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Artillery Brigade

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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--- OPERATION ORDER No. 97. ---

- 4.55 Wd
- At 4.55 a.m. on the 27th August, 1918, a small operation will be carried out by the 11th Aust. Infantry Brigade, in conjunction with an attack to be carried out by the Division on our Left.
 - Barrage will be placed as follows:-

Start Line - A.28.a 3.4. to A.28.c.65.25.

Boundaries.

Northern - A.28.a.3.4. to A.24.c.20.65.

Southern - A.28.c.65.25 to A.30.a.50.45.

A Barrage - 18 pdrs on Start Line - 7th A.F.A. Bde.

B Barrage - (200 yards East) All Hows & 10pdrs of 251st Bde, R.F.A.

All open on their respective start lines at Zero and remain till Zero plus 20 minutes.

All advance at Zero plus 20 minutes (except 10-pdrs on B Barrage, who will wait for A Barrage to catch them up, and then move on with A), at rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes for first 500 yards, then 100 yards in 6 minutes to Final Protective Line.

Rate of Fire.

Protective Line - A.24.c.20.65. to A.30.a.0.3.

- 1 round p.g. p.m. for 20 minutes.
- 3 " " " " 500 yards.
- 1 " " " " after.

Cease Fire on arrival on Protective Barrage Line.

- HEAVY ARTLY. & FARGNY MILL
 Portion of FARGNY WOOD in A.29.a; only - zero to zero plus 20 minutes.
 Zero plus 20 mins to zero plus 60 mins - FARGNY MILL to CURLU & vicinity.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Headquarters.
26.8.1918.

W. A. Nicholls Major, R.A.
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

Issued at 10.30 pm. 26.8.18.

DISTRIBUTION : 3rd Aust. Divn. 'G'. - 7th & 8th A.F.A. Bdes. -
251st Bde. R.F.A. - 290th Bde. R.F.A.
10th & 11th Aust. Inf. Bdes. - B.M.R.A. -
S.C.R.A. - R.A. Sig. Offer., - R.O.R.A. -
Liaison Offer. H.A. - WAR DIARY - FILE.

Date -----26th August 1918

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7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 28.

1. At an hour and date to be notified later, 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade will barrage as under:-

START LINE is A.28.a.3.4. to A.28.c.65.25.
 Final Protector Line A.24.c.20.65. to A.30.a.0.3.
 Boundaries are a straight line joining A.28.a.3.4. to A.24.c.20.65' on north, and a straight line joining A.28.c.65.25. to A.30.a.0.3. on the south.
 Start line is divided as follows:-

27th Battery. - A.28.a.3.4. to A.28.c.46.85.
26th Battery. - A.28.a.46.85 to A.28.c.65.25.
25th Battery. - A.28.a.3.4. to A.28.c.65.25.

2. PROCEDURE.

(a) 18-pdr Batteries.
 Remain on START Line from ZERO to ZERO plus 20 mins.
 At ZERO plus 20 mins., advance towards Final Protective Barrage Line in lifts of 100 yards per 4 minutes for first 500 yards, then at the rate of 100 yards per 6 minutes until the range of 7,000 yards is reached when they will cease fire.

(b) 4.5" How. Battery.
 START Line for 107th How. Battery is 200 yards EAST of the line A.28.a.3.4. to A.28.c.65.25.

PROCEDURE.
 Remain on Howitzer Start Line from ZERO to ZERO plus 20 minutes then cease fire.

3. RATES OF FIRE.

18-pounders. - ZERO to ZERO plus 20 mins. 1 round p.g.p.m.
 ZERO ~~xxxxxx~~ plus 20 mins. to ZERO plus 40 mins. 3 rounds p.g.p.m.
 ZERO plus 40 mins. to finish - 1 round p.g.p.m.

4.5" Howitzers. - 1 round p.h.p.m.

4. AMMUNITION.

18-pounders - shrapnel as far as possible (50% graze)
4.5" Howitzers. - 101 fuses.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Lieutenant,
 Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

DISTRIBUTION.

25th Battery. 26th Battery.
 27th Battery 107th Battery.
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Date -----26th August 1918

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7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.OPERATION ORDER NO. 20.

1. At an hour and date to be notified later, 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade will barrage as under:-

START LINE is A.28.a.3.4. to A.28.c.65.25.

Final Protector Line A.24.c.20.65. to A.20.a.0.3.

Boundaries are a straight line joining A.28.a.3.4. to A.24.c.20.65 on north, and a straight line joining A.28.c.65.25. to A.20.a.0.3. on the south.

Start line is divided as follows:-

27th Battery. - A.28.a.3.4. to A.28.c.45.25.
 26th Battery. - A.28.c.45.25 to A.28.c.65.25.
 107th Battery. - A.28.a.3.4. to A.28.c.65.25.

2. PROCEDURE.

(a) 18-pdr Batteries.

Remain on START line from ZERO to ZERO plus 20 mins. At ZERO plus 20 mins., advance towards Final Protective Barrage Line in lifts of 100 yards per 4 minutes for first 500 yards, then at the rate of 100 yards per 5 minutes until the range of 7,000 yards is reached when they will cease fire.

(b) 4.5" How. Battery.

START Line for 107th How. Battery is 200 yards EAST of the line A.28.a.3.4. to A.28.c.65.25.

PROCEDURE.

Remain on Howitzer Start Line from ZERO to ZERO plus 20 minutes then cease fire.

3. RATES OF FIRE.

18-pounders. - ZERO to ZERO plus 20 mins. 1 round p.g.p.m.
 ZERO ~~xxxxxx~~ plus 20 mins. to ZERO plus 40 mins. 3 rounds p.g.p.m.
 ZERO plus 40 mins. to finish - 1 round p.g.p.m.

4.5" Howitzers. - 1 round p.h.p.m.

4. AMMUNITION.

18-pounders - Shrapnel as far as possible (50%graze)
4.5" Howitzers. - 101 fuses.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY FIRE.

Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

Lieutenant,

DISTRIBUTION.

26th Battery. 26th Battery.
 27th Battery 107th Battery.
 FILE. WAR DIARY.

Date -----26th August 1918

7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 28.

1. At an hour and date to be notified later, 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade will barrage as under:-

START LINE is A.28.a.3.4. to A.28.c.65.25.

Final Protector Line A.24.c.20.65. to A.30.a.0.3.

Boundaries are a straight line joining A.28.a.3.4. to A.24.c.20.65 on north, and a straight line joining A.28.c.65.25. to A.30.a.0.3. on the south.

Start line is divided as follows:-

27th Battery. - A.28.a.3.4. to A.28.c.46.85.
26th Battery. - A.28.a.46.85 to A.28.c.65.25.
25th Battery. - A.28.a.3.4. to A.28.c.65.25.

2. PROCEDURE.(a) 18-pdr Batteries.

Remain on START line from ZERO to ZERO plus 20 mins.

At ZERO plus 20 mins., advance towards Final Protective Barrage Line in lifts of 100 yards per 4 minutes for first 500 yards, then at the rate of 100 yards per 6 minutes until the range of 7,000 yards is reached when they will cease fire.

(b) 4.5" How. Battery.

START line for 107th How. Battery is 200 yards EAST of the line A.28.a.3.4. to A.28.c.65.25.

PROCEDURE.

Remain on Howitzer Start Line from ZERO to ZERO plus 20 minutes then cease fire.

3. RATES OF FIRE.

18-pounders. - ZERO to ZERO plus 20 mins. 1 round p.g.p.m.

ZERO ~~to ZERO~~ plus 20 mins. to ZERO plus 40 mins. 3 rounds p.g.p.m.

ZERO plus 40 mins. to finish - 1 round p.g.p.m.

4.5" Howitzers. - 1 round p.h.p.m.

4. AMMUNITION.

18-pounders - Shrapnel as far as possible (50% graze)

4.5" Howitzers. - 101 fuzes.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

[Signature]
 Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

Lieutenant, *[Signature]*

DISTRIBUTION.

25th Battery. 26th Battery.
 27th Battery 107th Battery.
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1. The advance will be continued at 4.55 a.m. on the 28th August, 1918. The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade intend to attack the enemy trench system in A.29.b. and 30.a.

Attack will take place under Artillery barrage. - Details of barrage herewith.

Artillery Start Line.

A.23.d.10.14. to FARGNY MILL (inclusive) A.29.d.10.82.

Protective Barrage:

- A.30.b.15. 55.
- ~~A.30.c.80.22.~~
- ~~A.30.c.87.73.~~
- ~~A.30.c.80.28.~~

Final Objective - Trench System.

- A.24.c.30.32.
- A.30.a.20.99.
- A.30.a.55.56.
- A.30.a.0.4.
- A.29.d.7.6.

Barrages.

Advancing "A" on start Line - 18 pdrs 251st Bde, R.F.A. and 8th A.F.A. Bde.

Advancing "B" (200 yards East of Start Line - All 4.5" Hows. Jumping "C" (Start Line) - 18 pdrs 7th A.F.A. Bde, and 250th Bde, R.F.A.

"A" and "B" open at Zero on the Start Line, and advance at Zero plus 10 minutes to Final Protective Barrage Line - Rate - 100 yards in 5 minutes.

"C" opens on start Line, remains till Zero plus 10 mins, then jumps to Trench System A.29.b.98.99 to A.29.d.65.60., waits for "A" and advances to Protective with it. at zero + 36

"B" finishes 200 yards East of the Protective Barrage Line and then jumps.

Rate of Fire.

