gun Company will be attached to 4th and 18th Companies for the operation. These guns will report to Companies to report to 18th Bde. These guns will be taken up in infantry B.A.A. and water for 18th Bde. will be taken up in infantry supply tanks and for 4th Bde. in mark 3 Star Tanks.

The water bottles per man will be carried.

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1. ADVANCED DIV. Will be established at VILLERS BRETONNEUX at 3 p.m.,
  - HEADQUARTERS. 14th Inst. Rear Div. H.Q. will remain at CORBIE.
  2. RAILHEAD. VILLERS BRETONNEUX.
  3. SUPPLIES. Supplies will be drawn by Horse Transport and delivered to Brigade Transport Line, thence under Brigade arrangements.
  4. REFILLING POINTS. For all Units - O.30.d.
  5. AMMUNITION. Forward Ammunition dump is established at X.28.a.7.7. (approx). S.A.A. Section will be located at V.29.b.3.8. All demands for ammunition will be made direct to O.C., S.A.A. Section, 4th Aust.D.A.C. through Sub-section Officers.
  6. SUPPLY TANKS. Supply Tanks are allotted as follows:-
 

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	1
12th " " "	2

These tanks will be loaded with R.E. Material, Ammunition and water tins in accordance with Appendix "A" of Administrative Instructions No. 5 issued under Div Order No. 138. Loading point will be at Q.32.c.cent. Necessary Ammunition, R.E. Material and Water Tins will be delivered to loading point by Services concerned by 3 p.m. 14th inst. Brigades will detail 1 N.C.O. and 3 O.Rs. for each tank as loading parties. They will report to loading point by 2.30 14th inst., carrying 48 hours rations and will accompany tanks until operations are completed. N.C.O. i/c of each party will be instructed by S/C Bde. regarding point at which supplies are to be dumped in Forward Area. Brigades will make their own arrangements with regard to filling water tins.
  7. BATTLE STORES. The following Battle Stores are available for 132nd U.S. REGT.:-
 

Hot Food Containers	30
Petrol Tins.	200

these will be delivered to locations selected by Regt.
  8. ORDNANCE. D.A.D.O.S. is located in CORBIE I.34.a.6.4.
  9. R.E. STORES. Div. R.E. Dumps are located at P.28.d.9.2. and Q.32.c.4.8.
  10. WATER. Tanks containing 6,000 gallons are located at X.28.a.7.7. These tanks can be used for filling petrol tins, water bottles etc. Wells exist in BAYONVILLERS and HARBONNIERES.
  11. TRANSPORT. Transport Lines will be located as follows:-
 

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	Q.32.b.
12th Aust. Inf. Bde.	W.20.a. and c.
132nd U.S. Regt.	W.20.a.
4th Aust.M.G.Bn.	W.2.a. and b.
S.A.A. Sec., 4th Aust.DAC.	V.29.b.3.8.
  12. VETERINARY. Mobile Vet. Section is located at BOUZENCOURT.
  13. PRISONERS OF WAR CAGE. Prisoners of War Cage is located at BAYONVILLERS. All Prisoners will be taken over at Bde.H.Q. by M.M.P. At X.14.b.5.0., X.20.b.5.5. and F.3.a.1.9.
  14. BATTLE STRAGGLERS POSTS.
  15. CEMETERIES. Cemeteries are situated at :-
 

Q.32.c.9.2.
X.22.c.5.4.
X.19.b.5.2.

*H. H. Houch* Capt Adj. Lieut-Col.  
C.O., 4th Aust.M.G. Bn.

Headquarters,  
14th August, 1918.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No.	1 to	4th A.M.G. Coy.	7	File.
	2	12th " "	8	War Diary.
	3	13th " "	9	" "
	4	24th " "	10	" "
	5	C.M., 4th A.M.G. Bn.		
	6	T.O. " "		

214 13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 144.

Brigade Headquarters,  
14th. August, 1918.Reference 1/20,000, Sheet 62D. N.E.