During creeping barrage } 2 rds p.g. p.m. - 18 pdr (25% shrapnel (75% Direct Action) 2 " " " - 4.5" Hows - (106 Fuze).

Division of Zone.

251st Bde, R.G.A. Northern half with 250th Bde superimposed 8th A.F.A. Bde Southern " " 7th A.F.A. Bde "

Dividing Line.

Point where 80 contour cuts Start Line to A.30.cent.

Infantry Forming-Up-Line.-

At least 300 yards West of Artillery Start Line.

S.O.S. Line subsequent to operation will be arranged by G.O.C., 9th A.I. Bde.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

W.D. Richards

Headquarters.

28th August, 1918.

B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

Major, R.A.,

Issued at 8 p.m.

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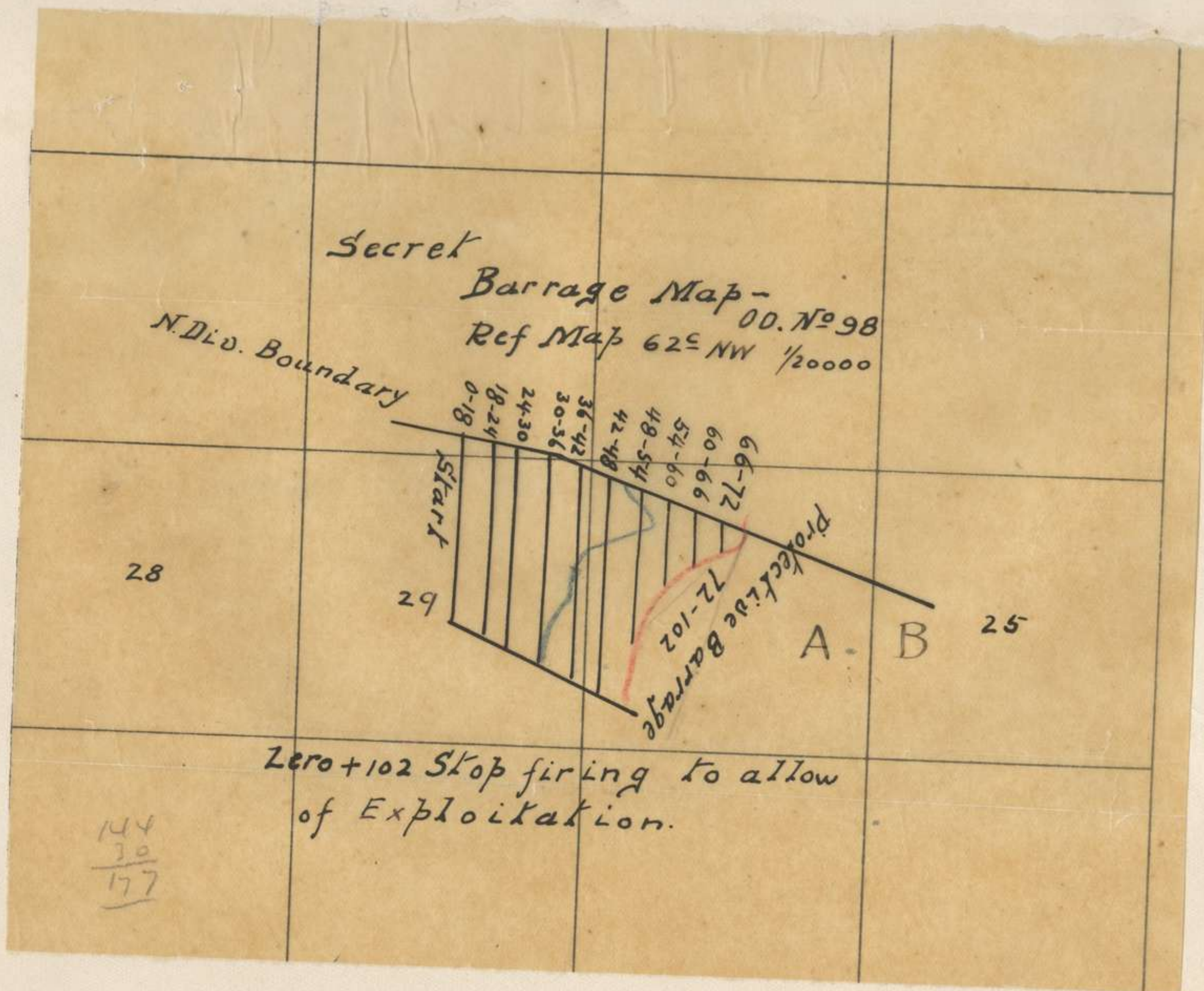
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Distribution:-

3rd Aust Div. G.
7th & 8th A.F.A. Bdes.
250th & 251st Bdes, R.G.A.
51st Bde, R.G.A.
9th, 10th & 11th A.I. Bdes.
3rd M.G. Btn.
B.M.; R.A.
S.C., R.A.
R.A. Sig. Ofcr.
R.O., R.A.
Liaison Ofcr, H.A.
War Diary.
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- 7th Bde
27/4/18
- 1 Ref DA 00.98
 - 2 7th Bde 18pdrs will carry out JUMPING Barrage "C"
 - 3 Boundaries 7th Bde
 NORTH A 29 B 1.4 to A 30 central
 SOUTH A 29 D 10 82 to A 30 C 6.0
Start line 7th Bde
 A 29 B 1.4 to A 29 D 10 82
 (107th 200 yds EAST)
Final Protective barrage line 7th Bde
 A 30 central to A 30 C 6.0
 - 4 Start line is divided equally between 25 + 26 with 27 superimposed
 25th SOUTH half 26th NORTH half
 Dividing line between 25 + 26 is a straight line between A 29 B 10 10 to A 30 C 8 55
 - 5 7th Bde 18pdrs lift off trench system at zero + 36 and advance to Protector at rate of 100 yds in 6 minutes
 - 6 107th as laid down for 'B' barrage
 - 7 All fire ceases at zero + 102
 - 8 Acknowledge by phone.
- M. S. King

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 From.....At.....m.
 By.....
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 By.....
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TO
 1 A F A Bde

* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 N130 27/41

Ref	0098	aaa	For
zero	plus	is	throughout
order	read	zero	plus
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FROM
 PLACE & TIME
 2nd Aust LIA Co

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TO
 7 A F A Bde

* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 N129 27

Ref	0098	add	1 round
per	gun	per	minute
on	protector		

FROM
 PLACE & TIME
 2nd Aust LIA Co

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Service Instructions		By.....	To.....
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TO		7th AFABde	
* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
N/132	27th		
Ref	0098	aaa	CANCEL
PROTECTIVE		BARRAGE	aaa
PROTECTIVE		BARRAGE	Should
read		A 308 15.55	to
A30C 6:0		aaa	Acknowledge
FROM	3rd Aust DAHQ		
PLACE & TIME	11:25pm		

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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To. 7th & 8th A.F.A.Bdes.
250th & 251st Bdes, R.F.A.

The following is an extract from communication received from Headquarters, Australian Corps, through 3rd Aust. Division:-

" The Germans in their retirement are handling their Field-guns with dexterity and boldness. They are leaving sections or single guns in copses or other favorable places as long as possible to cover the retirement of the Infantry and delay our advance.

We, in our advance, must act similarly by pushing forward sections, or single guns, to facilitate the advance of our Infantry as quickly as possible. Infantry Officers under whose orders these guns are acting must be prompt in issuing the necessary orders for their effective use.

At the same time subordinate Artillery Commanders must be prepared to act on their own initiative without awaiting orders, and should be encouraged to do so.

Risks in pushing forward single guns or sections in this manner are to be freely incurred. If guns are not kept well up they will not be available when most required, and under the present conditions of fighting opportunities for using Artillery to the best purpose quickly pass away.

All Divisions now have some Heavy Artillery at their disposal. Endeavours must be made to ensure the timely use of this Artillery. "

Forwarded for necessary action.

File

Headquarters.
28.8.1918.

W. D. Killick

Major, R.A.,
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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TELEGRAMS AND SIGNALS.

Prefix.....m.	Words.	Charge.	No. of Message.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions		This message is on file of:		Recd. at.....m.
		55		Date.....
Sent		Service.		From.....
At.....m.				By.....
To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		
By.....				

TO { all batteries

Sender's Number. * M/106	Day of Month. 28	In reply to Number.	AAA
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18 pdr 505. line will be
 as follows aaa 27th Bty
 B. 9021 to B2506510
 26th Bty B2506510 to B2508500
 aaa 25th Bty B2508500 to
 H 101510 aaa 107th Bty
 superimposed 200 yds E over
 while zone aaa
 No shooting will take place
 on H 101510 and H 701510 until
 further orders

From	Muler
Place	
Time	7.15 p.m.

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (7981) Wt. W492/M1647 130,000 Pads 5/17 D. D. & L. E1187



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		Sent				Date.....
		At.....m.				From.....
		To.....				By.....

TO { ~~7th Aust A.F.A. Bde.~~
~~250th & 251st Bde, R.F.A.~~
~~51st Bde, R.G.A.~~

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
N.157.	29th		

Following from H.Q. 3rd Aust Div. timed
 1.5 p.m. aaa Begins aaa Inter-Brigade
 boundary will be B.30.d. top corner of
 letter B down to 29.d. central, from there
 along trenches into COPSE 5, from COPSE 5
 straight across to trench junction in
 4.b.central thence to East corner of
 HOWITZER WOOD, from there to South corner
 of HEM WOOD, thence ^{to} N.W. corner QUARRY
 FARM cross roads to link up with present
 boundary at SUMMIT COPSE. aaa ends.

From	3rd Aust D.A.H.Q.
Place	
Time	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)	
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name
	Lieut.

*Phonograph
 to H.Q.
 13.55a*

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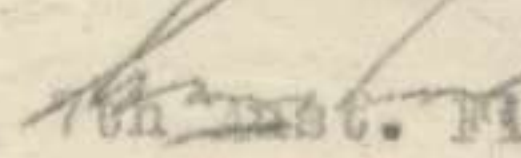
7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.
29th August, 1918.

To
Headquarters,
3rd Aust. Div. Arty.

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Some impressions of to-day's advance.

1. The order of march was two Infantry Brigades each supported by an Artillery Brigade.
The front of the Brigade that I supported was only that of a Battalion.
Therefore, one Artillery Brigade should be sufficient to break down the resistance of a rearguard such as has been opposite to us to-day.
What really happened was, that three and possibly all four Artillery Brigades advanced simultaneously and all went into one square or nearly so.
My idea is that the two supporting Artillery Brigades should be in action forward before the reserve Brigades move. The Reserve Brigades then move up to positions in rear of supporting Brigades.
The roads were crowded with vehicles moving both ways, but
2. luckily the enemy did not shell them.
2. During the advances of the last three or four days while the Infantry were exploiting, I have found my hands tied because there is nothing definite known as to the movements of our Infantry. Our guns in consequence have not been used as they might have been.
Could the Infantry not go forward in "bounds", each bound to be of some known distance which might be reached at some stated time. By this means the Artillery, exclusive of the detached sections, could feel themselves safe to fire at targets seen beyond the limits of any particular bound. Further, such a system will give the F.A. Brigade Commanders a better opportunity of making preliminary arrangements to advance his Batteries so as to maintain their range.
3. To-day, a section was pushed forward to co-operate with Battalion, but it's action was abortive. The Section Commander duly reported to Battalion Commander and remained with him but was not asked to engage any targets. The Section Commander imagined that he need not come into action until called upon by Battalion Commander and so, remained inactive.
It is hoped that better results will be obtained to-morrow as Section Commanders are now instructed to report to Battalion Commander for orders, failing which they will act on their own initiative by engaging any targets they find themselves.

Commanding,  Lieut-Colonel,
7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.



T.C.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 88A.

The G.O.C. desires that C.Os. will bring to the notice of all Ranks the following points in connection with the Operations now in progress:-

1. We have at last got the Boche on the move on a big scale. By maintaining the pressure we expect to increase the pace and extent of the enemy's retreat.
2. We are gaining more in a day than we originally took in a month. Once the enemy has time to settle down and reorganise, it will cost us time and casualties to retake the ground we require.
3. The Boches are bad losers. Once they realise that we intend to maintain our pressure, the effect will be equal to an immediate reinforcement for us.
4. The present battle calls for endurance to the extent so cheerfully given on GALLIPOLI by all Ranks. To endure to the end with the advance of the Australian Corps on the SOMME in 1918 will rank as an achievement second to none in our Military History.

29th August, 1918.

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.

DISTRIBUTION (Down to Battys. & Coys.).

A.Q.
G.R.A.
C.B.E.
Div. Signal Coy.
9th Aust. Inf. Bde.
10th -do-
11th -do-
3rd Aust. M.G. Bn.
3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
A.D.M.S.
3rd Aust. Div. Train.
4th Squadron Light Horse Regt.
A.P.M.
D.A.D.V.S.
D.A.B.O.S.
Div. Salvage Coy.
Camp Commandant.
3rd Aust. M.T. Coy.



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7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade
30th August, 1918.

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To
Battery Commanders,

The Brigade front is at present along grid
line from G.26.c.00.00. to I.8.a.00.40.

South Boundary Line is along CANAL DU BORD

North Boundary Line is G.26.c.00.00. to
G.26.central to G.21.central to G.16.central

No firing is to be done on I squares until
further notice except by special request from the Infantry.

Lanes for C.P. are as follows:-

- | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 25th Battery | G.26.c.00.00. to I.2.a.00.20. |
| 26th Battery | I.2.a.00.20. to I.2.c.00.40. |
| 27th Battery | I.2.c.00.40. to I.8.a.00.40. |
| 107th Battery | "B" Barrage over 18-pdr zone. |

K D Watson

Lieutenant,
Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

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7th AUST FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE ORDER M.119.
31st AUGUST? 1918.

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18-Pounder start line for C.P. tonight will be a line 300 yards East
of the Road through C.26.d., I.2.b., and I.3.c., divided as follows.

A. Battery	C.27.a.15.00., to C.27.c.4.2.
B. Battery	C.27.c.4.2., to I.3.a.55.20.
C. Battery	I.3.a.55.20. to I.3.c.75.30.
D. Battery	Superimposed 200 yards East of 18-Pounder line.

(Signed R.A.MONEY, Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, 7th Aust. F.A.BRIGADE.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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Service Instructions			By.....		

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TO

A B C D

* Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

Enemy held trench system in
 B25 B and D and H1 B and D area
 Our posts approximately on North and
 South grid line through B25 central
 and H1 central area
 7th Bde will harass trench
 system in H1 B + D area 25th
 H1 D 26th H1 B 27th H7 B
 area 107th will be given attention
 will be paid to high ground in
 H2 area

FROM
PLACE & TIME

225P 7th Bde

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Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions			By.....		

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO

26th

* Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

Our Vanguard infantry are in trench
 H5C 3.2 area
 Harass valley in H6A and
 B30C intermittently up to
 6pm area 40 rounds area

FROM
PLACE & TIME

450P 7th Bde

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Service Instructions

By

Handed in at Office m. Received m.

TO B and C

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number.	AAA
<u>R 36</u>	<u>29 18</u>		<u>AAA</u>

hours as follows from
 6 30 PM to 7 PM AM
 100 rds per battery HBA
 26^d ~~CODE~~ alley EAST of
 H5 central HBA 27^d battery
 valley in HBA and B 30 C

FROM Group 7th Div
 PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (12201.) W528/M1970. 25,000 Pads. 10/5/17. P. & C. Ltd., B. (E 1213).

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Service Instructions			To.....
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From noon to 12 30 pm you
 will maintain standing barrage
 with barrage line divided as
 follows with 25th battery C 27075
 to 13 A 8570 with 26th battery
 13 A 8570 to 13 B 00 AAA
 27th Superior and AAA one
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"A" SUB GROUP ARTILLERY.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6-0a.m. 1-8-18 to 6-0p.m. 1-8-18.

OUR FIRE. 18 Pounders.

During the day 85 rounds on areas invisible from O.Ps. including trenches in P.16.d., strong point, P.17. cent. P.18.b.7.9., Q. 13b.05.82. and Q.13.a.75.35.

4-0p.m to
5-0p.m.

130 rounds on registration and calibration.

4.5 Hows.

2-30p.m.

60, BX on P.17.c.8.8., suspected Machine Gun emplacement.

4-0p.m.

Dugouts at P.18.central. 13 rounds fired. This shoot was being conducted by balloon observation, but was interrupted by an unfortunate accident.

HOSTILE FIRE. Enemy artillery showed a considerable increase in activity during the day. Fire was mostly of a harassing nature and well scattered, over our forward areas. At 7-0a.m. SAILLY-LE-SEC was harassed with 80 rounds 77mm, whilst J.35.c. also received considerable attention.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No of rounds	Calibre.	Direction. All bearings from P.19.a.4.7.
7-15a.m.	FUILLOY	15	4.2	T.B92
8-45a.m.	O.11.	10	4.2	T.B. 92.
8-50a.m.	P.19.	20	4.2	RAT WOOD.
10-45a.m.	O.17.	10	5.9	T.B. 87.
11-0 a.m.	O.12.d.	10	5.9	LA MOTTE.
11-38a.m.	O.18.b.	15	5.9 HE	HAZEL WOOD.
12-25p.m.	Front line & supports opposite VAIRE WOOD.	30	4.2	T.B. 110.
1-0 p.m.	P.19.a.	20	5.9	T.B. 87
1-45p.m.	P.26.	25	77mm	CERISY.
2-50p.m.	O.17.	15	5.9	T.B. 95.
3-0p.m.	P.19.	10	77mm	T.B. 110.
3-15p.m.	P.13 and P.19.	30	4.2	T.B. 110.
3-55p.m.	VAIRE WOOD.	15	4.2	T.B. 110.
4-25p.m.	O.18.	10	5.9	T. B. 95.
5-30p.m.	Road in O.18.b.	5	5.9	HAMILTON WOOD.

PROBABLE REGISTRATION. From 12-15 to 1-40p.m. a 5.9 gun firing from a T.B. of 130 deg. from J.27.b.65.25. was registered on the Windmill in J.27.a., about 25 rounds fired.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. No change. More artillery activity on forward areas.

AIRCRAFT. Aerial Activity during the morning was low owing to thick ground haze.

9-20a.m. One of our reconnaissance planes dropped four bombs on WARFUSEE.

4-30p.m. Two Fokker Scouts crossed our line at a high altitude over VILLERS -BRETTONEUX, then turning Northwards, succeeded in bringing down four of our balloons in flames between DAUORS and FRANVILLERS. One of these Scouts returning over CORBIE was hit by A.A. fire and later his tail was set alight by one of our R.E.8's. but he finally managed to reach his own lines.