1. The 131st. American Regiment is extending to the left and taking over the front as far north as the BRAY - ETINHEM Road (running from CRUCIFLX L.15.c.27. to L.14.d.13.).
2. (a) The 50th. Battalion and all troops of 49th. Battalion south of the BRAY - ETINHEM Road will be relieved tonight by a company of 1st. American Battalion.
- (b) For purposes of relief the troops of 49th Battalion being relieved will be placed under command of 50th. Battalion and the Company Commander of Right Company, 49th Battalion, will report for instructions to Left Company, 50th. Battalion.
- (c) Headquarters 50th. Battalion will remain in present position and after relief all companies 50th. Battalion, will bivouac in that vicinity.
- (d) Troops of 49th. Battalion after relief will move to trenches in K.18.b. and d.
- (e) Details of reliefs will be arranged by C.O's concerned.
3. Dumps, Area Storos, Maps, etc., will be handed over to incoming troops.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. H. ...*  
Captain,  
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Acting Brigado Major, 13th. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
Issued through Signals at 6 p.m.

Extra copies to :-

15. Liaison Force.
16. 131st. American Regt.
17. " " " "
18. 142nd. Inf. Bde. Liaison.
19. 5th. Bde. R.H.A. Liaison.
20. 13th. Fld. Coy. A.E.
21. 13th. Aust. Fld. Ambce.
22. Bde. Transport Officer.
23. Bde. Nucleus.
24. 27th. A.A.S.C.

LOCATIONS.  
Sheet - 62D.

Advanced H.Q.

4th Aust. M.G.Bn.	P.11.b.2.2.
4th Aust. M.G.Coy.	Q.17.c.2.3.
12th " " "	R.19.c.central.
13th " " "	Q.21.d.central.
" " " "	P.24.b.8.2. (Intermediate H.Q.)
24th " " "	Q.9.central.

4th Aust. M.G.Bn.	
Forward Dump	P.12.a.4.6.

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	MORCOURT
12th " " "	Rear P.21.b.8.5.
	Adv. Q.21.d.
13th " " "	N.22.c.9.8.
4th Aust. Div.	O.5.c.6.8. (Chateau FOUILLOY)

"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C, 2121.  
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.				Sent		Service.	Date
				At	m.	From	
				To		By	
				By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO ~~49th, 51st, 34th, Bns. 50th, Bn. 13th.~~  
~~A.M.G. Coy. 13th. A.T.M.B. Liaison Force~~  
~~9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. 4th. Aust. Div. 13th. Fld.~~  
~~Coy. 13th. Fld. Coy. 13th. Fld. Amb. 131st.~~

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In Reply to Number.  
 B.141 16. 142 Inf. Bde. AAA

This office B.138 added 49 and 51st. Bns. is cancelled AAA 34th. Aust. Inf. Bn. will come under command 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. and relieve 49th. Bn. tonight 16th/17th. August AAA 49th. Bn. will move to bivouacs J.30.a. with H.Q. J.30.a.1.8. AAA Completion relief to be notified by wire AAA Bns acknowledge AAA Added 49th, 51st, and 34th. Bns. reptd 50th. Bn. 13th. Aust. M.G. Coy. 13th. L.T.M.B. Liaison Force, 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. 4th. Aust. Div. 13th. Fld. Coy. 13th. Fld. Amb. 131st. American Regt. 142nd. Inf. Bde.

From 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.  
 Place  
 Time 1.50 p.m.  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *Elhond*  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorized to sign. Captain.

\* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.  
 Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,0 0 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

~~49th Bn.~~      13 Aust. M.G. Coy. ~~54 Bn.~~  
~~50 Bn.~~      ~~15 Aust L T M B.~~  
~~51 Bn.~~      ~~Liaison Force.~~

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Following moves tonight AAA

50 Bn one coy to K.18 b by 10.30 p.m.

relieving 1 coy 51 Bn which will move

to K.34.b. AAA    2 coys 50 Bn to L 18 c

AAA    Addsd 50 & 51 Bns reptd 49 & 34 Bns

Liaison Force 13 L T M B    13 Aust M G Coy

13 Aust Inf Bde

4 45 p m

*Shaw*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Capt.



**SECRET**

To A Company.  
 B Company.  
 C Company.  
 D Company.  
 47th Div. G.  
 140th Inf. Bde.  
 13th Aust. M. G. Coy.  
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1. Reference 47th Div. G. 90/1/95 d/16.8.18, this Office G. 480 (addressed all coys.) , and P. M. G. 364 (addressed 13th Aust. M. G. Coy) of to-day's date :

- A. 140th Infantry Brigade are pushing out posts to the line of the road to-night without M. G. barrage.
- B. Arrangements for harassing fire made for 9 p.m. tonight and following nights are cancelled. No firing will take place tonight except by order of G. O. C. 140th Inf. Bde. or on S. O. S.
- C. G. C. C & D Coys. 47th M. G. Bn. will keep close touch with 140th Inf. Bde., who will inform them of zero hour and boundaries of advance.
- D. G. C. C & D Coys. will arrange for S. O. S. lines of guns laid on this area to lift 200 yds. to obtain safety clearance in event of posts being established on new line.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Capt. & Adj. G.  
 47th Machine Gun Battalion.

47TH BATTALION,  
 MACHINE GUN  
 CORPS

ERR.

SECRET.C. = 1/32.13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,  
17th. August, 1918.

O. C.

54th. Battalion.

1. At 3.0 a.m. tomorrow morning 18th. instant, if the weather conditions are favourable, gas projectors will be discharged by "Z" Special Coy., R.E. from vicinity of K.20.a. central into BRAY.
2. Target and danger zones are shown on attached map.
3. Although none of your troops are strictly speaking in the danger zone, yet they should be warned of the bombardment and be particularly alert for gas.
4. The following code words will be used in connection with the operation :-
 

Operation will take place	- HONOLULU.
Operation cancelled	- A. D.
Operation completed	- CLUB.
5. The Heavy and Field Artillery covering the Sector will put down a 3 minutes concentration on BRAY commencing 3 a.m.

*Wood*Acting Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTR. INFANTRY BRIGADE, Captain.

Copy to :-

50th. Battalion.  
 51st. Battalion.  
 15th. M.G. Coy. ✓  
 13th. A.L.T.M.B.

ERE.

G. 4/19.15th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,  
17th. August, 1918.O. C. *13th/116104*  
.....Battalion.

Following from Liaison Force :-

1. " Maps, G.H.Q., require as many specimens as possible of the optical instruments used by the Germans' Flash Spotting Sections. It is thought that a fair number of such instruments have been left behind by the Germans.
2. It is specially requested that all optical instruments found in O.Ps. (Church Towers, Trees, etcn,) be forwarded to L.F. Headquarters.
3. Plotting boards and other documents concerning German Artillery Ranging Sections ("Artillerie Mess Trupp") both Sound Ranging and Flash Spotting Sections, especially instructions ("Verschrift") for personnel, are badly needed.
4. Any of the above articles or documents found should be forwarded to this office in the first instance. Arrangements will be made by Liaison Force Headquarters to collect articles too bulky to send in the usual way. Every effort will be made to see that articles and documents sent in are returned to units which found them. "

*Maund*  
Captain.

A/Brigade Major, 15th. AUST. INF. BDE.

APPENDIX

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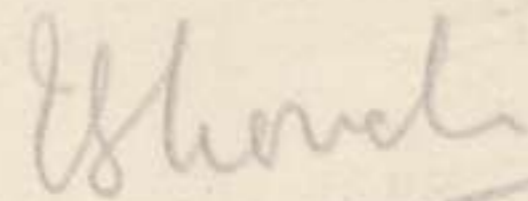
13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.G. 15/25.Headquarters,  
18th. August, 1918.O. C. 13<sup>th</sup> MG Coy  
..... Battalion.

Herewith | copies of Liaison Force Circular  
Memo No. 2 with reference to precautionary measures in case of  
enemy gas shelling; and the orders and suggestions contained  
therein will be strictly carried out.

The area at present occupied by the Brigade  
is particularly suitable for gas bombardments owing to the woods  
and gullies, but on account of the experience which all ranks  
have had of enemy gas during the last few days it should be  
impossible for him to effect a surprise.

If therefore the precautionary measures  
laid down are closely followed the gas casualties in the Brigade  
should be reduced to an absolute minimum.

In future when any casualty is reported  
from gas a detailed report will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters  
within 24 hours.



A/Brigade Major, 13th. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE. Captain.

D.R.R.

~~40th, 60th, 51st, 34th Bns, 13 H.Q. Coy.~~  
~~18th LMB.~~

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Previous instructions with regard to the relief tonight are cancelled AAA 34 Bn will remain in line and other units of Brigade will be relieved by corresponding units of 9 Aust. Inf. Bde. AAA 50 Bn will be relieved by 53 Bn as soon as possible and move to J.39.b. and d. AAA 51 Bn will move at 7 p.m. to J.50.a. AAA 13 LMB and 13 H.Q. Coy will move when relieved to locations which will be notified later AAA Detail orders later AAA Added 40th, 60th, 51st, 34th Bns, 13th H.Q. Coy 18th LMB.