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OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

- 8-0a.m. Enemy transport was observed moving along the main road in Q.25. towards La MOTTE.
- 12-45p.m. A party of five of the enemy doubled from the corner of TAILLOUX WOOD towards WARFUSEE.
- 3-0p.m. Three men entered a dugout at approx. P.29.b.3.8.

VISIBILITY. Poor during morning, becoming good in the afternoon.

Red. Money

Lieutenant,

O.O., 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

Time	Locality	No of rounds	Calibre	Remarks
7-15a.m.	WILSON	15	4.2	
8-15a.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
9-15a.m.	WILSON	20	4.2	
10-15a.m.	WILSON	15	4.2	
11-0a.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
11-30a.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
12-30a.m.	Front line & supports	20	4.2	
1-0p.m.	Opposite VAINO WOOD	20	4.2	
1-45p.m.	WILSON	15	4.2	
2-30p.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
3-15p.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
4-15p.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
5-15p.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
6-15p.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
7-15p.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
8-15p.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
9-15p.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
10-15p.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
11-15p.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
12-15p.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
1-15a.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
2-15a.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
3-15a.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
4-15a.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
5-15a.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
6-15a.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
7-15a.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
8-15a.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
9-15a.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
10-15a.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
11-15a.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	
12-15a.m.	O.I.I.	15	4.2	

ENEMY REGISTRATION. From 11-15 to 1-15p.m. a 4.2 gun firing from a P.O. on the hill from 11-15 to 1-15p.m. was registered on the summit at 11-15p.m., about 25 rounds fired.

ENEMY ACTIVITIES. No change. More artillery activity on forward cross.

ALBANY. Aerial activity during the morning was few owing to thick ground haze. One of our reconnaissance planes dropped four bombs on WARFUSEE. Two Foster Scouts crossed our line at a high altitude over VAINO - BRITAIN, then turning towards the east, succeeded in bringing down four of our balloons in flames between DAWSON and BRITAIN. One of these Scouts returning over WARFUSEE was hit by A.A. fire and later his fall was not sighted by one of our A.A.'s. It is likely changed to reach his own lines.

P.F.S.

COPY.

Wire to 3rd D. A. H. Q.

H.241 1-8-18.

- A. From 9-5p.m. to midnight our 18 Pounders fired 230 rounds, general harassing fire on enemy approaches, C.T.'s. trenches and roads.

From 3-30 to 5-0a.m., 150 rounds fired harassing fire on unobserved areas and Battery positions.

Our 4.5 Hows fired 40 rounds harassing fire between 9-10p.m. and 10-0p.m. and 50 rounds between 3-30a.m. and 5-0a.m. on enemy dugouts, Railways and suspected Headquarters.

Between 11-14 and 11-20p.m., 96 BNC on area 36 as per instructions.

- B. Enemy artillery showed decrease for the period. From 8-0p.m. to 9-0p.m. 25 rounds 5.9 fell in WELLCOME WOOD AND at 9-45 p.m. enemy lightly shelled our F.L. system and supports. Throughout the night our F.L. system in J.35 and 36 lightly shelled with 77mms and 412s.

At about 10-30p.m. 30 rounds 4.2 fell in the vicinity of these Headquarters.

- C. Nil.

- D. Normal for the period.

- F. During the night, much aerial activity. E.A. dropped bombs on back areas and CORBIE.

No movement to report on account of heavy ground ~~haze~~ mist.
Visibility - bad.

8-10a.m.

FUGU.

From 6-0a.m. 2-8-18 to 6-0p.m. 2-8-18.
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OUR FIRE. 18 Pounders.

During the day on areas not under observation, 85 rds were fired.

2-0p.m. 35 rounds on registration and at 2-40p.m., movement at Q.25.c.30.70. was dispersed, 15 rounds being expended.

4.5 Hows.

1-15p.m. 18 BX on movement in P.23.b. and P.18.a,5.3. This was dispersed and one known casualty caused.

1-30p.m. 26 BX on suspected O.P. at P.18.c.4.5. Timber and iron were blown into the air.

3-0p.m. 55 rounds BX on unobserved areas, with special attention to the sunken road in P.17.c.

HOSTILE FIRE. Enemy artillery during the day was quiet, his shooting being confined to light and scattered harassing fire, over our forward areas.

Time	Locality shelled.	No. of rounds.	Calibre.	Direction.
6-30a.m.	Back areas.	10	Railway Gun.	TB129 - P.19a.4.7
10-15a.m.	O.24.	20	4.2	TB 95 - do
10-30a.m.	O.24.c.	20	77mm	TB102 - do
11-0a.m.	Road in O.11a & b	15	4.2 H E.	WARFUSEE
12-30p.m.	P.21 and P.27.	90	15cm	TB 85- do
1-45p.m.	P.14.c.	20	77mm	TB110 do
2-0p.m.	P.15.d.	12	4.2	Q.35.
3-10p.m.	P.10 central	15	4.2	CERISY.
3-15p.m.	VAIRE WOOD.	100	77 & 4.2	WARFUSEE VALLEY
3-45p.m.	O.24.d.	20	77mm	TB111-P.19a4.7
4-25p.m.	P.13.d.	20	5.9	TB 85 do
5-0p.m.	O.11 a and b	15	4.2	CERISY.

HOSTILE BATTERIES. 8-30a.m. a Railway Gun fired from a true flash bearing of 167 deg. from J.2K7.b.65.25. This was reported to Heavies.

REGISTRATION. 4-25p.m. a 77mm Battery firing from approx. Q.14 central, registered two guns on the windmill in J.27.a; about 25 rounds fired.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery less active probably owing to bad weather.

AIRCRAFT. Aircraft on both sides were inactive owing to unfavourable weather.

MOVEMENT OF THE ENEMY. 12-25p.m. one man was seen to leave the suspected O.P. at P.18.c.4.5. Between 1-15 and 1-40p. individual movement was observed between WARFUSEE and the corner of TAILLOUX WOOD. Again considerable movement around Quarry in K.21.c.83. was noticeable during the day. At 4-25p.m. a train was observed at TB 93 deg. from P.19.a.4.7.

VISIBILITY Bad during most of day; fair between 3-0 and 4-30p.m.

Red Money
 Lieutenant,
 O.O. 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

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Wire to 3rd D. A. H. Q.
-----M./50. 2-8-18.

- A. During darkness 18 Pounders fired 450 rounds on enemy dump approaches, trenches and centres of activity opposite group front, general harassing fire. Between 4 and 6-0a.m., 150 rounds on dead ground and 30 rounds at request from Infantry on W.Ps. at Q.7.a. central and Q.20.a.4.8. 4.5 Hows fired 20 rounds ~~in~~ in answer to an N.F. call on P.30.a.5.7. During night 160 rounds general harassing fire on enemy battery areas and dugouts and 24 rounds on centres of activity in P.23.b.
- B. Enemy artillery again showed considerable activity during night especially from 10-0 to 11-0p.m. when our F.L. and Supports between HAMEL and SAILLY-LE-SEC were heavily shelled at intervals. Saily-le-Sec also received particular attention from 5.9's, whilst other areas lightly harassed were HAMEL, VAIRE WOOD, J.28, J.35.c., P.5, P.10.a., P.11.a., O.17.c., and O.8.a. and b.
At 4-30a.m. 20 rounds 77mm Gas (Blue Cross) fell in J.27.b
- C. Nil.
- D. Very nervous and alert - still seems to expect an attack
- F. 7-40p.m. 6 E.A. over our ~~a~~ lines, only driven off by A.A. after reaching AUBIGNY. Enemy Aircraft very active especially at night, with bombing planes.
5-40a.m. enemy dump blown up at T.B. 43 deg. from O.18.b.60.15
10-0p.m. Searchlight from behind HAMILTON WOOD.

7th F. A. Brigade.

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"A" SUB GROUP ARTILLERY.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.APPENDIX
62From 6-0a.m. 3-8-18. to 6-0p.m. 3-8-18.
-----OUR FIRE.18-Pounders.

12-45p.m.

25 rounds on a small party of the enemy walking along the road in P.29.a. This was dispersed and they disappeared into a trench.

2-30p.m.

10 rounds on individual movement around P.17 central. During the day 50 rounds on enemy roads, trenches, works and centres of activity invisible from O.P.

4.5 Hows.

2-0p.m.

20 rounds on an active battery in P.24.b. central. The battery was silenced after the first few rounds.

3-30p.m.

25, BX on suspected O.P. at P.18.c.4.8. Three direct hits were obtained.

HOSTILE FIRE.

During the day, enemy artillery was quieter than usual. No heavy shoots took place and our back areas were left alone. Light harassing fire took place on the following areas.

O.18.a. and b., P.11.a., P.14.a., P.19.a. and c., P.20.b., VAIRE WOOD, HAMEL, and SAILLY-LE-SEC, all with 77mm and 4.2 H.E.. At 2-45p.m. our 26th Battery in O.18.a. were lightly shelled by a 5.9 How. firing from T.B. 97 from P.19.a.5.5. only about 20 rounds were fired. And at 3-0p.m. about 30 rounds 5.9 fell in P.20.b.

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Quiet and less alert.

AIRCRAFT.

7-15 a.m., three enemy planes crossed out line but were driven off by A.A. fire. E.A. were inactive during the rest of the day. Between 2-0p.m. and 4-0p.m. our machines dropped ten (10) bombs on TAILLOUX and ACCROCHE WOODS.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

1-40p.m. one hun doubled from TAILLOUX WOOD towards WARFUSEE. 1-55p.m. a train was observed moving through Q.25. South of the main WARFUSEE Road. 2-0p.m. a stationary train consisting of about 20 loaded trucks was seen in R.31.c.; considerable movement of men and motor transport was also seen at the same spot: Heavy Artillery were informed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 2-45p.m. a white flag was observed flying in Q.26.a. where a man could be seen cutting hay.