18th. A.I. Bde.

8.10 p.m.

*Shaw*  
 Capt.

ERE.

SECRET.

Copy No. ....

13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 145.Brigade Headquarters,  
19th. August, 1918.Reference 1/40,000. 62D.

1. (a) The 13th. Brigade Group will move from SAILLY-le-SEC area to Reserve area "A" Division tonight rejoining 4th. AUST. DIVISION.
- (b) Dismounted personnel 13th. AUST. INF. BDE. will move by bus in accordance with table overleaf.
- (c) 13th. Field Company, 13th. Field Ambulance, 13th. Aust. M.G. Company, and 27th. A.A.S.C. are moving under orders of C.R.E., A.D.M.S., O.C. 4th. M.G. Battalion, and O. C. Train.
- (d) See below.
2. Units will move direct to embussing point as shown in attached diagram, after crossing River SOMME at times laid down in Move Table. *(not attached)*
3. Each Unit will detail an embussing officer who will report to Captain J.O. SMITH at J.29.c.8.3. at 6.30 p.m. bringing an embussing state with him.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. O. Smith*  
Captain.  
Acting Brigade Major, 13th. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Issued at 4.15 p.m.

Extra copies to :-

15. Liaison Force.
16. 27th. A.A.S.C.
17. Bde. Transport Officer.
18. Bde. Supply Officer.

1. (d) Transport will move by road under orders of Bde. Transport Officer crossing River SOMME at BOUZENCOURT at 6.30 p.m.

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

TABLE OF MOVES TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 145.

Date	Unit	Cross bridge over River SOMME at BOUZENCOURT.	Embus	Debus	March to Bivouacs at	Relieving.
19/8/18.	50th. Bn.	5. 50 p.m.	:As shown on :diagram attach- :od.	W. 11. a	X.28.b.4.5.	3rd. U.S. Bn.
do	51st. Bn.	5. 40 p.m.	do	do	X.22. <sup>d</sup> y.1.2.	1st. U.S. Bn.
do	49th. Bn.	6. 00 p.m.	do	do	W. 17. d.	2nd. U.S. Bn.
do	13th LTMB	6. 10 p.m.	do	dc	Being arranged.	-
do	13th. Bdo. H. Qrs.	6. 15 p.m.	do	do	W.18.d.7.4.	132nd. U.S. Regt.

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APPENDIX

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters,  
21st August 1918.

ALL UNITS OF DIVISION.

I, as Divisional Commander, wish to express to all ranks of the Fourth Australian Division my appreciation of their work during the period of our late successful offensive, 8th August, following days, and since.

The work of all arms was excellent and again enhances the fine fighting traditions of the Division.

To the work of the Staffs, of the Division, the Divisional Artillery, Infantry and Artillery Brigades, and of all units is due in great measure the success of the operation so successfully concluded.

This, when backed by such gallant and good tactical handling on the part of Officers and N.C.Os. and by the fine and gallant dash of all ranks, together with the initiative and resource displayed by such a large number of individuals and supported by excellent administrative arrangements, made the operation one of the most brilliant and successful accomplished by the Division since its arrival in France.

I much regret that the exigencies of the situation made it necessary for the 13th Brigade to be temporarily detached from the Division, but this Brigade carried out its role with complete success, and also in a manner worthy of its fine traditions.

The Artillery was handled with boldness and skill and their dash and initiative earned unstinted praise.

The S.A.A. Section D.A.C. and the Div. Train by bold and gallant action kept pace with the advance and enabled the services of Ammunition and Supply to be fully maintained under trying circumstances.

The Engineers and Pioneers carried out their duties gallantly and resourcefully and their work was excellent.

The Signal Service more than fully maintained their excellent record.

I have to thank all ranks of the Division for their devoted, gallant and unselfish work both during the operation, and since, in the Line.

To the Tank Corps, so closely associated with us, and to the Artillery, Heavy and Field, attached to us, we owe a debt of gratitude for their able assistance which it is impossible to over-rate.

*E.G. Sinclair MacLagan*

Major-General.  
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



Fourth Army No. G.S. 30Australian Corps.

I desire to express officially to all ranks of the Australian Corps my sincere appreciation of their splendid victory over the enemy on August 8th and the succeeding days.

The task that was allotted to them depended largely for its success on the element of surprise. The care that was taken prior to August 8th to camouflage the arrival of the Canadian Corps interfered to some extent with the Australian Corps' dispositions. In spite of this and other difficulties, the assembly of the Corps, the distribution of the tanks, and the disposition of a large force of heavy and field artillery, were accomplished by night without attracting attention.

From zero o-nwards everything went according to programme and without a hitch. It was no ordinary feat to win all the objectives allotted, to effect a penetration of 10 miles into the hostile position, and to reach the most distant objective half an hour before scheduled time.

The three points which I <sup>specially</sup> desire to eulogize are (1) the splendid gallantry and drive of the Infantry, (2) the thoroughness and precision of the Staff work of the Corps, Divisions and Brigades, and (3) the skill and rapidity with which the mobile artillery were brought forward in close support of the infantry for the attack of the more distant objectives.

I offer my heartiest congratulations and warm thanks to all ranks of the Australian Corps, though I feel that whatever words I may use all Australians realize that "Victory is her own reward". It was a splendid performance and as fine a feat of arms as any that even this War can produce.

(Sgd) H. RAWLINSON.

H.Q., Fourth Army,  
16th August 1918.GENERAL.  
Commanding Fourth Army.FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters,  
21st August 1918.ALL UNITS.

The Divisional Commander wishes the Army Commander's appreciation of the work of the Corps fully promulgated to all ranks of the Division.

*R. D. D. D.*Lieut.-Colonel.  
A.A. & Q.M.G.  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## 4TH AUST. M.G. BN. MOVE.

### - Bussing Orders -

4th Aust M.G. Bn.  
24th August, 1918

#### 1. MOVE.

The 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion  
will embus at W4C 8.2. at  
2.30 am. 25th Aug.

Head of column will be  
facing S.E. and busses  
apportioned for Battalion will be  
the last column in the Convoy.

#### 2. EMBUSSING OFFICERS.

(a) Lieut JOHNSON 13th Coy.  
will be embussing Officer for the  
Battalion.

(b) Each Coy. will detail one  
officer to assist with embussing of  
his respective Coy. They will  
report to Bn Embussing Officer who  
will be at head of M.G. Column at  
2.30 am. 1.30 am.

#### 3. ORDER.

Coys will tell off men in  
parties of 25 and will  
embus in the following order:-  
(1st Coy)

		2	Am. H.Q.
13th	M.G. Bn.	12th Coy.	
4th	Coys.	24th "	25
24th	"	4th "	11
12th	"	13th "	

An officer from each Coy should  
travel with each bus.

#### 4. RENDEZVOUS.

Coys will rendezvous at  
W10b 5050. and will be  
conducted to embussing point by guides  
who will be waiting at junction of  
Roads in W11 2 3015. at 1.30 am.

#### 5. NEUCLEUS.

Neucleus under the command  
of Lieut Richard 24th Coy will  
to rendezvous and rejoin their  
respective Companies by 1.30 am.

#### 6. DEBUSSING.

Battalion will debus at  
M 23C 3.2 under supervision  
of each Coy embussing Officer and  
reform whole Company.

Guides will meet respective  
Companies & conduct them to billets,  
at point of debussing.

#### 7. Strength.

Coy. embussing Officers will hand to  
Bn. Embussing Officer Strengths of Coys.  
Arthur A. Bowler Lieut

4TH AUST. M.G. BN. MOVE.

Bussing Orders -

4th Aust. M.G. Bn.  
24th August, 1918

1. MOVE.  
The 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion will meet combus at WAC 8.2. at 2.30 am. 25th Aug.  
Head of column will be facing S.E. and buses appertories for Battalion will be the last column in the Convoy.

2. EMBUSSING OFFICERS.  
(a) WATSON 13th Coy. Battalion  
will be Embussing Officer for the

(b) Each Coy. will detail one officer to assist with embussing of his respective Coy. other will report to Br Embussing Officer who will be at head of M.G. Column at 2.30 am. 1.30 am.

3. ORDER.  
Boys will take off men in parties of 2.5 and will embus in the following order:-  
(over)

#1	Aug. Bn.	Av. H.Q.
13th	Comp	12th Coy.
14th	"	24th "
24th	"	4th "
13th	"	13th "

All officers from each Coy should travel with each bus.

4. RENDER Coys will rendezvous at

5. NE

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