VISIBILITY.

Low during morning, improving later.

*R. H. Honey*Lieutenant,
O.O., 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

C O P Y.

WIRE TO 3rd D.A.H.Q.

H.251. 3-8-18.

- A. From 9-Op.m. to midnight 18-pounders fired 220 rounds on enemy approaches, trenches and centres of activity opposite Group front.
3-30 to 5-0a.m. 150 rounds on unobserved areas.
4.5 Hows, during the night fired 120 rounds harassing fire on enemy battery areas M.G's. and dugouts.
- B. Enemy artillery during the period was quiet, only light harassing fire being scattered over our forward area and an occasional round into the back areas.
- C. Nil.
- D. Less ~~of~~ active owing to bad weather.
- F. 8-Op.m. Smoke from train seen TB. 175 from Brigade O.P., going in Southerly direction.
Aircraft nil.
Visibility indifferent.

From. 7th Brigade.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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From 6-0a.m. 4-8-18 to 6-0p.m. 4-8-18.

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OUR FIRE. 1820unders.

During the day 50 rounds were fired on areas invisible from O.P's including the following P.18.79, road in Q.13.a. P.18.c.65.35, and track in Q.14.b. whilst 225 rounds were expended on calibration and registrations.

4.5 Hows.

3-0 to 40 rounds on calibration.
6-0p.m.

HOSTILE FIRE. Enemy artillery was abnormally quiet during the day, only one shoot from 77mm guns was reported at 12-30p.m. on O.18.d. when about 25 rounds were fired. H.V. guns on the other hand showed considerable activity, even on our forward areas and from 10-30a.m. to 4-15 p.m. approx. 200 rounds from a 4.2 H.V. gun fell around our battery areas in O.17 and O.18. from a sound bearing of 85 deg from P.19.a.40.70. Other areas lightly harassed during the day by 4.2 and 5.9's were J.27.a, P.19.a. P.20.b., P.13.c. O.12., O.17 and 18. and O.23., whilst VAIRE WOOD received the usual attention.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quieter than usual, practically no activity from field guns.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy aircraft were more active than usual during the early morning and between 8-45a.m. and 9-30a.m. seven hostile planes crossed our lines flying at a great height towards AMIENS & they were engaged by A.A. batteries, but no apparent results were obtained. Enemy balloons were up at the following T.B's, from P.19.a.40.70. 63, 92, 138, 151, 156, 160 and 165 during the early hours of the morning.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. 10-0a.m. three men were observed walking from the corner of TAILLOUX WOOD towards P.18. central. Continuous movement was again noticed throughout the day in the Quarry, in K.31.d.

MISCELLANEOUS. A gun flash was observed at T.B. 147 from J.27.b.65.25

VISIBILITY. Good.

R. S. Money
Lieutenant,
C.O., 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

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WIRE TO 3rd D. A. H. Q.

H.257.

4-8-18.

- A. Harassing fire during the period on enemy tracks, roads, approaches and trenches, battery positions, machine guns, dugouts and O.Ps. Areas 39 and 40 were gassed as per instruction. 500 A. 200 BX expended.
- B. During the period, enemy artillery activity normal, light harassing fire only being reported on the following areas. O.18 a. b and c., O.22.c., P.11.a. VAIRE WOOD, SAILLY-LE-SEC, and P. 20.b. - 77mms and 4.2s.
- C. Nil.
- D. Quiet.
- F. Much individual movement observed in P. 23.a. Was fired on by 18-Pounders and dispersed. Aircraft inactive. Visibility low.

7th A. F. A. Brigade.

"A" SUB GROUP ARTILLERY.

GAS BOMBARDMENT.

For period ending noon 4-8-18.

Unit	Time	Date	Wind Dir M.P.H.	Weather conditions	No of guns, No of rounds. Nature.	Target	Method.
107th	11.15 p.m.	3rd.	Slight and Southerly	Misty	6 guns, 48 BNC.	Area 39	G.F.
do	11.18 p.m.	3rd.	do	do	6 guns, 40 BNC. 8 BCG.	Area 39.	G.F.

K.W. Watson
Adjutant, "A" Sub Group Artillery.

Lieutenant,

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"A" SUB GROUP ARTILLERY.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 6-0a.m. 5-8-18. to 6-0p.m. 5-8-18.

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OUR FIRE. 18-Pounders.

During the day 100 rounds were expended on unobserved areas opposite the Group front, including the following targets, Q.13.a.c5.82., P.18.central and P.18.b.7.9. 108 rounds were expended on calibration of P.29.a.90.65

1-0p.m to
3-0p.m.

4.5 Hows.

11-0a.m.
3-0p.m.

10 rounds in dispersing movement at P.17.c.4.2
60 rounds on suspected O.P. at P.18.a.10.60., several hits being obtained.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Enemy artillery showed slight activity during the morning, between 7-0 and 11-0a.m. but for the rest of the day was unusually quiet. H.V. guns, however, were very active, even on our forward areas, particular attention being paid to the flat in O.10.a. At 7-0a.m. the road between VAIRE and HAMLETT was lightly shelled with 5.9's, direction of FORBES WOOD. From 7-0a.m. to 8-0 a.m. our front line and supports in the vicinity of HAMEL, received attention with about 50 rounds 4.2 H.E., whilst at 8-10a.m. 75 rounds 4.2 H.E. and Gas fell near WELLCOME WOOD, from direction of MALARD WOOD. Other areas lightly harassed during the day with 77mm and 4.2's were, VAIRE WOOD, HAMEL WOOD, P.16.a., P.25.a and b. and O.18.a., b., and c.

HOSTILE BATTERY. At 4-15p.m. a heavy H.V. gun was shelling back areas T.B. 123 deg. from P.19I a.4.7. about ten rounds fired.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Continued very quiet, except for increased use of H.V. guns.

AIRCRAFT.

At 9-5a.m. three enemy planes attempted to cross our line in the vicinity of VAIRE WOOD but were driven back by A.A. fire. During the rest of the day low clouds and showers made flying impossible.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. 9-30a.m. a G.S. wagon proceeding in direction of LA MOTTE was observed on the main road in Q.26.

11-40a.m. Considerable movement was noticed in the quarry in K.31.c. of men and transport.

11-30 to 12 noon. Much individual movement took place in the vicinity of TAILLOUX WOOD. This was engaged on several occasions by our artillery.

12-15p.m. A wagon and two men were observed on the road in Q18 c. moving in an EASTERLY direction

2-30p.m. A man was seen to crawl from suspected O.P. at P.18.a. 10.60.

VISIBILITY. Fair except when obscured by passing clouds.

Rep. Money
Lieutenant,
O.C., 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

C O P Y.

WIRE TO 3rd AUST. D. A. H. Q.

M.54

5-8-18.

- A. 18-pounders fired 259 rounds during the night on general harassing fire, on enemy roads, approaches, trenches and centres of activity and 150 rounds of the daily allotment on unobserved areas, between 3-30 and 5-0a.m.
4.5 Hows fired 144 rounds BNC, BCG, and BCBR on P.17.a. between 11-5 and 11-15p.m.; also 50 rounds during night on active hostile batteries
- B. Enemy artillery was again extremely quiet. Fire during the night was of a very scattered nature with a noticeable absence of 77mm fire. About 10-30p.m. a light area strafe of 4.2 H.E. was placed on our front line and supports in front of HAMEL, and at 1-50a.m. 20 rounds 77mm fell on front line in P.11a. and P.5.c. Other areas receiving attention from 4.2 and 5.9s. were HAMEL, P.10.c. O.12.b. O.18.a., O.18.c and d. and VAIRE WOOD.
- C. Nil.
- D. Quieter than usual.
- F. Visibility low.

7th Aust. F. A. Brigade.

GAS BOMBARDMENT.

"A" SUB GROUP ARTILLERY.

For period ending noon - 5-8-18.

Unit	Time	Date	Wind.		Weather conditions.	No of guns, No of rounds. Nature.		Target.	Method.
			Dir.	M.P.H.					
107th.	11.5 pm.	4th.	S.W.	3	Misty.	6 guns,	24 BNC 24 BCBR.	Area 35	G.F.
do	11.11 pm	4th.	S.W.	3	Misty.	6 guns,	24 BNC 24 BCBR	Area 35.	G.F.
do	11.13 pm.	4th	S.W.	3.	Misty.	6 guns.	48 BCG	Area 35.	G.F.

L. Watson
 Adjutant, "A" Sub Group Artillery. Lieutenant,

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WIRE TO 3rd AUST. D. A. H. Q.

H.270.

6-8-18.

- A. 300 rounds fired by 18-pounders harassing enemy roads, tracks communication trenches, trenches and centres of activity opposite the Group front.
4.5 Hows fired 80 harassing hostile battery positions active machine guns, dugouts, suspected Headquarters and trenches.
- B. Enemy artillery very quiet. Only scattered fire over areas Q.18.a and b. P.20.b. and Q. 12.c. From 4.45 to 6-0a.m. a light strafe on Q.18. with 77, 4.2s and 5.9s. was reported. Yellow Cross gas mixed with HE. was used.
- C. Nil.
- D. Quiet.
- F. 6-0a.m. a G.S. wagon observed on road in Q.18.c. going EAST. Much individual movement was observed about TAILLOUX WOOD. Our aircraft active during the morning. Visibility fair.

7th Aust. F. A. Brigade.

"A" SUB GROUP ARTILLERY.TASK TABLE No.20.

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Reference.- Tracing of Harassing Fire Targets, 1/20,000,
Sheet 62 D., issued with Task Table No. 3.

1. GROUP CONCENTRATIONS.

Time.	Target.	Shell.	Rate.	Battery.
1-5 to 1-7 a.m.	Area. P.17.c.06.09 P.17.c.35.20 P.23.a.40.60 P.23.a.20.45	Hows. BX. 18-Pdrs AX.	3 rds p.h.p.m. 3 rds p.g.p.m.	107th. (25th, (26th, (27th.
2-15 to 2-17 p.m.	34.	Hows. BX 18-Pdrs AX	3 rds p.h.p.m 3 rds p.g.p.m	107th (25th, (26th, (27th.

In each case 18-Pounders will start 15 seconds after 4.5 Hows.

2. HARASSING FIRE. Harassing fire up to extreme range and not closer than 400 yards EAST of S.O.S. Lines. Bursts of ten (10) rounds per Battery, will be fired at the following times, and will be distributed over the whole Brigade Sector.-

Battery.	Times.
25th Battery -	10-0, 10-5, 10-20, 10-25, 10-30 and 10-35p.m.
26th Battery -	10-35, 10-40, 10-45, 10-50, 10-55 and 11-0p.m.
107th Battery -	2-0, 2-5, 2-20, and 2-30a.m.
27th Battery -	2-20, 2-25, 2-35, 2-40, 2-55 and 3-0a.m.

3. In addition to the above, Batteries will fire 50 rounds harassing fire between 3-30 and 5-0a.m. and will be taken out of the 100 rounds daily allotment to be fired on unobserved areas.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

K. D. Watson Lieutenant,
Adjutant, "A" Sub Group Artillery..

Distribution.-

Right Group,
25th Battery,
26th Battery,
27th Battery,
107th Battery,
FILE.
WAR DIARY.

- 11-8-18. Our fire, 50 rounds 18-pdr and 20 rounds 4.5" How on Registrations. - Hostile fire heavy during the night on MORCOURT and Valley in Q.16.c. and Q.21.a., mostly 77mm H.E. and 4.2 H.V. from direction of ETINEHEM and BRAY. - Enemy bombing planes extremely active on forward areas. - Attitude very nervous all night and early morning.
- 12-8-18 Our Fire. - 18-pdrs 1500 rounds and 4.5 Hows 250 rounds during minor operation. - 700 rounds 18-pdr and 250 rounds 4.5 How. during the period on harassing fire. - also 120 rounds 77mm H.E. and 150 rounds 5.9 on back areas. Hostile Fire. - During the day a 5.9 H.V. gun shelled the Main Road in Q.27 at long intervals. - Light harassing fire on Q.13.a., Q.22.c. and d., Q.30.c. and Valley between MORCOURT and MERICOURT from direction of BRAY and CHUIGNOLLES. - Attitude alert and expecting further attack. - Prisoners expect further retirement. - Large dump exploded by enemy at L.34 at 7 p.m. - One enemy aeroplane downed at Q.28 at 9 p.m. - Between 4 p.m. and 4.15 p.m. CHUIGNOLLES AND LONG WOODS were shelled heavily barraged.
- 23-8-18 Enemy shelling L.8.c. and d. and L.14.a. with all calibres from general direction of Ceylon Wood. - Much movement was harassed by our 18-pdrs on L.4.c. and F.28.d. - Carried out C.P. Phase 2 for 15 minutes owing to enemy massing in L.10.a. and c. - This attempt at counter attack was completely broken up by our Artillery fire. - Situation reported clear at 11.45 a.m. by Infantry. - at 2.35 p.m. a party of the enemy were dispersed by 18-pdrs. - During the afternoon the enemy was continually harassed and all movement was engaged especially in L.17. and 22. Hostile fire during the day was very scattered and confined to Woods and Villages - All calibres were identified though mostly 5.9 H.E. - During the afternoon the enemy was observed withdrawing guns from G.26. and G.27 - Heavies were informed.
- 24-8-18 During the night enemy artillery was quiet except for light harassing fire on forward areas. - Reply to our operations at 1 a.m. was very feeble. - Our 18-pdrs harassed all enemy forward areas, roads and approaches at intervals during the night. At 1 a.m. a creeping barrage was put down through BRAY to cover Infantry operations to establish posts E. and N. of BRAY. - During the day all enemy movement was engaged behind enemy lines and unseen areas harassed. - Hostile artillery normal. - Our planes extremely active. - Visibility good.
- 25-8-18 Our artillery carried out the usual harassing fire until Zero hour. - At 2.30 a.m. a creeping barrage was put down in support of Infantry operations to capture the Ridge in L.11 & 17 At 4 a.m., Batteries moved forward in support of Infantry advance engaging opportunity targets and movement. - Hostile fire was normal during the night. - No retaliation for our attack until 12 noon, when a barrage of all calibres was placed along whole front on GREEN LINE. - At 2 p.m. our 18-pdrs dispersed with numerous casualties a party of about 100 enemy in A.21.a. - At 2.30 p.m. enemy heavily shelled CAPPY and G.26, G.31 and G.32. - A heavy mist greatly hampered the action of our artillery until 10 a.m. - Visibility then good.
- 26-8-18 Night 25/26th was quiet on both sides. - Our 18-pdrs and 4.5 Hows expended 50 rounds per Battery on harassing fire. - At 11.25 a.m. and 2.5 p.m. a 20 minutes strafe was placed on Valley in G.9.b. and G.10.a. and c. at call from Infantry who reported pressure of enemy. At 1 p.m. trenches were bombarded east of Murray Wood Movement of individual men was engaged at intervals. - Enemy planes were inactive. - Hostile fire was lighter and confined to short bursts of fire on SUZANNE, CEYLON WOOD and Ridge in L.10. and L.11. - General direction of fire, Valley in B.19 and 25. - Visibility good.

SITUATION REPORTS.

27-8-18. During the night our artillery carried out harassing fire on roads and approaches and on old trench systems - At 4-55 a.m. a creeping barrage was put down on A. 28, 29 & 24 in support of operations by 11th A.I. Brigade.- Batteries moved forward to G.7.b. at 7-0a.m. and engaged fleeting opportunities and enemy transport in A.24 and 30, CURLU, and B. 25 whilst at 12 noon, concentrations were placed on "Y" WOOD, and trenches in A.23 b. and d. Enemy artillery active on MARICOURT and the ridge in A.22., A.27 and L. 3. also Valley in A. 2X1 and A. 27. mostly 77mm and 4.2 H.E.

Enemy planes were active and crossed our lines on several occasions during the morning.

Visibility good. Our line now ran A.29.c.8.8., A.28.b.15., to A.23.a.2.0., A.17.c.3.0., A.17.a.2.0. Posts established at Quarry in FARGNY WOOD.

7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

WAR DIARY

AUGUST, 1918.

Strength of Brigade at 1st August, 1918.

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
35	843

Strength of Brigade at 31st August, 1918.

32	799
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CASUALTIES.

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>OTHER RANKS</u>
<u>KILLED IN ACTION.</u>		7
<u>WOUNDED</u>	2	71
WOUNDED (Remaining on Duty)	1	9

SCHOOLS ATTENDED DURING THE MONTH.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
Continuous Wave Wireless		2
Army Signal School		4
4th Army Artillery Brigade	1	3
G.H.Q. Machine Gun School	1	1.

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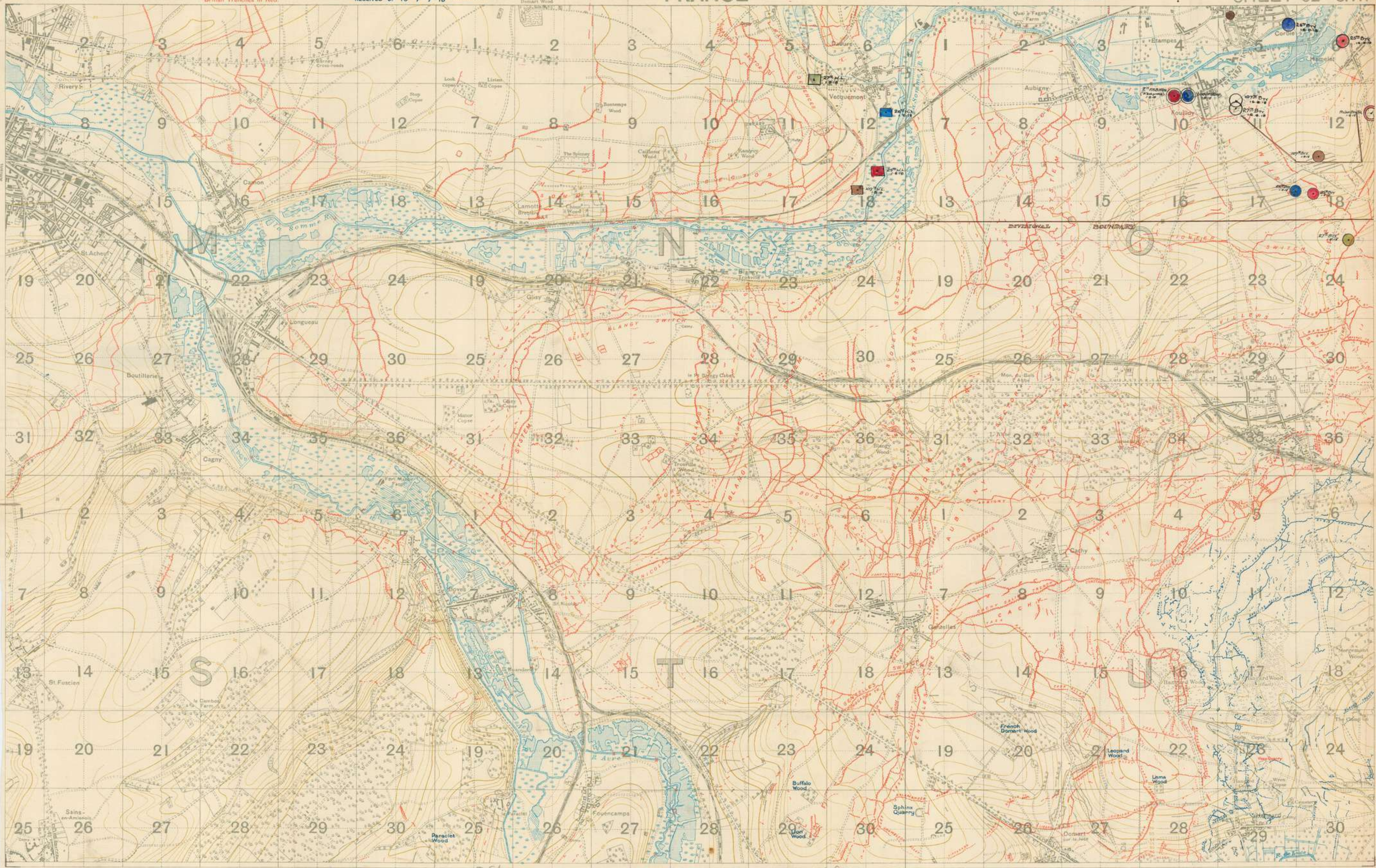
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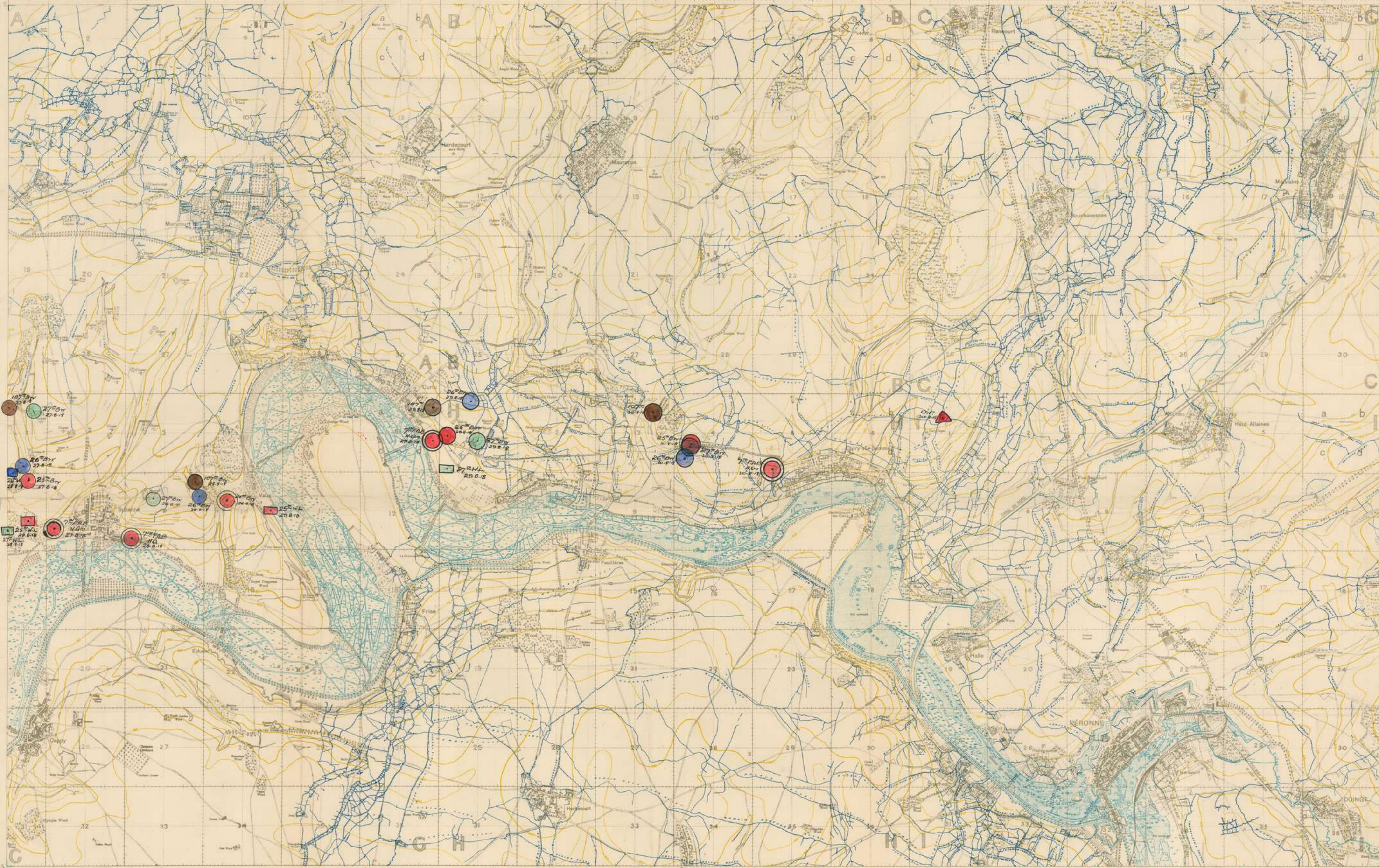
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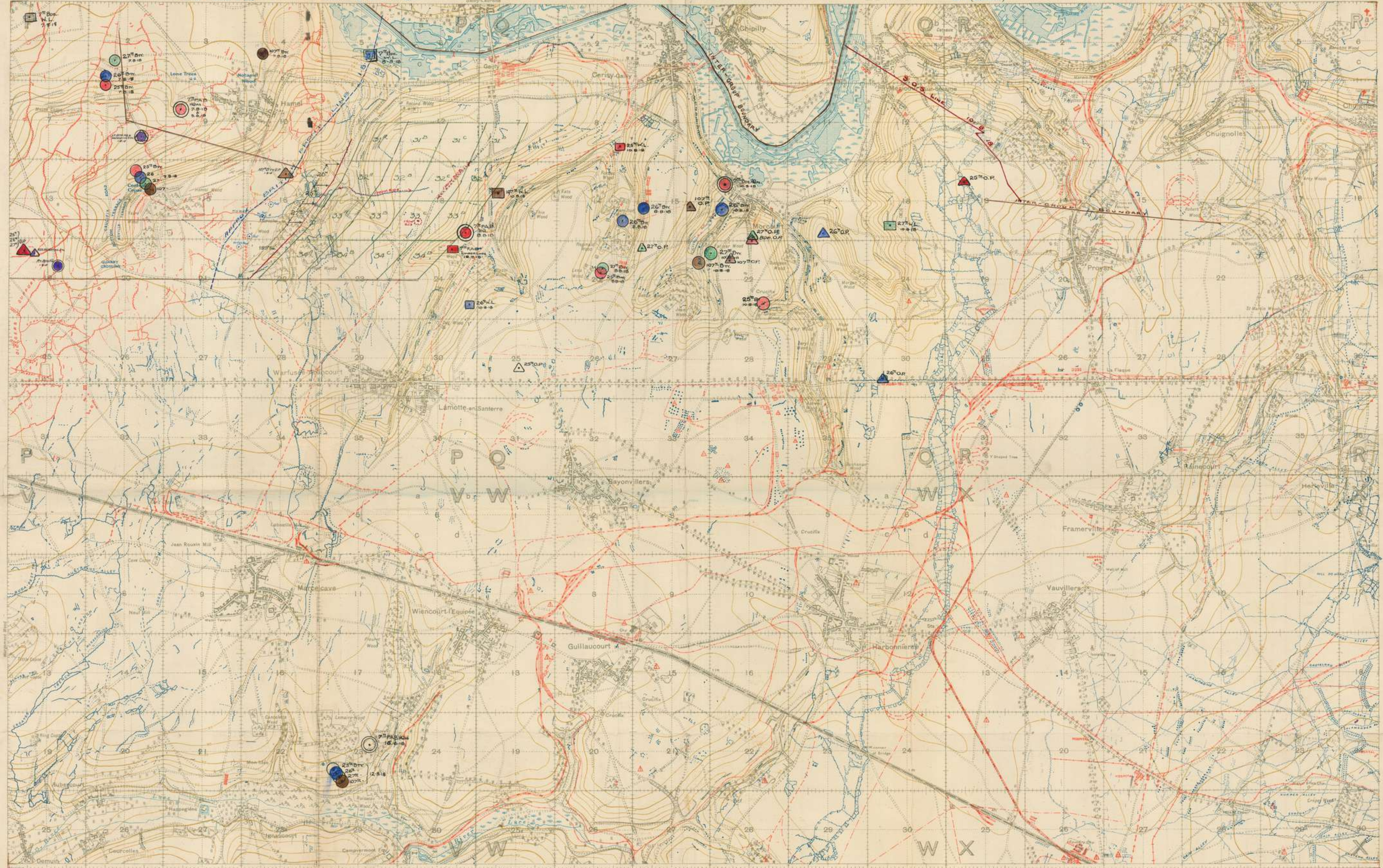
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<p>Any trench apparently organized for fire</p> <p>Enemy Trenches (Important ones are shown by thick line. Old or disused by dotted line).</p> <p>British Trenches</p> <p>Wire Entanglement or Other Obstacle</p> <p>Enemy's Tracks</p>	<p>Buried Pipeline or Cable</p> <p>Airline</p> <p>Supply Dump</p> <p>Ammunition</p> <p>Earthworks</p> <p>Dug-outs</p> <p>Huts</p> <p>Works reinforced by concrete</p>	<p>Gun Emplacements</p> <p>Machine Gun</p> <p>Trench Mortar</p> <p>A.A. Gun</p> <p>Huts</p> <p>Organised Shell Holes</p>	<p>Hedge, Fence or Ditch</p> <p>Ditch with Permanent Water</p> <p>Conspicuous Points (Position of point is centre of circle. Dot is position of point if trigonometrically fixed).</p> <p>Houses</p> <p>Shrine</p>	<p>Railways</p> <p>Permanent</p> <p>Temporary</p> <p>Normal Gauge, Double</p> <p>Light</p> <p>Trough Tramways</p> <p>Metre Gauge Railways or 60 cm.</p>
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Scale 1:20,000

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CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 METRES.

ALL HEIGHTS IN METRES

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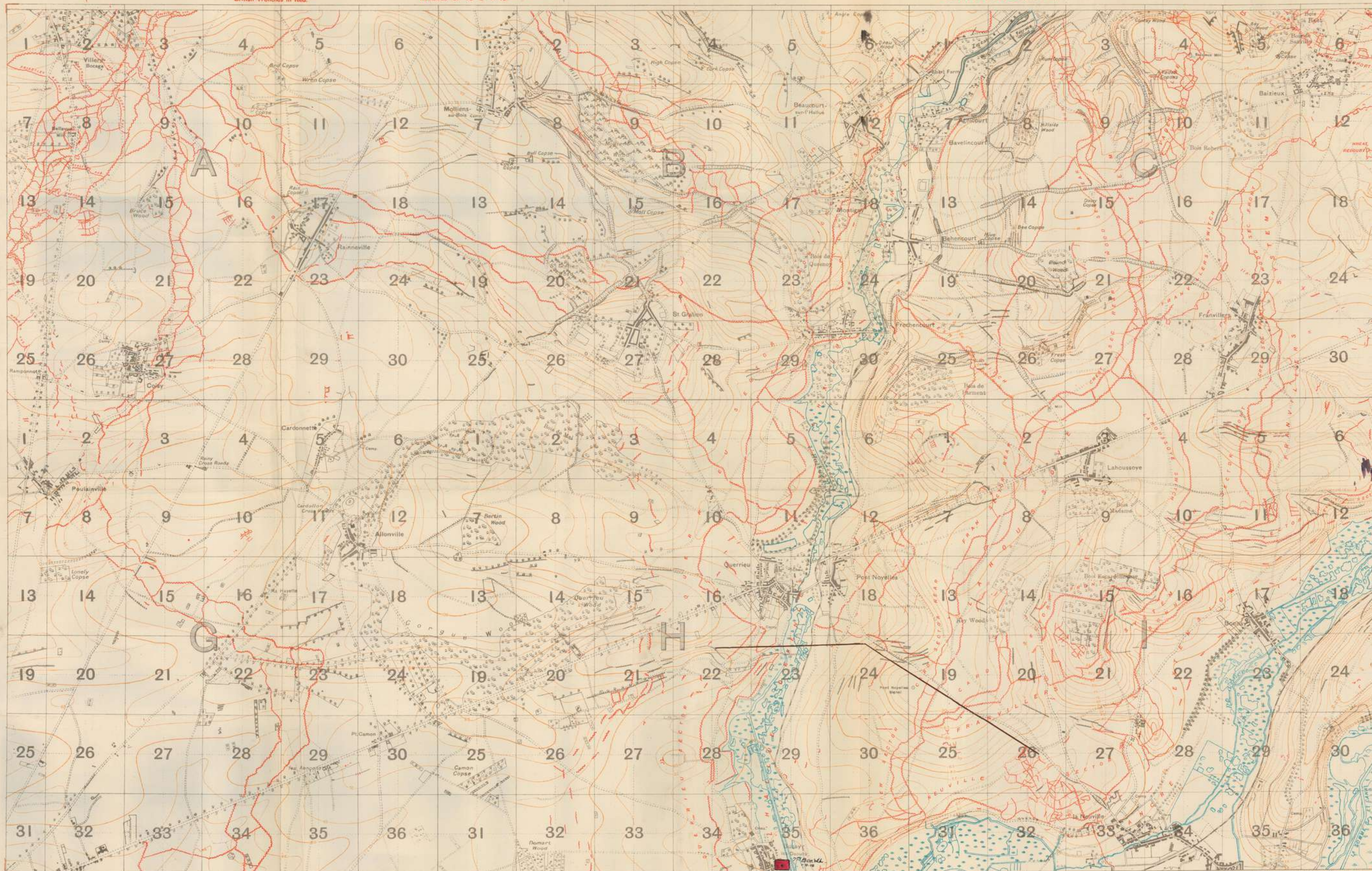
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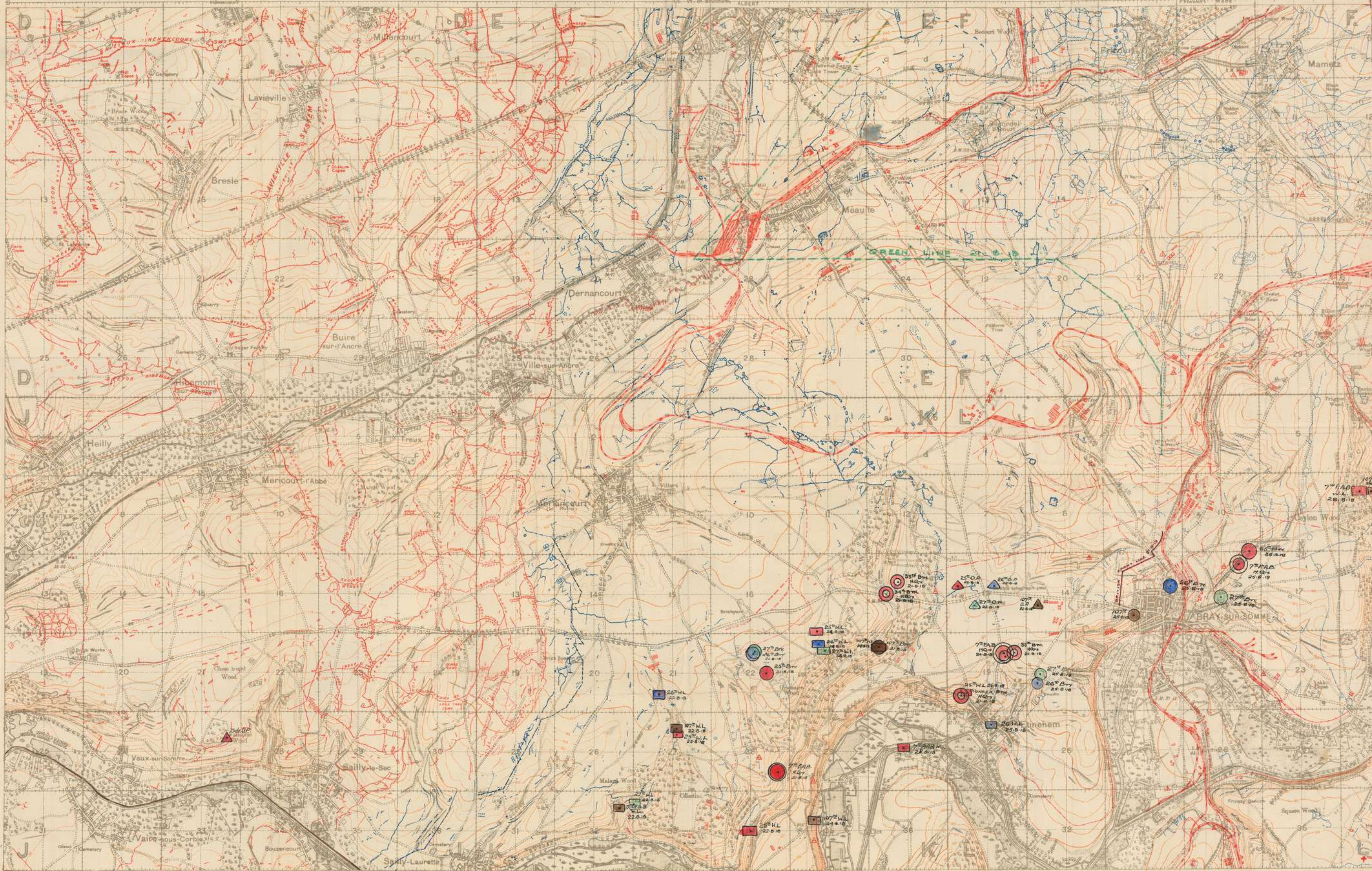
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G.S.G.S. 2743

NOTE CHANGE OF COLOUR.
British trenches in red.
Enemy trenches in blue.

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ALL HEIGHTS IN METRES

FIELD SURVEY OF N.E. DISTRICT 1918

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